



2015-16 Preliminary Class Size Report

Based on 10/30/2015
Schedule & Register

November 2015

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.
- Class size summaries report the number of students (“seats filled”) and number of sections in grades K-8 and core courses¹ 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 30th 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.

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

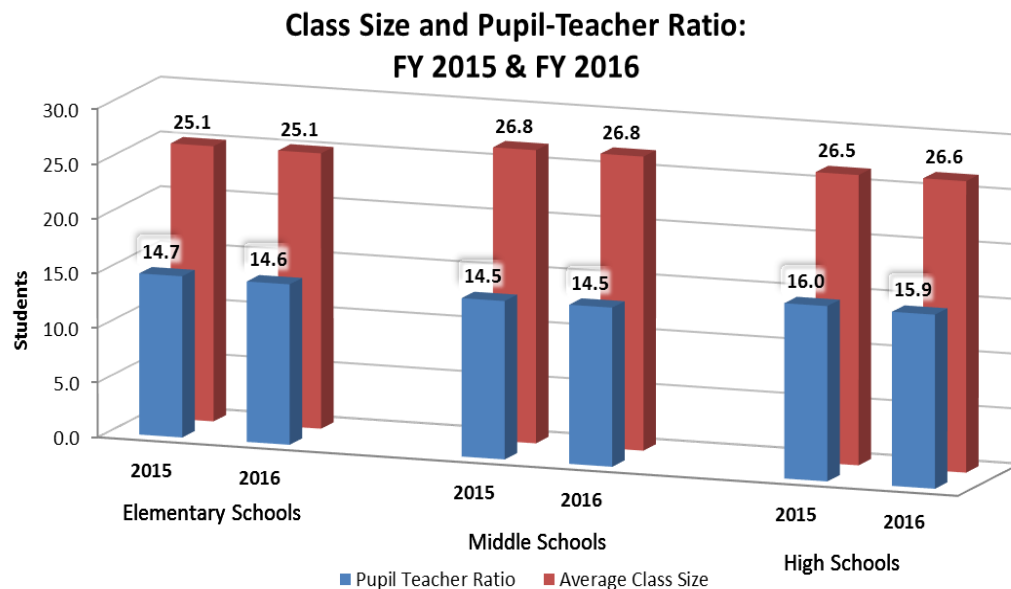
Class Size Context

- In 2015-2016, schools are receiving significant new investments in the expansion of high quality pre-kindergarten, community schools, and school renewal, instructional and related services for English Language Learners and Students with Disabilities, and technology and facility improvements in schools
- The number of Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT) classes continues to grow, while the number of General Education (GE) classes has decreased.
 - Independent of class size trends, more students are being served by two teachers in the class.
 - Since FY 2015, ATS ICT sections have grown by over 9%, and STARS ICT core classes have grown by over 11%.
 - Relative to FY 2010, ATS ICT sections have grown by 100%, while STARS ICT core classes have grown by 93%.
- From FY 2015 to FY2016 the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for GE and ICT decreased from 15.056 students per teacher to 15.013 students per teacher.

Citywide, average class size is 26.5 students per class.

Average class size grew by 0.1 from 26.4 students per class in 2015.

- Elementary School average class size remained flat at 25.1 average students per class, while the PTR decreased by 0.1 students per teacher
- Middle School average class size remained flat at 26.8 average students per class, while the PTR remained flat
- High School average class size increased by 0.1 students from 26.5 to 26.6 average students per class, while the PTR decreased by 0.1 students per teacher



Since 2014-2015, 880 schools either decreased or had less than a 1 percent increases in average class size ¹; while 671 schools experienced increases in class size by 1% or more.

¹ Based on schools with GE and ICT class size data in both 2015 and 2016.

2015-2016 Average Class Size

(Based on 10/30/2015 register and schedule data)

	GE+ICT	GE	ICT	G&T	<u>GE and ICT</u>					
Gen Ed, ICT, G&T	K-3	24.6	24.6	24.4	26.4					
	4-5	26.2	26.2	26.1	27.6	<i>English</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>All Core</i>
	6-8	27.1	27.3	26.6	28.0	26.6	26.7	26.7	26.9	26.72
	9-12	26.7	26.5	27.5	n/a	26.0	26.4	27.2	27.4	26.72
Self-contained	<u>Self-Contained K-8</u>				<u>Self-Contained</u>		<u>6-8</u>	<u>9-12</u>		
	6:1:1			6.1	English		9.5	10.7		
	8:1:1			7.1	Math		9.5	11.6		
	12:1			10.0	Science		9.6	11.8		
	12:1:1			10.1	Social Studies		9.5	11.4		

Class Size – Change by Grade Level

(General Education and ICT classes only)

Grade Level	FY 2016 Prelim	FY 2015
K	22.6	22.9
1	24.9	24.9
2	25.3	25.3
3	25.8	25.6
4	26.1	26.1
5	26.2	26.0
6	26.6	26.4
7	27.1	27.3
8	27.4	27.3

MS Core	26.7	26.7
HS Core	26.7	26.6