



In Brief

Midyear Census 2004

INTRODUCTION

In Brief summarises the results of the census of students in NSW government schools undertaken on Friday, 6 August 2004, and the census of NSW non-government schools undertaken by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training.

2004

NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Primary Schools	1,635
Separate Infants Schools	17
Central Schools	60
Community Schools	6
Secondary Schools	395
Schools for Specific Purposes (SSP's)	108
Environmental Education Centres	23
Total Government Schools	2244

Preschools

Attached to primary/infants Schools	78
Separate preschools	1
Total preschools	79

NSW NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Primary Schools	514
Secondary Schools	143
Primary/Secondary Schools	216
Special Schools	32
Total non-government Schools	905

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) ENROLMENTS IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Primary enrolments	438,677
Secondary enrolments	302,849.6
SSP enrolments	3,981
Total enrolments	745,507.6
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students	
Total A&TSI enrolments	35,290.7
Percent A&TSI enrolments	4.7%
Part-time students	
Number of part-time Students	2,441
FTE enrolments	1,278.6
Preschool Students	
Number of Preschool Students	3,770
FTE enrolments	2,203.0

TABLE 1 AND FIGURE 1

ENROLMENTS (FTE) IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1952-2004

- Total full-time equivalent enrolments decreased by 5,677.4 from 751,185.0 in 2003 (0.8%).
- Total primary enrolments fell by 4,536 from 443,213 in 2003. This represents a 1.0% decrease.
- Total secondary enrolments decreased by 1,184.4 from 304,034 in 2003, representing a 0.4% decrease.

TABLE 2 AND FIGURE 2

ENROLMENTS (FTE) BY REGION AND YEAR OF SCHOOLING IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, MIDYEAR 2004

- South Western Sydney Region enrolled the most students with (12,9237.2) FTE enrolments. It had the highest primary enrolments (77,348) and secondary enrolments (50,812.2).
- New England Region had the fewest students, with 23581.0 FTE enrolments.
- The greatest increase in enrolments occurred in Northern Sydney Region, up by 221.4 enrolments (0.3%).
- South Western Sydney Region experienced the greatest decrease in enrolments, with 1,187.3 fewer enrolments (0.9%) than in 2003.
- The greatest decrease percentage in enrolments occurred in New England Region, down by 2.2% (521.5 enrolments).
- The Kindergarten intake in 2004 was 62,140 down by 680 (1.0%) from 62,820 in 2003.
- Year 7 enrolments totalled 54,427.0 representing 87.6% of the 2003 Year 6 enrolments.

TABLE 3 AND FIGURE 3
ENROLMENTS (FTE) OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS BY REGION

- Enrolments of Indigenous students increased by 4.8% from 33,661.8 in 2003.
- Indigenous students represented 4.7% of all enrolments.
- Western NSW had the greatest number of Indigenous students, with 6,850.0 FTE enrolments, and New England had the greatest proportion of Indigenous students, with 16.7% of all enrolments.

TABLE 4 AND FIGURE 4
FTE APPARENT RETENTION RATES IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1981-2004

- Apparent retention from Year 7 to Year 12 was 67.5% in 2004, an increase of 0.8% from 2003.
- Apparent retention Year 7 to year 12 for males in 2004 (61.9%) remains over 10 percentage points lower than for females (73.4%).
- The Year 7-10 apparent retention rate in 2004 was 95.4 percent, 0.6 percentage points lower than 96.0% in 2003.

TABLE 5
ENROLMENTS (FTE) BY YEAR OF SCHOOLING IN NSW NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, MIDYEAR 2004

Primary enrolments	183,075.2
Secondary enrolments	178,684.2
SSP enrolments	1,331.0
Total enrolments	363,090.4

- Total enrolments in NSW non-government schools increased by 5,374.1 or 1.5% since 2003.
- Total primary enrolments increased by 2,075.4 (1.1%).
- Total secondary enrolments increased by 3,181.1 (3.8%).
- Total enrolments in Special schools increased by 117.6 (9.7%).

TABLE 6
ENROLMENTS (FTE) IN NSW NO-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1901-2004

FIGURE 5
ENROLMENTS (FTE) IN NSW GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1953 - 2004

- Enrolments in non-government schools represented 32.8% of all enrolments in NSW schools, compared with 32.3% in 2003.

TABLE 7
HEAD COUNT AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENCE OF PART-TIME STUDENTS IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS BY REGION AND YEAR OF SCHOOLING, MIDYEAR 2004

- The number of part-time students decreased by 206 (7.8%) from 2,647 in 2003 to 2,441 in 2004.
- The FTE enrolments of part-time students decreased by 26.4 (2.0%) from 1,305.0 in 2003 to 1,278.6 in 2004.

TABLE 8
HEAD COUNT AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENCE OF STUDENTS IN NSW GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS BY REGION, MIDYEAR 2004

- Enrolment in government preschools decreased by 14 (0.4%) to 3,770 from 3,784 in 2003.
- FTE enrolments in government preschools increased by 38.1 (1.8%) to 2,203.0 from 2,164.9 in 2003.
- Indigenous preschool enrolments decreased from 10.1% of FTE enrolments in 2003 to 8.9% in 2004.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information about schools and students in New South Wales is available in Statistical Bulletin: Schools and Students in New South Wales, 2004.

Statistical publications produced by the Department of Education and Training can be obtained on the Internet at:

http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/reports_stats/stats

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Table 1. Enrolments (FTE) in NSW Government Schools, 1961-2004

Year	Primary	Secondary	SSP	Total
1961	441,366	169,517		610,883
1962	445,154	178,204		623,358
1963	444,252	181,999		626,251
1964	449,342	184,075		633,417
1965	457,158	196,273		653,431
1966	468,382	204,103		672,485
1967	479,605	221,184		700,789
1968	489,718	236,901		726,619
1969	497,373	248,442		745,815
1970	503,547	257,874		761,421
1971	504,110	267,603		771,713
1972	502,398	277,751		780,149
1973	495,112	281,988		777,100
1974	490,929	286,931		777,860
1975	490,769	298,357		789,126
1976	496,314	303,409		799,723
1977	506,661	303,049		809,710
1978	512,791	299,149		811,940
1979	516,807	290,795		807,602
1980	515,769	283,352		799,121
1981	507,094	283,481		790,575
1982	495,207	287,077		782,284
1983	477,811	300,793		778,604
1984	454,073	311,491	5,360	770,924
1985	438,953	316,650	5,414	761,017
1986	431,503	318,353	5,401	755,257
1987	431,403	318,657	5,024	755,084
1988	434,811	318,484	4,626	757,921
1989	434,098	310,765	4,400	749,263
1990	434,814	304,006	4,366	743,186
1991	438,218	304,087	4,112	746,417
1992	444,059	308,752	4,041	756,852
1993	445,238	308,909	3,901	758,048
1994	445,599	306,717	3,798	756,114
1995	446,722	305,396	3,789	755,907
1996	450,465	306,823	3,749	761,037
1997	451,560	308,923	3,690	764,173
1998	452,565	309,137	3,673	765,375
1999	453,454	308,116	3,762	765,332
2000	454,363	303,681	3,792	761,836
2001	451,096	301,771	3,873	756,740
2002	447,897	302,988	3,915	754,800
2003	443,213	304,034	3,938	751,185
2004	438,677	302,850	3,981	745,508

Notes: Since 1993 some students have enrolled part-time. All enrolments are reported in full-time equivalent units (FTEs) and include full-time and part-time students.

Until 1984 students enrolled in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) were included in primary and secondary enrolment data, although until 1962 some of these students were not included at all.

Table 2. Enrolments (FTE) by Region and Year of Schooling in NSW Government Schools, Midyear 2004

	Primary									SSP
Region Name	Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Support	Total	
Hunter/Central Coast	9,447	9,118	8,921	8,996	9,387	9,278	9,485	654	65,286	517
Illawarra and South Coast	5,877	5,910	5,871	5,839	6,155	6,163	6,326	441	42,582	337
New England	1,834	1,871	1,805	1,849	1,859	1,989	1,981	186	13,374	69
North Coast	5,203	5,299	5,379	5,431	5,781	6,005	6,202	395	39,695	78
Northern Sydney	6,968	6,942	6,891	6,875	6,978	6,387	6,374	246	47,661	365
Riverina	2,832	2,878	2,834	2,883	2,879	2,941	3,090	148	20,485	216
South Western Sydney	10,827	10,877	10,909	10,731	11,057	10,759	10,836	1,352	77,348	1,077
Sydney	7,277	7,099	6,810	6,707	6,668	6,453	6,618	402	48,034	521
Western NSW	3,434	3,417	3,417	3,461	3,377	3,450	3,487	371	24,414	175
Western Sydney	8,441	8,400	8,492	8,366	8,326	8,423	8,225	1,125	59,798	626
State Total	62,140	61,811	61,329	61,138	62,467	61,848	62,624	5,320	438,677	3,981
	Secondary									As % of Total
Region Name	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Support	Total	Region Total	
Hunter/Central Coast	8,696	8,891	8,695	7,701	5,790	4,779	837	45,389	111,192	14.9%
Illawarra and South Coast	5,543	5,583	5,504	5,003	3,860	3,166	591	29,249	72,168	9.7%
New England	1,869	1,924	1,841	1,693	1,431	1,168	212	10,138	23,581	3.2%
North Coast	5,874	5,775	5,966	5,419	4,127	3,600	597	31,358	71,131	9.5%
Northern Sydney	4,875	5,157	5,138	5,057	5,167	4,796	390	30,580	78,606	10.5%
Riverina	2,915	2,851	2,828	2,583	1,868	1,618	144	14,806	35,507	4.8%
South Western Sydney	8,715	8,825	8,821	8,929	7,239	6,319	1,965	50,812	129,237	17.3%
Sydney	5,714	5,954	5,887	5,992	5,583	5,138	766	35,033	83,588	11.2%
Western NSW	3,353	3,358	3,260	2,911	2,233	1,785	527	17,427	42,016	5.6%
Western Sydney	6,873	7,064	6,724	6,148	5,364	4,766	1,117	38,056	98,480	13.2%
State Total	54,427	55,382	54,664	51,436	42,661	37,134	7,146	302,850	745,508	

Notes: Students in distance education and opportunity classes (OC) are included with their appropriate grade levels. Students enrolled at the Distance Education Support Unit are included with secondary support classes in Sydney region.

Table 3. Enrolments (FTE) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students by Region and Year of Schooling in NSW Government Schools, Midyear 2004

	Primary									SSP Total
Region Name	Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Support	Total	
Hunter/Central Coast	440	438	424	383	419	405	420	57	2986	43
Illawarra and South Coast	340	324	318	307	298	281	292	48	2208	10
New England	379	370	341	349	344	340	341	68	2532	17
North Coast	511	499	500	499	505	444	489	84	3531	25
Northern Sydney	10	8	15	15	17	14	22	1	102	6
Riverina	222	242	198	237	214	200	210	30	1553	34
South Western Sydney	248	257	252	245	241	238	257	49	1787	76
Sydney	125	139	139	153	129	138	136	16	975	45
Western NSW	645	625	601	638	574	557	525	134	4299	40
Western Sydney	348	331	363	346	316	329	356	93	2482	72
State Total	3268	3233	3151	3172	3057	2946	3048	580	22455	368
As percent of Year	5.3%	5.2%	5.1%	5.2%	4.9%	4.8%	4.9%	10.9%	5.1%	9.2%
	Secondary									As % of Total Enrol
Region Name	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Support	Total	Region Total	
Hunter/Central Coast	394	402	359	314	158.2	102.4	88	1817.6	4846.6	4.4%
Illawarra and South Coast	301	283	219	175	95	74.2	56	1203.2	3421.2	4.7%
New England	370	279	267	208	139.7	60.8	71	1395.5	3944.5	16.7%
North Coast	461	464	439	307	156.6	105.6	91	2024.2	5580.2	7.8%
Northern Sydney	13	20	20	7	12.8	6.4	1	80.2	188.2	0.2%
Riverina	166	166	154	119	43.4	45.4	12	705.8	2292.8	6.5%
South Western Sydney	179	173	177	129	69.4	59.5	41	827.9	2690.9	2.1%
Sydney	142	137	124	106	75	45	27	656	1676	2.0%
Western NSW	540	514	508	386	238.2	113.8	211	2511	6850	16.3%
Western Sydney	282	256	258	186	101	67.3	96	1246.3	3800.3	3.9%
State Total	2848	2694	2525	1937	1089.3	680.4	694	12467.7	35290.7	4.7%
As percent of Year	5.2%	4.9%	4.6%	3.8%	2.6%	1.8%	9.7%	4.1%	4.7%	

Notes: Students in distance education and support classes (OC) are included with their appropriate grade levels. Students enrolled at the Distance Education Support Unit are included with secondary support classes in Sydney region.

Table 4. Apparent Retention Rates in NSW Government Schools, 1981-2004

Apparent Retention Rates(%)																		
Year	Years 7-9			Years 7-10			Years 7-11			Years 7-12			Years 10-11			Years 10-12		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1981	96.3	97.2	96.7	83.3	86.2	84.7	31.1	38.8	34.9	25.5	30.9	28.1	37.7	45.6	41.6	31.0	36.5	33.7
1982	96.7	97.6	97.1	85.6	87.8	86.7	33.7	41.0	37.2	25.2	31.6	28.3	40.5	47.5	44.0	30.5	37.2	33.8
1983	97.5	98.2	97.8	88.3	89.4	88.8	41.9	46.4	44.1	29.1	35.1	32.0	49.0	52.8	50.9	34.9	40.8	37.8
1984	97.4	97.8	97.6	89.0	90.3	89.6	43.5	48.4	45.9	33.8	38.4	36.1	49.3	54.2	51.7	39.5	43.8	41.6
1985	97.8	98.3	98.0	89.3	90.1	89.7	46.5	50.6	48.5	33.5	38.9	36.2	52.3	56.0	54.1	37.9	43.6	40.7
1986	97.9	98.0	97.9	89.4	91.3	90.3	48.0	52.6	50.2	36.7	41.7	39.1	53.7	58.3	56.0	41.2	46.2	43.7
1987	98.7	98.8	98.8	91.2	92.0	91.6	52.3	58.3	55.2	38.7	44.4	41.5	58.5	63.8	61.1	43.4	49.2	46.2
1988	99.8	99.7	99.8	91.8	93.9	92.8	58.8	65.3	62.0	42.5	49.4	45.9	64.5	70.9	67.6	47.6	54.1	50.8
1989	99.0	100.1	99.6	92.9	94.7	93.8	59.2	68.9	63.9	45.0	53.3	49.1	64.5	73.4	68.9	49.4	57.9	53.5
1990	98.9	99.4	99.1	93.3	95.6	94.4	63.0	73.1	67.9	46.3	56.8	51.4	67.8	77.2	72.4	50.5	60.5	55.4
1991	99.4	99.7	99.5	94.4	95.7	95.1	70.9	78.7	74.7	51.1	61.8	56.3	76.0	82.3	79.1	55.0	65.3	60.0
1992	100.5	101.5	101.0	96.1	97.0	96.5	76.4	83.8	80.0	59.5	69.6	64.4	80.9	87.5	84.1	63.7	72.8	68.2
1993	100.3	100.5	100.4	95.9	98.1	96.9	78.2	85.8	81.9	61.9	71.6	66.6	81.4	88.5	84.8	65.6	74.8	70.1
1994	98.5	99.3	98.9	95.4	96.0	95.7	74.2	84.2	79.1	61.2	72.1	66.5	77.5	85.8	81.5	63.7	74.3	68.8
1995	97.7	99.5	98.6	93.2	94.8	94.0	70.9	80.6	75.6	59.2	71.6	65.2	74.4	83.9	79.1	61.7	73.0	67.3
1996	98.7	98.5	98.6	93.3	95.2	94.2	70.2	79.9	74.9	57.8	69.1	63.3	75.3	84.3	79.7	60.6	71.9	66.2
1997	99.1	99.4	99.2	94.3	94.9	94.6	70.6	80.6	75.4	57.3	68.9	62.9	75.7	84.6	80.0	61.5	72.6	67.0
1998	99.1	99.5	99.3	94.1	95.7	94.9	70.7	80.6	75.5	57.4	69.9	63.5	75.0	84.9	79.8	61.5	73.4	67.4
1999	98.8	99.3	99.0	94.4	96.1	95.2	70.8	81.9	76.3	58.1	69.9	63.8	75.2	85.6	80.3	61.6	73.6	67.4
2000	99.0	99.6	99.3	94.1	95.2	94.6	70.2	80.4	75.2	57.0	70.5	63.6	74.4	83.6	78.9	60.6	73.6	67.0
2001	99.2	99.8	99.5	95.2	95.7	95.4	72.6	81.4	76.9	58.0	69.3	63.5	77.1	85.5	81.3	61.5	72.1	66.7
2002	99.7	99.9	99.8	95.4	96.4	95.9	74.8	82.8	78.7	59.9	70.7	65.2	78.6	86.6	82.5	63.7	74.3	68.9
2003	99.3	99.8	99.5	95.8	96.3	96.0	75.2	84.6	79.8	61.7	71.9	66.7	78.8	87.7	83.2	64.8	75.2	69.9
2004	99.1	99.5	99.3	94.7	96.0	95.4	74.3	83.7	78.9	61.9	73.4	67.5	77.5	87.0	82.2	64.9	76.1	70.4

Notes: All enrolments are reported in full-time equivalent units (FTEs), and include full-time and part-time students. Students enrolled in distance education classes are included with their appropriate grade levels. 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 number of full-time equivalent school students in a designated year (ie Year 12 in 2004) divided by the total number of full-time equivalent students in a previous year (ie Year 7 in 1999).

Table 5. Enrolments (FTE) by Year of Schooling in NSW Non-government Schools, Midyear 2004

Year of Schooling	Male	Female	Total
Primary			
Kindergarten	13,441.3	12,863.4	26,304.7
Year 1	13,076.8	12,848.9	25,925.7
Year 2	13,077.2	12,858.8	25,936.0
Year 3	13,225.6	12,846.2	26,071.8
Year 4	13,081.4	12,821.4	25,902.8
Year 5	13,325.2	13,097.6	26,422.8
Year 6	13,557.8	12,793.6	26,351.4
Ungraded/Special Classes	81.0	79.0	160.0
Total Primary	92,866.3	90,208.9	183,075.2
Secondary			
Year 7	16,764.0	16,011.0	32,775.0
Year 8	16,660.2	16,233.0	32,893.2
Year 9	16,166.4	15,880.6	32,047.0
Year 10	15,644.0	15,450.0	31,094.0
Year 11	12,597.8	13,382.4	25,980.2
Year 12	11,567.1	12,236.7	23,803.8
Ungraded/Special Classes	57.0	34.0	91.0
Total Secondary	89,456.5	89,227.7	178,684.2
Special Schools	966.4	364.6	1,331.0
Total All Students	183,289.2	179,801.2	363,090.4

Source: Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training.

Notes: All enrolments are reported in full-time equivalent units (FTEs), and include full-time and part-time students.

'Ungraded' refers to non-special students in regular schools who are not allocated to specific school years.

'Special Classes' refers to students in special/support classes in regular schools.

The data in this table may not concord fully with data published in Schools Australia due to effects of perturbation.

**Table 6. Enrolments (FTE) in NSW Non-government Schools
1911-2004**

Non-government Schools			
Year	Enrolment	Year	Enrolment
1911	61,550	1985	264,297
1921	78,460	1986	270,745
1931	92,285	1987	275,903
1941	105,319	1988	280,609
1951	133,019	1989	284,330
1961	201,147	1990	287,437
1971	222,195	1991	290,896
1972	221,400	1992	293,376
1973	219,918	1993	294,164
1974	219,100	1994	296,157
1975	218,868	1995	300,712
1976	218,348	1996	305,383
1977	218,775	1997	311,460
1978	220,763	1998	318,305
1979	224,941	1999	326,675
1980	230,384	2000	334,922
1981	237,853	2001	344,228
1982	245,007	2002	351,455
1983	251,506	2003	357,716
1984	257,599	2004	363,090

Source: Department of Education and Training; Official Yearbook of NSW; Australian Bureau of Statistics; and Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training.

Notes: Government and non-government school data for 1901-1961 include students in ACT schools.
From 1993 the table includes full-time and part-time students, reported in full-time equivalent units (FTEs).

Table 7. Head Count and Full-time Equivalence (FTE) of Part-time Students in NSW Government Schools by Region and Year of Schooling, Midyear 2004

Region Name	Year 11		Year 12		Total	
	Students	FTE	Students	FTE	Students	FTE
Hunter/Central Coast	60	34.9	197	115.0	257	149.9
Illawarra and South Coast	30	17.8	103	62.6	133	80.4
New England	50	17.4	65	25.6	115	43.0
North Coast	102	41.9	141	73.4	243	115.3
Northern Sydney	157	113.8	312	206.4	469	320.2
Riverina	202	40	96	42.8	298	82.4
South Western Sydney	103	34	175	121.5	278	155.2
Sydney	51	30	194	108.6	245	138.1
Western NSW	100	28	137	54.1	237	82.1
Western Sydney	16	11	150	100.6	166	112.0
Total	871	368	1570	910.6	2441	1,278.6

Notes: A student is classified as a part-time student if he/she undertakes less than 10 units of work in Year 11 or Year 12.

Table 8. Head Count and Full-time Equivalence (FTE) of Students in NSW Government Preschools by Region, Midyear 2004

Region Name	All Students			Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students		
	Students	FTE		Students	FTE	% of Total
Hunter/Central Coast	440.0	220.0		31.0	16.4	7.5%
Illawarra and South Coast	323.0	167.8		32.0	24.1	14.4%
New England	68.0	41.8		11.0	8.5	20.3%
North Coast	81.0	39.8		35.0	17.2	43.2%
Riverina	45.0	23.5		10.0	6.0	25.5%
South Western Sydney	1,030.0	525.0		37.0	25.8	4.9%
Sydney	553.0	452.8		18.0	16.1	3.6%
Western NSW	132.0	117.1		63.0	54.3	46.4%
Western Sydney	1,098.0	615.2		47.0	28.1	4.6%
State Total	3,770.0	2,203.0		284.0	196.5	8.9%

Figure 1. Primary and Secondary Enrolments in NSW Government Schools, 1979-2004

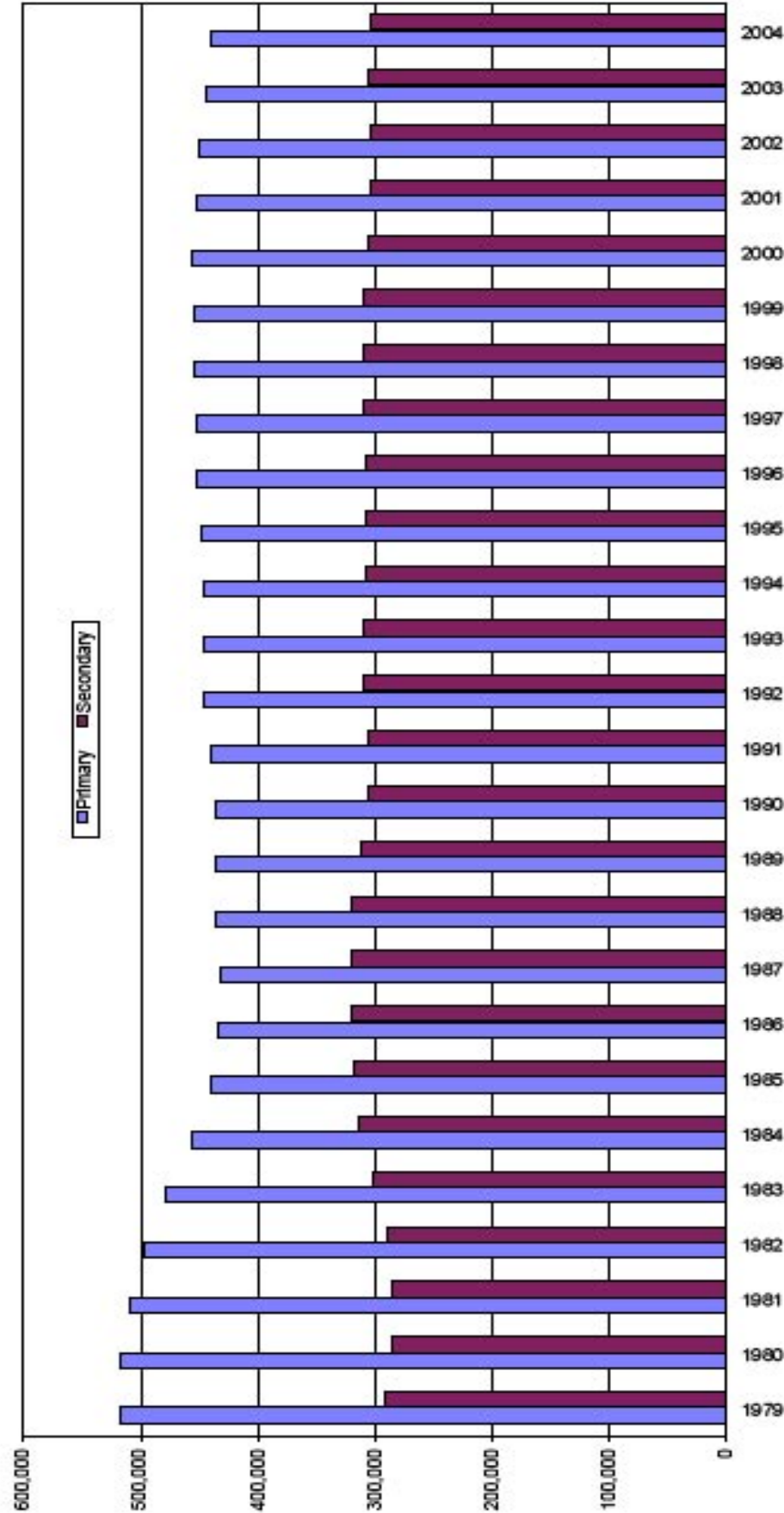


Figure 2. Government Enrolments by Region and Level of Education, Midyear 2004

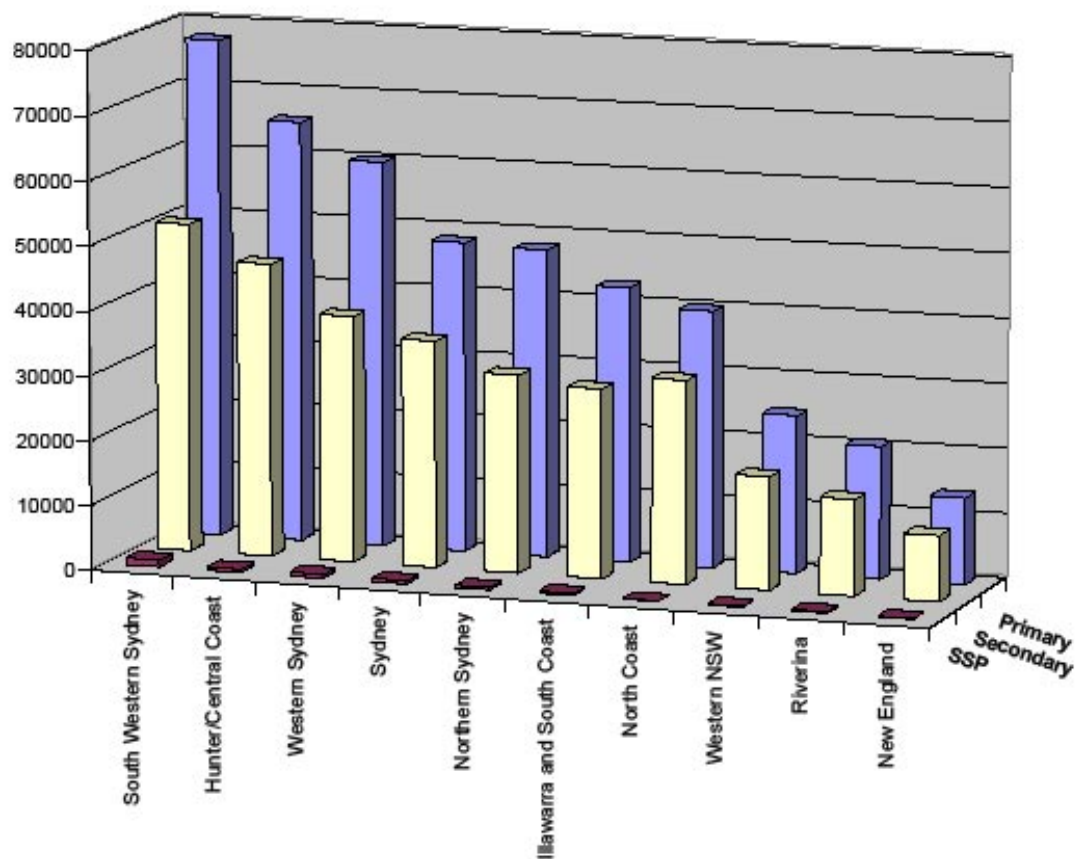


Figure 3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Enrolments by Region and Level of Education, Midyear 2004

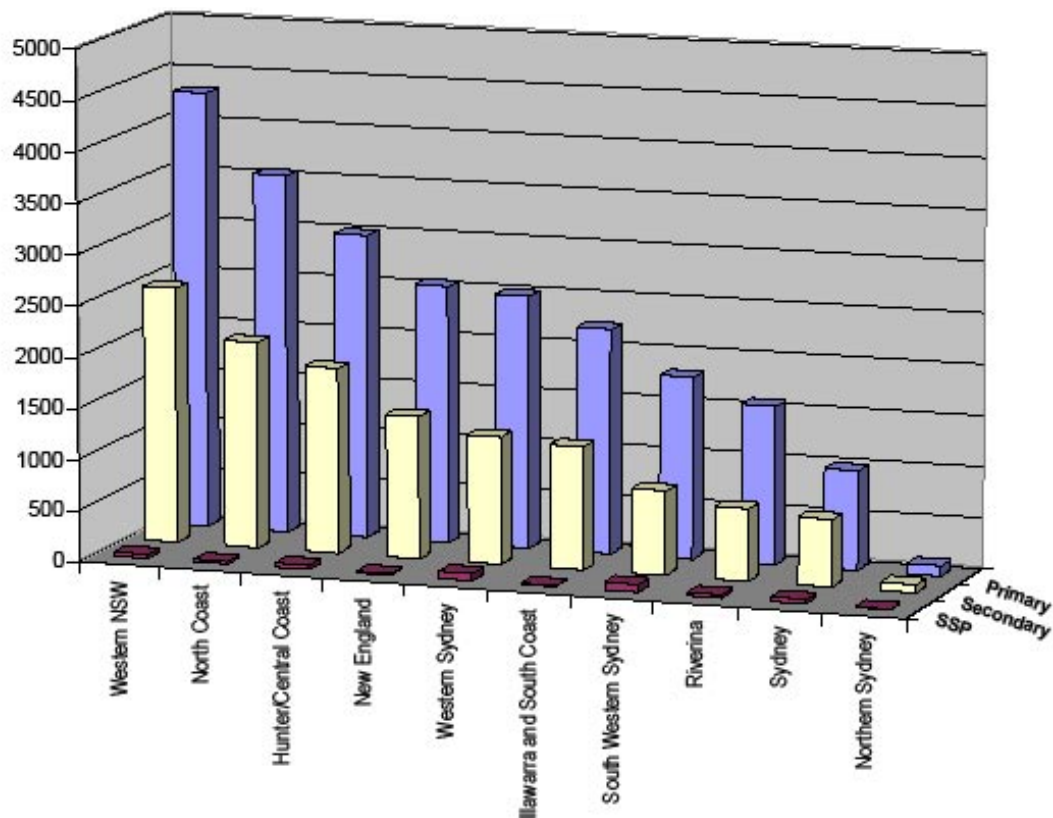


Figure 4. Apparent Retention Rate Year 7 to Year 12 in NSW Government Schools 1981-2004

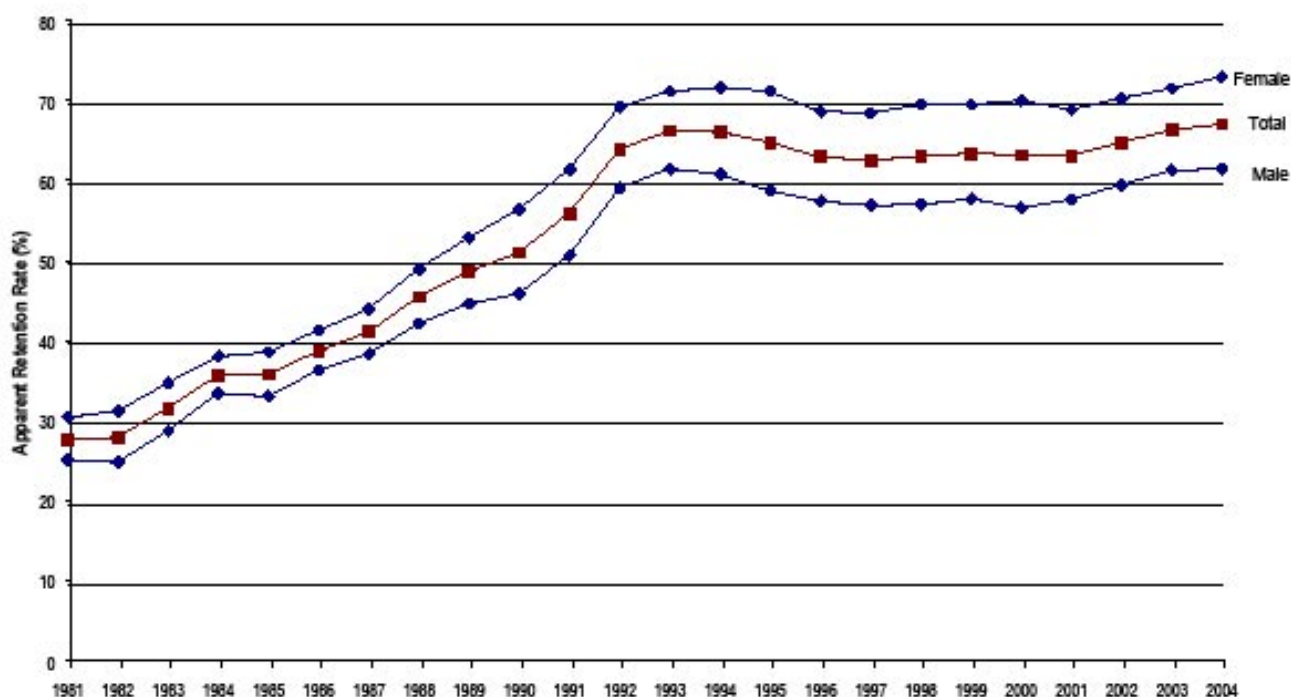


Figure 5. Total School Enrolments (FTE) by Sector, 1954-2004

