



Australian Capital Territory

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

ACT Government Preschool Census

February 2007

Highlights

In 2007 there were:

- 3,520 enrolments (3,499 children¹) attending 79 government mainstream preschools and five government Koori preschools, an additional 151 enrolments (4.5%) compared to February 2006.
- 79 Indigenous children¹ in government preschools. This represents 2.3% of all government preschool children.
- 97.4% of enrolments that were of priority age, that is, were four years of age by 30 April 2007.
- 116 enrolments in 10 early intervention units. 55 of these children also attend a mainstream government preschool.
- 66 children (1.9%) receive additional support for special needs and 281 (8.0%) have been identified as having English as a second language (ESL).

¹ 20 Indigenous children attend more than 1 preschool.

Preschool enrolments

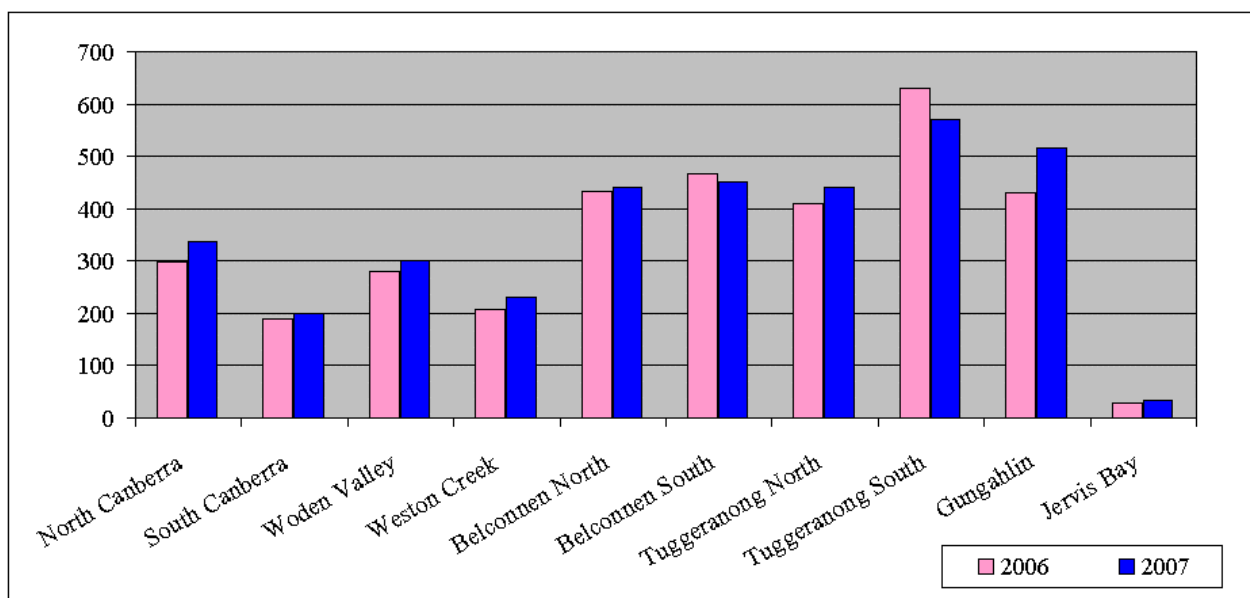
There were 3,520 enrolments (3,499 children¹) in government preschools as at February 2007, up 4.5% since 2006 (Table 1). Almost all enrolments (96.9%) were residents of the ACT.

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

Year	ACT resident enrolments	NSW resident enrolments	Total enrolments	Percentage change	Proportion of total enrolments that are ACT residents
2007	3,410	110	3,520	4.5%	96.9
2006	3,263	106	3,369	0.0%	96.9
2005	3,269	101	3,370	-2.6%	97.0
2004	3,368	93	3,461	-2.9%	97.3
2003	3,479	86	3,565	1.0%	97.6

Seven out of nine ACT regions (excluding Jervis Bay) experienced increases in preschool enrolments between February 2006 and February 2007. The region of Gungahlin experienced the greatest increase, with an increase of 86 enrolments or 20.0%, over 2006. The regions of North Canberra (40 enrolments or 13.5%), Tuggeranong North (30 enrolments or 7.3%), Weston Creek (23 enrolments or 11.1%), Woden Valley (22 enrolments or 7.9%), South Canberra (11 enrolments or 5.8%), and Belconnen North (9 enrolments or 2.1%), also experienced increases over 2006 (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Number of preschool enrolments by region, 2006 & 2007



¹ 20 Indigenous children attend more than 1 preschool.

Table 2: Number of enrolments by region, 2006 & 2007

<i>Region</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-07</i>	<i>Total February-06</i>
North Canberra ^(a)	309	28	337	297
South Canberra	180	20	200	189
Woden Valley	294	7	301	279
Weston Creek	229	2	231	208
Belconnen North	440	1	441	432
Belconnen South	450	1	451	466
Tuggeranong North	430	10	440	410
Tuggeranong South	560	10	570	629
Gungahlin	509	7	516	430
Jervis Bay ^(b)	9	24	33	29
Total enrolments	3,410	110	3,520	3,369

(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, 2006 & 2007

<i>Region</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-07</i>	<i>Total February-06</i>
<i>North Canberra</i>				
Ainslie Preschool	37	0	37	36
Campbell Preschool	18	2	20	13
Downer Preschool	17	2	19	24
Duntroon Preschool	27	15	42	43
Hackett Preschool	19	1	20	16
Lyneham Preschool	45	2	47	23
North Ainslie Preschool	15	0	15	18
O'Connor Co-operative School	20	0	20	25
Reid Preschool	21	0	21	11
Turner Preschool	43	4	47	43
Watson Preschool	47	2	49	45
<i>Subtotal North Canberra</i>	<i>309</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>337</i>	<i>297</i>
<i>South Canberra</i>				
Causeway Preschool	0	0	0	5
Deakin Preschool	37	2	39	20
Griffith Preschool	17	8	25	21
Narrabundah Preschool (NECEC)	31	4	35	26
Narrabundah Preschool (NECEC) - Koori	8	1	9	4
Red Hill Preschool	45	5	50	48
Yarralumla Montessori Preschool	20	0	20	42
Yarralumla Preschool	22	0	22	23
<i>Subtotal South Canberra</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>189</i>
<i>Woden Valley</i>				
Chifley Preschool	10	1	11	19
Curtin North Preschool	50	0	50	49
Curtin South Preschool	17	0	17	9
Farrer Preschool	42	3	45	42
Garran Preschool	41	1	42	24
Hughes Preschool	26	1	27	24
Lyons Preschool	13	0	13	17
Mawson Preschool	49	1	50	48
Pearce Preschool	23	0	23	23
Torrens Preschool	23	0	23	24
<i>Subtotal Woden Valley</i>	<i>294</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>301</i>	<i>279</i>

Table 3: continued

<i>Region</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-07</i>	<i>Total February-06</i>
<i>Weston Creek</i>				
Chapman Preschool	96	0	96	71
Duffy Preschool	31	0	31	25
Rivett Preschool	0	0	0	20
Waramanga Preschool	66	2	68	46
Weston Preschool	36	0	36	46
<i>Subtotal Weston Creek</i>	<i>229</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>231</i>	<i>208</i>
<i>Belconnen North</i>				
Charnwood Preschool	79	0	79	72
Evatt Preschool	38	0	38	42
Flynn Preschool	21	0	21	25
Fraser Preschool	44	0	44	48
Giralang Preschool	20	0	20	19
Hall Preschool	0	0	0	15
Kaleen Preschool	74	0	74	56
Maribyrnong Preschool	23	1	24	17
McKellar Preschool	0	0	0	19
Melba Preschool	20	0	20	23
Miles Franklin Preschool	96	0	96	71
Spence Preschool	25	0	25	25
<i>Subtotal Belconnen North</i>	<i>440</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>441</i>	<i>432</i>
<i>Belconnen South</i>				
Aranda Preschool	48	0	48	50
Cook Preschool	20	0	20	16
Florey Preschool	75	0	75	63
Hawker Preschool	23	0	23	23
Higgins Preschool	30	1	31	42
Holt Preschool	37	0	37	40
Holt Preschool - Koori	8	0	8	13
Latham Preschool	45	0	45	50
Macgregor Preschool	49	0	49	50
Macquarie Preschool	22	0	22	17
Page Preschool	19	0	19	22
Scullin Preschool	27	0	27	38
Weetangera Preschool	47	0	47	42
<i>Subtotal Belconnen South</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>451</i>	<i>466</i>
<i>Tuggeranong North</i>				
Fadden Preschool	49	0	49	38
Gowrie Preschool	45	1	46	37
Macarthur Preschool	19	4	23	16
Monash Preschool	93	2	95	73
Mt Neighbour Preschool	42	0	42	49
Taylor Preschool	34	0	34	41
Urambi Preschool	17	0	17	21
Village Creek Preschool	33	0	33	38
Wanniassa Hills Preschool	49	0	49	48
Wanniassa Hills Preschool - Koori	10	0	10	14
Wanniassa Preschool	39	3	42	35
<i>Subtotal Tuggeranong North</i>	<i>430</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>440</i>	<i>410</i>

Table 3: continued

<i>Region</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-07</i>	<i>Total February-06</i>
<i>Tuggeranong South</i>				
Bonython Preschool	49	1	50	65
Calwell Preschool	94	1	95	91
Calwell Preschool - Koori	5	0	5	5
Charles Conder Preschool	107	0	107	115
Chisholm Preschool	45	0	45	38
Gilmore Preschool	38	0	38	46
Gordon Preschool	85	0	85	104
Isabella Plains Preschool	51	2	53	62
Richardson Preschool	28	2	30	41
Tharwa Preschool	10	3	13	14
Theodore Preschool	48	1	49	48
<i>Subtotal Tuggeranong South</i>	<i>560</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>570</i>	<i>629</i>
<i>Gungahlin</i>				
Amaroo Preschool	199	1	200	144
Ngunnawal Preschool	90	1	91	81
Ngunnawal Preschool - Koori	14	0	14	10
Nicholls Preschool	123	5	128	132
Palmerston Preschool	83	0	83	63
<i>Subtotal Gungahlin</i>	<i>509</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>516</i>	<i>430</i>
<i>Other</i>				
Jervis Bay Preschool	9	24	33	29
<i>Subtotal Jervis Bay</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>29</i>
Total enrolments	3,410	110	3,520	3,369

Table 4: Number of enrolments by region and age category, 2006 & 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	335	296	2	1	337	297
South Canberra	169	161	31	28	200	189
Woden Valley	298	278	3	1	301	279
Weston Creek	230	208	1	0	231	208
Belconnen North	413	408	29	24	442	432
Belconnen South	445	456	5	10	450	466
Tuggeranong North	437	404	3	6	440	410
Tuggeranong South	566	625	4	4	570	629
Gungahlin	507	423	9	7	516	430
Jervis Bay	29	25	4	4	33	29
Total enrolments	3,429	3,284	91	85	3,520	3,369

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

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

Table 5: Number of Indigenous children by region, 2006 & 2007 (e)

<i>Region</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>Change</i>
North Canberra	2	4	-50.0%
South Canberra	15	5	200.0%
Woden Valley	4	2	100.0%
Weston Creek	0	0	N/A
Belconnen North	3	5	-40.0%
Belconnen South	12	20	-40.0%
Tuggeranong North	9	17	-47.1%
Tuggeranong South	12	10	20.0%
Gungahlin	19	9	111.1%
Jervis Bay	3	4	-25.0%
Total enrolments	79	76	3.9%

(e) 20 Indigenous students are enrolled in more than one preschool.

Table 6: Number of enrolments by needs category, 2006 & 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	3	1	3	3	23	15	29	19
South Canberra	2	1	5	0	15	20	22	21
Woden Valley	3	3	1	2	21	29	25	34
Weston Creek	3	2	3	4	6	9	12	15
Belconnen North	10	6	4	9	26	31	40	46
Belconnen South	11	9	7	7	48	37	66	53
Tuggeranong North	7	10	18	15	20	26	45	51
Tuggeranong South	12	13	15	16	21	35	48	64
Gungahlin	5	6	10	6	101	69	116	81
Jervis Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total enrolments	56	51	66	62	281	271	403	384

(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, 2006 & 2007

	<i>Integrated early intervention (i)</i>		<i>Early Intervention Unit 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	1	0	10	0	11	0
Chisholm Early Intervention Unit	5	3	7	10	12	13
Giralang Autism Intervention Unit	4	0	2	3	6	3
Giralang Early Intervention Unit	8	3	5	12	13	15
Higgins Early Intervention Unit	8	10	1	8	9	18
Kaleen Early Intervention Unit	7	6	16	13	23	19
Monash Autism Intervention Unit	3	1	4	6	7	7
Monash Early Intervention Unit	0	4	0	10	0	14
Richardson Early Intervention Unit	1	6	3	3	4	9
South Curtin Language Intervention	11	0	4	0	15	0
Waramanga Early Intervention Unit	7	5	9	11	16	16
Rivett Autism Intervention Unit	0	0	0	2	0	2
Rivett Language Intervention	0	9	0	7	0	16
Total enrolments	55	47	61	85	116	132

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