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September 2001 Census

Summary

The ACT Government Preschool Census was conducted on 5 September 2001. The census indicated that a total of 3,764 students attended 80 preschools and other preschool programs administered by The Cooperative School and Jervis Bay School. Jervis Bay, which is administered by the ACT under a service agreement, is now included as part of the ACT preschool enrolment.

Of the 3,764 students: 24 attended The Cooperative School program and 26 attended Jervis Bay; 47 spent some time in early intervention units; 19 attended both Indigenous and preschool programs and 15 attended an Indigenous preschool program only. There were a further 124 students enrolled in early intervention units only.

Fifty one preschools operated on a full time basis and 27 were part time. All ACT children aged four by 30 April 2001 were offered a total of 10.5 hours of preschooling per week on a sessional basis.

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Explanatory Notes

1. Reference Date

The census was conducted on Wednesday 5 September 2001.

2. Scope and Coverage

The census includes 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 is provided manually on census forms by each preschool.

4. Student Enrolments

The census counts all children officially enrolled in government preschools.

5. Definitions and Symbols

-	Nil or rounded to zero.
NECEC	Narrabundah Early Childhood Education Centre.
Indigenous preschool 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.

**TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2001**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Sept 2000</i>
North Canberra	256	26	282	274
South Canberra	206	27	233	256
Woden Valley	317	6	323	296
Weston Creek	193	-	193	204
Belconnen North	472	2	474	483
Belconnen South	482	3	485	481
Tuggeranong North	472	6	478	568
Tuggeranong South	849	18	867	850
Gungahlin	347	-	347	343
Other ACT	31	1	32	35
<i>Other preschool enrolments</i>				
The Cooperative School	22	2	24	25
Uriarra(a)	-	-	-	1
SUBTOTAL	3,647	91	3,738	3,816
Jervis Bay	16	10	26	40
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,663	101	3,764	3,856

(a) Uriarra closed in 2001

**TABLE 2: ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2001**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Sept 2000</i>
NORTH CANBERRA				
Ainslie	23	-	23	23
Campbell	21	1	22	24
Downer	19	2	21	24
Duntroon	14	11	25	22
Hackett	21	2	23	20
Lyneham	22	1	23	14
North Ainslie	45	-	45	25
Reid	15	4	19	24
Turner	42	3	45	45
Watson	34	2	36	50
TOTAL NORTH CANBERRA	256	26	282	271

**TABLE 2 cont: ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2001**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Sept 2000</i>
SOUTH CANBERRA				
Causeway (a)	14	-	14	0
Deakin	20	-	20	25
Griffith - Bannister Gardens	26	17	43	47
NECEC (b)	34	3	37	62
Red Hill	38	6	44	50
Yarralumla	25	-	25	25
Yarralumla - Montessori	49	1	50	50
TOTAL SOUTH CANBERRA	206	27	233	259
WODEN VALLEY				
Chifley	24	-	24	14
Curtin North	48	1	49	49
Curtin South	24	1	25	23
Farrer	50	-	50	50
Garran	37	3	40	40
Hughes	35	-	35	20
Lyons (c)	-	-	-	24
Mawson	49	1	50	40
Pearce	25	-	25	16
Torrens	25	-	25	20
TOTAL WODEN VALLEY	317	6	323	296
WESTON CREEK				
Chapman	49	-	49	50
Duffy	38	-	38	32
Rivett	21	-	21	24
Warramanga	50	-	50	50
Weston	35	-	35	48
TOTAL WESTON CREEK	193	-	193	204

(a) Includes 3 year old program

(b) Includes 3 year old and Indigenous preschool programs

(c) Lyons Preschool was suspended in 2001

**TABLE 2 cont: ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2001**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Sept 2000</i>
BELCONNEN NORTH				
Charnwood (a)	71	-	71	69
Evatt	48	1	49	45
Flynn	46	-	46	38
Fraser	47	-	47	49
Giralang	24	1	25	23
Kaleen	68	-	68	70
Maribyrnong	40	-	40	33
McKellar	23	-	23	42
Melba	21	-	21	25
Miles Franklin	43	-	43	49
Spence	41	-	41	40
TOTAL BELCONNEN NORTH	472	2	474	483
BELCONNEN SOUTH				
Aranda	48	2	50	48
Cook	25	-	25	17
Florey	79	-	79	83
Hawker	23	-	23	25
Higgins	35	-	35	41
Holt (b)	57	-	57	55
Latham	49	-	49	50
Macgregor	48	-	48	48
Macquarie	25	-	25	24
Page	25	-	25	21
Scullin	43	1	44	47
Weetangera	25	-	25	22
TOTAL BELCONNEN SOUTH	482	3	485	481

(a) Includes 3 year old program

(b) Includes Indigenous preschool program

**TABLE 2 cont: ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2001**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Sept 2000</i>
TUGGERANONG NORTH				
Fadden	47	3	50	50
Gowrie	47	1	48	60
Macarthur	25	-	25	23
Monash	69	1	70	97
Mt Neighbour	69	-	69	72
Taylor	25	-	25	29
Urambi	35	1	36	50
Village Creek	50	-	50	50
Wanniassa	50	-	50	74
Wanniassa Hills (a)	55	-	55	63
TOTAL TUGGERANONG NORTH	472	6	478	568
TUGGERANONG SOUTH				
Bonython	96	1	97	86
Calwell	123	2	125	102
Chisholm	46	1	47	50
Conder	149	-	149	142
Gilmore	70	6	76	87
Gordon	148	-	148	144
Isabella Plains	95	5	100	81
Richardson	48	1	49	58
Theodore	74	2	76	100
TOTAL TUGGERANONG SOUTH	849	18	867	850

(a) Includes Indigenous preschool program

**TABLE 2 cont: ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2001**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Sept 2000</i>
GUNGAHLIN				
Ngunnawal	100	-	100	100
Nicholls	150	-	150	148
Palmerston	97	-	97	95
TOTAL GUNGAHLIN	347	-	347	343
OTHER ACT				
Hall	17	1	18	20
Tharwa	14	-	14	15
TOTAL OTHER ACT	31	1	32	35
OTHER PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS				
The Co-operative School	22	2	24	25
Jervis Bay	16	10	26	40
Uriarra(a)	-	-	-	1
TOTAL OTHER PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS	38	12	50	66
TOTAL PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS	3,663	101	3,764	3,856

(a) Uriarra preschool closed in 2001

**TABLE 3: PRIORITY AGE ENROLMENT BY NEEDS CATEGORY
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2001**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Enrolments by needs category</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>EIU</i> <i>(a)</i>	<i>SN</i> <i>(b)</i>	<i>ESL</i> <i>(c)</i>	
North Canberra	1	8	28	37
South Canberra	2	10	14	26
Woden Valley	4	11	38	53
Weston Creek	4	4	9	17
Belconnen North	10	21	32	63
Belconnen South	4	33	52	89
Tuggeranong North	6	31	34	71
Tuggeranong South	15	34	56	105
Gungahlin	8	21	52	81
Other ACT	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	54(d)	173	315	540(e)

(a) EIU: students attending both preschool and early intervention units or special schools

(b) SN: students identified as having developmental or other difficulties and receiving additional teacher support

(c) ESL: enrolments with English as a second language

(d) This total contains 7 students from special schools

(e) The 540 services are to children in the 3,764 preschool enrolment count

**TABLE 4: ENROLMENTS IN EARLY INTERVENTION UNITS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
September 2001**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Integrated early intervention (a)</i>	<i>EIU only (b)</i>	<i>Total</i>
North Canberra	2	9	11
South Canberra	-	-	-
Woden Valley	-	-	-
Weston Creek	14	31	57
Belconnen North	15	25	23
Belconnen South	4	18	22
Tuggeranong North	7	19	26
Tuggeranong South	8	22	30
Gungahlin	-	-	-
Other ACT	-	-	-
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	50(C)	124	169

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

(b) EIU - early intervention unit

(c) This total contains 3 students integrated at non government preschools

TABLE 5: AGE CATEGORY ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
September 2001

<i>Geographic area</i>	Priority age (a)	Early entry (b)	Total
North Canberra	277	5	282
South Canberra	190	43	233
Woden Valley	316	7	323
Weston Creek	191	2	193
Belconnen North	442	32	474
Belconnen South	465	20	485
Tuggeranong North	466	12	478
Tuggeranong South	856	11	867
Gungahlin	347	-	347
Other ACT	32	-	32
<i>Other preschool enrolments</i>			
Jervis Bay	23	3	26
The Co-operative School	24	-	24
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,629	135	3,764

(a) Students who are 4 years of age on or before 30 April 2001

(b) Students who are 4 years of age after 30 April 2001