

Key Statistics 2012/2013

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Table 1 Number of Full-time Students in Institutions Aided by the Department of Education and Skills - 2011/2012 and 2012/2013

Level	2011/2012	2012/2013
First Level	516,458	526,422
Primary Schools	509,038	518,757
Special Schools	7,420	7,665
Second Level (including number of PLC students)	359,047	362,847
Secondary	186,409	187,709
Vocational	116,839	118,860
Community and Comprehensive	55,799	56,278
Second-level Students in PLC Courses	36,528	35,524
Secondary	858	697
Vocational	34,495	33,664
Community and Comprehensive	1,175	1,163
Third Level	163,068	164,863
Universities	89,928	90,341
Institutes of Technology	63,874	65,039
Teacher Training Institutions	6,428	6,454
Other Aided Institutions	2,838	3,029

Table 2 Number of Schools Aided by the Department of Education and Skills - 2011/2012 and 2012/2013

Level	2011/2012	2012/2013
First Level	3,300	3,293
Primary Schools – Mainstream	3,159	3,152
Special Schools	141	141
Second Level	723	721
Secondary	376	375
Vocational	254	253
Community and Comprehensive	93	93
Total	4,023	4,014
Second-Level Schools Offering PLC Courses	180	172
Secondary	18	13
Vocational	141	139
Community and Comprehensive	21	20

Table 3 Number of Teaching Staff (Full-time Equivalent Posts Allocated)

Level	2011/2012	2012/2013
First Level	31,928	32,175
All Second Level	25,808	25,374
Second Level excluding PLC	23,897	23,470
PLC	1,911	1,904

Only teachers paid from funds provided by the Department of Education and Skills are included in the above table. Second-level teacher figures exclude all Further Education except for PLC.

Table 4 Overview of Pupil-Teacher Ratio at First and Second Level

Level	2011/2012	2012/2013
First Level	16.2	16.4
All Second Level	13.9	14.3
Second Level excluding PLC	13.5	13.9
PLC	19.1	18.7

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

Table 5 The Pupil-Teacher Ratio and Average Class size in National Schools

	2011/2012	2012/2013
Total enrolment in all National Schools (at the start of the school year)	516,458	526,422
Total number of teaching posts (at the end of the school year)	31,928	32,175
Pupil-Teacher Ratio in all National Schools	16.2	16.4
Total enrolment in Mainstream Classes	506,216	515,676
Teaching Teachers of Mainstream Classes	20,716	20,877
Average class size in Mainstream Classes	24.4	24.7

Table 6 Number of National School Pupils and Classes Classified by Local Authority Area in 2012/2013

County	Pupils in Mainstream Schools		Pupils in Special Schools		Total	
	Pupils	Classes	Pupils	Classes	Pupils	Classes
Carlow	7,078	279	171	20	7249	299
Cavan	9,197	389	135	21	9,332	410
Clare	13,555	580	150	23	13,705	603
Cork City	13,398	581	483	63	13,881	644
Cork County	44,796	1,823	305	36	45,101	1,859
Donegal	18,839	818	146	21	18,985	839
Dublin City	42,237	1,839	1,692	227	43,929	2,066
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	17,255	667	559	78	17,814	745
Fingal	34,269	1,309	124	25	34,393	1,334
Galway City	7,178	316	208	35	7,386	351
Galway County	21,215	914	53	12	21,268	926
Kerry	15,553	670	195	32	15,748	702
Kildare	28,217	1,090	217	37	28,434	1,127
Kilkenny	10,482	425	245	40	10,727	465

Laois	10,360	413	129	16	10,489	429
Leitrim	3,560	155	0	0	3,560	155
Limerick City	6,706	291	391	53	7,097	344
Limerick County	14,501	582	79	13	14,580	595
Longford	5,137	215	26	5	5,163	220
Louth	16,086	647	287	34	16,373	681
Mayo	14,405	662	123	16	14,528	678
Meath	24,536	943	219	28	24,755	971
Monaghan	7,210	299	4	2	7,214	301
Offaly	9,637	403	11	3	9,648	406
Roscommon	7,082	327	36	6	7,118	333
Sligo	7,037	305	82	13	7,119	318
South Dublin	32,515	1,314	438	61	32,953	1,375
Tipperary	18,182	786	313	46	18,495	832
Waterford City	6,083	241	169	23	6,252	264
Waterford County	7,688	307	49	6	7,737	313
Westmeath	10,699	439	139	21	10,838	460
Wexford	17,798	717	233	30	18,031	747
Wicklow	16,266	641	254	37	16,520	678
TOTAL	518,757	21,387	7,665	1,083	526,422	22,470

Table 7 Number of Second-Level Pupils* Classified by Local Authority Area in 2012/2013

Local Authority	Secondary	Vocational	Community	Comprehensive	Total
Carlow County Council	2,847	2,386	623		5,856
Cavan County Council	2,032	3,075	555	477	6,139
Clare County Council	4,007	2,167	1,142	634	7,950
Cork City Council	8,619	4,837	1,054	499	15,009
Cork County Council	13,058	10,911	4,256	360	28,585
Donegal County Council	3,239	4,787	3,625	902	12,553
Dublin City Council	25,613	10,995	805	1,287	38,700
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	12,109	3,043	1,520	837	17,509
Fingal County Council	6,326	6,333	5,320		17,979
Galway City Council	4,283	2,257			6,540
Galway County Council	7,443	2,347	2,448	313	12,551
Kerry County Council	6,044	3,142	1,353	628	11,167
Kildare County Council	8,136	5,118	2,977		16,231
Kilkenny County Council	4,136	2,601	608		7,345
Laois County Council	2,057	1,182	1,875		5,114
Leitrim County Council	285	1,154	577	503	2,519
Limerick City Council	5,185	1,939	137	879	8,140

Limerick County Council	1,921	5,305	900		8,126
Longford County Council	2,007	1,050	593		3,650
Louth County Council	7,080	4,036	685		11,801
Mayo County Council	6,320	2,492	1,764		10,576
Meath County Council	3,889	5,947	2,922		12,758
Monaghan County Council	3,050	2,745			5,795
Offaly County Council	2,554	1,933	1,271		5,758
Roscommon County Council	1,984	761	461		3,206
Sligo County Council	3,204	1,796	601		5,601
South Dublin County Council	8,640	6,787	5,373		20,800
Tipperary (NR) County Council	4,848	2,484			7,332
Tipperary (SR) County Council	3,777	2,049	779		6,605
Waterford City Council	3,942	1,243			5,185
Waterford County Council	2,295	1,185	763		4,243
Westmeath County Council	5,555	1,716	1,236		8,507
Wexford County Council	7,099	3,048	1,861		12,008
Wicklow County Council	4,125	6,009	471	404	11,009
Grand Total	187,709	118,860	48,555	7,723	362,847

**Including Post-Leaving Certificate courses.*

Table 8 School Size at First and Second Level in 2012/2013

Enrolment Size (Number of Pupils)	Number of Schools	
	First Level	Second Level
Fewer than 50 Pupils	598	
50 – 99	783	13
100 – 199	805	60
200 - 299	513	103
300 - 499	351	207
500+	102	338
Total	3,152	721

Table 9 Number of Third-Level Colleges Aided by the Department of Education and Skills - 2012/2013

Type	Number
Universities	7
Institutes of Technology Sector	15
Teacher Training	7
Other	4
Total	33

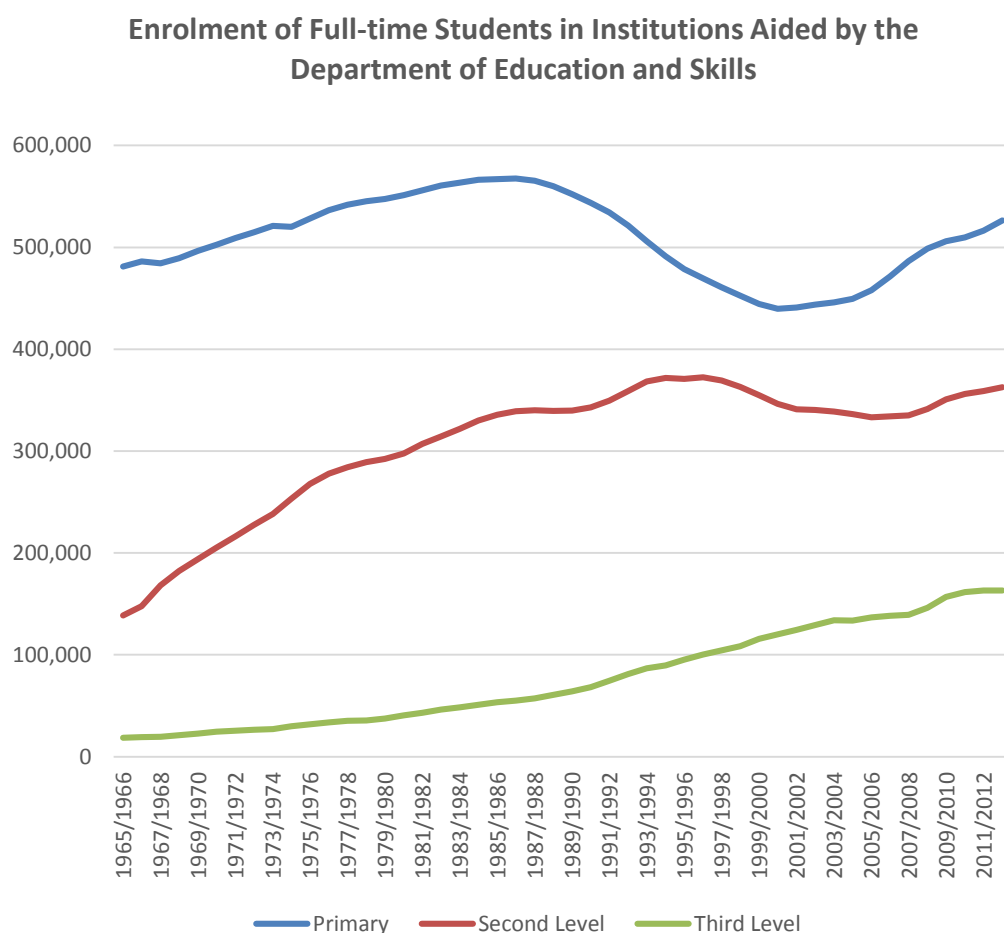
Table 10 Public Examination Candidates - 2011 and 2012

	2011	2012
Junior Certificate Candidates	56,841	58,798
Leaving Certificate Candidates	57,539	55,816
Of which Leaving Certificate School Candidates	49,645	48,720
<i>External Candidates</i>	3,618	2,852
<i>VTOS/PLC Candidates</i>	1,081	1,016
Leaving Certificate Applied	3,195	3,228
Total Exam Candidates	114,380	114,614

Table 11 and Graph below Enrolments of Full-time Students in Institutions Aided by the Department of Education and Skills

Level	1972/1973	1982/1983	1992/1993	2002/2003	2012/2013
First Level	514,712	560,723	521,531	443,720	526,422
Second Level (includes PLC)	227,587	314,393	358,986	340,365	362,847
PLC	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	16,514	28,649	35,524
Third Level	26,490	46,335	81,050	129,283	164,863
Total (includes PLC figure)	768,789	921,451	961,567	913,368	1,054,132

The PLC Programme (also known as the VPT2) was introduced in 1985.



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<http://www.cso.ie/px/des/database/des/des.asp>