

From Table E the percentage of passes in the several Standards for the different districts may be calculated.

Of the total number on the rolls of the schools on the day of examination 55·61 per cent. passed the various standards; of the number actually examined in the Standard classes the failures formed 14·1 per cent. For the year 1899 the corresponding figures were 54·66 and 15·58. Those passing Standard I. formed 10·4 per cent. of the roll-number; II., 10·9 per cent.; III., 11·3 per cent.; IV., 10·4 per cent.; V., 7·8 per cent.; and VI., 4·8 per cent.

Table F shows the percentage of passes of those examined in the Standard classes, and gives other examination statistics, for the several education districts of the colony.

TABLE F.—EXAMINATION STATISTICS FOR 1900.

Education Districts.	Total Number on Rolls on Days of Examination.	Number of Pupils.				Number passed in Standard Classes.	Percentage of Passes to those examined.
		Absent on Days of Examination.	In Preparatory Classes.	Passed Sixth Standard.	Examined in Standard Classes.		
Auckland	28,700	503	9,671	390	18,136	15,793	87·1
Taranaki	4,117	104	1,357	37	2,619	2,073	79·2
Wanganui	10,361	232	3,226	145	6,758	5,976	88·4
Wellington	15,211	182	4,781	490	9,758	8,231	84·4
Hawke's Bay	8,021	209	2,719	60	5,033	4,365	86·7
Marlborough	2,125	44	609	70	1,402	1,254	89·4
Nelson	5,802	93	1,672	170	3,867	2,998	77·5
Grey	1,598	17	492	61	1,028	946	92·0
Westland	1,250	12	346	60	832	742	89·2
North Canterbury	20,018	439	5,926	311	13,342	11,132	83·4
South Canterbury	5,159	146	1,431	156	3,426	3,000	87·6
Otago	20,506	268	6,440	483	13,315	11,606	87·2
Southland	9,431	169	2,903	212	6,147	5,463	88·9
For the colony	132,299	2,418	41,573	2,645	85,663	73,579	85·9
In 1899	132,121	3,896	40,002	2,678	85,545	72,221	84·4

Table G gives the average ages at which children passed the various standards. The lowest average age at which Standard I. was passed was eight years and six months, in the Marlborough and North and South Canterbury Districts. Standard V., the “standard of exemption,” was passed at the average age of twelve years and nine months in South Canterbury, and of thirteen years and seven months in Taranaki, these two being the lowest and highest average ages respectively.

TABLE G.—AVERAGE AGE OF PUPILS AT STANDARD EXAMINATIONS IN 1900.

Education Districts.				Average Ages for Standards.						Mean of Ages.	
				I. Yrs. mos.	II. Yrs. mos.	III. Yrs. mos.	IV. Yrs. mos.	V. Yrs. mos.	VI. Yrs. mos.	1900. Yrs. mos.	1899. Yrs. mos.
Auckland	..	..	..	9 1	10 0	10 9	12 0	13 2	14 1	11 6	11 7
Taranaki	..	..	..	9 2	10 4	11 8	12 7	13 7	14 4	11 11	12 1
Wanganui	..	..	..	8 10	10 1	11 2	12 6	13 2	14 3	11 8	11 9
Wellington	..	..	..	8 8	9 9	10 11	11 10	12 11	13 8	11 4	11 4
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	8 9	10 1	11 0	12 4	13 0	14 0	11 9	11 11
Marlborough	..	..	..	8 6	9 8	11 1	12 4	13 5	14 2	11 6	11 7
Nelson	..	..	..	8 10	9 4	10 8	12 2	12 11	13 11	11 3	11 3
Grey	..	..	..	8 7	9 8	11 1	12 9	13 3	14 1	11 7	11 8
Westland	..	..	..	9 1	9 9	11 2	12 1	13 0	13 11	11 6	11 5
North Canterbury	..	..	..	8 6	9 8	10 10	11 11	12 10	13 9	11 3	11 3
South Canterbury	..	..	..	8 6	9 7	10 8	11 11	12 9	13 8	11 2	11 1
Otago	..	..	..	8 8	9 6	10 11	11 10	12 10	13 7	11 2	11 1
Southland	..	..	..	8 8	9 8	10 10	11 11	12 11	13 8	11 4	11 4
Mean of all districts	..	..	..	8 9	9 9	11 0	12 2	13 1	13 11	11 5	11 6
Range (difference between highest and lowest)	..	..	..	0 8	1 0	1 0	0 11	0 10	0 9	0 9	1 0
Mean in 1899	..	..	..	8 9	9 11	11 0	12 2	13 1	14 0	11 6	..
Range in 1899	..	..	..	0 10	1 2	1 6	1 2	1 5	1 1	1 0	..

In Table H is given the number of pupils receiving instruction in each subject of the syllabus. The returns of the numbers receiving instruction in drill and handwork are not sufficiently complete to be included in this table.