



## SYNOPSIS OF ABS DATA ON SCHOOLS 2005

### SCHOOLS

In August 2005, there were 9,623 schools in Australia of which 72% (6,929) were government schools and 28% (2,694) were non-government.

Of these 9,623 schools, the distribution among non-special schools was 71.5% primary only, 15.9% secondary only and 12.6% combined.

The significant increase over the decade from 1995 is in combined schools with an increase from 9.7% to 12.6%. This is likely to reflect the growth in the independent sector.

### STUDENTS

In 2005, there were 3,348,139 full-time school students, of whom 67.1% attended government schools and hence 32.9% attended non-government schools. In 1995, 71% of students attended government schools.

Over the ten years from 1995 to 2005, there was a 22.2% increase in the number of students attending non-government schools, with only a 1.7% increase in those attending government schools.

### STAFF

#### *Student-Teacher Ratios*

<i>Level</i>	<i>Government</i>	<i>Non-Government</i>	<i>Average</i>
Primary	16.1	16.6	16.2
Secondary	12.4	11.9	12.2

#### *Western Australian Statistics*

The trend in enrolments from 2003 to 2004:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Government</i>	<i>Non-Government</i>
2003	230,308	103,742 (31.06%)
2004	229,766	106,300 (31.63%)
2005	228,817	109,343 (32.33%)

#### *Student Enrolments in Western Australia*

<i>Level</i>	<i>Government</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Independent</i>
Primary	72.3%	17.3%	10.4%
Secondary	60.3%	20.1%	19.6%

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