



Department of Children and Youth Affairs

Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

A1 Annual Return for Private Schools (Infant, Junior and Preparatory)

Data owner	Department of Education and Skills (www.education.ie)
Brief description	Summary data of a small number of private (non-aided) traditional primary and Montessori private schools, catering for children spanning the age range of 3 years to 8+ years.
Primary function of data	Reporting of statistics, nationally and internationally
Key classificatory variables	ID Other; County
Themes/domains	Education; Demographics
Unit of observation	Private (non-aided) primary schools
Start date of data collection	<i>Not available</i>
Frequency of data collection	Annual. Data collected on last working day of September every year, with a return deadline of 31st October.
Data format	Data are stored at school and class level. Database is not an individualised pupil one.
Method of data collection	Paper forms collected from schools and data entered into an Oracle database.
Access/further information	Department of Education and Skills (www.education.ie) Publications available at: www.education.ie/en/Publications/
Note	Title of the overall Department of Education and Skills' database to which this source contributes is the Annual Census of Primary Non-Aided Schools.