

Main Features

Primary schooling students change from 1996 census to 2001:

		% change	Number 2001
Queensland	↑	6.4%	347,676
Government	↑	3.9%	259,023
Non-government	↑	14.6%	88,653
Australia	↑	1.9%	1,771,411
Government	↓	0.8%	1,266,287
Non-government	↑	9.5%	505,124

Secondary schooling students change from 1996 census to 2001:

		% change	Number 2001
Queensland	↑	7.9%	225,258
Government	↑	5.0%	141,768
Non-government	↑	13.3%	83,490
Australia	↑	4.7%	1,267,103
Government	↑	0.7%	794,625
Non-government	↑	12.3%	472,478

Commentary

- These counts are based on the results of the August 2001 Census of Population and Housing conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Data presented here are based on the place of enumeration counts, not place of usual residence.
- Queensland had 572,934 students attending schools at August 2001, 18.9% of the Australian total. This is an increase of 37,505 students (7.0%) since the last census at August 1996. The number of students attending school throughout Australia was 3,038,514, an increase of 91,181 (3.1%) since August 1996.
- Of the 572,934 students attending Queensland schools, 70.0% attended government schools and 30.0% attended non-government schools (figure 1). This is a slight decrease from 71.8% attending government schools in the 1996 census. Australia had similar proportions of 67.8% attending government schools and 32.2% attending non-government schools.
- The majority of Queensland school students were attending an infant/primary school (60.7%) as opposed to a secondary school (39.3%). Australia had 58.3% attending infant/primary schools and 41.7% attending secondary schools.
- The number of Queensland children attending a pre-school in August 2001 was 52,946 persons an increase of 10.3% from August 1996. Australian children attending pre-schools increased by 7.5% from 1996 to 277,845 children in 2001.

- Excluding Queensland offshore areas and migratory regions, the statistical division of Darling Downs had the highest proportion of non-government school students (32.5%) (includes both primary and secondary schools) while Wide-Bay Burnett had the lowest proportion of students attending a non-government school (15.5%) (figure 2).
- The statistical division of Central West had the highest proportion of primary school students (65.5%) while the Darling Downs had the smallest proportion (54.1%) (excluding Queensland offshore areas and migratory regions) (figure 3).

Figure 1: Students enrolled in government and non-government schools, Queensland, August 1996 and August 2001

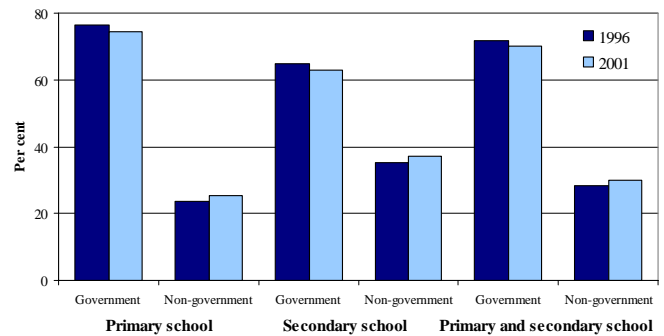


Figure 2: Proportion of students enrolled in a non-government school by statistical division, August 2001

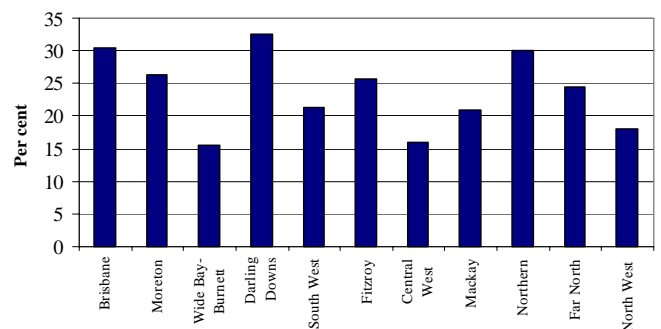


Figure 3: Proportion of students enrolled in a primary school by statistical division, August 2001

