

Number of school types by sex and number pupils registered at school types by sex in England and Wales, 1947-57

January 1947 ¹				January 1952 ²				January 1957 ³			
School by type and sex	No. (%)	Pupils registered by type and sex	No. (%)	School by type and sex ⁴	No. (%)	Pupils registered by type and sex	No. (%)	School by type and sex ⁵	No. (%)	Pupils registered by type and sex	No. (%)
Boys' secondary modern schools	848 (28%)	Boys at secondary modern schools	386356 (50.6%)	Boys' secondary modern schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Boys at secondary modern schools	572349 (50.3%)	Boys' secondary modern schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Boys at secondary modern schools	724600 (50.9%)
Girls' secondary modern schools	859 (28.5%)	Girls at secondary modern schools	377363 (49.4%)	Girls' secondary modern schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Girls at secondary modern schools	565700 (49.7%)	Girls' secondary modern schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Girls at secondary modern schools	699441 (49.1%)
Mixed secondary modern schools	1312 (43.5%)	<i>Pupils at mixed secondary modern schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed secondary modern schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	<i>Pupils at mixed secondary modern schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed secondary modern schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	<i>Pupils at mixed secondary modern schools included in numbers above</i>	
Total secondary modern schools	3019 (100%)	Total pupils at secondary moderns	763719 (100%)	Total secondary modern schools	3365 (100%)	Total pupils at secondary moderns	1138049 (100%)	Total secondary modern schools	3719 (100%)	Total pupils at secondary moderns	1424041 (100%)
Boys' grammar schools	414 (34.3%)	Boys at grammar schools	254338 (50.4%)	Boys' grammar schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Boys at grammar schools	255018 (50.4%)	Boys' grammar schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Boys at grammar schools	282480 (50.6%)
Girls' grammar schools	387 (32%)	Girls at grammar schools	250261 (49.6%)	Girls' grammar schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Girls at grammar schools	251324 (49.6%)	Girls' grammar schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Girls at grammar schools	276165 (49.4%)
Mixed grammar schools	406 (33.6%)	<i>Pupils at mixed grammar schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed grammar schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	<i>Pupils at mixed grammar schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed grammar schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	<i>Pupils at mixed grammar schools included in numbers above</i>	
Total grammar schools	1207 (100%)	Total pupils at grammar schools	504599 (100%)	Total grammar schools	1189 (100%)	Total pupils at grammar schools	506342 (100%)	Total grammar schools	1206 (100%)	Total pupils at grammar schools	558645 (100%)
Boys' technical schools	140 (44.2%)	Boys at technical schools	43508 (65.5%)	Boys' technical schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Boys at technical schools	48389 (65.1%)	Boys' technical schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Boys at technical schools	60553 (64.1%)
Girls' technical schools	37 (11.6%)	Girls at technical schools	22946 (34.5%)	Girls' technical schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Girls at technical schools	25940 (34.9%)	Girls' technical schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Girls at technical schools	33916 (35.9%)

¹ *Education in 1947 being the report of the Ministry of Education and the statistics of public education for England and Wales* (London, HMSO: 1948), pp. 104-31.

² *Education in 1952 being the report of the Ministry of Education and the statistics of public education for England and Wales* (London: HMSO, 1953), pp. 67-100.

³ *Education in 1957 being the report of the Ministry of Education and the statistics of public education for England and Wales* (London: HMSO, 1958), pp. 97-126.

⁴ Figures for 1952 recorded here do not include Bilateral schools (Modern-Grammar=34; Modern-Technical=13; Grammar-Technical=10).

⁵ Figures for 1957 recorded here do not include Bilateral schools (Modern-Grammar=74; Modern-Technical=20; Grammar-Technical=25).

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Total technical schools	317 (100%)	Total pupils at technical schools	66454 (100%)	Total technical schools	291 (100%)	Total pupils at technical schools	74329 (100%)	Total technical schools	290 (100%)	Total pupils at technical schools	94469 (100%)
Boys' comps	<i>Not recorded</i>	Boys at comps	<i>Not recorded</i>	Boys' comps	<i>Not recorded</i>	Boys at comps	5103 (47.4%)	Boys' comps	<i>Not recorded</i>	Boys at comps	22928 (51.5%)
Girls' comps	<i>Not recorded</i>	Girls at comps	<i>Not recorded</i>	Girls' comps	<i>Not recorded</i>	Girls at comps	5674 (52.6%)	Girls' comps	<i>Not recorded</i>	Girls at comps	21598 (48.5%)
Mixed comps	<i>Not recorded</i>	<i>Not recorded</i>		Mixed comps	<i>Not recorded</i>	<i>Pupils at mixed comps included in numbers above</i>		Mixed comps	<i>Not recorded</i>	<i>Pupils at mixed comps included in numbers above</i>	
Total comps	<i>Not recorded</i>	Total pupils at comps	<i>Not recorded</i>	Total comps	12 (100%)	Total pupils at comps	10777 (100%)	Total comps	46 (100%)	Total pupils at comps	44526 (100%)
Total boys' state secondary schools	1402 (30.9%)	Boys at state secondary schools	684202 (51%)	Total boys' state secondary schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Boys at state secondary schools	896089 (51%)	Total boys' state secondary schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Boys at state secondary schools	1123486 (51.4%)
Total girls' state secondary schools	1283 (28.2%)	Girls at state secondary schools	650570 (49%)	Total girls' state secondary schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Girls at state secondary schools	860167 (49%)	Total girls' state secondary schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Girls at state secondary schools	1063011 (48.6%)
Total mixed state secondary schools	1858 (40.9%)	<i>Pupils at mixed state schools included in numbers above</i>		Total mixed state secondary schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	<i>Pupils at mixed state schools included in numbers above</i>		Total mixed state secondary schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	<i>Pupils at mixed state schools included in numbers above</i>	
Total state secondary schools	4543 (100%)	Total pupils at state secondary schools	1334772 (100%)	Total state secondary schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Total pupils at state secondary schools	1756256 (100%)	Total state secondary schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Total pupils at state secondary schools	2186497 (100%)
Boys' direct grant schools	74 (44.6%)	Boys at direct grant schools	36243 ⁶ (46.5%)	Boys' direct grant schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Boys at direct grant schools	40097 (47%)	Boys' direct grant schools	73 (44.5%)	Boys at direct grant schools	44033 (47.6%)
Girls' direct grant schools	90 (54.2%)	Girls at direct grant schools	41715 (53.5%)	Girls' direct grant schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	Girls at direct grant schools	45153 (53%)	Girls' direct grant schools	89 (54.3%)	Girls at direct grant schools	48496 (52.4%)
Mixed direct grant schools	2 (1.2%)	<i>Pupils at mixed direct grant schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed direct grant schools	<i>Not recorded</i>	<i>Pupils at mixed direct grant schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed direct grant schools	2 (1.2%)	<i>Pupils at mixed direct grant schools included in numbers above</i>	
Total direct grant schools	166 (100%)	Total pupils at direct grant schools	77958 (100%)	Total direct grant schools	164 (100%)	Total pupils at direct grant schools	85250 (100%)	Total direct grant schools	164 (100%)	Total pupils at direct grant schools	92529 (100%)
Boys' independent	<i>Not recorded</i>	Boys at independent secondary schools	58153 (49%)	Boys' independent	112 (45.5%)	Boys at independent secondary schools	38511 (64.7%)	Boys' independent	117 (47.2%)	Boys at independent secondary schools	43008 (65.5%)
Girls' independent	<i>Not recorded</i>	Girls at independent secondary schools	60443 (51%)	Girls' independent	121 (49.2%)	Girls at independent secondary schools	20989 (35.3%)	Girls' independent	119 (48%)	Girls at independent secondary schools	22693 (34.5%)

⁶ Includes 871 boys who attended girls' direct grant schools (in the lower school), *Education in 1947. Being the report of the Ministry of Education and the statistics of public education for England and Wales* (London, HMSO: 1948), p. 124.

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Total independent secondary	Not recorded	Total pupils at independent schools	118596 (100%)	Total independent secondary	246 (100%)	Total pupils at independent schools	59500 (100%)	Total independent secondary	248 (100%)	Total pupils at independent schools	65701 (100%)

Notes

- All figures for comprehensive schools in 1952 and 1957 include multilateral schools
- All figures for direct grant schools refer only to direct grant grammar schools
- All figures for independent schools only include those recognised as 'efficient' under Rule 16/Fleming Committee

Notes on government statistics of education: for 1947-60 statistics of education were published as part II of the Ministry of Education's annual reports, which are digitally available through UK Parliamentary Papers online. For 1961-65 *Statistics of Education* became a separate publication in one volume. From 1965 onwards *Statistics of Education* was separated into six volumes (vol 1: Schools; vol 2: School leavers GCE and CSE; vol 3: Further education; vol 4: Teachers; vol 5: Finance and awards; vol 6: Universities), not available through UK Parliamentary Papers online but available in the BL, UL etc. The way statistics were recorded and presented changed over the period since the 1960s so that collecting consistent information is not always possible. In the early 1990s the process of collecting government statistics on education was privatised