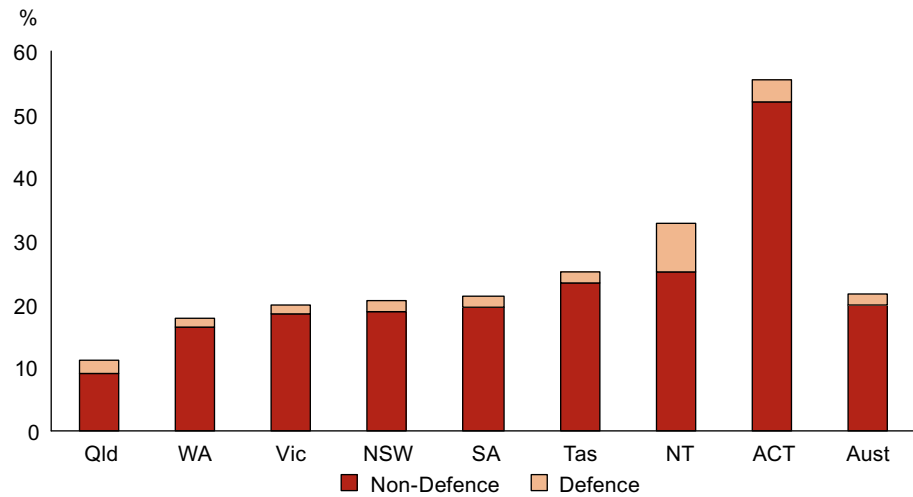


# The Public Sector

- The public sector consists of Commonwealth, Territory and local government activity, including defence. The public sector is a major contributor to the Territory economy, providing a wide range of economic and social services.
- In 2006-07, the non-defence public sector accounted for about 25.1 per cent of SFD, which is higher than most other jurisdictions. Defence contributes a further 7.6 per cent, taking the total to 32.7 per cent.
- The non-defence public sector is the largest employer in the Territory, accounting for about 26 per cent of total employment in 2006-07.

Public Sector Expenditure as a Proportion of SFD, 2006-07

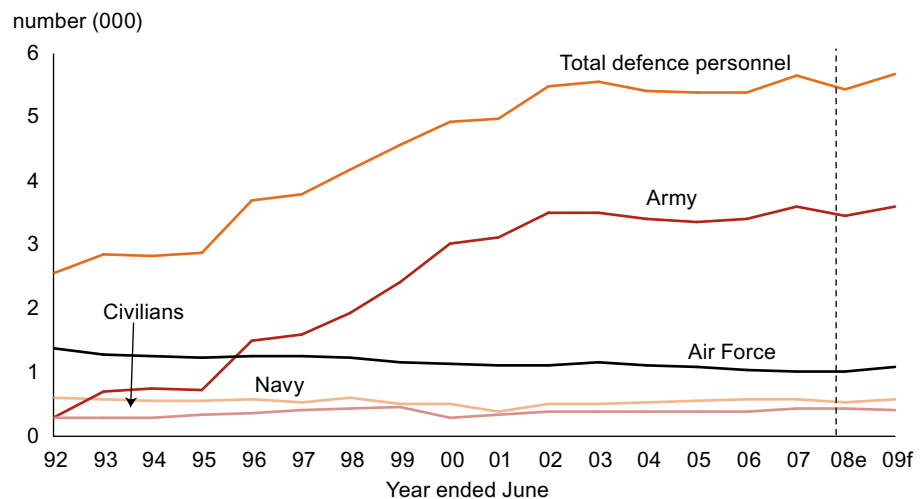


Source: ABS Cat. No. 5206.0

# Defence

- 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 6223 in June 1992 to an estimated 13 165 in June 2008.
- Of all the Australian permanent defence force personnel, 10 per cent are based in the Territory.
- Recurrent defence expenditure by the Commonwealth in the Territory totalled \$1.08 billion in 2006-07, equivalent to 8.1 per cent of GSP.

Defence Personnel Stationed in the Northern Territory



e: estimate; f: forecast

Source: Department of Defence, ABS Cat. No. 3101, unpublished ABS data