

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
Number of schools by school type, February 2008				
Primary	1,201	379	47	1,627
Primary–secondary	53	13	139	205
Secondary	253	86	21	360
Special	76	8	14	98
Language	4	–	–	4
Total	1,587	486	221	2,294
Number of students (FTE) by year level, February 2007				
Preparatory	43,490.1	14,175.2	5,982.4	63,647.7
Year 1	43,378.0	14,169.4	5,677.8	63,225.2
Year 2	43,780.8	13,984.2	5,625.8	63,390.8
Year 3	43,713.6	13,880.7	5,909.0	63,503.3
Year 4	43,813.3	13,933.4	6,083.6	63,830.3
Year 5	43,906.9	14,112.2	6,845.2	64,864.3
Year 6	44,134.3	14,052.0	7,114.6	65,300.9
Ungraded	6.0	–	43.6	49.6
Primary total	306,223.0	98,307.1	43,282.0	447,812.1
Year 7	38,737.7	15,526.4	11,860.2	66,124.3
Year 8	39,417.7	15,370.4	11,642.0	66,430.1
Year 9	39,931.8	15,009.2	11,769.1	66,710.1
Year 10	37,991.8	14,390.6	11,717.6	64,100.0
Year 11	37,523.9	13,526.2	12,304.1	63,354.2
Year 12	29,663.5	11,781.4	10,976.1	52,421.0
Ungraded	24.2	–	24.0	48.2
Secondary total	223,290.6	85,604.2	70,293.1	379,187.9
Special	8,005.3	153.6	445.6	8,604.5
Language	1,339.0	–	–	1,339.0
Total	538,857.9	184,064.9	114,020.7	836,943.5

Source: DEECD February School Census NB: Figures on student FTE include all changes from the 2007 school enrolment audit process.

Number of teaching staff (FTE) in schools on pay by school type, as at end of quarter					
	December 2006	March 2007	June 2007	September 2007	December 2007
Primary	18,811.8	r18,908.0	18,929.7	18,916.1	18,794.3
Secondary	17,048.4	r17,221.7	17,305.8	17,288.1	17,066.1
Special/P–12/ Lang/Other	3,997.1	r4,130.5	4,175.2	4,212.8	4,177.5
Total	39,857.4	r40,260.2	40,410.7	40,416.9	40,037.9

Source: DEECD Quarterly Workforce Summary revised

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
2003	1,615	312,134.4	218,740.7	6,517.0	917.0	538,309.1
2004	1,618	311,964.0	220,271.7	6,826.2	1,010.0	540,071.9
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	306,223.0	223,290.6	8,005.3	1,339.0	538,857.9

Source: DEECD February School Census

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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
2003	277,491.6	260,817.5	51.7	51.8	48.7	51.5
2004	278,370.3	261,701.6	51.7	52.0	48.4	51.5
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

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
1999	8,262	5,506	13,768	2.62
2003	12,351	6,458	18,809	3.49
2004	13,964	7,180	21,144	3.93
*2005	8,824	7,618	16,442	3.00
*2006	9,419	7,252	16,671	3.10
*2007	9,691	7,707	17,398	3.25

Source: DEECD August School Census and records. *Excludes 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
2003	4,019.3	1.3	1,651.4	1.1	348.0	0.5	125.9	1.9	6,144.6	1.1
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

Source: DEECD August School Census

NB Years 7–10 includes secondary ungraded students.

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		
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	

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 Unit 4
	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

Source: DEECD August LOTE Surveys

8. International students (fee paying) in government schools

Year	At June 30th	Main countries of origin
1999	787	Japan, China, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Vietnam
2003	2,212	China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Hong Kong
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

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
2003	21,771	9,804	31,575
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

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 rates¹ by sex and sector, February (per cent)

Year	Apparent retention Years 10–12			Apparent retention Years 7–12		
	Govt	Non-gov	All schools	Govt	Non-gov	All schools
1999	79.2	89.0	82.8	76.5	89.2	81.2
2003	82.7	93.5	86.9	81.2	93.4	85.8
2004	82.9	94.1	87.2	81.3	94.2	86.2
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
Male	74.2	87.5	79.4	72.1	85.9	77.5
Female	88.8	95.8	91.7	88.4	96.3	91.8

Source: DEECD February School Census. Refer footnote¹ 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)

	1999–00	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05	2005–06	2006–07
Year 9–10	97.1	97.2	97.1	97.1	97.6	97.2
Year 10–11	95.4	96.8	98.1	97.2	98.1	97.1
Year 11–12	82.6	86.6	85.6	84.3	83.4	82.8

Source: DEECD February School Census

Size of classes

12. Class sizes in government schools, February

	1999	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Primary classes						
Average class size – all classes	25.4	22.9	22.8	22.6	22.4	22.3
Percent of all classes over 30 (%)	4.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
Average class size – Prep	23.2	19.7	19.7	19.6	19.4	19.4
Average class size – P–2	24.3	21.0	20.9	20.8	20.8	20.7
Percent of P–2 classes 21 or less (%)	17.4	52.7	54.4	55.6	55.0	54.4
Average class size – Years 3–6	26.2	24.3	24.3	24.0	23.7	23.4
Secondary English classes						
Average class size – all classes	22.7	22.0	21.9	21.9	21.5	21.6
Average class size – Year 12	21.0	20.2	20.2	19.9	19.5	19.7

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

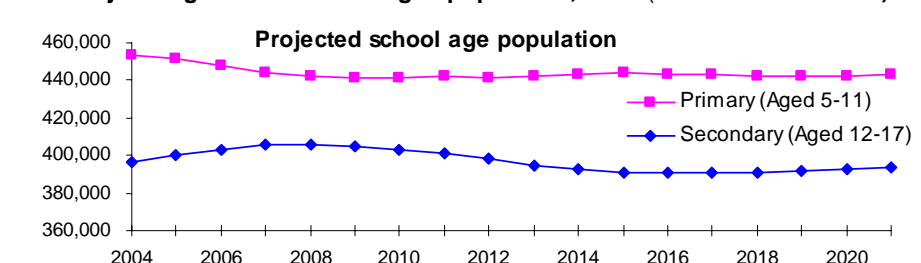
13. Schools, students, apparent retention (ARR) and class sizes by region, February

Region	February, 2007		Feb, 1999		Feb, 2007	
	Schools	Students (FTE)	ARR		Average class size	
			10–12	7–12	P–2 All Prim	P–2 All Prim
Western Metropolitan	144	68,096.6	81.2	82.6	25.1 26.1	21.4 23.0
Northern Metropolitan	201	77,492.8	88.1	87.6	25.1 26.2	21.2 22.6
Eastern Metropolitan	248	105,000.3	88.5	86.3	25.2 26.3	21.0 22.7
Southern Metropolitan	246	117,687.5	82.8	87.2	25.3 26.3	21.2 22.8
Barwon South Western	141	40,887.0	72.8	69.2	23.2 24.3	20.6 22.1
Grampians	131	25,987.5	72.9	67.6	22.7 23.7	19.0 20.5
Loddon Mallee	169	40,192.4	74.9	70.3	22.8 24.0	19.7 21.2
Hume	163	33,207.2	73.7	66.8	22.7 23.9	19.2 21.0
Gippsland	151	30,306.6	72.3	68.4	22.4 23.8	19.6 21.1
Metropolitan regions	839	368,277.2	85.3	86.2	25.2 26.3	21.2 22.8
Non-metropolitan regions	755	170,580.7	73.4	68.6	22.8 23.9	19.6 21.2
Total	1594	538,857.9	81.3	79.9	24.3 25.4	20.7 22.3

Source: DEECD February School Census

Projected growth in school enrolments

14. Projected growth in school-aged population, June (Source: ABS June 2006)



Interstate comparisons including some key indicators

Apparent retention rates

15. Year 10–12 apparent retention rates¹, August (per cent) Full-time students

August	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Government									
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
All schools									
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	r78.6	72.7	71.4	65.0	68.0	88.9	r76.2
2007	72.4	81.8	78.6	73.3	69.5	65.3	65.5	85.9	75.6
Male	67.6	76.0	74.8	67.1	64.0	57.6	63.3	85.6	70.6
Female	77.4	87.7	82.6	79.9	75.3	73.4	67.7	86.1	80.8

16. Year 7–12 apparent retention rates¹, August (per cent) Full-time students

August	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Government									
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	70.7	72.0	100.5	69.8
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
All schools									
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
Male	64.7	73.3	73.9	66.2	64.5	57.4	62.1	84.0	68.8
Female	74.9	87.4	83.3	79.5	76.4	73.9	61.3	86.5	80.1

Source: ABS, *Schools Australia* revised
¹ABS 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.

Participation rates

17. Participation rates – all schools, August (per cent of population)

Age	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust.
14	2004	97.3	98.8	98.0	97.7	98.3	99.3	92.0	108.5	98.1
	2005	97.4	98.6	97.7	98.2	99.1	98.3	89.4	111.2	98.1
	2006	97.0	98.8	97.1	98.6	98.3	100.5	90.1	110.7	97.9
	2007	97.8	99.4	97.7	99.2	98.0	99.5	86.0	112.8	98.4
15	2004	92.7	94.4	92.1	95.5	92.1	99.1	86.5	104.4	93.4
	2005	93.5	96.0	91.9	96.3	92.2	99.5	86.6	107.0	94.1
	2006	93.6	96.3	92.6	96.4	95.6	98.9	84.6	110.2	94.7
	2007	93.1	96.2	92.8	97.6	94.0	100.9	83.9	109.2	94.5
16	2004	79.8	88.5	83.4	87.3	78.0	89.0	75.4	100.2	83.5
	2005	79.1	88.1	82.4	87.4	77.7	87.2	73.8	101.0	82.9
	2006	80.2	90.2	82.6	88.5	80.3	87.6	72.8	102.7	84.2
	2007	80.2	90.3	83.1	90.8	79.7	86.9	71.8	104.4	84.4
17	2004	68.6	78.8	51.5	67.8	41.6	69.9	54.8	89.7	65.1
	2005	68.5	77.3	50.1	68.9	42.5	67.4	51.5	89.4	64.5
	2006	68.2	78.2	49.3	69.9	41.3	67.7	51.2	90.6	64.4
	2007	68.2	79.6	48.8	71.0	40.7	67.8	49.0	91.0	64.5
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	24.5	14.2
	2006	15.8	22.7	5.3	14.5	4.0	28.1	12.7	23.8	14.5
	2007	15.8	22.9	5.1	14.4	3.5	28.0	13.3	22.8	14.4
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	4.4	2.1	2.1
	2006	1.8	2.2	0.9	3.6	0.9	3.9	4.3	2.1	1.9
	2007	1.6	2.3	0.8	3.9	0.8	3.7	2.8	1.6	1.8

Source: ABS *Schools Australia* NB: School participation rates now include both full time and part time students as well as 14 year olds. Previous reports showed full time students only for 15 to 19 year olds.

Year 12 completion rates

18. Victorian 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
Victoria	73.6	74.4	75.7	75.8	r78.4	r79.5	r79.1	81.0

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	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Victoria	82.9	81.8	r82.1	r82.8	r84.9	r84.7	r83.9	85.5	86.1
Australia	80.1	80.3	r79.1	r80.0	r80.4	r81.3	r81.2	81.9	83.5

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 2007

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Government	2,190	1,593	1,250	602	769	212	149	88	6,853
Non-government	917	699	465	201	299	67	36	44	2,728
Total	3,107	2,292	1,715	803	1,068	279	185	132	9,581

Source: ABS *Schools Australia*

Number of students

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

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
1999									
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
2004									
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
2005									
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
2006									
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
2007									
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

Source: ABS *Schools Australia* r = revised

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

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
1999	70.0	66.1	71.6	70.5	71.8	75.1	77.5	64.1	69.7
2004	67.2	65.2	70.2	66.7	68.4	73.8	76.5	59.9	67.5
2005	66.8	65.0	69.7	66.0	67.6	73.5	76.4	59.3	67.1
2006	66.7	64.6	69.3	65.6	67.2	72.8	75.9	58.9	66.8
2007	66.5	64.3	68.6	65.2	66.6	72.0	75.6	58.3	66.4
Difference 2006–2007	-0.2	-0.3	-0.7	-0.4	-0.6	-0.8	-0.3	-0.6	-0.4

Source: ABS *Schools Australia* NB: Difference from 2006-2007 reflects the percentage point difference between the 2007 and 2006 rate.

Staffing details

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

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
1999	50,108.0	35,157.0	29,164.0	11,952.0	14,866.0	4,351.0	2,221.0	2,665.0	150,484.0
2004	50,215.0	37,783.0	31,191.0	11,542.0	16,129.0	4,252.0	2,286.0	2,757.0	156,156.0
2005	50,704.0	38,141.0	31,221.0	11,473.0	15,826.0	4,201.0	2,244.0	2,754.0	156,564.0
2006	51,384.5	38,608.2	31,609.3	11,630.1	15,732.5	4,185.2	2,309.1	2,735.2	158,194.2
2007	51,286.0	38,943.2	33,203.0	11,608.8	16,635.7	4,148.2	2,293.1	2,673.1	160,791.1

Source: ABS *Schools Australia* 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 teacher data are used in the national calculations of student–teacher ratios.

Student - teacher ratios

23. Student–teacher ratios in government schools, August

Government schools	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust.
Primary									
1999	17.7	17.2	16.0	16.9	17.6	15.7	13.8	17.1	17.0
2004	17.0	16.2	15.4	16.2	16.2	15.9	13.5	14.2	16.2
2005	16.7	16.1	15.5	16.1	16.3	15.9	13.6	13.8	16.1
2006	16.2	15.9	15.5	15.7	16.2	15.8	13.3	13.8	15.8
2007	16.2	15.7	15.5	15.6	15.4	15.6	13.7	13.6	15.7
Secondary									
1999	12.7	12.6	12.7	12.4	12.6	13.7	11.6	12.3	12.7
2004	12.5	12.1	13.0	12.5	11.7	13.2	11.0	11.8	12.4
2005	12.4	12.0	13.0	12.5	12.0	13.2	11.6	11.8	12.4
2006	12.4	11.9	13.0	12.5	12.5	13.2	11.2	11.9	12.4
2007	12.5	11.8	12.9	12.7	11.7	13.1	10.9	12.2	12.3

Source: ABS *Schools Australia*

Expenditure on school education

24. Real[#] (in-school) per student expenditure by state (\$) – government schools

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust
Prim 2004–05	9,995	8,583	9,751	9,529	10,592	9,118	12,343	10,941	9,673
Prim 2005–06	9,769	8,767	9,809	9,734	10,684	9,510	12,866	10,903	9,699
***Diff Nat Average	+0.7	-9.6	+1.1	+0.4	+10.2	-1.9	+32.7	+12.4	
Sec 2004–05	12,591	11,383	11,721	12,146	14,187	11,519	16,645	13,453	12,264
Sec 2005–06	12,397	11,329	11,600	12,017	13,732	11,877	17,904	14,295	12,148
***Diff Nat Average	+2.0	-6.7	-4.5	-1.1	+13.0	-2.2	+47.4	+17.7	