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Subject: Families as First Teachers (FaFT) attendance rates

QUESTION:

What are the attendance rates at the FaFT centres?

ANSWER:

The Families as First Teachers (FaFT) program is not a compulsory education program. In 2020 YTD (as at 15 December 2020), there were 2788 children who participated in a FaFT program at least one day during the reporting period. The number of children participating at each FaFT program site is provided in Table 1 below. It should be noted that children across the NT can attend multiple FaFT program sites during the reporting period; however, each child is only counted once in the all site figure.

Table 1: 2020 YTD FaFT Participation Data – as at 15 December 2020

	2020 YTD
Communities/Sites	Total participation number ¹
Alekarenge (Ali Curung)	59
Alpurrurulam	32
Ampilatwatja	39
Angurugu	43
Arlparra	43
Barunga ²	7
Belyuen	18
Borrooloola	99
Braitling ³	9
Canteen Creek ²	34
Elliott	28
Epenarra ²	20
Galiwinku	193
Gapuwiyak	43
Gillen ^{2,3}	38
Gunbalanya	39
Gunyangarra (Ski Beach)	38
Harts Range ²	11
Jabiru	58
Jilkminggan	34
Kalkarindji	91
Katherine (MacFarlane)	87
Lajamanu	65
Larapinta	62

2020 YTD	
Communities/Sites	Total participation number ¹
Ludmilla	132
Malak	20
Mamaruni ²	42
Maningrida	88
Mataranka ²	23
Milikapiti	30
Milingimbi	62
Mimik-ga Centre	206
Minyerri	66
Nganmariyanga	23
Ngukurr	102
Ntaria (Hermannsburg)	54
Numbulwar	28
Palmerston	185
Papunya	17
Peppimenarti	18
Pularumpi	23
Ramingining	50
Robinson River ²	43
Sadadeen ^{2, 3}	35
Tennant Creek	125
Umbakumba	26
Urapunga ²	19
Wadeye	63
Walungurru	22
Warruwi	23
Wugularr	65
Wurrumiyanga (Nguiu)	7
Yirrkala	57
Yirrkala Homeland	33
Yuendumu	85

Note:

1. The number of children who have participated at least once as at 15 December 2020.
2. Sites that commenced in 2020.
3. FaFT Stay Play Learn in Alice Springs supports children who are not accessing early childhood education and operates across three sites (Braitling, Gillen and Sadadeen)