

# Statistical Update

## TERM 3 2016 JUNIOR PRIMARY CLASS SIZES

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*This report provides summary statistics relating to junior primary class sizes in South Australian government schools as at Term 3 2016. These data are derived from roll class information collected as part of the Term 3 Enrolment Data Collection held on Friday, 5 August 2016*

### Introduction

Roll class information was first collected in the Term 1 2003 Census. The roll class is used as an estimate for the measure of class size for junior primary classes.

Prior to 2014 junior primary class size statistics were calculated using validated Term 1 Data Collection data. However due to the introduction of the Same First Day policy, from 2014 onwards the junior primary class size statistics are calculated using validated Term 3 Enrolment Census data. **This must be taken into account in any comparison of the data from 2014 onwards with that from previous years.**

The data used include classes that have years Reception, Year 1 and/or Year 2 students. In some schools, junior primary classes also include students from higher year levels. The scope of the analysis has been limited to only those junior primary classes up to Year 3, where the Year 3 students are the older age group in a combined

## Number of Students by Class Type

The Same First Day policy was introduced in 2014, where reception students start school at the beginning of the year. This has affected the average number of students in classes with Reception students as in previous years the census was based on Term 1.

Prior to 2014, reception classes in term 1 were smaller in most primary

## Frequency of Class Size

Figure 1 provides a frequency distribution of class sizes