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Summary

The ACT Government Preschool Census indicated that a total of 3,693 children were enrolled in government preschool programs on 5 September 2002. Preschool programs were conducted at 78 government preschools, at the Cooperative School, and at Jervis Bay Primary School which is administered by the department under a service agreement with the Commonwealth.

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. Forty-seven preschools operated full time and 31 were operating part time in 2002.

Of the 3,693 students, 19 attended the Cooperative School preschool program and 37 attended at Jervis Bay Primary School. In addition to attending their preschool program, 48 children also attended an Early Intervention Unit or a Special School. A further 121 children were enrolled in an Early Intervention Unit only.

There were 96 children, or 2.6% of the total enrolment, who identified as Indigenous attending ACT preschools. Nineteen attended Indigenous preschool in addition to their mainstream preschool and 28 attended an Indigenous preschool program only. Twelve out of the total of 37 children attending the Jervis Bay preschool identified as Indigenous.

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Explanatory notes

1. Reference date

The census counted all children officially enrolled in and attending government preschools on Thursday, 5 September 2002.

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. EIU data was provided by the Early Intervention Programs Unit and the Indigenous Education Unit provided the enrolment data from the Indigenous 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 and Wanniasa Hills
Early intervention	Special assistance on the basis of need at Early Intervention Units (EIUs). EIUs operate at Chisholm, Giralang, Higgins, Kaleen, Monash, Richardson, Rivett and Waramanga.
Integrated early intervention	Early intervention children who attend a mainstream preschool and an EIU or a Special School.

**TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, SEPTEMBER 2001-2002**

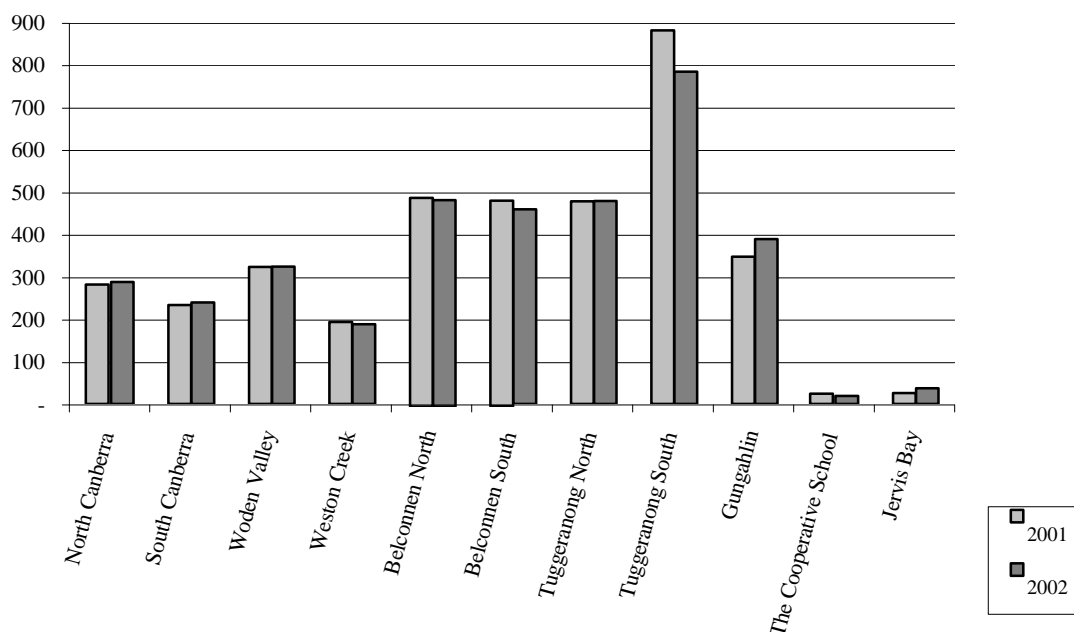
<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total September 2002</i>	<i>Total September 2001</i>
North Canberra	255	33	288	282
South Canberra	218	21	239	233
Woden Valley	320	4	324	323
Weston Creek	188	-	188	193
Belconnen North (a)	475	12	487	492
Belconnen South	458	1	459	485
Tuggeranong North	473	6	479	478
Tuggeranong South (b)	770	14	784	881
Gungahlin	383	6	389	347
<i>Other preschool enrolments</i>				
The Cooperative School	17	2	19	24
Jervis Bay (c)	17	20	37	26
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,574	119	3,693	3,764

(a) Hall Preschool has been included in Belconnen North in 2002

(b)Tharwa Preschool has been included in Tuggeranong South in 2002

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

**FIGURE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, SEPTEMBER 2001-2002**



**TABLE 2: ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, SEPTEMBER 2001-2002**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total September 2002</i>	<i>Total September 2001</i>
NORTH CANBERRA				
Ainslie Preschool	23	1	24	23
Campbell Preschool	20	4	24	22
Downer Preschool	19	2	21	21
Duntroon Preschool	6	19	25	25
Hackett Preschool	21	2	23	23
Lyneham Preschool	16	1	17	23
North Ainslie Preschool	40	-	40	45
Reid Preschool	19	1	20	19
Turner Preschool	49	1	50	45
Watson Preschool	42	2	44	36
TOTAL NORTH CANBERRA	255	33	288	282
SOUTH CANBERRA				
Causeway Preschool	16	3	19	14
Deakin Preschool	21	1	22	20
Griffith Preschool	18	6	24	43
Narrabundah Preschool (NECEC) (a)	43	6	49	37
Red Hill Preschool	45	5	50	44
Yarralumla Montessori Preschool	50	-	50	25
Yarralumla Preschool	25	-	25	50
TOTAL SOUTH CANBERRA	218	21	239	233
<i>(a) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments</i>				
WODEN VALLEY				
Chifley Preschool	24	-	24	24
Curtin North Preschool	50	-	50	49
Curtin South Preschool	24	-	24	25
Farrer Preschool	49	-	49	50
Garran Preschool	41	2	43	40
Hughes Preschool	42	-	42	35
Lyons Preschool (b)	-	-	-	-
Mawson Preschool	44	1	45	50
Pearce Preschool	21	1	22	25
Torrens Preschool	25	-	25	25
TOTAL WODEN VALLEY	320	4	324	323
<i>(b) Lyons Preschool was suspended in 2001 and 2002</i>				

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total September 2002</i>	<i>Total September 2001</i>
WESTON CREEK				
Chapman Preschool	49	-	49	49
Duffy Preschool	24	-	24	38
Rivett Preschool	24	-	24	21
Waramanga Preschool	49	-	49	50
Weston Preschool	42	-	42	35
TOTAL WESTON CREEK	188	-	188	193

BELCONNEN NORTH

Charnwood Preschool	71	-	71	71
Evatt Preschool	48	-	48	49
Flynn Preschool	49	1	50	46
Fraser Preschool	49	1	50	47
Giralang Preschool	20	1	21	25
Hall Preschool (c)	17	3	20	18
Kaleen Preschool	66	2	68	68
Maribyrnong Preschool	18	1	19	40
McKellar Preschool	22	-	22	23
Melba Preschool	25	-	25	21
Miles Franklin Preschool	50	-	50	43
Spence Preschool	40	3	43	41
TOTAL BELCONNEN NORTH	475	12	487	492

(c) Hall Preschool is included Belconnen North in 2002

BELCONNEN SOUTH

Aranda Preschool	49	-	49	50
Cook Preschool	25	-	25	25
Florey Preschool	76	-	76	79
Hawker Preschool	25	-	25	23
Higgins Preschool	23	-	23	35
Holt Preschool (d)	50	1	51	57
Latham Preschool	44	-	44	49
Macgregor Preschool	49	-	49	48
Macquarie Preschool	25	-	25	25
Page Preschool	25	-	25	25
Scullin Preschool	42	-	42	44
Weetangera Preschool	25	-	25	25
TOTAL BELCONNEN SOUTH	458	1	459	485

(d) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total September 2002</i>	<i>Total September 2001</i>
TUGGERANONG NORTH				
Fadden Preschool	46	4	50	50
Gowrie Preschool	41	-	41	48
Macarthur Preschool	23	1	24	25
Monash Preschool	75	-	75	70
Mt Neighbour Preschool	60	1	61	69
Taylor Preschool	25	-	25	25
Urambi Preschool	42	-	42	36
Village Creek Preschool	49	-	49	50
Wanniassa Hills Preschool (e)	62	-	62	50
Wanniassa Preschool	50	-	50	55
TOTAL TUGGERANONG NORTH	473	6	479	478
<i>(e) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments</i>				
TUGGERANONG SOUTH				
Bonython Preschool	80	-	80	97
Calwell Preschool	93	5	98	125
Charles Conder Preschool	144	4	148	149
Chisholm Preschool	49	1	50	47
Gilmore Preschool	48	1	49	76
Gordon Preschool	134	-	134	148
Isabella Plains Preschool	75	1	76	100
Richardson Preschool	43	1	44	49
Tharwa Preschool (f)	14	-	14	14
Theodore Preschool	90	1	91	76
TOTAL TUGGERANONG SOUTH	770	14	784	881
<i>(f) Tharwa Preschool is included in Tuggeranong South in 2002</i>				
GUNGAHLIN				
Amaroo Preschool (g)	-	-	-	-
Ngunnawal Preschool	143	2	145	100
Nicholls Preschool	144	4	148	150
Palmerston Preschool	96	-	96	97
TOTAL GUNGAHLIN	383	6	389	347
<i>(g) Amaroo Preschool opens in 2003</i>				
OTHER PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS				
Cooperative Preschool	17	2	19	24
Jervis Bay Preschool	17	20	37	26
TOTAL OTHER PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS	34	22	56	50
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,574	119	3,693	3,764

**TABLE 3: ENROLMENT BY NEEDS CATEGORY
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, SEPTEMBER 2002**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Integrated (a)</i>	<i>Special Needs (b)</i>	<i>ESL (c)</i>	<i>Total September 2002</i>
North Canberra	4	6	47	57
South Canberra	3	2	14	19
Woden Valley	3	8	32	43
Weston Creek	-	6	18	24
Belconnen North	11	12	24	47
Belconnen South	4	10	53	67
Tuggeranong North	11	26	31	68
Tuggeranong South	9	18	55	82
Gungahlin	3	15	68	86
Other Preschool Programs	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	48 (d)	103	342	493

(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

(d) This total contains 3 children from special schools

(e) The 493 services are to children included in the 3,693 preschool enrolment count

**TABLE 4: ENROLMENTS IN EARLY INTERVENTION UNITS
SEPTEMBER 2002**

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Integrated early intervention (a)</i>	<i>EIU only (b)</i>	<i>Total September 2002</i>
Giralang	5	11	16
Higgins	8	14	22
Kaleen	4	13	17
Waramanga	1	22	23
Chisholm	5	16	21
Richardson	2	6	8
Monash	2	17	19
Giralang Autism	3	6	9
Monash Autism	4	4	8
Rivett Language	11	12	23
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	45	121	166

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

(b) EIU - Early Intervention Unit

**TABLE 5: AGE CATEGORY ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, SEPTEMBER 2002**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Priority age (a)	Early entry (b)	<i>Total September 2002</i>
North Canberra	277	11	288
South Canberra	188	51	239
Woden Valley	320	4	324
Weston Creek	183	5	188
Belconnen North	452	35	487
Belconnen South	434	25	459
Tuggeranong North	459	20	479
Tuggeranong South	767	17	784
Gungahlin	379	10	389
<i>Other Preschool Programs</i>			
The Co-operative School	19	-	19
Jervis Bay	30	7	37
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,508	185	3,693

(a) Students who are 4 years of age on or before 30 April 2002

(b) Students who are 4 years of age after 30 April 2002