



Department of Children and Youth Affairs

Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

A2 Annual Return for Schools (Early Start Pre-School Programme)

Data owner	Department of Education and Skills (www.education.ie)
Brief description	Summary data of a small number of schools participating in the Early Start Pre-School Programme.
Primary function of data	Data used for service planning, to monitor enrolment and for capitation grant payment.
Key classificatory variables	ID Other; County
Themes/domains	Education; Demographics
Unit of observation	Pre-school class
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. Data is then integrated 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 Early Start Class Survey Form (Social Inclusion Unit).