

Pupils ¹ suspended by Key Stage ² in Northern Ireland 2015/16

Key Stage	Number of pupils suspended	% of key stage population
Foundation Stage & Key Stage (Years 1-4)	58	0.06
Key Stage 2 (Years 5 to 7)	139	0.20
Key Stage 3 (Years 8 to 10)	1752	2.62
Key Stage 4 (Years 11 to 12)	1602	3.56
NI Total	3551	1.13

Pupils suspended in the 2015/16 school year broken down by gender

	Male	Female	Total
Number of pupils	2751	800	3551
% of total school population	0.87	0.25	1.13

¹ The 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 proxy for Key Stage.

Number of pupils suspended in the 2015/16 school year broken by school management type³

School Type	School Management Type			
	Controlled	Catholic Maintained	Other	Total
Primary Schools	133	46	12	191
Secondary Schools	1195	1089	631	2915
Grammar Schools	97	N/A	279	376
Special Schools	63	6	0	69
Total	1488	1141	922	3551

Number of pupils suspended in the 2015/16 school year broken down by frequency of suspension and ethnicity⁴

Number of times suspended	White	Minority Ethnic Background	Total ⁵	% of total school population
1	2375	53	2428	0.77
2	585	12	597	0.19
3 or more	516	10	526	0.17
Total	3476	75	3551	1.13

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.

Reasons for pupil suspensions in the 2015/16 school year broken down by gender

Reason for Pupil Suspension	Number of Occasions			% of all suspensions
	Male	Female	Total	
Persistent Infringement of School Rules	1157	391	1548	26.9%
Physical Attack on a Pupil	1038	209	1247	21.6%
Verbal Abuse of Staff	975	258	1233	21.4%
Disruptive Behaviour in Class	509	163	672	11.7%
Significant Damage to Property	222	37	259	4.5%
Bullying of a Pupil	178	46	224	3.9%
Physical Attack on Staff	159	27	186	3.2%
Verbal Abuse of a Pupil	119	38	157	2.7%
Stealing	95	33	128	2.2%
Substance Abuse	73	11	84	1.5%
Alcohol Abuse	13	12	25	0.4%
Total:	4538	1225	5763	100.0%