

Average class size, 2025

In 2025, Kindergarten classes have a statewide average of 18.2 students. This is an average reduction of 3.9 students in the 21 years since the staged implementation of the Class Size Reduction Program in 2004.

The average class size for Kindergarten to Year 6 is 23.3 students in 2025. This is 2.9 students fewer than in 2004. Although the program achieved its target by the time it ended in 2007, class sizes continue to decrease, with average class sizes across all primary school years falling by one student since then.

Table 1: Average class sizes by calendar year and scholastic year: NSW Government schools (2004–2010, 2015–2025)

Year	K	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	K–6
2004	22.1	24.6	25.4	26.4	26.6	26.8	26.8	26.2
2005	19.8	23.8	25.4	26.3	26.6	26.9	27.0	25.3
2006	19.5	21.5	24.2	26.2	26.6	26.9	26.9	24.7
2007	19.2	21.1	22.6	25.7	26.2	26.5	26.5	24.3
2008	19.2	21.2	22.5	25.7	26.1	26.5	26.5	24.2
2009	19.3	21.3	22.6	25.8	26.2	26.5	26.5	24.3
2010	19.2	21.2	22.7	25.6	26.2	26.4	26.4	24.2
2015	19.2	21.3	22.7	25.9	26.2	26.5	26.4	24.1
2016	19.1	21.3	22.6	25.9	26.2	26.3	26.3	24.1
2017	19.1	21.3	22.5	25.7	26.1	26.4	26.4	24.1
2018	19.1	21.4	22.5	25.8	26.1	26.4	26.4	24.1
2019	18.8	21.1	22.3	25.7	25.9	26.1	26.1	23.9
2020	18.8	21.0	22.2	25.4	25.6	25.9	25.9	23.8
2021	18.6	20.9	22.0	25.1	25.4	25.6	25.7	23.6
2022	18.4	20.7	21.8	24.9	25.2	25.5	25.5	23.4
2023	18.4	20.6	21.6	24.8	25.1	25.4	25.5	23.3
2024	18.1	20.6	21.5	24.6	24.9	25.1	25.2	23.2
2025	18.2	20.6	21.5	24.8	25.2	25.4	25.5	23.3

Note: Kindergarten to Year 6 class sizes remained relatively stable from 2011 to 2014.

In 2025, larger schools (over 700 students) have the highest K–6 average class size of 25.0 students, while smaller schools (fewer than 26 students) have the lowest at 9.8 students.

Kindergarten to Year 2 classes are consistently smaller than those in Year 3 to 6 across all school sizes.

Table 2: Average class sizes by school size (primary enrolments), 2025

School size	K	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	K–6
Greater than 700 students	19.8	21.8	23.3	27.9	27.9	28.4	28.6	25.0
451 to 700 students	19.3	21.8	23.0	27.1	27.3	27.5	27.6	24.4
301 to 450 students	18.8	21.7	22.5	26.4	26.7	26.6	26.8	23.8
160 to 300 students	18.2	21.0	21.8	24.7	25.1	25.4	25.5	22.8
26 to 159 students	16.1	18.0	18.9	20.5	21.2	21.7	21.2	19.7
Less than 26 students	10.6	10.6	10.5	11.3	11.4	11.5	11.2	9.8
Central/community schools	14.8	17.3	17.6	18.9	19.9	20.0	19.4	18.4

Notes:

- Class size audits are conducted by CESE (Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation) in March each year. Audits were not conducted in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001. Data for 1997, 2002 to 2003 and 2011 to 2014 is available on request.
- Data for 2020 should be treated with caution. The collection took place in March when schools were impacted by COVID-19, so fewer data checks were carried out.
- Students attending schools for specific purposes (SSPs), students in support classes in regular schools and distance education students are excluded from average class size calculations.
- The average class size for each scholastic year is calculated by taking the number of students in all classes that a student from that scholastic year is in (including composite/multi-age classes) divided by the total number of classes that includes a student from that scholastic year. This can result in a lower Kindergarten to Year 6 average class size than any individual year level.
- From 2017, school size is based on actual enrolment rather than school classification based on staffing entitlement.