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## School Meals in Northern Ireland 2013/14

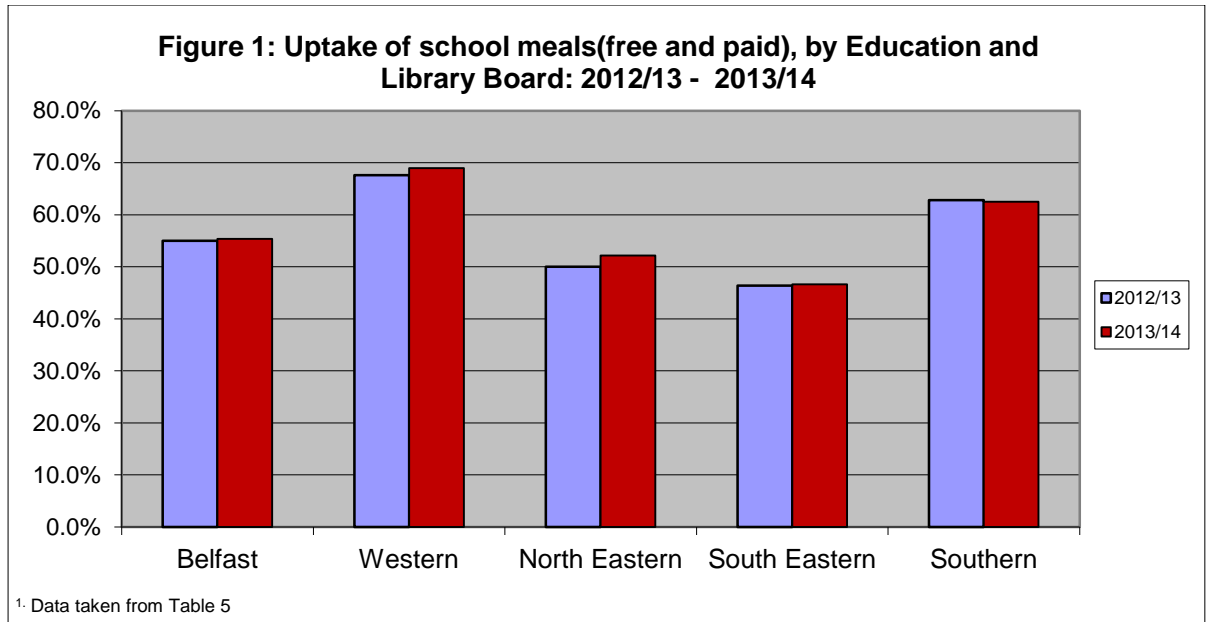
The purpose of this statistical release is to provide results of the latest annual data collection relating to the uptake of school meals in Northern Ireland schools, commonly known as the school meals census. The information was collected with a reference point of 11 October 2013 and relates to all grant-aided schools in Northern Ireland.

Data collected through the school meals census are used by policy teams within the Department of Education and by other users across the education service, most notably by the Education and Library Boards (ELBs). The data are also used to inform a number of Assembly questions. The Department is responsible for formulating and developing policy and the associated financial arrangements in relation to school meals.

## Key Points:

### Uptake of school meals (free and paid)

- There were 171,184 school meals (free and paid) taken by pupils on census day which, as a percentage of pupils present for lunch on the day, was 57% (school meals uptake). The figure for nursery schools was 96.6%, primary/preparatory schools 57.4%, post-primary schools 55.3% and special schools 71.2% (Table 4).
- The overall school meals uptake figure was 0.7 percentage points higher than the previous year. The percentage of pupils taking school meals was highest in the Western Education and Library Board area (68.9%) and lowest in the South Eastern Education and Library Board (46.6%) (Table 5).

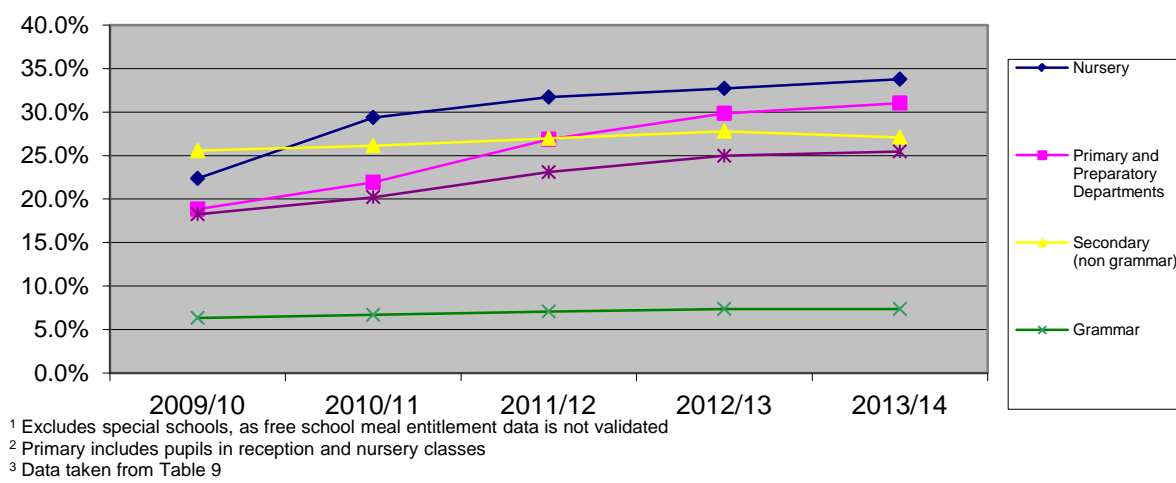


- Uptake of school meals in schools here is higher than that in Scotland or England for both primary and post-primary schools. (Table 8).

### Entitlement to free school meals

- Across all school types (excluding special schools) 81,826 pupils (25.5% of the total school enrolment) were entitled to free school meals – an increase of 2,016 (2.5%) on the previous year (Table 9).
- Compared to 2012/13 data, the percentage of pupils entitled to free school meals increased slightly for both nursery and primary/preparatory schools, but fell slightly for secondary schools. There was no change for grammar schools.

**Figure 2: Percentage of pupils entitled to free school meals, 2009/10 - 2013/14**

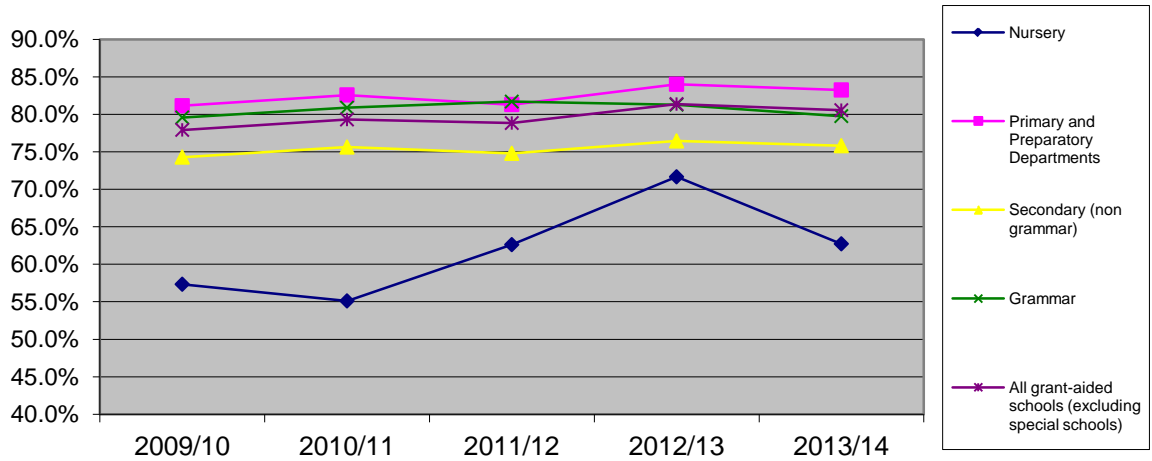


### Uptake of free school meals

- There were 67,922 free school meals taken by pupils across all school types, which is an increase of 1,185 on the previous year (Table 12). This represents 39.7% of all meals provided by schools, which is the same figure as the previous year. The Belfast Education and Library Board area had the highest percentage, with 53.4% of school meals being provided free to pupils. The Southern Education and Library Board area had the lowest percentage, with 33.5% of school meals being provided free to pupils.
- When considering the number of free school meals provided as a proportion of the number of pupils entitled to free school meals, uptake of free school meals was 80.6%<sup>1</sup>. This is a decrease of 0.8 percentage points on the previous year. (Table 13).

<sup>1</sup>. Excludes special schools. Data on pupils entitled to free schools meals in special schools is not validated.

**Figure 3: Uptake of free school meals 2009/10 - 2013/14 by school type**



<sup>1</sup> Excludes special schools, as free school meal entitlement data is not validated

<sup>2</sup> Primary includes pupils in reception and nursery classes

<sup>3</sup> Data taken from Table 13

<sup>4</sup> See background note 12

- Uptake of free school meals was highest in the Western Education and Library Board area (85.2%) and lowest in the South Eastern Education and Library Board area (73.2%) (Table 14).
- While uptake of free school meals in nursery schools appears to have decreased since 2012/13 this is more likely due to a change of school meal census date in 2012/13 (see background note 12 for further explanation).

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## **BACKGROUND NOTES**

### **Official Statistics**

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### **School meal provision**

4. The Education and Library Boards (ELBs) are responsible for the day to day operation of the school meals service in all grant-aided schools, with the exception of voluntary grammar schools and grant-maintained integrated schools, where the responsibility lies with the Trustees/Boards of Governors.
5. The service is provided in line with the Approved Arrangements for the Provision of Milk, Meals and Related Facilities made under Articles 58 and 59 of the Education and Libraries (NI) Order 1986 drawn up by the Department of Education (DE), which will be referred to as 'the Arrangements' in the remainder of this document.  
([http://www.deni.gov.uk/index/support-and-development-2/5-schools\\_meals/school-milk-and-meals.htm](http://www.deni.gov.uk/index/support-and-development-2/5-schools_meals/school-milk-and-meals.htm))
6. Two main types of school meal service exist:
  - A traditional meal comprising a main course and dessert; and
  - A cash cafeteria service, where items are priced separately.

### **Free school meal provision**

7. With regard to free school meal provision the following terms are used:
  - Eligibility: When a pupil within a family meets one of the criteria contained in paragraph 6 of the Arrangements for the provision of milk, meals and related facilities.
  - Entitlement: When an application for free school meals is made on behalf of a pupil and the application is successful.
  - Uptake: When a pupil who is entitled to free school meals makes use of the free school meal provision by taking a free school meal.

8. Certain categories of pupils are entitled to free school meals. Details of the qualifying criteria are contained in paragraph 6 of the Arrangements. The ELBs are responsible for administering the award of free school meals. Entitlement to free school meals is widely used as an indicator of deprivation.
9. From the start of the 2010/11 school year the eligibility criteria for free school meals was extended to include full-time nursery and primary school children whose parents are in receipt of Working Tax Credit and have an annual taxable income which does not exceed £16,190 (in 2013/14). The new criterion was introduced on a phased basis with nursery, foundation stage and key stage 1 pupils eligible from September 2010. This was extended in September 2011 to key stage 2 pupils. It will be further extended to post-primary school pupils from September 2014.

### **School Meals Census**

10. The main statistics in this press release have been derived from the annual school meals data collection, commonly known as the school meals census. The data collection for the 2013/14 school meals census was undertaken by the Department, with data collected directly from each grant-aided school. Prior to 2012/13 ELBs were responsible for the collection of data in relation to schools in the controlled and maintained sectors and provided a collated return for their area to the Department.
11. The 2013/14 school meals census figures in this press release are based on information as at 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013<sup>2</sup>. Some tables in this press release include data on school enrolments and the number of pupils entitled to free school meals. Data on school enrolments and free school meal entitlement (FSME) were collected as part of the annual school enrolments data collection exercise and are also based on information as at 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013.
12. In nursery and primary schools, new pupils often have a phased introduction to school with some pupils not starting school until late October. Also new pupils may have a shorter day initially, without a lunch break. The school meals census date is usually the Friday of the first full week in October. This means that not all pupils will have started school, or be staying for lunch break. While pupils due to start later in the month will be counted in school enrolment, and free school meal entitlement figures, they will not be present to take a meal and will not therefore be counted in school meals census figures. Figures presented for free school meal uptake in nursery and primary schools, but particularly nursery, will therefore be lower than would be the case with a later census date. In 2012/13 the school meals census date was delayed and took place on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012. This is likely to explain the higher uptake of free school meals in nursery schools in 2012/13, which returned to previous levels in 2013/14.

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<sup>2</sup> If school meals were not being provided by the school on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013 the school could choose to conduct the census on the nearest day on which meals are provided.



13. From 2012/13, data collection and validation activities have been carried out by the Department rather than by each Education and Library Board. Some changes were made to the methodology employed and data collected from schools in order to facilitate validation of the data and to improve the clarity of the information presented. These changes mainly affected the count of pupils present used in the calculation of school meal uptake figures, the number of equated paid meals and the number of pupils making other arrangements. For this reason caution should be used in drawing any comparison between data from 2012/13 onwards and data from previous years.
14. In schools with a cash cafeteria system, school meal numbers are calculated from lunchtime income. Schools also include income from sales at morning break (and in previous years income from breakfast clubs may also have been included – this was excluded from the 2012/13 data collection onwards). The cost of a fixed price meal is used to convert income from lunch and break-time sales to equated meal numbers. Equated meal numbers will not exactly match pupils present for meals.
15. There were 8,788 pupils who were recorded as being present on census day but schools indicated they were not availing of a school lunch break. These pupils were mainly in nursery and primary schools. This will include part-time nursery pupils and primary pupils whose school day, by census date, did not yet include a lunch break. From the 2012/13 school meals census data onwards these pupils have been excluded from the count of pupils present for the purposes of calculating uptake of school meals.
16. There were 15 schools indicating that they do not provide a school meals service. Nine of these schools are nursery schools where none of the pupils have a lunch break included as part of their hours of attendance. A total of 277 pupils at the remaining six schools do receive a lunch break. These 277 pupils are recorded as ‘making other lunch arrangements’ and are included in the count of pupils present for lunch when calculating percentage uptake of school meals (tables 4, 5 and 8).
17. For the 2013/14 data collection the categories of ‘other lunch arrangements’ and ‘taking own food’ were merged together to create a ‘pupils making other lunch arrangements’ category, which includes pupils taking their own food. This was due to difficulties, expressed by some schools, in capturing accurate data for the categories previously used.
18. Free school meal entitlement (FSME) data is not presented for special schools as validated data is not available.
19. Figures for primary schools may include nursery and/or reception pupils attending primary schools and preparatory departments.
20. The figures in this press release may be subject to minor revision and these will be notified in accordance with our revisions policy. This can be accessed at [http://www.deni.gov.uk/de\\_statement\\_on\\_statistical\\_revisions-2.doc](http://www.deni.gov.uk/de_statement_on_statistical_revisions-2.doc)

21. More detail about the collection of data on school meals can be found on the DE website. This can be accessed at [http://www.deni.gov.uk/school\\_meals\\_procedures.pdf](http://www.deni.gov.uk/school_meals_procedures.pdf)
22. The Facts and Figures section of the DE website ([www.deni.gov.uk](http://www.deni.gov.uk)) also presents data from the school meals census, summarised at Northern Ireland and Education and Library Board level. Statistics on school enrolments, school performance, pupil attendance, teacher numbers, pupil:teacher ratios, school leaver destinations and qualifications may also be accessed via the website.

### **General**

23. The following symbols are used in the tables in this Press Release:

- \* = Relates to fewer than 5 cases
- # = Number (5 or more) suppressed to prevent disclosure of small numbers elsewhere
- = Indicates no schools in this category

### **Comparative Data**

24. The following publications provided the comparative statistics used in Table 7:

- England: School Food Trust - Take up of school lunches in England 2011-2012  
[http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/assets/research-reports/seventh\\_annual\\_survey2011-2012\\_statistical\\_release.pdf](http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/assets/research-reports/seventh_annual_survey2011-2012_statistical_release.pdf)
- Scotland: Summary statistics for attainment, leaver destinations and healthy living, No. 3: 2013 Edition, June 2013  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/06/7503>

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**Table 1: Pupils present and meals taken on school meals census day, by Education and Library Board: 2013/14**

	All pupils present on census day <sup>1</sup>	Pupils present for lunch break <sup>2</sup>	All meals <sup>3</sup> taken (school and other) <sup>4</sup>
<b>Belfast</b>	54,176	53,168	53,176
<b>Western</b>	53,320	51,946	51,978
<b>North Eastern</b>	68,845	66,233	66,078
<b>South Eastern</b>	60,492	57,678	57,732
<b>Southern</b>	72,199	71,219	71,049
<b>Total</b>	<b>309,032</b>	<b>300,244</b>	<b>300,013</b>

Source: NI school meals census 2013/14

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> The number of pupils present on school meals census day was provided by each school.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes pupils present on school meals census day whose school day did not include a lunch break, including part-time nursery pupils and some P1 pupils (see background note 15).

<sup>3</sup> Meal figures presented are equated meals: Where schools have a cash cafeteria system for lunch the meal numbers are calculated based on lunchtime income. Income from morning break provision is also included in the calculation of meal numbers but breakfast club income is excluded (see background note 14).

<sup>4</sup> 'School' meals include free or paid meals supplied by the school, 'other' meals include where pupils bring their own food or make other arrangements, such as going home for lunch.

**Table 2: Number and type of meals taken on school meals census day, by school type and school management type: 2013/14**

School Type	Management Type	Meals provided by school			Other meals <sup>2</sup>	Total <sup>2</sup>
		Paid school meals <sup>3</sup>	Free school meals	All school meals <sup>3</sup>	Pupils making other lunch arrangements (including own food)	
Nursery	Controlled	1063	677	1740	50	1790
	RC Maintained	570	563	1133	50	1183
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1633</b>	<b>1240</b>	<b>2873</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2973</b>
Primary <sup>1</sup> and Preparatory Departments	Controlled	21658	17847	39505	33521	73026
	Voluntary	1022	13	1035	485	1520
	RC Maintained	21563	23089	44652	28686	73338
	Other Maintained	637	1196	1833	1025	2858
	Controlled Integrated	700	928	1628	1773	3401
	Grant Maintained Integrated	1488	1219	2707	2745	5452
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47068</b>	<b>44292</b>	<b>91360</b>	<b>68235</b>	<b>159595</b>	
Secondary (non grammar)	Controlled	9623	4496	14119	11632	25751
	RC Maintained	#	9708	22071	#	36200
	Other Maintained	#	139	246	#	522
	Controlled Integrated	433	392	825	1420	2245
	Grant Maintained Integrated	3536	1980	5516	3107	8623
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26062</b>	<b>16715</b>	<b>42777</b>	<b>30564</b>	<b>73341</b>	
Grammar	Controlled	6394	652	7046	7398	14444
	Voluntary	21028	3022	24050	21277	45327
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27422</b>	<b>3674</b>	<b>31096</b>	<b>28675</b>	<b>59771</b>
<b>Post-Primary Total</b>	<b>53484</b>	<b>20389</b>	<b>73873</b>	<b>59239</b>	<b>133112</b>	
Special	Controlled	1047	1830	2877	1215	4092
	RC Maintained	#	146	163	#	202
	Other Maintained	#	25	38	*	39
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1077</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>3078</b>	<b>1255</b>	<b>4333</b>
All grant-aided schools	Controlled	39785	25502	65287	53816	119103
	Voluntary	22050	3035	25085	21762	46847
	RC Maintained	34513	33506	68019	42904	110923
	Other Maintained	757	1360	2117	1302	3419
	Controlled Integrated	1133	1320	2453	3193	5646
	Grant Maintained Integrated	5024	3199	8223	5852	14075
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>103262</b>	<b>67922</b>	<b>171184</b>	<b>128829</b>	<b>300013</b>	

Source: NI school meals census 2013/14

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Includes pupils in reception and nursery classes of primary schools

<sup>2</sup> Excludes pupils present on school meals census day whose school day did not include a lunch break, including part-time nursery pupils and some P1 pupils (see background note 15).

<sup>3</sup> Paid meal figures presented are equated meals: Where schools have a cash cafeteria system for lunch the meal numbers are calculated based on lunchtime income. Income from morning break provision is also included in the calculation of meal numbers (see background note 14).

\* denotes fewer than 5 pupils

# denotes figure >=5 suppressed due to potential identification of individual pupils

Table 3: Percentage of meals taken on school meals census day, by school type and school management type: 2013/14

School Type	Management Type	Meals provided by school			Other meals <sup>2</sup>	Total <sup>2</sup>
		Paid school meals <sup>3</sup> %	Free school meals %	All school meals <sup>3</sup> %	Pupils making other lunch arrangements (including own food) %	
Nursery	Controlled	59.4	37.8	97.2	2.8	100.0
	RC Maintained	48.2	47.6	95.8	4.2	100.0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Primary <sup>1</sup> and Preparatory Departments	Controlled	29.7	24.4	54.1	45.9	100.0
	Voluntary	67.2	0.9	68.1	31.9	100.0
	RC Maintained	29.4	31.5	60.9	39.1	100.0
	Other Maintained	22.3	41.8	64.1	35.9	100.0
	Controlled Integrated	20.6	27.3	47.9	52.1	100.0
	Grant Maintained Integrated	27.3	22.4	49.7	50.3	100.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
Secondary (non grammar)	Controlled	37.4	17.5	54.8	45.2	100.0
	RC Maintained	#	26.8	61.0	#	100.0
	Other Maintained	#	26.6	47.1	#	100.0
	Controlled Integrated	19.3	17.5	36.7	63.3	100.0
	Grant Maintained Integrated	41.0	23.0	64.0	36.0	100.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>58.3</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
Grammar	Controlled	44.3	4.5	48.8	51.2	100.0
	Voluntary	46.4	6.7	53.1	46.9	100.0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Post-Primary Total</b>		<b>40.2</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Special	Controlled	25.6	44.7	70.3	29.7	100.0
	RC Maintained	#	72.3	80.7	#	100.0
	Other Maintained	#	64.1	97.4	*	100.0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
All grant-aided schools	Controlled	33.4	21.4	54.8	45.2	100.0
	Voluntary	47.1	6.5	53.5	46.5	100.0
	RC Maintained	31.1	30.2	61.3	38.7	100.0
	Other Maintained	22.1	39.8	61.9	38.1	100.0
	Controlled Integrated	20.1	23.4	43.4	56.6	100.0
	Grant Maintained Integrated	35.7	22.7	58.4	41.6	100.0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>34.4</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: NI school meals census 2013/14

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Includes pupils in reception and nursery classes of primary schools

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**Table 4: Uptake of school meals (free and paid) - number and percentage of pupils present for lunch on school meals census day, by Education and Library Board, school type and school management type: 2013/14**

School Type	Management Type	Belfast		Western		North Eastern		South Eastern		Southern		Total	
		School meals provided <sup>2</sup>	Uptake <sup>3</sup> %	School meals provided <sup>2</sup>	Uptake <sup>3</sup> %	School meals provided <sup>2</sup>	Uptake <sup>3</sup> %	School meals provided <sup>2</sup>	Uptake <sup>3</sup> %	School meals provided <sup>2</sup>	Uptake <sup>3</sup> %	School meals provided <sup>2</sup>	Uptake <sup>3</sup> %
Nursery	Controlled	447	99.6	323	90.7	171	95.0	341	99.4	458	99.1	1740	97.2
	RC Maintained	652	97.9	-	-	19	73.1	230	95.0	232	93.2	1133	95.8
	<b>TOTAL</b>	1099	98.6	323	90.7	190	92.2	571	97.6	690	97.0	2873	96.6
Primary <sup>1</sup> and Preparatory Departments	Controlled	5553	59.4	5686	72.1	11126	52.1	7913	41.0	9227	62.0	39505	54.3
	Voluntary	749	71.7	-	-	-	-	270	62.4	16	37.2	1035	68.1
	RC Maintained	7134	63.6	12208	68.1	6425	56.5	5082	49.3	13803	61.5	44652	60.9
	Other Maintained	663	64.4	376	73.6	181	38.8	141	73.4	472	71.7	1833	64.1
	Controlled Integrated	260	57.3	23	59.0	743	56.7	529	35.5	73	68.9	1628	47.9
	Grant Maintained Integrated	259	44.5	681	62.9	596	49.0	488	36.9	683	54.7	2707	49.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	14618	61.7	18974	69.1	19071	53.4	14423	43.6	24274	61.6	91360	57.4	
Secondary (non grammar)	Controlled	1523	51.2	1905	73.4	3437	46.6	2607	49.2	4647	60.3	14119	54.4
	RC Maintained	3234	49.6	6294	73.5	3414	53.8	2112	53.1	7017	64.9	22071	60.9
	Other Maintained	246	47.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	246	47.1
	Controlled Integrated	-	-	-	-	341	45.2	343	27.0	141	63.8	825	36.7
	Grant Maintained Integrated	826	61.3	1248	71.1	1353	64.0	1486	60.9	603	60.9	5516	63.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	5829	51.3	9447	73.1	8545	51.5	6548	50.4	12408	62.9	42777	58.1	
Grammar	Controlled	897	49.5	1562	60.5	1758	40.6	1465	43.9	1364	54.9	7046	48.4
	Voluntary	6088	43.5	5018	62.5	4290	51.1	3241	49.0	5413	64.0	24050	52.9
	<b>TOTAL</b>	6985	44.2	6580	62.1	6048	47.5	4706	47.3	6777	62.0	31096	51.8
<b>Post-Primary Total</b>	12814	47.2	16027	68.1	14593	49.8	11254	49.0	19185	62.6	73873	55.3	
Special	Controlled	736	74.0	491	80.1	655	70.0	637	57.9	358	81.0	2877	70.4
	RC Maintained	163	80.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	163	80.7
	Other Maintained	-	-	-	-	38	97.4	-	-	-	-	38	97.4
	<b>TOTAL</b>	899	75.2	491	80.1	693	71.1	637	57.9	358	81.0	3078	71.2
All grant-aided schools	Controlled	9156	58.8	9967	71.0	17147	50.2	12963	44.1	16054	61.8	65287	54.8
	Voluntary	6837	45.4	5018	62.5	4290	51.1	3511	49.8	5429	63.9	25085	53.4
	RC Maintained	11183	60.1	18502	69.8	9858	55.5	7424	51.1	21052	62.8	68019	61.3
	Other Maintained	909	58.6	376	73.6	219	43.3	141	73.4	472	71.7	2117	61.9
	Controlled Integrated	260	57.3	23	59.0	1084	52.5	872	31.6	214	65.4	2453	43.4
	Grant Maintained Integrated	1085	56.2	1929	68.0	1949	58.5	1974	52.4	1286	57.4	8223	58.3
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	29430	55.4	35815	68.9	34547	52.2	26885	46.6	44507	62.5	171184	57.0	

Source: NI school meals census 2013/14

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Includes pupils in reception and nursery classes of primary schools

<sup>2</sup> Meal figures presented are equated meals: Where schools have a cash cafeteria system for lunch the meal numbers are calculated based on lunchtime income. Income from morning break provision is also included in the calculation of meal numbers (see background note 14).

<sup>3</sup> Uptake is expressed as the number of school meals provided (free and paid) as a percentage of the number of pupils present for lunch on census day. Pupils present for lunch excludes pupils present on school meals census day whose school day did not include a lunch break, including part-time nursery pupils and some P1 pupils (see background note 15).

- indicates no schools in this category

**Table 5: Uptake of school meals (free and paid) - number and percentage of pupils present for lunch, by Education and Library Board: 2012/13 - 2013/14**

		2012/13	2013/14
<b>Pupils present for lunch on census day<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Belfast</b>	53,139	53,168
	<b>Western</b>	52,141	51,946
	<b>North Eastern</b>	66,100	66,233
	<b>South Eastern</b>	56,889	57,678
	<b>Southern</b>	70,272	71,219
	<b>Total</b>	298,541	300,244
<b>School meals provided on census day<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Belfast</b>	29,221	29,430
	<b>Western</b>	35,249	35,815
	<b>North Eastern</b>	33,054	34,547
	<b>South Eastern</b>	26,377	26,885
	<b>Southern</b>	44,133	44,507
	<b>Total</b>	168,034	171,184
<b>School meals as % of all pupils present (Uptake)</b>	<b>Belfast</b>	55.0	55.4
	<b>Western</b>	67.6	68.9
	<b>North Eastern</b>	50.0	52.2
	<b>South Eastern</b>	46.4	46.6
	<b>Southern</b>	62.8	62.5
	<b>Total</b>	56.3	57.0

Source: NI school meals census 2012/13 - 2013/14

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Pupils present for lunch excludes pupils present on school meals census day whose school day did not include a lunch break, including part-time nursery pupils and some P1 pupils (see background note 15).

<sup>2</sup> Meal figures presented are equated meals: Where schools have a cash cafeteria system for lunch the meal numbers are calculated based on lunchtime income. Income from morning break provision is also included in the calculation of meal numbers (see background note 14).



**Table 6: Percentage of school meals provided (free and paid) by type of meal provision, school type and school management type: 2013/14**

School Type	Management Type	Cash cafeteria meals <sup>2</sup>	
		Traditional meals %	meals <sup>2</sup> %
Nursery	Controlled	100.0	0.0
	RC Maintained	100.0	0.0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Primary <sup>1</sup> and Preparatory Departments	Controlled	98.4	1.6
	Voluntary	92.0	8.0
	RC Maintained	97.6	2.4
	Other Maintained	100.0	0.0
	Controlled Integrated	100.0	0.0
	Grant Maintained Integrated	100.0	0.0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Secondary (non grammar)	Controlled	1.7	98.3
	RC Maintained	12.8	87.2
	Other Maintained	100.0	0.0
	Controlled Integrated	0.0	100.0
	Grant Maintained Integrated	7.7	92.3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>91.3</b>
Grammar	Controlled	1.3	98.7
	Voluntary	8.5	91.5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>93.1</b>
<b>Post-Primary Total</b>		<b>8.0</b>	<b>92.0</b>
Special	Controlled	95.4	4.6
	RC Maintained	100.0	0.0
	Other Maintained	100.0	0.0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>
All grant-aided schools	Controlled	66.9	33.1
	Voluntary	12.0	88.0
	RC Maintained	70.1	29.9
	Other Maintained	100.0	0.0
	Controlled Integrated	66.4	33.6
	Grant Maintained Integrated	38.3	61.7
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>40.8</b>

Source: NI school meals census 2013/14

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Includes pupils in reception and nursery classes of primary schools

<sup>2</sup> Cash cafeteria meal figures presented are equated meals: Where schools have a cash cafeteria system for lunch the meal numbers are calculated based on lunchtime income. Income from morning break provision is also included in the calculation of meal numbers (see background note 14).

**Table 7: Number of school meals provided (free and paid) by type of meal provision, Education and Library Board, school type and school management type: 2013/14**

School Type	Management Type	Belfast		Western		North Eastern		South Eastern		Southern		Total	
		Traditional meals	Cash cafeteria meals <sup>2</sup>	Traditional meals	Cash cafeteria meals <sup>2</sup>	Traditional meals	Cash cafeteria meals <sup>2</sup>	Traditional meals	Cash cafeteria meals <sup>2</sup>	Traditional meals	Cash cafeteria meals <sup>2</sup>	Traditional meals	Cash cafeteria meals <sup>2</sup>
Nursery	Controlled	447	0	323	0	171	0	341	0	458	0	1740	0
	RC Maintained	652	0	-	-	19	0	230	0	232	0	1133	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	1099	0	323	0	190	0	571	0	690	0	2873	0
Primary <sup>1</sup> and Preparatory Departments	Controlled	#	#	5542	144	10992	134	7698	215	#	#	38871	634
	Voluntary	666	83	-	-	-	-	270	0	16	0	952	83
	RC Maintained	#	*	11375	833	6378	47	5082	0	#	#	43579	1073
	Other Maintained	663	0	376	0	181	0	141	0	472	0	1833	0
	Controlled Integrated	260	0	23	0	743	0	529	0	73	0	1628	0
	Grant Maintained Integrated	259	0	681	0	596	0	488	0	683	0	2707	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	14527	91	17997	977	18890	181	14208	215	23948	326	89570	1790	
Secondary (non grammar)	Controlled	#	#	0	1905	0	3437	0	2607	*	#	239	13880
	RC Maintained	#	#	889	5405	0	3414	157	1955	#	#	2822	19249
	Other Maintained	246	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	246	0
	Controlled Integrated	-	-	-	-	0	341	0	343	0	141	0	825
	Grant Maintained Integrated	0	826	0	1248	422	931	0	1486	0	603	422	5094
<b>TOTAL</b>	2163	3666	889	8558	422	8123	157	6391	98	12310	3729	39048	
Grammar	Controlled	0	897	90	1472	0	1758	0	1465	0	1364	90	6956
	Voluntary	1132	4956	0	5018	180	4110	434	2807	306	5107	2052	21998
	<b>TOTAL</b>	1132	5853	90	6490	180	5868	434	4272	306	6471	2142	28954
<b>Post-Primary Total</b>	3295	9519	979	15048	602	13991	591	10663	404	18781	5871	68002	
Special	Controlled	736	0	491	0	522	133	637	0	358	0	2744	133
	RC Maintained	163	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	163	0
	Other Maintained	-	-	-	-	38	0	-	-	-	-	38	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	899	0	491	0	560	133	637	0	358	0	2945	133
All grant-aided schools	Controlled	6963	2193	6446	3521	11685	5462	8676	4287	9914	6140	43684	21603
	Voluntary	1798	5039	0	5018	180	4110	704	2807	322	5107	3004	22081
	RC Maintained	9631	1552	12264	6238	6397	3461	5469	1955	13936	7116	47697	20322
	Other Maintained	909	0	376	0	219	0	141	0	472	0	2117	0
	Controlled Integrated	260	0	23	0	743	341	529	343	73	141	1628	825
	Grant Maintained Integrated	259	826	681	1248	1018	931	488	1486	683	603	3129	5094
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	19820	9610	19790	16025	20242	14305	16007	10878	25400	19107	101259	69925	

Source: NI school meals census 2013/14

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Includes pupils in reception and nursery classes of primary schools

<sup>2</sup> Cash cafeteria meal figures presented are equated meals: Where schools have a cash cafeteria system for lunch the meal numbers are calculated based on lunchtime income. Income from morning break provision is also included in the calculation of meal numbers (see background note 14).

- indicates no schools in this category

\* denotes fewer than 5 pupils

# denotes figure >=5 suppressed due to potential identification of individual pupils

**Table 8: Uptake of school meals in Northern Ireland, England and Scotland<sup>1</sup>**

	% of pupils present taking school meals <sup>2</sup>			
	Primary <sup>6</sup>	Post-primary <sup>7</sup>	Special	All
<b>Ni<sup>3</sup></b>	57.4	55.3	71.2	57.0
<b>England<sup>4</sup></b>	46.3	39.8	-	-
<b>Scotland<sup>5</sup></b>	53.2	43.7	83.1	49.5

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Most recently published. NI refers to 2013/14. England refers to 2011/12, and Scotland refers to 2012/13. Figures for Wales and Republic of Ireland not available.

<sup>2</sup> School meals include free and paid meals supplied by the school.

<sup>3</sup> Source: NI school meals census 2013/14

<sup>4</sup> Source: School Food Trust, 'Take up of school lunches in England, 2011-2012', Table 1. Published July 2012. Figures based on whole year.

<sup>5</sup> Source: Scottish Government, 'Summary statistics for attainment, leaver destinations and healthy living, No. 3: 2013 Edition', Table 9. Published June 2013. Data collected in March 2013.

<sup>6</sup> The figure for Northern Ireland includes pupils in reception and nursery classes of primary schools and pupils in preparatory departments of grammar schools. The figure for England is based on 93.3% of all schools within all Local Authorities and includes special schools. The figure for Scotland includes pupils attending nursery classes in primary schools.

<sup>7</sup> The figure for England is based on 58.2% of all schools including Academies and City Technical Colleges within all Local Authorities,.

- indicates data not available

**Table 9: Percentage of pupils entitled to free school meals by school type<sup>1</sup>: 2009/10 - 2013/14**

		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Total enrolment</b>	<b>Nursery</b>	5,857	5,906	5,911	5,910	5,852
	<b>Primary<sup>2</sup> and Preparatory Departments</b>	163,696	163,378	164,746	168,034	171,548
	<b>Secondary (non grammar)</b>	85,315	85,769	84,193	83,059	81,339
	<b>Grammar</b>	62,444	62,133	62,554	62,599	62,634
	<b>All grant-aided schools (excluding special schools)</b>	317,312	317,186	317,404	319,602	321,373
<b>Entitlement to free school meals</b>	<b>Nursery</b>	1,333	1,735	1,875	1,934	1,977
	<b>Primary<sup>2</sup> and Preparatory Departments</b>	30,851	35,835	44,293	50,175	53,197
	<b>Secondary (non grammar)</b>	21,809	22,419	22,724	23,094	22,046
	<b>Grammar</b>	3,954	4,150	4,422	4,607	4,606
	<b>All grant-aided schools (excluding special schools)</b>	57,947	64,139	73,314	79,810	81,826
<b>Percentage of pupils entitled to free school meals<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Nursery</b>	22.8	29.4	31.7	32.7	33.8
	<b>Primary<sup>2</sup> and Preparatory Departments</b>	18.8	21.9	26.9	29.9	31.0
	<b>Secondary (non grammar)</b>	25.6	26.1	27.0	27.8	27.1
	<b>Grammar</b>	6.3	6.7	7.1	7.4	7.4
	<b>All grant-aided schools (excluding special schools)</b>	18.3	20.2	23.1	25.0	25.5

Source: NI school census 2009/10 - 2013/14

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Excludes special schools, as free school meal entitlement data is not validated

<sup>2</sup> Includes pupils in reception and nursery classes of primary schools

<sup>3</sup> Percentages express the number of pupils entitled to free school meals in a particular category (e.g. those at primary school) as a proportion of the total pupil enrolment in the same category.

**Table 10: Number of pupils entitled to free school meals by school type<sup>1</sup> and school management type: 2009/10 - 2013/14**

School Type	Management Type	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Nursery	Controlled	798	1018	1,129	1,151	1,150
	RC Maintained	535	717	746	783	827
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>1,875</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>1,977</b>
Primary <sup>2</sup> and Preparatory Departments	Controlled	11,963	14,180	17,949	20,725	22,209
	Voluntary	9	7	13	14	16
	RC Maintained	16,729	19,027	23,044	25,585	26,848
	Other Maintained	688	872	1,075	1,277	1,344
	Controlled Integrated	578	713	910	1,094	1,208
	Grant Maintained Integrated	884	1,036	1,302	1,480	1,572
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,851</b>	<b>35,835</b>	<b>44,293</b>	<b>50,175</b>	<b>53,197</b>
Secondary (non grammar)	Controlled	6,441	6,635	6,681	6,733	6,371
	RC Maintained	12,621	12,976	12,981	13,092	12,381
	Other Maintained	183	183	204	213	225
	Controlled Integrated	552	553	611	626	644
	Grant Maintained Integrated	2,012	2,072	2,247	2,430	2,425
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,809</b>	<b>22,419</b>	<b>22,724</b>	<b>23,094</b>	<b>22,046</b>
Grammar	Controlled	625	728	842	879	903
	Voluntary	3,329	3,422	3,580	3,728	3,703
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,954</b>	<b>4,150</b>	<b>4,422</b>	<b>4,607</b>	<b>4,606</b>
<b>Post-Primary Total</b>		<b>25,763</b>	<b>26,569</b>	<b>27,146</b>	<b>27,701</b>	<b>26,652</b>
All grant-aided schools (excluding special schools)	Controlled	19,827	22,561	26,601	29,488	30,633
	Voluntary	3,338	3,429	3,593	3,742	3,719
	RC Maintained	29,885	32,720	36,771	39,460	40,056
	Other Maintained	871	1,055	1,279	1,490	1,569
	Controlled Integrated	1,130	1,266	1,521	1,720	1,852
	Grant Maintained Integrated	2,896	3,108	3,549	3,910	3,997
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>57,947</b>	<b>64,139</b>	<b>73,314</b>	<b>79,810</b>	<b>81,826</b>

Source: NI school census 2009/10 - 2013/14

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Excludes special schools, as free school meal entitlement data is not validated

<sup>2</sup> Includes pupils in reception and nursery classes of primary schools

**Table 11: Number and percentage of pupils entitled to free school meals,<sup>1</sup> by Education and Library Board, school type<sup>2</sup> and school management type: 2013/14**

School Type	Management Type	Belfast		Western		North Eastern		South Eastern		Southern		Total	
		Pupils entitled to free school meals	Free school meal entitlement %	Pupils entitled to free school meals	Free school meal entitlement %	Pupils entitled to free school meals	Free school meal entitlement %	Pupils entitled to free school meals	Free school meal entitlement %	Pupils entitled to free school meals	Free school meal entitlement %	Pupils entitled to free school meals	Free school meal entitlement %
Nursery	Controlled	375	55.2	230	31.2	203	16.0	152	25.3	190	24.1	1150	28.2
	RC Maintained	467	56.0	-	-	30	23.3	220	52.6	110	27.7	827	46.5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>33.8</b>
Primary <sup>3</sup> and Preparatory Department	Controlled	#	#	2894	33.8	5983	26.2	#	#	3749	23.9	22209	28.1
	Voluntary	#	#	-	-	-	-	*	*	0	0.0	16	1.0
	RC Maintained	5924	49.6	7609	39.6	2561	20.9	3316	29.8	7438	31.4	26848	34.3
	Other Maintained	615	56.3	279	49.9	119	24.4	110	55.6	221	30.4	1344	43.8
	Controlled Integrated	247	45.7	15	37.5	423	30.7	480	30.5	43	38.7	1208	33.2
	Grant Maintained Integrated	320	48.2	396	31.6	336	25.6	175	11.9	345	26.5	1572	26.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11792</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>11193</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>9422</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>8994</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>11796</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>53197</b>	<b>31.0</b>	
Secondary (non grammar)	Controlled	1138	33.9	676	23.3	1956	23.7	1365	22.9	1236	15.0	6371	22.2
	RC Maintained	2887	39.4	3517	36.9	1396	20.1	1277	29.0	3304	28.1	12381	31.0
	Other Maintained	225	39.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	225	39.9
	Controlled Integrated	-	-	-	-	188	22.5	317	22.8	139	42.0	644	25.2
	Grant Maintained Integrated	664	42.8	587	29.9	475	20.4	476	18.4	223	20.1	2425	25.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4914</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>4780</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>4015</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>3435</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>4902</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>22046</b>	<b>27.1</b>	
Grammar	Controlled	#	#	308	11.4	195	4.3	#	#	110	4.3	903	6.0
	Voluntary	#	#	1022	12.1	506	5.8	#	#	848	9.6	3703	7.8
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1190</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>1330</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>4606</b>	<b>7.4</b>
<b>Post-Primary Total</b>	<b>6104</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>6110</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>4716</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>3862</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>5860</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>26652</b>	<b>18.5</b>	
All grant-aided schools (excluding special schools)	Controlled	6312	39.1	4108	27.6	8337	22.6	6591	20.7	5285	19.4	30633	24.1
	Voluntary	1077	6.9	1022	12.1	506	5.8	266	3.6	848	9.5	3719	7.6
	RC Maintained	9278	46.1	11126	38.7	3987	20.6	4813	30.2	10852	30.3	40056	33.4
	Other Maintained	840	50.7	279	49.9	119	24.4	110	55.6	221	30.4	1569	43.2
	Controlled Integrated	247	45.7	15	37.5	611	27.6	797	26.9	182	41.2	1852	29.9
	Grant Maintained Integrated	984	44.4	983	30.6	811	22.2	651	16.0	568	23.6	3997	25.7
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>18738</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>17533</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>14371</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>13228</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>17956</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>81826</b>	<b>25.5</b>	

Source: NI school census 2013/14

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Percentages express the number of pupils entitled to free school meals in a particular category (e.g. those at primary school) as a proportion of the total pupil enrolment in the same category.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes special schools, as free school meal entitlement data is not validated

<sup>3</sup> Includes pupils in reception and nursery classes of primary schools

- indicates no schools in this category

\* denotes fewer than 5 pupils

# denotes figure >=5 suppressed due to potential identification of individual pupils

Table 12 : Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of pupils taking free school meals as a proportion of all school meals provided, by Education and Library Board, school type and school management type: 2013/14

School Type	Management Type	Belfast		Western		North Eastern		South Eastern		Southern		Total	
		Free school meals taken by pupils present	Free meals as a proportion of all school meals provided %	Free school meals taken by pupils present	Free meals as a proportion of all school meals provided %	Free school meals taken by pupils present	Free meals as a proportion of all school meals provided %	Free school meals taken by pupils present	Free meals as a proportion of all school meals provided %	Free school meals taken by pupils present	Free meals as a proportion of all school meals provided %	Free school meals taken by pupils present	Free meals as a proportion of all school meals provided %
Nursery	Controlled	245	54.8	155	48.0	47	27.5	92	27.0	138	30.1	677	38.9
	RC Maintained	346	53.1	-	-	10	52.6	135	58.7	72	31.0	563	49.7
	<b>TOTAL</b>	591	53.8	155	48.0	57	30.0	227	39.8	210	30.4	1240	43.2
Primary <sup>2</sup> and Preparatory Department	Controlled	#	#	2508	44.1	4941	44.4	#	#	3141	34.0	17847	45.2
	Voluntary	#	#	-	-	-	-	*	*	0	0.0	13	1.3
	RC Maintained	5267	73.8	6616	54.2	2237	34.8	2680	52.7	6289	45.6	23089	51.7
	Other Maintained	520	78.4	255	67.8	104	57.5	103	73.0	214	45.3	1196	65.2
	Controlled Integrated	174	66.9	8	34.8	387	52.1	321	60.7	38	52.1	928	57.0
	Grant Maintained Integrated	186	71.8	331	48.6	279	46.8	138	28.3	285	41.7	1219	45.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	9942	68.0	9718	51.2	7948	41.7	6717	46.6	9967	41.1	44292	48.5	
Secondary (non grammar)	Controlled	737	48.4	521	27.3	1380	40.2	950	36.4	908	19.5	4496	31.8
	RC Maintained	2169	67.1	2928	46.5	1047	30.7	925	43.8	2639	37.6	9708	44.0
	Other Maintained	139	56.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	139	56.5
	Controlled Integrated	-	-	-	-	127	37.2	182	53.1	83	58.9	392	47.5
	Grant Maintained Integrated	586	70.9	478	38.3	357	26.4	382	25.7	177	29.4	1980	35.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	3631	62.3	3927	41.6	2911	34.1	2439	37.2	3807	30.7	16715	39.1	
Grammar	Controlled	#	#	242	15.5	149	8.5	#	#	69	5.1	652	9.3
	Voluntary	#	#	895	17.8	379	8.8	#	#	706	13.0	3022	12.6
	<b>TOTAL</b>	936	13.4	1137	17.3	528	8.7	298	6.3	775	11.4	3674	11.8
<b>Post-Primary Total</b>	4567	35.6	5064	31.6	3439	23.6	2737	24.3	4582	23.9	20389	27.6	
Special	Controlled	484	65.8	441	89.8	369	56.3	368	57.8	168	46.9	1830	63.6
	RC Maintained	146	89.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	146	89.6
	Other Maintained	-	-	-	-	25	65.8	-	-	-	-	25	65.8
	<b>TOTAL</b>	630	70.1	441	89.8	394	56.9	368	57.8	168	46.9	2001	65.0
All grant-aided schools	Controlled	5339	58.3	3867	38.8	6886	40.2	4986	38.5	4424	27.6	25502	39.1
	Voluntary	858	12.5	895	17.8	379	8.8	197	5.6	706	13.0	3035	12.1
	RC Maintained	7928	70.9	9544	51.6	3294	33.4	3740	50.4	9000	42.8	33506	49.3
	Other Maintained	659	72.5	255	67.8	129	58.9	103	73.0	214	45.3	1360	64.2
	Controlled Integrated	174	66.9	8	34.8	514	47.4	503	57.7	121	56.5	1320	53.8
	Grant Maintained Integrated	772	71.2	809	41.9	636	32.6	520	26.3	462	35.9	3199	38.9
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	15730	53.4	15378	42.9	11838	34.3	10049	37.4	14927	33.5	67922	39.7	

Source: NI school meals census 2013/14

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Percentages express the number of pupils taking free school meals in a particular category (e.g. those at primary school) as a proportion of all school meals provided in the same category.

<sup>2</sup> Includes pupils in reception and nursery classes of primary schools

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**Table 13: Uptake of free school meals - number and percentage of pupils entitled to free school meals, by school type<sup>1</sup>: 2009/10 - 2013/14**

		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Free school meals taken by pupils present	Nursery	751	956	1174	1,386	1,240
	Primary <sup>2</sup> and Preparatory Departments	25,035	29,598	36,017	42,158	44,292
	Secondary (non grammar)	16,204	16,958	16,998	17,656	16,715
	Grammar	3,147	3,357	3,613	3,745	3,674
	All grant-aided schools (excluding special schools)	45,137	50,869	57,802	64,945	65,921
Pupils entitled to free school meals	Nursery	1,333	1,735	1,875	1,934	1,977
	Primary <sup>2</sup> and Preparatory Departments	30,851	35,835	44,293	50,175	53,197
	Secondary (non grammar)	21,809	22,419	22,724	23,094	22,046
	Grammar	3,954	4,150	4,422	4,607	4,606
	All grant-aided schools (excluding special schools)	57,947	64,139	73,314	79,810	81,826
Free school meals taken as a proportion of pupils entitled <sup>3</sup>	Nursery	56.3	55.1	62.6	71.7	62.7
	Primary <sup>2</sup> and Preparatory Departments	81.1	82.6	81.3	84.0	83.3
	Secondary (non grammar)	74.3	75.6	74.8	76.5	75.8
	Grammar	79.6	80.9	81.7	81.3	79.8
	All grant-aided schools (excluding special schools)	77.9	79.3	78.8	81.4	80.6

Entitlement Source: NI school census 2009/10 - 2013/14

Uptake Source: NI school meals census 2009/10 - 2013/14

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Excludes special schools, as free school meal entitlement data is not validated

<sup>2</sup> Includes pupils in reception and nursery classes of primary schools

<sup>3</sup> Percentages express the number of free school meals taken in a particular category (e.g. those at primary school) as a proportion of the pupils entitled to free school meals in the same category.



**Table 14: Uptake of free school meals - number and percentage of pupils entitled to free school meals, by Education and Library Board, school type<sup>1</sup> and school management type: 2013/14**

School Type	Management Type	Belfast		Western		North Eastern		South Eastern		Southern		Total	
		Free school meals taken by pupils present	Free meals taken as a proportion of entitlement <sup>2</sup> %	Free school meals taken by pupils present	Free meals taken as a proportion of entitlement <sup>2</sup> %	Free school meals taken by pupils present	Free meals taken as a proportion of entitlement <sup>2</sup> %	Free school meals taken by pupils present	Free meals taken as a proportion of entitlement <sup>2</sup> %	Free school meals taken by pupils present	Free meals taken as a proportion of entitlement <sup>2</sup> %	Free school meals taken by pupils present	Free meals taken as a proportion of entitlement <sup>2</sup> %
Nursery	Controlled	245	65.3	155	67.4	47	23.2	92	60.5	138	72.6	677	58.9
	RC Maintained	346	74.1	-	-	10	33.3	135	61.4	72	65.5	563	68.1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	591	70.2	155	67.4	57	24.5	227	61.0	210	70.0	1240	62.7
Primary <sup>3</sup> and Preparatory Department	Controlled	#	#	2508	86.7	4941	82.6	#	#	3141	83.8	17847	80.4
	Voluntary	#	#	-	-	-	-	*	*	0	0.0	13	81.3
	RC Maintained	5267	88.9	6616	86.9	2237	87.3	2680	80.8	6289	84.6	23089	86.0
	Other Maintained	520	84.6	255	91.4	104	87.4	103	93.6	214	96.8	1196	89.0
	Controlled Integrated	174	70.4	8	53.3	387	91.5	321	66.9	38	88.4	928	76.8
	Grant Maintained Integrated	186	58.1	331	83.6	279	83.0	138	78.9	285	82.6	1219	77.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	9942	84.3	9718	86.8	7948	84.4	6717	74.7	9967	84.5	44292	83.3	
Secondary (non grammar)	Controlled	737	64.8	521	77.1	1380	70.6	950	69.6	908	73.5	4496	70.6
	RC Maintained	2169	75.1	2928	83.3	1047	75.0	925	72.4	2639	79.9	9708	78.4
	Other Maintained	139	61.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	139	61.8
	Controlled Integrated	-	-	-	-	127	67.6	182	57.4	83	59.7	392	60.9
	Grant Maintained Integrated	586	88.3	478	81.4	357	75.2	382	80.3	177	79.4	1980	81.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	3631	73.9	3927	82.2	2911	72.5	2439	71.0	3807	77.7	16715	75.8	
Grammar	Controlled	#	#	242	78.6	149	76.4	#	#	69	62.7	652	72.2
	Voluntary	#	#	895	87.6	379	74.9	#	#	706	83.3	3022	81.6
	<b>TOTAL</b>	936	78.7	1137	85.5	528	75.3	298	69.8	775	80.9	3674	79.8
<b>Post-Primary Total</b>		4567	74.8	5064	82.9	3439	72.9	2737	70.9	4582	78.2	20389	76.5
All grant-aided schools (excluding special schools)	Controlled	4855	76.9	3426	83.4	6517	78.2	4618	70.1	4256	80.5	23672	77.3
	Voluntary	858	79.7	895	87.6	379	74.9	197	74.1	706	83.3	3035	81.6
	RC Maintained	7782	83.9	9544	85.8	3294	82.6	3740	77.7	9000	82.9	33360	83.3
	Other Maintained	659	78.5	255	91.4	104	87.4	103	93.6	214	96.8	1335	85.1
	Controlled Integrated	174	70.4	8	53.3	514	84.1	503	63.1	121	66.5	1320	71.3
	Grant Maintained Integrated	772	78.5	809	82.3	636	78.4	520	79.9	462	81.3	3199	80.0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		15100	80.6	14937	85.2	11444	79.6	9681	73.2	14759	82.2	65921	80.6

Entitlement Source: NI school census 2013/14

Uptake Source: NI school meals census 2013/14

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Excludes special schools, as free school meal entitlement data is not validated

<sup>2</sup> Percentages express the number of free school meals taken by pupils present in a particular category (e.g. those at primary school) as a proportion of the pupils entitled to free school meals in the same category.

<sup>3</sup> Includes pupils in reception and nursery classes of primary schools

- indicates no schools in this category

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**Table 15: Number of pupils making other lunch arrangements (including taking own food), by Education and Library Board and school type: 2013/14**

School Type	Pupils making other lunch arrangements					Total
	Belfast	Western	North Eastern	South Eastern	Southern	
Nursery	16	33	16	14	21	100
Primary <sup>1</sup> and Preparatory Departments	9070	8537	16716	18655	15257	68235
Secondary (non grammar)	5533	3419	8105	6506	7001	30564
Grammar	8830	4052	6405	5209	4179	28675
Special	297	122	289	463	84	1255
<b>All grant-aided schools</b>	<b>23746</b>	<b>16163</b>	<b>31531</b>	<b>30847</b>	<b>26542</b>	<b>128829</b>

Source: NI school meals census 2013/14

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Includes pupils in reception and nursery classes of primary schools

**Table 16: Adults taking school meals, by Education and Library Board and school type: 2013/14**

School Type	Belfast		Western		North Eastern		South Eastern		Southern		Total	
	Adults taking school meal (free or paid)	Adults taking free school meal <sup>2</sup> %	Adults taking school meal (free or paid)	Adults taking free school meal <sup>2</sup> %	Adults taking school meal (free or paid)	Adults taking free school meal <sup>2</sup> %	Adults taking school meal (free or paid)	Adults taking free school meal <sup>2</sup> %	Adults taking school meal (free or paid)	Adults taking free school meal <sup>2</sup> %	Adults taking school meal (free or paid)	Adults taking free school meal <sup>2</sup> %
Nursery	127	100.0	40	95.0	24	100.0	41	100.0	97	97.9	329	98.8
Primary <sup>1</sup> and Preparatory Departments	776	92.4	1458	81.8	1402	84.2	902	93.9	1809	84.5	6347	86.1
Secondary (non grammar)	425	78.1	494	91.3	638	83.2	495	80.0	683	91.1	2735	85.3
Grammar	423	54.1	347	55.6	402	62.2	231	79.2	360	66.4	1763	62.1
Post-Primary Total	848	66.2	841	76.6	1040	75.1	726	79.8	1043	82.6	4498	76.2
Special	217	100.0	295	99.7	112	84.8	50	98.0	35	80.0	709	96.3
All grant-aided schools	1968	82.4	2634	82.3	2578	80.7	1719	88.2	2984	84.2	11883	83.3

Source: NI school meals census 2013/14

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Includes reception and nursery classes in primary schools

<sup>2</sup> Depending on their terms and conditions kitchen staff and mid-day supervisors may be entitled to a free mid-day meal