



New York City Class Size 2025-26 Report

November 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 60% of classes are at or below the newly mandated caps in SY 2025-26. This year, 64.0% of classes covered by the law are at or below the caps, an increase of 17.5 pts since SY 2024-25.

Grade Level	SY 2024-25 Percentage of Classes at or below Caps	SY 2025-26 Percentage of Classes at or below Caps	YoY Change in Class Size Compliance
Grades K-3 (Cap of 20)	38.4%	67.1%	+28.7%
Grades 4-5 (Cap of 23)	45.8%	68.9%	+23.1%
Grades 6-8 (Cap of 23)	36.7%	57.1%	+20.4%
Grades 9-12 (Cap of 25)	48.3%	64.3%	+16.0%
Grades 6-12 Physical Education (Cap of 40)	67.9%	76.4%	+8.4%
Grades 6-12 Performing Group (Cap of 40)	94.3%	95.6%	+1.3%
Total	46.5%	64.0%	+17.5%

The following slides show average class sizes in November rather than the percent of classes at or below the caps. For more information on the class size law, see the November 15, 2025 Annual Report on Implementation of New York State's Class Size Caps:

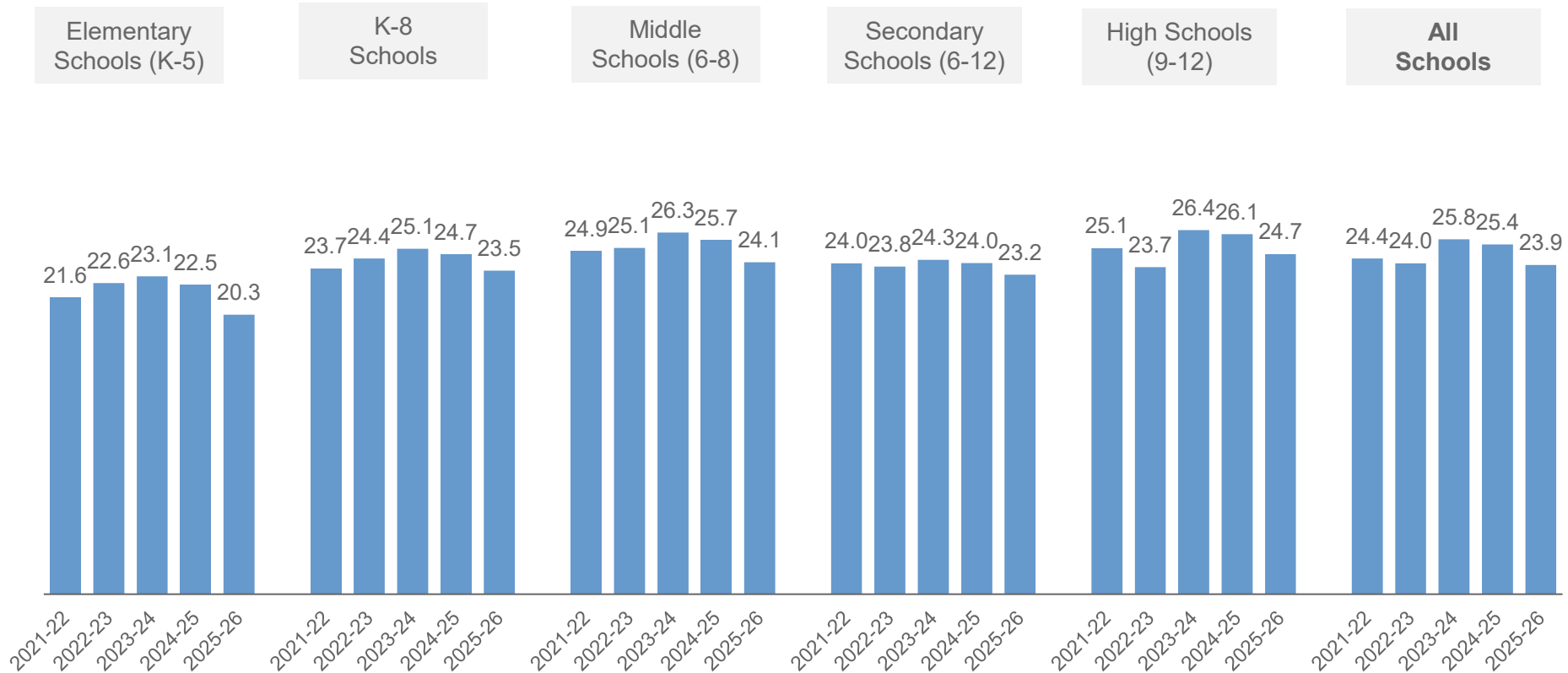
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Background on Class Size Calculations

- New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) reports on class size three times a year for City Council in November, February and June. This November report is aligned with state class size law reporting.
 - Beginning in 2023-24, data reflects average class size from the November report when the class size law went into effect and to align with reporting timing requirements. Prior years reflect average class size from the February report, which is a refreshed version of the 10/31 snapshot.
- For grades K-5, average class size is calculated by dividing the number of students as of 10/31 enrollment snapshot 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 a 10/31 enrollment snapshot in the first term of the school year 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>.

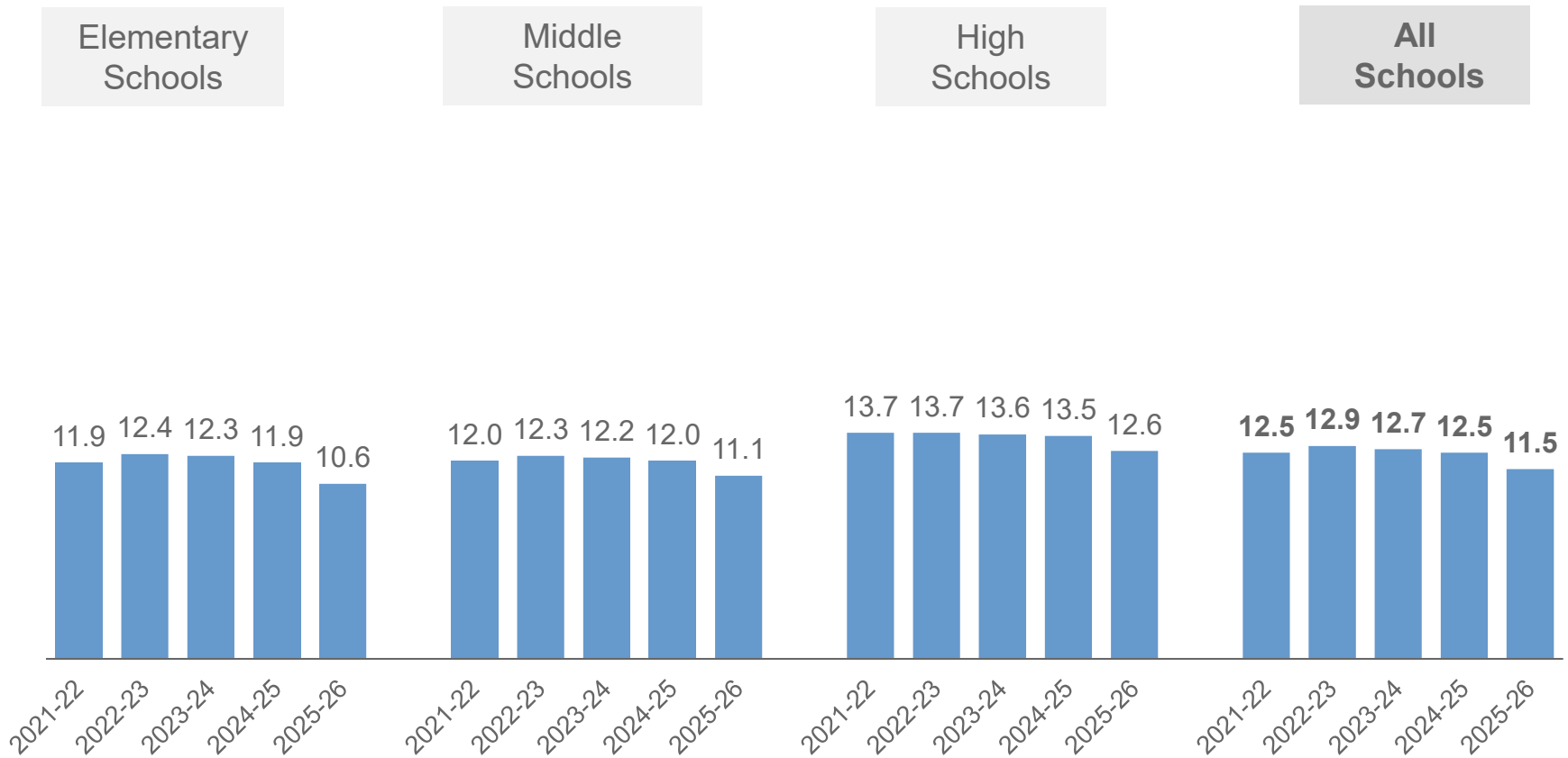
Citywide Class Size Averages by School Type

November



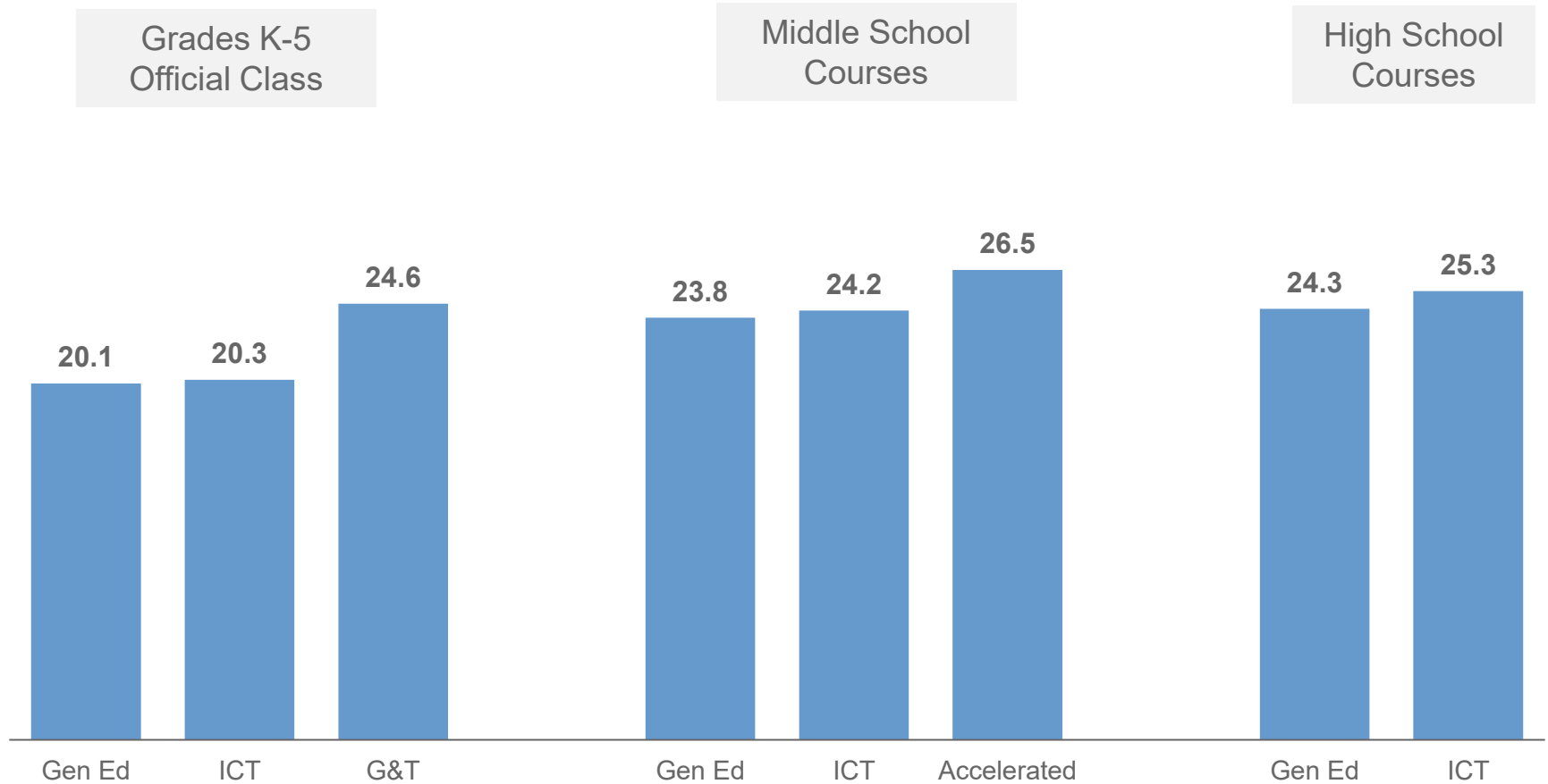
Pupil-to-Teacher Ratio by School Type

November



2025-26 Average Class Size by Program Type

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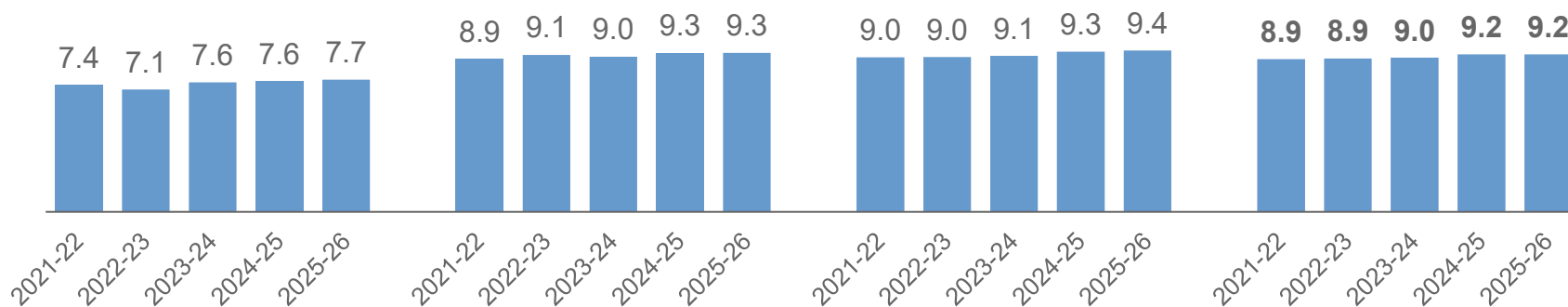
Average Class Size for Grades K-8 Self-Contained Classes by Setting *November*

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All K-8 Self-
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2025-26 Average Class Size By Subject for Middle and High School *November*

General Education, Accelerated
and Integrated Co-Teaching
Classes

Subject	Middle School	High School
English	22.5	22.8
Math	23.3	23.8
Science	24.3	24.7
Social Studies	23.9	24.7
Other	24.8	25.4
All Classes	24.0	24.5

Self-Contained
Classes

Subject	Middle School	High School
English	9.2	10.3
Math	9.3	10.8
Science	9.3	10.9
Social Studies	9.2	10.3
Other	10.2	10.8
All Classes	9.3	10.6

Average Class Size Over Time, by Grade Level

November

Grade Level	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
K	20.1	20.3	20.9	20.2	18.5
01	21.2	22.7	22.9	22.0	19.5
02	21.5	22.7	23.5	22.5	20.0
03	22.1	22.8	23.5	23.2	20.5
04	22.3	23.5	24.0	23.5	21.7
05	22.7	23.9	24.3	24.0	22.3

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
MS Courses	24.6	24.9	26.0	25.5	24.0
HS Courses	25.0	23.7	26.1	25.8	24.5