

SUMMARY STATISTICS for Victorian Schools

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This brochure provides a ready reference for the latest statistics on school education. It is reissued when a later set of information becomes available.

Size of the Victorian school education system

1. Numbers of schools, students and teachers

	Government	Catholic Independent	All Schools
Number of schools by school type, February 2019			
Primary	1,126	394	1,558
Primary-Secondary	81	13	242
Secondary	247	85	343
Special	81	5	109
Language	4	0	4
Total	1,539	497	2,256

Number (FTE) of students by year level, February 2018

	Government	Catholic Independent	All Schools
Preparatory	56,766.3	16,093.8	81,147.1
Year 1	54,343.0	15,779.8	77,999.7
Year 2	53,729.0	15,851.0	77,527.7
Year 3	53,106.2	16,191.6	77,580.7
Year 4	52,183.7	16,135.6	76,679.5
Year 5	51,464.8	16,503.4	77,620.4
Year 6	50,231.7	15,940.6	75,682.3
Ungraded	107.4	0.0	107.4
Primary total	371,932.1	112,495.8	544,344.8
Year 7	41,209.9	17,301.0	72,936.7
Year 8	39,222.4	16,750.6	69,938.7
Year 9	39,526.2	16,581.8	69,841.0
Year 10	39,817.1	16,077.8	69,633.4
Year 11	38,191.8	15,191.6	66,903.7
Year 12	33,644.4	14,399.7	60,985.6
Ungraded	257.0	3.0	264.0
Secondary total	231,868.8	96,305.5	410,503.1
Special	13,112.9	564.0	14,888.3
Language	1,933.0	0.0	1,933.0
Total	618,846.8	209,365.3	971,669.2

Source: DET February School Census

NB: Figures on student FTE include all changes from the 2018 enrolment verification process.

Number (FTE) of teaching staff (including principals) in government schools on pay by school type, as at end of quarter

	December 2017	March 2018	June 2018	September 2018	December 2018
Primary	21,621.5	22,310.4	22,464.7	22,432.8	22,368.0
Secondary	15,608.5	15,976.9	16,051.9	15,996.0	15,837.6
Special/P-12/ Lang/Other	6,950.5	7,113.5	7,100.5	7,133.8	7,102.0
Total	44,180.4	45,400.8	45,617.0	45,562.6	45,307.6

Source: DET Monthly Staffing Report

2. Historical trend in numbers of government schools & students, February

Year	Number of Schools	Number of Students (FTE)				
		Primary	Secondary	Special	Language	Total
2014	1,526	332,016.0	219,542.7	11,550.5	2,004.0	565,113.2
2015	1,528	340,844.4	221,458.1	12,076.1	1,629.0	576,007.6
2016	1,524	350,583.1	224,221.0	12,503.5	1,601.0	588,908.6
2017	1,528	361,721.7	227,377.0	12,778.3	1,918.0	603,795.0
2018	1,531	371,932.1	231,868.8	13,112.9	1,933.0	618,846.8

Source: DET February School Census

Compiled by the Department of Education and Training Victoria
Available online at:
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/factsandfigures.aspx>

Profile of Victorian government school students

3. Number (FTE) of students by sex in government schools, February

Year	Male	Female	Percentage of male students			
			Primary	Yr 7-10	Yr 11-12	All Students
2015	299,222.0	276,785.6	51.6	52.0	50.6	51.9
2016	305,824.3	283,084.3	51.6	52.1	50.0	51.9
2017	313,411.2	290,383.8	51.6	52.0	50.0	51.9
2018	321,516.5	297,330.3	51.7	52.0	49.8	52.0

Source: DET February School Census

NB: Yr 7-10 includes secondary ungraded students.

4. Number (FTE) of students with disabilities in government schools, February

Year	In regular schools	In special schools	Total	% of total student cohort
2014	12,218	10,704	22,922	4.06
2015	12,671	11,264	23,936	4.16
2016	12,980	11,515	24,495	4.16
2017	13,783	11,743	25,526	4.23
2018	14,859	12,089	26,948	4.35

Source: DET Student Wellbeing Division

NB: The above figures exclude students in the Language Support Program.

5. Number (FTE) of Indigenous students in government schools and per cent of student cohort, August

Year	Primary		Years 7-10		Years 11-12		Special		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
	2014	6,579.2	2.0	3,088.6	2.1	955.8	1.4	474.1	4.1	11,097.7
2015	6,937.4	2.0	3,282.0	2.2	1,079.1	1.6	521.1	4.3	11,819.6	2.0
2016	7,283.3	2.1	3,324.9	2.2	1,157.1	1.7	548.0	4.4	12,313.3	2.1
2017	7,622.7	2.1	3,467.4	2.2	1,109.9	1.6	591.2	4.6	12,791.2	2.1
2018	8,099.8	2.2	3,706.9	2.3	1,093.7	1.6	650.5	4.9	13,551.9	2.2

Source: DET August School Census

NB: Years 7-10 includes secondary ungraded students.

6. Number of students in government schools with a language background other than English, August

Year	Speak mainly English at home			Most common non-English languages spoken at home	
	Yes	No	Total		
	2014	48,961	104,266	153,227	Vietnamese, Arabic, Mandarin, Chinese nfd
2015	52,357	109,344	161,701	Vietnamese, Arabic, Mandarin, Chinese nfd	
2016	56,409	115,927	172,336	Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chinese nfd	
2017	60,663	124,769	185,432	Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chinese nfd	
2018	64,107	133,635	197,742	Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chinese nfd	

Source: DET August School Census

nfd refers to 'not further defined'

7. Provision of languages (other than English) in government schools, August

Year	Primary Languages*		Secondary Languages*		Languages with highest Enrolments in VCE**
	Students	%	Students	%	
	2014	226,041	68.1	91,134	
2015	262,556	77.0	91,760	41.5	Chinese, French, Japanese, German
2016	285,660	81.5	92,225	41.3	Chinese, French, Japanese, German
2017	301,715	83.4	93,024	40.9	Chinese, French, Japanese, German
2018	316,020	85.0	97,955	42.3	Chinese, French, Japanese, German

Source: DET August Languages Survey*, and the VCAA**

NB: **Languages with highest enrolments are based on VCE Languages Units 1 and 3.

8. International students (fee paying) in government schools

Year	At June 30th	Main countries of origin
2014	3,169	China, Vietnam, India, Korea, Japan
2015	3,575	China, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, India, Korea
2016	4,337	China, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, India, Korea
2017	5,202	China, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Cambodia, India
2018	5,811	China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Saudi Arabia, India

Source: DET International Education Division OSP database, July 2018

NB: Enrolment figures include all primary and secondary visa subclass 010, 020, 030, 040, 500, 570, 571, 572, 573, 575, 600, 601, 651, 676 holders defined as fee paying international students under Ministerial Orders 819 (as amended by Ministerial Order 859). Secondary visa subclass holders refer to the dependent children of temporary residents or international students studying in Victorian vocational education, training and tertiary institutions.

9. VET in schools programs – certificate enrolments

Year	Government schools	Non-government schools	Total certificate enrolments
2014	37,644	19,373	57,017
2015	36,940	20,860	57,800
2016	36,348	21,557	57,905
2017	35,906	23,267	59,173
2018	36,477	24,904	61,381

Source: VCAA

NB: Excludes students whose home enrolment is a non-school setting. Students may enrol in more than one VET certificate.

Retention and transition rates

10. Apparent retention rates by sex and sector, February (per cent)

Year	Apparent retention Year 10-12			Apparent retention Year 7-12		
	Gov	Non-Gov	All Schools	Gov	Non-Gov	All Schools
	2014	85.8	91.4	88.1	88.4	90.0
2015	87.9	91.5	89.4	91.0	90.1	90.6
2016	88.5	91.0	89.6	93.8	89.2	91.8
2017	87.1	93.1	89.7	93.3	91.4	92.4
2018	86.6	92.4	89.1	94.3	90.4	92.5
Male	81.4	90.2	85.0	88.4	87.8	88.1
Female	92.3	94.5	93.3	100.9	92.9	97.1

Source: DET February School Census.

NB: Please refer to the footnote under Table 16 for the definition of apparent retention rate and an explanation of differences between February and August figures.

11. Transition rates for government schools, February (per cent)

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Year 9-10	102.2	102.1	103.6	104.1	103.3
Year 10-11	99.1	100.0	99.6	100.2	98.8
Year 11-12	87.4	88.7	88.5	87.5	86.4

Source: DET February School Census

Size of classes

12. Class sizes in government schools, February

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Primary classes					
Average class size – All classes	22.2	22.3	22.3	22.3	22.2
Average class size – Prep	19.4	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.4
Average class size – Prep-2	20.9	20.9	20.8	20.9	20.7
Average class size – Years 3-6	23.4	23.5	23.4	23.4	23.4
Secondary English classes					
Average class size – All classes	21.4	21.3	21.2	21.1	21.2
Average class size – Year 12	19.2	19.5	19.0	19.0	19.0

Source: DET February School Census

NB: Comparable interstate data is not readily available as class size is not part of the National Schools Statistics Collection.

Regional summary – government schools

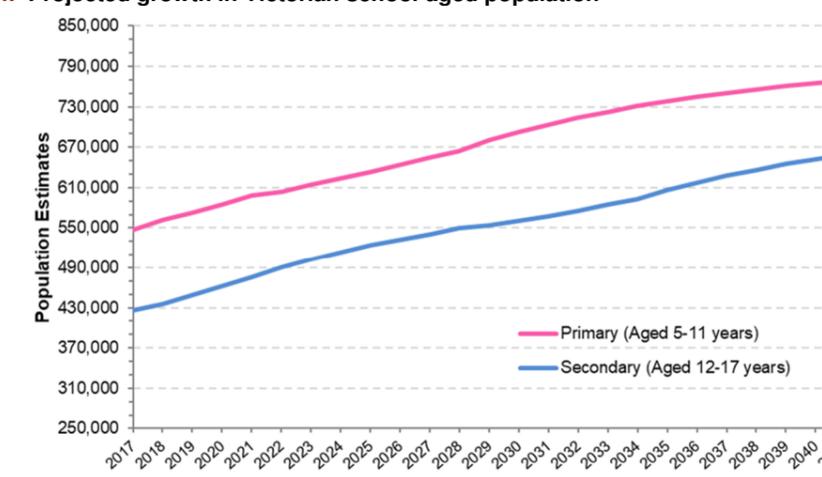
13. Schools, students, apparent retention rates (ARR) and class sizes by region, February

Region	February, 2018		Feb, 2017		Feb, 2018			
	Schools	Students (FTE)	ARR		Average class size			
			10-12	7-12	P-2	All Prim	P-2	All Prim
North-Eastern Victoria	385	144,103.8	88.2	95.4	20.8	22.4	20.6	22.2
North-Western Victoria	338	136,036.7	93.1	99.6	20.7	21.9	20.5	21.9
South-Eastern Victoria	400	175,414.5	83.6	94.0	20.9	22.3	20.9	22.3
South-Western Victoria	408	163,291.8	82.8	89.1	20.8	22.2	20.7	22.1
Total	1,531	618,846.8	86.6	94.3	20.9	22.3	20.7	22.2

Source: DET February School Census

Projected growth in school-aged population

14. Projected growth in Victorian school-aged population



Source: ABS Population Projections (3222.0) - Victoria (Series B), issued November 2018

Interstate comparisons including some key indicators

Apparent retention rates

15. Year 10–12 apparent retention rates, August (per cent) full-time students

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Government									
2014	72.5	79.8	80.6	86.6	87.0	70.1	68.8	100.0	78.6
2015	72.6	81.2	82.1	91.1	79.0	73.8	62.5	100.0	79.2
2016	72.0	81.7	82.7	95.3	78.3	73.4	65.1	100.0	79.5
2017	73.0	80.4	82.9	91.2	81.7	74.1	73.6	100.0	79.8
2018	71.4	79.9	83.7	88.4	83.9	76.5	66.9	100.0	79.2
Male	66.5	75.2	81.2	82.7	81.3	72.3	62.3	93.9	75.1
Female	76.3	85.0	86.3	94.4	86.8	81.3	71.8	100.0	83.6
All sectors									
2014	77.5	84.1	85.9	89.9	85.9	69.4	68.1	92.4	82.5
2015	77.5	84.8	86.7	92.2	81.0	72.1	63.8	95.1	82.7
2016	77.2	85.0	87.3	94.5	80.5	70.8	64.2	92.2	82.9
2017	77.5	85.3	87.8	91.7	83.1	71.5	70.2	92.1	83.3
2018	76.3	84.7	87.8	90.8	85.0	73.2	65.1	90.0	82.8
Male	72.2	80.6	85.8	86.4	82.5	69.1	63.0	85.7	79.3
Female	80.5	89.0	89.9	95.3	87.7	77.6	67.3	94.6	86.4

16. Year 7–12 apparent retention rates, August (per cent) full-time students

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Government									
2014	74.0	82.5	82.9	90.9	95.8	69.2	61.3	100.0	81.0
2015	74.1	84.8	84.8	96.2	83.3	74.1	52.9	100.0	81.8
2016	74.3	87.4	85.3	99.7	80.0	74.1	57.9	100.0	82.5
2017	75.6	86.8	85.8	96.0	82.7	75.1	61.1	100.0	83.1
2018	74.4	87.9	86.4	94.8	83.8	78.9	57.7	100.0	83.1
Male	69.0	82.3	82.9	87.8	81.4	74.7	52.8	100.0	78.3
Female	80.1	94.2	90.2	100.0	86.6	83.5	63.1	100.0	88.3
All sectors									
2014	78.1	85.2	87.1	93.0	89.3	68.4	59.6	94.6	83.6
2015	78.2	86.4	88.4	95.7	82.8	71.7	53.7	96.6	84.0
2016	78.4	87.9	88.6	97.5	80.3	70.4	56.7	94.0	84.3
2017	78.9	88.5	89.1	94.7	82.3	71.5	58.6	94.8	84.8
2018	77.8	88.7	89.2	94.6	83.3	74.0	52.5	92.8	84.5
Male	73.3	84.0	86.6	89.0	81.1	69.8	50.4	90.6	80.6
Female	82.5	93.5	91.9	100.0	85.7	78.7	54.6	95.1	88.5

Source: ABS Schools Australia

<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/4221.02018?OpenDocument>

NB: ABS Years 10–12 and 7–12 apparent retention rates refer to Year 12 enrolment of students in full-time school education expressed as a proportion of Year 10/7 enrolments two/five years earlier. DET calculates its retention rate on an FTE basis. Note that apparent retention rates calculated for February are generally higher than for August as a number of Year 12 students leave during the year. The above tables reference the ABS published rates capped to 100 per cent. Capped rates were first published in 2015.

Apparent retention rates by single year (grade) range

17. All sectors, August (per cent) full-time students

Range	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust.
Year 7-8	2014	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.6	99.9	100.0
	2015	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	96.4	100.0	100.0
	2016	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.4	100.0	100.0
	2017	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.4	100.0	100.0
	2018	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.7	100.0	100.0
Year 8-9	2014	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	99.9	95.2	100.0	100.0
	2015	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.4	100.0	93.0	100.0	100.0
	2016	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.9	100.0	91.7	100.0	100.0
	2017	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.0	100.0	95.7	100.0	100.0
	2018	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.0	100.0	92.3	100.0	100.0
Year 9-10	2014	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.9	100.0	91.5	100.0	100.0
	2015	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.9	100.0	90.9	100.0	100.0
	2016	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.6	100.0	92.6	100.0	100.0
	2017	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.8	100.0	95.9	100.0	100.0
	2018	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.8	100.0	89.9	100.0	100.0
Year 10-11	2014	90.0	94.8	95.3	100.0	96.3	83.8	85.7	100.0	94.1
	2015	90.1	95.3	96.4	100.0	94.8	85.4	83.0	100.0	94.4
	2016	89.7	95.2	96.5	100.0	95.4	85.9	85.6	100.0	94.3
	2017	88.6	95.8	96.8	100.0	97.7	86.1	89.3	100.0	94.4
	2018	87.8	94.5	97.3	100.0	97.2	87.8	83.5	100.0	93.7
Year 11-12	2014	86.5	89.2	90.2	86.8	82.5	83.4	77.6	86.4	87.6
	2015	86.0	89.4	91.0	88.2	84.2	86.1	74.5	88.9	87.9
	2016	85.7	89.2	90.6	89.7	85.0	82.9	77.3	87.0	87.8
	2017	86.4	89.6	90.9	87.7	87.1	83.2	82.0	87.2	88.3
	2018	86.1	88.4	90.7	86.9	87.0	85.0	72.9	86.5	87.7

Source: ABS Schools Australia

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NB: Apparent retention rates by single year (grade) are based on full time students only. Rates are expressed as a percentage of a school education year level that progresses to the next year level. That is, the number of students in a particular year level expressed as a percentage of the cohort of students in the previous year level one year earlier. These rates are akin to transition rates. The above tables reference the ABS published rates capped to 100 per cent. Capped rates were first published in 2015.

Number of schools

18. Number of schools by sector, August 2018

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Government	2,149	1,528	1,236	512	791	192	151	87	6,646
Primary	1,605	1,120	915	354	535	126	67	56	4,778
Secondary	369	245	185	65	108	37	15	19	1,043
Combined	65	82	92	75	83	25	64	8	494
Special	110	81	44	18	65	4	5	4	331
Non-government	952	710	509	204	303	69	37	47	2,831
Primary	502	427	222	99	143	31	11	27	1,462
Secondary	144	94	74	13	28	5	7	6	371
Combined	245	161	177	85	118	30	18	13	847
Special	61	28	36	7	14	3	1	1	151
All sectors	3,101	2,238	1,745	716	1,094	261	188	134	9,477
Primary	2,107	1,547	1,137	453	678	157	78	83	6,240
Secondary	513	339	259	78	136	42	22	25	1,414
Combined	310	243	269	160	201	55	82	21	1,341
Special	171	109	80	25	79	7	6	5	482

Source: ABS Schools Australia

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Number of students

19. Government and non-government full-time enrolments, August

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
2014									
Govt	762,244	563,549	515,501	165,144	258,627	55,864	29,395	37,205	2,387,529
N-govt	404,497	333,486	257,808	94,739	133,183	24,034	11,252	27,237	1,286,236
All sectors	1,166,741	897,035	773,309	259,883	391,810	79,898	40,647	64,442	3,673,765
2015									
Govt	770,574	575,481	522,345	167,508	266,903	56,080	28,741	38,628	2,426,260
N-govt	409,467	338,081	261,879	94,725	137,193	24,092	11,671	27,326	1,304,434
All sectors	1,180,041	913,562	784,224	262,233	404,096	80,172	40,412	65,954	3,730,694
2016									
Govt	779,257	588,729	531,590	169,911	270,571	56,071	29,312	40,187	2,465,628
N-govt	413,402	342,315	263,225	93,926	136,991	24,199	11,632	27,338	1,313,028
All sectors	1,192,659	931,044	794,815	263,837	407,562	80,270	40,944	67,525	3,778,656
2017									
Govt	789,833	603,389	541,171	171,748	275,910	56,174	30,235	41,722	2,510,182
N-govt	417,232	347,815	265,384	92,989	136,695	24,283	11,171	27,494	1,323,063
All sectors	1,207,065	951,204	806,555	264,737	412,605	80,457	41,406	69,216	3,833,245
2018									
Govt	796,769	617,926	550,829	173,467	280,469	56,483	29,528	43,068	2,548,539
N-govt	420,443	351,893	267,734	94,130	137,159	24,239	10,917	27,723	1,334,238
All sectors	1,217,212	969,819	818,563	267,597	417,628	80,722	40,445	70,791	3,882,777
Difference*	+0.1	+0.3	+0.2	-0.1	+0.3	+0.2	0.0	+0.5	+0.1

Source: ABS Schools Australia

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* Difference reflects the percentage point difference between the