

Yuendumu

Central Region

Community Profile

- Pronunciation:** Yoo-en-doo-moo

- Alternate name:** Yurntumu

- Location:** 290km Northwest of Alice Springs on the Tanami Highway

- NT Region:** Central

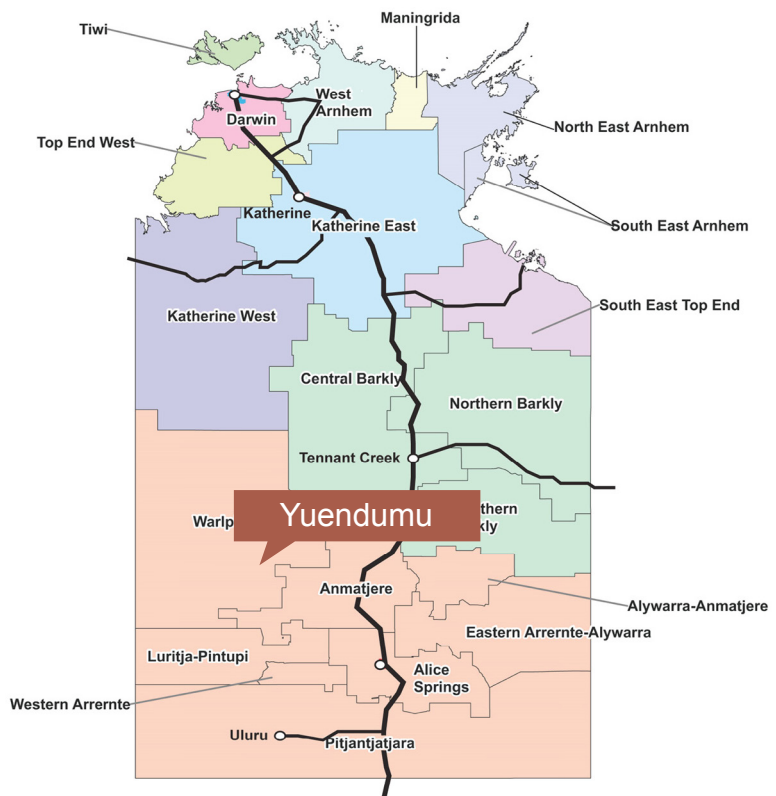
- Population:** Approx. 892 residents

- Access:** By road and air

- Language groups:** Warlpiri

- Phone:** 4G Telstra

- Internet:** Only personal use of internet in the accommodation



This map of the Northern Territory, divided into regions, has been adapted from the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) Program Management and Implementation Section (2008) Map of the Northern Territory

Climate (Central)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
Winter (June to August)	Cooler and dry	-7°C to 32°C
<p>The temperature can drop below 0°C overnight in winter. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 20% – 50%</p>	<p>Fine weather with minimal rain is the norm with the possibility of getting quite cold by Territory standards between the June to July period. Spring (Sept-Nov) and Autumn (Mar-May) in Central Australia see warm days and cool evenings.</p>	
Summer (December to February)	Hot and dry	16°C to 45°C
<p>The temperature can rise above 40°C in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 30% – 95%</p>	<p>Central Australia has a semi-arid climate. In the summer months, the days are generally hot, sometimes very hot. If rain is to fall, it is more likely in the summer months, which may lead to road closures.</p>	

Infrastructure, facilities and services

Community	<p>Church: Yes</p> <p>Community halls or sheds: Yes</p> <p>Workforce skills or training facilities: Yes</p> <p>School: Yes</p> <p>Library: No</p> <p>Council Office: Yes</p> <p>Women's Centre: Yes</p> <p>Childcare Centre: Yes</p> <p>Aged Care Centre: Yes</p> <p>Community Safety: Yes</p> <p>Banking: Yes</p> <p>Recreational/other facilities: Yes, there is a community swimming pool and basketball court.</p>	
Community store	Yuendumu Big Shop	Telephone (08) 8956 400
	Opening hours	<p>Monday – Friday 8:00am – 6:00pm</p> <p>Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm</p> <p>Sunday 9:00am – 1:00pm</p>
	Nguru Walalja Outback Store	Telephone (08) 8956 4148
	Opening hours	<p>Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm</p> <p>Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm</p> <p>Sunday Closed</p>
	A great range of fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meat and vegetables and grocery items are available from the stores in Yuendumu.	
Other food outlets	Hot food can be purchased from the supermarket.	
Food orders	Food orders may be placed online with Coles or Woolworths in Alice Springs. Please check with clinic staff regarding collection/delivery.	
Commercial accommodation	Central Desert Regional Council Accommodation	Telephone (08) 8956 7900
Fuel	Opal (unleaded) and diesel fuel are available from the Yuendumu Big Shop.	
Police station	Yuendumu Police Station	Telephone (08) 8956 4004
Community Safety	Yes, there is a community safety program.	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone¹/phone	4G Telstra	
Internet	Yes, personal use is available. Please check with your provider before heading out bush.	
Mail	Mail can be lodged via clinic. Please check with clinic staff.	

¹ Telstra 3G/Next G are typically the only mobile services that work in more remote parts of the Northern Territory. See link – <http://telstra.com.au/mobile-phones/coverage-networks/our-coverage/>

Access					
Road	Yuendumu is located 290km northwest of Alice Springs along the Tanami Highway. The road is sealed for the first 277 km from the highway and the rest of the way is mostly gravelled with some sections not gravelled. The road can be quite corrugated and may become inaccessible after heavy rains. It is recommended to allow a drive time of three hours.				
Air	Sealed airstrip 3km from the community.				
Regular passenger transport	<p>Centre Bush Bus Telephone 1800 2874 287</p> <p>There are regular passenger services to Yuendumu from Alice Springs.</p>				
Health centre					
Health service²	<p>Yuendumu Health Clinic Telephone (08) 8956 4030</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Email yuendumu.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au</p> <p>Operating hours</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Monday – Friday</td> <td style="width: 50%;">8:00am– 5:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday – Sunday</td> <td>Closed</td> </tr> </table> <p>Facilities Two emergency rooms, six consulting rooms and one child health room.</p>	Monday – Friday	8:00am– 5:00pm	Saturday – Sunday	Closed
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On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service.				
Medical Records System³	PCIS				
Vehicles	<p>The health centre maintains a Toyota Troop Carrier that has been converted for use as an ambulance.</p> <p>**Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.</p>				
GPs	Yes, a permanent GP is based in the clinic.				
Visiting services	A variety of specialists visit Yuendumu on a regular basis.				
Acute care	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)				
Other	Birthing women birth in Alice Springs.				
Alcohol					
Alcohol⁴	This community is a dry community, no alcohol is permitted. This applies to everyone, including visitors.				
Governance					
Local Government	The local council is the Central Desert Regional Council. The land council is Central Land Council (CLC).				
Outstations	There are several outstations surrounding Yuendumu.				

² For more detailed description of the health centre and their services, please contact the Health Service directly.

³ Training should be arranged before your arrival in the community.

⁴ It is an offence to consume or bring alcohol into a dry community in the Northern Territory.

Other tips and relevant information

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Be prepared for the variable standard of accommodation in communities. A sleeping bag sheet insert is a good idea for protection against biting insects.

Whenever possible, avoid being on the road from dusk till dawn. Apart from the unfenced cattle station, the region has a population of feral horses, donkeys, dogs and the occasional camel along with a native population of Kangaroos and Dingoes. All of which are a significant road hazard.

On arrival, please check with the Health Centre to understand any health or social issues within the community. They can also let you know of any sacred sites to avoid.

Disclaimer

This information is prepared in good faith and to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing. However, Aboriginal communities, like any community, can change as the population shifts and people move on. Please contact the RAHC Regional Coordinator or the Health Centre Manager to confirm any key issues or concerns you may have ahead of your RAHC placement. RAHC also values any input you can provide to improve our Community Profiles.

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