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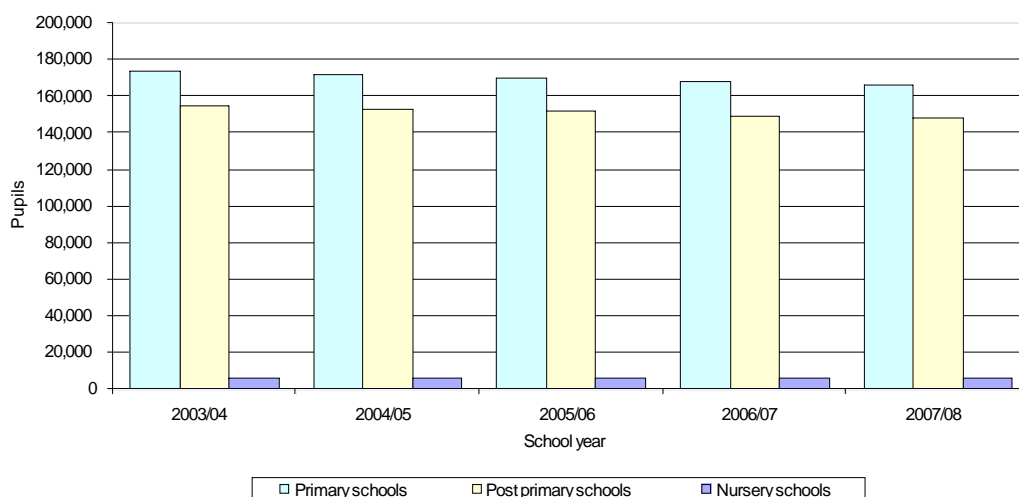
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ENROLMENTS AT GRANT-AIDED PRIMARY AND POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2007/08: BASIC STATISTICS

The purpose of this statistical press release is to present basic figures for schools in Northern Ireland for 2007/08. The data are taken from the school census, which was run in October 2007.

A further press release, containing a more detailed set of tables, will be published later.

Pupils at schools in Northern Ireland 2003/04 – 2007/08



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4. The statistics in this press release have been derived from the annual School Census; details about the survey may be found at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Source.asp?vlnk=1028&More=Y>. For voluntary and private pre-school centres, and nursery schools, the census consists of a paper return comprising a number of tables; for post-primary, primary and special schools, it consists of a return comprising individual pupil records, made by Electronic Data Interchange.
5. The 2007/08 figures in this press release are based on information as at 5th October 2007. They may be subject to minor revision.
6. The figures for nursery *classes* relate to approved nursery classes in primary schools. The figures for reception refer to pupils who were below compulsory school age at 1st July 2007, who were admitted to a reception class or group in primary school following their 4th birthday. Schools may admit reception pupils throughout the year, but only those who have been admitted by 31st October are counted in the school census.
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Table 1: Number of Pupils in Schools and Children in Funded Pre-school Education in Northern Ireland by Type of Establishment attended

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	
VOLUNTARY and PRIVATE						
PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES¹	5,913	5,939	5,633	6,327	n/a	
NURSERY SCHOOLS						
Full-time	3,712	3,800	3,796	3,838	4,005	
Part-time	2,526	2,321	2,379	2,215	1,850	
Total nursery school pupils	6,238	6,121	6,175	6,053	5,855	
PRIMARY SCHOOLS and PREPARATORY DEPARTMENTS						
Nursery class pupils						
Full-time	3,831	3,916	3,978	4,073	4,146	
Part-time	3,945	3,979	4,071	4,032	3,950	
Total nursery class pupils	7,776	7,895	8,049	8,105	8,096	
Primary: reception	995	818	711	650	627	
Grammar preparatory: reception	49	65	43	8	5	
Total reception pupils	1,044	883	754	658	632	
Primary schools (year 1 - 7)	162,790	160,709	158,665	157,020	155,498	
Grammar school preparatory depts. (year 1 - 7)	2,557	2,511	2,478	2,401	2,411	
Total year 1 - 7 pupils	165,347	163,220	161,143	159,421	157,909	
Total primary pupils	174,167	171,998	169,946	168,184	166,637	
POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS						
Secondary (non grammar) schools	92,047	90,085	89,421	87,520	85,702	
Grammar schools	63,347	63,364	62,419	62,245	62,285	
Total post primary pupils	155,394	153,449	151,840	149,765	147,987	
SPECIAL SCHOOLS	Total	4,834	4,669	4,599	4,557	4,611
HOSPITAL SCHOOLS	Total	298	317	296	251	n/a
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS	Total	835	802	846	809	n/a
ALL SCHOOLS	Total	341,766	337,356	333,702	329,619	n/a
ALL SCHOOLS AND PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES		347,679	343,295	339,335	335,946	n/a

'n/a' denotes that figures are not available.

1 Voluntary and private centres funded under the Pre-school Education Expansion Programme, which began in 1998/99.

Table 2: Number of Schools and Pre-school Education Centres in Northern Ireland by Management Type

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	
VOLUNTARY and PRIVATE PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES¹	383	365	366	372	366	
NURSERY SCHOOLS						
Controlled	68	67	67	66	65	
Catholic Maintained	32	32	33	33	33	
Total	100	99	100	99	98	
PRIMARY SCHOOLS						
Controlled	427	425	417	411	401	
Catholic Maintained	414	413	411	408	404	
Other Maintained	19	20	21	21	24	
Controlled Integrated	13	14	15	15	16	
Grant Maintained Integrated	19	22	22	22	23	
Total	892	894	886	877	868	
Grammar school preparatory depts.	19	18	17	17	17	
Total primary schools and preparatory depts.	911	912	903	894	885	
POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS						
Secondary (non grammar) schools						
Controlled	68	66	66	65	63	
Catholic Maintained	76	76	75	74	73	
Other Maintained	1	1	1	1	1	
Controlled Integrated	4	4	4	4	5	
Grant Maintained Integrated	14	15	15	15	15	
Total	163	162	161	159	157	
Grammar schools						
Controlled	17	17	17	17	17	
Voluntary						
Under Catholic management	31	31	30	30	30	
Under other management	22	22	22	22	22	
Total	70	70	69	69	69	
Total Post Primary schools	233	232	230	228	226	
SPECIAL SCHOOLS	Total	47	45	45	45	43
HOSPITAL SCHOOLS	Total	3	3	3	3	2
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS	Total	17	17	19	19	17
ALL SCHOOLS	Total	1,292	1,290	1,283	1,271	1,254
ALL SCHOOLS AND PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES		1,675	1,655	1,649	1,643	1,620

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Table 3: Percentage of Children Entitled to Free School Meals^{1, 5} in Northern Ireland by Type of Establishment attended

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
VOLUNTARY and PRIVATE	13	14	13	12	n/a
PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES^{1, 2}					
NURSERY SCHOOLS¹					
Full-time	34	33	32	32	30
Part-time	13	9	8	9	6
All nursery schools	25	24	23	24	22
PRIMARY SCHOOLS					
Nursery class pupils^{1, 5}					
Full-time	31	28	28	25	28
Part-time	10	10	9	9	7
Total nursery class pupils	20	19	18	17	18
Primary: reception	13	13	13	9	7
Grammar preparatory: reception	-	-	-	-	-
Total reception pupils	13	12	12	9	7
Primary schools (year 1 - 7)	21	20	20	19	18
Grammar school preparatory depts. (year 1 - 7)	0	0	0	0	0
Total year 1 - 7 pupils	21	20	20	19	18
Total primary pupils	21	20	19	19	18
POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS					
Secondary (non grammar) schools	29	29	28	27	25
Grammar schools	7	7	7	6	6
TOTAL POST PRIMARY PUPILS	20	20	19	18	17
ALL SCHOOLS³ Total	20	20	19	19	18
TOTAL SCHOOLS AND PRE-EDUCATION CENTRES	20	20	19	18	n/a

'n/a' denotes that figures are not yet available.

1. For pupils and children in the nursery sector and in voluntary and private pre-school centres, where free school meal entitlement data is not appropriate, the number of pupils with (a) parent(s) in receipt of Job Seeker's allowance or Income Support is used instead of free school meal entitlement.

2. Voluntary and private centres funded under the Pre-school Education Expansion Programme, which began in 1998/99.

3. Free school meal entitlement data is not collected for pupils at special schools, hospital schools or at independent schools.

4. " - " means zero cases.

5. In 2006/07, children in nursery classes in primary schools were counted as eligible for free school meals whether they had a parent(s) in receipt of Job Seeker's allowance or Income Support, or were eligible for free school meals.

6. These figures may be subject to minor revision once the Education and Library Boards' auditing process is completed.