

SUSPENSION STATISTICS 2006/07

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

Pupils suspended in the 2006/07 school year broken down by Key Stage

	Number of pupils suspended	% of pupils by Key Stage
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 to 4)	55	0.06%
Key Stage 2 (Years 5 to 7)	180	0.25%
Key Stage 3 (Years 8 to 10)	1,954	2.66%
Key Stage 4 (Years 11 to 12)	2,792	5.35%
NI Total	4,981	1.74%

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 2006/07 school year broken down by gender

	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Number of pupils	3,813	1,168	4,981
% of total school population	1.33%	0.41%	1.74%

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 2006/07 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*	150	72	6	228
	Secondary Schools*	1,746	1,772	544	4,062
	Grammar Schools	104	-	479	583
	Special Schools	83	15	-	98
	Other	-	-	10	10
	All Schools	2,083	1,859	1,039	4,981

Note:

1. 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.
2. Data for independent schools is not available.

* Figures revised 10 August 2007

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Pupils ⁽¹⁾ suspended in the 2006/07 school year broken down by frequency of suspension and ethnicity

		Ethnicity			% of total school population
		White	Minority Ethnic Background	NI Total	
Number of pupils suspended:	Once	3,364	40	3,404	1.19%
	Twice	844	17	861	0.30%
	Three or more times	703	13	716	0.25%
Total		4,911	70	4,981	1.74%

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 of percentages in the final column may not exactly match the total shown

Pupils suspended in the 2006/07 school year broken down by Education and Library Board

Education and Library Board	Number of pupils suspended
Belfast	1,060
Western	985
North Eastern	1,380
South Eastern	602
Southern	954
NI Total	4,981

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Reasons for pupil suspensions in the 2006/07 school year broken down by gender

Reason for suspension	Number of occasions			% of suspensions
	Male	Female	Total	
Verbal abuse of staff	1,537	427	1,964	23.2%
Persistent infringement of school rules	1,597	536	2,133	25.2%
Physical attack on pupil	1,422	402	1,824	21.6%
Disruptive behaviour in class	704	155	859	10.2%
Significant damage to, or misuse of, property	443	68	511	6.0%
Bullying of a pupil	271	57	328	3.9%
Physical attack on staff	233	39	272	3.2%
Substance abuse	95	26	121	1.4%
Stealing	170	33	203	2.4%
Verbal abuse of pupil	114	32	146	1.7%
Alcohol abuse	52	50	102	1.2%
NI Total	6,638	1,825	8,463	100.0%

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 of the 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.