

MARY STATISTICS for Victorian Schools

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 scho	ool type, February 20)23		
Primary	1,146	396	34	1,576
Primary-Secondary	79	13	153	245
Secondary	254	85	14	353
Special	83	5	24	112
Language	4	0	0	4
_Total	1,566	499	225	2,290
Number (FTE) of students	by year level, Februa	ry 2023		
Preparatory	53,960.0	15,565.9	9,250.7	78,776.6
Year 1	54,803.5	15,827.2	9,343.5	79,974.2
Year 2	55,271.8	16,031.3	9,220.0	80,523.1
Year 3	55,367.1	15,876.0	9,598.9	80,842.0
Year 4	54,785.8	16,060.0	9,672.0	80,517.8
Year 5	54,883.4	16,028.1	10,758.4	81,669.9
Year 6	52,875.9	15,575.0	10,679.7	79,130.6
Ungraded	78.0	0.0	0.0	78.0
Primary total	382,025.5	110,963.5	68,523.2	561,512.2
Year 7	43,573.3	18,059.0	16,831.6	78,463.9
Year 8	44,195.7	18,110.4	16,370.3	78,676.4
Year 9	44,698.3	17,544.4	15,802.5	78,045.2
Year 10	45,527.2	17,261.2	15,917.6	78,706.0
Year 11	43,361.7	16,059.6	15,115.1	74,536.4
Year 12	34,700.2	14,281.7	13,656.2	62,638.1
Ungraded	82.0	0.0	0.0	82.0
Secondary total	256,138.4	101,316.3	93,693.3	451,148.0
Special	13,942.6	898.0	2,809.2	17,649.8
Language	1,870.0	0.0	0.0	1,870.0
Total	653,976.5	213,177.8	165,025.7	1,032,180.0
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Source: DE February School Census

NB: Figures on student FTE include all changes from the 2023 enrolment data verification process.

Number (FTE) of teaching staff (including principals) in government schools on pay by

school type, as at end of quarter											
	December	March	June	September	December						
	2022	2023	2023	2023	2023						
Primary	23,776.8	24,563.7	24,463.8	24,538.9	24,419.5						
Secondary	17,548.5	18,237.9	18,145.3	18,167.1	18,138.1						
Special/P-12/ Lang/Other	7,917.4	8,075.4	8,079.8	8,075.5	8,095.0						
Total	49.242.7	50.877.0	50.688.9	50.781.5	50.652.6						

Source: DE Monthly Staffing Report

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

	Year	Number	Number of Students (FTE)							
		of Schools	Primary	Secondary	Special	Language	Total			
_	2019	1,539	378,385.7	237,705.8	13,455.7	1,906.0	631,453.2			
	2020	1,543	384,337.0	246,491.6	13,435.8	2,093.0	646,357.4			
	2021	1,553	382,674.9	250,460.5	13,473.0	1,436.0	648,044.4			
	2022	1,557	378,809.6	251,299.9	13,670.1	1,644.0	645,423.6			
	2023	1,566	382,025.5	256,138.4	13,942.6	1,870.0	653,976.5			

Source: DE February School Census

Compiled by the Department of Education Victoria https://www.vic.gov.au/statistics-victorian-schools-and-teaching

Profile of Victorian government school students

Number (FTE) of students by sex in government schools, February Percentage of male students Year 7-10 Year 11-12 All Students 2019 328,012.9 303,440.3 52.1% 49.5% 51.7% 2020 335,702.1 310,655.3 49.7% 51.6% 52 2% 51.9% 2021 336,584.2 311,460.2 51.6% 52.2% 49.8% 51.9% 2022 335.339.2 309.994.7 51.6% 52.2% 49.7% 52.0% 312,941.9

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340,211.1 Source: DE February School Census

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NB: Year 7-10 includes secondary ungraded students.

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

Year	Total in schools	% of total student cohort
2022	162,023	25.1
2023	177,125	27.0

Source: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on students with disabilities, 2022

As of 2022, the department has adopted the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on students with disability as the measure for students with disability in this brochure, replacing students receiving funding under the Program for Students with Disabilities. This new measure includes all students receiving a reasonable adjustment in response to a disability, as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

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

Year	Primar	У	Years 7-	-10	Years 11-	-12	Specia	a/	Total		
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
2019	8,548.7	2.2	3,969.4	2.4	1,167.9	1.7	713.3	5.3	14,400.4	2.3	
2020	8,926.5	2.3	4,261.0	2.5	1,246.9	1.8	739.3	5.5	15,173.7	2.4	
2021	9,353.1	2.4	4,611.4	2.6	1,264.9	1.8	769.1	5.6	15,998.5	2.5	
2022	9,614.9	2.5	4,843.7	2.7	1,322.2	1.8	783.0	5.7	16,563.8	2.6	
2023	10,138.4	2.6	5,064.8	2.8	1,490.7	2.0	819.1	5.8	17,513.0	2.7	

Source: DE August School Census

NB: Years 7-10 includes secondary ungraded students.

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

Year	Speak mainly English at home		Speak mainly English at home Most common non-			Most common non-English languages
	Yes	No	Total	spoken at home		
2018	64,107	133,635	197,742	Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chinese nfd		
2019	67,108	142,131	209,239	Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Punjabi		
2020	70,753	147,988	218,741	Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Punjabi		
2021	72,179	149,958	222,137	Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Punjabi		
2022	74,017	155,973	229,990	Mandarin, Arabic, Vietnamese, Punjabi		
2023	77,136	167,208	244,344	Mandarin, Punjabi, Arabic, Vietnamese		

Source: DE August School Census

nfd indicates 'not further defined'

7. International students (fee paying) in government schools

Year	At June 30 th	Main countries of origin
2018	5,811	China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Saudi Arabia, India
2019	5,670	China, Vietnam, Cambodia, India, Saudi Arabia
2020	5,494	China, Vietnam, Cambodia, India, Korea
2021	3,860	China, Vietnam, India, Cambodia, Saudi Arabia
2022	2,928	China, Vietnam, India, Cambodia, Saudi Arabia
2023	4,060	China, Vietnam, India, Cambodia, Hong Kong

Source: DE International Education Division VISIT database, July 2023

NB: Enrolment figures include all primary and secondary visa holders defined as fee paying international students under Ministerial Order 819 - Fees for Overseas Students in Government Schools. Secondary visa holders include dependent children of temporary residents or international students studying in Victorian vocational education, training, and tertiary institutions.

8. VET in schools programs - certificate enrolments

Year	Government schools	Non-government schools	Total certificate enrolments
2019	36,440	26,028	62,468
2020	36,647	26,257	62,904
2021	39,051	27,454	66,505
2022	38,990	28,863	67,853
2023	40,124	30,569	70,693
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NB: Excludes students whose home enrolment is a non-school setting. Students may enrol in more than one VFT certificate

9. Enrolment (FTE) share by enrolment type and sector, February (per cent)

	Primary		Sec	ondary	Total		
Year	Gov	Non-Gov	Gov	Non-Gov	Gov	Non-Gov	
2019	68.5	31.5	56.8	43.2	63.9	36.1	
2020	68.7	31.3	57.1	42.9	64.0	36.0	
2021	68.6	31.4	57.1	42.9	63.9	36.1	
2022	68.2	31.8	56.9	43.1	63.6	36.4	
2023	68.0	32.0	56.8	43.2	63.4	36.6	

Source: DE February School Census.

Retention and transition rates

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

Year	Year Apparent retention Ye			Year 10–12 Apparent retention Year 7				
	Gov	Non-Gov	All Schools	Gov	Non-Gov	All Schools		
2019	84.3	91.5	87.4	91.7	89.7	90.8		
2020	84.3	91.9	87.5	91.3	90.5	91.0		
2021	84.9	91.9	87.9	91.5	90.7	91.1		
2022	82.3	90.1	85.6	88.0	88.8	88.3		
2023	81.2	89.9	84.9	84.2	88.1	85.9		
Male	76.5	86.8	80.7	79.1	84.3	81.3		
Female	85.9	92.8	88.9	89.2	91.6	90.2		

Source: DE February School Census.

NB: Years 10-12 and 7-12 apparent retention rates refer to Year 12 full-time equivalent (FTE) enrolments expressed as a proportion of the Year 10 (2 years earlier) and Year 7 (5 years earlier) FTE enrolments.

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

	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
Year 9-10	103.2	102.5	99.6	99.5	101.8
Year 10-11	97.2	97.9	97.3	96.3	98.7
Year 11-12	85.4	86.7	86.7	84.6	84.3

Source: DE February School Census

NB: Transition rates are expressed as a percentage of a school education year level that progresses to the next year level. That is, the number (FTE) of students in a particular year level expressed as a percentage of the cohort of students in the previous year level one year earlier.

Size of classes

12. Class sizes in government schools. February

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Primary classes					
Average class size – All classes	22.2	22.2	22.0	21.8	22.0
Average class size – Prep	19.3	19.4	19.2	18.9	18.9
Average class size – Prep–2	20.7	20.8	20.4	20.3	20.4
Average class size – Years 3–6	23.4	23.4	23.2	23.1	23.2
Secondary English classes					
Average class size – All classes	21.3	21.3	21.4	21.2	21.4
Average class size – Year 12	18.9	19.2	19.2	18.9	18.8

Source: DE February School Census

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

Regional summary – government schools

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

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		February :	2023		Fel	b 2022	Feb	2023
Region	Schools	Students	Al	RR		Average (class s	ize
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North-Eastern Victoria	378	142,750.4	82.8%	83.4%	20.3	21.9	20.3	22.0
North-Western Victoria	350	143,827.6	86.8%	89.0%	20.2	21.6	20.2	21.7
South-Eastern Victoria	412	185,557.4	79.3%	85.6%	20.2	21.8	20.4	21.9
South-Western Victoria	426	181,841.1	77.5% 79.6%		20.2	21.8	20.5	22.1
Total	1,566	653,976.5	81.2% 84.2%		20.3	21.8	20.4	22.0

Source: DE February School Census

NB: Special and Language enrolments are included in the "Total" column but excluded for "Primary" and

Interstate comparisons including some key indicators

Apparent retention rates

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

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NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
70.6	77.8	83.4	85.3	84.0	80.4	61.8	104.1	78.0
73.3	78.1	78.5	85.1	84.2	79.5	73.5	103.4	78.2
71.5	78.2	77.5	82.6	83.6	79.9	68.9	101.5	77.2
66.5	76.2	74.4	80.8	78.4	76.1	59.9	98.0	73.5
66.3	75.9	74.0	78.1	78.0	71.8	59.9	97.6	73.0
62.0	71.7	70.3	72.8	74.1	65.8	56.4	88.7	68.7
70.9	80.4	77.8	83.8	82.2	78.5	63.7	107.5	77.5
75.8	83.3	88.1	89.1	85.5	74.3	64.1	89.8	82.0
77.5	83.9	83.7	88.6	85.8	73.9	70.4	90.1	82.1
76.3	83.9	83.2	87.1	85.6	74.5	67.5	89.7	81.6
73.2	82.1	81.0	86.0	82.0	71.7	62.6	87.8	79.0
73.0	81.9	80.7	85.0	82.0	69.0	61.8	87.7	78.7
68.9	77.8	77.7	80.2	78.8	64.5	57.3	83.8	74.9
77.2	86.1	83.8	90.1	85.2	73.7	66.5	91.7	82.7
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15. Year 7-12 apparent retention rates, August (per cent) full-time students

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Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Government									
2019	73.5	85.8	87.9	91.7	83.4	82.1	57.1	100.0	82.2
2020	75.7	85.1	80.4	90.8	82.8	82.5	65.4	100.0	81.4
2021	73.5	84.7	79.3	87.6	81.7	82.0	65.1	100.0	80.0
2022	70.5	80.9	74.8	83.7	76.7	77.2	56.2	100.0	76.0
2023	68.3	78.0	73.0	78.4	75.2	71.0	55.3	100.0	73.6
Male	65.1	73.4	68.7	73.4	71.4	65.1	52.4	93.0	69.5
Female	71.6	82.9	77.7	83.9	79.2	77.6	58.3	100.0	78.0
All sectors									
2019	77.1	87.4	91.3	93.4	83.5	75.5	54.3	94.0	84.0
2020	78.4	87.6	85.3	92.7	83.9	74.9	57.8	91.9	83.6
2021	77.1	87.5	85.3	91.1	83.6	75.7	56.8	90.9	83.1
2022	75.5	84.5	82.2	88.3	80.5	72.3	54.2	87.9	80.5
2023	74.2	82.6	80.9	86.3	80.0	68.7	51.7	89.2	79.1
Male	70.4	78.2	77.3	81.4	76.7	64.0	47.8	86.6	75.2
Female	78.0	87.3	84.7	91.5	83.3	73.7	55.8	91.9	83.2

Source: ABS Schools Australia

https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/education/schools/latest-release

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. DE 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

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

Range	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust.
Year	2019	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.7	100.0	100.0
7-8	2020	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.7	96.1	99.9	100.0
	2021	99.5	99.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.6	97.4	99.8	99.9
	2022	99.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.1	95.0	99.1	99.9
	2023	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	94.5	99.7	100.0
Year	2019	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.0	99.8	95.7	100.0	100.0
8-9	2020	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.9	100.0	95.1	100.0	100.0
	2021	99.6	99.9	100.0	100.0	98.8	99.3	95.8	100.0	99.7
	2022	99.8	100.0	99.8	100.0	99.0	99.3	93.5	100.0	99.7
	2023	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	99.6	93.9	100.0	100.0
Year	2019	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.6	100.0	95.6	99.5	100.0
9-10	2020	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.0	100.0	97.7	100.0	100.0
	2021	99.1	99.4	99.0	100.0	98.4	99.3	94.9	100.0	99.2
	2022	99.3	100.0	98.8	100.0	98.5	99.4	93.6	100.0	99.5
	2023	99.8	100.0	99.1	100.0	98.8	99.2	93.6	100.0	100.0
Year	2019	88.0	94.4	93.7	100.0	97.2	85.3	91.4	100.0	93.2
10-11	2020	89.4	94.4	92.9	100.0	97.9	88.2	90.2	100.0	93.5
	2021	85.6	94.4	91.4	100.0	94.8	85.9	86.8	98.6	91.4
	2022	84.5	93.5	90.9	100.0	92.7	84.8	82.9	98.6	90.4
	2023	84.2	94.8	90.5	100.0	93.8	83.9	85.7	99.3	90.7
Year	2019	86.3	88.1	90.6	85.3	87.9	84.6	76.8	87.7	87.5
11-12	2020	88.1	88.8	89.3	84.0	88.3	86.6	77.0	89.4	88.1
	2021	85.4	88.9	89.6	84.4	87.4	84.5	74.8	88.6	87.3
	2022	85.5	87.0	88.6	83.8	86.5	83.5	72.1	89.0	86.4
	2023	86.4	87.6	88.8	83.6	88.4	81.3	74.6	88.9	87.1

Source: ABS Schools Australia

https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/education/schools/latest-release

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

17. Number of schools by sector, August 2023

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Government	2,154	1,560	1,250	508	810	189	151	90	6,712
Primary	1,604	1,140	916	348	548	124	63	58	4,801
Secondary	371	252	194	68	113	36	15	19	1,068
Combined	65	86	94	74	84	25	68	9	505
Special	114	82	46	18	65	4	5	4	338
Non-government	971	723	547	204	310	72	43	47	2,917
Primary	485	431	229	86	138	29	11	27	1,436
Secondary	140	93	85	17	30	5	9	6	385
Combined	278	165	189	91	125	34	22	13	917
Special	68	34	44	10	17	4	1	1	179
All sectors	3,125	2,283	1,797	712	1,120	261	194	137	9,629
Primary	2,089	1,571	1,145	434	686	153	74	85	6,237
Secondary	511	345	279	85	143	41	24	25	1,453
Combined	343	251	283	165	209	59	90	22	1,422
Special	182	116	90	28	82	8	6	5	517

Source: ABS Schools Australia

https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/education/schools/latest-release

Number of students

18. Government and non-government full-time students. August

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
2019									
Govt	804,563	631,055	559,157	175,694	284,718	56,486	29,789	44,075	2,585,537
Non-govt	425,849	356,353	273,552	95,076	138,378	24,608	10,705	28,134	1,352,655
All	1,230,412	987,408	832,709	270,770	423,096	81,094	40,494	72,209	3,938,192
2020									
Govt	808,949	641,462	572,115	175,580	289,775	56,480	30,218	45,371	2,619,950
N-govt	431,012	361,682	283,741	96,465	139,675	24,979	10,384	28,573	1,376,511
All sectors	1,239,961	1,003,144	855,856	272,045	429,450	81,459	40,602	73,944	3,996,461
2021									
Govt	800,986	642,488	573,031	172,883	292,335	55,468	29,918	45,939	2,613,048
N-govt	440,849	365,167	291,915	99,843	143,667	25,640	10,453	29,157	1,406,691
All sectors	1,241,835	1,007,655	864,946	272,726	436,002	81,108	40,371	75,096	4,019,739
2022									
Govt	789,664	642,777	569,353	171,514	292,710	54,892	29,246	46,074	2,596,230
N-govt	450,615	369,495	299,027	102,902	146,996	26,080	10,649	29,634	1,435,398
All sectors	1,240,279	1,012,272	868,380	274,416	439,706	80,972	39,895	75,708	4,031,628
2023									
Govt	784,690	653,791	568,050	171,027	298,147	53,842	28,876	45,987	2,604,410
N-govt	462,491	378,357	307,182	104,817	151,052	26,660	10,710	30,452	1,471,721
All sectors	1,247,181	1,032,148	875,232	275,844	449,199	80,502	39,586	76,439	4,076,131

Source: ABS Schools Australia

https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/education/schools/latest-release

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

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
2019	65.4	63.9	67.1	64.9	67.3	69.7	73.6	61.0	65.7
2020	65.2	63.9	66.8	64.5	67.5	69.3	74.4	61.4	65.6
2021	64.5	63.8	66.3	63.4	67.0	68.4	74.1	61.2	65.0
2022	63.7	63.5	65.6	62.5	66.6	67.8	73.3	60.9	64.4
2023	62.9	63.3	64.9	62.0	66.4	66.9	72.9	60.2	63.9
Difference	-0.8	-0.2	-0.7	-0.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.4	-0.7	-0.5

Source: ABS Schools Australia

https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/education/schools/latest-release

Number of teachers

20. Number (FTE) of teachers in government sector, August

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
2019	51,808.1	46,840.1	41,945.8	12,791.7	19,572.1	4,153.5	2,520.2	3,327.6	182,959.1
2020	54,501.7	48,411.6	42,895.5	12,876.6	20,114.8	4,266.5	2,572.1	3,430.6	189,069.4
2021	56,005.1	50,340.1	42,990.3	12,826.1	20,718.4	4,314.5	2,535.3	3,456.6	193,186.4
2022	55,877.1	50,960.9	43,134.5	12,844.0	20,699.7	4,337.3	2,576.1	3,502.0	193,931.6
2023	55,605.7	52,143.4	43,133.2	12,863.5	20,939.4	4,279.0	2,489.6	3,495.5	194,949.3

Source: ABS Schools Australia

https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/education/schools/latest-release

NB: The ABS has specific definitions for counting teachers. This excludes teachers not in schools or ancillary education establishments, those on more than four weeks leave and casual relief teachers. The above data is used in the calculation of student–teacher ratios.

In 2020, the Victorian Department of Education and Training provided revised 2019 teaching staff FTE data. The ABS also reissued 2022 Victorian government school staff FTE data due to an undercount of 401.1 FTE.

Student - teacher ratios

21. Student-teacher ratios in government schools, August

School Level	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Primary	2019	16.8	14.4	14.3	14.5	15.8	14.4	11.8	14.0	15.2
	2020	16.0	14.1	14.3	14.5	15.6	13.9	11.8	13.9	14.8
	2021	15.2	13.5	14.4	14.5	15.3	13.7	11.8	13.4	14.4
	2022	15.0	13.5	14.2	13.8	15.3	13.4	11.4	13.6	14.3
	2023	14.9	13.4	14.2	13.7	15.4	13.3	11.8	13.5	14.2
Secondary	2019	13.9	12.3	12.1	12.7	12.8	12.7	11.9	12.3	12.8
	2020	13.4	12.2	12.1	12.5	12.8	12.5	11.8	12.4	12.6
	2021	13.2	11.8	12.1	12.1	12.6	12.0	11.9	13.3	12.4
	2022	13.0	11.6	12.1	12.9	12.6	12.0	11.4	12.7	12.3
	2023	13.2	11.5	12.0	12.9	12.7	11.8	11.4	12.8	12.3

Source: ABS Schools Australia

https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/education/schools/latest-release

Expenditure on school education

22. Real (in-school) per student expenditure (\$) – government schools

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
Prim 2020-21	20,147	17,937	17,590	19,233	18,909	19,846	21,726	23,973	18,937
Prim 2021-22	21,111	19,317	18,922	19,467	18,376	21,608	21,970	24,167	19,892
Sec 2020–21	23,887	22,282	21,955	23,131	20,618	23,470	25,796	27,107	22,831
Sec 2021–22	24,854	22,879	22,639	23,374	22,069	24,822	25,777	28,345	23,571

Source: Report on Government Services 2024

https://www.pc.gov.au/ongoing/report-on-government-services

NB: Expenditure (\$) is based on Commonwealth, State and Territory government recurrent expenditure. The user cost of capital is included but capital grants are excluded. Real dollars are previous year's expenditure in current year's dollars after basing expenditure on the ABS GDP price deflator 2021–22=100. Volatility in the GDP deflator series can affect annual movements of real expenditure. Expenditure per FTE student is calculated by the total recurrent government expenditure on government schools divided by the two-year average full-time equivalent (FTE) student population in 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

Student achievement-literacy and numeracy (NAPLAN)

23. Per cent achieving proficiency levels of strong or exceeding, 2023

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Year 3									
Numeracy	68.2	69.3	58.9	59.1	61.7	58.2	67.8	35.8	64.7
Reading	69.8	71.2	61.5	64.4	63.0	62.3	71.0	38.9	66.8
Writing	79.7	80.1	70.0	72.9	74.2	68.2	76.5	46.0	76.0
Year 5									
Numeracy	70.9	70.3	64.5	61.8	65.9	59.2	72.7	39.7	67.7
Reading	75.4	78.9	70.7	71.5	71.2	67.6	79.5	46.6	74.2
Writing	69.7	74.3	57.0	58.4	64.3	56.3	66.8	40.1	66.2
Year 7									
Numeracy	70.1	69.4	63.6	62.6	67.6	57.1	70.5	38.8	67.2
Reading	70.6	72.3	63.9	65.9	67.4	61.2	74.1	41.7	68.4
Writing	66.1	68.6	54.8	55.9	61.7	53.2	64.3	36.2	62.5
Year 9									
Numeracy	66.1	66.6	58.6	58.1	69.4	54.0	67.3	35.9	63.9
Reading	63.5	66.2	57.7	59.0	68.7	55.8	69.2	36.7	62.8
Writing	59.2	63.9	51.7	53.6	60.3	50.6	60.5	33.7	58.0
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Source: ACARA National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) National Report, 2023

 $\underline{\text{https://www.acara.edu.au/reporting/national-report-on-schooling-in-australia/naplan-national-results}$

NB: National literacy and numeracy data are subject to measurement error. Care should be taken when making comparisons between states and territories. Please note that 2023 NAPLAN results are not comparable with previous years.

Victorian data – student cohort groups: per cent achieving proficiency levels of strong or exceeding, 2023

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Cohort		Nun	neracy			Re	ading		Writing				
Group	Year 3	Year 5	Year 7	Year 9	Year 3	Year 5	Year 7	Year 9	Year 3	Year 5	Year 7	Year 9	
Male	72.0	73.5	71.7	68.3	67.4	75.6	68.5	62.4	74.5	69.0	61.5	56.2	
Female	66.6	67.0	67.0	64.9	75.2	82.4	76.2	70.1	85.9	79.9	76.1	71.9	
Indigenous	42.9	38.5	34.6	32.5	47.0	50.6	41.8	38.9	54.5	45.3	37.1	34.3	
LBOTE	69.2	72.0	72.4	68.9	71.9	78.6	73.0	65.6	82.0	78.6	71.9	65.6	

Source: ACARA National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) National Report, 2023

https://www.acara.edu.au/reporting/national-report-on-schooling-in-australia/naplan-national-results

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^{*} Difference reflects the percentage point difference between the 2023 and 2022 rate.