

In Table N3 is shown the cost to the State per individual pupil or student.

TABLE N3.—EXPENDITURE OUT OF PUBLIC REVENUE ON EACH BRANCH OF EDUCATION FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL ON THE ROLL OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS (EXCLUDING COST OF NEW BUILDINGS).

Branch of Education.	1898.	1903.	1904.	1908.	1909.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. Primary, &c.	3 4 10	3 17 2	4 0 1	4 15 2	4 13 4
II. Secondary, &c.		4 2 6	5 13 1	8 0 2	8 15 7
III. Continuation and technical	1 2 10	1 13 8	2 7 1	3 4 4	2 12 8
IV. Higher	16 18 11	9 4 3	8 19 2	14 12 3	15 8 2
All branches except primary	5 13 11	3 7 11	4 3 3	5 14 8	5 16 3

Table N4 shows that the chief progress made in New Zealand since 1898 has been in the direction of increasing the number under instruction higher than primary.

TABLE N4.—PROGRESS IN EDUCATION: A COMPARISON OF THE NUMBER OF PUPILS UNDER INSTRUCTION IN THE SEVERAL BRANCHES OF EDUCATION IN THE YEARS 1898, 1903, 1904, 1908, AND 1909 RESPECTIVELY.

	Actual Numbers.					Number per 10,000 of Population.				
	1898.	1903.	1904.	1908.	1909.	1898.	1903.	1904.	1908.	1909.
Population	783,317	875,648	900,682	1,008,373	1,030,657	..	..	..	..	..
I. Primary (including public and Native schools, all receiving free tuition)	136,652	136,546	137,839	148,180	153,379	1,744	1,551	1,531	1,467	1,489
II. Secondary (including secondary schools, secondary departments of district high schools, technical day schools, and Maori secondary schools)	3,046	5,818	6,368	7,742	8,203	39	66	71	77	80
III. Continuation and technical (excluding school classes)	1,750*	6,533*	8,500*	13,051*	13,291	22	75	94	129	129
IV. University, higher technical, and training colleges	708	1,194	1,228	1,711	1,882	9	14	14	17	18
(Private schools not included above, principally primary)	14,857	15,609	16,378	18,367	18,500*	190	177	182	182	180
Total under instruction ..	157,013	165,700	170,313	189,051	195,255	2,004	1,883	1,892	1,872	1,896
V. Total under instruction higher than primary (II, III, and IV above)	5,504	13,545	16,096	22,504	23,376	70	155	168	223	227
Number of latter (V) receiving free tuition	1,178†	4,260†	5,224†	6,658	7,222	15	49	58	66	70

* Estimated.

† Approximate.

ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

The annual examinations were conducted by the Department as usual for the various purposes of Junior National Scholarships; Education Board Scholarships; Junior Free Places in secondary schools, district high schools, and technical schools; Senior Free Places in secondary schools and district high schools; for pupil-teachers; for admission to or promotion in the public service; and for teachers' certificates. The examinations were held between the 20th and 29th November, 1909, on the 1st and 2nd December, 1909, and between the 5th and 19th days of January, 1910, at fifty-four centres.

The total number of candidates entering for the November–December and January tests jointly was 7,267 or 1,150 more than in the preceding year. Of this total the number actually present at examination was 6,508, the difference (759) being accounted for partly on the usual grounds, and partly by the operation of a new clause in the regulations for Senior Free Places, under which a number of candidates, recommended on an accrediting principle therein embodied, were exempted from examination, and accordingly did not present themselves. In the several examinations the following were the numbers present: For the Junior National Scholarship and Junior Free Place Examination, 2,214; for the