

STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND, 1999

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, 12 March 1999. 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 1999, government schools enrolled 176,462 students of non-English speaking background (NESB). This represented 22.8 percent of all government school enrolments compared to 22.1 percent in 1998.

TABLES 1 AND 2 ENROLMENTS OF STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND BY DISTRICT AND LEVEL/YEAR OF SCHOOLING, TERM 1 1999

Districts varied widely in the number and percentage of NESB students. Fairfield district had the highest enrolment with 23,522 NESB students, representing 74.0 percent of district enrolment. Granville district enrolled 17,502 NESB students, 79.0 percent of district enrolment. In Bankstown, Port Jackson, and St George districts, NESB students represented more than half of all enrolments.

NESB student enrolments represented 22.2 percent of all primary enrolments and 23.6 percent of all secondary enrolments in government schools.

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 13,342 students (46.2% of district enrolment) in 1998 to 14,281 students (48.0%) in 1999.
- In Parramatta district the NESB enrolment grew from 10,280 students (40.6% of district enrolment) in 1998 to 11,020 students (43.1%) in 1999.

Year 11 (25.7%) and Year 12 (26.4%) had the greatest proportion of NESB enrolments. Of the 2,783 NESB students in secondary support classes, 76.1 percent were enrolled at intensive English centres.

Year 11 was the year of schooling with the greatest increase in the proportion of NESB enrolments, from 24.3 percent in 1998 to 25.7 percent in 1999.

TABLE 3 ENROLMENTS OF STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND BY LANGUAGE AND LEVEL OF SCHOOLING, TERM 1 1999

Chinese, with 28,464 students in 1999, has been the most common language background other than English in government schools since 1997, representing 16.1 percent of all NESB students, compared with 15.8 percent in 1998.

Arabic, with 24,302 students in 1999, was the most common language background from 1988 to 1996. The proportion of NESB students of Arabic background reduced from 14.1 percent in 1998 to 13.8 percent in 1999.

The number of students of Indonesian language background increased from 2,033 in 1998 to 2,276 in 1999, an increase of 12.0 percent, the largest percentage increase. The largest decrease was for Fijian language background (29.3%); Fijian had the largest increase in the previous twelve months.

TABLE 4 ENROLMENTS OF STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND BY DISTRICT AND LANGUAGE, TERM 1 1999

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 1998 the most common language in St George had been Arabic.

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 68.2 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 1999**

Government preschools enrolled 876.0 full-time equivalent students of non-English speaking background in 1999, representing 40.1 percent of all government preschool enrolments, compared with 36.1 percent in 1998. Arabic, Chinese and Vietnamese were the most common language backgrounds, representing 19.4 percent, 17.6 percent and 13.3 percent, respectively, of all NESB preschool students. In 1998 there were more students with a Vietnamese than Chinese language background.

The following graphs can be found after the tables:

**FIGURE 1
PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH
SPEAKING BACKGROUND BY DISTRICT, TERM 1
1999**

**FIGURE 2
STUDENTS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING
BACKGROUND, 1987-1999: 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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Statistical publications produced by the Department of School Education can be obtained on the Internet at *Network for Education*.

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**Table 1. Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
by District and Level of Schooling, Term 1 1999**

District	Primary		Secondary		SSP		Total	
	Students	As % of Enrolment	Students	As % of Enrolment	Students	As % of Enrolment	Students	As % of Enrolment
Albury	145	2.2%	136	2.6%	7	9.3%	288	2.5%
Armidale	142	2.5%	145	3.2%	0	-	287	2.8%
Bankstown	6,717	55.1%	4,763	55.2%	75	64.1%	11,555	55.3%
Batemans Bay	197	2.3%	195	3.0%	1	12.5%	393	2.6%
Bathurst	157	2.3%	133	2.6%	1	-	291	2.4%
Blacktown	2,466	17.8%	1,611	20.7%	4	10.5%	4,081	18.8%
Bondi	4,741	47.7%	3,902	51.5%	14	23.0%	8,657	49.2%
Broken Hill	40	1.2%	37	1.5%	0	-	77	1.3%
Campbelltown	3,710	19.0%	2,214	18.1%	44	18.7%	5,968	18.6%
Central Coast	1,308	6.8%	1,107	8.3%	16	10.1%	2,431	7.4%
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	338	3.2%	229	2.8%	0	-	567	3.0%
Deniliquin	78	2.4%	55	2.5%	0	-	133	2.4%
Dubbo	135	1.8%	67	1.2%	0	-	202	1.5%
Fairfield	12,486	75.3%	10,930	73.0%	106	51.2%	23,522	74.0%
Granville	11,271	80.5%	6,135	77.5%	96	52.2%	17,502	79.0%
Griffith	391	8.2%	304	8.6%	14	24.1%	709	8.5%
Hornsby	4,147	26.1%	4,044	33.5%	53	30.1%	8,244	29.3%
Lake Macquarie	550	3.2%	368	3.3%	1	1.9%	919	3.2%
Lismore	157	2.2%	173	3.2%	0	-	330	2.6%
Liverpool	8,424	48.3%	5,696	48.1%	161	37.9%	14,281	48.0%
Maitland	204	1.8%	151	2.0%	0	-	355	1.9%
Moree	72	1.7%	34	1.2%	0	-	106	1.5%
Mount Druitt	5,531	31.4%	3,273	30.6%	39	19.3%	8,843	31.0%
Newcastle	952	7.6%	886	8.4%	5	3.7%	1,843	7.9%
Northern Beaches	3,232	19.8%	2,445	26.4%	13	14.1%	5,690	22.2%
Orange	146	2.0%	130	2.5%	3	4.7%	279	2.2%
Parramatta	5,898	41.8%	5,047	44.9%	75	29.2%	11,020	43.1%
Penrith	1,299	8.7%	1,015	10.1%	31	20.0%	2,345	9.3%
Port Jackson	5,217	47.7%	3,787	57.5%	9	13.6%	9,013	51.2%
Port Macquarie	155	1.8%	123	1.9%	0	-	278	1.8%
Queanbeyan	462	6.1%	274	5.7%	0	-	736	5.9%
Ryde	5,329	35.0%	3,838	40.3%	14	14.4%	9,181	36.9%
Shellharbour	1,065	7.1%	691	6.7%	4	2.9%	1,760	6.9%
St George	7,978	66.3%	6,956	71.8%	77	42.5%	15,011	68.5%
Sutherland	2,147	14.6%	1,696	14.9%	19	14.4%	3,862	14.7%
Tamworth	95	1.1%	102	1.6%	0	-	197	1.3%
Taree	206	1.8%	128	1.7%	0	-	334	1.8%
Tweed Heads/Ballina	273	2.9%	231	3.0%	0	-	504	3.0%
Wagga Wagga	159	2.1%	114	2.1%	0	-	273	2.1%
Wollongong	2,423	18.3%	1,951	20.6%	21	13.5%	4,395	19.2%
State	100,443	22.2%	75,116	23.6%	903	23.8%	176,462	22.8%

Table 2. Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
by District and Year of Schooling, Term 1 1999

District	Primary								Total	SSP Total
	Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Support		
Albury	28	23	16	18	21	27	12	0	145	7
Armidale	26	21	14	25	18	14	23	1	142	0
Bankstown	1,033	1,004	956	901	895	908	891	129	6,717	75
Batemans Bay	34	37	21	29	34	21	20	1	197	1
Bathurst	21	34	26	24	18	21	12	1	157	1
Blacktown	363	330	359	361	344	337	317	55	2,466	4
Bondi	696	728	667	637	677	661	620	55	4,741	14
Broken Hill	11	5	5	4	6	2	7	0	40	0
Campbelltown	523	529	533	559	517	496	490	63	3,710	44
Central Coast	185	167	184	205	193	187	169	18	1,308	16
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	57	47	40	57	46	48	42	1	338	0
Deniliquin	12	17	10	11	8	10	10	0	78	0
Dubbo	19	21	22	21	17	17	16	2	135	0
Fairfield	1,858	1,842	1,827	1,687	1,683	1,776	1,672	141	12,486	106
Granville	1,738	1,714	1,590	1,508	1,512	1,555	1,511	143	11,271	96
Griffith	70	69	55	54	54	43	38	8	391	14
Hornsby	600	576	597	588	583	592	601	10	4,147	53
Lake Macquarie	99	69	86	72	91	73	58	2	550	1
Lismore	26	34	23	19	19	13	22	1	157	0
Liverpool	1,235	1,272	1,235	1,216	1,130	1,105	1,114	117	8,424	161
Maitland	33	40	18	28	43	24	17	1	204	0
Moree	14	8	11	5	13	11	10	0	72	0
Mount Druitt	789	813	775	809	768	762	755	60	5,531	39
Newcastle	156	162	130	125	131	122	120	6	952	5
Northern Beaches	523	476	476	467	425	385	451	29	3,232	13
Orange	24	24	25	21	19	18	15	0	146	3
Parramatta	882	862	842	913	768	790	778	63	5,898	75
Penrith	194	216	172	184	166	181	158	28	1,299	31
Port Jackson	839	816	748	704	680	726	658	46	5,217	9
Port Macquarie	27	21	18	34	16	17	19	3	155	0
Queanbeyan	68	84	66	56	61	56	66	5	462	0
Ryde	785	807	835	721	759	716	660	46	5,329	14
Shellharbour	174	151	159	147	152	133	142	7	1,065	4
St George	1,262	1,234	1,102	1,123	1,065	1,058	1,026	108	7,978	77
Sutherland	286	311	334	306	300	304	285	21	2,147	19
Tamworth	16	20	11	14	12	13	9	0	95	0
Taree	35	38	37	30	26	18	20	2	206	0
Tweed Heads/Ballina	41	50	37	41	26	42	31	5	273	0
Wagga Wagga	26	24	20	22	17	20	26	4	159	0
Wollongong	388	351	352	333	336	290	341	32	2,423	21
State	15,196	15,047	14,434	14,079	13,649	13,592	13,232	1,214	100,443	903
As % of Enrolment	23.4%	22.8%	22.2%	21.8%	21.5%	22.1%	21.7%	22.4%	22.2%	23.8%

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Table 2. Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
by District and Year of Schooling, Term 1 1999 (continued)

District	Secondary								District Total	As % of District
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Support	Total		
Albury	18	20	27	19	31	21	0	136	288	2.5%
Armidale	16	37	25	25	21	21	0	145	287	2.8%
Bankstown	606	716	740	932	803	628	338	4,763	11,555	55.3%
Batemans Bay	33	42	32	43	22	23	0	195	393	2.6%
Bathurst	24	23	33	20	17	15	1	133	291	2.4%
Blacktown	283	269	311	307	232	206	3	1,611	4,081	18.8%
Bondi	607	615	700	652	704	589	35	3,902	8,657	49.2%
Broken Hill	10	5	8	4	4	4	2	37	77	1.3%
Campbelltown	340	372	413	426	371	257	35	2,214	5,968	18.6%
Central Coast	178	178	189	222	194	132	14	1,107	2,431	7.4%
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	38	40	28	41	52	30	0	229	567	3.0%
Deniliquin	10	9	12	8	9	7	0	55	133	2.4%
Dubbo	17	14	12	9	9	6	0	67	202	1.5%
Fairfield	1,460	1,614	1,747	1,951	1,890	1,615	653	10,930	23,522	74.0%
Granville	869	1,085	1,089	1,152	1,043	853	44	6,135	17,502	79.0%
Griffith	63	56	54	59	46	25	1	304	709	8.5%
Hornsby	705	656	676	697	705	605	0	4,044	8,244	29.3%
Lake Macquarie	62	72	59	79	57	36	3	368	919	3.2%
Lismore	31	33	23	32	31	23	0	173	330	2.6%
Liverpool	924	988	992	1,015	825	662	290	5,696	14,281	48.0%
Maitland	26	26	33	30	23	12	1	151	355	1.9%
Moree	4	7	9	7	6	1	0	34	106	1.5%
Mount Druitt	476	518	553	566	519	415	226	3,273	8,843	31.0%
Newcastle	166	145	140	144	180	107	4	886	1,843	7.9%
Northern Beaches	381	401	406	421	470	351	15	2,445	5,690	22.2%
Orange	29	25	18	26	14	17	1	130	279	2.2%
Parramatta	894	886	920	859	825	614	49	5,047	11,020	43.1%
Penrith	206	206	184	192	116	100	11	1,015	2,345	9.3%
Port Jackson	455	500	573	606	632	576	445	3,787	9,013	51.2%
Port Macquarie	18	25	28	13	19	16	4	123	278	1.8%
Queanbeyan	45	59	49	53	44	24	0	274	736	5.9%
Ryde	580	539	612	616	641	566	284	3,838	9,181	36.9%
Shellharbour	107	122	148	143	104	64	3	691	1,760	6.9%
St George	1,081	1,089	1,164	1,221	1,168	1,023	210	6,956	15,011	68.5%
Sutherland	299	267	312	314	277	213	14	1,696	3,862	14.7%
Tamworth	21	20	10	21	12	16	2	102	197	1.3%
Taree	27	22	20	23	13	19	4	128	334	1.8%
Tweed Heads/Ballina	57	42	29	33	35	33	2	231	504	3.0%
Wagga Wagga	15	14	20	17	26	21	1	114	273	2.1%
Wollongong	292	298	279	367	338	289	88	1,951	4,395	19.2%
State	11,473	12,055	12,677	13,365	12,528	10,235	2,783	75,116	176,462	22.8%
As % of Enrolment	20.8%	21.7%	22.3%	24.0%	25.7%	26.4%	34.3%	23.6%	22.8%	

Table 3. Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background by Language and Level of Schooling, Term 1 1999

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	13,843	13.8%	10,198	13.6%	261	28.9%	24,302	13.8%
Chinese	15,322	15.3%	13,073	17.4%	69	7.6%	28,464	16.1%
Croatian	1,444	1.4%	1,174	1.6%	22	2.4%	2,640	1.5%
Dutch	949	0.9%	709	0.9%	2	0.2%	1,660	0.9%
Farsi	1,306	1.3%	1,417	1.9%	10	1.1%	2,733	1.5%
Fijian	654	0.7%	418	0.6%	8	0.9%	1,080	0.6%
French	1,530	1.5%	975	1.3%	6	0.7%	2,511	1.4%
German	2,017	2.0%	1,498	2.0%	9	1.0%	3,524	2.0%
Greek	5,478	5.5%	3,380	4.5%	37	4.1%	8,895	5.0%
Hindi	3,517	3.5%	2,511	3.3%	22	2.4%	6,050	3.4%
Indonesian	1,283	1.3%	986	1.3%	7	0.8%	2,276	1.3%
Italian	5,026	5.0%	2,820	3.8%	50	5.5%	7,896	4.5%
Japanese	889	0.9%	494	0.7%	2	0.2%	1,385	0.8%
Khmer	1,114	1.1%	1,334	1.8%	8	0.9%	2,456	1.4%
Korean	2,450	2.4%	2,193	2.9%	7	0.8%	4,650	2.6%
Lao	698	0.7%	497	0.7%	10	1.1%	1,205	0.7%
Macedonian	2,733	2.7%	2,334	3.1%	21	2.3%	5,088	2.9%
Malay	304	0.3%	200	0.3%	6	0.7%	510	0.3%
Maltese	1,285	1.3%	968	1.3%	23	2.5%	2,276	1.3%
Polish	893	0.9%	925	1.2%	6	0.7%	1,824	1.0%
Portuguese	913	0.9%	718	1.0%	14	1.6%	1,645	0.9%
Punjabi	720	0.7%	440	0.6%	6	0.7%	1,166	0.7%
Russian	882	0.9%	794	1.1%	3	0.3%	1,679	1.0%
Samoan	2,908	2.9%	1,272	1.7%	21	2.3%	4,201	2.4%
Serbian	2,253	2.2%	1,818	2.4%	6	0.7%	4,077	2.3%
Sinhalese	506	0.5%	364	0.5%	4	0.4%	874	0.5%
Slovenian	144	0.1%	103	0.1%	3	0.3%	250	0.1%
Spanish	3,565	3.5%	2,709	3.6%	38	4.2%	6,312	3.6%
Tagalog	3,802	3.8%	2,769	3.7%	40	4.4%	6,611	3.7%
Tamil	1,110	1.1%	832	1.1%	12	1.3%	1,954	1.1%
Tongan	1,854	1.8%	920	1.2%	30	3.3%	2,804	1.6%
Turkish	2,525	2.5%	1,822	2.4%	28	3.1%	4,375	2.5%
Urdu	766	0.8%	488	0.6%	3	0.3%	1,257	0.7%
Vietnamese	5,864	5.8%	5,144	6.8%	57	6.3%	11,065	6.3%
Others	9,896	9.9%	6,819	9.1%	52	5.8%	16,767	9.5%
Total NESB	100,443	100.0%	75,116	100.0%	903	100.0%	176,462	100.0%

Table 4. Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
by District and Language, Term 1 1999

District	Arabic	Chinese	Croatian	Dutch	Farsi	Fijian	French	German	Greek	Hindi	Indonesian	Italian
Albury	46	15	4	16	2	9	7	24	24	10	1	12
Armidale	14	38	1	10	3	0	22	19	3	2	10	11
Bankstown	4,479	1,456	92	17	31	60	72	65	862	215	102	304
Batemans Bay	16	25	13	22	0	3	25	65	17	3	7	51
Bathurst	27	14	8	12	2	2	10	22	11	3	6	22
Blacktown	341	307	120	53	97	17	69	86	145	322	39	166
Bondi	340	1,761	57	43	97	50	188	166	672	203	390	197
Broken Hill	4	2	3	1	0	0	3	2	5	0	0	26
Campbelltown	845	239	142	81	77	48	123	177	148	271	63	326
Central Coast	95	129	35	176	13	33	143	247	107	33	48	200
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	3	22	3	37	0	8	26	79	11	7	7	29
Deniliquin	3	15	0	2	0	2	0	8	4	0	0	33
Dubbo	30	22	0	2	2	1	3	10	8	12	0	4
Fairfield	2,285	4,002	526	40	209	57	75	98	348	350	74	981
Granville	5,391	3,255	66	15	188	135	46	45	450	523	139	400
Griffith	30	8	1	3	2	40	0	11	3	19	1	263
Hornsby	365	2,976	97	127	397	8	174	205	141	345	118	383
Lake Macquarie	63	50	27	33	0	12	22	43	47	21	19	61
Lismore	9	7	2	18	1	2	15	91	5	7	13	38
Liverpool	2,360	1,093	259	54	97	82	119	100	387	1,081	69	781
Maitland	19	41	4	6	0	0	8	38	11	10	2	16
Moree	3	10	5	0	1	1	3	5	5	1	0	3
Mount Druitt	846	250	240	63	191	76	70	78	238	712	66	210
Newcastle	22	152	51	33	8	7	58	99	172	18	21	141
Northern Beaches	168	947	131	177	130	32	286	301	208	90	115	475
Orange	17	11	4	7	4	9	7	34	17	3	0	16
Parramatta	1,293	2,467	140	51	579	77	106	111	317	653	114	265
Penrith	160	143	38	79	25	14	56	107	113	101	17	152
Port Jackson	677	1,902	44	42	31	98	121	117	604	206	304	596
Port Macquarie	7	18	4	14	0	7	15	42	8	12	10	18
Queanbeyan	38	32	25	18	2	0	15	56	29	9	11	54
Ryde	357	2,739	63	97	436	23	265	256	292	309	150	348
Shellharbour	58	63	64	56	4	5	49	157	123	10	7	166
St George	3,097	3,418	159	24	47	125	77	74	2,489	352	218	413
Sutherland	417	583	63	90	12	13	119	162	628	86	76	281
Tamworth	20	24	7	12	4	5	6	11	6	1	2	4
Taree	15	25	10	17	0	2	23	46	10	4	5	32
Tweed Heads/Ballina	8	24	6	28	2	0	42	86	12	10	14	30
Wagga Wagga	59	18	3	19	3	7	11	6	9	8	7	8
Wollongong	275	161	123	65	36	10	32	175	206	28	31	380
State Totals	24,302	28,464	2,640	1,660	2,733	1,080	2,511	3,524	8,895	6,050	2,276	7,896
As % of Total NESB	13.8%	16.1%	1.5%	0.9%	1.5%	0.6%	1.4%	2.0%	5.0%	3.4%	1.3%	4.5%

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Table 4. Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
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District	Japanese	Khmer	Korean	Lao	Macedonian	Malay	Maltese	Polish	Portuguese	Punjabi	Russian	Samoan
Albury	5	0	0	31	0	0	2	11	1	0	2	0
Armidale	10	4	1	0	0	1	2	3	4	1	4	0
Bankstown	32	65	177	13	526	13	41	63	46	25	43	221
Batemans Bay	2	0	0	0	0	2	6	12	4	0	2	0
Bathurst	3	1	4	0	2	0	5	2	1	0	6	5
Blacktown	8	4	84	4	54	14	379	62	10	119	17	102
Bondi	124	12	272	8	32	59	61	127	118	16	593	44
Broken Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Campbelltown	14	138	5	234	58	10	119	77	48	20	47	643
Central Coast	38	3	17	5	11	20	89	41	20	2	37	19
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	12	0	0	0	2	1	3	5	2	171	2	1
Deniliquin	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0
Dubbo	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0
Fairfield	8	1,675	55	425	409	20	292	124	87	11	113	298
Granville	27	16	811	32	168	32	40	37	62	104	57	535
Griffith	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	67	2	41
Hornsby	77	9	613	2	20	76	39	134	33	53	105	11
Lake Macquarie	13	4	3	2	32	5	27	18	8	3	10	69
Lismore	2	0	1	1	0	0	4	12	3	10	3	1
Liverpool	8	383	22	350	291	20	159	226	141	78	59	654
Maitland	4	0	0	0	2	0	8	26	5	0	3	11
Moree	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0
Mount Druitt	3	31	42	12	40	11	364	85	71	108	29	976
Newcastle	22	0	16	4	326	3	4	42	8	2	18	65
Northern Beaches	358	5	240	2	36	21	6	97	40	26	49	36
Orange	4	0	6	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	20	0
Parramatta	30	32	641	7	26	50	178	138	24	113	85	118
Penrith	16	6	14	2	12	20	121	54	18	70	18	50
Port Jackson	83	40	281	5	201	18	22	95	351	11	67	81
Port Macquarie	3	0	0	0	2	3	3	6	3	4	3	2
Queanbeyan	3	0	7	1	206	0	14	15	9	2	8	11
Ryde	338	8	949	27	28	36	23	144	47	40	106	20
Shellharbour	8	0	4	10	274	2	45	23	69	0	6	1
St George	45	9	293	10	1,151	33	59	35	176	31	68	144
Sutherland	33	9	50	1	196	27	63	37	51	11	68	13
Tamworth	8	0	0	8	0	0	5	1	1	3	7	1
Taree	5	0	1	1	4	3	4	2	11	0	0	12
Tweed Heads/Ballina	16	0	2	3	0	1	2	2	6	60	4	2
Wagga Wagga	2	0	2	0	0	2	1	4	0	2	0	6
Wollongong	18	2	33	5	977	7	83	59	165	0	14	8
State	1,385	2,456	4,650	1,205	5,088	510	2,276	1,824	1,645	1,166	1,679	4,201
As % of Total NESB	0.8%	1.4%	2.6%	0.7%	2.9%	0.3%	1.3%	1.0%	0.9%	0.7%	1.0%	2.4%

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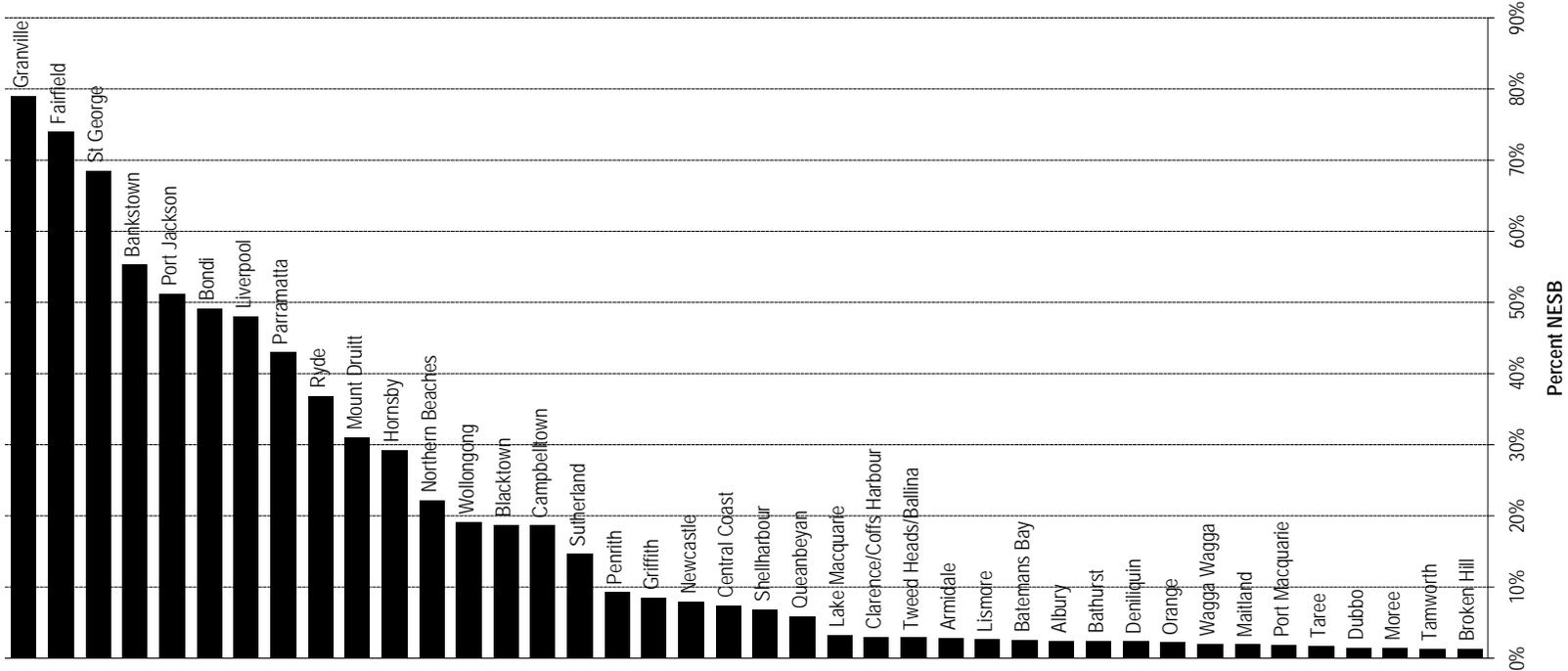
Table 4. Enrolments of Students of Non English Speaking Background
by District and Language, Term 1 1998 (continued)

District	Serbian	Sinhalese	Slovenian	Spanish	Tagalog	Tamil	Tongan	Turkish	Urdu	Vietnamese	Others	Total
Albury	9	1	0	4	18	1	0	0	0	2	31	288
Armidale	0	3	0	11	26	4	0	0	4	5	71	287
Bankstown	94	15	7	178	192	9	79	99	72	1,242	548	11,555
Batemans Bay	2	0	0	15	20	0	5	1	0	1	74	393
Bathurst	6	2	0	21	22	3	2	3	11	2	51	291
Blacktown	101	46	8	108	347	61	76	152	88	20	455	4,081
Bondi	173	76	19	460	258	86	168	312	42	203	1,230	8,657
Broken Hill	0	2	0	2	3	3	7	3	0	2	9	77
Campbelltown	94	22	5	404	336	21	179	71	41	134	708	5,968
Central Coast	39	2	4	134	203	3	39	16	5	19	406	2,431
Clarence/Coffs Harbour	0	1	4	24	36	0	7	3	0	2	59	567
Deniliquin	0	7	1	0	6	2	24	10	0	1	9	133
Dubbo	0	2	0	9	14	6	3	8	0	4	54	202
Fairfield	995	18	23	1,233	383	38	188	585	30	4,902	2,565	23,522
Granville	93	47	12	207	338	586	485	1,032	212	1,013	903	17,502
Griffith	0	3	0	27	17	1	103	44	3	1	18	709
Hornsby	43	171	14	181	180	181	41	64	63	76	722	8,244
Lake Macquarie	20	3	3	42	57	3	24	5	19	5	146	919
Lismore	0	0	4	14	16	0	0	0	0	0	51	330
Liverpool	873	30	21	794	541	73	133	213	141	1,331	1,258	14,281
Maitland	8	0	3	7	36	0	4	0	3	9	71	355
Moree	8	0	0	8	7	0	0	0	3	0	37	106
Mount Druiitt	111	61	12	355	1,407	98	409	378	143	136	921	8,843
Newcastle	80	6	5	51	109	10	13	19	7	35	216	1,843
Northern Beaches	260	4	11	180	215	20	216	32	12	36	728	5,690
Orange	3	6	3	8	27	2	7	0	0	1	58	279
Parramatta	127	130	8	300	454	370	77	480	119	206	1,134	11,020
Penrith	51	32	4	135	148	35	19	35	27	27	426	2,345
Port Jackson	143	16	7	254	254	82	247	221	43	950	799	9,013
Port Macquarie	0	0	0	17	32	0	3	8	0	0	34	278
Queanbeyan	35	8	7	25	16	1	2	3	2	6	66	736
Ryde	119	101	21	205	205	168	39	55	55	90	1,022	9,181
Shellharbour	53	6	4	189	69	2	6	59	5	12	151	1,760
St George	175	20	19	286	278	62	114	150	72	442	846	15,011
Sutherland	51	9	5	166	79	11	42	48	14	40	308	3,862
Tamworth	0	3	0	3	17	1	0	2	0	1	34	197
Taree	1	2	1	16	32	0	0	1	1	0	48	334
Tweed Heads/Ballina	4	1	2	18	37	0	3	2	4	3	70	504
Wagga Wagga	6	0	1	17	10	5	4	5	2	6	40	273
Wollongong	300	18	12	204	166	6	36	256	14	100	390	4,395
State	4,077	874	250	6,312	6,611	1,954	2,804	4,375	1,257	11,065	16,767	176,462
As % of Total NESB	2.3%	0.5%	0.1%	3.6%	3.7%	1.1%	1.6%	2.5%	0.7%	6.3%	9.5%	100.0%

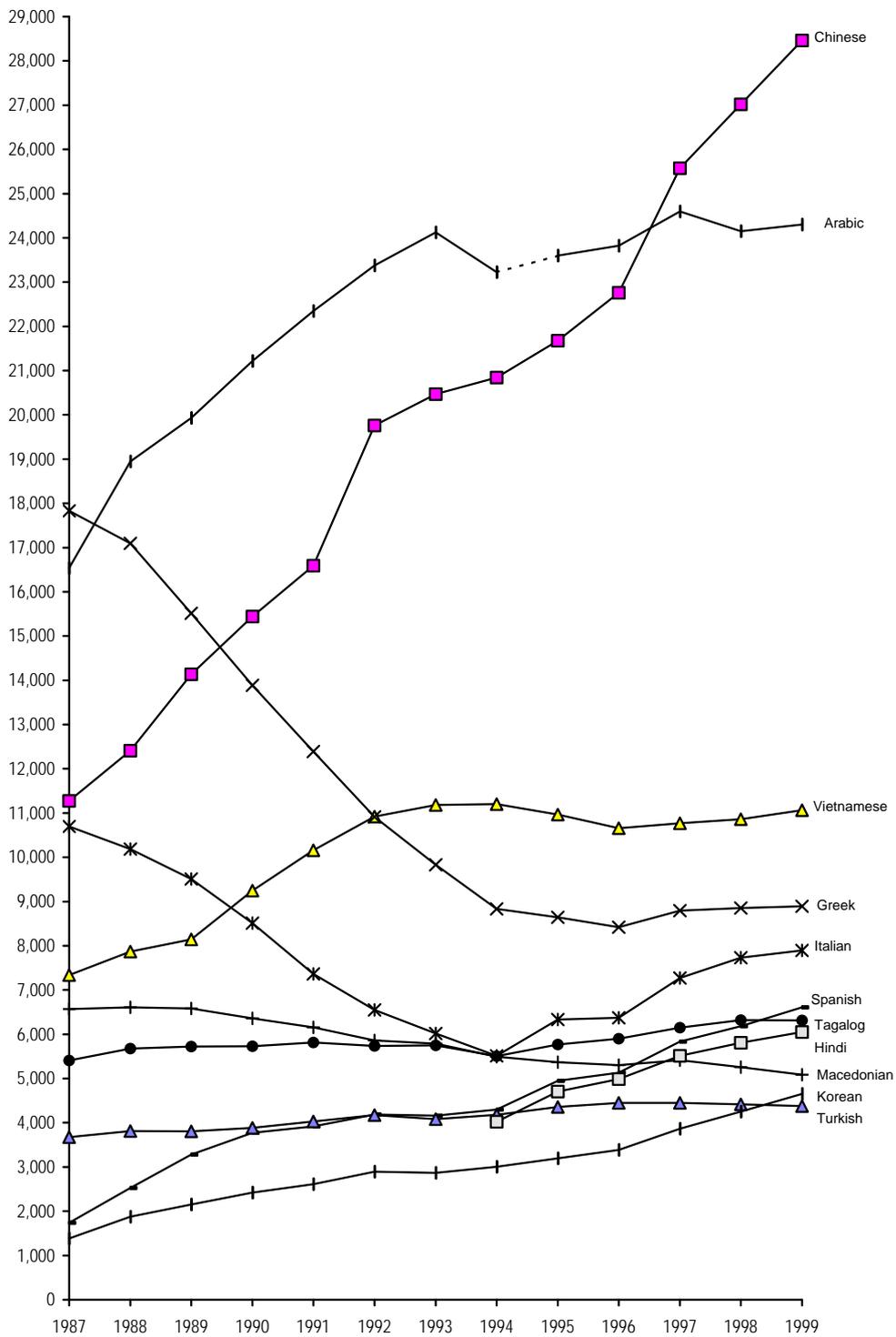
Table 5. Enrolments of Preschool Students of Non English Speaking Background by Language, Term 1 1999

Language	Preschool Students		As % of
	Students	FTE	Total NESB
Arabic	318	169.8	19.4%
Chinese	291	154.5	17.6%
Croatian	18	11.1	1.3%
Dutch	6	3.9	0.4%
Farsi	5	2.4	0.3%
Fijian	10	6.4	0.7%
French	10	6.9	0.8%
German	11	6.5	0.7%
Greek	42	28.9	3.3%
Hindi	57	29.1	3.3%
Indonesian	29	19.2	2.2%
Italian	71	41.6	4.7%
Japanese	4	3.0	0.3%
Khmer	20	10.0	1.1%
Korean	13	7.7	0.9%
Lao	3	1.6	0.2%
Macedonian	31	15.9	1.8%
Malay	3	2.5	0.3%
Maltese	26	14.5	1.7%
Polish	3	1.4	0.2%
Portuguese	20	10.2	1.2%
Punjabi	17	9.5	1.1%
Russian	1	0.5	0.1%
Samoan	56	29.5	3.4%
Serbian	10	5.6	0.6%
Sinhalese	9	4.5	0.5%
Slovenian	2	1.0	0.1%
Spanish	50	26.2	3.0%
Tagalog	77	40.5	4.6%
Tamil	9	5.0	0.6%
Tongan	22	14.2	1.6%
Turkish	26	15.2	1.7%
Urdu	12	5.9	0.7%
Vietnamese	223	116.3	13.3%
Others	88	55.0	6.3%
Total NESB	1,593	876.0	100.0%
NESB as % of Enrolment		40.1%	

Figure 1. Percentage of Students of Non-English Speaking Background by District, Term 1 1999



**Figure 2. Students of Non-English Speaking Background, 1987-1999:
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.