

Key Statistics 2021/2022 and 2022/2023



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Table 1. Number of Full-Time Students in Schools Aided by the Department of Education		
	2021/2022	2022/2023
First Level	554,788	558,143
Primary Schools	546,106	549,198
<i>Of which Special Class Pupils in Mainstream Schools</i>	8,740	10,123
Special Schools	8,682 ¹	8,945 ¹
Second Level (excluding number of PLC students)	391,698	406,392
Secondary	210,185	215,955
Vocational	118,262	125,255
Community and Comprehensive	63,251	65,182

1. Special School enrolments include enrolments in Special Schools located in Hospitals and other settings.

More details, including a time series of the tables in this document, can be found at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/055810-education-statistics/>

For more information, please contact Statistics@education.gov.ie

Table 2. Number of Schools Aided by the Department of Education		
	2021/2022	2022/2023
<i>First Level</i>	3,240	3,231
Primary Schools (Mainstream)	3,104	3,095
Special Schools	136	136
<i>Second Level</i>	728	727
Secondary	385	384
Vocational	247	247
Community and Comprehensive	96	96
<i>Total</i>	3,968	3,958

Table 3. Number of Teaching Staff (Full-time Equivalent Posts Allocated)		
	2021/2022	2022/2023
First Level	40,351	41,623
All Second Level	32,145	32,450

Only teachers paid from funds provided by the Department of Education are included in the above table

Table 4. Overview of Pupil-Teacher Ratio at First and Second Level		
	2021/2022	2022/2023
First Level	13.7	13.4
Second Level	12.2	12.5

The pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) is calculated at each level by dividing the total number of pupils by the total number of allocated posts (classroom teachers and support teachers). This calculation differs from other such calculations (for example the staffing schedule at primary level which is the basis for allocating classroom teachers to each school based on their enrolments).

Table 5. Pupil-Teacher Ratio and Average Class Size in National Schools		
	2021/2022	2022/2023
Total enrolment in all national schools (at the start of the school year)	554,788	558,143
Total number of allocated posts (as at the 30 th June in the given school year)	40,351	41,623
Pupil-teacher ratio in all national schools	13.7	13.4
Total enrolment in mainstream classes	537,366	539,075
Teaching teachers of mainstream classes	23,572	23,596
Average class size in mainstream classes	22.8	22.8

Table 6. School Size at First and Second Level in 2022/2023		
Enrolment Size (Number of Pupils)	Number of Schools	
	First Level	Second Level
Fewer than 50 pupils	556	5
50 – 99	685	13
100 – 199	769	43
200 – 299	522	83
300 – 499	436	182
500+	127	401
Total	3,095	727

Table 7. State Examinations 2021 and 2022		
	2021	2022
Junior Certificate	-	67,135
Leaving Certificate Candidates	57,952	58,056
<i>of which</i>		
<i>External Candidates</i>	2,261	2,294
<i>Leaving Certificate Repeats</i>	744	487
Leaving Certificate Applied	3,173	3,063
Total Exam Candidates	61,125	128,254

Note: For exam candidates the year refers to the calendar and not the academic year

Table 8. Enrolments of Full-Time Students in First and Second Level Institutions Aided by the Department of Education

Level	1982/1983	1992/1993	2002/2003	2012/2013	2022/2023
<i>First Level</i>	560,723	521,531	443,720	526,422	558,143
Second Level (excluding PLC)	301,341	336,650	310,561	327,314	406,392
Total	862,064	858,181	754,281	853,736	964,535