

Key Statistics 2013/2014

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Table 1 Number of Full-time Students in Institutions Aided by the Department of Education and Skills – 2012/2013 and 2013/2014

Level	2012/2013	2013/2014
First Level	526,422	536,317
Primary Schools	518,757	528,562
Special Schools	7,665	7,755
Second Level (excluding number of PLC students)	327,323	333,175
Secondary	187,012	188,791
Vocational	85,196	88,247
Community and Comprehensive	55,115	56,137
Second-level Students in PLC Courses	35,524	34,003
Secondary	697	655
Vocational	33,664	32,226
Community and Comprehensive	1,163	1,122
Third Level	164,863	169,254
Universities	90,341	93,023
Institutes of Technology	65,039	66,490
Teacher Training Institutions	6,454	6,703
Other Aided Institutions	3,029	3,038

Table 2 Number of Schools Aided by the Department of Education and Skills - 2012/2013 and 2013/2014

Level	2012/2013	2013/2014
First Level	3,293	3,286
Primary Schools – Mainstream	3,152	3,145
Special Schools	141	141
Second Level	721	723
Secondary	375	373
Vocational	253	256
Community and Comprehensive	93	94
Total	4,014	4,009
Second-Level Schools Offering PLC Courses	172	164
Secondary	13	13
Vocational	139	131
Community and Comprehensive	20	20

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

Level	2012/2013	2013/2014
First Level	32,175	32,828
All Second Level	25,374	25,626
Second Level excluding PLC	23,470	23,907
PLC	1,904	1,719

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	2012/2013	2013/2014
First Level	16.4	16.3
All Second Level	14.3	14.3
Second Level excluding PLC	13.9	13.9
PLC	18.7	19.8

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

	2012/2013	2013/2014
Total enrolment in all National Schools (at the start of the school year)	526,422	536,317
Total number of teaching posts (at the end of the school year)	32,175	32,828
Pupil-Teacher Ratio in all National Schools	16.4	16.3
Total enrolment in Mainstream Classes	515,676	525,141
Teaching Teachers of Mainstream Classes	20,877	21,147
Average class size in Mainstream Classes	24.7	24.8

Table 6 Number of National School Pupils and Classes Classified by Local Authority Area in 2013/2014

County	Pupils in Mainstream Classes in Mainstream Schools		Pupils with Special Needs in Mainstream Schools		Pupils in Special Schools		Total	
	Pupils	Classes	Pupils	Classes	Pupils	Classes	Pupils	Classes
Carlow	7,162	277	50	9	159	20	7,371	306
Cavan	9,259	385	66	11	129	21	9,454	417
Clare	13,613	564	65	11	152	25	13,830	600
Cork City	13,406	569	91	16	495	67	13,992	652
Cork County	45,593	1,789	403	69	307	46	46,303	1,904
Donegal	18,785	789	134	28	154	23	19,073	840
Dublin City	43,230	1,827	310	50	1,707	230	45,247	2,107
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	17,858	671	69	11	563	79	18,490	761
Fingal	34,719	1,306	224	34	129	24	35,072	1,364
Galway City	7,197	303	109	21	210	37	7,516	361
Galway County	21,595	917	65	13	48	10	21,708	940
Kerry	15,616	654	107	19	199	33	15,922	706
Kildare	28,409	1,076	237	40	223	35	28,869	1,151
Kilkenny	10,607	420	46	8	243	39	10,896	467

Laois	10,610	421	52	9	120	17	10,782	447
Leitrim	3,625	154	3	1	0	0	3,628	155
Limerick City	6,701	284	40	6	418	56	7,159	346
Limerick County	14,793	588	20	3	85	13	14,898	604
Longford	5,166	213	39	8	28	5	5,233	226
Louth	16,286	639	80	14	305	35	16,671	688
Mayo	14,286	642	63	13	130	16	14,479	671
Meath	25,116	947	128	21	230	29	25,474	997
Monaghan	7,249	297	61	9	2	1	7,312	307
Offaly	9,590	387	147	23	21	4	9,758	414
Roscommon	7,055	319	28	5	38	7	7,121	331
Sligo	7,069	300	43	7	76	12	7,188	319
South Dublin	33,066	1,311	262	44	405	62	33,733	1,417
Tipperary	18,143	767	102	18	328	47	18,573	832
Waterford City	6,102	237	27	5	164	23	6,293	265
Waterford County	7,837	307	24	5	50	6	7,911	318
Westmeath	10,725	439	66	12	144	21	10,935	472
Wexford	18,048	708	138	22	233	30	18,419	760
Wicklow	16,625	640	122	20	260	40	17,007	700
TOTAL	525,141	21,147	3,421	585	7,755	1,113	536,317	22,845

Table 7 Number of Second-Level Pupils* Classified by Local Authority Area in 2013/2014

Local Authority	Secondary	Vocational	Community	Comprehensive	Total
Carlow County Council	2,936	2,302	617		5,855
Cavan County Council	2,082	3,091	585	493	6,251
Clare County Council	4,042	2,154	1,132	688	8,016
Cork City Council	8,676	4,661	1,109	512	14,958
Cork County Council	13,303	10,969	4,259	364	28,895
Donegal County Council	3,297	4,797	3,703	934	12,731
Dublin City Council	25,427	10,763	770	1,275	38,235
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	12,269	2,751	1,526	842	17,388
Fingal County Council	6,375	7,040	5,421		18,836
Galway City Council	4,294	2,286			6,580
Galway County Council	7,587	2,456	2,393	302	12,738
Kerry County Council	6,022	3,114	1,366	628	11,130
Kildare County Council	8,274	5,436	3,130		16,840
Kilkenny County Council	4,186	2,678	596		7,460
Laois County Council	2,251	1,221	1,847		5,319
Leitrim County Council		1,169	863	481	2,513
Limerick City Council	5,252	2,063	81	891	8,287

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Longford County Council	1,962	1,156	605		3,723
Louth County Council	7,332	4,109	721		12,162
Mayo County Council	6,380	2,501	1,776		10,657
Meath County Council	3,897	6,352	3,009		13,258
Monaghan County Council	3,142	2,675			5,817
Offaly County Council	2,521	2,066	1,282		5,869
Roscommon County Council	2,030	749	432		3,211
Sligo County Council	3,168	1,718	601		5,487
South Dublin County Council	8,721	7,163	5,532		21,416
Tipperary (NR) County Council	4,894	2,422			7,316
Tipperary (SR) County Council	3,789	2,065	803		6,657
Waterford City Council	4,036	1,198			5,234
Waterford County Council	2,294	1,161	760		4,215
Westmeath County Council	5,618	1,765	1,246		8,629
Wexford County Council	7,135	3,043	1,873		12,051
Wicklow County Council	4,190	6,083	488	400	11,161
Grand Total	189,446	120,473	49,449	7,810	367,178

**Including Post-Leaving Certificate courses.*

Table 8 School Size at First and Second Level in 2013/2014

Enrolment Size (Number of Pupils)	Number of Schools	
	First Level	Second Level
Fewer than 50 Pupils	600	
50 – 99	751	15
100 – 199	805	62
200 - 299	513	107
300 - 499	367	184
500+	109	355
Total	3,145	723

Table 9 Number of Third-Level Colleges Aided by the Department of Education and Skills - 2013/2014

Type	Number
Universities	7
Institutes of Technology Sector	14
Teacher Training	5
Other	4
Total	30

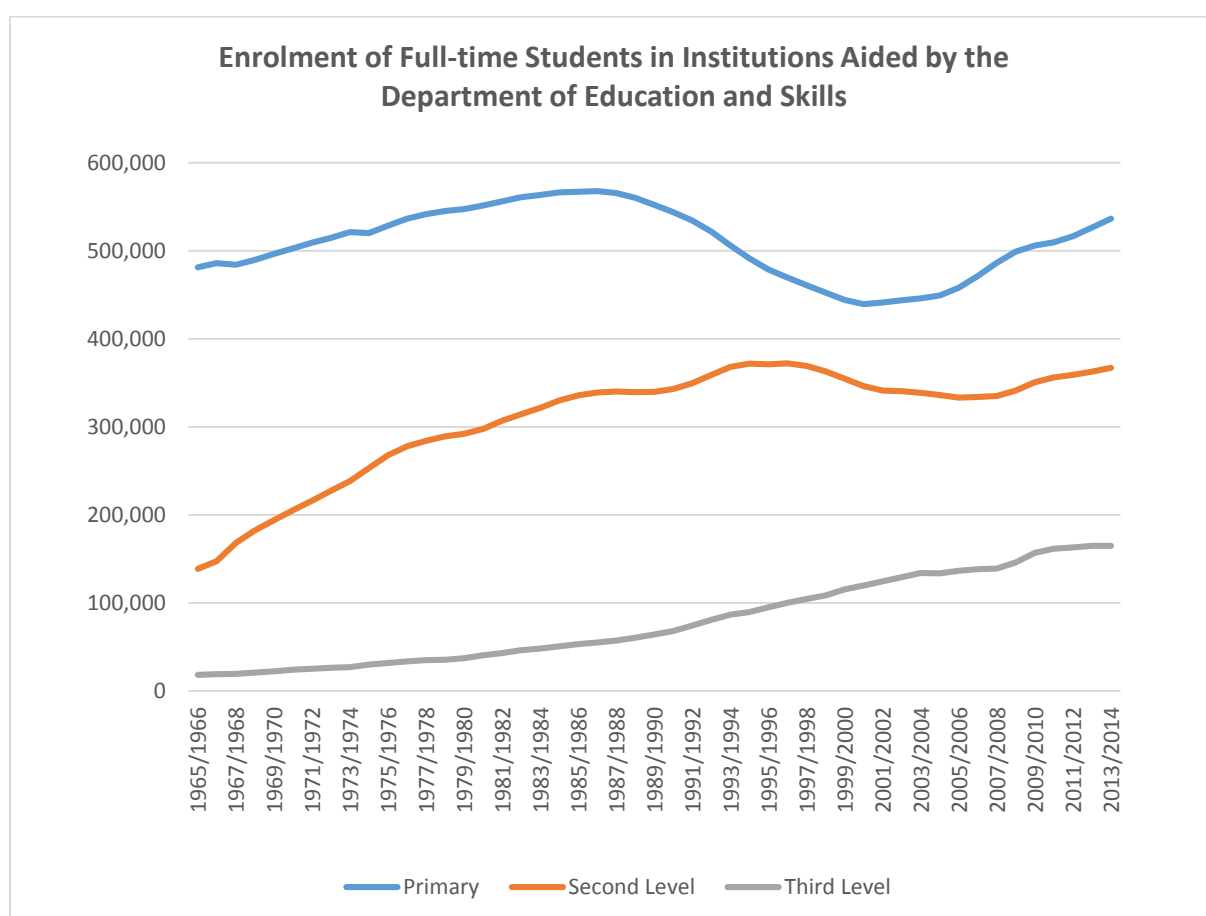
Table 10 Public Examination Candidates - 2012 and 2013

	2012	2013
Junior Certificate Candidates	58,798	59,822
Leaving Certificate Candidates	55,816	55,577
OF WHICH <i>Leaving Certificate School Candidates</i>	48,720	49,135
<i>External Candidates</i>	2,852	2,743
<i>VTOS/PLC Candidates</i>	1,016	889
Leaving Certificate Applied	3,228	2,810
Total Exam Candidates	114,614	115,399

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

Level	1973/1974	1983/1984	1993/1994	2003/2004	2013/2014
First Level	521,179	563,509	505,883	446,029	536,317
Second Level (includes PLC)	238,227	321,812	368,198	338,765	367,178
PLC	n/a	n/a	17,678	29,533	34,003
Third Level	27,135	48,411	86,624	133,887	169,254
Total (includes PLC figure)	786,541	933,732	960,705	918,681	1,072,749

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



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

<http://w-ww.education.ie/en/Publications/Statistics/>