

The increase in the development of the Native village schools since the year 1881, when they were transferred to the control of this Department, is shown in the following table :—

TABLE HA.—SCHOOLS, ATTENDANCE, AND TEACHERS.

Year.	Number of Schools at End of Year.	Mean of Average Weekly Roll.	Average Attendance: Whole Year.	Average Attendance as Percentage of Weekly Roll.	Number of Teachers.				
					Teachers in Charge.		Assistant Teachers.		Sewing-mistresses.
					Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
1881 ..	60	..	1,406	..	54	6	..	4	48
1886 ..	69	2,343	2,020	86.2	60	9	..	26	30
1891 ..	66	2,395	1,837	76.7	59†	8†	1	26	37
1896 ..	74	2,874	2,220	77.3	64†	11†	..	61	16
1901 ..	89*	3,257	2,592	79.6	70†	18†	..	69	15
1902 ..	98*	3,650	3,005	82.3	77†	20†	..	83	11
1903 ..	97*	3,805	3,012	79.2	76†	20†	..	79	13
1904 ..	95*	3,794	3,083	81.3	73†	21†	..	85	11
1905 ..	95	4,097	3,428	83.7	74†	22†	..	87	15
1906 ..	98	4,235	3,607	85.2	78†	21†	2	94	11
1907 ..	99	4,321	3,561	82.4	82†	18†	2	105	3
1908 ..	95	4,479	3,781	84.4	76	19	2	104	5
1909 ..	94	4,308	3,680	85.4	76	18	3	101	5
1910 ..	99	4,325	3,714	85.9	78	21	3	106	4
1911 ..	104	‡4,494	‡3,878	86.3	81	22	3	119	3
1912 ..	108	4,644	4,042	87	86	22	4	122	2

* Includes two subsidized schools.

† Includes two teachers jointly in charge of one school.

‡ 1911 figures amended.

It will be seen that there has been an increase of 80 per cent. in the number of schools, and this does not take into account many schools which have been transferred to the various Boards of Education during the period covered by the table. The average attendance has risen from 1,406 to 4,042, while the average percentage of regularity (87) is the highest yet reached. In this connexion it is worthy of note that in forty-two schools an average of over 90 per cent. was reached.

Table H2 in the appendix to E.-3 supplies detailed information in regard to the roll number and average attendance.

The number of Maoris attending public schools on the 31st December, 1912, as compared with the number attending at the 31st December, 1911, was—1911, 4,685 ; 1912, 4,913. Details are to be found in Table H5 of E-3.

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 1912, is given in the following schedule :—

	Actual Number.	Number per 10,000 of Maori Population at Census of 1911 (49,829).
I. Primary schools—		
(a.) Government Native schools	4,694	942.0
(b.) Mission schools	174	35.0
(c.) Public schools	4,913	985.9
	9,781	1,962.9
II. Secondary schools	369	74.0
III. Special technical training	16	3.2
Totals	10,166	2,040.1

Classification of Pupils.

Tables H6, H6A, and H6B in E.-3 give full information as to the races and classification of pupils on the rolls of the Native schools. As will be seen, 86.7 per cent. were Maoris speaking Maori in their homes, 2.3 per cent. were Maoris speaking English in their homes, and 11 per cent. were Europeans.