

Average Class Sizes

The Class Size Reduction Program has been successful in significantly reducing average class sizes for Kindergarten to Year 2.

- In 2010, Kindergarten classes have a statewide average of 19.2 students. This is an average reduction of 4.9 students since 1997 and 2.9 students in the six years since the staged implementation of the Class Size Reduction program commenced in 2004.
- Classes with Year 1 students have a statewide average of 21.2 students in 2010. This is an average reduction of 4.3 students since 1997 and 3.4 students in the six years since the staged implementation of the Class Size Reduction program commenced.
- Classes with Year 2 students have a statewide average of 22.7 students in 2010. This is an average reduction of 3.5 students since 1997 and 2.7 students in the six years since the staged implementation of the Class Size Reduction program commenced.
- The average class size, Kindergarten to Year 6, was 24.2 students in 2010. This was 2.7 students less than in 1997 and a reduction of 2.0 students in the six years since the staged implementation of the Class Size Reduction program commenced.

Average Class Sizes by Year: NSW Government Schools (1997- 2010)

	1997	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
K	24.1	23.5	22.9	22.1	19.7	19.3	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.2
Yr 1	25.5	25	24.5	24.6	23.6	21.3	21.1	21.2	21.3	21.2
Yr 2	26.2	25.6	25.3	25.4	25.1	24.1	22.6	22.5	22.6	22.7
Yr 3	26.6	26.3	26.2	26.4	26.1	25.9	25.7	25.7	25.8	25.6
Yr 4	26.8	26.5	26.5	26.6	26.4	26.4	26.2	26.1	26.2	26.2
Yr 5	26.8	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.6	26.6	26.5	26.5	26.5	26.4
Yr 6	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.7	26.6	26.5	26.5	26.5	26.4
K to Yr 6	26.9	26.5	26.3	26.2	25.3	24.6	24.3	24.2	24.3	24.2

Source: DET, Planning and Innovation Class size audits conducted in 1997, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Notes:

- Class size audits were not conducted in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001.
- 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 year level is calculated from regular and multi-age classes that contain a student from that year level.