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New South Wales government schools	
<b>Inclusion of school types</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary, Infant, Central/Community and Secondary schools are included</li> <li>• Schools for Specific Purposes (special schools) were included for the first time in 2020.</li> </ul>
<b>Inclusion of students</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any student enrolled at a NSW government school for any period of time during the reference period is included.</li> <li>• All students in Years 1 to 10 are full-time at the system level. If a student is exempted from attendance e.g. attending TAFE for a full day, these days are excluded from the possible attendance days.</li> <li>• While a small number of students in Years 1 to 10 have part-day exemptions due to medical conditions, excluding these from the calculations is currently not possible.</li> <li>• Absences for expelled students are included up to the expulsion date.</li> <li>• NSW does not have a separate enrolment category for inactive students. Students who have not attended for a long period of time are still considered to be active students and are reported as absent.</li> </ul>
<b>Data collection period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From 2021, Semester 1 data includes the last week of Term 2. In previous years, this week was excluded to ensure schools submitted data in a timely manner.</li> </ul>
<b>Level of disaggregation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geo-coded from the Latitude and Longitude using the ABS digital boundary file for "Remoteness Area."</li> <li>• From 2022, Norfolk Island Central School is excluded.</li> </ul>
<b>Student attributes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When preparing school-level data, enrolled days and absences are counted at each school for a student who moves school.</li> <li>• A student may be both 90%+ and under 90% in different schools. Enrolment is calculated as FTE based on enrolled days.</li> <li>• When preparing state-level data for Semester 1, NSW combines a student's data across schools to determine if their overall attendance rate was above or below 90%+.</li> <li>• If a student is in different grades, enrolled in schools across remoteness, or recorded with different gender or indigenous status within a reporting period, then the data is split across these characteristics when the filter is applied.</li> <li>• If a student moves to a non-government or interstate school, only the days enrolled at a NSW government school are included.</li> </ul>
<b>Part-day absences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absences over 120 continuous minutes are included in the calculations. From 2021, all part-day absences are reported as 0.5 days. Previously, NSW reported part-day absences as a proportion of a nominal 6-hour day, such that an absence of 4 hours was 0.67 days.</li> </ul>

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<b>Authorised absences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Absences are recorded as authorised provided that the Principal accepts the parent/carer's explanation as a reasonable explanation for absence. This includes sickness and approved leave.</li><li>• Suspensions are included as authorised absences.</li><li>• If school is closed due to a natural disaster or school development day, the school will record attendance for any student who attends on the day, but these records are excluded from national reporting.</li></ul>
<b>Attendance rate and level calculation formula</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attendance rate is calculated based on FTE enrolment at each school.</li><li>• Enrolled days are taken from the enrolment system (ERN) while attendance data comes from ebs or third-party systems.</li><li>• Prior to 2021, NSW applied rounding such that <math>\geq 89.5\%</math> was treated as <math>\geq 90\%</math> (rounding to integer) for reporting students attending 90% or more of the time (at a state-level) and <math>\geq 89.95\%</math> was treated as <math>\geq 90\%</math> (at a school-level). From 2021, data is no longer rounded.</li><li>• Prior to 2018, NSW government schools could not report the proportion of students attending 90%+ due to system limitations.</li></ul>