

Schools Queensland, 2024

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Key data

Full-time students (annual change):

Queensland.....	↑ 0.7%
Australia	↑ 1.1%

Teaching staff (full-time equivalent annual change):

Queensland.....	↑ 1.8%
Australia	↑ 2.8%

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

	Primary	Secondary
Queensland.....	14.5	11.9
Australia	14.0	11.7

Main findings

- In 2024, there were 1,798 schools in Queensland, of which 69.6% (1,252) were government schools and 30.4% (546) were non-government schools.
- Of the 1,798 schools in Queensland in 2024, 1,146 (63.7%) were primary schools, 276 (15.4%) were secondary schools, 281 (15.6%) were combined primary/secondary schools and 95 (5.3%) were special schools.
- Queensland had 880,948 full-time students attending schools in 2024, 21.4% of the Australian total. Of these, 64.2% attended government schools and 35.8% attended non-government schools. The proportion of full-time students attending non-government schools has increased 2.4 percentage points since 2014.
- The number of full-time students in Queensland increased 0.7% over the past year, compared with Australia having increased 1.1%. Queensland's full-time equivalent teaching staff increased 1.8% over the past year, and Australia increased 2.8%.
- In 2024, there were 82,366 First Nations full-time students in Queensland, 30.1% of the total number of First Nations students in Australia.
- In 2024, the full-time equivalent student to teaching staff ratio for Queensland schools was 13.2 compared with the Australian ratio of 12.9 (Figure 1). For Queensland primary schools the student to teaching staff ratio was 14.5 and for Queensland secondary schools the full-time equivalent student to teaching staff ratio was 11.9.

- Queensland schools employed 66,972 full-time equivalent teaching staff in 2024. Of this total, 32,882 were employed in primary schools and 34,091 in secondary schools.
- Based on the full-time equivalent primary school teaching staff in Queensland, the female to male ratio has increased from 4.3 in 2014 to 5.0 in 2024. The ratio of females to males for full-time equivalent secondary school teaching staff has increased from 1.5 in 2014 to 1.6 in 2024 (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Student to teaching staff ratio (full-time equivalent), 2024

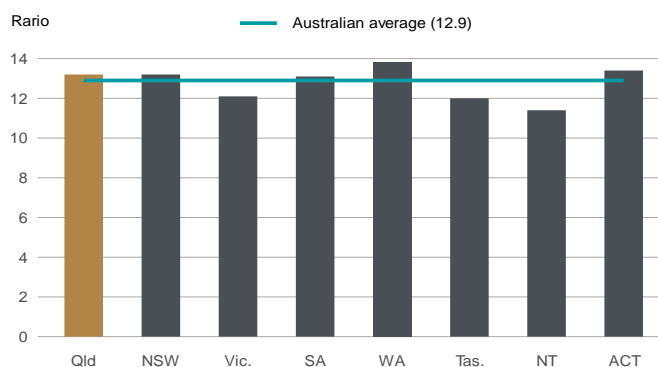


Figure 2 Full-time equivalent school teaching staff, female to male ratio, Queensland

