

## Key Statistics 2011/2012

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

<b>Level</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>
<b>First Level</b>	<b>516, 458</b>
Primary Schools	509,038
Special Schools	7,420
<b>Second Level~</b>	<b>359,047</b>
Secondary	186,409
Vocational	116,839
Community and Comprehensive	55,799
<b>Third Level</b>	<b>163,068</b>
University Sector	89,928
Institutes of Technology Sector	63,874
Teacher Training Institutions	6,428
Other Aided Institutions	2,838

~ Includes Pupils Enrolled in Post Leaving Certificate Courses in Second Level Schools

**Table 2** Number of Schools Aided by the Department of Education and Skills as of the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011

<b>Level</b>	<b>No. of Schools</b>
<b>First Level</b>	<b>3,300</b>
Primary Schools	3,159
Special Schools	141
<b>Second Level</b>	<b>723</b>
Secondary	376
Vocational	254
Community and Comprehensive	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,023</b>

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

Level	2010/2011	2011/2012
First Level	32,489	31,928
Second Level	26,185	25,808

Only teachers paid from funds provided by the Department of Education and Skills are included in the above table. Second level teacher numbers exclude all Further Education other than PLC.

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

Level	2010/2011	2011/2012
First Level	15.7	16.2
Second Level	13.6	13.9

The PTR (pupil-teacher ratio) 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 in National Schools**

	2010/2011	2011/2012
Total enrolment in all National Schools (September at the start of each school-year)	509,652	516,458
Total number of teaching posts (June at the end of each school-year)	32,489	31,928
Pupil-Teacher Ratio in all National Schools	15.7	16.2
Total enrolment in Mainstream Classes excluding integrated classes	492,742	506,216
Total enrolment in Mainstream Classes including integrated classes	501,206	507,593
Teaching Teachers of Mainstream Classes	20,604	20,716
Average class size (Mainstream Classes) excluding integrated pupils	23.9	24.4
Average class size (Mainstream Classes) including integrated pupils	24.3	24.5

**NOTE ON TABLE 5 AND TABLE 6.** The withdrawal of Resource Teachers for Travellers (Circular 0017/2011) has resulted in a change in the way pupils from the Travelling Community are counted. This has led to a once-off discontinuity in the count of both Pupils in Mainstream Classes in Mainstream Schools and Pupils with Special Needs in Mainstream Schools.

**Table 6 Number of National School Pupils and Classes Classified by Local Authority Area in 2011/2012**

<i>Local Authority Area</i>	<b>Pupils in Mainstream Classes in Mainstream Schools</b>		<b>Pupils with Special Needs in Mainstream Schools</b>		<b>Pupils in Special Schools</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<i>Pupils</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Pupils</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Pupils</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Pupils</i>	<i>Classes</i>
Carlow	6,948	274	17	3	161	20	7,126	297
Cavan	9,004	378	51	8	125	21	9,180	407
Clare	13,512	570	53	10	130	23	13,695	603
Cork City	13,331	575	46	8	475	66	13,852	649
Cork County	43,309	1,730	296	52	290	45	43,895	1,827
Donegal	18,544	805	125	26	127	17	18,796	848
Dublin City	41,398	1,800	306	47	1,663	224	43,367	2,071
Dublin South	31,237	1,256	303	38	423	61	31,963	1,355
Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown	16,708	643	68	12	554	77	17,330	732
Fingal	32,506	1,227	163	25	145	27	32,814	1,279
Galway City	6,913	287	102	19	186	34	7,201	340
Galway County	20,733	902	56	11	51	12	20,840	925
Kerry	15,298	648	91	17	190	30	15,579	695
Kildare	27,296	1,039	181	30	212	36	27,689	1,105
Kilkenny	10,348	413	34	6	240	39	10,622	458
Laois	9,977	401	31	5	110	14	10,118	420
Leitrim	3,616	159	4	1	0	0	3,620	160
Limerick City	6,617	288	43	6	359	51	7,019	345
Limerick County	14,226	571	13	2	79	13	14,318	586
Longford	5,003	210	22	4	27	5	5,052	219
Louth	15,753	633	65	11	280	33	16,098	677
Mayo	14,347	655	54	10	118	15	14,519	680
Meath	23,757	907	99	18	210	26	24,066	951
Monaghan	6,935	284	53	9	8	2	6,996	295
Offaly	9,432	386	106	16	14	3	9,552	405
Roscommon	7,042	328	23	4	35	7	7,100	339
Sligo	6,925	300	35	5	87	13	7,047	318
Tipperary	18,076	764	62	11	314	40	18,452	815
Waterford City	5,997	236	24	4	165	25	6,186	265
Waterford County	7,598	308	18	3	50	6	7,666	317
Westmeath	10,581	431	47	7	139	21	10,767	459
Wexford	17,453	696	124	20	226	30	17,803	746
Wicklow	15,796	612	107	16	227	33	16,130	661
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>506,216</b>	<b>20,716</b>	<b>2,822</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>7,420</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>516,458</b>	<b>22,249</b>

**Table 7 Number of Second Level Pupils\* Classified By Local Authority Area in 2011/2012 including Post-Leaving Certificate courses**

Local Authority Area	Secondary	Vocational	Community	Comprehensive	Total
Carlow	2,770	2,388	599	0	5,757
Cavan	1,991	3,008	553	477	6,029
Clare	3,964	2,169	1,106	594	7,833
Cork City	8,643	4,866	1,033	503	15,045
Cork County	12,988	10,579	4,192	348	28,107
Donegal	3,234	4,739	3,674	895	12,542
Dublin South	8,682	6,615	5,258	0	20,555
Dublin City	25,497	11,423	786	1,329	39,035
Dublin Fingal	6,232	5,868	5,290	0	17,390
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	12,203	3,111	1,501	826	17,641
Galway City	4,334	2,380	0	0	6,714
Galway County	7,209	2,246	2,446	324	12,225
Kerry	6,042	3,130	1,390	633	11,195
Kildare	8,071	4,760	2,875	0	15,706
Kilkenny	4,093	2,590	603	0	7,286
Laois	1,887	1,161	1,904	0	4,952
Leitrim	289	1,082	572	476	2,419
Limerick City	5,158	1,903	127	879	8,067
Limerick County	1,913	5,341	857	0	8,111
Longford	2,046	999	601	0	3,646
Louth	6,965	4,043	668	0	11,676
Mayo	6,289	2,402	1,736	0	10,427
Meath	3,890	5,522	2,889	0	12,301
Monaghan	3,114	2,750	0	0	5,864
Offaly	2,542	1,881	1,267	0	5,690
Roscommon	1,973	713	481	0	3,167
Sligo	3,247	1,800	580	0	5,627
Tipperary	8,542	4,462	758	0	13,762
Waterford City	3,909	1,317	0	0	5,226
Waterford County	2,267	1,205	736	0	4,208
Westmeath	5,447	1,668	1,226	0	8,341
Wexford	6,996	2,835	1,915	0	11,746
Wicklow	3,982	5,883	490	402	10,757
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186,409</b>	<b>116,839</b>	<b>48,113</b>	<b>7,686</b>	<b>359,047</b>

\*Due to continued improvements in data quality, figures may be subject to small revisions in the future.

**Table 8 School Size at First and Second Level in 2011/2012**

<b>Enrolment Size (Number of Pupils)</b>	<b>Number of Schools (First Level )</b>	<b>Number of Schools (Second Level)</b>
fewer than 50 Pupils	599	4
50 - 99	824	11
100 - 199	795	66
200 - 299	506	97
300 - 499	338	212
500+	97	332
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,159</b>	<b>722</b>

Note. The number of Second-level schools in Table 8 does not match the total in Table 2. This is because 2 schools make a joint return and it is not possible to separate the returns by enrolment size.

**Table 9 Number of Third-Level Colleges Aided by the Department of Education and Skills, 2011/2012**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Number</b>
Universities	7
Institutes of Technology Sector	15
Teacher Training	7
Other	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>

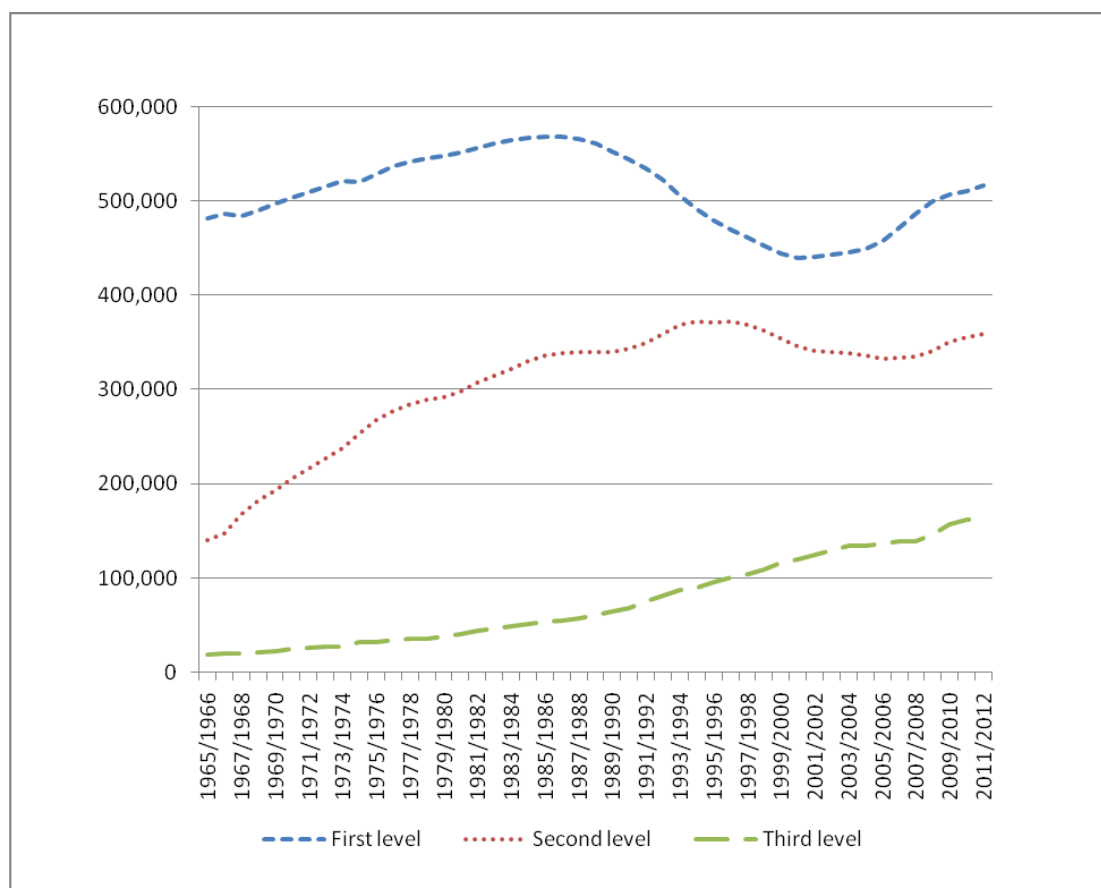
**Table 10 Public Examination Candidates 2011**

<b>Examination</b>	<b>Pupils</b>
Junior Certificate Candidates	56,841
Leaving Certificate Candidates	57,539
Of which Leaving Cert School candidates	49,645
Non-school candidates	4,699
Leaving Certificate Applied	3,195
<b>Total Exam Candidates</b>	<b>114,380</b>

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

Level	1971/1972	1981/1982	1991/1992	2001/2002	2011/2012
First Level	509,096	556,034	534,269	441,065	516,460
Second Level~	217,684	307,039	349,546	341,099	359,047
Third Level	25,776	34,231	74,449	124,589	163,068
<b>Total</b>	<b>752,556</b>	<b>897,304</b>	<b>958,264</b>	<b>906,753</b>	<b>1,038,575</b>

~ Includes Pupils Enrolled in Post Leaving Certificate Courses in Second Level Schools



Time series of the tables in this document and more detailed tables can be found in the Department's Educational Statistical Database at

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