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**September 2004 Census**

## **Summary**

The ACT Government Preschool Census indicated that a total of 3,622 children were enrolled in government preschool programs on 2 September 2004.

### *Programs*

Preschool programs were conducted at 80 government preschools, 43 preschools operated full time and 37 were operating part time in 2004.

A preschool program also operated at the Cooperative School in the ACT, and at Jervis Bay Primary School, which is administered by the department under a service agreement with the Commonwealth.

Additional Indigenous preschool programs for Indigenous children were operated at four preschools.

### *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 3,622 children, 25 attended the Cooperative School preschool program and 37 attended at Jervis Bay Primary School. In addition to attending their preschool program, 63 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 79 children out of the total 3,622 identified as Indigenous. This represents 2.1% of the total enrolment.

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## Explanatory notes

### 1. Reference date

The census counted all children officially enrolled in and attending government preschool programs on Thursday, 2 September 2004.

### 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. Early Intervention Unit (EIU) data was provided by the Early Intervention Programs Unit and the Indigenous Education Unit provided the enrolment data from the Indigenous (Koori) preschools.

### 4. Definitions and symbols

- Nil or rounded to zero.

*NECEC* Narrabundah Early Childhood Education Centre.

#### *Indigenous preschool program*

Programs designed for Indigenous children aged 3-5 years are currently operating at Holt, NECEC, Calwell and Wanniasa Hills

#### *Early intervention*

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.

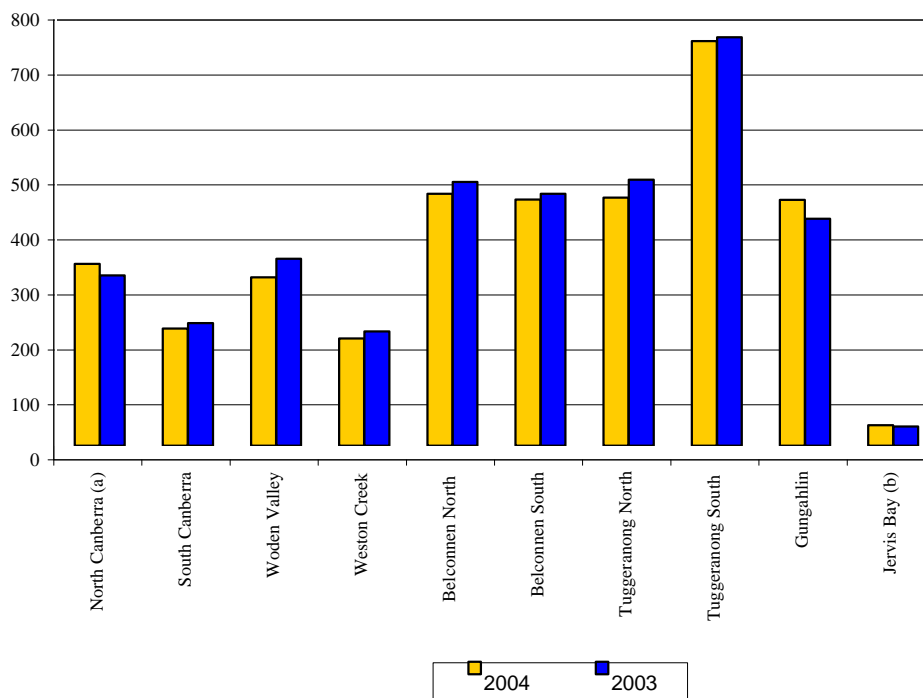
**TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS ACT**

Geographic area	ACT enrolments	Non ACT enrolments	Total September-04	Total September-03
North Canberra (a)	300	31	331	310
South Canberra	199	14	213	223
Woden Valley	303	3	306	340
Weston Creek	194	1	195	208
Belconnen North	450	8	458	480
Belconnen South	444	5	448	458
Tuggeranong North	442	9	451	484
Tuggeranong South	718	18	736	743
Gungahlin	447	0	447	413
Jervis Bay (b)	14	23	37	35
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,511</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>3,622</b>	<b>3,694</b>

(a) This includes the Co-Operative School

(b) DEYFS administers Jervis Bay Preschool for the Commonwealth under a service agreement

**FIGURE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, February 2003-2004**



**TABLE 2: ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2004**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total September-04</i>	<i>Total September-03</i>
<b>NORTH CANBERRA</b>				
Ainslie Preschool	23	0	23	24
Campbell Preschool	21	2	23	25
Downer Preschool	22	2	24	24
Duntroun Preschool	21	16	37	25
Hackett Preschool	21	4	25	25
Lyneham Preschool	24	1	25	21
North Ainslie Preschool	25	0	25	22
O'Connor Cooperative School	25	0	25	25
Reid Preschool	23	1	24	25
Turner Preschool	47	3	50	45
Watson Preschool	48	2	50	49
<b>TOTAL NORTH CANBERRA</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>310</b>
(c) Includes the Co-Operative School which was included in North Canberra in 2003				
<b>SOUTH CANBERRA</b>				
Causeway Preschool	11	2	13	14
Deakin Preschool	24	0	24	24
Griffith Preschool	16	4	20	25
Narrabundah Preschool (NECEC) (d)	31	5	36	39
Red Hill Preschool	44	3	47	47
Yarralumla Montessori Preschool	48	0	48	50
Yarralumla Preschool	25	0	25	24
<b>TOTAL SOUTH CANBERRA</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>223</b>
(d) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
<b>WODEN VALLEY</b>				
Chifley Preschool	19	0	19	23
Curtin North Preschool	50	0	50	50
Curtin South Preschool	20	0	20	25
Farrer Preschool	50	0	50	49
Garran Preschool	45	0	45	50
Hughes Preschool	24	1	25	26
Lyons Preschool (e)	24	0	24	20
Mawson Preschool	23	2	25	48
Pearce Preschool	23	0	23	24
Torrens Preschool	25	0	25	25
<b>TOTAL WODEN VALLEY</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>340</b>
(e) Lyons Preschool was reinstated in 2003				

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<b><i>Total September-04</i></b>	<i>Total September-03</i>
<b>WESTON CREEK</b>				
Chapman Preschool	75	0	75	72
Duffy Preschool	21	0	21	24
Rivett Preschool	14	1	15	24
Waramanga Preschool	47	0	47	47
Weston Preschool	37	0	37	41
<b>TOTAL WESTON CREEK</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>208</b>
<b>BELCONNEN NORTH</b>				
Charnwood Preschool	66	1	67	66
Evatt Preschool	41	0	41	45
Flynn Preschool	39	0	39	46
Fraser Preschool	49	0	49	50
Giralang Preschool	24	1	25	25
Hall Preschool	13	4	17	20
Kaleen Preschool	75	0	75	50
Maribyrnong Preschool	24	1	25	50
McKellar Preschool	21	0	21	35
Melba Preschool	25	0	25	24
Miles Franklin Preschool	49	0	49	47
Spence Preschool	24	1	25	22
<b>TOTAL BELCONNEN NORTH</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>480</b>
<b>BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>				
Aranda Preschool	49	1	50	50
Cook Preschool	25	0	25	19
Florey Preschool	68	1	69	73
Hawker Preschool	23	0	23	19
Higgins Preschool	43	1	44	50
Holt Preschool (f)	43	0	43	40
Latham Preschool	50	0	50	46
Macgregor Preschool	49	0	49	50
Macquarie Preschool	23	2	25	25
Page Preschool	20	0	20	19
Scullin Preschool	25	0	25	42
Weetangera Preschool	25	0	25	25
<b>TOTAL BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>458</b>

(f) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

Geographic area	ACT enrolments	Non ACT enrolments	Total September-04	Total September-03
<b>TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>				
Fadden Preschool	49	1	50	48
Gowrie Preschool	44	3	47	49
Macarthur Preschool	21	3	24	24
Monash Preschool	75	0	75	75
Mt Neighbour Preschool	49	0	49	62
Taylor Preschool	25	0	25	23
Urambi Preschool	24	0	24	44
Village Creek Preschool	50	0	50	48
Wanniassa Hills Preschool (g)	56	1	57	62
Wanniassa Preschool	49	1	50	49
<b>TOTAL TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>484</b>
(g) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
<b>TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>				
Bonython Preschool	64	0	64	72
Calwell Preschool (h)	91	8	99	103
Charles Conder Preschool	134	3	137	139
Chisholm Preschool	48	2	50	48
Gilmore Preschool	47	2	49	50
Gordon Preschool	119	1	120	111
Isabella Plains Preschool	79	2	81	95
Richardson Preschool	46	0	46	48
Tharwa Preschool	15	0	15	15
Theodore Preschool	75	0	75	62
<b>TOTAL TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>743</b>
(h) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
<b>GUNGAHLIN</b>				
Amaroo Preschool (i)	98	0	98	49
Ngunnawal Preschool	124	0	124	131
Nicholls Preschool	150	0	150	149
Palmerston Preschool	75	0	75	84
<b>TOTAL GUNGAHLIN</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>413</b>
(i) Amaroo Preschool opened February 2003				
<b>OTHER PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS</b>				
Jervis Bay Preschool	14	23	37	35
<b>TOTAL JERVIS BAY</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>
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<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,510</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>3,622</b>	<b>3,694</b>

**TABLE 3: AGE CATEGORY ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2004**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Priority age (a)	Early entry (b)	<b><i>Total September-04</i></b>
North Canberra	329	2	331
South Canberra	174	39	213
Woden Valley	298	8	306
Weston Creek	193	2	195
Belconnen North	413	45	458
Belconnen South	432	16	448
Tuggeranong North	447	4	451
Tuggeranong South	724	12	736
Gungahlin	437	10	447
Jervis Bay	29	8	37
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,476</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>3,622</b>

(a) Students who are 4 years of age on or before 30 April 2003

(b) Students who are 4 years of age after 30 April 2003

**TABLE 4: INDIGENOUS ENROLMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2004**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Mainstream (a)	Koori Preschool Only (b)	Both (c)	<b><i>Total September-04</i></b>
North Canberra	5			<b>5</b>
South Canberra	10	2	5	<b>17</b>
Woden Valley	2			<b>2</b>
Weston Creek	2			<b>2</b>
Belconnen North	9			<b>9</b>
Belconnen South	9	5		<b>14</b>
Tuggeranong North	14	6	2	<b>22</b>
Tuggeranong South	7	9	3	<b>19</b>
Gungahlin	7			<b>7</b>
Jervis Bay	14			<b>14</b>
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>111</b>

(a) Indigenous students who attend a mainstream preschool only

(b) Indigenous students who attend Indigenous (Koori) preschool sessions only

(c) Indigenous students who attend both mainstream and Indigenous Preschool sessions

**TABLE 5: ENROLMENT BY NEEDS CATEGORY  
ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, September 2004**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Integrated (a)</i>	<i>Special Needs (b)</i>	<i>ESL (c)</i>	<i>Total September-04</i>
North Canberra	2	9	35	<b>46</b>
South Canberra	3	2	15	<b>20</b>
Woden Valley	6	11	34	<b>51</b>
Weston Creek	5	8	16	<b>29</b>
Belconnen North	13	8	34	<b>55</b>
Belconnen South	11	20	36	<b>67</b>
Tuggeranong North	14	21	33	<b>68</b>
Tuggeranong South	12	21	63	<b>96</b>
Gungahlin	6	15	69	<b>90</b>
Other Preschool Enrolments	1	0	1	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>524</b>

(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) Includes 10 children intergrating from other special school settings eg MECEC and Cranleigh

**TABLE 6: ENROLMENTS IN EARLY INTERVENTION UNITS, September 2004**

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Integrated early intervention (a)</i>	<i>EIU only (b)</i>	<i>Total September-04</i>
Chisholm EIU	5	14	<b>19</b>
Giralang EIU	2	21	<b>23</b>
Higgins EIU	9	14	<b>23</b>
Kaleen EIU	8	14	<b>22</b>
Monash EIU	4	18	<b>22</b>
Richardson EIU	4	4	<b>8</b>
Waramanga EIU	4	12	<b>16</b>
Giralang Autism	2	10	<b>12</b>
Monash Autism	4	2	<b>6</b>
Rivett Autism	7	5	<b>12</b>
Rivett Language	14	10	<b>24</b>
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>187</b>

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

(b) EIU - Early Intervention Unit