

Schools, Queensland, 2025

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Key data

Full-time students (annual change):

Queensland.....↑ 0.7%

Australia↑ 0.7%

Teaching staff¹ (annual change):

Queensland.....↑ 2.4%

Australia↑ 1.5%

Student to teaching staff ratio¹:

	Primary	Secondary
Queensland.....	14.4.....	11.6.....
Australia	13.9.....	11.7.....

¹ Full-time equivalent.

Main findings

- In 2025, there were 1,803 schools in Queensland, of which 69.4% (1,252) were government schools and 30.6% (551) were non-government schools.
- Of the 1,803 schools in Queensland in 2025, 1,143 (63.4%) were primary schools, 273 (15.1%) were secondary schools, 289 (16.0%) were combined primary/secondary schools and 98 (5.4%) were special schools.
- Queensland had 886,785 full-time students attending schools in 2025, 21.4% of the Australian total. Of these, 63.4% attended government schools and 36.6% attended non-government schools. The proportion of full-time students attending non-government schools has increased 3.2 percentage points since 2015.
- The number of full-time students increased 0.7% over the past year in both Queensland and Australia. Queensland's full-time equivalent teaching staff increased 2.4% over the past year, and Australia increased 1.5%.
- In 2025, there were 84,497 First Nations full-time students in Queensland, 29.9% of the total number of First Nations students in Australia.
- In 2025, the full-time equivalent student to teaching staff ratio for Queensland schools was 12.9 compared with the Australian ratio of 12.8 (Figure 1). For Queensland primary schools the full-time equivalent student to teaching staff

ratio was 14.4 and for Queensland secondary schools the full-time equivalent student to teaching staff ratio was 11.6.

- Queensland schools employed 68,559 full-time equivalent teaching staff in 2025. Of this total, 33,127 were employed in primary schools and 35,432 in secondary schools.
- Based on the full-time equivalent primary school teaching staff in Queensland, the female to male ratio has increased from 3.6 in 2005 to 5.1 in 2025. The ratio of females to males for full-time equivalent secondary school teaching staff has increased from 1.3 in 2005 to 1.7 in 2025 (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Student to teaching staff ratio (full-time equivalent), 2025

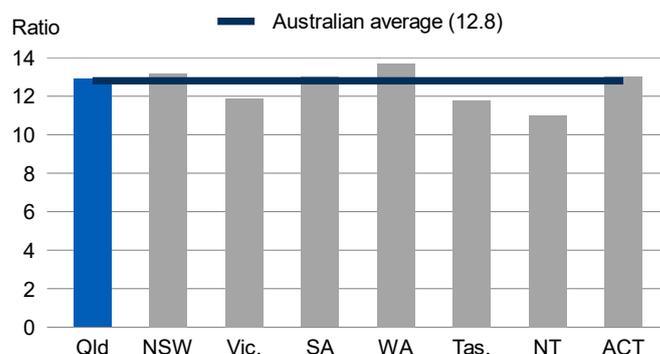
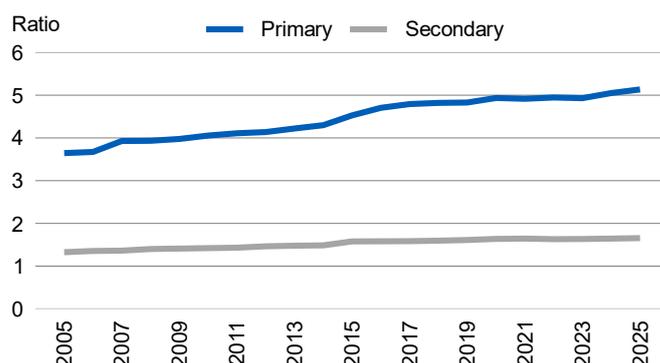


Figure 2 Full-time equivalent school teaching staff, female to male ratio, Queensland



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