

Definitions for Open Data – Class Size 2017-2018

| Column | Definition |
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| [Definition of extract] | <p>This extract includes average class size for select grade groupings, the number of reported classes with assigned Education Assistants, and the number of reported classes with more than 30 students. This information is available at school-, district-, and province-level.</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 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> |
| [Key References] | <p>Ministry of Education: Reporting on K-12 Glossary of Terms https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/glossary.php <i>If you are unsure of the definition for a term or value, check here.</i></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> |
| SCHOOL_YEAR | <p>The school year that commences on July 1 and ends the following June 30, based on the session of the assessment.</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-, district-, or school-level.</p> <p>Values: 'PROVINCE LEVEL', 'DISTRICT LEVEL', 'SCHOOL LEVEL'</p> |
| PUBLIC_OR_INDEPENDENT | <p>This extract contains information on public standard schools only.</p> |
| DISTRICT_NUMBER | <p>The number of the school district.</p> <p>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 _ guide</i> for tips on how to prevent this from happening.</p> <p>For the actual name of the district, please see the column DISTRICT_NAME.</p> |
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| MINCODE | <p>The eight-digit numerical identifier assigned to the school by the Ministry of Education. The school identifier is also known as the Mincode ("Ministry Code"). The first three digits are often the district number (geographic district number).</p> <p>Leading zeros may be automatically removed when opening the file in Excel. See <i>Working with _ guide</i> for tips on how to prevent this from happening.</p> <p>For the actual name of the school, please see the column SCHOOL_NAME.</p> |

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| SCHOOL_NAME | The name of the school. For the number of the school, please see the column MINCODE. |
| NUM_OF_SCHOOLS_IN_DATA_LEVEL | The number of schools in a data level (i.e. at the school, district, or province level), from which the values in columns I through O are derived. |
| TOTAL_CLASSES | The total number of classes at a data level, from which the values in columns J through O are derived. |
| CLASSES_WITH_ED_ASSIST | The number of reported classes with an education assistant. |
| TOTAL_CLASSES_GREATER_30 | The number of reported classes with more than 30 students. |
| AVG_CLASS_SIZE_K | The average kindergarten class size. |
| AVG_CLASS_SIZE_1_3 | The average class size for grades 1 to 3. |
| AVG_CLASS_SIZE_4_7 | The average class size for grades 4 to 7. |
| AVG_CLASS_SIZE_8_12 | The average class size for grades 8 to 12. |