

There were 381 Maori boys and girls receiving higher education, 378 of whom were attending the various secondary Native schools, while the remaining 3 boys were pupils of other secondary schools. Of these, 54 boys and 83 girls were holders of free places provided by the Government.

Detailed information in respect to Maori pupils receiving higher education will be found in Tables H2 and H3 of the appendix to E3 (Native schools report).

The number of European children attending Native schools (set out in Table H4 of the appendix) shows a slight increase.

Number attending at end of 1909	..	..	..	..	..	391
Number attending at end of 1910	..	..	..	..	..	427
In the preparatory and lower standards (up to Standard V)	..	..	..	..	..	386
In the higher standards (Standards VI and VII)	..	..	..	..	..	41
Number of certificates issued,—						
Competency	..	..	..	..	..	5
Proficiency	..	..	..	..	..	7

As regards Maoris attending public schools, the following particulars are set out in Tables H5 and H5A.

Number attending at end of 1909	..	..	..	..	..	4,434
Number attending at end of 1910	..	..	..	..	..	4,462
In the preparatory and lower standards (up to Standard V)	..	..	..	..	..	4,409
In the higher standards (Standards VI and VII)	..	..	..	..	..	53
Number of certificates issued,—						
Competency	..	..	..	..	..	1
Proficiency	..	..	..	..	..	18

Tables H6, H6A, and H6B give full information as regards the race of the 4,280 children on the rolls of the Native schools in December, 1910. As will be seen, 87·6 per cent. were Maoris speaking Maori in their homes, 2·4 were Maoris speaking English, and 10 per cent. were Europeans.

The total number of children of Maori or of mixed race on the rolls of primary Native schools, public schools, Native mission schools, and secondary Native schools, together with such pupils as were receiving special technical training at the end of the year 1910, is shown in the schedule below. The numbers do not include Maori children attending public secondary schools or Maoris at schools not under Government inspection : of these no separate return is made.

				Actual Number.	Number per 10,000 of Maori Population at Census of 1906 (47,731).
I. Primary schools—					
(a.) Government Native schools	...	...	...	4,280	896·6
(b.) Mission schools	...	...	...	221	46·3
(c.) Public schools	...	...	...	4,462	934·8
				8,963	1,877·7
II. Secondary schools	...	...	...	378	79·1
III. Special technical training	...	...	...	14	2·9
Totals	...	...	...	9,355	1,959·7

Classification of Pupils.

(E.—3—Tables H6B, H7, and H8, pages 25–27.)

At the end of the year the standard classification of the children in the village schools was as follows :—

	Number.	Per Cent. of the Roll.
Class P	2,018	47·1
Standard I	534	12·5
Standard II	460	10·8
Standard III	416	9·7
Standard IV	373	8·7
Standard V	299	7·0
Standard VI	148	3·4
Standard VII	32	0·8

Detailed information in regard to the above table will be found in Table H7 of the appendix to E3. See also Tables H6B and H8.