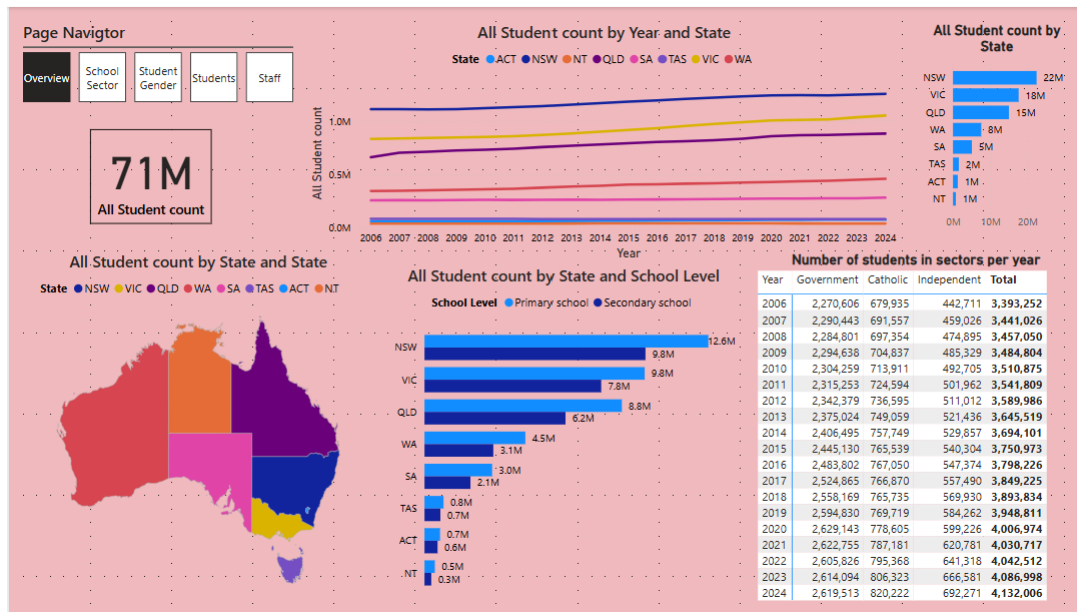


Executive summary of National Primary and Secondary School Data Analysis



1. Trends Over Time by State (2006–2024)

- All states show a steady upward trend in student count.
- NSW remains consistently the highest and growing.
- VIC and QLD show solid growth, narrowing the gap with NSW.
- NT, ACT, TAS remain flat — consistent with smaller populations.

This suggests consistent national **growth in student population over ~2 decades**, and long-term stability in education demand.

Other Observations:

- **2010–2013:** Slower growth in all sectors — possibly external factors (policy/economy)
- **Post-2020:** Clear growth across all sectors, despite potential pandemic impact

2. Steady Growth Over Time (2006–2024)

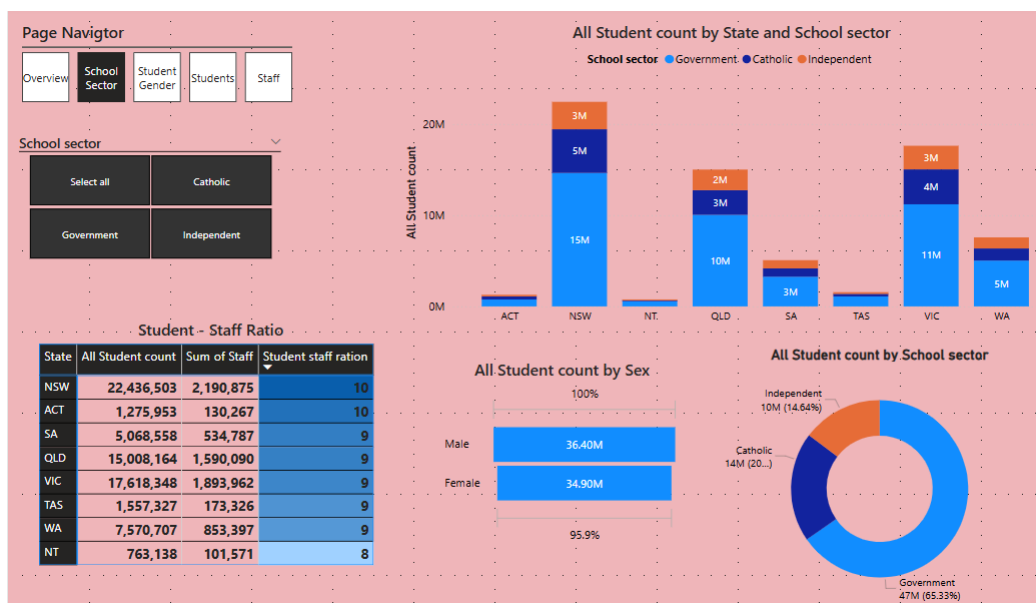
- Total student population grew from ~**3.39M (2006)** to ~**4.13M (2024)** — ~**22% increase**
- Growth is visible across all three sectors:
 - Government: 2.27M → 2.61M
 - Catholic: 679K → 820K
 - Independent: 442K → 692K

3. NSW Leads in Student Enrollment

- **New South Wales (NSW)** has the highest student count at **22M**, followed by:
 - **Victoria (VIC)** – 18M
 - **Queensland (QLD)** – 15M
- These 3 states make up the majority of Australia's school enrollment.

4. Primary vs Secondary School Distribution

- Across all states, **primary school enrollment is higher** than secondary.
- Example: NSW has ~12.6M primary vs ~9.8M secondary students.
- Implies a growing base of younger students that will flow into secondary soon.



5. Sector-wise Distribution

- Government sector dominates with 47M students (~65.33%)
- Catholic schools have 14M (~20%)
- Independent schools have 10M (~14.64%)
- Clear reliance on public schooling with minor but steady private sector presence.

6. Government Sector Dominates

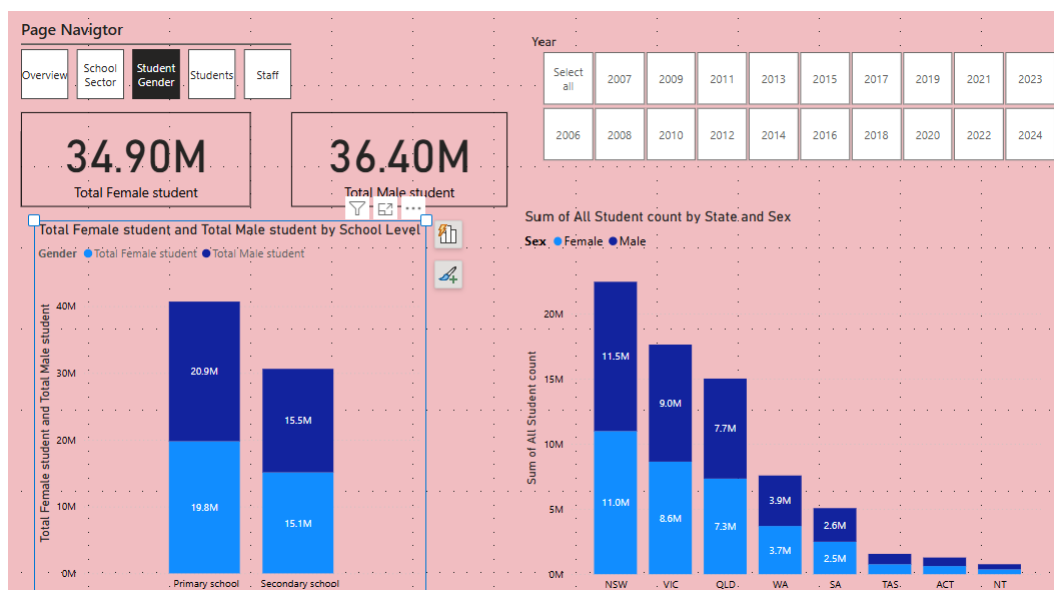
- Consistently contributes ~**70%+** of total students every year
- Grew from **2.27M (2006)** to **2.62M (2024)**

7. Catholic Sector Growth

- Increased from **679K to 820K** between 2006–2024
- Share of total students has remained **stable at ~19–20%**

8. Independent Sector Gains Slight Share

- Increased from **442K to 692K** (growth ~56%)
- Strongest percentage growth of the 3 sectors
- Now represents nearly **17%** of total students (was ~13% in 2006)



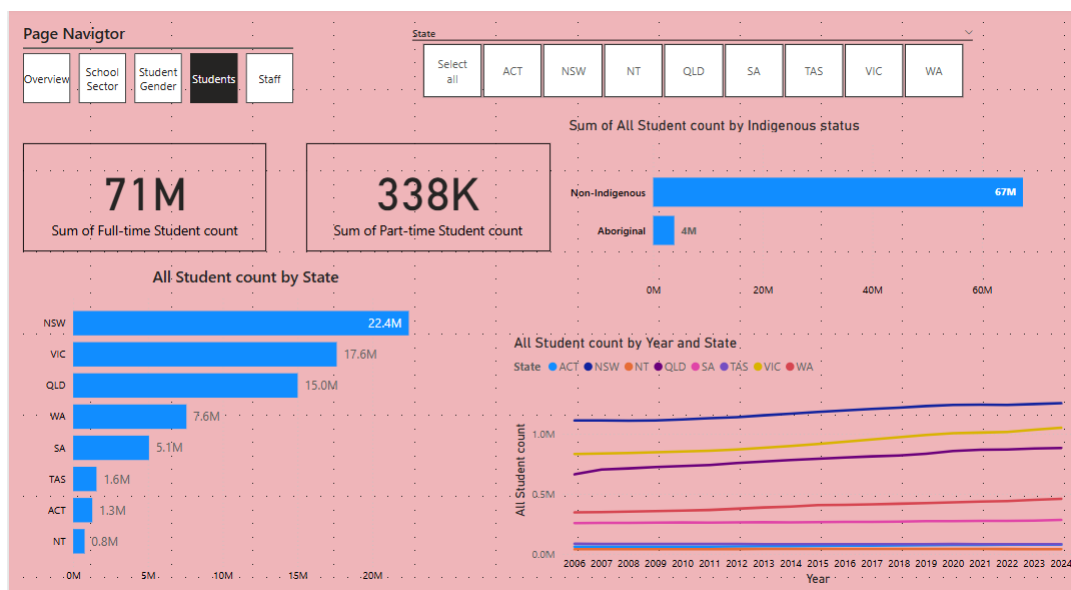
9. Gender Distribution

- Gender distribution is fairly balanced overall

- Male Students: 36.40M
- Female Students: 34.90M

10. School Level Breakdown by Gender

- Primary School:
 - Females: 19.8M
 - Males: 20.3M
- Secondary School:
 - Females: 11.5M
 - Males: 15.5M
- Insight: There's a wider gender gap in secondary school — with ~4M more male students than females.



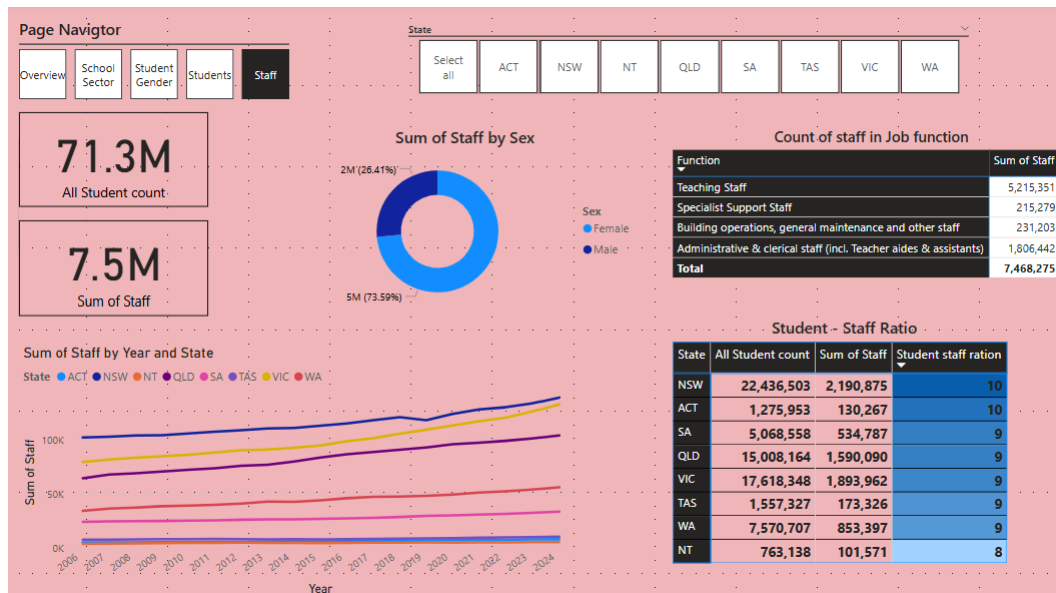
11. Full-time vs Part-time Students

- Full-time students: 71M
- Part-time students: 338K

Insight: The education system is overwhelmingly full-time focused (>99% of enrollments)

12. 2. Indigenous vs Non-Indigenous Students

- Non-Indigenous: 67M
- Aboriginal: 4M
- Aboriginal students represent ~5.6% of the total student population



13. Staff-to-Student Landscape

- Total Students: 71.3M
- Total Staff: 7.5M
- Overall Student-Staff Ratio ~ 9.5 students per staff

14. Staff by Job Function

- Teaching Staff dominate: 5.2M (~70%)
- Admin & Clerical Staff: 1.8M
- Other roles (Support, Maintenance): minor shares

15. Staff by Gender

- Female staff: ~5.5M (73.6%)
- Male staff: ~2M (26.4%)
- Insight: Education workforce is heavily female-dominated