

For those who are interested, this document tracks changes in average class size over the years. It shows that the most recent government changes to class size have made a difference.

## Elementary Average Class Size for selected years.

YEAR	January 2012 Judith Bishop										AVERAGE
	JK	SK	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	GR 6	GR 7	GR 8	
HAMILTON 1973-74	17.6	21.8	24.2	28.5	28.9	29.9	30.3	31.0	30.6	29.3	29.06
HAMILTON 1990-91	17.9	20.0	21.8	22.9	23.9	24.6	25.9	24.8	25.2	25.4	24.08
HAMILTON 1991-1992	17.4	20.0	22.1	23.3	23.7	24.6	25.7	25.2	24.5	25.8	24.15
HAMILTON 1992-93	18.11	19.65	22.57	23.19	24.04	25.44	25.57	25.4	25.17	25.05	24.39
HAMILTON 1996-1997	19.8	22.6	23.29	24.49	26.43	26.53	27.58	27.54	27.66	27.23	26.06
HAMILTON- WENTWORTH 2000	20.27	21.52	22.52	23.25	24.06	25.10	25.24	25.95	26.81	26.93	24.43
2001	20.08	21.21	22.10	22.54	24.01	25.08	26.07	26.14	26.68	26.25	24.27
2002	20.10	20.99	22.53	22.80	23.76	24.83	25.19	26.42	27.25	26.55	24.33
2004	20.56	20.96	22.46	23.45	23.98	25.04	25.19	26.34	26.17	26.44	24.42
2005	19.70	21.18	21.18	22.26	23.51	24.64	25.05	25.45	26.19	25.52	23.76
2006	17.74	17.87	19.60	20.60	21.51	23.42	24.29	25.49	26.68	26.57	21.98
2007	17.27	16.98	17.91	19.34	18.61	23.67	24.25	26.19	26.52	27.46	21.25
2008	17.64	17.62	18.36	19.26	19.03	23.98	25.26	25.83	26.48	26.63	21.47
2009											
2010	17.64	17.70	18.03	18.92	18.75	22.68	22.23	24.39	26.66	26.35	20.93
2011	17.71	17.32	19.02	19.62	19.13	22.73	24.15	24.36	26.18	26.51	21.23

Figures taken from December enrolment reports of the former Board of Education for the City of Hamilton and from the Hamilton -Wentworth District School Board Average Class Size Reports made in the late Fall each year.

Notes:

- Average class size declined between 1973-4 and 1990-91; class size was determined largely by locally bargained collective agreements in each Board of Education.
- Historically the primary grades have always had lower average class sizes than those in Junior and intermediate grades.
- Average class size increased in 1992 and onwards with a mandated reduction of five percent of all teachers, ordered by the NDP government under the Social Contract.
- In 1999, the Conservative government mandated average class sizes of 25 in elementary grades.

- In 2000-2001 the average class size in all primary and junior grades was reduced to 24
- In 2004 the Liberal government announced that it was starting to phase in the capping of all primary classes to 20 students and provided additional funds to hire elementary teachers to start this process. This was completed in 2007.
- In September 2010 the first year of a five year roll out of all- day kindergarten was begun in Ontario. The average class size for this program is 26 with a cap at 30. This fall began the second year of the program. Next year half of all kindergarten children will be attending an all-day kindergarten.