

Pupils¹ suspended by Key Stage² in Northern Ireland 2013/14

	Number of pupils suspended	% of key stage population
Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 (Years 1 to 4)	59	0.06
Key Stage 2 (Years 5 to 7)	179	0.27
Key Stage 3 (Years 8 to 10)	1742	2.61
Key Stage 4 (Years 11 to 12)	1697	3.53
NI Total	3677	1.32

Pupils¹ suspended in the 2013/14 school year broken down by gender

	Male	Female	Total
Number of pupils	2820	857	3677
% of total school population	1.01	0.31	1.32

Number of pupils¹ suspended in the 2013/14 school year broken down by school and management type

School Type	School Management type			
	Controlled	Catholic Maintained	Other	Total
Primary schools	143	72	13	228
Secondary schools	1250	1194	536	2980
Grammar schools	112	0	288	400
Special schools	64	5	0	69
All schools	1569	1271	837	3677

Number of pupils¹ suspended in the 2013/14 school year broken down by frequency of suspension and ethnicity

Number of times suspended	White	Minority Ethnic Background	Total	% of total school population
1	2286	55	2341	0.84
2	656	13	669	0.24
3 or more	650	17	667	0.24
Total	3592	85	3677	1.32

Pupils¹ suspended in the 2013/14 school year broken down by Education and Library Board

Education and Library Board	Number of pupils suspended
Belfast	804
Western	762
North Eastern	819
South Eastern	709
Southern	583
Total	3677

Reasons for pupil suspensions in the 2013/14 school year broken down by gender

Reason	Number of occasions			% of suspensions
	Male	Female	Total ⁵	
Persistent infringement of school rules	1360	490	1850	30.0
Verbal abuse of staff	1114	298	1412	22.9
Physical attack on pupil	1062	241	1303	21.1
Disruptive behaviour in class	470	114	584	9.5
Significant damage to, or misuse of, property	219	39	258	4.2
Physical attack on staff	182	27	209	3.4
Bullying of a pupil	142	37	179	2.9
Verbal abuse of pupil	113	27	140	2.3
Substance abuse	79	25	104	1.7
Stealing	65	22	87	1.4
Alcohol abuse	17	23	40	0.6
Total	4823	1343	6166	100.0

NOTES:

1. These figures relate to all pupils undertaking Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1-4 in primary, post-primary and special schools.

2. For special school pupils, curriculum year is used as a proxy for Key Stage.

3. School management types have been amalgamated into three groups. The 'other types' group includes grant maintained and controlled integrated schools, voluntary grammar schools and other maintained schools. Data for independent schools is not available.

4. The 'minority ethnic background' classification includes Travellers.

5. The information in the 'Total' column reflects the number of individual suspensions, as opposed to the number of pupils suspended. The overall total is higher than that in the other tables because some of the pupils have been suspended more than once.