

## Suspension statistics 2002/03

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

### Pupils suspended in the 2002/03 school year broken down by key stage

	Number of pupils suspended	% of pupils by Key Stage
<b>Key Stage 1 (Years 1 to 4)</b>	49	0.05%
<b>Key Stage 2 (Years 5 to 7)</b>	229	0.31%
<b>Key Stage 3 (Years 8 to 10)</b>	2,368	3.01%
<b>Key Stage 4 (Years 11 to 12)</b>	2,636	4.84%
<b>NI Total</b>	<b>5,282</b>	<b>1.74%</b>

**Note:** The percentage comparators are provided for the whole school population by key stage.

### Pupils suspended in the 2002/03 school year broken down by gender

	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Number of pupils	4,245	1,037	<b>5,282</b>
% of total school population	2.73%	0.70%	<b>1.74%</b>

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

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### Pupils suspended in the 2002/03 school year broken down by school and management type

		School Management Type			
		Controlled	RC Maintained	Other	NI total
<b>Number of pupils suspended in</b>	Primary Schools	155	98	11	<b>264</b>
	Secondary Schools	1,845	2,031	454	<b>4,330</b>
	Grammar Schools	138	0	433	<b>571</b>
	Special Schools	112	3	2	<b>117</b>
	<b>All Schools</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,132</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>5,282</b>

**Note:** 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. Data for independent schools is not available.

### Pupils suspended in the 2002/03 school year broken down by frequency of suspension and ethnicity

		Ethnicity			
		White	Minority Ethnic Background	NI Total	% of total school population
<b>Number of pupils suspended:</b>	Once	3,534	26	3,560	1.19%
	Twice	905	9	914	0.31%
	Three or more times	801	7	808	0.27%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,240</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>5,282</b>	<b>1.74%</b>

**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.

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### Pupils suspended in the 2002/03 school year broken down by Education and Library Board

Education and Library Board	Number of pupils suspended
Belfast	1,014
Western	906
North Eastern	1,201
South Eastern	992
Southern	1,169
<b>NI Total</b>	<b>5,282</b>

### Reasons for pupil suspensions in the 2002/03 school year broken down by gender

Reason for suspension	Male	Female	Total	% of suspensions
Verbal abuse of staff	1,683	343	2,026	22.5%
Persistent infringement of school rules	1,555	414	1,969	21.9%
Physical attack on pupil	1,540	304	1,844	20.5%
Disruptive behaviour in class	972	171	1,143	12.7%
Significant damage to, or misuse of, property	473	43	516	5.7%
Substance or alcohol abuse	325	101	426	4.7%
Verbal abuse of pupil	130	21	151	1.7%
Physical attack on staff	320	45	365	4.1%
Bullying of a pupil	242	47	289	3.2%
Stealing	196	60	256	2.8%
<b>NI Total</b>	<b>7,436</b>	<b>1,549</b>	<b>8,985</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

- Note:** 1. This is the first year reasons for suspensions have been collected.  
 2. 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 of the pupils have been suspended more than once.  
 3. Due to rounding, the sum of percentages in the final column does not exactly match the total shown (difference 0.2%).