# School Census Results, 2013

This Statistical First Release is based upon information collected by the Schools' Census in January 2013. It reports information for the number of pupils by age, gender, free school meal eligibility, ethnicity and special educational needs, together with information on the number of schools, teachers and support staff.

In addition, from January 2013, class size data has been incorporated into the Pupil Level Annual School Census. The results are published here in tables 17 and 18. These data were previously collected in September and published as a separate statistical release. This release also includes a new category of schools – Middle Schools – covering both primary and secondary years. There are currently 4 middle schools in Wales.
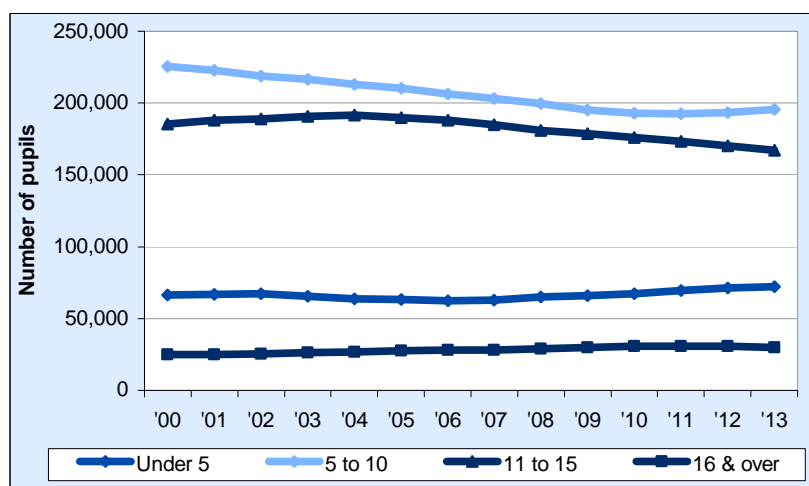
The tables provide all Wales information for each category listed, plus a breakdown to local authority (LA) level for schools, pupils, teachers and support staff.

## Key results from the January 2013 school census

### Schools and pupils (Tables 1-6)

- In January 2013 there were 20 nursery, 1,374 primary, 4 middle schools, 216 secondary schools and 42 special schools. Of these, 452 primary, 2 middle and 53 secondary schools were classified as Welsh medium. There were 68 independent schools, 2 more than in January 2012. Overall, there were 42 fewer LA maintained schools than at January 2012.

- The total number of pupils (headcount) in LA maintained nursery, primary, middle, secondary and special schools was 464,868, a fall of 1,075 pupils (0.2 per cent) since January 2012.

**Chart 1: Number of pupils, by age group, in maintained schools**



- The numbers of pupils aged 11 to 15 increased from 2000 to 2004 and have decreased year on year since then.

- The numbers of pupils aged 5 to 10 have increased to 195,604 in 2013 compared to 193,374 in 2012. Prior to 2011, they had been decreasing year on year since 2000.

- The numbers of pupils aged under 5 have been increasing since 2006.

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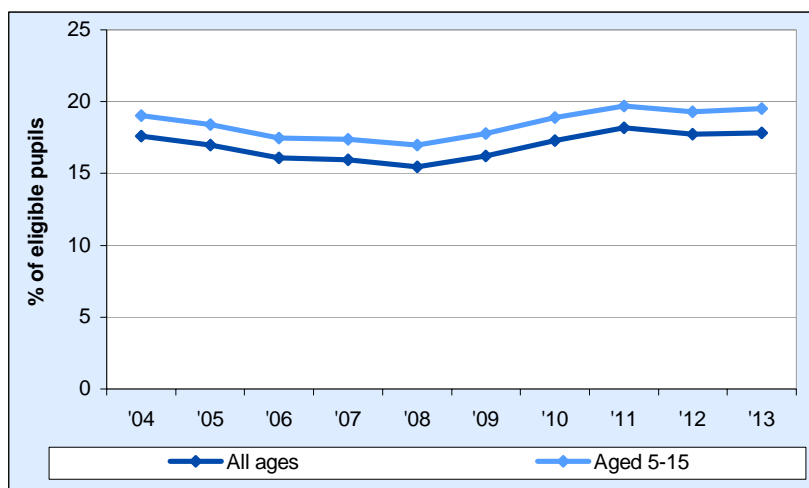
**Teachers and support staff (Tables 7-10)**

- There were 24,770.6 full-time equivalent (FTE) qualified teachers in LA maintained schools, an increase of 169.8 (0.7 per cent) over the year and the first increase since 2009.

- The pupil teacher ratio for all LA maintained schools was 18.2 compared with 18.4 in 2012.

- There were 23,546.8 support staff (FTE) in LA maintained schools, an increase of 1,252.3 staff in the last year and continuing the trend of recent years. The introduction of the Foundation Phase and the Teacher Workload Agreement are the two main drivers behind the increase in support staff.

**Free school meals (Table 11)**

**Chart 2: Percentage of pupils known to be eligible for free school meals**



- The percentage of pupils known to be eligible for free school meals in primary, middle, secondary and special schools has fluctuated over the last decade, generally decreasing from 2004 to 2008 and then increasing year on year to 2011. There was a slight decrease from 2011 to 2012 and a very slight increase from 2012 to 2013.

- The percentage of pupils of compulsory school age in LA maintained schools known to be eligible for free school meals in 2013 was 19.5 per cent – up from 19.3 per cent in 2012.

**Ethnicity (Table 12)**

- In LA maintained schools 90.9 per cent of pupils (aged 5 and over) were classified as White British, 8.3 per cent were of minority ethnic origin and 0.7 per cent were unknown or not stated.

**Pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN) (Tables 13-16)**

- In January 2013 13,104 pupils in primary, middle, secondary and special schools had statements of SEN, 322 less pupils than in January 2012.

- In primary, middle, secondary and special schools, 2.7 per cent of pupils had statements of SEN and a further 19.6 per cent of pupils had special educational needs but no statement.

- In the **Independent** sector 4.4 per cent of pupils had statements of SEN and a further 11.8 per cent of pupils had special needs but no statement.

**Class size (Tables 17 & 18)**

- 6.6 per cent of pupils (6,969) were in infant classes of over 30 pupils, up from 3.8 per cent in September 2011.

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# Schools and Pupils

- The local authority with the most **schools** was Rhondda Cynon Taf with 135, and the local authority with the fewest was Blaenau Gwent with 30 schools. *(Table 1)*

- Gwynedd had the most **Welsh medium primary schools** with 101, and the local authority with the fewest was Blaenau Gwent with 1 school. Gwynedd had the most **Welsh medium secondary schools** with 13, and there were 4 local authorities with no Welsh medium secondary schools: Merthyr Tydfil, Blaenau Gwent, Monmouthshire and Newport. *(Table 2)*

- Of the **pupils aged under 5** in maintained schools in Wales, the majority of them were attending school on a full time basis. *(Table 4)*

- In the ten years to 2010, the total **number of pupils in primary schools** in Wales had decreased year-on-year, but there have been increases each year from January 2011, representing the first increase in the sector since 1998. *(Table 3)*

- The **number of pupils** in each local authority ranged between 9,198 in Merthyr Tydfil, to 53,777 in Cardiff. *(Table 5)*

- The number of **full-time equivalent pupils in schools** was highest in Cardiff at 51,544.0 pupils and lowest in Merthyr Tydfil at 9,077.0 pupils. *(Table 6)*

- The numbers of pupils aged 5 and under have been increasing since 2006 while those of pupils aged 5-10 have been increasing since 2011. The increase in pupil numbers of these two age groups suggests that the overall pupil numbers in Wales will start increasing in the near future and thereby reverse the long term downward trend.

## Table 1: Number of schools, by local authority, January 2013

| | Maintained schools | | | | | | Independent | All schools |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nursery | Primary | Middle | Secondary | Special | Total | | |
| Isle of Anglesey | 0 | 48 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 54 | 1 | 55 |
| Gwynedd | 0 | 102 | 0 | 14 | 2 | 118 | 3 | 121 |
| Conwy | 0 | 59 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 67 | 2 | 69 |
| Denbighshire | 0 | 47 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 57 | 4 | 61 |
| Flintshire | 1 | 71 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 86 | 2 | 88 |
| Wrexham | 1 | 59 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 70 | 3 | 73 |
| Powys | 0 | 88 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 104 | 7 | 111 |
| Ceredigion | 0 | 51 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 58 | 1 | 59 |
| Pembrokeshire | 0 | 61 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 70 | 4 | 74 |
| Carmarthenshire | 1 | 105 | 0 | 14 | 2 | 122 | 8 | 130 |
| Swansea | 0 | 80 | 0 | 14 | 2 | 96 | 5 | 101 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 0 | 68 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 82 | 0 | 82 |
| Bridgend | 1 | 50 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 62 | 4 | 66 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 3 | 48 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 62 | 3 | 65 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf | 2 | 110 | 1 | 18 | 4 | 135 | 1 | 136 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 3 | 23 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 31 | 0 | 31 |
| Caerphilly | 0 | 75 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 90 | 1 | 91 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 0 | 25 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 30 | 0 | 30 |
| Torfaen | 2 | 29 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 39 | 0 | 39 |
| Monmouthshire | 0 | 31 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 36 | 7 | 43 |
| Newport | 3 | 48 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 60 | 1 | 61 |
| Cardiff | 3 | 96 | 0 | 21 | 7 | 127 | 11 | 138 |
| **Wales** | **20** | **1,374** | **4** | **216** | **42** | **1,656** | **68** | **1,724** |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Wales – January 2012 | 22 | 1,412 | . | 221 | 43 | 1,698 | 66 | 1,764 |
| Wales – January 2011 | 23 | 1,435 | . | 222 | 43 | 1,723 | 66 | 1,789 |
| Wales – January 2010 | 25 | 1,462 | . | 223 | 43 | 1,753 | 64 | 1,817 |
| Wales – January 2009 | 28 | 1,478 | . | 223 | 44 | 1,773 | 60 | 1,833 |

## Table 2: Welsh medium schools and pupils, by local authority, January 2013

| | Primary (a) | | Middle (b) | | Secondary (b) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Schools | Pupils | Schools | Pupils | Schools | Pupils |
| Isle of Anglesey | 47 | 5,325 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3,156 |
| Gwynedd | 101 | 9,558 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 6,069 |
| Conwy | 25 | 2,262 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1,444 |
| Denbighshire | 18 | 2,228 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3,102 |
| Flintshire | 5 | 845 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 559 |
| Wrexham | 7 | 1,470 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 757 |
| Powys | 23 | 3,025 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2,368 |
| Ceredigion | 45 | 3,562 | 1 | 1,082 | 5 | 2,537 |
| Pembrokeshire | 19 | 2,870 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1,011 |
| Carmarthenshire | 74 | 9,456 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 5,560 |
| Swansea | 11 | 2,911 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1,480 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 11 | 2,158 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 993 |
| Bridgend | 4 | 1,090 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 532 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 7 | 1,615 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 813 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf | 16 | 4,775 | 1 | 552 | 3 | 2,613 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 2 | 577 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Caerphilly | 11 | 2,745 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1,378 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 1 | 294 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Torfaen | 3 | 785 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 976 |
| Monmouthshire | 2 | 310 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Newport | 3 | 614 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cardiff | 17 | 4,717 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2,344 |
| **Wales** | **452** | **63,192** | **2** | **1,634** | **53** | **37,692** |
| | | | | | | |
| Wales – January 2012 | 461 | 62,446 | . | . | 56 | 41,262 |
| Wales – January 2011 | 467 | 61,073 | . | . | 56 | 41,764 |
| Wales – January 2010 | 476 | 60,318 | . | . | 58 | 43,432 |
| Wales – January 2009 | 487 | 59,989 | . | . | 55 | 41,916 |

(a)   Primary schools include Welsh Medium, Dual stream and Transitional schools.
(b)   Include Welsh medium and Bilingual schools.

## Table 3: Number of pupils, by age group, in maintained schools (a)

| | | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nursery | Under 5 | 1,791 | 1,672 | 1,572 | 1,530 | 1,434 |
| | 5 and over | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | **All ages** | **1,791** | **1,672** | **1,572** | **1,530** | **1,434** |
| Primary | Under 5 | 63,985 | 65,421 | 67,721 | 69,766 | 70,262 |
| | 5 to 10 | 194,189 | 191,907 | 191,359 | 192,293 | 193,878 |
| | 11 to 15 | 129 | 107 | 101 | 76 | 44 |
| | 16 and over | 11 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 2 |
| | **All ages** | **258,314** | **257,445** | **259,189** | **262,144** | **264,186** |
| Middle | Under 5 | . | . | . | . | 238 |
| | 5 to 10 | . | . | . | . | 621 |
| | 11 to 15 | . | . | . | . | 2,343 |
| | 16 and over | . | . | . | . | 446 |
| | **All ages** | **.** | **.** | **.** | **.** | **3,648** |
| Secondary | Under 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 5 to 10 | 15 | 6 | 5 | 19 | 2 |
| | 11 to 15 | 176,299 | 173,914 | 171,142 | 168,204 | 162,843 |
| | 16 and over | 29,107 | 29,987 | 30,083 | 29,792 | 28,434 |
| | **All ages** | **205,421** | **203,907** | **201,230** | **198,015** | **191,279** |
| Special | Under 5 | 201 | 198 | 217 | 213 | 224 |
| | 5 to 10 | 1,018 | 1,032 | 1,008 | 1,062 | 1,103 |
| | 11 to 15 | 2,164 | 2,116 | 2,117 | 2,111 | 2,070 |
| | 16 and over | 732 | 771 | 839 | 868 | 924 |
| | **All ages** | **4,115** | **4,117** | **4,181** | **4,254** | **4,321** |
| Total | Under 5 | 65,977 | 67,291 | 69,510 | 71,509 | 72,158 |
| | 5 to 10 | 195,222 | 192,945 | 192,372 | 193,374 | 195,604 |
| | 11 to 15 | 178,592 | 176,137 | 173,360 | 170,391 | 167,300 |
| | 16 and over | 29,850 | 30,768 | 30,930 | 30,669 | 29,806 |
| | **All ages** | **469,641** | **467,141** | **466,172** | **465,943** | **464,868** |

(a)   At January each year. Age as at 31 August in the previous year.

**Table 4: Number of pupils, full-time and part-time, by age and sex, in maintained schools, January 2013 (a)**

| | | 2 and under | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19+ | All ages |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nursery:** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | Boys | 34 | 114 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 160 |
| | Girls | 28 | 130 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 161 |
| Part-time | Boys | 153 | 427 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 582 |
| | Girls | 121 | 410 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 531 |
| | Total | 336 | 1,081 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,434 |
| **Primary:** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | Boys | 425 | 3,881 | 17,989 | 17,343 | 16,933 | 16,797 | 16,424 | 16,051 | 15,778 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 121,649 |
| | Girls | 406 | 3,646 | 17,204 | 16,616 | 16,203 | 15,995 | 15,477 | 15,360 | 14,898 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 115,822 |
| Part-time | Boys | 2,359 | 11,259 | 48 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,668 |
| | Girls | 2,290 | 10,713 | 42 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,047 |
| | Total | 5,480 | 29,499 | 35,283 | 33,961 | 33,136 | 32,792 | 31,901 | 31,412 | 30,676 | 42 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 264,186 |
| **Middle:** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | Boys | 2 | 17 | 54 | 43 | 40 | 56 | 43 | 66 | 59 | 222 | 229 | 203 | 213 | 205 | 82 | 62 | 5 | 0 | 1,601 |
| | Girls | 5 | 22 | 48 | 47 | 54 | 37 | 70 | 42 | 64 | 239 | 245 | 246 | 266 | 275 | 147 | 141 | 9 | 0 | 1,957 |
| Part-time | Boys | 3 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| | Girls | 19 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| | Total | 29 | 107 | 102 | 90 | 94 | 93 | 113 | 108 | 123 | 461 | 474 | 449 | 479 | 480 | 229 | 203 | 14 | 0 | 3,648 |
| **Secondary:** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | Boys | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15,860 | 16,094 | 16,612 | 17,082 | 17,645 | 7,125 | 5,558 | 704 | 34 | 96,714 |
| | Girls | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 15,056 | 15,380 | 15,907 | 16,379 | 16,828 | 7,805 | 6,554 | 548 | 106 | 94,565 |
| Part-time | Boys | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Girls | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 30,916 | 31,474 | 32,519 | 33,461 | 34,473 | 14,930 | 12,112 | 1,252 | 140 | 191,279 |
| **Special:** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | Boys | 4 | 23 | 92 | 96 | 115 | 112 | 147 | 134 | 156 | 249 | 284 | 298 | 335 | 347 | 242 | 198 | 153 | 0 | 2,985 |
| | Girls | 1 | 9 | 44 | 36 | 52 | 54 | 62 | 75 | 64 | 97 | 101 | 114 | 109 | 135 | 119 | 95 | 117 | 0 | 1,284 |
| Part-time | Boys | 3 | 24 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 |
| | Girls | 3 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| | Total | 11 | 72 | 141 | 132 | 167 | 166 | 209 | 209 | 220 | 346 | 385 | 412 | 445 | 482 | 361 | 293 | 270 | 0 | 4,321 |
| **Total** | | 5,856 | 30,759 | 35,543 | 34,183 | 33,397 | 33,051 | 32,223 | 31,729 | 31,021 | 31,765 | 32,334 | 33,380 | 34,386 | 35,435 | 15,521 | 12,608 | 1,537 | 140 | 464,868 |

(a) Age as at 31 August 2012

## Table 5: Pupil numbers, by local authority, January 2013

| | Maintained schools | | | | | | Independent | All schools |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nursery | Primary | Middle | Secondary | Special | Total | | |
| Isle of Anglesey | 0 | 5,508 | 0 | 3,977 | 73 | 9,558 | 105 | 9,663 |
| Gwynedd | 0 | 9,676 | 0 | 7,345 | 130 | 17,151 | 365 | 17,516 |
| Conwy | 0 | 8,694 | 0 | 7,209 | 167 | 16,070 | 801 | 16,871 |
| Denbighshire | 0 | 8,093 | 500 | 6,792 | 245 | 15,630 | 417 | 16,047 |
| Flintshire | 54 | 13,480 | 0 | 9,997 | 220 | 23,751 | 27 | 23,778 |
| Wrexham | 49 | 12,315 | 0 | 6,577 | 264 | 19,205 | 23 | 19,228 |
| Powys | 0 | 10,350 | 0 | 8,304 | 294 | 18,948 | 458 | 19,406 |
| Ceredigion | 0 | 4,636 | 1,082 | 3,826 | 0 | 9,544 | 7 | 9,551 |
| Pembrokeshire | 0 | 10,328 | 0 | 7,704 | 137 | 18,169 | 219 | 18,388 |
| Carmarthenshire | 81 | 15,127 | 0 | 11,775 | 117 | 27,100 | 748 | 27,848 |
| Swansea | 0 | 21,056 | 0 | 13,883 | 163 | 35,102 | 391 | 35,493 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 0 | 12,213 | 0 | 8,100 | 196 | 20,509 | 0 | 20,509 |
| Bridgend | 30 | 12,416 | 0 | 9,608 | 426 | 22,480 | 409 | 22,889 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 253 | 11,998 | 0 | 9,448 | 252 | 21,951 | 200 | 22,151 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf | 63 | 21,810 | 552 | 16,168 | 480 | 39,073 | 1 | 39,074 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 148 | 5,296 | 0 | 3,606 | 148 | 9,198 | 0 | 9,198 |
| Caerphilly | 0 | 16,787 | 0 | 11,794 | 124 | 28,705 | 129 | 28,834 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 0 | 5,812 | 1,514 | 2,350 | 98 | 9,774 | 0 | 9,774 |
| Torfaen | 141 | 8,092 | 0 | 7,174 | 91 | 15,498 | 0 | 15,498 |
| Monmouthshire | 0 | 6,625 | 0 | 5,020 | 45 | 11,690 | 1,494 | 13,184 |
| Newport | 272 | 13,545 | 0 | 10,493 | 129 | 24,439 | 614 | 25,053 |
| Cardiff | 343 | 30,329 | 0 | 20,129 | 522 | 51,323 | 2,454 | 53,777 |
| **Wales** | **1,434** | **264,186** | **3,648** | **191,279** | **4,321** | **464,868** | **8,862** | **473,730** |
| Wales – January 2012 | 1,530 | 262,144 | . | 198,015 | 4,254 | 465,943 | 8,929 | 474,872 |
| Wales – January 2011 | 1,572 | 259,189 | . | 201,230 | 4,181 | 466,172 | 9,088 | 475,260 |
| Wales – January 2010 | 1,672 | 257,445 | . | 203,907 | 4,117 | 467,141 | 9,222 | 476,363 |
| Wales – January 2009 | 1,791 | 258,314 | . | 205,421 | 4,115 | 469,641 | 9,302 | 478,943 |

## Table 6: Full-time equivalent pupils, by local authority, January 2013

*FTE*

| | Maintained schools | | | | | | Independent | All schools |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nursery | Primary | Middle | Secondary | Special | Total | | |
| Isle of Anglesey | 0.0 | 5,209.0 | 0.0 | 3,977.0 | 71.5 | 9,257.5 | 79.5 | 9,337.0 |
| Gwynedd | 0.0 | 9,099.0 | 0.0 | 7,345.0 | 129.5 | 16,573.5 | 365.0 | 16,938.5 |
| Conwy | 0.0 | 8,158.0 | 0.0 | 7,209.0 | 166.5 | 15,533.5 | 801.0 | 16,334.5 |
| Denbighshire | 0.0 | 7,572.5 | 495.0 | 6,792.0 | 242.5 | 15,102.0 | 417.0 | 15,519.0 |
| Flintshire | 27.0 | 12,636.5 | 0.0 | 9,997.0 | 215.5 | 22,876.0 | 27.0 | 22,903.0 |
| Wrexham | 24.5 | 11,497.0 | 0.0 | 6,577.0 | 264.0 | 18,362.5 | 23.0 | 18,385.5 |
| Powys | 0.0 | 10,135.0 | 0.0 | 8,304.0 | 293.5 | 18,732.5 | 458.0 | 19,190.5 |
| Ceredigion | 0.0 | 4,524.5 | 1,059.0 | 3,826.0 | 0.0 | 9,409.5 | 7.0 | 9,416.5 |
| Pembrokeshire | 0.0 | 9,808.5 | 0.0 | 7,704.0 | 136.5 | 17,649.0 | 219.0 | 17,868.0 |
| Carmarthenshire | 81.0 | 14,936.5 | 0.0 | 11,775.0 | 117.0 | 26,909.5 | 748.0 | 27,657.5 |
| Swansea | 0.0 | 19,413.0 | 0.0 | 13,883.0 | 161.5 | 33,457.5 | 358.0 | 33,815.5 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 0.0 | 11,206.5 | 0.0 | 8,100.0 | 196.0 | 19,502.5 | 0.0 | 19,502.5 |
| Bridgend | 27.0 | 12,279.0 | 0.0 | 9,608.0 | 423.5 | 22,337.5 | 409.0 | 22,746.5 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 126.5 | 11,213.0 | 0.0 | 9,448.0 | 250.5 | 21,038.0 | 195.5 | 21,233.5 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf | 63.0 | 21,780.0 | 552.0 | 16,168.0 | 479.5 | 39,042.5 | 1.0 | 39,043.5 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 144.5 | 5,178.5 | 0.0 | 3,606.0 | 148.0 | 9,077.0 | 0.0 | 9,077.0 |
| Caerphilly | 0.0 | 15,657.0 | 0.0 | 11,794.0 | 121.0 | 27,572.0 | 129.0 | 27,701.0 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 0.0 | 5,387.0 | 1,497.0 | 2,350.0 | 98.0 | 9,332.0 | 0.0 | 9,332.0 |
| Torfaen | 76.5 | 7,641.5 | 0.0 | 7,174.0 | 90.5 | 14,982.5 | 0.0 | 14,982.5 |
| Monmouthshire | 0.0 | 6,390.5 | 0.0 | 5,020.0 | 45.0 | 11,455.5 | 1,472.0 | 12,927.5 |
| Newport | 136.0 | 12,820.5 | 0.0 | 10,493.0 | 127.5 | 23,577.0 | 606.0 | 24,183.0 |
| Cardiff | 171.5 | 28,285.5 | 0.0 | 20,129.0 | 517.5 | 49,103.5 | 2,440.5 | 51,544.0 |
| **Wales** | **877.5** | **250,828.5** | **3,603.0** | **191,279.0** | **4,295.0** | **450,883.0** | **8,755.5** | **459,638.5** |
| Wales – January 2012 | 965.5 | 248,587.5 | . | 198,015.0 | 4,222.0 | 451,790.0 | 8,828.5 | 460,618.5 |
| Wales – January 2011 | 987.0 | 246,195.5 | . | 201,230.0 | 4,156.5 | 452,569.0 | 8,989.5 | 461,558.5 |
| Wales – January 2010 | 1,033.5 | 245,155.0 | . | 203,907.0 | 4,092.5 | 454,188.0 | 9,082.5 | 463,270.5 |
| Wales – January 2009 | 1,138.0 | 246,323.5 | . | 205,421.0 | 4,087.0 | 456,969.5 | 9,176.5 | 466,146.0 |

## Teachers and support staff

- The **number of teachers** in maintained schools in each local authority ranged between 3,089 in Cardiff, to 514 in Merthyr Tydfil. *(Table 7)*

- The number of **full-time equivalent qualified teachers in schools** was highest in Cardiff at 2,769.6 teachers and lowest in Merthyr Tydfil at 486.6 teachers. *(Table 8)*

- Ceredigion had the lowest primary **pupil teacher ratio** at 17.5, and Torfaen had the highest at 23.6. The lowest secondary pupil teacher ratio was also in Ceredigion at 14.1, and the highest was in Swansea at 17.5. *(Table 9)*

- The **pupil teacher ratio** is highest in primary schools at 20.7 and lowest in special schools at 6.7. *(Table 9)*

- The number of **full-time equivalent support staff in schools** was highest in Cardiff at 2,547.2 support staff, and lowest in Merthyr Tydfil at 454.8 support staff. *(Table 10)*

- The introduction of the Foundation Phase and the Teacher Workload Agreement are the two main drivers behind the increase in support staff. *(Table 10)*

## Table 7: Number of qualified teachers, by local authority, January 2013

| | Maintained schools | | | | | | Independent | All schools |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nursery | Primary | Middle | Secondary | Special | Total | | |
| Isle of Anglesey | 0 | 281 | 0 | 260 | 15 | 556 | 10 | 566 |
| Gwynedd | 0 | 524 | 0 | 515 | 19 | 1,058 | 54 | 1,112 |
| Conwy | 0 | 476 | 0 | 479 | 25 | 980 | 135 | 1,115 |
| Denbighshire | 0 | 436 | 36 | 459 | 37 | 968 | 57 | 1,025 |
| Flintshire | 2 | 693 | 0 | 667 | 37 | 1,399 | 9 | 1,408 |
| Wrexham | 3 | 656 | 0 | 445 | 29 | 1,133 | 12 | 1,145 |
| Powys | 0 | 607 | 0 | 575 | 49 | 1,231 | 84 | 1,315 |
| Ceredigion | 0 | 298 | 68 | 294 | 0 | 660 | 4 | 664 |
| Pembrokeshire | 0 | 567 | 0 | 488 | 23 | 1,078 | 32 | 1,110 |
| Carmarthenshire | 4 | 878 | 0 | 786 | 23 | 1,691 | 116 | 1,807 |
| Swansea | 0 | 1,008 | 0 | 851 | 33 | 1,892 | 59 | 1,951 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 0 | 601 | 0 | 540 | 34 | 1,175 | 0 | 1,175 |
| Bridgend | 3 | 588 | 0 | 625 | 49 | 1,265 | 68 | 1,333 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 11 | 633 | 0 | 595 | 54 | 1,293 | 55 | 1,348 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf | 7 | 1,033 | 43 | 1,016 | 63 | 2,162 | 2 | 2,164 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 10 | 270 | 0 | 217 | 17 | 514 | 0 | 514 |
| Caerphilly | 0 | 765 | 0 | 731 | 24 | 1,520 | 14 | 1,534 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 0 | 303 | 92 | 155 | 14 | 564 | 0 | 564 |
| Torfaen | 4 | 347 | 0 | 447 | 13 | 811 | 0 | 811 |
| Monmouthshire | 0 | 348 | 0 | 322 | 12 | 682 | 206 | 888 |
| Newport | 6 | 655 | 0 | 649 | 25 | 1,335 | 62 | 1,397 |
| Cardiff | 17 | 1,566 | 0 | 1,403 | 103 | 3,089 | 292 | 3,381 |
| **Wales** | **67** | **13,533** | **239** | **12,519** | **698** | **27,056** | **1,271** | **28,327** |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Wales – January 2012 | 73 | 13,451 | . | 12,651 | 694 | 26,869 | 1,284 | 28,153 |
| Wales – January 2011 | 72 | 13,399 | . | 12,935 | 702 | 27,108 | 1,309 | 28,417 |
| Wales – January 2010 | 78 | 13,582 | . | 13,102 | 673 | 27,435 | 1,297 | 28,732 |
| Wales – January 2009 | 82 | 13,726 | . | 13,219 | 675 | 27,702 | 1,267 | 28,969 |

## Table 8: Full-time equivalent qualified teachers, by local authority, January 2013

| | Maintained schools | | | | | | Independent | All schools |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nursery | Primary | Middle | Secondary | Special | Total | | |
| Isle of Anglesey | 0.0 | 254.3 | 0.0 | 241.7 | 14.0 | 510.1 | 9.0 | 519.0 |
| Gwynedd | 0.0 | 458.9 | 0.0 | 479.6 | 18.6 | 957.1 | 48.3 | 1,005.4 |
| Conwy | 0.0 | 420.0 | 0.0 | 453.8 | 23.9 | 897.7 | 123.0 | 1,020.7 |
| Denbighshire | 0.0 | 382.5 | 28.6 | 420.4 | 32.8 | 864.3 | 54.9 | 919.2 |
| Flintshire | 1.0 | 614.2 | 0.0 | 611.5 | 32.9 | 1,259.6 | 8.6 | 1,268.2 |
| Wrexham | 2.6 | 579.2 | 0.0 | 413.5 | 27.7 | 1,023.0 | 10.9 | 1,034.0 |
| Powys | 0.0 | 525.8 | 0.0 | 529.1 | 44.0 | 1,098.9 | 63.3 | 1,162.2 |
| Ceredigion | 0.0 | 259.2 | 62.0 | 272.2 | 0.0 | 593.4 | 3.5 | 596.9 |
| Pembrokeshire | 0.0 | 488.4 | 0.0 | 456.8 | 20.7 | 966.0 | 25.4 | 991.4 |
| Carmarthenshire | 4.0 | 779.5 | 0.0 | 730.7 | 23.0 | 1,537.2 | 101.6 | 1,638.8 |
| Swansea | 0.0 | 901.2 | 0.0 | 793.3 | 29.8 | 1,724.2 | 47.4 | 1,771.6 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 0.0 | 544.2 | 0.0 | 511.3 | 30.6 | 1,086.1 | 0.0 | 1,086.1 |
| Bridgend | 2.0 | 548.8 | 0.0 | 592.8 | 46.4 | 1,190.0 | 56.7 | 1,246.7 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 9.4 | 562.8 | 0.0 | 568.5 | 46.8 | 1,187.5 | 44.1 | 1,231.6 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf | 6.6 | 977.5 | 41.2 | 964.3 | 58.0 | 2,047.6 | 2.0 | 2,049.6 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 10.0 | 252.3 | 0.0 | 207.2 | 17.0 | 486.6 | 0.0 | 486.6 |
| Caerphilly | 0.0 | 711.3 | 0.0 | 690.0 | 20.2 | 1,421.5 | 9.3 | 1,430.8 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 0.0 | 280.6 | 90.9 | 148.0 | 14.0 | 533.5 | 0.0 | 533.5 |
| Torfaen | 4.0 | 324.2 | 0.0 | 421.7 | 12.0 | 761.9 | 0.0 | 761.9 |
| Monmouthshire | 0.0 | 305.4 | 0.0 | 307.9 | 11.4 | 624.7 | 194.2 | 818.9 |
| Newport | 5.2 | 599.1 | 0.0 | 604.9 | 21.0 | 1,230.3 | 57.8 | 1,288.1 |
| Cardiff | 13.4 | 1,375.2 | 0.0 | 1,288.0 | 92.9 | 2,769.6 | 247.9 | 3,017.5 |
| **Wales** | **58.3** | **12,144.6** | **222.7** | **11,707.2** | **637.7** | **24,770.6** | **1,108.1** | **25,878.7** |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Wales – January 2012 | 63.6 | 12,026.2 | . | 11,868.3 | 642.6 | 24,600.7 | 1,096.2 | 25,696.9 |
| Wales – January 2011 | 62.7 | 11,998.7 | . | 12,144.7 | 648.2 | 24,854.4 | 1,117.3 | 25,971.7 |
| Wales – January 2010 | 68.6 | 12,206.6 | . | 12,379.0 | 632.3 | 25,286.6 | 1,109.5 | 26,396.0 |
| Wales – January 2009 | 73.9 | 12,342.5 | . | 12,515.0 | 630.6 | 25,562.0 | 1,097.2 | 26,659.2 |

## Table 9: Pupil teacher ratios within schools, by local authority, January 2013

| | Maintained schools | | | | | | Independent | All schools |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nursery | Primary | Middle | Secondary | Special | Total | | |
| Isle of Anglesey | . | 20.5 | . | 16.5 | 5.1 | 18.1 | 8.9 | 18.0 |
| Gwynedd | . | 19.8 | . | 15.3 | 7.0 | 17.3 | 7.5 | 16.8 |
| Conwy | . | 19.4 | . | 15.9 | 7.0 | 17.3 | 6.5 | 16.0 |
| Denbighshire | . | 19.8 | 17.3 | 16.2 | 7.4 | 17.5 | 7.6 | 16.9 |
| Flintshire | 27.4 | 20.6 | . | 16.3 | 6.5 | 18.2 | 3.1 | 18.1 |
| Wrexham | 9.4 | 19.8 | . | 15.9 | 9.5 | 17.9 | 2.1 | 17.8 |
| Powys | . | 19.3 | . | 15.7 | 6.7 | 17.0 | 7.2 | 16.5 |
| Ceredigion | . | 17.5 | 17.1 | 14.1 | . | 15.9 | 2.0 | 15.8 |
| Pembrokeshire | . | 20.1 | . | 16.9 | 6.6 | 18.3 | 8.6 | 18.0 |
| Carmarthenshire | 20.3 | 19.2 | . | 16.1 | 5.1 | 17.5 | 7.4 | 16.9 |
| Swansea | . | 21.5 | . | 17.5 | 5.4 | 19.4 | 7.6 | 19.1 |
| Neath Port Talbot | . | 20.6 | . | 15.8 | 6.4 | 18.0 | . | 18.0 |
| Bridgend | 13.4 | 22.4 | . | 16.2 | 9.1 | 18.8 | 7.2 | 18.2 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 13.4 | 19.9 | . | 16.6 | 5.4 | 17.7 | 4.4 | 17.2 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf | 9.6 | 22.3 | 13.4 | 16.8 | 8.3 | 19.1 | . | 19.0 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 14.5 | 20.5 | . | 17.4 | 8.7 | 18.7 | . | 18.7 |
| Caerphilly | . | 22.0 | . | 17.1 | 6.0 | 19.4 | 13.9 | 19.4 |
| Blaenau Gwent | . | 19.2 | 16.5 | 15.9 | 7.0 | 17.5 | . | 17.5 |
| Torfaen | 19.1 | 23.6 | . | 17.0 | 7.5 | 19.7 | . | 19.7 |
| Monmouthshire | . | 20.9 | . | 16.3 | 3.9 | 18.3 | 7.6 | 15.8 |
| Newport | 26.0 | 21.4 | . | 17.3 | 6.1 | 19.2 | 10.5 | 18.8 |
| Cardiff | 12.8 | 20.6 | . | 15.6 | 5.6 | 17.7 | 9.8 | 17.1 |
| **Wales** | **15.1** | **20.7** | **16.2** | **16.3** | **6.7** | **18.2** | **7.9** | **17.8** |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Wales – January 2012 | 15.2 | 20.7 | . | 16.7 | 6.6 | 18.4 | 8.1 | 17.9 |
| Wales – January 2011 | 15.7 | 20.5 | . | 16.6 | 6.4 | 18.2 | 8.0 | 17.8 |
| Wales – January 2010 | 15.1 | 20.1 | . | 16.5 | 6.5 | 18.0 | 8.2 | 17.6 |
| Wales – January 2009 | 15.4 | 20.0 | . | 16.4 | 6.5 | 17.9 | 8.4 | 17.5 |

## Table 10: Full-time equivalent support staff, by local authority, January 2013

*FTE*

| | Maintained schools | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nursery | Primary | Middle | Secondary | Special | Total |
| Isle of Anglesey | 0.0 | 279.9 | 0.0 | 165.5 | 22.0 | 467.4 |
| Gwynedd | 0.0 | 459.9 | 0.0 | 242.3 | 49.6 | 751.8 |
| Conwy | 0.0 | 383.7 | 0.0 | 205.1 | 61.0 | 649.7 |
| Denbighshire | 0.0 | 454.7 | 18.7 | 260.2 | 89.0 | 822.6 |
| Flintshire | 3.0 | 778.7 | 0.0 | 326.1 | 75.0 | 1,182.8 |
| Wrexham | 7.8 | 759.4 | 0.0 | 254.3 | 131.7 | 1,153.2 |
| Powys | 0.0 | 563.5 | 0.0 | 258.5 | 114.3 | 936.3 |
| Ceredigion | 0.0 | 327.9 | 60.5 | 215.2 | 0.0 | 603.6 |
| Pembrokeshire | 0.0 | 781.6 | 0.0 | 359.4 | 84.3 | 1,225.2 |
| Carmarthenshire | 7.3 | 944.2 | 0.0 | 588.5 | 72.0 | 1,612.0 |
| Swansea | 0.0 | 1,208.5 | 0.0 | 590.7 | 92.2 | 1,891.4 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 0.0 | 641.8 | 0.0 | 244.4 | 80.8 | 967.0 |
| Bridgend | 4.0 | 698.5 | 0.0 | 271.5 | 162.9 | 1,137.0 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 14.0 | 595.5 | 0.0 | 273.2 | 152.3 | 1,035.0 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf | 7.5 | 1,160.1 | 19.1 | 501.4 | 157.4 | 1,845.5 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 15.1 | 301.5 | 0.0 | 81.5 | 56.7 | 454.8 |
| Caerphilly | 0.0 | 868.8 | 0.0 | 336.9 | 65.3 | 1,271.0 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 0.0 | 326.3 | 46.3 | 86.1 | 60.7 | 519.3 |
| Torfaen | 10.5 | 439.1 | 0.0 | 241.6 | 46.8 | 738.0 |
| Monmouthshire | 0.0 | 382.8 | 0.0 | 158.3 | 30.2 | 571.2 |
| Newport | 20.2 | 723.1 | 0.0 | 357.3 | 64.4 | 1,165.0 |
| Cardiff | 25.9 | 1,595.8 | 0.0 | 749.8 | 175.6 | 2,547.2 |
| **Wales** | **115.2** | **14,675.2** | **144.6** | **6,767.6** | **1,844.2** | **23,546.8** |
| | | | | | | |
| Wales – January 2012 | 123.4 | 13,703.7 | . | 6,714.0 | 1,753.4 | 22,294.5 |
| Wales – January 2011 | 125.1 | 12,850.2 | . | 6,653.2 | 1,692.0 | 21,320.5 |
| Wales – January 2010 | 119.6 | 12,263.7 | . | 6,525.8 | 1,500.6 | 20,409.7 |
| Wales – January 2009 | 120.6 | 11,198.5 | . | 6,234.4 | 1,540.2 | 19,093.8 |

## Free school meals (FSM)

- The **number of pupils eligible for free meals** has increased from 82,543 pupils in January 2012 to 83,498 pupils in January 2013.

- Since 2008, the **percentage of compulsory aged school pupils known to be eligible for free meals** has increased year on year with the exception of 2011 and 2012 when there was a slight decrease. The overall increasing trend may be related to that seen in the number of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance in Wales, which is one of the criteria for eligibility for free meals (more information can be seen in the Key Quality Information at the back of this release).

- The percentage of pupils known to be eligible for free meals was highest in special schools at 42.1 per cent.  *(Table 11)*

**Table 11: Pupils known to be eligible for free meals in maintained schools (a)**

|  | Nursery schools | | Primary Schools | | Middle schools | | Secondary Schools | | Special Schools | | All Schools | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Number | Per Cent | Number | Per Cent | Number | Per Cent | Number | Per Cent | Number | Per Cent | Number | Per Cent |
| All pupils: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2009 | 170 | 9.5 | 44,083 | 17.1 | . | . | 30,426 | 14.8 | 1,543 | 37.5 | 76,222 | 16.2 |
| 2010 | 159 | 9.5 | 47,212 | 18.3 | . | . | 31,737 | 15.6 | 1,641 | 39.9 | 80,749 | 17.3 |
| 2011 | 143 | 9.1 | 50,560 | 19.5 | . | . | 32,314 | 16.1 | 1,789 | 42.8 | 84,806 | 18.2 |
| 2012 | 133 | 8.7 | 49,391 | 18.8 | . | . | 31,276 | 15.8 | 1,743 | 41.0 | 82,543 | 17.7 |
| 2013 | 106 | 7.4 | 50,056 | 18.9 | 557 | 15.3 | 30,962 | 16.2 | 1,817 | 42.1 | 83,498 | 18.0 |
| Aged 5-15: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2009 | . | . | 36,525 | 18.8 | . | . | 28,713 | 16.3 | 1,257 | 39.5 | 66,495 | 17.8 |
| 2010 | . | . | 38,665 | 20.1 | . | . | 29,805 | 17.1 | 1,321 | 42.0 | 69,791 | 18.9 |
| 2011 | . | . | 40,422 | 21.1 | . | . | 30,247 | 17.7 | 1,404 | 44.9 | 72,073 | 19.7 |
| 2012 | . | . | 39,656 | 20.6 | . | . | 29,252 | 17.4 | 1,357 | 42.8 | 70,265 | 19.3 |
| 2013 | . | . | 40,135 | 20.7 | 508 | 17.1 | 28,835 | 17.7 | 1,415 | 44.6 | 70,893 | 19.5 |

(a) At January each year.

## Ethnicity

- Of the **total number of pupils aged 5 or over** at primary, middle, secondary and special schools in Wales, over 9 in 10 pupils were classed as White British.

- The **percentage of pupils** whose ethnic background was classified as minority ethnic origin was slightly higher in primary schools than in secondary or special schools.

- Of the **pupils whose ethnic background was classified as Black**, 80.3 per cent of them were classified as Black African.

- Of the **pupils whose ethnic background was classified as Asian**, 20.9 per cent of them were classified as Indian, 32.7 per cent as Pakistani, and 35.4 per cent as Bangladeshi. *(Table 12)*

### Table 12: Number of pupils aged 5 or over, by ethnic background, January 2013

| Ethnic background | Primary Number | Per cent (a) | Middle Number | Per cent (a) | Secondary Number | Per cent (a) | Special Number | Per cent (a) | Total Number | Per cent (a) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **White** | **179,164** | **92.4** | **3,303** | **96.9** | **179,104** | **93.6** | **3,785** | **92.4** | **365,356** | **93.0** |
| White British | 174,538 | 90.0 | 3,208 | 94.1 | 175,679 | 91.8 | 3,731 | 91.1 | 357,156 | 90.9 |
| Traveller of Irish Heritage | 240 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 94 | 0.0 | 11 | 0.3 | 345 | 0.1 |
| Gypsy/ Roma | 334 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 176 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.1 | 516 | 0.1 |
| Any other White background | 4,052 | 2.1 | 95 | 2.8 | 3,155 | 1.6 | 37 | 0.9 | 7,339 | 1.9 |
| **Mixed** | **4,869** | **2.5** | **29** | **0.9** | **3,811** | **2.0** | **99** | **2.4** | **8,808** | **2.2** |
| White and Black Caribbean | 1,069 | 0.6 | 5 | 0.1 | 993 | 0.5 | 15 | 0.4 | 2,082 | 0.5 |
| White and Black African | 628 | 0.3 | 2 | 0.1 | 411 | 0.2 | 11 | 0.3 | 1,052 | 0.3 |
| White and Asian | 1,127 | 0.6 | 4 | 0.1 | 867 | 0.5 | 18 | 0.4 | 2,016 | 0.5 |
| Any other mixed background | 2,045 | 1.1 | 18 | 0.5 | 1,540 | 0.8 | 55 | 1.3 | 3,658 | 0.9 |
| **Asian** | **4,599** | **2.4** | **12** | **0.4** | **3,583** | **1.9** | **82** | **2.0** | **8,276** | **2.1** |
| Indian | 1,072 | 0.6 | 6 | 0.2 | 644 | 0.3 | 9 | 0.2 | 1,731 | 0.4 |
| Pakistani | 1,479 | 0.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 1,187 | 0.6 | 38 | 0.9 | 2,704 | 0.7 |
| Bangladeshi | 1,551 | 0.8 | 5 | 0.1 | 1,348 | 0.7 | 29 | 0.7 | 2,933 | 0.7 |
| Any other Asian background | 497 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.0 | 404 | 0.2 | 6 | 0.1 | 908 | 0.2 |
| **Black** | **1,525** | **0.8** | **4** | **0.1** | **1,301** | **0.7** | **45** | **1.1** | **2,875** | **0.7** |
| Black Caribbean | 90 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 111 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 201 | 0.1 |
| Black African | 1,241 | 0.6 | 3 | 0.1 | 1,025 | 0.5 | 39 | 1.0 | 2,308 | 0.6 |
| Any other Black background | 194 | 0.1 | 1 | 0.0 | 165 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.1 | 366 | 0.1 |
| **Chinese** | **311** | **0.2** | **5** | **0.1** | **346** | **0.2** | **5** | **0.1** | **667** | **0.2** |
| **Any other ethnic group** | **2,166** | **1.1** | **30** | **0.9** | **1,726** | **0.9** | **29** | **0.7** | **3,951** | **1.0** |
| Total with valid category | 192,634 | 99.3 | 3,383 | 99.2 | 189,871 | 99.3 | 4,045 | 98.7 | 389,933 | 99.3 |
| Unknown or not stated | 1,290 | 0.7 | 27 | 0.8 | 1,408 | 0.7 | 52 | 1.3 | 2,777 | 0.7 |
| **All pupils** | **193,924** | **100.0** | **3,410** | **100.0** | **191,279** | **100.0** | **4,097** | **100.0** | **392,710** | **100.0** |

(a) Of all pupils aged 5 or over.

## Special educational needs (SEN)

- 16.1 per cent of **pupils at independent schools** have some form of special educational need; 27.0 per cent of these pupils with SEN have statements of SEN. Of the pupils with statements of special educational needs, 33.9 per cent had behavioural, emotional and social difficulties as their major need, 23.1 per cent of pupils had autistic spectrum disorders and 14.2 per cent of pupils had physical and medical difficulties as their major need. *(Table 13)*

- 22.4 per cent of **all pupils at primary, middle, secondary and special schools** in Wales have some form of special educational need; 12.3 per cent of the pupils with special educational needs have statements of SEN. *(Table 14)*

- 21.5 per cent of **pupils at primary schools** have some form of special educational need; 6.7 per cent of these pupils with SEN have statements of SEN. Of the pupils with special educational needs, the most common major need was moderate learning difficulties, representing 28.1 per cent of pupils with some form of SEN. *(Table 14 & Table 15)*

- 21.7 per cent of **pupils at secondary schools** have some form of special educational need; 11.4 per cent of these pupils with SEN have statements of SEN. Of the pupils with special educational needs, the most common major need was moderate learning difficulties, representing 30.2 per cent of all pupils with some form of SEN. *(Table 14 & Table 15)*

- All **pupils at special schools** have some form of special educational need; 93.9 per cent of these pupils with SEN have statements of SEN. Of the pupils with special educational needs, the most common major need was severe learning difficulties, representing 31.2 per cent all pupils with some form of SEN. *(Table 14 & Table 15)*

## Table 13: Pupils with special educational needs in independent schools, by major need, January 2013

|  | Independent schools | |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Number | Incidence % (a) |
| **Pupils with a statement of special educational need:** | | |
| Moderate learning difficulties | 23 | 0.3 |
| General learning difficulties | 3 | - |
| Severe learning difficulties | 8 | 0.1 |
| Profound & multiple learning difficulties | 1 | - |
| Dyslexia | 46 | 0.5 |
| Dyscalculia | 1 | - |
| Dyspraxia | 4 | - |
| Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder | 9 | 0.1 |
| Autistic Spectrum Disorders | 89 | 1.0 |
| Physical and medical difficulties | 55 | 0.6 |
| Hearing impairment | 3 | - |
| Visual impairment | 1 | - |
| Multiple sensory impairment | 1 | - |
| Speech, language & communication difficulties | 11 | 0.1 |
| Behavioural, emotional and social difficulties | 131 | 1.5 |
| **Total** | **386** | **4.4** |
| Pupils with special educational needs but no statement | 1,043 | 11.8 |
| **Total pupils on roll in independent schools (headcount)** | **8,862** | **100.0** |

(a) Incidence of pupils - the number of pupils expressed as a proportion of the total number of pupils on roll in Independent schools.

**Table 14: Pupils with a statement of special educational needs in maintained schools, by type of school and major need, January 2013**

| Major need | Primary Number | Primary Incidence % (a) | Primary Placement % (b) | Middle Number | Middle Incidence % (a) | Middle Placement % (b) | Secondary Number | Secondary Incidence % (a) | Secondary Placement % (b) | Special Number | Special Incidence % (a) | Special Placement % (b) | Total Number |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moderate learning difficulties | 513 | 0.2 | 4.0 | 33 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 871 | 0.5 | 6.8 | 494 | 11.4 | 3.9 | 1,911 |
| General learning difficulties | 62 | - | 0.5 | 4 | 0.1 | - | 111 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 2 | - | - | 179 |
| Severe learning difficulties | 259 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 9 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 243 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 1,298 | 30.0 | 10.2 | 1,809 |
| Profound & multiple learning difficulties | 109 | - | 0.9 | 1 | - | - | 61 | - | 0.5 | 451 | 10.4 | 3.5 | 622 |
| Dyslexia | 49 | - | 0.4 | 3 | 0.1 | - | 368 | 0.2 | 2.9 | 3 | 0.1 | - | 423 |
| Dyscalculia | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6 | - | - | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6 |
| Dyspraxia | 7 | - | 0.1 | 2 | 0.1 | - | 19 | - | 0.1 | 3 | 0.1 | - | 31 |
| Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder | 48 | - | 0.4 | 3 | 0.1 | - | 64 | - | 0.5 | 13 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 128 |
| Autistic Spectrum Disorders | 762 | 0.3 | 6.0 | 20 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 905 | 0.5 | 7.1 | 963 | 22.3 | 7.6 | 2,650 |
| Physical and medical difficulties | 529 | 0.2 | 4.2 | 7 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 405 | 0.2 | 3.2 | 184 | 4.3 | 1.4 | 1,125 |
| Hearing impairment | 175 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 2 | 0.1 | - | 151 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 14 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 342 |
| Visual impairment | 96 | - | 0.8 | 1 | - | - | 106 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 13 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 216 |
| Multiple sensory impairment | 9 | - | 0.1 | 1 | - | - | 4 | - | - | 11 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 25 |
| Speech, language & communication difficulties | 860 | 0.3 | 6.8 | 10 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 859 | 0.4 | 6.8 | 193 | 4.5 | 1.5 | 1,922 |
| Behavioural, emotional and social difficulties | 321 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 19 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 572 | 0.3 | 4.5 | 417 | 9.7 | 3.3 | 1,329 |
| **Total** | **3,799** | **1.4** | **29.9** | **115** | **3.2** | **0.9** | **4,745** | **2.5** | **37.3** | **4,059** | **93.9** | **31.9** | **12,718** |

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(b) Placement of pupils - the number of pupils expressed as a proportion of the total number of pupils within each SEN grouping in Primary, Middle, Secondary and Special schools combined.
  e.g. Number of pupils with a statement of SEN of moderate learning difficulties divided by the total number of pupils with a statement of SEN in Primary+Middle+Secondary+Special schools.

**Table 15: Pupils with a special educational need but no statement, in maintained schools, by type of school and major need, January 2013**

| Major need | Primary Number | Primary Incidence % (a) | Primary Placement % (b) | Middle Number | Middle Incidence % (a) | Middle Placement % (b) | Secondary Number | Secondary Incidence % (a) | Secondary Placement % (b) | Special Number | Special Incidence % (a) | Special Placement % (b) | Total Number |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moderate learning difficulties | 15,478 | 5.9 | 17.0 | 90 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 11,708 | 6.1 | 12.9 | 56 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 27,332 |
| General learning difficulties | 13,491 | 5.1 | 14.8 | 133 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 7,225 | 3.8 | 7.9 | 3 | 0.1 | - | 20,852 |
| Severe learning difficulties | 457 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 144 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 51 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 652 |
| Profound & multiple learning difficulties | 109 | - | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20 | - | - | 21 | 0.5 | - | 150 |
| Dyslexia | 2,612 | 1.0 | 2.9 | 260 | 7.1 | 0.3 | 5,866 | 3.1 | 6.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8,738 |
| Dyscalculia | 175 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 38 | 1.0 | - | 263 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 476 |
| Dyspraxia | 199 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 2 | 0.1 | - | 305 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 506 |
| Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder | 391 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 3 | 0.1 | - | 462 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 2 | - | - | 858 |
| Autistic Spectrum Disorders | 789 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 2 | 0.1 | - | 725 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 57 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 1,573 |
| Physical and medical difficulties | 1,801 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 20 | 0.5 | - | 1,357 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 2 | - | - | 3,180 |
| Hearing impairment | 1,018 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 14 | 0.4 | - | 698 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1,730 |
| Visual impairment | 351 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 3 | 0.1 | - | 270 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 624 |
| Multiple sensory impairment | 17 | - | - | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 40 |
| Speech, language & communication difficulties | 10,034 | 3.8 | 11.0 | 69 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 1,787 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 13 | 0.3 | - | 11,903 |
| Behavioural, emotional and social difficulties | 6,194 | 2.3 | 6.8 | 71 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 5,948 | 3.1 | 6.5 | 54 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 12,267 |
| **Total** | **53,116** | **20.1** | **58.4** | **705** | **19.3** | **0.8** | **36,800** | **19.2** | **40.5** | **260** | **6.0** | **0.3** | **90,881** |

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(b)  Placement of pupils - the number of pupils expressed as a proportion of the total number of pupils within each SEN grouping in Primary, Middle, Secondary and Special schools combined.
     e.g. Number of pupils with a statement of SEN of moderate learning difficulties divided by the total number of pupils with a statement of SEN in Primary+Middle+Secondary+Special schools.

**Table 16: All pupils with special educational needs in maintained schools, by type of school and major need, January 2013**

| Major need | Primary Number | Primary Incidence % (a) | Primary Placement % (b) | Middle Number | Middle Incidence % (a) | Middle Placement % (b) | Secondary Number | Secondary Incidence % (a) | Secondary Placement % (b) | Special Number | Special Incidence % (a) | Special Placement % (b) | Total Number |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moderate learning difficulties | 15,991 | 6.1 | 15.4 | 123 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 12,579 | 6.6 | 12.1 | 550 | 12.7 | 0.5 | 29,243 |
| General learning difficulties | 13,553 | 5.1 | 13.1 | 137 | 3.8 | 0.1 | 7,336 | 3.8 | 7.1 | 5 | 0.1 | - | 21,031 |
| Severe learning difficulties | 716 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 9 | 0.2 | - | 387 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1,349 | 31.2 | 1.3 | 2,461 |
| Profound & multiple learning difficulties | 218 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1 | - | - | 81 | - | 0.1 | 472 | 10.9 | 0.5 | 772 |
| Dyslexia | 2,661 | 1.0 | 2.6 | 263 | 7.2 | 0.3 | 6,234 | 3.3 | 6.0 | 3 | 0.1 | - | 9,161 |
| Dyscalculia | 175 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 38 | 1.0 | - | 269 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 482 |
| Dyspraxia | 206 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 4 | 0.1 | - | 324 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 3 | 0.1 | - | 537 |
| Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder | 439 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 6 | 0.2 | - | 526 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 15 | 0.3 | - | 986 |
| Autistic Spectrum Disorders | 1,551 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 22 | 0.6 | - | 1,630 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1,020 | 23.6 | 1.0 | 4,223 |
| Physical and medical difficulties | 2,330 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 27 | 0.7 | - | 1,762 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 186 | 4.3 | 0.2 | 4,305 |
| Hearing impairment | 1,193 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 16 | 0.4 | - | 849 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 14 | 0.3 | - | 2,072 |
| Visual impairment | 447 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 4 | 0.1 | - | 376 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 13 | 0.3 | - | 840 |
| Multiple sensory impairment | 26 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 26 | - | - | 12 | 0.3 | - | 65 |
| Speech, language & communication difficulties | 10,894 | 4.1 | 10.5 | 79 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 2,646 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 206 | 4.8 | 0.2 | 13,825 |
| Behavioural, emotional and social difficulties | 6,515 | 2.5 | 6.3 | 90 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 6,520 | 3.4 | 6.3 | 471 | 10.9 | 0.5 | 13,596 |
| **Total** | **56,915** | **21.5** | **54.9** | **820** | **22.5** | **0.8** | **41,545** | **21.7** | **40.1** | **4,319** | **100.0** | **4.2** | **103,599** |
| **Total number of pupils on roll** | **264,186** | | | **3,648** | | | **191,279** | | | **4,321** | | | **463,434** |

(a) Incidence of pupils - the number of pupils expressed as a proportion of the total number of pupils on roll within EACH school type.

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e.g. Number of pupils with a statement of SEN of moderate learning difficulties divided by the total number of pupils with a statement of SEN in Primary+Middle+Secondary+Special schools.

**Class sizes**

- The January 2013 PLASC count was the first time class size data has been collected from schools, replacing the annual local authority collection in September. The timing of these different collections is significant here as the January pupil cohort would be greater than the September one. Care should be taken when comparing data from these two collections.

- 6.6 per cent of pupils (6,969) were in infant classes of over 30 pupils, up from 3.8 per cent in September 2011. (Table 17)

- 218 infant classes (5.2 per cent) in Wales had more than 30 pupils, with 193 of these classes having permissible exceptions. This is more than at September 2011 when 122 classes (3.0 per cent) had over 30 pupils, of which 105 had permissible exceptions. (Table 17)

- 5.9 per cent of Key Stage 2 classes (308) were regarded as large classes and had a total of 9,770 pupils (7.7 per cent of all pupils). This is more than at September 2011 when 257 classes (5.1 per cent) were considered large and they had a total of 8,175 pupils (6.6 percent of all pupils). (Table 18)

- Unlawfully large infant classes increased from 17 in the September 2011 collection to 25 in PLASC January 2013 collection. These classes had 547 and 834 pupils respectively. (Table 17)

## Table 17: Infant class sizes in primary and middle schools (a)

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 (b) | 2013 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Average class size | 24.3 | 24.4 | 25.0 | .. | 25.1 |
| | | | | | |
| All classes | 3,991 | 4,065 | 4,055 | .. | 4,203 |
| All pupils | 96,922 | 99,070 | 101,313 | .. | 105,398 |
| | | | | | |
| **Classes with 1 to 30 pupils (c)** | | | | | |
| Number of classes | 3,892 | 3,968 | 3,933 | .. | 3,985 |
| Percentage of all classes | 97.5 | 97.6 | 97.0 | .. | 94.8 |
| | | | | | |
| Number of pupils | 93,803 | 95,993 | 97,431 | .. | 98,429 |
| Percentage of all pupils | 96.8 | 96.9 | 96.2 | .. | 93.4 |
| | | | | | |
| **Large Infant Classes (Classes of 31 or more pupils) (d)** | | | | | |
| Number of classes | 99 | 97 | 122 | .. | 218 |
| Percentage of all classes | 2.5 | 2.4 | 3.0 | .. | 5.2 |
| of which: | | | | | |
| **Lawfully large classes with 'excepted' pupils (e)** | | | | | |
| Number of classes | 83 | 85 | 105 | .. | 193 |
| Percentage of all classes | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.6 | .. | 4.6 |
| **Unlawfully large classes (f)** | | | | | |
| Number of classes | 16 | 12 | 17 | .. | 25 |
| Percentage of all classes | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | .. | 0.6 |
| | | | | | |
| Number of pupils in large classes (g) | 3,119 | 3,077 | 3,882 | .. | 6,969 |
| Percentage of all pupils | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.8 | .. | 6.6 |
| of which: | | | | | |
| **Lawfully large classes with 'excepted' pupils (e)** | | | | | |
| Number of pupils | 2,617 | 2,677 | 3,335 | .. | 6,135 |
| Percentage of all pupils | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.3 | .. | 5.8 |
| **Unlawfully large classes (f)** | | | | | |
| Number of pupils | 502 | 400 | 547 | .. | 834 |
| Percentage of all pupils | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | .. | 0.8 |

(a) At January each year. At September each year prior to 2013. Class sizes prior to 2012 relate to Key Stage 1 whereas those after 2012 relate to Foundation Phase. Includes Middle schools from 2013.

(b) No data collection in September 2012.

(c) The Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 and associated regulations placed a statutory duty on local authorities and governing bodies to limit the size of Reception classes to 30 from 1999; Reception and Year 1 classes from 2000 and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 from 2001. Mixed year or mixed Key Stage classes are subject to the limit, where the majority of the class is made up of pupils in the appropriate year groups; this includes mixed nursery/reception classes. In this table, where a class has more than one teacher the number of pupils divided by the number of teachers determines if the size is over 30.

(d) Both infant and junior classes with one teacher are allowed to have more than 30 children in very specific circumstances. These are called exceptions. Exception categories for infant classes are defined in the Schedule to the Education (Infant Class Sizes) (Wales) Regulations 1998, as amended by the Education (Infant Class Sizes) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2009. Exception categories for junior classes are not set out in regulations but are enforced as part of the data collection.

(e) Includes only those classes where there are pupils who have been admitted as exceptions making the class size within the legal limit of 30 pupils or less.

(f) Classes of 31 or more, excluding those large classes engaged in an excepted activity.

(g) Includes all pupils in large classes, including those with excepted activity.

(h) Class sizes prior to 2012 relate to Key Stage 1 whereas those after 2012 relate to Foundation Phase.

# Table 18: Junior class sizes in primary and middle schools (a)

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 (b) | 2013 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Average class size | 24.8 | 24.7 | 24.9 | .. | 24.5 |
| | | | | | |
| All classes | 5,121 | 5,038 | 4,994 | .. | 5,208 |
| All pupils | 126,786 | 124,533 | 124,491 | .. | 127,560 |
| **Classes with 1 to 30 pupils** | | | | | |
| Number of classes | 4,949 | 4,802 | 4,737 | .. | 4,900 |
| Percentage of all classes | 96.6 | 95.3 | 94.9 | .. | 94.1 |
| | | | | | |
| Number of pupils | 121,333 | 117,059 | 116,316 | .. | 117,790 |
| Percentage of all pupils | 95.7 | 94.0 | 93.4 | .. | 92.3 |
| **Large Junior Classes (Classes of 31 or more pupils) (c)** | | | | | |
| Number of classes | 172 | 236 | 257 | .. | 308 |
| Percentage of all classes | 3.4 | 4.7 | 5.1 | .. | 5.9 |
| of which: | | | | | |
| **Large classes with 'excepted' pupils (d)** | | | | | |
| Number of classes | 113 | 135 | 153 | .. | 255 |
| Percentage of all classes | 2.2 | 2.7 | 3.1 | .. | 4.9 |
| **Large classes without 'excepted' pupils (e)** | | | | | |
| Number of classes | 59 | 101 | 104 | .. | 53 |
| Percentage of all classes | 1.2 | 2.0 | 2.1 | .. | 1.0 |
| | | | | | |
| Number of pupils in large classes (f) | 5,453 | 7,474 | 8,175 | .. | 9,770 |
| Percentage of all pupils | 4.3 | 6.0 | 6.6 | .. | 7.7 |
| of which: | | | | | |
| **Large classes with 'excepted' pupils (d)** | | | | | |
| Number of pupils | 3,565 | 4,257 | 4,845 | .. | 8,082 |
| Percentage of all pupils | 2.8 | 3.4 | 3.9 | .. | 6.3 |
| **Large classes without 'excepted' pupils (e)** | | | | | |
| Number of pupils | 1,888 | 3,217 | 3,330 | .. | 1,688 |
| Percentage of all pupils | 1.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 | .. | 1.3 |

(a)    At January each year. At September each year prior to 2013. Includes Middle schools from 2013.

(b)    No data collection in September 2012.

(c)    Both infant and junior classes with one teacher are allowed to have more than 30 children in very specific circumstances. These are called exceptions. Exception categories for infant classes are defined in the Schedule to the Education (Infant Class Sizes) (Wales) Regulations 1998, as amended by the Education (Infant Class Sizes) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2009. Exception categories for junior classes are not set out in regulations but are enforced as part of the data collection. In this table, where a class has more than one teacher the number of pupils divided by the number of teachers determines if the size is over 30.

(d)    Includes only those classes where there are pupils who have been admitted as exceptions making the class size within the legal limit of 30 pupils or less.

(e)    Classes of 31 or more, excluding those large classes engaged in an excepted activity.

(f)    Includes all pupils in large classes, including those with excepted activity.

## Key Quality Information

### Coverage

The data in this release relates to all maintained and independent schools in Wales.

### Status

Schools' data are derived from the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) returns and STATS 1 returns supplied by schools open on Census day in January each year. The returns are authorised by headteachers and validated by Local Authorities.

### Timeliness
The data in this release relate to the position on Tuesday 15 January 2013.

### Source of data

### Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) / School Census (STATS1 Return)

PLASC is an electronic collection of pupil and school level data provided by all maintained schools in January each year. Schools record data on pupils and the school throughout the year in their Management Information System (MIS) software. This data is collated into an electronic PLASC return and submitted to the Welsh Government through DEWi, a secure online data transfer system developed by the Welsh Government. Various stages of automated validation and sense-checking are built into the process to ensure a high quality of data to inform policy making and funding.

From January 1994 independent schools in Wales complete a STATS1 return which replaced Form 101A (school census return for independent schools prior to January 1994).

**Class Size Data**: The January 2013 PLASC count was the first time class size data had been collected from schools, replacing the annual local authority collection in September.  Care should be taken when comparing data from these two collections. The following are points to bear in mind when comparing the most recent data with earlier years.

- Pupils are leaving and joining part way through the academic year

- Data  is now collected through the management information system of a school rather than a spreadsheet completed by a local authority

- Any intake in January  may affect class sizes

- This is the first year class size data has been collected through PLASC, and data quality may improve in future years as schools better understand the process.

The final September primary class size data can be found here:
Class Sizes in Primary Schools, September 2011

### Definitions
### Full-time equivalent (FTE):

- FTE pupil numbers count part-time pupils as 0.5.
- FTE of part-time teachers expresses the teachers' service in hours as a proportion of a school week: 32.5 hours for maintained schools and 26 hours for independent schools.


**Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR):** calculated by dividing the FTE number of pupils by the FTE number of qualified teachers (head teachers, acting head teachers, assistant head teachers, deputy heads and other qualified teachers).


**Free School Meals:** Pupils are eligible for free school meals if their families receive Income Support or Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance or Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 or

the guarantee element of State Pension Credit. They are also eligible if their parents are in receipt of Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (IR). Employment and Support Allowance is an integrated contributory and income related allowance and replaced, for new claimants, Incapacity and Income Support, where it is paid on the grounds of incapacity and sickness. Children who receive Income Support or Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals. Children whose families are in receipt of Child Tax Credit, providing they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual income, as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs that does not exceed £16,190 are also eligible for free school meals.

**Special educational needs:** for further information please see these [guidance notes](#).

**Ethnic background:** please see these [guidance notes](#) for further information on categories and data collection methods.

**Welsh medium schools:** for further information please see these [guidance notes](#).

**Rounding:** In tables where figures have been rounded to the nearest final digit there may be an apparent discrepancy between the sum of the constituent items and the total as shown.

**Symbols:** The following symbols have been used throughout the publication:
-    ..    not available
-    .    not applicable
-    -    the data item is not exactly zero but less than 0.05

**Comparability: Other countries' releases**

Attached is the latest available release for England, published on 20 June 2013:
[Schools, Pupils and their Characteristics, January 2013](#)

Scotland publishes some data on pupils as part of a larger publication on schools. Their latest release was published on 11 December 2012:
[Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland, No. 3 2012 Edition](#)

Scotland also publishes some data on school meals as part of a different publication. Their latest release was published on 25 June 2012:
[Summary statistics for attainment, leaver destinations and healthy living, No. 2: 2012 Edition](#)

The latest available release for Northern Ireland, published on 13 May 2013, can be found here:
[Enrolments at schools and in funded pre-school education in Northern Ireland 2012/13 (Revised)](#)

**Related data for Wales**

This release shows final data at Wales level for 2009 - 2013.

The previous census data published were for 2012, in the form of a Statistical First Release:
[Schools Census Results, 2012](#), published on 11 July 2012.

The Welsh Government also releases teacher data **from a different source** (the STATS 3 return) in the form of a Statistical First Release:
[Teachers in service, vacancies and sickness absence: January 2013](#), published on 20 June 2013.

*Since the above release is from a different source, figures may not match, and therefore caution should be taken when making comparisons.*

Claimant Count: data on the latest claimant count can be obtained by following this link:
[Claimant count in Wales by age, year, measure and duration (not seasonally adjusted)](#)

**Who are the key users of this data?**
These statistics are used both within and outside the Welsh Government. Some of the key users are:
- Ministers and the Members Research Service in the National Assembly for Wales;
- The Department for Education and Skills in the Welsh Government;
- Other areas of the Welsh Government;
- The research community;
- Students, academics and universities;
- Individual citizens and private companies.

**What are the data used for?**
These statistics are used in a variety of ways.  Some examples of these are:
- resource allocation in the Welsh Local Government Finance Settlement and the Better Schools Fund;
- advice to Ministers;
- the all-Wales education core data packs (the replacement for the National Pupil Database);
- local authority and school comparisons and benchmarks;
- to inform the education policy decision-making process in Wales including school reorganisation;
- to inform ESTYN during school inspections;
- the education domain of the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation;
- as a basis for School Banding;
- to assist in research in educational attainment.

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