

Suspension statistics 2003/04

The information in the following tables is provided by the Education and Library Boards.

Pupils suspended in the 2003/04 school year broken down by key stage.

	Number of pupils suspended	% of pupils by Key Stage
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 to 4)	48	0.05%
Key Stage 2 (Years 5 to 7)	242	0.34%
Key Stage 3 (Years 8 to 10)	2,294	3.04%
Key Stage 4 (Years 11 to 12)	2,900	5.62%
NI Total	5,484	1.89%

Note: Special schools have been excluded from the percentage calculation of individual key stages. The percentage comparators are provided for the whole school population by key stage.

Pupils suspended in the 2003/04 school year broken down by gender.

	Gender		
	Male	Female	
Number of pupils	4,387	1,097	5,484
% of total school population	1.51%	0.38%	1.89%

Note: The percentage comparators relate to the whole school population drawn from the NI school census.

Suspension statistics 2003/04

Pupils suspended in the 2003/04 school year broken down by school and management type

		School Management Type			
		Controlled	RC Maintained	Other	NI total
Number of pupils suspended in	Primary Schools	163	114	11	288
	Secondary Schools	1,845	2,107	472	4,424
	Grammar Schools	127	0	467	594
	Special Schools	146	14	6	166
	Other	0	0	12	12
	All Schools	2,281	2,235	968	5,484

Note: 1. School management types have been amalgamated into three groups. The 'other' classification includes grant maintained and controlled integrated schools, voluntary grammar schools and other maintained schools.

2. Data for independent schools is not available.

Suspension statistics 2003/04

Pupils suspended in the 2003/04 school year broken down by frequency of suspension and ethnicity

		Ethnicity			
		White	Minority Ethnic Background	NI Total	% of total school population
Number of pupils suspended:	Once	3,647	18	3,665	1.26%
	Twice	932	6	938	0.32%
	Three or more times	871	10	881	0.30%
	Total	5,450	34	5,484	1.89%

- Note:** 1. The percentage comparators relate to the whole school population drawn from the NI school census.
 2. The 'Minority Ethnic Background' classification includes travellers.

Pupils suspended in the 2003/04 school year broken down by Education and Library Board

Education and Library Board	Number of pupils suspended
Belfast	1,191
Western	936
North Eastern	1,286
South Eastern	987
Southern	1,084
NI Total	5,484

Suspension statistics 2003/04

Reasons for pupil suspensions in the 2003/04 school year broken down by gender

Reason for suspension	Male	Female	Total	% of suspensions
Verbal abuse of staff	1,867	403	2,270	23.86%
Persistent infringement of school rules	1,609	424	2,033	21.37%
Physical attack on pupil	1,595	387	1,982	20.84%
Disruptive behaviour in class	1,012	165	1,177	12.37%
Significant damage to, or misuse of, property	529	82	611	6.42%
Substance abuse	362	59	421	4.43%
Bullying of a pupil	297	44	341	3.58%
Physical attack on staff	281	39	320	3.36%
Verbal abuse of pupil	134	20	154	1.62%
Stealing	117	35	152	1.60%
Alcohol abuse	28	23	51	0.54%
NI Total	7,831	1,681	9,512	100.00%

Note:

1. The information in the 'Total' column reflects the number of individual suspensions, as opposed to the number of pupils suspended. The overall 'Total' is higher than that on the other tables above because some pupils have been suspended more than once.
2. Due to rounding, the sum of percentages in the final column may not exactly match the total shown (difference 0.2).
3. In the course of preparing the 2004/05 statistics it was discovered that the incidences count previously published in 2003/04 in relation to suspensions for alcohol abuse and substance abuse was incorrect. This was due to misreading of the codes for these 2 incidences. The data has now been revised.