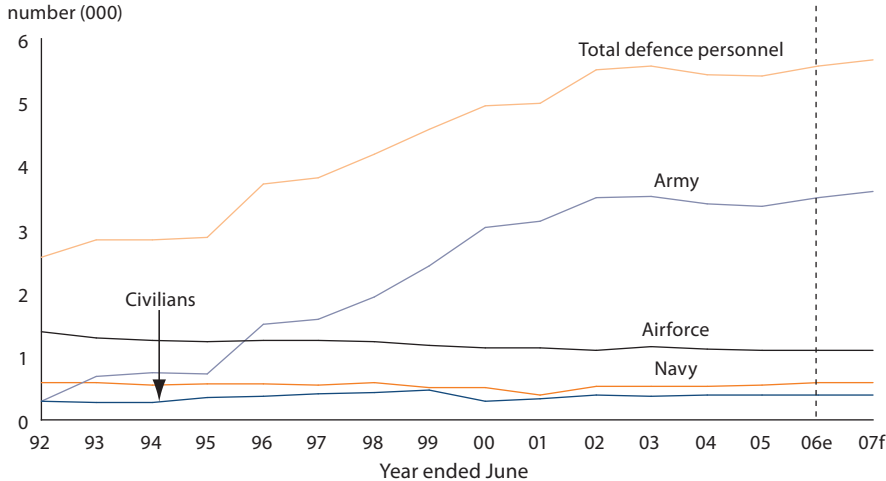




Defence

- The Australian Defence Force contributes significantly to the Northern Territory economy. The defence presence in the Territory has more than doubled since the early 1990s, with the number of defence personnel and their families increasing from about 6200 in June 1992 to an estimated 12 900 in June 2006.
- About 10 per cent of Australian permanent defence force personnel are now based in the Territory. Recurrent defence expenditure in the Territory totalled \$839 million in 2004-05.
- Major defence activities under way in the Territory include the construction of the \$65 million Bradshaw Field Training Area near Timber Creek and the development of the \$170 million new suburb of Lyons (at Lee Point).
- Supply and support contracts for the new Armidale Class patrol boats, Abrams tanks and Tiger helicopters will provide significant and ongoing benefits to the Territory economy.

Defence Personnel Stationed in the Territory



e: estimate; f: forecast
Source: Northern Territory Treasury, Department of Defence