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**EDUCATION, YOUTH and FAMILY SERVICES**

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**February 2004 Census**

## **Summary**

The ACT Government Preschool Census indicated that a total of 3,461 children were enrolled in government preschool programs on 19 February 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 preschooling per week, on a sessional basis.

Of the 3,461 children, 25 attended the Cooperative School preschool program and 35 attended at Jervis Bay Primary School. In addition to attending their preschool program, 62 children also attended an Early Intervention Unit. A further 117 children (not included in the census total) were enrolled in an Early Intervention Unit only.

A total of 55 children out of the total 3,461 identified as Indigenous. This represents 1.6% 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, 19 February 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 currently operating at Holt, NECEC, Calwell and Wanniasa Hills

#### *Early intervention*

EIUs operate at Chisholm, Giralang, Higgins, Kaleen, Monash, Richardson, Rivett and Waramanga providing special assistance on the basis of need.

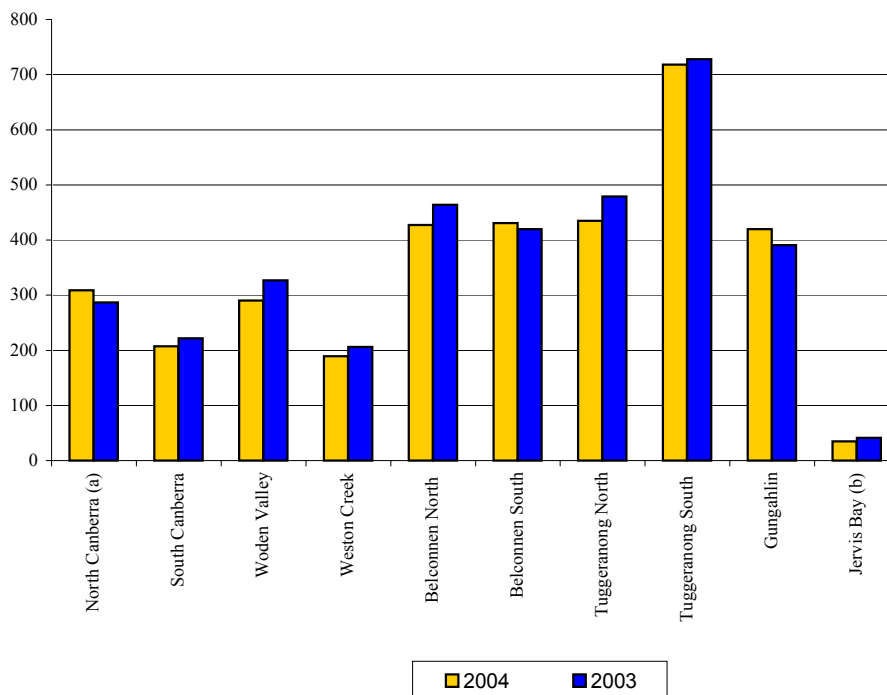
**TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS ACT**

Geographic area	ACT enrolments	Non ACT enrolments	Total February-04	Total February-03
North Canberra (a)	280	29	<b>309</b>	287
South Canberra	197	10	<b>207</b>	222
Woden Valley	288	2	<b>290</b>	327
Weston Creek	188	1	<b>189</b>	206
Belconnen North	420	7	<b>427</b>	464
Belconnen South	427	4	<b>431</b>	420
Tuggeranong North	429	6	<b>435</b>	479
Tuggeranong South	706	12	<b>718</b>	728
Gungahlin	420	0	<b>420</b>	391
Jervis Bay (b)	13	22	<b>35</b>	41
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,368</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>3,461</b>	<b>3,565</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, February 2003-2004**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-04</i>	<i>Total February-03</i>
<b>NORTH CANBERRA</b>				
Ainslie Preschool	23	1	24	24
Campbell Preschool	22	1	23	23
Downer Preschool	18	3	21	23
Duntroon Preschool	22	17	39	25
Hackett Preschool	16	4	20	21
Lyneham Preschool	21	1	22	16
North Ainslie Preschool	23	0	23	23
O'Connor Cooperative School	25	0	25	25
Reid Preschool	19	1	20	20
Turner Preschool	42	0	42	39
Watson Preschool	49	1	50	48
<b>TOTAL NORTH CANBERRA</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>287 (c)</b>

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

<b>SOUTH CANBERRA</b>				
Causeway Preschool	14	1	15	12
Deakin Preschool	22	0	22	25
Griffith Preschool	20	4	24	25
Narrabundah Preschool (NECEC) (d)	27	3	30	42
Red Hill Preschool	40	2	42	50
Yarralumla Montessori Preschool	49	0	49	48
Yarralumla Preschool	25	0	25	20
<b>TOTAL SOUTH CANBERRA</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>222</b>

(d) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

<b>WODEN VALLEY</b>				
Chifley Preschool	18	0	18	23
Curtin North Preschool	49	0	49	50
Curtin South Preschool	23	0	23	25
Farrer Preschool	49	0	49	47
Garran Preschool	43	0	43	46
Hughes Preschool	21	1	22	23
Lyons Preschool (e)	20	0	20	17
Mawson Preschool	22	0	22	48
Pearce Preschool	19	1	20	24
Torrens Preschool	24	0	24	24
<b>TOTAL WODEN VALLEY</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>327</b>

(e) Lyons Preschool was reinstated in 2003

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-04</i>	<i>Total February-03</i>
<b>WESTON CREEK</b>				
Chapman Preschool	74	0	<b>74</b>	66
Duffy Preschool	19	0	<b>19</b>	21
Rivett Preschool	13	0	<b>13</b>	24
Waramanga Preschool	47	0	<b>47</b>	50
Weston Preschool	35	1	<b>36</b>	45
<b>TOTAL WESTON CREEK</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>206</b>
<b>BELCONNEN NORTH</b>				
Charnwood Preschool	61	1	<b>62</b>	63
Evatt Preschool	40	0	<b>40</b>	44
Flynn Preschool	38	0	<b>38</b>	44
Fraser Preschool	48	0	<b>48</b>	50
Giralang Preschool	22	0	<b>22</b>	24
Hall Preschool	10	5	<b>15</b>	19
Kaleen Preschool	69	0	<b>69</b>	49
Maribyrnong Preschool	23	1	<b>24</b>	44
McKellar Preschool	14	0	<b>14</b>	34
Melba Preschool	25	0	<b>25</b>	24
Miles Franklin Preschool	47	0	<b>47</b>	46
Spence Preschool	23	0	<b>23</b>	23
<b>TOTAL BELCONNEN NORTH</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>464</b>
<b>BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>				
Aranda Preschool	49	1	<b>50</b>	46
Cook Preschool	25	0	<b>25</b>	15
Florey Preschool	63	1	<b>64</b>	70
Hawker Preschool	23	0	<b>23</b>	17
Higgins Preschool	41	0	<b>41</b>	44
Holt Preschool (f)	41	0	<b>41</b>	35
Latham Preschool	50	0	<b>50</b>	42
Macgregor Preschool	48	0	<b>48</b>	48
Macquarie Preschool	22	2	<b>24</b>	25
Page Preschool	15	0	<b>15</b>	13
Scullin Preschool	25	0	<b>25</b>	40
Weetangera Preschool	25	0	<b>25</b>	25
<b>TOTAL BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>420</b>

(f) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Non ACT enrolments</i>	<i>Total February-04</i>	<i>Total February-03</i>
<b>TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>				
Fadden Preschool	46	1	<b>47</b>	50
Gowrie Preschool	43	2	<b>45</b>	48
Macarthur Preschool	19	2	<b>21</b>	22
Monash Preschool	72	0	<b>72</b>	72
Mt Neighbour Preschool	49	0	<b>49</b>	67
Taylor Preschool	25	0	<b>25</b>	25
Urambi Preschool	22	0	<b>22</b>	43
Village Creek Preschool	49	0	<b>49</b>	47
Wanniassa Hills Preschool (g)	58	0	<b>58</b>	55
Wanniassa Preschool	46	1	<b>47</b>	50
<b>TOTAL TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>479</b>
(g) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
<b>TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>				
Bonython Preschool	65	0	<b>65</b>	67
Calwell Preschool (h)	91	5	<b>96</b>	95
Charles Conder Preschool	130	2	<b>132</b>	136
Chisholm Preschool	48	0	<b>48</b>	50
Gilmore Preschool	49	1	<b>50</b>	50
Gordon Preschool	115	1	<b>116</b>	111
Isabella Plains Preschool	72	3	<b>75</b>	95
Richardson Preschool	46	0	<b>46</b>	49
Tharwa Preschool	15	0	<b>15</b>	15
Theodore Preschool	75	0	<b>75</b>	60
<b>TOTAL TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>728</b>
(h) Includes Indigenous preschool program enrolments				
<b>GUNGAHLIN</b>				
Amaroo Preschool (i)	97	0	<b>97</b>	49
Ngunnawal Preschool	113	0	<b>113</b>	115
Nicholls Preschool	143	0	<b>143</b>	150
Palmerston Preschool	67	0	<b>67</b>	77
<b>TOTAL GUNGAHLIN</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>391</b>
(i) Amaroo Preschool opened February 2003				
<b>OTHER PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS</b>				
Jervis Bay Preschool	13	22	<b>35</b>	41
<b>TOTAL JERVIS BAY</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>
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<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,368</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>3,461</b>	<b>3,565</b>

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

<i>Geographic area</i>	Priority age (a)	Early entry (b)	<b>Total February-04</b>
North Canberra	309	0	<b>309</b>
South Canberra	173	34	<b>207</b>
Woden Valley	288	2	<b>290</b>
Weston Creek	189	0	<b>189</b>
Belconnen North	389	38	<b>427</b>
Belconnen South	428	3	<b>431</b>
Tuggeranong North	434	1	<b>435</b>
Tuggeranong South	715	3	<b>718</b>
Gungahlin	419	1	<b>420</b>
Jervis Bay	28	7	<b>35</b>
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>3,372</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>3,461</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, February 2004**

<i>Geographic area</i>	Mainstream (a)	Koori Preschool Only (b)	Both (c)
North Canberra	5		
South Canberra	8		2
Woden Valley	2		
Weston Creek	1		
Belconnen North	4		
Belconnen South	6	2	
Tuggeranong North	12	6	1
Tuggeranong South	6	5	1
Gungahlin	4		
Jervis Bay	7		
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</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, February 2004**

<i>Geographic area</i>	<i>Integrated (a)</i>	<i>Special Needs (b)</i>	<i>ESL (c)</i>	<i>Total February-04</i>
North Canberra	3	4	22	<b>29</b>
South Canberra	0	4	11	<b>15</b>
Woden Valley	8	7	27	<b>42</b>
Weston Creek	3	11	18	<b>32</b>
Belconnen North	6	10	32	<b>48</b>
Belconnen South	14	11	42	<b>67</b>
Tuggeranong North	10	13	32	<b>55</b>
Tuggeranong South	10	17	61	<b>88</b>
Gungahlin	8	12	68	<b>88</b>
Other Preschool Enrolments	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>465</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

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

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Integrated early intervention (a)</i>	<i>EIU only (b)</i>	<i>Total February-04</i>
Chisholm EIU	4	13	<b>17</b>
Giralang EIU	4	5	<b>9</b>
Higgins EIU	10	12	<b>22</b>
Kaleen EIU	10	18	<b>28</b>
Monash EIU	6	10	<b>16</b>
Richardson EIU	4	9	<b>13</b>
Waramanga EIU	9	15	<b>24</b>
Giralang Autism	0	10	<b>10</b>
Monash Autism	0	6	<b>6</b>
Rivett Autism	0	11	<b>11</b>
Rivett Language	15	8	<b>23</b>
<b>TOTAL ENROLMENTS</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>179</b>

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

(b) EIU - Early Intervention Unit