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**SCHOOLS AND PUPILS IN ENGLAND, JANUARY 2005 (FINAL)****INTRODUCTION**

This Statistical First Release (SFR) reports information about schools and pupils for the academic year 2004/05, collected in January 2005. It replaces the Statistical Volume "Schools in England" and updates provisional information published in the Statistical First Release "Pupil Characteristics and Class Sizes in England" published in April 2005.

Most of the information presented in this SFR has been collected via the Annual Schools' Census. It reports national trends on the number of schools and pupils in England. It gives findings for the number of pupils by age, gender, free school meal eligibility, ethnicity and first language together with a range of class size information. Final data on appeals lodged by parents against non-admission of their children to their preferred school in 2003/04 are also given here.

**KEY POINTS****Pupils**

- In January 2005 there were 8.3 million pupils in 25,300 maintained and independent schools in England. 91 per cent of pupils were taught in maintained nursery, primary and secondary schools; 7 per cent of pupils attended independent schools and one per cent went to maintained and non-maintained special schools.

**School Meal Arrangements**

- There has been a slight decrease in the proportion of pupils known to be eligible for free school meals. In 2004 the percentage of pupils in maintained nursery and primary schools known to be eligible for free school meals was 17.3 per cent and this has decreased to 16.9 per cent in 2005. See Notes to Editor 4 and 5.
- In January 2005, 14.0 per cent of pupils in maintained secondary schools were known to be eligible for free school meals. This represents a slight decrease from 14.3 per cent in 2004. See Notes to Editor 4 and 5.

**Ethnicity**

- In maintained primary schools the percentage of pupils (of compulsory school age and above) who were classified as minority ethnic origin has increased from 18.3 per cent in 2004 to 19.3 per cent in 2005. A similar trend is apparent in secondary schools with 15.3 per cent of pupils classified by minority ethnic groups in 2004 increasing by over half a percentage point to 15.9 per cent in 2005. These changes may be due in part to an improvement in the completeness of the data held by schools – there has been a decrease in the percentage of pupils who were unclassified by ethnic group in both primary and secondary schools. See Notes to Editor 6.

## **First Language**

- In January 2005 the percentage of pupils in primary schools (of compulsory school age and above) whose first language is known or believed to be other than English was 11.6 per cent, which represents an increase of just over half a percentage point when compared with a year earlier. In secondary schools this percentage remained the same at 9 per cent.

## **CLASS SIZES**

### **Key Stage 1 Classes in Maintained Primary Schools**

- The average size of Key Stage 1 classes (including Reception) taught by one teacher has fallen slightly from 25.7 in January 2004 to 25.6 in January 2005. There has been a slight increase in the proportion of Key Stage 1 classes with 31 or more pupils since last year, although this still remains less than it was five years ago.

### **Key Stage 2 Classes in Maintained Primary Schools**

- The average size of Key Stage 2 classes taught by one teacher has risen slightly from 27.2 in January 2004 to 27.3 in January 2005.

### **Overall Primary**

- In January 2005, the average size of classes (taught by one teacher) in primary schools was 26.2 which remains unchanged from last year.
- The percentage of pupils in large primary classes has continued to decrease over the last five years. In January 2005, 15.2 per cent of pupils in primary schools were in classes of 31 or more pupils, compared with 21.1 per cent in 2001.

### **Classes in Maintained Secondary Schools**

- A small decrease is evident in the average size of classes taught by one teacher in secondary schools, from 21.8 per cent in January 2004 to 21.7 in January 2005.
- The percentage of pupils in classes of 31 or more pupils has decreased from 11.9 per cent in January 2004 to 11.5 per cent in January 2005.

## **ADMISSION APPEALS**

### **All schools**

- In 2003/04 59,700 admission appeals were heard by a panel compared with almost 64,000 in the previous year. Admission appeals heard by a panel represented just less than 4 per cent of all new admissions to maintained primary and secondary schools in 2003/04, a slight decrease from the previous year.
- 20,600 appeals were decided in parents' favour compared with almost 21,400 in the previous year; appeals decided in parents' favour represented almost 35 per cent of appeals heard by a panel in 2003/04, an increase of over one percentage point since 2002/03.

## **Primary schools**

- Some 13,200 appeals against non-admission to maintained primary schools were heard by a panel in 2003/04 compared with 13,800 a year earlier. Appeals heard by a panel represented 1.5 per cent of all new admissions to maintained primary schools in 2003/04, which remains unchanged from the previous year.
- 4,300 appeals were decided in parents' favour in 2003/04 compared with 4,500 in the previous year; appeals decided in parents' favour represented just less than 33 per cent of appeals heard by a panel in 2003/04, similar to the previous year.

## **Secondary schools**

- Around 46,500 admission appeals against non-admission to maintained secondary schools were heard by a panel in 2003/04 compared with 50,200 in the previous year. Admission appeals heard by a panel represented just less than 7 per cent of all new admissions to maintained secondary schools, a decrease of almost half a percentage point since 2002/03.
- 16,300 appeals were decided in parents' favour compared with 16,800 in the previous year; appeals decided in parents' favour represented 35 per cent of appeals heard by a panel. This represents an increase of almost 2 percentage points since 2002/03.

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## NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. This SFR contains information about school and pupil characteristics together with information on classes as taught during a single selected period of the school day. This information is derived from Annual Schools' Census (ASC) returns made by schools to the Department in January each year.
2. In addition, this SFR also provides data on admission appeals. Figures have been derived from the Department's Survey of Admission Appeals and are as reported by LEAs and schools. LEAs provided data for their Community and Voluntary Controlled schools. Voluntary Aided and Foundation schools provided their own data. The data for Voluntary Aided and Foundation schools for 1999/00 to 2003/04 were collected as part of the Department's Annual Schools' Census.
3. Pupil numbers shown in the tables are rounded to the nearest 10, therefore totals may not always equal the sum of their component parts.
4. Prior to 2001, the numbers eligible for a free school meal were those pupils who had, or whose parents had, satisfied the relevant authority that they were receiving Income Support (IS) or income based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA) or support provided under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. From 2001 onwards this definition was modified to include only pupils where parents had indicated that they wished their child to have a free meal and had confirmed benefit receipt with the LEA or school.
5. Under changes to the tax credit system introduced in April 2003, children in families receiving the Child Tax Credit (CTC) rather than IS or IBJSA would not have been entitled to receive a free school meal. As a result, for 2004 ASC, the entitlement for free school meals was extended to 'non-working' families who have an amount of income that extinguishes their IS or IBJSA benefit, who are receiving support via CTC, but are working fewer than 16 hours per week and thus not in receipt of Working Tax Credit (WTC). The majority of these families would have received IS or IBJSA prior to 6 April (and accordingly their children a free school meal). As a result of this change to entitlement, these children continue to be eligible for free school meals.
6. Those pupils who have been classified according to their ethnic group and are other than White British are defined as Minority Ethnic.
7. "First Language" is the language to which a child was initially exposed during early development.
8. In 2003 Reception classes were returned alongside Nursery classes as Foundation Stage for the first time. In Table 7 Reception classes have been included in Key Stage 1 numbers for 2003 and later to produce a coverage as close as possible to that available for previous years.
9. The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 placed a duty on LEAs and schools to limit the size of infant classes for five, six, and seven year olds taught by one teacher to 30 or fewer pupils. The limit became a statutory responsibility from September 2001. The Education (Infant Class Sizes) Regulations 1998 allow the limit of 30 to be exceeded in limited circumstances. This allows certain types of children to be treated as "excepted pupils" for the purposes of ascertaining whether or not the class size limit has been exceeded.
10. The numbers of new admissions shown in Tables 9 and 10 include all pupils, irrespective of age, who joined a school at any time during September to January of the relevant academic year. They are derived from the Department's Pupil Level Annual Schools' Census (PLASC). Figures are not available on the same basis before 2001/2002, due to changes in the underlying data collection in January 2002.
11. The total number of appeals lodged by parents against the non-admission of their children can be misleading. Some appeals are resolved before they reach a panel hearing (a place at an alternative school is accepted after an appeal has been lodged; the same parent can lodge

appeals for more than one school but will not pursue them all). Figures for the total number of admission appeals lodged are given in this publication but the number of appeals heard by an appeal panel is deemed to be the more reliable and critical indicator.

12. Supplementary information on pupils with special educational needs can be viewed at <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SFR/s000584/index.shtml> and information on permanent and fixed period exclusions from schools has been published at: <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SFR/s000582/index.shtml>
13. Further information, including Local Authority level analyses, will be published on the Department's website at: <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SFR/s000606/index.shtml>
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Table 1:

**ALL SCHOOLS: NUMBER OF SCHOOLS AND PUPILS BY TYPE OF SCHOOL**

Position in January each year: 1996 to 2005

England

	Nursery			Primary (1)	Secondary (1)	Special			Pupil Referral Units	Independent	City Technology Colleges	Academies	All schools
	LEA Mntd	Direct Grant	Total			LEA Mntd	Non- Mntd	Total					
<b>Number of schools</b>													
1996	547	2	549	18,480	3,594	1,191	72	1,263	291	2,249	15	.	26,441
1997	544	2	546	18,392	3,569	1,153	68	1,221	309	2,256	15	.	26,308
1998	533	2	535	18,312	3,567	1,164	65	1,229	309	2,227	15	.	26,194
1999	520	2	522	18,234	3,560	1,148	61	1,209	298	2,214	15	.	26,052
2000	514	2	516	18,158	3,550	1,134	63	1,197	295	2,187	15	.	25,918
2001	506	2	508	18,069	3,481	1,113	62	1,175	308	2,188	15	.	25,744
2002	494	2	496	17,985	3,457	1,098	63	1,161	312	2,190	14	.	25,615
2003	475	2	477	17,861	3,436	1,088	72	1,160	360	2,160	15	3	25,472
2004	468	2	470	17,762	3,409	1,078	70	1,148	426	2,302	14	12	25,543
2005	456	2	458	17,642	3,385	1,049	73	1,122	447	2,250	14	17	25,335
<b>Number (headcount) of pupils (2)</b>													
1996	52,280	130	52,410	4,389,360	3,010,420	92,860	5,220	98,080	6,870	545,070	14,340	.	8,116,540
1997	50,840	130	50,970	4,429,040	3,041,580	91,280	5,230	96,510	7,530	552,310	15,280	.	8,193,230
1998	48,800	130	48,930	4,460,650	3,072,820	93,470	4,960	98,430	7,740	556,230	15,790	.	8,260,580
1999	47,490	130	47,620	4,460,170	3,121,900	93,090	4,610	97,690	8,260	558,640	16,190	.	8,310,480
2000	46,330	120	46,450	4,435,350	3,181,810	91,800	4,770	96,570	8,480	560,560	16,590	.	8,345,820
2001	45,040	120	45,160	4,406,220	3,231,830	90,960	4,640	95,600	9,290	569,250	16,780	.	8,374,120
2002	42,370	110	42,480	4,363,340	3,264,090	89,800	4,670	94,470	9,960	578,580	16,170	.	8,369,080
2003	40,480	120	40,600	4,309,030	3,308,030	88,930	4,950	93,880	12,010	582,990	17,520	2,720	8,366,780
2004	38,970	110	39,080	4,252,540	3,324,950	86,930	4,840	91,770	13,040	586,940	16,340	10,220	8,334,880
2005	37,410	110	37,530	4,204,500	3,316,050	85,500	4,870	90,370	14,470	579,930	16,440	15,200	8,274,470
<b>Number (full time equivalent) of pupils (2)(3)</b>													
1996	30,510	120	30,630	4,232,510	3,010,420	91,420	5,200	96,620	6,870	532,450	14,340	.	7,923,830
1997	29,730	110	29,840	4,271,130	3,041,580	89,790	5,210	95,000	7,530	538,840	15,280	.	7,999,210
1998	28,570	120	28,680	4,300,390	3,072,820	92,050	4,930	96,980	7,740	543,160	15,790	.	8,065,570
1999	27,940	110	28,050	4,300,560	3,121,900	91,730	4,590	96,320	8,260	544,950	16,190	.	8,116,230
2000	27,160	110	27,270	4,278,120	3,181,810	90,600	4,750	95,360	8,480	546,810	16,590	.	8,154,440
2001	26,540	120	26,660	4,251,950	3,231,830	89,780	4,680	94,460	9,290	554,750	16,780	.	8,185,710
2002	25,360	110	25,470	4,214,190	3,264,090	88,740	4,630	93,370	9,960	563,990	16,170	.	8,187,230
2003	24,430	110	24,540	4,165,850	3,307,060	87,850	4,930	92,780	12,010	568,670	17,520	2,720	8,191,140
2004	23,600	110	23,710	4,112,620	3,324,700	85,840	4,810	90,650	13,040	573,070	16,340	10,220	8,164,350
2005	22,920	110	23,030	4,069,200	3,315,810	84,520	4,850	89,360	14,470	566,820	16,440	15,170	8,110,300

Source: Annual Schools Census

(1) Includes middle schools as deemed.

(2) Excludes dually registered pupils.

(3) Part time pupils are counted as 0.5 full-time equivalents.

. Not applicable

Pupil numbers have been rounded to the nearest 10. There may be discrepancies between the sum of constituent items and totals as shown.

Table 2a:

**MAINTAINED PRIMARY SCHOOLS (1): NUMBER OF PUPILS BY AGE AND GENDER (2)(3)**

As at January 2005

England

	Number of pupils						Total (FTE)	Total (Headcount)
	Full-time			Part-time				
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total		
Pupils aged:								
2 and under	730	830	1,560	17,180	16,820	34,000	18,560	35,560
3 (born 1/4/01 to 31/8/01)	4,910	4,870	9,780	43,210	41,820	85,040	52,300	94,820
3 (born 1/1/01 to 31/3/01)	3,850	3,730	7,580	25,640	24,740	50,380	32,770	57,960
3 (born 1/9/00 to 31/12/00)	6,300	6,280	12,580	37,190	35,430	72,620	48,890	85,200
4 (born 1/4/00 to 31/8/00)	101,600	97,460	199,070	11,550	10,640	22,190	210,160	221,260
4 (born 1/1/00 to 31/3/00)	65,280	62,780	128,060	1,920	1,850	3,770	129,940	131,830
4 (born 1/9/99 to 31/12/99)	92,250	87,810	180,060	1,190	1,120	2,310	181,220	182,370
<b>Total Under 5</b>	<b>274,929</b>	<b>263,753</b>	<b>538,682</b>	<b>137,887</b>	<b>132,422</b>	<b>270,309</b>	<b>673,840</b>	<b>808,990</b>
5	285,940	272,420	558,360	70	50	120	558,420	558,480
6	289,410	275,920	565,340	30	10	30	565,350	565,370
7	295,990	283,870	579,860	20	10	30	579,870	579,890
8	290,700	277,800	568,500	30	10	30	568,510	568,530
9	281,230	270,010	551,250	20	#	30	551,260	551,270
10	284,600	273,930	558,530	40	#	40	558,550	558,570
<b>Total 5 to 10</b>	<b>1,727,870</b>	<b>1,653,960</b>	<b>3,381,830</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>3,381,970</b>	<b>3,382,110</b>
<b>Total 11 and over</b>	<b>6,950</b>	<b>6,450</b>	<b>13,390</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>13,390</b>	<b>13,400</b>
<b>All ages</b>	<b>2,009,750</b>	<b>1,924,160</b>	<b>3,933,910</b>	<b>138,100</b>	<b>132,490</b>	<b>270,590</b>	<b>4,069,200</b>	<b>4,204,500</b>

Source: Annual Schools Census

(1) Includes middle deemed schools.

(2) Age as at 31 August 2004.

(3) Excludes dually registered pupils.

# less than 5

Numbers have been rounded to the nearest 10. There may be discrepancies between the sum of constituent items and totals as shown.

Table 2b:

**MAINTAINED SECONDARY SCHOOLS (1): NUMBER OF PUPILS BY AGE AND GENDER (2)(3)**

As at January 2005

England

	Number of pupils						Total (FTE)	Total (Headcount)
	Full-time			Part-time				
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total		
Pupils aged:								
<b>Total Under 5</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>130</b>
5	40	20	50	0	0	0	50	50
6	30	20	50	0	0	0	50	50
7	60	50	110	0	0	0	110	110
8	80	50	130	0	0	0	130	130
9	12,370	11,770	24,140	#	0	#	24,140	24,140
10	14,630	13,930	28,550	#	0	#	28,550	28,550
<b>Total 5 to 10</b>	<b>27,200</b>	<b>25,830</b>	<b>53,030</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>53,030</b>	<b>53,030</b>
11	285,000	275,740	560,740	10	#	10	560,750	560,750
12	302,710	292,190	594,900	20	10	30	594,910	594,920
13	302,940	294,730	597,670	30	20	50	597,690	597,710
14	299,080	290,490	589,570	60	20	90	589,610	589,650
15	287,410	282,830	570,240	120	110	230	570,360	570,470
<b>Total 11 to 15</b>	<b>1,477,140</b>	<b>1,435,970</b>	<b>2,913,110</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>2,913,310</b>	<b>2,913,510</b>
16	90,280	100,510	190,790	#	10	10	190,790	190,800
17	67,190	77,680	144,870	#	10	10	144,880	144,880
18	6,590	5,980	12,570	#	10	10	12,580	12,580
19+	480	630	1,110	#	10	10	1,110	1,120
<b>Total 16 to 19+</b>	<b>164,540</b>	<b>184,800</b>	<b>349,340</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>349,360</b>	<b>349,380</b>
<b>All ages</b>	<b>1,668,920</b>	<b>1,646,640</b>	<b>3,315,560</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>3,315,810</b>	<b>3,316,050</b>

Source: Annual Schools Census

(1) Includes middle deemed schools.

(2) Age as at 31 August 2004.

(3) Excludes dually registered pupils.

# less than 5

Numbers have been rounded to the nearest 10. There may be discrepancies between the sum of constituent items and totals as shown.

Table 2c:  
**ALL SCHOOLS (1)(2): NUMBER OF PUPILS BY AGE AND GENDER (3)(4)**  
 As at January 2005  
 England

	Number of pupils						Total (FTE)	Total (Headcount)
	Full-time			Part-time				
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total		
Pupils aged:								
2 and under	2,800	2,970	5,760	25,950	25,480	51,420	31,480	57,190
3 (born 1/4/01 to 31/8/01)	7,750	7,540	15,290	51,230	49,580	100,810	65,700	116,100
3 (born 1/1/01 to 31/3/01)	5,930	5,620	11,550	30,190	29,090	59,290	41,190	70,830
3 (born 1/9/00 to 31/12/00)	9,670	9,630	19,300	43,320	41,440	84,760	61,680	104,050
4 (born 1/4/00 to 31/8/00)	107,860	103,310	211,170	12,470	11,480	23,960	223,150	235,130
4 (born 1/1/00 to 31/3/00)	69,080	66,310	135,390	2,250	2,130	4,370	137,570	139,760
4 (born 1/9/99 to 31/12/99)	97,730	93,060	190,780	1,490	1,360	2,860	192,210	193,640
<b>Total Under 5</b>	<b>300,800</b>	<b>288,440</b>	<b>589,240</b>	<b>166,900</b>	<b>160,560</b>	<b>327,460</b>	<b>752,970</b>	<b>916,700</b>
5	303,470	288,420	591,880	80	60	140	591,950	592,020
6	307,610	292,660	600,270	30	10	40	600,290	600,310
7	316,070	301,610	617,680	30	10	40	617,700	617,720
8	311,530	295,760	607,290	30	10	30	607,310	607,320
9	316,060	300,840	616,910	30	#	30	616,920	616,940
10	323,930	308,400	632,330	50	#	50	632,350	632,380
<b>Total 5 to 10</b>	<b>1,878,670</b>	<b>1,787,690</b>	<b>3,666,360</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>3,666,520</b>	<b>3,666,690</b>
11	323,810	308,980	632,790	10	10	20	632,800	632,810
12	336,790	320,180	656,980	40	10	40	657,000	657,020
13	338,310	323,610	661,920	50	20	60	661,960	661,990
14	335,730	320,370	656,100	80	30	110	656,150	656,210
15	325,210	313,220	638,420	160	110	270	638,560	638,690
<b>Total 11 to 15</b>	<b>1,659,850</b>	<b>1,586,370</b>	<b>3,246,210</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>3,246,460</b>	<b>3,246,710</b>
16	113,570	121,660	235,230	#	10	10	235,240	235,240
17	88,050	96,910	184,960	#	10	20	184,970	184,980
18	10,930	9,480	20,410	10	10	20	20,420	20,430
19+	2,030	1,670	3,700	#	10	10	3,710	3,710
<b>Total 16 to 19+</b>	<b>214,580</b>	<b>229,730</b>	<b>444,310</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>444,330</b>	<b>444,360</b>
<b>All ages</b>	<b>4,053,890</b>	<b>3,892,220</b>	<b>7,946,110</b>	<b>167,490</b>	<b>160,860</b>	<b>328,340</b>	<b>8,110,280</b>	<b>8,274,460</b>

Source: Annual Schools Census

- (1) Includes middle deemed schools.  
 (2) Includes maintained and non-maintained special schools.  
 (3) Age as at 31 August 2004.  
 (4) Excludes dually registered pupils.  
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Table 3a

**MAINTAINED NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS(1): SCHOOL MEAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Position in January each year : 2001 to 2005

England

	Day Pupils (2)				
	2001	2002	2003	2004 (3)	2005 (3)
Number on roll	4,451,220	4,405,640	4,350,260	4,293,180	4,243,110
Number of pupils known to be eligible for free school meals	784,980	754,510	731,610	741,150	717,230
Percentage of pupils known to be eligible for free school meals	17.6	17.1	16.8	17.3	16.9

(1) Includes middle schools as deemed.

(2) Prior to 2003, 'Day Pupils' includes all full-time and part-time pupils who are solely registered, excluding boarding pupils. Due to underlying changes in data collection, this coverage was extended to also include all pupils with dual (main) registration and boarding pupils from 2003.

(3) See Notes for Editors 4 and 5.

Table 3b

**MAINTAINED SECONDARY SCHOOLS(1): SCHOOL MEAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Position in January each year : 2001 to 2005

England

	Day Pupils (2)				
	2001	2002	2003	2004 (3)	2005 (3)
Number on roll	3,226,970	3,260,930	3,308,490	3,326,800	3,317,590
Number of pupils known to be eligible for free school meals	509,680	486,350	478,920	477,290	465,520
Percentage of pupils known to be eligible for free school meals	15.8	14.9	14.5	14.3	14.0

(1) Includes middle schools as deemed.

(2) Prior to 2003, 'Day Pupils' includes all full-time and part-time pupils who are solely registered, excluding boarding pupils. Due to underlying changes in data collection, this coverage was extended to also include all pupils with dual (main) registration and boarding pupils from 2003.

(3) See Notes for Editors 4 and 5.

Table 3c

**ALL SPECIAL SCHOOLS: SCHOOL MEAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Position in January each year : 2001 to 2005

England

	Day Pupils (2)				
	2001	2002	2003	2004 (3)	2005 (3)
Number on roll (1)	91,070	87,890	94,660	92,620	91,210
Number of pupils known to be eligible for free school meals	35,190	33,700	33,430	33,100	30,690
Percentage of pupils known to be eligible for free school meals	38.6	38.3	35.3	35.7	33.6

(1) Excludes general hospital schools.

(2) Prior to 2003, 'Day Pupils' includes all full-time and part-time pupils who are solely registered, excluding boarding pupils. Due to underlying changes in data collection, this coverage was extended to also include all pupils with dual (main) registration and boarding pupils from 2003.

(3) See Notes for Editors 4 and 5.

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Table 4

**MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (1): NUMBER OF PUPILS KNOWN TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS BY AGE AND GENDER (2)(3)**

As at January 2005

England

	Maintained Primary						Maintained Secondary						
	No. known to be eligible for free school meals (4)			% known to be eligible for free school meals (5)			No. known to be eligible for free school meals (4)			% known to be eligible for free school meals (5)			
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	
Pupils Aged:													
Under 5	52,690	50,970	103,660	12.8	12.9	12.8	10	10	20	17.7	14.1	15.8	Under 5
5	51,430	49,650	101,090	18.0	18.2	18.1	20	10	20	40.5	33.3	38.5	5
6	52,220	50,430	102,650	18.0	18.3	18.2	10	#	10	28.6	#	22.0	6
7	53,740	51,990	105,730	18.1	18.3	18.2	10	20	30	13.8	33.3	22.9	7
8	51,610	50,040	101,650	17.7	18.0	17.9	10	10	20	12.7	26.0	17.8	8
9	50,370	48,470	98,840	17.9	17.9	17.9	1,360	1,260	2,620	11.0	10.7	10.9	9
10	50,040	48,080	98,130	17.6	17.5	17.6	1,550	1,400	2,950	10.6	10.0	10.3	10
11	990	930	1,930	14.4	14.6	14.5	46,240	45,190	91,430	16.2	16.4	16.3	11
12	10	10	10	14.7	16.2	15.5	47,930	46,780	94,720	15.8	16.0	15.9	12
13	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	46,390	45,630	92,030	15.3	15.5	15.4	13
14	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	43,420	42,970	86,380	14.5	14.8	14.6	14
15	0	#	#	0.0	9.1	4.2	37,540	38,550	76,090	13.0	13.6	13.3	15
16	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,040	6,570	11,610	5.6	6.5	6.1	16
17	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,580	3,710	6,290	3.8	4.8	4.3	17
18	.	.	.	.	.	.	520	680	1,200	7.8	11.4	9.5	18
19+	.	.	.	.	.	.	50	70	110	9.6	10.2	9.9	19+
<b>Total All Ages</b>	<b>363,100</b>	<b>350,580</b>	<b>713,680</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>232,670</b>	<b>232,850</b>	<b>465,520</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>14.0</b>	

(1) Includes middle schools as deemed.

(2) Includes full-time and part-time pupils.

(3) Age as at 31 August 2004.

(4) Includes dually registered pupils and boarding pupils. See Notes to Editors 4 and 5.

(5) Number of pupils known to be eligible for free meals expressed as a percentage of number (headcount) of pupils in each age group.

. Not applicable

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Table 5:

**MAINTAINED PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND ALL SPECIAL SCHOOLS(1)(2)(3): NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF PUPILS BY ETHNIC GROUP**

January 2005

England

	Pupils of compulsory school age and above					
	Primary Schools		Secondary Schools		All Special Schools	
	Number	Percentage (4)	Number	Percentage (4)	Number	Percentage (4)
<b>White</b>	<b>2,774,800</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>2,772,490</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>71,180</b>	<b>83.2</b>
White British	2,675,100	78.8	2,691,450	81.2	69,310	81.0
Irish	12,710	0.4	12,540	0.4	330	0.4
Traveller of Irish heritage	2,970	0.1	1,030	0.0	90	0.1
Gypsy/ Roma	4,780	0.1	2,020	0.1	150	0.2
Any other White background	79,240	2.3	65,460	2.0	1,310	1.5
<b>Mixed</b>	<b>113,290</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>77,380</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2,480</b>	<b>2.9</b>
White and Black Caribbean	39,540	1.2	28,310	0.9	1,030	1.2
White and Black African	11,670	0.3	7,490	0.2	220	0.3
White and Asian	22,980	0.7	15,220	0.5	410	0.5
Any other Mixed background	39,090	1.2	26,360	0.8	810	0.9
<b>Asian</b>	<b>255,260</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>213,680</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>5,520</b>	<b>6.5</b>
Indian	76,260	2.2	78,430	2.4	1,340	1.6
Pakistani	106,500	3.1	79,710	2.4	2,950	3.4
Bangladeshi	44,830	1.3	31,420	0.9	680	0.8
Any other Asian background	27,680	0.8	24,120	0.7	550	0.6
<b>Black</b>	<b>142,700</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>112,420</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3,310</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Black Caribbean	49,920	1.5	44,000	1.3	1,290	1.5
Black African	77,760	2.3	55,100	1.7	1,530	1.8
Any other Black background	15,020	0.4	13,310	0.4	490	0.6
<b>Chinese</b>	<b>11,060</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>12,800</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Any other ethnic group</b>	<b>34,730</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>28,920</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>Classified (1)</b>	<b>3,331,840</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>3,217,690</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>83,360</b>	<b>97.4</b>
<b>Unclassified (5)</b>	<b>63,670</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>98,230</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>All pupils (6)</b>	<b>3,395,510</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,315,920</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>85,540</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Annual Schools' Census

- (1) Pupils of compulsory school age and above were classified according to ethnic group. Excludes dually registered pupils.  
(2) Includes maintained and non-maintained special schools. Excludes General Hospital Schools.  
(3) Includes middle schools as deemed.  
(4) The number of pupils by ethnic group expressed as a percentage of all pupils of compulsory school age and above.  
(5) Information refused or not obtained.  
(6) All pupils of compulsory school age and above.

Numbers have been rounded to the nearest 10. There may be discrepancies between the sum of constituent items and totals as shown.

Table 6:

**MAINTAINED PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND ALL SPECIAL SCHOOLS(1)(2)(3): NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF PUPILS BY FIRST LANGUAGE**

As at January 2005

England

	Pupils of compulsory school age and above					
	Primary Schools (1)		Secondary Schools (1)		Special Schools (2)	
	Number of pupils	Percentage of pupils (4)	Number of pupils	Percentage of pupils (4)	Number of pupils	Percentage of pupils (4)
First language is known or believed to be other than English	395,270	11.6	299,200	9.0	7,720	9.0
First language is known or believed to be English	2,999,200	88.3	3,010,370	90.8	77,740	90.9
Unclassified (5)	1,030	0.0	6,350	0.2	90	0.1
Total (6)	3,395,510	100.0	3,315,920	100.0	85,540	100.0

*Source: Annual Schools' Census*

(1) Includes middle schools as deemed.

(2) Includes maintained and non-maintained special schools. Excludes General Hospital Schools.

(3) Excludes dually registered pupils.

(4) The number of pupils by their first language expressed as a percentage of the number of pupils of compulsory school age and above.

(5) Information was not sought or refused.

(6) Pupils of compulsory school age and above

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Table 7:

**CLASSES TAUGHT BY ONE TEACHER IN MAINTAINED PRIMARY SCHOOLS (BY KEY STAGE 1 AND 2)  
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (1)(2)(3)**

Position in January each year: 2001 to 2005

England

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>KEY STAGE 1 CLASSES(4)</b>					
Average class size	25.2	25.2	25.5	25.7	25.6
Number of classes	62,480	61,600	57,240	56,590	55,860
Percentage of classes with					
1 - 30 pupils	98.2	99.5	99.1	98.8	98.8
31-35 pupils	1.8	0.5	0.9	1.1	1.2
36 or more pupils	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number of pupils	1,575,160	1,550,370	1,459,270	1,452,270	1,430,150
Percentage of pupils in classes with					
1 - 30 pupils	97.7	99.3	98.9	98.6	98.5
31-35 pupils (5)	2.2	0.6	1.1	1.4	1.5
36 or more pupils (5)	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
<b>KEY STAGE 2 CLASSES</b>					
Average class size	27.9	27.4	27.3	27.2	27.3
Number of classes	77,320	77,060	73,680	73,410	73,480
Percentage of classes with					
1 - 30 pupils	70.5	74.7	77.1	78.7	79.1
31-35 pupils	27.5	23.9	21.8	20.3	19.8
36 or more pupils	2.0	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.0
Number of pupils	2,160,530	2,110,660	2,012,940	1,996,660	2,002,610
Percentage of pupils in classes with					
1 - 30 pupils	65.4	69.9	72.6	74.5	75.1
31-35 pupils	31.9	28.2	25.8	24.1	23.5
36 or more pupils	2.7	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.4
<b>CLASSES IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b>					
Average class size	26.7	26.3	26.3	26.2	26.2
Number of classes	150,580	150,180	149,210	148,220	146,860
Percentage of classes with					
1 - 30 pupils	82.9	85.8	86.9	87.7	87.8
31-35 pupils	15.5	13.0	12.1	11.4	11.3
36 or more pupils	1.6	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.9
Number of pupils	4,014,110	3,945,510	3,919,290	3,887,180	3,851,810
Percentage of pupils in classes with					
1 - 30 pupils	78.9	82.2	83.7	84.7	84.8
31-35 pupils	18.8	16.0	14.8	14.0	13.9
36 or more pupils	2.3	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.3
<b>CLASSES IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS</b>					
Average class size	22.0	21.9	21.9	21.8	21.7
Number of classes	137,260	139,810	142,190	143,650	143,500
Percentage of classes with					
1 - 30 pupils	91.9	91.9	92.0	91.8	92.3
31-35 pupils	8.0	8.0	7.9	8.0	7.6
36 or more pupils	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Number of pupils	3,023,630	3,061,690	3,110,570	3,131,910	3,108,020
Percentage of pupils in classes with					
1 - 30 pupils	88.3	88.2	88.3	88.0	88.6
31-35 pupils	11.5	11.6	11.5	11.7	11.2
36 or more pupils	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3

Source: Annual Schools' Census

(1) Classes as taught during a single selected period in each school on the day of the census in January.

(2) Includes middle schools as deemed.

(3) For secondary schools, excludes sixth form colleges.

(4) Includes Reception classes [see Notes for Editors 8].

(5) Key Stage 1 classes of 31 or more may contain pupils who have been admitted as exceptions [see Notes for Editors 9].

*Numbers have been rounded to the nearest 10. There may be discrepancies between the sum of constituent items and totals as shown.*

Table 8:

**MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS(1): NUMBER OF SCHOOLS BY STATUS AND RELIGIOUS CHARACTER**

January 2005

England

	Primary Schools					Secondary Schools				
	Community	Voluntary Aided	Voluntary Controlled	Foundation	Total	Community	Voluntary Aided	Voluntary Controlled	Foundation	Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,961</b>	<b>3,754</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>17,642</b>	<b>2,193</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>3,385</b>
No Religious Character	10,961	19	43	327	11,350	2,193	41	55	503	2,792
Church of England	0	1,964	2,466	38	4,468	0	135	58	8	201
Roman Catholic	0	1,713	0	0	1,713	0	350	0	1	351
Methodist	0	2	24	0	26	0	0	0	0	0
Other Christian Faith (2)	0	22	28	1	51	0	22	7	1	30
Jewish	0	29	0	0	29	0	7	0	0	7
Muslim	0	3	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	2
Sikh	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Other	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1

(1) Includes middle schools as deemed.

(2) Includes schools of mixed denomination or other Christian beliefs.

Table 9:

**APPEALS BY PARENTS AGAINST NON-ADMISSION OF THEIR CHILDREN TO MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

1999/00 to 2003/04

England

		1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
<b>Primary</b>						
Admissions (1)	Number:	..	..	942,580	897,310	868,220
Admission Appeals Lodged by Parents (2)	Number:	28,730	27,110	25,680	23,150	20,810
Number of Appeals Lodged per 1,000 new admissions (2)	Number:	..	..	27	26	24
Appeals Heard by an Appeals Panel	Number:	18,710	17,510	16,160	13,760	13,180
	Percentage (3)	..	..	1.7	1.5	1.5
Appeals decided in Parents' favour	Number:	7,290	6,210	5,510	4,540	4,340
	Percentage (4)	39.0	35.5	34.1	33.0	32.9
<b>Secondary</b>						
Admissions (1)	Number:	..	..	700,860	694,860	688,020
Admission Appeals Lodged by Parents (2)	Number:	60,450	63,610	69,210	69,550	65,180
Number of Appeals Lodged per 1,000 new admissions (2)	Number:	..	..	99	100	95
Appeals Heard by an Appeals Panel	Number:	43,940	46,370	49,980	50,200	46,480
	Percentage (3)	..	..	7.1	7.2	6.8
Appeals decided in Parents' favour	Number:	14,180	14,990	16,220	16,820	16,290
	Percentage (4)	32.3	32.3	32.4	33.5	35.0
<b>All Schools</b>						
Admissions (1)	Number:	..	..	1,643,440	1,592,170	1,556,250
Admission Appeals Lodged by Parents (2)	Number:	89,180	90,720	94,890	92,700	85,990
Number of Appeals Lodged per 1,000 new admissions (2)	Number:	..	..	58	58	55
Appeals Heard by an Appeals Panel	Number:	62,660	63,870	66,150	63,960	59,660
	Percentage (3)	..	..	4.0	4.0	3.8
Appeals decided in Parents' favour	Number:	21,470	21,200	21,730	21,360	20,630
	Percentage (4)	34.3	33.2	32.8	33.4	34.6

(1) See Notes for Editors 10.

(2) See Notes for Editors 11.

(3) Number of appeals heard by a panel expressed as a percentage of the number of admissions.

(4) Number of appeals decided in favour of the parents expressed as a percentage of the number of appeals heard by a panel.

.. Not available

*Numbers have been rounded to the nearest 10. There may be discrepancies between the sum of constituent items and totals as shown.*

Table 10:  
**APPEALS BY PARENTS AGAINST NON-ADMISSION OF THEIR CHILDREN TO MAINTAINED PRIMARY  
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS BY TYPE OF SCHOOL**  
2003/04  
England

	Number of Admissions (1)	Number of Appeals Lodged By Parents (2)	Number of Appeals Heard by an Appeals Panel		Appeals Decided in Parents' Favour	
			Number	% (3)	Number	% (4)
<b>PRIMARY</b>						
Community (5) and Voluntary Controlled	700,470	18,960	11,640	1.7	3,740	32.1
Voluntary Aided	144,100	1,670	1,380	1.0	550	40.1
Foundation (6)	23,660	190	170	0.7	50	32.1
<b>Total Primary</b>	<b>868,220</b>	<b>20,810</b>	<b>13,180</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>4,340</b>	<b>32.9</b>
<b>SECONDARY</b>						
Community (5) and Voluntary Controlled	471,870	46,100	31,030	6.6	12,530	40.4
Voluntary Aided	101,290	8,740	7,160	7.1	1,520	21.3
Foundation (6)	114,870	10,340	8,290	7.2	2,240	27.0
<b>Total Secondary</b>	<b>688,020</b>	<b>65,180</b>	<b>46,480</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>16,290</b>	<b>35.0</b>
<b>ALL SCHOOLS</b>						
Community (5) and Voluntary Controlled	1,172,330	65,050	42,670	3.6	16,260	38.1
Voluntary Aided	245,390	10,410	8,540	3.5	2,080	24.3
Foundation (6)	138,530	10,520	8,450	6.1	2,290	27.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,556,250</b>	<b>85,990</b>	<b>59,660</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>20,630</b>	<b>34.6</b>

(1) See Notes for Editors 10.

(2) See Notes for Editors 11.

(3) Number of appeals expressed as a percentage of the number of admissions.

(4) Number of appeals decided in favour of the parents expressed as a percentage of the number of appeals heard by a panel.

(5) Community schools, previously County schools

(6) Foundation schools, previously Grant Maintained schools

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