

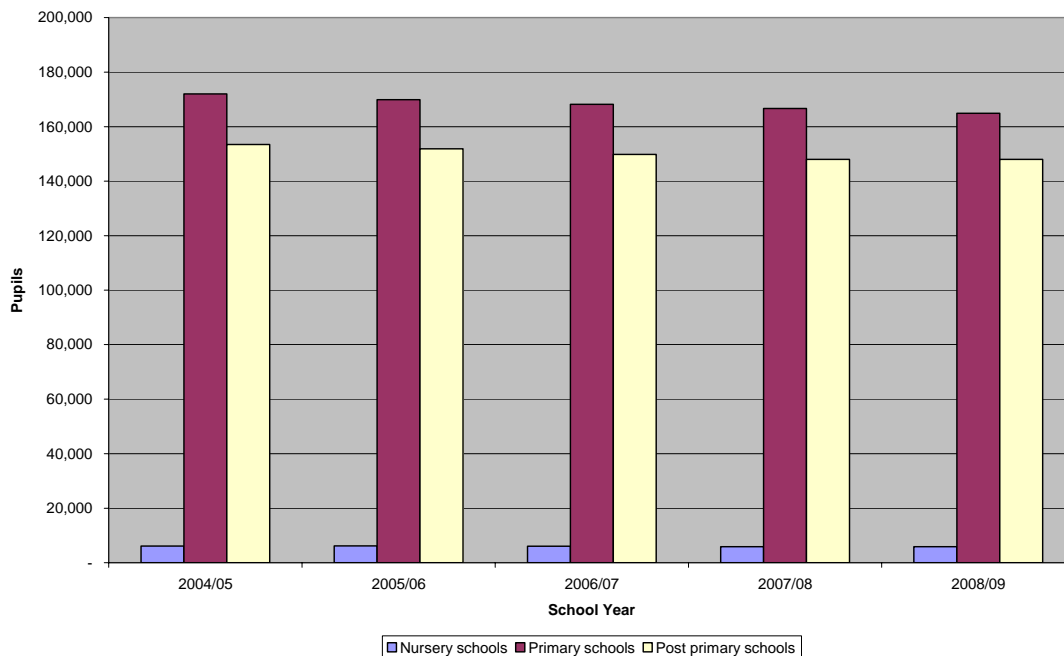
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ENROLMENTS AT GRANT-AIDED PRIMARY AND POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2008/09: BASIC STATISTICS

The purpose of this statistical press release is to present basic figures for schools in Northern Ireland for 2008/09. The data are taken from the school census, which was run in October 2008.

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

Pupils at schools in Northern Ireland 2004/05 – 2008/09



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5. The 2008/09 figures in this press release are based on information as at 10th October 2008. 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 2008, 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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The DE website presents figures taken from the school census, summarised at Northern Ireland, Education and Library Board and school level. Statistics on participation rates, pupil:teacher ratios, school leaver destinations and qualifications may also be accessed via the website.

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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

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	
VOLUNTARY and PRIVATE						
PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES¹	5,939	5,633	6,327	6,535	n/a	
NURSERY SCHOOLS						
Full-time	3,800	3,796	3,838	4,005	3,997	
Part-time	2,321	2,379	2,215	1,850	1,872	
Total nursery school pupils	6,121	6,175	6,053	5,855	5,869	
PRIMARY SCHOOLS and PREPARATORY DEPARTMENTS						
Nursery class pupils						
Full-time	3,916	3,978	4,073	4,146	4,338	
Part-time	3,979	4,071	4,032	3,950	3,873	
Total nursery class pupils	7,895	8,049	8,105	8,096	8,211	
Primary: reception	818	711	650	627	606	
Grammar preparatory: reception	65	43	8	5	6	
Total reception pupils	883	754	658	632	612	
Primary schools (year 1 - 7)	160,709	158,665	157,020	155,498	153,666	
Grammar school preparatory depts. (year 1 - 7)	2,511	2,478	2,401	2,411	2,427	
Total year 1 - 7 pupils	163,220	161,143	159,421	157,909	156,093	
Total primary pupils	171,998	169,946	168,184	166,637	164,916	
POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS						
Secondary (non grammar) schools	90,085	89,421	87,520	85,702	85,578	
Grammar schools	63,364	62,419	62,245	62,285	62,410	
Total post primary pupils	153,449	151,840	149,765	147,987	147,988	
SPECIAL SCHOOLS	Total	4,669	4,599	4,557	4,611	4,615
HOSPITAL SCHOOLS	Total	317	296	251	246	197
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS	Total	802	846	809	821	n/a
ALL SCHOOLS	Total	337,356	333,702	329,619	326,157	n/a
ALL SCHOOLS AND PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES		343,295	339,335	335,946	332,692	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

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	
VOLUNTARY and PRIVATE	365	366	372	366	353	
PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES						
NURSERY						
Controlled	67	67	66	65	65	
Catholic Maintained	32	33	33	33	33	
Total	99	100	99	98	98	
PRIMARY SCHOOLS						
Controlled	425	417	411	401	392	
Catholic Maintained	413	411	408	404	402	
Other Maintained	20	21	21	24	24	
Controlled Integrated	14	15	15	16	15	
Grant Maintained Integrated	22	22	22	23	23	
Total	894	886	877	868	856	
Grammar school preparatory depts.	18	17	17	17	17	
Total primary schools and preparatory depts.	912	903	894	885	873	
POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS						
Secondary (non grammar) schools						
Controlled	66	66	65	63	61	
Catholic Maintained	76	75	74	73	72	
Other Maintained	1	1	1	1	1	
Controlled Integrated	4	4	4	5	4	
Grant Maintained Integrated	15	15	15	15	16	
Total	162	161	159	157	154	
Grammar schools						
Controlled	17	17	17	17	17	
Voluntary						
Under Catholic management	31	30	30	30	30	
Under other management	22	22	22	22	22	
Total	70	69	69	69	69	
Total Post Primary schools	232	230	228	226	223	
SPECIAL SCHOOLS	Total	45	45	45	43	42
HOSPITAL SCHOOLS	Total	3	3	3	2	2
INDEPENDENT	Total	17	19	19	17	16
ALL SCHOOLS	Total	1,290	1,283	1,271	1,254	1,237
ALL SCHOOLS AND PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION		1,655	1,649	1,643	1,620	1,590

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} in Northern Ireland by Type of Establishment attended

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
VOLUNTARY and PRIVATE PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES^{1, 2}	14	13	12	11	n/a
NURSERY SCHOOLS¹					
Full-time	33	32	32	30	28
Part-time	9	8	9	6	8
All nursery schools	24	23	24	22	22
PRIMARY SCHOOLS					
Nursery class pupils^{1,5}					
Full-time	28	28	25	28	25
Part-time	10	9	9	7	7
Total nursery class pupils	19	18	17	18	16
Primary: reception	13	13	9	7	9
Grammar preparatory: reception	-	-	-	-	-
Total reception pupils	12	12	9	7	9
Primary schools (year 1 - 7)	20	20	19	18	18
Grammar school preparatory depts. (year 1 - 7)	0	0	0	0	0
Total year 1 - 7 pupils	20	20	19	18	17
Total primary pupils	20	19	19	18	17
POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS					
Secondary (non grammar) schools	29	28	27	25	25
Grammar schools	7	7	6	6	6
TOTAL POST PRIMARY PUPILS	20	19	18	17	17
ALL SCHOOLS³ Total	20	19	19	18	17
TOTAL SCHOOLS AND PRE-EDUCATION CENTRES	20	19	19	17	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. From 2006/07, children in nursery classes in primary schools were counted as eligible for free school meals if they had a parent(s) in receipt of Job Seeker's allowance or Income Support, or their application for free school meals had been approved.

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