

Key Statistics 2014/2015
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**Table 1 Number of Full-time Students in Institutions Aided by the
Department of Education and Skills – 2013/2014 and 2014/2015**

Level	2013/2014	2014/2015
<i>First Level</i>	536,317	544,696
Primary Schools	528,562	536,747
Special Schools	7,755	7,949
<i>Second Level (excluding number of PLC students)</i>	333,175	339,207
Secondary	188,791	190,587
Vocational	88,247	91,612
Community and Comprehensive	56,137	57,008
<i>Second-level Students in PLC Courses</i>	34,003	33,089
<i>Secondary</i>	655	557
<i>Vocational</i>	32,226	31,466
<i>Community and Comprehensive</i>	1,122	1,066
<i>Third Level</i>	169,254	173,649
Universities	93,023	95,120
Institutes of Technology	66,490	68,324
Teacher Training Institutions	6,703	6,953
<i>Other Aided Institutions</i>	3,038	3,252

**Table 2 Number of Schools Aided by the Department of Education and Skills
- 2013/2014 and 2014/2015**

Level	2013/2014	2014/2015
<i>First Level</i>	3,286	3,277
Primary Schools – Mainstream	3,145	3,137
Special Schools	141	140
<i>Second Level</i>	723	732
Secondary	373	375
Vocational	256	262
Community and Comprehensive	94	95
<i>Total</i>	4,009	4,009
<i>Second-Level Schools Offering PLC Courses</i>	164	159
<i>Secondary</i>	13	11
<i>Vocational</i>	131	129
<i>Community and Comprehensive</i>	20	19

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

Level	2013/2014	2014/2015
First Level	32,828	33,613
All Second Level	25,626	26,174
Second Level excluding PLC	23,907	24,455
PLC	1,719	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	2013/2014	2014/2015
First Level	16.3	16.2
All Second Level	14.3	14.2
Second Level excluding PLC	13.9	13.9
PLC	19.8	19.2

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

	2013/2014	2014/2015
Total enrolment in all National Schools (at the start of the school year)	536,317	544,696
Total number of teaching posts (at the end of the school year)	32,828	33,613
Pupil-Teacher Ratio in all National Schools	16.3	16.2
Total enrolment in Mainstream Classes	525,141	532,931
Teaching Teachers of Mainstream Classes	21,147	21,419
Average class size in Mainstream Classes	24.8	24.9

Table 6 Number of National School Pupils and Classes Classified by Local Authority Area in 2014/2015

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	7,438	283	69	13	160	20	7667	316
Cavan	9,442	390	79	14	136	21	9,657	425
Clare	13,697	573	75	12	160	26	13,932	611
Cork City	13,467	573	113	19	516	70	14,096	662
Cork County	46,618	1,831	447	76	336	51	47,401	1,958
Donegal	18,730	794	161	32	157	24	19,048	850
Dublin City	43,897	1,851	336	57	1,717	235	45,950	2,143
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	18,284	691	77	13	568	80	18,929	784
Fingal	35,514	1,347	241	37	136	24	35,891	1,408
Galway City	7,192	307	115	21	221	36	7,528	364
Galway County	21,891	920	83	15	44	10	22,018	945
Kerry	15,787	656	128	23	206	34	16,121	713
Kildare	28,721	1,089	257	45	228	37	29,206	1,171
Kilkenny	10,729	423	59	10	250	40	11,038	473

Laois	10,676	422	62	11	131	17	10,869	450
Leitrim	3,624	156	6	2	0	0	3,630	158
Limerick City	6,765	286	40	6	442	58	7,247	350
Limerick County	15,009	597	25	5	92	15	15,126	617
Longford	5,231	217	41	7	27	5	5,299	229
Louth	16,510	648	87	15	314	37	16,911	700
Mayo	14,328	632	66	13	127	16	14,521	661
Meath	25,769	965	140	24	228	29	26,137	1,018
Monaghan	7,401	299	65	12	0	0	7,466	311
Offaly	9,627	392	174	26	19	4	9820	422
Roscommon	7,132	320	35	6	37	7	7,204	333
Sligo	7,203	302	46	7	79	12	7,328	321
South Dublin	33,889	1,342	249	34	408	65	34,546	1,441
Tipperary	18,270	761	136	24	343	50	18,749	835
Waterford City	6,116	239	26	5	165	24	6,307	268
Waterford County	7,899	309	28	5	50	6	7,977	320
Westmeath	10,852	436	64	12	155	22	11,071	470
Wexford	18,157	713	142	24	232	29	18,531	766
Wicklow	17,066	655	144	23	265	40	17,475	718
TOTAL	532,931	21,419	3,816	648	7,949	1,144	544,696	23,211

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	3,103	2,295	655		6,053
Cavan County Council	2,064	3,137	601	503	6,305
Clare County Council	4,144	2,130	1,133	707	8,114
Cork City Council	8,730	4,578	1,132	521	14,961
Cork County Council	13,410	11,104	4,490	337	29,341
Donegal County Council	3,315	4,851	3,744	944	12,854
Dublin City Council	25,220	10,465	787	1,346	37,818
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	12,247	2,689	1,486	849	17,271
Fingal County Council	6,731	7,513	5,515		19,759
Galway City Council	4,309	2,358			6,667
Galway County Council	7,683	2,731	2,300	294	13,008
Kerry County Council	6,089	3,113	1,355	621	11,178
Kildare County Council	8,374	5,697	3,309		17,380
Kilkenny County Council	4,270	2,783	581		7,634
Laois County Council	1,504	1,239	1,849		4,592
Leitrim County Council		1,158	893	478	2529
Limerick City Council	5,257	2,045	29	883	8,214
Limerick County Council	2,137	5,185	956		8,278
Longford County Council	2,026	1,307	625		3,958

Louth County Council	7,269	4,293	761		12,323
Mayo County Council	6,121	2,755	1,803		10,679
Meath County Council	4,086	6,827	3,021		13,934
Monaghan County Council	3,129	2,659			5,788
Offaly County Council	3,452	2,122	1,289		6,863
Roscommon County Council	2,039	797	411		3,247
Sligo County Council	3,123	1,688	605		5,416
South Dublin County Council	8,798	7,532	5,622		21,952
Tipperary (NR) County Council	4,924	2,433			7,357
Tipperary (SR) County Council	3,808	2,055	822		6,685
Waterford City Council	4,091	1,214			5,305
Waterford County Council	2,396	1,158	783		4,337
Westmeath County Council	5,712	1,818	1,240		8,770
Wexford County Council	7,240	3,190	1,895		12,325
Wicklow County Council	4,343	6,159	505	394	11,401
Grand Total	191,144	123,078	50,197	7,877	372,296

* Includes Post-Leaving Certificate courses

Table 8 School Size at First and Second Level in 2014/2015

Enrolment Size (Number of Pupils)	Number of Schools	
	First Level	Second Level
Fewer than 50 Pupils	603	
50 – 99	702	21
100 – 199	823	59
200 - 299	513	107
300 - 499	378	185
500+	118	360
Total	3,137	732

Table 9 Number of Third-Level Colleges Aided by the Department of Education and Skills - 2014/2015

Type	Number
Universities	7
Institutes of Technology Sector	14
Teacher Training	6
Other	4
Total	31

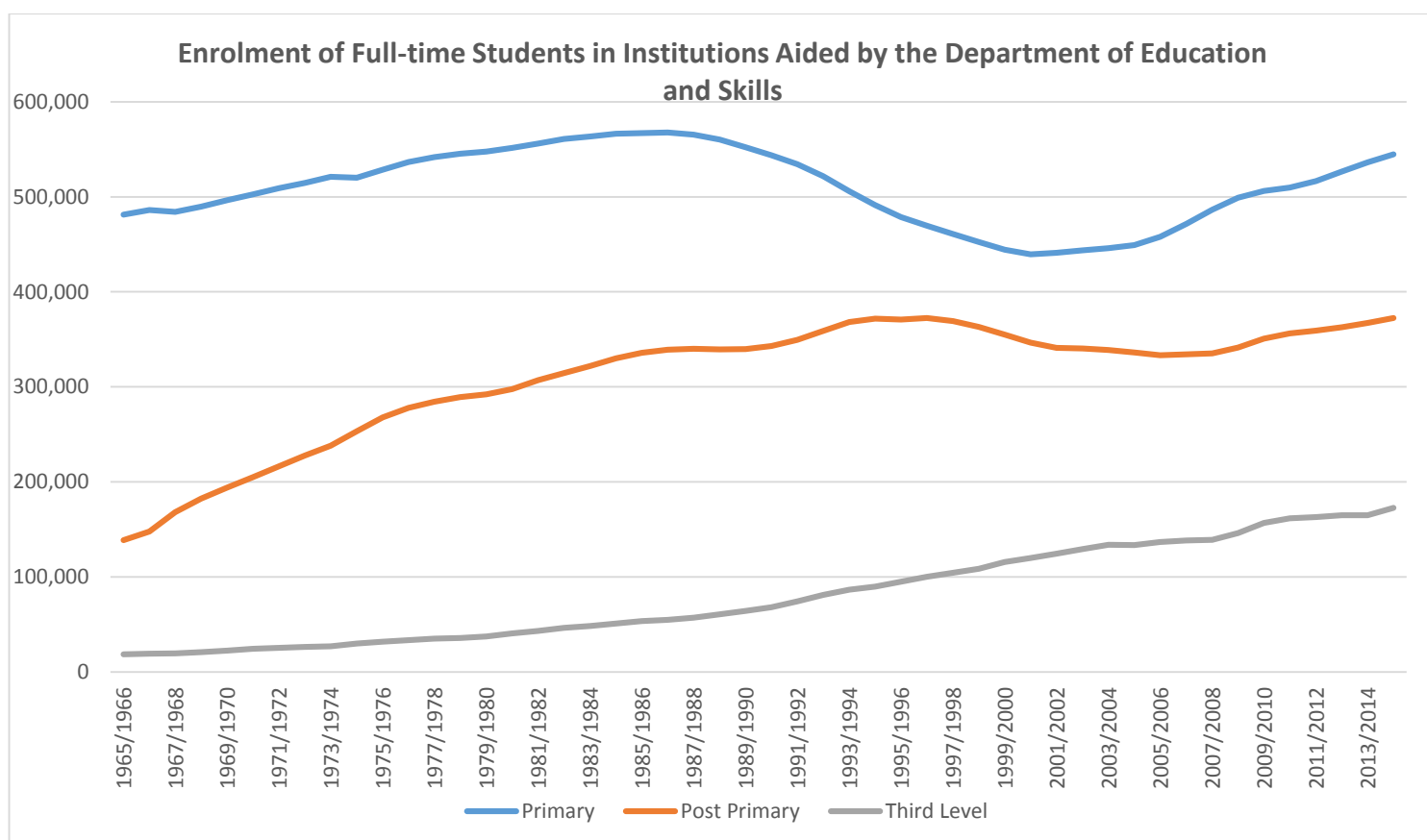
Table 10 Public Examination Candidates - 2013 and 2014

	2013	2014
Junior Certificate Candidates	59,822	60,328
Leaving Certificate Candidates	55,577	56,989
OF WHICH <i>Leaving Certificate School Candidates</i>	49,135	50,643
<i>External Candidates</i>	2,743	2,578
<i>VTOS/PLC Candidates</i>	889	804
Leaving Certificate Applied	2,810	2,964
Total Exam Candidates	115,399	117,317

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

Level	1974/1975	1984/1985	1994/1995	2004/2005	2014/2015
First Level	520,164	566,289	491,256	449,298	544,696
Second Level (includes PLC)	253,428	329,999	371,957	336,244	372,296
PLC	n/a	n/a	17,644	29,354	33,089
Third Level	29,911	50,836	89,693	133,691	173,649
Total (includes PLC figure, where applicable)	803,503	947,124	952,906	919,233	1,090,641

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:

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