



Education and Training

ACT Public School Census

August 2010



This publication provides information on students enrolled in ACT schools at 6 August 2010.

Key findings

In August 2010, there were 38 758 students attending the 83 ACT public schools, an increase of 389 students or 1.0 percent from August 2009.

There were 23 005 students (59.4% of all public school students) attending a public primary school, up 295 students or 1.3 percent since August 2009.

Within the primary school sector the number of students at the preschool level has increased by 226 students or 5.7 percent since August 2009.

In August 2010, there were 9757 students (25.2% of all public school students) attending a public school at the high school level, an increase of 80 students or 0.8 percent since August 2009.

There were 5632 students (14.5% of all public school students) attending a public college, an increase of 7 students or 0.1 percent from August 2009.

In August 2010, there were 1995 students accessing special education programs. This was an increase of 49 students or 2.5 percent since August 2009.

Introduction

This publication presents the results from the ACT public school census conducted on Friday 6 August 2010. Unlike the February ACT school census, which includes all ACT schools, the August census conducted by the Department covers public school students only.

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

Student enrolments 2006 to 2010

In August 2010, there were 38 758 enrolments in ACT public schools, up by 389 enrolments (1.0%) from August 2009 (Table 1). The increase in total public school enrolments continues the trend from 2009 which saw an increase of 344 enrolments (0.9%) from August 2008. This is the second consecutive year there has been an increase in public school enrolments in both the February and August censuses. This contrasts with the previous 10 years of decreasing public school enrolments.

All levels of schooling showed an increase in 2010 from 2009, with primary school enrolments up by 295 (1.3%), high school enrolments up by 80 (0.8%), college enrolments up by seven (0.1%) and special school enrolments up by 7 (2.0%). This is the first year in over five years there has been an increase in public high school enrolments with the February 2010 census also showing an increase of 68 (0.7%) from February 2009.

When measured over the longer term, total enrolments have increased by 30 (0.1%) since August 2006.

In August 2010, almost six in 10 (59.4%) public school enrolments were at the primary school level. This was up 0.9 percentage points from August 2006. High schools accounted for 25.2 percent of enrolments in 2010, down 0.9 percentage points since 2006. College enrolments accounted for 14.5 percent of the total in both 2006 and 2010.

Table 1: Number of enrolments by level of schooling, 2006 to 2010¹

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Primary schools	22 641	22 394	22 372	22 710	23 005
High schools	10 124	10 006	9 809	9 677	9 757
Colleges	5 632	5 606	5 501	5 625	5 632
Special schools	331	347	343	357	364
Total all schools	38 728	38 353	38 025	38 369	38 758

¹ Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school

Indigenous enrolments 2006 to 2010

In August 2010, the number of public school enrolments of students identifying as being of Indigenous origin was 1273. This is an increase of 247 (29.1%) since August 2006 and 66 (5.5%) since August 2009 (Table 2).

Table 2: Number of Indigenous enrolments by level of schooling, 2006 to 2010¹

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Primary schools	675	679	712	820	833
High schools	244	252	247	275	312
Colleges	86	82	68	91	107
Special schools	21	20	19	21	21
Total all schools	1 026	1 033	1 046	1 207	1 273

¹ Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school

Students with special needs 2006 to 2010

In August 2010, the number of enrolments of public school students with special needs was 1995 (Table 3). This is an increase of 134 enrolments (7.2%) since August 2006 and an increase of 49 enrolments (2.5%) since August 2009.

Table 3: Number of special needs enrolments by level of schooling, 2006 to 2010¹

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Primary schools	1 081	1 060	1 102	1 107	1 128
High schools	339	354	373	359	382
Colleges	110	87	101	123	121
Special schools	331	347	343	357	364
Total all schools	1 861	1 848	1 919	1 946	1 995

¹ Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school

Gender 2006 to 2010

Table 4 shows the numbers of males and females across the various levels of schooling from 2006 to 2010. Consistent with previous years, there were slightly more males (51.3% in 2010) than females in ACT public schools. However, at the college level there was a lower proportion of males (47.9%) than females. This differs from the previous five years where male and female enrolments in college were relatively equal.

Table 4: Number of enrolments by level of schooling and gender, 2006 to 2010¹

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Primary schools					
Male	11 501	11 390	11 392	11 567	11 853
Female	11 140	11 004	10 980	11 143	11 152
Subtotal primary schools	22 641	22 394	22 372	22 710	23 005
<i>Percent male</i>	50.8%	50.9%	50.9%	50.9%	51.5%
<i>Percent female</i>	49.2%	49.1%	49.1%	49.1%	48.5%
High schools					
Male	5 219	5 188	5 108	5 002	5 081
Female	4 905	4 818	4 701	4 675	4 676
Subtotal high schools	10 124	10 006	9 809	9 677	9 757
<i>Percent male</i>	51.6%	51.8%	52.1%	51.7%	52.1%
<i>Percent female</i>	48.4%	48.2%	47.9%	48.3%	47.9%
Colleges					
Male	2 821	2 765	2 748	2 819	2 695
Female	2 811	2 841	2 753	2 806	2 937
Subtotal colleges	5 632	5 606	5 501	5 625	5 632
<i>Percent male</i>	50.1%	49.3%	50.0%	50.1%	47.9%
<i>Percent female</i>	49.9%	50.7%	50.0%	49.9%	52.1%
Special schools					
Male	223	226	228	236	238
Female	108	121	115	121	126
Subtotal special schools	331	347	343	357	364
<i>Percent male</i>	67.4%	65.1%	66.5%	66.1%	65.4%
<i>Percent female</i>	32.6%	34.9%	33.5%	33.9%	34.6%
All schools					
Male	19 764	19 569	19 476	19 624	19 867
Female	18 964	18 784	18 549	18 745	18 891
Total all schools	38 728	38 353	38 025	38 369	38 758
<i>Percent male</i>	<i>51.0%</i>	<i>51.0%</i>	<i>51.2%</i>	<i>51.1%</i>	<i>51.3%</i>
<i>Percent female</i>	<i>49.0%</i>	<i>49.0%</i>	<i>48.8%</i>	<i>48.9%</i>	<i>48.7%</i>

¹ Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school

Student enrolments 2010

Table 5: Number of enrolments by level of schooling, year level and gender, 2010¹

	Males	Females	Persons	Percentage of total
Primary schools				
Preschool	2 184	2 004	4 188	10.8%
Kindergarten	1 509	1 351	2 860	7.4%
Year 1	1 505	1 342	2 847	7.3%
Year 2	1 337	1 273	2 610	6.7%
Year 3	1 314	1 290	2 604	6.7%
Year 4	1 347	1 343	2 690	6.9%
Year 5	1 299	1 252	2 551	6.6%
Year 6	1 358	1 297	2 655	6.9%
Subtotal primary schools	11 853	11 152	23 005	59.4%
High schools				
Year 7	1 206	1 152	2 358	6.1%
Year 8	1 210	1 148	2 358	6.1%
Year 9	1 280	1 145	2 425	6.3%
Year 10	1 385	1 231	2 616	6.7%
Subtotal high schools	5 081	4 676	9 757	25.2%
Colleges				
Year 11	1 384	1 584	2 968	7.7%
Year 12	1 309	1 351	2 660	6.9%
Mature	1	2	3	0.0%
Older	1	-	1	0.0%
Subtotal colleges	2 695	2 937	5 632	14.5%
Special schools				
Primary school level	124	56	180	0.5%
High school level	75	53	128	0.3%
College level	39	17	56	0.1%
Subtotal special schools	238	126	364	0.9%
Total all schools	19 867	18 891	38 758	100.0%

¹ Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school

Table 6: Number of enrolments by level of schooling, year level and Indigenous status, 2010¹

	Indigenous	Percent Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not stated	Total
Primary schools					
Preschool	191	4.6%	3 991	6	4 188
Kindergarten	91	3.2%	2 767	2	2 860
Year 1	112	3.9%	2 734	1	2 847
Year 2	88	3.4%	2 520	2	2 610
Year 3	81	3.1%	2 522	1	2 604
Year 4	89	3.3%	2 597	4	2 690
Year 5	91	3.6%	2 459	1	2 551
Year 6	90	3.4%	2 558	7	2 655
Subtotal primary schools	833	3.6%	22 148	24	23 005
High schools					
Year 7	85	3.6%	2 202	71	2 358
Year 8	81	3.4%	2 261	16	2 358
Year 9	73	3.0%	2 351	1	2 425
Year 10	73	2.8%	2 540	3	2 616
Subtotal high schools	312	3.2%	9 354	91	9 757
Colleges					
Year 11	61	2.1%	2 866	41	2 968
Year 12	45	1.7%	2 592	23	2 660
Mature	1	33.3%	2	-	3
Older	-	0.0%	1	-	1
Subtotal colleges	107	1.9%	5 461	64	5 632
Special schools					
Primary school level	12	6.7%	167	1	180
High school level	7	5.5%	120	1	128
College level	2	3.6%	54	-	56
Subtotal special schools	21	5.8%	341	2	364
Total all schools	1 273	3.3%	37 304	181	38 758

¹ Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school

Table 7: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, region and school, 2010¹

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
North Canberra									
Ainslie School	62	50	54	42	68	59	61	49	445
Campbell Primary School	66	37	44	38	35	30	25	34	309
Lyneham Primary School	70	38	51	41	58	58	61	55	432
Majura Primary School	83	78	77	67	62	64	40	48	519
North Ainslie IEC	-	27	10	16	8	11	6	5	83
North Ainslie Primary School	63	39	36	34	37	33	36	38	316
O'Connor Co-Operative School	24	20	22	16	-	-	-	-	82
Turner School	101	58	68	51	75	66	73	72	564
Subtotal North Canberra	469	347	362	305	343	321	302	301	2 750
South Canberra									
Forrest Primary School	36	58	48	63	58	65	62	65	455
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	69	20	14	5	-	-	-	-	108
Narrabundah Koori Program	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Red Hill Primary School	89	86	85	85	90	79	87	80	681
Telopea Park School	-	63	62	52	64	56	62	57	416
Yarralumla Primary School	57	40	34	24	29	16	21	23	244
Subtotal South Canberra	267	267	243	229	241	216	232	225	1 920
Woden Valley									
Curtin Primary School	73	55	39	67	55	55	60	49	453
Farrer Primary School	50	31	39	34	40	52	41	37	324
Garran Primary School	49	62	79	73	72	62	53	83	533
Hughes Primary School IEC	-	23	5	8	5	5	3	2	51
Hughes Primary School	41	29	41	25	32	34	30	30	262
Lyons Early Childhood School	53	10	6	1	-	-	-	-	70
Mawson Primary School	42	20	27	25	17	23	22	22	198
Torrens Primary School	80	54	62	58	54	64	53	58	483
Subtotal Woden Valley	388	284	298	291	275	295	262	281	2 374
Weston Creek									
Arawang Primary School	106	52	46	47	44	47	59	55	456
Chapman Primary School	94	80	72	64	70	62	58	54	554
Duffy Primary School	46	36	36	36	25	42	29	18	268
Stromlo High School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	28
Subtotal Weston Creek	246	168	154	147	139	151	146	155	1 306

Table 7 continued

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Belconnen North									
Charnwood-Dunlop School	87	41	52	47	32	26	21	37	343
Evatt Primary School	50	42	42	40	51	50	28	48	351
Fraser Primary School	72	48	52	54	67	41	56	54	444
Giralang Primary School	39	23	27	21	13	16	21	15	175
Kaleen Primary School	69	62	48	71	67	71	72	63	523
Maribyrnong Primary School	25	27	34	32	25	38	29	35	245
Miles Franklin Primary School	74	54	54	42	63	58	37	51	433
Mount Rogers Primary School	93	36	41	24	24	28	24	31	301
Subtotal Belconnen North	509	333	350	331	342	328	288	334	2 815
Belconnen South									
Aranda Primary School	74	69	65	64	60	64	44	42	482
Cranleigh School ²	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Florey Primary School	93	62	49	42	36	56	45	46	429
Hawker Primary School	44	40	40	28	51	29	37	36	305
Kingsford Smith School	93	79	74	51	73	68	64	77	579
Holt Koori Program	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Latham Primary School	47	35	33	39	34	31	33	38	290
Macgregor Primary School	73	59	38	54	47	43	40	43	397
Macquarie Primary School	43	37	39	33	26	47	30	37	292
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	68	25	11	10	-	-	-	-	114
Weetangera Primary School	65	52	62	46	48	45	44	53	415
Subtotal Belconnen South	613	458	411	367	375	383	337	372	3 316

Table 7 continued

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Tuggeranong North									
Fadden Primary School	47	43	35	42	33	39	43	41	323
Gowrie Primary School	46	29	22	32	18	31	32	26	236
Monash Primary School	78	52	66	51	51	59	52	61	470
Taylor Primary School	65	30	35	32	28	25	16	33	264
Urambi Primary School IEC	-	6	3	4	3	5	3	2	26
Urambi Primary School	87	33	30	34	30	30	35	28	307
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	82	53	51	54	39	59	49	54	441
Wanniassa School	48	29	26	32	27	37	37	37	273
Wanniassa Koori Program	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Subtotal Tuggeranong North	468	275	268	281	229	285	267	282	2 355
Tuggeranong South									
Bonython Primary School	54	47	41	63	54	50	53	54	416
Calwell Primary School	67	39	47	41	50	59	41	53	397
Calwell Koori Program	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Caroline Chisholm School	33	26	19	27	28	27	31	35	226
Charles Conder Primary School	104	45	63	34	49	43	47	64	449
Gilmore Primary School	51	23	32	29	24	33	30	30	252
Gordon Primary School	124	51	55	35	47	54	56	69	491
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	76	33	17	6	-	-	-	-	132
Richardson Primary School	37	27	22	26	20	25	38	29	224
Theodore Primary School	44	38	32	33	34	43	46	42	312
Subtotal Tuggeranong South	599	329	328	294	306	334	342	376	2 908

Table 7 continued

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Gungahlin									
Amaroo School	121	115	116	103	112	102	115	100	884
Gold Creek School	130	47	48	48	63	65	65	94	560
Harrison School	147	106	119	88	73	72	66	48	719
Ngunnawal Primary School	107	70	83	64	48	66	69	33	540
Ngunnawal Koori Program	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Palmerston Primary School	85	55	57	51	52	59	51	45	455
Subtotal Gungahlin	603	393	423	354	348	364	366	320	3 171
Jervis Bay									
Jervis Bay Primary School	26	6	10	11	6	13	9	9	90
Subtotal Jervis Bay	26	6	10	11	6	13	9	9	90
Total primary schools	4 188	2 860	2 847	2 610	2 604	2 690	2 551	2 655	23 005

¹ Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school

² Mainstream preschool class

Table 8: Number of high school enrolments by year level, region and school, 2010

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
North Canberra					
Campbell High School	166	165	146	172	649
Connect10 Central	-	-	2	13	15
Secondary IEC	10	14	9	9	42
Lyneham High School	258	251	256	265	1 030
Subtotal North Canberra	434	430	413	459	1 736
South Canberra					
Alfred Deakin High School	174	183	193	200	750
Telopea Park School	157	195	176	183	711
Subtotal South Canberra	331	378	369	383	1 461
Woden Valley					
Melrose High School	207	200	191	219	817
Subtotal Woden Valley	207	200	191	219	817
Weston Creek					
Stromlo High School	173	156	190	148	667
Subtotal Weston Creek	173	156	190	148	667
Belconnen North					
Kaleen High School	40	56	56	64	216
Melba Copland Secondary School	130	129	202	177	638
Subtotal Belconnen North	170	185	258	241	854
Belconnen South					
Belconnen High School	105	100	143	181	529
Canberra High School	132	118	143	198	591
Kingsford Smith School	129	109	-	-	238
Connect10 Northern	-	-	4	16	20
Subtotal Belconnen South	366	327	290	395	1 378
Tuggeranong North					
Connect10 Southern	-	-	3	13	16
Wanniassa School	62	78	85	93	318
Subtotal Tuggeranong North	62	78	88	106	334
Tuggeranong South					
Calwell High School	121	102	125	133	481
Caroline Chisholm School	50	88	95	102	335
Lanyon High School	150	142	148	186	626
Subtotal Tuggeranong South	321	332	368	421	1 442
Gungahlin					
Amaroo School	135	120	116	101	472
Gold Creek School	159	152	142	143	596
Subtotal Gungahlin	294	272	258	244	1 068
Total high schools	2 358	2 358	2 425	2 616	9 757

Table 9: Number of college enrolments by year level, region and school, 2010

	Year 11	Year 12	Mature	Older	Total
North Canberra					
Dickson College	362	304	-	-	666
Secondary IEC	8	3	-	-	11
Subtotal North Canberra	370	307	-	-	677
South Canberra					
Narrabundah College	479	441	-	1	921
Subtotal South Canberra	479	441	-	1	921
Woden Valley/Weston Creek					
The Canberra College	467	416	3	-	886
Subtotal Woden Valley/Weston Creek	467	416	3	-	886
Belconnen North					
Melba Copland Secondary School	196	118	-	-	314
Subtotal Belconnen North	196	118	-	-	314
Belconnen South					
Hawker College	381	321	-	-	702
Lake Ginninderra College	374	364	-	-	738
Subtotal Belconnen South	755	685	-	-	1 440
Tuggeranong					
Erindale College	310	324	-	-	634
Lake Tuggeranong College	391	369	-	-	760
Subtotal Tuggeranong	701	693	-	-	1 394
Total colleges	2 968	2 660	3	1	5 632

Table 10: Number of special school enrolments by school and level of schooling, 2010

	Primary	High	College	Total
North Canberra				
Black Mountain School	-	53	56	109
South Canberra				
The Woden School	-	75	-	75
Woden Valley				
Malkara School	96	-	-	96
Belconnen				
Cranleigh School	84	-	-	84
Total special schools	180	128	56	364

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. For students residing in the ACT as at August 2010, 133 were home educated. In addition, a further 321 students, who were of school age, undertook school equivalent courses at the Canberra Institute of Technology.

Explanatory Notes

Reference date

The 2010 August census was conducted on 6 August 2010.

Scope and coverage

The August census includes all ACT public schools providing primary, secondary and special education. Jervis Bay School is included in ACT public primary schools as the ACT Department of Education and Training administers the Jervis Bay School for the Australian Government under a service agreement.

Collection

ACT public school census data was electronically downloaded from the Department's centralised administrative system.

Student enrolments

The census includes students who were officially enrolled in a school on census day and who were active in a primary, secondary or special education program at that school. Students who were 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 Monday 16 August 2010.

Connect10

The Connect10 program supports students to develop a personal pathway plan that may include one or more of the following goals: completion of Year 10 Certificate, transition to years 11 and 12, vocational learning, employment and/or re-engagement with high school. Students in the program are an appropriate age for year 9 or 10 and their participation must be approved by a referral panel. The length of placement is long term, designed to engage students in learning and training and transition to future pathways.

Connect10 programs are conducted at Lake Tuggeranong College (Connect10 Southern), Lake Ginninderra College (Connect10 Northern) and Dickson College (Connect10 Central).

Introductory English Centres (IECs)

Introductory English Centres (IECs) are for students who require intensive full time English language instruction.

There are three IECs in the primary sector, conducted at North Ainslie Primary School (Northside Primary IEC), Hughes Primary School (Southside Primary IEC) and Urambi Primary School (Tuggeranong Primary IEC). There is one IEC in the high school sector and the college sector, conducted at Dickson College (Secondary IEC).

Mature students

Students in public schools aged 20 years or over on 31 January in the year of commencement of their college studies are classified as Mature.

Older students

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.

Primary school level of schooling

The primary school level of schooling includes students from preschool to year 6. Preschool level data may include students who are aged three and attending a preschool program.

High school level of schooling

The high school level of schooling includes those students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

College level of schooling

The college level of schooling includes those students in years 11 and 12 as well as those students defined as mature and older.

Special schools

Special 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.

Cranleigh School has introduced a mainstream preschool class. Enrolments in this class are included in primary school level of schooling numbers and not included in special school numbers.

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