

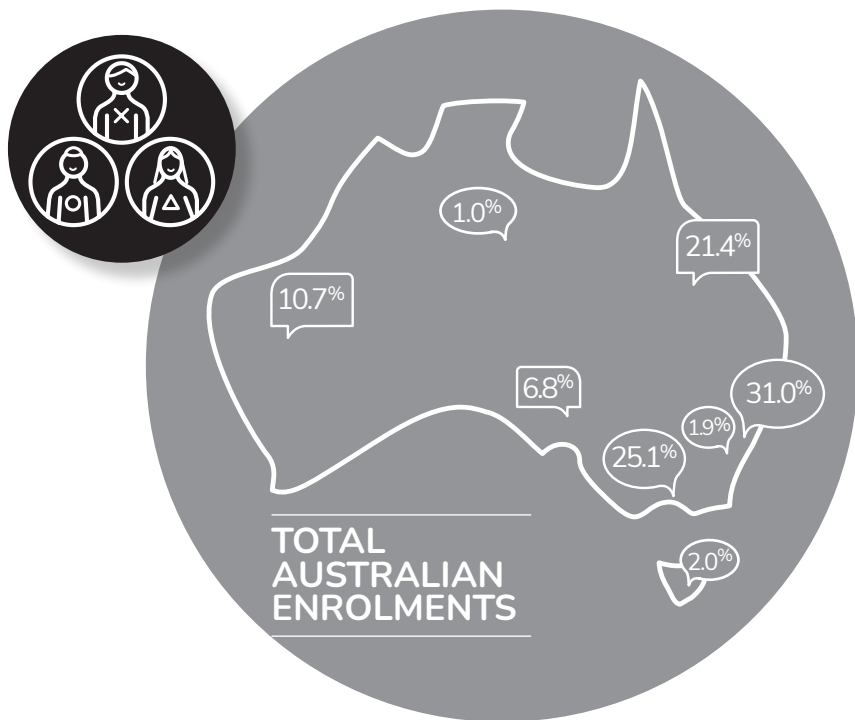
ENROLMENT TRENDS & PROJECTIONS

FACTS AND FIGURES FOR 2020



4,002,000

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS



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In 2020 the Independent sector experienced its strongest growth in more than a decade.
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2.5%

INDEPENDENT

1.3%

GOVERNMENT

1.1%

CATHOLIC

1.5%

OVERALL

16%

PROPORTION OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

66%

2,620,000

GOVERNMENT

18%

730,000

CATHOLIC

16%

650,000

INDEPENDENT

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA



ENROLMENT GROWTH

LAST YEAR...

2019–20



Growth in Independent schools is across all fee levels, with the strongest growth in schools with fees below \$6,000 per annum.

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In Australia population growth at secondary levels is steady, with growth slowing in primary grades, particularly at years 0-1 where negative population growth occurred in 2020.

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ANNUAL GROWTH BY GRADE LEVEL

2019–20

GRADE LEVEL	INDEPENDENT	ALL SECTORS
ALL YEARS	2.5%	1.5%
YEARS 7-12	3.2%	3.1%
YEARS 0-6	1.6%	0.3%
YEARS 0-1 ONLY	1.5%	-0.2%

PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS...

2015–20

ADDITIONAL STUDENT ENROLMENTS

190,988

GOVERNMENT

1.5%

60,523

INDEPENDENT

2.0%

11,533

CATHOLIC

0.3%

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Since 2015, the Independent sector has experienced the highest enrolment growth of all sectors. Close to 90% of the enrolments were from New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland schools.

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PREVIOUS 20 YEARS...

2000–20

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The Independent sector enrolment share has grown over the last 20 years, remained stable in the Catholic sector and declined in the government sector.

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CHANGE IN SHARE OF ENROLMENTS OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES

2020	65.6	18.2	16.2
2015	65.1	19.2	15.7
2010	65.5	18.9	15.6
2005	67.2	18.3	14.6
2000	69.3	18.2	12.5

PERCENTAGE SHARE %

ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS

SECTOR	CURRENT ENROLMENTS 2020	PROJECTED ENROLMENTS 2030	ADDITIONAL ENROLMENTS 2020–30
INDEPENDENT	647,371	778,390	+131,019
CATHOLIC	729,817	755,655	+25,837
GOVERNMENT	2,624,698	3,012,701	+388,003
OVERALL	4,001,887	4,546,746	+544,859



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ISA predicts that the Independent sector will have an enrolment share of 16.8% in 2025 and 17.1% in 2030.

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