

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 RESERVES REVENUE AND COST OF NEW BUILDINGS).

Branch of Education.	1898.	1903.	1908.	1912.	1913.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. Primary, &c.	3 4 10	3 17 2	4 15 2	5 6 7	5 6 10
II. Secondary, &c.		4 2 6	8 0 2	9 3 6	10 6 10
III. Continuation and technical	1 2 10	1 13 8	3 4 4	3 13 11	2 4 9
IV. Higher	16 18 11	9 4 3	14 12 3	13 3 1	15 12 1
All branches, except primary	5 13 11	3 7 11	5 14 8	6 12 1	9 1 3

If we include reserves revenue (still excluding cost of new buildings) the average expenditure per head out of public funds and endowments was in the year 1913 in primary schools, £5 17s. 6d.; secondary, £15 15s. 3d.; continuation and technical, £2 15s. 3d.; higher, £26 11s. 5d.; all branches, except primary, £12 4s. 10d.

In the United States, according to the latest reports in this office, the cost of primary education is 23 dollars 62 cents, or £4 17s. 2d., but it must be borne in mind that the average salary paid to teachers in that country is only £170 for males and £132 for females.

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, 1908, 1912, AND 1913 RESPECTIVELY.

	Actual Numbers.					Number per 10,000 of Population.				
	1898.	1903.	1908.	1912.	1913.	1898.	1903.	1908.	1912.	1913.
Population	783,317	875,648	1,008,373	1,102,471	1,134,506	..	..	..	..	..
I. Primary (including public and Native schools, all receiving free tuition)	136,652	136,546	148,180	167,180	172,390	1,744	1,551	1,467	1,519	1,526
II. Industrial and Special Schools..	..	..	..	830	809	..	..	..	..	7
III. Secondary (including secondary schools, secondary departments of district high schools, technical day schools, and Maori secondary schools)	3,046	5,818	7,742	9,481	9,959	39	66	77	86	88
IV. Continuation and technical (excluding school classes)	1,750*	6,533*	13,051*	13,527	15,206	22	75	129	123	134
V. University, higher technical, and training colleges	708	1,194	1,711	2,281	2,371	9	14	17	21	21
(Private schools not included above, principally primary)	14,857	15,609	18,367	20,527	19,428	190	177	182	187	172
Total under instruction ..	157,013	165,700	189,051	213,826	220,163	2,004	1,883	1,872	1,944	1,948
VI. Total under instruction higher than primary (III, IV, and V above)	5,504	13,545	22,504	25,289	27,536	70	155	223	230	244
Number of latter (VI) receiving free tuition	1,178†	4,260†	7,959	11,380	12,574	15	49	79	103	111

* Estimated.

† Approximate.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT.

By the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, areas of land, not to exceed in the total nine million acres, are set apart as national endowments, and, after administration and other expenses allowed by law have been deducted, 70 per cent. of the balance is applied for the purposes of education. The sum thus applied amounted last year to £50,681, and was allocated as follows: Primary education, £25,341; secondary education, £7,602; manual and technical instruction, £7,602; higher education, £5,068; Native schools, £2,534; school for the deaf, £274; education of the blind, £61; Otekaike Home for Backward Children, £274; industrial schools, £1,925.