



Australian Capital Territory
EDUCATION, YOUTH and FAMILY SERVICES

Government Preschool Bulletin

September 2003 Census

Summary

The ACT Government Preschool Census indicated that a total of 3,694 children were enrolled in government preschool programs on 4 September 2003.

Programs

Preschool programs were conducted at 80 government preschools, 48 preschools operated full time and 32 were operating part time in 2003.

A preschool program also operated at the Cooperative School in the ACT, and at Jervis Bay Primary School, which is administered by the department under a service agreement with the Commonwealth.

A new preschool was opened at Amaroo in February 2003 and the preschool at Lyons was reinstated after being suspended in 2001 and 2002.

Additional Indigenous preschool programs for Indigenous children were operated at four preschools.

Enrolments

In the ACT, all children aged four by 30 April each year are offered a total of 10.5 hours of preschooling per week, on a sessional basis.

Of the 3,694 children, 25 attended the Cooperative School preschool program and 35 attended at Jervis Bay Primary School. In addition to attending their preschool program, 49 children also attended an Early Intervention Unit. A further 130 children (not included in the census total) were enrolled in an Early Intervention Unit only.

A total of 80 children out of the total 3,694 identified as Indigenous. This represents 2.17% of the total enrolment.

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Explanatory notes

1. Reference date

The census counted all children officially enrolled in and attending government preschool programs on Thursday, 4 September 2003.

2. Scope and coverage

The census included all ACT and Jervis Bay Territory government preschool enrolments, enrolments in early intervention programs and Indigenous preschool programs.

3. Collection

Data was extracted from the preschool central database after receipt of verified census reports from each preschool. Early Intervention Unit (EIU) data was provided by the Early Intervention Programs Unit and the Indigenous Education Unit provided the enrolment data from the Indigenous (Koori) preschools.

4. Definitions and symbols

- Nil or rounded to zero.

NECEC Narrabundah Early Childhood Education Centre.

Indigenous preschool program

Programs designed for Indigenous children aged 3-5 years currently operating at Holt, NECEC, Calwell and Wanniasa Hills

Early intervention

EIUs operate at Chisholm, Giralang, Higgins, Kaleen, Monash, Richardson, Rivett and Waramanga providing special assistance on the basis of need.

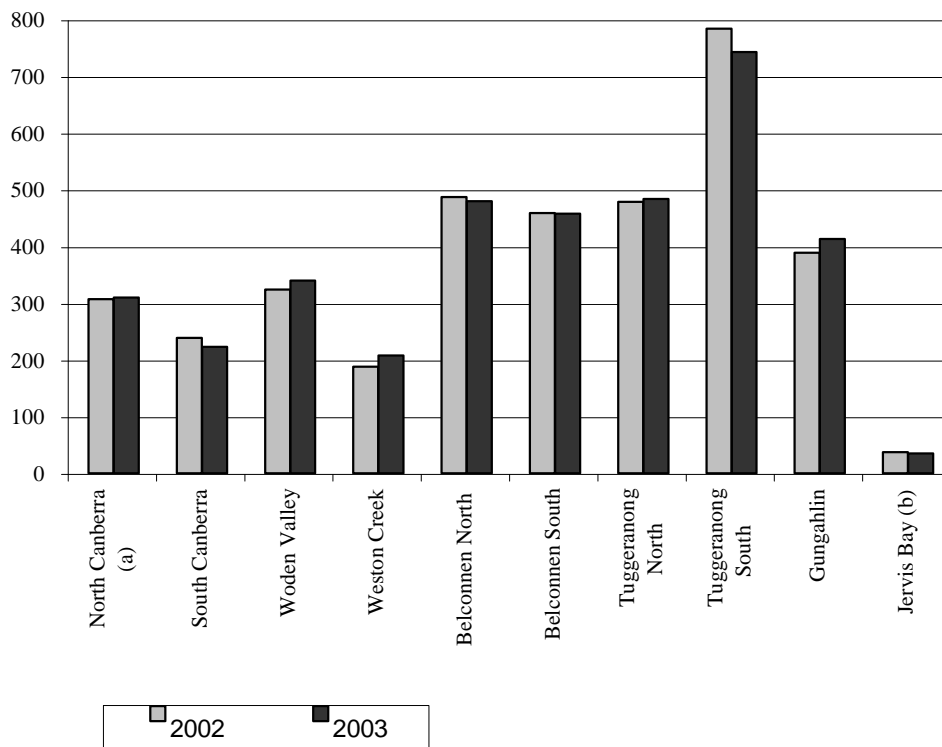
TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2002-2003

Geographic area	ACT enrolments	Non ACT enrolments	Total September-03	Total September-02
North Canberra (a)	275	35	310	307
South Canberra	210	13	223	239
Woden Valley	333	7	340	324
Weston Creek	207	1	208	188
Belconnen North	474	6	480	487
Belconnen South	458	0	458	459
Tuggeranong North	479	5	484	479
Tuggeranong South	732	11	743	784
Gungahlin	411	2	413	389
Jervis Bay (b)	13	22	35	37
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,592	102	3,694	3,693

(a) Cooperative School has been included in North Canberra in 2003

(b) DEYFS administers Jervis Bay Preschool for the Commonwealth under a service agreement

FIGURE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2002-2003



**TABLE 2: ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2002-2003**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total September-03</i>	<i>Total September-02</i>
NORTH CANBERRA				
Ainslie Preschool	24	0	24	24
Campbell Preschool	13	12	25	24
Cooperative School (a)	25	0	25	19
Downer Preschool	24	0	24	21
Duntroon Preschool	15	10	25	25
Hackett Preschool	23	2	25	23
Lyneham Preschool	19	2	21	17
North Ainslie Preschool	22	0	22	40
Reid Preschool	23	2	25	20
Turner Preschool	44	1	45	50
Watson Preschool	43	6	49	44
TOTAL NORTH CANBERRA	275	35	310	307
<i>(a) Co-Operative School has been included in North Canberra in 2003</i>				
SOUTH CANBERRA				
Causeway Preschool	12	2	14	19
Deakin Preschool	24	0	24	22
Griffith Preschool	25	0	25	24
Narrabundah Preschool (NECEC) (b)	32	7	39	49
Red Hill Preschool	45	2	47	50
Yarralumla Montessori Preschool	50	0	50	50
Yarralumla Preschool	22	2	24	25
TOTAL SOUTH CANBERRA	210	13	223	239
<i>(b) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments</i>				
WODEN VALLEY				
Chifley Preschool	22	1	23	24
Curtin North Preschool	50	0	50	50
Curtin South Preschool	25	0	25	24
Farrer Preschool	46	3	49	49
Garran Preschool	50	0	50	43
Hughes Preschool	25	1	26	42
Lyons Preschool (c)	20	0	20	-
Mawson Preschool	47	1	48	45
Pearce Preschool	24	0	24	22
Torrens Preschool	24	1	25	25
TOTAL WODEN VALLEY	333	7	340	324
<i>(c) Lyons Preschool was reinstated in 2003 (it had been suspended in 2001 and 2002)</i>				

Geographic area	ACT enrolments	Non ACT enrolments	Total September-03	Total September-02
WESTON CREEK				
Chapman Preschool	72	0	72	49
Duffy Preschool	24	0	24	24
Rivett Preschool	24	0	24	24
Waramanga Preschool	47	0	47	49
Weston Preschool	40	1	41	42
TOTAL WESTON CREEK	207	1	208	188
BELCONNEN NORTH				
Charnwood Preschool	66	0	66	71
Evatt Preschool	44	1	45	48
Flynn Preschool	46	0	46	50
Fraser Preschool	50	0	50	50
Giralang Preschool	25	0	25	21
Hall Preschool	17	3	20	20
Kaleen Preschool	50	0	50	68
Maribyrnong Preschool	49	1	50	19
McKellar Preschool	34	1	35	22
Melba Preschool	24	0	24	25
Miles Franklin Preschool	47	0	47	50
Spence Preschool	22	0	22	43
TOTAL BELCONNEN NORTH	474	6	480	487
BELCONNEN SOUTH				
Aranda Preschool	50	0	50	49
Cook Preschool	19	0	19	25
Florey Preschool	73	0	73	76
Hawker Preschool	19	0	19	25
Higgins Preschool	50	0	50	23
Holt Preschool (d)	40	0	40	51
Latham Preschool	46	0	46	44
Macgregor Preschool	50	0	50	49
Macquarie Preschool	25	0	25	25
Page Preschool	19	0	19	25
Scullin Preschool	42	0	42	42
Weetangera Preschool	25	0	25	25
TOTAL BELCONNEN SOUTH	458	0	458	459

(d) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

Geographic area	ACT enrolments	Non ACT enrolments	Total September-03	Total September-02
TUGGERANONG NORTH				
Fadden Preschool	44	4	48	50
Gowrie Preschool	48	1	49	41
Macarthur Preschool	24	0	24	24
Monash Preschool	75	0	75	75
Mt Neighbour Preschool	62	0	62	61
Taylor Preschool	23	0	23	25
Urambi Preschool	44	0	44	42
Village Creek Preschool	48	0	48	49
Wanniassa Hills Preschool (e)	62	0	62	62
Wanniassa Preschool	49	0	49	50
TOTAL TUGGERANONG NORTH	479	5	484	479
<i>(e) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments</i>				
TUGGERANONG SOUTH				
Bonython Preschool	71	1	72	80
Calwell Preschool (f)	98	5	103	98
Charles Conder Preschool	139	0	139	148
Chisholm Preschool	48	0	48	50
Gilmore Preschool	50	0	50	49
Gordon Preschool	111	0	111	134
Isabella Plains Preschool	94	1	95	76
Richardson Preschool	48	0	48	44
Tharwa Preschool	14	1	15	14
Theodore Preschool	59	3	62	91
TOTAL TUGGERANONG SOUTH	732	11	743	784
<i>(f) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments</i>				
GUNGAHLIN				
Amaroo Preschool (g)	49	0	49	-
Ngunnawal Preschool	131	0	131	145
Nicholls Preschool	147	2	149	148
Palmerston Preschool	84	0	84	96
TOTAL GUNGAHLIN	411	2	413	389
<i>(g) Amaroo Preschool opened February 2003</i>				
JERVIS BAY				
Jervis Bay Preschool	13	22	35	37
TOTAL JERVIS BAY	13	22	35	37
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TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,592	102	3,694	3,693

**TABLE 3: AGE CATEGORY ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2003**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Priority age (a)	Early entry (b)	Total September-03
North Canberra	303	7	310
South Canberra	177	46	223
Woden Valley	334	6	340
Weston Creek	208	0	208
Belconnen North	431	49	480
Belconnen South	441	17	458
Tuggeranong North	474	10	484
Tuggeranong South	726	17	743
Gungahlin	405	8	413
Jervis Bay	27	8	35
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,526	168	3,694

(a) Students who are 4 years of age on or before 30 April 2003

(b) Students who are 4 years of age after 30 April 2003

**TABLE 4: INDIGENOUS ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2003**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Mainstream (a)	Indigenous Preschool Only (b)	Both (c)	Total September-03
North Canberra	4	-	-	4
South Canberra	1	4	4	9
Woden Valley	7	-	-	7
Weston Creek	1	-	1	2
Belconnen North	11	-	-	11
Belconnen South	6	5	2	13
Tuggeranong North	6	12	1	19
Tuggeranong South	12	7	4	23
Gungahlin	7	-	-	7
Jervis Bay	13	-	-	13
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	68	28	12	108

(a) Indigenous students who attend a mainstream preschool only

(b) Indigenous students who attend Indigenous preschool sessions only

(c) Indigenous students who attend both mainstream and Indigenous Preschool sessions

**TABLE 5: ENROLMENT BY NEEDS CATEGORY
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2003**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Integrated (a)</i>	<i>Special Needs (b)</i>	<i>ESL (c)</i>	<i>Total September-03</i>
North Canberra	0	8	31	39
South Canberra	1	6	11	18
Woden Valley	2	4	35	41
Weston Creek	5	8	6	19
Belconnen North	7	7	23	37
Belconnen South	16	12	44	72
Tuggeranong North	2	33	23	58
Tuggeranong South	15	34	51	100
Gungahlin	1	10	52	63
Jervis Bay	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	49	122	276	447

(a) Children attending both preschool and early intervention units or special schools

(b) Special needs refers to children receiving additional teacher support for identified developmental problems

(c) ESL: Refers to children with English as a Second Language

TABLE 6: ENROLMENTS IN EARLY INTERVENTION UNITS, September 2003

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Integrated early intervention (a)</i>	<i>EIU only (b)</i>	<i>Total September-03</i>
Chisholm EIU	3	20	23
Giralang EIU	1	20	21
Higgins EIU	15	11	26
Kaleen EIU	2	16	18
Monash EIU	0	14	14
Richardson EIU	9	1	10
Waramanga EIU	1	15	16
Giralang Autism	0	6	6
Monash Autism	5	4	9
Rivett Autism	4	8	12
Rivett Language	9	15	24
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	49	130	179

(a) Integrated early intervention students access both an early intervention unit and a preschool

(b) EIU - Early Intervention Unit