



# 2014-15 Preliminary Class Size Report

Based on 10/31/2014  
Unaudited Schedule & Register

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# Preliminary Average Class Size Report

- The NYCDOE reports on class size twice a year: a preliminary report in November and an updated report in February.
  - This Preliminary report is based on early data in ATS and STARS – schools’ register and scheduling systems – from the October 31, 2014 unaudited register.
- Class size summaries report the number of students (“seats filled”) and number of sections in grades K-8 and core courses<sup>1</sup> in Middle Schools and High Schools.
  - ATS data reflects official class (e.g. homeroom/advisory) organizations for grades K-8.
  - STARS reflects the registers of core courses for grades 6-12.
- School-level data from ATS and STARS from October 31<sup>th</sup> are unaudited. Middle Schools and High Schools typically update their schedules in STARS through the end of each term.
  - Historically, early data analysis includes long-term absences, incomplete scheduling data, and other characteristics that are updated by schools in the February report.
- All school-level and citywide data and trends from this report must be considered preliminary.

<sup>1</sup> Core courses are defined for the purpose of this report as: English, Math, Social Studies, Science

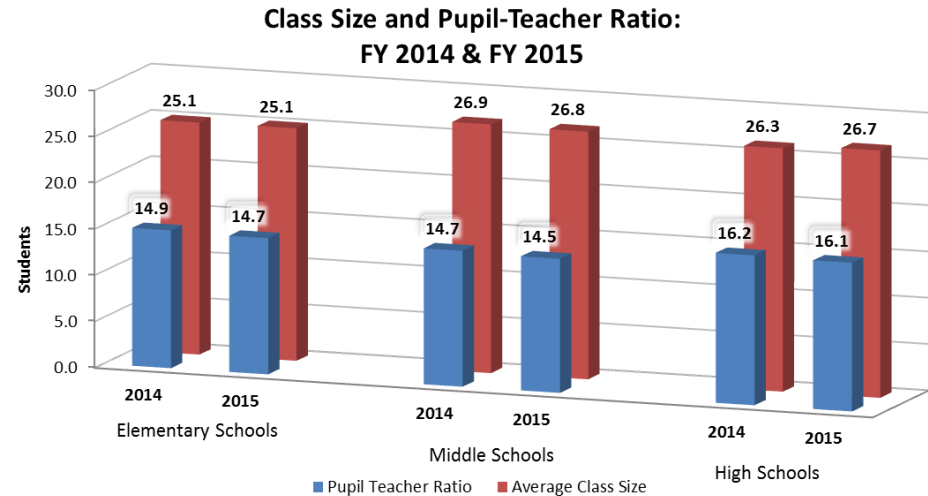
# Class Size Context

- In 2014-2015, schools are receiving significant new investments in the expansion of high quality full day pre-kindergarten, after school programs for middle schools, funding for the arts, instructional supports for English Language Learners, technology and facility improvements in schools, community schools, and school renewal.
- The number of Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT) classes continues to grow, while the number of General Education (GE) classes as well as Self-Contained Special Education classes has decreased.
  - Independent of class size trends, more students are being served by two teachers in the class.
  - Since FY 2014, ATS ICT sections have grown by over 11%, and STARS ICT core classes have grown by almost 10%.
  - Relative to FY 2010, ATS ICT sections have grown by 82%, while STARS ICT core classes have grown by 77%.
- From FY 2014 to FY 2015 the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for GE and ICT has decreased by 0.1, from 15.2 pupils per teacher to 15.1 pupils per teacher.

# Citywide, average class size is 26.5 students per class.

Relative to 2013-2014, this represents an increase of 0.1 students per class.

- Elementary School average class size remained flat at 25.1 students per class.
- Middle School average class size decreased by 0.1 to 26.8 average students per class.
- High School average class size increased by 0.4 to 26.7 average students per class.



Since 2013-2014, 885 schools either decreased or had less than a 1 percent increase in average class size<sup>1</sup>; while 696 schools experienced increases in class size above 1%.

<sup>1</sup> Based on schools with GE and ICT class size data in both 2014 and 2015.

# 2014-2015 Average Class Size

(Based on 10/31/2014 register and schedule data)

Gen Ed, ICT, G&T

	GE+ICT	GE	ICT	G&T	<u>GE and ICT</u>				
K-3	<b>24.6</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>26.7</b>					
4-5	<b>26.1</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<i>English</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>All Core</i>
6-8	<b>27.1</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>26.7</b>
9-12	<b>26.8</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>26.8</b>

Self-contained

	<u>Self-Contained K-8</u>	<u>Self-Contained</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>9-12</u>	
6:1:1		5.8	English	9.4	10.6
8:1:1		7.0	Math	9.4	11.8
12:1		10.0	Science	9.4	11.9
12:1:1		10.1	Social Studies	9.4	11.2

# Class Size – Change over time

*(General Education and ICT classes only)*

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>Preliminary FY 2015</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>22.9</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>25.0</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>25.3</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>25.6</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>26.2</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>26.0</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>26.5</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>27.4</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>27.4</b>
<b>MS Core</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>26.7</b>
<b>HS Core</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>26.8</b>