



Education and Training

ACT PUBLIC SCHOOL CENSUS

August 2008

This publication provides information on students enrolled in ACT public schools as at 1 August 2008.

Key Findings

In August 2008 there were 38 025 students attending the 84 ACT public schools, a decrease of 328 students or 0.9% from August 2007.

There were 22 372 students (58.8% of all public school students) attending a public primary school, down 22 students or 0.1% since August 2007.

Within the primary school sector the number of students at the preschool level has increased by 261 students (7.1%) since August 2007.

In August 2008 there were 9809 students (25.8% of all public school students) attending a public high school at the high school level, down 197 students or 2.0% since August 2007.

There were 5501 students (14.5% of all public school students) attending a public college, a decrease of 105 students or 1.9% from August 2007.

In August 2008 there were 1919 public school students accessing special education programs. This is an increase of 3.8% since August 2007.



Introduction

This publication presents the results from the ACT public school census conducted on Friday 1 August 2008. Unlike the February ACT school census, the August census conducted by the Department covers public school students only.

In 2008, the ACT Government made a policy decision to amalgamate public preschools with public primary schools, thus creating P-6 primary schools. Consequently, the results provided in this census publication for ACT public primary schools include preschool students, and a separate preschool census publication will no longer be prepared.

Student enrolments 2004 to 2008

In August 2008 there were 38 025 students enrolled in ACT public schools, down 0.9% or 328 students on August 2007 (Table 1). Each of the four sectors, primary, high, college and special, all showed a decline in 2008 over 2007, with the largest decline both in terms of numbers and percentages occurring in the high school sector, down 197 students (-2.0%).

Over half of all public school students (58.8%) attended a public primary school in 2008. This is virtually unchanged from 2004 (58.9%). High schools accounted for another 25.8% of students in 2008, compared with 26.0% in 2004. College students accounted for 14.5% of the total student population in 2008, up 0.3 percentage points from 14.2% in 2004.

Table 1: Number of students by level of schooling, 2004 to 2008

Year	Primary schools ¹	High schools	College	Special schools	Total
2008	22 372	9 809	5 501	343	38 025
2007	22 394	10 006	5 606	347	38 353
2006	22 641	10 124	5 632	331	38 728
2005	22 823	10 278	5 582	348	39 031
2004	23 327	10 301	5 619	330	39 577

Since 2004 the number of public school students identifying as being of Indigenous origin has increased by 3.8% to 1046 students (Table 2). This increase is mainly due to an increase of 45 Indigenous students (6.7%) in primary schools.

Table 2: Number of Indigenous students by level of schooling, 2004 to 2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Primary schools ¹	667	695	675	679	712
High schools	242	260	244	252	247
Colleges	81	82	86	82	68
Special schools	18	22	21	20	19
Total all schools	1 008	1 059	1 026	1 033	1 046

¹Includes preschool level students. Includes a small number of students that attend more than one primary school. Includes students in Turner School early childhood centre.

Since 2004 the number of public school students with special needs has increased by 7.8% to 1919 students (Table 3). The majority of this increase can be attributed to the primary and high school sectors, with an increase of 73 students (7.1%) and 60 students (19.2%) respectively with special needs.

Table 3: Number of students with special needs by level of schooling, 2004 to 2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Primary schools ¹	1 029	1 053	1 081	1 060	1 102
High schools	313	318	339	354	373
Colleges	108	121	110	87	101
Special schools	330	348	331	347	343
Total all schools	1 780	1 840	1 861	1 848	1 919

Table 4 shows the numbers of males and females across the various levels of schooling from 2004 to 2008. There are slightly more males than females in ACT public schools (51.2% in 2008) although at the college level there was generally a lower proportion of males than in primary and high schools.

Table 4: Number of students by level of schooling and gender, 2004 to 2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<i>Primary schools¹</i>					
Male	11 917	11 586	11 501	11 390	11 392
Female	11 410	11 237	11 140	11 004	10 980
<i>Subtotal primary schools</i>	<i>23 327</i>	<i>22 823</i>	<i>22 641</i>	<i>22 394</i>	<i>22 372</i>
<i>Per cent male</i>	<i>51.1%</i>	<i>50.8%</i>	<i>50.8%</i>	<i>50.9%</i>	<i>50.9%</i>
<i>High schools</i>					
Male	5 300	5 318	5 219	5 188	5 108
Female	5 001	4 960	4 905	4 818	4 701
<i>Subtotal high schools</i>	<i>10 301</i>	<i>10 278</i>	<i>10 124</i>	<i>10 006</i>	<i>9 809</i>
<i>Per cent male</i>	<i>51.5%</i>	<i>51.7%</i>	<i>51.6%</i>	<i>51.8%</i>	<i>52.1%</i>
<i>Colleges</i>					
Male	2 885	2 782	2 821	2 765	2 748
Female	2 734	2 800	2 811	2 841	2 753
<i>Subtotal colleges</i>	<i>5 619</i>	<i>5 582</i>	<i>5 632</i>	<i>5 606</i>	<i>5 501</i>
<i>Per cent male</i>	<i>51.3%</i>	<i>49.8%</i>	<i>50.1%</i>	<i>49.3%</i>	<i>50.0%</i>
<i>Special schools</i>					
Male	212	230	223	226	228
Female	118	118	108	121	115
<i>Subtotal special schools</i>	<i>330</i>	<i>348</i>	<i>331</i>	<i>347</i>	<i>343</i>
<i>Per cent male</i>	<i>64.2%</i>	<i>66.1%</i>	<i>67.4%</i>	<i>65.1%</i>	<i>66.5%</i>
<i>All schools</i>					
Male	20 314	19 916	19 764	19 569	19 476
Female	19 263	19 115	18 964	18 784	18 549
Total all schools	39 577	39 031	38 728	38 353	38 025
<i>Per cent male</i>	<i>51.3%</i>	<i>51.0%</i>	<i>51.0%</i>	<i>51.0%</i>	<i>51.2%</i>

¹Includes preschool level students. Includes a small number of students that attend more than one primary school. Includes students in Turner School early childhood centre.

Table 5: Number of students by gender, sector and year level, 2008

	Males	Females	Persons	Percentage of total
<i>Primary school</i> ¹				
Preschool	2 075	1 860	3 935	10.3
Kindergarten	1 364	1 311	2 675	7.0
Year 1	1 322	1 265	2 587	6.8
Year 2	1 327	1 331	2 658	7.0
Year 3	1 324	1 312	2 636	6.9
Year 4	1 364	1 263	2 627	6.9
Year 5	1 284	1 337	2 621	6.9
Year 6	1 332	1 301	2 633	6.9
<i>Subtotal primary school</i>	<i>11 392</i>	<i>10 980</i>	<i>22 372</i>	<i>58.8</i>
<i>High school</i>				
Year 7	1 237	1 157	2 394	6.3
Year 8	1 353	1 192	2 545	6.7
Year 9	1 210	1 189	2 399	6.3
Year 10	1 308	1 163	2 471	6.5
<i>Subtotal high school</i>	<i>5 108</i>	<i>4 701</i>	<i>9 809</i>	<i>25.8</i>
<i>College</i>				
Year 11	1 517	1 457	2 974	7.8
Year 12	1 227	1 263	2 490	6.5
Mature ²	3	25	28	0.1
Older ³	1	8	9	0.0
<i>Subtotal college</i>	<i>2 748</i>	<i>2 753</i>	<i>5 501</i>	<i>14.5</i>
<i>Special school</i>				
Primary school level ⁴	123	47	170	0.4
High school level	73	47	120	0.3
College level	32	21	53	0.1
<i>Subtotal special school</i>	<i>228</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>343</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Total all schools	19 476	18 549	38 025	100.0

¹Includes preschool level students. Includes 37 students that attend more than one primary school. Includes students in Turner School early childhood centre.

²Students in public schools aged 20 years or over on 31 January in the year of commencement of their college studies are classed as Mature.

³Students in public schools aged 18 years by 31 December in the year prior to the commencement of their college studies, but not aged 20 years or over on 31 January in the year of commencement of their college studies, are classed as Older.

⁴Includes 58 students in early childhood programs.

Table 6: Number of primary school students by year level, region and school, 2008

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
<i>North Canberra</i>									
Ainslie	48	45	62	64	63	50	47	48	427
Campbell	68	39	47	31	32	38	24	41	320
Co-operative School	25	19	17	22	-	-	-	-	83
Lyneham	49	41	61	55	68	64	68	63	469
Majura	71	67	57	58	42	46	41	50	432
Nth. Ainslie	65	31	41	35	40	30	34	45	321
Nth. Ainslie - IEC ¹	-	23	-	9	5	7	8	7	59
Turner ²	81	56	62	49	78	78	47	60	511
<i>Subtotal North Canberra</i>	<i>407</i>	<i>321</i>	<i>347</i>	<i>323</i>	<i>328</i>	<i>313</i>	<i>269</i>	<i>314</i>	<i>2 622</i>
<i>South Canberra</i>									
Forrest	38	54	54	44	60	64	74	81	469
Narrabundah	36	7	6	8	12	8	12	8	97
Narrabundah Koori Program	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Red Hill	71	70	88	68	77	72	62	68	576
Telopea Park	-	61	62	53	59	56	58	56	405
Yarralumla	57	30	26	24	16	25	22	17	217
<i>Subtotal South Canberra</i>	<i>214</i>	<i>222</i>	<i>236</i>	<i>197</i>	<i>224</i>	<i>225</i>	<i>228</i>	<i>230</i>	<i>1 776</i>
<i>Woden Valley</i>									
Curtin	68	62	53	52	61	54	66	54	470
Farrer	50	34	36	47	41	36	41	43	328
Garran	50	68	65	61	39	75	44	63	465
Hughes	42	22	21	34	31	33	34	32	249
Hughes – IEC ¹	-	12	7	14	12	6	9	7	67
Lyons	23	7	13	6	7	6	7	2	71
Mawson	50	34	16	27	23	21	19	22	212
Torrens	75	55	56	66	49	49	68	68	486
<i>Subtotal Woden Valley</i>	<i>358</i>	<i>294</i>	<i>267</i>	<i>307</i>	<i>263</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>288</i>	<i>291</i>	<i>2 348</i>
<i>Weston Creek</i>									
Arawang	116	50	49	45	63	63	55	49	490
Chapman	73	63	76	63	68	59	60	52	514
Duffy	56	32	26	34	23	18	20	18	227
Stromlo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	30
<i>Subtotal Weston Creek</i>	<i>245</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>154</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>1 261</i>
<i>Belconnen North</i>									
Charnwood-Dunlop	103	44	32	27	26	35	37	30	334
Evatt	47	46	49	46	26	55	38	42	349
Fraser	49	63	67	46	55	54	54	46	434
Giralang	25	21	16	13	17	14	9	17	132
Kaleen	67	57	62	64	69	59	62	76	516
Maribyrnong	25	27	25	37	30	36	39	22	241
Miles Franklin	75	44	59	62	47	50	55	37	429
Mt. Rogers	93	28	25	25	29	26	23	14	263
<i>Subtotal Belconnen North</i>	<i>484</i>	<i>330</i>	<i>335</i>	<i>320</i>	<i>299</i>	<i>329</i>	<i>317</i>	<i>284</i>	<i>2 698</i>

¹IEC - Introductory English Centre.²Preschool students at Turner School include students in early childhood centre.

Table 6 Continued

	P	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
<i>Belconnen South</i>									
Aranda	70	58	53	54	56	45	50	53	439
Florey	73	44	40	56	61	50	64	63	451
Hawker	25	29	44	29	34	37	48	36	282
Higgins	36	26	33	28	25	24	25	25	222
Holt	40	22	29	31	22	28	28	20	220
Holt Koori Program	10								10
Latham	39	38	29	32	27	37	22	29	253
Macgregor	46	52	49	38	44	40	59	30	358
Macquarie	39	35	25	45	27	39	34	43	287
Southern Cross	49	14	15	12	10	10	6	12	128
Weetangera	67	49	48	48	41	58	27	43	381
<i>Subtotal Belconnen South</i>	<i>494</i>	<i>367</i>	<i>365</i>	<i>373</i>	<i>347</i>	<i>368</i>	<i>363</i>	<i>354</i>	<i>3 031</i>
<i>Tuggeranong North</i>									
Fadden	50	41	34	46	39	43	37	40	330
Gowrie	46	33	18	29	32	29	20	23	230
Monash	98	59	47	64	54	60	64	62	508
Taylor	79	37	38	30	27	32	26	19	288
Urambi	74	29	35	31	36	34	41	29	309
Urambi - IEC ¹		8	2	3	2	2	2		19
Wanniassa	50	21	25	30	36	29	29	53	273
Wanniassa Hills	50	52	36	55	54	55	46	48	396
Wanniassa Hills Koori Program	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
<i>Subtotal Tuggeranong North</i>	<i>461</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>288</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>284</i>	<i>265</i>	<i>274</i>	<i>2 367</i>
<i>Tuggeranong South</i>									
Bonython	49	55	55	50	66	45	47	62	429
Calwell	88	50	49	58	47	57	76	57	482
Calwell Koori Program	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Chisholm	41	29	26	33	31	35	34	37	266
Charles Conder	130	36	54	52	61	67	79	77	556
Gilmore	50	32	24	30	27	31	33	36	263
Gordon	113	41	51	58	61	65	79	66	534
Isabella Plains	62	16	13	15	9	15		25	155
Richardson	39	25	20	26	35	28	32	26	231
Theodore	50	42	42	48	56	48	57	36	379
<i>Subtotal Tuggeranong South</i>	<i>635</i>	<i>326</i>	<i>334</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>393</i>	<i>391</i>	<i>437</i>	<i>422</i>	<i>3 308</i>
<i>Gunghalin</i>									
Amaroo	190	116	109	106	131	87	95	123	957
Harrison	97	75	38	42	28	23	21	7	331
Gold Creek	126	49	56	53	53	45	74	113	569
Ngunnawal	98	78	53	71	71	68	61	34	534
Ngunnawal Koori Program	17								17
Palmerston	89	59	55	61	58	70	64	33	489
<i>Subtotal Gunghalin</i>	<i>617</i>	<i>377</i>	<i>311</i>	<i>333</i>	<i>341</i>	<i>293</i>	<i>315</i>	<i>310</i>	<i>2 897</i>
<i>Other ACT Areas</i>									
Jervis Bay ²	20	13	6	5	7	4	4	5	64
<i>Subtotal other ACT areas</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>64</i>
Total all primary schools	3 935	2 675	2 587	2 658	2 636	2 627	2 621	2 633	22 372

¹IEC - Introductory English Centre.²The ACT Department of Education and Training administers the Jervis Bay School for the Australian Government under a service agreement.

Table 7: Number of high school students by year level, region and school, 2008

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
<i>North Canberra</i>					
Campbell	136	164	147	160	607
Lyneham	256	251	253	230	990
Dickson College AEP ¹	-	-	2	12	14
ACT Secondary IEC ²	14	18	15	17	64
<i>Subtotal North Canberra</i>	<i>406</i>	<i>433</i>	<i>417</i>	<i>419</i>	<i>1 675</i>
<i>South Canberra</i>					
Alfred Deakin	193	207	203	183	786
Telopea Park	170	177	166	177	690
<i>Subtotal South Canberra</i>	<i>363</i>	<i>384</i>	<i>369</i>	<i>360</i>	<i>1 476</i>
<i>Woden Valley</i>					
Melrose	205	204	206	210	825
<i>Subtotal Woden Valley</i>	<i>205</i>	<i>204</i>	<i>206</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>825</i>
<i>Weston Creek</i>					
Stromlo	177	155	162	159	653
The Canberra College AEP ¹	-	-	3	13	16
<i>Subtotal Weston Creek</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>155</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>669</i>
<i>Belconnen North</i>					
Kaleen	55	58	65	77	255
Melba-Copland	200	179	179	144	702
<i>Subtotal Belconnen North</i>	<i>255</i>	<i>237</i>	<i>244</i>	<i>221</i>	<i>957</i>
<i>Belconnen South</i>					
Belconnen	159	199	170	182	710
Canberra	128	175	180	189	672
<i>Subtotal Belconnen South</i>	<i>287</i>	<i>374</i>	<i>350</i>	<i>371</i>	<i>1 382</i>
<i>Tuggeranong North</i>					
Wanniassa	85	101	62	120	368
<i>Subtotal Tuggeranong North</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>368</i>
<i>Tuggeranong South</i>					
Calwell	135	140	116	114	505
Caroline Chisholm	102	104	124	122	452
Lanyon	137	176	152	161	626
<i>Subtotal Tuggeranong South</i>	<i>374</i>	<i>420</i>	<i>392</i>	<i>397</i>	<i>1 583</i>
<i>Gungahlin</i>					
Amaroo	111	99	80	58	348
Gold Creek	131	138	114	143	526
<i>Subtotal Gungahlin</i>	<i>242</i>	<i>237</i>	<i>194</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>874</i>
Total all high schools	2 394	2 545	2 399	2 471	9 809

¹AEP - Alternative Education Program.²IEC - Introductory English Centre, located at Dickson College.

Table 8: Number of college students by year level, region and school, 2008

	Year 11	Year 12	Mature ¹	Older ²	Total
<i>North Canberra</i>					
Dickson College	370	275	1	-	646
ACT Secondary IEC ³	21	-	-	-	21
<i>Subtotal North Canberra</i>	<i>391</i>	<i>275</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>667</i>
<i>South Canberra</i>					
Narrabundah College	466	438	-	-	904
<i>Subtotal South Canberra</i>	<i>466</i>	<i>438</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>904</i>
<i>Woden Valley</i>					
The Canberra College	456	351	27	9	843
<i>Subtotal Woden Valley</i>	<i>456</i>	<i>351</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>843</i>
<i>Belconnen North</i>					
Melba-Copland Secondary School	193	146	-	-	339
<i>Subtotal Belconnen North</i>	<i>193</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>339</i>
<i>Belconnen South</i>					
Hawker College	388	347	-	-	735
Lake Ginninderra College	249	249	-	-	498
<i>Subtotal Belconnen South</i>	<i>637</i>	<i>596</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1 233</i>
<i>Tuggeranong</i>					
Erindale College	386	344	-	-	730
Lake Tuggeranong College	445	340	-	-	785
<i>Subtotal Tuggeranong</i>	<i>831</i>	<i>684</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1 515</i>
Total all colleges	2 974	2 490	28	9	5 501

¹Students in public schools aged 20 years or over on 31 January in the year of commencement of their college studies are classed as Mature.

²Students in public schools aged 18 years by 31 December in the year prior to the commencement of their college studies, but not aged 20 years or over on 31 January in the year of commencement of their college studies, are classed as Older.

³IEC - Introductory English Centre, located at Dickson College.

Table 9: Number of special school students by year level, region and school, 2008

	Primary ¹	High	College	Total
<i>North Canberra</i>				
Black Mountain School	-	41	53	94
<i>South Canberra</i>				
The Woden School	1	79	-	80
<i>Woden Valley</i>				
Malkara Special School	98	-	-	98
<i>Belconnen</i>				
Cranleigh Special School	71	-	-	71
Total all special schools	170	120	53	343

¹Includes 58 students enrolled early childhood programs.

Explanatory Notes

Reference date

The 2008 August public school census was conducted on Friday 1 August.

Scope and coverage

The August School Census includes students at all ACT public schools providing primary, secondary and special education. The 2008 publication also includes students in public preschools, which were amalgamated with a public primary school in 2008. Jervis Bay is included in ACT public primary schools as the ACT Department of Education and Training administers the Jervis Bay School for the Australian Government under a service agreement.

Collection

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

Student enrolments

The census includes students enrolled in a school on census day.

Introductory English Centres (IECs)

IECs are for students who require intensive full time English language instruction.

Mature students

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

Older students

Students in public schools aged 18 years by 31 December in the year prior to the commencement of their college studies, but not aged 20 years or over on 31 January in the year of commencement of their college studies, are classed as Older.

Primary school sector

The primary school sector includes students from preschool to year 6.

High school sector

High schools include those students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

College sector

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

Special schools

Special schools cater for students with a disability who require intensive levels of support for intellectual and physical disabilities, or who require additional emotional and/or behavioural assistance.

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