

PRIMARY EDUCATION.

NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The number of public schools open at the end of 1927 was 2,601, the same number as in the previous year. In the following table the schools are classified according to their grade, and the yearly average attendance and the number of children per teacher are shown.

Grade of School, and Average Attendance.	Number of Schools.	Total Average Attendance.			* Average Number of Children per Adult Teacher in Primary Department.
		Primary Department.	Secondary Department.	Total.	
0 (1-8)	247	1,486	..	1,486	7
I (9-20)	785	11,022	..	11,022	15
II (21-35)	515	13,587	..	13,587	25
IIIA (36-50)	299	11,983	..	11,983	18
IIIB (51-80)	265	16,251	85	16,336	30
IIIC (81-120)	135	12,875	134	13,009	35
IVA (121-160)	59	7,897	121	8,018	35
IVB (161-200)	32	5,608	264	5,872	
IVC (201-240)	37	7,961	692	8,653	
VA (241-280)	25	6,413	326	6,739	43
VB (281-320)	22	6,609	120	6,729	
VC (321-360)	22	7,448	397	7,845	
VIA (361-400)	26	9,768	466	10,234	53
VIB (401-440)	25	10,450	164	10,614	
VIC (441-480)	16	7,243	183	7,426	
VIIA (481-520)	12	6,015	63	6,078	40
VIIB (521-560)	19	10,314	102	10,416	
VIIIC (561-600)	15	8,784	94	8,878	
VIIID (601-640)	14	8,623	246	8,869	40
VIIIE (641-680)	16	10,542	..	10,542	
VIIIF (681-720)	3	2,129	..	2,129	
VIIIG (721-760)	5	3,651	..	3,651	40
VIIIH (761-800)	4	3,092	..	3,092	
VIIII (801-840)	1	815	..	815	
VIIIJ (841-880)	1	807	..	807	40
VIIIK (881-920)	..	..	..	..	
VIIIL (921-960)	1	911	..	911	
Totals, 1927	2,601	192,284	3,457	195,741	32
Totals, 1926	2,601	192,588	3,220	195,808	..
Difference	—	— 304	+ 237	— 67	—

* Head teachers are counted as class-teachers up to and including Grade V schools that are not District High Schools. In previous reports all head teachers were counted as class-teachers.