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ENROLMENTS AT GRANT-AIDED PRIMARY AND POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2010/11: BASIC STATISTICS

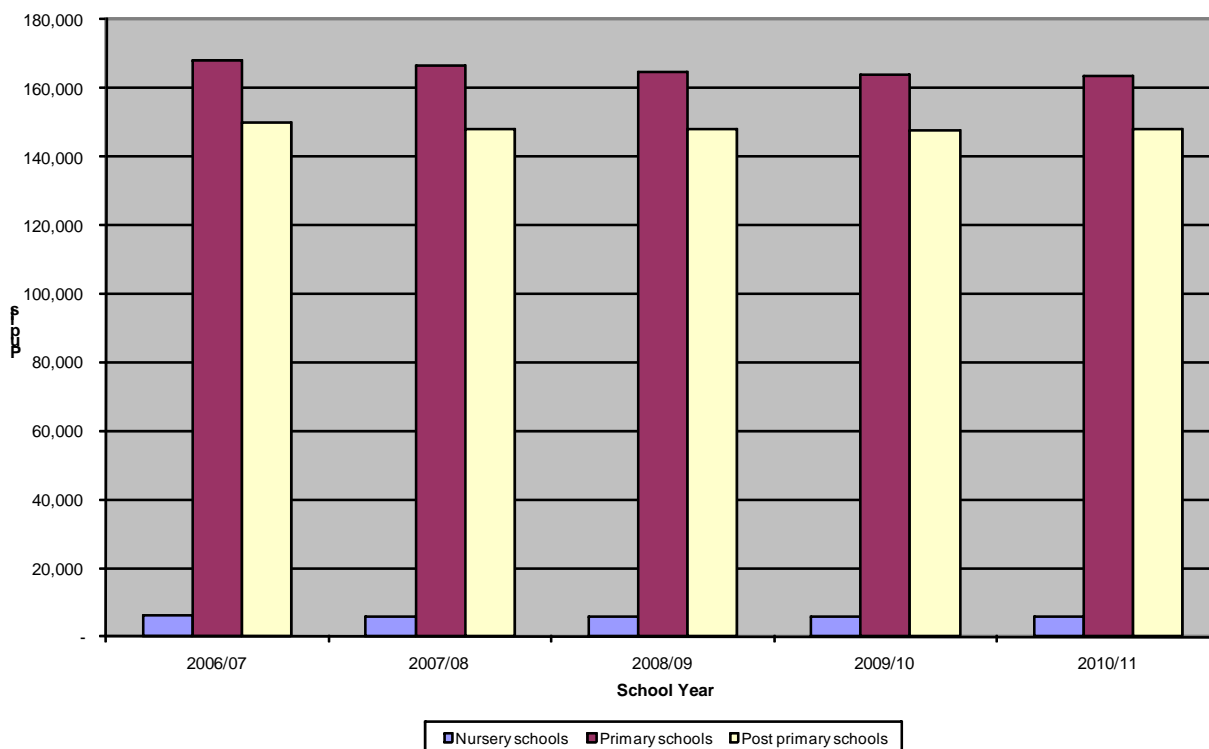
The purpose of this statistical release is to present basic enrolment figures for schools for 2010/11. The data are taken from the school census, which was run in October 2010. Data collected through the school census exercise are used to inform Departmental policy development, monitoring and evaluation. This first release of the basic statistics contains information which is used in the process to allocate funding to schools.

Key Points

- The number of pupils in compulsory primary school education (Year 1 – 7) was 154,447, a drop of over 400 from 2009/10. This continues the downward trend seen in recent years, though the rate of decline is decreasing.
- The number of pupils in post-primary schools was 147,897, a slight increase of just over 100 from 2009/10, mainly in the non-grammar sector. However, within this total, a decline of almost 700 Year 8 – 12 pupils is masked by an increase of over 800 post Year 12 pupils. This continues a trend, seen in 2009/10, where the number of pupils continuing into Year 13 in schools has been increasing.
- The numbers of schools continues to decrease. In 2010/11 there were 846 primary schools, a decrease of 31 since 2006/07. The number of post-primary schools was 217, compared to 228 in 2006/07.
- The percentage of children in schools entitled to free school meals increased from 18% in 2009/10 to 20% in 2010/11, a continuation of the upward trend which began in 2009/10 after a number of years in which the rate declined. The increase applied across both primary and post-primary sectors, though was more marked in the primary sector because of a change in criteria relating to full-time nursery pupils and to Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils.

A further statistical release, containing a more detailed set of tables, will be published in February 2011.

Pupils at schools 2006/07 – 2010/11



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School Census

4. The statistics in this release have been derived from the annual School Census; details about the survey may be found at http://www.deni.gov.uk/census_description_for_web_1011-2.doc. 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 2010/11 figures in this statistical release are based on information as at 8th October 2010. They may be subject to minor revision and these will be notified in accordance with our revisions policy. This can be accessed at http://www.deni.gov.uk/de_statement_on_statistical_revisions-2.doc.
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 2010, 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.
7. Further statistics relating to school numbers and enrolments can be found on the DE website (www.deni.gov.uk) under the Statistics and Research section.

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8. Information on enrolments collected via the school census process are used to inform DE policy and procedures (particularly School Funding), as well as to inform Education and Library Boards (ELBs) of detailed information useful to them in their auditing processes.

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Table 1: Number of Pupils in Schools and Children in Funded Pre-school Education by Type of Establishment attended

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	
VOLUNTARY and PRIVATE						
PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES¹	6,327	6,535	6,629	6,744	6,851	
NURSERY SCHOOLS						
Full-time	3,838	4,005	3,997	3,996	4,033	
Part-time	2,215	1,850	1,872	1,861	1,873	
Total nursery school pupils	6,053	5,855	5,869	5,857	5,906	
PRIMARY SCHOOLS and PREPARATORY DEPARTMENTS						
Nursery class pupils						
Full-time	4,073	4,146	4,350	4,494	4,828	
Part-time	4,032	3,952	3,876	3,800	3,672	
Total nursery class pupils	8,105	8,098	8,226	8,294	8,500	
Primary: reception	650	625	601	576	492	
Grammar preparatory: reception	8	5	6	14	6	
Total reception pupils	658	630	607	590	498	
Primary schools (year 1 - 7)	157,020	155,500	153,551	152,552	152,328	
Grammar school preparatory depts. (year 1 - 7)	2,401	2,411	2,427	2,335	2,119	
Total year 1 - 7 pupils	159,421	157,911	155,978	154,887	154,447	
Total primary pupils	168,184	166,639	164,811	163,771	163,445	
POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS						
Secondary (non grammar) schools	87,520	85,663	85,576	85,315	85,764	
Grammar schools	62,245	62,279	62,410	62,444	62,133	
Total post primary pupils	149,765	147,942	147,986	147,759	147,897	
SPECIAL SCHOOLS²	Total	4,557	4,611	4,598	4,443	4,450
HOSPITAL SCHOOLS	Total	251	246	197	227	200
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS	Total	809	821	712	656	631
ALL SCHOOLS	Total	329,619	326,114	324,173	322,713	322,529
ALL SCHOOLS AND PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES		335,946	332,649	330,802	329,457	329,380

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

2. Pupils placed in special schools or units on a temporary basis were counted at their main school in 2009/10 and 2010/11.

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

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
VOLUNTARY and PRIVATE	372	366	353	358	340
PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES¹					
NURSERY SCHOOLS					
Controlled	66	65	65	65	65
Catholic Maintained	33	33	33	33	33
Total	99	98	98	98	98
PRIMARY SCHOOLS					
Controlled	411	401	392	386	383
Catholic Maintained	408	404	402	398	396
Other Maintained	21	24	24	24	25
Controlled Integrated	15	16	15	18	19
Grant Maintained Integrated	22	23	23	23	23
Total	877	868	856	849	846
Grammar school preparatory depts.	17	17	17	17	17
Total primary schools and preparatory depts.	894	885	873	866	863
POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS					
Secondary (non grammar) schools					
Controlled	65	63	61	58	57
Catholic Maintained	74	73	72	72	71
Other Maintained	1	1	1	1	1
Controlled Integrated	4	5	4	4	5
Grant Maintained Integrated	15	15	16	15	15
Total	159	157	154	150	149
Grammar schools					
Controlled	17	17	17	17	17
Voluntary					
Under Catholic management	30	30	30	30	30
Under other management	22	22	22	22	21
Total	69	69	69	69	68
Total Post Primary schools	228	226	223	219	217
SPECIAL SCHOOLS Total	45	43	42	41	41
HOSPITAL SCHOOLS Total	3	2	2	2	2
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS Total	19	17	16	14	15
ALL SCHOOLS Total	1,271	1,254	1,237	1,223	1,219
ALL SCHOOLS AND PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES	1,643	1,620	1,590	1,581	1,559

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

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

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
VOLUNTARY and PRIVATE PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES^{1, 2}	12	11	10	10	11
NURSERY SCHOOLS¹					
Full-time	32	30	28	30	39
Part-time	9	6	8	10	9
All nursery schools	24	22	22	23	30
PRIMARY SCHOOLS					
Nursery class pupils^{1, 5}					
Full-time	25	28	25	27	34
Part-time	9	7	7	9	10
Total nursery class pupils	17	18	16	19	24
Primary: reception	9	7	9	10	12
Grammar preparatory: reception	-	-	-	-	-
Total reception pupils	9	7	9	9	12
Primary schools (year 1 - 7)	19	18	18	19	22
Grammar school preparatory depts. (year 1 - 7)	0	0	0	1	0
Total year 1 - 7 pupils	19	18	17	19	22
Total primary pupils	19	18	17	19	22
POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS					
Secondary (non grammar) schools	27	25	25	26	26
Grammar schools	6	6	6	6	7
TOTAL POST PRIMARY PUPILS	18	17	16	17	18
ALL SCHOOLS³ Total	19	18	17	18	20
TOTAL SCHOOLS AND PRE-EDUCATION CENTRES	19	17	17	18	20

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. "0" means less than 1%.

5. From 2010/11, additional criteria applied to children in full-time nursery places and in Key Stage 1, in relation to entitlement for free schools meals.

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