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The information in the following tables is provided by the Education and Library Boards.

Pupils¹ suspended in the 2009/10 school year broken down by Key Stage²

	Number of pupils suspended	% of pupils suspended by key stage population
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 to 4)	48	0.05%
Key Stage 2 (Years 5 to 7)	206	0.30%
Key Stage 3 (Years 8 to 10)	2,357	3.26%
Key Stage 4 (Years 11 to 12)	2,168	4.43%
North of Ireland Total	4,779	1.72%

Pupils¹ suspended in the 2009/10 school year broken down by gender

	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Number of pupils	3,624	1,155	4,779
% of total school population	1.30%	0.42%	1.72%

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Pupils¹ suspended in the 2009/10 school year broken down by school and management type³

		School Management Type			
		Controlled	Catholic Maintained	Other types	Total in North
Number of pupils suspended in	Primary Schools	148	82	18	248
	Secondary Schools	1,729	1,567	607	3,903
	Grammar Schools	92	-	476	568
	Special Schools	52	8	-	60
	Other Establishments	-	-	-	-
	All Schools	2,021	1,657	1,101	4,779

Pupils¹ suspended in the 2009/10 school year broken down by frequency of suspension and ethnicity

		Ethnicity			
	Number of times suspended	White	Minority Ethnic Background ⁴	Total in North	% of total school population
Number of pupils suspended:	Once	3,210	55	3,265	1.17%
	Twice	790	10	800	0.29%
	Three or more times	708	6	714	0.26%
	Total	4,708	71	4,779	1.72%

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Pupils¹ suspended in the 2009/10 school year broken down by Education and Library Board

Education and Library Board	Number of pupils suspended
Belfast	942
Western	798
North Eastern	1,234
South Eastern	1,004
Southern	801
North of Ireland Total	4,779

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Reasons for pupil suspensions in the 2009/10 school year broken down by gender

Reason for suspension	Number of occasions			% of suspensions
	Male	Female	Total ⁵	
Verbal abuse of staff	1,414	463	1,877	23.7%
Persistent infringement of school rules	1,567	583	2,150	27.2%
Physical attack on pupil	1,276	345	1,621	20.5%
Disruptive behaviour in class	619	174	793	10.0%
Significant damage to, or misuse of, property	312	45	357	4.5%
Bullying of a pupil	245	58	303	3.8%
Physical attack on staff	214	27	241	3.0%
Substance abuse	105	31	136	1.7%
Stealing	141	30	171	2.2%
Verbal abuse of pupil	139	33	172	2.2%
Alcohol abuse	58	39	97	1.2%
North of Ireland Total	6,090	1,828	7,918	100.0%

NOTES:

1. These figures relate to all pupils undertaking Key Stage 1-4 in primary, post-primary and special schools.
2. For special school pupils, curriculum year is used as a proxy for Key Stage.
3. School management types have been amalgamated into three groups. The 'other types' group includes grant maintained and controlled integrated schools, voluntary grammar schools and other maintained schools. Data for independent schools is not available.
4. The 'minority ethnic background' classification includes travellers.
5. The information in the 'Total' column reflects the number of individual suspensions, as opposed to the number of pupils suspended. The overall total is higher than that in the other tables because some of the pupils have been suspended more than once.