

- A total of 65,102 First Nations students were enrolled in Queensland state schools in August 2023, making up 11.4% of all Queensland's state school students.
- From 2019 to 2023, First Nations enrolments grew by 7,012 (12.1%), compared to 1.7% for all students.
- In 2023, the largest proportion of First Nations students were in Far North Queensland Region (18.8%), North Queensland Region (14.0%), and Metropolitan South Region (13.2%).

Table 3: First Nations students by region

Region	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Central Queensland	6,990	7,283	7,408	7,683	8,113
Darling Downs South West	6,037	6,296	6,405	6,431	6,662
Far North Queensland	12,032	12,295	12,467	12,508	12,261
Metropolitan North	5,261	5,602	5,915	6,105	6,290
Metropolitan South	7,317	7,736	8,191	8,288	8,581
North Coast	6,252	6,488	6,690	6,619	6,819
North Queensland	8,196	8,563	8,849	8,904	9,105
South East	6,406	7,005	7,461	7,625	7,978
Total	58,090	60,730	62,779	63,598	65,102

Notes:

- Counts are individual students within each grouping. As students may have multiple enrolments across groups, column sums may exceed totals.
- Includes students from Prep Year to Year 12.
- The Department of Education has eight integrated service-delivery regions across Queensland.
- First Nations students are self-identified at the time of enrolment.

Table 4: First Nations students by year level

- In 2023, 39,597 First Nations students (60.8% of total First Nations enrolments in Queensland state schools) were enrolled in primary year levels and 25,505 First Nations students (39.2%) were enrolled in secondary year levels.

Year level	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Prep Year	5,255	5,518	5,676	5,502	5,652
Year 1	5,297	5,281	5,581	5,634	5,576
Year 2	5,316	5,381	5,349	5,642	5,748
Year 3	5,258	5,394	5,482	5,398	5,781
Year 4	5,225	5,340	5,519	5,549	5,514
Year 5	5,235	5,287	5,438	5,566	5,657
Year 6	5,242	5,350	5,389	5,450	5,670
Total Primary	36,826	37,551	38,431	38,737	39,597
Year 7	4,692	5,010	5,139	4,972	5,160
Year 8	4,319	4,646	4,989	5,028	4,995
Year 9	4,088	4,294	4,599	4,838	4,921
Year 10	3,668	4,037	4,277	4,593	4,892
Year 11	2,877	2,939	3,088	3,117	3,175
Year 12	1,626	2,257	2,260	2,316	2,371
Total Secondary	21,264	23,179	24,348	24,861	25,505
Queensland	58,090	60,730	62,779	63,598	65,102

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- A smaller half cohort of students was introduced in Prep Year in 2007 to align with the shift in the compulsory school starting age from 2008. 2020 was the first year without the half cohort enrolled in a state school year level.
- First Nations students are self-identified at the time of enrolment.

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