

New York City Class Size 2024-25 Report (Updated)



February 2025

Compliance with New York State's Class Size Caps

Overall, NYC Public Schools is in compliance with the class size law this year. The law requires that 40% of classes are at or below the newly mandated caps in SY 2024-25; this year, 46.5% of classes covered by the law are at or below the caps. More classes are at or below the class size caps both year over year and prior to the pandemic.

	Percentage of Core Subject Classes at or below Caps	Percentage of non-Physical Education & Performing Group Classes at or below Caps	Percentage of All Classes at or below Caps
Pre-Pandemic (SY 2019-20)	30.8%	Not Calculated	Not Calculated
Prior Year (SY 2023-24)	36.9%	39.6%	Not Calculated
Current Year (SY 2024-25)	41.0%	43.4%	46.5%
Year/Year Increase/(Decrease)	4.1%	3.8%	Not Calculated
Total Increase/(Decrease)	10.2%	Not Calculated	Not Calculated

Notes: The All Classes category now includes 6-12 Physical Education (PE) and Performing Group (PG) classes, consistent with the law's coverage and requirements. In last year's 11/15/2023 report, the All Classes category excluded PE & PG classes, as NYCPS, UFT and CSA had not yet come to full agreement on these terms. Year/Year changes are calculated based on unrounded figures.

The following slides show average class sizes in February rather than the percent of classes at or below the caps. For more information on the class size law, see the November 15, 2024 Annual Report on Implementation of New York State's Class Size Caps:

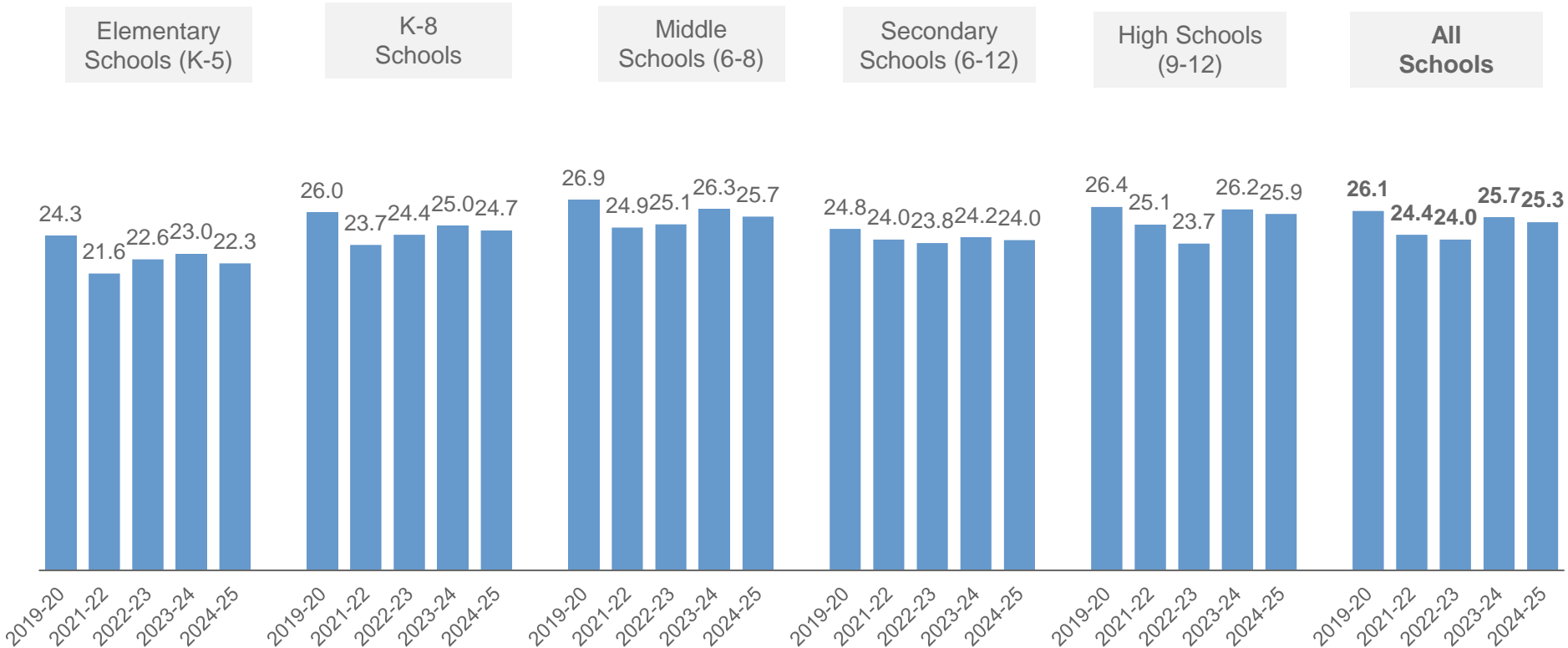
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Background on Class Size Calculations

- New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) reports on class size three times a year for City Council in November, February and June. This February report reflects an update of the November report and includes a refreshed version of the 10/31 data. In both the November and February reports, class data is as of 10/31.
 - **All years included in this deck reflect average class size data from the February reports of those years.**
- Schools typically update their schedules through the end of the 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.
- **Beginning in 2023-24, to align to the methodology used for the class size law, calculations include bridge classes, non-core courses, including arts and physical education, D75 inclusion students, and shared instruction classes. Now, grades 7-8 are only represented in the STARS scheduling data; grade 6 is included in both depending on the school's scheduling method. These changes resulted in higher average class sizes appearing in the data.**
 - Additional information can be found in the methodology document posted on the InfoHub: <https://infohub.nyced.org/reports/government-reports/class-size-reports>.

Citywide Class Size Averages by School Type

Updated



Average class sizes as of October 31 pulled in February for all years.

Pupil-to-Teacher Ratio by School Type

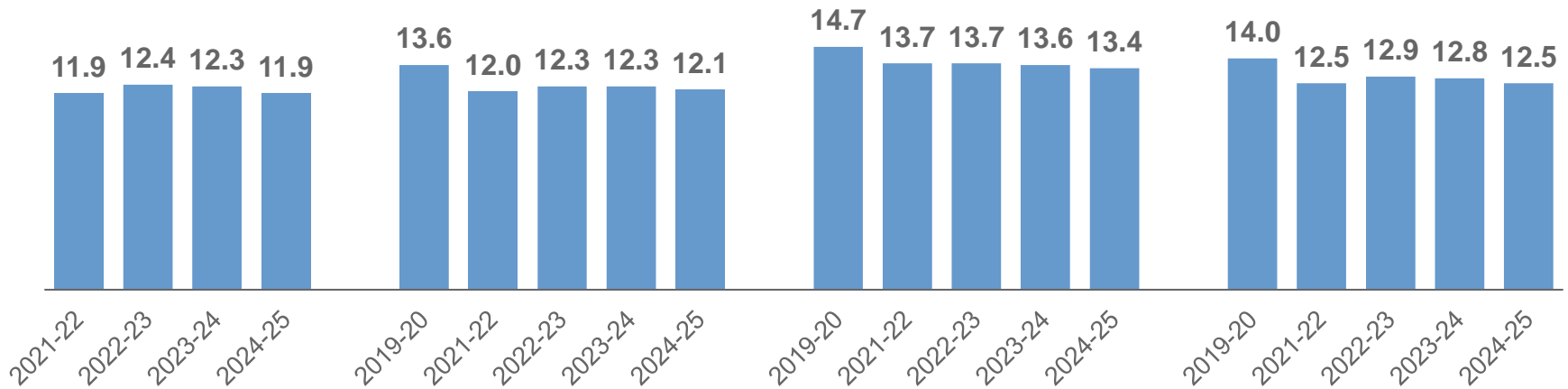
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Elementary
Schools

Middle
Schools

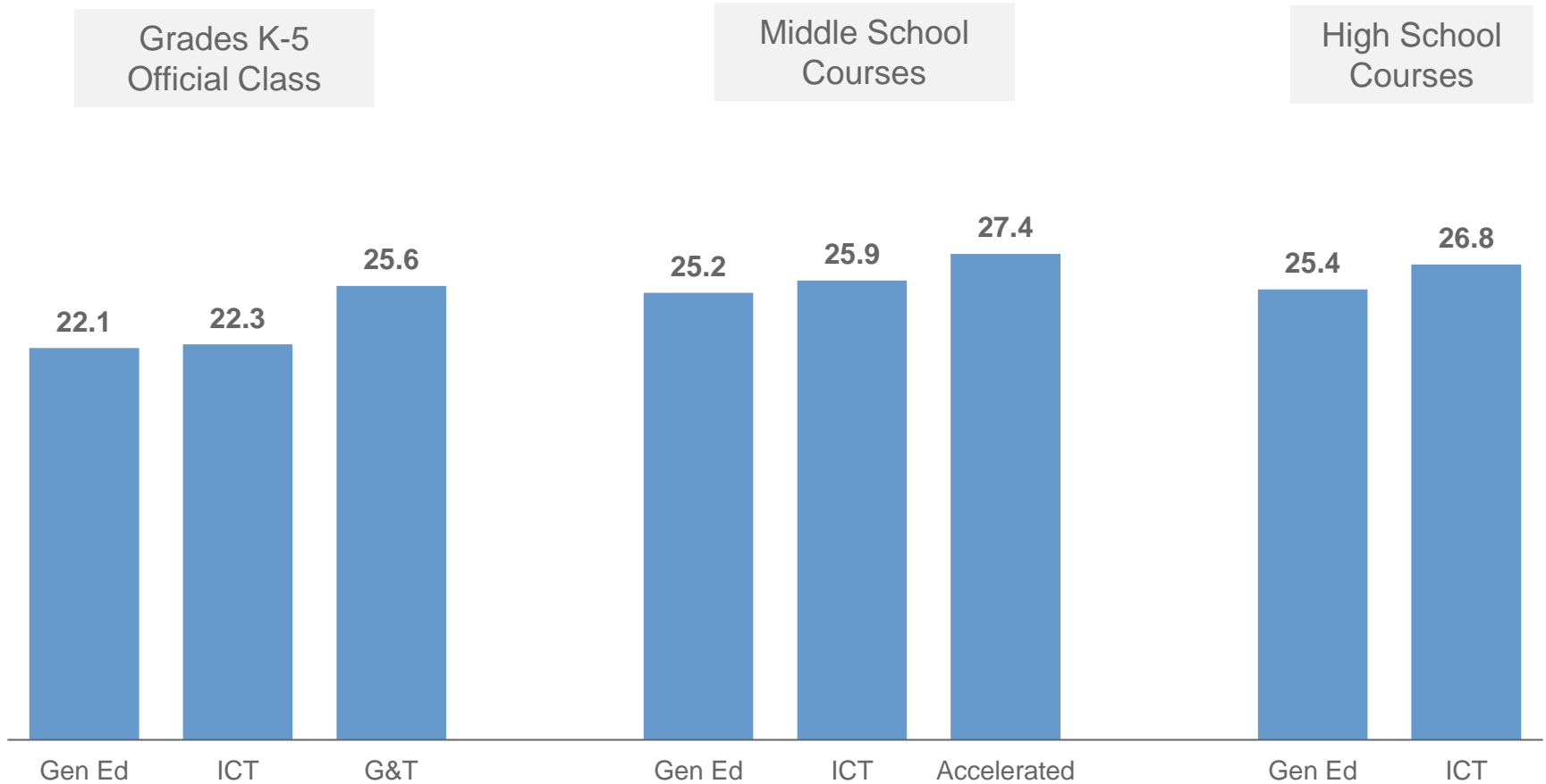
High
Schools

All
Schools



2024-25 Average Class Size by Program Type

Updated



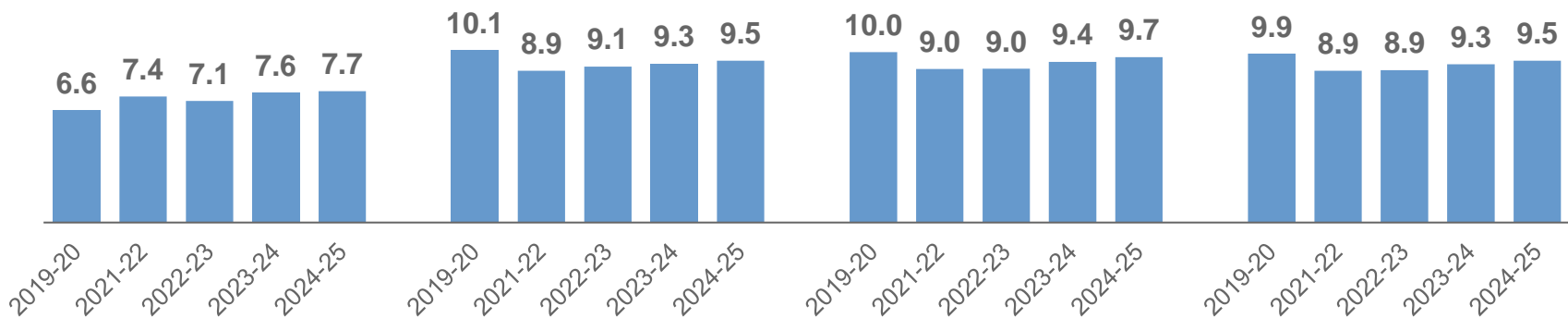
Average Class Size for Grades K-8 Self-Contained Classes by Setting *Updated*

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All K-8 Self-
Contained



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2024-25 Average Class Size By Subject for Middle and High School *Updated*

General Education, Accelerated
and Integrated Co-Teaching
Classes

Subject	Middle School	High School
English	24.1	24.2
Math	24.9	25.2
Science	25.9	26.2
Social Studies	25.7	26.0
Other	26.0	26.1
All	25.0	25.7

Self-Contained
Classes

Subject	Middle School	High School
English	9.1	10.5
Math	9.0	10.8
Science	9.1	10.8
Social Studies	9.1	10.4
Other	9.3	11.4
All	9.1	10.7

Average Class Size Over Time, by Grade Level

Updated

Grade Level	2019-20	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
K	21.7	20.1	20.3	20.7	19.9
01	24.0	21.2	22.7	22.8	21.9
02	24.7	21.5	22.7	23.4	22.4
03	24.9	22.1	22.8	23.4	23.1
04	25.5	22.3	23.5	23.9	23.5
05	25.6	22.7	23.9	24.3	24.0

	2019-20	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
MS Courses	26.6	24.6	24.9	25.9	25.5
HS Courses	26.1	25.0	23.7	25.9	25.7

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