

ACT Public School Census

August 2011



This publication provides information on students enrolled in ACT schools at 5 August 2011.

Introduction

This publication presents the results from the ACT Public School Census conducted on Friday 5 August 2011. 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 2007 to 2011

In August 2011, there were 38 992 enrolments in ACT public schools, up by 234 enrolments (0.6%) from August 2010 (Table 1). The increase in total public school enrolments continues the trend from 2009 (which saw an increase of 344 enrolments or 0.9% from August 2008) and 2010 (which saw an increase of 389 enrolments or 1.0%). This is the third 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.

Primary schools, colleges and specialist schools showed an increase in 2011 from 2010. Primary school enrolments increased by 325 (1.4%), high school enrolments were down by 168 (-1.7%), college enrolments were up by 66 (1.2%) and specialist school enrolments increased by 11 (3.0%).

When measured over the longer term, total enrolments have increased by 639 (1.7%) since August 2007.

In August 2011, almost six in 10 (59.8%) public school enrolments were at the primary school level compared with 58.4 percent in 2007. High schools accounted for 24.6 percent of public school enrolments in 2011 compared with 26.1 percent in 2007. College enrolments accounted for 14.6 percent of the total in both 2007 and 2011.

Table 1: Number of enrolments by level of schooling, 2007 to 2011¹

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Primary Schools	22 394	22 372	22 710	23 005	23 330
High schools	10 006	9 809	9 677	9 757	9 589
Colleges	5 606	5 501	5 625	5 632	5 698
Specialist schools	347	343	357	364	375
Total all schools	38 353	38 025	38 369	38 758	38 992

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

Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, 2007 to 2011

In August 2011, the number of public school enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students was 1307. This was an increase of 274 (26.5%) since August 2007 and 34 (2.7%) since August 2010 (Table 2).

Table 2: Number of enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by level of schooling, 2007 to 2011¹

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Primary Schools	679	712	820	833	843
High schools	252	247	275	312	306
Colleges	82	68	91	107	133
Specialist schools	20	19	21	21	25
Total all schools	1 033	1 046	1 207	1 273	1 307

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

Students with special needs 2007 to 2011

In August 2011, the number of enrolments of public school students with special needs was 1993 (Table 3). This was an increase of 145 enrolments (7.8%) since August 2007 and was consistent with enrolments in August 2010.

Table 3: Number of special needs enrolments by level of schooling, 2007 to 2011¹

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Primary schools	1 060	1 102	1 107	1 128	1 107
High schools	354	373	359	382	396
Colleges	87	101	123	121	115
Specialist schools	347	343	357	364	375
Total all schools	1 848	1 919	1 946	1 995	1 993

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

Gender 2007 to 2011

Table 4 shows the numbers of males and females across the various levels of schooling from 2007 to 2011. Consistent with previous years, there were slightly more males (51.3% in 2011) than females in ACT public schools. However, at the college level there was a lower proportion of males (48.7%) than females. In 2010, 47.9 percent of college enrolments were male.

Table 4: Number of enrolments by level of schooling and gender, 2007 to 2011¹

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Primary schools					
Male	11 390	11 392	11 567	11 853	12 015
Female	11 004	10 980	11 143	11 152	11 315
Subtotal primary schools	22 394	22 372	22 710	23 005	23 330
Percent male	50.9%	50.9%	50.9%	51.5%	51.5%
Percent female	49.1%	49.1%	49.1%	48.5%	48.5%
High schools					
Male	5 188	5 108	5 002	5 081	4 944
Female	4 818	4 701	4 675	4 676	4 645
Subtotal high schools	10 006	9 809	9 677	9 757	9 589
Percent male	51.8%	52.1%	51.7%	52.1%	51.6%
Percent female	48.2%	47.9%	48.3%	47.9%	48.4%
Colleges					
Male	2 765	2 748	2 819	2 695	2 774
Female	2 841	2 753	2 806	2 937	2 924
Subtotal colleges	5 606	5 501	5 625	5 632	5 698
Percent male	49.3%	50.0%	50.1%	47.9%	48.7%
Percent female	50.7%	50.0%	49.9%	52.1%	51.3%
Specialist schools					
Male	226	228	236	238	253
Female	121	115	121	126	122
Subtotal specialist schools	347	343	357	364	375
Percent male	65.1%	66.5%	66.1%	65.4%	67.5%
Percent female	34.9%	33.5%	33.9%	34.6%	32.5%
All schools					
Male	19 569	19 476	19 624	19 867	19 986
Female	18 784	18 549	18 745	18 891	19 006
Total all schools	38 353	38 025	38 369	38 758	38 992
Percent male	51.0%	51.2%	51.1%	51.3%	51.3%
Percent female	49.0%	48.8%	48.9%	48.7%	48.7%

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

Student enrolments 2011

Table 5: Number of enrolments by gender, level of schooling and year level, 2011¹

	Males	Females	Persons	Percentage of total
Primary schools				
Preschool	2 270	2 007	4 277	11.0%
Kindergarten	1 624	1 547	3 171	8.1%
Year 1	1 486	1 373	2 859	7.3%
Year 2	1 482	1 348	2 830	7.3%
Year 3	1 320	1 234	2 554	6.6%
Year 4	1 257	1 237	2 494	6.4%
Year 5	1 292	1 328	2 620	6.7%
Year 6	1 284	1 241	2 525	6.5%
Subtotal primary schools	12 015	11 315	23 330	59.8%
High schools				
Year 7	1 224	1 172	2 396	6.1%
Year 8	1 211	1 173	2 384	6.1%
Year 9	1 223	1 146	2 369	6.1%
Year 10	1 286	1 154	2 440	6.3%
Subtotal high schools	4 944	4 645	9 589	24.6%
Colleges				
Year 11	1 622	1 604	3 226	8.3%
Year 12	1 152	1 320	2 472	6.3%
Subtotal colleges	2 774	2 924	5 698	14.6%
Specialist schools				
Primary school level	129	55	184	0.5%
High school level	75	45	120	0.3%
College level	49	22	71	0.2%
Subtotal specialist schools	253	122	375	1.0%
Total all schools	19 986	19 006	38 992	100%

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

Table 6: Number of enrolments by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status, level of schooling and year level, 2011¹

	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	Percent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	Non-Indigenous	Not stated	Total
Primary schools					
Preschool	199	4.7%	4 075	3	4 277
Kindergarten	99	3.1%	3 067	5	3 171
Year 1	96	3.4%	2 761	2	2 859
Year 2	110	3.9%	2 720		2 830
Year 3	77	3.0%	2 476	1	2 554
Year 4	80	3.2%	2 414		2 494
Year 5	87	3.3%	2 530	3	2 620
Year 6	95	3.8%	2 428	2	2 525
Subtotal primary schools	843	3.6%	22 471	16	23 330
High schools					
Year 7	80	3.3%	2 250	66	2 396
Year 8	82	3.4%	2 232	70	2 384
Year 9	78	3.3%	2 272	19	2 369
Year 10	66	2.7%	2 366	8	2 440
Subtotal high schools	306	3.2%	9 120	163	9 589
Colleges					
Year 11	86	2.7%	3 097	43	3 226
Year 12	47	1.9%	2 394	31	2 472
Subtotal colleges	133	2.3%	5 491	74	5 698
Specialist schools					
Primary school level	16	8.7%	168		184
High school level	6	5.0%	113	1	120
College level	3	4.2%	68		71
Subtotal specialist schools	25	6.7%	349	1	375
Total all schools	1 307	3.4%	37 431	254	38 992

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, 2011¹

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
NORTH CANBERRA									
Ainslie School	68	53	57	51	48	64	62	60	463
Campbell Primary School	67	50	37	36	31	32	28	25	306
Lyneham Primary School	55	57	33	52	40	56	56	55	404
Majura Primary School	99	72	78	73	68	54	64	41	549
North Ainslie Primary School	68	55	49	38	33	35	35	40	353
Northside Primary IEC		35	9	5	4	3	5	5	66
The Co-Operative School	23	19	19	20					81
Turner School	73	70	53	65	63	76	57	70	527
Subtotal North Canberra	453	411	335	340	287	320	307	296	2 749
SOUTH CANBERRA									
Forrest Primary School	38	58	68	58	66	67	70	71	496
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	65	25	17	14					121
Narrabundah Koori Program	10								10
Red Hill Primary School	84	91	86	92	75	84	80	84	676
Telopea Park School		62	58	58	50	65	58	57	408
Yarralumla Primary School	61	52	31	31	23	18	9	19	244
Subtotal South Canberra	258	288	260	253	214	234	217	231	1 955
WODEN VALLEY									
Curtin Primary School	63	44	57	42	64	54	50	58	432
Farrer Primary School	50	44	35	39	37	42	49	43	339
Garran Primary School	43	68	69	88	71	74	63	51	527
Hughes Primary School	40	31	34	37	25	30	30	31	258
Southside Primary IEC		18	6	9	9	6	7	3	58
Lyons Early Childhood School	48	38	8	10					104
Mawson Primary School	46	31	24	23	23	14	19	21	201
Torrens Primary School	77	66	57	61	55	53	61	54	484
Subtotal Woden Valley	367	340	290	309	284	273	279	261	2 403
WESTON CREEK									
Arawang Primary School	107	48	59	47	41	50	48	47	447
Chapman Primary School	88	82	85	67	66	67	59	49	563
Duffy Primary School	67	39	38	35	31	31	42	26	309
Stromlo High School								38	38
Subtotal Weston Creek	262	169	182	149	138	148	149	160	1 357

¹ Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school² Mainstream preschool class

Table 7 continued

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
BELCONNEN NORTH									
Charnwood-Dunlop School	89	35	35	44	47	30	26	19	325
Evatt Primary School	48	46	39	41	35	50	47	30	336
Fraser Primary School	64	58	47	53	51	58	43	51	425
Giralang Primary School	37	28	24	21	16	14	17	18	175
Kaleen Primary School	81	61	70	48	71	65	73	67	536
Maribyrnong Primary School	37	26	29	38	29	23	35	24	241
Miles Franklin Primary School	91	50	54	56	40	57	55	35	438
Mount Rogers Primary School	88	57	36	46	27	24	26	25	329
Subtotal Belconnen North	535	361	334	347	316	321	322	269	2 805
BELCONNEN SOUTH									
Aranda Primary School	88	75	68	70	57	50	58	46	512
Cranleigh School ²	5								5
Florey Primary School	84	59	61	48	44	32	54	47	429
Hawker Primary School	43	44	47	39	32	48	31	42	326
Kingsford Smith School	82	88	69	79	53	66	68	71	576
Holt Koori Program	7								7
Latham Primary School	48	42	36	34	40	30	33	30	293
Macgregor Primary School	80	58	60	32	54	43	43	37	407
Macquarie Primary School	50	37	37	39	29	29	48	29	298
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	81	41	19	6					147
Weetangera Primary School	65	59	51	65	45	44	43	45	417
Subtotal Belconnen South	633	503	448	412	354	342	378	347	3 417
TUGGERANONG NORTH									
Fadden Primary School	49	41	45	44	42	32	38	41	332
Gowrie Primary School	44	27	30	24	33	18	34	34	244
Monash Primary School	79	58	53	61	52	49	54	52	458
Namadgi School	100	55	41	38	44	39	42	39	398
Tuggeranong Primary IEC		15	3	3	5	5	2	3	36
Taylor Primary School	46	28	28	27	34	18	20	16	217
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	60	61	53	52	49	38	56	47	416
Wanniassa School	50	29	28	27	30	30	37	38	269
Wanniassa Koori Program	20								20
Subtotal Tuggeranong North	448	314	281	276	289	229	283	270	2 390

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Table 7 continued

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
TUGGERANONG SOUTH									
Bonython Primary School	63	39	47	38	59	46	49	52	393
Calwell Primary School	64	25	35	46	36	45	54	35	340
Caroline Chisholm School	43	29	27	20	26	26	23	39	233
Charles Conder Primary School	106	38	43	54	28	53	42	42	406
Gilmore Primary School	41	32	23	31	29	18	33	31	238
Gordon Primary School	141	68	48	48	42	49	52	53	501
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	66	45	22	15					148
Richardson Primary School	48	32	26	21	24	18	25	33	227
Richardson Koori Program	20								20
Theodore Primary School	49	34	36	33	33	38	38	43	304
Subtotal Tuggeranong South	641	342	307	306	277	293	316	328	2 810
GUNGAHLIN									
Amaroo School	172	102	125	123	116	107	109	122	976
Gold Creek School	127	53	47	53	55	60	56	80	531
Harrison School	150	133	118	125	98	75	81	71	851
Ngunnawal Primary School	101	93	69	81	61	44	62	52	563
Ngunnawal Koori Program	13								13
Palmerston Primary School	93	53	58	49	57	43	51	30	434
Subtotal Gungahlin	656	434	417	431	387	329	359	355	3 368
JERVIS BAY									
Jervis Bay Primary School	24	9	5	7	8	5	10	8	76
Subtotal Jervis Bay	24	9	5	7	8	5	10	8	76
Total all schools	4 277	3 171	2 859	2 830	2 554	2 494	2 620	2 525	23 330

¹ Includes a small number of students who attend more than one school² Mainstream preschool class

Table 8: Number of high school enrolments by year level, region and school, 2011

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
NORTH CANBERRA					
Campbell High School	187	172	154	154	667
Connect10 Central			2	12	14
Secondary IEC	8	6	12	13	39
Lyneham High School	270	250	260	247	1 027
Subtotal North Canberra	465	428	428	426	1 747
SOUTH CANBERRA					
Alfred Deakin High School	190	177	182	198	747
Telopea Park School	186	169	187	173	715
Subtotal South Canberra	376	346	369	371	1 462
WODEN VALLEY					
Melrose High School	172	212	206	194	784
Subtotal Woden Valley	172	212	206	194	784
WESTON CREEK					
Stromlo High School	170	184	159	190	703
Subtotal Weston Creek	170	184	159	190	703
BELCONNEN NORTH					
Melba Copland Secondary School	130	128	134	194	586
University of Canberra High School Kaleen	64	39	55	55	213
Subtotal Belconnen North	194	167	189	249	799
BELCONNEN SOUTH					
Belconnen High School	112	105	105	140	462
Canberra High School	168	150	127	152	597
Kingsford Smith School	86	115	99		300
Connect10 Northern			4	13	17
Subtotal Belconnen South	366	370	335	305	1 376
TUGGERANONG NORTH					
Connect10 Southern			1	16	17
Namadgi School	55				55
Wanniassa School	51	61	74	79	265
Subtotal Tuggeranong North	106	61	75	95	337
TUGGERANONG SOUTH					
Calwell High School	93	115	102	119	429
Caroline Chisholm School	64	54	88	91	297
Lanyon High School	120	152	145	147	564
Subtotal Tuggeranong South	277	321	335	357	1 290
GUNGAHLIN					
Amaroo School	105	137	116	114	472
Gold Creek School	126	158	157	139	580
Harrison School	39				39
Subtotal Gungahlin	270	295	273	253	1 091
Total all schools	2 396	2 384	2 369	2 440	9 589

Table 9: Number of college enrolments by year level, region and school, 2011

	Year 11	Year 12	Total
NORTH CANBERRA			
Dickson College	386	300	686
Secondary IEC	15		15
Subtotal North Canberra	401	300	701
SOUTH CANBERRA			
Narrabundah College	510	435	945
Subtotal South Canberra	510	435	945
WODEN VALLEY/WESTON CREEK			
The Canberra College	558	397	955
Subtotal Woden Valley	558	397	955
BELCONNEN NORTH			
Melba Copland Secondary School	126	159	285
Subtotal Belconnen North	126	159	285
BELCONNEN SOUTH			
Hawker College	346	328	674
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	238	279	517
Subtotal Belconnen South	584	607	1 191
TUGGERANONG			
Erindale College	300	269	569
Lake Tuggeranong College	430	305	735
Subtotal Tuggeranong	730	574	1 304
Gungahlin			
Gungahlin College	317		317
Subtotal Gungahlin	317		317
Total all colleges	3 226	2 472	5 698

Table 10: Number of specialist school enrolments by school and year level, 2011

	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
Black Mountain School									7	13	17	15	16	40	108
Cranleigh School	33	7	8	5	8	9	8	6							84
Malkara School	36	8	12	7	3	8	13	13							100
The Woden School									25	18	14	11	15		83
Total specialist schools	69	15	20	12	11	17	21	19	32	31	31	26	31	40	375

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 2011, 129 were home educated. In addition, a further 342 students, who were of school age, undertook school equivalent courses at the Canberra Institute of Technology.

Explanatory Notes

Reference date

The 2011 August census was conducted on 5 August 2011.

Scope and coverage

The August census includes all ACT public schools providing primary, secondary and specialist education. Jervis Bay School is 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.

Collection

ACT public school census data was electronically downloaded from the Directorate'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 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 19 August 2011.

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), University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra (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 Namadgi School (Tuggeranong Primary IEC). There is one IEC in the high school sector and the college sector, conducted at Dickson College (Secondary IEC).

Explanatory Notes continued

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.

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

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