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State school enrolments

February 2017–21

Table 1: Students by region

- A total of 580,172 students were enrolled in Queensland state schools in February 2021
- From 2017 to 2021, enrolments grew by 35,330 (6.5%).
- In 2021, the largest proportion of state school students were in Metropolitan Region (29.8%), South East Region (22.0%), and North Coast Region (20.7%).

Region	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Central Queensland	47,110	47,284	48,778	49,333	48,996
Darling Downs South West	42,010	42,499	42,425	42,686	42,147
Far North Queensland	36,157	36,362	36,485	38,044	38,460
Metropolitan	153,627	158,572	163,557	170,478	173,006
North Coast	115,804	117,192	118,221	119,986	119,814
North Queensland	33,760	34,038	33,843	34,448	34,488
South East	118,469	120,880	123,104	126,970	127,583
Total	544,842	554,137	562,900	578,100	580,172

Notes:

- Counts are individual students within each grouping. As students may have multiple enrolments across groups, column sums may exceed totals.
- Includes students from Prep Year to Year 12.
- The Department of Education has seven integrated service-delivery regions across Queensland.

Table 2: Students by year level

- In 2021, 336,430 students (58.0% of total state school students) were enrolled in primary year levels and 243,745 (42.0%) were enrolled in secondary year levels.

Year Level	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Preparatory Year	46,617	47,597	47,133	46,683	46,241
Year 1	47,669	47,394	48,217	47,888	46,915
Year 2	48,728	48,148	47,947	48,751	48,048
Year 3	48,308	49,249	48,674	48,355	48,918
Year 4	48,300	48,726	49,717	48,875	48,309
Year 5	47,143	48,437	48,715	49,530	48,483
Year 6	45,670	47,362	48,921	49,106	49,526
Total Primary	332,426	336,892	339,318	339,182	336,430
Year 7	39,202	41,607	42,698	44,368	43,592
Year 8	38,636	39,715	41,982	43,231	44,489
Year 9	36,618	38,661	39,822	42,088	43,111
Year 10	26,468	37,611	39,732	40,718	42,489
Year 11	37,186	26,174	35,528	37,482	37,541
Year 12	34,357	33,529	23,862	31,069	32,553
Total Secondary	212,418	217,247	223,586	238,919	243,745
Queensland	544,842	554,137	562,900	578,100	580,172

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- A smaller half cohort of students was introduced in Prep Year in 2007 to align with the shift in the compulsory school starting age from 2008. 2020 was the first year without the half cohort enrolled in a state school year level.

Table 3: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by region

- A total of 63,405 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students were enrolled in Queensland state schools in February 2021, making up 10.9% of all Queensland's state school students.
- From 2017 to 2021, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments grew by 9,217 (17.0%), compared to 6.5% for all students.
- In 2021, the largest proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students were in Far North Queensland Region (20.1%), North Coast Region (16.5%), and North Queensland Region (14.0%).

Region	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Central Queensland	6,282	6,720	7,253	7,514	7,767
Darling Downs South West	5,850	6,161	6,395	6,682	6,819
Far North Queensland	12,028	12,041	12,132	12,502	12,721
Metropolitan	7,109	7,524	7,870	8,434	8,782
North Coast	8,588	9,126	9,513	10,059	10,439
North Queensland	7,834	8,199	8,332	8,656	8,907
South East	6,698	6,973	7,382	8,053	8,610
Total	54,188	56,505	58,457	61,363	63,405

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- The Department of Education has seven integrated service-delivery regions across Queensland.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are self-identified at the time of enrolment.

Table 4: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by year level

- In 2021, 38,135 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (60.1% of total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments in Queensland state schools) were enrolled in primary year levels and 25,271 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (39.9%) were enrolled in secondary year levels.

Year Level	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Preparatory Year	5,079	5,219	5,166	5,467	5,593
Year 1	5,064	5,201	5,274	5,270	5,529
Year 2	5,005	5,144	5,280	5,372	5,318
Year 3	4,992	5,100	5,207	5,372	5,459
Year 4	4,951	5,115	5,175	5,309	5,459
Year 5	4,713	5,080	5,196	5,243	5,403
Year 6	4,471	4,811	5,238	5,346	5,379
Total Primary	34,274	35,662	36,536	37,379	38,135
Year 7	4,091	4,277	4,612	4,981	5,056
Year 8	3,831	4,167	4,328	4,680	5,013
Year 9	3,677	3,787	4,122	4,350	4,626
Year 10	2,482	3,712	3,817	4,180	4,437
Year 11	3,272	2,256	3,244	3,333	3,594
Year 12	2,571	2,655	1,805	2,467	2,554
Total Secondary	19,914	20,844	21,921	23,984	25,271
Queensland	54,188	56,505	58,457	61,363	63,405

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