

### 2.11.2 Internal Migration and Occupation, 2001-2006

In this section the mobility characteristics are presented for a hierarchy of occupational groups, ranging from professionals and managers to operators, drivers and labourers. Table 2.22 presents the internal migration characteristics of the first of these groups – professionals and managers – who moved from one statistical division to another between 2001 and 2006.

Of the five groups examined in this analysis, this has the largest net migration. It recorded some 331,000 moves between 2001 and 2006. Further, it is the only occupational group in which more moves were interstate moves than intrastate moves, for both this period and the 2005-2006 period. The same phenomenon was noted for the mobility of persons with a bachelor degree or higher, and reflects the strong link between these occupations and higher education qualifications and the positive correlation with distance of migration.

Among the capital city statistical divisions, highest net migration losses for this group occurred in Sydney (17,300) and Adelaide (5,000). The ‘brain drain’ out of these two capitals in relation to internal migration is an important feature. Of course, it is counterbalanced by a larger inflow of international migrants. Net migration losses in Melbourne and Perth were less – 2,300 and 2,150 respectively. The net migration gain for Brisbane was 5,680, relatively low in comparison with the net gain magnitudes for other variables. This reflects how, for professionals and managers moving in and out of Brisbane, the motivating factors are heavily economic rather than a combination of economic and environmental factors, which is likely to be influencing most of the other variables considered to this point. Darwin reported an essentially nil net migration situation for this occupational group. These essential characteristics for mobility by this group are reinforced by the analysis of movement during 2005-2006. Importantly, both datasets indicate that there is some redistribution of highly qualified people outside the capitals, presumably servicing the needs of the Australia’s expanding resource development, while the significant net gains for Brisbane reflect the northward drift in overall internal migration.

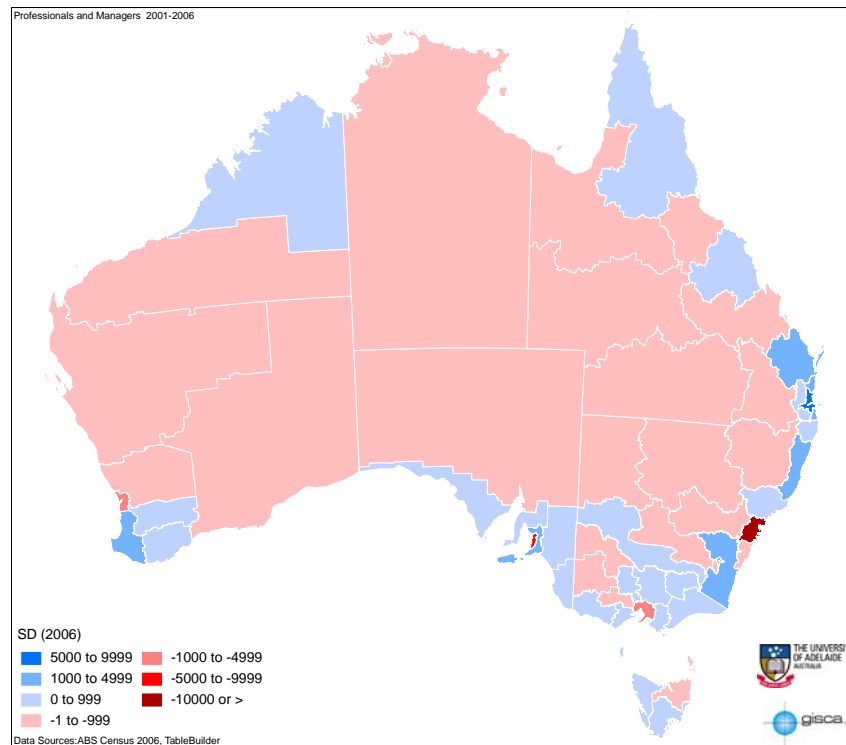
For this category of mover, the dominant sinks are those located predominantly along the eastern seaboard, from the Gold and Sunshine coasts through New South Wales, and including the Barwon SD in Victoria. The highest net migration gains of professionals and managers occurred in the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast SDs, with 4,650 and 4,200 respectively. The only other SD with a net migration gain of more than 2,000 was South Eastern-NSW with a gain of 2,720. In addition to the top ten sinks, there were another 19 SDs throughout the country which reported net migration gain for persons with professional and managerial occupations.

**Table 2.22: Australian Statistical Divisions: internal migration of persons employed in professional and managerial occupations, 2001-2006**

Statistical Division	Total	Total	Net	Intrastate	Intrastate	Net	Interstate	Interstate	Net
	Departures (outs)	Arrivals (ins)	migration	Departures (outs)	Arrivals (ins)	Intrastate migration	Departures (outs)	Arrivals (ins)	Interstate migration
Professionals and Managers: 2001-2006									
Sydney	5 282	3 394	-1 734	1 975	1 235	-738	3 531	2 583	-948
Melbourne	38 309	36 007	-2 302	13 885	10 823	-3 062	24 424	25 184	760
Brisbane	29 595	35 279	5 684	15 888	15 166	-722	13 707	20 113	6 406
Adelaide	17 054	12 007	-5 047	5 740	3 874	-1 866	13 114	8 133	-3 181
Perth	19 784	17 633	-2 151	8 364	7 249	-1 115	14 200	10 384	-10 366
Greater Hobart	3 979	4 188	209	979	1 347	368	3 000	2 841	-159
Darwin	4 809	4 808	-1	371	615	244	4 438	4 193	-245
Canberra	12 283	14 997	2 714	15	8	-7	12 268	14 989	2 721
Gold Coast	8 693	13 340	4 647	5 114	5 767	653	3 579	7 573	3 994
Sunshine Coast	4 977	9 185	4 208	3 581	5 607	2 026	1 396	3 578	2 182
South Eastern - NSW	45 15	72 33	27 18	17 97	32 96	14 99	27 18	39 37	12 19
Mid-North Coast	4 388	5 973	1 585	2 598	4 594	1 996	1 790	1 379	-411
South West - WA	3 446	4 946	1 500	2 771	4 111	1 340	675	835	160
Outer Adelaide	2 846	4 180	1 334	2 087	3 364	1 277	759	816	57
Wide Bay-Burnett	4 414	5 504	1 090	3 635	3 979	344	779	1 525	746
Richmond-Tweed	4 249	5 186	937	1 459	2 720	1 261	2 790	2 466	-324
Far North	4 661	5 540	879	2 958	2 924	-34	1 703	2 616	913
Barwon	4 430	5 138	708	3 203	4 079	876	1 227	1 059	-168
Goulburn	4 003	4 628	625	2 654	3 385	731	1 349	1 243	-106
Mackay	3 450	4 047	597	2 627	2 628	1	823	1 419	596
Loddon	3 774	4 354	580	2 814	3 474	660	960	880	-80
Hunter	9 416	9 778	362	5 852	7 320	1 468	3 564	2 458	-1 106
Ovens-Murray	2 229	2 560	331	1 086	1 320	234	1 143	1 240	97
East Gippsland	1 516	1 833	317	978	1 244	266	538	589	51
Southern	739	1 037	298	541	463	-78	198	574	376
Gippsland	2 744	2 982	238	2 098	2 477	379	646	505	-141
Yorke and Lower North	843	1 065	222	672	903	231	171	162	-9
Lower Great Southern	1 242	1 452	210	1 098	1 247	149	144	205	61
Eyre	607	792	185	446	617	171	161	175	14
Western District	1 883	2 061	178	1 330	1 460	130	553	601	48
Mersey-Lyell	1 545	1 688	143	662	600	-62	883	1 088	205
Murray Lands	1 236	1 331	95	909	1 056	147	327	275	-52
Kimberley	1 325	1 409	84	750	835	85	575	574	-1
West Moreton	1 761	1 792	31	1 498	1 489	-9	263	303	40
Murray	3 099	3 123	24	929	1 077	148	2 170	2 046	-124
South East	1 268	1 292	24	681	795	114	587	497	-90
Upper Great Southern	585	600	15	552	581	29	33	19	-14
Central	1 691	1 681	-10	1 363	1 355	-8	328	326	-2
Midlands	1 704	1 681	-23	1 565	1 518	-47	139	163	24
Australian Capital Territory - Bal	41	18	-23	8	15	7	33	3	-30
Pilbara	2 099	2 052	-47	1 511	1 503	-8	588	549	-39
South West - Qld	1 094	1 045	-49	932	890	-42	162	155	-7
Far West	548	488	-60	248	248	0	300	240	-60
Wimmera	1 126	1 064	-62	800	716	-84	326	348	22
Illawarra	7 148	7 040	-108	4 757	5 731	974	2 391	1 309	-1 082
Central West - Qld	611	499	-112	533	414	-119	78	85	7
Northern - Tas	2 477	2 356	-121	948	720	-228	1 529	1 636	107
Northern - SA	1 842	1 716	-126	1 280	1 206	-74	562	510	-52
Central Highlands	3 376	3 229	-147	2 603	2 669	66	773	560	-213
Northern Territory - Bal	2 950	2 720	-230	615	371	-244	2 335	2 349	14
Mallee	2 035	1 799	-236	1 147	951	-196	888	848	-40
North West	1 604	1 304	-300	1 232	968	-264	372	336	-36
Darling Downs	5 711	5 387	-324	4 314	3 894	-420	1 397	1 493	96
North Western	3 058	2 675	-383	2 229	2 146	-83	829	529	-300
South Eastern - WA	2 234	1 728	-506	1 702	1 277	-425	532	451	-81
Central West - NSW	4 072	3 548	-524	2 849	2 986	137	1 223	562	-661
Fitzroy	4 910	4 365	-545	3 855	3 085	-770	1 055	1 280	225
Murrumbidgee	3 712	3 150	-562	2 043	2 052	9	1 669	1 098	-571
Northern - NSW	4 452	3 829	-623	2 660	2 637	-23	1 792	1 192	-600
Northern - Qld	5 882	5 066	-816	3 594	2 950	-644	2 288	2 116	-172
<b>Total</b>	<b>33 1356</b>	<b>33 1356</b>		<b>165 161</b>	<b>165 161</b>		<b>166 195</b>	<b>166 195</b>	

Figure 2.23 shows the spatial variation for this group. The most salient observation from this map is that SDs which experienced net migration gain for persons with professional and managerial occupations, extends from Wide Bay-Burnett in Queensland contiguously to Eyre statistical subdivision in South Australia. Net migration gains were also evident in the Kimberley SD and south west of Western Australia, and in Tasmania.

**Figure 2.23: Australian Statistical Divisions: internal migration of professional and managerial occupations, 2001-2006**



The situation for movers with technical and trades occupation is presented in Table 2.23 and their spatial distribution in Figure 2.24. Between 2001 and 2006, 126,000 persons with these types of occupations moved between statistical divisions in Australia. Some 55.7 percent of these moves were intrastate. Among the capital city SDs, Sydney recorded a net migration loss of 8,200 for this group, compared with a net loss of 1,450 for Melbourne and 450 for Adelaide. Canberra, with a net migration loss of 85 was virtually in a balance situation in terms in arrivals and departures for this occupational category. The largest net gain occurred in Brisbane, with 4,180, compared with a net gain of 1,275 in Perth. The net gains in Darwin and Hobart were considerably smaller, at 178 and 174 respectively.

Among the top ten sinks, only four – Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Mackay and Hunter statistical divisions – reported net migration gains of more than 1,000 persons employed in technical and trades occupations. Outside of the top ten sink SDs, there were only another six statistical divisions where net migration gains for persons with technical and trades occupations were reported. This means that for two thirds of Australia's statistical divisions, net losses of persons in this category were recorded, which suggests a substantial contraction in the number of regions where opportunities for these occupational types are expanding.

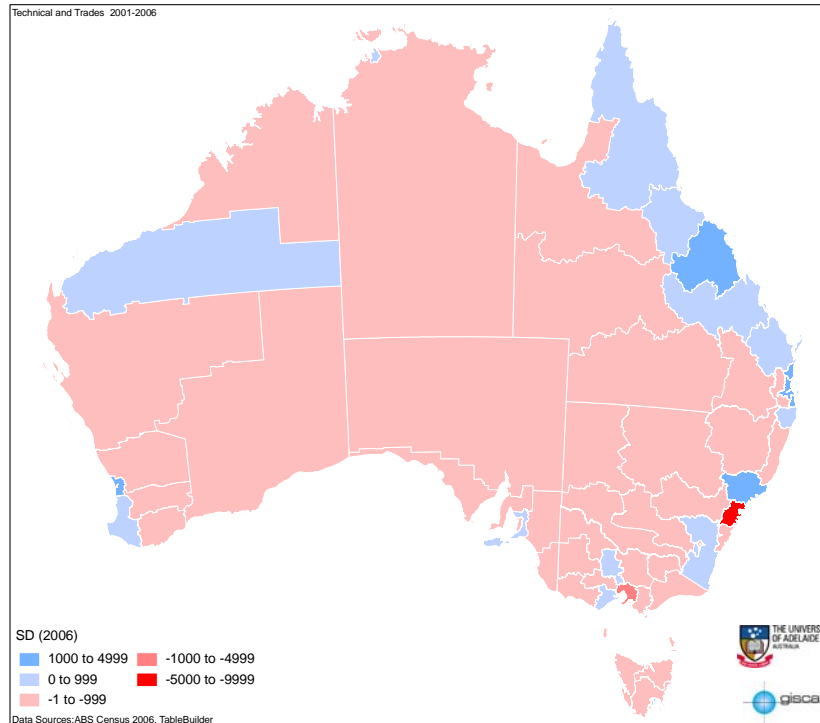
In terms of the 2005-2006 data, the patterns generated reflect those reported above, in that there were net losses in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, but gains in Brisbane and Perth, reflecting the continuing decline of secondary industry employment in south eastern Australia. There continued, however, to be demand for such workers in the other capital cities, as well as in coastal, near city and some mining areas beyond the capitals.

After professional and managerial occupations, those employed in clerical and sales occupations were the most mobile of the five occupational categories assessed in this section. Between 2001 and 2006, over 209,000 persons with clerical and sales occupations moved from one statistical division to another. Unlike the professional and managerial group, more clerical and sales persons engaged in intrastate moves than interstate moves. The mobility characteristics of this occupational group are shown in Table 2.24.

**Table 2.23: Australian Statistical Divisions: internal migration of persons with technical and trades occupations, 2001-2006**

Statistical Division	Total	Total	Net	Intrastate	Intrastate	Net	Interstate	Interstate	Net
	Departures (outs)	Arrivals (ins)	migration	Departures (outs)	Arrivals (ins)	Intrastate migration	Departures (outs)	Arrivals (ins)	Interstate migration
<b>Technical and Trades 2001-2006</b>									
Sydney	1685	7984	-8201	7218	4184	-3024	8967	3790	-5177
Melbourne	10966	9521	-1445	4984	4396	-588	5982	5125	-857
Brisbane	9367	13547	4180	6166	6360	194	3201	7187	3986
Adelaide	5024	4573	-451	2306	2277	-29	2718	2296	-422
Perth	6699	7974	1275	3928	4268	340	2771	3706	935
Greater Hobart	119	1293	174	336	564	228	783	729	-54
Darwin	1938	2116	178	145	238	93	1793	1878	85
Canberra	2557	2471	-86	3	0	-3	2554	2471	-83
Gold Coast	3857	7001	3144	2381	2457	76	1476	4544	3068
Sunshine Coast	2555	4232	1677	1869	2289	420	686	1943	1257
Mackay	1772	3058	1286	1350	1841	491	422	1217	795
Hunter	3275	4309	1034	1696	3141	1445	1579	1168	-411
South West - WA	2206	2906	700	1755	2370	615	451	536	85
Outer Adelaide	1392	2016	624	1091	1682	591	301	334	33
Fitzroy	2160	2766	606	1705	1928	223	455	838	383
Northern - Qld	2309	2805	496	1452	1590	138	857	1215	358
Far North	2267	2702	435	1464	1155	-309	803	1547	744
Wide Bay-Burnett	2643	2978	335	2173	1928	-245	470	1050	580
Barwon	1564	1817	253	1004	1437	433	560	380	-180
Piilbara	1590	1801	211	1122	1253	131	468	548	80
South Eastern - NSW	2181	2361	180	801	1147	346	1380	1214	-166
Loddon	1463	1616	153	1056	1335	279	407	281	-126
Richmond-Tweed	1981	2055	74	480	1060	580	1501	995	-506
Australian Capital Territory - Bal	0	6	6	0	3	3	0	3	3
Central Highlands	1283	1262	-21	963	1057	94	320	205	-115
Ovens-Murray	1220	1186	-34	422	421	-1	798	765	-33
Mid-North Coast	2455	2414	-41	1190	1852	662	1265	562	-703
West Moreton	1176	1135	-41	1043	950	-93	133	185	52
Northern - Tas	787	745	-42	228	208	-20	559	537	-22
Southern	512	459	-53	393	250	-143	119	209	90
Kimberley	641	576	-65	363	340	-23	278	236	-42
Darling Downs	2359	2279	-80	1862	1568	-294	497	711	214
Eyre	363	280	-83	253	206	-47	110	74	-36
Western District	788	704	-84	487	455	-32	301	249	-52
Murray	1365	1266	-99	285	329	44	1080	937	-143
Yorke and Lower North	549	442	-107	465	360	-105	84	82	-2
Upper Great Southern	305	198	-107	287	181	-106	18	17	-1
Gippsland	1416	1296	-120	947	1092	145	469	204	-265
South East	541	417	-124	254	185	-69	287	232	-55
Central West - Qld	287	154	-133	235	121	-114	52	33	-19
Far West	246	105	-141	71	38	-33	175	67	-108
Northern Territory - Bal	1421	1272	-149	238	145	-93	1183	1127	-56
North West	950	792	-158	794	562	-232	156	230	74
Mersey-Lyell	781	601	-180	235	170	-65	546	431	-115
Illawarra	2793	2611	-182	1642	2145	503	1151	466	-685
East Gippsland	849	660	-189	529	462	-67	320	198	-122
Central	970	768	-202	808	597	-211	162	171	9
Northern - SA	902	676	-226	587	429	-158	315	247	-68
Midlands	1027	796	-231	950	732	-218	77	64	-13
Mallee	889	652	-237	461	321	-140	428	331	-97
Lower Great Southern	709	466	-243	613	408	-205	96	58	-38
Goulburn	2171	1919	-252	1393	1469	76	778	450	-328
Murray Lands	703	448	-255	523	340	-183	180	108	-72
Wimmera	553	269	-284	387	188	-199	166	81	-85
South West - Qld	531	247	-284	446	191	-255	85	56	-29
South Eastern - WA	1321	1026	-295	942	619	-323	379	407	28
Murrumbidgee	1678	1277	-401	732	743	11	946	534	-412
Central West - NSW	1754	1219	-535	1146	991	-155	608	228	-380
North Western	1300	748	-552	856	588	-268	444	160	-284
Northern - NSW	1607	999	-608	824	713	-111	783	286	-497
<b>Total</b>	<b>126272</b>	<b>126272</b>		<b>70339</b>	<b>70339</b>		<b>55933</b>	<b>55933</b>	

**Figure 2.24: Australian Statistical Divisions: internal migration of persons employed in technical and trades occupations, 2001-2006**



Of the eight capital city statistical divisions, only three reported net migration loss of persons with clerical and sales occupation. For Sydney, the net loss was 11,780, significantly higher than the net losses of 545 and 100 reported for Adelaide and Darwin respectively (for the 2005-2006 period, however, Darwin reported a net gain for this group of 59). Melbourne, on the other hand, reported a net migration gain of 2,150 for this group, in contrast to net migration losses for professional and managerial occupations, technical and trades and operators, drivers and labourers. Brisbane reported a net migration gain of 10,200 for the 2001-2006 period, while Perth, Canberra and Hobart had smaller net migration gains of 1,520, 600 and 280 respectively.

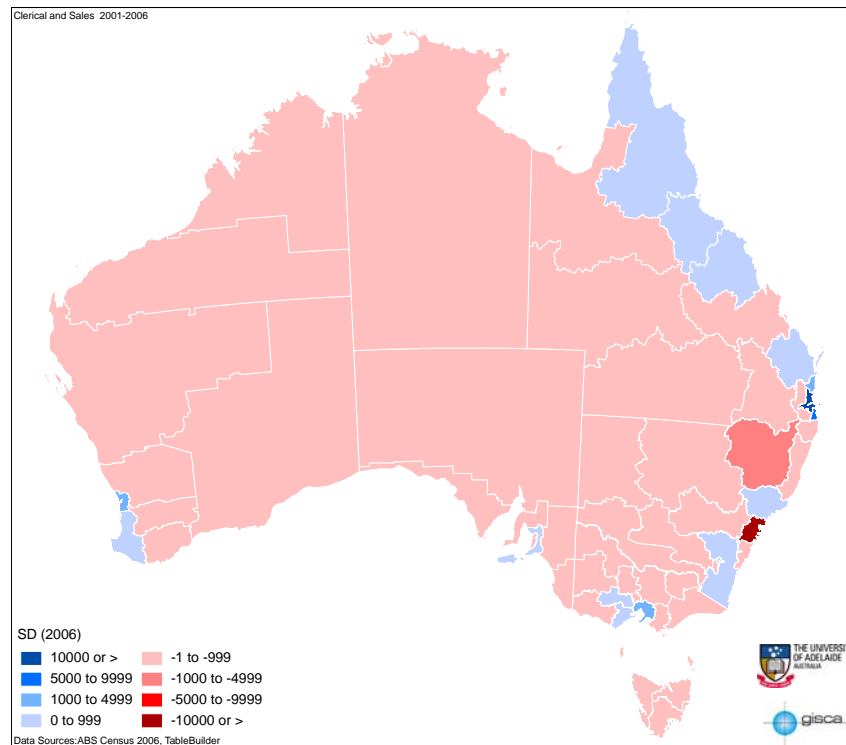
In terms of the top ten sink statistical divisions, the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast SDs reported the highest net migration gains for this group – 5,820 and 2,490 respectively. The remaining eight SDs had net migration gains of less than 1,000, with the lowest two SDs – Barwon and Far North having net gains of less than 300 persons. Outside of the top ten sink SDs, only two other statistical divisions reported net migration gain of persons with clerical and sales type occupation. The remainder of the SDs were, in fact, source statistical divisions. This indicates the extent of contraction in service industry activity throughout Australia, especially since the 1970s. Structural change in rural Australia has meant that increasing numbers of services have been discontinued, resulting in a contraction of the area where opportunities for employment in these activities has reduced. These patterns are essentially maintained within the 2005-06 data, in which Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast SDs maintain their positions, there are only eight sink SDs outside of the capital cities, and the remaining 43 SDs reported net migration losses during the period.

**Table 2.24: Australian Statistical Divisions: internal migration of persons employed in clerical and sales occupations, 2001-2006**

Statistical Division	Total	Total	Net	Intrastate	Intrastate	Net	Interstate	Interstate	Net
	Departures (outs)	Arrivals (ins)	migration	Departures (outs)	Arrivals (ins)	Intrastate migration	Departures (outs)	Arrivals (ins)	Intrastate migration
Clerical and Sales 2001-2006									
Sydney	29370	17588	-11782	11627	8150	-3477	17743	9438	-8305
Melbourne	19816	21966	2150	7800	8825	1025	12016	13411	125
Brisbane	17072	27269	10197	10319	12951	2632	6753	14318	7565
Adelaide	8889	8343	-546	3136	3826	690	5753	4517	-1236
Perth	10374	11892	1518	4892	6378	1486	5482	5514	32
Greater Hobart	2280	2557	277	580	1069	489	1700	1488	-212
Darwin	3145	3044	-101	189	375	186	2956	2669	-287
Canberra	6287	6884	597	3	9	6	6284	6875	591
Gold Coast	7010	12832	5822	4106	4781	675	2904	8051	5147
Sunshine Coast	4355	6845	2490	3285	3795	510	1070	3050	1980
Hunter	5150	6128	978	3020	4764	1744	2130	1364	-766
Northern - Qld	3420	3964	544	2304	2409	105	1116	1555	439
Outer Adelaide	2295	2756	461	1790	2315	525	505	441	-64
South Eastern - NSW	3623	4061	438	1327	1811	484	2296	2250	-46
South West - WA	3085	3492	407	2550	2990	440	535	502	-33
Mackay	2597	2951	354	2033	1832	-201	564	119	555
Barwon	2829	3109	280	2037	2469	432	792	640	-152
Far North	3483	3709	226	2351	1737	-614	1132	1972	840
Wide Bay-Burnett	3904	4110	206	3285	2631	-654	619	1479	860
Central Highlands	2181	2228	47	1642	1881	239	539	347	-192
Australian Capital Territory - Bal	15	9	-6	9	3	-6	6	6	0
Kimberley	770	761	-9	458	501	43	312	260	-52
Southern	655	602	-53	517	338	-179	138	264	126
Northern - Tas	1505	1421	-84	502	515	13	1003	906	-97
Eyre	499	384	-115	381	286	-95	118	98	-20
Richmond-Tweed	3439	3313	-126	873	1686	813	2566	1627	-939
Loddon	2658	2530	-128	2021	2081	60	637	449	-188
West Moreton	1649	1491	-158	1487	1243	-244	162	248	86
Yorke and Lower North	724	547	-177	579	471	-108	145	76	-69
Central West - Qld	354	166	-188	315	139	-176	39	27	-12
Fitzroy	3133	2944	-189	2619	2122	-497	514	822	308
Murray	2013	1798	-215	442	499	57	1571	1299	-272
Far West	383	137	-246	98	40	-58	285	97	-188
Upper Great Southern	478	232	-246	454	216	-238	24	16	-8
Lower Great Southern	1024	775	-249	887	676	-211	137	99	-38
Pilbara	1574	1324	-250	1192	953	-239	382	371	-11
South West - Qld	662	386	-276	579	313	-266	83	73	-10
East Gippsland	1224	896	-328	884	652	-232	340	244	-96
Western District	1285	951	-334	863	637	-226	422	314	-108
Ovens-Murray	1758	1419	-339	862	668	-194	896	751	-145
South East	933	578	-355	519	293	-226	414	285	-129
North West	1022	653	-369	895	478	-417	127	175	48
Wimmera	816	424	-392	618	286	-332	198	138	-60
Murray Lands	1031	627	-404	772	484	-288	259	143	-116
Central	1276	838	-438	1062	710	-352	214	128	-86
Mersey-Lyell	1291	853	-438	565	242	-323	726	611	-115
Northern Territory - Bal	1847	1404	-443	375	189	-186	1472	1215	-257
Mid-North Coast	4489	4035	-454	2327	3136	809	2162	899	-1263
Illawarra	4706	4243	-463	3037	3575	538	1669	668	-1001
Gippsland	2251	1780	-471	1744	1475	-269	507	305	-202
Mallee	1443	969	-474	797	454	-343	646	515	-131
Midlands	1433	944	-489	1330	869	-461	103	75	-28
South Eastern - WA	1492	975	-517	1155	687	-468	337	288	-49
Goulburn	3222	2702	-520	2194	2034	-160	1028	668	-360
Darling Downs	3920	3358	-562	3199	2346	-853	721	102	291
Murrumbidgee	2271	1631	-640	1024	1053	29	1247	578	-669
Northern - SA	1344	698	-646	955	457	-498	389	241	-148
North Western	1884	1152	-732	1277	943	-334	607	209	-398
Central West - NSW	2639	1849	-790	1767	1561	-206	872	288	-584
Northern - NSW	2965	1715	-1250	1611	1212	-399	1354	503	-851
<b>Total</b>	<b>209242</b>	<b>209242</b>		<b>111521</b>	<b>111521</b>		<b>97721</b>	<b>97721</b>	

As Figure 2.25 shows, the geography of net migration gain for this group is very isolated, with pockets of net gain scattered throughout the country, in a sea of statistical divisions which have experienced net migration loss of persons employed in these occupations between 2001 and 2006.

**Figure 2.25: Australian Statistical Divisions: internal migration of persons employed in clerical and sales occupations, 2001-2006**



The mobility characteristics of persons employed in Community and Personal services are shown in Table 2.25. Of the five occupation groups used in this analysis, this group produced the lowest number of movers. Between 2001 and 2006, just on 101,000 persons with these types of occupations moved residence from one statistical division to another.

Of the eight capital city SDs, only two reported net migration loss for this group – Sydney lost a net 2,960 and Adelaide lost 50. Brisbane again had the highest net migration gain, with 3,620, and Melbourne recorded a net gain of 1,900. There was a net gain of 775 for Perth, and net gains of less than 500 in the remaining capital cities.

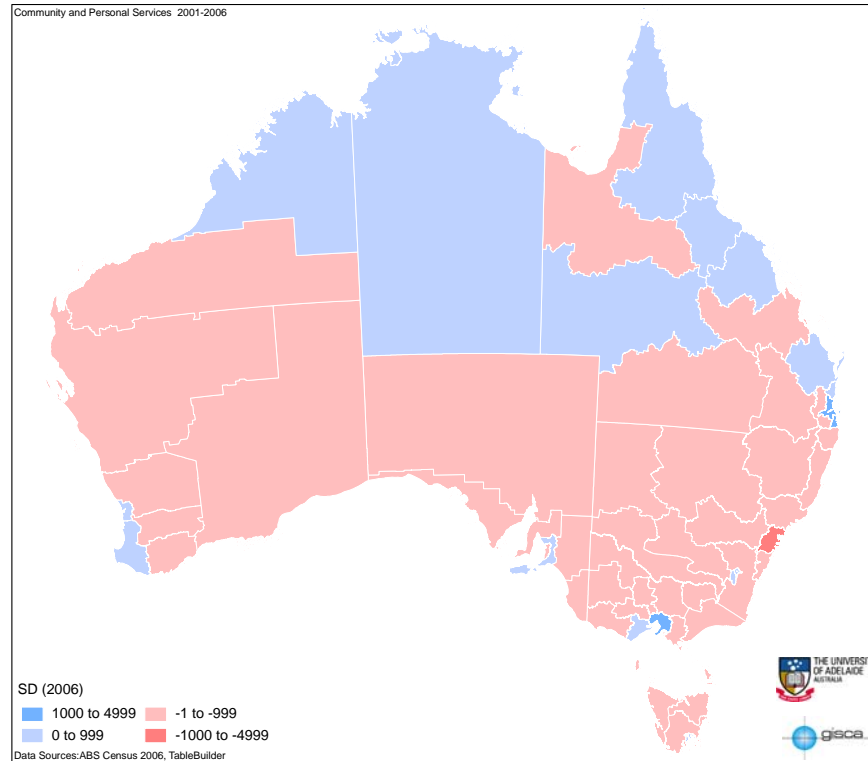
Although the Gold Coast statistical division headed the top ten sink SDs, the Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay-Burnett slipped from their usual relatively high rankings. There were only three SDs outside of the top ten sink SDs and the capital city SDs which reported net migration gain for this occupational category. For the remainder of the country, SDs recorded a net migration loss of persons with community and personal services type occupations. Figure 2.26 shows the national situation graphically. It indicates that although there are large tracts of the country which have experienced net migration loss for this group, the extent of SDs experiencing this net migration loss is not as widespread as was the case for sales and clerical occupations, although the reasons are essentially the same.

**Table 2.25: Australian Statistical Divisions: internal migration of persons in community and personal services occupation, 2001-2006**

Statistical Division	Total	Total	Net	Intrastate	Intrastate	Net	Interstate	Interstate	Net
	Departures (outs)	Arrivals (ins)	migration	Departures (outs)	Arrivals (ins)	Intrastate migration	Departures (outs)	Arrivals (ins)	Interstate migration
Community and Personal Services 2001-2006									
Sydney	12263	9301	-2962	5618	5107	-511	6645	4194	-2451
Melbourne	8140	10046	1906	3493	4822	1329	4647	5224	577
Brisbane	7425	10043	3618	4448	5603	1155	2977	5440	2463
Adelaide	4122	4073	-49	1687	2074	387	2435	1999	-436
Perth	4845	5622	777	2425	3042	617	2420	2580	160
Greater Hobart	1118	1178	60	289	533	244	829	645	-184
Darwin	1771	2195	424	191	266	75	1580	1929	349
Canberra	2582	2982	400	3	6	3	2579	2976	397
Gold Coast	2902	4702	1800	1739	1695	-44	1163	3007	1844
Northern - Qld	1958	2859	901	1125	1514	389	833	1345	512
Sunshine Coast	2083	2631	548	1563	1438	-125	520	193	673
Far North	1862	2236	374	1216	1010	-206	646	1226	580
Outer Adelaide	1152	1333	181	885	1067	182	267	266	-1
Northern Territory - Bal	965	1121	156	266	191	-75	699	930	231
Kimberley	399	496	97	287	347	60	112	149	37
McKean	1197	1284	87	911	788	-123	286	496	210
Wide Bay-Burnett	1969	2022	53	1588	1362	-226	381	660	279
South West - WA	1410	1440	30	1144	1204	60	266	236	-30
Barwon	1423	1448	25	1027	1166	139	396	282	-114
Central West - Qld	163	178	15	139	149	10	24	29	5
Australian Capital Territory - Bal	10	12	2	6	3	-3	4	9	5
Hunter	2958	2954	-4	1865	2254	389	1093	700	-393
Yorke and Lower North	414	363	-51	344	315	-29	70	48	-22
Central Highlands	1134	1068	-66	867	921	54	267	147	-120
Eyre	311	240	-71	252	195	-57	59	45	-14
North West	476	401	-75	413	328	-85	63	73	10
Upper Great Southern	248	167	-81	237	154	-83	11	13	2
Southern	361	272	-89	273	144	-129	88	128	40
Pilbara	654	556	-98	502	421	-81	152	135	-17
West Moreton	788	688	-100	681	559	-122	107	129	22
Far West	248	147	-101	114	83	-31	134	64	-70
Northern - Tas	803	702	-101	273	271	-2	530	431	-99
Murray	1119	1010	-109	317	400	83	802	610	-192
South West - Qld	367	257	-110	333	217	-116	34	40	6
South Eastern - WA	648	533	-115	519	396	-123	129	137	8
Ovens-Murray	997	865	-132	509	373	-136	488	492	4
South Eastern - NSW	1974	1824	-150	914	968	54	1060	856	-204
Lower Great Southern	515	360	-155	439	313	-126	76	47	-29
Central	684	521	-163	561	432	-129	123	89	-34
Fitzroy	1453	1283	-170	1174	945	-229	279	338	59
Darling Downs	1829	1641	-188	1429	1151	-278	400	490	90
South East	511	318	-193	307	184	-123	204	134	-70
Loddon	1380	1168	-212	1047	965	-82	333	203	-130
Midlands	664	438	-226	604	409	-195	60	29	-31
Murray Lands	638	405	-233	509	327	-182	129	78	-51
Northern - SA	759	521	-238	572	394	-178	187	127	-60
Wimmera	485	242	-243	354	178	-176	131	64	-67
Western District	758	513	-245	559	374	-185	199	139	-60
Mersey-Lyell	696	429	-267	276	163	-113	420	266	-154
Murrumbidgee	1444	1156	-288	796	729	-67	648	427	-221
Richmond-Tweed	1996	1680	-316	603	950	347	1393	730	-663
East Gippsland	784	467	-317	557	341	-216	227	126	-101
Gippsland	1144	826	-318	876	717	-159	268	109	-159
Illawarra	2365	2020	-345	1566	1666	100	799	354	-445
Mallee	803	450	-353	494	246	-248	309	204	-105
Goulburn	1809	1379	-430	1264	944	-320	545	435	-110
Mid-North Coast	2442	1982	-460	1337	1583	246	1105	399	-706
North Western	1215	721	-494	882	643	-239	333	78	-255
Central West - NSW	1663	1113	-550	1189	966	-233	464	147	-317
Northern - NSW	1562	976	-586	916	778	-138	646	198	-448
<b>Total</b>	<b>100858</b>	<b>100858</b>		<b>56784</b>	<b>56784</b>		<b>44074</b>	<b>44074</b>	



**Figure 2.26: Australian Statistical Divisions: internal migration of persons in community and personal service occupations, 2001-2006**



The final occupation group discussed in this section is for the lower skilled, more manual, group of operators, drivers and labourers. The mobility characteristics of persons with these types of occupations are presented in Table 2.26. Of the 141,500 moves of persons with these types of occupations, approximately 60 percent were intrastate moves. Six of the eight capital city SDs reported net migration loss for this group. The highest net losses were in Sydney (8,630) and Melbourne (1,450). Net losses of less than 500 occurred in the remaining statistical divisions. Brisbane and Perth recorded net migration gains of persons with these types of occupations – 4,870 for Brisbane and 620 for Perth. This group have been affected by structural change in the economy which has seen the loss of a significant number of jobs in the manual semi skilled areas.

For movers with these types of occupations, the top ten sink SDs include a number of statistical divisions which are strongly influenced by resource development. Hence, Mackay, Fitzroy and Northern SDs in Queensland, where coal and gas resource development is predominant, Hunter in New South Wales, where coal extraction is a significant local industry, the Pilbara and South West SDs in Western Australia, where iron ore and coal mining respectively play significant roles in their local economies, have all experienced net migration gains of persons with operator, driver and labourer occupations during the 2001-2006 period. In this respect, the pattern of top ten sink SDs is a little different from the general pattern that has been shown to exist for most of the other variables discussed to this point.

Further, unlike the situation reported for movers with clerical and sales and community and personal services occupations, the number of sink SDs outside the top ten was much larger, suggesting an expanded regional opportunity for these types of occupations

which are better suited to employment in the dominant economic activities of rural Australia, especially those related to resource development, but also in areas experiencing population change caused by an influx of retirement aged population and/or sea change and tree change trends, and the infrastructure development that has accompanied these changes. Figure 2.27 shows the situation graphically.

**Table 2.26: Australian Statistical Divisions: internal migration of persons employed as operators, drivers and labourers, 2001-2006**

Statistical Division	Total	Total	Net	Intrastate	Intrastate	Net	Interstate	Interstate	Net
	Departures (outs)	Arrivals (ins)	migration	Departures (outs)	Arrivals (ins)	migration	Departures (outs)	Arrivals (ins)	migration
Operators, Drivers and Labourers 2001-2006									
Sydney	15381	6753	-8628	6870	3938	-2932	8511	2815	-5696
Melbourne	10389	8940	-1449	5103	4378	-725	5286	4562	-724
Brisbane	10387	15256	4869	7312	7481	169	3075	7775	4700
Adelaide	5346	4852	-494	2809	2678	-131	2537	2174	-363
Perth	7410	8031	621	4963	4654	-309	2447	3377	930
Greater Hobart	1249	1123	-126	450	576	126	799	547	-252
Darwin	1897	1782	-115	170	215	45	1727	1567	-160
Canberra	1942	1564	-378	0	4	4	1942	1560	-382
Gold Coast	4324	7034	2710	2802	2602	-200	1522	4432	2910
Mackay	2240	4219	1979	1758	2732	974	482	1487	1005
Fitzroy	2800	3965	1165	2280	2809	529	520	1156	636
Sunshine Coast	2958	4036	1078	2272	2133	-139	686	1903	1217
South West - WA	2557	3547	990	2069	2902	833	488	645	157
Northern - Qld	2594	3307	713	1836	1973	137	758	1334	576
Pilbara	442	2060	1618	105	1508	403	337	552	215
Wide Bay-Burnett	3816	4359	543	3109	2821	-288	707	1538	831
Outer Adelaide	1787	2317	530	1400	1930	530	387	387	0
Hunter	3490	4014	524	1904	3051	1147	1586	963	-623
Darling Downs	3098	3453	355	2486	2313	-173	612	1140	528
Far North	2689	2988	299	1877	1498	-379	812	1490	678
Goulburn	2474	2605	131	1447	1797	350	1027	808	-219
Murray	1657	1766	109	344	501	157	1313	1265	-48
Ovens-Murray	1131	1209	78	476	517	41	655	692	37
South Eastern - WA	1675	1750	75	1170	1057	-113	505	693	188
West Moreton	1798	1833	35	1595	1483	-112	203	350	147
North West	1141	1175	34	945	859	-86	196	316	120
Barwon	1729	1753	24	1113	1328	215	616	425	-191
South Eastern - NSW	2236	2259	23	946	1298	352	1290	961	-329
Loddon	1634	1647	13	1155	1283	128	479	364	-115
Northern Territory - Bal	1369	1367	-2	215	170	-45	1154	187	43
Southern	600	589	-11	442	370	-72	158	219	61
Australian Capital Territory - Bal	16	0	-16	4	0	-4	12	0	-12
Richmond-Tweed	2325	2304	-21	543	1244	701	1782	1060	-722
Yorke and Lower North	744	715	-29	600	596	-4	144	119	-25
Central Highlands	1433	1385	-48	1018	1167	149	415	218	-197
Western District	929	874	-55	550	597	47	379	277	-102
Eyre	486	431	-55	334	293	-41	152	138	-14
Mallee	1157	1094	-63	543	497	-46	614	597	-17
Kimberley	736	668	-68	414	335	-79	322	333	11
Far West	307	205	-102	66	78	12	241	127	-114
Northern - Tas	1036	929	-107	329	324	-5	707	605	-102
Lower Great Southern	993	862	-131	865	746	-119	128	116	-12
South East	890	752	-138	463	387	-76	427	365	-62
Upper Great Southern	481	340	-141	448	321	-127	33	19	-14
Murray Lands	1184	1031	-153	811	703	-108	373	328	-45
East Gippsland	904	750	-154	601	525	-76	303	225	-78
Central	1219	1059	-160	1034	871	-163	185	188	3
Central West - Qld	470	305	-165	410	232	-178	60	73	13
Wimmera	675	497	-178	415	334	-81	260	163	-97
South West - Qld	796	604	-192	679	425	-254	117	179	62
Mersey-Lyell	1037	837	-200	288	239	-49	749	598	-151
Northern - SA	1188	961	-227	775	605	-170	413	356	-57
Gippsland	1648	1400	-248	1145	1143	-2	503	257	-246
Midlands	1503	1178	-325	1385	1059	-326	118	119	1
Murrumbidgee	1837	1451	-386	878	937	59	959	514	-445
Mid-North Coast	3087	2626	-461	1477	2027	550	1610	599	-1011
Illawarra	2766	2253	-513	1634	1858	224	1132	395	-737
Northern - NSW	2344	1751	-593	1069	1251	182	1275	500	-775
Central West - NSW	2249	1576	-673	1430	1285	-145	819	291	-528
North Western	1821	1110	-711	1136	829	-307	685	281	-404
<b>Total</b>	<b>141501</b>	<b>141501</b>		<b>83767</b>	<b>83767</b>		<b>57734</b>	<b>57734</b>	