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**February 2002 Census**

## **Summary**

The ACT Government Preschool Census was conducted on 28 February 2002. The census indicated that a total of 3,529 students attended 80 preschools and other preschool programs administered by The Cooperative School and Jervis Bay Primary School. Jervis Bay is administered by the ACT under a service agreement with the Commonwealth.

Forty-seven preschools operated on a full time basis and 31 were operating part time. 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.

Of the 3,529 students, 25 attended The Cooperative School preschool program and 30 attended at Jervis Bay. In addition to attending their preschool program, 52 children also attended an early intervention unit. A further 91 children were enrolled in an early intervention program only.

There were 60 children, or 1.7% of the total enrolment, who identified as Indigenous attending ACT preschools. Sixteen attended Indigenous preschool in addition to their mainstream preschool and 20 attended Indigenous preschool only.

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## Explanatory Notes

### 1. Reference Date

The census was conducted on Thursday, 28 February 2002.

### 2. Scope and Coverage

The census included all ACT government preschool students, including those enrolled in early intervention and Indigenous preschool programs.

### 3. Collection

Data used in the ACT government preschool census was extracted from the preschool central database on receipt of verified census survey reports from each preschool.

### 4. Student Enrolments

The census counts all children officially enrolled in and attending government preschools.

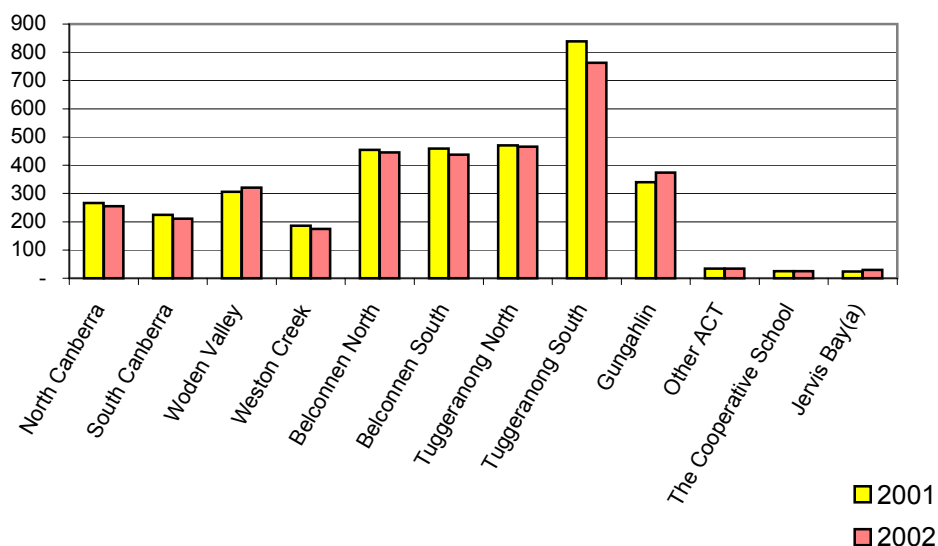
### 5. Definitions and Symbols

-	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 students who also access both EIUs and mainstream preschools.

**TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, FEBRUARY 2002**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total Feb 2002</i>	<i>February 2001</i>
North Canberra	229	25	<b>254</b>	266
South Canberra	193	18	<b>211</b>	224
Woden Valley	317	4	<b>321</b>	306
Weston Creek	174	1	<b>175</b>	186
Belconnen North	436	9	<b>445</b>	455
Belconnen South	434	1	<b>435</b>	459
Tuggeranong North	456	6	<b>462</b>	470
Tuggeranong South	751	12	<b>763</b>	839
Gungahlin	372	2	<b>374</b>	340
Other ACT	32	2	<b>34</b>	34
<i>Other preschool enrolments</i>				
The Cooperative School	23	2	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>
Jervis Bay(a)	14	16	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,431</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>3,529</b>	<b>3,628</b>

**FIGURE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS  
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(a) DECS administers Jervis Bay Preschool for the Commonwealth under a service agreement

**TABLE 2: ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, FEBRUARY 2002**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total Feb 2002</i>	<i>Feb 2001</i>
<b>NORTH CANBERRA</b>				
Ainslie	22	1	23	24
Campbell	18	4	22	22
Downer	19	1	20	20
Duntroon	7	14	21	25
Hackett	20	1	21	22
Lyneham	15	1	16	21
North Ainslie	34	-	34	46
Reid	16	1	17	17
Turner	37	1	38	34
Watson	41	1	42	35
<b>TOTAL NORTH CANBERRA</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>266</b>
<b>SOUTH CANBERRA</b>				
Causeway	12	1	13	14
Deakin	16	1	17	22
Griffith - Bannister Gardens	21	4	25	39
NECEC(a)	30	7	37	35
Red Hill	41	5	46	43
Yarralumla	24	-	24	23
Yarralumla - Montessori	49	-	49	48
<b>TOTAL SOUTH CANBERRA</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>224</b>
<b>WODEN VALLEY</b>				
Chifley	22	-	22	24
Curtin North	50	-	50	48
Curtin South	23	-	23	17
Farrer	50	-	50	50
Garran	40	2	42	35
Hughes	43	-	43	36
Mawson	42	1	43	50
Pearce	23	1	24	23
Torrens	24	-	24	23
<b>TOTAL WODEN VALLEY</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>306</b>

(a) Includes an Indigenous preschool program

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<b>WESTON CREEK</b>				
Chapman	50	-	<b>50</b>	46
Duffy	24	-	<b>24</b>	36
Rivett	16	1	<b>17</b>	20
Waramanga	46	-	<b>46</b>	49
Weston	38	-	<b>38</b>	35
<b>TOTAL WESTON CREEK</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>BELCONNEN NORTH</b>				
Charnwood	64	-	<b>64</b>	65
Evatt	44	-	<b>44</b>	49
Flynn	47	1	<b>48</b>	44
Fraser	49	1	<b>50</b>	45
Giralang	23	1	<b>24</b>	24
Kaleen	64	2	<b>66</b>	66
Maribyrnong	20	-	<b>20</b>	36
McKellar	18	1	<b>19</b>	25
Melba	25	-	<b>25</b>	19
Miles Franklin	47	-	<b>47</b>	43
Spence	35	3	<b>38</b>	39
<b>TOTAL BELCONNEN NORTH</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>455</b>
<b>BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>				
Aranda	49	-	<b>49</b>	48
Cook	24	-	<b>24</b>	25
Florey	68	-	<b>68</b>	72
Hawker	25	-	<b>25</b>	19
Higgins	25	-	<b>25</b>	34
Holt (a)	47	1	<b>48</b>	55
Latham	41	-	<b>41</b>	50
Macgregor	50	-	<b>50</b>	48
Macquarie	22	-	<b>22</b>	25
Page	24	-	<b>24</b>	24
Scullin	35	-	<b>35</b>	36
Weetangera	24	-	<b>24</b>	23
<b>TOTAL BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>459</b>

(a) Includes an Indigenous preschool program

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<b>TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>				
Fadden	45	3	<b>48</b>	50
Gowrie	39	1	<b>40</b>	46
Macarthur	24	1	<b>25</b>	25
Monash	73	-	<b>73</b>	64
Mt Neighbour	57	1	<b>58</b>	67
Taylor	24	-	<b>24</b>	25
Urambi	37	-	<b>37</b>	38
Village Creek	50	-	<b>50</b>	48
Wanniassa	50	-	<b>50</b>	50
Wanniassa Hills (a)	57	-	<b>57</b>	57
<b>TOTAL TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>470</b>
<b>TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>				
Bonython	75	-	<b>75</b>	97
Calwell	91	5	<b>96</b>	122
Chisholm	48	1	<b>49</b>	47
Conder	136	3	<b>139</b>	147
Gilmore	47	-	<b>47</b>	73
Gordon	143	-	<b>143</b>	141
Isabella Plains	72	1	<b>73</b>	95
Richardson	47	2	<b>49</b>	44
Theodore	92	-	<b>92</b>	73
<b>TOTAL TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>839</b>
<b>GUNGAHLIN</b>				
Ngunnawal	133	-	<b>133</b>	100
Nicholls	143	2	<b>145</b>	144
Palmerston	96	-	<b>96</b>	96
<b>TOTAL GUNGAHLIN</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>340</b>

(a) Includes an Indigenous preschool program

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<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total Feb 2002</i>	<i>Feb 2001</i>
<b>OTHER ACT</b>				
Hall	18	2	<b>20</b>	20
Tharwa	14	-	<b>14</b>	14
<b>TOTAL OTHER ACT</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>OTHER PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS</b>				
The Co-operative School	23	2	<b>25</b>	25
Jervis Bay (a)	14	16	<b>30</b>	24
<b>TOTAL OTHER PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>TOTAL PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,431</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>3,529</b>	<b>3,628</b>

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

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Enrolments by needs category</i>			<i>Total Feb 2002</i>
	<i>Integrated early intervention (a)</i>	<i>SN (b)</i>	<i>ESL (c)</i>	
North Canberra	1	2	27	<b>30</b>
South Canberra	1	1	15	<b>17</b>
Woden Valley	7	5	35	<b>47</b>
Weston Creek	4	2	16	<b>22</b>
Belconnen North	6	7	15	<b>28</b>
Belconnen South	7	8	53	<b>68</b>
Tuggeranong North	9	19	26	<b>54</b>
Tuggeranong South	8	10	55	<b>73</b>
Gungahlin	9	6	62	<b>77</b>
Other ACT	-	1	-	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>417(d)</b>

(a) Integrated early intervention are 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 are students with English as a second language

(d) The 417 students are included in the 3,529 preschool enrolment

**TABLE 4: ENROLMENTS IN EARLY INTERVENTION UNITS, FEBRUARY 2002**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Integrated early intervention (a)</i>	<i>EIU only (b)</i>	<i>Total Feb 2002</i>
North Canberra	-	-	-
South Canberra	-	-	-
Woden Valley	-	-	-
Weston Creek	23	13	36
Belconnen North	12	27	39
Belconnen South	2	19	21
Tuggeranong North	6	18	24
Tuggeranong South	9	14	23
Gungahlin	-	-	-
Other ACT	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>143</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  
FEBRUARY 2002**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Priority age (a)	Early entry (b)	<i>Total Feb 2002</i>
North Canberra	254	-	<b>254</b>
South Canberra	177	34	<b>211</b>
Woden Valley	320	1	<b>321</b>
Weston Creek	174	1	<b>175</b>
Belconnen North	417	28	<b>445</b>
Belconnen South	425	10	<b>435</b>
Tuggeranong North	452	10	<b>462</b>
Tuggeranong South	763	-	<b>763</b>
Gungahlin	374	-	<b>374</b>
Other ACT	34	-	<b>34</b>
<i>Other preschool enrolments</i>			
The Co-operative School	25	-	<b>25</b>
Jervis Bay (c)	26	4	<b>30</b>
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,441</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>3,529</b>

(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

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