

Suspensions and Expulsions 2018

Short suspensions 2018

Short suspensions are up to 4 school days.

Total short suspensions in 2018 were 52,755. Of these, 19,139 were for continued disobedience and 33,616 were for aggressive behaviour. (Note: These figures are based on the total number of short suspensions in 2018 and include students placed on short suspension on more than one occasion).

Total students short suspended were 32,343. The number of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students short suspended was 7,901.

Average length of short suspensions was 3.0 days.

Students receiving short suspensions

| Year | Total enrolments in mid-year census | Number of students suspended | Percentage of student enrolment |
|------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| K-6 | 493,138 | 9,075 | 1.8% |
| 7-10 | 221,760 | 20,759 | 9.4% |
| 11-12 | 83,879 | 2,511 | 3.0% |
| All Grades | 798,777 | 32,343 | 4.0% |

Long suspensions 2018

Long suspensions are up to 20 school days.

Total long suspensions in 2018 were 17,235. Of these, 7,277 were for persistent misbehaviour; 7,130 were for physical violence; 1,028 were for serious criminal behaviour related to the school; 879 were for possession or use of a suspected illegal substance; 688 were for use or possession of a prohibited weapon, firearm or knife and 233 were for use of an implement as a weapon, or threatening to use a weapon.

(Note: These figures are based on the total number of long suspensions in 2018 and include students placed on long suspension on more than one occasion).

Total students long suspended were 12,355. The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students long suspended was 3,546.

Average length of long suspensions was 12.3 days.

Students receiving long suspensions

| Year | Total enrolments in mid-year census | Number of students suspended | Percentage of student enrolment |
|------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| K-6 | 493,138 | 2,568 | 0.5% |
| 7-10 | 221,760 | 8,686 | 3.9% |
| 11-12 | 83,879 | 1,101 | 1.3% |
| All Grades | 798,777 | 12,355 | 1.5% |

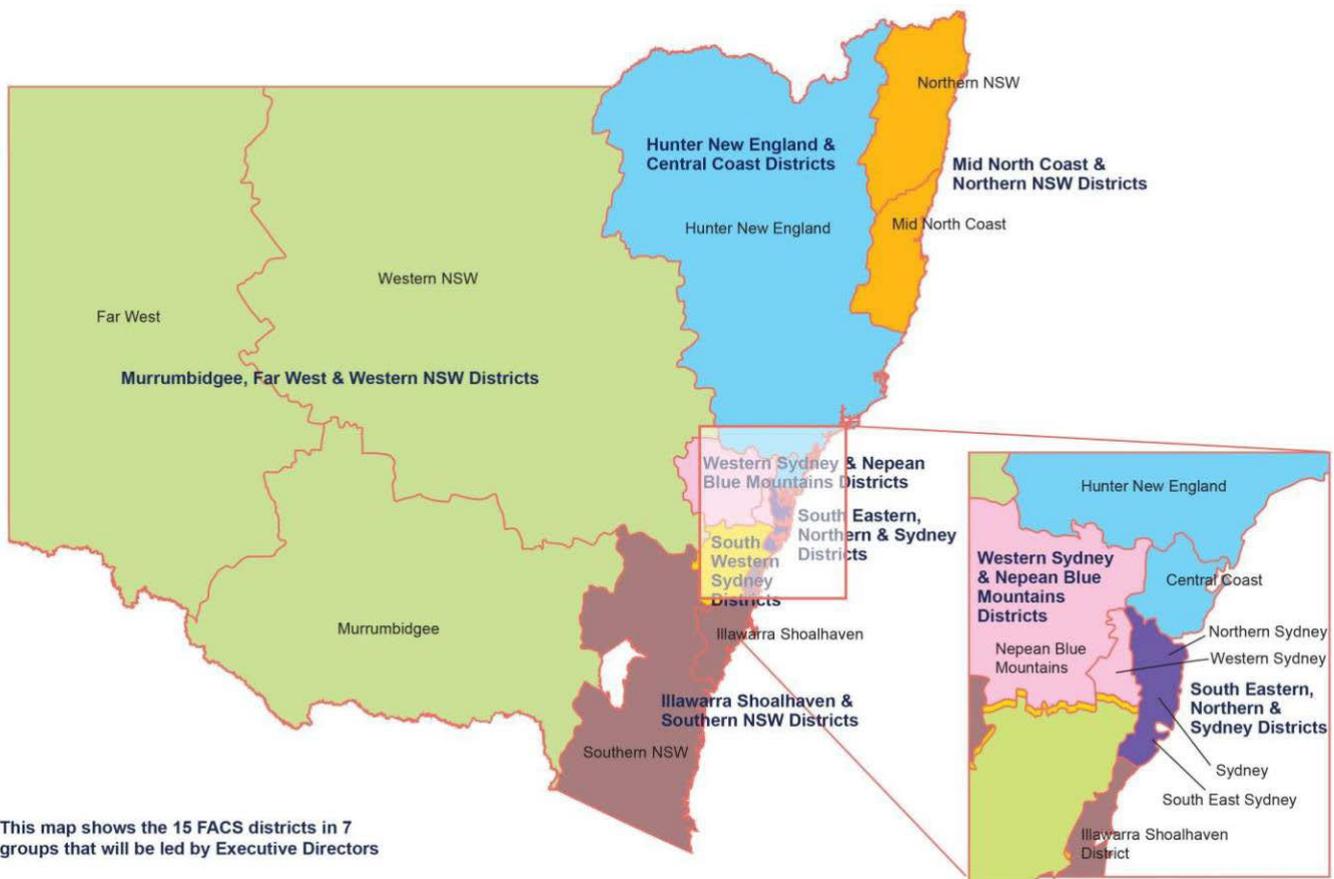
Data by Department of Family and Community Services districts 2018

Prior to 2013, suspension and expulsion data was published by region and school education group. Changes to the Public Schools NSW regional structure, from 2013, required a different reporting format.

From 2013, data is published by Family and Community Services districts to assist evidence informed planning and practice across NSW Government agencies.

Note: Data published prior to 2013 is not comparable with data published after 2013. Care is required in interpreting this data over time, as the Department of Family and Community Services may change the boundaries of their districts.

Department of Family and Community Services local districts map



This map shows the 15 FACS districts in 7 groups that will be led by Executive Directors

Short suspensions by Family and Community Services district 2018

| FACS districts | Total short suspensions (includes students on short suspension on more than one occasion) | Total number students short suspended | Students short suspended as % of FACS area enrolment |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Central Coast | 3,150 | 2,010 | 5.3% |
| Far West | 472 | 280 | 7.2% |
| Hunter New England | 10,748 | 6,323 | 6.1% |
| Illawarra Shoalhaven | 3,999 | 2,359 | 5.3% |
| Mid North Coast | 2,368 | 1,471 | 6.4% |
| Murrumbidgee | 2,879 | 1,639 | 5.3% |
| Nepean Blue Mountains | 2,783 | 1,779 | 4.2% |
| Northern NSW | 3,196 | 1,880 | 6.2% |
| Northern Sydney | 1,033 | 840 | 0.9% |
| South Eastern Sydney | 1,746 | 1,250 | 1.8% |
| South Western Sydney | 7,905 | 5,160 | 4.4% |
| Southern NSW | 1,799 | 1,084 | 5.2% |
| Sydney | 1,355 | 917 | 1.9% |
| Western NSW | 4,993 | 2,731 | 8.4% |
| Western Sydney | 4,329 | 2,776 | 2.8% |
| Grand Total | 52,755 | 32,343 | 4.0% |

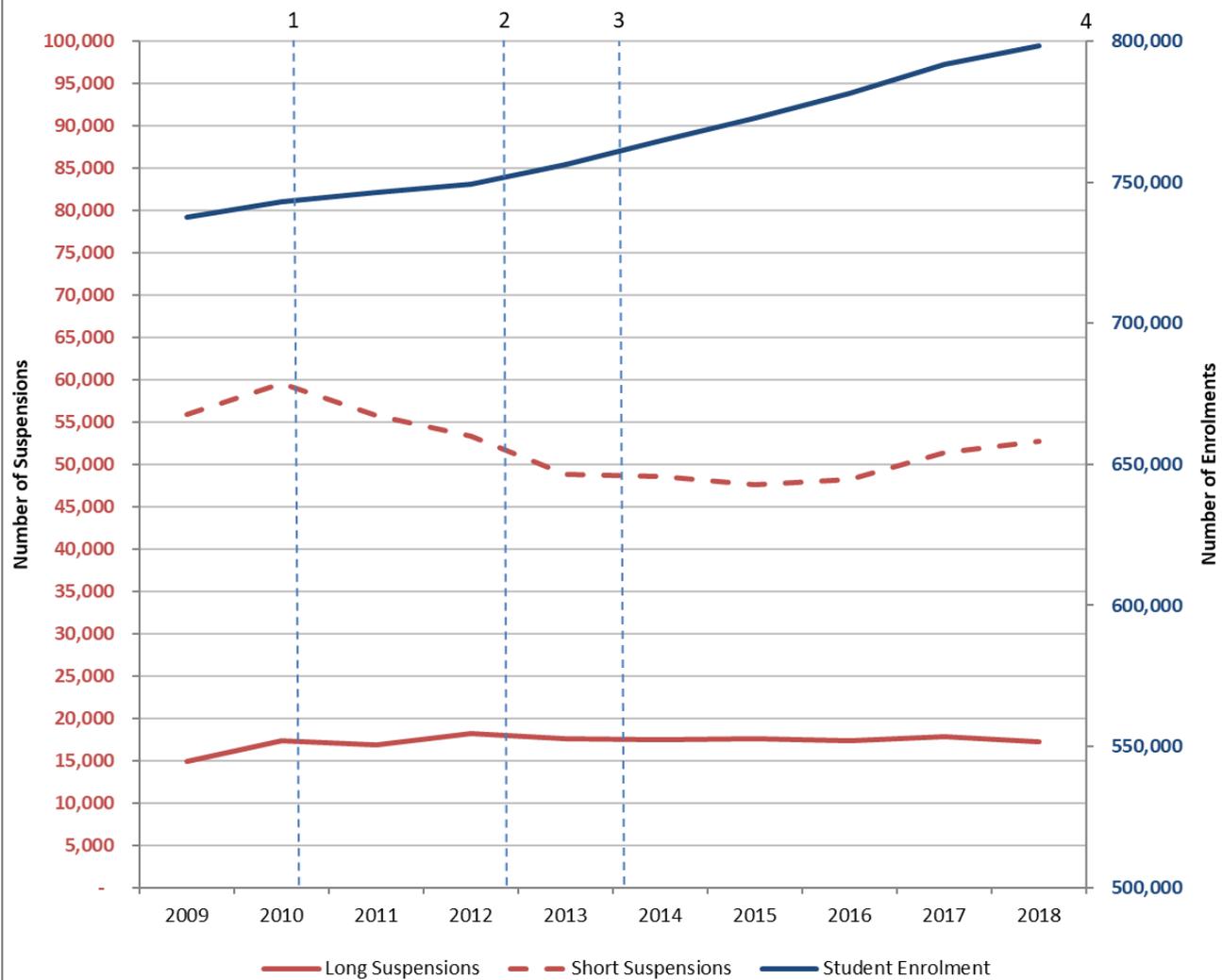
Long suspensions by Family and Community Services district 2018

| FACS districts | Total long suspensions (includes students on long suspension on more than one occasion) | Total number students long suspended | Students long suspended as % of FACS area enrolment |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Central Coast | 1,068 | 809 | 2.1% |
| Far West | 150 | 107 | 2.8% |
| Hunter New England | 3,939 | 2,801 | 2.7% |
| Illawarra Shoalhaven | 964 | 698 | 1.6% |
| Mid North Coast | 850 | 613 | 2.7% |
| Murrumbidgee | 901 | 589 | 1.9% |
| Nepean Blue Mountains | 803 | 621 | 1.5% |
| Northern NSW | 1,054 | 743 | 2.4% |
| Northern Sydney | 454 | 371 | 0.4% |
| South Eastern Sydney | 543 | 433 | 0.6% |
| South Western Sydney | 2,599 | 1,869 | 1.6% |
| Southern NSW | 707 | 515 | 2.5% |
| Sydney | 468 | 340 | 0.7% |
| Western NSW | 1,715 | 1,078 | 3.3% |
| Western Sydney | 1,020 | 813 | 0.8% |
| Grand Total | 17,235 | 12,355 | 1.5% |

Note:

Students who were suspended in more than one school from different FACS districts are counted once in the Grand Total. Therefore the Grand Total may not match the total of the columns above them.

Suspensions and enrolments at NSW government schools 2009-2018



Notes:

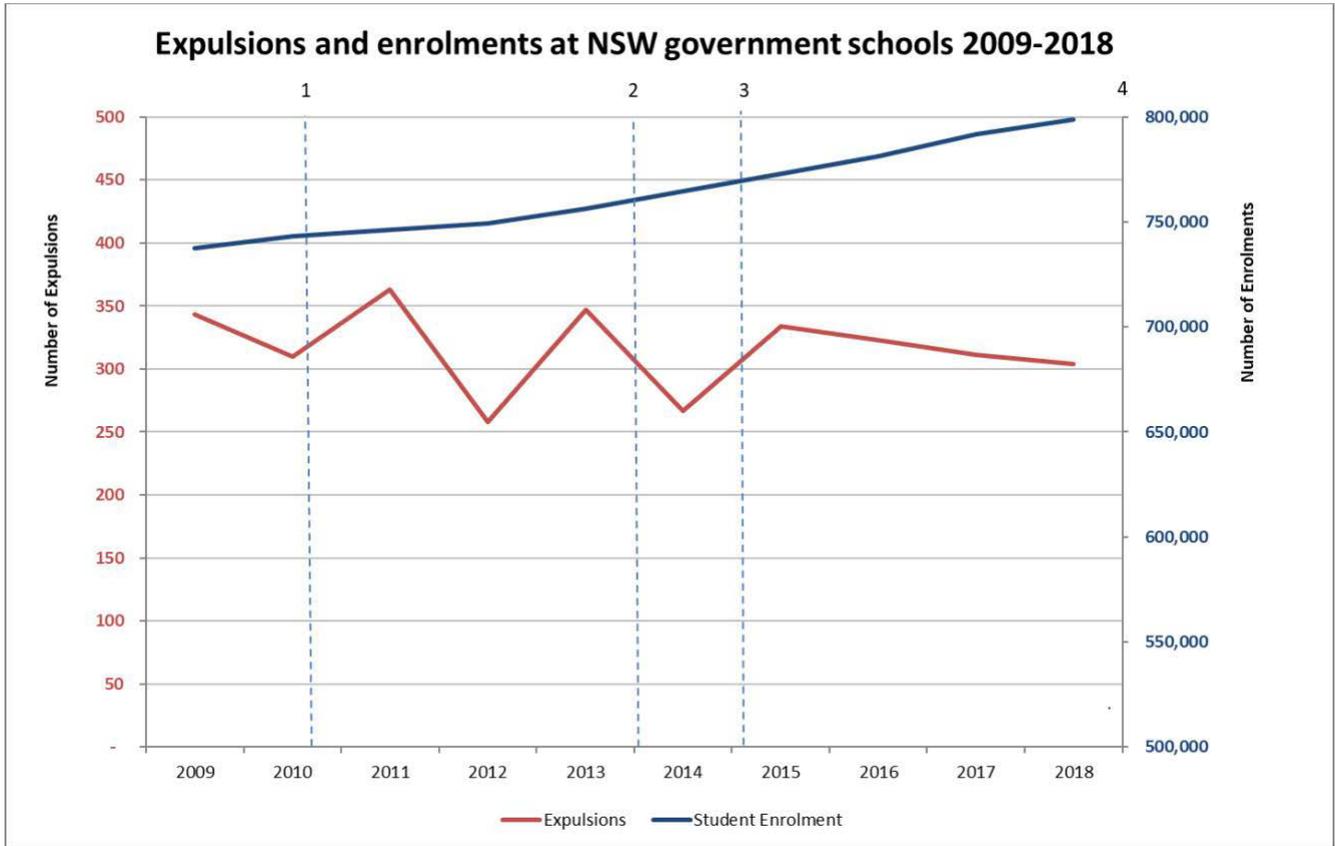
1. In 2010 the school leaving age was raised from 15 years to 17 years.
2. Between 2009 and 2014 there have been changes in the way that suspension data is collected. In 2012 suspension data was harvested from a combination of the Department's electronic enrolment registration system (ERN) and manual returns. The data prior to 2011 was collected manually.
3. Since 2013, data has been harvested from ERN or the Department's student administration system SALM/ebs: central, making it more reliable.
4. Both vertical axes have different scales. This should be considered when interpreting the graph.

Expulsion data by Department of Family and Community Services district 2018

| FACS districts | Misbehaviour | Unsatisfactory participation | Total |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Central Coast | 21 | <5 | n/a |
| Far West | <5 | <5 | n/a |
| Hunter New England | 48 | <5 | n/a |
| Illawarra Shoalhaven | 16 | <5 | n/a |
| Mid North Coast | 13 | 21 | 34 |
| Murrumbidgee | <5 | 17 | n/a |
| Nepean Blue Mountains | <5 | <5 | n/a |
| Northern NSW | 6 | <5 | n/a |
| Northern Sydney | 6 | <5 | n/a |
| South Eastern Sydney | <5 | 11 | n/a |
| South Western Sydney | 29 | 61 | 90 |
| Southern NSW | <5 | <5 | n/a |
| Sydney | 7 | <5 | n/a |
| Western NSW | <5 | <5 | n/a |
| Western Sydney | 8 | <5 | n/a |
| Grand Total | 175 | 122 | 297 |

Notes:

1. In order to protect individual students' identities, in this table, values 5 and under are represented as <5 and n/a is used in the "Total" column.
2. The figures provided are a count of students who received an expulsion. If a student received more than one expulsion, they will only be counted once.



Notes:

1. In 2010 the school leaving age was raised from 15 years to 17 years.
2. Between 2009 and 2013 there have been changes in the way that expulsion data is collected. From 2012 expulsions were recorded in the Department's Electronic Enrolment Registration (ERN) system. Prior to this, expulsions data was recorded on a manual return. This has potentially impacted consistency across longitudinal data.
3. Since 2013, data has been harvested from ERN, making it more reliable.
4. Both vertical axes have different scales. This should be considered when interpreting the graph