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

#### Pupils<sup>1</sup> suspended in the 2007/08 school year broken down by Key Stage<sup>2</sup>

	Number of pupils suspended	% of pupils by Key Stage
<b>Key Stage 1 (Years 1 to 4)</b>	51	0.06%
<b>Key Stage 2 (Years 5 to 7)</b>	181	0.25%
<b>Key Stage 3 (Years 8 to 10)</b>	2,496	3.46%
<b>Key Stage 4 (Years 11 to 12)</b>	2,477	4.87%
<b>NI Total</b>	<b>5,205</b>	<b>1.84%</b>

#### Pupils<sup>1</sup> suspended in the 2007/08 school year broken down by gender

	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Number of pupils	4,001	1,204	<b>5,205</b>
% of total school population	1.41%	0.43%	<b>1.84%</b>

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**Pupils<sup>1</sup> suspended in the 2007/08 school year broken down by school and management type<sup>3</sup>**

		School Management Type			
		Controlled	Catholic Maintained	Other types	Total in North
<b>Number of pupils suspended in</b>	Primary Schools	116	88	8	<b>212</b>
	Secondary Schools	1,796	1,732	657	<b>4,185</b>
	Grammar Schools	115	-	596	<b>711</b>
	Special Schools	75	7	-	<b>82</b>
	Other	-	-	15	<b>15</b>
	<b>All Schools</b>	<b>2,102</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>5,205</b>

**Pupils<sup>1</sup> suspended in the 2007/08 school year broken down by frequency of suspension and ethnicity**

		Ethnicity			
	Number of times suspended	White	Minority Ethnic Background <sup>4</sup>	Total in North	% of total school population
<b>Number of pupils suspended:</b>	Once	3,539	76	3,615	1.28%
	Twice	866	11	877	0.31%
	Three or more times	697	16	713	0.25%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,102</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>5,205</b>	<b>1.84%</b>

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**Pupils<sup>1</sup> suspended in the 2007/08 school year broken down by Education and Library Board**

<b>Education and Library Board</b>	<b>Number of pupils suspended</b>
Belfast	1,069
Western	895
North Eastern	1,303
South Eastern	863
Southern	1,075
<b>North of Ireland Total</b>	<b>5,205</b>

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### Reasons for pupil suspensions in the 2007/08 school year broken down by gender

Reason for suspension	Number of occasions			% of suspensions
	Male	Female	Total <sup>5</sup>	
Verbal abuse of staff	1,456	367	1,823	22.2%
Persistent infringement of school rules	1,745	570	2,315	28.3%
Physical attack on pupil	1,346	330	1,676	20.5%
Disruptive behaviour in class	742	158	900	11.0%
Significant damage to, or misuse of, property	359	51	410	5.0%
Bullying of a pupil	236	76	312	3.8%
Physical attack on staff	208	20	228	2.8%
Substance abuse	91	19	110	1.3%
Stealing	154	29	183	2.2%
Verbal abuse of pupil	126	39	165	2.0%
Alcohol abuse	37	35	72	0.9%
<b>North of Ireland Total</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>8,194</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

#### NOTES:

1. These figures relate to all pupils undertaking Key Stage 1-4 in primary, secondary and special schools.
2. For special school pupils, curriculum year is used as a proxy for Key Stage.
3. School management types have been amalgamated into three groups. The 'other' group includes grant maintained and controlled integrated schools, voluntary grammar schools and other maintained schools. Data for independent schools is not available.
4. The 'minority ethnic background' classification includes travellers.
5. 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 in the other tables because some of the pupils have been suspended more than once.