



THE BIGGEST CUTS TO THE SMALLEST PEOPLE

Some useful facts and figures

There is a dizzying array of statistics being thrown about in the debate about early childhood education funding cuts www.educationcounts.govt.nz is an excellent website where you can find all the early childhood education statistics, as well as useful analysis and research.

Here is a summary of some statistics you might find useful.

- **Total enrolments as at 1 July 2009 - 180,910**
- **There are currently 4348 licensed services. Of these there are:**
 - 630 Kindergartens
 - 2405 Education and Care
 - 340 Homebased
 - 471 Te Kohanga Reo
 - 462 Playcentres
 - 40 other (including hospital and casual)
- **2000 services will be affected by the funding cuts. That's 46% of the total services and 66% of teacher-led centre-based services.**
- **Number of children enrolled in services impacted by the cuts – 93,000, that's 51.4% of enrolments**
- **New Zealand spends less than the OECD average on early childhood education.**
- **There has been a 50.3 % increase in child enrolments between 1990 and 2009.**
- **The percentage of new school entrants who have participated in ECE services has increased over the last ten years, from 91.0% in 2000 to 95.1% in 2009.**
- **In the last five years 500 more licensed early childhood education services opened**
- **Participation of Maori and Pacific children has steadily increased over the past five years:**
 - 91.4% of Maori children now participate (an 8.5% increase)
 - 85.4% of Pacific children now participate (a 17.5% increase)
- **The cuts equate to a loss in funding of up to \$1.26 per-child per-hour, if the GST adjustment is removed the cuts amount to \$1.47**