

Childcare Queensland (CQ) July 2008  
Vacancy Survey of Queensland LDC centres

The Australian Government has been conducting Census and now vacancy surveys of Child Care Services for many years. Since the introduction of mandatory vacancy reporting we are yet to see a published report of the figures collected. Childcare Queensland has therefore taken it upon itself to conduct its own survey of vacancy's in Queensland Long Day Care Centres.

This will assist CQ in lobbying government at both state and federal levels on behalf of its members.

The survey this July indicated that 14.1 percent of LDC places in Queensland were vacant during the survey week. Government figures published at the time of the survey indicate that there are 1263 QIAS LDC services in Queensland. The average places per service as reported in the 2006 Census was 86.3. From this we can calculate that there were 108,997 places available in Queensland. From our survey result of a vacancy rate of 14.1 per cent we can assume that there were 15,368 places not filled during the survey week. Another way of looking at the vacancy figure is to say that there were that week 178 centres empty of children.

The following table shows a breakdown of vacancy by Federal Electorate by age group of zero to two years, two to three years and three to five year olds on a daily basis for the week.

Federal Electorate	Monday 21st 0 - 2 years	Monday 21st 2 - 3 years	Monday 21st 3 - 5 years	Tuesday 22nd 0 - 2 years	Tuesday 22nd 2 - 3 years	Tuesday 22nd 3 - 5 years	Wed 23rd 0 - 2 years	Wed 23rd 2 - 3 years	Wed 23rd 3 - 5 years	Thursday 24th 0 - 2 years	Thursday 24th 2 - 3 years	Thursday 24th 3 - 5 years	Friday 25th 0 - 2 years	Friday 25th 2 - 3 years	Friday 25th 3 - 5 years
<b>Blair Total</b>	18.2	28.3	19.2	19.4	22.0	17.7	21.9	18.0	25.0	28.1	38.0	20.8	18.8	26.0	30.2
<b>Bowman Total</b>	12.5	41.3	43.5	12.5	17.4	41.3	4.2	32.6	32.6	20.8	23.9	30.4	25.0	30.4	38.0
<b>Brisbane Total</b>	13.6	30.8	27.1	6.8	11.5	18.8	6.8	11.5	8.3	4.5	13.5	14.6	6.8	15.4	25.0
<b>Capricornia Total</b>	11.5	2.9	8.7	15.4	26.5	12.0	6.3	11.8	8.7	25.0	12.5	8.3	25.0	0.0	2.1
<b>Dawson Total</b>	0.0	36.7	20.5	0.0	20.0	6.8	0.0	16.7	22.7	0.0	23.3	11.4	0.0	26.7	13.6
<b>Dickson Total</b>	18.8	58.3	68.8	0.0	41.7	60.9	0.0	33.3	70.3	0.0	33.3	64.1	6.3	37.5	73.4
<b>Fadden Total</b>	1.4	19.5	22.0	1.7	14.8	16.0	1.4	16.9	14.0	1.6	15.1	12.5	4.2	18.6	14.5
<b>Fairfax Total</b>	13.5	10.0	25.0	0.0	7.8	6.6	5.4	4.4	9.1	1.8	5.6	9.5	5.4	10.0	16.4
<b>Fisher Total</b>	1.9	1.4	36.4	0.0	4.2	28.8	0.0	4.2	2.3	0.0	5.6	6.8	0.0	5.6	21.2
<b>Forde Total</b>	25.0	14.7	21.7	14.3	11.8	15.2	3.6	2.9	8.7	16.7	2.9	9.8	12.5	11.8	19.6
<b>Griffith Total</b>	7.5	10.9	16.7	2.5	2.2	6.3	0.0	2.2	5.2	4.2	5.9	4.2	4.2	2.9	11.1
<b>Groom Total</b>	10.0	0.0	16.7	10.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	16.7	8.3	12.5	8.3	0.0	0.0	16.7	12.5
<b>Herbert Total</b>	27.8	20.8	17.6	22.2	0.0	20.6	15.0	0.0	17.6	15.0	0.0	17.6	15.0	4.2	17.6
<b>Hinkler Total</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Kennedy Total</b>	20.0	25.0	16.7	0.0	18.8	8.3	0.0	12.5	25.0	20.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	12.5	8.3
<b>Leichhardt Total</b>	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	8.3	0.0	4.2	135.0	38.9
<b>Lilley Total</b>	10.7	22.4	20.8	3.6	7.9	6.7	21.2	3.9	6.5	5.8	5.3	7.5	9.6	13.2	17.5
<b>Longman Total</b>	22.5	31.6	31.3	28.6	21.1	18.8	30.0	18.4	25.0	35.0	15.8	22.9	50.0	36.8	32.9
<b>Maranoa Total</b>	9.1	18.8	3.8	8.3	14.6	1.0	11.1	16.7	0.0	7.1	20.8	0.0	16.7	18.8	1.0
<b>McPherson Total</b>	0.0	9.5	23.3	15.1	5.3	7.0	6.3	7.1	7.6	3.1	3.5	6.1	3.1	8.1	9.6
<b>Moncrieff Total</b>	50.0	16.7	29.2	30.0	8.3	20.8	0.0	0.0	16.7	25.0	0.0	0.0	31.3	8.3	25.0
<b>Moreton Total</b>	8.3	28.6	26.4	0.0	37.5	20.8	0.0	0.0	29.2	0.0	0.0	20.8	0.0	0.0	20.8
<b>Oxley Total</b>	55.0	6.3	0.0	55.0	6.3	0.0	55.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	6.3	0.0
<b>Petrie Total</b>	10.4	16.7	23.9	10.4	7.1	17.4	7.5	12.5	11.8	2.5	6.3	16.2	12.5	28.1	13.2
<b>Rankin Total</b>	14.3	17.9	36.5	11.1	20.0	13.9	5.0	10.0	19.4	5.0	12.5	13.9	30.0	15.0	20.8
<b>Ryan Total</b>	0.0	33.3	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	8.3	91.7
<b>Wide Bay Total</b>	0.0	25.0	70.8	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	8.3	8.3	0.0	16.7	8.3
<b>Grand Total</b>	13.8	19.5	24.1	9.9	13.0	13.5	7.4	9.3	14.0	11.4	10.0	12.3	12.2	19.0	21.6