

2023-2024 Report on Student-Teacher Metrics for Internet- or Computer-Based Community Schools



**Department of
Education &
Workforce**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Key Findings:

- The average class size based on these parameters was **31.11 students per course/class**, an increase from the 28.59 students per course/class reported in 2022-2023.
- The average ratio of teachers to students per classroom based on these parameters was **one teacher to 39.58 students per classroom**, an increase from the one teacher to 33.063 student per classroom reported in 2022-2023.
- Schools reported a wide range of student-teacher meetings conducted in person or by video, from three sessions per student to more than 25 sessions per student.

BACKGROUND

[Ohio law](#) requires each internet- or computer-based community school (“e-school”) to prepare and submit to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce an annual report that contains information about all the following:

- (a) Classroom size;
- (b) The ratio of teachers to students per classroom;
- (c) The number of student-teacher meetings conducted in person or by video conference;
- (d) Any other information determined necessary by the Department.

Of the 17 internet- or computer-based community schools, a total of 11 provide dropout prevention and recovery programs and receive alternate Ohio School Report Cards. This report encompasses responses for each requirement of the law.

CLASSROOM SIZE

For the purposes of this data collection, each internet- or computer-based community school was asked to provide the average class size in the school. The average class size was determined by dividing the total number of students enrolled in a course/class by the total number of courses/classes. The average class size based on these parameters was **31.11 students per course/class**, an increase from the 28.59 students per course/class reported in 2022-2023. Please see Table A for a full list of responses from each internet- or computer-based community school.

THE RATIO OF TEACHERS TO STUDENTS PER CLASSROOM

Each school was asked to report the ratio of teachers to students per classroom. To determine the ratio, the average number of students enrolled in a course/class was divided by the number of teachers for each course/class. Looking at the average per course/class provides a different perspective from how the Department typically calculates student/teacher ratios [total number of students/total number of teachers]. The average ratio of teachers to students per classroom based on these parameters was **one teacher to**

39.58 students per classroom, an increase from the one teacher to 33.063 student per classroom reported in 2022-2023. Please see Table A for a full list of responses from each internet- or computer-based community school.

THE NUMBER OF STUDENT-TEACHER MEETINGS CONDUCTED IN PERSON OR BY VIDEO

To determine the total number of student-teacher meetings, each school was asked to provide the number of interactions between a student and teacher that occurred in a physical location (such as the school, tutoring center, in-home visits, or other locations). Using these parameters, schools reported a wide range of student-teacher meetings conducted in person or by video, from three sessions per student to more than 25 sessions per student. The total of interactions is included in Table A.

Table A
2023-2024 School Year

Name of School	Typology	Average classroom size	Ratio of teachers to students per classroom	Total number of student-teacher meetings conducted in person or by video conference
Alternative Education Academy	General Education	5.4	25.6:1	58,738
Auglaize County Educational Academy	Dropout Prevention and Recovery	1.9	16:1	360
Buckeye On-Line School for Success	General Education	23	16:1	34,224
ChallengeU Ohio Community School	Dropout Prevention and Recovery	60	138:1	2-3 per week
Fairborn Digital Academy	Dropout Prevention and Recovery	25	25:1	Virtual = 720 In-Person = 2,944
Findlay Digital Academy	Dropout Prevention and Recovery	13.1	30:1	Virtual = 991 In-person: 3,991
Gateway Online of Ohio	Dropout Prevention and Recovery	25	25:1	Virtual = 11,112 In-Person = 1,340
GOAL Digital Academy	Dropout Prevention and Recovery	25	25:1	800,000
Great River Connections Academy	General Education	38.39	38:1	Virtual = 111,222 In Person = 3,282
Greater Ohio Virtual School	Dropout Prevention and Recovery	5.9	18:1	5,489
Mahoning Unlimited Classroom	Dropout Prevention and Recovery	15.72	12:1	154
Ohio Connections Academy, Inc	General Education	48.65	47:1	385,761
Ohio Digital Learning School	Dropout Prevention and Recovery	77.1	77:1	1,431.741
Ohio Virtual Academy	General Education	26.1	67.2:1	249,291
Pathfinder Career Academy	General Education	67.5	67:1	25,963
Quaker Digital Academy	Dropout Prevention and Recovery	11	11:1	25,207
TRECA Digital Academy	Dropout Prevention and Recovery	60.24	35.19:1	3,387