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**September 2000 Census**

## **Summary**

The ACT Government Preschool Census was conducted on 6 September 2000. The census indicated that a total of 3,816 students attended 80 government preschools and other preschool programs administered by Uriarra Primary School and the Cooperative School. Jervis Bay preschool is not shown as part of the ACT preschool enrolment. Jervis Bay is administered by the ACT under a service agreement. On census day, 40 students were enrolled at the Jervis Bay preschool.

Of the 3,816 students, 54 also spent some time in early intervention units, 19 also attended Indigenous preschool programs, 22 attended Indigenous preschool programs only and 26 students were enrolled at Uriarra Primary School and The Cooperative School.

52 preschools operated on a full time basis and 26 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 119 students, enrolled full time in early intervention units, who did not access preschool services.

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## Explanatory Notes

### 1. Reference Date

The census was conducted on Wednesday, 6 September 2000.

### 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, SEPTEMBER 2000**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Sept 1999</i>
North Canberra	249	25	274	301
South Canberra	236	20	256	273
Woden Valley	291	5	296	365
Weston Creek	204	-	204	201
Belconnen North	480	3	483	487
Belconnen South	480	1	481	493
Tuggeranong North	562	6	568	558
Tuggeranong South	831	19	850	938
Gungahlin	342	1	343	296
Other ACT	30	5	35	34
<i>Other preschool enrolments</i>				
Cooperative	24	1	25	25
Uriarra	1	-	1	1
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,730</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>3,816</b>	<b>3,972</b>

Jervis Bay (a) 15 25 40 38

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

**TABLE 2: ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, SEPTEMBER 2000**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Sept 1999</i>
<b>NORTH CANBERRA</b>				
Ainslie	23	-	23	24
Campbell	20	4	24	24
Downer	21	3	24	25
Duntroon	11	11	22	21
Hackett	19	1	20	24
Lyneham	14	-	14	25
North Ainslie	25	-	25	42
Reid	24	-	24	20
Turner	44	1	45	46
Watson	45	5	50	50
<b>TOTAL NORTH CANBERRA</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>301</b>

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<b>SOUTH CANBERRA</b>				
Causeway (a)	-	-	-	19
Deakin	25	-	25	25
Griffith - Bannister Gardens	34	13	47	49
NECEC (b)	61	1	62	56
Red Hill	45	5	50	50
Yarralumla	25	-	25	24
Yarralumla - Montessori	49	1	50	50
<b>TOTAL SOUTH CANBERRA</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>273</b>
<b>WODEN VALLEY</b>				
Chifley	14	-	14	24
Curtin North	47	2	49	49
Curtin South	23	-	23	23
Farrer	48	2	50	50
Garran	39	1	40	47
Hughes	20	-	20	49
Lyons	24	-	24	25
Mawson	40	-	40	48
Pearce	16	-	16	25
Torrens	20	-	20	25
<b>TOTAL WODEN VALLEY</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>365</b>
<b>WESTON CREEK</b>				
Chapman	50	-	50	48
Duffy	32	-	32	41
Rivett	24	-	24	24
Warramanga	50	-	50	46
Weston	48	-	48	42
<b>TOTAL WESTON CREEK</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>201</b>

(a) Causeway Preschool suspended in 2000

(b) Includes 3 year old and Indigenous preschool programs.

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<b>BELCONNEN NORTH</b>				
Charnwood (a)	68	1	<b>69</b>	70
Evatt	45	-	<b>45</b>	49
Flynn	37	1	<b>38</b>	49
Fraser	48	1	<b>49</b>	45
Giralang	23	-	<b>23</b>	43
Kaleen	70	-	<b>70</b>	50
Maribyrnong	33	-	<b>33</b>	25
McKellar	42	-	<b>42</b>	38
Melba	25	-	<b>25</b>	24
Miles Franklin	49	-	<b>49</b>	45
Spence	40	-	<b>40</b>	49
<b>TOTAL BELCONNEN NORTH</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>487</b>
<b>BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>				
Aranda	47	1	<b>48</b>	50
Cook	17	-	<b>17</b>	25
Florey	83	-	<b>83</b>	75
Hawker	25	-	<b>25</b>	25
Higgins	41	-	<b>41</b>	50
Holt (b)	55	-	<b>55</b>	57
Latham	50	-	<b>50</b>	50
Macgregor	48	-	<b>48</b>	49
Macquarie	24	-	<b>24</b>	23
Page	21	-	<b>21</b>	23
Scullin	47	-	<b>47</b>	42
Weetangera	22	-	<b>22</b>	24
<b>TOTAL BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>493</b>

(a) Includes 3 year old program.

(b) Includes Indigenous preschool program.

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<b>TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>				
Fadden	49	1	<b>50</b>	49
Gowrie	59	1	<b>60</b>	50
Macarthur	22	1	<b>23</b>	24
Monash	95	2	<b>97</b>	75
Mt Neighbour	72	-	<b>72</b>	74
Taylor	29	-	<b>29</b>	48
Urambi	50	-	<b>50</b>	50
Village Creek	49	1	<b>50</b>	50
Wanniassa	74	-	<b>74</b>	75
Wanniassa Hills (a)	63	-	<b>63</b>	63
<b>TOTAL TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>558</b>
<b>TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>				
Bonython	86	-	<b>86</b>	100
Calwell	100	2	<b>102</b>	125
Chisholm	50	-	<b>50</b>	50
Conder	141	1	<b>142</b>	148
Gilmore	76	11	<b>87</b>	99
Gordon	144	-	<b>144</b>	149
Isabella Plains	78	3	<b>81</b>	95
Richardson	56	2	<b>58</b>	72
Theodore	100	-	<b>100</b>	100
<b>TOTAL TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>938</b>

(a) Includes Indigenous preschool program.

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<b>GUNGAHLIN</b>				
Ngunnawal	100	-	<b>100</b>	100
Nicholls	147	1	<b>148</b>	99
Palmerston	95	-	<b>95</b>	97
<b>TOTAL GUNGAHLIN</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>296</b>
<b>OTHER ACT</b>				
Hall	16	4	<b>20</b>	20
Tharwa	14	1	<b>15</b>	14
<b>TOTAL OTHER ACT</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>OTHER PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS</b>				
The Co-operative School	24	1	<b>25</b>	25
Uriarra	1	-	<b>1</b>	1
<b>TOTAL OTHER PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>TOTAL PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,730</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>3,816</b>	<b>3,972</b>
Jervis Bay (a)	15	25	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>

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**TABLE 3: ENROLMENT BY NEEDS CATEGORY  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, SEPTEMBER 2000**

<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	-	12	27	<b>39</b>
South Canberra	2	11	24	<b>37</b>
Woden Valley	4	12	53	<b>69</b>
Weston Creek	3	12	12	<b>27</b>
Belconnen North	6	27	44	<b>77</b>
Belconnen South	5	29	58	<b>92</b>
Tuggeranong North	18	49	32	<b>99</b>
Tuggeranong South	21	56	68	<b>145</b>
Gungahlin	2	18	33	<b>53</b>
Other ACT	-	-	1	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>639*</b>

\* The 639 students are included in the 3,816 preschool enrolment.

(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.

**TABLE 4: EARLY INTERVENTION ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA  
SEPTEMBER 2000**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Integrated early intervention (a)</i>	<i>EIU only (b)</i>	<i>Total</i>
North Canberra	2	8	10
South Canberra	-	-	-
Woden Valley	7	12	19
Weston Creek	18	19	37
Belconnen North	3	21	24
Belconnen South	4	18	22
Tuggeranong North	10	20	30
Tuggeranong South	10	21	31
Gungahlin	-	-	-
Other ACT	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>173</b>

(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  
SEPTEMBER 2000**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Priority age (a)	Early entry (b)	<i>Total</i>
North Canberra	262	12	274
South Canberra	203	53	256
Woden Valley	292	4	296
Weston Creek	201	3	204
Belconnen North	447	36	483
Belconnen South	464	17	481
Tuggeranong North	551	17	568
Tuggeranong South	837	13	850
Gungahlin	340	3	343
Other ACT	35	-	35
<i>Other preschool enrolments</i>			
The Co-operative School	25	-	25
Uriarra	-	1	1
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,657</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>3,816</b>
Jervis Bay (c)	32	8	40

(a) Students who are 4 years of age on or before 30 April 2000.

(b) Students who are 4 years of age after 30 April 2000.

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