

Suspension statistics 2004/05

The information in the following tables is provided by the Education and Library Boards (ELBs)

Pupils suspended in the 2004/05 school year broken down by key stage.

	Number of pupils suspended	% of pupils by Key Stage
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 to 4)	60	0.07%
Key Stage 2 (Years 5 to 7)	253	0.36%
Key Stage 3 (Years 8 to 10)	2,578	3.49%
Key Stage 4 (Years 11 to 12)	2,523	4.90%
NI Total	5,414	1.86%

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 2004/05 school year broken down by gender.

	Gender		
	Male	Female	
Number of pupils	4,309	1,105	5,414
% of total school population	1.48%	0.38%	1.86%

Note: The percentage comparators relate to all pupils undertaking key stages 1-4 in primary, secondary and special schools.

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Pupils suspended in the 2004/05 school year broken down by school and management type

		School Management Type			
		Controlled	RC Maintained	Other types	NI total
Number of pupils suspended in	Primary Schools	186	92	10	288
	Secondary Schools	1,895	1,894	584	4,373
	Grammar Schools	122	0	481	603
	Special Schools	126	10	6	142
	Other	0	0	8	8
	All Schools	2,329	1,996	1,089	5,414

Note:

1. School management types have been amalgamated into three groups. The 'other types' classification includes grant maintained and controlled integrated schools, voluntary grammar schools and other maintained schools.
2. Data for independent schools is not available.

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Pupils suspended in the 2004/05 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	3,564	32	3,596	1.24%
	Twice	890	12	902	0.31%
	Three or more times	908	8	916	0.31%
	Total	5,362	52	5,414	1.86%

Note:

1. The percentage comparators relate to all pupils undertaking key stages 1-4 in primary, secondary and special schools.
2. The 'Minority Ethnic Background' classification includes travellers.
3. Due to rounding, the sum percentages in the final column may not exactly match the total shown.

Pupils suspended in the 2004/05 school year broken down by Education and Library Board

Education and Library Board	Number of pupils suspended
Belfast	1,100
Western	975
North Eastern	1,333
South Eastern	960
Southern	1,046
NI Total	5,414

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Reasons for pupil suspensions in the 2004/05 school year broken down by gender

Reason for suspension	Male	Female	Total	% of suspensions
Verbal abuse of staff	1,623	395	2,018	23.75%
Physical attack on pupil	1,513	331	1,844	21.70%
Persistent infringement of school rules	1,398	391	1,789	21.06%
Disruptive behaviour in class	904	130	1,034	12.17%
Significant damage to, or misuse of, property	435	59	494	5.81%
Bullying of a pupil	273	49	322	3.79%
Substance abuse	222	64	286	3.37%
Physical attack on staff	225	37	262	3.08%
Stealing	161	43	204	2.40%
Verbal abuse of pupil	145	28	173	2.04%
Alcohol abuse	37	33	70	0.82%
NI Total	6,936	1,560	8,496	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. Data collection systems for suspensions have improved in ELBs; this has enabled better analysis of data for the 2004/05 school year. As a result the number of suspensions in 2004/05 has decreased from previous years. Therefore, care should be taken when comparing the number of incidents in 2004/05 with those in previous years
3. Due to rounding, the sum of percentages in the final column may not exactly match the total shown