

Definitions for Open Data – Class size by Composition

Column	Definition
[Definition of extract]	<p>This extract contains counts of classes by number students who are <i>entitled to Individual Education Plans (IEPs)</i> or who are reported as receiving English Language Learning support services. The counts are available by select grade groupings, and are based upon September enrolment data collections from the public school system.</p> <p>The data in this table begins with school year 2006/2007.</p>
[Technical Notes]	<p>Class Organization information is collected annually by the Ministry of Education from public standard 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 Sept 30 and October 15th).</p> <p>For each class, students are only counted once in a particular category. If a student meets the requirements of more than one category, then they are counted once under the category representing the highest support needs. For example, a student who is <i>entitled to an IEP</i> and is also receiving ELL supports would general be reported under the IEP column.</p> <p>IEPs are defined in the Individual Education Plan order (M638-95). For the class organization data collection, a student is counted as <i>entitled to an IEP</i> if they are reported as meeting the conditions specified in Order M638-95 and are in any of the Special Needs Categories, with the exception of P (Gifted). See the Class Organization instructions (under Key References) for more detail.</p>
[Key References]	<p>Ministry of Education: Reporting on K-12 Glossary of Terms https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/glossary.php If you are unsure of the definition for a term or value, check here.</p> <p>Ministry of Education: Class Organization https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/data-collection/class/class_size_instruct.pdf</p> <p>Class Size and Compensation Regulation https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/legislation-policy/legislation/schoollaw/d/bcreg_5212.pdf</p> <p>Ministry of Education: Special Education https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/special-education</p>
SCHOOL_YEAR	<p>The school year that commences on July 1 and ends the following June 30.</p> <p>For this data set, the earliest school year is '2006/2007'.</p>
DATA_LEVEL	<p>Use this column to select results at the province- or district-level.</p> <p>Values: 'PROVINCE LEVEL', 'DISTRICT LEVEL'</p>

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PUBLIC_OR_INDEPENDENT	For this data set the only value is 'BC Public School'.
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 _</i> guide for tips on how to prevent this from happening. For the actual name of the district, please see the column DISTRICT_NAME.
DISTRICT_NAME	The name of the school district. For the number of the district, please see the column DISTRICT_NUMBER.
GRADE_GROUP	The grouping of grades by which the class counts are available. Values: 'All Grades' 'Grades 4-12' 'Grades K-3'
NUMBER_CLASSES_0_IEP	The number of classes with no students who are <i>entitled to an IEP</i> .
NUMBER_CLASSES_1_IEP	The number of classes with 1 student who is <i>entitled to an IEP</i> .
NUMBER_CLASSES_2_IEP	The number of classes with 2 students who are <i>entitled to an IEP</i> .
NUMBER_CLASSES_3_IEP	The number of classes with 3 students who are <i>entitled to an IEP</i> .
NUMBER_CLASSES_4_IEP	The number of classes with 4 students who are <i>entitled to an IEP</i> .
NUMBER_CLASSES_5_IEP	The number of classes with 5 students who are <i>entitled to an IEP</i> .
NUMBER_CLASSES_6_IEP	The number of classes with 6 students who are <i>entitled to an IEP</i> .
NUMBER_CLASSES_7_PLUS_IEP	The number of classes with 7 or more students who are <i>entitled to an IEP</i> .
NUMBER_CLASSES_0_ELL	The number of classes with no students who are reported as receiving ELL support services.
NUMBER_CLASSES_1_ELL	The number of classes with 1 student reported as receiving ELL support services.
NUMBER_CLASSES_2_ELL	The number of classes with 2 students reported as receiving ELL support services.
NUMBER_CLASSES_3_ELL	The number of classes with 3 students reported as receiving ELL support services.
NUMBER_CLASSES_4_ELL	The number of classes with 4 students reported as receiving ELL support services.
NUMBER_CLASSES_5_ELL	The number of classes with 5 students reported as receiving ELL support services.
NUMBER_CLASSES_6_ELL	The number of classes with 6 students reported as receiving ELL support services.

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NUMBER_CLASSES_7_PLUS_ELL	The number of classes with 7 or more students reported as receiving ELL support services.