

# Summary Statistics for Victorian Schools

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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 2009</b>				
Primary	1,183	379	46	1,608
Primary-secondary	61	13	141	215
Secondary	250	86	22	358
Special	76	8	13	97
Language	4	0	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>2,282</b>
<b>Number (FTE) of students by year level, February 2009</b>				
Preparatory	45,037.9	14,849.2	6,394.7	66,281.8
Year 1	43,676.5	14,515.1	6,223.6	64,415.2
Year 2	43,109.6	14,230.9	6,002.2	63,342.7
Year 3	43,456.1	14,420.5	6,202.6	64,079.2
Year 4	43,975.3	14,303.8	6,346.9	64,626.0
Year 5	43,360.8	14,067.0	7,259.6	64,687.4
Year 6	43,686.9	13,870.2	7,567.6	65,124.7
Ungraded	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.2
<b>Primary total</b>	<b>306,304.3</b>	<b>100,256.7</b>	<b>45,997.2</b>	<b>452,558.2</b>
Year 7	37,406.4	16,047.2	12,224.4	65,678.0
Year 8	38,258.6	15,858.4	12,093.8	66,210.8
Year 9	39,726.6	15,313.7	12,124.1	67,164.4
Year 10	39,116.6	14,892.0	12,293.5	66,302.1
Year 11	37,989.4	13,763.2	12,727.7	64,480.3
Year 12	30,802.0	12,089.8	12,163.4	55,055.2
Ungraded	123.0	0.0	1.9	124.9
<b>Secondary total</b>	<b>223,422.6</b>	<b>87,964.3</b>	<b>73,628.8</b>	<b>385,015.7</b>
Special	9,012.3	185.0	428.8	9,626.1
Language	1,314.0	0.0	0.0	1,314.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>540,053.2</b>	<b>188,406.0</b>	<b>120,054.8</b>	<b>848,514.0</b>

Source: DEECD February School Census NB: Figures on student FTE include all changes from the 2009 enrolment verification process.

	Number (FTE) of teaching staff in schools on pay by school type, as at end of quarter				
	March 2008	June 2008	September 2008	December 2008	March 2009
Primary	18,869.7	18,829.5	18,894.4	18,754.5	18,847.4
Secondary	16,923.4	17,003.2	16,993.4	16,811.1	16,424.2
Special/P-12/ Lang/Other	4,503.7	4,614.5	4,640.1	4,622.8	5,168.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,296.8</b>	<b>40,447.2</b>	<b>40,527.9</b>	<b>40,188.4</b>	<b>40,440.2</b>

Source: DEECD Quarterly Workforce Summary

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

Year	Number of Schools	Number of Students (FTE)				
		Primary	Secondary	Special	Language	Total
1999	1,635	306,218.0	216,367.4	5,413.6	1,073.0	529,072.0
2005	1,617	309,972.6	221,618.3	7,219.4	1,142.0	539,952.3
2006	1,606	307,576.5	222,826.7	7,756.1	1,184.0	539,343.3
2007	1,594	306,223.2	223,290.4	8,005.3	1,339.0	538,857.9
2008	1,587	305,005.9	223,331.1	8,579.2	1,200.0	538,116.2
2009	1,574	306,304.3	223,422.6	9,012.3	1,314.0	540,053.2

Source: DEECD February School Census

## 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
1999	271,859.0	257,213.0	51.7	51.7	47.6	51.4
2005	278,333.8	261,618.5	51.7	52.0	48.1	51.5
2006	278,111.9	261,231.4	51.7	52.1	48.1	51.6
2007	278,343.8	260,514.1	51.7	52.1	48.6	51.7
2008	277,867.2	260,249.0	51.7	51.9	48.7	51.6
2009	279,382.8	260,670.4	51.6	52.2	49.0	51.7

Source: DEECD February School Census. NB: Yr 7-10 includes secondary ungraded students.

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

Year	In regular schools	In special schools	Total	% of total student cohort
2004	13,964	7,180	21,144	3.9
2005	8,824	7,618	16,442	3.0
2006	9,419	7,252	16,671	3.1
2007	9,640	7,658	17,298	3.2
2008	9,901	7,970	17,871	3.3

Source: DEECD August School Census and records. NB: Figures from 2005 onwards 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	%
1999	3,376.4	1.1	1,387.1	0.9	277.8	0.5	70.9	1.3	5,112.2	1.0
2004	4,263.3	1.4	1,836.1	1.2	387.7	0.6	138.5	2.0	6,625.6	1.2
2005	4,368.5	1.4	1,983.1	1.3	432.9	0.7	151.9	2.1	6,938.4	1.3
2006	4,502.7	1.5	2,104.1	1.3	r448.7	0.7	r158.0	2.0	r7,213.5	1.3
2007	4,629.0	1.5	2,252.9	1.4	536.9	0.8	176.3	2.2	7,595.1	1.4
2008	4,824.4	1.6	2,288.5	1.5	536.5	0.8	201.7	2.3	7,851.1	1.5

Source: DEECD August School Census NB: Years 7-10 includes secondary ungraded students. r = revised

### 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		
1999	63,205	68,981	132,186	Vietnamese, Turkish, Arabic, Cantonese	
2004	63,090	72,733	135,823	Vietnamese, Arabic, Cantonese, Turkish	
2005	61,596	74,945	136,541	Vietnamese, Arabic, Cantonese, Turkish	
2006	61,166	76,799	137,965	Vietnamese, Arabic, Cantonese, Turkish	
2007	33,423	79,801	113,224	Vietnamese, Arabic, Cantonese, Turkish	
2008	35,539	82,800	118,339	Vietnamese, Arabic, Cantonese, Turkish	

Source: DEECD August School Census NB: 2007 figures can not be compared to previous years due to a change in definition. From 2007 onwards, a student is from a language background other than English if either the student or one parent/guardian speaks a language other than English at home.

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

Year	Primary LOTE		Secondary LOTE		Languages with highest enrolments in VCE*
	Students	%	Students	%	
1999	272,696	88.7	115,015	54.2	French, German, Japanese, Indonesian
2003	267,827	85.5	115,109	53.3	Chinese, French, Japanese, German
2004	271,192	86.7	121,445	56.0	Chinese, French, Japanese, Indonesian
2005	265,989	85.5	117,655	53.9	Chinese, French, Japanese, Indonesian
2006	248,873	80.6	114,498	52.1	Chinese, French, Japanese, Italian
2007	229,501	74.7	108,122	49.1	Chinese, French, Japanese, German
2008	215,739	70.4	100,190	45.5	Chinese, French, Japanese, Indonesian

Source: DEECD August LOTE Surveys \*NB: From 2007 onwards, languages with highest enrolments are based on VCE Units 1-4 (Years 11 and 12).

### 8. International students (fee paying) in government schools

Year	At June 30th	Main countries of origin
2004	2,378	China, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Hong Kong
2005	2,148	China, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Hong Kong
2006	2,128	China, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Hong Kong
2007	2,589	China, Korea, Vietnam, Japan, Hong Kong
2008	2,747	China, Vietnam, Korea, India, Japan

Source: DEECD International Education database.

### 9. VET in schools programs – certificate enrolments

Year	Government schools	Non-government schools	Total certificate enrolments
1999	10,103	4,773	14,876
2004	25,985	11,976	37,961
2005	28,877	13,352	42,229
2006	30,134	15,433	45,567
2007	31,759	17,008	48,767
2008	33,247	18,322	51,569

Source: VCAA database 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<sup>1</sup> by sex and sector, February (per cent)

Year	Apparent retention Years 10-12			Apparent retention Years 7-12		
	Govt	Non-govt	All schools	Govt	Non-govt	All schools
1999	79.2	89.0	82.8	76.5	89.2	81.2
2005	82.7	92.0	86.4	80.3	92.7	85.1
2006	81.1	93.0	85.8	78.8	93.0	84.4
2007	81.3	91.7	85.5	79.9	91.1	84.4
2008	79.7	93.1	85.1	78.2	93.2	84.2
2009	81.1	92.9	85.9	79.3	93.9	85.1
Male	74.7	89.1	80.4	72.5	88.9	78.8
Female	88.1	96.6	91.6	86.8	98.9	91.8

Source: DEECD February School Census. Refer footnote<sup>1</sup> under Table 16 for definition of apparent retention rate and explanation of differences between February and August figures.

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

Year	1999-00	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	Year 9-10	97.1	97.1	97.6	97.2	97.5
Year 10-11	95.4	97.2	98.1	97.1	97.0	97.6
Year 11-12	82.6	84.3	83.4	82.8	82.1	83.5

Source: DEECD February School Census

## Size of classes

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

	1999	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Primary classes</b>						
Average class size – All classes	25.4	22.6	22.4	22.3	22.2	22.1
Average class size – Prep	23.2	19.6	19.4	19.4	19.3	19.2
Average class size – P-2	24.3	20.8	20.8	20.7	20.6	20.5
Average class size – Years 3-6	26.2	24.0	23.7	23.4	23.4	23.3
<b>Secondary English classes</b>						
Average class size – All classes	22.7	21.9	21.5	21.6	21.6	21.6
Average class size – Year 12	21.0	19.9	19.5	19.7	19.7	19.4

Source: DEECD 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 (ARR) and class sizes by region, February

Region	February, 2009		ARR		Average class size			
	Schools	Students (FTE)	10-12	7-12	P-2	All Prim	P-2	All Prim
	Western Metropolitan	138	71,459.9	82.9	83.8	25.1	26.1	21.2
Northern Metropolitan	199	78,638.8	91.3	89.2	25.1	26.2	20.7	22.1
Eastern Metropolitan	247	104,913.9	89.7	88.0	25.2	26.3	21.1	22.8
Southern Metropolitan	250	119,658.8	79.1	82.6	25.3	26.3	21.0	22.7
Barwon South Western	139	39,913.8	68.7	65.3	23.2	24.3	20.1	21.6
Grampians	130	25,166.4	70.8	64.6	22.7	23.7	18.7	20.3
Loddon Mallee	162	38,664.3	78.0	72.4	22.8	24.0	19.6	20.9
Hume	159	31,866.6	71.1	65.2	22.7	23.9	18.9	20.7
Gippsland	150	29,770.7	72.1	66.8	22.4	23.8	19.1	20.7
Metropolitan	834	374,671.4	85.4	85.8	25.2	26.3	21.0	22.6
Non-metropolitan	740	165,381.8	72.4	67.2	22.8	23.9	19.3	20.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1574</b>	<b>540,053.2</b>	<b>81.1</b>					

## Interstate comparisons including some key indicators

### Apparent retention rates

#### 15. Year 10–12 apparent retention rates<sup>1</sup>, August (per cent) Full-time students

August	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Government</b>									
1999	64.7	73.5	73.2	64.8	67.8	67.5	70.0	107.1	69.6
2004	68.6	77.2	75.0	62.9	66.7	76.5	90.8	100.8	72.2
2005	68.5	77.0	72.7	64.4	66.3	67.2	76.2	99.5	71.3
2006	68.2	75.8	72.2	64.6	66.0	64.4	79.0	101.1	70.8
2007	67.8	76.2	72.3	65.7	63.7	63.7	75.7	96.6	70.5
2008	67.6	74.2	70.7	66.0	67.6	61.8	74.6	96.6	70.1

<b>All schools</b>									
August	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
1999	70.0	78.7	78.3	71.4	71.5	68.9	64.7	92.5	74.4
2004	73.2	83.0	80.8	71.6	72.4	76.3	75.2	88.4	77.2
2005	73.2	82.2	79.3	72.1	72.2	67.8	69.5	88.1	76.5
2006	73.0	82.1	78.6	72.7	71.4	65.0	68.0	88.9	76.2
2007	72.4	81.8	78.6	73.3	69.5	65.3	65.5	85.9	75.6
2008	72.2	80.9	77.5	74.3	72.2	64.9	66.5	86.4	75.6
Male	67.3	74.8	73.1	67.5	67.1	59.2	61.3	84.9	70.3
Female	77.4	87.1	81.9	81.4	77.4	70.9	72.2	88.0	81.0

#### 16. Year 7–12 apparent retention rates<sup>1</sup>, August (per cent) Full-time students

August	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Government</b>									
1999	61.2	69.8	71.8	58.1	66.5	65.7	60.0	110.0	66.4
2004	65.8	74.4	75.3	58.0	65.9	r76.0	72.0	100.5	r69.9
2005	65.8	74.0	73.0	61.7	65.4	65.5	70.5	99.6	69.4
2006	65.1	72.6	71.6	61.9	65.1	63.2	72.3	103.2	68.5
2007	64.5	73.9	71.1	64.0	63.1	63.3	69.4	96.6	68.3
2008	64.6	71.9	70.3	64.7	68.2	61.3	67.6	95.9	68.3

<b>All schools</b>									
August	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
1999	67.6	76.2	77.5	67.0	71.5	66.7	52.9	92.5	72.3
2004	71.1	81.1	81.2	68.0	72.6	76.4	59.0	88.5	75.7
2005	71.1	80.6	79.9	70.7	72.5	67.1	59.1	87.5	75.3
2006	70.5	79.9	r78.8	71.5	71.8	64.8	58.4	88.7	74.7
2007	69.7	80.1	78.5	72.7	70.3	65.4	61.7	85.2	74.3
2008	69.6	79.4	78.0	74.4	73.6	64.8	60.1	85.2	74.5
Male	64.5	72.4	73.0	66.9	68.0	58.9	56.6	84.2	68.8
Female	74.9	86.7	83.1	82.2	79.5	71.1	63.9	86.3	80.5

Source: ABS, Schools Australia [www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/4221.02008?OpenDocument](http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/4221.02008?OpenDocument) r = revised

<sup>1</sup>ABS Year 10–12 & 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. DEECD 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.

### School participation rates

#### 17. School participation rates – all schools, August (per cent of population)

Age	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust.
14	2004	97.1	98.6	97.8	97.5	98.2	99.0	91.9	108.4	97.9
	2005	97.1	98.4	97.5	98.0	98.8	98.1	89.2	110.9	97.9
	2006	97.0	98.8	97.1	98.6	98.4	100.4	90.1	110.9	97.9
	2007	97.8	99.4	97.7	99.3	98.0	99.6	85.9	113.1	98.4
	2008	97.8	99.6	98.3	100.2	98.8	99.8	89.1	113.6	98.8
15	2004	92.9	94.7	92.4	95.8	92.2	99.2	86.7	104.9	93.7
	2005	93.2	95.7	91.7	96.1	92.0	99.2	86.4	106.7	93.9
	2006	93.3	96.1	92.3	96.2	95.3	98.6	84.5	109.8	94.5
	2007	93.1	96.3	92.8	97.5	94.1	100.8	83.9	109.4	94.5
	2008	93.9	97.3	93.0	98.7	93.9	100.0	78.4	111.1	95.1
16	2004	79.7	88.6	83.6	87.4	78.2	89.0	75.8	99.4	83.6
	2005	79.4	88.5	82.7	87.8	78.0	87.4	74.0	101.7	83.3
	2006	80.0	89.9	82.3	88.3	80.1	87.3	72.6	102.4	83.9
	2007	79.9	90.0	82.8	90.5	79.5	86.6	71.6	104.0	84.1
	2008	79.8	89.4	82.1	90.6	80.5	88.5	70.0	103.4	83.9
17	2004	68.5	78.7	51.4	67.7	41.5	70.0	54.7	90.0	65.0
	2005	68.4	77.5	50.3	69.1	42.6	67.5	51.9	88.4	64.6
	2006	68.6	78.7	49.5	70.3	41.5	67.9	51.3	91.5	64.7
	2007	68.0	79.3	48.6	70.8	40.5	67.5	48.8	90.7	64.3
	2008	67.9	78.5	48.0	71.9	41.8	64.9	48.6	91.3	64.1
18	2004	15.9	21.7	6.3	14.2	4.9	18.8	16.9	21.7	14.3
	2005	15.6	21.6	5.7	13.5	4.3	25.7	14.2	24.6	14.2
	2006	15.8	22.8	5.3	14.5	4.0	28.1	13.0	23.5	14.5
	2007	15.9	23.0	5.1	14.5	3.5	28.1	13.5	23.0	14.5
	2008	16.0	25.8	5.2	15.1	3.4	29.1	11.4	23.3	15.2
19	2004	2.2	2.8	1.3	4.0	1.3	4.4	4.0	2.5	2.3
	2005	2.1	2.4	1.1	3.7	1.2	3.8	4.3	2.1	2.1
	2006	1.8	2.2	0.9	3.6	0.9	3.9	4.0	2.1	1.9
	2007	1.6	2.3	0.8	4.0	0.8	3.7	2.7	1.6	1.8
	2008	1.6	2.6	0.9	4.2	0.7	3.7	3.3	2.4	1.9

Source: ABS Schools Australia <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/4221.02008?OpenDocument>  
NB: School participation rates are based on full time plus part time students. Published data prior to 2007 showed rates based on full time students only for 15 to 19 year olds.

### Year 12 completion rates

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

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

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Victoria	73.6	74.4	75.7	75.8	r78.4	r78.8	r77.2	r78.5	77.6

Source: VCAA & DIIRD certificate completion data and ABS population estimates. r = revised  
NB: The rate from 2003 includes actual completions in the VET sector. The rate up to 2002 includes an estimate of VET completions based on the ABS Census.

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

	1999	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Victoria	82.9	r82.1	r82.8	r84.9	r84.7	r83.9	r85.5	86.1	88.7
Australia	80.1	r79.1	r80.0	r80.4	r81.3	r81.2	81.9	83.5	84.2

Source: ABS Survey of Education and Work r = revised  
NB: In 2008 the ABS issued a revision of this series which has resulted in a change to the historical series.

### Number of schools

#### 19. Number of schools by sector, August 2008

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Government	2,189	1,585	1,250	596	768	210	151	84	6,833
Non-government	920	703	463	199	297	67	36	44	2,729
Total	3,109	2,288	1,713	795	1,065	277	187	128	9,562

Source: ABS Schools Australia <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/4221.02008?OpenDocument>

### Number of students

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

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>1999</b>									
Govt	763,169	524,849	425,876	176,303	227,232	62,954	28,487	38,804	2,247,674
N-govt	326,423	269,705	168,708	73,920	89,377	20,859	8,280	21,704	978,976
Total	1,089,592	794,554	594,584	250,223	316,609	83,813	36,767	60,508	3,226,650
<b>2004</b>									
Govt	744,229	536,216	448,806	165,866	229,766	60,685	28,335	35,821	2,249,724
N-govt	362,820	286,084	190,149	82,656	106,300	21,577	8,695	23,959	1,082,240
Total	1,107,049	822,300	638,955	248,522	336,066	82,262	37,030	59,780	3,331,964
<b>2005</b>									
Govt	740,439	536,635	450,964	164,714	228,817	60,605	28,554	35,359	2,246,087
N-govt	367,247	289,312	196,290	84,711	109,483	21,899	8,819	24,291	1,102,052
Total	1,107,686	825,947	647,254	249,425	338,300	82,504	37,373	59,650	3,348,139
<b>2006</b>									
Govt	739,307	536,117	455,075	163,848	230,293	60,007	28,506	35,076	2,248,229
N-govt	369,640	293,718	r202,722	86,078	112,349	22,447	9,074	24,460	r1,120,488
Total	1,108,947	829,835	r657,797	249,926	342,642	82,454	37,580	59,536	r3,368,717
<b>2007</b>									
Govt	737,637	535,883	478,883	163,904	229,611	58,926	28,916	34,617	2,268,377
N-govt	371,566	297,970	219,020	87,545	114,977	22,933	9,355	24,780	1,148,146
Total	1,109,203	833,853	697,903	251,449	344,588	81,859	38,271	59,397	3,416,523
<b>2008</b>									
Govt	734,642	535,159	479,850	162,473	230,947	58,280	29,175	34,028	2,264,554
N-govt	373,909	303,174	226,612	88,988	118,710	23,311	9,882	25,151	1,169,737
Total	1,108,551	838,333	706,462	251,461	349,657	81,591	39,057	59,179	3,434,291

Source: ABS Schools Australia <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/4221.02008?OpenDocument> r = revised

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

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld
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