

# Washington class sizes are among the largest in the country.

2012-13 Washington Fall enrollment	1,053,061
Divided by national pupil-to-classroom-teacher ratio	÷ <u>15.9</u>
Equals total teachers needed in WA to be at national average	= 66,230
Minus 2012-13 actual Washington classroom teachers	- <u>53,565</u>
Equals additional classroom teachers needed to bring Washington's pupil-to-teacher ratio to the national average	= <b>12,665</b>

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 2014. Original data reported to NEA by state departments of education.

