

# Number of primary and secondary teaching staff (1851-2015)

| Year | Primary teachers |          |          | Secondary teachers |          |          | Total teachers |          |          |
|------|------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|
|      | Male             | Female   | Total    | Male               | Female   | Total    | Male           | Female   | Total    |
| 1851 | 35               | 4        | 39       | -                  | -        | -        | 35             | 4        | 39       |
| 1862 | 216              | 67       | 283      | -                  | -        | -        | 216            | 67       | 283      |
| 1872 | -                | -        | 1,332    | -                  | -        | -        | -              | -        | 1,332    |
| 1881 | 1,320            | 1,129    | 2,449    | -                  | -        | -        | 1,320          | 1,129    | 2,449    |
| 1890 | 2,042            | 1,985    | 4,027    | 18                 | 14       | 32       | 2,060          | 1,999    | 4,059    |
| 1900 | 2,709            | 2,195    | 4,904    | 15                 | 9        | 24       | 2,724          | 2,204    | 4,928    |
| 1910 | 3,079            | 2,361    | 5,440    | 29                 | 19       | 48       | 3,108          | 2,380    | 5,488    |
| 1920 | 3,096            | 3,952    | 7,048    | 310                | 342      | 652      | 3,406          | 4,294    | 7,700    |
| 1930 | 3,859            | 5,015    | 8,874    | 878                | 820      | 1,698    | 4,737          | 5,835    | 10,572   |
| 1940 | 4,319            | 4,056    | 8,375    | 1,289              | 979      | 2,268    | 5,608          | 5,035    | 10,643   |
| 1950 | 4,498            | 4,850    | 9,348    | 2,212              | 1,493    | 3,705    | 6,710          | 6,343    | 13,053   |
| 1960 | 5,570            | 7,031    | 12,601   | 4,444              | 2,839    | 7,283    | 10,014         | 9,870    | 19,884   |
| 1970 | 6,100            | 11,643   | 17,743   | 7,793              | 6,431    | 14,224   | 13,893         | 18,074   | 31,967   |
| 1980 | 7,029            | 15,518   | 22,547   | 12,792             | 9,696    | 22,488   | 19,821         | 28,214   | 45,035   |
| 1990 | 5,780            | 17,379   | 23,159   | 12,013             | 11,490   | 23,503   | 17,793         | 28,869   | 46,662   |
| 2000 | 5,335.3          | 20,451.7 | 25,787.0 | 11,112.3           | 13,102.7 | 24,215.0 | 16,447.6       | 33,554.4 | 50,002.0 |
| 2010 | 4,817.6          | 22,675.5 | 27,493.1 | 10,579.9           | 14,212.3 | 24,792.2 | 15,397.5       | 36,887.8 | 52,285.3 |
| 2015 | 4,785.2          | 24,854.6 | 29,639.8 | 9,665.5            | 14,725.9 | 24,391.4 | 14,450.7       | 39,580.5 | 54,031.2 |

## Data notes:

Sufficiently detailed figures are unavailable for 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880, so nearby years have been chosen.

All figures are for government school teachers, except for 1872 and 1881 when teachers of both government and denominational schools are included.

Mistresses of departments are included in the figures for teachers in charge for 1872.

All figures are for December or for the school census period, except for 1851 when the figures are for 30 September and are updated every 10 years.

Emergency and relief teaching staff who are employed on a casual basis are not included in this collection, as they replace permanent teaching staff who are absent for short periods of time and are already counted.

All teachers in recent years are counted as full-time equivalent (FTE).