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# **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) Boundaries 2001**

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**Technical support:**

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## Part 1 - The product

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### July 2004 Update:

On the 15th April 2004 the Australian Government announced its intention to close down ATSIC and the associated agency, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services (ATSIS). From 1 July 2004, responsibility for ATSIC-ATSIS programs and services was transferred to mainstream Government agencies. The ATSIC Regional Councils remain in place until 30 June 2005, largely in an advisory role.

**Users should check the ATSIC website (<http://www.atsic.gov.au>) to access the latest information.**

*ATSIC Boundaries 2001* contains the geographic boundaries of the Regional Councils Areas and Wards as defined by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC). These boundaries are provided in vector data format with Wards and Regional Council Areas represented by polygons. As the principle Commonwealth agency operating in the field of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs, ATSIC is the premier policy-making body, and is responsible for administering a diverse range of Commonwealth programs for Indigenous Australians.

ATSIC has a decentralised structure, comprising a network of Regional Councils across Australia. These councils administer Aboriginal affairs at the local level, allowing 'grass-roots' self-determination. Each Regional Council is broken into a number of Wards and Regional Council Areas are grouped together in to larger districts called Zones. A full list of Wards and Regional Council Areas is provided in Appendix A.

## Description of files

The *ATSIC Boundaries 2001* data is supplied in three application formats:

- ArcInfo Export;
- ArcView Shapefile; and
- MapInfo mid/mif.

The downloaded *ATSIC Boundaries 2001* package contains the following files.

**Table 1:** *ATSIC Boundaries 2001* files.

Documentation files				
File name	File content			
42376_user_guide.pdf	This document			
Data files				
File name	ArcInfo Export (*.e00)	ArcView Shapefile (*.dbf, *.shp, *.shx)	MapInfo mid/mif (*.mid, *.mif)	File content
	File size (kb)	File size (kb)	File size (kb)	
atsic_regions_2001	25 244	(+_point) 434 (+_polygon) 11 162	14 540	Boundaries of the Regional Council Areas as defined by ATSIC. Boundaries of the Regional Council Wards as defined by ATSIC.
atsic_wards_2001	(*.e00 - *.e01) 29 389	(+_point) 538 (+_polygon) 14 131	18 740	
<b>Total</b>	54 633 KB/ 53.4 MB	26 265 KB/ 25.6 MB	33 280 KB/ 32.5 MB	

## Data dictionary

The *ATSIC Boundaries 2001* data is provided as two layers which are described in Table 2. Each Ward and Regional Council Area is represented by a single polygon

**Table 2:** Content of *ATSIC Boundaries 2001* data layers

Layer	Layer type	Attribute	Attribute value
ATSIC Regions (atsic_regions_2001)	Polygon	Region	Regional Council Area name
ATSIC Wards (atsic_wards_2001)	Polygon	Region	Regional Council Area name
		Ward	Ward name

## Part 2 - Metadata

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**Note:** This dataset description is metadata (data about data) which describes the actual dataset in accordance with the ANZLIC (Australia New Zealand Land Information Council) Core Metadata [Guidelines](#) Version 2.

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### Dataset citation

**ANZLIC unique identifier:** ANZCW0703005423

**Title:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) Boundaries 2001

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### Custodian

**Custodian:** Geoscience Australia

**Jurisdiction:** Australia

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### Description

**Abstract:**

The data shows the Regional Council Area and Ward boundaries and names as defined by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

**ANZLIC search words:**

- BOUNDARIES Mapping
- BOUNDARIES Administrative Mapping

**Geographic extent name:**

AUSTRALIA EXCLUDING EXTERNAL TERRITORIES - AUS - Australia - Australia

Note: The format for each Geographic extent name is: Name - Identifier - Category - Jurisdiction (as appropriate) See [GEN Register](#)

**Geographic bounding box:**

**North bounding latitude:** -9°

**South bounding latitude:** -44°

**East bounding longitude:** 154°

**West bounding longitude:** 112°

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### Data currency

**Beginning date:** 1991-01-01

**Ending date:** 2001-12-31

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### Dataset status

**Progress:** Complete

**Maintenance and update frequency:** Not Known

### Access

**Stored data format:**

**Digital:** ArcInfo

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**Available format type:**

**Digital:** ArcInfo Export  
**Digital:** ArcView Shapefile  
**Digital:** MapInfo mid/mif

**Access constraints:**

The data are subject to Copyright. Data files may be downloaded from Geoscience Australia's website at [www.ga.gov.au/download/](http://www.ga.gov.au/download/). A licence agreement is required.

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**Data quality****Lineage:**

The data were captured from 1:1 million scale maps.

**Positional accuracy:**

Not Documented

**Attribute accuracy:**

Not Documented

**Logical Consistency:**

Not Documented

**Completeness:**

Not Documented

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**Metadata information**

**Metadata date:** 2003-04-02

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**Additional metadata**

**Metadata reference XHTML:** <http://www.ga.gov.au/meta/ANZCW0703005423.html>

**Metadata reference XML:** <http://www.ga.gov.au/meta/ANZCW0703005423.xml>

**Size of dataset:** 25.6 - 53.4 MB depending on the format

**Scale/resolution:** 1:1 million

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**Projection and datum:** Geographical coordinates using the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).

## Appendix A - ATSiC Administrative Areas

Ward name	Region name
Albany	Narrogen
Alice Springs	Alice Springs
Alpurrurulam	Tennant Creek
Amata	Port Augusta
Arltarpilta	Apatula
Ashburton	South Hedland
Aurukun	Cooktown
Balang Garnang	Darwin
Bandaral Ngadu	Derby
Barkly	Tennant Creek
Barra	Nhulunbuy
Bibra	Perth
Bogong	Queanbeyan
Brisbane Metro	Brisbane
Broome	Broome
Bulunu	Nhulunbuy
Bunbury	Narrogen
Burke	Mount Isa
Burnie	Hobart
Cairns	Cairns
Campbelltown	Sydney
Canberra	Queanbeyan
Cape York	Cooktown
Carpentaria	Mount Isa
Charters Towers	Townsville
Coburg	Jabiru
Coen	Cooktown
Cooper Pedy	Port Augusta
Coogee	Sydney
Cundeelee	Warburton
Cunnamulla	Roma
Daly River	Jabiru
Darwin	Darwin
Deniliquin	Wagga Wagga
East Melbourne	Wangaratta
East Pilbara	South Hedland
Garlgurla	Kalgoorlie
Gascoyne	Geraldton
Gattang	Coffs Harbour
Geraldton	Geraldton
Gippsland	Wangaratta
Gladstone	Rockhampton
Gnangara	Perth
Gomilaroi	Tamworth
Goolbit	Kalgoorlie
Goulburn Valley	Wangaratta
Hobart	Hobart
Hopevale	Cooktown
Impiyara	Apatula

Ward name	Region name
Indulkana	Port Augusta
Ingham	Townsville
Innisfail	Cairns
Ipswich & South Coast	Brisbane
Jabiru	Jabiru
Jayida Buru	Derby
Kakarrara Wilurrara	Ceduna
Kaurua	Adelaide
Kowanyama	Cooktown
Kutjungka	Kununurra
La Perouse	Sydney
Launceston	Hobart
Longreach	Rockhampton
Mackay	Townsville
Mamarika	Nhulunbuy
Meekatharra	Geraldton
Moora	Narrogen
Mornington	Mount Isa
Mount Isa	Mount Isa
Mulga Marlu	Kalgoorlie
Mullewa	Geraldton
Murchison	Geraldton
Murrumbidgee/Lachlan	Wagga Wagga
Murrundi	Adelaide
Narrogen	Narrogen
North Coast	Brisbane
Northam	Narrogen
Northern Rivers	Coffs Harbour
NSW Far West	Bourke
Nulla Wanga Tjuta North	Port Augusta
Nulla Wanga Tjuta South	Port Augusta
Outer Areas	Broome
Palm Island	Townsville
Palmerston	Darwin
Papunya	Apatula
Penrith	Sydney
Port Hedland	South Hedland
Quirindi	Tamworth
Rockhampton	Rockhampton
Roebourne	South Hedland
Roma	Roma
South East	Mount Isa
Tableland-Douglas	Cairns
Tennant Creek	Tennant Creek
Tingha	Tamworth
Tiwi Islands	Jabiru
Toowoomba	Roma
Townsville	Townsville
Tumbukka	Ballarat

Ward name	Region name
Umbara	Queanbeyan
Wadeye	Jabiru
Wagait	Darwin
Walunga	Perth
Wangka Pulka North	Ceduna
Wangka Pulka South	Ceduna
Wangkumara	Bourke
Warburton	Warburton
Ward 1	Katherine
Ward 2	Katherine
Ward 3	Katherine
Ward 4	Katherine
Ward 5	Katherine
Wauchope	Tennant Creek

Ward name	Region name
West Melbourne	Ballarat
Western Desert	Warburton
Wide Bay	Rockhampton
Wirawongam	Wagga Wagga
Wollongong	Sydney
Wondai	Roma
Woorabinda	Rockhampton
Wunan	Kununurra
Wungong	Perth
Yarleyel	Kununurra
Yarrabah	Cairns
Yunderup	Perth
	Torres Strait RA