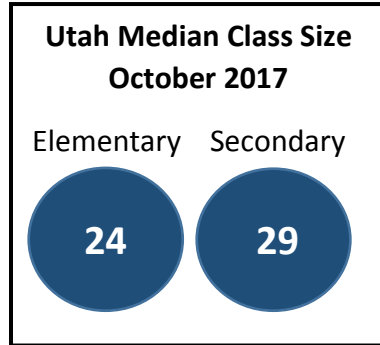




Utah State Board of Education

State Class Size – October 2017

Current Class Sizes

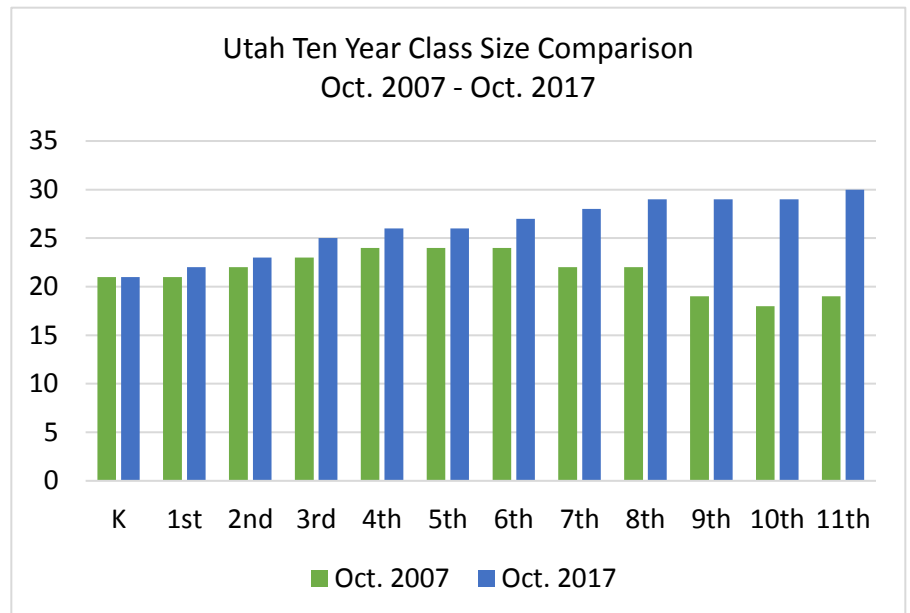


In October 2017, the median class size in Utah’s public schools was 24 students for elementary schools and 29 for secondary schools (grades 7-12)ⁱ. Within elementary schools, lower grades tended to have smaller class sizes compared with higher grade levels. The average class size for kindergarten was 21 students while sixth grade classes had an average class size of 27. Class sizes continue to increase in secondary schools with an average of 29 students in the core classes. In comparing district class sizes to charter schools, charter elementary schools have a

slightly larger average class size of 25 while districts have an average of 24. However, in secondary schools charter schools have a smaller median class size of 21 while district secondary schools have a median class size of 30.

Historical Class Sizes

While class sizes have remained fairly consistent in recent years, over the past ten years there have been some noticeable changes in class sizes. When comparing current class sizes to class sizes in 2007, kindergarten through third grade class sizes have remained about the same, while secondary class sizes have increased (see graph)ⁱⁱ. For kindergartners the average class size has remained at 21 students for the past 10 years. For eleventh graders, the average class size has increased from 19 students in 2007 to 30 students in 2017ⁱⁱⁱ.



ⁱ Class size estimates are based on counts of students in each class. Non-traditional classes, such as online, special education, or limited English proficiency classes, are excluded from calculations. For high schools, only the core subject classes (English, math, and science) are used for calculations.

ⁱⁱ Source for historical class size data is the Utah State Board of Education’s *Superintendent’s Annual Report* (<https://schools.utah.gov/superintendentannualreport>).

ⁱⁱⁱ For secondary classes, only English class sizes are shown in graph.