

# Schools Queensland, 2021

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## Key data

### Full-time students (annual change):

Queensland ..... ↑ 1.1%  
Australia..... ↑ 0.6%

### Teaching staff (full-time equivalent annual change):

Queensland ..... ↑ 1.0%  
Australia..... ↑ 2.4%

### Student to teaching staff ratio (full-time equivalent):

|                  | Primary | Secondary |
|------------------|---------|-----------|
| Queensland ..... | 14.9    | 12.1      |
| Australia.....   | 14.5    | 11.9      |

## Main findings

- In August 2021, there were 1,782 schools in Queensland, of which 69.9% (1,245) were government schools and 30.1% (537) were non-government schools.
- Of the 1,782 schools in Queensland in 2021, 1,139 (63.9%) were primary schools, 276 (15.5%) were secondary schools, 277 (15.5%) were combined primary/secondary schools and 90 (5.1%) were special schools.
- Queensland had 864,946 full-time students attending schools in 2021, 21.5% of the Australian total. Of these, 66.3% attended government schools and 33.7% attended non-government schools. The proportion of full-time students attending non-government schools has increased by 0.5 percentage points since 2011.
- The number of full-time students in Queensland increased 1.1% over the past year, compared with 0.6% for Australia. Queensland's full-time equivalent teaching staff increased 1.0% over the past year, compared with an increase of 2.4% for Australia.
- In 2021, there were 76,093 Indigenous full-time students in Queensland, 30.7% of the total number of Indigenous students in Australia.
- In 2021, the full-time equivalent student to teaching staff ratio for Queensland schools was 13.5, this was higher than the Australian ratio of 13.3 (Figure 1). For Queensland primary schools the student to teaching staff ratio was 14.9 and for Queensland secondary schools the full-time equivalent student to teaching staff ratio was 12.1.

- Queensland schools employed 64,269 full-time equivalent teaching staff in 2021. Of this total, 32,202 were employed in primary schools and 32,067 in secondary schools.
- Of the full-time equivalent primary school teaching staff in Queensland, the female to male ratio has increased from 4.1 in 2011 to 4.9 in 2021. Similarly, for full-time equivalent secondary school teaching staff, the female to male ratio has increased from 1.4 in 2011 to 1.6 in 2021 (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Student to teaching staff ratio (full-time equivalent), 2021

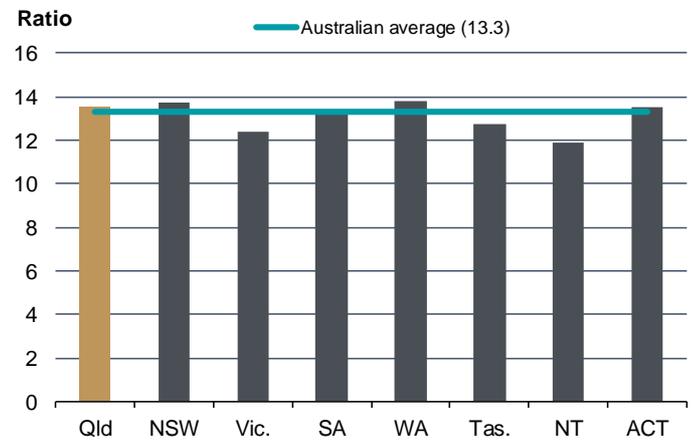


Figure 2 Full-time equivalent school teaching staff, female to male ratio, Queensland

