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# Education Statistics

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## Full-time Education in State Aided Institutions

Typical Age	TYPE OF INSTITUTION ATTENDED	1999/00	2009/10
4-12	<b>FIRST LEVEL</b>		
	Pupils in Mainstream Classes	428,339	490,010
	Pupils in Special Classes in Mainstream National Schools	8,743	9,083
	Pupils in Special Schools	7,228	6,905
	<b>TOTAL-First Level</b>	<b>444,310</b>	<b>505,998</b>
12-18	<b>SECOND LEVEL</b>		
	Junior Cycle	183,883	172,648
	Senior Cycle	145,640	139,511
	Aided by Other Departments (Agriculture/Defence)	1,165	977
	<b>*TOTAL-Second Level</b>	<b>330,688</b>	<b>313,136</b>
15+	<b>FURTHER EDUCATION</b>		
	Post Leaving Cert Course	24,337	38,528
	Core VTOS	3,878 (est)	4,338
	Youthreach	2,928	3,452
	Senior Traveller Training	746	1,020
<b>TOTAL-Further Education</b>	<b>31,889</b>	<b>47,338</b>	
18-23	<b>THIRD LEVEL</b>		
	University Sector	63,053	87,623
	Technology Sector (IOTs/DITs)	46,424	59,832
	Teacher Training Institutions	4,311	6,732
	**Other Aided Institutions	1,908	2,786
	Aided by Other Departments (Justice/Defence)	1,210	973
<b>TOTAL-Third Level</b>	<b>116,906</b>	<b>157,946</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>923,793</b>	<b>1,024,418</b>

\* Does not include second level courses in Institutes of Technology or Post Leaving Cert Courses

\*\* Milltown institute is included in other aided institutions in 2009/10 only.

Part-time Education in State Aided Institutions

	1999/00	2009/10
<b>FURTHER AND ADULT EDUCATION</b>		
Back to Education Initiative	Not Applicable	27,959
Adult Literacy Programmes	17,158	54,288
Community Education	30,000 (est)	55,953
<b>TOTAL-Further and Adult Education</b>	<b>47,158</b>	<b>138,200</b>
<b>THIRD LEVEL</b>		
University Sector	11,297	13,936
Technology Sector	16,504	15,450
Teacher Training Institutions	23	1,541
Other Aided Institutions	3,645	1,879
Aided by Other Departments (Justice/Defence)	Not Available	71
<b>TOTAL-Third Level</b>	<b>31,469</b>	<b>32,877</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>78,627</b>	<b>171,077</b>

\* Further Education data relates to calendar year 2000 and 2010.

Number of State Aided Institutions

<b>FIRST LEVEL:</b>	<b>1999/00</b>	<b>2009/10</b>
National Schools (Mainstream)	3,172	3,165
Special Schools	121	130
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,293</b>	<b>3,295</b>
<b>SECOND LEVEL:</b>		
Secondary Schools	424	384
Vocational Schools	245	254
Community Schools	67	78
Comprehensive Schools	16	14
Aided by other Departments (Agriculture/Defence)	16	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>739</b>
<b>THIRD LEVEL:</b>		
University Sector	7	7
Technology Sector	16	15
Teacher Training Institutions	8	7
Other Aided Institutions	3	4
**Aided by other Departments (Justice/Defence)	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>

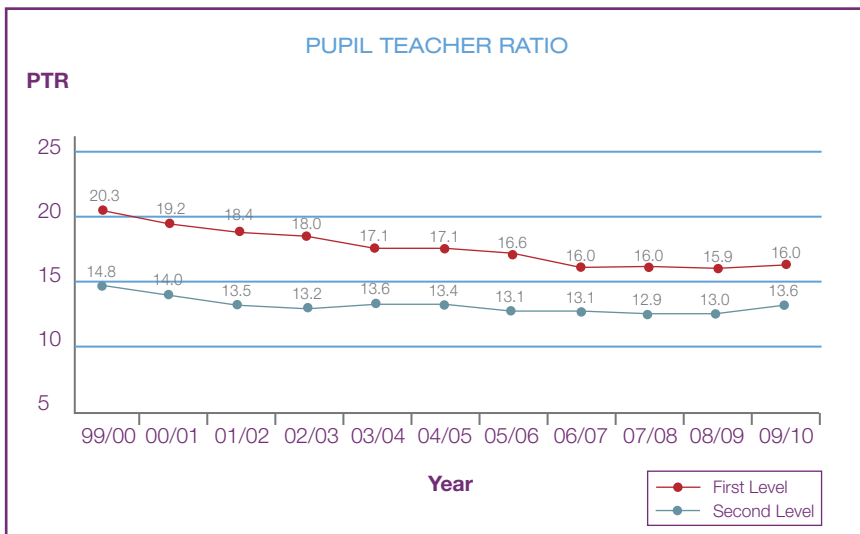
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Number of Teachers & SNAs at First and Second Level

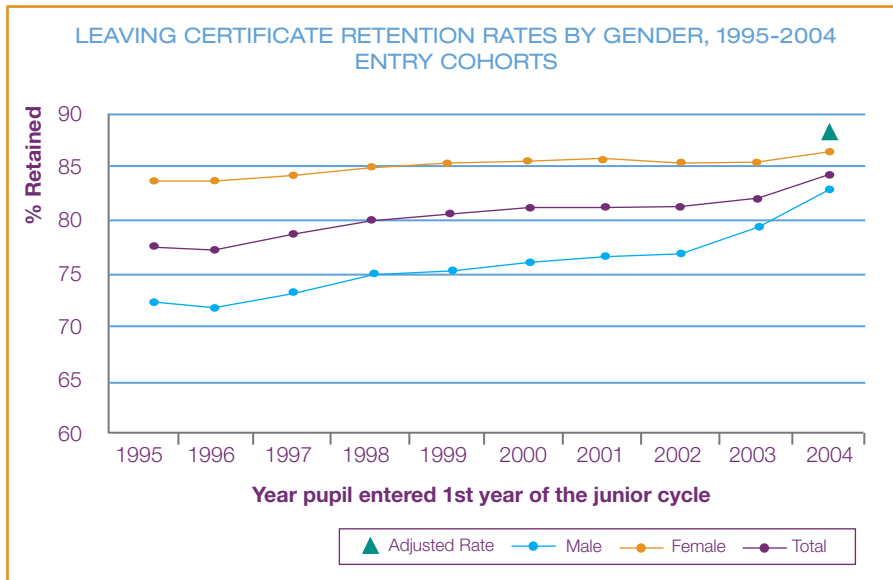
	1999/00	2009/10
<b>PRIMARY TEACHERS</b>	<b>21,850</b>	<b>31,709</b>
<b>SECOND LEVEL TEACHERS</b>	<b>23,966</b>	<b>25,803</b>
Secondary	13,593	13,228
Vocational	6,781	8,335
Community	3,032	3,630
Comprehensive	560	610
SNAs Primary	558	8,392
SNAs Second Level	Not Available	1,950

Data in respect of 2009/10 refer to number of teaching posts allocated and 1999/00 refer to whole time equivalent numbers on payroll.  
 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

Pupil Teacher Ratio



Leaving Certificate Retention Rates 1995-2004



Number of Junior and Leaving Certificate Examination Candidates

	2000	2010
Junior Certificate (excluding VTOS)	59,686	54,951
Junior Certificate (VTOS candidates)	1,784	1,135
<b>Overall Junior Certificate candidates</b>	<b>61,470</b>	<b>56,086</b>
Leaving Certificate School candidates (excluding VTOS and repeats)	52,190	46,791
Leaving Certificate school repeats	3,717	2,823
Leaving Certificate Applied	2,682	3,358
External candidates	4,053	3,737
VTOS/PLC candidates	777	1,128
<b>Overall Leaving Certificate candidates</b>	<b>63,419</b>	<b>57,837</b>

2010 data is provisional.

Projected Full-time Enrolment by Level in Institutions Aided by Department of Education and Skills (M4F4)

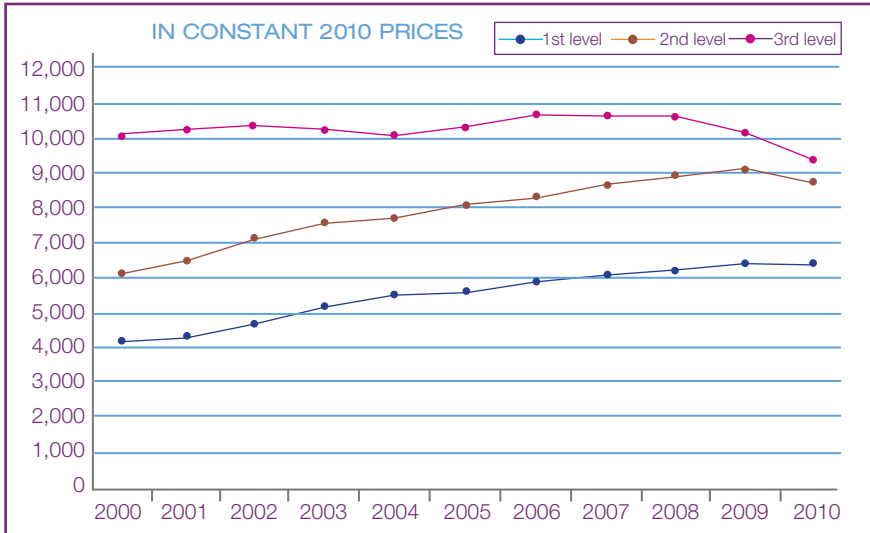


The projections above are based on the assumptions of continuing net migration for the population over the period 2010-2014 as well as a gradual fall in fertility rates over time (M4F4). For further information see [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie). 2011 refers to 2011/12 school year.

Full-time Undergraduate Students Entering Third Level for the First Time in 2009/2010

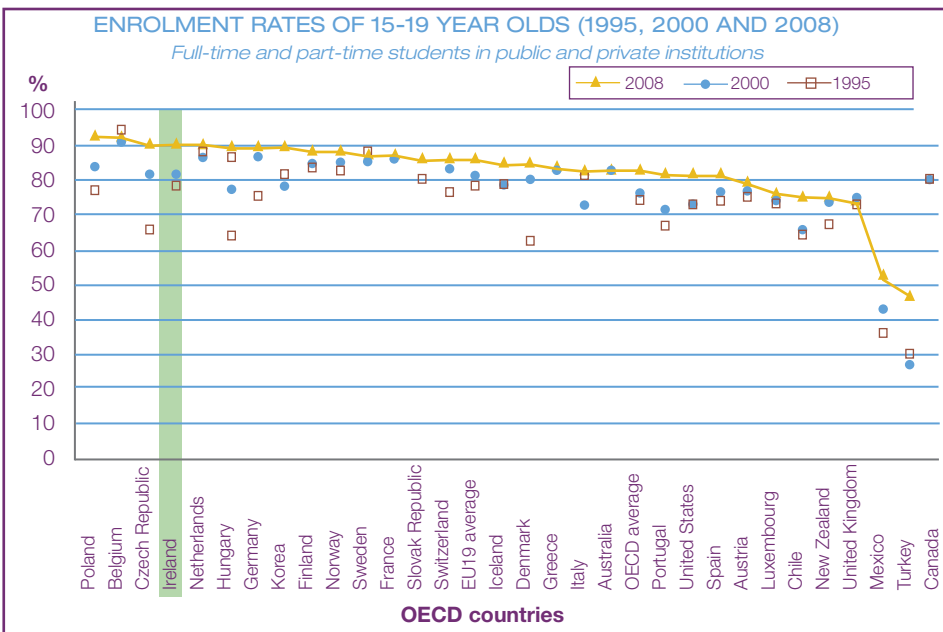
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Universities	9214	10,772	<b>19,986</b>
Technology Sector	10,836	8,074	<b>18,910</b>
Teacher Training	370	1,293	<b>1,663</b>
Other Aided	382	349	<b>731</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,802</b>	<b>20,488</b>	<b>41,290</b>

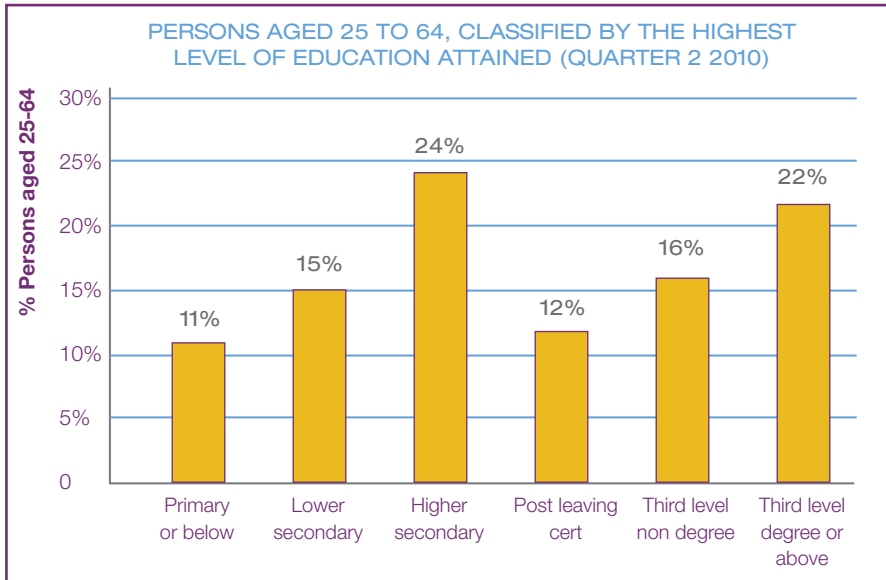
Dept. Education & Skills current expenditure per student by level




Data refer to Gross voted expenditure divided by full-time equivalent students in DES-aided institutions for each calendar year. Values are calculated in constant 2010 using the CSO National Accounts deflator for net expenditure by central and local government on current goods and services. All data are provisional for 2010.

Enrolment rates of 15-19 year olds as a percentage of the population ages 15 to 19





Source: CSO Quarterly National Household Survey

IRELAND 	Ireland		EU average		EU Benchmarks			
	2000	2009	2000	2009	2010	2020		
Participation in early childhood education (4 years old - year before start of comp. primary )	75.0%	72.0% <sup>08</sup>	85.6%	82.3% <sup>08</sup>	-	95%		
Low achievers (15 year-olds; PISA study results )	Reading		11.0%	17.2%	21.3%	20.0%	17.0 %	15%
	Mathematics		16.4% <sup>06</sup>	20.8%	24.0% <sup>06</sup>	22.2%	-	15%
	Science		15.5% <sup>06</sup>	15.2%	20.3% <sup>06</sup>	17.7%	-	15%
Early leavers from education and training (age 18-24)	14.6% <sup>02</sup>	11.3% <sup>b</sup>	17.6%	14.4%	10 %	10%		
Upper secondary attainment (age 20-24)	82.6%	87.0%	76.6%	78.6%	85 %	-		
MST graduates (higher education)	Increase since 2000		-	1.0% <sup>08</sup>	-	38.1% <sup>08</sup>	+15 %	-
	Share of females		37.9%	30.4% <sup>08</sup>	30.7%	32.6% <sup>08</sup>	Improve gender balance	-
Higher education attainment (age 30-34)	27.5%	49.0%	22.4%	32.3%	-	40%		
Adult participation in lifelong learning (age 25-64; 4 weeks period )	5.9% <sup>03</sup>	6.3%	8.5% <sup>03</sup>	9.3% <sup>p</sup>	12.5 %	15%		
Investment in education (Public spending on education, % of GDP)	4.28%	4.90% <sup>07</sup>	4.88%	4.96% <sup>07</sup>	-	-		

Source: EU Commission Staff Working Document: Progress towards the Lisbon Objectives in Education and Training 2010/11. b = break, p = provisional. Year refers to 2000 and 2009 or latest available year.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Dept. Education & Skills	<a href="http://www.education.ie">www.education.ie</a>	OECD	<a href="http://www.oecd.org/edu/statistics">www.oecd.org/edu/statistics</a>
Central Statistics Office	<a href="http://www.cso.ie">www.cso.ie</a>	Eurostat	<a href="http://ep.eurostat.ec.europa.eu">ep.eurostat.ec.europa.eu</a>