

# Special educational needs

2014/15 - Key statistics



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## What are special educational needs?

Children who have significant learning difficulties or disabilities that make it harder for them to learn than most children of the same age

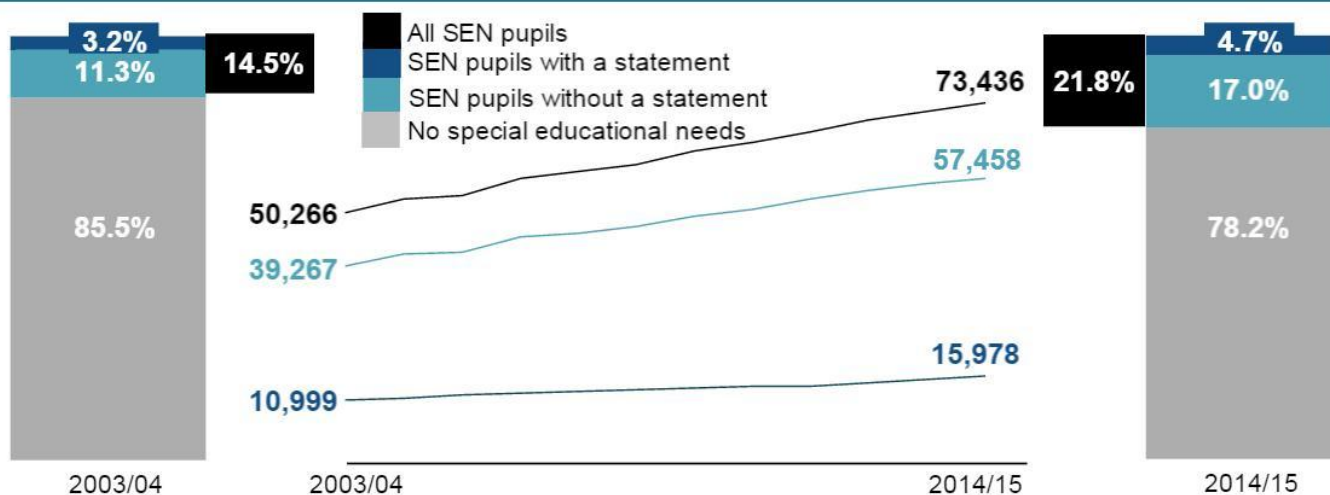
**SEN with statement**

Involves issuing a statement of special educational needs, which sets out a child's needs and the special help they should have.

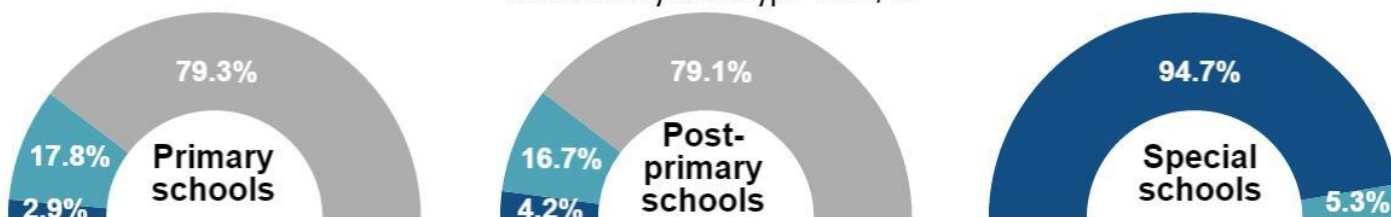
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Typically pupils with less severe needs

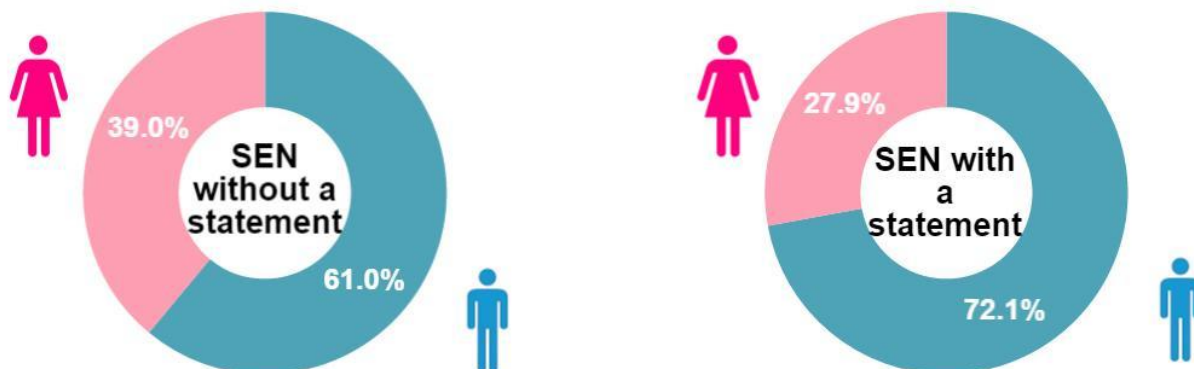
## Pupils with special educational needs



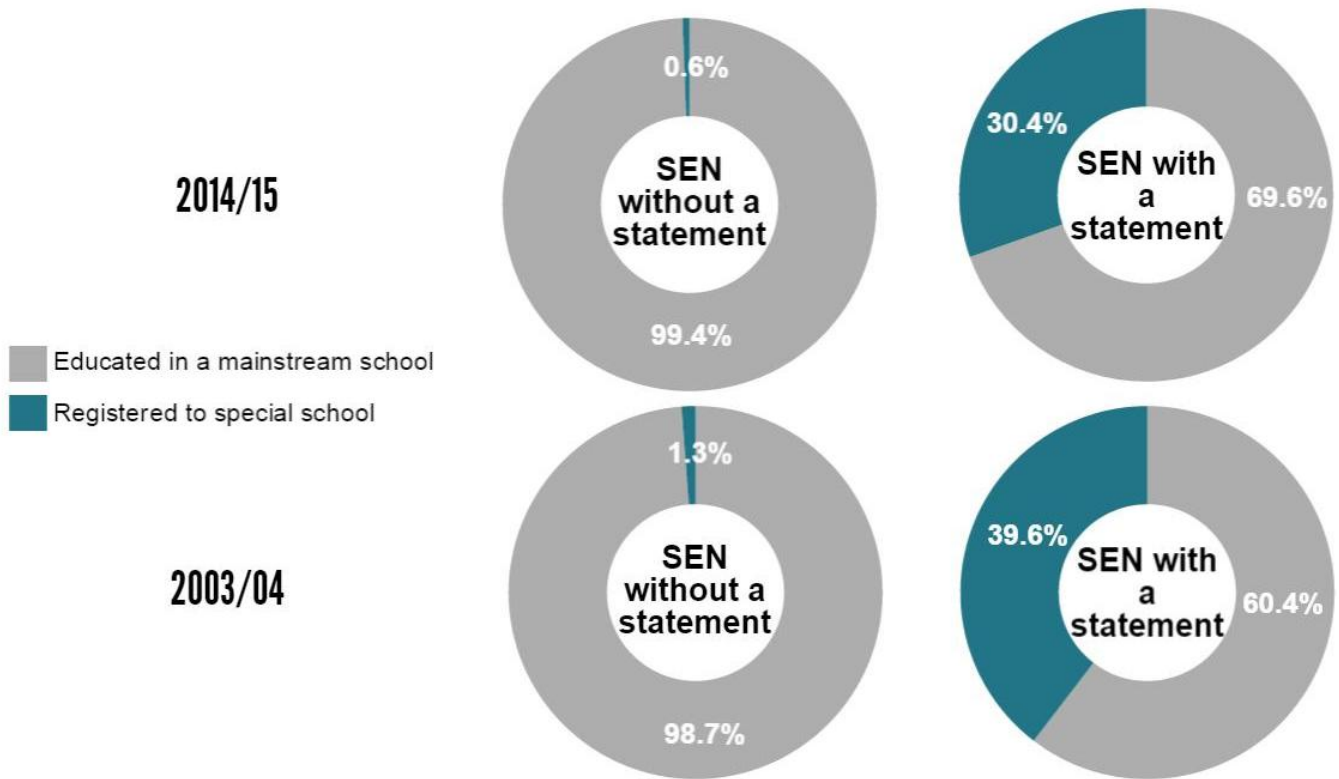
## Breakdown by school type - 2014/15



## Gender breakdown of SEN pupils



## Where special educational needs pupils are educated



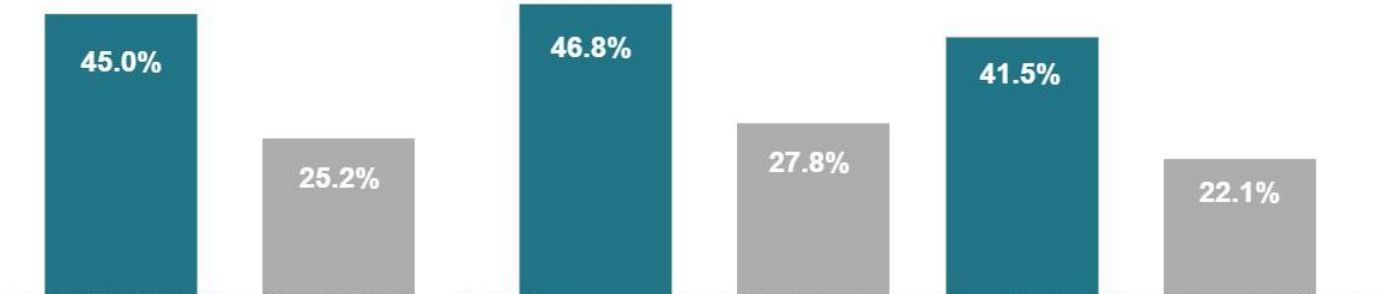
## Free school meal entitlement

Primary, post-primary and special schools

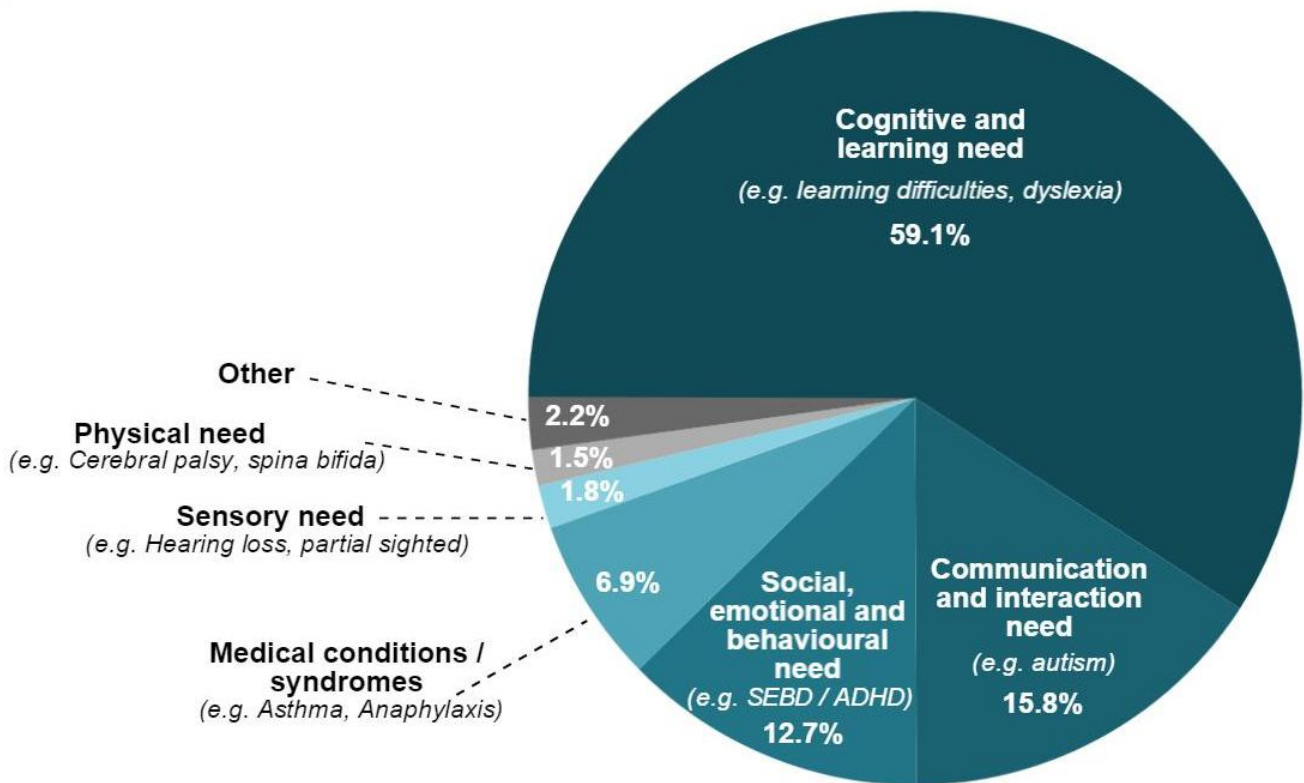
Primary schools

Post-primary schools

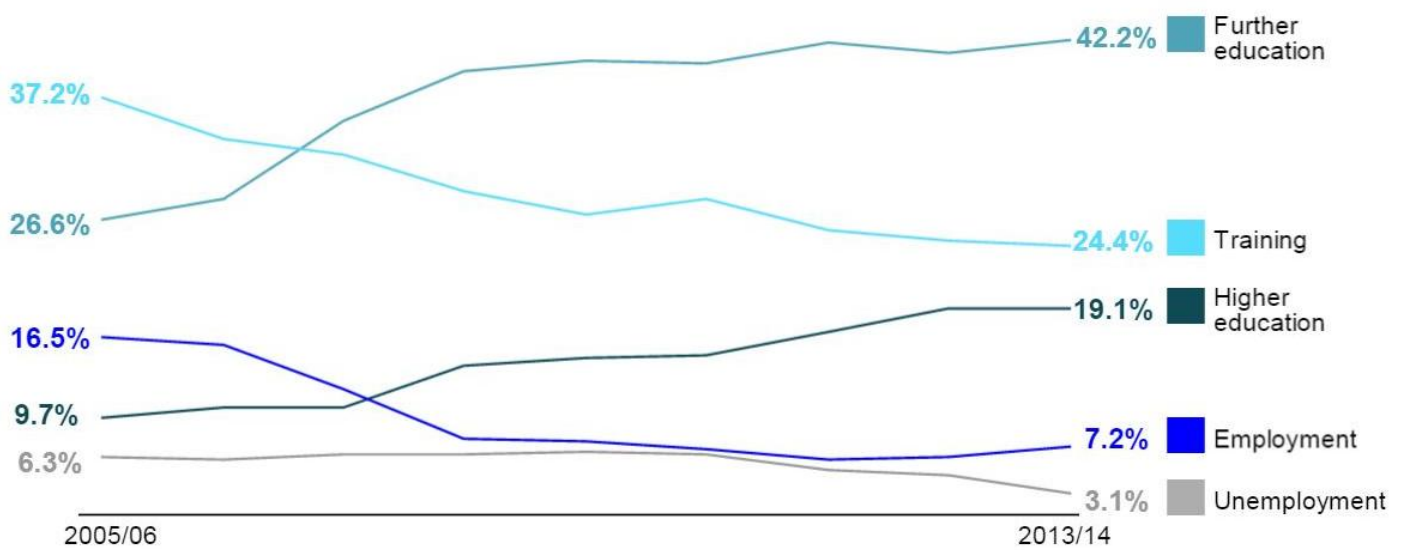
■ SEN pupils ■ Non-SEN pupils



## Main types of special educational need



## Destination of school leavers with special educational needs over time



Source: NI school census; School leavers survey