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ENROLMENTS AT SCHOOLS AND IN FUNDED PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND 2008/09

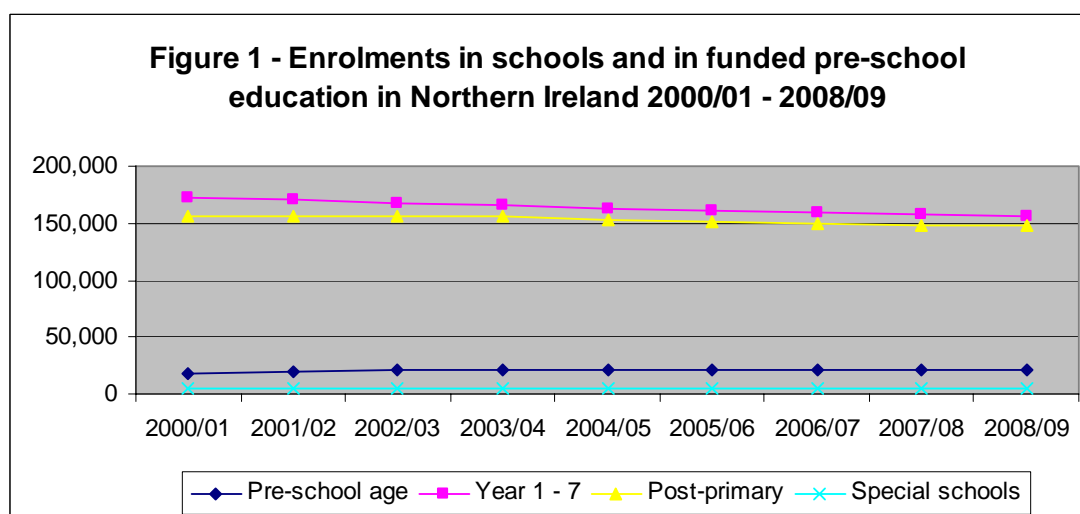
Key points

Funded pre-school education

- There are 21,289 children in funded pre-school education: 14,080 in nursery schools or nursery classes in primary schools; 606 in reception classes/groups; and 6,603 in funded places in voluntary and private pre-school education centres. In 2003/04 there were 20,971 children in funded pre-school education.
- The reported religion of children in pre-school education is: 47.9% Roman Catholic, 32.5% Protestant, 2.8% Other Christian, 0.7% Non Christian, and 16.1% Other/No Religion/Not recorded.

Grant-aided Schools

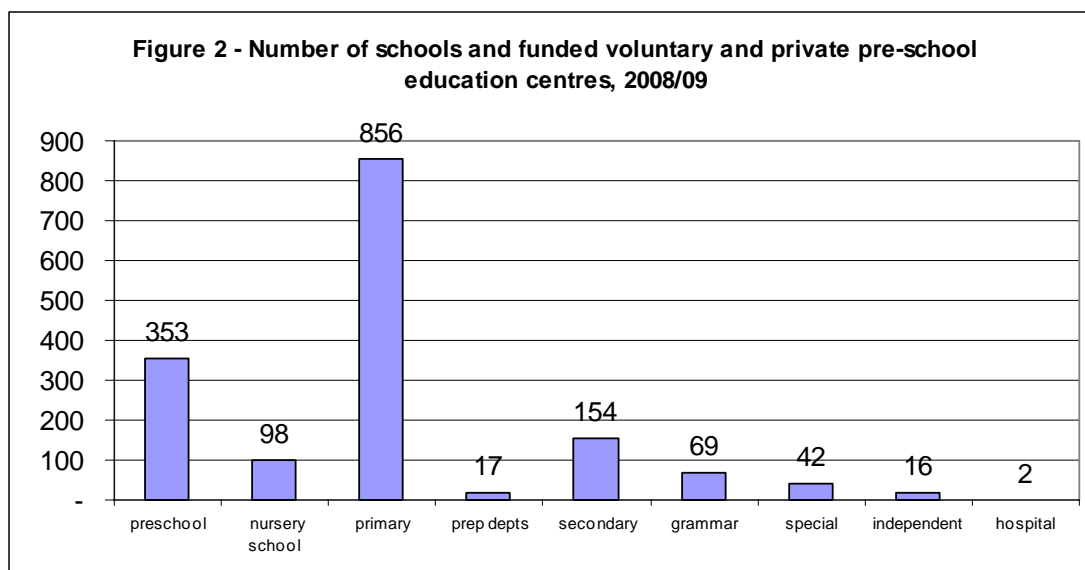
- There are 155,994 pupils in primary schools and preparatory departments (Years 1 – 7). In 2003/04 the figure was 165,347.
- There are 147,986 pupils in post-primary schools (Years 8 – 14). In 2003/04 the figure was 155,394.



Key points, continued

Grant-aided Schools

- Some 19,386 pupils (6.1%) of the total enrolment in nursery, primary and post-primary schools attend integrated schools. In 2003/04, enrolment at integrated schools was 16,494 (4.9%) of total enrolment.
- Some 2,730 (0.8%) pupils attend Irish medium schools, with a further 766 pupils attending Irish medium units attached to English medium schools. In 2003/04, there were 2,143 (0.6%) attending Irish medium schools with a further 475 pupils in Irish medium units attached to English medium schools.
- In the post-primary phase, 62,410 pupils (42.2%) attend grammar schools. In 2003/04, the number was 63,347 (40.8%).
- Some 17.6% of P1 – P7 pupils in primary schools and preparatory departments are entitled to free school meals, as are 24.4% of pupils in secondary (non-grammar) schools and 5.6% of grammar school pupils.
- The reported religion of pupils in schools is: 50.7% Roman Catholic, 38.1% Protestant, 2.4% Other Christian, 0.4% Non Christian, and 8.3% Other/No Religion/Not recorded.
- The reported ethnicity of pupils is 97.7% white (excluding Irish travellers), with 2.3% pupils of mixed or minority ethnic groups.
- Some 18.6% of pupils in schools were recorded as having special education needs; 4.1% of pupils had a statement of special educational needs.
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Table 1a: Children in funded pre-school education by centre type and management type, 2008/09

		Controlled Schools	Catholic Maintained Schools	Other Maintained Schools	Controlled Integrated Schools	Grant Maintained Integrated Schools	Voluntary Schools	Voluntary Pre-School Centres	Private Pre-School Centres	Grand Total
<u>PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS</u>										
Nursery Schools	Full-time	2,401	1,596	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,997
	Part-time	1,664	208	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,872
Nursery Classes	Full-time ¹	2,125	1,928	75	53	132	24	-	-	4,337
	Part-time ¹	1,995	1,543	49	-	287	-	-	-	3,874
TOTAL		8,185	5,275	124	53	419	24	-	-	14,080
Reception	Full-time ¹	194	386	-	20	-	6	-	-	606
<u>PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION IN OTHER CENTRES (FUNDED PLACES ONLY)</u>										
Playgroups	Part-time	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,084	338	6,422
Day Nurseries	Part-time	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	181	181
Other Provision	Part-time	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		-	-	-	-	-	-	6,084	519	6,603
GRAND TOTAL		8,379	5,661	124	73	419	30	6,084	519	21,289

¹ Revised figures

Table 1b: Pupils by school type and management type, 2008/09

	Controlled	Catholic Maintained	Other Maintained		Controlled Integrated	Grant Maintained Integrated	Voluntary		Non Grant-Aided	Grand Total
			Irish Medium ¹	Other			Schools under Catholic Management	Schools under Other Management		
<u>NURSERY</u>										
Nursery Schools	Full-time	2,401	1,596	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,997
	Part-time	1,664	208	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,872
Nursery Classes ²	Full-time	2,125	1,928 ³	47	28	53	132	-	24	4,337
	Part-time	1,995	1,543	49	-	-	287	-	-	3,874
TOTAL		8,185	5,275	96	28	53	419	-	24	14,080
<u>PRIMARY</u>										
Reception	Primary Schools ²	194	386	-	-	20	-	-	-	600
	Prep. Departments	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6
Primary Schools (Year 1 - Year 7) ²		72,018 ⁴	71,870 ^{5,6}	1,891	358	2,354	5,076	-	-	153,567
Prep. Departments (Year 1- Year 7)		346	-	-	-	-	-	2,081	-	2,427
TOTAL		72,558	72,256	1,891	358	2,374	5,076	-	2,087	156,600
<u>SECONDARY (Year 8 - Year 14)</u>										
Secondary (Non Grammar) ²		32,766	40,833 ⁷	513	-	2,095	9,369	-	-	85,576
Grammar		14,913	-	-	-	-	-	27,479	20,018	62,410
TOTAL²		47,679	40,833	513	-	2,095	9,369	27,479	20,018	147,986
<u>SPECIAL²</u>		4,308	237	-	53	-	-	-	-	4,598
<u>HOSPITAL</u>		197	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	197
<u>INDEPENDENT</u>		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	712	712
GRAND TOTAL		132,927	118,601	2,500	439	4,522	14,864	27,479	22,129	324,173

¹ Excludes one Irish Medium Controlled school and one Irish Medium Catholic Maintained school.

² Revised figures.

³ Includes 26 pupils in a nursery class in one Irish Medium school.

⁴ Includes one Irish Medium school, with an enrolment of 69 pupils.

⁵ Includes one Irish Medium school, with an enrolment of 135 pupils.

⁶ Includes 634 pupils in Irish medium units in 9 schools.

⁷ Includes 132 pupils in Irish medium units in 2 schools.

Table 2a: The number of pre-school providers¹ with funded places, by centre type and management type, 2003/04-2008/09

		2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Nursery Schools	Controlled	68	67	67	66	65	65
	Catholic Maintained	32	32	33	33	33	33
	TOTAL	100	99	100	99	98	98
Primary Schools and Preparatory Departments ² with Nursery Units	Controlled	102	104	106	106	106	106
	Catholic Maintained	82	83	84	84	84	84
	Other Maintained	3	4	3	3	3	4
	Controlled Integrated	-	-	-	-	1	1
	Grant Maintained Integrated	13	13	13	13	13	15
	Voluntary	-	-	1	2	2	1
	TOTAL	200	204	207	208	209	211
Voluntary and private pre-School centres with funded places	Voluntary	341	330	334	345	336	325
	Private	42	35	32	27	30	28
	TOTAL	383	365	366	372	366	353
All Centres¹	GRAND TOTAL	683	668	673	679	673	662

¹ In addition to the forms of provision shown in this table, many schools have reception pupils. In 2008/09, some 112 primary schools / preparatory departments have reception pupils.

² These are part of grammar schools.

Table 2b: The number of schools by school type and management type, 2003/04-2008/09

		2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Nursery Schools	Controlled	68	67	67	66	65	65
	Catholic Maintained	32	32	33	33	33	33
	TOTAL	100	99	100	99	98	98
Primary Schools	Controlled¹	427	425	417	411	401	391
	Catholic Maintained^{1,4}	414	413	411	408	404	402
	Other Maintained	14	15	16	18	20	20
	Irish Medium²						
	Other	5	5	5	5	4	4
	Controlled Integrated	13	14	15	15	16	16
Grant Maintained Integrated	19	22	22	22	23	23	
TOTAL		892	894	886	879	868	856
Preparatory Departments³	Controlled	5	4	3	3	3	3
	Voluntary						
	Schools under Catholic Management	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Schools under Other Management	14	14	14	14	14	14
TOTAL		19	18	17	17	17	17
Secondary (Non Grammar) Schools	Controlled	68	66	66	65	63	61
	Catholic Maintained⁵	76	76	75	74	73	72
	Other Maintained	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Irish Medium						
	Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Controlled Integrated	4	4	4	4	5	4
Grant Maintained Integrated	14	15	15	15	15	16	
TOTAL		163	162	161	159	157	154
Grammar Schools	Controlled	17	17	17	17	17	17
	Voluntary						
	Schools under Catholic Management	31	31	30	30	30	30
	Schools under Other Management	22	22	22	22	22	22
TOTAL		70	70	69	69	69	69
Special Schools⁶	TOTAL	47	45	45	45	43	42
Hospital Schools	TOTAL	3	3	3	3	2	2
Independent Schools	TOTAL	17	17	19	18	17	16
All schools	GRAND TOTAL	1,292	1,290	1,283	1,272	1,254	1,237

¹ Includes one Irish Medium school.

² Excludes one Irish Medium Controlled school and one Irish Medium Catholic Maintained school.

³ These are part of grammar schools.

⁴ Includes 9 schools with Irish medium units.

⁵ Includes 2 schools with Irish medium units.

⁶ The figures from 2004/05 onwards exclude an Alternative Education Provider (AEP), which was previously counted as a special school

Table 3a(i) : Children in funded pre-school education¹ whose parents were in receipt of Income Support or Income based Jobseeker's Allowance², by centre type and management type,

Numbers and Percentages³

		Number	Percentage
Nursery Schools			
<i>Full-time</i>	Controlled	594	24.7
	Catholic Maintained	527	33.0
	TOTAL	1,121	28.0
Nursery Schools			
<i>Part-time</i>	Controlled	131	7.9
	Catholic Maintained	16	7.7
	TOTAL	147	7.9
Nursery Classes			
<i>Full-time</i>	Controlled	513	24.1
	Voluntary	-	-
	Catholic Maintained/ Other Maintained	559	27.9
	Controlled Integrated	8	15.1
	Grant Maintained Integrated	27	20.5
	TOTAL	1,107	25.5
Nursery Classes			
<i>Part-time</i>	Controlled	99	5.0
	Voluntary	-	-
	Catholic Maintained/ Other Maintained	134	8.4
	Controlled Integrated	-	-
	Grant Maintained Integrated	21	7.3
	TOTAL	254	6.6
All Nursery Provision			
<i>Full- and part-time</i>	Controlled	1,337	16.3
	Voluntary	-	-
	Catholic Maintained/ Other Maintained	1,236	22.9
	Controlled Integrated	8	15.1
	Grant Maintained Integrated	48	11.5
	TOTAL	2,629	18.7
Voluntary and Private Pre-School Centres (funded places only)			
<i>Part-time</i>	Voluntary	626	10.3
	Private	11	2.1
	TOTAL	637	9.6
TOTAL		3,266	15.8

¹ Excludes reception pupils, since data on whether the parents of these pupils were in receipt of Income Support or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance are not collected.

² Income Support and income-based Jobseeker's Allowance are the benefits which determine eligibility for free school meals. As school meals are not universally available to children in pre-school education, parental receipt of these benefits is a better indicator of social disadvantage for the pre-school sector. Pupils who are recorded as entitled to free school meals in nursery classes in primary schools are also included in the totals.

³ Percentages express the number of children in funded places whose parents were in receipt of Income Support or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance at the time of first application for admission, as a proportion of all children in funded places. Thus, for example, 24.7% of children in full-time places in controlled nursery schools had parents in receipt of these benefits.

Table 3a(ii) : Reception pupils entitled to Free School Meals by management type, 2008/09

Numbers and Percentages¹

		Number	Percentage
Reception pupils			
<i>Full-time</i>	Controlled	5	2.6
	Catholic Maintained	51	13.2
	Other Maintained	-	0.0
	Controlled Integrated	-	0.0
	Voluntary	-	0.0
	TOTAL	56	9.2

¹ Percentages express the number of pupils entitled to free school meals in a particular category as a proportion of all pupils in the same category. Thus, for example, 2.6% of all reception pupils at controlled schools in 2008/09 are entitled to free school meals.

Table 3b: Pupils entitled to Free School Meals by school type and management type, 2008/09: Primary and Post-Primary schools

Numbers and percentages¹

		Number	Percentage
Primary Schools (Year 1-Year 7)	Controlled	10,292	14.3
	Catholic Maintained	14,979	20.8
	Other Maintained	561	29.7
	Irish Medium		
	Other	52	14.5
	Controlled Integrated	413	17.5
	Grant Maintained Integrated	698	13.8
	TOTAL	26,995	17.6
Prep. Departments	Controlled	*	*
	Voluntary	-	-
	Schools under Catholic Management	#	#
	Schools under Other Management	#	#
	TOTAL	7	0.3
Secondary (Non Grammar) Schools	Controlled	6,228	19.0
	Catholic Maintained	12,172	29.8
	Other Maintained	181	35.3
	Irish Medium		
	Other	-	-
	Controlled Integrated	390	18.6
	Grant Maintained Integrated	1,897	20.2
	TOTAL	20,868	24.4
Grammar Schools	Controlled	510	3.4
	Voluntary	2,459	8.9
	Schools under Catholic Management		
	Schools under Other Management	552	2.8
	TOTAL	3,521	5.6
ALL PRIMARY AND POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS		51,391	16.9

* Fewer than 5 cases.

Number suppressed.

¹ Percentages express the number of pupils entitled to free school meals in a particular category (e.g. those at primary school) as a proportion of all pupils in the same category. Thus, for example, 17.6% of all Year 1 - 7 primary school pupils in 2008/09 are entitled to free school meals.

Table 4: Average class size^{1,2} by school type and management type, 2008/09

		Average number of pupils per class
Nursery Schools	Controlled	26
	Catholic Maintained	26
	TOTAL	26
Nursery Classes	Controlled/voluntary	26
	Catholic Maintained³	26
	Other Maintained	Irish Medium 24
		Other 28
	Controlled Integrated	27
	Grant Maintained Integrated	26
	TOTAL	26
Reception Classes⁴	Controlled	10
	Catholic Maintained	16
	Other Maintained	Irish Medium -
		Other -
	Controlled Integrated	4
	Grant Maintained Integrated	-
	Voluntary (Prep. Depts)	6
TOTAL	13	
Primary Schools (Year 1 - Year 7)⁵	Controlled⁶	22
	Catholic Maintained⁶	22
	Other Maintained	Irish Medium⁷ 18
		Other 18
	Controlled Integrated	22
	Grant Maintained Integrated	24
	TOTAL	22
Preparatory Departments (Year 1 - Year 7)⁵	Controlled	17
	Voluntary	Schools under Catholic Management -
		Schools under Other Management 19
	TOTAL	18

¹. Class size data is only collected in respect of nursery and primary schools and prep. departments.

². Children in special units are excluded.

³. Includes one Irish language school.

⁴. These are classes consisting solely of reception pupils.

⁵. Any reception pupils integrated into primary classes are not included.

⁶. Includes one Irish medium school.

⁷. Excludes one controlled and one Catholic maintained Irish medium school.

Table 5a: Religion of children in funded pre-school education by centre type and management type, 2008/09

		Protestant	Roman Catholic	Other Christian	Non Christian	Other/ No Religion/ Not recorded	Total
Nursery Schools	Controlled	2,264	1,012	#	27	616	4,065
	Catholic Maintained	50	1,543	*	14	193	1,804
	TOTAL	2,314	2,555	150	41	809	5,869
Nursery Classes & Reception	Controlled/Voluntary¹	2,350	507	263	38	1,186	4,370
	Catholic Maintained/ Other Maintained	105	3,745	18	#	#	3,981
	Controlled Integrated	17	39	*	*	#	47
	Grant Maintained Integrated	156	162	#	*	68	419
	TOTAL	2,628	4,453	313	72	1,351	8,817
Voluntary and Private Pre-School Centres (funded children only)	Voluntary	1,766	3,059	115	33	1,111	6,084
	Private	215	137	10	-	157	519
	TOTAL	1,981	3,196	125	33	1,268	6,603
ALL FUNDED PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION		6,923	10,204	588	146	3,428	21,289

* Fewer than 5 cases.

Number suppressed.

¹ Not under Catholic management.

Table 5b: Religion of pupils by school type and management type, 2008/09
Nursery, Primary, Post Primary and Special Schools

		Protestant	Roman Catholic	Other Christian	Non Christian	Other/ No Religion/ Not recorded	Total
Nursery Schools	Controlled	2,264	1,012	#	27	616	4,065
	Catholic Maintained	50	1,543	*	14	193	1,804
	TOTAL	2,314	2,555	150	41	809	5,869
Nursery Classes & Reception	Controlled/Voluntary ¹	2,350	507	263	38	1,186	4,344
	Catholic Maintained/ Other Maintained	105	3,745	18	#	#	3,981
	Controlled Integrated	17	39	*	-	#	73
	Grant Maintained Integrated	156	162	#	*	68	419
	TOTAL	2,628	4,453	313	72	1,351	8,817
Primary Schools (Year 1 - Year 7)	Controlled	53,904	3,613	2,806	497	11,198	72,018
	Catholic Maintained/ Other Maintained	746	72,271	210	184	708	74,119
	Controlled Integrated	1,019	699	103	28	505	2,354
	Grant Maintained Integrated	1,764	2,166	267	48	831	5,076
	TOTAL	57,433	78,749	3,386	757	13,242	153,567
Prep. Departments (Year 1 - Year 7)	Controlled	241	27	#	*	59	346
	Voluntary	-	-	-	-	-	-
		1,097	232	#	#	595	2,081
	TOTAL	1,338	259	142	34	654	2,427
Secondary (Non Grammar) Schools	Controlled	27,359	538	997	101	3,771	32,766
	Catholic Maintained/ Other Maintained	239	40,777	64	56	210	41,346
	Controlled Integrated	1,227	472	60	16	320	2,095
	Grant Maintained Integrated	3,822	4,125	471	84	867	9,369
	TOTAL	32,647	45,912	1,592	257	5,168	85,576
Grammar Schools (Year 8 - Year 14)	Controlled	11,359	1,025	883	58	1,588	14,913
	Voluntary	237	27,016	82	44	100	27,479
		13,424	2,015	1,098	166	3,315	20,018
	TOTAL	25,020	30,056	2,063	268	5,003	62,410
Special Schools	Controlled	1,737	1,710	#	#	756	4,308
	Catholic Maintained/ Other Maintained	25	256	*	*	6	290
	TOTAL	1,762	1,966	89	19	762	4,598
ALL NURSERY, PRIMARY, POST-PRIMARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS		123,142	163,950	7,735	1,448	26,989	323,264

* Fewer than 5 cases.

Number suppressed.

¹ Not under Catholic management.

Table 6a: Ethnicity of children in funded pre-school education by centre type, 2008/09

	White (excluding Irish Traveller)	Chinese	Irish Traveller	Indian/Sri Lankan	Pakistani	Black	Other ethnic group	Mixed ethnic group	Total
Nursery Schools	5,661	22	7	44	*	#	56	63	5,869
Nursery Classes & Reception	8,482	42	22	75	10	34	73	79	8,817
Voluntary and Private Pre-School Centres (funded children only)	6,419	8	31	22	#	#	49	50	6,603
ALL FUNDED PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION	20,562	72	60	141	21	63	178	192	21,289

* Fewer than 5 cases.

Number suppressed.

**Table 6b: Ethnicity of pupils by school type, 2008/09
Nursery, Primary, Post Primary and Special Schools**

	White (excluding Irish Traveller)	Chinese	Irish Traveller	Indian/Sri Lankan	Pakistani	Black	Other ethnic group	Mixed ethnic group	Total
Nursery Schools	5,661	22	#	44	*	13	56	63	5,869
Nursery Classes & Reception	8,482	42	22	75	10	34	73	79	8,817
Primary Schools & Prep. Departments (Year 1 - Year 7)	151,886	414	573	562	135	361	1,021	1,042	155,994
Secondary (Non Grammar) Schools	84,161	207	190	108	47	149	443	271	85,576
Grammar Schools (Year 8 - Year 14)	61,275	404	*	172	#	57	227	240	62,410
Special Schools	4,503	10	23	10	5	7	16	24	4,598
ALL NURSERY, PRIMARY, POST-PRIMARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS	315,968	1,099	817	971	233	621	1,836	1,719	323,264

* Fewer than 5 cases.

Number suppressed.

Table 7: Percentage of children with Special Education Needs¹ at schools and funded pre-school education centres in 2008/09

	% Statemented children	% SEN children (non- statemented)	% SEN children (stage 1 - 5)
VOLUNTARY and PRIVATE PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES²	0.3%	7.2%	7.4%
NURSERY SCHOOLS			
Total nursery school pupils	0.9%	16.4%	17.2%
PRIMARY SCHOOLS and PREPARATORY DEPARTMENTS			
Total nursery class pupils	0.4%	2.6%	3.0%
Primary: reception	*	#	1.8%
Grammar Preparatory: reception	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total reception pupils	*	#	1.8%
Primary schools (year 1 - 7)	2.9%	17.8%	20.7%
Grammar school Preparatory Depts.(year 1 - 7)	1.2%	8.6%	9.7%
Total year 1 - 7 pupils	2.9%	17.7%	20.6%
Total primary pupils	2.8%	16.9%	19.6%
POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS			
Secondary (non grammar) schools	4.7%	17.2%	21.9%
Grammar Schools	0.7%	4.7%	5.4%
Total post primary pupils	3.0%	11.9%	14.9%
SPECIAL SCHOOLS	Total	91.0%	8.1%
HOSPITAL SCHOOLS³	Total	N/A	N/A
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS⁴	Total	N/A	N/A
ALL SCHOOLS⁵	Total	4.1%	14.5%
ALL SCHOOLS AND PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES⁵		4.0%	14.3%

1. Children with Special Education Needs are assessed under the 5 stages of the SEN Code of Practice.

2. Voluntary and private centres funded under the Pre-school Education Expansion Programme.

3. Special needs data is not collected in respect of Hospital schools.

4. Special needs data is not collected in respect of Independent schools.

5. Excluding Hospital and Independent schools.

* Fewer than 5 cases.

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