General Teaching Council
for Northern Ireland

Digest of
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About the General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland

The Council is the independent professional body for teachers in Northern Ireland. It is dedicated to enhancing the status of teaching and promoting the highest standards of professional conduct and practice. If you wish to teach in a grant-aided school in Northern Ireland you must be registered with the Council.

Established under the auspices of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1998, the Council has a membership of 33, the majority of whom are teachers. The Council's responsibilities are as follows:

- the registration of teachers;

- the development of a Code of Values and Professional Practice for the profession;

- disciplinary functions relating to professional conduct and competence; and

- the provision of advice to the Department of Education and Employing Authorities on:

  – the education, career development and performance management of teachers;

  – standards of teaching;

  – registration issues;

  – standards of conduct for teachers; and

  – other issues such as may be determined by the Department of Education.

The Council is a unique coalition of the profession and other partners with an interest in the education service. It is funded by the annual registration fees paid by teachers.

The Register of Teachers

The Council's Register of Teachers contains the names and other information – contact details, qualifications and employment history – on more than 27,000 teachers working in grant-aided schools in Northern Ireland; it also contains details about peripatetic teachers. The Register was established in April 2004, and the Council is constantly adding new records and improving the quality of the data held on the Register.

Introduction to this Digest of Statistics

This is the third annual 'digest' produced by the Council; it presents information extracted from the Register of Teachers, which is an important and unique data source. The information that the Council is able to hold on its 'Register' is determined by Schedule One of the General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland (Registration of Teachers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004. The fields that have been selected for the 'Digest' are those fields which are considered to have a high level of accuracy and completeness.

Data Definitions and Assumptions

The 'Digest' tables have been generated from teacher record data with a census date of the 31st March 2008. The following assumptions apply to all tables in the 'Digest':

• the figures count 'actual' teachers and not full-time equivalents;

• substitute/supply teachers are only counted once;

• the number of registered teachers is 'real time' and can go up or down, depending on new registrations and deregistrations.

As of the census date, the Council had some 27,237 registered teachers, and tables 1.0 to 1.3 analyse these teachers by age and gender. The Council's Register of Teachers also contains employment details and 19,802 registered teachers are employed on permanent or temporary (one term or more) contracts in grant-aided schools, this figure does not include peripatetic teachers or teachers working in a substitute/supply capacity. These 19,802 teachers have been analysed, see tables 2.0 to 2.9, in terms of age, gender, Education and Library Board, school sector and school management type.

In addition to information about registered teachers, specific statistics relating to Principals and Vice-Principals have been included, see tables 3.0 to 3.9.

The management and publication of all information from the Council's Register is in keeping with Data Protection legislation and safeguards against the publication of data about individuals.

1.0 Number of teachers registered with GTCNI

March 2006		March 2007		March 2008	
Total:	26,151	Total:	26,866	Total:	27,237

1.1 Number of teachers registered with GTCNI by gender

Gender	March 2006		March 2007		March 2008	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	19,489	74.52%	20,098	74.81%	20,504	75.28%
Male	6,662	25.48%	6,768	25.19%	6,733	24.72%
Total:	26,151	100.00%	26,866	100.00%	27,237	100.00%

1.2 Number of teachers registered with GTCNI by age

Age Range	March 2006		March 2007		March 2008	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
24 and under	907	3.47%	1,062	3.95%	1,078	3.96%
25 to 29	3,391	12.97%	3,689	13.73%	3,838	14.09%
30 to 34	3,691	14.11%	3,790	14.11%	3,823	14.04%
35 to 39	3,412	13.05%	3,600	13.40%	3,772	13.85%
40 to 44	2,678	10.24%	2,818	10.49%	2,973	10.92%
45 to 49	3,177	12.15%	2,927	10.89%	2,756	10.12%
50 to 54	4,483	17.14%	4,301	16.01%	4,017	14.75%
55 to 59	3,162	12.09%	3,314	12.34%	3,505	12.87%
60 to 64	1,101	4.21%	1,216	4.53%	1,281	4.70%
65 and Over	149	0.57%	149	0.55%	194	0.71%
Total:	26,151	100.00%	26,866	100.00%	27,237	100.00%

1.3 Number of teachers registered with GTCNI by age and gender

Age Range	March 2006			March 2007			March 2008		
	Female	Male	Totals	Female	Male	Totals	Female	Male	Totals
24 and under	771	136	907	916	146	1,062	939	139	1,078
25 to 29	2,736	655	3,391	2,969	720	3,689	3,071	767	3,838
30 to 34	2,937	754	3,691	3,015	775	3,790	3,030	793	3,823
35 to 39	2,638	774	3,412	2,781	819	3,600	2,938	834	3,772
40 to 44	1,958	720	2,678	2,081	737	2,818	2,225	748	2,973
45 to 49	2,315	862	3,177	2,129	798	2,927	1,976	780	2,756
50 to 54	3,176	1,307	4,483	3,085	1,216	4,301	2,925	1,092	4,017
55 to 59	2,090	1,072	3,162	2,195	1,119	3,314	2,385	1,120	3,505
60 to 64	756	345	1,101	822	394	1,216	876	405	1,281
65 and Over	112	37	149	105	44	149	139	55	194
Totals:	19,489	6,662	26,151	20,098	6,768	26,866	20,504	6,733	27,237

2.0 Number of teachers employed in grant-aided schools registered with GTCNI

March 2006		March 2007		March 2008	
Total:	19,796	Total:	19,811	Total:	19,802

2.1 Number of teachers by gender

Gender	March 2006		March 2007		March 2008	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	14,426	72.87%	14,601	73.70%	14,697	74.22%
Male	5,370	27.13%	5,210	26.30%	5,105	25.78%
Total:	19,796	100.00%	19,811	100.00%	19,802	100.00%

2.2 Number of teachers by age

Age Range	March 2006		March 2007		March 2008	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
24 and under	325	1.64%	371	1.87%	373	1.88%
25 to 29	2,384	12.04%	2,578	13.01%	2,595	13.10%
30 to 34	3,180	16.06%	3,189	16.10%	3,223	16.28%
35 to 39	2,978	15.04%	3,139	15.84%	3,314	16.74%
40 to 44	2,314	11.70%	2,432	12.28%	2,563	12.94%
45 to 49	2,737	13.83%	2,529	12.77%	2,392	12.08%
50 to 54	3,607	18.22%	3,382	17.07%	3,089	15.60%
55 to 59	1,921	9.70%	1,850	9.34%	1,903	9.61%
60 to 64	336	1.70%	326	1.65%	331	1.67%
65 and Over	14	0.07%	15	0.08%	19	0.10%
Total:	19,796	100.00%	19,811	100.00%	19,802	100.00%

2.3 Number of teachers by age and gender

Age Range	March 2006			March 2007			March 2008		
	Female	Male	Totals	Female	Male	Totals	Female	Male	Totals
24 and under	262	63	325	301	70	371	304	69	373
25 to 29	1,916	468	2,384	2,071	507	2,578	2,064	531	2,595
30 to 34	2,508	672	3,180	2,514	675	3,189	2,534	689	3,223
35 to 39	2,273	705	2,978	2,390	749	3,139	2,558	756	3,314
40 to 44	1,659	655	2,314	1,771	661	2,432	1,899	664	2,563
45 to 49	1,947	790	2,737	1,807	722	2,529	1,681	711	2,392
50 to 54	2,464	1,143	3,607	2,356	1,026	3,382	2,198	891	3,089
55 to 59	1,173	748	1,921	1,173	677	1,850	1,248	655	1,903
60 to 64	214	122	336	209	117	326	199	132	331
65 and Over	10	4	14	9	6	15	12	7	19
Totals:	14,426	5,370	19,796	14,601	5,210	19,811	14,697	5,105	19,802

2.4 Number of teachers by Education and Library Board (ELB) and gender

March 2008

Gender	Belfast ELB	North Eastern ELB	South Eastern ELB	Southern ELB	Western ELB	Totals:
Female	2,713	3,303	2,895	3,217	2,569	**14,697**
Male	1,008	1,064	949	1,123	961	**5,105**
Totals:	**3,721**	**4,367**	**3,844**	**4,340**	**3,530**	**19,802**

2.5 Number of teachers by ELB and age

March 2008

Age Range	Belfast ELB	North Eastern ELB	South Eastern ELB	Southern ELB	Western ELB	Totals:
24 and under	56	112	64	70	72	**373**
25 to 29	483	654	494	530	434	**2,595**
30 to 34	622	714	615	736	536	**3,223**
35 to 39	611	701	592	774	636	**3,314**
40 to 44	493	482	481	607	500	**2,563**
45 to 49	449	506	449	542	446	**2,392**
50 to 54	563	702	639	662	523	**3,089**
55 to 59	361	431	444	346	321	**1,903**
60 to 64	79	63	60	70	59	**331**
65 and Over	5	2	6	3	3	**19**
Totals:	**3,721**	**4,367**	**3,844**	**4,340**	**3,530**	**19,802**

2.6 Number of teachers by school sector and gender

March 2008

Gender	Nursery	Primary	Post-Primary Grammar (inc Prep Depts)	Post-Primary Non Grammar	Special	Totals:
Female	205	6,892	2,763	4,137	700	**14,697**
Male		1,307	1,580	2,037	181	**5,105**
Totals:	**205**	**8,199**	**4,343**	**6,174**	**881**	**19,802**

2.7 Number of teachers by school sector and age

March 2008

Age Range	Nursery	Primary	Post-Primary Grammar (inc Prep Depts)	Post-Primary Non Grammar	Special	Totals:
24 & under	4	172	81	108	8	**373**
25 to 29	16	1,001	562	913	103	**2,595**
30 to 34	24	1,235	721	1,140	103	**3,223**
35 to 39	26	1,503	724	947	114	**3,314**
40 to 44	34	1,204	577	656	92	**2,563**
45 to 49	32	952	581	729	98	**2,392**
50 to 54	43	1,246	603	1,021	176	**3,089**
55 to 59	21	759	418	563	142	**1,903**
60 to 64	5	117	74	95	40	**331**
65 & Over		10	2	2	5	**19**
Totals:	**205**	**8,199**	**4,343**	**6,174**	**881**	**19,802**

2.8 Number of teachers by school management type and gender

March 2008

Gender	Catholic Maintained Schools	Controlled Integrated Schools	Controlled Schools	Grant Maintained Integrated Schools	Other Maintained Schools	Voluntary Grammar Schools	Totals:
Female	4,958	212	6,607	679	141	2,100	**14,697**
Male	1,705	65	1,834	232	43	1,226	**5,105**
Totals:	**6,663**	**277**	**8,441**	**911**	**184**	**3,326**	**19,802**

2.9 Number of teachers by school management type and age

March 2008

Age Range	Catholic Maintained Schools	Controlled Integrated Schools	Controlled Schools	Grant Maintained Integrated Schools	Other Maintained Schools	Voluntary Grammar Schools	Totals:
24 & under	89	4	182	28	7	63	**373**
25 to 29	780	44	1,144	147	50	430	**2,595**
30 to 34	1,048	55	1,322	223	34	541	**3,223**
35 to 39	1,212	44	1,295	181	32	550	**3,314**
40 to 44	959	32	988	120	14	450	**2,563**
45 to 49	822	27	967	92	18	466	**2,392**
50 to 54	1,095	47	1,400	75	13	459	**3,089**
55 to 59	555	20	969	39	11	309	**1,903**
60 to 64	102	4	159	5	5	56	**331**
65 & Over	1		15	1		2	**19**
Totals:	**6,663**	**277**	**8,441**	**911**	**184**	**3,326**	**19,802**

3.0   Number of Principals and Vice-Principals registered with GTCNI

March 2007		March 2008	
Total:	2,169	Total:	2,164

3.1   Number of Principals and Vice-Principals by gender

	March 2007			March 2008	
Gender	Number	Percentage	Gender	Number	Percentage
Female	1,196	55.14%	Female	1,214	56.10%
Male	973	44.86%	Male	950	43.90%
Total:	2,169	100.00%	Total:	2,164	100.00%

3.2   Number of Principals and Vice-Principals by age

	March 2007			March 2008	
Age Range	Number	Percentage	Age Range	Number	Percentage
24 and under	1	0.05%	24 and under		
25 to 29	2	0.09%	25 to 29	5	0.23%
30 to 34	56	2.58%	30 to 34	53	2.45%
35 to 39	236	10.88%	35 to 39	243	11.23%
40 to 44	327	15.08%	40 to 44	340	15.71%
45 to 49	370	17.06%	45 to 49	382	17.65%
50 to 54	616	28.40%	50 to 54	574	26.52%
55 to 59	451	20.79%	55 to 59	454	20.98%
60 to 64	107	4.93%	60 to 64	106	4.90%
65 and Over	3	0.14%	65 and Over	7	0.32%
Total:	2,169	100.00%	Total:	2,164	100.00%

3.3   Number of Principals and Vice-Principals by age and gender

	March 2007				March 2008		
Age Range	Female	Male	Totals	Age Range	Female	Male	Totals
24 and under	1		1	24 and under			
25 to 29	2		2	25 to 29	4	1	5
30 to 34	37	19	56	30 to 34	33	20	53
35 to 39	154	82	236	35 to 39	157	86	243
40 to 44	185	142	327	40 to 44	208	132	340
45 to 49	203	167	370	45 to 49	202	180	382
50 to 54	346	270	616	50 to 54	335	239	574
55 to 59	211	240	451	55 to 59	225	229	454
60 to 64	56	51	107	60 to 64	46	60	106
65 and Over	1	2	3	65 and Over	4	3	7
Totals:	1,196	973	2,169	Totals:	1,214	950	2,164

3.4 Number of Principals and Vice-Principals by Education and Library Board (ELB) and gender

March 2008

Gender	Belfast ELB	North Eastern ELB	South Eastern ELB	Southern ELB	Western ELB	Totals:
Female	206	262	196	291	259	**1,214**
Male	129	216	198	235	172	**950**
Totals:	**355**	**478**	**394**	**526**	**431**	**2,164**

3.5 Number of Principals and Vice-Principals by ELB and age

March 2008

Age Range	Belfast ELB	North Eastern ELB	South Eastern ELB	Southern ELB	Western ELB	Totals:
24 and under						
25 to 29		2	1	1	1	**5**
30 to 34	5	15	6	14	13	**53**
35 to 39	26	64	41	67	45	**243**
40 to 44	46	64	63	103	64	**340**
45 to 49	52	87	57	106	80	**382**
50 to 54	94	128	113	121	118	**574**
55 to 59	84	100	90	91	89	**454**
60 to 64	25	17	21	23	20	**106**
65 and Over	3	1	2		1	**7**
Totals:	**335**	**478**	**394**	**526**	**431**	**2,164**

3.6 Number of Principals and Vice-Principals by school sector and gender

March 2008

Gender	Nursery	Primary	Post-Primary Grammar (inc Prep Depts)	Post-Primary Non Grammar	Special	Totals:
Female	102	822	79	137	74	**1,214**
Male		568	127	222	33	**950**
Totals:	**102**	**1,390**	**206**	**359**	**107**	**2,164**

3.7 Number of Principals and Vice-Principals by school sector and age

March 2008

Age Range	Nursery	Primary	Post-Primary Grammar (inc Prep Depts)	Post-Primary Non Grammar	Special	Totals:
24 & under						
25 to 29	1	4				5
30 to 34	2	48	1	2		53
35 to 39	13	196	7	15	12	243
40 to 44	22	260	19	27	12	340
45 to 49	21	245	36	60	20	382
50 to 54	28	334	59	121	32	574
55 to 59	10	247	65	110	22	454
60 to 64	5	51	19	23	8	106
65 & Over		5		1	1	7
Totals:	102	1,390	206	359	107	2,164

3.8 Number of Principals and Vice-Principals by school management type and gender

March 2008

Gender	Catholic Maintained Schools	Controlled Integrated Schools	Controlled Schools	Grant Maintained Integrated Schools	Other Maintained Schools	Voluntary Grammar Schools	Totals:
Female	486	16	583	44	22	63	1,214
Male	366	16	430	34	9	95	950
Totals:	852	32	1,013	78	31	158	2,164

3.9 Number of Principals and Vice-Principals by school management type and age

March 2008

Age Range	Catholic Maintained Schools	Controlled Integrated Schools	Controlled Schools	Grant Maintained Integrated Schools	Other Maintained Schools	Voluntary Grammar Schools	Totals:
24 & under							
25 to 29	1		3	1			5
30 to 34	21	1	23	5	2	1	53
35 to 39	93	4	118	15	10	3	243
40 to 44	154	6	155	9	2	14	340
45 to 49	158	2	171	12	10	29	382
50 to 54	225	14	264	21	4	46	574
55 to 59	159	3	225	15	2	50	454
60 to 64	40	2	48		1	15	106
65 & Over	1		6				7
Totals:	852	32	1,013	78	31	158	2,164

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