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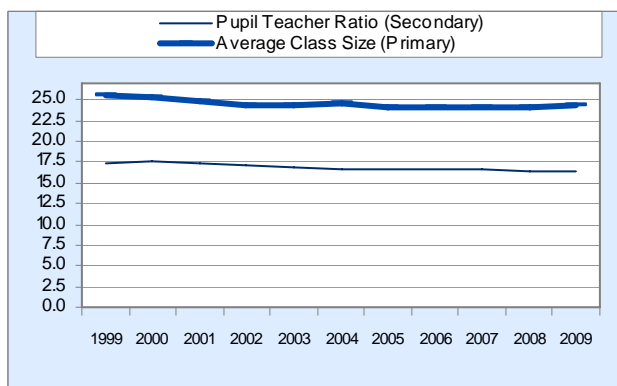
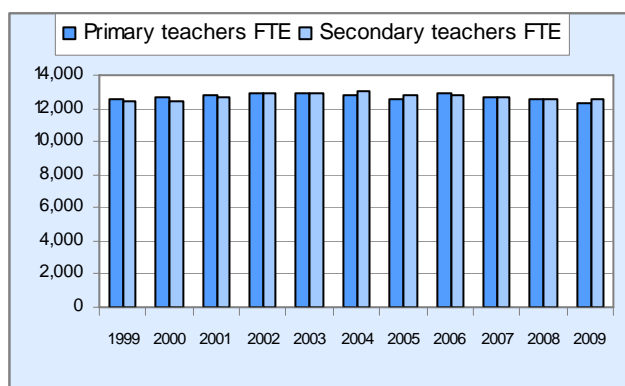
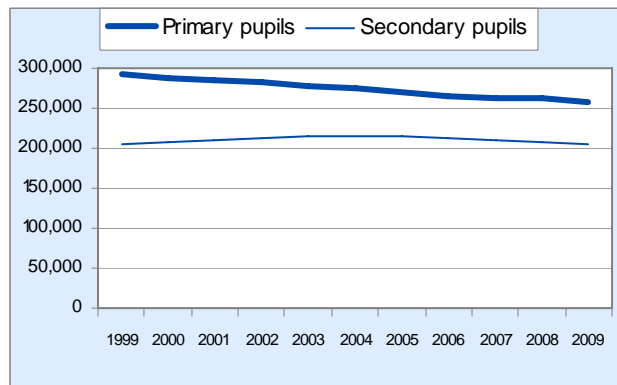
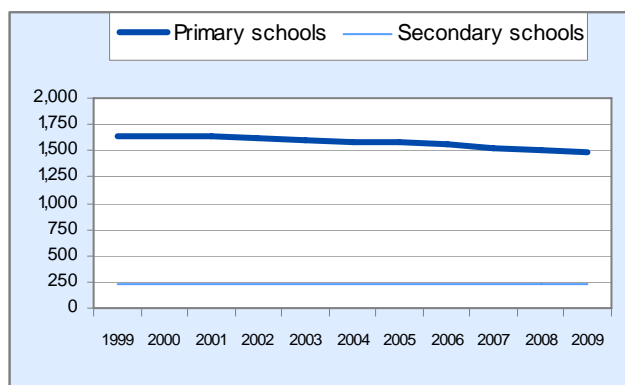
Schools Census 2009: Provisional Results

This Statistical First Release presents some provisional results from the January 2009 Schools' Census. Data are collected on many aspects of schools including the type of schools, pupils on roll, teaching staff, classes, the teaching of Welsh and pupils with statements of special educational needs.

Final results will be published in "Schools in Wales: General Statistics 2009" later this year. Further information may be requested from school.stats@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Key results from the January 2009 school census:

- the number of **schools** continues to fall; at January 2009 (including pupil referral units) there were 1,886 schools, 34 fewer than a year earlier (*table 2*);
- there are 479,000 **pupils** in school, a decrease of just over 5,000 during the year – 3,300 fewer pupils in primary schools and 1,500 fewer pupils in secondary schools (*table 3*);
- there are 26,660 full-time equivalent (FTE) qualified **teachers**, a fall of 220 (less than 1 per cent) over the year (*table 4*);



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- there are almost 19,100 **support staff** (FTE) in schools (*tables 5 & 6*);
- the **pupil teacher ratio** (all schools total) is 17.5, the same as in 2008 (*table 7*);
- the **average class size** in primary schools has risen to 24.4 (from 24.3 in 2008)(*table 8*), the size of classes in years 7 to 11 in secondary schools fell slightly from 22.2 to 22.1 (*table 9*). *Please note that the data presented here are not directly comparable with the data published from the September Class Size Count. The January count includes nursery and special classes but the September count excludes them;*
- 14,100 pupils had statements of **special educational needs** (SEN). A further 82,700 had SEN but had not been statemented by the local authority (*table 10*);
- the number of pupils of any age eligible for **free school meals** rose during 2008 to 76,200 pupils (16.2 per cent of the total) compared to 73,400 (15.5 per cent) at January 2008 (*table 11a*);
- 20.8 per cent of pupils are taught mainly through the medium of **Welsh** in primary schools compared to 20.6 per cent a year earlier. The number of pupils not taught Welsh fell from 0.6 to 0.2 per cent. The majority of pupils not taught Welsh are in special or nursery classes (*table 12*);
- in maintained secondary schools, the proportion taught **Welsh** as a first language increased to 16 per cent of pupils from 15.7 per cent in 2008 (*table 13*);
- just over 93 per cent of pupils aged 5 or over consider themselves to be from a white **ethnic background**. The smallest group recorded was Chinese, accounting for 0.2 per cent. 1.4 per cent of pupils did not have a valid category, due to refusal to provide or not stated on the form (*table 14*);
- 47 per cent of pupils of black ethnic background are eligible for **free school meals**. 16 per cent of pupils of white ethnic background are eligible for free school meals (*table 15*);
- between 19 and 22 per cent of pupils of white, mixed, Asian and black ethnic backgrounds reported special educational needs (*table 16*);
- 55 per cent of pupils consider their **national identity** to be Welsh, and a further 31 per cent British. 4 per cent of pupils did not have a valid category (*table 17*);
- 866 **teacher vacancies** were advertised in **secondary schools** between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2008. An average of 13 applications were received per English medium vacancy and 5 per Welsh medium vacancy. 97 per cent of English medium and 98 per cent of Welsh medium vacancies were filled from among the candidates(*table 19*);
- 655 **teacher vacancies** were advertised in **primary schools** in the same time period, with an average of 29 applications per English medium vacancy and 10 per Welsh medium vacancy. 94 per cent of English medium vacancies and 95 per cent of Welsh medium vacancies were filled from amongst the candidates (*table 19*);
- 71 per cent of the total number of teachers who left primary and secondary schools to take **early retirement** or to take **employment outside teaching** had over 25 years of teaching experience. 7 per cent of teachers leaving secondary schools and 1 per cent leaving primary schools had 5 or less years experience (*table 21*).

Further information - will be published in October 2009 in 'Schools in Wales General Statistics 2009'.

Previous years' publications and other schools and teachers statistics may be accessed at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/theme/schools/?lang=en>

Table 1: Summary statistics of schools in Wales, January 2009

	Maintained schools					Independent	All Schools (b)
	Nursery	Primary (a)	Secondary (a)	Special	Total		
Establishments	28	1,478	223	44	1,773	60	1,833
Full-time pupils	485	234,333	205,421	4,059	444,298	9,051	453,349
Part-time pupils	1,306	23,981	0	56	25,343	251	25,594
Pupil headcount	1,791	258,314	205,421	4,115	469,641	9,302	478,943
Full-time equivalent pupils	1,138	246,324	205,421	4,087	456,970	9,177	466,146
Full-time equivalent teachers	74	12,342	12,515	631	25,562	1,097	26,659
Pupil teacher ratio	15.4	20.0	16.4	6.5	17.9	8.4	17.5
Average class size	.	24.4	20.1
Pupils with statements of special educational needs	15	4,571	5,557	3,974	14,117	304	14,421
Pupils with special educational needs but no statement	176	49,879	32,706	141	82,902	936	83,838
Percentage of pupils aged 5-15 entitled to free school meals	.	18.8	16.3	39.5	17.8	.	.

(a) St Brigid's school, has pupils and teachers of both primary and secondary level who are included under the appropriate subtitles. The school is counted in both the primary and secondary schools establishment numbers.

(b) Excluding Pupil Referral Units.

Table 2: Number of schools by local authority, January 2009

Local Education Authority	Maintained Schools					Pupil Referral Referral (b)	Independent	All Schools
	Nursery	Primary (a)	Secondary (a)	Special	Total			
Isle of Anglesey	0	52	5	1	0	58	1	59
Gwynedd	0	103	14	3	3	123	3	126
Conwy	0	62	7	1	4	74	2	76
Denbighshire	0	53	8	2	1	64	4	68
Flintshire	1	74	12	3	1	91	1	92
Wrexham	2	62	9	1	3	77	3	80
Powys	0	104	13	3	2	122	7	129
Ceredigion	0	68	7	0	1	76	1	77
Pembrokeshire	0	65	8	1	1	75	4	79
Carmarthenshire	1	115	14	2	2	134	6	140
Swansea	0	88	15	2	4	109	4	113
Neath Port Talbot	0	72	11	3	4	90	0	90
Bridgend	3	55	10	2	1	71	3	74
The Vale of Glamorgan	3	46	8	3	3	63	3	66
Rhondda Cynon Taf	4	117	19	4	11	155	0	155
Merthyr Tydfil	3	26	4	1	4	38	0	38
Caerphilly	0	74	14	1	1	90	1	91
Blaenau Gwent	0	28	6	1	1	36	0	36
Torfaen	3	30	7	1	1	42	0	42
Monmouthshire	0	34	4	1	2	41	7	48
Newport	4	49	8	1	2	64	1	65
Cardiff	4	101	20	7	1	133	9	142
Wales	28	1,478	223	44	53	1,826	60	1,886
Wales – January 2008	28	1,509	222	44	51	1,854	66	1,920
Wales – January 2007	31	1,527	224	44	41	1,867	66	1,933
Wales – January 2006	33	1,555	224	43	32	1,887	56	1,943
Wales – January 2005	34	1,572	227	43	31	1,907	58	1,965

(a) St Brigid's School in Denbighshire is counted in both the primary and secondary schools establishment numbers.

(b) Includes provision for pupils educated other than at school in Neath Port Talbot.

Table 3: Pupil numbers by local authority, January 2009 (a)

Local Education Authority	Maintained Schools						Independent	All Schools
	Nursery	Primary (b)	Secondary (b)	Special	Pupil Referral Units	Total		
Isle of Anglesey	.	5,320	4,269	64	.	9,653	100	9,753
Gwynedd	.	9,688	7,640	139	21	17,488	407	17,895
Conwy	.	8,650	7,471	165	53	16,339	938	17,277
Denbighshire	.	8,219	7,691	275	8	16,193	531	16,724
Flintshire	47	13,326	10,398	211	55	24,037	12	24,049
Wrexham	143	11,618	6,714	236	11	18,722	23	18,745
Powys	.	10,527	9,044	281	53	19,905	405	20,310
Ceredigion	.	5,169	4,961	.	13	10,143	15	10,158
Pembrokeshire	.	10,461	8,260	98	0	18,819	147	18,966
Carmarthenshire	83	14,649	12,392	116	7	27,247	771	28,018
Swansea	.	20,394	14,427	160	26	35,007	448	35,455
Neath Port Talbot	.	12,101	8,779	177	28	21,085	.	21,085
Bridgend	108	12,268	9,585	387	1	22,349	475	22,824
The Vale of Glamorgan	208	11,556	9,752	271	27	21,814	204	22,018
Rhondda Cynon Taf	141	21,374	17,991	445	108	40,059	.	40,059
Merthyr Tydfil	173	5,093	4,098	140	0	9,504	.	9,504
Caerphilly	.	16,616	12,505	122	0	29,243	117	29,360
Blaenau Gwent	.	6,087	4,503	99	6	10,695	.	10,695
Torfaen	264	7,741	8,043	68	14	16,130	.	16,130
Monmouthshire	.	6,707	5,456	60	11	12,234	1,477	13,711
Newport	264	13,177	10,515	114	28	24,098	699	24,797
Cardiff	360	27,573	20,927	487	33	49,380	2,533	51,913
Wales	1,791	258,314	205,421	4,115	503	470,144	9,302	479,446
Wales – January 2008	1,787	261,607	206,936	4,040	647	475,017	9,555	484,572
Wales – January 2007	1,754	263,261	210,353	4,002	577	479,947	9,699	489,646
Wales – January 2006	1,840	265,724	213,045	3,937	353	484,899	9,635	494,534
Wales – January 2005	1,947	270,311	214,626	3,829	426	491,139	9,787	500,926

(a) Whether full-time or part-time.

(b) St Brigids School has pupils of both primary and secondary level who are included under the appropriate subtitles.

Table 4: Full-time equivalent qualified teachers, January 2009

Local Education Authority	Maintained schools					Full-time equivalent	
	Nursery	Primary (a)	Secondary (a)	Special	Total	Independent	All schools (excl PRUs)
Isle of Anglesey	.	259.2	265.0	11.8	536.0	6.1	542.0
Gwynedd	.	484.2	497.3	21.3	1,002.8	48.8	1,051.6
Conwy	.	436.7	465.9	21.8	924.4	125.0	1,049.4
Denbighshire	.	396.5	456.5	40.5	893.6	71.5	965.1
Flintshire	1.0	609.9	645.5	32.1	1,288.4	7.0	1,295.4
Wrexham	6.0	548.0	427.2	27.4	1,008.5	15.8	1,024.4
Powys	.	554.4	571.9	46.2	1,172.5	69.6	1,242.1
Ceredigion	.	313.8	316.1	.	629.8	4.0	633.8
Pembrokeshire	.	498.8	498.9	14.0	1,011.7	22.9	1,034.6
Carmarthenshire	3.0	777.7	757.4	22.6	1,560.7	83.8	1,644.5
Swansea	.	948.6	861.8	30.8	1,841.2	49.1	1,890.3
Neath Port Talbot	.	573.8	543.3	29.9	1,147.0	.	1,147.0
Bridgend	6.6	549.9	578.7	54.1	1,189.2	52.6	1,241.9
The Vale of Glamorgan	6.5	560.6	590.4	44.8	1,202.3	34.1	1,236.4
Rhondda Cynon Taf	10.5	966.2	1080.9	52.1	2,109.7	.	2,109.7
Merthyr Tydfil	9.0	252.7	251.4	19.0	532.0	.	532.0
Caerphilly	.	721.4	735.5	20.2	1,477.1	9.0	1,486.0
Blaenau Gwent	.	296.0	275.4	14.7	586.1	.	586.1
Torfaen	7.0	334.6	449.6	10.4	801.7	.	801.7
Monmouthshire	.	313.9	314.7	11.6	640.2	182.8	823.0
Newport	8.0	610.0	615.9	18.4	1,252.3	67.0	1,319.4
Cardiff	16.4	1,335.6	1,315.8	86.8	2,754.7	248.0	3,002.7
Wales	73.9	12,342.5	12,515.0	630.6	25,562.0	1,097.2	26,659.2
Wales – January 2008	73.0	12,528.8	12,523.8	637.1	25,762.7	1,117.8	26,880.5
Wales – January 2007	76.8	12,648.4	12,663.2	624.3	26,012.6	1,053.1	27,065.7
Wales – January 2006	79.1	12,862.0	12,806.1	616.4	26,363.7	1,071.4	27,435.1
Wales – January 2005	75.3	12,528.7	12,843.4	602.8	26,050.1	1,057.0	27,107.1

(a) St Brigids School has teachers of both primary and secondary level who are included under the appropriate subtitles.

Table 5: Support staff in maintained schools, at January each year

	<i>Full-time equivalent</i>						
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 (a)
Teaching Assistants							
Higher Level Teaching Assistants							769
Teaching Assistants (b)	5,921	6,065	6,791	7,815	8,718	9,583	10,991
Special needs support staff (c)	2,424	2,219	2,610	2,410	2,287	2,356	2,360
Total	8,345	8,284	9,399	10,225	11,005	11,938	14,119
Administrative staff (d)							
Total	2,713	2,774	3,088	3,186	3,256	3,416	3,459
Technicians (e)							
Total	1,053	1,034	1,084	1,111	1,142	1,139	1,100
Other support staff							
Nurses / matrons	71	70	61	62	55	46	41
Nursing / childcare staff	133	555	327	444	377	407	374
Total	204	625	388	506	432	453	415
Total	12,315	12,717	13,962	15,027	15,834	16,946	19,094

(a) The increase in teaching assistants in 2009 is mainly due to foundation phase staff recruitment.

(b) Includes nursery assistants and foreign language assistants and other assistants or aides employed in the classroom.

(c) Includes ancillary staff who assist in the classroom in special schools.

(d) Office and clerical staff, including library assistants.

(e) Resource and laboratory technicians.

Table 6: Support staff in maintained schools, by sector, at January each year

	<i>Full-time equivalent</i>				
Sector	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Nursery	107	104	107	103	121
Primary	7,979	8,477	8,893	9,466	11,199
Secondary	4,673	5,145	5,468	5,893	6,234
Special	1,203	1,300	1,367	1,483	1,540
Total	13,962	15,027	15,834	16,946	19,094

Table 7: Pupil teacher ratios (PTRs) within schools, January 2009

Local Education Authority	Maintained schools					Independent	All schools (excl PRUs)
	Nursery	Primary (a)	Secondary (a)	Special	Total		
Isle of Anglesey	.	19.6	16.1	5.3	17.6	13.0	17.5
Gwynedd	.	18.9	15.4	6.5	16.9	8.3	16.5
Conwy	.	18.6	16.0	7.5	17.1	7.5	15.9
Denbighshire	.	19.5	16.8	6.7	17.5	7.4	16.8
Flintshire	23.9	20.6	16.1	6.5	18.0	1.7	17.9
Wrexham	12.0	19.9	15.7	8.6	17.8	1.5	17.5
Powys	.	18.5	15.8	6.0	16.7	5.8	16.1
Ceredigion	.	16.1	15.7	.	15.9	3.8	15.8
Pembrokeshire	.	20.0	16.6	7.0	18.1	6.2	17.9
Carmarthenshire	27.7	18.6	16.4	5.1	17.3	9.2	16.9
Swansea	.	19.9	16.7	5.2	18.2	8.4	17.9
Neath Port Talbot	.	19.3	16.2	5.9	17.5	.	17.5
Bridgend	14.9	22.1	16.6	7.1	18.7	9.0	18.3
The Vale of Glamorgan	16.1	19.4	16.5	6.0	17.5	5.8	17.1
Rhondda Cynon Taf	13.3	22.1	16.6	8.5	18.9	.	18.9
Merthyr Tydfil	18.1	19.6	16.3	7.4	17.6	.	17.6
Caerphilly	.	21.8	17.0	5.9	19.2	12.9	19.2
Blaenau Gwent	.	19.2	16.4	6.7	17.6	.	17.6
Torfaen	20.3	22.0	17.9	6.4	19.5	.	19.5
Monmouthshire	.	20.6	17.3	5.2	18.7	7.9	16.3
Newport	16.5	20.6	17.1	6.1	18.6	10.2	18.2
Cardiff	11.1	19.4	15.9	5.5	17.2	10.2	16.7
Wales	15.4	20.0	16.4	6.5	17.9	8.4	17.5
Wales – January 2008	15.4	19.9	16.5	6.3	17.9	8.4	17.5
Wales – January 2007	14.9	19.9	16.6	6.4	18.0	9.1	17.6
Wales – January 2006	14.9	19.8	16.6	6.4	17.9	8.9	17.6
Wales – January 2005	16.8	20.7	16.7	6.3	18.4	9.1	18.0

(a) St Brigids School has teachers and pupils of both primary and secondary level who are included under the appropriate subtitles.

Table 8: Average class size in maintained primary schools by Key Stage, January 2009

Local Education Authority	Ordinary Classes				All registered classes (c)
	Key Stage 1(a)	Key Stage 2	Mixed Key Stage	All ordinary classes (b)	
Isle of Anglesey	22.9	23.5	23.3	23.3	23.2
Gwynedd	22.6	22.0	22.1	22.2	22.2
Conwy	22.7	23.7	18.8	23.2	22.5
Denbighshire	23.1	24.1	23.1	23.7	23.5
Flintshire	25.1	25.2	21.3	24.5	24.5
Wrexham	24.7	25.8	21.3	25.2	24.8
Powys	21.2	22.8	19.7	22.0	21.1
Ceredigion	23.5	20.4	15.4	20.0	20.3
Pembrokeshire	24.0	24.1	23.8	24.0	23.6
Carmarthenshire	22.6	23.1	18.0	22.3	22.3
Swansea	24.9	25.9	23.0	25.5	24.7
Neath Port Talbot	24.4	24.6	24.6	24.5	23.7
Bridgend	25.4	26.5	27.0	26.1	25.7
The Vale of Glamorgan	24.0	25.4	26.4	24.8	24.7
Rhondda Cynon Taf	26.5	26.8	25.7	26.7	25.8
Merthyr Tydfil	25.3	26.1	30.5	26.2	25.2
Caerphilly	26.0	26.5	25.7	26.2	26.3
Blaenau Gwent	24.8	25.9	25.1	25.4	24.3
Torfaen	26.2	27.3	25.6	26.5	26.7
Monmouthshire	25.1	25.1	27.8	25.3	25.1
Newport	25.9	26.4	21.5	26.2	26.0
Cardiff	25.5	25.9	26.2	25.7	25.6
Wales	24.6	25.0	23.0	24.7	24.4
Wales – January 2008	24.3	25.2	23.4	24.8	24.3
Wales – January 2007	24.3	25.2	23.1	24.7	24.2
Wales – January 2006	24.4	25.0	23.3	24.6	24.2
Wales – January 2005	24.3	25.0	23.3	24.6	24.2

(a) Includes reception, mixed nursery/reception and foundation phase pilot settings.

(b) Includes all registered ordinary and mixed nursery/reception classes.

(c) Includes all registered ordinary, mixed, nursery and special classes.

Table 9: Average class size in maintained secondary schools, January 2009 (a)

Local Education Authority	Years 7 to 11 (b)		Years 12 and 13	All classes
Isle of Anglesey	20.5		11.0	19.2
Gwynedd	20.0		10.1	18.8
Conwy	22.5		11.2	20.1
Denbighshire	21.2		10.1	19.4
Flintshire	21.8		10.1	19.3
Wrexham	21.6		6.0	20.6
Powys	21.4		9.6	18.8
Ceredigion	20.6		10.6	18.0
Pembrokeshire	23.2		9.6	19.9
Carmarthenshire	22.1		11.1	20.2
Swansea	21.5		12.1	20.4
Neath Port Talbot	21.6		12.8	21.1
Bridgend	22.7		9.8	19.6
The Vale of Glamorgan	23.0		13.2	20.9
Rhondda Cynon Taf	22.5		9.4	19.4
Merthyr Tydfil	22.4		12.2	20.6
Caerphilly	22.8		13.5	21.7
Blaenau Gwent	22.1		10.3	20.5
Torfaen	23.3		12.1	21.8
Monmouthshire	23.2		11.9	20.7
Newport	22.8		11.6	20.3
Cardiff	22.8		11.6	20.9
Wales	22.1		10.9	20.1
Wales – January 2008	22.2		10.8	20.2
Wales – January 2007	22.3		10.8	20.4
Wales – January 2006	22.4		11.0	20.6
Wales – January 2005	22.5		10.5	20.7

(a) All figures relate to the size of teaching groups at a specific period in the school timetable on the day of enumeration.

(b) Includes mixed year classes.

Table 10: Pupils (of any age) with special educational needs in schools, by type of school and need, January 2009

	Primary		Secondary		Special		All	
	Number	Per cent (a)	Number	Per cent (a)	Number	Per cent (a)	Number	Per cent (a)
Pupils with a special need but no statement:								
Moderate learning difficulties	26,051	47.8	14,957	39.1	23	0.6	41,031	42.4
Severe learning difficulties	441	0.8	120	0.3	29	0.7	590	0.6
Profound & multiple learning difficulties	61	0.1	8	0.0	15	0.4	84	0.1
Specific learning difficulties	7,339	13.5	8,399	22.0	0	0.0	15,738	16.3
Autistic Spectrum Disorders	523	1.0	359	0.9	25	0.6	907	0.9
Physical and medical difficulties	1,465	2.7	1,001	2.6	3	0.1	2,469	2.5
Hearing impairment	562	1.0	482	1.3	0	0.0	1,044	1.1
Visual impairment	300	0.6	198	0.5	0	0.0	498	0.5
Multiple sensory impairment	29	0.1	13	0.0	0	0.0	42	0.0
Speech, language & communication difficulties	7,862	14.4	1,174	3.1	10	0.2	9,046	9.3
Behavioural, emotional and social difficulties	5,246	9.6	5,995	15.7	36	0.9	11,277	11.6
Total	49,879	91.6	32,706	85.5	141	3.4	82,726	85.4
Pupils with a statement of special need:								
Moderate learning difficulties	764	1.4	1,404	3.7	581	14.1	2,749	2.8
Severe learning difficulties	318	0.6	270	0.7	1,288	31.3	1,876	1.9
Profound & multiple learning difficulties	147	0.3	67	0.2	489	11.9	703	0.7
Specific learning difficulties	266	0.5	879	2.3	36	0.9	1,181	1.2
Autistic Spectrum Disorders	677	1.2	612	1.6	765	18.6	2,054	2.1
Physical and medical difficulties	514	0.9	436	1.1	144	3.5	1,094	1.1
Hearing impairment	175	0.3	158	0.4	11	0.3	344	0.4
Visual impairment	83	0.2	120	0.3	12	0.3	215	0.2
Multiple sensory impairment	21	0.0	6	0.0	8	0.2	35	0.0
Speech, language & communication difficulties	1,114	2.0	723	1.9	148	3.6	1,985	2.1
Behavioural, emotional and social difficulties	492	0.9	882	2.3	492	12.0	1,866	1.9
Total	4,571	8.4	5,557	14.5	3,974	96.6	14,102	14.6
All pupils with special needs:								
Moderate learning difficulties	26,815	49.2	16,361	42.8	604	14.7	43,780	45.2
Severe learning difficulties	759	1.4	390	1.0	1,317	32.0	2,466	2.5
Profound & multiple learning difficulties	208	0.4	75	0.2	504	12.2	787	0.8
Specific learning difficulties	7,605	14.0	9,278	24.2	36	0.9	16,919	17.5
Autistic Spectrum Disorders	1,200	2.2	971	2.5	790	19.2	2,961	3.1
Physical and medical difficulties	1,979	3.6	1,437	3.8	147	3.6	3,563	3.7
Hearing impairment	737	1.4	640	1.7	11	0.3	1,388	1.4
Visual impairment	383	0.7	318	0.8	12	0.3	713	0.7
Multiple sensory impairment	50	0.1	19	0.0	8	0.2	77	0.1
Speech, language & communication difficulties	8,976	16.5	1,897	5.0	158	3.8	11,031	11.4
Behavioural, emotional and social difficulties	5,738	10.5	6,877	18.0	528	12.8	13,143	13.6
Total	54,450	100.0	38,263	100.0	4,115	100.0	96,828	100.0
Pupils with statements of special need:								
January 2008	4,812	.	5,618	.	3,891	.	14,321	.
January 2007	5,037	.	5,783	.	3,784	.	14,604	.
January 2006	5,452	.	5,942	.	3,880	.	15,274	.
January 2005	5,768	.	5,986	.	3,719	.	15,473	.

(a) Per cent of all pupils with a statement or with a special need identified by the school.

Table 11a: Pupils (of any age) entitled to free school meals, January 2009

Local Education Authority	Number of pupils entitled to free school meals					Percentage of pupils entitled to free school meals				
	Nursery	Primary	Secondary	Special	Total	Nursery	Primary	Secondary	Special	Total
Isle of Anglesey	.	890	616	29	1,535	0.0	16.7	14.4	45.3	15.9
Gwynedd	.	1,166	786	48	2,000	0.0	12.0	10.3	34.5	11.5
Conwy	.	1,269	1,002	55	2,326	0.0	14.7	13.4	33.3	14.3
Denbighshire	.	1,314	926	87	2,327	0.0	16.0	12.0	31.6	14.4
Flintshire	.	1,458	916	68	2,442	0.0	10.9	8.8	32.2	10.2
Wrexham	.	1,793	1,058	98	2,949	0.0	15.4	15.8	41.5	15.8
Powys	.	1,027	708	81	1,816	0.0	9.8	7.8	28.8	9.1
Ceredigion	.	668	468	.	1,136	0.0	12.9	9.4	.	11.2
Pembrokeshire	.	1,441	895	31	2,367	0.0	13.8	10.8	31.6	12.6
Carmarthenshire	11	2,456	1,662	21	4,150	13.3	16.8	13.4	18.1	15.2
Swansea	.	3,450	2,479	58	5,987	.	16.9	17.2	36.3	17.1
Neath Port Talbot	.	2,388	1,612	76	4,076	.	19.7	18.4	42.9	19.4
Bridgend	32	2,384	1,416	141	3,973	29.6	19.4	14.8	36.4	17.8
The Vale of Glamorgan	.	1,350	996	71	2,417	.	11.7	10.2	26.2	11.1
Rhondda Cynon Taf	55	5,300	3,397	215	8,967	39.0	24.8	18.9	48.3	22.4
Merthyr Tydfil	67	1,248	868	61	2,244	38.7	24.5	21.2	43.6	23.6
Caerphilly	.	3,059	2,324	40	5,423	.	18.4	18.6	32.8	18.5
Blaenau Gwent	.	1,551	1,005	35	2,591	.	25.5	22.3	35.4	24.2
Torfaen	4	1,342	1,105	25	2,476	1.5	17.3	13.7	36.8	15.4
Monmouthshire	.	552	470	57	1,079	.	8.2	8.6	95.0	8.8
Newport	.	2,583	1,834	40	4,457	.	19.6	17.4	35.1	18.5
Cardiff	1	5,394	3,883	206	9,484	0.3	19.6	18.6	42.3	19.2
Wales	170	44,083	30,426	1,543	76,222	9.5	17.1	14.8	37.5	16.2
Wales – January 2008	155	42,281	29,408	1,588	73,432	8.7	16.2	14.2	39.3	15.5
Wales – January 2007	173	44,114	30,655	1,587	76,529	9.9	16.8	14.6	39.7	16.0
Wales – January 2006	182	44,914	31,271	1,577	77,944	9.9	16.9	14.7	40.1	16.1
Wales – January 2005	265	48,723	32,796	1,536	83,320	13.6	18.0	15.3	40.1	17.0

Table 11b: Pupils (of statutory school age) entitled to free school meals, January 2009

Local Education Authority	Number of pupils entitled to free school meals				Percentage of pupils entitled to free school meals			
	Primary	Secondary	Special	Total	Primary	Secondary	Special	Total
Isle of Anglesey	780	583	24	1,387	18.9	16.0	48.0	17.7
Gwynedd	1,005	768	44	1,817	13.5	11.1	37.6	12.6
Conwy	1,099	929	46	2,074	16.7	14.9	34.1	16.0
Denbighshire	1,128	873	71	2,072	18.1	13.4	32.6	16.0
Flintshire	1,247	870	54	2,171	12.4	9.9	32.3	11.4
Wrexham	1,525	1,043	76	2,644	17.5	16.3	47.2	17.3
Powys	855	664	66	1,585	10.3	8.7	31.9	9.8
Ceredigion	559	416	.	975	13.8	10.6	.	12.2
Pembrokeshire	1,205	846	23	2,074	15.4	12.3	31.9	14.0
Carmarthenshire	1,911	1,580	13	3,504	17.0	14.7	14.8	15.9
Swansea	2,978	2,394	40	5,412	20.0	18.6	37.4	19.4
Neath Port Talbot	2,041	1,598	65	3,704	23.6	19.0	41.7	21.5
Bridgend	1,808	1,309	123	3,240	19.7	16.6	38.2	18.6
The Vale of Glamorgan	1,149	951	55	2,155	13.2	11.7	27.5	12.7
Rhondda Cynon Taf	3,808	3,069	166	7,043	24.6	20.6	48.7	22.9
Merthyr Tydfil	962	832	53	1,847	25.1	23.9	47.7	24.9
Caerphilly	2,638	2,242	28	4,908	21.7	20.0	35.9	20.9
Blaenau Gwent	1,286	963	29	2,278	28.9	24.1	40.8	26.7
Torfaen	1,163	1,047	19	2,229	19.3	15.2	35.2	17.2
Monmouthshire	472	435	57	964	8.8	9.8	95.0	9.8
Newport	2,226	1,677	29	3,932	21.7	19.3	36.7	20.7
Cardiff	4,680	3,624	176	8,480	22.6	20.3	45.4	21.8
Wales	36,525	28,713	1,257	66,495	18.8	16.3	39.5	17.8
Wales – January 2008	35,481	27,820	1,303	64,604	17.9	15.6	41.1	17.0
Wales – January 2007	37,146	29,105	1,308	67,559	18.4	15.9	41.2	17.4
Wales – January 2006	37,893	29,730	1,291	68,914	18.4	16.0	41.0	17.5
Wales – January 2005	41,166	31,182	1,239	73,587	19.7	16.6	40.2	18.4

Table 12: Teaching Welsh in maintained primary schools, by type of class (a)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Classes where Welsh is the sole or main medium of instruction					
Number of classes	2,341	2,355	2,336	2,341	2,324
Number of pupils	52,857	53,251	53,342	53,822	53,479
Classes where Welsh is used as a teaching medium for part of the curriculum					
Number of classes	78	49	40	134	194
Number of pupils	1,684	1,073	843	3,183	4,473
Classes where Welsh is taught as a second language					
Number of classes	8,664	8,488	8,414	8,165	8,014
Number of pupils	214,166	209,836	207,555	202,499	199,233
Classes being taught no Welsh					
Number of classes	61	59	64	90	45
Number of pupils	1,030	825	707	1,545	499
Total classes	11,144	10,951	10,854	10,730	10,577
Total pupils	269,737	264,985	262,447	261,049	257,684
Classes where Welsh is the sole or main medium of instruction					
Percentage of classes	21.0	21.5	21.5	21.8	22.0
Percentage of pupils	19.6	20.1	20.3	20.6	20.8
Classes where Welsh is used as a teaching medium for part of the curriculum					
Percentage of classes	0.7	0.4	0.4	1.2	1.8
Percentage of pupils	0.6	0.4	0.3	1.2	1.7
Classes where Welsh is taught as a second language					
Percentage of classes	77.7	77.5	77.5	76.1	75.8
Percentage of pupils	79.4	79.2	79.1	77.6	77.3
Classes being taught no Welsh					
Percentage of classes	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.4
Percentage of pupils	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2

(a) At January each year.

Table 13: Welsh in maintained secondary schools in year groups 7-11, by type of course (a)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	<i>Number of pupils</i>				
Taught Welsh as a first language:	27,895	28,264	28,134	28,123	28,320
Percentage of pupils	14.8	15.2	15.4	15.7	16.0
Taught Welsh as a second language:	158,104	155,967	153,281	149,336	146,656
Percentage of pupils	84.2	83.9	83.7	83.5	83.1
Not taught Welsh at all:	1,239	967	1,010	815	970
Percentage of pupils	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Disapplied due to statement of SEN	630	664	625	582	575
Percentage of pupils	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total (=100 per cent)	187,868	185,862	183,050	178,856	176,521

(a) At January each year.

Table 14: Number of pupils aged 5 or over, by ethnic background, January 2009 (a)

Ethnic background	Primary		Secondary		Special		Total	
	Number	Per cent (a)	Number	Per cent (a)	Number	Per cent (a)	Number	Per cent (a)
White (b)	180,975	93.1	193,024	94.0	3,668	93.7	377,667	93.6
White British	177,680	91.4	190,141	92.6	3,636	92.9	371,457	92.0
Traveller of Irish Heritage	167	0.1	69	0.0	*	*	236	0.1
Gypsy/ Roma	239	0.1	129	0.1	*	*	368	0.1
Any other White Background	2,889	1.5	2,685	1.3	24	0.6	5,598	1.4
Mixed	3,819	2.0	3,317	1.6	71	1.8	7,207	1.8
White and Black Caribbean	948	0.5	893	0.4	16	0.4	1,857	0.5
White and Black African	428	0.2	361	0.2	6	0.2	795	0.2
White and Asian	923	0.5	753	0.4	10	0.3	1,686	0.4
Any other mixed background	1,520	0.8	1,310	0.6	39	1.0	2,869	0.7
Asian	4,152	2.1	3,107	1.5	66	1.7	7,325	1.8
Indian	796	0.4	598	0.3	7	0.2	1,401	0.3
Pakistani	1,293	0.7	965	0.5	29	0.7	2,287	0.6
Bangladeshi	1,386	0.7	1,075	0.5	22	0.6	2,483	0.6
Any other Asian background	677	0.3	469	0.2	8	0.2	1,154	0.3
Black (b)	1,206	0.6	1,089	0.5	30	0.8	2,325	0.6
Black Caribbean	101	0.1	121	0.1	*	*	222	0.1
Black African	910	0.5	787	0.4	24	0.6	1,721	0.4
Any other Black background	195	0.1	181	0.1	6	0.2	382	0.1
Chinese	357	0.2	407	0.2	8	0.2	772	0.2
Any other ethnic group	1,464	0.8	1,261	0.6	23	0.6	2,748	0.7
Total with valid category	191,973	98.8	202,205	98.4	3,867	98.8	398,045	98.6
Unknown or not stated	2,356	1.2	3,216	1.6	47	1.2	5,619	1.4
All pupils	194,329	100.0	205,421	100.0	3,914	100.0	403,664	100.0

(a) Of all pupils aged 5 or over.

(b) Small numbers suppressed to protect confidentiality.

Table 15: Number of pupils aged 5 or over, by ethnic background and free school meal entitlement, January 2009

Ethnic background	Primary		Secondary		Primary and Secondary	
	Number eligible for FSM	% of all pupils in each ethnic group	Number eligible for FSM	% of all pupils in each ethnic group	Number eligible for FSM	% of all pupils in each ethnic group
White	33,571	18.6	27,793	14.4	61,364	16.4
White British	32,981	18.6	27,454	14.4	60,435	16.4
Traveller of Irish Heritage	105	62.9	38	55.1	143	60.6
Gypsy/ Roma	165	69.0	61	47.3	226	61.4
Any other White Background	320	11.1	240	8.9	560	10.0
Mixed	1,008	26.4	717	21.6	1,725	24.2
White and Black Caribbean	332	35.0	250	28.0	582	31.6
White and Black African	129	30.1	107	29.6	236	29.9
White and Asian	188	20.4	124	16.5	312	18.6
Any other mixed background	359	23.6	236	18.0	595	21.0
Asian	608	14.6	601	19.3	1,209	16.7
Indian	40	5.0	52	8.7	92	6.6
Pakistani	275	21.3	239	24.8	514	22.8
Bangladeshi	233	16.8	270	25.1	503	20.4
Any other Asian background	60	8.9	40	8.5	100	8.7
Black	580	48.1	498	45.7	1,078	47.0
Black Caribbean	29	28.7	29	24.0	58	26.1
Black African	488	53.6	422	53.6	910	53.6
Any other Black background	63	32.3	47	26.0	110	29.3
Chinese	29	8.1	22	5.4	51	6.7
Any other ethnic group	284	19.4	349	27.7	633	23.2
Total with known category	36,080	18.8	29,980	14.8	66,060	16.8
Unknown or not stated	447	19.0	446	13.9	893	16.0
All pupils	36,527	18.8	30,426	14.8	66,953	16.7

Table 16: Number of pupils aged 5 or over, by ethnic background and SEN status, January 2009

Ethnic background	Primary		Secondary		Primary and Secondary	
	Number with SEN (a)	% of all pupils in each ethnic group	Number with SEN (a)	% of all pupils in each ethnic group	Number with SEN (a)	% of all pupils in each ethnic group
White	46,537	25.7	36,087	18.7	82,624	22.1
White British	45,704	25.7	35,586	18.7	81,290	22.1
Traveller of Irish Heritage	103	61.7	25	36.2	128	54.2
Gypsy/ Roma	162	67.8	53	41.1	215	58.4
Any other White Background	568	19.7	423	15.8	991	17.8
Mixed	901	23.6	594	17.9	1,495	21.0
White and Black Caribbean	268	28.3	208	23.3	476	25.9
White and Black African	103	24.1	69	19.1	172	21.8
White and Asian	180	19.5	113	15.0	293	17.5
Any other mixed background	350	23.0	204	15.6	554	19.6
Asian	878	21.1	524	16.9	1,402	19.3
Indian	129	16.2	85	14.2	214	15.4
Pakistani	322	24.9	190	19.7	512	22.7
Bangladeshi	327	23.6	200	18.6	527	21.4
Any other Asian background	100	14.8	49	10.4	149	13.0
Black	282	23.4	194	17.8	476	20.7
Black Caribbean	26	25.7	25	20.7	51	23.0
Black African	213	23.4	142	18.0	355	20.9
Any other Black background	43	22.1	27	14.9	70	18.6
Chinese	56	15.7	50	12.3	106	13.9
Any other ethnic group	248	16.9	168	13.3	416	15.3
Total with known category	48,902	25.5	37,617	18.6	86,519	21.9
Unknown or not stated	667	28.3	646	20.1	1,313	23.6
All pupils	49,569	25.5	38,263	18.6	87,832	22.0

(a) Includes statemented and non statemented pupils with special educational needs.

Table 17: Number of pupils aged 5 or over, by national identity, January 2009 (a)

National Identity	Primary		Secondary		Special		All	
	Number	Per cent (b)	Number	Per cent (b)	Number	Per cent (b)	Number	Per cent (b)
Welsh	107,238	55.2	114,508	55.7	1,792	45.8	223,538	55.4
English	12,610	6.5	12,288	6.0	320	8.2	25,218	6.2
Scottish	258	0.1	352	0.2	8	0.2	618	0.2
Irish	371	0.2	238	0.1	*	0.0	609	0.2
British	60,367	31.1	63,368	30.8	1,452	37.1	125,187	31.0
Other	6,235	3.2	5,146	2.5	68	1.7	11,449	2.8
Total with valid category	187,079	96.3	195,900	95.4	3,640	93.0	386,619	95.8
Unknown or not stated	7,250	3.7	9,521	4.6	273	7.0	17,044	4.2
All pupils	194,329	100.0	205,421	100.0	3,913	100.0	403,663	100.0

(a) Pupils in maintained primary, secondary and special schools.

(b) Percentage of total pupils aged 5 or over.

Table 18: Number of pupils aged 5 or over, by ethnic background and national identity, January 2009 (a)

Ethnic background	National Identity					Unknown or not stated	All pupils
	Welsh	English	British	Scottish, Irish or Other (b)	Total with valid category		
White	218,396	24,392	116,422	5,087	364,297	13,370	377,667
White British	217,058	24,216	115,405	1,678	358,357	13,100	371,457
Any other White Background	1,338	176	1,017	3,409	5,940	270	6,210
Mixed	2,657	419	2,729	1,021	6,826	381	7,207
Asian	602	102	3,365	2,755	6,824	501	7,325
Black	195	61	615	1,278	2,149	177	2,326
Chinese	69	17	338	305	729	43	772
Other ethnic group	156	26	582	1,808	2,572	176	2,748
Total with valid category	222,075	25,017	124,051	12,254	383,397	14,648	398,045
Unknown or not stated	1,463	201	1,136	423	3,223	2,396	5,619
All pupils	223,538	25,218	125,187	12,677	386,620	17,044	403,664
Per cent	55.4	6.2	31.0	3.1	95.8	4.2	100.0

(a) Pupils in maintained primary, secondary and special schools.

(b) Categories merged to protect confidentiality.

Table 19: Teacher vacancies, by teaching medium, in primary and secondary schools: 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008

Subject / Phase	Number of posts advertised		Number of applications received		Average number of applications received per post		Number of posts where an appointment was made		% of posts where an appointment was made	
	English medium	Welsh medium	English medium	Welsh medium	English medium	Welsh medium	English medium	Welsh medium	English medium	Welsh medium
Secondary schools:										
Art	29	6	495	41	17	7	28	6	96.6	100.0
Biology	11	5	119	14	11	3	11	5	100.0	100.0
Chemistry	12	4	118	8	10	2	10	4	83.3	100.0
Design & Technology	45	15	450	40	10	3	44	15	97.8	100.0
English	89	7	1,276	19	14	3	86	7	96.6	100.0
Geography	35	10	343	28	10	3	35	10	100.0	100.0
History	38	2	566	9	15	5	38	2	100.0	100.0
Information Technology	17	2	177	12	10	6	16	2	94.1	100.0
Mathematics	70	20	818	131	12	7	67	19	95.7	95.0
Modern Foreign Languages	41	8	526	20	13	3	40	8	97.6	100.0
Music	32	3	344	4	11	1	32	3	100.0	100.0
Physical Education	38	6	720	19	19	3	35	6	92.1	100.0
Physics	18	3	131	4	7	1	17	2	94.4	66.7
Religious Studies	27	3	204	13	8	4	24	2	88.9	66.7
Science	72	16	1,017	77	14	5	69	16	95.8	100.0
Special Needs	2	0	7	.	4	.	2	.	100.0	.
Welsh 1st Language	.	16	.	89	.	6	.	16	.	100.0
Welsh 2nd Language	31	15	223	113	7	8	31	14	100.0	93.3
Other	76	14	968	59	13	4	76	14	100.0	100.0
Headteachers and deputies	19	9	347	45	18	5	19	9	100.0	100.0
Total secondary schools vacancies	702	164	8,849	745	13	5	680	160	96.9	97.6
Primary schools:										
Foundation/Early years	74	36	2,150	376	29	10	68	35	91.9	97.2
Key Stage 1	95	36	3,418	605	36	17	92	33	96.8	91.7
Key stage 2	211	81	6,345	697	30	9	199	79	94.3	97.5
Mixed Key Stage	76	46	1,518	319	20	7	71	43	93.4	93.5
Total primary schools vacancies	456	199	13,431	1,997	29	10	430	190	94.3	95.5

Table 20: Number of years experience of teachers who left the profession between 1 Jan 2008 and 31 Dec 2008 to take employment outside teaching or early retirement

Subject / Phase	Number of teachers	Combined experience	Average number of years experience
Secondary schools:			
Art	13	359	28
Biology	6	157	26
Chemistry	3	53	18
Design & Technology	26	729	28
English	27	745	28
Geography	16	498	31
History	7	231	33
Information Technology	5	115	23
Mathematics	26	754	29
Modern Foreign Languages	21	490	23
Music	5	133	27
Physical Education	7	216	31
Physics	5	142	28
Religious Studies	6	176	29
Science	31	815	26
Special Educational Needs	5	156	31
Welsh 1st Language	1	36	36
Welsh 2nd Language	7	206	29
Other subjects	32	832	26
Headteachers and deputies	6	201	34
Total secondary schools	255	7,044	28
Primary schools:			
Foundation/Early years	31	903	29
Key Stage 1	61	1,705	28
Key stage 2	86	2,447	28
Mixed Key Stage	46	1,358	30
Total primary schools	224	6,413	29

Table 21: Teachers who left the profession between 1 Jan 2008 and 31 Dec 2008 to take employment outside teaching or early retirement, grouped by number of years experience

	Number of teachers	Years of teaching experience						
Subject / Phase		0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31+
Secondary schools:								
Art	13	1	0	1	1	1	2	7
Biology	6	1	0	0	0	1	2	2
Chemistry	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Design & Technology	26	0	3	1	1	4	4	13
English	27	1	1	2	2	3	5	13
Geography	16	0	0	1	0	2	3	10
History	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Information Technology	5	1	0	1	0	1	0	2
Mathematics	26	0	1	0	1	5	8	11
Modern Foreign Languages	21	3	1	3	0	2	6	6
Music	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
Physical Education	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Physics	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
Religious Studies	6	0	0	0	0	1	3	2
Science	31	4	1	2	1	2	8	13
Special Educational Needs	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Welsh 1st Language	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Welsh 2nd Language	7	0	0	0	2	0	1	4
Other subjects	32	5	1	0	3	2	6	15
Headteachers and deputies	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Total secondary schools	255	19	8	12	13	24	55	124
% of total	100.0	7.5	3.1	4.7	5.1	9.4	21.6	48.6
Primary schools:								
Foundation/Early years	31	0	1	1	2	4	9	14
Key stage 1	61	0	5	1	7	5	20	23
Key stage 2	86	2	1	5	5	14	24	35
Mixed key stage	46	1	1	1	2	6	18	17
Total primary schools	224	3	8	8	16	29	71	89
% of total	100.0	1.3	3.6	3.6	7.1	12.9	31.7	39.7

Key Quality Information

Data collection and coverage - schools data are derived from the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) returns and STATS1 returns supplied by schools open on Census day in January each year. The returns are authorised by Headteachers and validated by Local Education Authorities. It is not anticipated that final data will change significantly from the provisional data.

Comparability - This release shows final data at Wales level for 2005 - 2009 and provisional data at LEA and Wales level for 2009.

The **teacher numbers** collected on PLASC presented in this release may be lower than those collected on the STATS3 return as they may exclude supply, peripatetic, advisory and miscellaneous teachers who were not in school on census day. The PLASC **class size data** presented here are not directly comparable with the data published from the September Class Size Count. PLASC includes nursery and special classes but the September count excludes them.

Definitions - Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) is calculated from the Full time equivalent of pupils (FTE) divided by the FTE of teachers (Headteachers, Deputy Heads and other qualified teachers).

The Average Class Size in primary schools is the number of pupils in ordinary classes divided by the number of ordinary classes. In secondary schools the total number of pupils is divided by the total number of classes.

Symbols -

- the data item is not exactly zero but less than 0.5.

. the data item is not applicable.

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