

The trend in NYC class sizes

updated with Nov. 2016 data and long-term trends

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A note on data sources: DOE class size reports

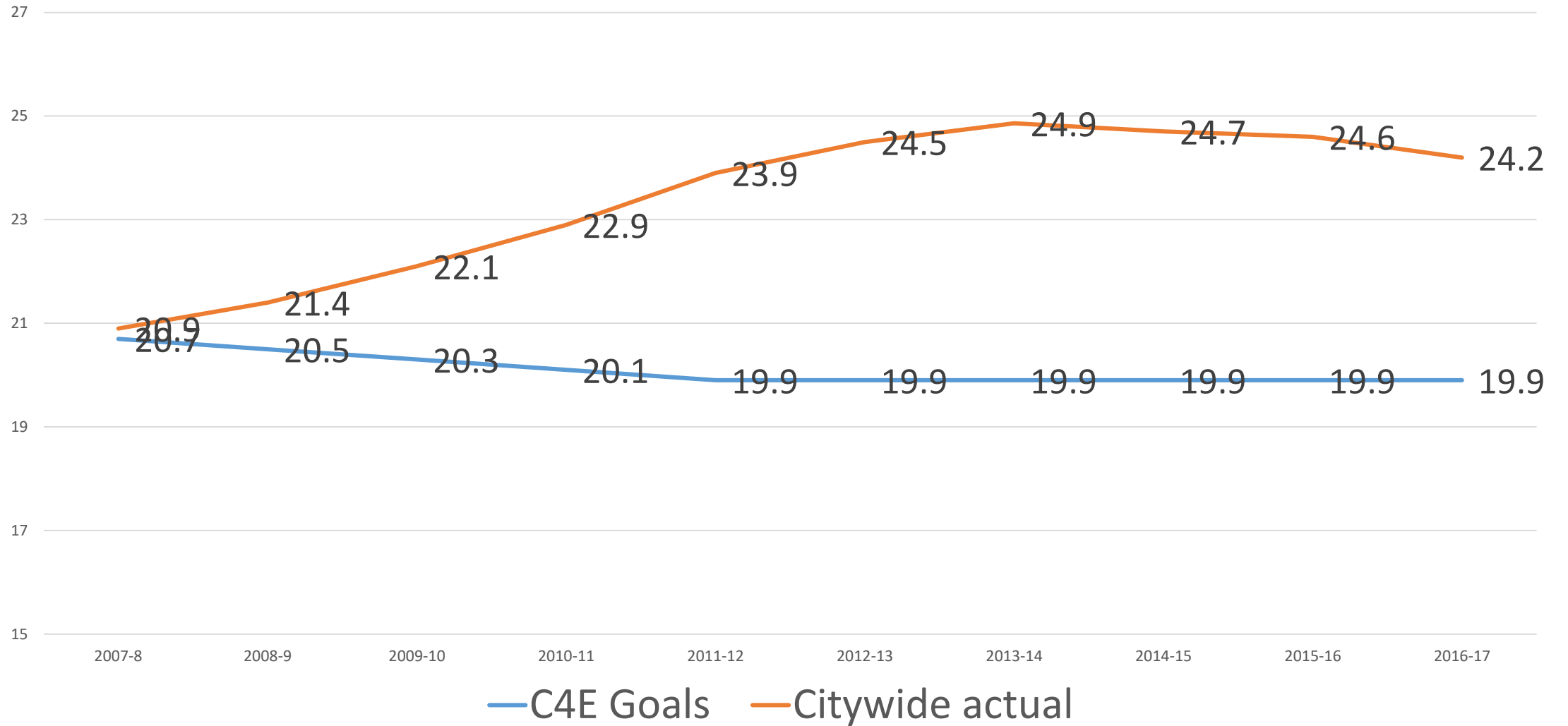
- All class size data is posted on DOE website from 2006 -2017 at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/schools/data/classsize/classsize.htm>
- We use DOE November reports for each year based on the October 30 register, except for 2006 and 2007 for which the November report no longer available.
- The November reports are a more accurate picture of what students experience for the first few months of school, because many students have dropped out by January, especially in high school.
- In general we believe the high school data is unreliable, because the faulty DOE reporting process causes many high schools to falsely report ICT (inclusion) classes or classes with ELL students as two separate classes.
- These class size averages include data for general education classes, ICT (inclusion classes) and gifted classes, but not self-contained special education classes capped at smaller sizes by state law.
- For years before 2006-7 when the DOE started publicly reporting class size, we employ data from the NYC Independent Budget Office which received it directly from DOE.

In Nov. 2016, class sizes changed relatively little from the previous year, according to DOE, ranging from a decrease of .5 student per class in Kindergarten to an increase of .1 student per class in grade 8.

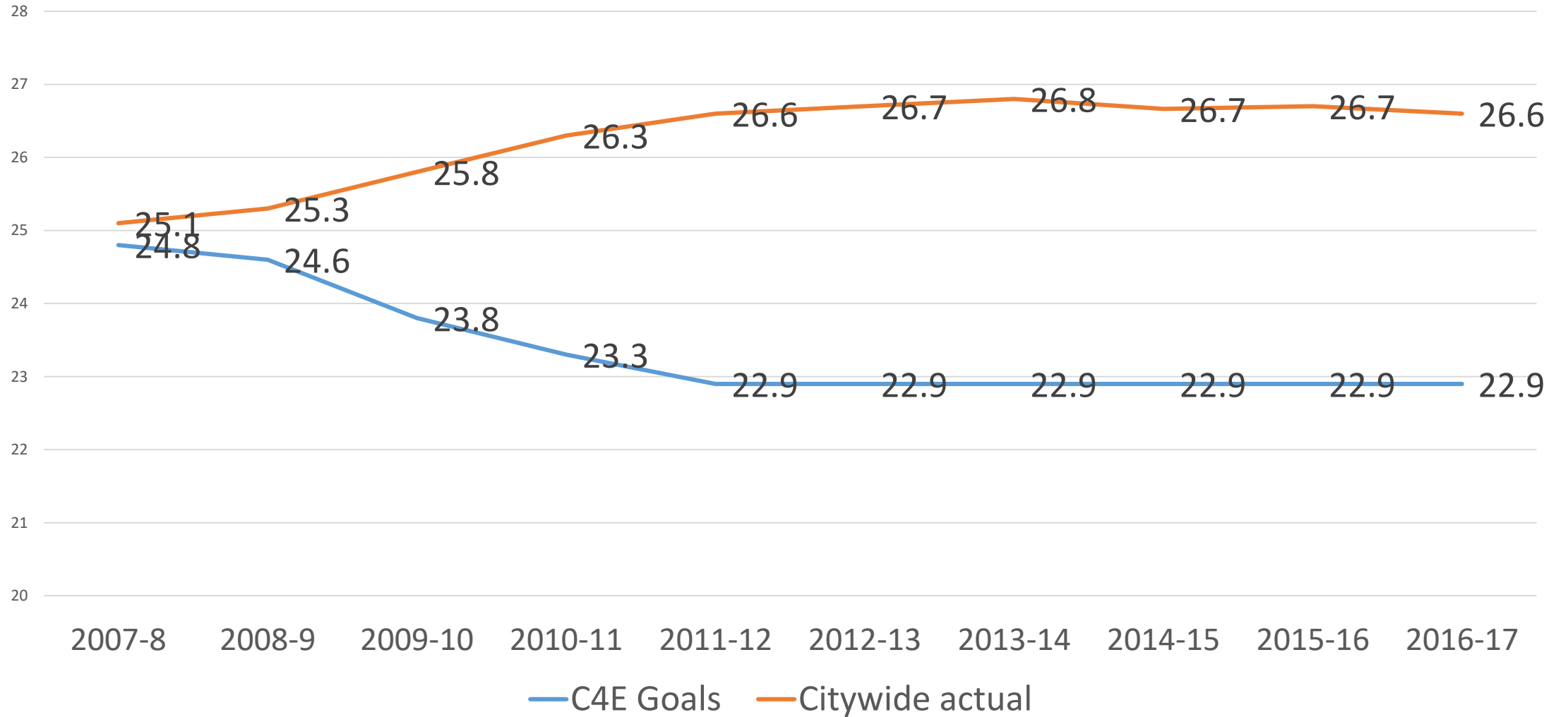
Grade Level	2015-16	2016-17	Difference
K	22.5	22.0	-0.5
01	25.0	24.6	-0.4
02	25.3	25.1	-0.2
03	25.9	25.4	-0.5
04	26.2	26.1	0.0
05	26.3	26.1	-0.2
06	26.7	26.8	0.1
07	27.1	27.0	-0.1
08	27.4	27.3	-0.1

Source: DOE Nov. 2016 class size summary posted at <http://tinyurl.com/zpjguya>

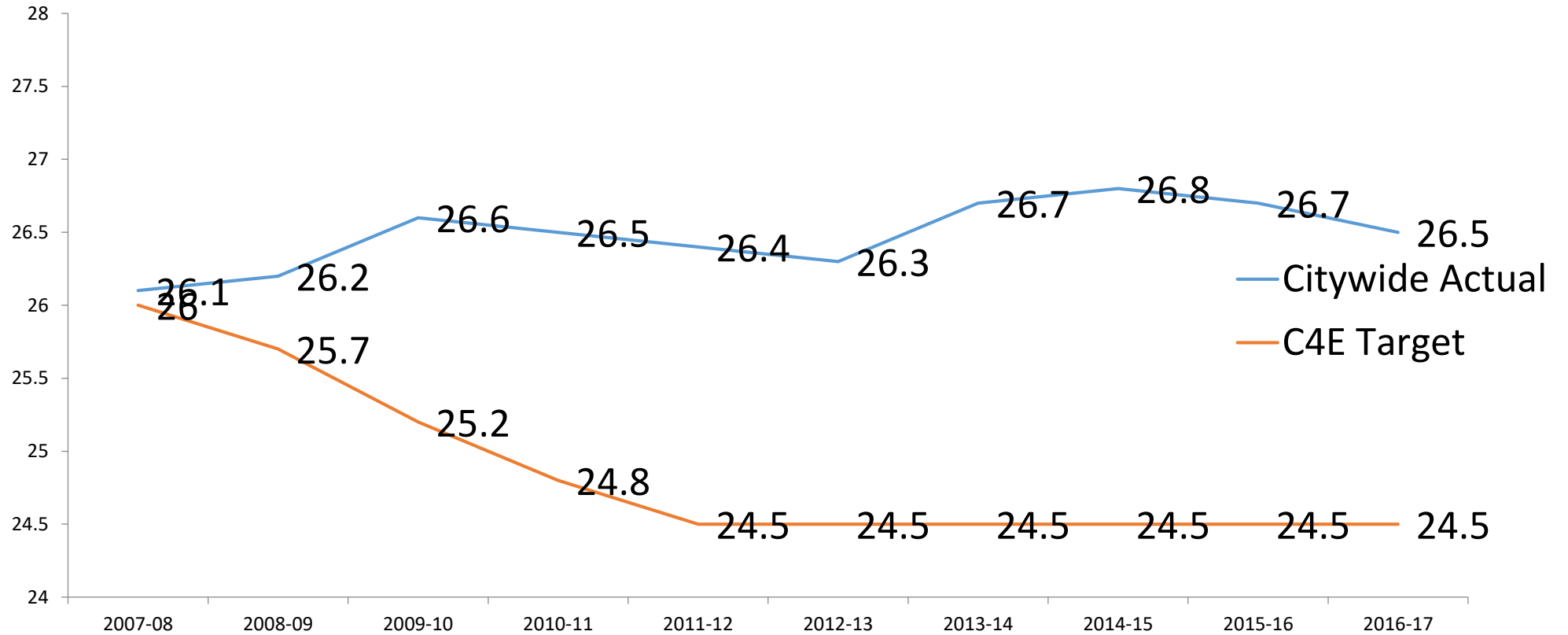
K-3rd grade average class size up 18% since 2007



4th-8th grade average class size up 6% since 2007

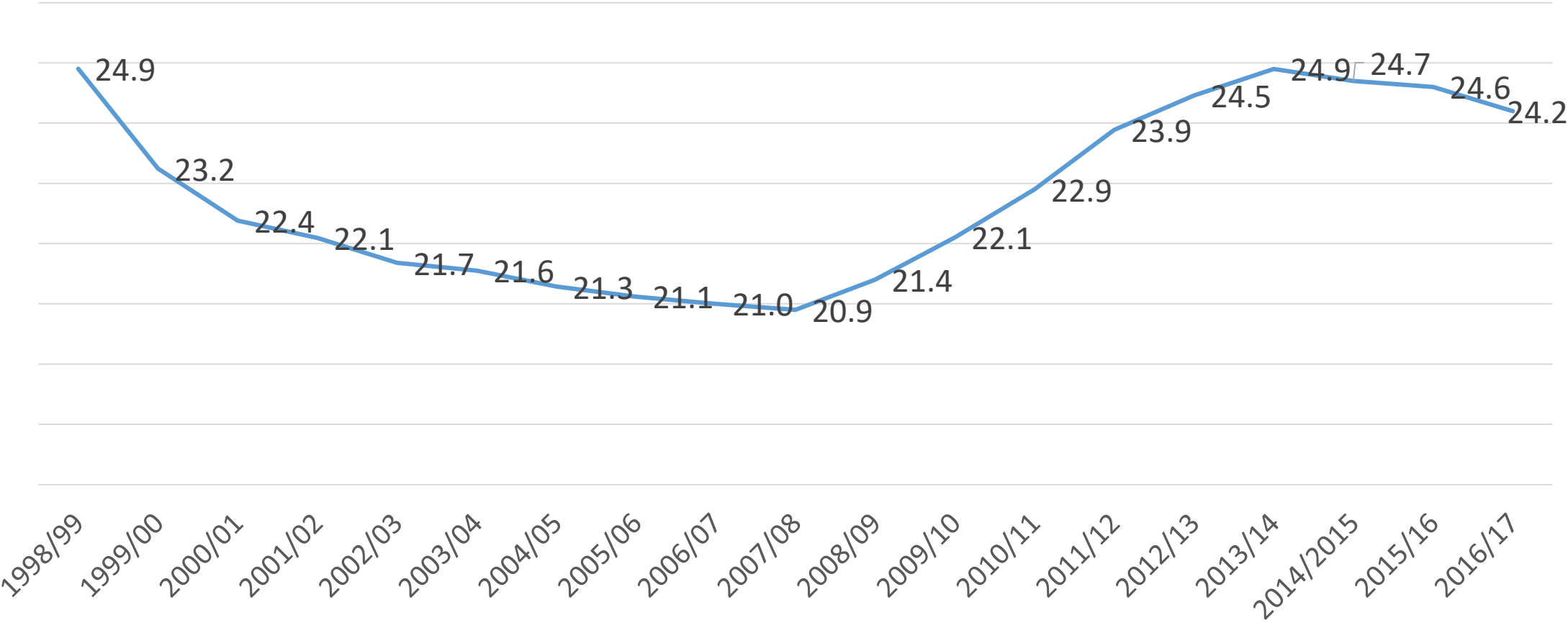


HS average class sizes up 1.5% since 2007



Class sizes in K-3 are larger than they were in 1999-2000

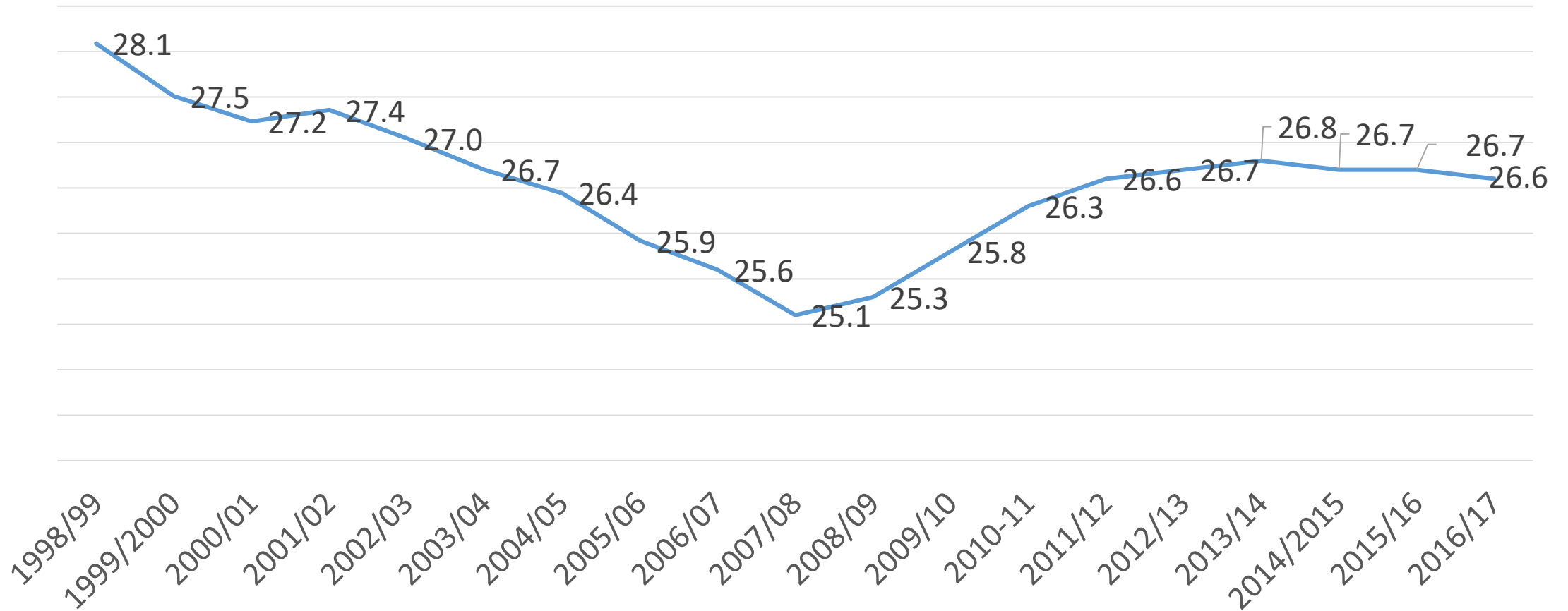
LT trend class size K-3 1998-2016



Data sources: Independent Budget Office & NYC DOE

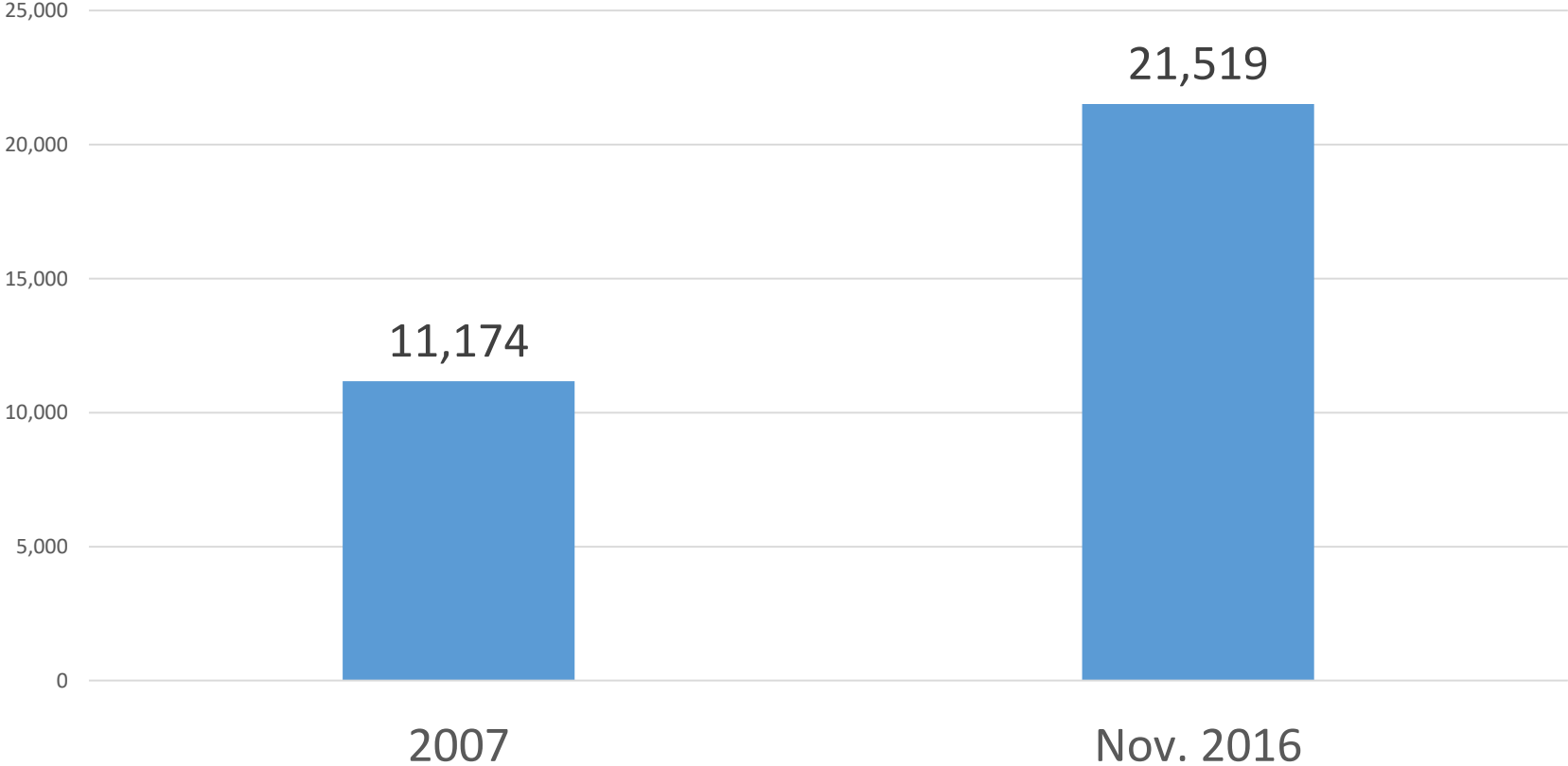
Class sizes in grades 4-8 are larger than in 2004-5

LT trend class size grades 4-8

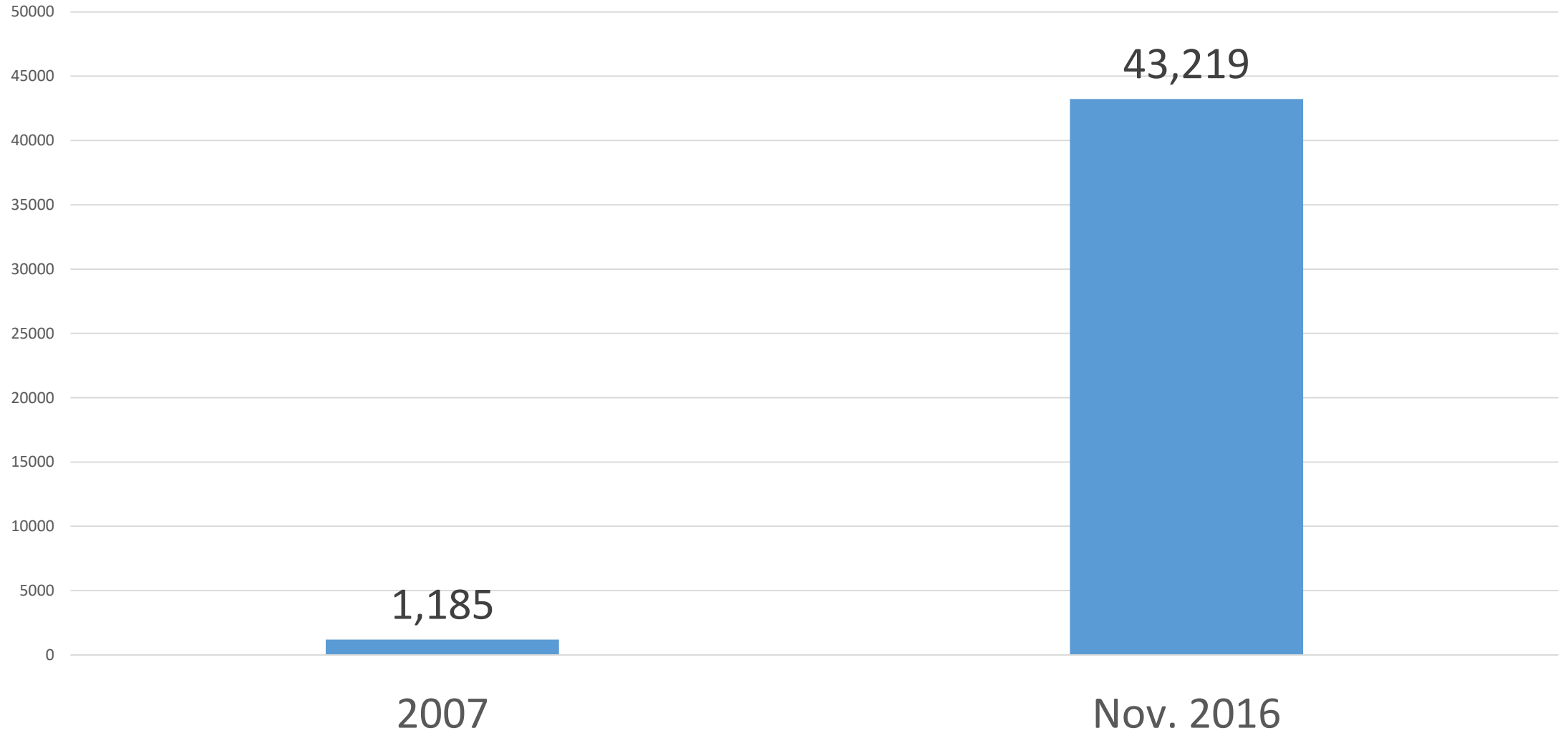


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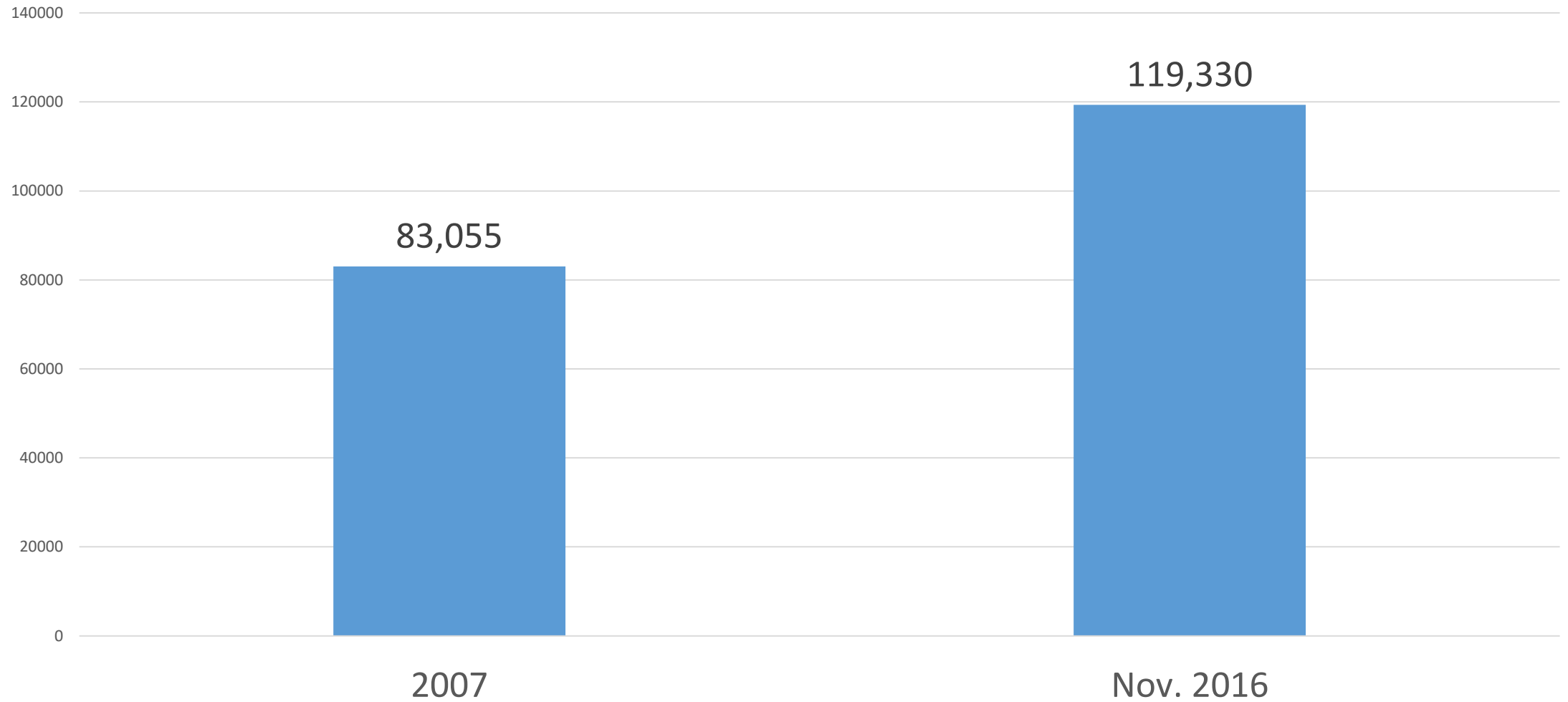
Kindergarten students in classes of 25 or more



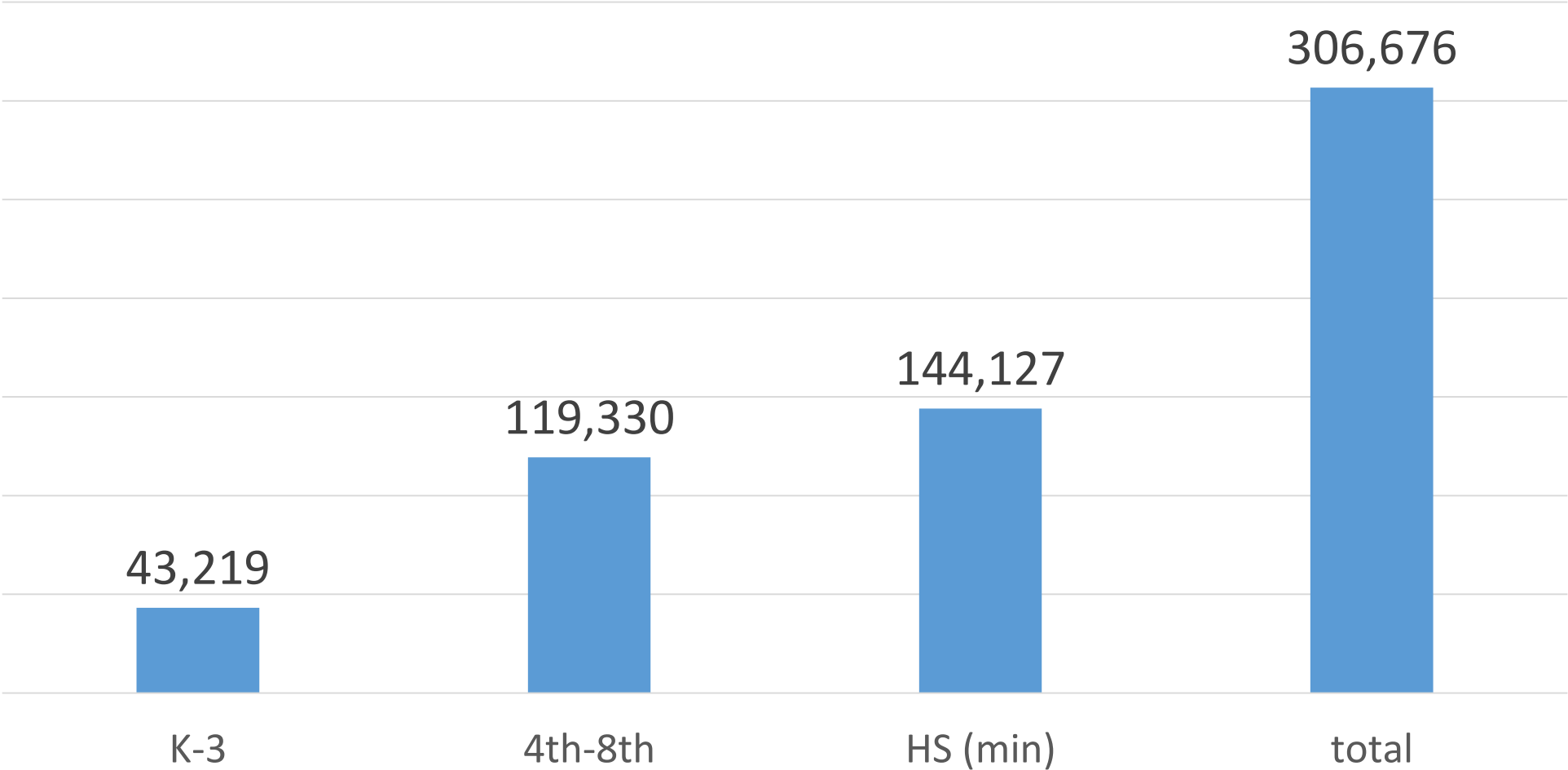
1st-3rd graders in classes of 30 or more



4th -8th grade students in classes of 30 or more



More than 300,000 NYC Students in classes of 30 or larger in Nov. 2016



Queens & Staten Island have largest class sizes on average

(Nov. 2016 DOE data)

Average class sizes by borough

