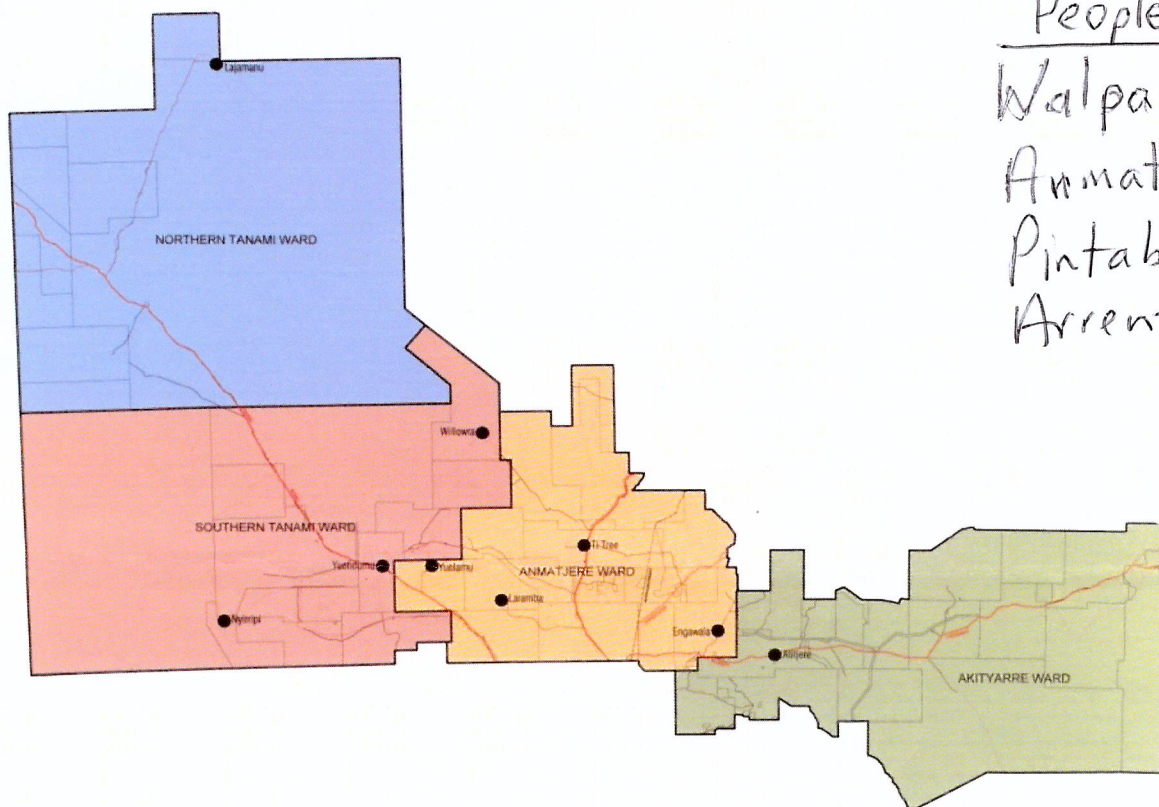


2 WHERE WE ARE TODAY

CDRC PROFILE

The Central Desert Regional Council area is located in the central southern section of the Northern Territory, lying north of Alice Springs. Central Desert Regional Council is named to describe its location and geography; in the central part of Australia and encompassing the Tanami Desert. The land area is 282,064 Km²



The original inhabitants of the Central Desert Regional Council area were the Anmatjere, Arrernte and Warlpiri Aboriginal people. The population of the Council area increased during the early 1990s, rising from about 4,000 in 1991 to nearly 5,000 in 1996. The population then gradually declined, falling to about 4,222 in 2016.

The communities in the Central Desert are Lajamanu, Ti Tree, Willowra, Laramba, Nyirripi, Yuelamu, Atitjere, Engawala and Yuendumu. There are also smaller indigenous communities and outstations.

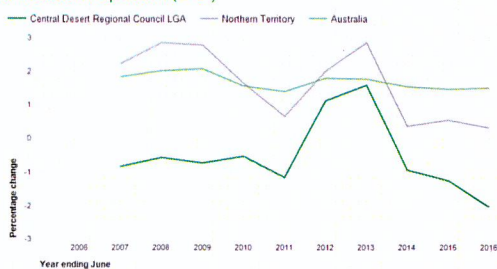
Major features of the Council area include the Tanami Desert, Arltunga Historical Reserve, Dulcie Range National Park, Trepina Gorge Nature Park, Anna's Reservoir Conservation Reserve, Nature Gap Conservation Reserve, Lake Mackay, Warlukurlangu Artists of Yuendumu, Warnayaka Art Centre, Red Sand Art Gallery and Granites Gold Mine.

Much of the Central Desert area is Aboriginal freehold land held by the Central Land Council.

The Central Desert area is considered remote and disadvantaged, for the following reasons:

1. Population - declining at a rate higher than that for Australia or the Northern Territory.

Estimated Resident Population (ERP)



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth: Australia (3213.0). Compiled and presented in

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2. Demographics – need is higher with a younger population, more couples with children and a significantly higher Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

Median age

28 ▲(1)

RDA Northern Territory	32 ▲
Greater Darwin	33 ●●
Northern Territory	32 ▲

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population

84.1% ▲(4.1%)

RDA Northern Territory	25.5% ▼
Greater Darwin	8.7% ●●
Northern Territory	25.5% ▼

Couples with children

34% ▼(-4.4%)

RDA Northern Territory	28% ▼
Greater Darwin	30% ▲
Northern Territory	28% ▼

Older couples without children

2% ●●(0.5%)

RDA Northern Territory	4% ▲
Greater Darwin	4% ▲
Northern Territory	4% ▲

3. Household statistics – Central Desert has less lone person households and significantly lower income, which is only partially offset by lower median weekly rent. There is a very low level of house ownership due to the land tenure situation (77% of households are renting).

Lone person households

13% ●●(0.3%)

RDA Northern Territory	18% ●●
Greater Darwin	18% ●●
Northern Territory	18% ●●

Medium and high density Housing

11% ▲(8.5%)

RDA Northern Territory	30% ▲
Greater Darwin	36% ▲
Northern Territory	30% ▲

Median weekly household income

\$1,202 ▲(\$53)

RDA Northern Territory	\$1,915 ▲
Greater Darwin	\$2,145 ▲
Northern Territory	\$1,915 ▲

4. Education and Qualifications – Central Desert has significantly higher unemployment; and lower rates of university and other qualifications.

University attendance

1% ●●(0.1%)

RDA Northern Territory	4% ●●
Greater Darwin	5% ●●
Northern Territory	4% ●●

University qualification

5% ▼(-1.5%)

RDA Northern Territory	17% ▲
Greater Darwin	20% ▲
Northern Territory	17% ▲

Trade qualification (certificate)

12% ▲(0.6%)

RDA Northern Territory	20% ▲
Greater Darwin	22% ▲
Northern Territory	20% ▲

Unemployment rate

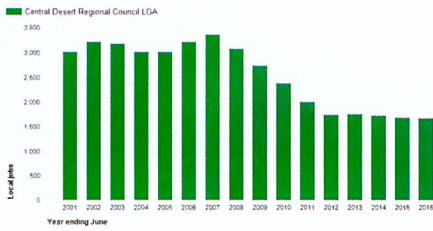
42.4% ▲(27.8%)

RDA Northern Territory	7.0% ▲
Greater Darwin	4.6% ▲
Northern Territory	7.0% ▲

5. Local employment

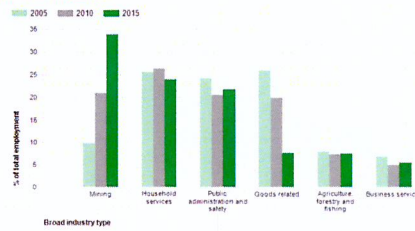
There were 1,672 jobs located in the Central Desert Regional Council Local Government Area in the year ending June 2016. The number of jobs has declined since 2007.

Local jobs



Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) (2016). Compared and presented in accordance with the 41/01 population register.

Employment composition



Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) (2016). Compared and presented in accordance with the 41/01 population register.

In Central Desert Regional Council Local Government Area, there were 1,363 residents employed in the year ending June 2016. These residents may work in the Central Desert area or may be employed outside the area.

In 2015, the Mining sector accounted for 33.8% of employment. The importance of this sector has increased over the last 10 years (9.7% in 2005)

*Statistics provided by Regional Development Australia economy.id website

Our Councillors

The following are the elected members for the Central Desert Regional Council for the second term of the Council.

President Adrian Dixon	Anmatjere Ward
Deputy President Warren Williams	Southern Tanami Ward
Councillor Norbert Jampijinpa Patrick	Northern Tanami Ward
Councillor Robert George	Northern Tanami Ward
Councillor Jacob Jungarai Spencer	Southern Tanami Ward
Councillor April Martin	Southern Tanami Ward
Councillor Freddy Williams	Southern Tanami Ward
Councillor David McCormack	Anmatjere Ward
Councillor James Glenn	Anmatjere Ward
Councillor Audrey Inkamala	Anmatjere Ward
Councillor Renita Webb	Akityarre Ward
Councillor William Liddle	Akityarre Ward