

Census of ACT schools February 2023

This publication provides information on students enrolled in ACT schools at 10 February 2023.

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Executive Summary

This publication presents the results from the census conducted on Friday 10 February 2023 of enrolments in ACT schools. The census covers enrolments in all school sectors – public, Catholic and independent – for students from preschool to year 12.

Student enrolments by level of schooling

In February 2023, across the whole of the ACT there were 82,280 students enrolled in ACT public and non-government schools (Table 1), representing an increase of 105 students (0.1%) since February 2022.

Annual enrolment increases in ACT schools were consistently over two percent from 2016-2020, however since then growth has slowed, particularly in the last two years. This is consistent with changes in the annual rate of growth in the estimated resident population (ERP) for school aged children from around two percent in previous years to around near zero from 2020-21 and 2022-22 (Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2023).

The most noticeable change in enrolment growth was in preschool, where enrolments across the Territory fell by 196 students (-3.5%). Whilst still a decrease this was not as significant as the change the previous year (-8.0% between 2021 and 2022). The reduced enrolments in non-compulsory preschool for the last two years was most likely due to the reported reduction in the estimated resident population for preschool aged children (ABS, 2023).

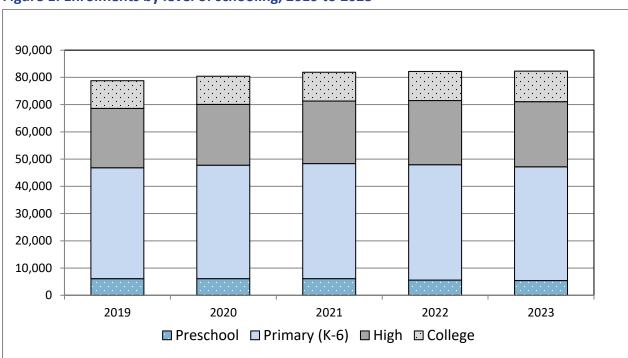


Figure 1: Enrolments by level of schooling, 2019 to 2023

There were:

- 47,174 students enrolled in primary schools (P-6). This represents a decrease of 746 enrolments (-1.6%) since February 2022.
 - o preschool enrolments decreased by 196 students (-3.5%) to 5,406 students
 - kindergarten to year 6 enrolments decreased by 550 students (-1.3%) to 41,768 students.
- 23,926 students enrolled in high schools, an increase of 342 enrolments (1.5%) from February 2022 to 2023.
- 11,180 students enrolled in colleges, an increase of 509 enrolments (4.8%) from February 2022 to 2023.

Student enrolments by sector

From 2012 to 2021 the annual growth rate in ACT school enrolments was consistently around two percent. However, growth slowed to near zero from 2022 to 2023.

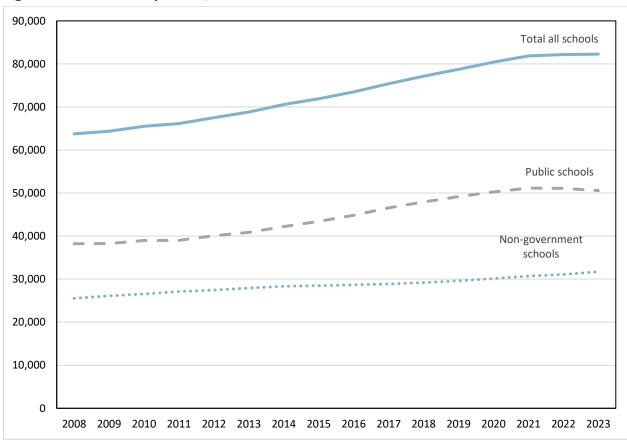


Figure 2: Enrolments by sector, 2008 to 2023

Public school enrolment growth over time

The annual growth rate in public school enrolments peaked in 2017 at 3.9 percent. Since then the growth rate has fallen each year, with the greatest decline being in the last 12 months. Public school enrolments decreased by 532 students (-1.0%) between February 2022 and 2023 compared with a decrease of 65 students (-0.1%) between 2021 and 2022.

Non-government schools enrolment growth over time

The annual growth rate in non-government enrolments has fluctuated over the last few years with a period of low growth from 2015 to 2017 (less than one percent annually), followed by increased growth from 2018 (1.2%) to 2021 (1.9%). The annual growth rate was slightly lower at 1.2 percent (366 students) from 2021 to 2022 and strong at 2.0 percent (637 students) from 2022 to 2023.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

At the 2023 February school census there were:

- 2,855 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in the ACT schools, an increase of 55 students (2.0%) compared with 2022.
- 2,187 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students were enrolled in ACT public schools, representing 76.6 percent of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in schools in the ACT.
- 90 students enrolled in Koori preschool programs; with 46 children taking up the option to attend both Koori and universal preschool programs.

Student enrolments by year level

Table 3 shows the number and proportion of enrolments by level of schooling and year level for both public and non-government sectors. The percentage of public sector enrolments in ACT was 65.4 percent in primary school, 53.0 percent in high school, and 62.7 percent in college.

Student enrolments by gender

Consistent with previous years, there were slightly more males (51.2%) than females (48.3%) enrolled in ACT schools in February 2023 (Table 5). There were proportionally more male than female students in primary, high school and college.

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 February 2023 census, 465 children and young people were home educated in the ACT, an increase of 12.6 percent since February 2022.

In addition, a further 90 students who were of school age were undertaking school equivalent courses at the Canberra Institute of Technology in February 2023, a decrease of 24.4 percent since February 2022.

Tables

Table 1: Enrolments by level of schooling, 2019 to 2023¹

Level of schooling	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Preschool	6,088	6,090	6,092	5,602	5,406
Annual growth (%)		0.0	0.0	-8.0	-3.5
Primary (K-6)	40,754	41,690	42,233	42,318	41,768
Annual growth (%)		2.3	1.3	0.2	-1.3
High	21,795	22,275	22,999	23,584	23,926
Annual growth (%)		2.2	3.3	2.5	1.5
College	10,115	10,361	10,550	10,671	11,180
Annual growth (%)		2.4	1.8	1.1	4.8
Total all schools	78,752	80,416	81,874	82,175	82,280
Overall Annual growth (%)		2.1	1.8	0.4	0.1

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

Table 1a: Enrolments at public schools by level of schooling, 2019 to 2023¹

Level of schooling	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Preschool	4,641	4,560	4,640	4,225	3,978
Annual growth (%)		-1.7	1.8	-8.9	-5.8
Primary (K-6)	26,486	27,212	27,574	27,595	26,896
Annual growth (%)		2.7	1.3	0.1	-2.5
High	11,598	11,844	12,253	12,612	12,671
Annual growth (%)		2.1	3.5	2.9	0.5
College	6,427	6,656	6,686	6,656	7,011
Annual growth (%)		3.6	0.5	-0.4	5.3
Total public schools	49,152	50,272	51,153	51,088	50,556
Overall Annual growth (%)		2.3	1.8	-0.1	-1.0

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

Table 1b: Enrolments at independent schools by level of schooling, 2019 to 2023¹

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Level of schooling	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Preschool	857	917	841	756	792
Annual growth (%)		7.0	-8.3	-10.1	4.8
Primary (K-6)	5,682	5,756	5,872	5,977	6,125
Annual growth (%)		1.3	2.0	1.8	2.5
High	6,002	6,063	6,219	6,368	6,655
Annual growth (%)		1.0	2.6	2.4	4.5
College	2,371	2,402	2,458	2,540	2,647
Annual growth (%)		1.3	2.3	3.3	4.2
Total independent schools	14,912	15,138	15,390	15,641	16,219
Overall Annual growth (%)		1.5	1.7	1.6	3.7

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

Table 1c: Enrolments at Catholic systemic schools by level of schooling, 2019 to 2023¹

Level of schooling	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Preschool	590	613	611	621	636
Annual growth (%)		3.9	-0.3	1.6	2.4
Primary (K-6)	8,586	8,722	8,787	8,746	8,747
Annual growth (%)		1.6	0.7	-0.5	0.0
High	4,195	4,368	4,527	4,604	4,600
Annual growth (%)		4.1	3.6	1.7	-0.1
College	1,317	1,303	1,406	1,475	1,522
Annual growth (%)		-1.1	7.9	4.9	3.2
Total Catholic systemic	14,688	15,006	15,331	15,446	15,505
Overall Annual growth (%)		2.2	2.2	0.8	0.4

^{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, 2019 to 2023¹

Level of schooling	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Preschool	282	280	298	261	293
Annual growth (%)		-0.7	6.4	-12.4	12.3
Primary (K-6)	1,262	1,339	1,386	1,445	1,432
Annual growth (%)		6.1	3.5	4.3	-0.9
High	695	713	721	738	773
Annual growth (%)		2.6	1.1	2.4	4.7
College	288	313	323	356	357
Annual growth (%)		8.7	3.2	10.2	0.3
Total all schools	2,527	2,645	2,728	2,800	2,855
Overall Annual growth (%)		4.7	3.1	2.6	2.0

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Table 2a: Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at public schools by level of schooling, 2019 to 2023¹

Level of schooling	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Preschool	268	268	285	234	271
Annual growth (%)		0.0	6.3	-17.9	15.8
Primary (K-6)	1,004	1,075	1,117	1,143	1,132
Annual growth (%)		7.1	3.9	2.3	-1.0
High	491	502	492	515	535
Annual growth (%)		2.2	-2.0	4.7	3.9
College	234	260	263	264	249
Annual growth (%)		11.1	1.2	0.4	<i>-5.7</i>
Total public schools	1,997	2,105	2,157	2,156	2,187
Overall Annual growth (%)		5.4	2.5	0.0	1.4

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

Table 2b: Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at non-government schools by level of schooling, 2019 to 2023¹

Level of schooling	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Preschool	14	12	13	27	22
Annual growth (%)		-14.3	8.3	107.7	-18.5
Primary (K-6)	258	264	269	302	300
Annual growth (%)		2.3	1.9	12.3	-0.7
High	204	211	229	223	238
Annual growth (%)		3.4	8.5	-2.6	6.7
College	54	53	60	92	108
Annual growth (%)		-1.9	13.2	53.3	17.4
Total non-government schools	530	540	571	644	668
Overall Annual growth (%)		1.9	5.7	12.8	3.7

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

Table 3: Enrolments by academic year and sector, 2023¹

Level of schooling	Public	Non-government	Total Persons
Primary			
Preschool	3,978	1,428	5,406
Kindergarten	3,785	1,856	5,641
Year 1	4,072	2,026	6,098
Year 2	3,894	2,059	5,953
Year 3	3,982	2,107	6,089
Year 4	3,791	2,234	6,025
Year 5	3,755	2,279	6,034
Year 6	3,617	2,311	5,928
Subtotal primary	30,874	16,300	47,174
High			
Year 7	3,177	2,955	6,132
Year 8	3,280	2,864	6,144
Year 9	3,135	2,734	5,869
Year 10	3,079	2,702	5,781
Subtotal high	12,671	11,255	23,926
College			
Year 11	3,626	2,152	5,778
Year 12	3,298	2,017	5,315
Older	87	-	87
Subtotal college	7,011	4,169	11,180
Total all schools	50,556	31,724	82,280

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

⁻ Nil.

Table 4: Enrolments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments by academic year and sector, 2023¹

Level of schooling	Public	Non -government	Total
Primary			
Preschool	271	22	293
Kindergarten	162	38	200
Year 1	185	43	228
Year 2	159	43	202
Year 3	183	35	218
Year 4	154	44	198
Year 5	163	50	213
Year 6	126	47	173
Subtotal primary	1,403	322	1,725
High			
Year 7	143	66	209
Year 8	153	57	210
Year 9	113	57	170
Year 10	126	58	184
Subtotal high	535	238	773
College			
Year 11	136	54	190
Year 12	99	54	153
Older	14	-	14
Subtotal college	249	108	357
Total all schools	2,187	668	2,855

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

Table 5: Enrolments by level of schooling and gender, 2023^{1, 2, 3}

			Non-binary/	
Level of schooling	Males	Females	Not stated	Total Persons
Primary				
Preschool	2,707	2,560	130	5,397
Kindergarten	2,922	2,719	n.p.	5,641
Year 1	3,171	2,927	n.p.	6,098
Year 2	3,035	2,918	n.p.	5,953
Year 3	3,159	2,930	n.p.	6,089
Year 4	3,091	2,934	n.p.	6,025
Year 5	3,122	2,912	n.p.	6,034
Year 6	3,038	2,890	n.p.	5,928
Subtotal primary	24,233	22,779	162	47,174
High				
Year 7	3,175	2,947	10	6,132
Year 8	3,129	2,985	30	6,144
Year 9	3,050	2,798	21	5,869
Year 10	2,930	2,815	36	5,781
Subtotal high	12,284	11,545	97	23,926
College				
Year 11	2,960	2,753	65	5,778
Year 12	2,657	2,597	61	5,315
Older	8	79		87
Subtotal college	5,625	5,429	126	11,180
Total all schools	42,142	39,753	385	82,280

^{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 kindergarten 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 as less than 6 enrolments in cell.

⁻ Nil.

Student enrolments by School

Tables 6 to 8 show the distribution of student enrolments by schooling level, region and school.

Primary school enrolments

The North/Gungahlin network (31.5%) had the highest proportion of primary school enrolments followed by South/Weston (26.4%), Belconnen (25.1%), and Tuggeranong (17.0%).

Table 6: Number of primary school level enrolments by year level, network and school, 2023¹

Primary schools	Р	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Public schools									
Belconnen Network									
Aranda Primary School	55	66	82	59	87	78	76	82	585
Charnwood-Dunlop School	63	47	51	60	59	41	44	49	414
Charnwood-Dunlop - Belconnen IEC	-	7	11	2	3	4	5	4	36
Cranleigh School	4	17	24	10	12	10	10	8	95
Evatt Primary School	42	39	40	32	48	39	40	42	322
Florey Primary School	64	52	67	65	56	60	51	57	472
Fraser Primary School	61	56	71	72	77	75	78	75	565
Giralang Primary School	33	31	37	47	48	38	34	43	311
Hawker Primary School	42	36	43	41	48	48	53	54	365
Kaleen Primary School	48	57	61	56	67	67	63	67	486
Kingsford Smith School	71	55	43	48	42	48	45	47	399
Kingsford Smith Koori Preschool	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Latham Primary School	43	39	61	41	59	53	51	37	384
Macgregor Primary School	82	93	77	83	90	85	56	55	621
Macquarie Primary School	36	43	52	37	35	43	39	48	333
Maribyrnong Primary School	80	85	72	62	57	75	70	56	557
Miles Franklin Primary School	66	61	65	72	71	68	78	69	550
Mount Rogers Primary School	82	64	71	62	76	84	60	62	561
Southern Cross ECS	80	47	45	36	-	-	-	-	208
Weetangera Primary School	31	60	57	67	67	63	70	64	479
Subtotal Belconnen	996	955	1,030	952	1,002	979	923	919	7,756

Table 6: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2023¹ (continued)

Primary schools	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
North/Gungahlin Network									
Ainslie School	59	76	60	63	52	65	59	46	480
Amaroo School	86	85	94	109	93	144	155	145	911
Campbell Primary School	40	41	41	45	30	53	37	49	336
Franklin School	79	64	68	76	64	47	49	43	490
Gold Creek School	97	96	86	84	91	81	82	74	691
Harrison School	97	97	135	118	143	133	129	141	993
Jervis Bay School	23	7	6	7	9	4	2	5	63
Lyneham Primary School	61	57	59	63	70	75	71	72	528
Majura Primary School	86	97	100	113	104	91	106	96	793
Margaret Hendry School	125	93	84	96	90	66	47	40	641
Neville Bonner Primary School	107	92	103	84	108	106	97	90	787
Ngunnawal Primary School	92	93	107	108	90	80	75	78	723
Ngunnawal Koori Preschool	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
North Ainslie Primary School	60	80	66	75	96	76	87	71	611
North Ainslie - Northside IEC	-	5	4	5	3	2	1	2	22
O'Connor Cooperative School	14	18	19	16	-	-	-	-	67
Palmerston District Primary School	116	106	93	108	100	94	87	78	782
Throsby School	77	63	52	39	25	20	18	10	304
Throsby - Gungahlin IEC	-	3	3	4	-	2	3	3	18
Turner School	43	44	58	54	51	62	72	67	451
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	1,284	1,217	1,238	1,267	1,219	1,201	1,177	1,110	9,713
South/Weston Network									
Arawang Primary School	66	66	84	68	74	62	76	67	563
Chapman Primary School	77	78	83	80	81	71	72	70	612
Charles Weston School	65	75	86	62	71	68	57	60	544
Curtin Primary School	44	58	52	64	53	63	74	72	480
Duffy Primary School	51	46	63	51	59	57	54	52	433
Evelyn Scott School	87	71	72	45	63	35	37	30	440
Farrer Primary School	41	41	41	38	43	30	47	49	330
Forrest Primary School	34	46	68	70	75	73	86	78	530
Garran Primary School	45	66	94	80	87	90	80	85	627
Hughes Primary School	43	45	51	47	68	59	54	47	414
Hughes - Southside IEC	-	10	5	7	11	4	8	7	52
Lyons ECS	41	40	29	25	-	-	-	-	135
Malkara School	-	12	6	12	5	9	7	11	62
Mawson Primary School	65	79	72	73	71	64	61	54	539
Narrabundah ECS	43	21	23	17	-	-	-	-	104
Narrabundah Koori Preschool	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Red Hill Primary School	78	83	102	95	123	113	117	120	831
Telopea Park School	-	81	82	83	82	73	75	83	559
Torrens Primary School	64	44	47	63	61	62	56	70	467
Yarralumla Primary School	59	48	43	50	60	49	46	58	413
Subtotal South/Weston	921	1,010	1,103	1,030	1,087	982	1,007	1,013	8,153

Table 6: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2023¹ (continued)

Primary schools	Р	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Tuggeranong Network									
Bonython Primary School	42	50	54	45	48	54	65	31	389
Calwell Primary School	50	32	32	35	36	33	36	24	278
Caroline Chisholm School	28	33	25	22	42	33	32	46	261
Charles Conder Primary School	87	65	60	66	77	55	74	56	540
Fadden Primary School	42	32	41	40	42	36	23	30	286
Gilmore Primary School	24	27	14	21	22	15	22	10	155
Gordon Primary School	78	55	77	75	62	59	59	46	511
Gowrie Primary School	40	34	38	31	40	39	35	47	304
Isabella Plains ECS	54	32	31	32	-	-	-	-	149
Monash Primary School	55	59	75	47	70	60	56	65	487
Namadgi School	59	39	52	59	64	57	53	41	424
Richardson Primary School	35	16	29	19	17	23	24	20	183
Richardson Koori Preschool	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Taylor Primary School	43	38	35	41	42	55	41	51	346
Theodore Primary School	28	21	46	30	31	33	34	30	253
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	42	42	55	51	53	49	68	40	400
Wanniassa Hills - Tuggeranong IEC	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	1	5
Wanniassa School	33	28	36	30	28	26	26	37	244
Wanniassa Koori Preschool	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Subtotal Tuggeranong	777	603	701	645	674	629	648	575	5,252
Subtotal public schools	2.070	2 70E	4,072	3,894	3,982	3,791	3,755	3,617	20.074
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Non-government schools	3,978	3,765	4,072	3,634	3,302	3,731	3,733	3,017	30,874
	3,978	3,763	4,072	3,634	0,302	3,731	3,733	3,017	30,874
Non-government schools	121	25	15	20	22	20	17	15	255
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Table 6: Number of primary school enrolments by year level, network and school, 2023¹ (continued)

Primary schools	Р	К	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Catholic systemic schools	•		icui I	rear 2	rear 5	real 4	icui 5	i cui o	Total
Good Shepherd Primary School	-	111	114	110	115	109	104	101	764
Holy Family Primary School	143	86	90	90	82	85	67	70	713
Holy Spirit Primary School	113	97	117	109	106	103	104	99	848
Holy Trinity Primary School	58	51	52	66	62	55	38	44	426
Mother Teresa School	84	93	95	105	97	106	102	95	777
Rosary Primary School	-	40	53	66	55	51	55	44	364
Sacred Heart Primary School	-	30	32	23	32	18	34	18	187
St Anthony's Parish Primary School	57	46	54	54	59	52	65	45	432
St Bede's Primary School	-	41	32	36	31	25	20	25	210
St Benedict's Primary School	-	15	21	23	20	25	18	17	139
St Clare of Assisi Primary School	-	68	75	64	64	75	82	77	505
St Francis of Assisi Primary School	-	63	72	67	72	61	58	70	463
St John the Apostle Primary School	-	35	42	40	49	53	62	54	335
St John Vianney's Primary School	-	17	23	17	18	13	22	17	127
St Joseph's Primary School	53	35	45	55	39	41	55	38	361
St Jude's Primary School	71	51	54	64	65	63	46	65	479
St Matthew's Primary School	-	45	49	53	47	58	39	56	347
St Michael's Primary School	-	20	27	24	26	28	27	40	192
St Monica's Primary School	-	41	58	45	59	52	50	68	373
St Thomas Aquinas Primary School	57	40	47	42	46	45	50	46	373
St Thomas More's Primary School	-	23	20	28	23	22	21	24	161
St Thomas The Apostle Primary School	-	46	33	52	49	39	38	48	305
St Vincent's Primary School	-	21	25	27	27	28	35	26	189
Sts Peter & Paul Primary School		41	48	47	50	40	36	51	313
Subtotal Catholic systemic schools	636	1,156	1,278	1,307	1,293	1,247	1,228	1,238	9,383
Subtotal non-government schools	1,428	1,856	2,026	2,059	2,107	2,234	2,279	2,311	16,300
Total all ACT schools	5,406	5,641	6,098	5,953	6,089	6,025	6,034	5,928	47,174

^{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.

ECS – Early Childhood School.

⁻ Nil.

High school enrolments

The North/Gungahlin network (31.1%) also had the highest proportion of high school enrolments followed by South/Weston (29.3%), Belconnen (25.0%), and Tuggeranong (14.6%).

Table 7: Number of high school level enrolments by year level, network and school, 2023¹

High schools	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
Public schools					
Belconnen Network					
Belconnen High School	150	158	149	137	594
Canberra High School	221	222	224	231	898
Kingsford Smith School	97	119	107	97	420
Melba Copland Secondary School	175	218	173	173	739
University of Canberra (UC) High School Kaleen	149	133	123	117	522
Subtotal Belconnen	792	850	776	756	3,174
North/Gungahlin Network					
Amaroo School	267	240	222	189	918
Black Mountain School	25	23	24	15	87
Campbell High School	136	126	151	177	590
Dickson - IEC	8	14	13	9	44
Gold Creek School	180	164	134	139	617
Gungahlin College	-	-	-	19	19
Harrison School	148	165	155	141	609
Lyneham High School	252	264	268	277	1,061
Subtotal Belconnen	1,016	996	967	966	3,945
South/Weston Network					
Alfred Deakin High School	193	248	196	211	848
Evelyn Scott School	63	22	21	10	116
Melrose High School	177	200	216	217	810
Mount Stromlo High School	187	227	220	197	831
Telopea Park School	265	251	271	251	1038
The Woden School	15	21	11	17	64
Subtotal South/Weston	900	969	935	903	3,707
Tuggeranong Network					
Calwell High School	88	95	101	91	375
Caroline Chisholm School	91	104	104	95	394
Erindale College	-	-	-	54	54
Lanyon High School	139	130	107	99	475
Namadgi School	63	62	67	59	251
Wanniassa School	88	74	78	56	296
Subtotal Tuggeranong	469	465	457	454	1,845
Subtotal public high schools	3,177	3,280	3,135	3,079	12,671

Table 7: Number of high school level enrolments by year level, network and school, 2023¹ (continued)

High Schools	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
Non-government schools					
Independent schools					
Blue Gum Community School	11	8	1	8	28
Brindabella Christian College	130	96	72	84	382
Burgmann Anglican School	167	168	157	135	627
Canberra Girls Grammar School	108	111	86	113	418
Canberra Grammar School	224	221	232	224	901
Communities@Work Galilee School	1	11	10	20	42
Covenant Christian School	26	40	18	28	112
Daramalan College	256	255	263	259	1,033
Emmaus Christian School	50	43	24	27	144
Islamic School of Canberra	50	28	24	17	119
Marist College Canberra	250	227	250	237	964
Orana Steiner School	43	40	47	35	165
Radford College	208	208	210	208	834
St Edmund's College Canberra	133	124	117	103	477
Trinity Christian School	107	101	97	104	409
Subtotal independent schools	1,764	1,681	1,608	1,602	6,655
Catholic systemic schools					
Merici College	181	187	149	138	655
St Clare's College	221	203	193	213	830
St Francis Xavier College	216	233	231	226	906
St John Paul II College	203	201	194	177	775
St Mary MacKillop College	370	359	359	346	1,434
Subtotal Catholic systemic schools	1,191	1,183	1,126	1,100	4,600
Subtotal non-government schools	2,955	2,864	2,734	2,702	11,255
Total high schools	6,132	6,144	5,869	5,781	23,926

^{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.

College enrolments

The South/Weston network (31.2%) had the highest proportion of college enrolments followed by North/Gungahlin (28.4%), Belconnen (23.0%), and Tuggeranong (17.5%).

Table 8: Number of college level enrolments by year level, network and school, 2023¹

Colleges	Year 11	Year 12	Older	Total
Public schools				
Belconnen Network				
Hawker College	331	314	-	645
Melba Copland Secondary School	117	105	-	222
UC Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra	395	349	-	744
Subtotal Belconnen	842	768	-	1,610
North/Gungahlin				
Black Mountain School	20	25	-	45
Dickson College	390	392	-	782
Dickson - Secondary IEC	12	8	-	20
Gunghalin College	601	541	-	1,142
Subtotal North/Gungahlin	1,023	966	-	1,989
South Weston				
Narrabundah College	504	478	-	982
The Canberra College	541	532		1,073
The Canberra College - CCCares	8	9	87	104
The Woden School	15	10	-	25
Subtotal South/Weston	1,068	1,029	87	2,184
Tuggeranong				
Erindale College	335	270	-	605
Lake Tuggeranong College	358	265	-	623
Subtotal Tuggeranong	693	535	-	1,228
Subtotal public schools	3,626	3,298	87	7,011
Non-government schools				
Independent schools				
Brindabella Christian College	62	46	-	108
Burgmann Anglican School	138	116	-	254
Canberra Girls Grammar School	111	94	-	205
Canberra Grammar School	212	198	-	410
Communities@Work Galilee School	13	16	-	29
Daramalan College	235	219	-	454
Marist College Canberra	213	204	-	417
Orana Steiner School	27	23	-	50
Radford College	215	207	-	422
St Edmund's College Canberra	68	90	-	158
Trinity Christian School	64	76		140
Subtotal independent schools	1,358	1,289	-	2,647

Table 8: Number of college level enrolments by year level, network and school, 2023¹ (continued)

Colleges	Year 11	Year 12	Older	Total
Catholic systemic schools				
Merici College	95	75	-	170
St Clare's College	145	132	-	277
St Francis Xavier College	143	170	-	313
St John Paul II College	104	84	-	188
St Mary MacKillop College	307	267	-	574
Subtotal Catholic systemic schools	794	728	-	1,522
Subtotal non-government schools	2,152	2,017	-	4,169
Total colleges	5,778	5,315	87	11,180

^{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 13.4.

Table 9: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2023¹

	Teaching staff FTE	Student FTE (excl preschool	Students to
School Name	(excl preschool staff)	enrolments)	teacher ratio
Ainslie School	24.9	421.0	16.9
Alfred Deakin High School	56.7	848.0	15.0
Amaroo School	122.2	1,742.2	14.3
Aranda Primary School	36.6	530.0	14.5
Arawang Primary School	32.2	496.2	15.4
Belconnen High School	49.0	594.0	12.1
Black Mountain School	31.6	128.7	4.1
Bonython Primary School	29.4	347.0	11.8
Calwell High School	54.2	373.8	6.9
Calwell Primary School	16.6	228.0	13.7
Campbell High School	43.0	589.8	13.7
Campbell Primary School	19.6	296.0	15.1
Canberra High School	64.9	897.4	13.8
Caroline Chisholm School	38.2	627.0	16.4
Chapman Primary School	33.7	534.8	15.9
Charles Conder Primary School	29.4	453.0	15.4
Charles Weston School	34.8	478.4	13.8
Charnwood-Dunlop School	31.8	387.0	12.2
Cranleigh School	17.5	88.8	5.1
Curtin Primary School	28.0	434.0	15.5
Dickson College	58.1	846.0	14.6
Duffy Primary School	22.7	382.0	16.8
Erindale College	44.9	654.8	14.6
Evatt Primary School	22.7	280.0	12.4
Evelyn Scott School	35.4	469.0	13.3
Fadden Primary School	18.5	244.0	13.2
Farrer Primary School	18.9	289.0	15.3
Florey Primary School	27.9	407.6	14.6
Forrest Primary School	35.4	496.0	14.0
Franklin School	34.3	411.0	12.0
Fraser Primary School	35.2	503.9	14.3
Garran Primary School	34.3	582.0	17.0
Gilmore Primary School	11.9	131.0	11.1
Giralang Primary School	23.5	275.8	11.8
Gold Creek School	84.0	1,210.5	14.4
Gordon Primary School	36.5	432.4	11.8

Table 9: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2023¹ (continued)

Student FTE						
	Teaching staff FTE	(excl preschool	Students to			
School Name	(excl preschool staff)	enrolments)	teacher ratio			
Gowrie Primary School	21.0	264.0	12.6			
Gungahlin College	80.2	1,146.6	14.3			
Harrison School	109.7	1,504.2	13.7			
Hawker College	38.7	645.0	16.7			
Hawker Primary School	25.2	323.0	12.8			
Hughes Primary School	29.2	423.0	14.5			
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	9.8	94.2	9.6			
Jervis Bay School	9.3	40.0	4.3			
Kaleen Primary School	32.3	438.0	13.5			
Kingsford Smith School	69.5	748.0	10.8			
Lake Tuggeranong College	42.9	619.8	14.4			
Lanyon High School	36.2	475.0	13.1			
Latham Primary School	28.8	341.0	11.8			
Lyneham High School	75.5	1,060.1	14.0			
Lyneham Primary School	30.5	467.0	15.3			
Lyons Early Childhood School	9.3	94.0	10.1			
Macgregor Primary School	37.5	538.0	14.4			
Macquarie Primary School	21.6	297.0	13.7			
Majura Primary School	45.0	707.0	15.7			
Malkara School	17.7	56.2	3.2			
Margaret Hendry School	34.4	516.0	15.0			
Maribyrnong Primary School	31.1	476.9	15.3			
Mawson Primary School	38.7	474.0	12.2			
Melba Copland Secondary School	74.8	961.0	12.8			
Melrose High School	56.6	810.0	14.3			
Miles Franklin Primary School	32.5	484.0	14.9			
Monash Primary School	32.7	431.2	13.2			
Mount Rogers Primary School	34.1	478.2	14.0			
Mount Stromlo High School	67.0	830.6	12.4			
Namadgi School	55.0	616.0	11.2			
Narrabundah College	62.5	982.0	15.7			
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	6.5	61.0	9.4			
Neville Bonner Primary School	44.1	679.0	15.4			
Ngunnawal Primary School	49.1	631.0	12.9			
North Ainslie Primary School	38.9	572.4	14.7			
O'Connor Cooperative School	6.2	53.0	8.6			
Palmerston District Primary School	50.2	665.4	13.2			
Red Hill Primary School	45.9	752.6	16.4			
Richardson Primary School	16.5	148.0	9.0			
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	14.2	127.4	9.0			

Table 9: Students to teacher ratio by school, 2023¹ (continued)

		Student FTE	
	Teaching staff FTE	(excl preschool	Students to
School Name	(excl preschool staff)	enrolments)	teacher ratio
Taylor Primary School	24.0	302.4	12.6
Telopea Park School	113.1	1,596.4	14.1
The Canberra College	73.9	1,177.0	15.9
The Woden School	23.5	87.6	3.7
Theodore Primary School	22.7	225.0	9.9
Throsby School	24.0	245.0	10.2
Torrens Primary School	31.6	403.0	12.7
Turner School	36.1	406.5	11.2
UC High School Kaleen	41.3	521.2	12.6
UCSSC Lake Ginninderra	49.8	744.0	14.9
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	25.7	363.0	14.1
Wanniassa School	47.6	507.0	10.6
Weetangera Primary School	33.1	447.9	13.5
Yarralumla Primary School	20.2	354.0	17.5
Canberra public schools total	3,465.9	46,520.9	13.4

^{1.} Excludes preschool students and preschool teaching staff.

FTE – Full-Time Equivalent.

Annex 1: ACT public school capacities, 2023

School Name ¹	Capacity 2023 ²	School Name ¹	Capacity 2023 ²
Ainslie Primary School	533	Kingsford Smith School	1,271
Alfred Deakin High School	959	Lake Tuggeranong College	940
Amaroo School	2,330	Lanyon High School	803
Aranda Primary School	625	Latham Primary School	449
Arawang Primary School	587	Lyneham High School	1,118
Belconnen High School	600	Lyneham Primary School	633
Bonython Primary School	516	Lyons Early Childhood School	126
Calwell High School	678	Macgregor Primary School	707
Calwell Primary School	525	Macquarie Primary School	437
Campbell High School	833	Majura Primary School	908
Campbell Primary School	525	Margaret Hendry School	600
Canberra High School	985	Maribyrnong Primary School	691
Caroline Chisholm School	1,282	Mawson Primary School	683
Chapman Primary School	633	Melba Copland Secondary School	1,488
Charles Conder Primary School	541	Melrose High School	1,062
Charles Weston School	800	Miles Franklin Primary School	550
Charnwood-Dunlop Primary School	511	Monash Primary School	516
Curtin Primary School	612	Mount Rogers Primary School	633
Dickson College	1,087	Mount Stromlo High School	1,077
Duffy Primary School	541	Namadgi School	1,218
Erindale College	951	Narrabundah College	1,102
Evatt Primary School	503	Narrabundah Early Childhood School	105
Evelyn Scott School	1,200	Neville Bonner Primary School	1,116
Fadden Primary School	433	Ngunnawal Primary School	824
Farrer Primary School	458	North Ainslie Primary School	713
Florey Primary School	587	O' Connor Cooperative School	84
Forrest Primary School	733	Palmerston District Primary School	982
Franklin School	700	Red Hill Primary School	833
Fraser Primary School	587	Richardson Primary School	362
Garran Primary School	783	Southern Cross Early Childhood School	147
Gilmore Primary School	308	Taylor Primary School	362
Giralang Primary School	333	Telopea Park School	1,620
Gold Creek School	1,859	The Canberra College	1,183
Gordon Primary School	616	Theodore Primary School	433
Gowrie Primary School	516	Throsby School	450
Gungahlin College	1,280	Torrens Primary School	583
Harrison School	2,144	Turner Primary School	603
Hawker College	882	UC High School Kaleen	659
Hawker Primary School	358	UC SSC Lake Ginninderra	829
Hughes Primary School	593	Wanniassa Hills Primary School	598
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	189	Wanniassa School	889
Jervis Bay Primary School	125	Weetangera Primary School	637
Kaleen Primary School	558	Yarralumla Primary School	508

¹ Specialist schools are not included in these data.

² Preschools are excluded from these capacity numbers.

Explanatory Notes

Reference date

This census of enrolments was conducted on Friday 10 February 2023.

Scope and coverage

The February census includes all ACT public schools providing primary, secondary and specialist education. Jervis Bay School was included in ACT public primary schools as the Education 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. Non-government school census data was electronically submitted to the Directorate.

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 17 February 2023.

Preschool

Preschool includes three, four, and five-year-old children enrolled in school prior to starting kindergarten. Please note, children can be enrolled in more than one preschool program.

Primary school level

The primary school level of schooling included students from preschool to year 6, unless 'K-6' was specified. Preschool level data also included students who were attending a preschool program as an early entry student.

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 a Canberra college.

College level

The college level of schooling is equivalent to the senor 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 a Canberra 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 4.

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 (Belconnen Primary IEC), North Ainslie Primary School (Northside IEC), Throsby School (Gungahlin Primary IEC), Hughes Primary School (Southside IEC) and Wanniassa Hills Primary School (Tuggeranong Primary IEC). There was one IEC in the secondary sector, conducted at Dickson College (Secondary IEC).

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