

# ACT School Census

## August 2012

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This publication provides information on students enrolled in ACT schools at 3 August 2012.

## Introduction

This publication presents the results from the ACT Public School Census conducted on Friday 3 August 2012. Unlike the February ACT School Census, which includes all ACT schools, the August census conducted by the Directorate covers ACT public schools 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, 2008 to 2012

In August 2012, there were 40,126 enrolments in ACT public schools, up by 1,134 enrolments, (2.9%) from August 2011 (Table 1). The increase in total public school enrolments continued the trend from 2009 (which saw an increase of 344 enrolments or 0.9% from August 2008), August 2010 (which saw an increase of 389 enrolments or 1.0%) and August 2011 (which saw an increase of 234 or 0.6%). This was the fourth consecutive year there was an increase in public school enrolments in both the February and August censuses. This contrasted with the previous 10 years of decreasing public school enrolments.

Primary schools, high schools, colleges and specialist schools showed an increase in 2012 from 2011. Primary school enrolments increased by 916 (3.9%), high school enrolments increased by 63 (0.7%), college enrolments were up by 106 (1.9%) and specialist school enrolments increased by 49 (13.1%).

When measured over the longer term, total enrolments increased by 2,101 (5.5%) since August 2008.

In August 2012, six in 10 (60.4%) public school enrolments were at the primary school level compared with 58.8 percent in 2008. High schools accounted for 24.1 percent of public school enrolments in 2012 compared with 28.8 percent in 2008. College enrolments accounted for 14.5 percent of the total in both 2008 and 2012.

**Table 1: Number of enrolments by level of schooling, 2008 to 2012<sup>1, 2</sup>**

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Primary school	22,372	22,710	23,005	23,330	24,246
High school	9,809	9,677	9,757	9,589	9,652
College	5,501	5,625	5,632	5,698	5,804
Specialist schools	343	357	364	375	424
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>38,025</b>	<b>38,369</b>	<b>38,758</b>	<b>38,992</b>	<b>40,126</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school

<sup>2</sup> 2012 preschool enrolments include a small number of early entry students. Some groups of early entry students have not previously been included in the census.

## Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, 2008 to 2012

In August 2012, the number of public school enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students was 1,396. This was an increase of 350 (33.5%) since August 2008 and 89 (6.8%) since August 2011 (Table 2).

**Table 2: Number of enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by level of schooling, 2008 to 2012<sup>1, 2</sup>**

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Primary school	712	820	833	843	911
High school	247	275	312	306	311
College	68	91	107	133	146
Specialist schools	19	21	21	25	28
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>1,396</b>

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<sup>2</sup> 2012 preschool enrolments include a small number of early entry students. Some groups of early entry students have not previously been included in the census.

## Enrolments of students with special needs, 2008 to 2012

In August 2012, the number of enrolments of public school students with special needs was 1,997 (Table 3). This was an increase of 149 enrolments (8.1%) since August 2008.

**Table 3: Number of special needs enrolments by level of schooling, 2008 to 2012<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>**

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Primary school	1,102	1,107	1,128	1,107	1,055
High school	373	359	382	396	391
College	101	123	121	115	127
Specialist schools	343	357	364	375	424
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>1,946</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>1,997</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school

<sup>2</sup> The increase in enrolments at Specialist Schools in 2012 is in part due to early intervention programs which are now administered by schools.

<sup>3</sup> 2012 preschool enrolments include a small number of early entry students. Some groups of early entry students have not previously been included in the census.

## Student enrolments by gender, 2008 to 2012

Table 4 shows the numbers of males and females across the various levels of schooling from 2008 to 2012. Consistent with previous years, there were slightly more males (51.5% in 2012) than females in ACT public schools

**Table 4: Number of enrolments by level of schooling and gender, 2007 to 2012<sup>1, 2</sup>**

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Primary school</b>					
Male	11,392	11,567	11,853	12,015	12,470
Female	10,980	11,143	11,152	11,315	11,776
Subtotal primary school	22,372	22,710	23,005	23,330	24,246
Percent male	50.9%	50.9%	51.5%	51.5%	51.4%
Percent female	49.1%	49.1%	48.5%	48.5%	48.6%
<b>High school</b>					
Male	5,108	5,002	5,081	4,944	4,977
Female	4,701	4,675	4,676	4,645	4,675
Subtotal high school	9,809	9,677	9,757	9,589	9,652
Percent male	52.1%	51.7%	52.1%	51.6%	51.6%
Percent female	47.9%	48.3%	47.9%	48.4%	48.4%
<b>College</b>					
Male	2,748	2,819	2,695	2,774	2,947
Female	2,753	2,806	2,937	2,924	2,857
Subtotal college	5,501	5,625	5,632	5,698	5,804
Percent male	50.0%	50.1%	47.9%	48.7%	50.8%
Percent female	50.0%	49.9%	52.1%	51.3%	49.2%
<b>Specialist schools</b>					
Male	228	236	238	253	290
Female	115	121	126	122	134
Subtotal specialist schools	343	357	364	375	424
Percent male	66.5%	66.1%	65.4%	67.5%	68.4%
Percent female	33.5%	33.9%	34.6%	32.5%	31.6%
<b>All schools</b>					
Male	19,476	19,624	19,867	19,986	20,684
Female	18,549	18,745	18,891	19,006	19,442
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>38,025</b>	<b>38,369</b>	<b>38,758</b>	<b>38,992</b>	<b>40,126</b>
Percent male	51.2%	51.1%	51.3%	51.3%	51.5%
Percent female	48.8%	48.9%	48.7%	48.7%	48.5%

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school

<sup>2</sup> 2012 preschool enrolments include a small number of early entry students. Some groups of early entry students have not previously been included in the census.

## Student enrolments, 2012

**Table 5: Number of enrolments by gender, level of schooling and year level, 2012<sup>1, 2</sup>**

	Males	Females	Persons	Percentage of total
<b>Primary school</b>				
Preschool	2,278	2,103	4,381	10.9%
Kindergarten	1,727	1,550	3,277	8.2%
Year 1	1,590	1,536	3,126	7.8%
Year 2	1,482	1,380	2,862	7.1%
Year 3	1,478	1,337	2,815	7.0%
Year 4	1,309	1,269	2,578	6.4%
Year 5	1,286	1,262	2,548	6.3%
Year 6	1,320	1,339	2,659	6.6%
Subtotal primary school	12,470	11,776	24,246	60.4%
<b>High school</b>				
Year 7	1,233	1,161	2,394	6.0%
Year 8	1,238	1,180	2,418	6.0%
Year 9	1,226	1,191	2,417	6.0%
Year 10	1,280	1,143	2,423	6.0%
Subtotal high school	4,977	4,675	9,652	24.1%
<b>College</b>				
Year 11	1,550	1,597	3,147	7.8%
Year 12	1,396	1,259	2,655	6.6%
Older	1	1	2	0.0%
Subtotal college	2,947	2,857	5,804	14.5%
<b>Specialist schools</b>				
Primary school level	156	56	212	0.5%
High school level	90	45	135	0.3%
College level	44	33	77	0.2%
Subtotal specialist schools	290	134	424	1.1%
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>20,684</b>	<b>19,442</b>	<b>40,126</b>	<b>100%</b>

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**Table 6: Number of enrolments by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status, level of schooling and year level, 2012<sup>1, 2</sup>**

	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	Percent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	Non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students Indigenous	Not stated	Total
<b>Primary school</b>					
Preschool	214	4.9%	4,162	5	4,381
Kindergarten	107	3.3%	3,168	2	3,277
Year 1	101	3.2%	3,021	4	3,126
Year 2	103	3.6%	2,757	2	2,862
Year 3	112	4.0%	2,702	1	2,815
Year 4	89	3.5%	2,488	1	2,578
Year 5	89	3.5%	2,459		2,548
Year 6	96	3.6%	2,557	6	2,659
Subtotal primary school	911	3.8%	23,314	21	24,246
<b>High school</b>					
Year 7	79	3.3%	2,256	59	2,394
Year 8	82	3.4%	2,273	63	2,418
Year 9	75	3.1%	2,279	63	2,417
Year 10	75	3.1%	2,328	20	2,423
Subtotal high school	311	3.2%	9,136	205	9,652
<b>College</b>					
Year 11	91	2.9%	3,043	13	3,147
Year 12	55	2.1%	2,568	32	2,655
Older		0.0%	2		2
Subtotal college	146	2.5%	5,613	45	5,804
<b>Specialist schools</b>					
Primary school level	16	7.5%	196		212
High school level	5	3.7%	130		135
College level	7	9.1%	70		77
Subtotal specialist schools	28	6.6%	396	0	424
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>38,459</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>40,126</b>

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**Table 7: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, region and school, 2012<sup>1, 2</sup>**

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
<b>NORTH CANBERRA</b>									
Ainslie School	60	49	50	59	53	46	67	55	439
Campbell Primary School	61	40	47	40	32	34	38	27	319
Lyneham Primary School	60	40	59	36	54	43	57	60	409
Majura Primary School	87	85	78	78	70	71	56	69	594
North Ainslie Primary School	59	66	57	51	41	30	38	37	379
North Ainslie Primary IEC		18	5	3	5	7	3	5	46
The Co-Operative School	24	20	18	17					79
Turner School	104	60	71	54	77	64	77	58	565
Subtotal North Canberra	455	378	385	338	332	295	336	311	2,830
<b>SOUTH CANBERRA</b>									
Forrest Primary School	40	53	55	69	67	64	69	70	487
Narrabundah Early Childhood	62	23	23	13					121
Narrabundah Koori Program	9								9
Red Hill Primary School	71	84	86	90	84	71	78	81	645
Telopea Park School		63	64	58	60	52	62	58	417
Yarralumla Primary School	61	45	36	36	33	23	18	8	260
Subtotal South Canberra	243	268	264	266	244	210	227	217	1,939
<b>WODEN VALLEY</b>									
Curtin Primary School	89	55	50	67	54	68	62	50	495
Farrer Primary School	49	45	42	37	37	39	45	44	338
Garran Primary School	54	75	75	69	88	80	77	59	577
Hughes Primary School	41	28	40	35	41	27	30	31	273
Hughes Primary School IEC		18	5	12	3	9	4	4	55
Lyons Early Childhood School	63	28	30	9					130
Mawson Primary School	44	26	28	25	21	20	12	19	195
Torrens Primary School	87	60	60	53	64	50	60	58	492
Subtotal Woden Valley	427	335	330	307	308	293	290	265	2,555
<b>WESTON CREEK</b>									
Arawang Primary School	109	38	53	51	50	40	43	30	414
Chapman Primary School	93	80	81	86	65	73	68	60	606
Duffy Primary School	80	64	46	43	38	31	32	40	374
Stromlo High School								39	39
Subtotal Weston Creek	282	182	180	180	153	144	143	169	1,433

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Table 7 continued

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
<b>BELCONNEN NORTH</b>									
Charnwood-Dunlop School	81	43	36	31	41	45	32	28	337
Charnwood-Dunlop IEC		15	7	2	3	6		2	35
Evatt Primary School	47	42	49	37	40	35	47	49	346
Fraser Primary School	74	56	59	45	52	46	56	41	429
Giralang Primary School	45	21	28	21	23	16	11	17	182
Kaleen Primary School	90	69	66	74	51	75	69	70	564
Maribyrnong Primary School	54	20	32	28	33	28	19	34	248
Miles Franklin Primary School	90	64	52	55	55	41	55	57	469
Mount Rogers Primary School	96	55	57	39	48	32	27	26	380
Subtotal Belconnen North	577	385	386	332	346	324	316	324	2,990
<b>BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>									
Aranda Primary School	73	79	75	74	67	58	55	54	535
Cranleigh School <sup>3</sup>	6								6
Florey Primary School	88	64	60	57	48	45	32	51	445
Hawker Primary School	44	36	48	45	41	27	50	32	323
Kingsford Smith School	81	78	81	71	74	50	70	76	581
Kingsford Smith Koori Program	9								9
Latham Primary School	46	40	40	37	37	40	33	32	305
Macgregor Primary School	84	77	59	57	35	48	39	42	441
Macquarie Primary School	48	43	44	41	48	36	27	51	338
Southern Cross Early Childhood	77	52	33	16					178
Weetangera Primary School	64	60	58	54	62	43	45	42	428
Subtotal Belconnen South	620	529	498	452	412	347	351	380	3,589
<b>TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>									
Fadden Primary School	44	55	43	45	40	41	30	37	335
Gowrie Primary School	40	25	25	27	25	31	19	32	224
Monash Primary School	86	52	57	40	70	53	49	57	464
Namadgi School	118	64	60	42	45	45	47	51	472
Namadgi School IEC		4	3	3	4	1		1	16
Taylor Primary School	41	24	22	25	27	35	15	18	207
Wanniassa Hills Primary	73	39	57	47	53	48	38	54	409
Wanniassa School	52	29	29	26	25	33	28	41	263
Wanniassa Koori Program	20								20
Subtotal Tuggeranong North	474	292	296	255	289	287	226	291	2,410

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<b>TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>									
Bonython Primary School	61	41	34	43	42	50	43	48	362
Calwell Primary School	56	36	27	34	42	38	44	53	330
Caroline Chisholm School	45	42	29	25	18	29	28	24	240
Charles Conder Primary	91	46	38	45	51	27	53	44	395
Gilmore Primary School	27	29	30	20	33	23	17	30	209
Gordon Primary School	133	72	67	51	48	44	53	52	520
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	83	41	33	15					172
Richardson Primary School	51	26	30	25	19	26	19	22	218
Richardson Koori Program	17								17
Theodore Primary School	44	46	34	38	36	31	38	39	306
Subtotal Tuggeranong South	608	379	322	296	289	268	295	312	2,769
<b>GUNGAHLIN</b>									
Amaroo School	175	144	108	134	134	131	132	120	1,078
Gold Creek School	150	67	63	49	59	61	60	78	587
Harrison School	149	157	139	119	121	96	81	93	955
Ngunnawal Primary School	97	82	96	68	72	62	45	46	568
Ngunnawal Koori Program	10								10
Palmerston Primary School	87	69	52	60	49	50	41	43	451
Subtotal Gungahlin	668	519	458	430	435	400	359	380	3,649
<b>JERVIS BAY</b>									
Jervis Bay School	27	10	7	6	7	10	5	10	82
Subtotal Jervis Bay	27	10	7	6	7	10	5	10	82
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>4,381</b>	<b>3,277</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>2,862</b>	<b>2,815</b>	<b>2,578</b>	<b>2,548</b>	<b>2,659</b>	<b>24,246</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school

<sup>2</sup> 2012 preschool enrolments include a small number of early entry students. Some groups of early entry students have not previously been included in the census.

<sup>3</sup> Mainstream preschool class

**Table 8: Number of high school enrolments by year level, region and school, 2012**

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
<b>NORTH CANBERRA</b>					
Campbell High School	190	184	166	158	698
Dickson College Connect 10				15	15
Dickson College IEC	12	17	9	2	40
Lyneham High School	257	280	258	267	1,062
Subtotal North Canberra	459	481	433	442	1,815
<b>SOUTH CANBERRA</b>					
Alfred Deakin High School	197	192	186	181	756
Telopea Park School	195	187	173	186	741
Subtotal South Canberra	392	379	359	367	1,497
<b>WODEN VALLEY</b>					
Melrose High School	155	170	217	210	752
Subtotal Woden Valley	155	170	217	210	752
<b>WESTON CREEK</b>					
Stromlo High School	153	178	181	158	670
Subtotal Weston Creek	153	178	181	158	670
<b>BELCONNEN NORTH</b>					
Melba Copland Secondary School	95	112	123	131	461
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	34	55	42	55	186
Subtotal Belconnen North	129	167	165	186	647
<b>BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>					
Belconnen High School	93	111	103	106	413
Canberra High School	191	174	150	136	651
Kingsford Smith School	83	93	110	94	380
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra Connect 10			1	12	13
Subtotal Belconnen South	367	378	364	348	1,457
<b>TUGGERANONG NORTH</b>					
Erindale College				22	22
Lake Tuggeranong College Connect 10			1	14	15
Namadgi School	60	49			109
Wanniassa School	53	51	70	65	239
Subtotal Tuggeranong North	113	100	71	101	385
<b>TUGGERANONG SOUTH</b>					
Calwell High School	99	88	118	104	409
Caroline Chisholm School	74	69	55	83	281
Lanyon High School	113	123	145	137	518
Subtotal Tuggeranong South	286	280	318	324	1,208
<b>GUNGAHLIN</b>					
Amaroo School	134	107	146	118	505
Gold Creek School	126	131	163	156	576
Gungahlin College				13	13
Harrison School	80	47			127
Subtotal Gungahlin	340	285	309	287	1,221
<b>Total all schools</b>	<b>2,394</b>	<b>2,418</b>	<b>2,417</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>9,652</b>

**Table 9: Number of college enrolments by year level, region and school, 2012**

	Year 11	Year 12	Older	Total
<b>NORTH CANBERRA</b>				
Dickson College	379	312		691
Dickson College IEC	16	1		17
Subtotal North Canberra	395	313		708
<b>SOUTH CANBERRA</b>				
Narrabundah College	468	467		935
Subtotal South Canberra	468	467		935
<b>WODEN VALLEY/WESTON CREEK</b>				
The Canberra College	574	401		975
Subtotal Woden Valley	574	401		975
<b>BELCONNEN NORTH</b>				
Melba Copland Secondary School	134	109		243
Subtotal Belconnen North	134	109		243
<b>BELCONNEN SOUTH</b>				
Hawker College	248	298		546
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	224	190	1	415
Subtotal Belconnen South	472	488	1	961
<b>TUGGERANONG</b>				
Erindale College	288	247		535
Lake Tuggeranong College	466	352	1	819
Subtotal Tuggeranong	754	599	1	1,354
<b>GUNGALIN</b>				
Gungahlin College	350	278		628
Subtotal Gungahlin	350	278		628
<b>Total all colleges</b>	<b>3,147</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5,804</b>

**Table 10: Number of specialist school enrolments by school and year level, 2012**

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Total
Cranleigh School * #	44	9	9	6	5	7	7	8							<b>95</b>
Malkara School *	52	13	9	12	7	3	8	13							<b>117</b>
Black Mountain School									19	6	13	17	13	40	<b>108</b>
The Woden School									18	28	17	17	8	16	<b>104</b>
<b>Total specialist schools</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>424</b>

\* Includes children receiving support through Early Intervention Programs who are under five years of age and not classified as having a disability.

# Does not include Connect 3 children attending an inclusion program.

## 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 2012, 161 were home educated. In addition, a further 401 students, who were of school age, undertook school equivalent courses at the Canberra Institute of Technology.

## **Explanatory Notes**

### **Reference date**

The 2012 August census was conducted on 3 August 2012.

### **Scope and coverage**

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

There was a slight increase in 2012 preschool enrolments due to the inclusion of some groups of early entry students which were not counted in previous censuses. This resulted in a break in data series so 2012 data cannot be directly compared with previous years.

### **Collection**

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

### **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 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 17 August 2012.

### **Connect 10**

The Connect 10 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.

Connect 10 programs were conducted at Lake Tuggeranong College, University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra and Dickson College.

### **Introductory English Centres (IECs)**

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

There were three IECs in the primary sector, conducted at North Ainslie Primary School, Hughes Primary School and Namadgi School. There was one IEC in the high school sector and the college sector, conducted at Dickson College.

### **Mature students**

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

## Explanatory Notes (continued)

### 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, were classified as Older.

### Primary school level of schooling

The primary school level of schooling included students from preschool to year 6. Preschool level data also included students who were attending a preschool program as an early entry student.

### High school level of schooling

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

### College level of schooling

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

### Specialist schools

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.

Cranleigh School has introduced a mainstream preschool class. Enrolments in this class were included in primary school enrolments and not included in specialist school numbers.

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