



# Class Size Target Achievement (2008 to 2010) and Average Class Sizes (2010)

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- A class size snapshot is undertaken each year to determine the extent to which class size targets in schools are being achieved.
- Class size targets are specified in the Teachers' Certified Agreement 2010 as:
  - 28 students per class for Years 4-10, and
  - 25 students per class for Prep, Years 1-3 and Years 11-12.
- Schools are allocated classroom teaching staff to achieve the formation of classes on or within the class size targets. It should be noted that while targets are an important consideration in the formation of classes, the actual make-up of classes is determined at the school level by principals in consultation with staff. For example, a Principal may form a class with one or two students over the target to keep students of the same year level together, rather than forming multi-age classes.
- Table 1 shows the proportion of state school classes achieving class size targets by Year level groupings. The class size survey indicated that 95 per cent of all classes in 2010 achieved class size targets.
- Table 2 illustrates an additional reporting view - average class size, defined as the number of students per class under the instruction of a full-time equivalent teacher. The overall average class size for Queensland state schools in 2010 was 20 students.



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**Table 1: Proportion of State School Classes Achieving Class Size Targets, 2008 to 2010**

<i>Years</i>	<i>Meeting or Better Than Target</i>	<i>Better Than Target</i>	<i>On Target</i>	<i>Over Target</i>
<b>Prep – Year 3</b>				
2008	93%	78%	16%	7%
2009	93%	78%	16%	7%
2010	93%	77%	16%	7%
<b>Year 4 – Year 10</b>				
2008	95%	85%	10%	5%
2009	95%	85%	10%	5%
2010	95%	86%	9%	5%
<b>Year 11 – Year 12</b>				
2008	97%	93%	4%	3%
2009	96%	91%	5%	4%
2010	96%	92%	5%	4%
<b>All Year Levels</b>				
2008	95%	87%	9%	5%
2009	95%	86%	9%	5%
2010	95%	87%	8%	5%

Note: Numbers may not total due to rounding

**Table 2: Average Class Size at Queensland State Schools, 2010**

<i>Years</i>	<i>Average Class Size</i>
2010 Prep – Year 3	22.2
2010 Year 4 – Year 10	21.9
2010 Year 11 – Year 12	15.6
2010 All Classes	19.9