

Summary Statistics for Victorian Schools

March 2016

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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 2016			
Primary	1,123	388	1,511
Primary–Secondary	78	12	90
Secondary	239	86	325
Special	80	7	87
Language	4	0	4
Total	1,524	493	2,017

Number (FTE) of students by year level, February 2015

	Government	Catholic Independent	All Schools
Number (FTE) of students by year level, February 2015			
Preparatory	52,217.0	16,178.6	68,395.6
Year 1	51,035.1	16,267.3	67,302.4
Year 2	50,942.9	16,724.1	67,667.0
Year 3	49,859.7	16,321.1	66,180.8
Year 4	47,349.9	15,947.2	63,297.1
Year 5	44,793.1	15,023.2	59,816.3
Year 6	44,646.7	14,771.3	59,418.0
Ungraded	0.0	0.0	0.0
Primary total	340,844.4	111,232.8	452,077.2
Year 7	36,750.7	17,048.2	53,798.9
Year 8	35,995.7	16,856.4	52,852.1
Year 9	37,500.7	16,704.8	54,205.5
Year 10	38,871.9	16,030.9	54,902.8
Year 11	38,411.3	15,108.4	53,519.7
Year 12	33,686.8	13,645.4	47,332.2
Ungraded	241.0	23.2	264.2
Secondary total	221,458.1	95,394.1	316,852.2
Special	12,076.1	559.0	12,635.1
Language	1,629.0		1,629.0
Total	576,007.6	207,185.9	783,193.5

Source: DET February School Census

NB: Figures on student FTE include all changes from the 2015 enrolment verification process.

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

	December 2014	March 2015	June 2015	September 2015	December 2015
Number (FTE) of teaching staff (including principals) in government schools on pay by school type, as at end of quarter					
Primary	19,691.7	20,290.0	20,247.9	20,251.1	20,052.5
Secondary	15,136.3	15,236.0	15,223.6	15,254.5	15,035.5
Special/P–12/ Lang/Other	6,289.5	6,452.2	6,454.6	6,461.2	6,482.8
Total	41,117.4	41,978.2	41,926.1	41,966.8	41,570.8

Source: DET Monthly Staffing Report

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

Year	Number of Students (FTE)					
	Schools	Primary	Secondary	Special	Language	Total
2011	1,539	309,092.6	221,728.4	9,989.0	1,182.0	541,992.0
2012	1,537	315,029.8	219,754.6	10,342.3	1,309.0	546,435.7
2013	1,529	323,086.3	219,168.8	11,048.4	1,380.0	554,683.5
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

Source: DET February School Census

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<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/factsandfigures.aspx>



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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
2011	280,815.0	261,177.0	51.6	52.3	49.4	51.8
2012	283,370.2	263,065.5	51.6	52.3	49.4	51.9
2013	288,233.5	266,450.0	51.6	52.3	50.1	52.0
2014	293,796.1	271,317.1	51.6	52.2	50.6	52.0
2015	299,222.0	276,785.6	51.6	52.0	50.6	51.9

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	
				Number	Percentage
2011	11,525	9,358	20,883	3.9	
2012	11,875	9,721	21,596	4.0	
2013	12,034	10,247	22,281	4.0	
2014	12,218	10,704	22,922	4.1	
2015	12,671	11,264	23,936	4.2	

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	%
2011	5,453.8	1.8	2,686.0	1.8	741.6	1.1	320.0	3.2	9,201.4	1.7
2012	5,762.4	1.8	2,859.4	1.9	749.3	1.1	357.4	3.4	9,728.5	1.8
2013	6,242.4	1.9	2,885.1	1.9	839.6	1.2	422.8	3.8	10,391.9	1.9
2014	6,579.2	2.0	3,088.6	2.1	955.8	1.4	474.1	4.1	11,097.7	2.0
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

Source: DET August School Census

NB: Years 7–10 includes secondary ungraded students.

6. Number of students – language backgrounds other than English, August

Year	Speak mainly English at home			Most common non-English languages spoken at home	
	Yes	No	Total		
2011	40,961	91,687	132,648	Vietnamese, Arabic, Cantonese, Mandarin	
2012	43,545	94,760	138,305	Vietnamese, Arabic, Mandarin, Cantonese	
2013	46,141	99,228	145,369	Vietnamese, Arabic, Mandarin, Chinese nfd	
2014	48,961	104,266	153,227	Vietnamese, Arabic, Mandarin, Chinese nfd	
2015	52,357	109,344	161,701	Vietnamese, Arabic, Mandarin, Chinese nfd	

Source: DET August School Census

nfd refers to 'not further defined'

7. Provision of languages other than English – government schools, August

Year	Primary Languages*		Secondary Languages*		Languages with highest Enrolments in VCE**
	Students	%	Students	%	
	2011	192,496	62.3	92,109	
2012#	174,693	55.5	91,453	41.7	Chinese, French, Japanese, Italian
2013	202,327	62.6	91,654	41.9	Chinese, French, Japanese, German
2014	226,041	68.1	91,134	41.5	Chinese, French, Japanese, German
2015	262,556	77.0	91,760	41.5	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, with data revised to meet that definition. #2012 data is deemed unreliable due to schools not completing the Languages Survey during industrial action and a more restrictive definition of the languages program.

8. International students (fee paying) in government schools

Year	At June 30th	Main countries of origin
2011	3,041	China, Vietnam, Korea, India, Japan
2012	2,731	China, Vietnam, Korea, India, Japan
2013	2,905	China, Vietnam, Korea, India, Japan
2014	3,169	China, Vietnam, India, Korea, Japan
2015	3,575	China, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, India, Korea

Source: DET International Education Division OSP database, July 2015

NB: Figures have been updated to reflect the status of international students in the International Education Division database as at 30 June of the current year. This update was due to a number of previously enrolled fee-paying international students who have subsequently transferred into a fee-exempt category.

9. VET in schools programs – certificate enrolments

Year	Government schools	Non-government schools	Total certificate enrolments
2011	39,217	18,135	57,352
2012	39,081	18,964	58,045
2013	38,146	18,882	57,028
2014	37,644	19,373	57,017
2015	36,940	20,860	57,800

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 rates¹ by sex and sector, February (per cent)

Year	Apparent retention Year 10–12			Apparent retention Year 7–12		
	Govt	Non-govt	All schools	Govt	Non-govt	All schools
2011	82.8	90.4	85.9	82.6	91.3	86.2
2012	81.3	90.3	85.0	83.0	90.6	86.2
2013	84.4	90.7	87.0	85.9	89.9	87.6
2014	85.8	91.4	88.1	88.4	90.0	89.1
2015	87.9	91.5	89.4	91.0	90.1	90.6
Male	83.7	88.9	85.8	85.9	87.5	86.6
Female	92.5	94.0	93.2	96.8	92.6	94.9

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)

	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15
	Year 9–10	99.4	99.8	100.3	102.2
Year 10–11	97.0	97.9	98.2	99.1	100.0
Year 11–12	85.0	83.8	86.2	87.4	88.7

Source: DET February School Census

Size of classes

12. Class sizes in government schools, February

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Primary classes					
Average class size – All classes	22.0	22.1	22.2	22.2	22.3
Average class size – Prep	19.2	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.5
Average class size – Prep–2	20.5	20.7	20.8	20.9	20.9
Average class size – Years 3–6	23.2	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.5
Secondary English classes					
Average class size – All classes	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.3
Average class size – Year 12	19.2	19.0	19.3	19.2	19.2

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

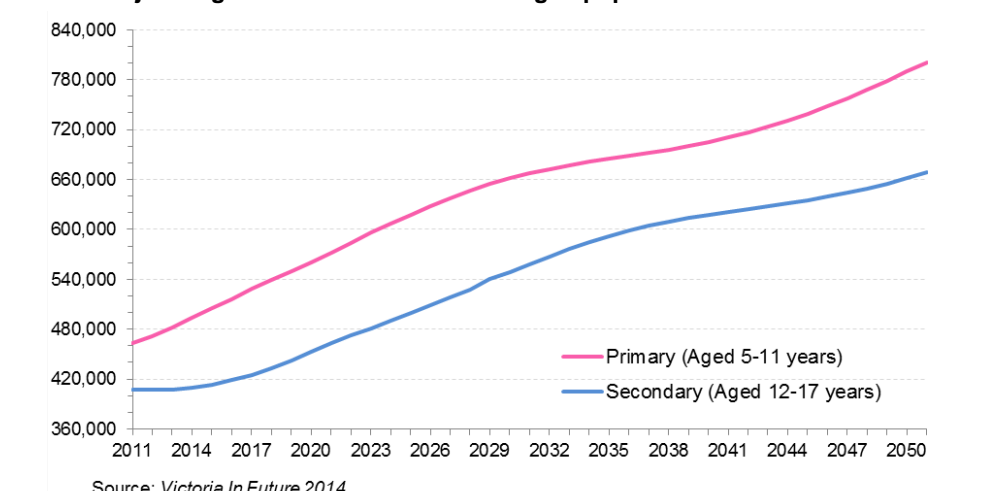
13. Schools, students, apparent retention rates (ARR) and class sizes by region, February

Region	February, 2015				Feb, 2014		Feb, 2015	
	Schools	Students (FTE)	ARR		Average class size			
			10–12	7–12	P–2	All Prim	P–2	All Prim
North-Eastern Victoria	390	137,263.9	88.5	90.0	20.8	22.3	20.8	22.4
North-Western Victoria	341	126,020.5	96.0	97.6	20.9	22.2	20.8	22.2
South-Eastern Victoria	397	162,559.8	85.0	90.5	21.1	22.4	21.2	22.5
South-Western Victoria	400	150,163.4	83.5	86.8	20.7	22.0	20.8	22.2
Total	1,528	576,007.6	87.9	91.0	20.9	22.2	20.9	22.3

Source: DET February School Census

Projected growth in school-aged population

14. Projected growth in Victorian school-aged population



Source: Victoria In Future 2014

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									
2011	73.0	77.0	74.8	79.3	72.3	70.4	66.9	100.0	75.0
2012	70.7	75.7	76.6	82.2	75.0	67.1	68.2	100.0	74.8
2013	71.1	78.9	78.7	83.8	79.3	68.4	67.0	100.0	76.7
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
All schools									
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
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
Male	74.0	81.2	85.6	88.4	77.5	68.7	59.3	92.2	79.7
Female	81.0	88.6	87.8	96.2	84.8	75.6	68.7	98.1	85.9

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

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Government									
2011	70.5	76.6	76.4	81.3	74.8	69.6	63.7	100.0	74.7
2012	70.5	77.2	78.5	84.2	77.1	67.8	62.1	100.0	75.8
2013	72.7	80.4	80.2	87.4	82.1	69.8	56.5	100.0	78.3
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
All schools									
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
2013	76.7	83.7	85.2	90.6	82.2	68.7	55.8	91.6	81.6
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
Male	74.6	82.4	87.0	91.6	79.4	68.0	50.2	94.0	80.7
Female	82.1	90.6	89.9	99.9	86.5	75.5	57.6	99.2	87.4

Source: ABS Schools Australia
<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/4221.02015?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 higher than for August as a number of Year 12 students leave during the year.

Apparent retention rates by single year (grade)range

17. All schools, August (per cent) Full-time students

Range	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust.
Year 7-8	2011	99.7	100.0	88.9	93.5	91.6	100.0	94.5	100.0	96.0
	2012	99.9	100.0	90.2	92.0	95.2	99.6	96.1	100.0	96.6
	2013	100.0	100.0	90.1	94.2	96.6	99.3	93.5	100.0	97.1
	2014	100.0	100.0	91.3	94.4	96.9	100.0	93.1	99.8	97.7
	2015	100.0	100.0	94.3	95.0	97.8	100.0	93.0	100.0	98.9
Year 8-9	2011	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.8	100.0	100.0
	2012	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.9	94.8	100.0	100.0
	2013	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	94.7	100.0	100.0
	2014	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	94.7	100.0	100.0
	2015	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	90.8	100.0	100.0
Year 9-10	2011	100.0	99.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.5	100.0	100.0
	2012	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.5	97.3	100.0	100.0
	2013	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	94.4	100.0	100.0
	2014	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	97.9	100.0	100.0
	2015	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.7	100.0	93.8	100.0	100.0
Year 10-11	2011	86.5	92.1	90.1	100.0	100.0	83.3	89.9	100.0	91.6
	2012	86.6	93.5	91.4	100.0	100.0	90.2	88.9	100.0	92.7
	2013	88.4	93.0	93.3	100.0	100.0	87.2	91.1	100.0	94.2
	2014	89.4	94.1	93.1	100.0	99.7	87.8	89.7	100.0	94.2
	2015	89.3	94.8	94.3	100.0	96.8	91.7	84.3	100.0	94.5
Year 11-12	2011	83.2	83.1	82.9	76.8	74.1	93.0	71.5	83.0	81.7
	2012	81.7	82.2	85.0	80.4	75.0	80.6	75.8	82.4	81.6
	2013	82.1	84.3	86.0	81.3	78.2	75.8	75.3	80.1	82.7
	2014	82.0	85.8	86.4	82.1	77.2	80.4	75.5	81.2	83.4
	2015	81.3	86.4	88.2	85.1	79.2	84.0	69.6	86.0	84.1

Source: ABS Schools Australia
<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/4221.02015?OpenDocument>

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 figures are akin to transition rates from one school education year level to the next.

In 2015, the ABS published rates capped to 100 per cent for the first time and are referenced in the above table. Uncapped rates are also available through the ABS website.

Year 12 attainment rates

18. Young people successfully attaining Year 12 or equivalent (per cent)

(a) Per cent of young people (aged 19) who have successfully attained Year 12 or qualification at Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) 2 or above

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Victoria	81.2	81.6	84.2	86.8	86.9

Source: VCAA, Higher Education and Skills Group administrative data, and ABS *Estimated Resident Population*

(b) Per cent of 20–24 year-olds who have attained Year 12 or a qualification at AQF 2 or above

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Victoria	83.9	85.5	86.1	88.7	86.8	88.1	86.1	88.0	90.3	89.1
Australia	81.2	81.9	83.5	84.2	84.5	85.6	84.1	85.9	87.1	86.3

Source: ABS *Survey of Education and Work (SEW)*

NB: This is a nationally agreed measure and is sourced from a sample survey. A small movement in the year to year result may not represent a real change but could be due to sampling errors. Therefore any comparison across time needs to consider the 95% confidence interval associated with the measure.

Number of schools

19. Number of schools by sector, August 2015

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Government	2,151	1,526	1,234	522	778	191	151	86	6,639
Non-government	928	697	491	197	306	64	37	45	2,765
Total	3,079	2,223	1,725	719	1,084	255	188	131	9,404

Source: ABS Schools Australia

<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/4221.02015?OpenDocument>

Number of students

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

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
2011									
Govt	744,392	539,929	489,518	164,032	236,387	57,065	29,049	34,586	2,294,958
N-govt	383,925	316,269	244,134	92,796	127,331	23,658	10,251	26,210	1,224,574
Total	1,128,317	856,198	733,652	256,828	363,718	80,723	39,300	60,796	3,519,532
2012									
Govt	746,874	545,006	498,013	165,127	244,874	56,393	29,346	35,584	2,321,217
N-govt	390,477	321,839	249,669	93,864	129,328	23,636	10,513	26,522	1,245,848
Total	1,137,351	866,845	747,682	258,991	374,202	80,029	39,859	62,106	3,567,065
2013									
Govt	753,994	553,442	506,944	166,544	253,383	55,757	29,370	36,281	2,355,715
N-govt	398,557	327,708	254,467	94,604	131,712	23,875	11,039	26,928	1,268,890
Total	1,152,551	881,150	761,411	261,148	385,095	79,632	40,409	63,209	3,624,605
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
Total	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
Total	1,180,041	913,562	784,224	262,233	404,096	80,172	40,412	65,954	3,730,694

Source: ABS, *Schools Australia*

<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/4221.02015?OpenDocument>

21. Full-time students in government sector, August (per cent)

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
2011	66.0	63.1	66.7	63.9	65.0	70.7	73.9	56.9	65.2
2012	65.7	62.9	66.6	63.8	65.4	70.5	73.6	57.3	65.1
2013	65.4	62.8	66.6	63.8	65.8	70.0	72.7	57.4	65.0
2014	65.3	62.8	66.7	63.5	66.0	69.9	72.3	57.7	65.0
2015	65.3	63.0	66.6	63.9	66.0	69.9	71.1	58.6	65.0
Difference*	0.0	+0.2	-0.1	+0.4	0.0	0.0	-1.2	+0.9	0.0

Source: ABS Schools Australia