

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 2007				
Primary	1,206	378	51	1,635
Primary–secondary	50	13	133	196
Secondary	258	86	21	365
Special	76	7	12	95
Language	4	–	–	4
Total	1,594	484	217	2,295
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: DoE *February School Census 2007*. 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					
	March 2006	June 2006	September 2006	December 2006	March 2007
Primary	18,894.8	18,913.8	18,890.3	18,811.8	18,908.1
Secondary	17,244.4	17,266.2	17,121.9	17,048.4	17,221.5
Special/P–12/ Lang/Other	3,830.2	3,974.6	3,974.4	3,997.1	4,130.6
Total	39,969.4	40,154.6	39,986.7	39,857.4	40,260.3

Source: DoE *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
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: DoE *February School Census 2007*

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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: DoE *February School Census*. Note that 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
2002	11,998	6,345	18,353	3.43
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

Source: DoE *August School Census* and DoE 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
2002	3,937.0	1.3	1,573.6	1.0	326.9	0.5	117.6	1.9	5,955.1	1.1
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	446.7	0.7	157.0	2.0	7,210.5	1.3

Source: DoE *August School Census*. Note that 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			
1999	63,205	68,981	132,186	Vietnamese, Turkish, Arabic, Cantonese		
2002	64,287	69,988	134,275	Vietnamese, Arabic, Cantonese, Turkish		
2003	64,129	71,337	135,466	Vietnamese, Arabic, Cantonese, Turkish		
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		

Source: DoE *August School Census*

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
2002	269,996	86.0	108,048	50.5	Japanese, Indonesian, French, German
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: DoE *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	
2002	1763		China, Japan, Korea, 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: DoE: 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
2002	18,576	8,497	27,073
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

Source: VCAA database. 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: DoE *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: DoE *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: DoE *February School Census*. 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

Government schools by 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

Interstate comparisons including some key indicators

Apparent retention rates

15. Year 10–12 apparent retention rates ¹ , 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
2003	68.1	77.3	76.4	61.8	64.8	76.4	78.7	101.0	71.9
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
All schools									
1999	70.0	78.7	78.3	71.4	71.5	68.9	64.7	92.5	74.4
2003	72.7	82.9	81.5	70.8	70.6	76.4	68.7	90.3	76.9
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	78.3	72.7	71.4	65.0	68.0	88.9	76.1
Male	68.2	76.2	74.1	66.1	66.1	56.9	63.3	90.2	71.0
Female	78.0	88.0	82.6	79.8	77.0	73.3	73.2	87.5	81.4

16. Year 7–12 apparent retention rates ¹ , 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
2003	65.0	74.9	76.1	56.8	64.8	74.5	69.0	101.0	69.6
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
All schools									
1999	67.6	76.2	77.5	67.0	71.5	66.7	52.9	92.5	72.3
2003	70.5	81.4	81.5	67.1	71.2	74.9	56.3	89.7	75.4
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	78.5	71.5	71.8	64.8	58.4	88.7	74.7
Male	65.3	72.9	73.7	64.6	66.2	56.4	57.3	89.3	69.0
Female	75.9	87.2	83.6	78.8	77.6	73.3	59.5	88.2	80.6

Source: Tables 11 & 13: ABS, *Schools Australia*. 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. DoE 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.
15	1999	93.2	95.9	91.3	93.7	92.1	99.8	82.3	102.5	93.6
	2003	92.6	95.8	91.5	95.7	91.5	98.6	79.2	106.7	93.5
	2004	92.6	95.7	90.8	96.1	92.0	98.4	82.0	107.3	93.4
	2005	93.8	97.7	91.5	97.2	93.2	99.7	85.4	109.9	94.7
	2006	93.1	97.0	91.8	97.1	95.1	98.8	80.0	110.4	94.5
16	1999	79.7	87.8	81.2	83.5	76.1	79.2	64.9	99.5	82.0
	2003	79.5	88.8	82.5	83.9	76.7	84.5	67.0	102.4	82.7
	2004	79.4	89.1	81.4	85.4	77.2	86.4	66.8	103.7	82.8
	2005	79.0	89.3	80.4	86.1	77.9	84.2	69.3	104.2	82.6
	2006	80.2	91.4	81.5	87.0	80.7	85.9	71.5	105.8	84.1
17	1999	66.7	76.8	51.8	59.7	41.3	63.4	39.5	92.9	63.2
	2003	66.3	76.9	50.6	60.1	40.7	62.4	46.8	91.8	62.7
	2004	67.6	78.5	50.1	61.4	41.1	64.2	46.7	92.0	63.6
	2005	67.6	78.0	48.9	64.0	41.9	63.0	44.9	93.1	63.5
	2006	67.5	78.9	47.7	65.1	40.8	62.6	47.7	93.9	63.4
18	1999	15.1	17.2	6.9	8.7	5.5	15.0	10.3	29.6	12.8
	2003	14.9	20.6	6.1	9.6	4.1	15.1	10.4	23.3	13.1
	2004	14.9	21.3	5.9	9.5	4.5	15.5	14.1	22.2	13.3
	2005	14.8	21.4	5.4	9.8	3.9	22.1	11.6	25.3	13.3
	2006	14.9	22.7	4.9	10.8	3.6	24.8	10.4	24.9	13.7
19	1999	1.6	1.8	1.3	1.5	1.5	3.1	2.9	3.2	1.7
	2003	1.9	2.5	1.2	2.3	1.1	3.3	2.7	2.9	1.9
	2004	1.9	2.6	1.1	2.6	0.9	2.6	2.8	2.6	1.9
	2005	1.8	2.3	1.0	2.2	0.9	2.2	3.5	2.2	1.8
	2006	1.6	2.1	0.8	2.3	0.7	2.6	3.1	2.2	1.6

Source: ABS, *Schools Australia*.

Year 12 completion rates

18. Victorian young people successfully completing Year 12 or equivalent (per cent)							
	1999	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Per cent of young people (aged 19) who have successfully completed Year 12 or qualification at Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) 2 or above (a)	73.6	75.7	75.8	77.5	78.5	77.7	
Percent of 20–24 year-olds who have completed Year 12 or a qualification at AQF 2 or above (b)							
Victoria	82.9	82.8	84.1	85.8	85.2	85.0	
Australia	80.1	80.6	81.0	81.9	82.4	82.7	
Sources: (a) VCAA VCE database & ABS population estimates (b) ABS, <i>Education and Work, May 2003 Unpublished data</i> . Movements between any two years of up to 2 percentage points could be due to sampling error.							

Number of schools

19. Number of schools by sector, August 2006									
Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Government	2,187	1,605	1,278	604	771	211	151	95	6,902
Non-government	912	694	461	201	296	67	35	44	2,710
Total	3,099	2,299	1,739	805	1,067	278	186	139	9,612

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
2003									
Govt	749,880	535,350	445,025	167,850	230,308	61,157	28,467	36,595	2,254,632
N-govt	357,456	283,753	184,746	80,965	103,742	21,219	8,536	23,571	1,063,988
Total	1,107,336	819,103	629,771	248,815	334,050	82,376	37,003	60,166	3,318,620
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	286,080	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	202,041	86,078	112,349	22,447	9,074	24,460	1,119,807
Total	1,108,947	829,835	657,116	249,926	342,642	82,454	37,580	59,536	3,368,036

Source: ABS, *Schools Australia*.

21. Full-time students in government sector, August (per cent)										
Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australi	
1999	70.0	66.1	71.6	70.5	71.8	75.1	77.5	64.1	69.7	
2003	67.7	65.4	70.7	67.5	68.9	74.2	76.9	60.8	67.9	
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	
Change in proportion 2005–2006	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.7	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	

Source: ABS, *Schools Australia*

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
2003	50,106.0	37,665.0	30,719.0	11,638.0	15,579.0	4,240.0	2,203.0	2,724.0	154,872.0
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

Source: ABS, *Schools Australia*. Note: 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 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
	2003	17.3	16.2	15.5	15.9	16.8	16.0	13.9	15.1	16.4
	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
Secondary	1999	12.7	12.6	12.7	12.4	12.6	13.7	11.6	12.3	12.7
	2003	12.6	12.1	13.0	12.9	12.2	13.4	11.6	11.9	12.5
	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