



Fact Sheet

The teachers we need for our future

New research released

One of the major challenges facing NSW schools is securing the additional teachers and permanent classrooms we need to cope with rapidly rising enrolments.

Already there are growing shortages of full-time and casual teachers.

New research, commissioned by the NSW Teachers Federation, shows that without major action, the shortages will get much worse.

The research reveals that by 2031 public schools will need:

- **11,095 additional teachers** if student-teacher ratios are maintained at current levels (the highest in the nation).
- **13,724 additional teachers** if student-teacher ratios are reduced to the national average.

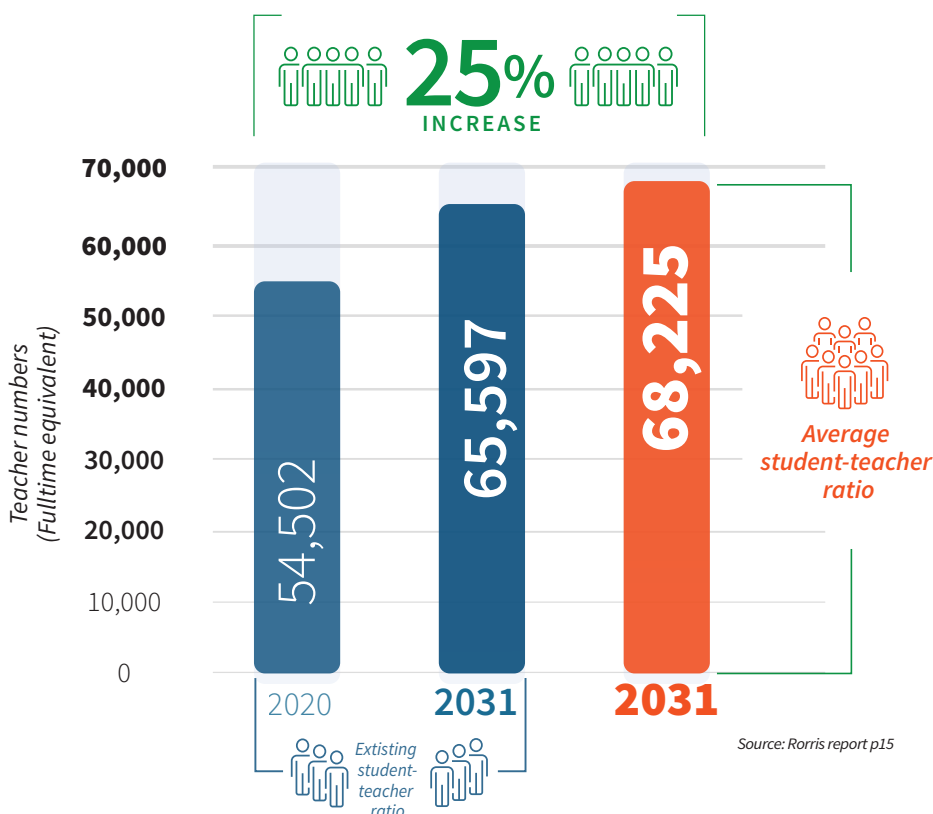
This is a **25 per cent increase** on 2020 teacher numbers.

Due to rising student need, the actual number of teachers required is likely to be even higher.

The independent Gallop inquiry warned earlier this year that it will not be possible to recruit the teachers we need, or fix the shortages, unless we act on workloads and salaries.

Teachers and parents need to work together to ensure there is a fully qualified teacher in every classroom and no child misses out.

Teachers required



“NSW has under-resourced its schools in terms of teacher numbers when compared with the national average for public schools over the past 10 years.”

Rorris report p.10.

The full report by education economist Adam Rorris is available at nswtf.org.au/files/rorris-report.pdf

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