NYC Public Schools

New York City Class Size 2023-24 Report (Preliminary)

November 2023

Background on Class Size Calculations

- New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) reports on class size twice a year with a preliminary report in November and an updated report in February. This deck reflects the **preliminary** report.

- Schools typically update their schedules 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.

- For grades K-5, average class size is calculated by dividing the number of students as of the audited register date by the number of classes as determined by each student's official class from the Automate the Schools (ATS) system.

- For courses in grades 6-12, average class size is calculated by the number of students as of the audited register date in each course from the STARS system as determined by students who are meeting in the same place at the same time.

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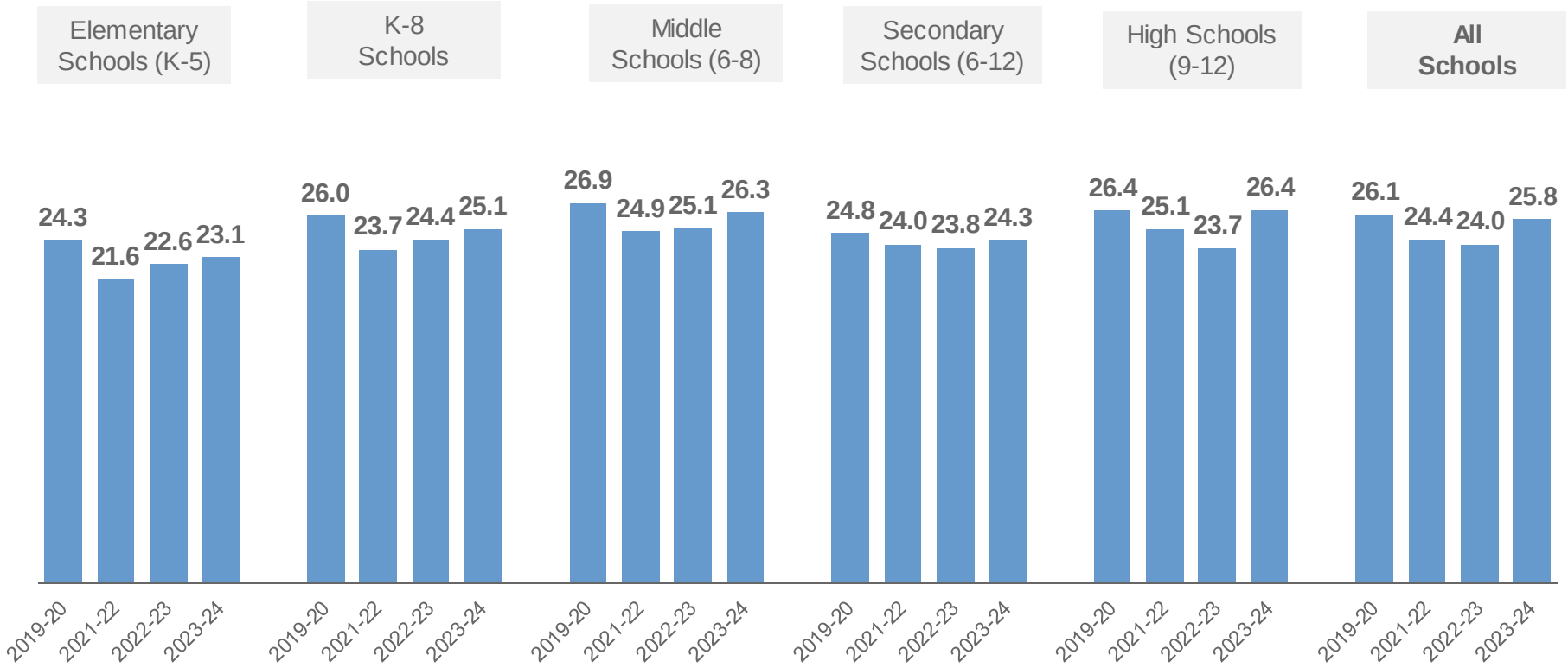
Citywide Class Size Averages by School Type

Preliminary



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Overall class size averages include general education, Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT), G&T and Accelerated classes. The secondary school category includes four K-12 schools. Note that class size comparisons below are made to 2019-20, rather than 2020-21 because during remote and blended learning, new guidance was given to schools to assign students to different official classes depending on their blended/remote cohorts. How schools implemented and documented this change varied, therefore 2020-21 class size data may not reflect true class size.

Pupil-to-Teacher Ratio by School Type

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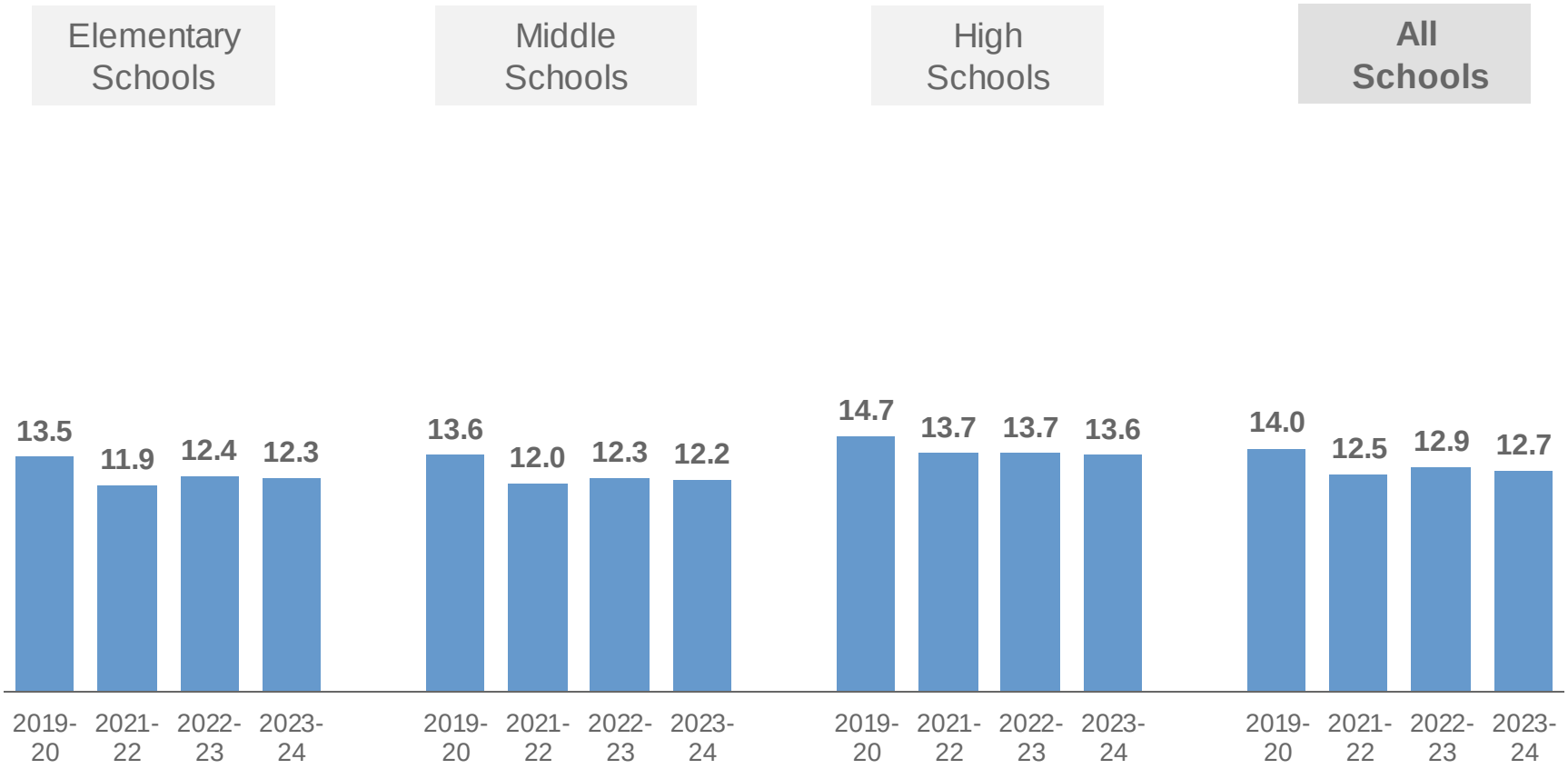

Schools were categorized into ES, MS and HS based on the highest grade served. The calculation is based on unrounded values.

2023-24 Average Class Size by Program Type

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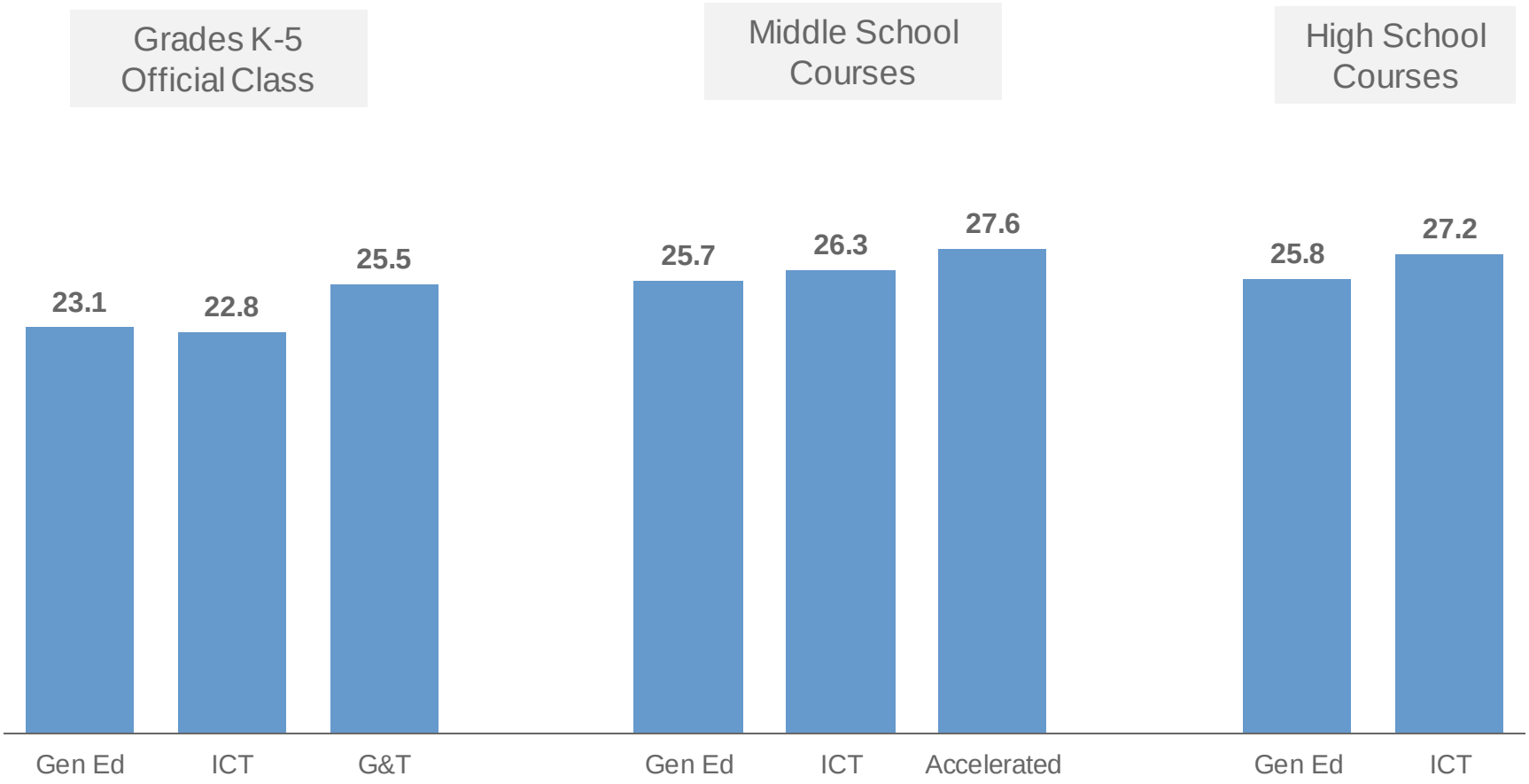

ICT stands for Integrated Co-Teaching. Gifted and Talented classes are identified as classes in grades K-5 where students have been placed through NYCDOE's G&T screening process. Middle school accelerated courses are high school credit-bearing courses offered to middle school students. Combined ICT and G&T/Accelerated classes are included as ICT classes.

Average Class Size for Grades K-8 Self-Contained Classes by Setting

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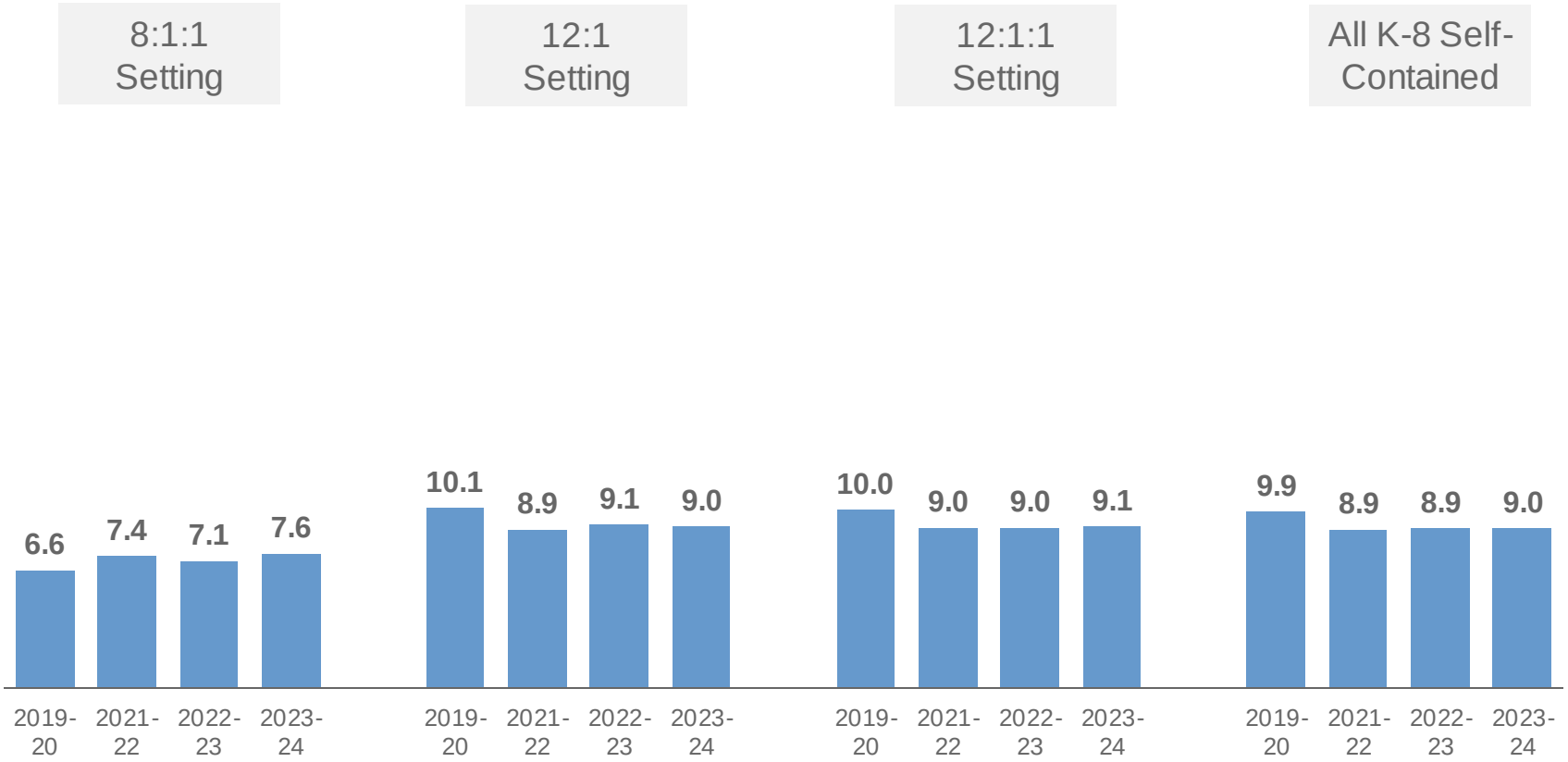

Not shown are xx 6:1:1 sections that had an average class size of x.x in 2023-24 and xx 15:1 sections that had an average class size of xx.x,

2023-24 Average Class Size By Subject for Middle and High School

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General Education, Accelerated and Integrated Co-Teaching Classes

Subject	Middle School	High School
English	24.7	25.0
Math	25.4	25.7
Science	26.3	26.5
Social Studies	26.1	26.5
Other	26.5	26.5
All Core	26.0	26.1

Self-Contained Classes

Subject	Middle School	High School
English	9.2	10.3
Math	9.0	10.7
Science	9.1	10.8
Social Studies	9.1	10.4
Other	9.5	10.5
All Core	9.1	10.6

Average Class Size Over Time, by Grade Level

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Grade Level	2019-20	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
K	21.7	20.1	20.3	20.9
01	24.0	21.2	22.7	22.9
02	24.7	21.5	22.7	23.5
03	24.9	22.1	22.8	23.5
04	25.5	22.3	23.5	24.0
05	25.6	22.7	23.9	24.3

	2019-20	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
MS Courses	26.6	24.6	24.9	26.0
HS Courses	26.1	25.0	23.7	26.1

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