

# SUMMARY STATISTICS for Victorian Schools

JULY 2019

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## Size of the Victorian school education system

### 1. Numbers of schools, students and teachers

	Government	Catholic Independent	All Schools
<b>Number of schools by school type, February 2019</b>			
Primary	1,126	393	1,557
Primary-Secondary	81	13	242
Secondary	247	85	343
Special	81	5	108
Language	4	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>2,254</b>

### Number (FTE) of students by year level, February 2019

	Government	Catholic Independent	All Schools
<b>Primary total</b>			
Preparatory	56,032.9	15,935.0	8,516.6
Year 1	56,777.5	16,177.4	8,363.9
Year 2	54,571.9	15,829.6	8,193.0
Year 3	53,934.7	15,856.0	8,309.4
Year 4	53,396.3	16,041.6	8,745.9
Year 5	51,793.8	16,095.0	9,487.0
Year 6	51,786.6	16,436.0	10,002.7
Ungraded	92.0	0.0	11.2
<b>Primary total</b>	<b>378,385.7</b>	<b>112,370.6</b>	<b>61,629.7</b>
<b>Secondary total</b>			
Year 7	43,327.5	17,774.6	14,987.8
Year 8	41,814.4	17,285.9	14,409.4
Year 9	40,210.8	16,417.2	14,045.0
Year 10	40,791.0	16,263.5	13,873.7
Year 11	38,696.9	15,284.7	13,841.1
Year 12	32,607.2	13,993.8	12,732.2
Ungraded	258.0	0.0	8.0
<b>Secondary total</b>	<b>237,705.8</b>	<b>97,019.7</b>	<b>83,897.2</b>
Special	13,455.7	579.9	1,486.0
Language	1,906.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>631,453.2</b>	<b>209,970.2</b>	<b>147,012.9</b>

Source: DET February School Census

NB: Figures on student FTE include all changes from the 2019 enrolment verification process.

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

	March 2018	June 2018	September 2018	December 2018	March 2019
Primary	22,310.4	22,464.7	22,432.8	22,368.0	22,903.7
Secondary	15,976.9	16,051.9	15,996.0	15,837.6	16,254.8
Special/P-12/ Lang/Other	7,113.5	7,100.5	7,133.8	7,102.0	7,364.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,400.8</b>	<b>45,617.0</b>	<b>45,562.6</b>	<b>45,307.6</b>	<b>46,523.1</b>

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
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
2019	1,539	378,385.7	237,705.8	13,455.7	1,906.0	631,453.2

Source: DET February School Census

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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
2019	328,012.9	303,440.3	51.7	52.1	49.5	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
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
2019	15,650	12,416	28,066	4.44

Source: DET Program for Students with Disabilities, Wellbeing Health and Engagement Division

### 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	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
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 indicates '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	41.5	Chinese, French, Japanese, German
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
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
2019	5,670	China, Vietnam, Cambodia, India, Saudi Arabia

Source: DET International Education Division OSP database, July 2019

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
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
2019	84.3	91.5	87.4	91.7	89.7	90.8
Male	79.1	88.5	83.0	85.3	86.5	85.8
Female	89.9	94.4	91.9	98.5	92.9	95.9

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)

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Year 9-10	102.1	103.6	104.1	103.3	103.2
Year 10-11	100.0	99.6	100.2	98.8	97.2
Year 11-12	88.7	88.5	87.5	86.4	85.4

Source: DET February School Census

## Size of classes

### 12. Class sizes in government schools, February

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Primary classes</b>					
Average class size - All classes	22.3	22.3	22.3	22.2	22.2
Average class size - Prep	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.4	19.3
Average class size - Prep-2	20.9	20.8	20.9	20.7	20.7
Average class size - Years 3-6	23.5	23.4	23.4	23.4	23.4
<b>Secondary English classes</b>					
Average class size - All classes	21.3	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.3
Average class size - Year 12	19.5	19.0	19.0	19.0	18.9

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

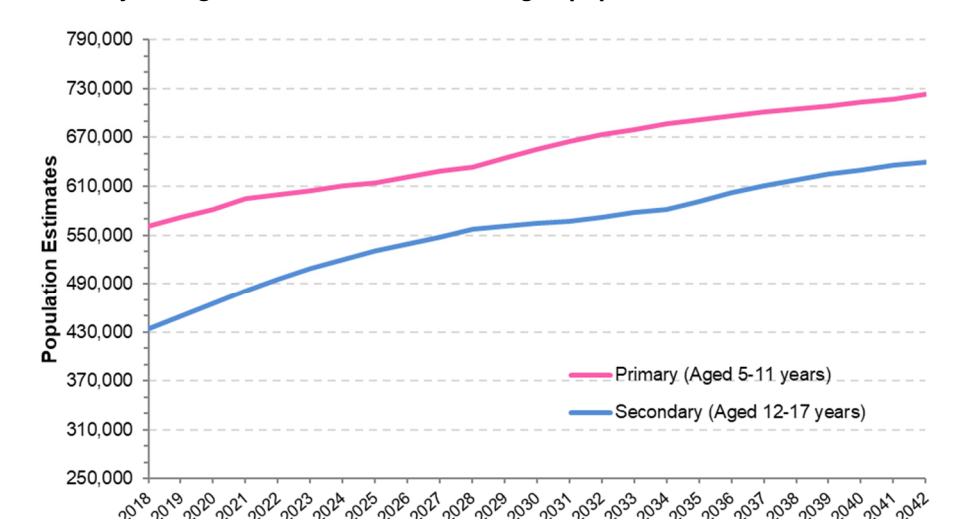
### 13. Schools, students, apparent retention rates (ARR) and class sizes by region, February

Region	February, 2019		Feb, 2018		Feb, 2019			
	Schools	Students (FTE)	ARR		Average class size			
			10-12	7-12	P-2	All Prim	P-2	All Prim
North-Eastern Victoria	385	145,087.9	85.3%	92.2%	20.6	22.2	20.6	22.3
North-Western Victoria	340	138,931.8	90.7%	96.8%	20.5	21.9	20.5	21.9
South-Eastern Victoria	402	179,310.2	81.5%	92.7%	20.9	22.3	20.9	22.4
South-Western Victoria	412	168,123.3	81.2%	86.0%	20.7	22.1	20.7	22.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>631,453.2</b>	<b>84.3%</b>	<b>91.7%</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>22.2</b>

Source: DET February School Census

## Projected growth in school-aged population

### 14. Projected growth in Victorian school-aged population



Source: Victoria In Future 2019



## 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
<b>Government</b>									
2014	72.5	<b>79.8</b>	80.6	86.6	87.0	70.1	68.8	100.0	78.6
2015	72.6	<b>81.2</b>	82.1	91.1	79.0	73.8	62.5	100.0	79.2
2016	72.0	<b>81.7</b>	82.7	95.3	78.3	73.4	65.1	100.0	79.5
2017	73.0	<b>80.4</b>	82.9	91.2	81.7	74.1	73.6	100.0	79.8
2018	71.4	<b>79.9</b>	83.7	88.4	83.9	76.5	66.9	100.0	79.2
Male	66.5	<b>75.2</b>	81.2	82.7	81.3	72.3	62.3	93.9	75.1
Female	76.3	<b>85.0</b>	86.3	94.4	86.8	81.3	71.8	100.0	83.6
<b>All sectors</b>									
2014	77.5	<b>84.1</b>	85.9	89.9	85.9	69.4	68.1	92.4	82.5
2015	77.5	<b>84.8</b>	86.7	92.2	81.0	72.1	63.8	95.1	82.7
2016	77.2	<b>85.0</b>	87.3	94.5	80.5	70.8	64.2	92.2	82.9
2017	77.5	<b>85.3</b>	87.8	91.7	83.1	71.5	70.2	92.1	83.3
2018	76.3	<b>84.7</b>	87.8	90.8	85.0	73.2	65.1	90.0	82.8
Male	72.2	<b>80.6</b>	85.8	86.4	82.5	69.1	63.0	85.7	79.3
Female	80.5	<b>89.0</b>	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
<b>Government</b>									
2014	74.0	<b>82.5</b>	82.9	90.9	95.8	69.2	61.3	100.0	81.0
2015	74.1	<b>84.8</b>	84.8	96.2	83.3	74.1	52.9	100.0	81.8
2016	74.3	<b>87.4</b>	85.3	99.7	80.0	74.1	57.9	100.0	82.5
2017	75.6	<b>86.8</b>	85.8	96.0	82.7	75.1	61.1	100.0	83.1
2018	74.4	<b>87.9</b>	86.4	94.8	83.8	78.9	57.7	100.0	83.1
Male	69.0	<b>82.3</b>	82.9	87.8	81.4	74.7	52.8	100.0	78.3
Female	80.1	<b>94.2</b>	90.2	100.0	86.6	83.5	63.1	100.0	88.3
<b>All sectors</b>									
2014	78.1	<b>85.2</b>	87.1	93.0	89.3	68.4	59.6	94.6	83.6
2015	78.2	<b>86.4</b>	88.4	95.7	82.8	71.7	53.7	96.6	84.0
2016	78.4	<b>87.9</b>	88.6	97.5	80.3	70.4	56.7	94.0	84.3
2017	78.9	<b>88.5</b>	89.1	94.7	82.3	71.5	58.6	94.8	84.8
2018	77.8	<b>88.7</b>	89.2	94.6	83.3	74.0	52.5	92.8	84.5
Male	73.3	<b>84.0</b>	86.6	89.0	81.1	69.8	50.4	90.6	80.6
Female	82.5	<b>93.5</b>	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.
<b>Year 7-8</b>	2014	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.6	99.9	100.0
	2015	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	96.4	100.0	100.0
	2016	99.9	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.4	100.0	100.0
	2017	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.4	100.0	100.0
	2018	99.9	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.7	100.0	100.0
<b>Year 8-9</b>	2014	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	99.9	100.0	99.9	95.2	100.0	100.0
	2015	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	99.4	100.0	93.0	100.0	100.0
	2016	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	98.9	100.0	91.7	100.0	100.0
	2017	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	99.0	100.0	95.7	100.0	100.0
	2018	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	99.0	100.0	92.3	100.0	100.0
<b>Year 9-10</b>	2014	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	98.9	100.0	91.5	100.0	100.0
	2015	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	98.9	100.0	90.9	100.0	100.0
	2016	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	98.6	100.0	92.6	100.0	100.0
	2017	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	98.8	100.0	95.9	100.0	100.0
	2018	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	98.8	100.0	89.9	100.0	100.0
<b>Year 10-11</b>	2014	90.0	<b>94.8</b>	95.3	100.0	96.3	83.8	85.7	100.0	94.1
	2015	90.1	<b>95.3</b>	96.4	100.0	94.8	85.4	83.0	100.0	94.4
	2016	89.7	<b>95.2</b>	96.5	100.0	95.4	85.9	85.6	100.0	94.3
	2017	88.6	<b>95.8</b>	96.8	100.0	97.7	86.1	89.3	100.0	94.4
	2018	87.8	<b>94.5</b>	97.3	100.0	97.2	87.8	83.5	100.0	93.7
<b>Year 11-12</b>	2014	86.5	<b>89.2</b>	90.2	86.8	82.5	83.4	77.6	86.4	87.6
	2015	86.0	<b>89.4</b>	91.0	88.2	84.2	86.1	74.5	88.9	87.9
	2016	85.7	<b>89.2</b>	90.6	89.7	85.0	82.9	77.3	87.0	87.8
	2017	86.4	<b>89.6</b>	90.9	87.7	87.1	83.2	82.0	87.2	88.3
	2018	86.1	<b>88.4</b>	90.7	86.9	87.0	85.0	72.9	86.5	87.7

Source: ABS Schools Australia

<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/4221.02018?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 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
<b>Government</b>	2,149	<b>1,528</b>	1,236	512	791	192	151	87	6,646
Primary	1,605	<b>1,120</b>	915	354	535	126	67	56	4,778
Secondary	369	<b>245</b>	185	65	108	37	15	19	1,043
Combined	65	<b>82</b>	92	75	83	25	64	8	494
Special	110	<b>81</b>	44	18	65	4	5	4	331
<b>Non-government</b>	952	<b>710</b>	509	204	303	69	37	47	2,831
Primary	502	<b>427</b>	222	99	143	31	11	27	1,462
Secondary	144	<b>94</b>	74	13	28	5	7	6	371
Combined	245	<b>161</b>	177	85	118	30	18	13	847
Special	61	<b>28</b>	36	7	14	3	1	1	151
<b>All sectors</b>	3,101	<b>2,238</b>	1,745	716	1,094	261	188	134	9,477
Primary	2,107	<b>1,547</b>	1,137	453	678	157	78	83	6,240
Secondary	513	<b>339</b>	259	78	136	42	22	25	1,414
Combined	310	<b>243</b>	269	160	201	55	82	21	1,341
Special	171	<b>109</b>	80	25	79	7	6	5	482

Source: ABS Schools Australia

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

### Number of students

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

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

Source: ABS Schools Australia