

Australian Capital Territory
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Government Preschool Bulletin

September 1999 Census

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

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| - | 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. |