



# Department of Children and Youth Affairs

## Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

### A3 & A4 Annual Return for Schools (Primary and Primary-Integrated)

<b>Data owner</b>	Department of Education and Skills ( <a href="http://www.education.ie">www.education.ie</a> )
<b>Brief description</b>	Summary data of primary schools aided by the Department of Education and Skills.
<b>Primary function of data</b>	Data used for service planning, to determine payments and allocations (Social Inclusion, Schools Administration Division), and also for reporting of statistics (national and international).
<b>Key classificatory variables</b>	ID Other; County; Disability
<b>Themes/domains</b>	Education; Demographics
<b>Unit of observation</b>	Primary school
<b>Start date of data collection</b>	<i>Not available</i>
<b>Frequency of data collection</b>	Annual. Data collected on last working day of September every year, with a return deadline of 31st October.
<b>Data format</b>	Data are stored at school and class level. Database is not an individualised pupil one.
<b>Method of data collection</b>	Census forms may be downloaded from Department of Education and Skills' website and returned via e-mail (from 2009). A minority of school returns are made by paper mail. Data are then integrated into an Oracle database.
<b>Access/further information</b>	Department of Education and Skills ( <a href="http://www.education.ie">www.education.ie</a> ) Publications available at: <a href="http://www.education.ie/en/Publications/">www.education.ie/en/Publications/</a>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Title of the overall Department of Education and Skills' database to which this source contributes is the Annual Census of National Schools.</p> <p>The integrated form is part of the ordinary class form for primary schools and collects information on special class pupils who attend the ordinary class for some part of the day.</p>