

## Notes

The information in tables in this file is collated from suspensions data supplied to Pupil Support Unit in the Department of Education, by Education and Library Boards in Northern Ireland.

Data in the tables relates to pupils at Key Stages 1 - 4, ie, in yr 1 to yr 12.

In Table 2 and Table 4 percentage comparators have been given in relation to the whole school population, the figures for which have been drawn from the NI school census.

In Table 1 percentage comparators are provided for the whole school population by Key stage.

In Table 5 percentage comparators have been given to total numbers of pupils in each Education and Library Board

In Table 3, School management types have been amalgamated into three groups.

The 'other' classification includes grant maintained and controlled integrated schools, voluntary grammar schools and other maintained schools.

Data for independent schools are not available.

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**Table 1: Number of pupils suspended by Key Stage, 2002/03**

	Number of pupils suspended	% of pupils by Key Stage
Key Stage1	49	0.1%
Key Stage2	229	0.3%
Key Stage3	2,368	3.0%
Key Stage4	2,636	4.8%
<b>NI Total</b>	<b>5,282</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

**Table 2: Number of pupils suspended by Gender, 2002/03**

	Gender		NI total
	Male	Female	
Number of pupils suspended	4,245	1,037	<b>5,282</b>
% of total school population	2.7%	0.7%	<b>1.7%</b>

**Table 3: Number of pupils suspended by School and Management Type, 2002/03**

		School management type			
		Controlled	RC Maintained	Other	NI total
Number of Pupils suspended in:	Primary Schools	155	#	#	264
	Secondary Schools	1,845	2,031	454	4,330
	Grammar Schools	138	-	433	571
	Special Schools	112	*	*	117
<b>All Schools</b>		<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,132</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>5,282</b>

**Notes:**

\* denotes fewer than 5 pupils

# denotes figure >=5 suppressed due to potential identification of individual pupils

Suppression applied as of 29.04.14

**Table 4: Number of pupils suspended by Ethnicity in Northern Ireland, 2002/03**

		Ethnicity			
		White (excluding Irish travellers)	Other ethnic groups	NI Total	% of total school population
Number of Pupils Suspended:	Once	3,534	26	3,560	1.2%
	Twice	905	9	914	0.3%
	Three or more times	801	7	808	0.3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,240</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>5,282</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

**Table 5: Number of pupils suspended by Education and Library Board in Northern Ireland, 2002/03**

Education & Library Board	Number of pupils suspended	% of total pupils in ELB
Belfast	1,014	1.88%
Western	906	1.63%
North Eastern	1,201	1.79%
South Eastern	992	1.66%
Southern	1,169	1.75%
<b>NI Total</b>	<b>5,282</b>	<b>1.74%</b>

**Table 6: Reasons for pupil suspensions from Schools in Northern Ireland, 2002/03, broken down by gender**

	Male	Female	NI total	% of suspensions
Verbal abuse of staff	1683	343	2026	22.5%
Persistent infringement of school rules	1555	414	1969	21.9%
Physical attack on pupil	1540	304	1844	20.5%
Disruptive behaviour in class	972	171	1143	12.7%
Significant damage to, or misuse of, property	473	43	516	5.7%
Substance or alcohol abuse	325	101	426	4.7%
Verbal abuse of pupil	130	21	151	1.7%
Physical attack on staff	320	45	365	4.1%
Bullying of a pupil	242	47	289	3.2%
Stealing	196	60	256	2.8%
<b>NI Total</b>	<b>7436</b>	<b>1549</b>	<b>8985</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note:

1. Data relates to key stage 1 to key stage 4 only.
2. Tables are based on data supplied by Education and Library Boards.
3. In table 3 'Other schools' includes integrated schools, other maintained schools and the voluntary sector.

\* means less than five cases.

# means figure has been treated under rules of disclosure.