

Batchelor

Top End Region

Community Profile

Pronunciation: Batc-e-lor

Alternate name: NA

Location: 98km south of Darwin

NT Region: Top End

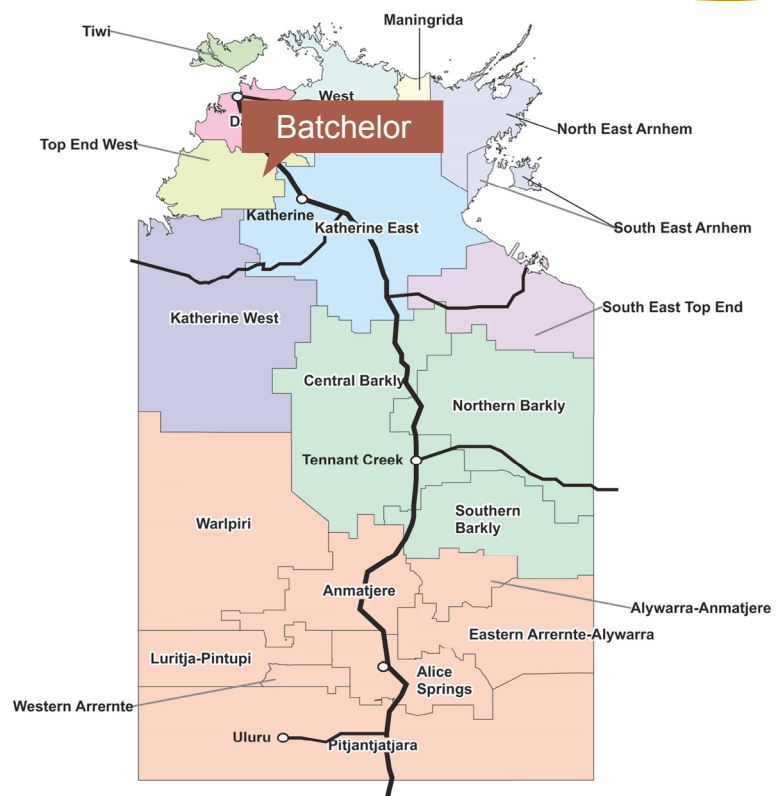
Population: Approx. 507 residents

Access: Road and air

Language groups: NA

Phone: 4G Telstra

Internet: Limited 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 (Top End)

Season	Description	Temp. Range
Winter (June to August)	Cooler and dry	6°C to 19°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 and the possibility of getting quite cold by Territory standards during June/July.</p>		
Summer (December to February)	Hot and humid	25°C to 38°C
<p>The temperature can rise above 40°C during the day in summer. Please ensure you are equipped for these extremes.</p> <p>Humidity Range 30% – 95%.</p> <p>The build-up occurs from September with building humidity, intermittent lightning storms and downpours. Rains typically arrive December/January with regular heavy downpours and the possibility of cyclones.</p>		

Infrastructure, facilities and services

Community

Church: No
Community halls or sheds: Yes
Workforce skills or training facilities: No
School: Yes
Library: Yes
Council Office: Yes
Women's Centre: No
Childcare Centre: Yes, Community Care Program
Aged Care Centre: No
Community Safety: Yes
Banking: Yes
Recreational/other facilities: Batchelor has a cricket ground, tennis court and a park. The town has a museum and tourist information centre with also many waterfalls and beautiful landscapes to see nearby.

Community store

Batchelor General Store

Telephone (08) 8976 0045

22 Tarkarri Rd, Batchelor NT 0845

The store stocks fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, soft drinks, frozen meat, and limited white goods are also available. The store is also the towns post office.

Opening hours

Monday – Saturday

7:00am – 6:00pm

Sunday

8:00am – 5:00pm

Other food outlets

Rum Jungle Tavern

Telephone 0417 613 888

5 Nurndina St, Batchelor NT 0845

Lil'Ripper Café, Bar and Bistro.

Telephone (08) 8976 0123

49 Rum Jungle Rd, Batchelor NT 0845

Food orders

Not available

Commercial accommodation

Litchfield Outback Resort

Telephone (08) 8976 0123

49 Rum Jungle Rd, Batchelor NT 0845

Batchelor Holiday Park

Telephone (08) 8976 0166

37 Rum Jungle Rd, Batchelor NT 0845

Rum Jungle Bungalows

Telephone (08) 8976 0555

10 Meneling Rd, Batchelor NT 0845

Batchelor Butterfly Farm

Telephone (08) 8976 0110

8 Meneling Rd, Batchelor NT 0845

Fuel

Puma Batchelor

Telephone (08) 8976 0196

27 Rum Jungle Rd, Batchelor NT 0845

BP and United fuels available.

Police station	Batchelor Police Station	Telephone (08) 8976 0015
Community Safety	Yes	
Other police contract	Police assistance line	Telephone 131 444
Telephone/internet/mail		
Mobile phone ¹ /phone	4G Telstra	
Internet	Yes, personal use is available.	
Mail	Batchelor LPO 20 Tarkarri Road, Batchelor, NT 0845	Telephone (08) 8976 0020
	Opening hours	Monday – Friday 08:00am – 4:00pm
Access		
Road	The primary access route between Darwin and Batchelor is via sealed road on the Stuart Highway and Batchelor Road.	
Air	Batchelor Airfield has a sealed runway suitable for light aircraft and is occasionally used for medical evacuation flights.	
Health centre		
Health service ²	Batchelor Clinic Department of Health	Telephone (08) 8976 0011 Email batchelor.clinicmgr@nt.gov.au
	Operating hours	Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm
	Facilities	One emergency room and six consulting room.
On-call services	Yes, 24/7 on call service	
Medical Records System ³	PCIS	
Vehicles	The health centre maintains two Toyota Troop Carriers that has been converted for use as an ambulance. **Note: All Troop Carriers are 4WD, manual and take DIESEL fuel.	
GPs	Visiting GP service once a week.	
Visiting services	Visiting services include Dietician, Midwife, Podiatry, Ophthalmologist, Women's Health Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, ENT Nutritionist, Hearing Health, and Physician.	
Acute care	St Johns Ambulance and Care Flight	
Other	Birthing women birth in Darwin.	

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/>

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.

Alcohol

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RAHC advised all health professionals not to consume alcohol whilst on a placement.

Other tips and relevant information

Local Government

Local Council is the Coomalie Community Government Council.
Land Council is the Northern Lands Council NLC.

Outstations

No outstations

Other tips and relevant information

Other tips/relevant information

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.

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

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