

Schools Queensland, 2023

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Key data

Full-time students (annual change):

Queensland ↑ 0.8%
Australia ↑ 1.1%

Teaching staff (full-time equivalent annual change):

Queensland ↑ 1.1%
Australia ↑ 1.4%

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

	Primary	Secondary
Queensland	14.6	12.0
Australia.....	14.3	11.8

Main findings

- In August 2023, there were 1,797 schools in Queensland, of which 69.6% (1,250) were government schools and 30.4% (547) were non-government schools.
- Of the 1,797 schools in Queensland in 2023, 1,145 (63.7%) were primary schools, 279 (15.5%) were secondary schools, 283 (15.7%) were combined primary/secondary schools and 90 (5.0%) were special schools.
- Queensland had 875,232 full-time students attending schools in 2023, 21.5% of the Australian total. Of these, 64.9% attended government schools and 35.1% attended non-government schools. The proportion of full-time students attending non-government schools has increased by 1.7 percentage points since 2013.
- The number of full-time students in Queensland increased 0.8% over the past year, compared with 1.1% for Australia. Queensland's full-time equivalent teaching staff increased 1.1% over the past year, compared with an increase of 1.4% for Australia.
- In 2023, there were 80,138 Indigenous full-time students in Queensland, 30.4% of the total number of Indigenous students in Australia.
- In 2023, the full-time equivalent student to teaching staff ratio for Queensland schools was 13.3, this was higher than the Australian ratio of 13.1 (Figure 1). For Queensland primary schools the student to teaching staff ratio was 14.6 and for Queensland secondary schools the full-time equivalent student to teaching staff ratio was 12.0.

- Queensland schools employed 65,771 full-time equivalent teaching staff in 2023. Of this total, 32,598 were employed in primary schools and 33,174 in secondary schools.
- Of the full-time equivalent primary school teaching staff in Queensland, the female to male ratio has increased from 4.2 in 2013 to 4.9 in 2023. While for full-time equivalent secondary school teaching staff, the female to male ratio has increased from 1.5 in 2013 to 1.6 in 2023 (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Student to teaching staff ratio (full-time equivalent), 2023

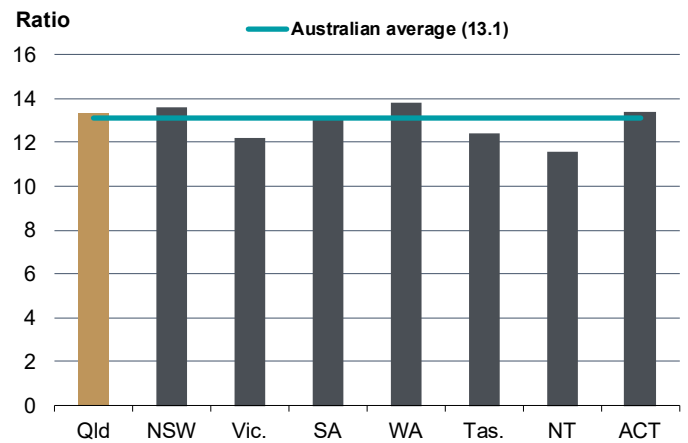


Figure 2 Full-time equivalent school teaching staff, female to male ratio, Queensland

