

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).