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February 2005 Census

Overview

On 17 February 2005 the ACT Government Preschool Census was conducted. The Census indicated that a total of 3,370 children were enrolled in government preschool programs and attended 82¹ government preschools and 5 Koori preschools. This represents a decrease of 91 students, or (-2.6%), since February 2004. 46 preschools operated full time and 36 were operating part time in 2005.

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 3,370 children, 24 attended the Cooperative School preschool program and 33 attended at Jervis Bay Primary School. In addition to attending their preschool program, 64 children also attended an Early Intervention Unit. A further 84 children (not included in the census total) were enrolled in an Early Intervention Unit only.

A total of 95 children out of the total 3,370 students were identified as Indigenous. This represents 2.8% of the total enrolment.

¹ Including the preschool operating at the Co Operative school and one at Jervis Bay Primary 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 17 February 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, 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

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

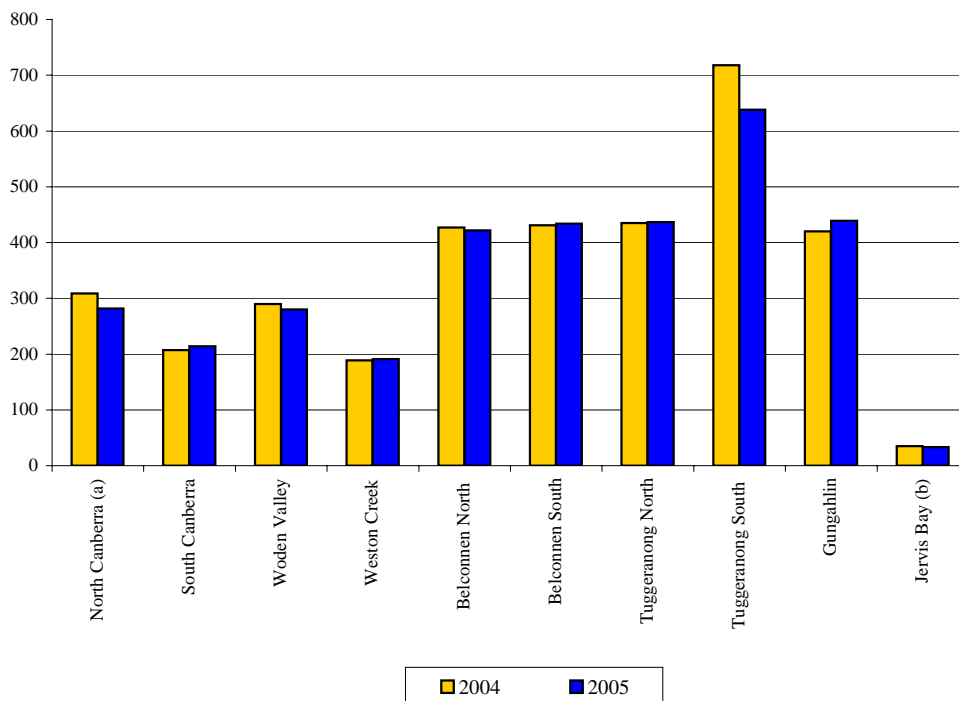
TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, February 2005

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-05</i>	<i>Total February-04</i>
North Canberra (a)	255	27	282	309
South Canberra	198	16	214	207
Woden Valley	278	2	280	290
Weston Creek	191	0	191	189
Belconnen North	416	6	422	427
Belconnen South	432	2	434	431
Tuggeranong North	431	6	437	435
Tuggeranong South	630	8	638	718
Gungahlin	438	1	439	420
Jervis Bay (b)	0	33	33	35
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,269	101	3,370	3,461

(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, February 2004-2005



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

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-05</i>	<i>Total February-04</i>
NORTH CANBERRA				
Ainslie Preschool	23		23	24
Campbell Preschool	22		22	23
Downer Preschool	14	1	15	21
Duntroon Preschool	10	16	26	39
Hackett Preschool	19	5	24	20
Lyneham Preschool	25		25	22
North Ainslie Preschool	23		23	23
O'Connor Cooperative School	23	1	24	25
Reid Preschool	21		21	20
Turner Preschool	30	3	33	42
Watson Preschool	45	1	46	50
TOTAL NORTH CANBERRA	255	27	282	309

(c) Includes the Co-Operative School which was included in North Canberra in 2003

SOUTH CANBERRA				
Causeway Preschool	11	3	14	15
Deakin Preschool	24		24	22
Griffith Preschool	17	6	23	24
Narrabundah Preschool (NECEC) (d)	32	6	38	30
Red Hill Preschool	46	1	47	42
Yarralumla Montessori Preschool	50		50	49
Yarralumla Preschool	18		18	25
TOTAL SOUTH CANBERRA	198	16	214	207

(d) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

WODEN VALLEY				
Chifley Preschool	18		18	18
Curtin North Preschool	50		50	49
Curtin South Preschool	19		19	23
Farrer Preschool	46		46	49
Garran Preschool	23	1	24	43
Hughes Preschool	23		23	22
Lyons Preschool (e)	18		18	20
Mawson Preschool	37	1	38	22
Pearce Preschool	23		23	20
Torrens Preschool	21		21	24
TOTAL WODEN VALLEY	278	2	280	290

(e) Lyons Preschool was reinstated in 2003

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-05</i>	<i>Total February-04</i>
WESTON CREEK				
Chapman Preschool	69		69	74
Duffy Preschool	20		20	19
Rivett Preschool	15		15	13
Waramanga Preschool	43		43	47
Weston Preschool	44		44	36
TOTAL WESTON CREEK	191	0	191	189
BELCONNEN NORTH				
Charnwood Preschool	61		61	62
Evatt Preschool	34	1	35	40
Flynn Preschool	25		25	38
Fraser Preschool	50		50	48
Giralang Preschool	15		15	22
Hall Preschool	18	2	20	15
Kaleen Preschool	51	2	53	69
Maribyrnong Preschool	25		25	24
McKellar Preschool	19		19	14
Melba Preschool	24		24	25
Miles Franklin Preschool	70	1	71	47
Spence Preschool	24		24	23
TOTAL BELCONNEN NORTH	416	6	422	427
BELCONNEN SOUTH				
Aranda Preschool	50		50	50
Cook Preschool	18		18	25
Florey Preschool	63		63	64
Hawker Preschool	25		25	23
Higgins Preschool	42		42	41
Holt Preschool (f)	56	0	56	41
Latham Preschool	35	1	36	50
Macgregor Preschool	49		49	48
Macquarie Preschool	16		16	24
Page Preschool	19		19	15
Scullin Preschool	37	1	38	25
Weetangera Preschool	22		22	25
TOTAL BELCONNEN SOUTH	432	2	434	431

(f) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-05</i>	<i>Total February-04</i>
TUGGERANONG NORTH				
Fadden Preschool	44	1	45	47
Gowrie Preschool	46		46	45
Macarthur Preschool	18	2	20	21
Monash Preschool	72	1	73	72
Mt Neighbour Preschool	49		49	49
Taylor Preschool	25		25	25
Urambi Preschool	25		25	22
Village Creek Preschool	37	1	38	49
Wanniassa Hills Preschool (g)	54	0	54	58
Wanniassa Preschool	61	1	62	47
TOTAL TUGGERANONG NORTH	431	6	437	435
(g) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
TUGGERANONG SOUTH				
Bonython Preschool	57	2	59	65
Calwell Preschool (h)	93	2	95	96
Charles Conder Preschool	108		108	132
Chisholm Preschool	45	1	46	48
Gilmore Preschool	44		44	50
Gordon Preschool	106		106	116
Isabella Plains Preschool	60	2	62	75
Richardson Preschool	36		36	46
Tharwa Preschool	13	1	14	15
Theodore Preschool	68		68	75
TOTAL TUGGERANONG SOUTH	630	8	638	718
(h) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
GUNGAHLIN				
Amaroo Preschool	141		141	97
Ngunnawal Preschool (i)	105	0	105	113
Nicholls Preschool	144	1	145	143
Palmerston Preschool	48		48	67
TOTAL GUNGAHLIN	438	1	439	420
(i) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
OTHER PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS				
Jervis Bay Preschool	0	33	33	35
TOTAL JERVIS BAY	0	33	33	35
TOTAL ENROLMENTS				
	3,269	101	3,370	3,461

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

<i>Geographic area</i>	Priority age (a)	Early entry (b)	<i>Total February-05</i>
North Canberra	280	2	282
South Canberra	175	39	214
Woden Valley	280	0	280
Weston Creek	191	0	191
Belconnen North	396	26	422
Belconnen South	427	7	434
Tuggeranong North	435	2	437
Tuggeranong South	635	3	638
Gungahlin	432	7	439
Jervis Bay	31	2	33
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,282	88	3,370

(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, February 2005 (a)**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Total Indigenous February-05</i>
North Canberra	1
South Canberra	9
Woden Valley	3
Weston Creek	2
Belconnen North	6
Belconnen South	13
Tuggeranong North	15
Tuggeranong South	21
Gungahlin	14
Jervis Bay	11
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	95

(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, February 2005 ^(d)

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Integrated</i>	<i>Special Needs</i>	<i>ESL</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(c)</i>	<i>February-05</i>
North Canberra	0	2	33	35
South Canberra	0	2	21	23
Woden Valley	0	5	18	23
Weston Creek	17	11	9	37
Belconnen North	21	9	45	75
Belconnen South	13	8	50	71
Tuggeranong North	6	10	22	38
Tuggeranong South	7	14	25	46
Gungahlin	0	7	47	54
Other Preschool Enrolments	0	1	0	1
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	64	69	270	403

(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 2005

	<i>Integrated early</i>	<i>EIU only</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>intervention (a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>February-05</i>
Chisholm EIU	4	10	14
Giralang EIU	14	6	20
Higgins EIU	13	10	23
Kaleen EIU	7	14	21
Monash EIU	5	5	10
Richardson EIU	3	9	12
Waramanga EIU	3	7	10
Giralang Autism	0	8	8
Monash Autism	1	4	5
Rivett Autism	0	6	6
Rivett Language	14	5	19
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	64	84	148

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

(b) EIU - Early Intervention Unit