

K-12 ACT Public School Enrolment Projections

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Please note:

- Enrolment projections should not be regarded as a single source of truth or in isolation of other data and information. While projections are a useful input to identifying where enrolment demand may be expected in the future, they are only one input into policy and school capacity and planning considerations. When viewed in isolation of broader planning considerations, there is potential to raise unnecessary concern or inaccurate assumptions about schools planning.
- Projections are subject to external influences and fluctuations. They provide a point in time reference and do not necessarily include future potential enrolment policy changes, investments and planning responses including delivery of new capacity to manage demand.
- Projections beyond the short term will also be impacted by broader changes, if any, in varying demographic trends, such as the number of births, or the actual pace of infill or greenfield residential development compared to current modelling assumptions. Projections should be viewed as a potential range that are based on historical trends and revised annually.

Additional information on how projections are developed:

- K-12 public student demand projections are developed by the Education Directorate in collaboration with an external consultancy specialising in modelling. This collaborative development is intended to ensure a high level of integrity in the projection process, combined with access to professional expertise in specialist demographic techniques and knowledge. The underlying model was originally developed in collaboration with the ANU School of Demography.
- Projections are generated using a 'cohort transition' approach. The model is based on taking population projections of 4-year-old children in an area, allocating them to a local primary school and tracking them as they graduate through to high schools and eventually college.
- This is modelled based on a number of inputs and underlying assumptions based on observed behaviour including the historical preference for public schools, catchment areas, underlying demographics etc. Data sources include ACT Education Census results and ACT Government Population Projections.
- Projections are developed for a 10-year horizon, so the latest projections below provide data for the years 2026-2035 only. The latest projections were developed in October 2025, based on February 2025 Census of ACT Schools data and updated 2025 ACT Government Population Projections.
- Note due to a lack of observed historical data, projections for new and future schools (especially where there are a number of new schools in greenfield areas experiencing rapid residential development) are based on assumptions to a much greater degree. New schools in greenfield areas often experience strong enrolment growth in initial years of operation,

followed by a period of population stability. This means the projection results are more uncertain with lesser probabilistic confidence compared to established schools and thus need to be interpreted with greater caution. This also applies to newly expanded schools where new educational levels are being offered.

- Some new ACT public schools are currently in the process of being delivered but not yet open. These include new primary schools planned to open in Whitlam and Strathnairn. Projections for these schools have also been included in this response for completeness. Including these schools allows taking into account their impact of reducing enrolments at established schools, thus providing a better overall picture of future demand.
- However, it is important to reiterate that given it is more challenging to accurately predict enrolments at new schools and in greenfield areas, these projections are highly likely to fluctuate and will be subject to further validation in future.
- Finally, note only K-12 Projections have been provided for existing as well as future mainstream ACT Public Schools currently being delivered. These projections exclude the public preschool sector and specialist schools. Infrastructure Planning for preschool and specialist capacity is undertaken separately by the Directorate on a different basis as demand for their services and their provisioning are driven by factors distinct from mainstream K-12 schools.

Belconnen

	Projection									
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Primary Schools										
Aranda Primary School	494	480	493	485	488	502	510	518	522	526
Charnwood-Dunlop School	308	305	307	312	313	316	319	321	319	319
Evatt Primary School	277	267	271	269	267	266	274	279	277	279
Florey Primary School	394	399	393	392	398	408	410	416	416	417
Fraser Primary School	436	425	421	423	441	462	481	506	519	536
Giralang Primary School	260	248	239	241	246	252	259	266	267	266
Hawker Primary School	340	341	345	351	361	369	372	381	381	381
Kaleen Primary School	375	365	372	370	371	378	380	391	390	390
Kingsford Smith School	288	283	277	279	277	286	292	293	294	294
Latham Primary School	288	275	278	268	273	274	279	281	282	282
Macgregor Primary School	543	525	523	534	533	544	541	545	543	538
Macquarie Primary School	268	280	283	280	285	297	302	311	311	311
Maribyrnong Primary School	470	480	494	497	500	512	527	531	534	535
Miles Franklin Primary School	368	366	356	353	352	363	373	378	379	380
Mount Rogers Primary School	430	423	423	423	425	429	437	447	447	448
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	117	122	123	126	124	123	124	123	124	123
Strathnairn School	76	136	178	210	245	265	285	294	313	331
Weetangera Primary School	387	383	374	371	375	390	398	407	404	409
Total	6,119	6,103	6,149	6,183	6,274	6,434	6,562	6,687	6,722	6,765
High School										
Belconnen High School	615	608	607	610	599	577	565	553	564	583
Canberra High School	885	872	863	860	835	802	788	759	768	794
Kingsford Smith School	394	387	392	396	396	394	402	417	429	450
Melba Copland Secondary School	647	661	659	668	641	619	604	586	599	611
UC High School Kaleen	585	584	577	580	568	544	533	516	517	531
Total	3,125	3,112	3,098	3,113	3,039	2,936	2,892	2,830	2,877	2,969
College										
Hawker College	683	703	682	668	669	676	673	676	658	629
Melba Copland Secondary School	317	283	258	252	261	272	264	261	252	243
UCSS College Lake Ginninderra	784	813	797	790	806	814	798	794	781	744
Total	1,784	1,799	1,737	1,710	1,736	1,762	1,735	1,731	1,691	1,616

Gungahlin

	Projection									
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Primary Schools										
Amaroo School	589	578	558	541	536	540	543	551	550	550
Franklin School	463	460	455	456	457	459	460	459	457	453
Gold Creek School	560	556	565	570	571	573	581	582	582	577
Harrison School	736	702	686	674	688	699	714	727	735	744
Margaret Hendry School	597	579	569	577	581	581	583	586	583	580
Neville Bonner Primary School	562	522	520	501	492	487	487	484	481	477
Ngunnawal Primary School	608	607	592	577	582	584	575	575	564	560
Palmerston District Primary School	612	606	592	589	581	579	581	583	581	576
Throsby School	393	445	474	501	517	517	522	521	522	518
Total	5,120	5,054	5,010	4,985	5,005	5,018	5,046	5,067	5,055	5,033
High School										
Amaroo School	912	823	769	738	694	664	646	612	610	613
Aunty Agnes Shea High School	184	307	428	447	444	432	420	410	411	414
Gold Creek School	657	635	622	630	618	596	580	563	568	579
Harrison School	515	503	498	495	475	457	448	442	449	454
Shirley Smith High School	310	447	504	534	562	585	589	603	614	624
Total	2,578	2,715	2,821	2,844	2,793	2,734	2,683	2,630	2,652	2,683
College										
Gungahlin College	1,159	1,228	1,280	1,388	1,474	1,508	1,518	1,508	1,461	1,427
Total	1,159	1,228	1,280	1,388	1,474	1,508	1,518	1,508	1,461	1,427

Molonglo Valley

	Projection									
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Primary Schools										
Charles Weston School	448	423	431	427	434	444	444	455	457	460
Evelyn Scott School	509	459	486	504	530	562	597	636	665	691
Whitlam Primary School	0	62	92	130	172	221	279	348	410	487
Total	957	944	1,009	1,061	1,136	1,227	1,320	1,439	1,532	1,638
High School										
Evelyn Scott School	332	400	437	485	517	524	550	552	577	613
Total	332	400	437	485	517	524	550	552	577	613

North Canberra

	Projection									
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Primary Schools										
Ainslie School	344	362	384	399	407	420	433	442	443	443
Campbell Primary School	261	288	295	306	311	318	331	338	341	345
Lyneham Primary School	482	483	485	492	495	506	515	529	534	540
Majura Primary School	690	690	680	681	684	684	696	702	698	703
North Ainslie Primary School	477	463	464	477	483	493	506	516	523	524
O'Connor Cooperative School	62	63	66	66	67	68	69	70	73	73
Turner School	310	326	341	347	367	379	396	411	416	417
Total	2,626	2,675	2,715	2,768	2,813	2,868	2,946	3,008	3,027	3,044
High School										
Campbell High School	418	415	430	422	414	407	398	393	401	412
Lyneham High School	1,035	1,013	1,022	1,015	1,003	984	950	931	946	964
Total	1,453	1,428	1,452	1,437	1,417	1,391	1,348	1,324	1,347	1,376
College										
Dickson College	892	833	796	779	792	792	796	790	772	759
Total	892	833	796	779	792	792	796	790	772	759

South Canberra

	Projection									
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Primary Schools										
Forrest Primary School	459	466	492	505	523	535	551	557	561	560
Narrabundah Early Childhood School	62	60	62	63	63	62	63	64	64	65
Red Hill Primary School	701	715	730	744	773	795	814	832	840	842
Telopea Park School	562	556	554	555	554	558	560	562	565	565
Yarralumla Primary School	293	287	286	293	298	306	314	323	327	328
Total	2,077	2,084	2,123	2,160	2,211	2,256	2,302	2,337	2,357	2,360
High School										
Alfred Deakin High School	832	851	832	839	840	828	824	812	819	833
Telopea Park School	1,057	1,048	1,052	1,040	1,023	1,006	997	987	1,006	1,028
Total	1,889	1,899	1,884	1,879	1,863	1,834	1,821	1,799	1,825	1,861
College										
Narrabundah College	995	1,038	1,046	1,065	1,083	1,091	1,090	1,088	1,072	1,051
Total	995	1,038	1,046	1,065	1,083	1,091	1,090	1,088	1,072	1,051

Weston Creek

	Projection									
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Primary Schools										
Arawang Primary School	465	454	452	446	454	463	466	475	478	481
Chapman Primary School	520	512	511	514	520	533	548	555	563	570
Duffy Primary School	345	337	330	325	330	329	331	335	337	340
Total	1,330	1,303	1,293	1,285	1,304	1,325	1,345	1,365	1,378	1,391
High School										
Mount Stromlo High School	784	780	777	769	755	733	724	710	719	730
Total	784	780	777	769	755	733	724	710	719	730

Woden Valley

	Projection									
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Primary Schools										
Curtin Primary School	393	398	403	409	409	420	427	433	436	437
Farrer Primary School	264	268	274	280	289	300	310	316	322	325
Garran Primary School	642	627	628	619	626	635	640	651	658	665
Hughes Primary School	458	463	467	464	470	475	483	490	495	498
Lyons Early Childhood School	93	96	104	108	108	111	111	112	112	112
Mawson Primary School	530	543	558	573	581	589	601	607	607	614
Torrens Primary School	382	383	380	391	402	405	415	421	423	427
Total	2,761	2,778	2,814	2,843	2,885	2,935	2,987	3,030	3,052	3,077
High School										
Melrose High School	758	779	766	755	747	738	723	718	729	741
Total	758	779	766	755	747	738	723	718	729	741
College										
Canberra College, The	1,193	1,172	1,151	1,189	1,190	1,209	1,213	1,227	1,218	1,190
Total	1,193	1,172	1,151	1,189	1,190	1,209	1,213	1,227	1,218	1,190

Tuggeranong

	Projection									
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Primary Schools										
Bonython Primary School	335	336	336	328	335	335	337	339	341	341
Calwell Primary School	181	173	166	165	163	162	166	169	165	166
Caroline Chisholm School	184	162	164	160	155	155	154	159	160	157
Charles Conder Primary School	439	431	427	423	429	426	424	424	422	418
Fadden Primary School	212	204	202	197	196	194	196	202	204	202
Gilmore Primary School	124	120	123	130	125	125	129	126	126	125
Gordon Primary School	392	389	382	382	393	400	408	413	412	412
Gowrie Primary School	231	233	236	236	242	239	241	238	236	234
Isabella Plains Early Childhood School	62	65	61	64	63	63	63	63	64	63
Monash Primary School	407	400	402	390	387	384	385	390	391	390
Namadgi School	307	290	283	281	289	290	294	297	295	297
Richardson Primary School	141	145	148	144	148	150	152	153	155	154
Taylor Primary School	264	266	269	274	279	281	281	284	284	285
Theodore Primary School	183	185	184	172	177	185	186	188	186	186
Wanniassa Hills Primary School	339	328	322	313	317	315	323	325	326	325
Wanniassa School	193	193	202	207	213	213	213	216	219	221
Total	3,993	3,920	3,906	3,865	3,911	3,916	3,951	3,985	3,986	3,976
High School										
Calwell High School	377	363	368	366	346	335	323	309	318	325
Caroline Chisholm School	360	368	342	336	334	321	314	307	305	307
Lanyon High School	534	538	565	558	544	534	524	508	520	526
Namadgi School	273	284	280	271	252	239	232	227	234	237
Wanniassa School	345	337	327	320	312	308	309	302	305	308
Total	1,889	1,890	1,882	1,851	1,788	1,737	1,701	1,653	1,682	1,703
College										
Erindale College	872	806	796	813	813	809	797	788	780	770
Lake Tuggeranong College	699	701	691	712	731	725	715	708	684	665
Total	1,571	1,507	1,487	1,525	1,544	1,534	1,512	1,496	1,464	1,435