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This statement of the numbers of pupils enrolled in government and non-government schools in Australia at the schools censuses in August, 1965 will be followed by the usual bulletin "Social Statistics : Schools" which will contain more detailed information for 1965. Figures contained herein are preliminary and are subject to minor amendments in the later bulletin.

2. Table 1 shows the numbers of pupils enrolled in government and non-government schools for each State and Territory from 1961 to 1965. Table 2 shows the numbers of pupils in 1965 classified according to grade.

3. The statistics relate to pupils enrolled in schools which provide 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, as are pupils in special schools and classes which cater for children who are physically or mentally handicapped, socially maladjusted, or who are in similar other categories not normally taught in ordinary schools. 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, pupils in Tasmanian pre-schools are included.

4. Comparisons of total enrolments between States and between government and non-government schools should be made with care, as they are 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 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	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS					
New South Wales	601,127	612,371	626,241	633,418	653,436
Victoria	439,740	456,619	469,840	487,192	504,120
Queensland	244,381	250,404	252,910	257,649	261,963
South Australia	173,198	179,900	r186,147	r194,614	202,636
Western Australia	124,632	129,455	133,793	137,573	140,951
Tasmania	66,624	68,346	69,633	70,643	71,615
Northern Territory	4,457	5,022	5,515	6,421	6,943
Australian Capital Territory	9,756	10,987	12,339	13,674	15,194
Australia	1,663,915	1,713,104	r1,756,408	r1,801,184	1,856,858
NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS					
New South Wales	196,474	201,861	205,065	208,179	214,619
Victoria	165,865	168,964	173,753	178,650	182,606
Queensland	74,026	76,020	78,315	81,023	83,413
South Australia	35,982	36,402	r37,196	r37,903	37,866
Western Australia	34,368	35,120	36,162	36,775	37,859
Tasmania	13,435	13,876	14,089	14,385	14,688
Northern Territory	2,374	2,521	2,589	2,483	2,798
Australian Capital Territory	4,673	5,123	5,590	6,017	6,708
Australia	527,197	539,887	r552,759	r565,415	580,557
ALL SCHOOLS					
New South Wales	797,601	814,232	831,306	841,597	868,055
Victoria	605,605	625,583	643,593	665,842	686,726
Queensland	318,407	326,424	331,225	338,672	345,376
South Australia	209,180	216,302	r223,343	r232,517	240,502
Western Australia	159,000	164,575	169,945	174,348	178,810
Tasmania	80,059	82,222	83,722	85,028	86,303
Northern Territory	6,831	7,543	8,104	8,904	9,741
Australian Capital Territory	14,429	16,110	17,929	19,691	21,902
Australia	2,191,112	2,252,991	r2,309,167	r2,366,599	2,437,415

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TABLE 2. - GRADES OF PUPILS : ALL SCHOOLS, 1965
(Numbers of pupils at schools censuses)

Grade or Year	Government Schools	Non-government Schools						All Schools	
		Church of England	Methodist	Pres- byterian	Roman Catholic	Other	Total		
NEW SOUTH WALES									
Infants	- K	65,031	553	57	176	20,136	712	21,634	86,665
	1	73,243	351	52	159	19,552	386	20,500	93,743
	2	66,638	390	70	182	19,453	358	20,453	87,091
Primary	- 3	63,555	473	96	234	18,651	383	19,837	83,392
	4	62,041	665	123	253	17,895	423	19,359	81,400
	5	60,659	776	178	342	17,378	467	19,141	79,800
	6	59,191	1,022	244	432	17,104	549	19,351	78,542
Special primary grades		5,842	..	..	..	..	1,652	1,652	7,494
Secondary -									
	1st(or 7)	59,085	1,687	446	757	15,658	675	19,223	78,308
	2nd(or 8)	55,114	1,586	452	748	14,109	680	17,575	72,689
	3rd(or 9)	42,467	1,673	415	772	12,295	688	15,843	58,310
	4th	23,855	1,534	377	714	8,229	670	11,524	35,379
	5th	15,745	1,610	353	701	5,257	606	8,527	24,272
Special secondary grades		970	..	..	..	..	..	..	970
Total		653,436	12,320	2,863	5,470	185,717	8,249	214,619	868,055
VICTORIA									
	1	96,101	805	86	372	29,431	1,156	31,850	127,951
	2	47,038	551	72	322	15,370	621	16,936	63,974
	3	46,018	632	76	358	14,923	650	16,639	62,657
	4	45,393	733	120	365	14,864	677	16,759	62,152
	5	44,273	864	128	419	14,069	658	16,138	60,411
	6	43,116	1,059	200	472	14,088	727	16,546	59,662
Ungraded (a)		2,169	..	..	..	237	41	278	2,447
	7 or I	46,471	1,858	478	907	11,322	879	15,444	61,915
	8 or II	44,100	1,799	484	974	9,984	934	14,175	58,275
	III	38,996	1,941	553	1,024	8,448	859	12,825	51,821
	IV	28,423	2,069	651	1,069	6,667	861	11,317	39,740
	V	15,441	1,792	621	988	4,344	764	8,509	23,950
	VI	6,581	1,364	416	738	2,205	467	5,190	11,771
Total		504,120	15,467	3,885	8,008	145,952	9,294	182,606	686,726

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

TABLE 2. - GRADES OF PUPILS : ALL SCHOOLS, 1965 - Cont'd.
(Number of pupils at schools censuses)

Grade or Year	Govern- ment Schools	Non-government Schools						All Schools
		Church of England	Presbyterian and Methodist	Pres- byterian	Roman Catholic	Other	Total	
QUEENSLAND								
Primary - Prep.	..	54	8	..	561	117	740	740
I	30,861	87	15	10	8,625	275	9,012	39,873
II	28,657	66	26	10	7,568	251	7,921	36,578
III	27,731	81	28	18	7,248	236	7,611	35,342
IV	27,413	99	47	12	6,983	224	7,365	34,778
V	26,695	217	67	16	7,060	158	7,518	34,213
VI	26,013	266	116	34	6,552	82	7,050	33,063
VII	25,512	435	190	50	6,782	156	7,613	33,125
Ungraded (a)	1,613	..	..	..	78	..	78	1,691
Secondary - 1st	23,171	892	377	124	5,701	899	7,993	31,164
2nd	20,653	900	392	136	4,891	956	7,275	27,928
3rd	16,195	957	396	156	4,409	1,021	6,939	23,134
4th	4,143	601	264	112	1,626	777	3,380	7,523
5th	3,306	496	204	66	1,377	775	2,918	6,224
Total	261,963	5,151	2,130	744	69,461	5,927	83,413	345,376

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Grade or Year	Government Schools	Non-government Schools						All Schools
		Church of England	Methodist	Presbyterian	Roman Catholic	Other	Total	
Pre-primary	..	150	..	27	43	34	254	254
Kindergarten	4,482	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,482
I	23,385	245	42	47	3,878	200	4,412	27,797
II	19,987	185	56	42	2,911	203	3,397	23,384
III	20,110	176	56	57	2,921	197	3,407	23,517
IV	19,842	198	63	56	2,838	213	3,368	23,210
V	19,549	275	91	87	2,712	221	3,386	22,935
VI	19,141	309	122	94	2,588	263	3,376	22,517
VII	18,248	365	130	117	2,377	245	3,234	21,482
Ungraded (b)	1,931	..	..	..	24	1	25	1,956
VIII or 1st	19,071	538	341	202	1,957	385	3,423	22,494
IX or 2nd	15,861	520	328	211	1,765	390	3,214	19,075
X or 3rd	13,105	573	359	241	1,498	521	3,192	16,297
XI or 4th	6,122	495	316	193	840	412	2,256	8,378
5th	1,787	283	138	104	254	143	922	2,709
Ungraded (c)	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Total	202,636	4,312	2,042	1,478	26,606	3,428	37,866	240,502

(a) Pupils at Special Schools and in special classes at ordinary schools, classified as Primary.

(b) Occupation centres, opportunity classes, speech and hearing classes, and children in schools at spastic centres, at primary level.

(c) Speech and hearing centres at secondary level.

TABLE 2. - GRADES OF PUPILS : ALL SCHOOLS, 1965 - Cont'd.
(Number of pupils at schools censuses)

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		Church of England	Methodist	Pres- byterian	Roman Catholic	Other	Total	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA								
Primary - K	..	44	28	24	224	15	335	335
1	15,546	43	16	21	3,806	107	3,993	19,539
2	14,381	51	15	23	3,372	81	3,542	17,923
3	14,617	69	14	22	3,369	92	3,566	18,183
4	14,333	84	28	23	3,172	70	3,377	17,710
5	14,448	134	38	31	3,021	80	3,304	17,752
6	13,425	174	54	73	2,836	60	3,197	16,622
7	13,370	254	107	59	2,777	58	3,255	16,625
Special primary Classes	1,244	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,244
Secondary - 1	13,039	589	291	182	2,679	38	3,779	16,818
2	11,860	590	269	175	2,383	28	3,445	15,305
3	8,959	646	280	209	1,875	65	3,075	12,034
4	2,700	496	195	164	781	45	1,681	4,381
5	1,710	399	145	155	582	29	1,310	3,020
Special secondary Classes	453	..	..	..	..	..	..	453
Special Schools	866	..	..	..	..	..	..	866
Total	140,951	3,573	1,480	1,161	30,877	768	37,859	178,810

TASMANIA

Pre-school	2,431	..	..	..	..	92	92	2,523
Kindergarten	2,069	75	18	34	190	47	364	2,433
1	9,832	66	14	18	1,700	105	1,903	11,735
2	6,986	54	10	15	1,139	80	1,298	8,284
3	7,095	78	11	20	1,039	86	1,234	8,329
4	7,005	71	12	27	1,051	93	1,254	8,259
5	6,567	97	12	41	963	91	1,204	7,771
6	6,516	159	21	54	935	116	1,285	7,801
I	6,623	256	52	90	1,046	140	1,584	8,207
II	6,350	242	42	78	873	136	1,371	7,721
III	5,379	255	59	90	720	134	1,258	6,637
IV	2,876	279	66	92	576	135	1,148	4,024
V	748	130	18	46	184	78	456	1,204
VI	402	81	8	22	72	37	220	622
Special Schools	736	..	..	..	17	..	17	753
Total	71,615	1,843	343	627	10,505	1,370	14,688	86,303

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(Number of pupils at schools censuses)

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		Church of England	Roman Catholic	Other	Total	
NORTHERN TERRITORY						
Kindergarten	44	..	..	..	..	44
I	1,040	..	182	..	182	1,222
II	572	..	155	..	155	727
III	660	..	131	..	31	791
IV	577	..	96	..	96	673
V	578	..	99	..	99	677
VI	491	..	84	..	84	575
VII	424	..	75	..	75	499
Ungraded (a)	21	..	..	..	..	21
VIII or 1st	346	..	52	..	52	398
IX or 2nd	293	..	20	..	20	313
X or 3rd	220	..	20	..	20	240
XI or 4th	70	..	..	..	..	70
5th	17	..	..	..	..	17
Ungraded (b)	1,590	..	651	1,233	1,884	3,474
Total	6,943	..	1,565	1,233	2,798	9,741

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Infants - K	1,679	82	652	..	734	2,413
1	1,809	55	627	..	682	2,491
2	1,501	50	608	..	658	2,159
Primary - 3	1,451	51	559	..	610	2,061
4	1,466	60	472	..	532	1,998
5	1,257	67	499	..	566	1,823
6	1,342	79	432	..	511	1,853
Special primary grades (c)	125	..	..	..	..	125
Secondary - 1st	1,231	144	472	..	616	1,847
2nd	1,141	151	400	..	551	1,692
3rd	960	145	362	..	507	1,467
4th	665	143	265	..	408	1,073
5th	567	143	190	..	333	900
Total	15,194	1,170	5,538	..	6,708	21,902

(a) Opportunity classes and Occupation centres. (b) These are Aboriginal children at special schools at missions and pastoral stations. (c) Opportunity classes.

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