



In Brief

Midyear Census 2005

INTRODUCTION

In Brief summarises the results of the census of students in NSW government schools undertaken on Friday, 5 August 2005, and the census of NSW non-government schools undertaken by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training.

2005

NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Primary Schools	1,635
Separate Infants Schools	17
Central Schools	60
Community Schools	6
Secondary Schools	397
Schools for Specific Purposes (SSP's)	108
Environmental Education Centres	23
Total government schools	2246

Preschools

Attached to primary/infants schools	99
Separate preschools	1
Total preschools	100

NSW NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Primary Schools	510
Secondary Schools	152
Primary/Secondary schools	218
Special schools	32
Total non-government Schools	912

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

Primary enrolments	434,876
Secondary enrolments	302,578.3
SSP enrolments	4,124
Total enrolments	741,578.3

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students (A&TSI)

Total A&TSI enrolments	35,966.4
A&TSI enrolments as percent of all enrolments	4.8%

Part-time students

Number of Part-time Students	2,404
FTE of Part-time Student enrolments	1,139.3

Preschool Students

Number of Preschool Students	4,307
FTE of Preschool Student enrolments	2,481.6

TABLE 1 AND FIGURE 1

ENROLMENTS (FTE) IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1961-2005

- Total full-time equivalent enrolments decreased by 3,929.3 from 745,507.6 in 2004 (0.5%).
- Total primary enrolments fell by 3,801 from 438,677 in 2004. This represents a 0.9% decrease.
- Total secondary enrolments decreased by 271.3 from 302,849.6 in 2004, representing a 0.1% decrease.

TABLE 2 AND FIGURE 2

ENROLMENTS (FTE) BY REGION AND YEAR OF SCHOOLING IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, MIDYEAR 2005

- South Western Sydney Region enrolled the most students with (128,917.9) FTE enrolments. It had both the highest primary enrolments (76,590) and secondary enrolments (51,251.9).
- New England Region has the fewest students, with 23,217.3 FTE enrolments.
- The greatest increase in enrolments occurred in Sydney Region, up by 713.7 enrolments (0.9%).
- North Coast Region experienced the greatest decrease in enrolments, with 1,331.6 fewer enrolments (1.9%) than in 2004.
- The greatest percentage decrease in enrolments occurred in Riverina Region, down by 2.6% (911.2 enrolments).
- The Kindergarten intake in 2005 was 62,393, up by 253 (0.4%) from 62,140 in 2004.
- Year 7 enrolments totalled 55,186 representing 88.1% of the 2004 Year 6 enrolments.

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

- Enrolments of A&TSI students increased by 1.9% from 35,291 in 2004.
- A&TSI students represented 4.8% of all enrolments.
- Western NSW had the greatest number of A&TSI students, with 6,905.7 FTE enrolments, and New England had the greatest proportion of A&TSI students, with 17.0% of all enrolments.

TABLE 4 AND FIGURE 4
FTE APPARENT RETENTION RATES IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1982-2005

- FTE Apparent retention from Year 7 in 2000 to Year 12 in 2005 was 67.2% in 2005, a decrease of 0.3% from the previous cohort.
- FTE Apparent retention Year 7 to year 12 for males in 2005 (61.5%) remains over 10 percentage points lower than for females (73.0%). The Year 7-10 apparent retention rate in 2005 was 95.1 percent, 0.3 percentage points lower than 95.4% in 2004.

TABLE 5
NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS IN NSW, ENROLMENTS (FTE) BY YEAR OF SCHOOLING, MIDYEAR 2005

Primary enrolments	184,695.5
Secondary enrolments	181,363.2
Special School enrolments	1,417.0
Total enrolments	367,475.7

- Total enrolments in NSW non-government schools increased by 4385.3 or 1.2% since 2004.
- Total primary enrolments increased by 1,620.3 (0.9%).
- Total secondary enrolments increased by 2,679.0 (1.5%).
- Total enrolments in Special schools increased by 86.0 (6.5%).

TABLE 6
NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS IN NSW, HISTORICAL ENROLMENTS (FTE), 1901-2005

FIGURE 5
GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS IN NSW, ENROLMENTS (FTE), 1955 - 2005

- FTE Enrolments in non-government schools represented 33.1% of all enrolments in NSW schools, compared with 32.8% in 2004.
- The proportion of enrolments in government schools fell by 0.3 percentage points.

TABLE 7
PART-TIME STUDENTS IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, HEAD COUNT AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENCE, BY REGION AND YEAR OF SCHOOLING, MIDYEAR 2005

- The number of part-time students decreased by 37 (1.5%) from 2,441 in 2004 to 2,404 in 2005.
- The FTE enrolments of part-time students decreased by 139.3 (10.9%) from 1,278.6 in 2004 to 1,139.3 in 2005.

TABLE 8
PRESCHOOL STUDENTS IN NSW GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS, HEAD COUNT AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENCE, BY REGION, MIDYEAR 2005

- Enrolment in government preschools increased by 537 (14.2%) to 4307 from 3,770 in 2004.
 - FTE enrolments in government preschools increased by 278.6 (12.6%) to 2,481.6 from 2,203.0 in 2004.
 - Indigenous preschool enrolments increased from 8.9% of FTE enrolments in 2004 to 11.1% in 2005.
- Note: 21 new Pre-schools opened in 2005.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information about schools and students in New South Wales is available in Statistical Bulletin: Schools and Students in New South Wales, 2005.

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

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Table 1. Enrolments (FTE) in NSW Government Schools, 1961-2005

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
2005	434,876	302,578	4,124	741,578

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 2005

Region Name	Kindergarten	Primary							SSP	
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Support	Total	
Hunter/Central Coast	9279	8987	8991	8791	8852	9360	9253	703	64216	618
Illawarra and South Coast	5666	5875	5813	5813	5815	6146	6176	455	41759	353
New England	1740	1816	1873	1744	1861	1857	1974	172	13037	72
North Coast	5259	5239	5281	5389	5485	5835	6039	392	38919	88
Northern Sydney	7348	6970	6944	6791	6933	6626	6336	250	48198	356
Riverina	2673	2811	2803	2763	2845	2875	2917	154	19841	218
South Western Sydney	10826	10586	10755	10797	10675	10934	10696	1321	76590	1076
Sydney	7711	7186	6991	6689	6694	6599	6404	391	48665	502
Western NSW	3271	3318	3394	3347	3394	3355	3408	346	23833	181
Western Sydney	8620	8338	8376	8397	8333	8320	8339	1095	59818	660
State Total	62393	61126	61221	60521	60887	61907	61542	5279	434876	4124

Region Name	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Support	Total	Region as % of State	
									Total	State
Hunter/Central Coast	8795	8629	8825	8133	5478.4	4629	838	45327.4	110161.4	14.9%
Illawarra and South Coast	5585	5506	5486	5187	3666.7	3130.3	603	29164	71276	9.6%
New England	1923	1863	1897	1716	1291.2	1214.1	204	10108.3	23217.3	3.1%
North Coast	5763	5862	5613	5517	4070.1	3390.6	577	30792.7	69799.7	9.4%
Northern Sydney	5035	4953	5256	5183	5152.5	4615.4	375	30569.9	79123.9	10.7%
Riverina	2867	2873	2710	2595	1851.8	1478.4	162	14537.2	34596.2	4.7%
South Western Sydney	8950	8831	8951	8735	7413.8	6322.1	2049	51251.9	128917.9	17.4%
Sydney	5855	5798	6044	5901	5611.3	5109.5	816	35134.8	84301.8	11.4%
Western NSW	3321	3221	3307	2993	2157.9	1804.5	488	17292.4	41306.4	5.6%
Western Sydney	7092	6875	7020	6380	5198	4619.7	1215	38399.7	98877.7	13.3%
State Total	55186	54411	55109	52340	41891.7	36313.6	7327	302578.3	741578.3	

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 2005**

Region Name	Primary										SSP	
	Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Support	Total	Total	Total	Total
Hunter/Central Coast	448	432	437	432	401	440	426	61	3077	84		
Illawarra and South Coast	306	343	321	324	309	313	282	59	2257	17		
New England	349	370	355	335	355	335	335	63	2497	17		
North Coast	562	513	496	486	500	509	448	75	3589	28		
Northern Sydney	13	8	11	15	14	18	14	2	95	5		
Riverina	233	226	231	200	239	206	206	28	1569	31		
South Western Sydney	238	242	250	245	237	232	241	49	1734	74		
Sydney	136	122	133	136	158	133	152	17	987	41		
Western NSW	622	635	603	592	628	576	559	127	4342	44		
Western Sydney	348	336	331	348	330	322	333	101	2449	86		
State Total	3255	3227	3168	3113	3171	3084	2996	582	22596	427		
As percent of Year	5.2%	5.3%	5.2%	5.1%	5.2%	5.0%	4.9%	11.0%	5.2%	10.4%		

Region Name	Secondary										% of	
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Support	Total	Region Total	Total	Total	Enrol
Hunter/Central Coast	410	416	405	289	182.4	104.2	90	1896.6	5057.6	4.6%		
Illawarra and South Coast	294	294	270	187	94.3	55.8	60	1255.1	3529.1	5.0%		
New England	337	358	251	215	104.4	96.2	73	1434.6	3948.6	17.0%		
North Coast	492	456	412	326	174.2	102.6	91	2053.8	5670.8	8.1%		
Northern Sydney	26	13	21	28	8.7	9	1	106.7	206.7	0.3%		
Riverina	197	155	153	117	57.8	29	20	728.8	2328.8	6.7%		
South Western Sydney	225	190	182	140	74.6	45.9	42	899.5	2707.5	2.1%		
Sydney	143	145	142	112	64.4	54	23	683.4	1711.4	2.0%		
Western NSW	552	523	505	412	216.9	138.8	172	2519.7	6905.7	16.7%		
Western Sydney	336	293	255	210	96.2	69	106	1365.2	3900.2	3.9%		
State Total	3012	2843	2596	2036	1073.9	704.5	678	12943.4	35966.4	4.8%		
As percent of Year	5.5%	5.2%	4.7%	3.9%	2.6%	1.9%	9.3%	4.3%	4.8%			

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. FTE Apparent Retention Rates in NSW Government Schools, 1982-2005

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
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	53.6
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	94.8	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
2005	98.9	99.6	99.3	94.8	95.4	95.1	72.5	83.2	77.7	61.5	73.0	67.2	76.5	86.6	81.4	64.2	75.9	69.9

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 the 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 2005

Primary	Male	Female	Total
Kindergarten	13,532.4	13,176.0	26,708.4
Year 1	13,394.7	12,841.1	26,235.8
Year 2	13,042.7	12,840.7	25,883.4
Year 3	13,222.8	12,999.6	26,222.4
Year 4	13,280.2	12,928.2	26,208.4
Year 5	13,515.2	13,016.3	26,531.5
Year 6	13,508.0	13,245.6	26,753.6
Ungraded/Special Classes	76.0	76.0	152.0
Total Primary	93,572.0	91,123.5	184,695.5
Year 7	16,845.0	16,137.1	32,982.1
Year 8	16,613.0	15,979.0	32,592.0
Year 9	16,443.2	16,068.9	32,512.1
Year 10	16,064.0	15,809.4	31,873.4
Year 11	13,177.5	13,838.1	27,015.6
Year 12	11,633.8	12,682.2	24,316.0
Ungraded/Special Classes	52.0	20.0	72
Total Secondary	90,820.5	90,534.7	181,363.2
Special Schools	1020.4	396.6	1,417.0
Total, All Students	185,420.9	182,054.8	367,475.7

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 1901-2005

Year	Enrolments	Year	Enrolments
1901	60,837	1985	264,297
1911	61,550	1986	270,745
1921	78,460	1987	275,903
1931	92,285	1988	280,609
1941	105,319	1989	284,330
1951	133,019	1990	287,437
1961	201,147	1991	290,896
1971	222,195	1992	293,376
1972	221,400	1993	294,164
1973	219,918	1994	296,157
1974	219,100	1995	300,712
1975	218,868	1996	305,383
1976	218,348	1997	311,460
1977	218,775	1998	318,305
1978	220,763	1999	326,675
1979	224,941	2000	334,922
1980	230,384	2001	344,228
1981	237,853	2002	351,455
1982	245,007	2003	357,716
1983	251,506	2004	363,090
1984	257,599	2005	367,476

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

Notes: 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. Part-time Students in NSW Government Schools, Head Count and Full-time Equivalence (FTE), by Region and Year of Schooling, Midyear 2005

Region Name	Year 11		Year 12		Total	
	Students	FTE	Students	FTE	Students	FTE
Hunter/Central Coast	90	56.4	207	136.0	257	149.9
Illawarra and South Coast	117	35.7	95	55.3	133	80.4
New England	42	12.2	56	22.1	115	43.0
North Coast	154	56.1	156	89.6	243	115.3
Northern Sydney	106	65.5	232	117.4	469	320.2
Riverina	172	40	88	32.4	298	82.4
South Western Sydney	95	30	113	73.1	278	155.2
Sydney	59	28	193	112.5	245	138.1
Western NSW	204	57	86	33.5	237	82.1
Western Sydney	20	12	119	74.7	166	112.0
State Total	1059	392.7	1345	746.6	2404	1,139.3

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. Students in NSW Government Preschools, Head Count and Full-time Equivalence (FTE), by Region, Midyear 2005

Region Name	All Students		Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students		
	Students	FTE	Students	FTE	% of Total FTE
Hunter/Central Coast	515	269.8	68	37.2	13.8%
Illawarra and South Coast	337	151.8	40	22.9	15.1%
New England	64	43.6	23	18.2	41.7%
Northern Sydney					
North Coast	165	83.6	48	25	29.9%
Riverina	87	42.8	26	13.1	30.6%
South Western Sydney	1189	646.9	53	35.4	5.5%
Sydney	553	449.8	14	11.9	2.6%
Western NSW	273	189.5	107	75.7	39.9%
Western Sydney	1124	603.8	55	36	6.0%
State Total	4307	2481.6	434	275.4	11.1%

Figure 1. Primary and Secondary Enrolments in NSW Government Schools, 1979-2005

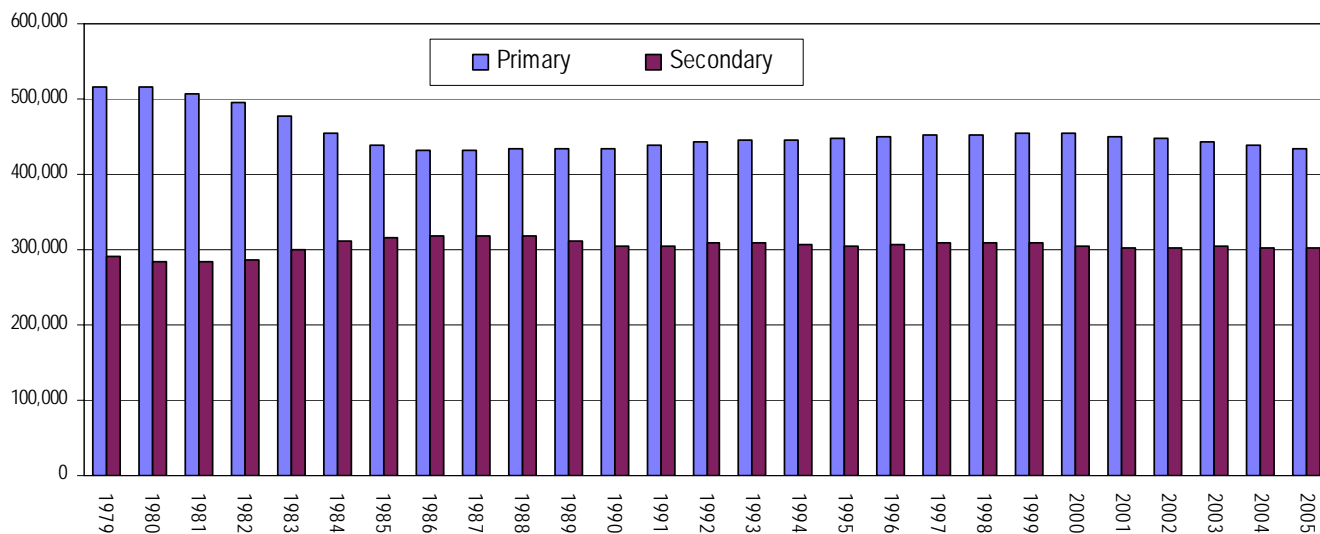


Figure 2. Enrolments in NSW Government Schools by Region and Level of Education, Midyear 2005

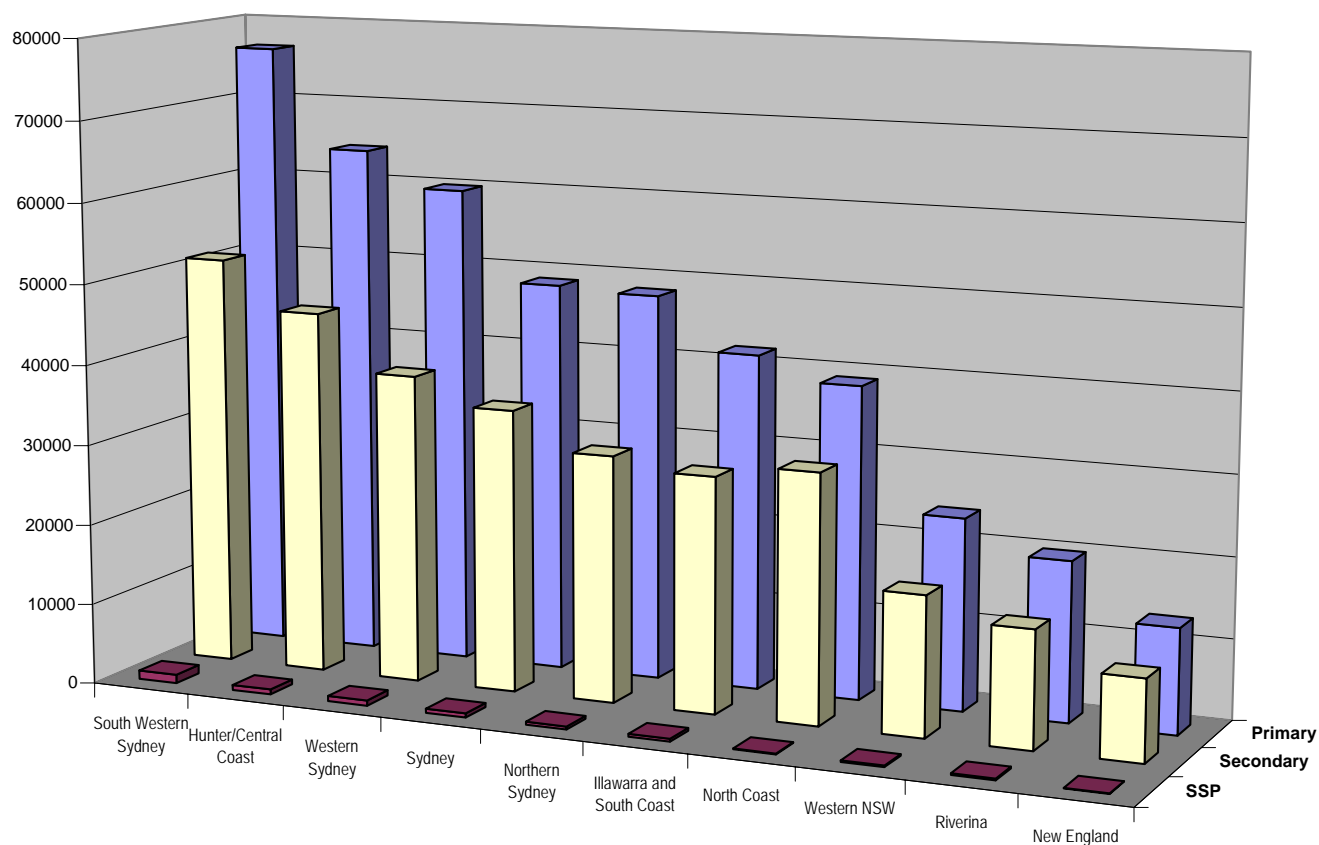


Figure 3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Enrolments by Region and Level of Education, Midyear 2005

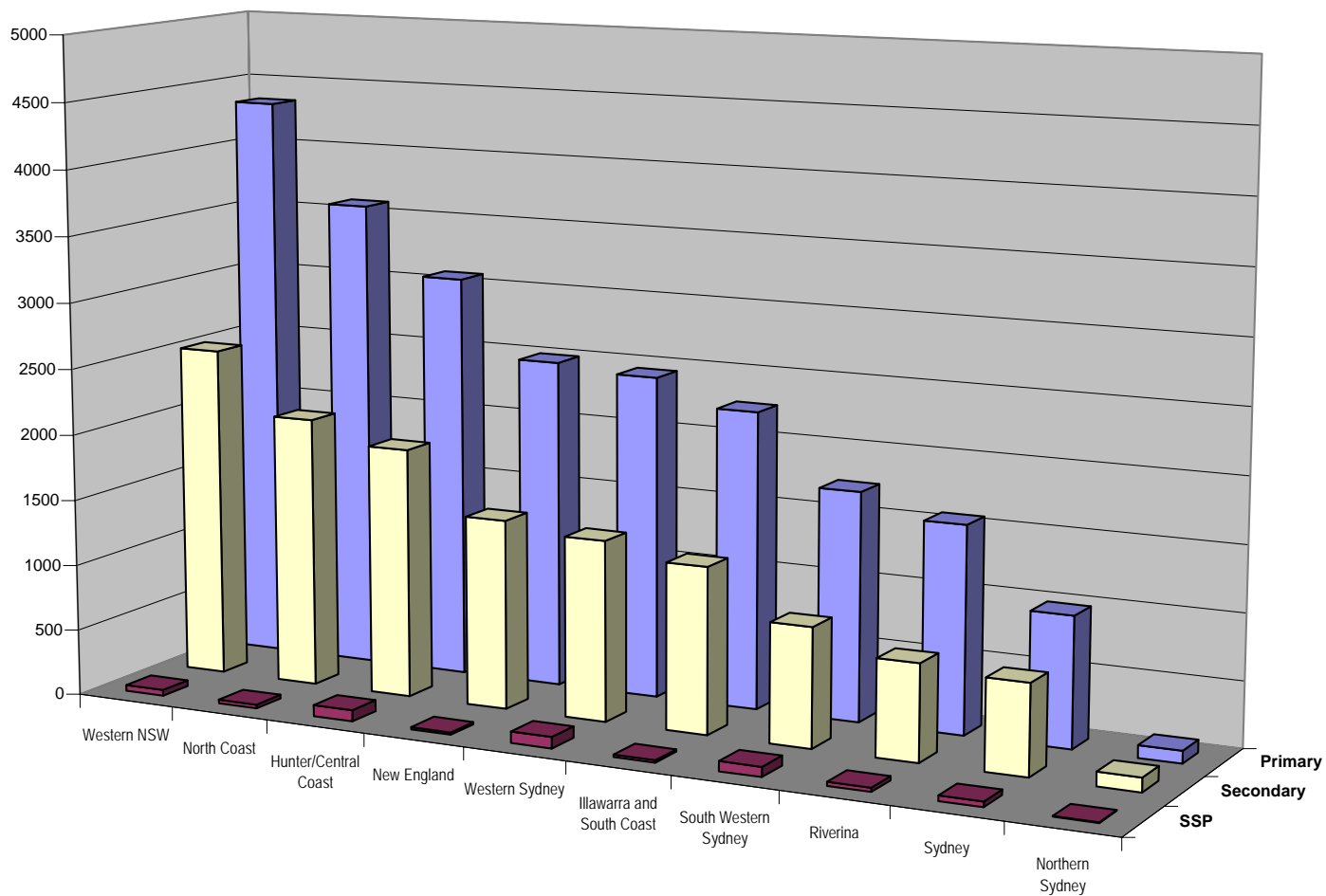


Figure 4. FTE Apparent Retention Rate Year 7 to Year 12 in NSW Government Schools 1982-2005

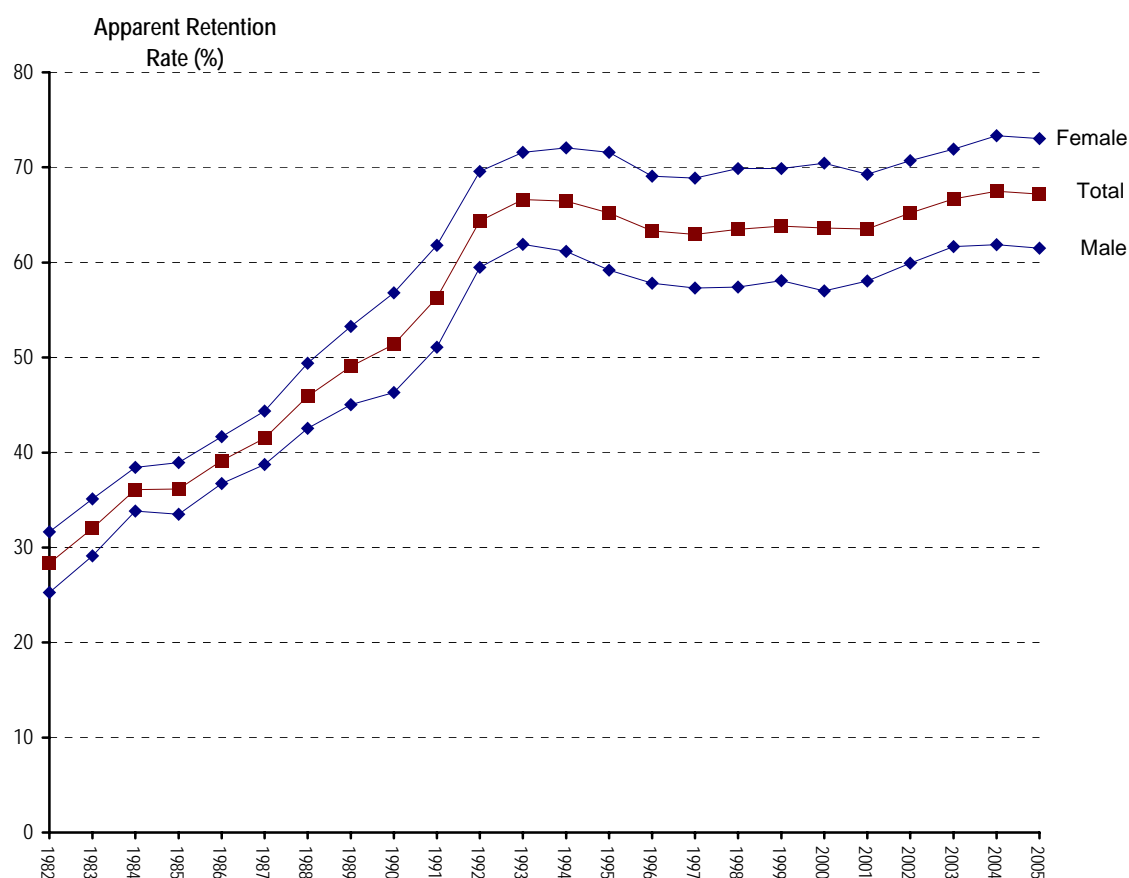


Figure 5. Total School Enrolments (FTE) by Sector, 1955-2005

