

Census of ACT public schools

August 2022

This publication provides information
on students enrolled in Canberra
public schools at 5 August 2022

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Executive Summary

This publication presents the results from the Canberra public school census conducted on Friday 5 August 2022.

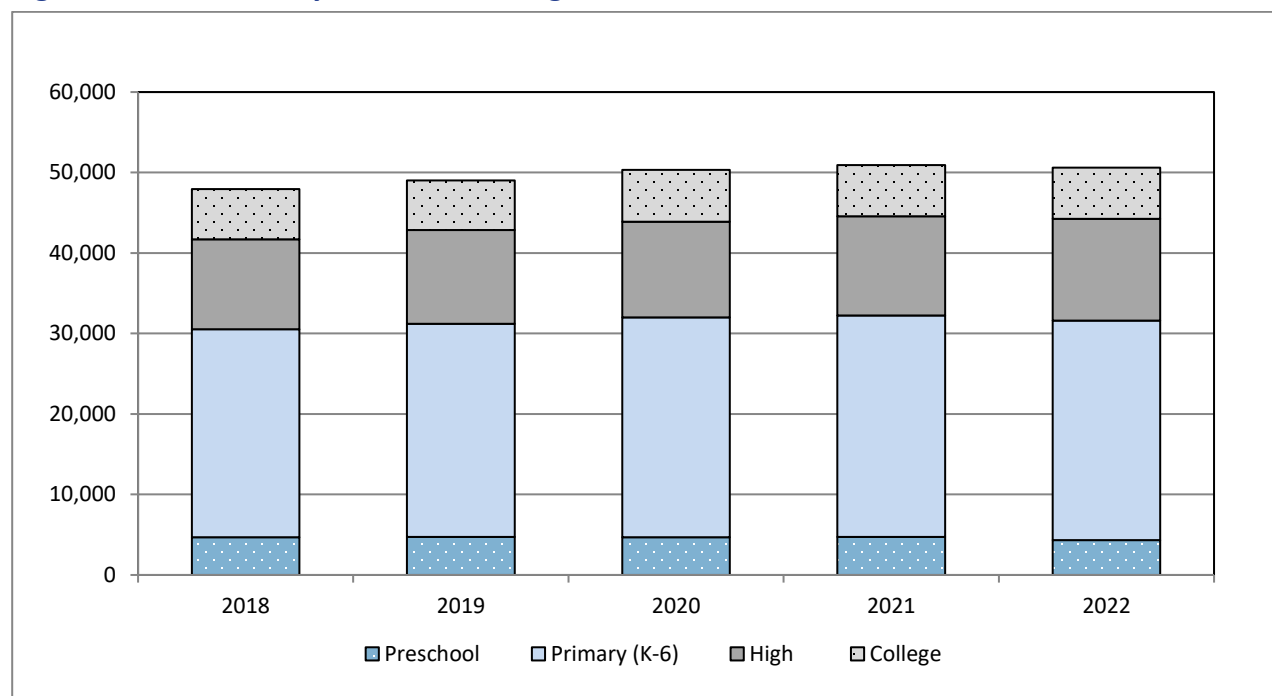
Student enrolments by level of schooling

At August 2022 census, there were 50,615 students enrolled in Canberra public schools. This represented a decrease of 317 enrolments (-0.6%) since August 2021 (Table 1 and Figure 1). From August 2018 to August 2022, enrolments increased by 2,656 students (5.5%).

Annual enrolment increases in ACT schools were consistently over two percent from 2018-2020, however since then growth has slowed, particularly in the last 12 months when it was negative for the first time in over a decade. This is partly explained by a change in the annual rate of growth in the estimated resident population (ERP) for school aged children, from around two percent in previous years to less than one percent between June 2020 and June 2021 (Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2022).

The most noticeable change in enrolment growth was in preschool, where enrolments across the Territory fell by 397 students (-8.4%) since August 2021. Public preschool enrolments increased by 86 students (2.0%) from the February 2022 census indicating the fall in enrolments occurred between August 2021 and February 2022. Reduced enrolments in non-compulsory preschool in 2022 was most likely due to a combination of factors including a reduction in the ERP for preschool aged children (ABS, 2022) and some families choosing not to enrol their children in preschool, due to concerns about the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Figure 1: Enrolments by level of schooling, 2018 to 2022



There were:

- 31,623 students enrolled in public primary schools. This represents a decrease of 626 enrolments (-1.9%) since August 2021.
 - preschool enrolments decreased by 397 students (-8.4%) to 4,311 students
 - kindergarten to year 6 enrolments decreased by 229 students (-0.8%) to 27,312 students.
- 12,641 students enrolled in public high schools, an increase of 333 enrolments (2.7%) from August 2021 to August 2022.
- 6,351 students enrolled in public colleges, a decrease of 24 enrolments (-0.4%) from August 2021 to August 2022.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

At August 2022 census, there were 2,121 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people enrolled in ACT public schools (Table 2 and Table 5), representing 4.2 percent of total enrolments. This was a decrease of 83 enrolments (-3.8%) since August 2021, with preschool enrolments dropping by 63 and college enrolment dropping by 28 in that period.

Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students increased by 209 students (10.9%) since August 2018. Ninety-three students were enrolled in Koori preschool programs; with 46 children taking up the option to attend both Koori and universal preschool programs.

Students enrolled in disability education programs

At August 2022 census, there were 2,909 students (Table 3), representing 5.7 percent of all enrolments, accessing disability education programs at either mainstream or specialist public schools. This was an increase of 30 students (1.0%) since August 2021 and an increase of 513 enrolments (21.4%) since August 2018.

Student enrolments by gender and year level

There were proportionally more male (51.8%) than female (47.8%) students (Table 4). This general trend was consistent across all academic year levels, with the greatest proportional difference being at the high school level where 53.1 percent were males and 46.0 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 2022, 445 children and young people were home educated in the ACT, an increase of 35 students (8.5%) since August 2021. A further 142 students who were of school age undertook school equivalent courses at the Canberra Institute of Technology, a decrease of 30 students (-0.2%) since August 2021.

In addition, there were 28 ACT students enrolled in the NSW Finigan School of Distance Education.

Tables

Table 1: Enrolments by level of schooling, 2018 to 2022¹

Level of schooling	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Preschool	4,679	4,716	4,679	4,708	4,311
Annual growth (%)		0.8	-0.8	0.6	-8.4
Primary (K-6)	25,864	26,494	27,321	27,541	27,312
Annual growth (%)		2.4	3.1	0.8	-0.8
High	11,164	11,662	11,889	12,308	12,641
Annual growth (%)		4.5	1.9	3.5	2.7
College	6,252	6,150	6,442	6,375	6,351
Annual growth (%)		-1.6	4.7	-1.0	-0.4
Total all schools	47,959	49,022	50,331	50,932	50,615
Overall Annual growth (%)		2.2	2.7	1.2	-0.6

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, 2018 to 2022¹

Level of schooling	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Preschool	256	291	278	321	258
Annual growth (%)		13.7	-4.5	15.5	-19.6
Primary (K-6)	993	1,021	1,063	1,131	1,119
Annual growth (%)		2.8	4.1	6.4	-1.1
High	452	505	496	497	517
Annual growth (%)		11.7	-1.8	0.2	4.0
College	211	215	255	255	227
Annual growth (%)		1.9	18.6	0.0	-11.0
Total all schools	1,912	2,032	2,092	2,204	2,121
Overall Annual growth (%)		6.3	3.0	5.4	-3.8

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, 2018 to 2022^{1,2}

Level of schooling	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Primary (K-6)	1,404	1,480	1,563	1,656	1,586
Annual growth (%)		5.4	5.6	6.0	-4.2
High	672	743	770	869	946
Annual growth (%)		10.6	3.6	12.9	8.9
College	320	307	314	354	377
Annual growth (%)		-4.1	2.3	12.7	6.5
Total all schools	2,396	2,530	2,647	2,879	2,909
Overall Annual growth (%)		5.6	4.6	8.8	1.0

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, 2022^{1, 2, 3}

Level of schooling	Males	Females	Non-binary/ Not stated	Total Persons
Primary				
Preschool	2,250	2,061	n.p.	4,311
Kindergarten	2,202	1,984	n.p.	4,186
Year 1	2,026	1,920	n.p.	3,946
Year 2	2,179	1,939	n.p.	4,118
Year 3	2,039	1,865	n.p.	3,904
Year 4	2,003	1,846	n.p.	3,849
Year 5	1,855	1,800	n.p.	3,655
Year 6	1,860	1,794	n.p.	3,654
Subtotal primary	16,408	15,204	11	31,623
High				
Year 7	1,747	1,507	22	3,276
Year 8	1,692	1,452	20	3,164
Year 9	1,593	1,406	32	3,031
Year 10	1,681	1,456	33	3,170
Subtotal high	6,713	5,821	107	12,641
College				
Year 11	1,693	1,690	62	3,445
Year 12	1,404	1,383	26	2,813
Older	10	83	-	93
Subtotal college	3,107	3,156	88	6,351
Total all school levels	26,228	24,181	206	50,615

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.

na – Not applicable.

Table 5: Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments by academic year and gender, 2022^{1,2}

Level of schooling	Males	Females	Non-binary/ Not stated	Total
Primary				
Preschool	137	121	n.p.	258
Kindergarten	97	98	n.p.	195
Year 1	76	76	n.p.	152
Year 2	92	90	n.p.	182
Year 3	79	75	n.p.	154
Year 4	87	74	n.p.	161
Year 5	59	63	n.p.	122
Year 6	77	76	n.p.	153
Subtotal primary	704	673	n.p.	1,377
High				
Year 7	85	69	n.p.	154
Year 8	65	48	n.p.	113
Year 9	72	45	n.p.	117
Year 10	86	47	n.p.	133
Subtotal high	308	209	n.p.	517
College				
Year 11	44	64	n.p.	108
Year 12 (& Older)	45	74	n.p.	119
Subtotal college	89	138	n.p.	227
Total all school levels	1,096	1,016	9	2,121

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 (31.3%) had the highest proportion of primary school enrolments followed by South/Weston (26.2%), Belconnen (25.4%), and Tuggeranong (17.2%).

Table 6: Number of primary school level enrolments by year level, network and school, 2022¹

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Belconnen Network									
Aranda Primary School	66	82	59	86	72	80	83	87	615
Charnwood-Dunlop School	68	56	62	59	43	48	49	29	414
Charnwood-Dunlop School - Belconnen Primary IEC	-	12	3	7	1	1	3	4	31
Cranleigh School	10	24	13	12	10	10	8	13	100
Evatt Primary School	51	40	38	50	38	46	40	26	329
Florey Primary School	66	71	66	60	61	50	56	54	484
Fraser Primary School	56	72	72	80	77	80	76	74	587
Giralang Primary School	33	36	46	51	40	34	44	39	323
Hawker Primary School	41	44	42	46	45	50	55	50	373
Kaleen Primary School	64	66	57	67	69	65	69	73	530
Kingsford Smith School	74	54	49	45	47	50	47	56	422
Kingsford Smith Koori Preschool	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Latham Primary School	42	62	41	57	56	53	36	39	386
Macgregor Primary School	88	74	82	87	87	61	55	77	611
Macquarie Primary School	42	54	38	40	48	38	51	41	352
Maribyrnong Primary School	85	74	64	65	74	68	56	68	554
Miles Franklin Primary School	69	65	69	71	70	77	72	66	559
Mount Rogers Primary School	86	75	69	77	87	62	66	62	584
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	88	58	48	30	-	-	-	-	224
Weetangera Primary School	65	59	69	62	67	71	66	67	526
Subtotal Belconnen	1,111	1,078	987	1,052	992	944	932	925	8,021

Table 6: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2022¹
(continued)

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
North/Gungahlin Network									
Ainslie School	77	59	61	50	66	64	43	48	468
Amaroo School	107	96	106	96	153	159	151	160	1,028
Campbell Primary School	42	40	42	33	45	36	51	48	337
Franklin School	84	80	77	74	51	53	47	35	501
Gold Creek School	114	90	89	94	83	82	79	68	699
Harrison School	105	138	128	147	139	141	140	133	1,071
Jervis Bay School	21	4	6	7	4	2	4	3	51
Lyneham Primary School	63	53	64	61	72	72	71	90	546
Majura Primary School	86	98	113	97	92	114	97	91	788
Margaret Hendry School	126	93	102	89	67	39	36	39	591
Neville Bonner Primary School	117	101	88	111	111	100	89	81	798
Ngunnawal Primary School	103	105	114	90	83	77	78	82	732
Ngunnawal Koori Preschool	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
North Ainslie Primary School	84	72	74	97	75	91	75	98	666
North Ainslie Primary School - Northside IEC	-	3	1	1	2	1	5	3	16
O'Connor Cooperative School	15	20	19	12	-	-	-	-	66
Palmerston District Primary School	127	103	110	113	100	88	78	87	806
Throsby School	75	44	26	19	16	12	12	7	211
Throsby School - Gungahlin Primary IEC	-	4	5	1	1	-	1	-	12
Turner School	47	57	57	55	61	76	72	64	489
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	1,414	1,260	1,282	1,247	1,221	1,207	1,129	1,137	9,897
South/Weston Network									
Arawang Primary School	65	83	67	77	65	77	70	61	565
Chapman Primary School	78	86	79	87	80	77	69	78	634
Charles Weston School	81	92	74	84	88	65	62	40	586
Curtin Primary School	64	54	65	55	61	71	72	67	509
Duffy Primary School	45	71	46	59	54	59	52	46	432
Evelyn Scott School	63	65	35	44	26	26	19	24	302
Farrer Primary School	42	39	39	44	36	46	49	40	335
Forrest Primary School	42	66	67	71	81	85	86	79	577
Garran Primary School	44	89	73	89	85	85	88	84	637
Hughes Primary School	42	50	50	54	64	53	50	63	426
Hughes Primary School - Southside IEC	-	21	9	11	9	8	6	5	69
Lyons Early Childhood School	54	38	27	27	-	-	-	-	146
Malkara School	10	5	11	5	11	7	12	8	69
Mawson Primary School	82	71	71	71	68	71	52	65	551
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	50	26	17	15	-	-	-	-	108
Narrabundah Koori Preschool	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Red Hill Primary School	79	93	95	117	105	112	112	124	837
Telopea Park School	-	83	83	83	75	82	86	81	573
Torrens Primary School	69	48	57	57	67	51	66	67	482
Yarralumla Primary School	62	43	46	61	54	54	59	33	412
Subtotal South/Weston	994	1,123	1,011	1,111	1,029	1,029	1,010	965	8,272

Table 6: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2022¹
(continued)

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
<i>Tuggeranong Network</i>									
Bonython Primary School	44	54	49	48	62	64	32	61	414
Calwell Primary School	57	34	39	45	40	40	26	30	311
Caroline Chisholm School	38	25	25	42	36	34	44	45	289
Charles Conder Primary School	93	66	62	79	55	71	56	49	531
Fadden Primary School	36	41	45	42	38	28	33	22	285
Gilmore Primary School	29	16	21	23	16	23	11	17	156
Gordon Primary School	74	80	75	63	57	62	48	69	528
Gowrie Primary School	36	40	31	42	40	37	47	36	309
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	64	42	36	30	-	-	-	-	172
Monash Primary School	60	74	48	60	62	56	66	61	487
Namadgi School	50	53	62	60	57	55	45	53	435
Richardson Primary School	24	31	21	15	23	26	20	16	176
Richardson Koori Preschool	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Taylor Primary School	40	36	41	45	57	41	50	47	357
Theodore Primary School	32	46	32	32	41	36	34	44	297
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	46	54	51	54	48	69	37	52	411
Wanniassa School	36	33	28	28	30	27	35	25	242
Wanniassa Koori Preschool	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Subtotal Tuggeranong	792	725	666	708	662	669	584	627	5,433
Total public primary schools	4,311	4,186	3,946	4,118	3,904	3,849	3,655	3,654	31,623

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 (31.3%) also had the highest proportion of high school enrolments followed by South/Weston (28.9%), Belconnen (25.0%), and Tuggeranong (14.8%).

Table 7: Number of high school level enrolments by year level, network and school, 2022¹

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
Belconnen Network					
Belconnen High School	151	146	138	133	568
Canberra High School	221	222	229	228	900
Kingsford Smith School	124	109	102	114	449
Melba Copland Secondary School	229	190	168	140	727
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	137	130	113	126	506
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	-	-	-	7	7
Subtotal Belconnen	862	797	750	748	3,157
North/Gungahlin Network					
Amaroo School	241	240	197	218	896
Black Mountain School	21	24	14	20	79
Campbell High School	133	149	177	186	645
Dickson College IEC	13	9	10	12	44
Gold Creek School	167	135	145	152	599
Gungahlin College	-	-	-	20	20
Harrison School	168	159	144	156	627
Lyneham High School	261	270	276	243	1,050
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	1,004	986	963	1,007	3,960
South/Weston Network					
Alfred Deakin High School	236	188	215	215	854
Melrose High School	197	212	227	201	837
Mount Stromlo High School	234	234	197	208	873
Telopea Park School	251	273	248	247	1,019
The Woden School	21	12	20	18	71
Subtotal South/Weston	939	919	907	889	3,654
Tuggeranong Network					
Calwell High School	93	104	94	110	401
Caroline Chisholm School	109	104	101	115	429
Erindale College	-	-	-	60	60
Lanyon High School	129	109	99	100	437
Namadgi School	62	64	57	71	254
Wanniassa School	78	81	60	70	289
Subtotal Tuggeranong	471	462	411	526	1,870
Total public high schools	3,276	3,164	3,031	3,170	12,641

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 South/Weston network (33.4%) had the highest proportion of college enrolments followed by North/Gungahlin (29%), Belconnen (21.6%), and Tuggeranong (16%).

Table 8: Number of college level enrolments by year level, network and school, 2022¹

	Year 11	Year 12	Older	Total
<i>Belconnen Network</i>				
Hawker College	326	240	-	566
Melba Copland Secondary School	113	54	-	167
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	359	280	-	639
Subtotal Belconnen	798	574	-	1,372
<i>North/Gungahlin Network</i>				
Black Mountain School	26	22	-	48
Dickson College	409	320	-	729
Dickson College - Secondary IEC	7	-	-	7
Gungahlin College	594	463	-	1,057
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	1,036	805	-	1,841
<i>South/Weston Network</i>				
The Canberra College	543	493	-	1,036
The Canberra College – CCCares	11	5	93	109
Narrabundah College	497	461	-	958
The Woden School	11	8	-	19
Subtotal South/Weston	1,062	967	93	2,122
<i>Tuggeranong Network</i>				
Erindale College	281	225	-	506
Lake Tuggeranong College	268	242	-	510
Subtotal Tuggeranong	549	467	-	1,016
Total public colleges	3,445	2,813	93	6,351

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.

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 13.2.

Table 9: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2022

School Name	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Ainslie School	24.6	391.0	15.9
Alfred Deakin High School	62.7	854.0	13.6
Amaroo School	124.6	1817.0	14.6
Aranda Primary School	34.3	549.0	16.0
Arawang Primary School	29.6	500.0	16.9
Belconnen High School	47.4	568.0	12.0
Black Mountain School	35.5	124.7	3.5
Bonython Primary School	30.3	370.0	12.2
Calwell High School	39.7	400.5	10.1
Calwell Primary School	19.4	254.0	13.1
Campbell High School	44.0	644.1	14.6
Campbell Primary School	18.8	295.0	15.7
Canberra College, The	75.7	1145.0	15.1
Canberra High School	65.8	899.4	13.7
Caroline Chisholm School	56.4	679.0	12.0
Chapman Primary School	34.9	553.8	15.9
Charles Conder Primary School	29.7	438.0	14.7
Charles Weston School	35.0	503.6	14.4
Charnwood-Dunlop School	29.6	377.0	12.7
Cranleigh School	19.4	88.8	4.6
Curtin Primary School	27.0	443.8	16.4
Dickson College	58.9	779.1	13.2
Duffy Primary School	26.6	387.0	14.5
Erindale College	46.1	557.2	12.1
Evatt Primary School	24.8	278.0	11.2
Evelyn Scott School	20.6	239.0	11.6
Fadden Primary School	20.6	249.0	12.1
Farrer Primary School	21.7	293.0	13.5
Florey Primary School	29.0	417.6	14.4
Forrest Primary School	35.0	535.0	15.3
Franklin School	31.7	417.0	13.1
Fraser Primary School	34.5	531.0	15.4
Garran Primary School	36.0	592.2	16.5
Gilmore Primary School	12.6	127.0	10.1

Table 9: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2022 (continued)

School Name	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Giralang Primary School	22.3	287.7	12.9
Gold Creek School	83.1	1184.0	14.2
Gordon Primary School	33.2	454.0	13.7
Gowrie Primary School	20.4	273.0	13.4
Gungahlin College	75.4	1031.8	13.7
Harrison School	114.8	1593.0	13.9
Hawker College	39.4	565.6	14.4
Hawker Primary School	22.9	332.0	14.5
Hughes Primary School	28.5	452.2	15.9
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	10.8	108.0	10.0
Jervis Bay School	10.0	30.0	3.0
Kaleen Primary School	28.9	466.0	16.1
Kingsford Smith School	70.7	797.0	11.3
Lake Tuggeranong College	44.7	504.9	11.3
Lanyon High School	37.4	437.0	11.7
Latham Primary School	30.0	344.0	11.5
Lyneham High School	76.4	1049.4	13.7
Lyneham Primary School	29.8	483.0	16.2
Lyons Early Childhood School	10.4	92.0	8.8
Macgregor Primary School	39.6	522.4	13.2
Macquarie Primary School	25.0	310.0	12.4
Majura Primary School	46.4	702.0	15.1
Malkara School	17.0	56.8	3.3
Margaret Hendry School	37.6	465.0	12.4
Maribyrnong Primary School	33.3	469.0	14.1
Mawson Primary School	37.2	469.0	12.6
Melba Copland Secondary School	80.6	894.0	11.1
Melrose High School	59.1	837.0	14.2
Miles Franklin Primary School	31.9	490.0	15.4
Monash Primary School	33.8	427.0	12.6
Mount Rogers Primary School	34.8	498.0	14.3
Mount Stromlo High School	65.9	872.6	13.2
Namadgi School	54.8	639.0	11.7
Narrabundah College	65.7	958.0	14.6
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	7.0	58.0	8.3
Neville Bonner Primary School	52.1	680.4	13.1
Ngunnawal Primary School	51.9	628.1	12.1
North Ainslie Primary School	39.4	597.4	15.2
O'Connor Cooperative School	6.6	51.0	7.7

Table 9: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2022 (continued)

School Name	Teaching staff FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Student FTE (excl preschool enrolments)	Students to teacher ratio
Palmerston District Primary School	51.4	679.0	13.2
Red Hill Primary School	46.5	756.7	16.3
Richardson Primary School	15.6	151.5	9.7
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	13.4	136.0	10.1
Taylor Primary School	24.6	316.2	12.9
Telopea Park School	110.8	1,591.4	14.4
Theodore Primary School	21.8	264.4	12.1
Throsby School	17.0	148.0	8.7
Torrens Primary School	29.6	413.0	14.0
Turner School	38.5	440.6	11.4
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	37.7	504.6	13.4
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	51.4	640.6	12.5
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	23.2	365.0	15.7
Wanniassa School	46.4	494.0	10.6
Weetangera Primary School	33.0	460.9	14.0
Woden School, The	27.2	89.2	3.3
Yarralumla Primary School	24.4	350.0	14.4
Total all schools	3,503.7	46,208.2	13.2

FTE – Full-Time Equivalent.

Explanatory Notes

Reference date

The 2022 August census was conducted on Friday 5 August 2022.

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 12 August 2022.

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, were 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 four IECs in the primary sector, conducted at Charnwood-Dunlop School (Belconnen Primary IEC), North Ainslie Primary School (Northside IEC), Throsby School (Gungahlin Primary IEC) and Hughes Primary School (Southside IEC). There was one IEC in the secondary sector, conducted at Dickson College (Secondary IEC).

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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