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This summary statement of the numbers of pupils enrolled in government and non-government schools in Australia at the schools censuses in August, 1964, will be followed within one month by the usual bulletin "Social Statistics : Schools" which will contain more detailed information for 1964.

2. Table 1 shows the numbers of pupils enrolled in government and non-government schools for each State and Territory from 1960 to 1964. Table 2 shows the numbers of pupils in 1964 classified according to grade.

3. The statistics relate to pupils enrolled in schools providing education according to the primary and secondary school curricula of the State Education Departments, whether provided in government or non-government schools. Pupils in junior technical schools, correspondence schools and in schools in institutional homes, hospitals and similar establishments are included. Pupils in institutions providing only pre-school education, in senior technical and agricultural colleges, evening schools, continuation classes and institutions such as business colleges and coaching establishments are, as a rule, excluded. However, it has not been possible so far to apply these definitions strictly in all States. For instance, enrolments at schools for aboriginal children are excluded in Queensland and the Northern Territory. Pupils in Tasmanian pre-schools are included, but those in Western Australian kindergartens are excluded.

4. Comparisons of total enrolments between States and between government and non-government schools should be made with care, as they are also affected by differences in the school systems, especially regarding ages of commencing full-time education, cessation of compulsory education, and transfer from secondary to vocational education.

5. The figures by grades in Table 2 are not comparable between States, nor entirely between government and non-government schools in any one State, and this is one reason why the separate tables have not been aggregated into an Australian table. The grading of pupils differs for the various school-systems in Australia, because of the differences in curricula set by Education Departments. In addition, the methods of allocating classes to grades, particularly classes for special or ungraded pupils, vary from State to State, and there are also differences in the administrative methods of aggregating grades of a more or less similar nature. While the tables have been slightly rearranged from the data provided by the Education Departments and other sources (for instance, separate tables for primary and secondary schools in some States were combined into one table), they represent essentially the system of grading adopted in each different State.

TABLE I. - NUMBERS OF PUPILS
(Schools census enrolments)

State or Territory	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS					
New South Wales	587,097	601,127	612,371	626,241	633,418
Victoria	422,395	439,740	456,619	469,840	487,192
Queensland	239,082	243,977	250,990	253,499	258,767
South Australia	166,714	173,198	179,900	186,250	194,741
Western Australia	119,788	124,632	129,455	133,783	137,573
Tasmania	65,049	66,624	68,346	69,633	70,643
Northern Territory	3,363	3,625	3,973	4,298	4,899
Australian Capital Territory	8,558	9,756	10,987	12,339	13,674
Australia	1,612,046	1,662,679	1,712,641	1,755,883	1,800,907
NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS					
New South Wales	191,264	196,474	201,861	205,065	208,179
Victoria	160,575	165,865	168,964	173,753	178,650
Queensland	69,916	72,823	74,879	77,274	80,012
South Australia	35,370	35,982	36,402	37,031	37,651
Western Australia	33,164	34,368	35,120	r36,162	36,775
Tasmania	12,716	13,435	13,876	r14,089	14,385
Northern Territory	806	850	861	917	916
Australian Capital Territory	4,210	4,673	5,123	5,590	6,017
Australia	508,021	524,470	537,086	r549,881	562,585
ALL SCHOOLS					
New South Wales	778,361	797,601	814,232	831,306	841,597
Victoria	582,970	605,605	625,583	643,593	665,842
Queensland	308,998	316,800	325,869	330,773	338,779
South Australia	202,084	209,180	216,302	223,281	232,392
Western Australia	152,952	159,000	164,575	r169,945	174,348
Tasmania	77,765	80,059	82,222	r83,722	85,028
Northern Territory	4,169	4,475	4,834	5,215	5,815
Australian Capital Territory	12,768	14,429	16,110	17,929	19,691
Australia	2,120,067	2,187,149	2,249,727	r2,305,764	2,363,492

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TABLE 2. - GRADES OF PUPILS : ALL SCHOOLS, 1964

(Numbers of pupils at schools censuses)

Grade, Form or Year	Govern- ment Schools	Non-Government Schools					Total	All Schools
		Church of England	Methodist	Pres- byterian	Roman Catholic	Other		
NEW SOUTH WALES								
Infants - K	63,247	456	74	171	19,573	743	21,017	84,264
1	72,919	379	57	176	19,564	423	20,599	93,518
2	64,872	378	76	187	19,015	378	20,034	84,906
Primary - 3	62,516	525	109	231	18,099	403	19,367	81,883
4	61,484	620	130	278	17,578	421	19,027	80,511
5	59,485	772	185	325	17,270	505	19,057	78,542
6	58,501	1,025	282	416	16,953	577	19,253	77,754
Special primary grades	5,249	..	..	..	108	1,329	1,437	6,686
Secondary -								
1st(or 7)	57,481	1,547	456	722	15,109	712	18,546	76,027
2nd(or 8)	54,387	1,626	449	746	13,884	709	17,414	71,801
3rd(or 9)	41,572	1,593	415	765	11,866	724	15,363	56,935
4th	17,328	1,661	425	752	5,770	616	9,224	26,552
5th	13,543	1,396	293	604	4,766	524	7,583	21,126
Special secondary grades	834	..	..	..	258	..	258	1,092
Total	633,418	11,978	2,951	5,373	179,813	8,064	208,179	841,597
VICTORIA								
1	93,491	797	87	388	28,762	1,158	31,192	124,683
2	46,248	583	61	332	15,157	649	16,782	63,030
3	45,182	631	98	341	14,914	670	16,654	61,836
4	43,896	768	100	358	14,152	648	16,026	59,922
5	43,032	920	128	421	14,106	677	16,252	59,284
6	43,860	1,038	214	486	13,920	678	16,336	60,196
Ungraded (a)	2,029	..	..	..	242	34	276	2,305
7 or I	45,002	1,767	477	894	11,231	949	15,318	60,320
8 or II	41,590	1,737	464	891	9,761	868	13,721	55,311
III	36,304	1,928	563	953	8,077	875	12,396	48,700
IV	26,005	1,925	610	1,031	6,249	822	10,637	36,642
V	14,601	1,831	601	991	3,890	713	8,026	22,627
VI	5,952	1,212	477	741	2,098	506	5,034	10,986
Total	487,192	15,137	3,880	7,827	142,559	9,247	178,650	665,842

(a) Pupils at certain special schools, classified as primary.

TABLE 2. - GRADES OF PUPILS : ALL SCHOOLS, 1964 (continued)

(Numbers of pupils at schools censuses)

Grade, Form or Year	Govern- ment Schools	Non-Government Schools						All Schools
		Church of England	Methodist (a)	Pres- byterian	Roman Catholic	Other	Total	
QUEENSLAND								
Primary - Prep.	..	26	9	..	639	..	674	674
I	29,890	66	26	8	7,936	53	8,089	37,979
II	28,570	65	25	15	7,564	38	7,707	36,277
III	27,494	67	26	7	7,079	41	7,220	34,714
IV	26,895	128	41	14	7,048	50	7,281	34,176
V	26,161	177	70	23	6,601	37	6,908	33,069
VI	26,120	260	103	38	6,734	54	7,189	33,309
VII	25,405	419	181	66	6,622	144	7,432	32,837
Secondary -								
1st (b)	23,109	803	366	114	5,231	898	7,412	30,521
2nd (b)	20,435	952	385	161	4,845	1,059	7,402	27,837
3rd	15,245	937	411	157	4,020	1,041	6,566	21,811
4th	4,474	575	254	89	1,509	682	3,109	7,583
5th	4,969	575	209	84	1,350	805	3,023	7,992
Total	258,767	5,050	2,106	776	67,178	4,902	80,012	338,779

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Kindergarten	4,228	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,228
I	22,257	239	35	45	3,947	214	4,480	26,737
II	19,578	179	65	53	2,983	203	3,483	23,061
III	19,402	199	59	47	2,962	208	3,475	22,877
IV	19,338	218	81	53	2,799	216	3,367	22,705
V	19,017	282	80	89	2,667	258	3,376	22,393
VI	18,672	293	113	104	2,481	247	3,238	21,910
VII	18,180	361	133	117	2,442	253	3,306	21,486
Ungraded (c)	1,724	..	1	..	27	8	36	1,760
VIII or 1st	17,554	519	321	211	2,074	359	3,484	21,038
IX or 2nd	14,853	526	330	217	1,722	439	3,234	18,087
X or 3rd	12,403	539	368	227	1,551	487	3,172	15,575
XI or 4th	5,754	420	253	215	729	454	2,071	7,825
5th	1,643	286	137	106	237	163	929	2,572
Ungraded (d)	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Total	(e)194,614	4,061	1,976	1,484	26,621	3,509	37,651	232,265

(a) For Queensland the figures refer to schools conducted by the Presbyterian and Methodist Schools Association.

(b) From the beginning of 1964, a five-year secondary course was introduced, so that pupils enter secondary schools one year earlier than formerly. Therefore, the former primary grade VIII appears as 1st secondary, with consequent advance by one of the remaining secondary grades, compared with previous years.

(c) Occupation centres, opportunity classes and speech and hearing and spastic centres at primary levels.

(d) Speech and hearing centres at secondary levels.

(e) Excludes 127 pupils at 2 subsidized schools for aborigines.

TABLE 2. - GRADES OF PUPILS : ALL SCHOOLS, 1964 (continued)

(Number of pupils at schools censuses)

Grade, Form or Year	Government Schools	Non-Government Schools						All Schools
		Church of England	Metho- dist	Pres- byterian	Roman Catholic	Other	Total	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA								
Primary - K	..	34	25	23	358	15	455	455
1	15,127	46	11	32	3,528	82	3,699	18,826
2	14,602	52	11	19	3,440	87	3,609	18,211
3	14,160	56	15	18	3,212	70	3,371	17,531
4	14,338	89	24	25	3,222	76	3,436	17,774
5	13,409	118	38	46	2,872	62	3,136	16,545
6	13,594	190	61	39	2,814	63	3,167	16,761
7	13,099	257	93	68	2,691	52	3,161	16,260
Special Classes	1,194	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,194
Secondary - 1	12,994	554	270	156	2,668	24	3,672	16,666
2	11,361	602	273	193	2,245	45	3,358	14,719
3	8,389	632	249	185	1,735	51	2,852	11,241
4	2,393	481	193	188	684	53	1,599	3,992
5	1,635	331	140	144	605	40	1,260	2,895
Special Classes	458	..	..	..	..	..	..	458
Special Schools	820	..	..	..	..	..	..	820
Total	137,573	3,442	1,403	1,136	30,074	720	36,775	174,348

TASMANIA

Pre-school	2,424	..	..	..	..	88	88	2,512
Kindergarten	1,806	74	28	6	111	47	266	2,072
1	9,422	61	18	16	1,729	75	1,899	11,321
2	7,278	69	9	21	1,090	80	1,269	8,547
3	7,048	68	12	26	1,088	90	1,284	8,332
4	6,677	78	11	33	965	80	1,167	7,844
5	6,590	108	23	38	942	87	1,198	7,788
6	6,595	151	27	52	1,025	122	1,377	7,972
I	6,583	237	39	78	1,002	141	1,497	8,080
II	6,124	254	52	88	869	135	1,398	7,522
III	5,447	286	65	78	748	133	1,310	6,757
IV	2,801	228	58	95	522	142	1,045	3,846
V	668	136	17	51	121	55	380	1,048
VI	325	77	5	9	85	31	207	532
Special Schools	855	..	..	..	..	..	..	855
Total	70,643	1,827	364	591	10,297	1,306	14,385	85,028

TABLE 2. - GRADES OF PUPILS : ALL SCHOOLS, 1964 (continued)

(Number of pupils at schools censuses)

Grade, Form or Year	Government Schools	Non-Government Schools			All Schools
		Church of England	Roman Catholic	Total	
NORTHERN TERRITORY					
Kindergarten	48	..	..	..	48
I	900	..	191	191	1,091
II	664	..	139	139	803
III	519	..	119	119	638
IV	569	..	109	109	678
V	492	..	93	93	585
VI	449	..	99	99	548
VII	365	..	80	80	445
VIII or 1st	333	..	33	33	366
IX or 2nd	260	..	36	36	296
X or 3rd	181	..	17	17	198
XI or 4th	70	..	..	..	70
5th	15	..	..	..	15
Ungraded	34	..	..	..	34
Total	4,899	..	916	916	5,815

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Infants - K	1,517	80	549	629	2,146
1	1,632	43	633	676	2,308
2	1,365	44	510	554	1,919
Primary - 3	1,338	53	469	522	1,860
4	1,235	49	479	528	1,763
5	1,278	53	420	473	1,751
6	1,212	79	435	514	1,726
Special primary grades (a)	81	..	..	..	81
Secondary - 1st	1,118	133	402	535	1,653
2nd	1,081	128	370	498	1,579
3rd	843	146	326	472	1,315
4th	584	144	177	321	905
5th	390	104	156	260	650
Special secondary grades (b)	..	..	35	35	35
Total	13,674	1,056	4,961	6,017	19,691

(a) Opportunity classes. (b) Commercial class.

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