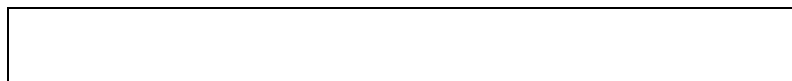


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## **Summary**

The ACT Government Preschool Census was conducted on 1 September 1999. The census indicated that a total of 3,972 students attended 81 government preschools.

Of the 3,972 students, 56 also spent some time in early intervention units, 43 were enrolled in Koori programs and 26 students were enrolled in other preschool programs at Uriarra Primary School and The Cooperative School.

53 preschools operated on a full time basis and 26 were part time. In addition, Uriarra Primary School and The Cooperative School administer their own preschool programs. In the ACT a total of 10.5 hours of preschooling per week, on a sessional basis, is offered to all children aged four by 30 April each year.

There were a further 115 students, enrolled full time in early intervention units, who did not access preschool services.

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## Explanatory Notes

### 1. Reference Date

The census was conducted on Wednesday, 1 September 1999.

### 2. Scope and Coverage

The census includes all ACT government preschool students including those enrolled in early intervention and Koori programs. Jervis Bay preschool is not shown as part of the ACT preschool enrolment. Jervis Bay is administered by the ACT under a memorandum of understanding. On census day, 38 students were enrolled at the Jervis Bay preschool.

### 3. Collection

Data used in the ACT government preschool census is processed manually on receipt of census forms from each preschool.

### 4. Student Enrolments

The census counts all children officially enrolled in government preschools.

### 5. Definitions and Symbols

-	Nil or rounded to zero.
NECEC	Narrabundah Early Childhood Education Centre.
Koori program	Program designed for Indigenous children aged 3-5 years.
Integrated early intervention	Early intervention students who also access preschools.
Early intervention	Students receiving special assistance on the basis of need and not accessing preschool services.

**TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, SEPTEMBER 1999**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>
North Canberra	275	26	301
South Canberra	257	16	273
Woden Valley	352	13	365
Weston Creek	200	1	201
Belconnen North	485	2	487
Belconnen South	492	1	493
Tuggeranong North	551	7	558
Tuggeranong South	928	10	938
Gungahlin	296	-	296
Other ACT	28	6	34
<i>Other preschool enrolments</i>			
Cooperative	25	-	25
Uriarra	1	-	1
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,890</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>3,972</b>

**TABLE 2: ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, SEPTEMBER 1999**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>NORTH CANBERRA</b>			
Ainslie	23	1	24
Campbell	19	5	24
Downer	24	1	25
Duntroon	11	10	21
Hackett	24	-	24
Lyneham	25	-	25
North Ainslie	41	1	42
Reid	20	-	20
Turner	44	2	46
Watson	44	6	50
<b>TOTAL NORTH CANBERRA</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>301</b>

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ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, SEPTEMBER 1999**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>SOUTH CANBERRA</b>			
Causeway (a)	19	-	<b>19</b>
Deakin	25	-	<b>25</b>
Griffith - Bannister Gardens	46	3	<b>49</b>
NECEC (b)	53	3	<b>56</b>
Red Hill	42	8	<b>50</b>
Yarralumla - Hill Corner	24	-	<b>24</b>
Yarralumla - Montessori	48	2	<b>50</b>
<b>TOTAL SOUTH CANBERRA</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>273</b>
<b>WODEN VALLEY</b>			
Chifley	24	-	<b>24</b>
Curtin North	47	2	<b>49</b>
Curtin South	23	-	<b>23</b>
Farrer	50	-	<b>50</b>
Garran	39	8	<b>47</b>
Hughes	48	1	<b>49</b>
Lyons	25	-	<b>25</b>
Mawson	46	2	<b>48</b>
Pearce	25	-	<b>25</b>
Torrens	25	-	<b>25</b>
<b>TOTAL WODEN VALLEY</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>365</b>
<b>WESTON CREEK</b>			
Chapman	48	-	<b>48</b>
Duffy	41	-	<b>41</b>
Rivett	24	-	<b>24</b>
Warramanga	45	1	<b>46</b>
Weston	42	-	<b>42</b>
<b>TOTAL WESTON CREEK</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>201</b>

(a) Includes 3 year old program.

(b) Includes 3 year old and Koori programs.

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<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>BELCONNEN NORTH</b>			
Charnwood (a)	70	-	<b>70</b>
Evatt	48	1	<b>49</b>
Flynn	49	-	<b>49</b>
Fraser	45	-	<b>45</b>
Giralang	43	-	<b>43</b>
Kaleen	50	-	<b>50</b>
Maribyrnong	25	-	<b>25</b>
McKellar	37	1	<b>38</b>
Melba	24	-	<b>24</b>
Miles Franklin	45	-	<b>45</b>
Spence	49	-	<b>49</b>
<b>TOTAL BELCONNEN NORTH</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>487</b>
<b>BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>			
Aranda	50	-	<b>50</b>
Cook	25	-	<b>25</b>
Florey	75	-	<b>75</b>
Hawker	25	-	<b>25</b>
Higgins	50	-	<b>50</b>
Holt (b)	57	-	<b>57</b>
Latham	50	-	<b>50</b>
Macgregor	49	-	<b>49</b>
Macquarie	23	-	<b>23</b>
Page	23	-	<b>23</b>
Scullin	42	-	<b>42</b>
Weetangera	23	1	<b>24</b>
<b>TOTAL BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>493</b>

(a) Includes 3 year old program.

(b) Includes Koori program.

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ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, SEPTEMBER 1999**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>			
Fadden	49	-	<b>49</b>
Gowrie	50	-	<b>50</b>
Macarthur	24	-	<b>24</b>
Monash	74	1	<b>75</b>
Mt Neighbour	73	1	<b>74</b>
Taylor	48	-	<b>48</b>
Urambi	46	4	<b>50</b>
Village Creek	50	-	<b>50</b>
Wanniassa	74	1	<b>75</b>
Wanniassa Hills (a)	63	-	<b>63</b>
<b>TOTAL TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>558</b>
<b>TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>			
Bonython	100	-	<b>100</b>
Calwell	124	1	<b>125</b>
Chisholm	49	1	<b>50</b>
Conder	148	-	<b>148</b>
Gilmore	93	6	<b>99</b>
Gordon	149	-	<b>149</b>
Isabella Plains	95	-	<b>95</b>
Richardson	71	1	<b>72</b>
Theodore	99	1	<b>100</b>
<b>TOTAL TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>938</b>

(a) Includes Koori program.

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<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>GUNGAHLIN</b>			
Ngunnawal	100	-	<b>100</b>
Nicholls	99	-	<b>99</b>
Palmerston	97	-	<b>97</b>
<b>TOTAL GUNGAHLIN</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>296</b>
<b>OTHER ACT</b>			
Hall	14	6	<b>20</b>
Tharwa	14	-	<b>14</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER ACT</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>OTHER PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS</b>			
Cooperative	25	-	<b>25</b>
Uriarra	1	-	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER PRESCHOOL PROGRA</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>TOTAL PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,890</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>3,972</b>

**TABLE 3: ENROLMENT BY NEEDS CATEGORY  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, SEPTEMBER 1999**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Enrolments by needs category</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>Integrated early intervention (a)</i>	<i>SN (b)</i>	<i>ESL (c)</i>	
North Canberra	7	18	32	<b>57</b>
South Canberra	-	11	18	<b>29</b>
Woden Valley	7	23	43	<b>73</b>
Weston Creek	11	7	5	<b>23</b>
Belconnen North	5	16	41	<b>62</b>
Belconnen South	7	25	49	<b>81</b>
Tuggeranong North	11	43	38	<b>92</b>
Tuggeranong South	8	90	52	<b>150</b>
Gungahlin	-	15	55	<b>70</b>
Other ACT	-	3	-	<b>3</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>640*</b>

\* The 640 students are included in the 3,972 preschool enrolment.

- (a) Integrated early intervention: students attending both preschool and early intervention programs.  
 (b) Special needs enrolments are identified as having developmental or other difficulties and receive teacher support.  
 (c) ESL - enrolments with English as a second language.

**TABLE 4: EARLY INTERVENTION ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA  
SEPTEMBER 1999**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Integrated early intervention (a)	EIU only (b)	<i>Total</i>
North Canberra	7	5	<b>12</b>
South Canberra	-	-	-
Woden Valley	7	5	<b>12</b>
Weston Creek	11	11	<b>22</b>
Belconnen North	5	23	<b>28</b>
Belconnen South	7	10	<b>17</b>
Tuggeranong North	11	35	<b>46</b>
Tuggeranong South	8	26	<b>34</b>
Gungahlin	-	-	-
Other ACT	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>171</b>

(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  
SEPTEMBER 1999**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Priority age (a)	Early entry (b)	<i>Total</i>
North Canberra	295	6	<b>301</b>
South Canberra	223	50	<b>273</b>
Woden Valley	357	8	<b>365</b>
Weston Creek	198	3	<b>201</b>
Belconnen North	455	32	<b>487</b>
Belconnen South	486	7	<b>493</b>
Tuggeranong North	541	17	<b>558</b>
Tuggeranong South	935	3	<b>938</b>
Gungahlin	291	5	<b>296</b>
Other ACT	34	-	<b>34</b>
<i>Other preschool enrolments</i>			
Cooperative	25	-	<b>25</b>
Uriarra	1	-	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,841</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>3,972</b>

(a) Students who are 4 years of age on or before 30 April 1999.

(b) Students who are 4 years of age after 30 April 1999.