



*Australian Capital Territory*

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

## **ACT Government Preschool Census**

**August 2007**

### **Highlights**

In August 2007 there were:

- 3,648 enrolments (3,623 children<sup>1</sup>) attending 79 government mainstream preschools and five government Koori preschools, an additional 98 enrolments (2.8%) compared to August 2006.
- 102 Indigenous children<sup>1</sup> in government preschools. This represents 2.8% of all government preschool children.
- 95.9% of enrolments that were of priority age, i.e. were four years of age by 30 April 2007.
- 166 enrolments in 11 early intervention units. 61 of these children also attend a mainstream government preschool.
- 81 children (2.2%) receive additional support for special needs and 307 (8.5%) have been identified as having English as a second language (ESL).

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## Preschool enrolments

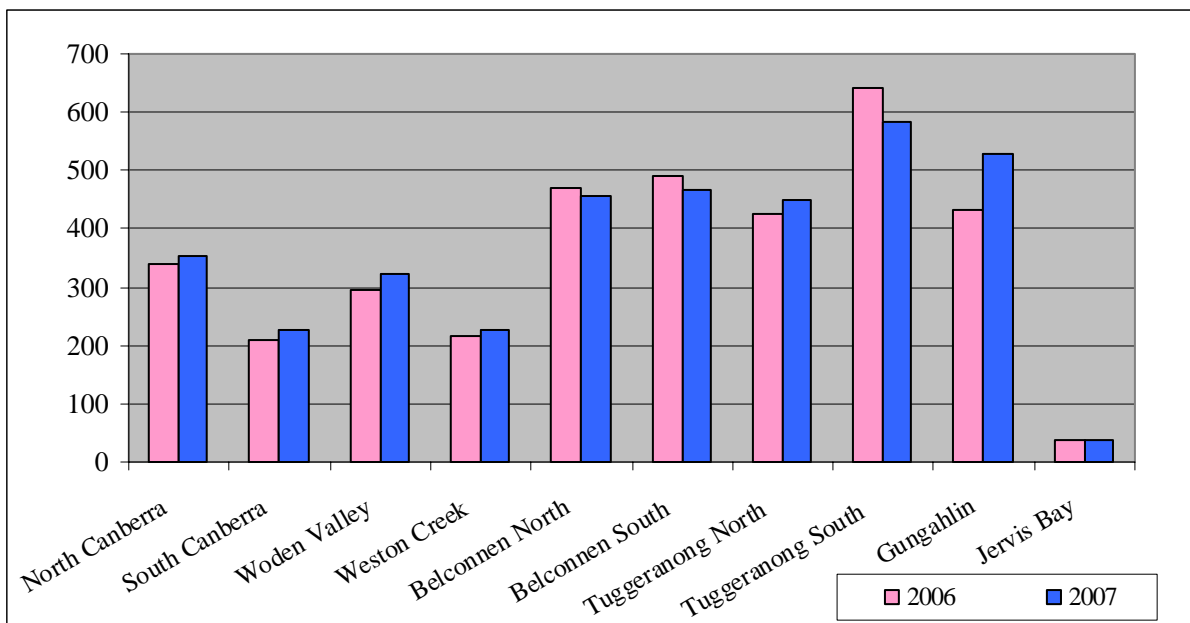
There were 3,648 enrolments (3,623 children<sup>1</sup>) in government preschools as at August 2007, up 2.8% since August 2006 (Table 1). Almost all enrolments (96.5%) were residents of the ACT.

**Table 1: Number of ACT and NSW enrolments, August 2003 to 2007**

Year	ACT resident enrolments	NSW resident enrolments	Total enrolments	Percentage change on prior year	Proportion of enrolments that are ACT residents
2007	3520	128	3648	2.8%	96.5
2006	3415	135	3550	0.4%	96.2
2005	3415	120	3535	-2.4%	96.6
2004	3510	112	3622	-1.9%	96.9
2003	3592	102	3694	0.0%	97.2

Six out of nine ACT regions (excluding Jervis Bay) experienced increases in preschool enrolments between August 2006 and August 2007. The region of Gungahlin experienced the greatest increase, with an increase of 99 enrolments or 23.0%, over August 2006. The regions of Woden Valley (26 enrolments or 8.8%), Tuggeranong North (25 enrolments or 5.9%), South Canberra (17 enrolments or 8.2%), North Canberra (16 enrolments or 4.7%) and Weston Creek (9 enrolments or 4.2%) also experienced increases over August 2006 (Figure 1).

**Figure 1: Number of preschool enrolments by region, August 2006 and 2007**



<sup>1</sup> 24 Indigenous children attend more than 1 preschool.

**Table 2: Number of enrolments by region, August 2006 and 2007**

<i>Region</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total August-07</i>	<i>Total August-06</i>
North Canberra <sup>(a)</sup>	321	33	354	338
South Canberra	201	24	225	208
Woden Valley	314	7	321	295
Weston Creek	224	1	225	216
Belconnen North	453	4	457	469
Belconnen South	466	1	467	491
Tuggeranong North	437	12	449	424
Tuggeranong South	572	10	582	641
Gungahlin	520	10	530	431
Jervis Bay <sup>(b)</sup>	12	26	38	37
<b>Total enrolments</b>	<b>3,520</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>3,648</b>	<b>3,550</b>

(a) Includes the O'Connor Co-operative School.

(b) DET administers Jervis Bay School for the Australian Government under a service agreement.

**Table 3: Number of enrolments by region and school, August 2006 and 2007**

<i>Region</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total August-07</i>	<i>Total August-06</i>
<i>North Canberra</i>				
Ainslie Preschool	36	0	36	39
Campbell Preschool	20	2	22	18
Downer Preschool	16	2	18	25
Duntroon Preschool	26	17	43	44
Hackett Preschool	20	1	21	17
Lyneham Preschool	47	3	50	25
North Ainslie Preschool	24	0	24	24
O'Connor Co-operative School	22	0	22	25
Reid Preschool	20	0	20	21
Turner Preschool	44	5	49	50
Watson Preschool	46	3	49	50
<i>Subtotal North Canberra</i>	<i>321</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>354</i>	<i>338</i>
<i>South Canberra</i>				
Causeway Preschool	0	0	0	6
Deakin Preschool	47	3	50	20
Griffith Preschool	15	10	25	24
Narrabundah Preschool (NECEC)	31	4	35	34
Narrabundah Preschool (NECEC) - Koori	4	0	4	8
Red Hill Preschool	43	7	50	49
Yarralumla Montessori Preschool	37	0	37	42
Yarralumla Preschool	24	0	24	25
<i>Subtotal South Canberra</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>225</i>	<i>208</i>
<i>Woden Valley</i>				
Chifley Preschool	8	1	9	19
Curtin North Preschool	50	0	50	49
Curtin South Preschool	22	0	22	13
Farrer Preschool	45	3	48	48
Garran Preschool	46	1	47	26
Hughes Preschool	34	1	35	25
Lyons Preschool	15	0	15	18
Mawson Preschool	46	1	47	46
Pearce Preschool	25	0	25	25
Torrens Preschool	23	0	23	26
<i>Subtotal Woden Valley</i>	<i>314</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>321</i>	<i>295</i>

**Table 3: continued**

<i>Region</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total August-07</i>	<i>Total August-06</i>
<i>Weston Creek</i>				
Chapman Preschool	93	0	93	77
Duffy Preschool	32	0	32	25
Rivett Preschool	0	0	0	21
Waramanga Preschool	64	1	65	46
Weston Preschool	35	0	35	47
<i>Subtotal Weston Creek</i>	<i>224</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>225</i>	<i>216</i>
<i>Belconnen North</i>				
Charnwood Preschool	85	0	85	74
Evatt Preschool	41	0	41	43
Flynn Preschool	21	0	21	25
Fraser Preschool	44	0	44	50
Giralang Preschool	20	0	20	22
Hall Preschool	0	0	0	15
Kaleen Preschool	74	1	75	68
Maribyrnong Preschool	23	1	24	21
McKellar Preschool	0	0	0	24
Melba Preschool	21	0	21	26
Miles Franklin Preschool	94	1	95	76
Spence Preschool	30	1	31	25
<i>Subtotal Belconnen North</i>	<i>453</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>457</i>	<i>469</i>
<i>Belconnen South</i>				
Aranda Preschool	50	0	50	51
Cook Preschool	24	0	24	17
Florey Preschool	72	0	72	73
Hawker Preschool	25	0	25	22
Higgins Preschool	31	1	32	42
Holt Preschool	39	0	39	42
Holt Preschool - Koori	10	0	10	18
Latham Preschool	50	0	50	50
Macgregor Preschool	50	0	50	49
Macquarie Preschool	22	0	22	19
Page Preschool	18	0	18	24
Scullin Preschool	28	0	28	44
Weetangera Preschool	47	0	47	40
<i>Subtotal Belconnen South</i>	<i>466</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>467</i>	<i>491</i>
<i>Tuggeranong North</i>				
Fadden Preschool	48	0	48	41
Gowrie Preschool	44	1	45	38
Macarthur Preschool	16	6	22	18
Monash Preschool	97	2	99	71
Mt Neighbour Preschool	41	0	41	47
Taylor Preschool	31	0	31	47
Urambi Preschool	24	0	24	25
Village Creek Preschool	32	0	32	40
Wanniassa Hills Preschool	50	0	50	43
Wanniassa Hills Preschool - Koori	13	0	13	13
Wanniassa Preschool	41	3	44	41
<i>Subtotal Tuggeranong North</i>	<i>437</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>449</i>	<i>424</i>

**Table 3: continued**

<i>Region</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total August-07</i>	<i>Total August-06</i>
<i>Tuggeranong South</i>				
Bonython Preschool	50	0	50	65
Calwell Preschool	91	1	92	93
Calwell Preschool - Koori	14	0	14	6
Charles Conder Preschool	105	0	105	109
Chisholm Preschool	44	0	44	40
Gilmore Preschool	41	2	43	48
Gordon Preschool	85	0	85	115
Isabella Plains Preschool	54	2	56	66
Richardson Preschool	27	3	30	39
Tharwa Preschool	11	2	13	14
Theodore Preschool	50	0	50	46
<i>Subtotal Tuggeranong South</i>	<i>572</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>582</i>	<i>641</i>
<i>Gungahlin</i>				
Amaroo Preschool	199	1	200	148
Ngunnawal Preschool	92	1	93	82
Ngunnawal Preschool - Koori	14	0	14	13
Nicholls Preschool	122	8	130	127
Palmerston Preschool	93	0	93	61
<i>Subtotal Gungahlin</i>	<i>520</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>530</i>	<i>431</i>
<i>Other</i>				
Jervis Bay Preschool	12	26	38	37
<i>Subtotal Jervis Bay</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>37</i>
<b>Total enrolments</b>	<b>3,520</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>3,648</b>	<b>3,550</b>

**Table 4: Number of enrolments by region and age category, August 2006 and 2007**

<i>Region</i>	<i>Priority age (c)</i>		<i>Early entry (d)</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
North Canberra	345	332	9	6	354	338
South Canberra	192	171	33	37	225	208
Woden Valley	315	288	6	7	321	295
Weston Creek	222	216	3	0	225	216
Belconnen North	424	432	33	37	457	469
Belconnen South	451	459	16	32	467	491
Tuggeranong North	438	414	11	10	449	424
Tuggeranong South	566	626	16	15	582	641
Gungahlin	518	412	12	19	530	431
Jervis Bay	29	28	9	9	38	37
<b>Total enrolments</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,378</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>3,648</b>	<b>3,550</b>

(c) Students who are 4 years of age on or before 30 April 2007.

(d) Students who are 4 years of age after 30 April 2007.

**Table 5: Number of Indigenous children by region, August 2006 and 2007<sup>(e)</sup>**

<i>Region</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>Change</i>
North Canberra	3	5	-40%
South Canberra	8	11	-27%
Woden Valley	5	5	0%
Weston Creek	1	0	N/A
Belconnen North	2	6	-67%
Belconnen South	15	24	-38%
Tuggeranong North	13	18	-28%
Tuggeranong South	20	16	25%
Gungahlin	18	11	64%
Jervis Bay	17	10	70%
<b>Total enrolments</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>

(e) 19 Indigenous students are enrolled in more than one preschool.

**Table 6: Number of enrolments by needs category, August 2006 and 2007**

<i>Region</i>	<i>Integrated (f)</i>		<i>Special Needs (g)</i>		<i>ESL (h)</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
North Canberra	2	0	3	9	31	51	36	60
South Canberra	5	1	7	1	17	28	29	30
Woden Valley	3	0	2	6	23	56	28	62
Weston Creek	7	4	3	7	5	19	15	30
Belconnen North	9	12	4	11	30	67	43	90
Belconnen South	6	5	11	12	53	69	70	86
Tuggeranong North	9	8	20	23	23	48	52	79
Tuggeranong South	16	13	21	25	25	73	62	111
Gungahlin	5	0	10	12	100	110	115	122
Jervis Bay	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
<b>Total enrolments</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>672</b>

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

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

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

**Table 7: Number of enrolments in early intervention units, August 2006 and 2007**

	<i>Integrated early intervention</i>		<i>EIU only</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
Bonython Early Intervention Unit <sup>(l)</sup>	4	3	13	19	17	22
Chisholm Early Intervention Unit	4	1	12	16	16	17
Gilmore Early Intervention Unit <sup>(k)</sup>	1	5	6	6	7	11
Giralang Autism Intervention Unit	4	0	3	3	7	3
Giralang Early Intervention Unit	6	2	15	15	21	17
Higgins Early Intervention Unit	4	6	15	14	19	20
Kaleen Early Intervention Unit	6	5	14	8	20	13
Monash Autism Intervention Unit	6	5	2	3	8	8
South Curtin Lang Intervention <sup>(i)</sup>	14	11	8	13	22	24
Village Creek Autism Intervention Unit <sup>(j)</sup>	5	3	3	0	8	3
Waramanga Early Intervention Unit	7	0	14	9	21	9
<b>Total enrolments</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>147</b>

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

(j) Relocated from Rivett Preschool

(k) Relocated from Richardson Preschool

(l) Relocated from Monash Preschool