

# Census of ACT public schools

## August 2021

This publication provides information  
on students enrolled in Canberra  
public schools at 6 August 2021

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## Executive Summary

This publication presents the results from the Canberra school census conducted on Friday 6 August 2021. The census covers enrolments in public schools from preschool to year 12.

This publication also presents information on the number of persons of school age who undertook school equivalent courses through distance education, home education or the Canberra Institute of Technology.

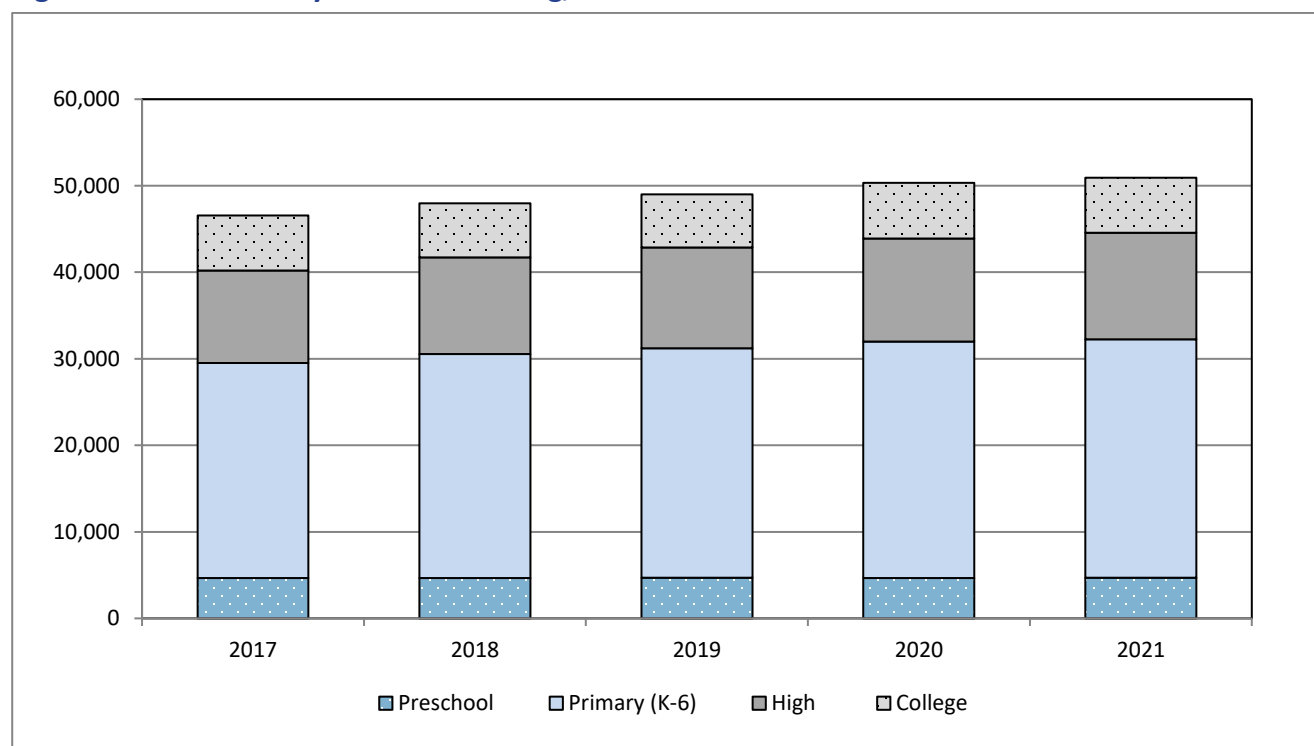
### Student enrolments

At August 2021 census, there were 50,932 students enrolled in Canberra public schools. This represented an increase of 601 enrolments (1.2%) since August 2020 (see Table 1 and Figure 1; lower than the growth rate from 2019 to 2020 (2.7%). From August 2017 to August 2021, enrolments increased by 4,366 students (9.4%).

There were:

- 32,249 students enrolled in public primary schools. This represents an increase of 249 enrolments (0.8%) since August 2020.
  - preschool enrolments increased by 29 students (0.6%) to 4,708 students
  - kindergarten to year 6 enrolments increased by 220 students (0.8%) to 27,541 students.
- 12,308 students enrolled in public high schools, an increase of 419 enrolments (3.5%) from August 2020 to August 2021.
- 6,375 students enrolled in public colleges, a decrease of 67 enrolments (-1.0%) from August 2020 to August 2021.

**Figure 1: Enrolments by level of schooling, 2017 to 2021**



### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students**

At August 2021 census, there were 2,204 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people enrolled in ACT public schools, representing 4.3 percent of total enrolments (see Table 2 and Table 5). This was an increase of 112 enrolments (5.4%) since August 2020. Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students increased by 354 students (19.1%) since August 2017.

### **Students enrolled in disability education programs**

At August 2021 census, there were 2,879 students, representing 5.7 percent of the student population (see Table 3), accessing disability education programs at either mainstream or specialist public schools. This was an increase of 232 students (8.8%) compared with the August 2020 census and an increase of 566 enrolments (24.5%) since August 2017.

### **Student enrolments by gender and year level**

There were proportionally more male (51.8%) than female (47.9%) students (see Table 4). This general trend was consistent across all academic year levels, with the greatest proportional difference being at the high school level where 52.9 percent were males and 46.6 percent were females.

### **Non-school education**

It is recognised that there are alternative educational pathways for students to undertake school level courses other than by attending an ACT public or non-government school. At August 2021, 410 children and young people were home educated in the ACT, an increase of 17.0 percent since August 2020.

There were 21 ACT students enrolled in the NSW Finigan School of Distance Education.

In addition, a further 172 students who were of school age undertook school equivalent courses at the Canberra Institute of Technology, a decrease of 0.1 percent since August 2020.

## Tables

**Table 1: Enrolments by level of schooling, 2017 to 2021<sup>1</sup>**

Level of schooling	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Preschool	4,677	4,679	4,716	4,679	4,708
Annual growth (%)		0.0	0.8	-0.8	0.6
Primary (K-6)	24,855	25,864	26,494	27,321	27,541
Annual growth (%)		4.1	2.4	3.1	0.8
High	10,666	11,164	11,662	11,889	12,308
Annual growth (%)		4.7	4.5	1.9	3.5
College	6,368	6,252	6,150	6,442	6,375
Annual growth (%)		-1.8	-1.6	4.7	-1.0
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>46,566</b>	<b>47,959</b>	<b>49,022</b>	<b>50,331</b>	<b>50,932</b>
Overall Annual growth (%)		3.0	2.2	2.7	1.2

1. Includes a small number of students who attended two schools who are counted as two enrolment episodes in the census.

**Table 2: Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by level of schooling, 2017 to 2021<sup>1</sup>**

Level of schooling	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Preschool	289	256	291	278	321
Annual growth (%)		-11.4	13.7	-4.5	15.5
Primary (K-6)	933	993	1,021	1,063	1,131
Annual growth (%)		6.4	2.8	4.1	6.4
High	422	452	505	496	497
Annual growth (%)		7.1	11.7	-1.8	0.2
College	206	211	215	255	255
Annual growth (%)		2.4	1.9	18.6	0.0
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>2,032</b>	<b>2,092</b>	<b>2,204</b>
Overall Annual growth (%)		3.4	6.3	3.0	5.4

1. Includes a small number of students who attended two schools who are counted as two enrolment episodes in the census.

**Table 3: Students enrolled in disability education programs by level of schooling, 2017 to 2021<sup>1,2</sup>**

Level of schooling	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Primary	1,379	1,404	1,480	1563	1656
Annual growth (%)		1.8	5.4	5.6	6.0
High	631	672	743	770	869
Annual growth (%)		6.5	10.6	3.6	12.9
College	303	320	307	314	354
Annual growth (%)		5.6	-4.1	2.3	12.7
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>2,313</b>	<b>2,396</b>	<b>2,530</b>	<b>2,647</b>	<b>2,879</b>
Overall Annual growth (%)		3.6	5.6	4.6	8.8

1. Includes a small number of students who attended two schools who are counted as two enrolment episodes in the census.

2. Includes students who meet the ACT Student Disability Criteria, including those students not formally assessed at the time of the census.

**Table 4: Enrolments by academic year and gender, 2021<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>**

Level of schooling	Males	Females	Non-binary/ Not stated	Total Persons
<b>Primary</b>				
Preschool	2,472	2,236	n.p.	4,708
Kindergarten	2,113	1,990	n.p.	4,103
Year 1	2,236	1,948	n.p.	4,184
Year 2	2,107	1,965	n.p.	4,072
Year 3	2,104	1,927	n.p.	4,031
Year 4	1,902	1,841	n.p.	3,743
Year 5	1,926	1,813	n.p.	3,739
Year 6	1,891	1,778	n.p.	3,669
<b>Subtotal primary</b>	<b>16,745</b>	<b>15,491</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>32,249</b>
<b>High</b>				
Year 7	1,682	1,494	9	3,185
Year 8	1,595	1,417	13	3,025
Year 9	1,648	1,415	19	3,082
Year 10	1,585	1,410	21	3,016
<b>Subtotal high</b>	<b>6,510</b>	<b>5,736</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>12,308</b>
<b>College</b>				
Year 11	1,646	1,586	31	3,263
Year 12	1,496	1,483	19	2,998
Older	11	103	-	114
<b>Subtotal college</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>3,172</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>6,375</b>
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>26,408</b>	<b>24,399</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>50,932</b>

1. Includes a small number of students who attended two schools who are counted as two enrolment episodes in the census.

2. Non-binary/Not stated includes students who identify as non-binary or a different term, plus a small number of students whose gender was not stated.

3. Small random adjustments have been made to the male and female cell values for preschool to year 6 to prevent the release of identifiable non-binary statistics. As a result, the male and female sub-totals for primary do not equal the sum of the corresponding preschool to year 6 cell values.

n.p. not published due to the small number of enrolments in cell.

- Nil.

**Table 5: Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments by academic year and gender, 2021<sup>1, 2</sup>**

Level of schooling	Males	Females	Non-binary/ Not stated	Total
<b>Primary</b>				
Preschool	174	147	n.p.	321
Kindergarten	86	77	n.p.	163
Year 1	94	87	n.p.	181
Year 2	83	80	n.p.	163
Year 3	92	81	n.p.	173
Year 4	66	66	n.p.	132
Year 5	85	74	n.p.	159
Year 6	89	71	n.p.	160
Subtotal primary	769	683	n.p.	1,452
<b>High</b>				
Year 7	69	49	n.p.	118
Year 8	78	45	n.p.	123
Year 9	90	47	n.p.	137
Year 10	61	58	n.p.	119
Subtotal high	298	199	n.p.	497
<b>College</b>				
Year 11	61	78	n.p.	139
Year 12 (& Older)	46	70	n.p.	116
Subtotal college	107	148	n.p.	255
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,204</b>

1. Includes a small number of students who attended two schools who are counted as two enrolment episodes in the census.

2. Small random adjustments have been made to the male and female cell values for preschool to year 12 to prevent the release of identifiable non-binary statistics. As a result, the male and female totals do not equal the sum of the corresponding preschool to year 12 cell values.

n.p. not published due to the small number of enrolments in cell.

## Student enrolments by network, school and year level

The North/Gungahlin network (31.5%) had the highest proportion of primary school enrolments followed by South/Weston (25.7%), Belconnen (25.5%), and Tuggeranong (17.3%).

**Table 6: Number of primary school level enrolments by year level, network and school, 2021<sup>1</sup>**

Primary schools	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
<b>Belconnen Network</b>									
Aranda Primary School	65	56	80	74	79	86	89	86	615
Charnwood-Dunlop School	78	62	59	41	46	45	30	48	409
Charnwood-Dunlop School IEC	-	14	5	-	2	1	1	2	25
Cranleigh School	15	13	13	9	9	8	14	10	91
Evatt Primary School	50	37	51	41	46	40	24	43	332
Florey Primary School	85	70	59	56	52	57	58	63	500
Fraser Primary School	79	72	81	76	81	74	71	68	602
Giralang Primary School	39	45	51	42	36	45	43	35	336
Hawker Primary School	43	41	47	42	51	55	50	54	383
Kaleen Primary School	64	57	71	70	67	67	72	71	539
Kingsford Smith School	74	53	47	55	51	51	65	80	476
Kingsford Smith Koori Preschool	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Latham Primary School	62	43	63	52	54	35	39	43	391
Macgregor Primary School	84	81	84	86	64	58	77	82	616
Macquarie Primary School	45	37	33	49	41	49	41	54	349
Maribyrnong Primary School	86	65	70	82	75	59	71	55	563
Miles Franklin Primary School	86	65	72	68	77	74	66	75	583
Mount Rogers Primary School	106	76	84	90	67	71	67	61	622
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	87	61	41	29	-	-	-	-	218
Weetangera Primary School	65	68	73	65	79	74	71	47	542
<b>Subtotal Belconnen</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>8,210</b>

**Table 6: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2021<sup>1</sup>**  
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Primary schools	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
<b>North/Gungahlin Network</b>									
Ainslie School	42	52	44	65	62	48	46	52	411
Amaroo School	130	104	99	148	158	157	162	157	1,115
Campbell Primary School	44	43	35	53	38	52	53	46	364
Franklin School	123	90	74	62	49	44	34	-	476
Gold Creek School	118	93	93	86	84	81	72	74	701
Harrison School	133	152	163	164	166	151	163	187	1,279
Jervis Bay School	25	7	7	3	4	6	5	1	58
Lyneham Primary School	64	62	58	69	70	62	83	72	540
Majura Primary School	83	120	97	95	119	93	94	99	800
Margaret Hendry School	126	123	110	77	49	39	49	31	604
Neville Bonner Primary School	154	99	125	122	122	99	91	86	898
Ngunnawal Primary School	131	127	91	99	83	82	87	67	767
Ngunnawal Koori Preschool	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
North Ainslie Primary School	85	79	97	80	101	80	96	74	692
North Ainslie Primary School IEC	-	8	-	1	1	-	1	-	11
O'Connor Cooperative School	21	21	17	9	-	-	-	-	68
Palmerston District Primary School	131	116	129	121	96	85	93	82	853
Turner School	53	61	52	63	72	78	64	72	515
<b>Subtotal North/Gungahlin</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>10,173</b>
<b>South/Weston Network</b>									
Arawang Primary School	86	72	76	62	79	69	66	74	584
Chapman Primary School	84	76	81	75	83	74	75	74	622
Charles Weston School	87	73	88	89	70	64	45	60	576
Curtin Primary School	65	61	54	60	81	75	71	76	543
Duffy Primary School	66	46	62	57	61	54	46	47	439
Evelyn Scott School	67	36	33	23	17	14	16	-	206
Farrer Primary School	42	36	46	42	50	53	43	57	369
Forrest Primary School	42	62	68	75	89	87	76	71	570
Garran Primary School	44	68	83	90	84	90	85	102	646
Hughes Primary School	44	45	53	50	50	45	56	66	409
Hughes Primary School IEC	-	15	7	4	13	2	3	3	47
Lyons Early Childhood School	60	32	28	17	-	-	-	-	137
Malkara School	4	12	8	10	7	12	9	11	73
Mawson Primary School	82	77	68	71	76	59	60	38	531
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	63	27	20	15	-	-	-	-	125
Narrabundah Koori Preschool	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Red Hill Primary School	86	91	107	92	111	116	119	105	827
Telopea Park School	na	82	84	80	83	85	84	77	575
Torrens Primary School	65	63	58	69	60	69	67	77	528
Yarralumla Primary School	73	55	62	54	57	62	36	57	456
<b>Subtotal South/Weston</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>8,281</b>



**Table 6: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2021<sup>1</sup>**  
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Primary schools	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
<b>Tuggeranong Network</b>									
Bonython Primary School	43	51	50	52	73	37	59	50	415
Calwell Primary School	62	41	46	41	42	29	31	36	328
Caroline Chisholm School	30	28	42	38	37	41	44	36	296
Charles Conder Primary School	90	67	79	58	75	55	52	54	530
Fadden Primary School	44	44	41	41	33	31	30	43	307
Gilmore Primary School	18	19	26	12	25	11	17	15	143
Gordon Primary School	105	77	63	62	63	52	66	52	540
Gowrie Primary School	34	36	45	42	41	52	41	45	336
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	74	46	36	24	-	-	-	-	180
Monash Primary School	76	53	61	66	56	70	61	58	501
Namadgi School	64	64	58	58	52	46	51	43	436
Richardson Primary School	41	21	16	22	26	18	17	12	173
Richardson Koori Preschool	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Taylor Primary School	43	46	45	60	47	50	47	36	374
Theodore Primary School	55	30	35	40	37	32	42	43	314
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	54	52	54	46	69	47	54	40	416
Wanniassa School	42	26	26	31	33	36	28	34	256
Wanniassa Koori Preschool	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
<b>Subtotal Tuggeranong</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>5,585</b>
<b>Total public primary schools</b>	<b>4,708</b>	<b>4,103</b>	<b>4,184</b>	<b>4,072</b>	<b>4,031</b>	<b>3,743</b>	<b>3,739</b>	<b>3,669</b>	<b>32,249</b>

1. Includes a small number of students who attended two schools who are counted as two enrolment episodes in the census.

IEC – Intensive English Centre. – Nil.

The North/Gungahlin network (32.3%) also had the highest proportion of high school enrolments followed by South/Weston (28.7%), Belconnen (24.2%), and Tuggeranong (14.8%).

**Table 7: Number of high school level enrolments by year level, network and school, 2021<sup>1</sup>**

High Schools	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
<b><i>Belconnen Network</i></b>					
Belconnen High School	152	140	139	138	569
Canberra High School	210	227	227	208	872
Kingsford Smith School	116	110	112	101	439
Melba Copland Secondary School	193	161	127	134	615
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	127	120	124	114	485
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	-	-	-	3	3
<b>Subtotal Belconnen</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>2,983</b>
<b><i>North/Gungahlin Network</i></b>					
Amaroo School	245	209	235	181	870
Black Mountain School	26	15	23	27	91
Campbell High School	153	167	196	178	694
Dickson College IEC	5	6	2	4	17
Gold Creek School	133	144	144	141	562
Gungahlin College	-	-	-	23	23
Harrison School	169	149	162	155	635
Lyneham High School	271	271	240	298	1080
<b>Subtotal North/Gungahlin</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>3,972</b>
<b><i>South/Weston Network</i></b>					
Alfred Deakin High School	197	216	221	212	846
Melrose High School	210	220	200	212	842
Mount Stromlo High School	233	194	208	171	806
Telopea Park School	277	242	227	219	965
The Woden School	12	20	19	23	74
<b>Subtotal South/Weston</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>3,533</b>
<b><i>Tuggeranong Network</i></b>					
Calwell High School	107	97	114	99	417
Caroline Chisholm School	96	98	117	80	391
Erindale College	-	-	-	62	62
Lanyon High School	112	100	102	95	409
Namadgi School	62	61	71	82	276
Wanniassa School	79	58	72	56	265
<b>Subtotal Tuggeranong</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>1,820</b>
<b>Total public high schools</b>	<b>3,185</b>	<b>3,025</b>	<b>3,082</b>	<b>3,016</b>	<b>12,308</b>

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The South/Weston network (33.2%) had the highest proportion of college enrolments followed by North/Gungahlin (28.8%), Belconnen (20.5%), and Tuggeranong (17.6%).

**Table 8: Number of college level enrolments by year level, network and school, 2021<sup>1</sup>**

Colleges	Year 11	Year 12	Older	Total
<b><i>Belconnen Network</i></b>				
Hawker College	292	217	1	510
Melba Copland Secondary School	88	92	-	180
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	313	304	-	617
<b>Subtotal Belconnen</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,307</b>
<b><i>North/Gungahlin Network</i></b>				
Black Mountain School	20	16	-	36
Dickson College	359	355	-	714
Dickson College Secondary IEC	2	-	-	2
Gungahlin College	550	532	-	1,082
<b>Subtotal North/Gungahlin</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,834</b>
<b><i>South/Weston Network</i></b>				
The Canberra College	543	471	-	1,014
The Canberra College - CCCares	26	4	113	143
Narrabundah College	493	448	-	941
The Woden School	9	8	-	17
<b>Subtotal South/Weston</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>2,115</b>
<b><i>Tuggeranong Network</i></b>				
Erindale College	267	269	-	536
Lake Tuggeranong College	301	282	-	583
<b>Subtotal Tuggeranong</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,119</b>
<b>Subtotal public colleges</b>	<b>3,263</b>	<b>2,998</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>6,375</b>

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IEC - Intensive English Centre. - Nil.

## Students to teacher ratio

The students to teacher ratio takes account of all teaching resources allocated to support students. Students to teacher ratios are calculated by dividing the total Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students by the FTE teaching staff. Overall, the students to teacher ratio for the ACT public school system was 13.3.

**Table 9: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2021**

School Name	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool staff)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Ainslie School	24.4	369.0	15.1
Alfred Deakin High School	58.2	846.0	14.5
Amaroo School	127.0	1,855.0	14.6
Aranda Primary School	30.9	550.0	17.8
Arawang Primary School	30.4	498.0	16.4
Belconnen High School	46.4	569.0	12.3
Black Mountain School	32.8	126.6	3.9
Bonython Primary School	28.6	372.0	13.0
Calwell High School	36.8	417.0	11.3
Calwell Primary School	20.6	266.0	12.9
Campbell High School	49.4	692.5	14.0
Campbell Primary School	22.2	320.0	14.4
Canberra College, The	74.5	1,157.0	15.5
Canberra High School	67.2	871.4	13.0
Caroline Chisholm School	55.0	657.0	11.9
Chapman Primary School	37.1	537.0	14.5
Charles Conder Primary School	30.3	440.0	14.5
Charles Weston School	36.4	487.0	13.4
Charnwood-Dunlop School	28.1	356.0	12.7
Cranleigh School	17.0	74.2	4.4
Curtin Primary School	32.8	476.8	14.5
Dickson College	57.7	731.6	12.7
Duffy Primary School	31.6	373.0	11.8
Erindale College	47.1	590.4	12.5
Evatt Primary School	28.4	282.0	9.9
Evelyn Scott School	12.5	139.0	11.2
Fadden Primary School	21.4	263.0	12.3
Farrer Primary School	21.1	327.0	15.5
Florey Primary School	27.2	413.6	15.2
Forrest Primary School	32.4	528.0	16.3
Franklin School	29.3	353.0	12.0
Fraser Primary School	34.7	523.0	15.1
Garran Primary School	35.8	602.0	16.8
Gilmore Primary School	13.2	125.0	9.5
Giralang Primary School	24.0	296.4	12.4
Gold Creek School	85.1	1,145.0	13.5
Gordon Primary School	32.1	434.4	13.5
Gowrie Primary School	23.8	300.5	12.6

**Table 9: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2021 (continued)**

<b>School Name</b>	<b>Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool staff)</b>	<b>Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)</b>	<b>Students to teacher ratio</b>
Gungahlin College	76.6	1,054.0	13.8
Harrison School	114.1	1,780.6	15.6
Hawker College	37.7	509.2	13.5
Hawker Primary School	21.1	340.0	16.1
Hughes Primary School	25.4	412.0	16.2
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	10.8	106.0	9.8
Jervis Bay School	10.6	33.0	3.1
Kaleen Primary School	29.3	475.0	16.2
Kingsford Smith School	73.2	840.4	11.5
Lake Tuggeranong College	47.1	578.7	12.3
Lanyon High School	37.3	409.0	11.0
Latham Primary School	27.0	329.0	12.2
Lyneham High School	76.1	1,080.0	14.2
Lyneham Primary School	34.4	476.0	13.8
Lyons Early Childhood School	9.9	77.0	7.7
Macgregor Primary School	43.5	531.4	12.2
Macquarie Primary School	22.7	304.0	13.4
Majura Primary School	47.0	717.0	15.3
Malkara School	19.4	66.0	3.4
Margaret Hendry School	43.9	478.0	10.9
Maribyrnong Primary School	35.2	477.0	13.6
Mawson Primary School	36.0	449.0	12.5
Melba Copland Secondary School	71.9	794.3	11.0
Melrose High School	62.2	842.0	13.5
Miles Franklin Primary School	30.7	497.0	16.2
Monash Primary School	35.2	424.4	12.1
Mount Rogers Primary School	38.8	516.0	13.3
Mount Stromlo High School	58.2	806.0	13.8
Namadgi School	55.4	648.0	11.7
Narrabundah College	61.7	941.0	15.3
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	8.2	62.0	7.6
Neville Bonner Primary School	55.8	744.0	13.3
Ngunnawal Primary School	49.2	635.1	12.9
North Ainslie Primary School	41.1	617.6	15.0
O'Connor Cooperative School	6.0	47.0	7.8
Palmerston District Primary School	47.2	722.0	15.3
Red Hill Primary School	42.7	741.0	17.3
Richardson Primary School	14.7	132.0	9.0
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	9.8	129.8	13.2
Taylor Primary School	23.2	331.0	14.3
Telopea Park School	111.4	1,539.4	13.8

**Table 9: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2021 (continued)**

<b>School Name</b>	<b>Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool staff)</b>	<b>Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)</b>	<b>Students to teacher ratio</b>
Theodore Primary School	21.0	259.0	12.3
Torrens Primary School	30.6	463.0	15.1
Turner School	41.2	462.0	11.2
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	40.4	484.8	12.0
University of Canberra Senior Secondary	41.5	593.4	14.3
College Lake Ginninderra			
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	23.6	362.0	15.3
Wanniassa School	44.9	478.5	10.7
Weetangera Primary School	32.8	477.0	14.5
Woden School, The	23.1	90.4	3.9
Yarralumla Primary School	27.9	383.0	13.7
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>3,471.8</b>	<b>46,109.4</b>	<b>13.3</b>

FTE – Full-Time Equivalent.

## Explanatory Notes

### Reference date

The 2021 August census was conducted on Friday 6 August 2021.

### Scope and coverage

The August census included all Canberra public schools providing primary, secondary and specialist education. Jervis Bay School was included in Canberra public primary schools as the ACT Education Directorate administers the Jervis Bay School for the Australian Government under a service agreement.

### Collection

Canberra public school census data was electronically downloaded from the Directorate's centralised administrative systems.

### Student enrolments

The census included students who were officially enrolled in a school on census day and who were active in a primary, secondary or specialist education program at that school. Students who were unexplainably absent for more than four continuous school weeks prior to census date were included if the principal received written documentation signed by the guardian indicating that the student was to return to school on or before 13 August 2021.

### Preschool

The Census included three, four, and five-year-old pre-school students who were enrolled in a school prior to starting kindergarten. Preschool level data also included students who were attending a preschool program as an early entry student. Please note, children can be enrolled in more than one preschool program and may attend preschool for more than one year.

### Primary school level

The primary school level of schooling included students from preschool to year 6, unless 'K-6' was specified.

### High school level

The high school level of schooling is equivalent to the lower secondary level of education of the Australian Standard Classification of Education and includes students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10. A small number of year 10 students undertake early access programs at Canberra college.

### College level

The college level of schooling is equivalent to the senior secondary level of education of the Australian Standard Classification of Education and includes students in years 11 and 12 as well as those students defined as older. A small number of year 10 students undertake early access programs at an ACT college.

## Older students (O)

Students in public schools aged 18 years by 31 December in the year prior to the commencement of their college studies, but not aged 20 years or over on 31 January in the year of commencement of their college studies, are classified as Older (O).

## Flexible education

The census included students who were participating in Flexible Education. Flexible Education provides alternative education options across five campuses. These campuses include the Muliyan Program, the Cottage, Hospital School, Murrumbidgee School and Distance Education. Students attending Flexible Education sites were counted in the Census at their mainstream school, except for the number of students who were enrolled in the NSW Finigan School of Distance Education which is listed separately in the Non-school education section on page 3.

## Introductory English Centres

Introductory English Centres (IECs) are for students who require intensive full-time English language instruction. There were five IECs in the primary sector, conducted at Charnwood-Dunlop School, Hughes Primary School, North Ainslie Primary School, Palmerston District Primary School and Wanniasa Hills Primary School. There was one IEC in the secondary sector, conducted at Dickson College. Please note, Palmerston District Primary School IEC and Wanniasa Hills Primary School IEC were temporarily closed.

## Students enrolled in disability education programs

The Census included students who met the ACT Student Disability Criteria. These students accessed disability education programs at either mainstream or specialist public schools.

There are four specialist schools in Canberra; Black Mountain School, Cranleigh School, Malkara School, and The Woden School. Specialist schools cater for students with a moderate to profound intellectual disability, severe Autism Spectrum Disorder or with multiple disabilities that require intensive levels of support.

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