



Australian Capital Territory

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Government Preschool Bulletin

February 2006 Census

Overview

On 23 February 2006 the ACT Government Preschool Census was conducted. The Census indicated that a total of 3,369 children were enrolled in government preschool programs and attended 82¹ government preschools and 5 Koori preschools. This represents a decrease of one student since February 2005. 46 preschools operated full time and 36 were operating part time in 2006.

Enrolments

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

Of the 3,369 children, 25 attended the O'Connor Co-operative School, preschool program and 29 attended the Jervis Bay Preschool. In addition to attending their preschool program, 47 children also attended an Early Intervention Unit. A further 85 children (not included in the census total) were enrolled in an Early Intervention Unit only.

A total of 87 children out of the total 3,369 students were identified as Indigenous. This represents 2.6% of the total enrolment.

¹ 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 23 February 2006.

2. Scope and Coverage

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

3. Collection

Data was extracted from the preschool central database after receipt of verified census reports from each preschool. The Early Intervention section provided enrolment data for each Early Intervention Unit (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, NECEC, Calwell, Ngunnawal and Wanniasa Hills. Although the Indigenous preschool program at Wanniasa Hills was not operational at the time of the census due to refurbishments, a census of these enrolments was taken 2 weeks later and have been included in the total student numbers.

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

5. Early intervention Unit

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

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

The language preschool operates at Rivett.

These programs provide special assistance on the basis of need.

7. Definitions and Symbols

-	Nil
<i>NECEC</i>	Narrabundah Early Childhood Education Centre

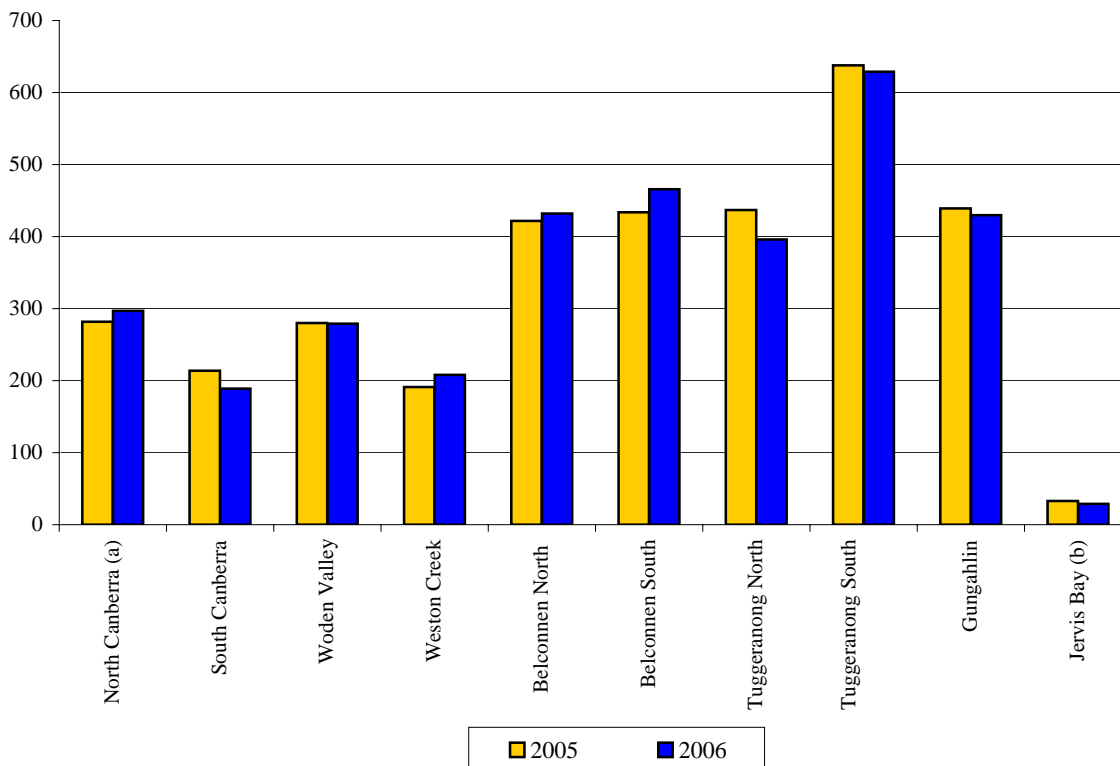
TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, February 2006

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-06</i>	<i>Total February-05</i>
North Canberra (a)	265	32	297	282
South Canberra	177	12	189	214
Woden Valley	273	6	279	280
Weston Creek	208	0	208	191
Belconnen North	426	6	432	422
Belconnen South	466	0	466	434
Tuggeranong North	405	5	410	437
Tuggeranong South	616	13	629	638
Gungahlin	427	3	430	439
Jervis Bay (b)	0	29	29	33
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,263	106	3,369	3,370

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

(b) DET administers Jervis Bay School for the Australian Government under a service agreement

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



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

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-06</i>	<i>Total February-05</i>
NORTH CANBERRA				
Ainslie Preschool	36	0	36	23
Campbell Preschool	12	1	13	22
Downer Preschool	24	0	24	15
Duntroon Preschool	17	26	43	26
Hackett Preschool	15	1	16	24
Lyneham Preschool	23	0	23	25
North Ainslie Preschool	18	0	18	23
O'Connor Co-operative School	25	0	25	24
Reid Preschool	10	1	11	21
Turner Preschool	41	2	43	33
Watson Preschool	44	1	45	46
TOTAL NORTH CANBERRA	265	32	297	282
(c) Includes the O'Connor Co-operative School which was included in North Canberra in 2003				
SOUTH CANBERRA				
Causeway Preschool	5	0	5	14
Deakin Preschool	20	0	20	24
Griffith Preschool	19	2	21	23
Narrabundah Preschool (NECEC) (d)	27	3	30	38
Red Hill Preschool	42	6	48	47
Yarralumla Montessori Preschool	42	0	42	50
Yarralumla Preschool	22	1	23	18
TOTAL SOUTH CANBERRA	177	12	189	214
(d) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
WODEN VALLEY				
Chifley Preschool	18	1	19	18
Curtin North Preschool	48	1	49	50
Curtin South Preschool	8	1	9	19
Farrer Preschool	40	2	42	46
Garran Preschool	24	0	24	24
Hughes Preschool	24	0	24	23
Lyons Preschool (e)	17	0	17	18
Mawson Preschool	48	0	48	38
Pearce Preschool	22	1	23	23
Torrens Preschool	24	0	24	21
TOTAL WODEN VALLEY	273	6	279	280
(e) Lyons Preschool was reinstated in 2003				

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<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-06</i>	<i>Total February-05</i>
WESTON CREEK				
Chapman Preschool	71	0	71	69
Duffy Preschool	25	0	25	20
Rivett Preschool	20	0	20	15
Waramanga Preschool	46	0	46	43
Weston Preschool	46	0	46	44
TOTAL WESTON CREEK	208	0	208	191
BELCONNEN NORTH				
Charnwood Preschool	71	1	72	61
Evatt Preschool	42	0	42	35
Flynn Preschool	25	0	25	25
Fraser Preschool	48	0	48	50
Giralang Preschool	19	0	19	15
Hall Preschool	10	5	15	20
Kaleen Preschool	56	0	56	53
Maribyrnong Preschool	17	0	17	25
McKellar Preschool	19	0	19	19
Melba Preschool	23	0	23	24
Miles Franklin Preschool	71	0	71	71
Spence Preschool	25	0	25	24
TOTAL BELCONNEN NORTH	426	6	432	422
BELCONNEN SOUTH				
Aranda Preschool	50	0	50	50
Cook Preschool	16	0	16	18
Florey Preschool	63	0	63	63
Hawker Preschool	23	0	23	25
Higgins Preschool	42	0	42	42
Holt Preschool (f)	53	0	53	56
Latham Preschool	50	0	50	36
Macgregor Preschool	50	0	50	49
Macquarie Preschool	17	0	17	16
Page Preschool	22	0	22	19
Scullin Preschool	38	0	38	38
Weetangera Preschool	42	0	42	22
TOTAL BELCONNEN SOUTH	466	0	466	434

(f) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

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<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-06</i>	<i>Total February-05</i>
TUGGERANONG NORTH				
Fadden Preschool	38	0	38	45
Gowrie Preschool	37	0	37	46
Macarthur Preschool	12	4	16	20
Monash Preschool	73	0	73	73
Mt Neighbour Preschool	49	0	49	49
Taylor Preschool	41	0	41	25
Urambi Preschool	21	0	21	25
Village Creek Preschool	37	1	38	38
Wanniassa Hills Preschool (g)	62	0	62	54
Wanniassa Preschool	35	0	35	62
TOTAL TUGGERANONG NORTH	405	5	410	437

(g) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

TUGGERANONG SOUTH

Bonython Preschool	64	1	65	59
Calwell Preschool (h)	92	4	96	95
Charles Conder Preschool	114	1	115	108
Chisholm Preschool	37	1	38	46
Gilmore Preschool	43	3	46	44
Gordon Preschool	104	0	104	106
Isabella Plains Preschool	62	0	62	62
Richardson Preschool	39	2	41	36
Tharwa Preschool	14	0	14	14
Theodore Preschool	47	1	48	68
TOTAL TUGGERANONG SOUTH	616	13	629	638

(h) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

GUNGAHLIN

Amaroo Preschool	144	0	144	141
Ngunnawal Preschool (i)	91	0	91	105
Nicholls Preschool	131	1	132	145
Palmerston Preschool	61	2	63	48
TOTAL GUNGAHLIN	427	3	430	439

(i) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

OTHER PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Jervis Bay Preschool	0	29	29	33
TOTAL JERVIS BAY	0	29	29	33

TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,263	106	3,369	3,370
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**TABLE 3: AGE CATEGORY ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, February 2006**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Priority age (a)	Early entry (b)	<i>Total February-06</i>
North Canberra	296	1	297
South Canberra	161	28	189
Woden Valley	278	1	279
Weston Creek	208	0	208
Belconnen North	408	24	432
Belconnen South	456	10	466
Tuggeranong North	404	6	410
Tuggeranong South	625	4	629
Gungahlin	423	7	430
Jervis Bay	25	4	29
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,284	85	3,369

(a) Students who are 4 years of age on or before 30 April 2006

(b) Students who are 4 years of age after 30 April 2006

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

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Total Indigenous February-06</i>
North Canberra	4
South Canberra	8
Woden Valley	2
Weston Creek	0
Belconnen North	5
Belconnen South	21
Tuggeranong North	20
Tuggeranong South	10
Gungahlin	13
Jervis Bay	4
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	87

(a) A small number of Indigenous students are enrolled in more than one Koori preschool and/or mainstream preschool

**TABLE 5: ENROLMENT BY NEEDS CATEGORY
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, February 2006 ^(d)**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Integrated (a)</i>	<i>Special Needs (b)</i>	<i>ESL (c)</i>	<i>Total February-06</i>
North Canberra	1	3	15	19
South Canberra	1	0	20	21
Woden Valley	3	2	29	34
Weston Creek	2	4	9	15
Belconnen North	6	9	31	46
Belconnen South	9	7	37	53
Tuggeranong North	10	15	26	51
Tuggeranong South	13	16	35	64
Gungahlin	6	6	69	81
Other Preschool Enrolments	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	51	62	271	384

(a) Children attending both preschool and early intervention units or special schools

(b) Special needs refers to children receiving additional teacher support for identified developmental problems

(c) ESL: Refers to children with English as a Second Language

(d) Children can be in more than one needs category

TABLE 6: ENROLMENTS IN EARLY INTERVENTION UNITS, February 2006

	<i>Integrated early intervention (a)</i>	<i>EIU only (b)</i>	<i>Total February-06</i>
Chisholm EIU	3	10	13
Giralang EIU	3	12	15
Higgins EIU	10	8	18
Kaleen EIU	6	13	19
Monash EIU	4	10	14
Richardson EIU	6	3	9
Waramanga EIU	5	11	16
Giralang Autism	0	3	3
Monash Autism	1	6	7
Rivett Autism	0	2	2
Rivett Language	9	7	16
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	47	85	132

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

(b) EIU - Early Intervention Unit