

The following table shows the percentage of income expended by the several Boards on administration for the years 1908 and 1909 (including in this term all the items which are included under that heading in Table F2—viz., salaries of office staffs, Inspectors, Truant Officers, &c., and the ordinary office contingencies—but excluding the incidental expenses of schools) together with mean of percentages for three years 1907–9 :—

Education District.	Percentage.		Mean of Percentages for Three Years, 1907–9.	Remarks.
	1908.	1909.		
Auckland	4·3	4·2	4·3	
Taranaki	5·7	5·7	5·7	
Wanganui	4·6	4·7	4·7	
Wellington	4·4	4·4	4·6	
Hawke's Bay	4·6	4·7	4·6	
Marlborough	6·7	6·6	7·0	
Nelson	5·8	5·9	6·1	
Grey	7·4	8·1	7·6	
Westland	7·9	7·7	8·3	
North Canterbury	3·8	4·0	3·8	
South Canterbury	4·8	4·9	4·9	
Otago	4·3	4·2	4·3	
Southland	5·2	5·1	5·2	

As compared with 1908 the percentages for 1909 show that there was a slight decrease in Auckland, Marlborough, Westland, Otago, and Southland, whereas increases are shown in Wanganui, Hawke's Bay, Nelson, Grey, North and South Canterbury. Taranaki and Wellington remain unchanged