

Washington class sizes are among the largest in the country.

2013-14 Washington Fall enrollment	1,060,298
Divided by national pupil-to-classroom-teacher ratio	\div 15.9
Equals total teachers needed in WA to be at national average	= 66,685
Minus 2013-14 actual Washington classroom teachers	- 54,725
Equals additional classroom teachers needed to bring Washington's pupil-to-teacher ratio to the national average	= 11,960

A classroom teacher is defined as a staff member assigned the professional activities of instructing pupils in self-contained classes or courses, or in classroom situations. "Pupils" is the Fall student FTE enrollment reported by each state department of education to NEA. This enrollment figure tends to be slightly higher than the rolling actual monthly average enrollment for each school year, but it is used as a consistent source and will affect all states in similar ways.

Sources: NEA Rankings and Estimates, March 2015. Original data reported to NEA by state departments of education.

