



How many school students are there in Australia?

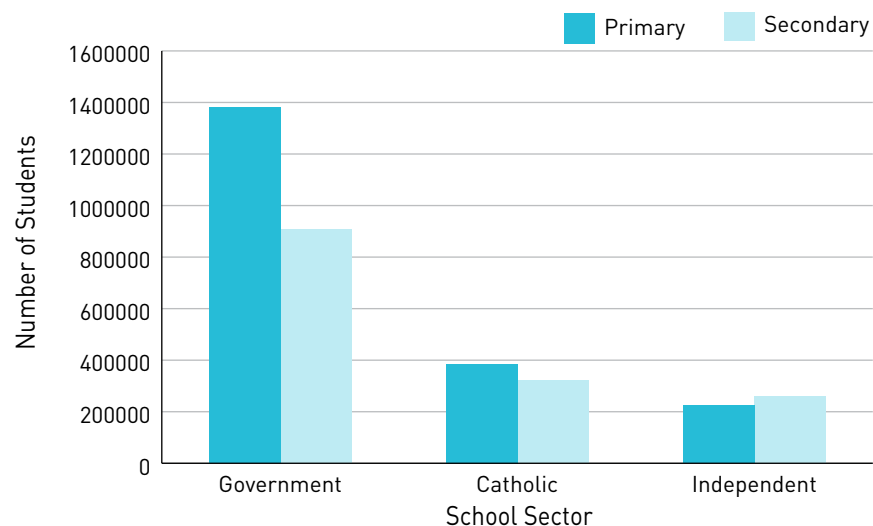
- In 2009, more than 3.4 million full time equivalent (FTE) students were enrolled in Australian schools (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 4221.0 *Schools, Preliminary Australia 2009*).
- Nearly 2 million of these students attended primary schools and almost 1.5 million attended secondary schools.
- A total of 2.29 million students attended government schools and nearly 1.2 million attended non-government schools.
- 2009 ABS data show there were a total of 155,541 Indigenous students attending school in Australia. The majority of these students (85.7 per cent) attended government schools, 9 per cent attended Catholic schools and 5 per cent attended independent schools.

Number of full time equivalent (FTE) students

	Government	Catholic	Independent	Total Non-Govt	Total
Primary	1,380,908	384,195	223,781	607,976	1,988,884
Secondary	909,531	320,517	261,136	581,653	1,491,183
Total	2,290,439	704,712	484,916	1,189,629	3,480,068

(Source: ABS, *Schools Australia* [catalogue number 4221.0])

Australian School Student Enrolments by Sector 2009



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