

SUSPENSION STATISTICS 2010/11

Pupils¹ suspended by Key Stage² in Northern Ireland 2010/11

	Number of pupils suspended	% of pupil suspended by key stage population
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 to 4)	33	0.04
Key Stage 2 (Years 5 to 7)	152	0.23
Key Stage 3 (Years 8 to 10)	2,083	2.87
Key Stage 4 (Years 11 to 12)	1,972	4.10
NI Total	4,240	1.53

Pupils¹ suspended in the 2010/11 school year broken down by gender

	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Number of pupils	3,286	954	4,240
% of total school population	1.19	0.34	1.53

Pupils¹ suspended in the 2010/11 school year broken down by school and management type³

		School Management Type			
		Controlled	RC Maintained	Other types	NI total
Number of pupils suspended in:	Primary Schools	111	63	5	179
	Secondary Schools	1,544	1,430	556	3,530
	Grammar Schools	93	-	373	466
	Special Schools	62	3	-	65
	All Schools	1,810	1,496	934	4,240

Pupils¹ suspended in the 2010/11 school year broken down by frequency of suspension and ethnicity

		Ethnicity			
	Number of times suspended	White	Minority Ethnic Background⁴	NI Total	% of total school population
Number of pupils suspended:	Once	2,830	60	2,890	1.04
	Twice	761	13	774	0.28
	Three or more times	570	6	576	0.21
	Total	4,161	79	4,240	1.53

Pupils¹ suspended in the 2010/11 school year broken down by Education and Library Board

Education and Library Board	Number of pupils suspended
Belfast	835
Western	746
North Eastern	1,045
South Eastern	879
Southern	735
NI Total	4,240

Reasons for pupil suspensions in the 2010/11 school year broken down by gender

Reason for suspension	Number of occasions			% of suspensions
	Male	Female	Total ⁵	
Verbal abuse of staff	1,186	349	1,535	22.8
Persistent infringement of school rules	1,348	412	1,760	26.2
Physical attack on pupil	1,173	323	1,496	22.2
Disruptive behaviour in class	652	121	773	11.5
Significant damage to, or misuse of, property	263	46	309	4.6
Bullying of a pupil	219	35	254	3.8
Physical attack on staff	148	19	167	2.5
Substance abuse	85	19	104	1.5
Stealing	109	27	136	2.0
Verbal abuse of pupil	115	30	145	2.2
Alcohol abuse	23	26	49	0.7
NI Total	5,321	1,407	6,728	100.0

NOTES:

1. These figures relate to all pupils undertaking Key Stage 1-4 in primary, post-primary 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 types' 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.