



Australian Capital Territory

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Government Preschool Bulletin

August 2005 Census

Overview

On 4 August 2005 the ACT Government Preschool Census was conducted. The Census indicated that a total of 3,535 children were enrolled in government preschool programs and attended 82¹ government preschools and 5 Koori preschools. This represents a decrease of 87 students, or (-2.4%), since September 2004. 46 preschools operated full time and 36 were operating part time in 2005.

The ACT Government Preschool Census is now conducted in February and August each year to coincide with the ACT Government School Census.

Enrolments

In the ACT, all children aged four by 30 April each year are offered a total of 10.5 hours of preschool per week, principally on a sessional basis.

Of the 3,535 children, 24 attended the Cooperative School preschool program and 35 attended at Jervis Bay Primary School. In addition to attending their preschool program, 35 children also attended an Early Intervention Unit. A further 124 children (not included in the census total) were enrolled in an Early Intervention Unit only.

A total of 132 children out of the total 3,535 students were identified as Indigenous. This represents 3.7% of the total enrolment.

¹ Including the preschool operating at the 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 4 August 2005.

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 Programs Unit provided Early Intervention Unit (EIU) data 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 (EIU) operate at Chisholm, Giralang, Higgins, Kaleen, Monash, Richardson, Rivett and Waramanga.

Autism Intervention Units (AIU) 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

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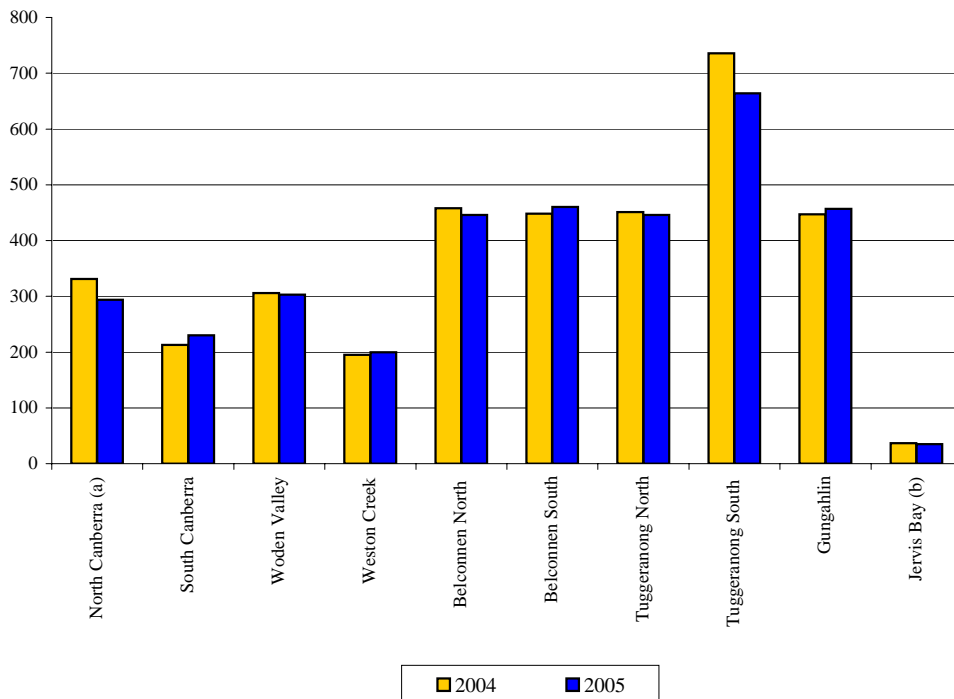
TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, AUGUST 2005

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total August-05</i>	<i>Total September-04</i>
North Canberra (a)	265	29	294	331
South Canberra	211	19	230	213
Woden Valley	300	3	303	306
Weston Creek	200	0	200	195
Belconnen North	438	8	446	458
Belconnen South	458	2	460	448
Tuggeranong North	438	8	446	451
Tuggeranong South	652	12	664	736
Gungahlin	453	4	457	447
Jervis Bay (b)	0	35	35	37
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,415	120	3,535	3,622

(a) This includes the Co-Operative School

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

FIGURE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, AUGUST 2004-2005



**TABLE 2: ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, AUGUST 2005**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total August-05</i>	<i>Total September-04</i>
NORTH CANBERRA				
Ainslie Preschool	24		24	23
Campbell Preschool	23	2	25	23
Downer Preschool	16	1	17	24
Duntroon Preschool	13	15	28	37
Hackett Preschool	18	5	23	25
Lyneham Preschool	24		24	25
North Ainslie Preschool	25		25	25
O'Connor Co-operative School	23	1	24	25
Reid Preschool	21		21	24
Turner Preschool	32	3	35	50
Watson Preschool	46	2	48	50
TOTAL NORTH CANBERRA	265	29	294	331
SOUTH CANBERRA				
Causeway Preschool	12	2	14	13
Deakin Preschool	22		22	24
Griffith Preschool	20	5	25	20
Narrabundah Preschool (NECEC) (c)	42	9	51	36
Red Hill Preschool	47	3	50	47
Yarralumla Montessori Preschool	49		49	48
Yarralumla Preschool	19		19	25
TOTAL SOUTH CANBERRA	211	19	230	213
(c) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
WODEN VALLEY				
Chifley Preschool	22		22	19
Curtin North Preschool	50		50	50
Curtin South Preschool	22		22	20
Farrer Preschool	49		49	50
Garran Preschool	24	1	25	45
Hughes Preschool	25		25	25
Lyons Preschool	19		19	24
Mawson Preschool	43	2	45	25
Pearce Preschool	25		25	23
Torrens Preschool	21		21	25
TOTAL WODEN VALLEY	300	3	303	306

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total August-05</i>	<i>Total September-04</i>
WESTON CREEK				
Chapman Preschool	74		74	75
Duffy Preschool	23		23	21
Rivett Preschool	20		20	15
Waramanga Preschool	40		40	47
Weston Preschool	43		43	37
TOTAL WESTON CREEK	200	0	200	195
BELCONNEN NORTH				
Charnwood Preschool	67		67	67
Evatt Preschool	40	2	42	41
Flynn Preschool	25		25	39
Fraser Preschool	48		48	49
Giralang Preschool	17		17	25
Hall Preschool	18	2	20	17
Kaleen Preschool	58	2	60	75
Maribyrnong Preschool	25		25	25
McKellar Preschool	20		20	21
Melba Preschool	25		25	25
Miles Franklin Preschool	71	2	73	49
Spence Preschool	24		24	25
TOTAL BELCONNEN NORTH	438	8	446	458
BELCONNEN SOUTH				
Aranda Preschool	50		50	50
Cook Preschool	21		21	25
Florey Preschool	65		65	69
Hawker Preschool	25		25	23
Higgins Preschool	44		44	44
Holt Preschool (d)	59	0	59	43
Latham Preschool	34	1	35	50
Macgregor Preschool	48		48	49
Macquarie Preschool	22		22	25
Page Preschool	21		21	20
Scullin Preschool	44	1	45	25
Weetangera Preschool	25		25	25
TOTAL BELCONNEN SOUTH	458	2	460	448

(f) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total August-05</i>	<i>Total September-04</i>
TUGGERANONG NORTH				
Fadden Preschool	45	1	46	50
Gowrie Preschool	47		47	47
Macarthur Preschool	18	3	21	24
Monash Preschool	74	1	75	75
Mt Neighbour Preschool	49	1	50	49
Taylor Preschool	25		25	25
Urambi Preschool	25		25	24
Village Creek Preschool	37	1	38	50
Wanniassa Hills Preschool (e)	57	1	58	57
Wanniassa Preschool	61		61	50
TOTAL TUGGERANONG NORTH	438	8	446	451
(g) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
TUGGERANONG SOUTH				
Bonython Preschool	59	1	60	64
Calwell Preschool (f)	100	2	102	99
Charles Conder Preschool	117		117	137
Chisholm Preschool	44	1	45	50
Gilmore Preschool	45		45	49
Gordon Preschool	107		107	120
Isabella Plains Preschool	66	4	70	81
Richardson Preschool	33	1	34	46
Tharwa Preschool	14	1	15	15
Theodore Preschool	67	2	69	75
TOTAL TUGGERANONG SOUTH	652	12	664	736
(h) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
GUNGAHLIN				
Amaroo Preschool	147	2	149	98
Ngunnawal Preschool (g)	113	0	113	124
Nicholls Preschool	144	2	146	150
Palmerston Preschool	49		49	75
TOTAL GUNGAHLIN	453	4	457	447
(i) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
OTHER PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS				
Jervis Bay Preschool	0	35	35	37
TOTAL JERVIS BAY	0	35	35	37
TOTAL ENROLMENTS				
	3,415	120	3,535	3,622

**TABLE 3: AGE CATEGORY ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, AUGUST 2005**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Priority age (a)	Early entry (b)	<i>Total August-05</i>
North Canberra	290	4	294
South Canberra	181	49	230
Woden Valley	300	3	303
Weston Creek	198	2	200
Belconnen North	409	37	446
Belconnen South	431	29	460
Tuggeranong North	439	7	446
Tuggeranong South	646	18	664
Gungahlin	443	14	457
Jervis Bay	31	4	35
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,368	167	3,535

(a) Students who are 4 years of age on or before 30 April 2005

(b) Students who are 4 years of age after 30 April 2005

**TABLE 4: INDIGENOUS ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, AUGUST 2005 (a)**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Total Indigenous August-05</i>
North Canberra	0
South Canberra	19
Woden Valley	3
Weston Creek	4
Belconnen North	8
Belconnen South	17
Tuggeranong North	19
Tuggeranong South	28
Gungahlin	22
Jervis Bay	12
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	132

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

**TABLE 5: ENROLMENT BY NEEDS CATEGORY
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, AUGUST 2005 ^(d)**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Integrated (a)</i>	<i>Special Needs (b)</i>	<i>ESL (c)</i>	<i>Total August-05</i>
North Canberra	0	3	33	36
South Canberra	0	2	23	25
Woden Valley	0	8	36	44
Weston Creek	8	9	12	29
Belconnen North	13	23	56	92
Belconnen South	8	18	75	101
Tuggeranong North	4	24	28	56
Tuggeranong South	2	21	46	69
Gungahlin	0	9	48	57
Other Preschool Enrolments	0	1	0	1
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	35	118	357	510

(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, AUGUST 2005

	<i>Integrated early intervention (a)</i>	<i>EIU only (b)</i>	<i>Total August-05</i>
Chisholm EIU		14	14
Giralang EIU	8	13	21
Higgins EIU	8	14	22
Kaleen EIU		23	23
Monash EIU	1	13	14
Richardson EIU	2	10	12
Waramanga EIU		14	14
Giralang Autism	5	3	8
Monash Autism	3	3	6
Rivett Autism	3	5	8
Rivett Language	5	12	17
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	35	124	159

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

(b) EIU - Early Intervention Unit