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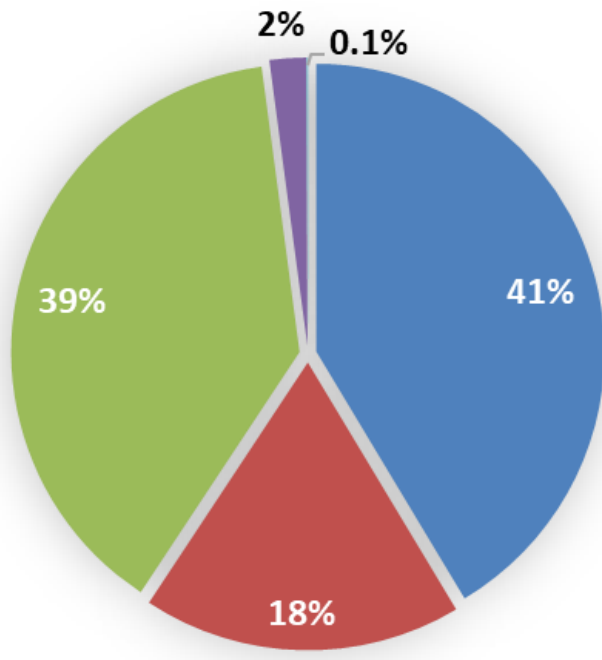
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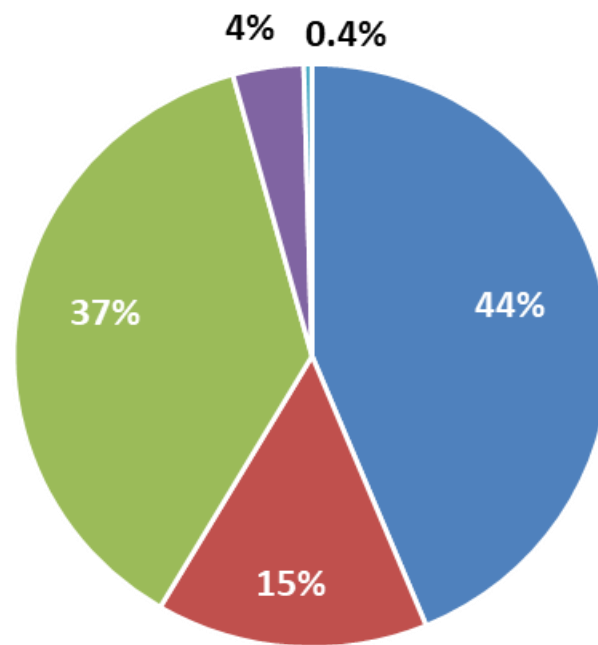
Proportion of Students Enrolments in All Schools in Mumbai

2015-16



9,24,933*

2024-25



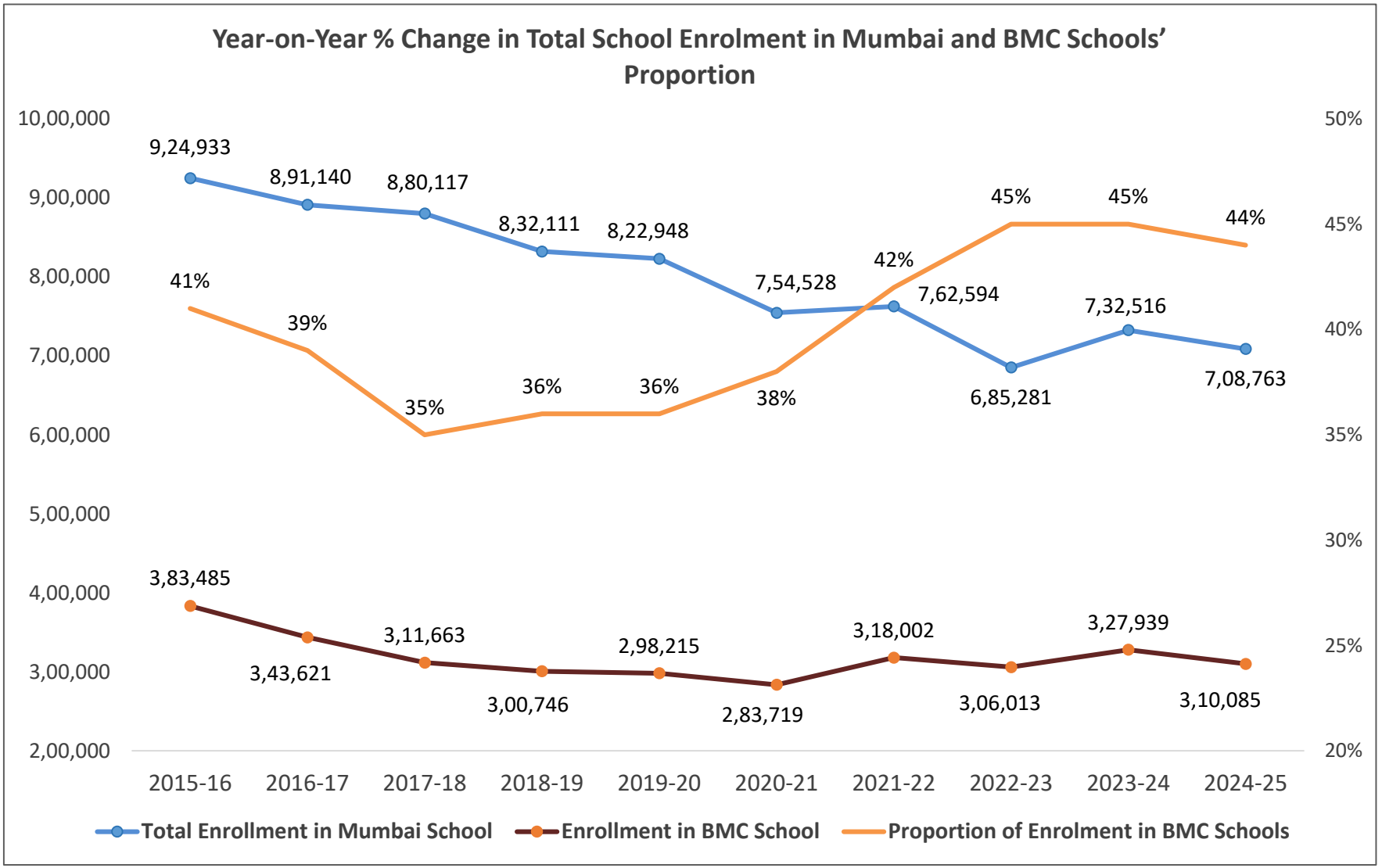
7,08,763*

■ BMC ■ Private aided ■ Private unaided ■ Unrecognised ■ Other

The share of students enrolled in BMC schools increased from **41%** in 2015–16 to **44%** in 2024–25

* Number of Students

Year-on-Year Trends in BMC School Enrolment and Proportion (2015–16 to 2024–25)



The proportion of students enrolled in BMC schools stood at **36% (2,98,215)** in the pre-pandemic year of 2019-20. This figure saw a significant increase to **42% (3,18,002)** in **2021-22**, eventually stabilising at **44% (3,10,085)** by 2024-25.

Data from 2015-16 to 2018-19 taken via RTIs from 24 wards. Data from 2019-20 to 2024-25 is UDISE+ data which was taken from the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) office in BMC Education Dept (Triveni Sangam).

Retention Rates in BMC schools from 2015-16 to 2024-25

Standard	Academic Year	Total Enrolment	Retention Rate
1	2015-16	34,549	-
2	2016-17	36,652	106%
3	2017-18	33,740	98%
4	2018-19	32,763	95%
5	2019-20	31,564	91%
6	2020-21	31,274	91%
7	2021-22	32,736	95%
8	2022-23	28,235	82%
9	2023-24	22,018	64%
10	2024-25	16,485	48%

Retention rates of BMC students shows that out of 100 students enrolled in Class 1 in 2015-16, only 48 retained in Class 10 by 2024-25.

Change in Student Enrolment by Medium in BMC Schools (2015–16 to 2024–25)

Year	2015-16		2024-25		Change % from 2015-16 to 2024-25	
	Medium	No. of School	No. of Student	No. of School	No. of Student	No. of School
Marathi	421	71,454	341	47,233	-19%	-34%
Hindi	277	1,19,384	258	72,402	-7%	-39%
English	131	71,260	190	1,10,014	45%	54%
Urdu	243	1,05,307	227	74,003	-7%	-30%
Gujarati	70	4,956	39	2,033	-44%	-59%
Kannada	38	2,526	25	1,259	-34%	-50%
Tamil	35	5,954	27	2,795	-23%	-53%
Telugu	32	1,870	11	346	-66%	-81%

Student enrolment in BMC’s Marathi and Hindi medium schools has gradually decreased **by 34% and 39%**, respectively, over the last decade, However, BMC English-medium schools have seen a **54% increase** in enrolment from 2015–16 to 2024–25.

Dropout/Dropbox

Urban Resource Centre (URC) wise Dropout/Dropbox data of BMC Schools as of 11 March 2026

Block Name	Drop Out	Active for Import / Status Not Known	Migrated/ Gone for Study	Wrong entry/ Duplicate	Due to death	Grand Total
URC-1 Borivali	99	179	877	27	6	1,188
URC-2 Kandivali	80	400	2,473	31	7	2,991
URC-3 Goregaon	89	706	1,048	24	2	1,869
URC-4 Andheri	129	351	2,563	75	10	3,128
URC-5 Santacruz	139	686	1,412	55	2	2,294
URC-6 Bhandup	42	317	1,410	53	7	1,829
URC-7 Ghatkopar	68	195	1,404	29	3	1,699
URC-8 Chembur	209	61	4,799	48	6	5,123
URC-9 Kurla	128	1,725	1,122	9	1	2,985
URC-10 Parel	142	224	2,576	18	3	2,963
URC-11 Dadar	194	175	2,166	5	1	2,541
URC-12 Byculla	227	619	1,453	9	3	2,311
Total	1,546	5,638	23,303	383	51	30,921

- “A total of **18%** of students (**5,638**) have an **unclear or unrecorded status**, indicating the need for improved tracking mechanisms.”
- “Chembur (URC-8) recorded the highest student count at **5,123**, followed by Andheri (URC-4) with **3,127** students and Kandivali (URC-2) with **2,991** students.”

- Despite national initiatives like **Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan**, **Right To Education (2009)**, and **National Education Policy (2020)** aimed at reducing school dropouts, the **BMC Education Department** does **not maintain granular ward-wise, school-wise, medium wise and gender wise data at one place.**
- Data availability at the **URC (Urban Resource Centre)** level is **not granular**, which causes gaps and makes it difficult to **plan** and **monitor policies.**

Data Type	Availability Centrally in BMC	Purpose of Dropbox Feature
URC-level Data	✓ Available	Basic reporting
Ward-wise Data	✗ Not maintained	Enables local analysis
School-wise Data	✗ Not maintained	Tracks individual schools
Medium-wise Data	✗ Not maintained	Supports policy on language mediums

Over the last decade, BMC SSC pass percentage rose from 76.97% to 92.92%.

Year	No. of Candidates Appeared		Total Pass		Pass in (%)	
	BMC Schools	Private Schools	BMC Schools	Private Schools	BMC Schools	Private Schools
Mar-16	10,220	1,54,358	7,866	1,31,696	76.97%	85.32%
Mar-17	11,972	1,35,392	8,250	1,24,297	68.91%	91.81%
Mar-18	12,104	1,29,767	8,934	1,19,980	73.81%	92.46%
Mar-19	13,534	1,32,190	7,367	1,06,307	54.43%	80.42%
Mar-20	13,637	1,19,827	12,716	1,16,722	93.25%	97.41%
Mar-21	15,515	1,25,460	15,515	1,25,404	100%	99.96%
Mar-22	16,807	1,24,444	16,319	1,20,132	97.10%	96.53%
Mar-23	17,140	1,22,797	14,529	1,12,286	84.77%	91.44%
Mar-24	11,040	1,28,613	9,974	1,18,747	90.34%	92.33%
Mar-25	14,966	1,18,451	13,907	1,10,064	92.92%	92.92%

Comparison of BMC and Private School Students in Scholarship Examinations

Year	Candidates Appeared		Scholarship Holders		Scholarship Holders (in %)	
	BMC Schools	Private Schools	BMC Schools	Private Schools	BMC Schools	Private Schools
Middle School Scholarship Examination						
5th Standard						
2016-17	4,668	16,165	74	1,903	1.60%	11.80%
2024-25	4,070	14,020	536	1,413	13.17%	10.08%
High School Scholarship Examination						
8th Standard						
2016-17	3,276	14,690	19	1,598	0.60%	10.90%
2024-25	3,619	11,307	417	1,179	11.52%	10.43%

In BMC schools, the percentage of scholarship holders in 5th standard increased from **1.60% in 2016–17 to 13.17% in 2024–25**, while in secondary (8th standard) it increased from **0.60% to 11.52%** during the same period.

Health Check-up

Health Check-up Data of BMC School Students (2016–2025)

Year	Total Students	Total students examined	% of students examined
2016-17	3,43,621	2,35,823	69%
2017-18	3,11,663	2,32,706	75%
2018-19	3,00,746	2,26,066	75%
2019-20	2,71,496	1,74,464	64%
2020-21	2,63,360	-*	-
2021-22	2,92,825	84,247	29%
2022-23	3,06,013	2,37,922	78%
2023-24	3,27,939	2,38,734	73%
2024-25	3,10,085	2,54,251	82%

In 2016–17, health check-ups were conducted for **69%** of the total enrolled students (2,35,823 students), which increased to **82%** of total students (2,54,251 students) in 2024–25.

* Health check-ups were not conducted due to COVID-19

Underweight numbers remain steady in recent years

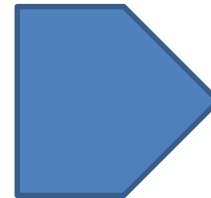
Year	Number of students screened	Total underweight students	% of underweight students
2016-17	2,35,823	73,112	31%
2017-18	2,32,706	11,720	5%
2018-19	2,26,066	7,383	3%
2019-20	1,74,464	7,512	4%
2021-22	84,247	3,488	4%
2022-23	2,37,922	9,478	4%
2023-24	2,38,734	8,331	3%
2024-25	2,54,251	9,186	4%

Underweight cases have shown a substantial decline, decreasing from 31% in 2016–17 to just 4% in 2024–25.

Personnel

90% Vacancy in School Inspector Posts Affects Supervision

Designation	Sanction Post	Filled Post		Vacant Post	Vacancy %
		Scheduled	Non-Scheduled		
Education Officer	2	1	1	0	0%
Deputy Education Officer	10	8	0	2	20%
Superintendent	18	10	0	8	44%
Administrative Officer	30	24	0	6	20%
Inspector (Saral Seva)	44	0	0	44	100%
Inspector (Promotion)	44	9	0	35	80%



Medium	Sanctioned Post	Filled Post	Vacant Post	Vacancy %
Marathi	88	3	79	90%
Hindi		1		
English		0		
Urdu		4		
Gujarati		1		
Kannada		0		
Tamil		0		
Telugu		0		
Total		88		

Budget

BMC Education Budget and Enrolment

Year	Total Students	Education budget's share of total BMC budget (%)	Total Annual Budget Estimates on Education (Rs. in crores)	Total Annual Actual Expenditure on Education (Rs. in crores)	Per student total Budget Estimated (in Rupees)
2015-16	3,83,485	7.80%	2,374	1,524	61,894
2016-17	3,43,621	6.90%	2,267	1,700	65,973
2017-18	3,11,663	9.80%	2,164	1,834	69,437
2018-19	3,00,746	10.10%	2,450	2,060	81,464
2019-20	2,98,215	9.50%	2,620	2,143	87,870
2020-21	2,83,719	9.40%	2,827	2,031	99,641
2021-22	3,18,002	8.00%	2,839	2,672	89,279
2022-23	3,06,013	7.80%	3,248	2,625	1,06,145
2023-24	3,27,939	6.40%	3,221	2,604	98,228
2024-25	3,10,085	5.80%	3,362	-	1,08,412
2025-26	3,10,085*	6.1%	3,815	-	1,23,022
2026-27	3,10,085*	5.6%	4,105	-	1,32,372

- In 2026-27, the education budget increased to **₹4,105 crore** (out of BMC's total budget of ₹80,953 crore).

- From 2015–16 to 2026–27, the education budget's share fell from **7.8% to 5.6%**, while the per capita student budget increased from **₹61,894** to **₹1,32,372** during the same period.

The BMC Education Department should take the opportunity to strengthen the Education system through the following recommendation:-

- **Political Accountability:** Councillors must transition from passive observers to active champions of their ward's schools—ensuring ward-level autonomy.
- **The Power of the SMC:** School Management Committees (SMCs) must be revitalised, ensuring that their meetings take place regularly.
- **Strategic Planning:** The School Development Plan (SDP) must become a living document, strictly monitored by councillors and citizens at the ward level to ensure autonomy is matched by performance.
- **Strengthening monitoring at the ward level** for better accountability of ward committees through the availability of ward-level data.
- Focus on **outcome- based budget** and independent third party mechanism for monitoring quality of teachers and performance of schools.

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