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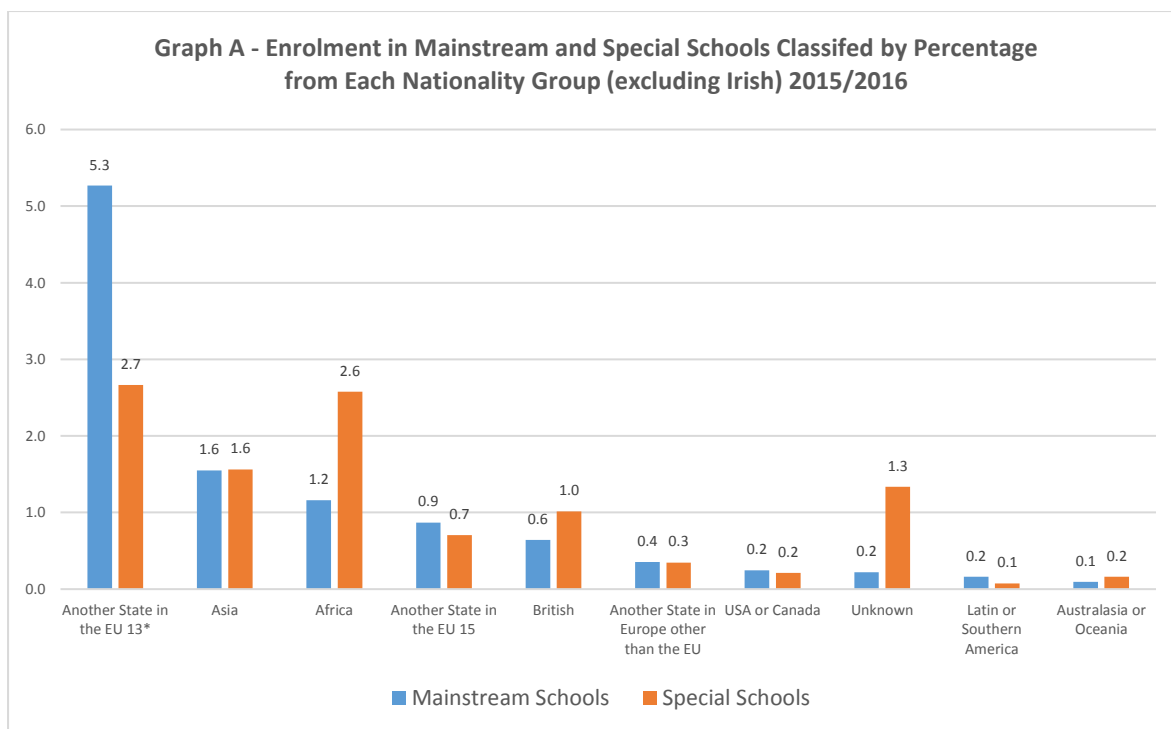
An analysis of nationality/country of birth of pupils in primary and students in post-primary schools

The following analysis is taken from the National and Special School Annual Censuses and from the annual Post-Primary Pupils returns. The Censuses asked for the nationality group of primary and special school pupils in each school from 2010/2011 to 2015/2016. The Post-Primary Pupils returns asked for the country of birth of all post-primary students in each school during the period. It is interesting to note that, while nationality/country of birth is usually connected with the country's native language, this is not always the case. In some cases, parents may have a nationality other than Irish while their children may have Irish nationality. However, despite having an Irish nationality, these children may not be able to speak English when they first come to school. It is also worth noting that all EU languages are available as Leaving Certificate subjects, as are Russian, Arabic and Japanese. The Department is soon to publish a Modern Languages Strategy. *For further details on the questions asked, see Background Notes.*

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Just under 90% (89.4%) of pupils in mainstream primary schools in 2015/2016 had Irish nationality. The largest other nationality groupings were: nationality of another state in the EU 13¹ (5.3%), Asian nationality (1.6%) and African nationality (1.2%). In the special school sector, nationality of another state in the EU 13 (2.7%), followed closely by African nationality (2.6%), came in as the largest nationality groupings after Irish (89.3%). *See Tables 1a and 1b and Graph A below (note that as the vast majority of pupils are Irish, these have been excluded from the graph).*

¹ The EU 13 is defined as the 10 accession countries that joined the EU on 1 May 2004, i.e. Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, the two accession states that joined the EU on 1 January 2007 i.e. Bulgaria & Romania, and Croatia which joined on 1 July 2013. The 2010/2011 – 2012/2013 data refer to the EU 12. The EU 15 comprises the countries before enlargement of the EU on 1 May 2004, i.e. Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Portugal, United Kingdom.

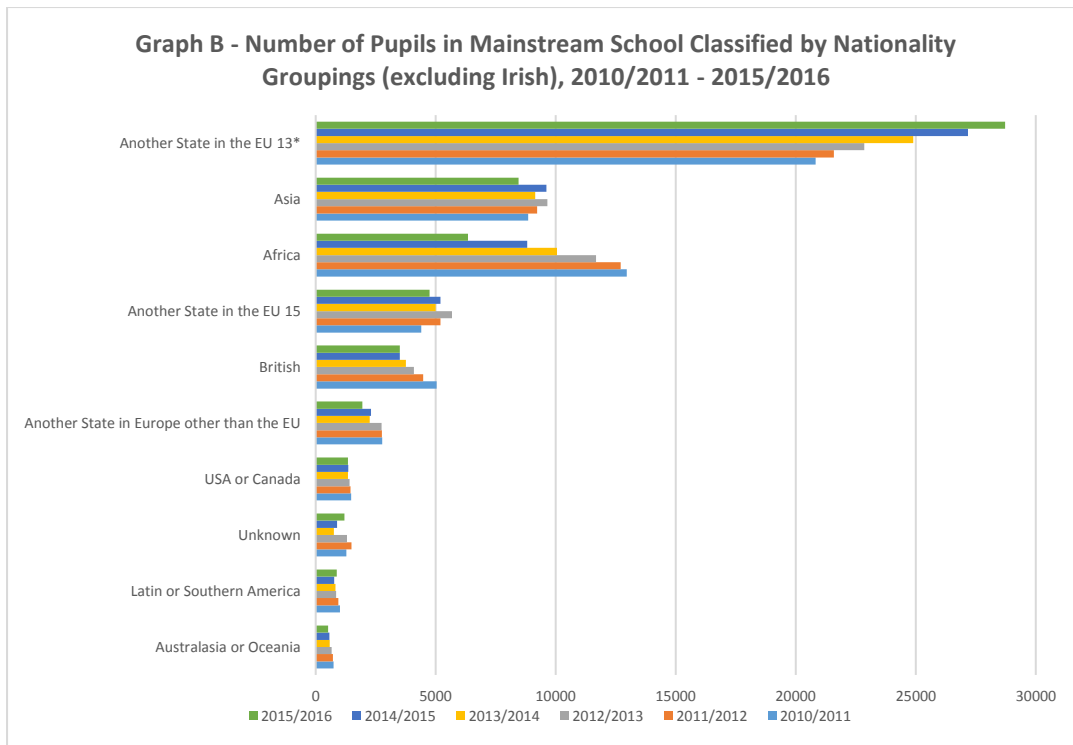


Changes over time

Over the five year period from 2010/2011 to 2015/2016, enrolment at primary level increased by 43,628, comprising an increase of 42,736 in mainstream schools and 892 in special schools. Focusing first on mainstream schools, the increase over the five years of was made up of:

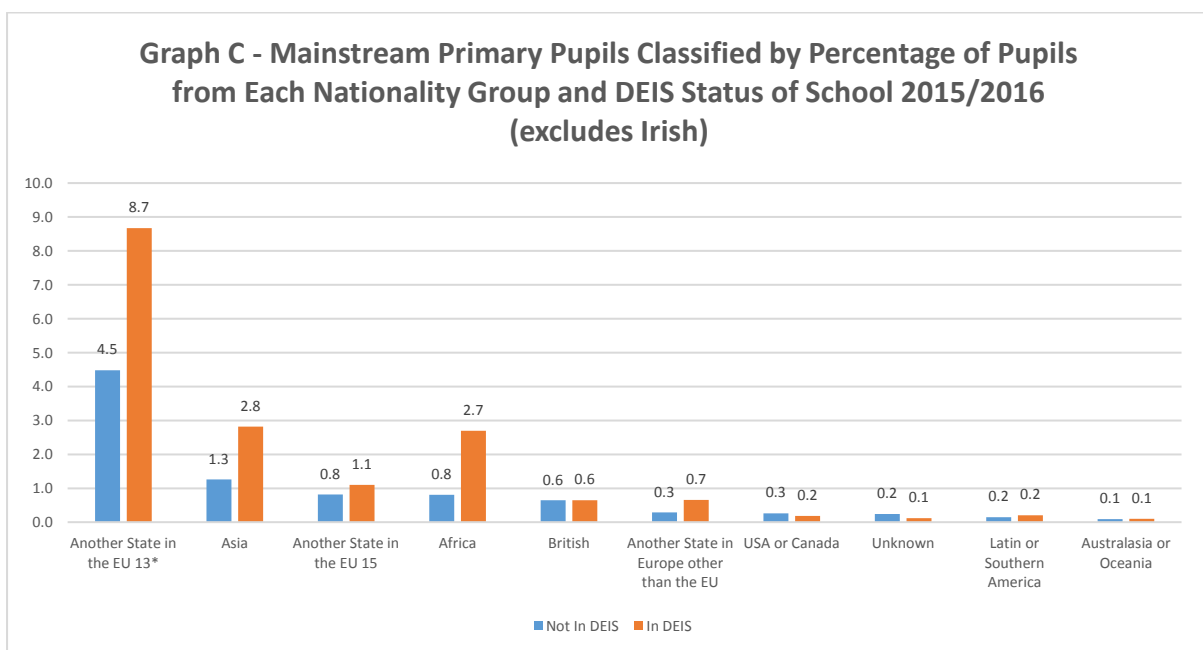
- an increase of 44,469 in the number of pupils with an Irish nationality; it is interesting to note that this is greater than the overall increase in the number of pupils in this period
- the number of pupils from another state in the EU 13¹ also increased significantly during the period by 7,886 from 20,833 in 2010/2011
- the number of pupils with African nationality halved from 12,953 in 2010/2011 to 6,613 in 2015/2016
- the number of British pupils decreased from 5,033 to 3,507 in the same period (*see Tables 1a, 1b and Graph B*)

The increases in enrolment in the special school sector were much smaller in absolute terms but higher in terms of percentage increase and saw enrolment increase by 892 (or 12%) over the five years. The bulk of the increase (+615) comprised of Irish pupils, followed by an increase in the number of pupils from another state in the EU 13 (+104). *See Tables 1a and 1b.*



Different nationality groupings in DEIS versus non-DEIS schools

In 2015/2016, enrolment in national schools that were designated as DEIS schools stood at 102,337, which was approximately 18.8% of all mainstream enrolment. There are some notable differences between the proportions of nationality groupings within DEIS schools and the equivalent in non-DEIS schools. While overall in mainstream schools, 89.4% of pupils were Irish, Tables 2a and 2b show that 82.8% of DEIS school pupils are Irish nationals compared to 91.0% of non-DEIS school pupils. On the other hand, a higher proportion of DEIS students had nationalities of EU 15, EU 13, other Europe, Asia and Africa. See Tables 2a, 2b and Graph C.



Greater mix of nationalities in English-speaking schools

In 2015/2016, 43,323 pupils (or just under 8% of the school-going population) attended schools in which the medium of instruction was Irish. A further 4,646 (or slightly under 1%) attended schools in which the medium of instruction was part Irish. As these figures are relatively small when compared to the cohort who attended schools in which the medium of instruction was English (497,241 or 91.2%), the following statistics should be interpreted with some caution. Schools in which the medium of instruction is Irish or partly Irish have far higher proportions of Irish pupils (98.5% and 93.7% in 2015/2016, respectively). Schools where English is the medium of instruction had 88.6% Irish pupils in 2015/2016. The trends are relatively stable over the five years from 2010/2011 onwards. *See Tables 3a and 3b.*

Differences across local authority areas – nationality composition

There are marked differences between the nationality compositions of schools across local authority areas, most likely reflecting the areas in which nationals other than Irish live. The local authority areas with the highest proportion of Irish pupils were Waterford County Council (94.7%), Donegal County Council (94.3%), Kilkenny County Council (93.7%), Galway County Council (93.3%) and Limerick County Council (93.1%). The local authority areas with the lowest proportion of Irish pupils were Galway City Council (81.0%), Fingal County Council (81.1%) and Longford County Council (83.1%). *See Tables 4a and 4b.*

Differences across local authority areas – changes in enrolment over time

Overall enrolment increased by 42,736 in mainstream national schools over the five years from 2010/2011 to 2015/2016, however this varied greatly across the regions. In absolute terms, enrolment in Cork County Council had the greatest increase (of 5,510), followed by Fingal which increased by 5,133. In percentage terms, the largest increases in enrolment over the period were in Fingal (+16.4%), Dún Laoghaire Rathdown (+15.5%) and Meath County Council (+14.1%). Interestingly, the increase in the number of Irish students in the Cork County Council (+5,503) area was greater than the overall increase of pupils of all nationalities in Fingal County Council. *See Tables 4a and 4b.*

Differences across schools

The nationality groupings across individual schools vary. Table A below shows that in 2015/2016 of all 3,124 mainstream national schools, 3 schools had 85% or above non-Irish pupils. Moving further down the table, 8 schools had between 70% and less than 85% non-Irish pupils. At the other end of the table, 790 schools had no non-Irish pupils and a further 1,586 had less than 10% non-Irish pupils. *See Table A overleaf*

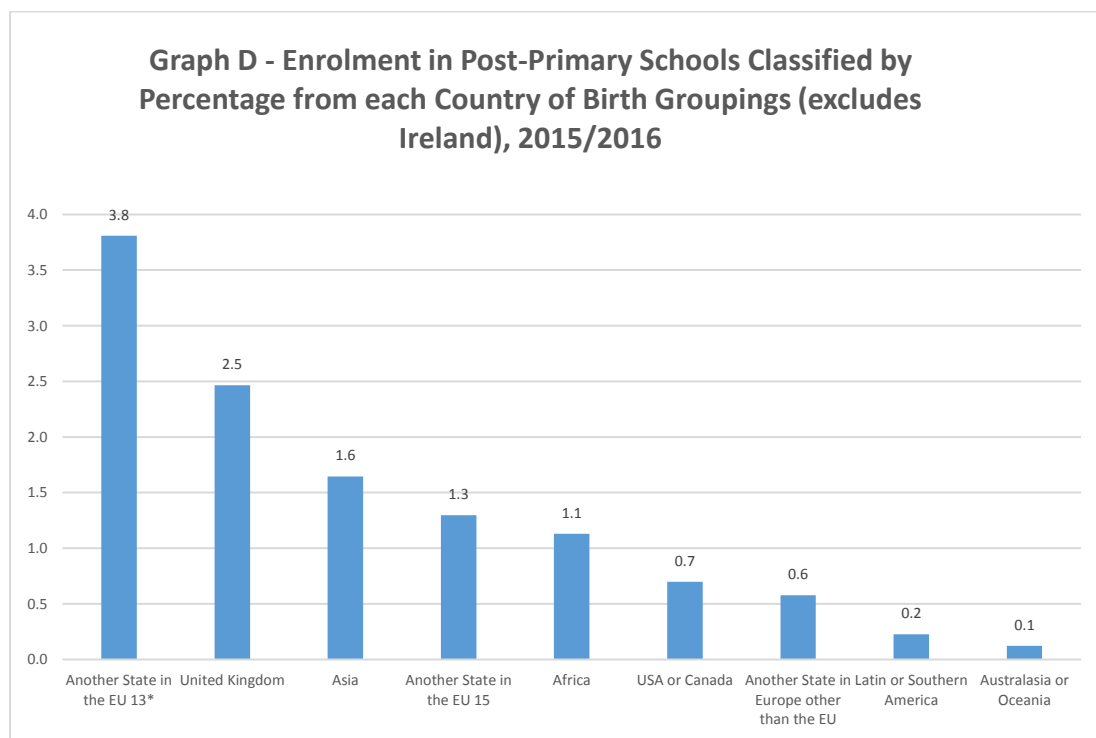
Table A Number of Mainstream National School Classified by Percentage of non-Irish Pupils, 2015/2016

85% to 100%	3
70% to less than 85%	8
55% to less than 70%	10
40% to less than 55%	57
25% to less than 40%	170
10% to less 25%	500
greater than 0% but less 10 %	1586
0%	<u>790</u>
Total Schools	<u><u>3,124</u></u>

Table should be read as: 'Between 85% and 100% of the enrolment in 3 schools was of non-Irish pupils'.

POST PRIMARY

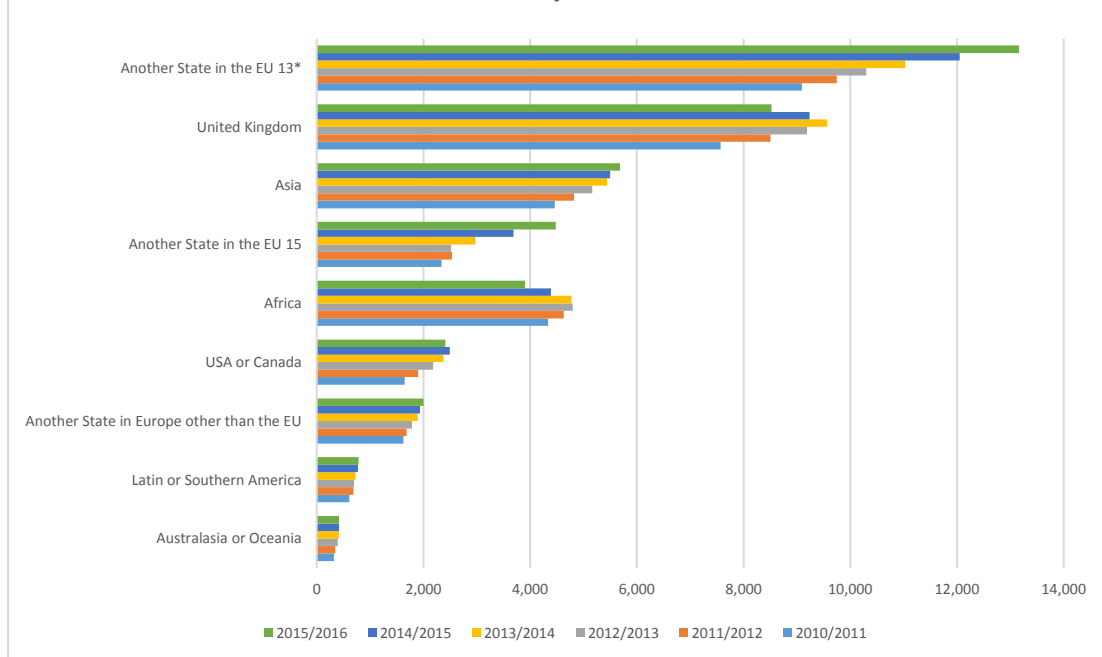
At post-primary level, country of birth rather than nationality grouping is recorded. In 2015/2016, 304,180 (or 88.0%) of all students were born in Ireland. Excluding students born in Ireland, those who were born in the EU 13 (13,162 or 3.8%) formed the largest grouping of countries in 2015/2016. This was followed by students born in the United Kingdom (8,522 or 2.5%). For further detail on individual countries, rather than country groupings see Appendix Table 1. See *Tables 5a, 5b and Graph D*.



Changes over time

Over the period from 2010/2011 to 2015/2016, the number of post-primary pupils increased by 28,123. The number of post-primary pupils born in Ireland increased by 18,764, those born in the EU 13 increased by 4,067 and those born in the EU 15 increased by 2,141. The number of pupils born in the UK increased up until 2013/2014 and then the numbers started to decline. See *Tables 5a, 5b and Graph E*.

Graph E - Number of Students in Post-Primary Schools Classified by Country of Birth Groupings (excluding Ireland), 2010/2011 - 2015/2016



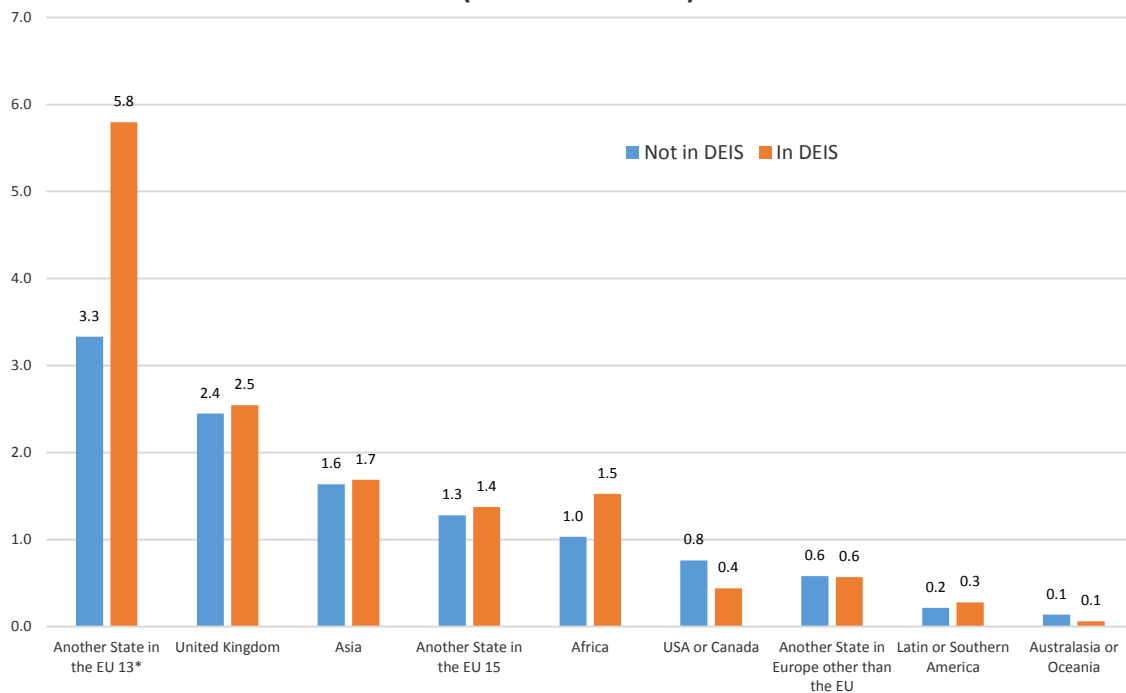
School type

In 2015/2016 there was very little difference in the proportion of students from different countries of birth across school type. There was a slightly higher proportion of students born in countries in Asia in voluntary secondary schools and slightly higher proportions of students born in a country in the EU 13 in ETB schools when compared across the three school sectors. *See Tables 6a and 6b.*

Differences across DEIS versus non-DEIS schools

Of the 345,546 students in post-primary schools in 2015/2016, 66,841 (or 19.3%) were attending a designated DEIS school. There are some differences between the proportions of country of birth groupings within DEIS schools and the equivalent in non-DEIS schools. Table 7b shows that in 2015/2016, 5.8% of pupils in DEIS schools were born in the EU 13, compared to 3.3% of those in non-DEIS schools. *See Tables 7a, 7b and Graph F.*

Graph F Post Primary pupils classified by proportion of students from each Country of Birth Group and DEIS status of School, 2015/2016 (excludes Ireland)



Most pupils in Irish-speaking schools were born in Ireland

In 2015/2016, 11,938 (or 3.5%) of post-primary students were enrolled in an all-Irish-speaking school. A further 11,349 (or 3.3%) students were enrolled in a school that teaches some subjects in Irish or teaches all subjects in Irish to some students. The vast majority (96.9%) of pupils attending all-Irish-speaking post-primary schools were born in Ireland. This compares to 87.8% Irish-born students attending all-English-speaking post-primary schools. *See Tables 8a and 8b.*

Some differences across local authority areas – countries of birth

In 2015/2016 there were some differences between the countries of birth compositions of schools across local authority areas. In five local authority areas, less than 85% of second-level pupils were born in Ireland. In Monaghan, the proportion was 82.6%; Galway City was 82.6%, Longford 84.1%, Waterford 84.3% and Fingal 84.8%. In comparison, five local authority areas had just over 90% of pupils born in Ireland which were: Offaly 90.3%, Waterford 90.4%, Wexford 90.4%, Wicklow 90.4% and Tipperary North 90.8%. *See Tables 9a and 9b.*

Some differences across local authority areas – changes in enrolment over time

Over the five years to 2015/2016, enrolment at post-primary level increased by 28,123 or 8.9%. Enrolment grew over the period in all local authority areas bar Dublin City Council, where enrolment decreased by 694 or -2.2%. The largest increases in absolute terms were in Fingal County Council (+3,817), Kildare County Council (+2,929) and Meath County Council (+2,623). In percentage growth

terms, Meath County Council was highest at 23.3% over the period, followed by Fingal County Council at 22.8%, Laois County Council at 20.3% and Kildare County Council at 19.8%.

Within the schools in the Dublin City Council area the decrease of 684 was made up of a decrease of 1,337 Irish-born students combined with an increase of students born in the EU 13 (+231), Asia (+187) and EU 15 (+129). The majority of all of the increases across the local authority areas were dominated by increases in Irish-born students. *See Tables 9a and 9b.*

Background notes

Primary

The definitive source of statistics on pupils in primary schools up until and including the 2015/2016 academic year was the National School Annual Census. From the 2016/2017 academic year onwards, the Primary Online Database (POD) replaces the National School Annual Census as the definitive source of statistics.

A question on nationality group was first included in the 2010/2011 National School Annual Census² and the Special School Annual Census in 2010/2011; see below.

NATIONALITY TABLE: NATIONALITY OF PUPILS IN YOUR SCHOOL ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2015		
A	IRISH NATIONALITY	
B	BRITISH NATIONALITY	
C	NATIONALITY OF ANOTHER STATE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU 15 ONLY - SEE NOTE) excluding Ireland and Great Britain	
D	NATIONALITY OF ANOTHER STATE IN THE REST OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU 13 ONLY - SEE NOTE)	
E	NATIONALITY OF ANOTHER STATE IN EUROPE OTHER THAN MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION	
F	NATIONALITY OF THE USA OR CANADA	
G	NATIONALITY OF A COUNTRY IN LATIN OR SOUTHERN AMERICA	
H	NATIONALITY OF A COUNTRY IN ASIA	
I	NATIONALITY OF A COUNTRY IN AFRICA	
J	NATIONALITY OF A COUNTRY IN AUSTRALASIA OR OCEANIA	
K	OTHER NATIONALITIES/NATIONALITY UNKNOWN	
Z	TOTAL PUPILS	0

NOTE: Please ensure that the total number of pupils matches the total number of pupils reported in the summary sheet (including special class pupils). If you do not know the nationality of some pupils please place them in the "OTHER NATIONALITIES/NATIONALITY UNKNOWN" area.

Nationality can be defined as "The fact of being a citizen of a particular nation". The EU definition of "citizenship" is as follows: "citizenship" means the particular legal bond between an individual and his or her State, acquired by birth or naturalisation, whether by declaration, choice, marriage or other means according to national legislation.

The EU 15 comprises the countries before enlargement of the EU on 1 May 2004, i.e. Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Portugal, United Kingdom.

The EU 13 is defined as the 10 accession countries that joined the EU on 1 May 2004, i.e. Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, the two accession states that joined the EU on 1 January 2007 i.e. Bulgaria & Romania, and Croatia which joined on 1 July 2013.

² A question on nationality group was asked in the 2009/2010 National School Annual Census, however the nationality groupings were different in subsequent years.

Post-primary

The post-primary data collection has a drop-down list of all countries; up until the 2015/2016 academic year it asked for the country of birth of the pupil. From 2016/2017 onwards, the country of birth question was replaced by one on nationality.

Intercultural Education Strategy

The Department of Education and Skills, in conjunction with the Office of the Minister for Integration, published an Intercultural Education Strategy in 2010.

https://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Information/Intercultural-Education-Strategy/mig_intercultural_education_strategy.pdf

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Fingal County Council	Irish	14,344	14,703	15,001	15,678	16,554	17,449
	British	239	263	302	310	310	309
	Another State in the EU 15	144	149	167	195	257	273
	Another State in the EU 13*	725	800	908	984	1,082	1,111
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	157	170	187	178	175	167
	USA or Canada	66	84	97	107	133	126
	Latin or Southern America	23	30	33	49	44	41
	Asia	394	419	456	480	457	466
	Africa	636	750	803	831	720	595
	Australasia or Oceania	22	22	24	24	27	30
Fingal County Council Total		16,750	17,390	17,978	18,836	19,759	20,567
Galway City Council	Irish	4,189	4,187	4,124	4,209	4,288	4,353
	British	75	82	89	98	98	92
	Another State in the EU 15	52	70	57	56	90	87
	Another State in the EU 13*	242	266	300	314	324	361
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	53	56	50	52	64	54
	USA or Canada	46	49	46	43	50	60
	Latin or Southern America/Australasia	22	25	23	23	24	28
	Asia	73	87	83	93	92	108
	Africa	151	160	166	172	148	130
Galway City Council Total		4,903	4,982	4,938	5,060	5,178	5,273
Galway County Council	Irish	10,581	10,631	10,823	11,018	11,247	11,569
	British	500	565	593	599	556	497
	Another State in the EU 15	59	66	78	91	128	171
	Another State in the EU 13*	181	187	198	213	235	270
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	66	53	60	66	66	59
	USA or Canada	125	155	179	204	212	219
	Latin or Southern America	75	73	78	77	84	88
	Asia	61	69	76	82	85	102
	Africa	53	64	75	65	63	55
	Australasia or Oceania	10	7	12	15	13	17
Galway County Council Total		11,711	11,870	12,172	12,430	12,689	13,047
Kerry County Council	Irish	9,085	9,192	9,192	9,134	9,151	9,251
	British	404	421	409	418	379	343
	Another State in the EU 15	38	68	69	115	141	164
	Another State in the EU 13*	325	341	341	366	390	401
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	57	79	89	102	100	99
	USA or Canada	121	131	136	125	120	110
	Latin or Southern America/Australasia	19	18	19	19	19	18
	Asia	93	87	93	82	72	79
	Africa	39	47	52	59	63	72
Kerry County Council Total		10,181	10,384	10,400	10,420	10,435	10,537

Fingal County Council	Irish	85.6	84.5	83.4	83.2	83.8	84.8
	British	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5
	Another State in the EU 15	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.3
	Another State in the EU 13*	4.3	4.6	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.4
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
	USA or Canada	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6
	Latin or Southern America	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
	Asia	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.3
	Africa	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.4	3.6	2.9
	Australasia or Oceania	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Fingal County Council Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Galway City Council	Irish	85.4	84.0	83.5	83.2	82.8	82.6
	British	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7
	Another State in the EU 15	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.7	1.6
	Another State in the EU 13*	4.9	5.3	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.8
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.0
	USA or Canada	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.1
	Latin or Southern America/Australasia	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
	Asia	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.0
	Africa	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.4	2.9	2.5
Galway City Council Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Galway County Council	Irish	90.4	89.6	88.9	88.6	88.6	88.7
	British	4.3	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.4	3.8
	Another State in the EU 15	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.3
	Another State in the EU 13*	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.1
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
	USA or Canada	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7
	Latin or Southern America	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
	Asia	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8
	Africa	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
	Australasia or Oceania	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Galway County Council Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Kerry County Council	Irish	89.2	88.5	88.4	87.7	87.7	87.8
	British	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.3
	Another State in the EU 15	0.4	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.4	1.6
	Another State in the EU 13*	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.8
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9
	USA or Canada	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0
	Latin or Southern America/Australasia	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
	Asia	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
	Africa	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7
Kerry County Council Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Kildare County Council	Irish	13,325	13,665	14,070	14,624	15,269	15,931
	British	321	352	373	364	325	288
	Another State in the EU 15	53	70	77	95	99	109
	Another State in the EU 13*	437	491	551	572	621	676
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	79	80	91	94	95	93
	USA or Canada	55	51	65	73	81	80
	Latin or Southern America	47	48	52	55	51	47
	Asia	200	247	258	263	259	288
	Africa	275	300	309	306	258	218
	Australasia or Oceania	30	32	33	26	23	21
Kildare County Council Total		14,822	15,336	15,879	16,472	17,081	17,751
Kilkenny County Council	Irish	6,258	6,204	6,224	6,306	6,532	6,604
	British	127	178	192	213	210	184
	Another State in the EU 15	23	33	51	56	74	106
	Another State in the EU 13*	134	153	167	179	203	227
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	24	19	19	24	24	24
	USA or Canada	22	27	28	30	29	32
	Latin or Southern America	7	9	12	13	11	8
	Asia	46	54	67	85	82	82
	Africa	51	54	67	60	58	51
	Australasia or Oceania	11	16	23	28	30	28
Kilkenny County Council Total		6,703	6,747	6,850	6,994	7,253	7,346
Laois County Council	Irish	3,314	3,438	3,500	3,588	3,718	3,948
	British	83	100	118	124	108	97
	Another State in the EU 13*	175	179	184	207	231	263
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	9	7	10	13	13	14
	Another State in the EU 15/Latin or Southern America/Australasia or Oceania	14	16	11	9	15	15
	USA or Canada	11	14	23	22	24	22
	Asia	54	47	52	52	58	59
	Africa	75	80	86	75	68	74
Laois County Council Total		3,735	3,881	3,984	4,090	4,235	4,492
Leitrim County Council	Irish	2,038	2,035	2,107	2,063	2,125	2,152
	British	126	147	157	172	156	152
	Another State in the EU 15	9	7	8	12	9	10
	Another State in the EU 13*	57	66	74	86	75	91
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	12	12	14	14	14	11
	USA or Canada	17	25	33	35	40	40
	Latin or Southern America/Africa/Australasia	14	16	11	6	8	13
	Asia	23	28	26	24	21	30
Leitrim County Council Total		2,296	2,336	2,430	2,412	2,448	2,499

Kildare County Council	Irish	89.9	89.1	88.6	88.8	89.4	89.7
	British	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	1.9	1.6
	Another State in the EU 15	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
	Another State in the EU 13*	2.9	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.8
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
	USA or Canada	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
	Latin or Southern America	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
	Asia	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6
	Africa	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.2
	Australasia or Oceania	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Kildare County Council Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Kilkenny County Council	Irish	93.4	92.0	90.9	90.2	90.1	89.9
	British	1.9	2.6	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.5
	Another State in the EU 15	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.4
	Another State in the EU 13*	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.1
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
	USA or Canada	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
	Latin or Southern America	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
	Asia	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1
	Africa	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7
	Australasia or Oceania	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Kilkenny County Council Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Laois County Council	Irish	88.7	88.6	87.9	87.7	87.8	87.9
	British	2.2	2.6	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.2
	Another State in the EU 13*	4.7	4.6	4.6	5.1	5.5	5.9
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
	Another State in the EU 15/Latin or Southern America/Australasia or Oceania	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3
	USA or Canada	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
	Asia	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3
	Africa	2.0	2.1	2.2	1.8	1.6	1.6
Laois County Council Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Leitrim County Council	Irish	88.8	87.1	86.7	85.5	86.8	86.1
	British	5.5	6.3	6.5	7.1	6.4	6.1
	Another State in the EU 15	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4
	Another State in the EU 13*	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.6	3.1	3.6
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4
	USA or Canada	0.7	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6
	Latin or Southern America/Africa/Australasia	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.5
	Asia	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.2
Leitrim County Council Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Westmeath County Council	Irish	6,807	6,748	6,815	6,873	6,940	7,096
	British	170	194	216	214	218	192
	Another State in the EU 15	127	138	146	182	246	303
	Another State in the EU 13*	225	244	261	283	293	357
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	25	28	43	48	43	46
	USA or Canada	35	38	47	53	60	60
	Latin or Southern America	25	30	25	27	30	34
	Asia	82	76	89	91	100	109
	Africa	132	157	186	186	164	136
	Australasia or Oceania	6	10	10	11	13	12
Westmeath County Council Total		7,634	7,663	7,838	7,968	8,107	8,345
Wexford County Council	Irish	9,852	9,976	10,175	10,234	10,467	10,710
	British	312	359	407	442	417	402
	Another State in the EU 15	37	37	41	52	77	111
	Another State in the EU 13*	297	321	317	323	362	428
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	36	34	29	38	33	34
	USA or Canada	31	41	52	52	54	51
	Latin or Southern America/Australasia	9	14	19	21	21	16
	Asia	64	57	62	61	71	65
	Africa	31	31	31	33	39	36
Wexford County Council Total		10,669	10,870	11,133	11,256	11,541	11,853
Wicklow County Council	Irish	8,657	8,734	8,955	9,152	9,411	9,657
	British	153	176	190	216	219	218
	Another State in the EU 15	153	110	129	158	157	188
	Another State in the EU 13*	213	239	258	266	285	319
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	30	27	26	25	22	33
	USA or Canada	31	40	47	49	57	59
	Latin or Southern America/Australasia	18	14	20	28	18	25
	Asia	107	127	141	150	145	145
	Africa	46	50	49	47	40	41
Wicklow County Council Total		9,408	9,517	9,815	10,091	10,354	10,685
Grand Total		317,423	322,503	327,315	333,170	339,199	345,546

Westmeath County Council	Irish	89.2	88.1	86.9	86.3	85.6	85.0
	British	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.3
	Another State in the EU 15	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.3	3.0	3.6
	Another State in the EU 13*	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.6	4.3
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
	USA or Canada	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
	Latin or Southern America	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
	Asia	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3
	Africa	1.7	2.0	2.4	2.3	2.0	1.6
	Australasia or Oceania	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Westmeath County Council Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Wexford County Council	Irish	92.3	91.8	91.4	90.9	90.7	90.4
	British	2.9	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.4
	Another State in the EU 15	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.9
	Another State in the EU 13*	2.8	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.6
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
	USA or Canada	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
	Latin or Southern America/Australasia	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
	Asia	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
	Africa	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Wexford County Council Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Wicklow County Council	Irish	92.0	91.8	91.2	90.7	90.9	90.4
	British	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.0
	Another State in the EU 15	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.8
	Another State in the EU 13*	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.0
	Another State in the Rest of Europe	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
	USA or Canada	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
	Latin or Southern America/Australasia	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
	Asia	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4
	Africa	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Wicklow County Council Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Post-Primary Pupils Database, Department of Education and Skills

Refers to schools aided by the Department of Education and Skills only. Due to improvements in data quality, figures in this report may be slightly different than previously published figures and may be subject to small revisions in the future.

*Excludes PLC students.

For confidentiality some nationality groups have been amalgamated.

The EU 15 comprises the countries before enlargement of the EU on 1 May 2004, i.e. Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Portugal, United Kingdom.

*The EU 13 is defined as the 10 accession countries that joined the EU on 1 May 2004, i.e. Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, the two accession states that joined the EU on 1 January 2007 i.e. Bulgaria & Romania, and Croatia which joined on 1 July 2013. The 2010/2011 – 2012/2013 data refer to the EU 12.

**Appendix Table 1 Number of students* enrolled in Post-Primary Schools
classified by Country of Birth, 2015/2016**

Country of Birth	2015/2016
IRELAND	304,179
UNITED KINGDOM	8,510
POLAND	6,675
SPAIN	2,766
LITHUANIA	2,313
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	2,298
NIGERIA	1,665
PHILIPPINES	1,466
ROMANIA	1,423
LATVIA	1,247
GERMANY	1,141
INDIA	828
PAKISTAN	603
ITALY	556
SOUTH AFRICA	510
BRAZIL	499
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	481
HUNGARY	422
FRANCE	406
SLOVAKIA	398
CHINA	341
AUSTRALIA	321
CONGO	235
MOLDOVA REPUBLIC OF	227
UKRAINE	225
THAILAND	224
PORTUGAL	213
NETHERLANDS	206
CZECH REPUBLIC	203
SOMALIA	197
ZIMBABWE	194
AFGHANISTAN	184
SAUDI ARABIA	166
BANGLADESH	154
CROATIA	134
MALAYSIA	127
IRAQ	121
BULGARIA	118
ESTONIA	118
CANADA	115
MAURITIUS	110
BELGIUM	109
NIGER	106
ALBANIA	98
NEW ZELAND	91
MEXICO	90
SUDAN	86
EGYPT	85
ISRAEL	85
GHANA	82
KOREA REPUBLIC OF	82
VIETNAM	80
SWITZERLAND	76
JAPAN	71
CAMEROON	70
ANGOLA	69
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	64
SWEDEN	61

IRAN (ISLAMIC REP OF)	57
KENYA	55
HONG KONG	54
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA	52
BELARUS	50
ARMENIA	48
AUSTRIA	48
DENMARK	46
NEPAL	44
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	42
ALGERIA	40
KAZAKHSTAN	40
FORMER USSR	39
TURKEY	39
SERBIA	38
ZAMBIA	37
GEORGIA	33
GUATEMALA	32
SRI LANKA	32
JORDAN	31
SLOVENIA	31
COTE D'IVOIRE	30
GREECE	29
KUWAIT	29
YUGOSLAVIA	29
ARGENTINA	28
UGANDA	28
MONGOLIA	27
MOROCCO	26
ETHIOPIA	25
MALAWI	24
TOGO	24
FINLAND	23
NORWAY	21
SINGAPORE	21
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	20
OMAN	19
VENEZUELA	19
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	18
MALDIVES	18
BAHRAIN	17
PALESTINE	17
SIERRA LEONE	17
COLOMBIA	16
ERITREA	15
GUINEA	15
JAMAICA	15
MALTA	15
LUXEMBURG	14
BOTSWANA	13
KOREA DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES REP	13
MAURITANIA	13
BERMUDA	12
CYPRUS	12
BURMA (MYANMAR)	11
UZBEKISTAN	11
CHILE	10
INDONESIA	10
Other (countries with less than 10)	229
Grand Total	345,545

Source: Post-Primary Pupils Database, Department of Education and Skills
 Note: Due to changes in the Department of Education and Skills (DES) data collection systems and data quality, figures in this report may be slightly different than previously published figures and *Excludes PLC Students.

For confidentiality cells with values of less than 9 have been grouped.

Background notes

Primary

The definitive source of statistics on pupils in primary schools up until and including the 2015/2016 academic year was the National School Annual Census. From the 2016/2017 academic year onwards, the Primary Online Database (POD) replaces the National School Annual Census as the definitive source of statistics.

A question on nationality group was first included in the 2010/2011 National School Annual Census –and the Special School Annual Census in 2010/2011. See question below.

Post-primary

The post-primary data collection has a drop-down list of all countries and up until the 2015/2016 academic year asked for the country of birth of the pupil. A question on Nationality group was asked in the 2009/2010 National School Annual Census² however the nationality groupings were different to subsequent years.

NATIONALITY TABLE: NATIONALITY OF PUPILS IN YOUR SCHOOL ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2015		
A	IRISH NATIONALITY	
B	BRITISH NATIONALITY	
C	NATIONALITY OF ANOTHER STATE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU 15 ONLY - SEE NOTE) excluding Ireland and Great Britain	
D	NATIONALITY OF ANOTHER STATE IN THE REST OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU 13 ONLY - SEE NOTE)	
E	NATIONALITY OF ANOTHER STATE IN EUROPE OTHER THAN MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION	
F	NATIONALITY OF THE USA OR CANADA	
G	NATIONALITY OF A COUNTRY IN LATIN OR SOUTHERN AMERICA	
H	NATIONALITY OF A COUNTRY IN ASIA	
I	NATIONALITY OF A COUNTRY IN AFRICA	
J	NATIONALITY OF A COUNTRY IN AUSTRALASIA OR OCEANIA	
K	OTHER NATIONALITIES/NATIONALITY UNKNOWN	
Z	TOTAL PUPILS	0

NOTE: Please ensure that the total number of pupils matches the total number of pupils reported in the summary sheet (including special class pupils). If you do not know the nationality of some pupils please place them in the "OTHER NATIONALITIES/NATIONALITY UNKNOWN" area.

Nationality can be defined as "The fact of being a citizen of a particular nation". The EU definition of "citizenship" is as follows: "citizenship" means the particular legal bond between an individual and his or her State, acquired by birth or naturalisation, whether by declaration, choice, marriage or other means according to national legislation.

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Future Data

From 2016/17, data on nationality at an individual country level will be available from the Primary Online Database (POD). Data on ethnic/cultural background will be available from POD and that it is envisaged that similar data on ethnic/cultural background will be available for post primary from 2017/18