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ENROLMENTS AT SCHOOLS AND IN FUNDED PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND 2007/08

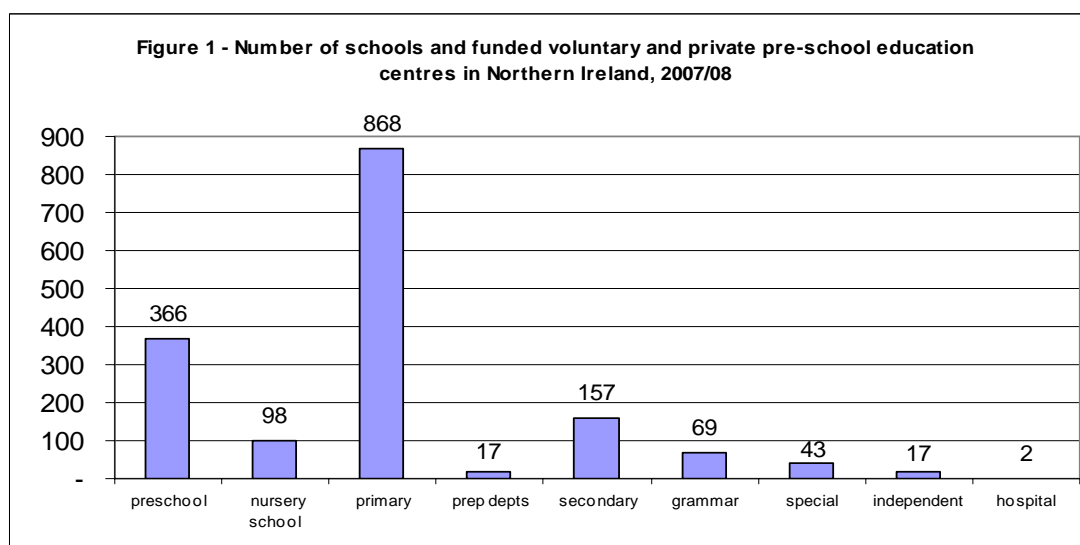
Key points

Funded pre-school education

- There are 21,118 children in funded pre-school education: 13,953 in nursery schools or nursery classes in primary schools; 630 in reception classes/groups; and 6,535 in funded places in voluntary and private pre-school education centres. In 2002/03 there were 21,076 children in funded pre-school education.
- The reported religion of children in pre-school education is: 48.3% Roman Catholic, 34.4% Protestant, 2.2% Other Christian, 0.6% Non Christian, and 14.6% Other/No Religion/Not recorded.

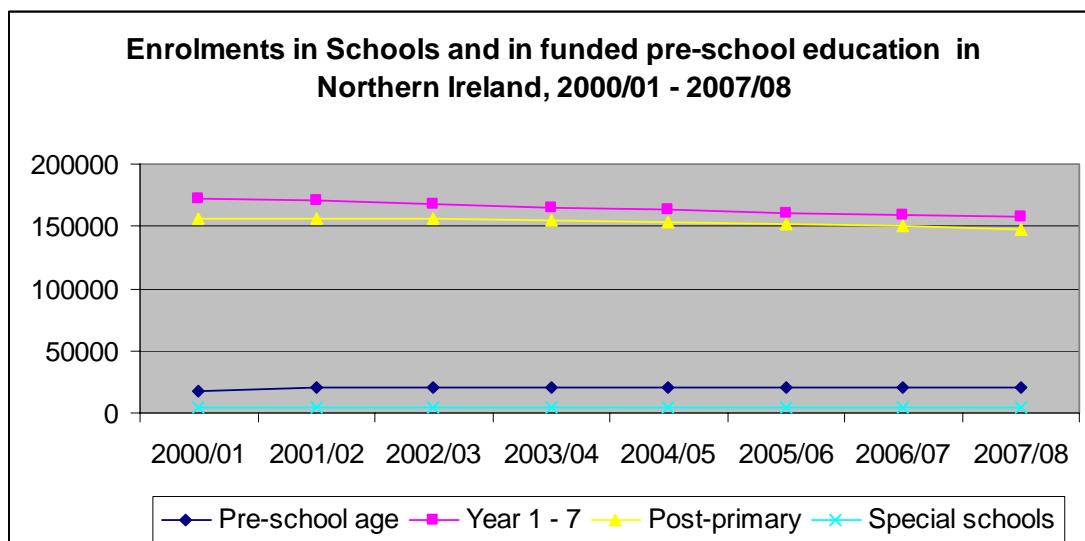
Grant-aided Schools

- There are 157,911 pupils in primary schools and preparatory departments (Years 1 – 7). In 2002/03 the figure was 167,799.
- There are 147,942 pupils in post-primary schools (Years 8 – 14). In 2002/03 the figure was 155,747.



Grant-aided Schools

- Some 18,867 pupils (5.9%) of the total enrolment in nursery, primary and post-primary schools attend integrated schools. In 2002/03, enrolment at integrated schools was 15,695 (4.6%).
- Some 2,638 (0.8%) pupils attend Irish medium schools. In 2002/03, the figure was 1,903 (0.6%).
- In the post-primary phase, 62,279 pupils (42.1%) of pupils attend grammar schools. In 2002/03, the number was 63,102 (40.5%).
- Some 18.1% of P1 – P7 pupils in primary schools and preparatory departments are entitled to free school meals, as are 25.1% of pupils in secondary (non-grammar) schools and 5.9% of grammar school pupils.
- The reported religion of pupils in schools is: 50.6% Roman Catholic, 38.8% Protestant, 2.3% Other Christian, 0.4% Non Christian, and 7.8% Other/No Religion/Not recorded.
- The reported ethnicity of pupils is 98.0% white (excluding Irish travellers), with 2.0% pupils of mixed or minority ethnic groups.
- Some 17.7% of pupils in schools were recorded as having special education needs; 3.9% 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, 2007/08

		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	2,416	1,589	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,005
	Part-time	1,642	208	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,850
Nursery Classes	Full-time	2,067	1,902	52	24	77	24	-	-	4,146
	Part-time ¹	2,039	1,533	41	-	316	23	-	-	3,952
TOTAL		8,164	5,232	93	24	393	47	-	-	13,953
Reception	Full-time ¹	219	379	1	26	-	5	-	-	630
<u>PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION IN OTHER CENTRES (FUNDED PLACES ONLY)</u>										
Playgroups	Part-time	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,020	329	6,349
Day Nurseries	Part-time	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	186	186
Other Provision	Part-time	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		-	-	-	-	-	-	6,020	515	6,535
GRAND TOTAL		8,383	5,611	94	50	393	52	6,020	515	21,118

Table 1b: Pupils by school type and management type, 2007/08

	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	2,416	1,589	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,005
	Part-time	1,642	208	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,850
Nursery Classes	Full-time	2,067	1,902 ³	26	26	24	77	-	24	4,146
	Part-time ²	2,039	1,533	41	-	-	316	-	23	3,952
TOTAL		8,164	5,232	67	26	24	393	-	47	13,953
<u>PRIMARY</u>										
Reception	Primary Schools ²	219	379	-	1	26	-	-	-	625
	Prep. Departments	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
Primary Schools (Year 1 - Year 7) ²		73,447 ⁴	72,666 ⁵	1,835	375	2,209	4,968	-	-	155,500
Prep. Departments (Year 1- Year 7)		336	-	-	-	-	-	2,075	-	2,411
TOTAL		74,002	73,045	1,835	376	2,235	4,968	-	2,080	158,541
<u>SECONDARY (Year 8 - Year 14)</u>										
Secondary (Non Grammar) ²		33,147	40,763	506	-	2,304	8,943	-	-	85,663
Grammar ²		14,849	-	-	-	-	-	27,495	19,935	62,279
TOTAL²		47,996	40,763	506	-	2,304	8,943	27,495	19,935	147,942
<u>SPECIAL</u>										
<u>HOSPITAL</u>										
		4,312	240	-	59	-	-	-	-	4,611
<u>INDEPENDENT</u>										
		246	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	246
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	820	820
GRAND TOTAL		134,720	119,280	2,408	461	4,563	14,304	27,495	22,062	326,113

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 71 pupils.

⁵ Includes one Irish Medium school, with an enrolment of 133 pupils.

Table 2a: The number of pre-school providers¹ with funded places, by centre type and management type, 2002/03-2007/08

		2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Nursery Schools	Controlled	68	68	67	67	66	65
	Catholic Maintained	32	32	32	33	33	33
	TOTAL	100	100	99	100	99	98
Primary Schools and Preparatory Departments ² with Nursery Units	Controlled	99	102	104	106	106	106
	Catholic Maintained	81	82	83	84	84	84
	Other Maintained	2	3	4	3	3	3
	Controlled Integrated	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Grant Maintained Integrated	12	13	13	13	13	13
	Voluntary	-	-	-	1	2	2
	TOTAL	194	200	204	207	208	209
Voluntary and private pre-School centres with funded places	Voluntary	321	341	330	334	345	336
	Private	42	42	35	32	27	30
	TOTAL	363	383	365	366	372	366
All Centres¹	GRAND TOTAL	657	683	668	673	679	673

¹ In addition to the forms of provision shown in this table, many schools have reception pupils. In 2007/08, some 126 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, 2002/03-2007/08

		2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Nursery Schools	Controlled	68	68	67	67	66	65
	Catholic Maintained	32	32	32	33	33	33
	TOTAL	100	100	99	100	99	98
Primary Schools	Controlled¹	435	427	425	417	411	401
	Catholic Maintained¹	417	414	413	411	408	404
	Other Maintained	11	14	15	16	18	20
	Irish Medium²						
	Other	5	5	5	5	5	4
	Controlled Integrated	11	13	14	15	15	16
Grant Maintained Integrated	18	19	22	22	22	23	
TOTAL		897	892	894	886	879	868
Preparatory Departments³	Controlled	5	5	4	3	3	3
	Voluntary	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Schools under Catholic Management	15	14	14	14	14	14
	Schools under Other Management						
TOTAL		20	19	18	17	17	17
Secondary (Non Grammar) Schools	Controlled	69	68	66	66	65	63
	Catholic Maintained	76	76	76	75	74	73
	Other Maintained	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Irish Medium						
	Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Controlled Integrated	4	4	4	4	4	5
Grant Maintained Integrated	14	14	15	15	15	15	
TOTAL		164	163	162	161	159	157
Grammar Schools	Controlled	17	17	17	17	17	17
	Voluntary	32	31	31	30	30	30
	Schools under Catholic Management	22	22	22	22	22	22
	Schools under Other Management						
TOTAL		71	70	70	69	69	69
Special Schools⁴	TOTAL	47	47	45	45	45	43
Hospital Schools	TOTAL	3	3	3	3	3	2
Independent Schools	TOTAL	22	17	17	19	18	17
All schools	GRAND TOTAL	1,304	1,292	1,290	1,283	1,272	1,254

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 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			
Full-time	Controlled	633	26.2
	Catholic Maintained	569	35.8
	TOTAL	1,202	30.0
Nursery Schools			
Part-time	Controlled	95	5.8
	Catholic Maintained	12	5.8
	TOTAL	107	5.8
Nursery Classes			
Full-time	Controlled	514	24.9
	Voluntary	-	-
	Catholic Maintained/ Other Maintained	469	24.0
	Controlled Integrated	6	25.0
	Grant Maintained Integrated	14	18.2
	TOTAL	1,003	24.2
Nursery Classes			
Part-time	Controlled	114	5.6
	Voluntary	-	-
	Catholic Maintained/ Other Maintained	141	9.0
	Controlled Integrated	-	-
	Grant Maintained Integrated	33	10.4
	TOTAL	288	7.3
All Nursery Provision			
Full- and part-time	Controlled	1,356	16.6
	Voluntary	-	-
	Catholic Maintained/ Other Maintained	1,191	22.4
	Controlled Integrated	6	25.0
	Grant Maintained Integrated	47	12.0
	TOTAL	2,600	18.6
Voluntary and Private Pre-School Centres (funded places only)			
Part-time	Voluntary	678	11.3
	Private	24	4.7
	TOTAL	702	10.7
TOTAL		3,302	16.1

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.

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, 26.2% 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, 2007/08

Numbers and Percentages¹

		Number	Percentage
Reception pupils			
Full-time	Controlled	#	#
	Catholic Maintained	36	9.5
	Other Maintained	-	-
	Controlled Integrated	*	*
	Voluntary	-	-
	TOTAL	48	7.6

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, 9.5% of all reception pupils at Catholic Maintained schools in 2007/08 are entitled to free school meals.

* Fewer than 5 cases.

Number treated under rules of disclosure.

Table 3b: Pupils entitled to Free School Meals by school type and management type, 2007/08: Primary and Post-Primary schools

Numbers and percentages¹

		Number	Percentage
Primary Schools (Year 1-Year 7)	Controlled	10,859	14.8
	Catholic Maintained	15,553	21.4
	Other Maintained	565	30.8
	Irish Medium		
	Other	52	13.9
	Controlled Integrated	373	16.9
	Grant Maintained Integrated	680	13.7
	TOTAL	28,082	18.1
Prep. Departments	Controlled	*	*
	Voluntary	-	-
	Schools under Catholic Management		
	Schools under Other Management	*	*
	TOTAL	6	0.2
Secondary (Non Grammar) Schools	Controlled	6,504	19.6
	Catholic Maintained	12,440	30.5
	Other Maintained	200	39.5
	Irish Medium		
	Other	-	-
	Controlled Integrated	506	22.0
	Grant Maintained Integrated	1,854	20.7
	TOTAL	21,504	25.1
Grammar Schools	Controlled	522	3.5
	Voluntary	2,566	9.3
	Schools under Catholic Management		
	Schools under Other Management	575	2.9
	TOTAL	3,663	5.9
ALL PRIMARY AND POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS		53,255	17.4

* Fewer than 5 cases.

Number treated under rules of disclosure.

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, 18.1% of all primary school pupils in 2007/08 are entitled to free school meals.

Table 4: Average class size^{1,2} by school type and management type, 2007/08

		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	22
	Irish Medium	26
	Other	24
	Controlled Integrated	26
	Grant Maintained Integrated	26
TOTAL	26	
Reception Classes⁴	Controlled	12
	Catholic Maintained	14
	Other Maintained	-
	Irish Medium	-
	Other	4
	Controlled Integrated	-
	Grant Maintained Integrated	5
Voluntary (Prep. Depts)	5	
TOTAL	12	
Primary Schools (Year 1 - Year 7)⁵	Controlled⁶	23
	Catholic Maintained⁶	23
	Other Maintained	19
	Irish Medium⁷	19
	Other	19
	Controlled Integrated	22
	Grant Maintained Integrated	26
TOTAL	23	
Preparatory Departments (Year 1 - Year 7)⁵	Controlled	18
	Voluntary	-
	Schools under Catholic Management	19
	Schools under Other Management	19
	TOTAL	19

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, 2007/08

		Protestant	Roman Catholic	Other Christian	Non Christian	Other/ No Religion/ Not recorded	Total
Nursery Schools	Controlled	2,325	1,067	119	36	511	4,058
	Catholic Maintained	60	1,610	8	6	113	1,797
	TOTAL	2,385	2,677	127	42	624	5,855
Nursery Classes & Reception	Controlled/Voluntary¹	2,534	492	209	37	1,105	4,377
	Catholic Maintained/ Other Maintained	114	3,688	#	29	#	3,908
	Controlled Integrated	13	28	*	-	#	50
	Grant Maintained Integrated	130	148	29	7	79	393
	TOTAL	2,791	4,356	252	73	1,256	8,728
Voluntary and Private Pre-School Centres (funded children only)	Voluntary	1,825	3,016	#	#	1,093	6,020
	Private	258	143	#	*	102	515
	TOTAL	2,083	3,159	83	15	1,195	6,535
ALL FUNDED PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION		7,259	10,192	462	130	3,075	21,118

* Fewer than 5 cases.

Number treated under rules of disclosure.

¹ Not under Catholic management.

Table 5b: Religion of pupils by school type and management type, 2007/08
Nursery, Primary, Post Primary and Special Schools

		Protestant	Roman Catholic	Other Christian	Non Christian	Other/ No Religion/ Not recorded	Total
Nursery Schools	Controlled	2,325	1,067	119	36	511	4,058
	Catholic Maintained	60	1,610	8	6	113	1,797
	TOTAL	2,385	2,677	127	42	624	5,855
Nursery Classes & Reception	Controlled/Voluntary ¹	2,534	492	209	37	1,105	4,377
	Catholic Maintained/						-
	Other Maintained	114	3,688	#	29	#	3,908
	Controlled Integrated	13	28	*	-	#	50
	Grant Maintained Integrated	130	148	29	7	79	393
TOTAL	2,791	4,356	252	73	1,256	8,728	
Primary Schools (Year 1 - Year 7)	Controlled	55,881	3,506	2,797	467	10,796	73,447
	Catholic Maintained/						
	Other Maintained	747	73,248	197	159	525	74,876
	Controlled Integrated	1,007	627	94	31	450	2,209
	Grant Maintained Integrated	1,732	2,109	271	50	806	4,968
TOTAL	59,367	79,490	3,359	707	12,577	155,500	
Prep. Departments (Year 1 - Year 7)	Controlled	252	18	#	*	48	336
	Voluntary	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Schools under Catholic Management	1,120	237	#	#	581	2,075
	Schools under Other Management	1,372	255	118	37	629	2,411
TOTAL	1,372	255	118	37	629	2,411	
Secondary (Non Grammar) Schools	Controlled	28,098	503	967	82	3,497	33,147
	Catholic Maintained/						
	Other Maintained	240	40,739	64	52	174	41,269
	Controlled Integrated	1,390	490	68	17	339	2,304
	Grant Maintained Integrated	3,556	4,001	461	83	842	8,943
TOTAL	33,284	45,733	1,560	234	4,852	85,663	
Grammar Schools (Year 8 - Year 14)	Controlled	11,363	978	900	62	1,546	14,849
	Voluntary	235	27,056	77	36	91	27,495
	Schools under Catholic Management	13,571	1,958	1,065	154	3,187	19,935
	Schools under Other Management	25,169	29,992	2,042	252	4,824	62,279
TOTAL	25,169	29,992	2,042	252	4,824	62,279	
Special Schools	Controlled	1,777	1,722	#	#	#	4,312
	Catholic Maintained/						
	Other Maintained	27	263	*	*	#	299
TOTAL	1,804	1,985	87	19	716	4,611	
ALL NURSERY, PRIMARY, POST-PRIMARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS		126,172	164,488	7,545	1,364	25,478	325,047

* Fewer than 5 cases.

Number treated under rules of disclosure.

¹ Not under Catholic management.

Table 6a: Ethnicity of children in funded pre-school education by centre type, 2007/08

	White (excluding Irish Traveller)	Chinese	Irish Traveller	Indian/Sri Lankan	Pakistani	Black	Other ethnic group	Mixed ethnic group	Total
Nursery Schools	5,687	21	6	31	7	9	47	47	5,855
Nursery Classes & Reception	8,465	27	17	55	10	19	63	72	8,728
Voluntary and Private Pre-School Centres (funded children only)	6,360	15	29	24	-	12	46	49	6,535
ALL FUNDED PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION	20,512	63	52	110	17	40	156	168	21,118

Table 6b: Ethnicity of pupils by school type, 2007/08
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	5,687	21	#	31	#	9	47	47	5,855
Nursery Classes & Reception	8,465	27	17	55	10	19	63	72	8,728
Primary Schools & Prep. Departments (Year 1 - Year 7)	154,160	391	574	497	119	323	903	944	157,911
Secondary (Non Grammar) Schools	84,459	197	164	95	41	115	339	253	85,663
Grammar Schools (Year 8 - Year 14)	61,182	399	*	148	#	64	223	228	62,279
Special Schools	4,519	11	25	9	8	6	13	20	4,611
ALL NURSERY, PRIMARY, POST-PRIMARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS	318,472	1,046	789	835	217	536	1,588	1,564	325,047

* Fewer than 5 cases.

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Table 7: Percentage of children with Special Education Needs¹ at schools and funded pre-school education centres in 2007/08

	% Statemented children	% SEN children (non- statemented)	% SEN children (stage 1 - 5)
VOLUNTARY and PRIVATE PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES²	0.3%	7.4%	7.7%
NURSERY SCHOOLS			
Total nursery school pupils	0.9%	16.2%	17.1%
PRIMARY SCHOOLS and PREPARATORY DEPARTMENTS			
Total nursery class pupils	0.4%	2.4%	2.8%
Primary: reception	0.8%	1.4%	2.2%
Grammar Preparatory: reception	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total reception pupils	0.8%	1.4%	2.2%
Primary schools (year 1 - 7)	2.9%	17.2%	20.1%
Grammar school Preparatory Depts.(year 1 - 7)	1.1%	8.0%	9.1%
Total year 1 - 7 pupils	2.9%	17.0%	19.9%
Total primary pupils	2.7%	16.3%	19.0%
POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS			
Secondary (non grammar) schools	4.4%	16.8%	21.2%
Grammar Schools	0.6%	4.0%	4.6%
Total post primary pupils	2.8%	11.4%	14.2%
SPECIAL SCHOOLS	Total	91.0%	9.0%
HOSPITAL SCHOOLS³	Total	N/A	N/A
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS⁴	Total	N/A	N/A
ALL SCHOOLS⁵	Total	4.0%	14.0%
ALL SCHOOLS AND PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES⁵		3.9%	13.8%

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.