



Standing Committees on Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2020 - 2021**

Outcome: Schools

Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. SQ21-000140

Senator Louise Pratt provided in writing.

Projected Enrolments - by school sector

Question

Please provide projected enrolments to 2030 (or as far as current projections go) for each state and territory, broken down by school sector.

a. Please provide total enrolments broken down by state and territory and school sector for each year 2010 to 2021

Answer

The tables in Attachment A provide projections for funded enrolments for the years 2021 to 2030 by state and sector as at March 2021.

The projection figures are subject to the following caveats:

1. Full fee paying overseas students are not included.
2. Non-systemic Catholic schools are categorised as Independent schools.
3. The projections are generated using simple algorithms and do not consider potential future changes in social and economic conditions or education and immigration policy

Recurrent school funding for a year is based on actual schools enrolment data for the year.

Data on total enrolments for the years 2010 to 2020 is publicly available. Please refer to *Table 43a Full-time Equivalent Students, 2006 – 2020* on the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Schools information page: <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/education/schools/latest-release>

SQ21-000140 - Attachment A: Projected enrolments by State/Territory and sector

Catholic Schools: Funded Enrolment Projection 2021 – 2030, by State

| State | Year | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 |
| NSW | 219,552 | 220,550 | 221,981 | 223,318 | 224,525 | 225,926 | 227,925 | 230,103 | 232,680 | 235,269 |
| VIC | 211,881 | 213,359 | 215,296 | 217,066 | 218,680 | 220,309 | 222,500 | 225,154 | 228,192 | 231,462 |
| QLD | 154,944 | 156,298 | 157,859 | 159,305 | 160,596 | 161,948 | 163,521 | 164,682 | 166,295 | 168,195 |
| SA | 42,867 | 42,954 | 43,293 | 43,523 | 43,628 | 43,619 | 44,023 | 44,552 | 45,215 | 45,796 |
| WA | 66,164 | 66,566 | 67,171 | 67,629 | 68,080 | 68,544 | 69,004 | 69,505 | 70,090 | 70,737 |
| TAS | 15,240 | 15,319 | 15,380 | 15,440 | 15,458 | 15,468 | 15,509 | 15,536 | 15,592 | 15,633 |
| NT | 4,733 | 4,706 | 4,699 | 4,704 | 4,673 | 4,671 | 4,678 | 4,713 | 4,740 | 4,793 |
| ACT | 14,587 | 14,781 | 14,953 | 15,098 | 15,183 | 15,251 | 15,350 | 15,423 | 15,574 | 15,714 |
| Australia | 729,969 | 734,533 | 740,632 | 746,083 | 750,823 | 755,736 | 762,509 | 769,669 | 778,378 | 787,598 |

Independent Schools: Funded Enrolment Projection 2021 – 2030, by State

| State | Year | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 |
| NSW | 215,597 | 219,519 | 223,707 | 227,347 | 230,996 | 234,293 | 237,441 | 240,438 | 243,132 | 245,936 |
| VIC | 152,594 | 156,314 | 159,977 | 163,538 | 166,836 | 169,742 | 173,133 | 176,139 | 179,323 | 182,316 |
| QLD | 132,221 | 134,758 | 137,474 | 140,016 | 142,094 | 144,638 | 147,087 | 149,299 | 151,656 | 154,182 |
| SA | 54,778 | 55,006 | 55,702 | 56,237 | 56,752 | 56,772 | 57,336 | 57,619 | 57,793 | 58,045 |
| WA | 74,509 | 75,478 | 76,716 | 77,781 | 78,584 | 79,516 | 80,636 | 81,796 | 82,695 | 83,646 |
| TAS | 10,221 | 10,504 | 10,804 | 11,058 | 11,330 | 11,564 | 11,794 | 11,996 | 12,221 | 12,315 |
| NT | 5,559 | 5,510 | 5,499 | 5,502 | 5,515 | 5,533 | 5,528 | 5,570 | 5,625 | 5,684 |
| ACT | 14,247 | 14,399 | 14,611 | 14,747 | 14,931 | 15,091 | 15,217 | 15,433 | 15,607 | 15,807 |
| Australia | 659,725 | 671,488 | 684,491 | 696,226 | 707,037 | 717,147 | 728,172 | 738,290 | 748,053 | 757,932 |

Government Schools: Funded Enrolment Projections 2021 – 2030, by State

| State | Year | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 |
| NSW | 818,328 | 829,219 | 840,294 | 850,146 | 858,334 | 866,583 | 875,805 | 885,183 | 894,872 | 904,735 |
| VIC | 651,689 | 664,010 | 676,595 | 688,138 | 698,483 | 708,705 | 719,430 | 730,108 | 741,218 | 752,406 |
| QLD | 578,340 | 582,510 | 587,407 | 591,276 | 594,921 | 598,223 | 602,453 | 607,083 | 613,216 | 620,282 |
| SA | 176,683 | 178,078 | 179,826 | 180,651 | 181,441 | 181,916 | 181,940 | 182,454 | 183,216 | 183,579 |
| WA | 294,675 | 299,422 | 304,330 | 308,652 | 312,074 | 315,250 | 318,952 | 322,403 | 326,000 | 329,656 |
| TAS | 57,922 | 58,151 | 58,378 | 58,452 | 58,476 | 58,260 | 58,004 | 57,973 | 58,088 | 58,214 |
| NT | 30,675 | 31,112 | 31,634 | 32,028 | 32,405 | 32,824 | 33,274 | 33,665 | 34,100 | 34,513 |
| ACT | 46,251 | 47,286 | 48,462 | 49,422 | 50,300 | 51,270 | 52,128 | 52,796 | 53,493 | 54,213 |
| Australia | 2,654,564 | 2,689,789 | 2,726,926 | 2,758,764 | 2,786,435 | 2,813,031 | 2,841,985 | 2,871,665 | 2,904,203 | 2,937,599 |

All school sectors: Funded Enrolment Projections 2021 – 2030, by State

| State | Year | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 |
| NSW | 1,253,476 | 1,269,289 | 1,285,981 | 1,300,811 | 1,313,855 | 1,326,803 | 1,341,171 | 1,355,724 | 1,370,685 | 1,385,940 |
| VIC | 1,016,164 | 1,033,683 | 1,051,868 | 1,068,742 | 1,083,999 | 1,098,756 | 1,115,062 | 1,131,401 | 1,148,733 | 1,166,185 |
| QLD | 865,506 | 873,566 | 882,740 | 890,596 | 897,611 | 904,809 | 913,061 | 921,064 | 931,167 | 942,659 |
| SA | 274,328 | 276,038 | 278,822 | 280,411 | 281,821 | 282,308 | 283,298 | 284,625 | 286,225 | 287,420 |
| WA | 435,349 | 441,467 | 448,217 | 454,063 | 458,739 | 463,309 | 468,592 | 473,704 | 478,786 | 484,039 |
| TAS | 83,383 | 83,974 | 84,562 | 84,950 | 85,263 | 85,291 | 85,306 | 85,506 | 85,901 | 86,161 |
| NT | 40,967 | 41,328 | 41,832 | 42,234 | 42,593 | 43,027 | 43,480 | 43,948 | 44,464 | 44,990 |
| ACT | 75,086 | 76,465 | 78,026 | 79,266 | 80,414 | 81,612 | 82,694 | 83,652 | 84,674 | 85,734 |
| Australia | 4,044,258 | 4,095,810 | 4,152,049 | 4,201,073 | 4,244,295 | 4,285,914 | 4,332,665 | 4,379,624 | 4,430,635 | 4,483,129 |

Notes:

Enrolments are projected based on the enrolment projection rates calculated using ABS student data and State and Territory feedback, as at March 2021.

1. Full fee paying overseas students are not included.
2. Non-systemic Catholic schools are categorised as Independent schools
3. The projections are generated using simple algorithms and do not consider potential future changes in social and economic conditions or education and immigration policy.