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State school enrolments

February 2020–24

- A total of 572,160 students were enrolled in Queensland state schools in February 2024.
- From 2020 to 2024, enrolments decreased by 5,940 (-1.0%).
- In 2024, the largest proportion of state school students were in Metropolitan South Region (22.9%), South East Region (19.6%), and Metropolitan North Region (18.3%).

Table 1: Students by region

Region	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Central Queensland	48,174	47,816	46,866	46,588	46,431
Darling Downs South West	40,222	39,768	38,839	38,409	37,445
Far North Queensland	38,044	38,460	38,073	37,716	36,595
Metropolitan North	103,997	104,915	104,312	104,610	104,705
Metropolitan South	127,272	128,713	129,204	129,997	131,063
North Coast	78,310	78,159	76,564	76,312	75,713
North Queensland	34,448	34,488	34,045	33,407	32,875
South East	111,376	112,142	111,685	111,828	111,863
Total	578,100	580,172	575,285	574,489	572,160

Notes:

- Counts are individual students within each grouping. As students may have multiple enrolments across groups, column sums may exceed totals.
- Includes students from Prep Year to Year 12.
- The Department of Education has eight integrated service-delivery regions across Queensland.

- In 2024, 326,552 students (57.1% of total state school students) were enrolled in primary year levels and 245,608 (42.9%) were enrolled in secondary year levels.

Table 2: Students by year level

Year level	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Prep Year	46,683	46,241	44,355	43,540	43,126
Year 1	47,888	46,915	46,561	45,255	44,554
Year 2	48,751	48,048	47,099	47,204	45,899
Year 3	48,355	48,918	47,975	47,544	47,765
Year 4	48,875	48,309	48,724	48,402	47,988
Year 5	49,530	48,483	47,716	48,541	48,189
Year 6	49,106	49,526	48,420	48,146	49,035
Total Primary	339,182	336,430	330,840	328,632	326,552
Year 7	44,368	43,592	43,338	42,329	41,774
Year 8	43,231	44,489	43,552	43,816	42,759
Year 9	42,088	43,111	44,150	43,538	43,689
Year 10	40,718	42,489	43,237	44,589	44,478
Year 11	37,482	37,541	38,480	38,885	39,776
Year 12	31,069	32,553	31,723	32,738	33,229
Total Secondary	238,919	243,745	244,448	245,857	245,608
Queensland	578,100	580,172	575,285	574,489	572,160

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- A smaller half cohort of students was introduced in Prep Year in 2007 to align with the shift in the compulsory school starting age from 2008. 2020 was the first year without the half cohort enrolled in a state school year level.

- A total of 67,210 First Nations students were enrolled in Queensland state schools in February 2024, making up 11.7% of all Queensland's state school students.
- From 2020 to 2024, First Nations enrolments grew by 5,847 (9.5%), compared to a 1.0% decrease for all students.
- In 2024, the largest proportion of First Nations students were in Far North Queensland Region (18.2%), North Queensland Region (13.9%), and Metropolitan South Region (13.4%).

Table 3: First Nations students by region

Region	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Central Queensland	7,322	7,541	7,761	8,098	8,498
Darling Downs South West	6,361	6,505	6,556	6,774	6,854
Far North Queensland	12,502	12,721	12,582	12,487	12,206
Metropolitan North	5,668	5,960	6,156	6,411	6,672
Metropolitan South	7,849	8,163	8,421	8,624	8,984
North Coast	6,570	6,769	6,729	6,913	7,043
North Queensland	8,656	8,907	8,991	9,120	9,374
South East	6,974	7,476	7,696	8,043	8,347
Total	61,363	63,405	64,301	65,747	67,210

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- Includes students from Prep Year to Year 12.
- The Department of Education has eight integrated service-delivery regions across Queensland.
- First Nations students are self-identified at the time of enrolment.

- In 2024, 39,824 First Nations students (59.3% of total First Nations enrolments in Queensland state schools) were enrolled in primary year levels and 27,386 First Nations students (40.7%) were enrolled in secondary year levels.

Table 4: First Nations students by year level

Year level	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Prep Year	5,467	5,593	5,340	5,577	5,655
Year 1	5,270	5,529	5,602	5,519	5,661
Year 2	5,372	5,318	5,621	5,696	5,609
Year 3	5,372	5,459	5,362	5,731	5,784
Year 4	5,309	5,459	5,523	5,455	5,806
Year 5	5,243	5,403	5,563	5,638	5,576
Year 6	5,346	5,379	5,430	5,669	5,733
Total Primary	37,379	38,135	38,438	39,285	39,824
Year 7	4,981	5,056	4,920	5,042	5,227
Year 8	4,680	5,013	5,062	5,019	5,144
Year 9	4,350	4,626	4,936	5,015	4,956
Year 10	4,180	4,437	4,718	5,041	5,327
Year 11	3,333	3,594	3,618	3,738	3,974
Year 12	2,467	2,554	2,618	2,613	2,772
Total Secondary	23,984	25,271	25,864	26,462	27,386
Queensland	61,363	63,405	64,301	65,747	67,210

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