

# STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND, 2001

This bulletin reports the results of the census of students of non-English speaking background in New South Wales government schools undertaken by the NSW Department of Education and Training on Friday, 9 March 2001. A student of non-English speaking background is defined as one in whose home a language other than English is spoken.

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## INTRODUCTION

In Term 1 2001, 187,506 students enrolled at government schools were identified as Non-English Speaking Background. This represented 24.4 percent of all government school enrolments compared to 23.7 percent in 2000.

## TABLES 1 AND 2

### ENROLMENTS OF STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND BY DISTRICT AND LEVEL/YEAR OF SCHOOLING, TERM 1 2001

NESB student enrolments represented 24.1 percent of all primary enrolments and 25.0 percent of all secondary enrolments in government schools.

Districts varied widely in the number and percentage of NESB students. Fairfield district had the highest enrolment with 23,553 NESB students, representing 75.8 percent of district enrolment. Granville district enrolled 18,420 NESB students, 82.0 percent of district enrolment. In Bankstown, Port Jackson, Liverpool, Bondi and St George districts, NESB students represented more than half of all enrolments.

The largest increases in the number and percentage of NESB enrolments occurred in Liverpool and Parramatta districts:

- In Liverpool district the NESB enrolment grew from 15,662 students (51.3% of district enrolment) in 2000 to 16,590 students (53.4%) in 2001.
- In Parramatta district the NESB enrolment grew from 12,075 students (46.4% of district enrolment) in 2000 to 12,816 students (48.5%) in 2001.

Year 11 (27.2%) and Year 12 (30.4%) had the greatest proportions of NESB enrolments. Of the 2,535 NESB students in secondary support classes,

62.9 percent were enrolled at Intensive English Centres.

Year 12 was the year of schooling with the greatest increase in the proportion of NESB enrolments, from 28.6 percent in 2000 to 30.4 percent in 2001.

## TABLE 3

### ENROLMENTS OF STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND BY LANGUAGE AND LEVEL OF SCHOOLING, TERM 1 2001

Chinese, with 31,744 students in 2001, has been the most common language background other than English in government schools since 1997, representing 16.9 percent of all NESB students, compared with 16.6 percent in 2000.

Arabic, with 27,702 students in 2001, was the most common language background from 1988 to 1996. The proportion of NESB students of Arabic background decreased from 14.9 percent in 2000 to 14.8 percent in 2001.

The number of students of Urdu language background increased from 1,378 in 2000 to 1,620 in 2001, an increase of 17.5 percent, the largest percentage increase. The number of students of Tamil language background increased from 2,086 in 2000 to 2,299 in 2001, an increase of 10.2 percent.

### ENROLMENTS OF STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND BY DISTRICT AND LANGUAGE, TERM 1 2001

In districts with more than 10,000 NESB students, the most common language backgrounds were Arabic in Bankstown, Granville and Liverpool

districts; Chinese in Parramatta and St George districts, and Vietnamese in Fairfield district. In 2001 the most common language in St George had been Chinese.

Students of Chinese language background were most commonly enrolled in schools in Bankstown, Bondi, Fairfield, Granville, Hornsby, Parramatta, Port Jackson, Ryde and St George districts.

Khmer was the language with the highest concentration in one district, with 65.9 percent of students of Khmer language background in schools in Fairfield district.

**TABLE 5**  
**ENROLMENTS OF PRESCHOOL STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND BY LANGUAGE, TERM 1 2000**

Government preschools enrolled 803.5 full-time equivalent students of non-English speaking background in 2001, representing 33.6 percent of all government preschool enrolments, compared with 39.4 percent in 2000. Arabic, Chinese and Vietnamese were the most common language backgrounds, representing 17.6 percent, 14.4 percent and 15.2 percent, respectively, of all NESB preschool students.

The following graphs can be found after the tables:

**FIGURE 1**  
**PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND BY DISTRICT, TERM 1 2001**

**FIGURE 2**  
**STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND, 1988-2001: SELECTED LANGUAGE BACKGROUNDS**

*Notes:*

From 1996, information on NESB students has been collected in Term 1 with comparative enrolment information extracted from the School Entitlement System. In previous years, NESB information was collected in the midyear census, with comparative enrolment information collected at the same time.

For information on languages, refer to *Australian Standard Classification of Languages*, Australian Bureau of Statistics (catalogue 1267.0).

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Additional information about schools and students in New South Wales will be available in *Statistical Bulletin: Schools and Students in New South Wales, 2001*.

**Table 1. Enrolments of Students of Non-English Speaking Background  
by District and Level of Schooling, Term 1 2001**

District	Primary		Secondary		SSP		Total	
	Students	As % of Enrolment	Students	As % of Enrolment	Students	As % of Enrolment	Students	As % of Enrolment
Albury	138	2.1%	120	2.4%	6	6.9%	264	2.3%
Armidale	120	2.2%	135	3.0%	0	-	255	2.6%
Bankstown	7,156	58.9%	4,204	60.5%	89	66.4%	11,449	59.5%
Batemans Bay	246	2.9%	214	3.3%	1	11.1%	461	3.1%
Bathurst	167	2.5%	180	3.6%	1	-	348	3.0%
Blacktown	2,947	20.7%	1,712	22.4%	0	0.0%	4,659	21.2%
Bondi	4,648	48.0%	4,078	57.7%	24	19.5%	8,750	51.8%
Broken Hill	53	1.7%	35	1.4%	0	-	88	1.6%
Campbelltown	4,057	20.8%	2,242	19.4%	52	23.0%	6,351	20.3%
Central Coast	1,324	6.8%	1,123	8.4%	43	18.1%	2,490	7.5%
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	325	3.2%	291	3.5%	0	-	616	3.3%
Deniliquin	83	2.6%	57	2.7%	0	-	140	2.7%
Dubbo	103	1.4%	62	1.1%	0	-	165	1.3%
Fairfield	12,857	77.3%	10,585	74.4%	111	53.1%	23,553	75.8%
Granville	11,952	82.3%	6,391	81.8%	77	58.3%	18,420	82.0%
Griffith	548	11.4%	224	6.3%	13	21.3%	785	9.3%
Hornsby	4,762	30.1%	4,578	37.6%	55	33.7%	9,395	33.3%
Lake Macquarie	622	3.5%	387	3.6%	2	3.6%	1,011	3.6%
Lismore	148	2.3%	183	3.6%	0	-	331	2.8%
Liverpool	10,008	54.7%	6,423	52.0%	159	37.1%	16,590	53.4%
Maitland	214	1.9%	155	2.1%	0	-	369	2.0%
Moree	45	1.1%	46	1.7%	0	-	91	1.3%
Mount Druitt	5,890	33.3%	3,437	33.7%	46	21.6%	9,373	33.4%
Newcastle	1,068	8.6%	913	8.5%	8	4.3%	1,989	8.5%
Northern Beaches	3,526	21.2%	2,481	28.6%	10	4.1%	6,017	23.6%
Orange	129	1.7%	111	2.2%	0	0.0%	240	1.9%
Parramatta	6,813	46.7%	5,926	51.4%	77	24.8%	12,816	48.5%
Penrith	1,468	10.0%	1,114	11.8%	40	25.5%	2,622	10.8%
Port Jackson	5,100	47.7%	3,530	57.3%	7	7.3%	8,637	51.0%
Port Macquarie	174	2.1%	133	2.0%	0	-	307	2.0%
Queanbeyan	620	8.4%	297	6.4%	0	-	917	7.6%
Ryde	5,755	37.3%	4,175	46.4%	20	22.0%	9,950	40.6%
Shellharbour	1,180	8.0%	736	7.3%	3	2.0%	1,919	7.6%
St George	8,715	70.4%	7,397	69.9%	92	44.2%	16,204	69.9%
Sutherland	2,330	16.3%	1,955	16.8%	24	16.4%	4,309	16.5%
Tamworth	95	1.2%	107	1.8%	0	0.0%	202	1.4%
Taree	271	2.5%	100	1.3%	0	-	371	2.0%
Tweed Heads/Ballina	346	3.7%	274	3.7%	0	-	620	3.7%
Wagga Wagga	141	1.9%	102	2.0%	0	-	243	1.9%
Wollongong	2,468	18.8%	1,697	18.8%	24	16.2%	4,189	18.8%
<b>State</b>	<b>108,612</b>	<b>24.1%</b>	<b>77,910</b>	<b>25.0%</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>187,506</b>	<b>24.4%</b>

**Table 2. Enrolments of Students of Non-English Speaking Background  
by District and Year of Schooling, Term 1 2001**

District	Primary									SSP
	Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Support	Total	Total
Albury	16	17	27	21	17	20	19	1	138	6
Armidale	25	20	17	11	14	18	15	0	120	0
Bankstown	1,036	1,117	1,096	993	958	910	936	110	7,156	89
Batemans Bay	34	32	35	41	31	40	32	1	246	1
Bathurst	24	28	15	33	22	21	23	1	167	1
Blacktown	415	429	406	396	405	403	434	59	2,947	0
Bondi	662	625	676	680	653	625	664	63	4,648	24
Broken Hill	7	13	9	7	3	4	10	0	53	0
Campbelltown	557	627	559	542	581	600	534	57	4,057	52
Central Coast	180	187	185	181	181	203	199	8	1,324	43
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	30	54	56	49	42	48	45	1	325	0
Deniliquin	14	6	14	15	11	13	9	1	83	0
Dubbo	13	17	14	19	14	13	12	1	103	0
Fairfield	1,918	1,883	1,911	1,823	1,804	1,710	1,669	139	12,857	111
Granville	1,834	1,739	1,734	1,769	1,633	1,566	1,539	138	11,952	77
Griffith	64	83	84	92	80	72	68	5	548	13
Hornsby	680	678	664	698	647	700	673	22	4,762	55
Lake Macquarie	94	92	98	76	90	74	94	4	622	2
Lismore	19	21	27	20	22	21	17	1	148	0
Liverpool	1,457	1,504	1,405	1,434	1,379	1,384	1,306	139	10,008	159
Maitland	34	21	38	28	20	30	39	4	214	0
Moree	10	6	10	2	3	4	10	0	45	0
Mount Druitt	863	856	821	847	768	849	837	49	5,890	46
Newcastle	153	151	162	162	155	141	141	3	1,068	8
Northern Beaches	553	565	514	469	479	475	452	19	3,526	10
Orange	15	17	17	25	18	17	19	1	129	0
Parramatta	980	1,012	994	955	954	991	873	54	6,813	77
Penrith	192	232	200	235	186	211	183	29	1,468	40
Port Jackson	730	772	744	746	675	719	675	39	5,100	7
Port Macquarie	20	28	30	21	22	30	23	0	174	0
Queanbeyan	90	91	89	97	84	78	78	13	620	0
Ryde	859	868	818	823	859	745	746	37	5,755	20
Shellharbour	164	185	164	163	177	154	164	9	1,180	3
St George	1,322	1,322	1,223	1,225	1,174	1,218	1,152	79	8,715	92
Sutherland	307	350	310	332	358	330	322	21	2,330	24
Tamworth	16	9	11	18	13	15	12	1	95	0
Taree	35	32	35	48	46	39	34	2	271	0
Tweed Heads/Ballina	61	53	48	51	54	39	37	3	346	0
Wagga Wagga	19	17	25	20	24	18	18	0	141	0
Wollongong	332	352	390	343	344	330	352	25	2,468	24
<b>State</b>	<b>15,834</b>	<b>16,111</b>	<b>15,675</b>	<b>15,510</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>14,878</b>	<b>14,465</b>	<b>1,139</b>	<b>108,612</b>	<b>984</b>
As % of Enrolment	25.2%	24.9%	24.3%	24.2%	23.6%	23.4%	23.1%	20.4%	24.1%	23.1%

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**Table 2. Enrolments of Students of Non-English Speaking Background  
by District and Year of Schooling, Term 1 2001 (continued)**

District	Secondary								District Total	As % of District
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Support	Total		
Albury	14	24	17	15	28	22	0	120	264	2.3%
Armidale	12	20	17	36	24	25	1	135	255	2.6%
Bankstown	579	627	600	839	695	569	295	4,204	11,449	59.5%
Batemans Bay	38	34	39	39	31	32	1	214	461	3.1%
Bathurst	35	23	30	30	35	26	1	180	348	3.0%
Blacktown	299	300	312	301	274	206	20	1,712	4,659	21.2%
Bondi	631	608	675	718	793	626	27	4,078	8,750	51.8%
Broken Hill	3	6	8	8	5	3	2	35	88	1.6%
Campbelltown	363	364	362	419	379	322	33	2,242	6,351	20.3%
Central Coast	163	217	202	185	164	177	15	1,123	2,490	7.5%
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	57	45	46	46	55	42	0	291	616	3.3%
Deniliquin	9	11	12	9	10	6	0	57	140	2.7%
Dubbo	8	14	12	14	7	7	0	62	165	1.3%
Fairfield	1,642	1,565	1,657	1,771	1,781	1,642	527	10,585	23,553	75.8%
Granville	944	1,067	1,078	1,166	1,070	934	132	6,391	18,420	82.0%
Griffith	43	45	40	39	39	18	0	224	785	9.3%
Hornsby	761	761	794	755	780	716	11	4,578	9,395	33.3%
Lake Macquarie	66	62	61	69	65	61	3	387	1,011	3.6%
Lismore	33	29	29	33	29	30	0	183	331	2.8%
Liverpool	1,022	1,083	1,070	1,138	957	870	283	6,423	16,590	53.4%
Maitland	21	29	26	25	29	24	1	155	369	2.0%
Moree	8	7	7	8	9	7	0	46	91	1.3%
Mount Druitt	545	526	547	565	576	504	174	3,437	9,373	33.4%
Newcastle	137	171	190	154	142	116	3	913	1,989	8.5%
Northern Beaches	376	401	422	413	469	386	14	2,481	6,017	23.6%
Orange	15	7	20	27	17	25	0	111	240	1.9%
Parramatta	993	1,009	1,016	998	1,045	790	75	5,926	12,816	48.5%
Penrith	207	178	211	199	164	141	14	1,114	2,622	10.8%
Port Jackson	483	448	495	567	634	548	355	3,530	8,637	51.0%
Port Macquarie	16	32	18	29	25	11	2	133	307	2.0%
Queanbeyan	55	57	48	53	35	44	5	297	917	7.6%
Ryde	647	617	660	644	754	634	219	4,175	9,950	40.6%
Shellharbour	141	137	115	124	119	93	7	736	1,919	7.6%
St George	1,228	1,170	1,226	1,200	1,249	1,142	182	7,397	16,204	69.9%
Sutherland	337	339	325	308	338	297	11	1,955	4,309	16.5%
Tamworth	17	14	19	16	14	26	1	107	202	1.4%
Taree	14	17	23	13	14	17	2	100	371	2.0%
Tweed Heads/Ballina	54	45	60	48	34	33	0	274	620	3.7%
Wagga Wagga	14	20	15	16	20	17	0	102	243	1.9%
Wollongong	257	278	296	259	227	261	119	1,697	4,189	18.8%
<b>State</b>	<b>12,287</b>	<b>12,407</b>	<b>12,800</b>	<b>13,296</b>	<b>13,135</b>	<b>11,450</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>77,910</b>	<b>187,506</b>	<b>24.4%</b>
As % of Enrolment	22.8%	22.9%	23.2%	24.4%	27.2%	30.4%	33.4%	25.0%	24.4%	

**Table 3. Enrolments of Students of Non-English Speaking Background  
by Language and Level of Schooling, Term 1 2001**

Language	Primary		Secondary		SSP		Total	
	Students	As % of Total NESB	Students	As % of Total NESB	Students	As % of Total NESB	Students	As % of Total NESB
Arabic	15,546	14.3%	11,874	15.2%	282	28.7%	27,702	14.8%
Chinese	16,969	15.6%	14,693	18.9%	82	8.3%	31,744	16.9%
Croatian	1,479	1.4%	1,071	1.4%	18	1.8%	2,568	1.4%
Dutch	1,052	1.0%	698	0.9%	1	0.1%	1,751	0.9%
Farsi	1,465	1.3%	1,497	1.9%	14	1.4%	2,976	1.6%
Fijian	763	0.7%	506	0.6%	13	1.3%	1,282	0.7%
French	1,623	1.5%	967	1.2%	6	0.6%	2,596	1.4%
German	2,117	1.9%	1,511	1.9%	11	1.1%	3,639	1.9%
Greek	5,835	5.4%	2,995	3.8%	47	4.8%	8,877	4.7%
Hindi	4,358	4.0%	2,804	3.6%	29	2.9%	7,191	3.8%
Indonesian	1,434	1.3%	1,148	1.5%	11	1.1%	2,593	1.4%
Italian	5,226	4.8%	2,558	3.3%	48	4.9%	7,832	4.2%
Japanese	993	0.9%	525	0.7%	4	0.4%	1,522	0.8%
Khmer	1,110	1.0%	1,156	1.5%	9	0.9%	2,275	1.2%
Korean	2,819	2.6%	2,233	2.9%	9	0.9%	5,061	2.7%
Lao	703	0.6%	440	0.6%	9	0.9%	1,152	0.6%
Macedonian	2,808	2.6%	2,079	2.7%	19	1.9%	4,906	2.6%
Malay	279	0.3%	198	0.3%	2	0.2%	479	0.3%
Maltese	1,288	1.2%	849	1.1%	17	1.7%	2,154	1.1%
Polish	825	0.8%	828	1.1%	5	0.5%	1,658	0.9%
Portuguese	900	0.8%	608	0.8%	13	1.3%	1,521	0.8%
Punjabi	777	0.7%	527	0.7%	6	0.6%	1,310	0.7%
Russian	898	0.8%	818	1.0%	6	0.6%	1,722	0.9%
Samoan	3,320	3.1%	1,689	2.2%	26	2.6%	5,035	2.7%
Serbian	2,479	2.3%	1,936	2.5%	9	0.9%	4,424	2.4%
Sinhalese	594	0.5%	452	0.6%	2	0.2%	1,048	0.6%
Slovenian	169	0.2%	111	0.1%	3	0.3%	283	0.2%
Spanish	3,785	3.5%	2,607	3.3%	41	4.2%	6,433	3.4%
Tagalog	4,009	3.7%	3,030	3.9%	42	4.3%	7,081	3.8%
Tamil	1,328	1.2%	957	1.2%	14	1.4%	2,299	1.2%
Tongan	2,101	1.9%	1,122	1.4%	31	3.2%	3,254	1.7%
Turkish	2,559	2.4%	1,786	2.3%	24	2.4%	4,369	2.3%
Urdu	978	0.9%	635	0.8%	7	0.7%	1,620	0.9%
Vietnamese	6,488	6.0%	4,812	6.2%	67	6.8%	11,367	6.1%
Others	9,535	8.8%	6,190	7.9%	57	5.8%	15,782	8.4%
<b>Total NESB</b>	<b>108,612</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>77,910</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>187,506</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 4. Enrolments of Students of Non-English Speaking Background  
by District and Language, Term 1 2001**

District	Arabic	Chinese	Croatian	Dutch	Farsi	Fijian	French	German	Greek	Hindi	Indonesian	Italian
Albury	27	16	6	8	3	7	5	19	24	7	1	17
Armidale	9	32		13			14	18	6	5	17	16
Bankstown	4,417	1,523	75	23	52	61	70	58	788	249	108	299
Batemans Bay	23	30	16	22		6	23	82	32	2	7	52
Bathurst	25	25	11	16	3	5	9	28	17	2	9	22
Blacktown	385	363	107	79	126	28	68	104	155	401	47	185
Bondi	360	1,954	46	59	76	51	200	161	618	215	448	174
Broken Hill	4	3	1	1			2	5	5	3		16
Campbelltown	902	254	145	90	74	95	115	166	158	325	67	330
Central Coast	128	140	42	174	18	33	132	227	113	34	56	177
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	3	23	6	34		6	37	89	8	7	7	24
Deniliquin	4	11	2	7	1	4		5	7	2		36
Dubbo	14	16	2	8	1	3	3	13	6	10		1
Fairfield	4,145	4,104	460	29	248	81	60	91	314	397	68	876
Granville	5,582	3,523	47	10	187	161	39	37	417	564	170	337
Griffith	10	12	1	3	4	57	1	8	11	12		260
Hornsby	449	3,322	92	115	428	8	164	233	188	475	141	410
Lake Macquarie	52	49	31	28	2	18	29	56	54	19	27	69
Lismore	14	15	2	14		2	17	83	9	4	14	36
Liverpool	3,089	1,277	230	42	88	73	135	96	448	1,481	78	840
Maitland	22	40	4	11		3	4	35	14	7	2	23
Moree	6	12	6		2	3	4	7		1		2
Mount Druitt	867	245	232	64	214	91	66	95	227	790	73	207
Newcastle	37	167	43	32	12	5	64	109	181	23	35	152
Northern Beaches	176	1,122	126	186	102	30	326	318	177	94	129	485
Orange	18	15	4	8	4	4	5	17	13	5	1	15
Parramatta	1,535	2,975	162	50	711	81	91	117	320	810	161	291
Penrith	217	178	51	74	31	27	77	144	118	108	19	165
Port Jackson	568	1,982	49	39	26	91	148	131	571	213	312	564
Port Macquarie	10	12	4	19		2	23	42	4	18	7	16
Queanbeyan	39	20	35	36	3	6	10	61	30	18	15	83
Ryde	360	3,346	67	127	472	39	247	274	307	369	172	335
Shellharbour	60	63	69	66	6	7	49	151	134	20	9	210
St George	3,307	3,938	158	24	31	157	81	69	2,483	355	237	406
Sutherland	449	646	80	108	10	13	127	188	680	94	81	291
Tamworth	13	27	11	7	1	3	9	19	5	2	5	12
Taree	12	27	11	19		2	30	41	11	5	4	35
Tweed Heads/Ballina	6	22	10	31	4	5	66	96	14	5	28	43
Wagga Wagga	56	18	2	22	2	2	10	10	10	8		5
Wollongong	302	197	122	53	34	12	36	136	200	32	38	315
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>27,702</b>	<b>31,744</b>	<b>2,568</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>2,976</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>2,596</b>	<b>3,639</b>	<b>8,877</b>	<b>7,191</b>	<b>2,593</b>	<b>7,832</b>
As % of Total NESB	14.8%	16.9%	1.4%	0.9%	1.6%	0.7%	1.4%	1.9%	4.7%	3.8%	1.4%	4.2%

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**Table 4. Enrolments of Students of Non-English Speaking Background  
by District and Language, Term 1 2001 (continued)**

District	Japanese	Khmer	Korean	Lao	Macedonian	Malay	Maltese	Polish	Portuguese	Punjabi	Russian	Samoan
Albury	3			26			1	9	3		4	1
Armidale	10	2	1		2	3	1	2	3	1	4	
Bankstown	34	44	178	7	458	7	32	40	38	31	30	301
Batemans Bay	3			3	1		9	13	5		1	
Bathurst	4		2		2		6	1	2		8	4
Blacktown	13	7	83	4	69	22	392	54	10	166	31	109
Bondi	154	13	233	9	26	59	43	101	105	17	510	31
Broken Hill												
Campbelltown	11	121	13	215	68	10	116	79	52	26	47	779
Central Coast	32	1	14	1	14	16	81	33	21	4	48	23
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	12		1		3	1	4	5	1	156	3	
Deniliquin							5			2	2	
Dubbo										2	2	
Fairfield	7	1,499	65	367	389	19	230	113	74	11	105	460
Granville	31	24	895	28	130	34	41	31	50	98	64	557
Griffith	2									60	1	78
Hornsby	101	8	797	4	17	58	33	136	38	68	117	5
Lake Macquarie	12	4	4	1	36	7	25	15	7	2	13	54
Lismore	1						3	8	2	8	1	
Liverpool	8	393	24	379	354	27	172	194	144	82	84	853
Maitland	1				1		2	26	2	2	4	13
Moree										2		
Mount Druitt	9	34	49	4	43	10	338	97	70	137	31	1,253
Newcastle	28	3	15	10	311	4	8	37	11	4	19	83
Northern Beaches	353	10	249	3	45	16	9	85	63	27	55	37
Orange	6		5				2			2	15	
Parramatta	37	39	769	13	30	38	156	141	32	143	94	98
Penrith	29	9	23	2	15	15	118	56	27	77	26	46
Port Jackson	79	26	298	3	155	22	26	77	247	14	70	54
Port Macquarie	4				4	6	6	5	2	3	4	2
Queanbeyan	3		7	1	230		19	23	9		8	16
Ryde	369	6	946	21	24	34	23	113	42	57	125	9
Shellharbour	8	1	3	17	259	1	59	21	71		6	3
St George	64	22	310	11	1,165	28	53	41	179	36	90	124
Sutherland	38	6	48	2	186	26	60	45	49	11	72	15
Tamworth	6			9			5	1	3	4	4	1
Taree	4		1	2	8	3	3	3	5		2	20
Tweed Heads/Ballina	20			4	1	3	4	5	8	57	1	
Wagga Wagga				1		2	3		1		1	1
Wollongong	26	3	28	5	860	8	66	48	145		20	5
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>1,522</b>	<b>2,275</b>	<b>5,061</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>4,906</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>2,154</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>5,035</b>
As % of Total NESB	0.8%	1.2%	2.7%	0.6%	2.6%	0.3%	1.1%	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%	0.9%	2.7%

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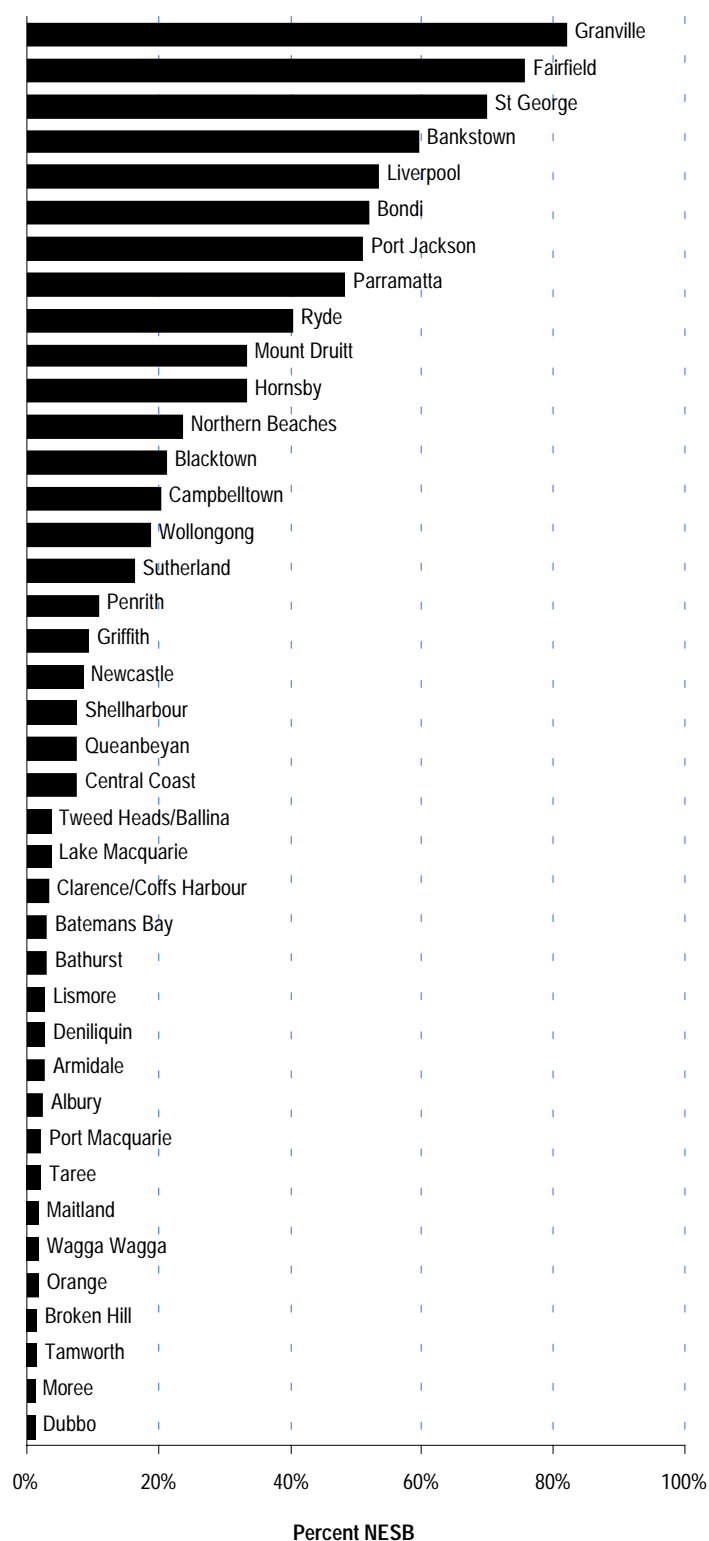
**Table 4. Enrolments of Students of Non-English Speaking Background  
by District and Language, Term 1 2001 (continued)**

District	Serbian	Sinhalese	Slovenian	Spanish	Tagalog	Tamil	Tongan	Turkish	Urdu	Vietnamese	Others	Total
Albury	8	1		4	23	3					38	264
Armidale		2	1	7	15	1			1	6	63	255
Bankstown	62	14	6	158	179	19	106	116	114	1,216	536	11,449
Batemans Bay	5		1	17	31	3	6	2		3	63	461
Bathurst	3	7	2	17	29	3	2	5	7	3	69	348
Blacktown	105	59	9	127	398	50	96	179	104	26	498	4,659
Bondi	162	79	20	414	295	92	159	339	56	238	1,233	8,750
Broken Hill		2			10	6	11	6		1	12	88
Campbelltown	103	24	20	414	351	31	299	68	45	115	623	6,351
Central Coast	43	6	8	146	229	4	41	18	5	16	412	2,490
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	1		3	33	46	1	3	1		5	93	616
Deniliquin		5		1	12	8	14				12	140
Dubbo	3	2	1	5	16	6		5	1		45	165
Fairfield	950	17	29	1,198	389	35	262	504	30	4,984	943	23,553
Granville	109	37	8	164	353	679	580	1,094	275	1,021	1,043	18,420
Griffith		4	2	35	20		92	47	7	1	57	785
Hornsby	50	219	13	186	190	219	36	79	89	106	801	9,395
Lake Macquarie	20	7	5	56	76	3	35	9	20	6	160	1,011
Lismore			2	16	12	1	1				66	331
Liverpool	1,080	42	22	831	533	97	153	215	177	1,544	1,305	16,590
Maitland	6		3	10	43		8	5	3	7	68	369
Moree	6		1	2	14		4	1	1		17	91
Mount Druitt	94	81	13	345	1,444	89	467	366	250	117	861	9,373
Newcastle	74	7	9	56	134	13	20	12	7	36	228	1,989
Northern Beaches	294	4	14	205	248	13	176	26	9	51	754	6,017
Orange	4	2	2	10	23	4	10	1	3	3	39	240
Parramatta	166	182	10	304	499	543	94	506	160	236	1,222	12,816
Penrith	65	36	10	147	201	29	31	39	32	37	343	2,622
Port Jackson	142	17	3	268	243	76	226	192	36	849	820	8,637
Port Macquarie				17	28		3	3		2	61	307
Queanbeyan	54	10	4	31	21	2	9	1	6	8	99	917
Ryde	114	118	20	221	211	195	35	48	51	91	962	9,950
Shellharbour	66	8	7	202	77	1	17	49	8	7	184	1,919
St George	194	21	13	343	275	49	168	149	88	475	1,060	16,204
Sutherland	75	8	4	190	119	10	43	57	20	50	408	4,309
Tamworth	3	3		5	12			2		1	29	202
Taree	1	2		24	40		10	2		2	42	371
Tweed Heads/Ballina	1			19	55		2	2		5	103	620
Wagga Wagga	11	1	2	5	11	3	1	5	2	5	43	243
Wollongong	350	21	16	200	176	11	34	216	13	94	367	4,189
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>4,424</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>6,433</b>	<b>7,081</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>3,254</b>	<b>4,369</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>11,367</b>	<b>15,782</b>	<b>187,506</b>
As % of Total NESB	2.4%	0.6%	0.2%	3.4%	3.8%	1.2%	1.7%	2.3%	0.9%	6.1%	8.4%	100.0%

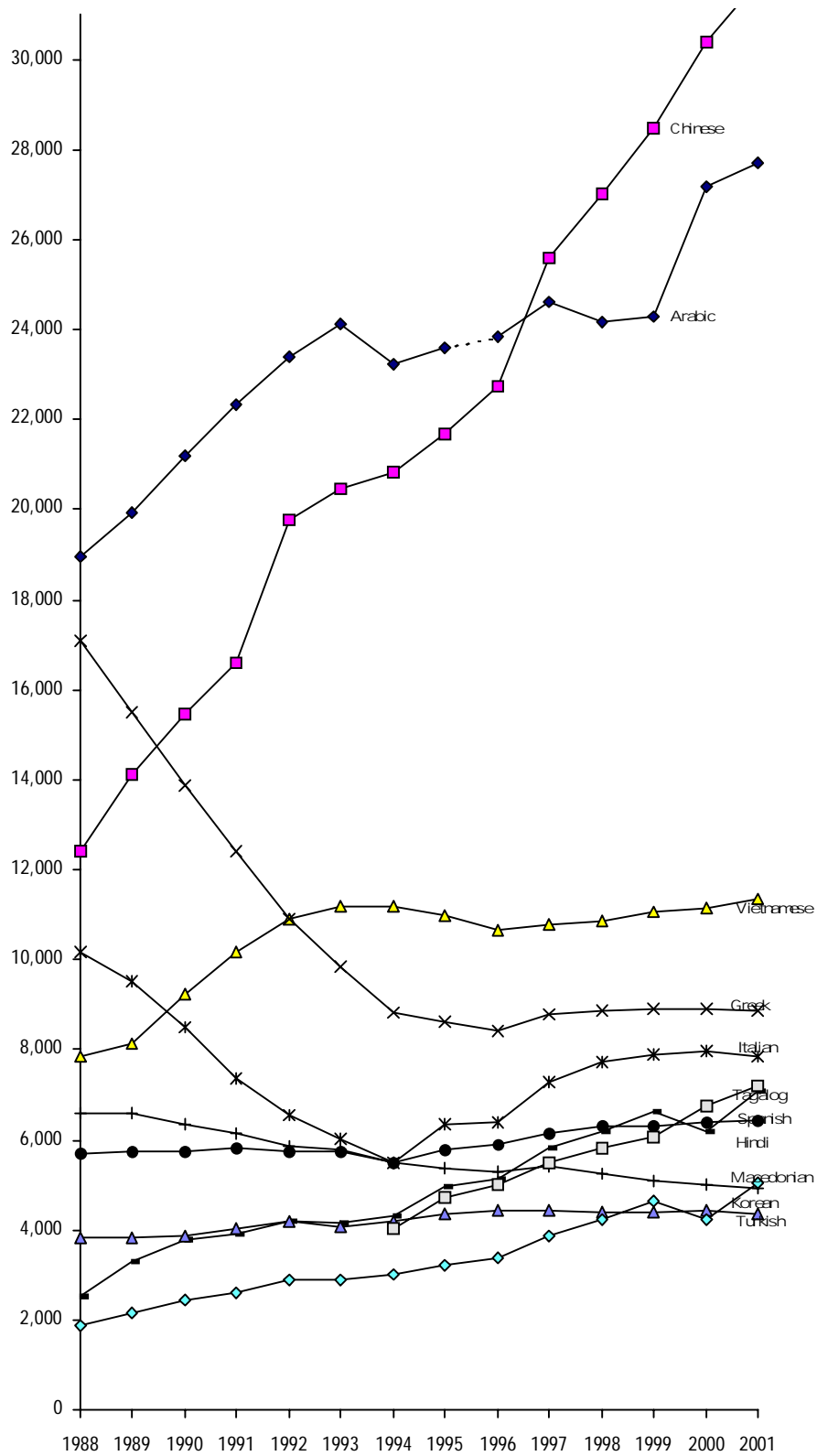
**Table 5. Enrolments of Preschool Students of Non-English Speaking Background  
by Language, Term 1 2001**

Language	Preschool Students		As % of
	Students	FTE	Total NESB
Arabic	274	141.3	17.6%
Chinese	253	115.6	14.4%
Croatian	13	7.3	0.9%
Dutch	3	1.4	0.2%
Farsi	7	3.9	0.5%
Fijian	6	3.5	0.4%
French	6	3.2	0.4%
German	10	7.0	0.9%
Greek	33	20.3	2.5%
Hindi	74	43.5	5.4%
Indonesian	25	14.9	1.9%
Italian	50	30.7	3.8%
Japanese	6	5.1	0.6%
Khmer	21	9.1	1.1%
Korean	13	6.9	0.9%
Lao	4	2.1	0.3%
Macedonian	20	9.7	1.2%
Malay	3	2.0	0.2%
Maltese	23	12.6	1.6%
Polish	9	6.4	0.8%
Portuguese	14	9.6	1.2%
Punjabi	18	9.9	1.2%
Russian	3	1.2	0.1%
Samoan	72	41.6	5.2%
Serbian	19	8.7	1.1%
Sinhalese	9	4.5	0.6%
Slovenian	0	0.0	0.0%
Spanish	43	22.0	2.7%
Tagalog	97	56.0	7.0%
Tamil	13	6.4	0.8%
Tongan	32	21.3	2.7%
Turkish	17	8.8	1.1%
Urdu	8	4.0	0.5%
Vietnamese	258	122.2	15.2%
Others	73	40.8	5.1%
<b>Total NESB</b>	<b>1,529</b>	<b>803.5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
NESB as % of Enrolment		33.6%	

**Figure 1. Percentage of Students of Non-English Speaking Background  
by District, Term 1 2001**



**Figure 2. Students of Non-English Speaking Background, 1988-2001:  
Selected Language Backgrounds**



Notes: Hindi was first reported as a separate language in 1994.

Farsi was included with Arabic until 1993; it has been reported as a separate language since 1994.