

SIZE OF THE NSW EDUCATION SYSTEM

Schools

Number of schools in NSW by sector, 2013

School Type	Government	Catholic	Independent	All schools
Primary	1,618	417	72	2,107
Secondary	370	129	16	515
Combined	66	31	207	304
Special schools	110	9	36	155
Total	2,164	586	331	3,081

Source: ABS Schools Australia, 2013, Table 35a.

Students

NSW full-time equivalent (FTE) students by year and sector, 2013

Year level	Government	Catholic	Independent	All schools
Kindergarten	69,670	19,477	9,564	98,711
Year 1	67,450	19,138	9,511	96,099
Year 2	64,666	18,556	9,273	92,495
Year 3	61,263	17,811	9,617	88,691
Year 4	60,398	17,853	9,696	87,947
Year 5	58,828	17,811	10,386	87,025
Year 6	58,294	17,836	10,535	86,665
Ungraded primary	8,190	281	1,052	9,523
Total primary	448,759	128,763	69,634	647,156
Year 7	50,177	22,485	14,176	86,838
Year 8	50,952	22,348	13,785	87,085
Year 9	51,686	21,569	13,220	86,475
Year 10	53,433	20,602	13,250	87,285
Year 11	48,191	18,402	12,069	78,662
Year 12	39,552	16,900	10,863	67,315
Ungraded secondary	12,595	302	447	13,344
Total secondary	306,587	122,607	77,809	507,003
Total	755,346	251,370	147,444	1,154,159

Source: ABS Schools Australia, 2013, Table 43a.

Staff

NSW FTE teaching staff by sex and sector, 2013

School type	Government	Catholic	Independent	All schools	
Primary	Male	4,840	1,045	1,074	6,958
	Female	24,185	6,135	3,816	34,135
	All	29,025	7,179	4,890	41,093
Secondary	Male	10,146	3,828	3,293	17,267
	Female	14,737	5,603	4,263	24,603
	All	24,883	9,431	7,556	41,870
Total	53,907	16,611	12,445	82,963	

Source: ABS Schools Australia, 2013, Table 51a.

NSW APPARENT RETENTION RATES

FTE apparent retention rates by sex and sector (%)

Year	Years 7-12			Years 10-12		
	Government	Non-government	All Schools	Government	Non-government	All Schools
2009	67.6	79.6	72.1	70.2	81.2	74.4
2010	69.7	79.7	73.5	72.2	80.9	75.5
2011	71.7	81.7	75.5	74.3	82.8	77.6
2012	72.0	82.5	76.0	72.2	83.5	76.4
2013	74.3	83.2	77.7	72.6	83.6	76.7
Male	69.0	80.0	73.3	67.6	81.2	72.7
Female	79.7	86.5	82.3	77.8	86.0	80.9

Source: Extracted from National Schools Statistics Collection (NSSC) school-level data (2009-2013).

FTE apparent retention rates, government schools (%)

Region	Years 7-12					Years 10-12				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Sydney	81.5	83.8	85.2	84.3	87.0	79.7	81.7	83.6	81.1	82.1
Non-Sydney	54.7	56.3	58.6	59.7	61.0	60.2	61.9	64.3	62.4	62.0
Total NSW	67.6	69.7	71.7	72.0	74.3	70.2	72.2	74.3	72.2	72.6

Source: Extracted from National Schools Statistics Collection (NSSC) school-level data (2009-2013).

NSW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Proportion of students successfully completing Year 12 or equivalent (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
NSW	68.0	67.0	70.0	72.0	72.0
Australia	69.0	68.0	70.0	72.0	73.0

Source: Report on Government Services, 2014.

NSW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Proportion of 20-24 year olds with Year 12 or Qualification at AQF Certificate III and above (%)

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
NSW	78.3	79.2	79.5	81.2	79.9	81.1	81.9	82.2	84.9	84.7	82.5	87.0	85.5
Aust.	77.1	78.3	78.9	80.3	79.9	80.7	82.3	83.2	83.5	84.5	82.7	84.6	85.7

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

NAPLAN attainment: proportion of student cohort groups achieving at or above national minimum standard, 2013 (%)

	Reading				Writing				Numeracy			
	Yr 3	Yr 5	Yr 7	Yr 9	Yr 3	Yr 5	Yr 7	Yr 9	Yr 3	Yr 5	Yr 7	Yr 9
Male	95.1	95.8	93.5	92.5	94.4	89.9	84.6	74.8	95.7	93.6	95.0	90.8
Female	97.6	97.9	96.1	95.7	97.8	96.5	94.0	89.2	97.1	94.1	95.3	90.1
Aboriginal	88.6	91.0	81.0	80.4	88.0	76.5	66.9	51.9	88.5	81.0	83.2	69.5
LBOTE	95.9	96.4	94.1	93.6	96.2	94.4	91.7	85.6	96.1	93.8	95.4	92.0

Source: ACARA National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Report, 2013.

PROFILE OF NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

Student demographics

NSW FTE students by year and sex, government schools

Year			Percentage of male students			
	Male	Female	Primary	Year 7-10	Year 11-12	All students
2009	377,207	359,440	51.6	51.7	47.7	51.2
2010	380,343	361,798	51.6	51.7	48.0	51.2
2011	382,505	363,036	51.7	51.8	48.1	51.3
2012	383,808	364,426	51.6	51.8	48.4	51.3
2013	387,595	367,751	51.6	51.8	48.5	51.3

Source: ABS Schools Australia, 2013, Table 43a. Note: Year 7-10 includes ungraded secondary students

Students with language background other than English, government schools

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Primary	122,849	124,531	127,064	129,805	134,186
Secondary	91,824	95,101	96,512	98,048	99,608
SSP schools	1,114	1,205	1,218	1,253	1,312
NSW government	215,787	220,837	224,794	229,106	235,106

Source: Language Background Other Than English survey (2009-2013).

Note: Figures are based on student headcounts.

Aboriginal FTE students, and as a proportion of all students, government schools

Year	Primary		Years 7-10		Years 11-12		Total	
	Number	% of all students	Number	% of all students	Number	% of all students	Number	% of all students
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
2013	29,412	6.6	15,792	7.2	4,104	4.7	49,308	6.5

Source: ABS Schools Australia, 2013, Table 43a.

Class size

Average class sizes in government primary schools

Year level	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Kindergarten	19.3	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.4
Year 1	21.3	21.2	21.2	21.2	21.3
Year 2	22.6	22.7	22.6	22.7	22.7
Year 3	25.8	25.6	25.7	25.5	25.6
Year 4	26.2	26.2	26.1	25.9	25.9
Year 5	26.5	26.4	26.4	26.2	26.3
Year 6	26.5	26.4	26.3	26.2	26.1
Primary	24.3	24.2	24.0	24.0	24.0

Source: Extracted from National Schools Statistics Collection (NSSC) school-level data (2009-2013).

Students

FTE students, government schools

Year	Number of schools	FTE Primary students	FTE Secondary students	Total students
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
2013	2,164	448,759	306,587	755,346

Source: ABS Schools Australia, 2013, Table 31a, 43a.

INTERSTATE COMPARISONS

Number of schools

• Number of schools by sector, 2013

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
Government	2,164	1,526	1,238	527	768	198	154	86	6,661
Non-government	917	693	481	195	299	65	38	44	2,732
Total	3,081	2,219	1,719	722	1,067	263	192	130	9,393

Source: ABS Schools Australia, 2013, Table 31a.

Number of students

• Number of FTE students by sector Government (G) Non-government (NG)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
2009									
G	736,647	538,685	486,803	165,563	233,941	58,660	28,613	34,331	2,283,242
NG	375,522	307,250	233,569	91,226	122,579	23,433	10,020	25,546	1,189,143
Total	1,112,169	845,935	720,372	256,788	356,520	82,093	38,633	59,876	3,472,385
2010									
G	742,141	539,227	488,063	165,855	234,409	58,509	29,102	34,492	2,291,798
NG	378,289	311,625	239,332	92,133	124,725	23,543	10,250	25,874	1,205,769
Total	1,120,430	850,852	727,395	257,987	359,133	82,052	39,352	60,367	3,497,567
2011									
G	745,540	541,212	491,780	165,899	237,118	58,451	29,165	34,616	2,303,782
NG	384,209	316,460	244,334	93,023	127,494	23,706	10,253	26,258	1,225,737
Total	1,129,749	857,672	736,114	258,922	364,612	82,157	39,418	60,874	3,529,519
2012									
G	748,234	546,311	500,626	166,479	245,505	57,703	29,446	35,612	2,329,915
NG	390,756	322,010	249,841	94,022	129,470	23,678	10,517	26,544	1,246,837
Total	1,138,990	868,320	750,467	260,501	374,975	81,381	39,963	62,156	3,576,753
2013									
G	755,346	554,782	509,671	167,614	253,953	56,491	29,441	36,383	2,363,681
NG	398,813	327,914	254,633	94,697	131,791	23,915	11,045	26,950	1,269,758
Total	1,154,159	882,696	764,304	262,311	385,744	80,406	40,486	63,333	3,633,439

Source: ABS Schools Australia, 2013, Table 43a.

• Proportion of FTE students enrolled in government schools (%)

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
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	66.0	63.1	66.8	64.1	65.0	71.1	74.0	56.9	65.3
2012	65.7	62.9	66.7	63.9	65.5	70.9	73.7	57.3	65.1
2013	65.4	62.9	66.7	63.9	65.8	70.3	72.7	57.4	65.1

Source: ABS Schools Australia, 2013, Table 43a.

Staffing details

• Number of FTE teaching staff, government schools

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
2009	51,719	38,935	34,020	11,516	16,984	4,209	2,485	2,697	162,566
2010	52,285	39,155	34,233	11,536	16,989	4,261	2,482	2,756	163,697
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
2013	53,907	39,960	35,181	11,796	17,596	4,047	2,519	2,897	167,903

Source: ABS Schools Australia, 2013, Table 51a.

Student to teacher ratios

• Student-to-teacher ratios, government schools

	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
Primary	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
	2013	15.5	15.3	15.8	14.9	15.8	14.6	12.1	13.1	15.4
Secondary	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
	2013	12.3	12.2	12.6	13.2	12.0	13.2	11.0	11.9	12.4

Source: ABS Schools Australia, 2013, Table 53a.

Expenditure on school education

• Real (in-school) government recurrent expenditure per student, government schools (\$)

	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
Primary	2009-10	13,326	11,726	13,278	12,973	15,651	13,528	18,439	16,603	13,307
	2010-11	13,273	11,629	13,213	14,277	15,867	13,687	19,127	17,776	13,412
	2011-12	14,123	11,763	13,292	14,499	15,573	14,225	19,987	17,898	13,734
Secondary	2009-10	16,085	15,010	15,855	14,920	22,531	15,858	22,720	19,643	16,380
	2010-11	15,649	14,896	16,188	15,605	22,077	16,276	23,777	20,412	16,289
	2011-12	16,749	15,032	16,790	16,128	22,714	16,771	24,916	21,595	16,965

Source: Report on Government Services, 2014.

Note: In-school costs relate directly to schools, for instance the salaries of staff teaching in schools.

• Real (out-of-school) per student expenditure by state, government schools (\$)

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
2009-10	534	710	829	1,081	1,031	587	2,408	1,158	763
2010-11	450	700	846	1,097	1,015	574	2,323	1,267	737
2011-12	509	686	994	1,219	934	563	2,013	1,262	781

Source: Report on Government Services, 2014.

Note: Out-of-school costs relate indirectly to schools, for instance the salaries of staff supporting the administration of schools, but not working within schools.

Apparent retention rates

• Full-time Year 10-12 apparent retention rates by sector and sex (%)

Sector	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust	
Government	2009	68.9	75.5	72.4	68.9	67.9	62.2	68.6	100.4	71.4	
	2010	70.8	76.7	74.9	74.7	72.1	73.0	67.7	108.5	74.1	
	2011	73.0	77.0	74.8	79.3	72.3	70.4	66.9	102.0	75.0	
	2012	70.7	75.7	76.6	82.2	75.0	67.1	68.2	100.7	74.8	
	2013	71.1	78.9	78.7	83.8	79.3	68.4	67.0	102.7	76.7	
	Male	66.3	75.3	75.4	78.8	75.7	64.7	61.0	97.4	72.7	
	Female	76.1	82.6	82.2	89.3	83.3	72.4	73.6	108.6	80.9	
	All schools	2009	73.5	81.2	78.8	77.5	73.5	64.1	62.3	88.8	76.7
		2010	74.5	82.1	81.0	80.6	76.5	70.7	61.4	91.8	78.5
		2011	76.7	82.0	81.8	83.9	76.4	70.0	62.9	90.0	79.5
2012		75.5	81.2	82.2	86.3	77.8	67.1	62.1	89.3	79.3	
2013		75.8	83.1	84.0	87.8	81.0	67.8	62.9	90.4	80.7	
Male		71.9	79.7	81.6	84.3	77.6	64.7	58.8	88.7	77.4	
Female	79.9	86.6	86.5	91.5	84.4	71.2	67.6	92.1	84.1		

Source: ABS Schools Australia, 2013, Table 64a.

NAPLAN

• NAPLAN participation rates, 2013 (%)

	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
Reading	Year 3	97.2	94.4	94.2	93.3	95.1	95.8	86.6	93.1	95.2
	Year 5	97.6	95.2	94.9	94.0	95.5	96.4	87.3	94.7	95.8
	Year 7	97.1	95.0	95.0	94.2	95.6	95.0	85.2	93.9	95.5
	Year 9	94.3	91.2	90.8	90.2	92.5	91.4	80.5	90.5	92.1
Writing	Year 3	97.2	94.2	94.0	93.3	94.8	96.1	88.4	93.2	95.1
	Year 5	97.5	95.0	94.6	93.9	95.5	96.4	88.2	95.0	95.7
	Year 7	97.1	95.5	94.9	94.4	95.7	95.0	86.8	94.8	95.6
	Year 9	94.5	91.8	90.9	90.7	92.7	92.0	81.1	91.3	92.4
Numeracy	Year 3	96.9	94.1	93.9	93.2	94.7	95.6	86.3	93.1	94.9
	Year 5	97.2	94.8	94.5	93.8	95.0	95.7	85.5	94.6	95.4
	Year 7	96.5	94.7	94.5	93.8	95.2	94.2	85.1	93.9	95.1
	Year 9	93.6	90.5	90.0	89.7	92.0	90.6	80.3	90.3	91.4

Source: ACARA National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Report, 2013.

• Proportion achieving at or above NAPLAN national minimum standard, 2013 (%)

	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
Reading	Year 3	96.3	96.0	95.1	94.3	94.3	94.6	74.3	96.1	95.3
	Year 5	96.8	96.5	96.2	95.7	96.0	95.5	73.7	97.0	96.1
	Year 7	94.7	95.6	93.6	94.0	93.8	9			