

Class size target achievement and average class size

- A class size snapshot is undertaken in May of each year.
- Schools are allocated classroom teaching staff to achieve the formation of classes on or within established class size targets.
- The Department of Education is committed to the following maximum class size targets:
 - 25 students per teacher for Prep Year, Year 1 — Year 3
 - 28 students per teacher for Year 4 — Year 6
 - 28 students per teacher for Year 7 — Year 10
 - 25 students per teacher for Year 11 — Year 12
- The class size targets for composite classes are informed by the relevant year level target. Where composite classes exist across cohorts (e.g. year 3/4) the class target would be the lower cohort target.
- While targets are an important consideration in the formation of classes, the actual make-up of classes is determined at the school level by principals in consultation with staff. For example, a principal may form a class with one or two students over the target to keep students of the same year level together, rather than forming multi-age classes.
- From 2015, Year 7 has moved to secondary in Queensland state schools. A small number of schools took part in a pilot program in 2014.
- In 2016, the class size methodology was refined to remain current with the way that schools utilise timetabling in a local context. This methodology was also applied to 2015 data to allow for accurate comparison, resulting in some minor amendments to 2015 data.
- For secondary classes, the department collects an enhanced dataset of class size information from each school's timetable. This compilation of period-level data captures a wider variety of school practices in creating classes and represents a more accurate reflection of class configuration decisions made by schools. This method removes bias due to subjects having a different number of lessons per week.
- Care should be taken when making comparisons between primary and secondary year levels:
 - Primary class size data are based on roll classes.
 - Secondary class size data are based on individual periods where a specific subject, or set of subjects, are taught on a specific day and time.

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Proportion of classes achieving class size targets

Year Level Group	Target (n)	Year	Meeting or Better Than Target (%)	Better Than Target (%)	On Target (%)	Over Target (%)
Prep Year – Year 3	25	2015	87	68	19	13
		2016	89	73	16	11
		2017	91	76	15	9
		2018	92	77	15	8
Year 4 – Year 6	28	2015	90	75	15	10
		2016	91	79	12	9
		2017	94	79	15	6
		2018	94	82	12	6
Year 7 – Year 10	28	2015	95	85	10	5
		2016	95	85	10	5
		2017	96	86	10	4
		2018	96	87	10	4
Year 11 – Year 12	25	2015	93	87	6	7
		2016	95	89	6	5
		2017	95	90	6	5
		2018	97	93	4	3

Notes:

- Numbers may not total owing to rounding.
- Refinements to the calculation of class sizes have been applied from 2015. Exercise caution when comparing data from previous years.

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Average class sizes

Average class size is defined as the number of students under the instruction of a full-time equivalent teacher.

Year Level Group	Target	Year	Average Class Size
Prep Year – Year 3	25	2015	22.6
		2016	22.4
		2017	22.2
		2018	22.2
Year 4 – Year 6	28	2015	25.3
		2016	25.0
		2017	25.0
		2018	24.9
Year 7 – Year 10	28	2015	22.5
		2016	22.2
		2017	22.3
		2018	22.5
Year 11 – Year 12	25	2015	18.3
		2016	18.1
		2017	18.1
		2018	17.0

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Regional summary

The department's regional structure consists of seven integrated service delivery regions.

2018 average class sizes

Geographic Region	Prep Year – Year 3 (n)	Year 4 – Year 6 (n)	Year 7 – Year 10 (n)	Year 11 – Year 12 (n)
Central Queensland	20.9	24.1	21.1	15.0
Darling Downs South West	19.4	22.4	20.1	15.4
Far North Queensland	20.6	23.6	22.0	15.9
Metropolitan	23.2	25.7	23.7	18.0
North Coast	22.7	25.3	22.5	17.1
North Queensland	20.7	24.1	21.7	16.6
South East	23.0	25.5	22.9	17.7
Queensland	22.2	24.9	22.5	17.0

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Central Queensland

Year Level Group	Target (n)	Year	Meeting or Better Than Target (%)	Better Than Target (%)	On Target (%)	Over Target (%)
Prep Year – Year 3	25	2015	92	74	17	8
		2016	92	78	14	8
		2017	96	84	12	4
		2018	94	81	13	6
Year 4 – Year 6	28	2015	94	81	13	6
		2016	95	88	8	5
		2017	96	86	10	4
		2018	95	83	12	5
Year 7 – Year 10	28	2015	98	92	6	2
		2016	98	94	4	2
		2017	98	94	5	2
		2018	99	95	4	1
Year 11 – Year 12	25	2015	96	91	5	4
		2016	96	92	4	4
		2017	97	92	4	3
		2018	99	96	3	1

Darling Downs South West

Year Level Group	Target (n)	Year	Meeting or Better Than Target (%)	Better Than Target (%)	On Target (%)	Over Target (%)
Prep Year – Year 3	25	2015	93	84	9	7
		2016	93	85	8	7
		2017	96	86	10	4
		2018	96	88	8	4
Year 4 – Year 6	28	2015	91	80	12	9
		2016	97	88	9	3
		2017	94	86	9	6
		2018	96	91	5	4
Year 7 – Year 10	28	2015	99	95	4	1
		2016	99	95	4	1
		2017	99	95	3	1
		2018	99	95	4	1
Year 11 – Year 12	25	2015	97	94	3	3
		2016	97	93	4	3
		2017	96	93	3	4
		2018	97	95	2	3

Far North Queensland

Year Level Group	Target (n)	Year	Meeting or Better Than Target (%)	Better Than Target (%)	On Target (%)	Over Target (%)
Prep Year – Year 3	25	2015	87	75	11	13
		2016	89	78	11	11
		2017	93	83	10	7
		2018	94	82	12	6
Year 4 – Year 6	28	2015	91	84	7	9
		2016	95	86	9	5
		2017	95	84	10	5
		2018	96	88	8	4
Year 7 – Year 10	28	2015	96	86	10	4
		2016	96	88	8	4
		2017	97	91	7	3
		2018	96	88	8	4
Year 11 – Year 12	25	2015	96	91	5	4
		2016	95	91	4	5
		2017	95	91	4	5
		2018	98	94	3	2

Metropolitan

Year Level Group	Target (n)	Year	Meeting or Better Than Target (%)	Better Than Target (%)	On Target (%)	Over Target (%)
Prep Year – Year 3	25	2015	84	63	21	16
		2016	85	67	19	15
		2017	88	69	19	12
		2018	89	73	17	11
Year 4 – Year 6	28	2015	87	71	16	13
		2016	88	72	16	12
		2017	94	77	17	6
		2018	93	78	15	7
Year 7 – Year 10	28	2015	92	78	14	8
		2016	93	80	13	7
		2017	94	80	14	6
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