

## Classes in state primary schools in England: 1978 to 2020

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Year	1978	1979	1980
Average class size	26.9	26.3	25.7
Number of classes	169,700	169,100	166,400
Number of pupils	4,564,000	4,442,000	4,283,700
Percentage of pupils in classes with			
31 - 35 pupils	33.4%	30.1%	26.8%
36 or more pupils	7.3%	5.2%	4.1%
Large classes	40.7%	35.3%	30.9%
Pupils in large classes	1,857,548	1,568,026	1,323,663

## Classes in state secondary schools England: 1978 to 2020

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Year	1978	1979	1980
Average class size	22.1	21.8	21.6
Number of classes	170,600	173,500	175,600
Number of pupils	3,767,600	3,790,600	3,783,700
Percentage of pupils in classes with			
31 - 35 pupils	17.2%	14.9%	13.1%
36 or more pupils	1.1%	0.9%	0.8%
Large classes	18.3%	15.8%	13.9%
Pupils in large classes	689,471	598,915	525,934

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Year	1978	1979	1980
Total in classes over 30	2,547,019	2,166,941	1,849,598
Total in classes over 30	30.6%	26.3%	22.9%

1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
25.5	25.4	25.1	25.0	25.2
160,400	154,300	149,300	146,600	144,800
4,097,500	3,921,900	3,751,400	3,667,900	3,645,500
26.0%	25.0%	23.5%	22.8%	23.0%
3.6%	3.5%	3.1%	2.7%	2.5%
29.6%	28.5%	26.6%	25.5%	25.5%
1,212,860	1,117,742	997,872	935,315	929,603

1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
21.5	21.3	21.1	20.9	21.4
174,400	173,100	172,600	169,400	160,900
3,748,100	3,694,900	3,637,200	3,543,700	3,444,100
12.4%	11.7%	11.4%	10.8%	10.6%
0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.3%
13.0%	12.3%	12.0%	11.3%	10.9%
487,253	454,473	436,464	400,438	375,407

1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
1,700,113	1,572,214	1,434,336	1,335,753	1,305,009
21.7%	20.6%	19.4%	18.5%	18.4%

1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
25.9	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.4
141,600	142,700	144,300	145,200	146,500
3,666,000	3,687,400	3,736,000	3,791,700	3,863,300
26.1%	24.8%	23.5%	23.2%	23.9%
2.6%	2.3%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
28.7%	27.1%	25.5%	25.2%	25.9%
1,052,142	999,285	952,680	955,508	1,000,595

1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
21.3	21.0	20.7	20.6	20.7
155,200	150,100	143,200	137,500	132,800
3,307,200	3,156,200	2,967,900	2,837,000	2,748,100
10.1%	8.3%	7.3%	6.7%	6.3%
0.6%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
10.7%	8.6%	7.5%	6.9%	6.5%
353,870	271,433	222,593	195,753	178,627

1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
1,406,012	1,270,719	1,175,273	1,151,261	1,179,221
20.2%	18.6%	17.5%	17.4%	17.8%

<b>1991</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995</b>
26.8	26.8	27.0	27.2	27.3
146,600	147,800	149,400	150,800	152,300
3,920,900	3,957,000	4,029,100	4,098,000	4,163,500
25.5%	24.9%	26.5%	25.7%	26.8%
2.2%	2.2%	2.4%	2.5%	2.8%
27.7%	27.1%	28.9%	28.2%	29.6%
1,086,089	1,072,347	1,164,410	1,155,636	1,232,396

<b>1991</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995</b>
21.0	21.2	21.4	21.6	21.6
130,400	131,200	132,600	129,700	132,300
2,738,600	2,784,100	2,839,600	2,795,200	2,857,700
6.3%	6.7%	7.2%	7.7%	7.2%
0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%
6.5%	6.9%	7.5%	7.8%	7.4%
178,009	192,103	212,970	218,026	211,470

<b>1991</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995</b>
1,264,098	1,264,450	1,377,380	1,373,662	1,443,866
19.0%	18.8%	20.1%	19.9%	20.6%

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
27.5	27.6	27.8	27.6	27.3
154,000	154,600	154,700	156,000	157,100
4,234,400	4,275,200	4,307,900	4,307,100	4,282,800
28.5%	29.8%	30.7%	28.0%	23.6%
3.3%	3.6%	4.1%	3.5%	2.9%
31.8%	33.4%	34.8%	31.5%	26.5%
1,346,539	1,427,917	1,499,149	1,356,737	1,134,942

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
21.9	21.9	21.9	22.0	22.2
132,700	134,200	135,100	136,400	138,100
2,910,200	2,932,800	2,959,900	3,004,900	3,060,000
8.4%	8.6%	9.7%	10.6%	11.1%
0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
8.5%	8.7%	9.9%	10.8%	11.3%
247,367	255,154	293,030	324,529	345,780

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
1,593,906	1,683,070	1,792,179	1,681,266	1,480,722
22.3%	23.4%	24.7%	23.0%	20.2%

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
26.8	26.3	26.3	26.2	26.2
159,443	149,896	149,210	148,220	146,860
4,273,072	3,942,253	3,919,290	3,887,180	3,851,810
18.8%	16.0%	14.8%	14.0%	13.9%
2.3%	1.8%	1.5%	1.3%	1.3%
21.1%	17.8%	16.3%	15.3%	15.2%
901,618	701,721	638,844	594,739	585,475

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
22.0	21.9	21.9	21.8	21.7
137,262	139,808	142,190	143,650	143,500
3,023,630	3,061,689	3,110,570	3,131,910	3,108,020
11.5%	11.6%	11.5%	11.7%	11.2%
0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
11.7%	11.8%	11.7%	11.9%	11.5%
353,765	361,279	363,937	372,697	357,422

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
1,255,383	1,063,000	1,002,781	967,436	942,897
17.2%	15.2%	14.3%	13.8%	13.5%

<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
26.3	26.2	26.2	26.2	26.4
143,560	141,963	141,600	142,916	142,357
3,773,930	3,724,645	3,706,620	3,746,275	3,758,825
13.8%	13.1%	12.3%	11.2%	10.6%
1.4%	1.3%	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%
15.2%	14.4%	13.5%	12.3%	11.7%
573,637	536,349	500,394	460,792	439,783

<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
21.5	21.2	20.9	20.6	20.5
144,330	144,393	147,630	148,408	149,193
3,099,160	3,068,348	3,082,260	3,064,185	3,060,425
11.0%	10.7%	10.1%	10.1%	9.9%
0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
11.3%	11.0%	10.4%	10.4%	10.2%
350,205	337,518	320,555	318,675	312,163

<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
923,842	873,867	820,949	779,467	751,946
13.4%	12.9%	12.1%	11.4%	11.0%

<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
26.6	26.8	26.8	26.9	27.0
142,799	144,233	146,166	149,322	152,009
3,798,615	3,858,365	3,923,050	4,018,235	4,101,940
10.4%	10.4%	10.7%	11.5%	11.7%
1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%
11.4%	11.4%	11.7%	12.5%	12.6%
433,042	439,854	458,997	502,279	516,844

<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
20.4	20.5	20.3	20.1	20.1
149,449	148,130	148,045	148,219	146,546
3,053,290	3,030,400	3,006,960	2,976,455	2,952,735
10.1%	9.9%	9.4%	8.9%	9.0%
0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%
10.3%	10.2%	9.8%	9.4%	9.6%
314,489	309,101	294,682	279,787	283,463

<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
747,531	748,954	753,679	782,066	800,307
10.9%	10.9%	10.9%	11.2%	11.3%

<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
27.1	27.1	27.1	27.1	27.0
154,924	157,281	158,278	158,851	158,310
4,193,180	4,265,335	4,290,660	4,297,570	4,272,738
11.9%	11.8%	11.9%	12.0%	12.1%
1.0%	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%
12.9%	12.7%	12.8%	13.0%	13.1%
540,920	542,679	550,123	558,658	558,201

<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
20.4	20.8	21.2	21.7	22.0
145,397	143,788	142,733	142,508	144,192
2,963,360	2,994,795	3,030,930	3,090,498	3,167,115
9.7%	10.8%	11.5%	12.3%	13.1%
0.6%	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%
10.3%	11.5%	12.1%	13.0%	13.7%
305,226	344,401	366,743	402,469	435,211

<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
846,146	887,081	916,866	961,127	993,412
11.8%	12.2%	12.5%	13.0%	13.4%