

Definitions for Open Data – Class Size by Grade

Column	Definition
[Definition of extract]	This extract contains class size by grade at the school level. The data in this table begins with school year 2006/2007, split into four spreadsheets for size considerations.
[Technical Notes]	Class Organization information is collected annually by the Ministry of Education from public schools to monitor school district compliance with class size legislation (the Class Size Regulation within the School Act). The counts reflect the class organization as of the time specified in that year's instructions (typically between September 30 and October 15th). See Key References. To learn more about this data set, please see the supporting document – <i>Working with the Class Size by Grade extract from DataBC</i>. 'Msk' (masked) values are for numbers fewer than 10, to prevent the identification of individuals.
[Key References]	Ministry of Education: Reporting on K-12 Glossary of Terms Ministry of Education: Class Organization Ministry of Education: Class Size and Compensation Regulation
SCHOOL_YEAR	The school year that commences on July 1 and ends the following June 30. For this data set, the earliest school year is '2006/2007'.
DATA_LEVEL	This extract contains information at the 'School Level' only.
PUBLIC_OR_INDEPENDENT	This extract contains information on 'Public School' only.
DISTRICT_NUMBER	The number of the school district. This value is a 3-digit string (e.g., 005, 023). However, leading zeros may be automatically removed when opening the file in Excel. See <i>Working with Class Size by Grade</i> guide for tips on how to prevent this from happening. For the actual name of the district, please see the column DISTRICT_NAME.
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SCHOOL_NUMBER	The eight-digit numerical identifier assigned to the school by the Ministry of Education. This is also known as the MINCODE ("Ministry Code"). The first three digits are often the district number (geographic district number). Leading zeros may be automatically removed when opening the file in Excel See <i>Working with Class Size by Grade</i> guide for tips on how to prevent this from happening. For the actual name of the school, please see the column SCHOOL_NAME.
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COURSE	The description that the school uses to identify a group of students (e.g., a division and/or course title). There are thousands of unique values in this column. Most secondary school classes use the descriptive name of a particular course followed by numeric identifier for the specific class (e.g., SOCIAL STUDIES 9 (01)), while elementary school classes use variations of a numeric identifier only (e.g., AM Attendance (D02); Div (03); or Division 1 etc.). Also note that some values, where a grade and division number have been entered for a class (e.g., 04-03), may automatically convert into dates (e.g., April 03) in the spreadsheet. This issue has been resolved for EXCEL files, but not in CSV files.
COURSE_GRADE	The grade for which the class is intended. For combined classes (i.e., classes that include students from more than one grade), this is obtained by using the grade with the highest headcount. Values: '1' through '12' 'KF' (= Kindergarten Full-time)
KINDERGARTEN	The headcount of all kindergarten students in the class.
GRADE_# (Columns K through V)	This series of columns indicate the headcount of students in the class at the specified grade level (Grade 1 to Grade 12).
TOTAL	The total headcount of students in the class.