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Summary

The ACT Government Preschool Census was conducted on 21 February 2001. The census indicated that a total of 3,628 students attended 80 preschools and other preschool programs administered by The Cooperative and Jervis Bay schools. Jervis Bay, which is administered by the ACT under a service agreement, is included for the first time as part of the ACT preschool enrolment.

Of the 3,628 students, 47 also spent some time in early intervention units, 12 attended both Indigenous and preschool programs and 15 attended Indigenous preschool programs only and 49 students attended at The Cooperative School and Jervis Bay.

Fifty one preschools operated on a full time basis and 27 were part time. In the ACT a total of 10.5 hours of preschooling per week, on a sessional basis, is offered to all children aged four by 30 April each year. There were a further 75 students enrolled full time in early intervention units only.

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Explanatory Notes

1. Reference Date

The census was conducted on Wednesday, 21 February 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 processed manually on receipt of census forms from 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, FEBRUARY 2001**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>February 2000</i>
North Canberra	244	22	266	248
South Canberra	198	26	224	229
Woden Valley	302	4	306	295
Weston Creek	185	1	186	201
Belconnen North	450	5	455	464
Belconnen South	457	2	459	479
Tuggeranong North	463	7	470	544
Tuggeranong South	828	11	839	844
Gungahlin	340	-	340	331
Other ACT	33	1	34	33
<i>Other preschool enrolments</i>				
The Cooperative School	23	2	25	25
Uriarra	-	-	-	1
SUB TOTAL	3,523	81	3,604	3,694
Jervis Bay	14	10	24	33
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,537	91	3,628	3,727

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

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Feb 2000</i>
NORTH CANBERRA				
Ainslie	24	-	24	25
Campbell	22	-	22	21
Downer	19	1	20	20
Duntroon	13	12	25	20
Hackett	22	-	22	19
Lyneham	20	1	21	14
North Ainslie	46	-	46	22
Reid	14	3	17	19
Turner	32	2	34	39
Watson	32	3	35	49
TOTAL NORTH CANBERRA	244	22	266	248

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SOUTH CANBERRA				
Causeway (a)	14	-	14	0
Deakin	22	-	22	25
Griffith - Bannister Gardens	23	16	39	41
NECEC (b)	32	3	35	45
Red Hill	37	6	43	43
Yarralumla	23	-	23	25
Yarralumla - Montessori	47	1	48	50
TOTAL SOUTH CANBERRA	198	26	224	229
WODEN VALLEY				
Chifley	24	-	24	13
Curtin North	47	1	48	50
Curtin South	17	-	17	22
Farrer	50	-	50	48
Garran	32	3	35	39
Hughes	36	-	36	21
Lyons (c)	-	-	-	23
Mawson	50	-	50	43
Pearce	23	-	23	15
Torrens	23	-	23	21
TOTAL WODEN VALLEY	302	4	306	295
WESTON CREEK				
Chapman	46	-	46	46
Duffy	35	1	36	34
Rivett	20	-	20	24
Warramanga	49	-	49	50
Weston	35	-	35	47
TOTAL WESTON CREEK	185	1	186	201

(a) Includes 3 year old program

(b) Includes 3 year old and Indigenous preschool programs

(c) Lyons Preschool suspended in 2001

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BELCONNEN NORTH				
Charnwood (a)	65	-	65	69
Evatt	48	1	49	45
Flynn	44	-	44	34
Fraser	44	1	45	44
Giralang	23	1	24	22
Kaleen	66	-	66	72
Maribyrnong	35	1	36	34
McKellar	25	-	25	36
Melba	19	-	19	24
Miles Franklin	43	-	43	48
Spence	38	1	39	36
TOTAL BELCONNEN NORTH	450	5	455	464
BELCONNEN SOUTH				
Aranda	47	1	48	50
Cook	25	-	25	16
Florey	72	-	72	81
Hawker	19	-	19	22
Higgins	34	-	34	50
Holt (b)	55	-	55	53
Latham	50	-	50	50
Macgregor	48	-	48	48
Macquarie	25	-	25	23
Page	24	-	24	19
Scullin	35	1	36	46
Weetangera	23	-	23	21
TOTAL BELCONNEN SOUTH	457	2	459	479

(a) Includes 3 year old program

(b) Includes Indigenous preschool program

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TUGGERANONG NORTH				
Fadden	48	2	50	46
Gowrie	43	3	46	53
Macarthur	25	-	25	21
Monash	63	1	64	94
Mt Neighbour	67	-	67	74
Taylor	25	-	25	27
Urambi	37	1	38	49
Village Creek	48	-	48	44
Wanniassa	50	-	50	72
Wanniassa Hills (a)	57	-	57	64
TOTAL TUGGERANONG NORTH	463	7	470	544
TUGGERANONG SOUTH				
Bonython	97	-	97	88
Calwell	120	2	122	96
Chisholm	46	1	47	50
Conder	147	-	147	148
Gilmore	68	5	73	86
Gordon	141	-	141	141
Isabella Plains	94	1	95	79
Richardson	43	1	44	59
Theodore	72	1	73	97
TOTAL TUGGERANONG SOUTH	828	11	839	844

(a) Includes Indigenous preschool program

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<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Feb 2000</i>
GUNGAHLIN				
Ngunnawal	100	-	100	100
Nicholls	144	-	144	143
Palmerston	96	-	96	88
TOTAL GUNGAHLIN	340	-	340	331
OTHER ACT				
Hall	19	1	20	18
Tharwa	14	-	14	15
TOTAL OTHER ACT	33	1	34	33
OTHER PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS				
The Co-operative School	23	2	25	25
Jervis Bay	14	10	24	33
Uriarra	-	-	-	1
TOTAL OTHER PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS	37	12	49	59
TOTAL PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS	3,537	91	3,628	3,727

**TABLE 3: ENROLMENT BY NEEDS CATEGORY
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, FEBRUARY 2001**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Enrolments by needs category</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>Integrated early intervention (a)</i>	<i>SN (b)</i>	<i>ESL (c)</i>	
North Canberra	1	8	49	58
South Canberra	2	6	13	21
Woden Valley	5	7	39	51
Weston Creek	3	6	12	21
Belconnen North	7	11	29	47
Belconnen South	7	14	49	70
Tuggeranong North	6	26	35	67
Tuggeranong South	13	24	59	96
Gungahlin	3	8	67	78
Other ACT	-	-	1	1
TOTAL	47(d)	110	353	510(e)

- (a) Integrated early intervention: 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 - enrolments with English as a second language
 (d) This total contains 3 students from special schools
 (e) The 510 students are included in the 3,628 preschool enrolment

**TABLE 4: EARLY INTERVENTION ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
FEBRUARY 2001**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Integrated early intervention (a)</i>	<i>EIU only (b)</i>	<i>Total</i>
North Canberra	1	5	6
South Canberra	-	-	-
Woden Valley	-	-	-
Weston Creek	17	18	35
Belconnen North	4	16	20
Belconnen South	8	8	16
Tuggeranong North	4	11	15
Tuggeranong South	10	17	27
Gungahlin	-	-	-
Other ACT	-	-	-
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	44	75	119

- (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 2001**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Priority age (a)	Early entry (b)	<i>Total</i>
North Canberra	264	2	266
South Canberra	186	38	224
Woden Valley	304	2	306
Weston Creek	185	1	186
Belconnen North	433	22	455
Belconnen South	451	8	459
Tuggeranong North	464	6	470
Tuggeranong South	839	-	839
Gungahlin	340	-	340
Other ACT	34	-	34
<i>Other preschool enrolments</i>			
Jervis Bay (c)	24	-	24
The Co-operative School	25	-	25
Uriarra	-	-	-
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,549	79	3,628

(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

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