



# Department of Children and Youth Affairs

## Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

### A6 Annual Return for Schools (Special Schools)

<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 special 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>Note</b>	Title of the overall Department of Education and Skills' database to which this source contributes is the Annual Census of National Schools.