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Summary

The ACT Government Preschool Census was conducted on 16 February 2000. The census indicated that a total of 3,694 students attended 80 government preschools.

Of the 3,694 students, 51 also spent some time in early intervention units, 10 also attended Koori programs, 22 attended Koori programs only and 26 students were enrolled in other preschool programs at Uriarra Primary School and The Cooperative School.

52 preschools operated on a full time basis and 26 were part time. In addition, Uriarra Primary School and The Cooperative School administer their own preschool programs. Koori programs are provided at Holt, Wanniasa Hills and Narabundah Early Childhood Education Centre.

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 73 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, 16 February 2000.

2. Scope and Coverage

The census includes all ACT government preschool students including those enrolled in early intervention and Koori programs. Jervis Bay preschool is not shown as part of the ACT preschool enrolment. Jervis Bay is administered by the ACT under a memorandum of understanding. On census day, 33 students were enrolled at the Jervis Bay preschool.

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.
Koori 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 2000

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>
North Canberra	227	21	248
South Canberra	209	20	229
Woden Valley	293	2	295
Weston Creek	201	-	201
Belconnen North	464	-	464
Belconnen South	479	-	479
Tuggeranong North	540	4	544
Tuggeranong South	831	13	844
Gungahlin	330	1	331
Other ACT	30	3	33
<i>Other preschool enrolments</i>			
Cooperative	24	1	25
Uriarra	1	-	1
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,629	65	3,694

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

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>
NORTH CANBERRA			
Ainslie	25	-	25
Campbell	18	3	21
Downer	19	1	20
Duntroon	8	12	20
Hackett	18	1	19
Lyneham	14	-	14
North Ainslie	22	-	22
Reid	19	-	19
Turner	39	-	39
Watson	45	4	49
TOTAL NORTH CANBERRA	227	21	248

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<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>
SOUTH CANBERRA			
Deakin	25	-	25
Griffith - Bannister Gardens	27	14	41
NECEC (a)	45	-	45
Red Hill	38	5	43
Yarralumla	25	-	25
Yarralumla - Montessori	49	1	50
TOTAL SOUTH CANBERRA	209	20	229
WODEN VALLEY			
Chifley	13	-	13
Curtin North	50	-	50
Curtin South	22	-	22
Farrer	47	1	48
Garran	38	1	39
Hughes	21	-	21
Lyons	23	-	23
Mawson	43	-	43
Pearce	15	-	15
Torrens	21	-	21
TOTAL WODEN VALLEY	293	2	295
WESTON CREEK			
Chapman	46	-	46
Duffy	34	-	34
Rivett	24	-	24
Warramanga	50	-	50
Weston	47	-	47
TOTAL WESTON CREEK	201	-	201

(a) Includes 3 year old and Koori programs.

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<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>
BELCONNEN NORTH			
Charnwood (a)	69	-	69
Evatt	45	-	45
Flynn	34	-	34
Fraser	44	-	44
Giralang	22	-	22
Kaleen	72	-	72
Maribyrnong	34	-	34
McKellar	36	-	36
Melba	24	-	24
Miles Franklin	48	-	48
Spence	36	-	36
TOTAL BELCONNEN NORTH	464	-	464
BELCONNEN SOUTH			
Aranda	50	-	50
Cook	16	-	16
Florey	81	-	81
Hawker	22	-	22
Higgins	50	-	50
Holt (b)	53	-	53
Latham	50	-	50
Macgregor	48	-	48
Macquarie	23	-	23
Page	19	-	19
Scullin	46	-	46
Weetangera	21	-	21
TOTAL BELCONNEN SOUTH	479	-	479

(a) Includes 3 year old program.

(b) Includes Koori program.

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<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>
TUGGERANONG NORTH			
Fadden	44	2	46
Gowrie	53	-	53
Macarthur	21	-	21
Monash	92	2	94
Mt Neighbour	74	-	74
Taylor	27	-	27
Urambi	49	-	49
Village Creek	44	-	44
Wanniassa	72	-	72
Wanniassa Hills (a)	64	-	64
TOTAL TUGGERANONG NORTH	540	4	544
TUGGERANONG SOUTH			
Bonython	88	-	88
Calwell	95	1	96
Chisholm	50	-	50
Conder	148	-	148
Gilmore	78	8	86
Gordon	141	-	141
Isabella Plains	76	3	79
Richardson	58	1	59
Theodore	97	-	97
TOTAL TUGGERANONG SOUTH	831	13	844

(a) Includes Koori program.

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<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total</i>
GUNGAHLIN			
Ngunnawal	100	-	100
Nicholls	142	1	143
Palmerston	88	-	88
TOTAL GUNGAHLIN	330	1	331
OTHER ACT			
Hall	16	2	18
Tharwa	14	1	15
TOTAL OTHER ACT	30	3	33
OTHER PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS			
The Co-operative School	24	1	25
Uriarra	1	-	1
TOTAL OTHER PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS	25	1	26
TOTAL PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS	3,629	65	3,694

TABLE 3: ENROLMENT BY NEEDS CATEGORY ACT GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, FEBRUARY 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	2	10	23	35
South Canberra	2	4	23	29
Woden Valley	4	6	39	49
Weston Creek	1	8	10	19
Belconnen North	7	8	53	68
Belconnen South	9	5	58	72
Tuggeranong North	9	25	45	79
Tuggeranong South	12	35	86	133
Gungahlin	5	3	44	52
Other ACT	-	-	1	1
TOTAL	51	104	382	537

* The 537 students are included in the 3,694 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
FEBRUARY 2000**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Integrated early intervention (a)	EIU only (b)	<i>Total</i>
North Canberra	2	-	2
South Canberra	2	-	2
Woden Valley	4	14	18
Weston Creek	1	9	10
Belconnen North	7	14	21
Belconnen South	9	12	21
Tuggeranong North	9	13	22
Tuggeranong South	12	11	23
Gungahlin	5	-	5
Other ACT	-	-	-
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	51	73	124

(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 2000**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Priority age (a)	Early entry (b)	<i>Total</i>
North Canberra	246	2	248
South Canberra	190	39	229
Woden Valley	295	-	295
Weston Creek	201	-	201
Belconnen North	433	31	464
Belconnen South	473	6	479
Tuggeranong North	531	13	544
Tuggeranong South	843	1	844
Gungahlin	331	-	331
Other ACT	33	-	33
<i>Other preschool enrolments</i>			
The Co-operative School	24	1	25
Uriarra	1	-	1
TOTAL ENROLMENTS	3,601	93	3,694

(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.