

Number of school types by sex and number pupils registered at school types by sex in England and Wales, 1977-87

January 1977 ¹				January 1982 ² <i>England only</i>				January 1987 ³ <i>England only</i>			
School by type and sex	No. (%)	Pupils registered by type and sex	No. (%)	School by type and sex	No. (%)	Pupils registered by type and sex	No. (%)	School by type and sex	No. (%)	Pupils registered by type and sex	No. (%)
Boys' secondary modern schools	114 (13.6%)	Boys at secondary modern schools	251650 (51%)	Boys' secondary modern schools	49 (13.7%)	Boys at secondary modern schools	107369 (50.8%)	Boys' secondary modern schools	29 (12.4%)	Boys at secondary modern schools ⁴	67964 (50.8%)
Girls' secondary modern schools	119 (14.2%)	Girls at secondary modern schools	241508 (49%)	Girls' secondary modern schools	52 (14.6%)	Girls at secondary modern schools	103998 (49.2%)	Girls' secondary modern schools	30 (12.8%)	Girls at secondary modern schools ⁵	65889 (49.2%)
Mixed secondary modern schools	604 (72.2%)	<i>Pupils at mixed secondary modern schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed secondary modern schools	256 (71.7%)	<i>Pupils at mixed secondary modern schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed secondary modern schools	175 (74.8%)	<i>Pupils at mixed secondary modern schools included in numbers above</i>	
Total secondary modern schools	837 (100%)	Total pupils at secondary moderns	493158 (100%)	Total secondary modern schools	357 (100%)	Total pupils at secondary moderns	211367 (100%)	Total secondary modern schools	234 (100%)	Total pupils at secondary moderns	133853 (100%)
Boys' grammar schools	152 (37.3%)	Boys at grammar schools	125311 (49%)	Boys' grammar schools	70 (37.8%)	Boys at grammar schools	60059 (48.5%)	Boys' grammar schools	56 (36.8%)	Boys at grammar schools ⁶	47885 (48.1%)
Girls' grammar schools	157 (38.6%)	Girls at grammar schools	130729 (51%)	Girls' grammar schools	74 (40%)	Girls at grammar schools	63885 (51.5%)	Girls' grammar schools	61 (40.1%)	Girls at grammar schools ⁷	51751 (51.9%)
Mixed grammar schools	98 (24.1%)	<i>Pupils at mixed grammar schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed grammar schools	41 (22.2%)	<i>Pupils at mixed grammar schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed grammar schools	35 (23.1%)	<i>Pupils at mixed grammar schools included in numbers above</i>	
Total grammar schools	407 (100%)	Total pupils at grammar schools	256040 (100%)	Total grammar schools	185 (100%)	Total pupils at grammar schools	123944 (100%)	Total grammar schools	152 (100%)	Total pupils at grammar schools	99636 (100%)

¹ *Statistics of Education 1977, volume one* (London: HMSO, 1979), pp. 2-3.

² *Statistics of Education Schools 1982* (London: HMSO, 1983), p. 9, p. 13.

³ *Statistics of Education Schools 1987* (London: HMSO, 1988), pp. 119-122.

⁴ Breakdown for boys at boys' secondary modern (=14782) and boys at mixed secondary modern (=53182) provided.

⁵ Breakdown for girls at girls' secondary modern (=18190) and girls at mixed secondary modern (=47697) provided. There were 2 girls attending boys' secondary modern schools.

⁶ Breakdown for boys at boys' grammar (=36666) and boys at mixed grammar (=11218) provided. There was 1 boy attending a girls' grammar school.

⁷ Breakdown for girls at girls' grammar (=39868) and boys at mixed grammar (=11810) provided. There were 73 girls attending boys' grammar schools.

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Boys' technical schools	7 (33.3%)	Boys at technical schools	6096 (44.5%)	Boys' technical schools	25 (39.7%)	Boys at technical schools	22212 (54.1%)	Boys' technical schools	2 (50%)	Boys at technical schools ⁸	1167 (50.2%)
Girls' technical schools	8 (38.1%)	Girls at technical schools	7577 (55.5%)	Girls' technical schools	18 (28.6%)	Girls at technical schools	18842 (45.9%)	Girls' technical schools	1 (25%)	Girls at technical schools ⁹	1159 (49.8%)
Mixed technical schools	6 (28.6%)	<i>Pupils at mixed technical schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed technical schools	20 (31.7%)	<i>Pupils at mixed technical schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed technical schools	1 (25%)	<i>Pupils at mixed technical schools included in numbers above</i>	
Total technical schools	21 (100%)	Total pupils at technical schools	13673 (100%)	Total technical schools ¹⁰	63 (100%)	Total pupils at technical schools ¹¹	41054 (100%)	Total technical schools	4 (100%)	Total pupils at technical schools	2326 (100%)
Boys' comps	222 (7.2%)	Boys at comps	1520246 (51%)	Boys' comps	229 (6.8%)	Boys at comps	1594365 (50.6%)	Boys' comps	179 (5.6%)	Boys at comps ¹²	1411859 (50.8%)
Girls' comps	227 (7.4%)	Girls at comps	1462195 (49%)	Girls' comps	244 (7.3%)	Girls at comps	1555948 (49.4%)	Girls' comps	195 (6.1%)	Girls at comps ¹³	1368752 (49.2%)
Mixed comps	2634 (85.4%)	<i>Pupils at mixed comprehensive schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed comps	2885 (85.9%)	<i>Pupils at mixed comps included in numbers above</i>		Mixed comps	2832 (88.3%)	<i>Pupils at mixed comps included in numbers above</i>	
Total comps	3083 (100%)	Total pupils at comps	2982441 (100%)	Total comps	3358 (100%)	Total pupils at comps	3150313 (100%)	Total comps	3206 (100%)	Total pupils at comps	2780611 (100%)
Total boys' state secondary	521 (11.8%)	Boys at state secondary schools	1930327 (50.9%)	Total boys' state secondary	376 (8.1%)	Boys at state secondary schools	1922580 (50.6%)	Total boys' state secondary ¹⁴	270 (7.5%)	Boys at state secondary schools	1536442 (50.7%)
Total girls' state secondary	527 (11.9%)	Girls at state secondary schools	1862990 (49.1%)	Total girls' state secondary	391 (8.5%)	Girls at state secondary schools	1875420 (49.4%)	Total girls' state secondary ¹⁵	291 (8%)	Girls at state secondary schools	1492927 (49.3%)
Total mixed state secondary	3376 (76.3%)	<i>Pupils at mixed state schools included in numbers above</i>		Total mixed state secondary	3855 (83.4%)	<i>Pupils at mixed state schools included in numbers above</i>		Total mixed state secondary ¹⁶	3050 (84.5%)	<i>Pupils at mixed state schools included in numbers above</i>	
Total state secondary schools ¹⁷	4424 (100%)	Total pupils at state secondary schools	3793317 (100%)	Total state secondary schools	4622 (100%)	Total pupils at state secondary schools	3798000 (100%)	Total state secondary schools ¹⁸	3611 (100%)	Total pupils at state secondary schools	3029369 (100%)

⁸ Breakdown for boys at boys' technical (=921) and boys at mixed technical (=246) provided.

⁹ Breakdown for girls at girls' technical (=870) and girls at mixed technical (=289) provided.

¹⁰ Includes 'other secondary' not included in above figures.

¹¹ Includes 'other secondary' not included in above figures.

¹² Breakdown for boys at boys' comprehensives (=128393) and boys at mixed comprehensives (=1283374) provided. There were 92 boys attending girls' comprehensives.

¹³ Breakdown for girls at girls' comprehensives (=146380) and girls at mixed comprehensives (=11221887) provided. There were 485 girls attending boys' comprehensives.

¹⁴ Includes 'other secondary' (=4) not included in above figures.

¹⁵ Includes 'other secondary' (=4) not included in above figures.

¹⁶ Includes 'other secondary' (=7) and Sixth Form Colleges (=106) not included in above figures.

¹⁷ Includes 'other secondary' (=76) not included in above figures. Excludes include middle schools.

¹⁸ Includes 'other secondary' (=15) and Sixth Form Colleges (=106) not included in above figures.

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Boys' direct grant schools	74 (44.8%)	Boys at direct grant schools	59312 (50.2%)	Boys' direct grant schools	<i>Reclassified as independent 1980</i>	Boys at direct grant schools	<i>Reclassified as independent 1980</i>	Boys' direct grant schools	<i>Reclassified as independent 1980</i>	Boys at direct grant schools	<i>Reclassified as independent 1980</i>
Girls' direct grant schools	85 (51.5%)	Girls at direct grant schools	58793 (49.8%)	Girls' direct grant schools	<i>Reclassified as independent 1980</i>	Girls at direct grant schools	<i>Reclassified as independent 1980</i>	Girls' direct grant schools	<i>Reclassified as independent 1980</i>	Girls at direct grant schools	<i>Reclassified as independent 1980</i>
Mixed direct grant schools	6 (3.7%)	<i>Pupils at mixed direct grant schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed direct grant schools	<i>Reclassified as independent 1980</i>	<i>Pupils at mixed direct grant schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed direct grant schools	<i>Reclassified as independent 1980</i>	<i>Pupils at mixed direct grant schools included in numbers above</i>	
Total direct grant schools	165 (100%)	Total pupils at direct grant schools	118105 (100%)	Total direct grant schools	<i>Reclassified as independent 1980</i>	Total pupils at direct grant schools	<i>Reclassified as independent 1980</i>	Total direct grant schools	<i>Reclassified as independent 1980</i>	Total pupils at direct grant schools	<i>Reclassified as independent 1980</i>
Boys' independent <i>includes primary</i>	565 (42.1%)	Boys at independent secondary schools <i>includes primary</i>	178418 (55.3%)	Boys' independent <i>includes primary</i>	679 (29%)	Boys at independent secondary schools <i>includes primary</i>	276156 (54.1%)	Boys' independent	<i>Not recorded</i>	Boys at independent secondary schools	<i>Not recorded</i>
Girls' Independent <i>includes primary</i>	349 (26.1%)	Girls at independent secondary schools <i>includes primary</i>	144433 (44.7%)	Girls' independent <i>includes primary</i>	450 (19.3%)	Girls at independent secondary schools <i>includes primary</i>	233918 (45.9%)	Girls' independent	<i>Not recorded</i>	Girls at independent secondary schools	<i>Not recorded</i>
Mixed independent <i>includes primary</i>	427 (31.8%)	<i>Pupils at mixed independent schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed independent <i>includes primary</i>	1209 (51.7%)	<i>Pupils at mixed independent schools included in numbers above</i>		Mixed independent	<i>Not recorded</i>	<i>Pupils at mixed independent schools included in numbers above</i>	
Total independent <i>includes primary</i>	1341 (100%)	Total pupils at independent schools <i>includes primary</i>	322851 (100%)	Total independent secondary <i>includes primary</i>	2338 (100%)	Total pupils at independent schools <i>includes primary</i>	510074 (100%)	Total independent secondary ²⁰ <i>includes primary</i>	2274 (100%)	Total pupils at independent schools <i>includes primary</i>	<i>Not recorded</i>

Notes

- All figures for direct grant schools refer only to direct grant grammar schools

¹⁹ Includes 'other secondary' (=12943) and Sixth Form Colleges (=64493) not included in above figures.

²⁰ *Education Statistics for the United Kingdom 1987 Edition* (London: HMSO, 1987), p. 4.

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- All figures for independent schools only include those recognised as 'efficient' under Rule 16/Fleming Committee
- 1977 figures do not split independent schools into primary and secondary, only into 'efficient' and 'others'. Therefore, figures for independent schools from 1977 onwards include primary schools
- 1982 onwards figures all are also broken down by LEA
- 1987 figures for comprehensive schools include Sixth Forms

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