

QUESTION 2

IN EACH OF THOSE CATEGORIES, WHAT ARE THE TOTAL NUMBERS OF STUDENTS?

2.1 Australian Capital Territory

Students in Government schools make up 63% of all school students in the ACT.

Table 2.1

Total numbers of ACT students in school categories and levels, 2001

	Government	Independent	Catholic	All Schools
Total Primary	21,439	2,318	8,733	32,490
Total Secondary	16,531	3,470	8,152	28,153
Total	37,970	5,788	16,885	60,643

2.2 New South Wales

Most recent statistics available for numbers of students in primary and secondary schools in different categories are from 2001. Primary schools in NSW include all years between Kindergarten and year 6. Secondary schools include all years from year 7 to year 12.

Table 2.2

Total numbers of NSW students in school categories and levels, 2001

	Government Schools	Independent Schools	Catholic Schools	Total Numbers of Students
Total Primary	499, 232	51, 769	124, 938	675, 939
Total Secondary	297, 323	44,495	111, 557	453, 375

2.3 Northern Territory

Table 2.3

Numbers of NT school students identified by education system and level of education, 2002

Type of School	Primary	Junior High or Sec-aged Indigenous	Senior Secondary	Total of students
<u>Gov Schools</u>				
Primary only	14871			
Community Ed or Mixed Age Comprehensive	4217	1460		
High Schools		4143	3030	
Sub-Totals	19088	5603	3030	27721

<u>Catholic Schools</u>				
Primary only	2109			
Community Ed or Mixed Age Comprehensive	1272	533	91	
High Schools		608	189	
Sub-Totals	3381	1141	280	4802
<u>Independent Schools</u>				
Primary only	909			
Community Ed or Mixed Age Comprehensive	611	258		
High Schools		924	250	
Sub-Totals	1520	1182	250	2952
Totals	23989	7926	3560	35475

Source: June 2002 statistics, via Sue Watterson, Research Assistant, Business Information Services Division, NT Department of Employment, Education and Training. Pers comm. June 27, 2002.

2.4 Queensland

Table 2.4

Total numbers of Queensland students in school categories and levels, 1980-2002

Year	Gov Primary ^	Gov Sec ^	Gov Special ^	Totals Gov Schools ^	Non-Gov Prim	Non-Gov Sec	Non-Gov total*	Total Prim*	Total Sec*	Total of all schools
1980	242104	106050	4746	352900	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1981	246505	108605	4867	359977	62303	43514	105817	308808	152119	460927
1982	249295	114022	6217	369534	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1983	245891	122622	6488	375001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1984	238568	130390	6769	375727	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1985	232186	136787	6727	375700	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1986	228489	139316	8049	375854	59910	58478	118388	288399	197794	486193
1987	227776	141229	7095	376100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1988	233306	142407	4154	379867	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1989	242183	141047	3775	387005	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1990	246052	140817	3759	390628	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1991	251212	143370	3443	398025	71507	64727	136234	322719	208097	530816
1992	254106	143840	3176	401122	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1993	258759	142135	3338	404232	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1994	261130	139424	2689	403243	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1995	263292	139660	2598	405550	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1996	264914	144141	2631	411686	80181	77898	158079	345095	222039	567134
1997	266020	146744	2499	415263	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1998	269319	149244	2474	421037	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1999	272495	150923	2458	425876	86493	84673	171166	358988	235596	594584
2000	276984	151017	2401	430402	89176	85735	174911	366160	236752	602912
2001	280813	151763	2519	435095	91503	86731	178234	372316	238494	610810
2002	281053	156989	2605	440647	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	

* Data from ABS

^ Data from Education Queensland

Enrolments are as at the July Census each year except for 2002 where February data is provided.

Table 2.5

Total enrolments in Queensland Catholic schools (Full-Time Equivalent), 1991-2001

Year	Total
1991	89144
1992	89741
1993	91037
1994	93217.8
1995	94821.7
1996	96790.3
1997	98583.6
1998	100193.7
1999	101747.9
2000	103198.8
2001	104463.1

Source: DEST August Census 1991 – 2001

2.5 South Australia

Separate numbers of students in the Independent and Catholic systems were unable to be obtained. The figures for SA government schools were taken from the government website as at the census March 2002 and the figures labelled ‘total’ are the figures obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics for 2001.

Table 2.6

Numbers of SA school students identified by education system and level of education, 2002

Year level	Govt school students	Total
Total Primary	106234	159400
Total Secondary	64543	90096

2.6 Tasmania

Table 2.7

Total numbers of students in each level and system for the years 1981-2001

	1981	1991	2001
Primary			
Government	37023	28511	26051
Independent	14917*	19952*	20821*
Catholic			
Total Primary	51940	48463	46872
Secondary			
Government			
Independent			
Catholic			
Total Secondary	33909	37151	35925
Total of All Schools	85849	85614	82797

*Combined independent and Catholic numbers.

Numbers at secondary level have increased in the twenty-year period due largely to increased retention rates of students especially at senior secondary level. The Department of Education *Annual Report 2000-2001* records an increase in the retention rate from year 10 students to year 11 students of 58.8% in 1989 to 84.8% in 2000.

The decline in numbers at the primary level reflects a general decline in the Tasmanian population including school age children.

2.7 Victoria

The statistics available for total number of students enrolled in Government, Catholic and Independent schools from 1993 to 2001 appear in Table 2.8.

Table 2.8

Total numbers of students in each system for the years, 1993-2001

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Government	526,636	520,328	514,805	517,062	518,476	521,413	524,849	528,189	532,258
Catholic	173,631	174,157	174,532	176,080	177,291	178,214	178,768	179,442	180,027
Independent	77,330	78,709	80,940	83,313	85,657	87,773	90,937	94,064	97,080
Total	777,597	773,194	770,277	776,455	781,424	787,400	794,554	801,695	809,365

Source: <http://ais.vic.edu.au/public/statistics.htm>

Table 2.9 shows numbers of full-time students enrolled at primary and secondary schools at five-year intervals from 1976 to 2001. Primary schools in Victoria include all years from Preparatory to Year 6. Secondary schools include all years from year 7 to year 12.

Table 2.9

Total numbers of students in each level for the years 1976 – 2001

	1976	1981	1986 (b)	1991	1996	1999	2000	2001
Primary	492,813	481,414	421,465	430,553	435,822	447,005	451,720	453,766
Secondary	332,977	335,239	368,116	358,960	340,633	347,549	349,975	355,599
Total	825,790	816,653	796,532	789,513	776,455	794,554	801,695	809,365

(b) includes 23, 274 students at special schools for whom primary or secondary status was not identifiable

Source: ABS Schools 2001 4221.0

2.8 Western Australia

Statistics from 2001 provides the most recent data for numbers of students in primary and secondary schools. In Western Australia, there are three levels of schooling—pre-primary, primary (Years 1 to 7) and secondary (Years 8 to 12).

Table 2.10

Total numbers of WA students in school categories and levels, 2001

TYPE OF SCHOOL	Pre-Primary	Primary	Secondary	Total
GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS				
Primary Schools	25,745	128,924	0	154,669
Schools of the Air	63	241	136	440
Remote Community Schools	241	998	298	1,537
District High Schools	2,111	10,228	6,008	18,347
Secondary Schools	0	0	70,214	70,214
Senior Colleges/Campuses	0	0	3,288	3,288
Education Support Schools	300	1,938	1,053	3,291
Agricultural Colleges/Schools	0	0	429	429
School of Isolated & Distance Education	28	198	343	569
TOTAL GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS	28,488	142,527	81,769	252,784
NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS				
Primary Schools	7,687	33,537	0	41,224
Primary-Secondary Schools	2,814	15,570	23,496	41,880
Secondary Schools	0	0	22,090	22,090
TOTAL NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS	10,501	49,107	45,586	105,194
COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOLS	1,229	0	0	1,229
INDEPENDENT PRE-SCHOOLS	693	0	0	693
TOTAL	40,911	191,634	127,355	359,900

2.9 Summary

This section has addressed the question ‘In each of those categories (Government, Independent, Catholic/primary and secondary schools), what are the total numbers of students?’ As with the previous question, some State Investigators provided statistical information for either 2001 or 2002 while others were able to provide longitudinal data over five or ten year time spans. The sources of data used by the State Investigators varied with some drawing on Australian Bureau of Statistics Census information while others relied on statistical information supplied by education authorities in their particular states. As with the previous question, there was no uniform format for the information supplied by the State Investigators which made comparisons between states/territories difficult. However, readers are referred to the Australian Bureau of Statistics census information for fuller details including comparative data of the numbers of government and non-government schools in each state or territory.