



*Australian Capital Territory*  
**EDUCATION, YOUTH and FAMILY SERVICES**

**Government Preschool Bulletin**

**February 2003 Census**

## **Summary**

The ACT Government Preschool Census indicated that a total of 3,565 children were enrolled in government preschool programs on 20 February 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 Koori 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 3,565 children, 25 attended the Cooperative School preschool program and 41 attended at Jervis Bay Primary School. In addition to attending their preschool program, 59 children also attended an Early Intervention Unit or a Special School. A further 90 children (not included in the census total) were enrolled in an Early Intervention Unit only.

A total of 71 children out of the total 3,565 identified as Indigenous. This represents 1.99% 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, 20 February 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 (Koori)*

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.

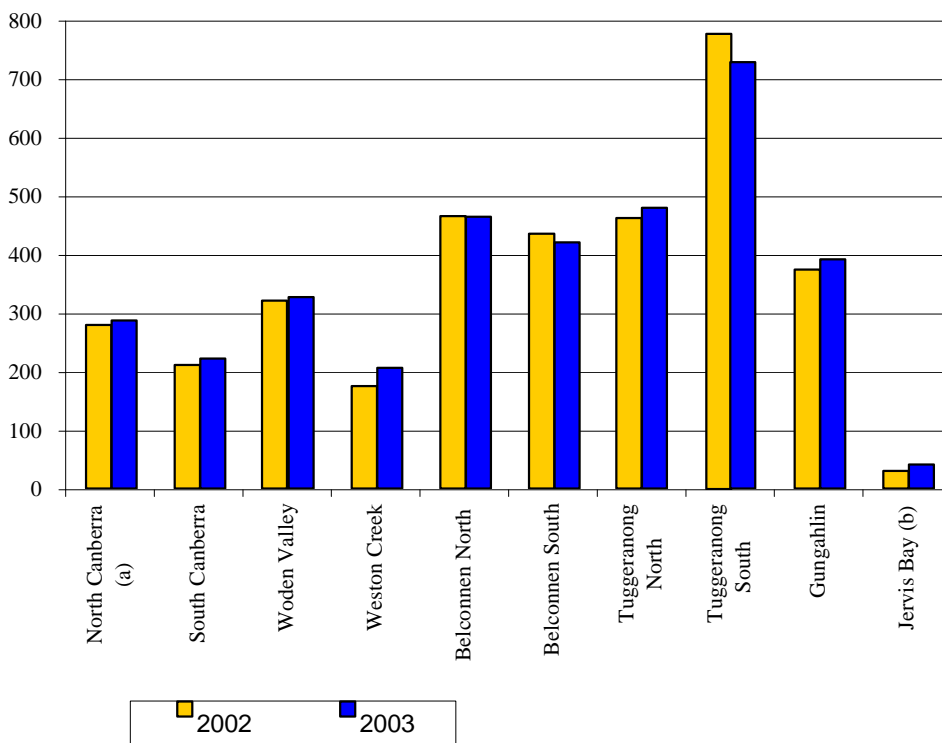
**TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, February 2002-2003**

Geographic area	ACT enrolments	Non ACT enrolments	Total February-03	Total February-02
North Canberra (a)	257	30	<b>287</b>	279
South Canberra	211	11	<b>222</b>	211
Woden Valley	322	5	<b>327</b>	321
Weston Creek	206	0	<b>206</b>	175
Belconnen North	460	4	<b>464</b>	465
Belconnen South	420	0	<b>420</b>	435
Tuggeranong North	477	2	<b>479</b>	462
Tuggeranong South	721	7	<b>728</b>	777
Gungahlin	390	1	<b>391</b>	374
Jervis Bay (b)	15	26	<b>41</b>	30
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,479</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>3,565</b>	<b>3,529</b>

(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, February 2002-2003**



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

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-03</i>	<i>Total February-02</i>
<b>NORTH CANBERRA</b>				
Ainslie Preschool	23	1	<b>24</b>	23
Campbell Preschool	15	8	<b>23</b>	22
Cooperative School (a)	25	0	<b>25</b>	25
Downer Preschool	23	0	<b>23</b>	20
Duntroon Preschool	13	12	<b>25</b>	21
Hackett Preschool	19	2	<b>21</b>	21
Lyneham Preschool	15	1	<b>16</b>	16
North Ainslie Preschool	23	0	<b>23</b>	34
Reid Preschool	18	2	<b>20</b>	17
Turner Preschool	38	1	<b>39</b>	38
Watson Preschool	45	3	<b>48</b>	42
<b>TOTAL NORTH CANBERRA</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>279</b>
<i>(a) Co-Operative School has been included in North Canberra in 2003</i>				
<b>SOUTH CANBERRA</b>				
Causeway Preschool	10	2	<b>12</b>	13
Deakin Preschool	24	1	<b>25</b>	17
Griffith Preschool	25	0	<b>25</b>	25
Narrabundah Preschool (NECEC) (b)	35	7	<b>42</b>	37
Red Hill Preschool	50	0	<b>50</b>	46
Yarralumla Montessori Preschool	48	0	<b>48</b>	24
Yarralumla Preschool	19	1	<b>20</b>	49
<b>TOTAL SOUTH CANBERRA</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>211</b>
<i>(b) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments</i>				
<b>WODEN VALLEY</b>				
Chifley Preschool	23	0	<b>23</b>	22
Curtin North Preschool	50	0	<b>50</b>	50
Curtin South Preschool	25	0	<b>25</b>	23
Farrer Preschool	44	3	<b>47</b>	50
Garran Preschool	46	0	<b>46</b>	42
Hughes Preschool	21	2	<b>23</b>	43
Lyons Preschool (c)	17	0	<b>17</b>	-
Mawson Preschool	48	0	<b>48</b>	43
Pearce Preschool	24	0	<b>24</b>	24
Torrens Preschool	24	0	<b>24</b>	24
<b>TOTAL WODEN VALLEY</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>321</b>
<i>(c) Lyons Preschool was reinstated in 2003 (it had been suspended in 2001 and 2002)</i>				

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<b>Total February-03</b>	<i>Total February-02</i>
<b>WESTON CREEK</b>				
Chapman Preschool	66	0	<b>66</b>	50
Duffy Preschool	21	0	<b>21</b>	24
Rivett Preschool	24	0	<b>24</b>	17
Waramanga Preschool	50	0	<b>50</b>	46
Weston Preschool	45	0	<b>45</b>	38
<b>TOTAL WESTON CREEK</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>BELCONNEN NORTH</b>				
Charnwood Preschool	63	0	<b>63</b>	64
Evatt Preschool	43	1	<b>44</b>	44
Flynn Preschool	44	0	<b>44</b>	48
Fraser Preschool	50	0	<b>50</b>	50
Giralang Preschool	24	0	<b>24</b>	24
Hall Preschool	16	3	<b>19</b>	20
Kaleen Preschool	49	0	<b>49</b>	66
Maribyrnong Preschool	44	0	<b>44</b>	20
McKellar Preschool	34	0	<b>34</b>	19
Melba Preschool	24	0	<b>24</b>	25
Miles Franklin Preschool	46	0	<b>46</b>	47
Spence Preschool	23	0	<b>23</b>	38
<b>TOTAL BELCONNEN NORTH</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>465</b>
<b>BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>				
Aranda Preschool	46	0	<b>46</b>	49
Cook Preschool	15	0	<b>15</b>	24
Florey Preschool	70	0	<b>70</b>	68
Hawker Preschool	17	0	<b>17</b>	25
Higgins Preschool	44	0	<b>44</b>	25
Holt Preschool (d)	35	0	<b>35</b>	48
Latham Preschool	42	0	<b>42</b>	41
Macgregor Preschool	48	0	<b>48</b>	50
Macquarie Preschool	25	0	<b>25</b>	22
Page Preschool	13	0	<b>13</b>	24
Scullin Preschool	40	0	<b>40</b>	35
Weetangera Preschool	25	0	<b>25</b>	24
<b>TOTAL BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>435</b>

(d) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

Geographic area	ACT enrolments	Non ACT enrolments	Total February-03	Total February-02
<b>TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>				
Fadden Preschool	48	2	50	48
Gowrie Preschool	48	0	48	40
Macarthur Preschool	22	0	22	25
Monash Preschool	72	0	72	73
Mt Neighbour Preschool	67	0	67	58
Taylor Preschool	25	0	25	24
Urambi Preschool	43	0	43	37
Village Creek Preschool	47	0	47	50
Wanniassa Hills Preschool (e)	55	0	55	50
Wanniassa Preschool	50	0	50	57
<b>TOTAL TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>462</b>

(e) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

<b>TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>				
Bonython Preschool	67	0	67	75
Calwell Preschool (f)	92	3	95	96
Charles Conder Preschool	136	0	136	49
Chisholm Preschool	50	0	50	139
Gilmore Preschool	50	0	50	47
Gordon Preschool	111	0	111	143
Isabella Plains Preschool	94	1	95	73
Richardson Preschool	49	0	49	49
Tharwa Preschool	15	0	15	14
Theodore Preschool	57	3	60	92
<b>TOTAL TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>777</b>

(f) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

<b>GUNGAHLIN</b>				
Amaroo Preschool (g)	49	0	49	-
Ngunnawal Preschool	115	0	115	133
Nicholls Preschool	149	1	150	145
Palmerston Preschool	77	0	77	96
<b>TOTAL GUNGAHLIN</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>374</b>

(g) Amaroo Preschool opened February 2003

<b>JERVIS BAY</b>				
Jervis Bay Preschool	15	26	41	30
<b>TOTAL JERVIS BAY</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>30</b>

<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,479</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>3,565</b>	<b>3,529</b>
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**TABLE 3: AGE CATEGORY ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, February 2003**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Priority age (a)	Early entry (b)	<b>Total February-03</b>
North Canberra	287	0	<b>287</b>
South Canberra	187	35	<b>222</b>
Woden Valley	326	1	<b>327</b>
Weston Creek	205	1	<b>206</b>
Belconnen North	441	23	<b>464</b>
Belconnen South	417	3	<b>420</b>
Tuggeranong North	473	6	<b>479</b>
Tuggeranong South	726	2	<b>728</b>
Gungahlin	390	1	<b>391</b>
Jervis Bay	35	6	<b>41</b>
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,487</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>3,565</b>

(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, February 2003**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Mainstream (a)	Koori Preschool Only (b)	Both (c)	<b>Total February-03</b>
North Canberra	2	-	-	<b>2</b>
South Canberra	6	1	2	<b>9</b>
Woden Valley	3	-	-	<b>3</b>
Weston Creek	5	-	1	<b>6</b>
Belconnen North	5	-	-	<b>5</b>
Belconnen South	5	2	2	<b>9</b>
Tuggeranong North	4	6	-	<b>10</b>
Tuggeranong South	8	2	1	<b>11</b>
Gungahlin	5	-	-	<b>5</b>
Jervis Bay	11	-	-	<b>11</b>
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>71</b>

(a) Indigenous students who attend a mainstream preschool only

(b) Indigenous students who attend Indigenous (Koori) preschool sessions only

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

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

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Integrated (a)</i>	<i>Special Needs (b)</i>	<i>ESL (c)</i>	<i>Total February-03</i>
North Canberra	2	8	17	<b>27</b>
South Canberra	3	8	9	<b>20</b>
Woden Valley	3	3	27	<b>33</b>
Weston Creek	9	-	12	<b>21</b>
Belconnen North	7	5	19	<b>31</b>
Belconnen South	11	7	37	<b>55</b>
Tuggeranong North	5	26	18	<b>49</b>
Tuggeranong South	10	15	48	<b>73</b>
Gungahlin	9	8	53	<b>70</b>
Jervis Bay	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>379</b>

(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, February 2003**

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Integrated early intervention (a)</i>	<i>EIU only (b)</i>	<i>Total February-03</i>
Chisholm EIU	3	15	<b>18</b>
Giralang EIU	5	14	<b>19</b>
Higgins EIU	9	9	<b>18</b>
Kaleen EIU	9	10	<b>19</b>
Monash EIU	5	8	<b>13</b>
Richardson EIU	3	9	<b>12</b>
Waramanga EIU	8	3	<b>11</b>
Giralang Autism	2	6	<b>8</b>
Monash Autism	5	3	<b>8</b>
Rivett Autism	-	7	<b>7</b>
Rivett Language	10	6	<b>16</b>
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>149</b>

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

(b) EIU - Early Intervention Unit