

This number does not include Maoris receiving primary education at schools not under Government inspection; of these no separate return is made.

The classification of Maori children attending Native schools is given in the special report on Native schools (E.-3). The following table shows the age, sex, and classification of the 4,462 children on the rolls of the public schools:—

TABLE CA.—CLASSIFICATION OF MAORI CHILDREN ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1910.

By Ages.				By Standard Classes.				
Years.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Classes.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Average Age.
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5 and under 6	189	122	311	Class P ...	1,346	1,172	2,518	7 5
6 " 7	223	206	429	" S1	378	273	651	9 4
7 " 8	314	264	578	" S2	292	210	502	10 6
8 " 9	317	288	605	" S3	198	154	352	12 0
9 " 10	310	257	567	" S4	147	94	241	12 10
10 " 11	337	258	595	" S5	83	62	145	13 6
11 " 12	256	209	465	" S6	23	20	43	14 2
12 " 13	237	173	410	" S7	8	2	10	15 6
13 " 14	177	141	318					
14 " 15	76	47	123					
15 years and over	39	22	61					
Totals	2,475	1,987	4,462	Totals	2,475	1,987	4,462	11 11

N.B.—For the purposes of this return, half-caste children and children intermediate in blood between half-caste and Maori are reckoned as Maori.

During the year no Native schools were handed over to the Education Boards, and the attendance has, partly on this account, remained practically stationary—4,467 as against 4,434 in 1909. The policy is steadily followed of handing over Native schools to the Education Boards as soon as the pupils have become, educationally at least, so far European in character that they can be conveniently taught with European children. This point is reached when the Maori can use English fluently in his ordinary conversation. It is part of the same policy to assimilate the programme of work in Native schools as nearly as possible to that in public schools, and to make no distinction in point of salary between teachers in the two classes of schools.

Europeans in Native Schools.

There were 427 European children—232 boys and 195 girls—attending Native village schools at the end of the year. Under this head children who are intermediate in blood between half-caste and European are reckoned as European. The following table gives the classification of these scholars in ages and in standards:—

TABLE CB.—CLASSIFICATION OF EUROPEAN CHILDREN ATTENDING NATIVE SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1910.

By Ages.				By Standard Classes.			
Years.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Classes.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
5 and under 6	23	15	38	Class P ...	88	66	154
6 " 7	29	20	49	" S1 ...	28	32	60
7 " 8	31	22	53	" S2 ...	23	11	34
8 " 9	27	29	56	" S3 ...	23	16	39
9 " 10	19	19	38	" S4 ...	20	26	46
10 " 11	23	27	50	" S5 ...	26	27	53
11 " 12	22	15	37	" S6 ...	13	14	27
12 " 13	20	27	47	" S7 ...	11	3	14
13 " 14	21	11	32				
14 " 15	13	9	22				
15 years and over	4	1	5				
Totals	232	195	427	Totals	232	195	427