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**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Government Preschool Bulletin**

**August 2006 Census**

## **Overview**

The ACT Government Preschool Census was conducted on 3 August 2006. The Census indicated a total of 3,550 enrolments (3531 children<sup>1</sup>) in government preschool programs at 82<sup>2</sup> government preschools and 5 Koori preschools. This represents an increase of 15 enrolments since August 2005. In August 2006 there were a total of 46 preschools operating full time and 36 operating part time.

## **Enrolments**

In the ACT, all children aged four by 30 April each year are offered, on a sessional basis, a total of 12 hours of preschool per week.

Of the 3,550 enrolments, 25 enrolments were at the O'Connor Co-operative School preschool program and 37 enrolments were at the Jervis Bay Preschool. In addition to attending a preschool program, 41 children also attended an Early Intervention Unit. A further 106 children (not included in the census total) were only enrolled in an Early Intervention Unit.

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<sup>1</sup> 19 children attend either a Koori Preschool and a mainstream preschool, or two Koori preschools.

<sup>2</sup> Including the preschool operating at the O'Connor Co-operative School and one at the Jervis Bay School, which is administered by the department under a service agreement with the Australian Government.

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## **Explanatory Notes**

### **1. Reference Date**

The census was conducted on Thursday 3 August 2006.

### **2. Scope and Coverage**

The census included all ACT and Jervis Bay Territory government preschool enrolments, enrolments in early intervention programs and enrolments in Indigenous preschool programs.

### **3. Collection**

Data was extracted from the preschool central database after receipt of verified census reports from each preschool. The Special Education and Early Invention section provided the enrolment data for Early Intervention Units (EIU) and the Indigenous Education Unit provided the enrolment data for the Indigenous (Koori) preschools.

### **4. Indigenous preschool program**

Programs designed for Indigenous children aged 0-5 years are currently operating at Holt, Narrabundah Early Childhood Education Centre (NECEC), Calwell, Ngunnawal and Wanniasa Hills.

A small number of students are enrolled in more than one Koori preschool and/or mainstream preschool.

### **5. Early intervention Unit**

Early Intervention Units (EIUs) operate at Chisholm, Giralang, Higgins, Kaleen, Monash, Richardson, Rivett and Waramanga.

Autism Intervention Units (AIUs) operate at Giralang, Monash and Rivett.

The language preschool operates at Rivett.

These programs provide special assistance on the basis of need.

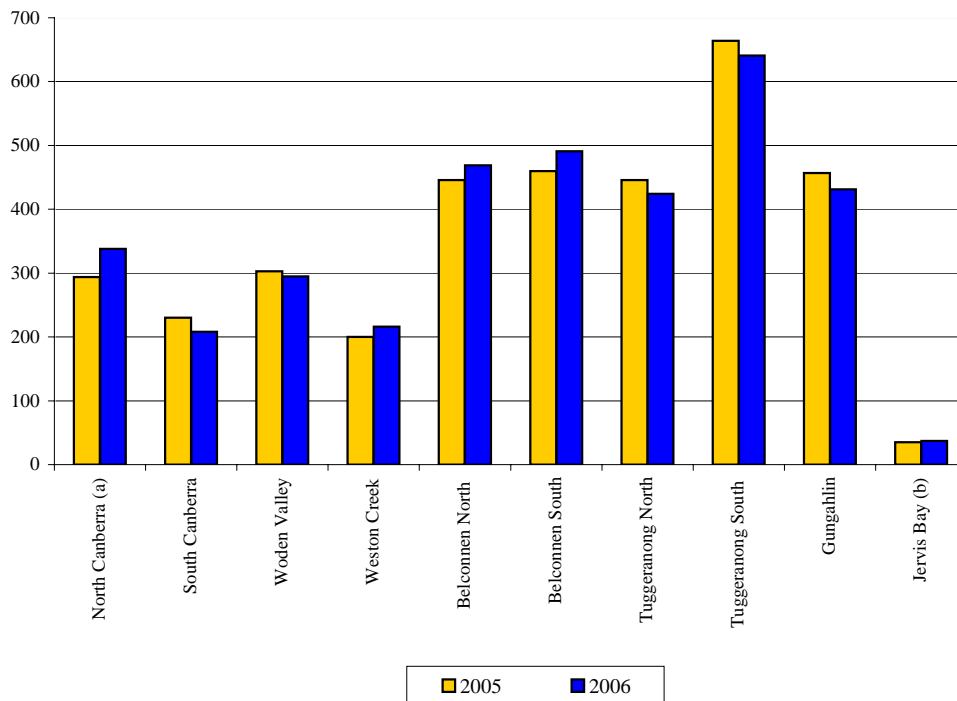
**TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS  
AUGUST 2006**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total August-06</i>	<i>Total August-05</i>
North Canberra (a)	292	46	338	294
South Canberra	183	25	208	230
Woden Valley	288	7	295	303
Weston Creek	216	0	216	200
Belconnen North	460	9	469	446
Belconnen South	490	1	491	460
Tuggeranong North	419	5	424	446
Tuggeranong South	623	18	641	664
Gungahlin	428	3	431	457
Jervis Bay (b)	16	21	37	35
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,415</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>3,550</b>	<b>3,535</b>

(a) This includes the O'Connor Co-operative School

(b) The Department administers Jervis Bay Preschool for the Australian Government under a service agreement

**FIGURE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, AUGUST 2005-2006**



**TABLE 2: ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, AUGUST 2006**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total August-06</i>	<i>Total August-05</i>
<b>NORTH CANBERRA</b>				
Ainslie Preschool	35	4	39	24
Campbell Preschool	17	1	18	25
Downer Preschool	23	2	25	17
Duntroon Preschool	15	29	44	28
Hackett Preschool	16	1	17	23
Lyneham Preschool	25	0	25	24
North Ainslie Preschool	24	0	24	25
O'Connor Co-operative School	25	0	25	24
Reid Preschool	20	1	21	21
Turner Preschool	47	3	50	35
Watson Preschool	45	5	50	48
<b>TOTAL NORTH CANBERRA</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>294</b>
<b>SOUTH CANBERRA</b>				
Causeway Preschool	6	0	6	14
Deakin Preschool	20	0	20	22
Griffith Preschool	18	6	24	25
NECEC (c) (d)	34	8	42	51
Red Hill Preschool	41	8	49	50
Yarralumla Montessori Preschool	41	1	42	49
Yarralumla Preschool	23	2	25	19
<b>TOTAL SOUTH CANBERRA</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>230</b>
(c) Narrabundah Early Childhood Education Centre				
(d) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
<b>WODEN VALLEY</b>				
Chifley Preschool	18	1	19	22
Curtin North Preschool	48	1	49	50
Curtin South Preschool	11	2	13	22
Farrer Preschool	46	2	48	49
Garran Preschool	26	0	26	25
Hughes Preschool	25	0	25	25
Lyons Preschool	18	0	18	19
Mawson Preschool	46	0	46	45
Pearce Preschool	24	1	25	25
Torrens Preschool	26	0	26	21
<b>TOTAL WODEN VALLEY</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>303</b>

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total August-06</i>	<i>Total August-05</i>
<b>WESTON CREEK</b>				
Chapman Preschool	77	0	77	74
Duffy Preschool	25	0	25	23
Rivett Preschool	21	0	21	20
Waramanga Preschool	46	0	46	40
Weston Preschool	47	0	47	43
<b>TOTAL WESTON CREEK</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>BELCONNEN NORTH</b>				
Charnwood Preschool	73	1	74	67
Evatt Preschool	43	0	43	42
Flynn Preschool	25	0	25	25
Fraser Preschool	50	0	50	48
Giralang Preschool	22	0	22	17
Hall Preschool	10	5	15	20
Kaleen Preschool	66	2	68	60
Maribyrnong Preschool	21	0	21	25
McKellar Preschool	23	1	24	20
Melba Preschool	26	0	26	25
Miles Franklin Preschool	76	0	76	73
Spence Preschool	25	0	25	24
<b>TOTAL BELCONNEN NORTH</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>446</b>
<b>BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>				
Aranda Preschool	51	0	51	50
Cook Preschool	16	1	17	21
Florey Preschool	73	0	73	65
Hawker Preschool	22	0	22	25
Higgins Preschool	42	0	42	44
Holt Preschool (e)	60	0	60	59
Latham Preschool	50	0	50	35
Macgregor Preschool	49	0	49	48
Macquarie Preschool	19	0	19	22
Page Preschool	24	0	24	21
Scullin Preschool	44	0	44	45
Weetangera Preschool	40	0	40	25
<b>TOTAL BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>460</b>

(e) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total August-06</i>	<i>Total August-05</i>
<b>TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>				
Fadden Preschool	41	0	41	46
Gowrie Preschool	38	0	38	47
Macarthur Preschool	14	4	18	21
Monash Preschool	71	0	71	75
Mt Neighbour Preschool	47	0	47	50
Taylor Preschool	47	0	47	25
Urambi Preschool	25	0	25	25
Village Creek Preschool	39	1	40	38
Wanniassa Hills Preschool (f)	56	0	56	58
Wanniassa Preschool	41	0	41	61
<b>TOTAL TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>446</b>
(f) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
<b>TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>				
Bonython Preschool	64	1	65	60
Calwell Preschool (g)	94	5	99	102
Charles Conder Preschool	106	3	109	117
Chisholm Preschool	38	2	40	45
Gilmore Preschool	44	4	48	45
Gordon Preschool	115	0	115	107
Isabella Plains Preschool	66	0	66	70
Richardson Preschool	37	2	39	34
Tharwa Preschool	14	0	14	15
Theodore Preschool	45	1	46	69
<b>TOTAL TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>664</b>
(g) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
<b>GUNGAHLIN</b>				
Amaroo Preschool	148	0	148	149
Ngunnawal Preschool (h)	95	0	95	113
Nicholls Preschool	124	3	127	146
Palmerston Preschool	61	0	61	49
<b>TOTAL GUNGAHLIN</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>457</b>
(h) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
<b>OTHER PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS</b>				
Jervis Bay Preschool	16	21	37	35
<b>TOTAL JERVIS BAY</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>				
	<b>3,415</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>3,550</b>	<b>3,535</b>

**TABLE 3: AGE CATEGORY ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, AUGUST 2006**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Priority age (1)	Early entry (2)	<i>Total August-06</i>
North Canberra	332	6	338
South Canberra	171	37	208
Woden Valley	288	7	295
Weston Creek	216	0	216
Belconnen North	432	37	469
Belconnen South	459	32	491
Tuggeranong North	414	10	424
Tuggeranong South	626	15	641
Gungahlin	412	19	431
Jervis Bay	28	9	37
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,378</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>3,550</b>

Note 1: Students who are 4 years of age on or before 30 April 2006.

Note 2: Students who are 4 years of age after 30 April 2006.

**TABLE 4: INDIGENOUS ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, AUGUST 2006 (3)**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Total Indigenous August-06</i>
North Canberra	5
South Canberra	12
Woden Valley	5
Weston Creek	0
Belconnen North	6
Belconnen South	27
Tuggeranong North	23
Tuggeranong South	19
Gungahlin	18
Jervis Bay	10
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>125</b>

Note 3: 19 Indigenous children were enrolled in more than one Koori preschool or in a Koori preschool and a mainstream preschool.

**TABLE 5: ENROLMENTS BY NEEDS CATEGORY  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, AUGUST 2006 <sup>(4)</sup>**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Integrated <sup>(5)</sup></i>	<i>Special Needs <sup>(6)</sup></i>	<i>ESL <sup>(7)</sup></i>	<i>Total August-06</i>
North Canberra	0	9	51	60
South Canberra	1	1	28	30
Woden Valley	0	6	56	62
Weston Creek	4	7	19	30
Belconnen North	12	11	67	90
Belconnen South	5	12	69	86
Tuggeranong North	8	23	48	79
Tuggeranong South	13	25	73	111
Gungahlin	0	12	110	122
Other Preschool Enrolments	0		2	2
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>672</b>

Note 4: Children can be in more than one needs category

Note 5: Children attending both preschool and early intervention units or special schools.

Note 6: Special needs refers to children receiving additional teacher support for identified developmental problems.

Note 7: ESL: Refers to children with English as a Second Language. Includes both priority age and non-priority age enrolments.

**TABLE 6: ENROLMENTS IN EARLY INTERVENTION UNITS (EIU), AUGUST 2006**

	<i>Integrated early intervention <sup>(8)</sup></i>	<i>EIU only <sup>(9)</sup></i>	<i>Total August-06</i>
Chisholm EIU	1	16	17
Giralang EIU	2	15	17
Higgins EIU	6	14	20
Kaleen EIU	5	8	13
Monash EIU	3	19	22
Richardson EIU	5	6	11
Waramanga EIU	0	9	9
Giralang Autism	0	3	3
Monash Autism	5	3	8
Rivett Autism	3	0	3
Rivett Language	11	13	24
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>147</b>

Note 8: Integrated early intervention students access both an early intervention unit and a preschool.

Note 9: Children enrolled only in an Early Intervention Unit.