

### Size of the NSW education system

#### 1. Number of schools in NSW by sector, 2012

School type	Government	Catholic	Independent	All schools
Primary	1,623	417	73	2,113
Secondary	370	129	16	515
Combined	66	32	205	303
Special schools	110	7	34	151
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>3,082</b>

Source: ABS Schools Australia, Table 35a.

#### 2. NSW full-time equivalent (FTE) students by year and sector, 2012

Year level	Government	Catholic	Independent	All schools
Kindergarten	67,877	19,157	9,430	96,464
Year 1	64,771	18,584	9,123	92,478
Year 2	62,020	17,812	8,970	88,802
Year 3	60,464	17,846	9,386	87,696
Year 4	59,413	17,606	9,475	86,494
Year 5	58,631	17,854	10,087	86,572
Year 6	59,442	17,696	10,312	87,450
Ungraded	7,931	263	995	9,189
<b>Primary total</b>	<b>440,549</b>	<b>126,818</b>	<b>67,778</b>	<b>635,145</b>
Year 7	50,848	22,463	13,777	87,088
Year 8	51,217	21,821	13,072	86,110
Year 9	52,683	20,999	12,773	86,455
Year 10	53,887	20,464	12,853	87,204
Year 11	47,196	18,045	11,556	76,797
Year 12	38,601	16,512	10,912	66,025
Ungraded	11,893	282	352	12,527
<b>Secondary total</b>	<b>306,325</b>	<b>120,586</b>	<b>75,295</b>	<b>502,206</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>746,874</b>	<b>247,404</b>	<b>143,073</b>	<b>1,137,351</b>

Source: ABS Schools Australia, Table 43a.

#### 3. NSW FTE teaching staff by year and sector, 2012

School type	Government	Catholic	Independent	All schools
<b>Primary</b>				
Male	4,825	1,041	1077.9	6,944
Female	23,581	5,917	3756.8	33,254
All	28,406	6,958	4,835	40,198
<b>Secondary</b>				
Male	10,261	3,819	3228.8	17,309
Female	14,468	5,460	4122	24,050
All	24,729	9,279	7,351	41,359
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,135</b>	<b>16,237</b>	<b>12,186</b>	<b>81,557</b>

Source: ABS Schools Australia, Table 51a.

#### 4. Historical trend in government schools and FTE students, NSW

Year	Number of schools	Primary students	Secondary students	Total students
2008	2,189	430,057	305,722	735,779
2009	2,181	430,817	305,830	736,647
2010	2,176	432,060	310,081	742,141
2011	2,177	435,749	309,791	745,540
2012	2,169	440,549	307,685	748,234

Source: ABS Schools Australia, Table 31a & 43a.

### Profile of NSW government school students

#### 5. NSW FTE students by year and sex

Year	Percentage male students					
	Male	Female	Primary	Year 7-10	Year 11-12	All students
2008	376,360	359,419	52.9%	51.7%	47.5%	51.2%
2009	377,207	359,440	52.8%	51.7%	47.7%	51.2%
2010	380,343	361,798	52.6%	51.7%	48.0%	51.2%
2011	382,505	363,036	52.2%	51.8%	48.1%	51.3%
2012	383,808	364,426	51.6%	51.8%	48.4%	51.3%

Source: ABS Schools Australia, Table 43a.

Note: Year 7-10 includes ungraded secondary students

#### 6. Aboriginal FTE students, government schools and proportion of student cohort

Year	Primary		Years 7-10		Years 11-12		Total	
	Number	% of cohort	Number	% of cohort	Number	% of cohort	Number	% of cohort
2008	23,857	5.5%	13,091	5.8%	2,299	2.9%	39,247	5.3%
2009	24,620	5.7%	13,432	6.0%	2,553	3.1%	40,605	5.5%
2010	25,613	5.9%	14,341	6.4%	2,894	3.4%	42,848	5.8%
2011	26,602	6.1%	15,227	6.8%	3,355	3.9%	45,184	6.1%
2012	27,836	6.3%	15,485	7.0%	3,766	4.3%	47,087	6.3%

Source: ABS Schools Australia, Table 43a.

#### 7. Students with language backgrounds other than English, in government schools

School Type	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Primary	122,663	122,849	124,531	127,064	129,805
Secondary	88,764	91,824	95,101	96,512	98,048
SSP schools	1,102	1,114	1,205	1,218	1,253
<b>NSW government</b>	<b>212,529</b>	<b>215,787</b>	<b>220,837</b>	<b>224,794</b>	<b>229,106</b>

Source: Language Background Other Than English survey (2008-2012).

Calculated by student headcounts.

#### 8. Number of international student enrolments in government schools

Region	Enrolments in 2012		Year		NSW enrolments	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2010	2011
Northern Sydney	1,464		3,701			
Sydney	1,153		4123			
South Western Sydney	786		4103			
Western Sydney	266		3,793			
Hunter/Central Coast	50		3,795			
Illawarra and South East	37					
North Coast	28					
Western NSW	5					
New England	3					
Riverina	3					
<b>Total</b>			<b>3,795</b>			

Source: DEC International.

#### 9. Historical number of students in Years 11 and 12 and proportion enrolled in one or more VET courses

Year	Government schools		All schools	
	Year 11-12 students	% enrolled in VET courses	Year 11-12 students	% enrolled in VET courses
2007	101,692	39.4%	162,016	33.8%
2008	101,982	39.7%	163,444	33.8%
2009	103,867	39.2%	165,704	33.3%
2010	107,905	39.5%	169,711	33.7%
2011	111,327	41.1%	174,247	35.4%

Source: NSW Board of Studies data as at July each year.

### Retention rates

#### 10. FTE apparent retention rates by sex and sector

	Apparent retention rates Years 10-12			Apparent retention rates Years 7-12		
	Govt	Non-govt	All schools	Govt	Non-govt	All schools
2008	69.1	80.1	73.3	66.0	78.4	70.6
2009	70.2	81.2	74.4	67.6	79.6	72.1
2010	72.2	80.9	75.5	69.7	79.7	73.5
2011	74.3	82.8	77.6	71.7	81.7	75.5
2012	72.2	83.5	76.4	72.0	82.5	76.0
Male	67.3	80.9	72.4	66.9	79.8	71.7
Female	77.3	86.2	80.7	77.4	85.2	80.4

Source: Extracted from National Schools Statistics Collection (NSSC) school-level data (2003-2012). Retention rates are 'apparent' as they do not track individual students through their final years of secondary schooling. What they measure is the ratio of the total FTE of students in a designated year (i.e. Year 12 in 2011) divided by the total FTE of students in a previous year (i.e. Year 7 in 2006).

#### 11. FTE apparent retention rates, in government schools by region

Region	Apparent retention rates 10-12					Apparent retention rates 7-12				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Hunter/Central Coast	57.1	59.2	61.2	62.5	61.7	52.5	54.2	56.2	57.0	59.1
Illawarra and South East	59.9	60.5	64.7	65.7	64.7	54.9	56.9	60.6	61.7	64.6
New England	62.7	62.8	64.8	66.7	64.6	56.0	55.2	57.2	59.4	60.6
North Coast	61.9	63.1	62.0	67.8	64.9	56.9	58.1	57.1	62.8	62.2
Northern Sydney	91.9	93.3	95.4	94.8	92.8	95.4	97.9	100.0	99.5	97.8
Riverina	56.4	58.4	60.9	61.6	60.4	48.3	50.0	53.2	53.9	54.6
South Western Sydney	72.0	73.2	74.6	78.4	75.4	73.8	75.3	77.4	80.0	79.6
Sydney	83.9	85.5	86.5	87.1	85.8	86.2	90.0	91.7	92.8	91.4
Western NSW	59.9	57.3	57.6	61.2	56.7	52.4	50.0	50.1	54.4	51.3
Western Sydney	72.0	72.8	76.5	78.6	75.4	68.6	70.7	73.9	74.9	74.1
<b>Total NSW</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>72.0</b>

Source: Extracted from National Schools Statistics Collection (NSSC) school-level data (2003-2012).

### Class size

#### 12. Historical average class sizes in government primary schools

Year level	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Kindergarten	19.2	19.3	19.2	19.2	19.3
Year 1	21.2	21.3	21.2	21.2	21.2
Year 2	22.5	22.6	22.7	22.6	22.7
Year 3	25.7	25.8	25.6	25.7	25.5
Year 4	26.1	26.2	26.2	26.1	25.9
Year 5	26.5	26.5	26.4	26.4	26.2
Year 6	26.5	26.5	26.4	26.3	26.2
<b>Total Primary</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>

Source: Class Size Audit survey (2008-2012). The average class size for each year level is calculated from regular and multi-age classes that contain a student from that year level.

### Regional summary – NSW government schools

#### 13. Schools, FTE students, apparent retention (ARR) and average class size by region, 2012

Region	Schools	Students	ARR 10-12	ARR 7-12	Av. primary class size
Hunter/Central Coast	294	107,412	61.7	59.1	24.3
Illawarra and South East	225	68,270	64.7	64.6	23.8
New England	123	22,088	64.6	60.6	21.5
North Coast	272	64,404	64.9	62.2	23.0
Northern Sydney	163	90,113	92.8	97.8	24.8
Riverina	187	32,237	60.4	54.6	21.8
South Western Sydney	271	130,428	75.4	79.6	24.6
Sydney	219	90,711	85.8	91.4	24.5
Western NSW	191	37,966	56.7	53.1	21.5
Western Sydney	241	104,605	75.4	74.1	24.4
<b>Total NSW</b>	<b>2,186</b>	<b>748,234</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>

Source: Extracted from National Schools Statistics Collection (NSSC) school-level data (2003-2012) and Class Size Audit survey (2008-2012). School numbers differ from official ABS figures due to different counting rules.

## Interstate comparisons

### 14. Number of schools by sector

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
Govt	2,169	1,535	1,239	555	765	197	153	84	6,697
Non-govt	913	698	476	195	301	65	38	44	2,730
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,082</b>	<b>2,233</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>9,427</b>

Source: ABS Schools Australia, Table 31a.

### 15. Historical number of FTE students by sector

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
<b>2008 total</b>	<b>1,109,950</b>	<b>839,905</b>	<b>708,613</b>	<b>254,711</b>	<b>350,350</b>	<b>82,466</b>	<b>39,217</b>	<b>59,262</b>	<b>3,444,474</b>
Govt	735,779	536,445	481,800	165,305	231,438	59,138	29,318	34,031	2,273,252
Non-govt	374,171	303,460	226,813	89,407	118,912	23,328	9,899	25,231	1,171,221
<b>2009 total</b>	<b>1,112,169</b>	<b>845,935</b>	<b>720,372</b>	<b>256,788</b>	<b>356,520</b>	<b>82,093</b>	<b>38,633</b>	<b>59,876</b>	<b>3,472,385</b>
Govt	736,647	538,685	486,803	165,563	233,941	58,660	28,613	34,331	2,283,242
Non-govt	375,522	307,250	233,569	91,226	122,579	23,433	10,020	25,546	1,189,143
<b>2010 total</b>	<b>1,120,430</b>	<b>850,852</b>	<b>727,395</b>	<b>257,987</b>	<b>359,133</b>	<b>82,052</b>	<b>39,352</b>	<b>60,367</b>	<b>3,497,567</b>
Govt	742,141	539,227	488,063	165,855	234,409	58,509	29,102	34,492	2,291,798
Non-govt	378,289	311,625	239,332	92,133	124,725	23,543	10,250	25,874	1,205,769
<b>2011 total</b>	<b>1,129,749</b>	<b>857,672</b>	<b>736,114</b>	<b>258,922</b>	<b>364,612</b>	<b>82,157</b>	<b>39,418</b>	<b>60,874</b>	<b>3,529,519</b>
Govt	745,540	541,212	491,780	165,899	237,118	58,451	29,165	34,616	2,303,782
Non-govt	384,209	316,460	244,334	93,023	127,494	23,706	10,253	26,258	1,225,737
<b>2012 total</b>	<b>1,138,990</b>	<b>868,320</b>	<b>750,467</b>	<b>260,501</b>	<b>374,975</b>	<b>81,381</b>	<b>39,963</b>	<b>62,156</b>	<b>3,576,753</b>
Govt	748,234	546,311	500,626	166,479	245,505	57,703	29,446	35,612	2,329,915
Non-govt	390,756	322,010	249,841	94,022	129,470	23,678	10,517	26,544	1,246,837

Source: ABS Schools Australia, Table 43a.

### 16. Proportion of FTE students enrolled in government schools

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
2008	66.3%	63.9%	68.0%	64.9%	66.1%	71.7%	74.8%	57.4%	66.0%
2009	66.2%	63.7%	67.6%	64.5%	65.6%	71.5%	74.1%	57.3%	65.8%
2010	66.2%	63.4%	67.1%	64.3%	65.3%	71.3%	74.0%	57.1%	65.5%
2011	65.7%	62.9%	66.3%	64.1%	64.3%	71.2%	73.8%	56.7%	64.9%
2012	65.7%	62.9%	66.7%	63.9%	65.5%	70.9%	73.7%	57.3%	65.1%

Source: ABS Schools Australia, Table 43a.

### 17. Number of FTE teaching staff in government sector

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
2008	51,619	38,915	33,380	11,575	16,739	4,122	2,356	2,646	161,351
2009	51,719	38,935	34,020	11,516	16,984	4,209	2,485	2,697	162,566
2010	52,285	39,758	34,632	11,582	16,948	4,265	2,580	2,708	165,272
2011	52,802	39,758	34,632	11,582	16,948	4,265	2,580	2,708	165,272
2012	53,135	40,397	35,173	11,696	17,156	4,164	2,667	2,765	167,152

Source: ABS Schools Australia, Table 51a. The ABS has specific definitions for counting teachers. This excludes teachers not in schools or ancillary education establishments, those on more than four weeks leave and casual relief teachers.

### 18. Student to teacher ratios in government schools

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
2008	15.9	15.7	15.5	15.4	15.3	15.5	12.2	13.6	15.6
2009	15.9	15.7	15.4	15.4	15.2	14.8	12.1	13.9	15.5
2010	15.7	15.6	15.4	15.3	15.4	14.3	12.2	13.5	15.4
2011	15.5	15.4	15.3	14.9	15.6	14.3	11.8	13.7	15.3
2012	15.5	15.0	15.4	14.9	15.9	14.5	11.5	13.8	15.2
2008	12.4	11.8	12.8	12.6	11.7	13.0	12.9	12.1	12.3
2009	12.4	11.9	12.7	12.9	11.7	12.9	10.6	11.6	12.3
2010	12.5	11.8	12.6	13.0	11.2	13.1	11.0	11.5	12.3
2011	12.5	11.7	12.5	13.4	11.4	13.0	10.5	11.8	12.2
2012	12.4	11.9	12.5	13.2	11.7	13.1	10.3	11.8	12.3

Source: ABS Schools Australia, Table 53a.

## Expenditure on school education

### 19. Real (in-school) per student expenditure by state (\$) in government schools

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust
<b>Primary</b>	<b>13,042</b>	<b>11,720</b>	<b>13,274</b>	<b>15,697</b>	<b>13,225</b>	<b>13,283</b>	<b>16,713</b>	<b>19,617</b>	<b>13,240</b>
09-10	13,042	11,720	13,274	15,697	13,225	13,283	16,713	19,617	13,240
10-11	13,476	12,107	13,806	16,578	15,097	14,005	18,700	21,064	13,895
<b>Secondary</b>	<b>15,638</b>	<b>14,793</b>	<b>15,699</b>	<b>22,171</b>	<b>15,057</b>	<b>15,475</b>	<b>19,573</b>	<b>23,646</b>	<b>16,132</b>
09-10	15,638	14,793	15,699	22,171	15,057	15,475	19,573	23,646	16,132
10-11	15,810	15,613	16,729	22,677	16,401	16,548	21,289	25,630	16,720

Source: Report on Government Services, 2013.

### 20. Real (out-of-school) per student expenditure by state (\$) in government schools

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust
<b>Out-of-school</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>718</b>
09-10	502	668	780	970	1,018	553	1,089	2,266	718
10-11	442	687	831	997	1,077	564	1,244	2,281	724

Source: Report on Government Services, 2013.

## Participation

### 21. FTE student participation rates

Age	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust
14	2007	97.8	99.4	97.1	99.2	98.0	99.6	83.6	113.0	98.3
	2011	98.1	99.8	97.9	100.1	97.7	100.1	89.9	114.3	98.7
15	2007	93.0	96.1	91.8	96.8	93.4	100.4	79.5	109.1	94.1
	2011	96.6	97.3	93.9	98.4	93.2	99.4	78.7	111.0	96.1
16	2007	79.8	89.2	81.4	87.4	79.0	84.4	65.3	104.0	83.2
	2011	86.7	90.7	85.0	95.8	81.2	88.1	69.4	107.3	87.6
17	2007	67.5	78.0	47.6	64.6	40.1	63.0	44.7	90.3	62.9
	2011	71.8	79.7	50.9	77.4	44.5	67.7	48.6	94.5	66.8
18	2007	15.2	22.4	4.9	11.1	3.2	25.6	11.5	23.0	13.7
	2011	16.5	27.2	5.2	16.8	4.0	29.8	10.6	25.2	15.8
19	2007	1.4	2.2	0.7	2.7	0.6	2.7	2.3	1.6	1.5
	2011	1.3	2.5	0.8	3.8	1.0	4.7	2.1	2.4	1.7

Source: ABS Schools Australia, Table 61b. School participation rates are based on full-time students only.

## Retention rates

### 22. Full-time Year 7/8-12 apparent retention rates by sector

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
<b>Government</b>									
2008	64.6	71.9	70.3	64.7	68.2	61.3	67.6	95.9	68.3
2009	66.3	73.2	72.8	69.1	69.2	61.3	61.2	99.5	70.1
2010	68.4	74.7	75.8	75.2	73.5	72.9	60.0	107.2	73.1
2011	70.5	76.6	76.4	81.3	74.8	69.6	63.7	100.6	74.7
2012	70.5	77.2	78.5	84.2	77.1	67.8	62.1	104.7	75.8
Male	65.5	71.0	74.5	77.0	72.6	64.0	61.1	104.3	70.8
Female	75.8	83.9	82.7	91.9	82.1	71.9	63.3	105.2	81.1
<b>All schools</b>									
2008	69.6	79.4	78.1	74.4	73.8	64.8	60.1	85.2	74.6
2009	71.3	80.2	79.6	78.5	75.0	63.8	54.8	86.9	76.0
2010	72.5	81.1	82.5	81.9	78.3	71.0	53.0	90.8	78.0
2011	74.6	82.0	83.0	86.3	78.4	69.8	55.3	89.4	79.3
2012	75.0	82.2	83.7	88.8	79.5	67.6	55.6	89.8	79.9
Male	70.8	76.7	80.9	83.3	75.7	63.4	54.5	88.8	75.8
Female	79.3	88.0	86.7	94.6	83.7	72.0	56.7	90.9	84.3

Source: ABS Schools Australia, Table 64a.

## Student achievement

### 23. Proportion of students successfully attaining Year 12 or equivalent

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>NSW</b>	67.0	67.0	65.0	67.0	72.0
<b>Australia</b>	66.0	66.0	64.0	66.0	70.0

Source: Report on Government Services, 2013.

### 24. Proportion of 20-24 year olds with Year 12 or Qualification at AQF Certificate II and above

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>NSW</b>	79.6	80.7	80.7	81.8	80.7	82.0	82.7	83.4	86.2	86.0	83.5	87.9
<b>Australia</b>	79.1	80.0	80.4	81.3	81.2	81.9	83.5	84.2	84.5	85.6	84.1	85.9

Source: ABS Survey on Education and Work (Cat 6227.0).

### 25. Proportion of 20-24 year olds with Year 12 or Qualification at AQF Certificate III and above

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
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