

KEY STATISTICS

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	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	
NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS														
Voluntary and private pre-school education centres ¹	-	-	-	-	190	268	305	360	363	383	365	366	372	
Grant Aided Schools														
Nursery	91	91	91	91	91	95	95	96	100	100	99	100	99	
Primary schools with nursery classes	60	66	68	69	79	91	141	167	194	200	204	207	208	
All primary	938	923	920	920	916	917	902	899	897	892	894	886	879	
Preparatory departments of grammar schools	25	25	25	25	24	24	22	21	20	19	18	17	17	
Secondary (excluding Grammar)	161	165	167	166	165	166	166	164	164	163	162	161	159	
Grammar Secondary	71	71	71	72	72	72	72	71	71	70	70	69	69	
Special ²	47	47	47	47	47	50	48	48	47	47	45	45	45	
Hospital schools	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Independent Schools	20	21	19	22	22	22	27	25	22	17	17	19	18	
Post School														
Institutions of Further Education	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	16	16	16	16	16	
University Colleges ³	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Universities	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
VOLUNTARY AND PRIVATE PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES - NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN FUNDED PLACES⁴														
	part-time	0	0	0	0	1,945	3,407	3,957	5,340	5,804	5,913	5,939	5,633	6,327
SCHOOLS - NUMBER OF PUPILS														
Nursery	full-time	3,055	3,022	2,983	2,903	2,982	3,277	3,304	3,381	3,644	3,712	3,800	3,796	3,838
	part-time	2,279	2,389	2,513	2,630	2,519	2,675	2,661	2,712	2,625	2,526	2,321	2,379	2,215
Nursery classes (primary schools)	full-time	1,688	1,730	1,901	2,097	2,275	2,629	3,225	3,529	3,683	3,831	3,916	3,978	4,073
	part-time	947	1,185	1,125	911	1,074	1,418	2,741	3,483	4,140	3,945	3,979	4,071	4,032
Primary reception		2,422	2,430	2,499	2,552	2,499	2,318	1,963	1,445	1,149	995	818	711	650
Primary (Years 1-7)		181,585	181,991	181,284	178,906	175,866	172,591	169,700	167,883	165,179	162,790	160,709	158,665	157,020
Grammar preparatory: reception		38	29	45	23	22	12	27	29	31	49	65	43	8
Grammar preparatory (Years 1-7)		3,558	3,422	3,354	3,355	3,167	3,011	2,791	2,670	2,620	2,557	2,511	2,478	2,401
Secondary (excluding Grammar)		89,534	90,426	90,746	90,858	91,752	92,603	92,979	92,760	92,645	92,047	90,085	89,421	87,520
Grammar (Years 8-14)		60,502	61,150	61,997	62,236	62,192	62,361	62,574	62,743	63,102	63,347	63,364	62,419	62,245
Special ²		4,562	4,648	4,680	4,681	4,675	4,688	4,674	4,710	4,879	4,834	4,669	4,599	4,557
Hospital schools		203	176	178	197	180	173	171	246	236	298	317	296	251
Independent schools		941	1,044	925	1,213	1,346	1,243	1,255	1,072	948	835	802	846	809
All schools		351,314	353,642	354,230	352,562	350,549	348,999	348,065	346,663	344,881	341,766	337,356	333,702	329,619
NUMBER OF TEACHERS (FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS)^{5,6}														
Nursery		169	175	178	172	179	183	190	194	206	198	193	195	191
Primary		8,798	9,009	9,087	9,012	8,810	8,751	8,741	8,780	8,753	8,481	8,353	8,063	7,853
Grammar preparatory ⁶		181	189	189	181	186	172	170	160	154	154	149	145	146
Secondary (excluding Grammar)		6,268	6,398	6,465	6,387	6,399	6,547	6,684	6,698	6,722	6,523	6,527	6,420	6,241
Grammar Secondary		3,739	3,813	3,887	3,949	3,958	4,001	4,063	4,110	4,118	4,157	4,171	4,090	4,073
Special ²		653	692	720	689	714	762	795	803	819	823	805	790	774
All Schools		19,809	20,276	20,525	20,391	20,246	20,415	20,642	20,747	20,772	20,335	20,198	19,703	19,279
PUPIL:TEACHER RATIOS^{5,6}														
Nursery		24.8	24.1	23.8	24.5	23.7	25.3	24.4	24.4	24.1	25.2	25.7	25.5	25.9
Primary		21.2	20.7	20.5	20.4	20.6	20.4	20.2	19.9	19.7	20.0	20.0	20.5	20.8
Grammar preparatory ⁶		19.8	18.3	18.0	18.7	17.3	17.5	16.6	16.9	17.2	17.0	17.3	17.5	16.8
Secondary (excluding Grammar)		14.3	14.1	14.0	14.2	14.3	14.1	13.9	13.8	13.8	14.1	13.8	13.9	14.0
Grammar Secondary		16.2	16.0	16.0	15.8	15.7	15.6	15.4	15.3	15.3	15.2	15.2	15.3	15.3
All Secondary (excluding preparatory departments)		15.0	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.9	14.7	14.5	14.4	14.4	14.6	14.3	14.4	14.5
Special ²		7.0	6.7	6.5	6.8	6.5	6.2	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.9
All Schools		17.6	17.3	17.1	17.1	17.2	16.9	16.7	16.5	16.4	16.6	16.5	16.7	16.9
PARTICIPATION RATES IN FULL-TIME EDUCATION POST 16^{7,8}														
16 year olds	Schools	45.6	46.7	46.6	45.6	45.8	46.5	47.6	47.9	50.9	52.5	52.8	54.0	54.0
	FE Colleges ⁹	30.0	30.3	29.7	27.9	27.6	27.9	28.8	28.4	26.8	25.4	29.2	29.6	30.9
	Total	75.6	77.0	76.3	73.6	73.4	74.4	76.4	76.3	77.8	78.0	82.0	83.6	84.9
17 year olds	Schools	35.3	35.7	37.6	37.4	37.6	37.8	38.6	40.6	40.6	43.6	44.9	45.3	47.3
	FE Colleges ⁹	28.9	29.0	29.0	28.8	26.3	26.6	27.1	26.5	25.6	27.0	30.0	30.5	31.6
	Total	64.2	64.7	66.6	66.2	63.9	64.4	65.7	67.1	66.2	70.6	74.9	75.8	78.9
16 & 17 year olds	Schools	40.5	41.3	42.2	41.5	41.7	42.2	43.1	44.3	45.7	48.0	48.8	49.6	50.7
	FE Colleges ⁹	29.5	29.7	29.4	28.4	26.9	27.3	27.9	27.5	26.2	26.2	29.6	30.1	31.3
	Total	70.0	71.0	71.5	69.9	68.7	69.5	71.0	71.8	72.0	74.3	78.4	79.7	81.9
SCHOOL LEAVERS^{10,11,12}														
All Leavers		24,533	25,674	25,717	25,629	25,421	25,079	25,162	25,004	-	25,650	25,298	25,528	-
% of leavers whose highest qualification was:														
3 or more 'A' levels ¹³		24.1	23.5	25.9	27.2	27.8	27.9	29.0	34.2	-	37.2	39.4	39.8	-
2 'A' levels ¹³		6.7	6.7	6.6	7.4	7.3	7.7	8.4	4.8	-	5.1	4.9	4.9	-
1 'A' level ¹⁴		2.7	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.9	-	1.9	1.9	1.8	-
No 'A' levels but 5 or more GCSEs (A* - C grades) ¹⁵		19.4	18.9	19.8	20.1	20.3	19.8	18.9	17.8	-	16.5	16.8	17.7	-
1 - 4 GCSEs (A* - C grades) ¹⁵		23.5	24.8	23.3	22.9	22.0	21.4	20.7	20.4	-	19.7	18.9	19.2	-
1+ GCSEs (D - G grades) ¹⁶		18.1	17.2	16.2	15.2	16.3	16.6	15.5	15.1	-	14.0	13.1	12.1	-
Qualifications other than GCSE/GCE/GNVQ		2.2	2.1	2.6	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.0	0.6	-	0.7	1.5	1.3	-
No formal qualifications of any kind		3.4	1.5	3.6	3.1	2.7	3.6	4.8	5.2	-	4.9	3.5	3.2	-
Destination of School leavers:														
Institutions of Higher Education		26.0	25.0	28.2	28.6	30.0	30.5	32.9	35.0	-	36.0	38.1	37.4	-
Institutions of Further Education		35.0	35.6	32.6	32.9	31.1	30.4	27.2	26.8	-	26.7	27.5	28.2	-
Other Destinations		34.3	37.2	37.6	37.3	37.8	37.8	38.6	36.9	-	35.3	32.0	32.3	-
Destinations Unknown		4.7	2.1	1.6	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	-	2.0	2.4	2.1	-
FURTHER EDUCATION COLLEGES^{17,18}														
Vocational students on further education courses	Full-Time	21,304	20,979	21,700	21,667	20,596	20,719	20,966	21,422	21,464	26,522	27,524	29,154	27,750
	Part-Time	51,813	51,385	54,689	54,054	55,825	57,277	58,323	58,445	53,989	100,692	108,802	106,243	111,911
Vocational students on higher education courses	Full-Time	2,371	2,955	3,333	3,301	3,258	3,409	3,576	3,741	3,362	3,989	3,505	3,990	3,916
	Part-Time	3,765	4,494	5,380	6,647	6,621	7,974	8,444	8,808	8,211	9,341	8,493	8,802	7,709
All vocational students	Full-Time	23,675	23,934	25,033	24,968	23,854	24,128	24,542	25,163	24,826	30,511	31,029	33,144	31,666
	Part-Time	55,578	55,879	60,069	60,701	62,446	65,251	66,767	67,253	62,200	110,033	117,295	115,045	119,620
Teaching Staff	Full-Time	2,171	2,156	2,144	2,064	1,974	2,031	1,831	1,815	1,770	1,703	2,212	2,142	-
	Part-Time ¹⁹	3,205	3,154	2,780	2,647	2,867	3,086	3,266	3,113	3,096	3,068	3,099	3,465	-
Students on non-vocational courses ²⁰		47,138	51,981	59,087	60,876	57,954	68,988	72,415	74,959	62,924	71,943	74,677	73,926	55,457
HIGHER EDUCATION^{21,22,23,24}														
Students studying in Northern Ireland²⁵														
Full-time Undergraduate		24,551	25,943	26,164	27,950	28,110	28,315	30,077	31,195	32,885	33,991	34,783	35,678	34,620
Part-time Undergraduate		7,667	10,495	12,626	14,828	15,581	16,613	20,066	20,091	19,240	19,915	20,061		