Free school meal entitlement

2014/15 - Key statistics

Free school meal entitlement

- Primary pupils (years 1-7): 31.9% (52,746 pupils)
- Post-primary pupils: 26.1% (37,236 pupils)

2008/09
2013/14
2014/15

Grammar school pupils

- 2013/14: 12.1%
- 2014/15: 27.1%

Non-grammar school pupils

- 2013/14: 7.4%
- 2014/15: 37.1%

Free school meal entitlement - by school management type

Primary

- Catholic Maintained = 35.2%
- Other Maintained = 43.5%
- Controlled = 28.9%

Post-primary

- Catholic Maintained = 41.9%
- Other Maintained = 60.6%
- Controlled = 23.4%
- GMI = 35.1%

Total

- Catholic Maintained = 31.9%
- Controlled = 26.1%
- GMI = 27.2%

Voluntary

- Voluntary = 0.7%

Voluntary = 12.8%
**Destination of school leavers entitled and not entitled to free school meals**

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**Links to deprivation**

- Pupils resident in the 10% least deprived wards: 9.9%, 13.5%, 19.0%, 21.3%
- Pupils resident in the 10% most deprived wards: 24.4%, 29.2%, 32.8%, 37.4%, 45.2%, 62.6%

**Special educational needs**

- No special educational needs: 74.8%, 25.2%
- SEN without statement: 44.2%, 55.8%
- SEN with statement: 47.6%, 52.4%

*Source: NI school census; School meals census; School leavers survey*