

Number of Newcomer Pupils at schools in Northern Ireland 2001/02-2025/26

| | 2001/02 | 2002/03 | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Voluntary and Private Pre-school Education Centres | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 145 | 173 | 256 | 330 |
| <u>Nursery Schools</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | n.a. | n.a. | 31 | 26 | 44 | 63 | 79 | 114 | 127 | 118 | 144 | 183 |
| Part-time | n.a. | n.a. | 17 | 32 | 32 | 49 | 33 | 46 | 48 | 73 | 98 | 144 |
| TOTAL NURSERY SCHOOLS | 35 | 46 | 48 | 58 | 76 | 112 | 112 | 160 | 175 | 191 | 242 | 327 |
| <u>Primary Schools</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nursery class pupils | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | n.a. | n.a. | # | 48 | 64 | 129 | 152 | 217 | 229 | 248 | 338 | 351 |
| Part-time | n.a. | n.a. | # | 31 | 54 | 63 | 97 | 108 | 100 | 108 | 128 | 145 |
| TOTAL NURSERY CLASS PUPILS | 41 | # | # | 79 | 118 | 192 | 249 | 325 | 329 | 356 | 466 | 496 |
| Primary: reception | 8 | * | * | 14 | 13 | 13 | 18 | 24 | 13 | 17 | 17 | 16 |
| Grammar preparatory: reception | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL RECEPTION PUPILS | 8 | * | * | 14 | 13 | 13 | 18 | 24 | 13 | 17 | 17 | 16 |
| Primary schools (year 1 - 7) | 766 | 647 | 878 | 1,199 | 1,740 | 2,401 | 3,522 | 4,302 | 4,767 | 5,006 | # | 5,962 |
| Grammar school prep Depts.(year 1 - 7) | 53 | 43 | 39 | 41 | 31 | 24 | 20 | 9 | 21 | 13 | * | 7 |
| TOTAL YEAR 1 - 7 PUPILS | 819 | 690 | 917 | 1,240 | 1,771 | 2,425 | 3,542 | 4,311 | 4,788 | 5,019 | 5,149 | 5,969 |
| TOTAL PRIMARY PUPILS | 868 | 735 | 985 | 1,333 | 1,902 | 2,630 | 3,809 | 4,660 | 5,130 | 5,392 | 5,632 | 6,481 |
| <u>Post Primary Schools</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary (non grammar) schools | 195 | 242 | 249 | 390 | 435 | 909 | 1,365 | 1,807 | 2,001 | 2,114 | 2,218 | 2,244 |
| Grammar Schools | 268 | 267 | 232 | 275 | 268 | 239 | 349 | 335 | 401 | 336 | 264 | 274 |
| TOTAL POST PRIMARY PUPILS | 463 | 509 | 481 | 665 | 703 | 1,148 | 1,714 | 2,142 | 2,402 | 2,450 | 2,482 | 2,518 |
| Special Schools | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 21 | 30 | 33 | 47 | 60 | 62 | 91 |
| EOTAS Centres | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| ALL SCHOOLS, PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTRES AND EOTAS | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 7,899 | 8,266 | 8,674 | 9,747 |

1. A newcomer pupil is one who has enrolled in a school but who does not have the satisfactory language skills to participate fully in the school curriculum, and the wider environment, and does not have a language in common with the teacher, whether that is English or Irish. This has previously been referred to as English an Additional Language. It does not refer to indigenous pupils who choose to attend an Irish medium school.

2. Figures for primary and post primary schools include children in mainstream classes and in specialist provision in mainstream

n.a = data not available

*' means less than 5 cases.

#' means figure has been treated under rules of disclosure.

| 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 341 | 335 | 364 | 356 | 337 | 332 | 331 | 264 | 247 | 269 | 239 | 182 | 181 |
| 209 | 217 | 233 | 256 | 282 | 277 | 278 | 294 | 314 | 328 | 351 | 367 | 377 |
| 121 | 106 | 149 | 153 | 170 | 162 | 129 | 152 | 129 | 140 | 125 | 108 | 86 |
| 330 | 323 | 382 | 409 | 452 | 439 | 407 | 446 | 443 | 468 | 476 | 475 | 463 |
| 401 | 388 | 435 | 437 | # | 481 | 538 | 557 | 565 | 511 | # | 583 | 614 |
| 159 | 199 | 210 | 246 | # | 254 | 252 | 244 | 218 | 280 | # | 267 | 197 |
| 560 | 587 | 645 | 683 | # | 735 | 790 | 801 | 783 | 791 | # | 850 | 811 |
| 10 | 11 | 9 | 8 | * | * | 6 | 7 | 6 | 10 | * | 8 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | 11 | 9 | 8 | * | * | 6 | 7 | 6 | 10 | * | 8 | 0 |
| 6,849 | 8,072 | 8,848 | 9,598 | 10,716 | # | # | # | 12,501 | 13,282 | 14,223 | 14,604 | 14,136 |
| 5 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 8 | * | * | * | 6 | 9 | 13 | 9 | 5 |
| 6,854 | 8,080 | 8,853 | 9,703 | 10,724 | 11,435 | 11,964 | 12,080 | 12,507 | 13,291 | 14,236 | 14,613 | 14,141 |
| 7,424 | 8,678 | 9,507 | 10,394 | 11,423 | 12,171 | 12,760 | 12,888 | 13,296 | 14,092 | 15,107 | 15,471 | 14,952 |
| 2,288 | 2,219 | 2,279 | 2,381 | 2,562 | 2,751 | 3,242 | 3,395 | 3,765 | 3,916 | 4,331 | 4,353 | 4,510 |
| 213 | 232 | 271 | 262 | 277 | 368 | 453 | 478 | 408 | 520 | 634 | 662 | 649 |
| 2,501 | 2,451 | 2,550 | 2,643 | 2,839 | 3,119 | 3,695 | 3,873 | 4,173 | 4,436 | 4,965 | 5,015 | 5,159 |
| 101 | 113 | 129 | 141 | 169 | 177 | # | 193 | 197 | # | 200 | 209 | # |
| n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 0 | 0 | * | 0 | 0 | * | 0 | 0 | * |
| 10,697 | 11,900 | 12,932 | 13,943 | 15,220 | 16,238 | 17,391 | 17,664 | 18,356 | 19,471 | 20,987 | 21,352 | 20,971 |