

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUPILS OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS WHO GAINED PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES IN 1927.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Form II	501	437	938
Form III	13	10	23
Totals	514	447	961

DESTINATION OF PUPILS LEAVING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS DURING, OR AT END OF, 1927.

Occupation.	Boys.					Girls.				
	First Year.	Second Year.	Third Year.	Total.	Percentage.	First Year.	Second Year.	Third Year.	Total.	Percentage.
Continued full-time education	26	297	19	342	56	29	264	22	315	58
Commercial (clerical, typing, shop, and warehouse)	4	35	16	55	9	..	30	11	41	7
Trades	3	52	16	71	12	1	5	9	15	3
Agricultural or pastoral	4	43	1	48	8	..	..	..	..	..
Home	3	29	15	47	8	16	98	24	138	25
Miscellaneous ..	3	10	3	16	2	..	20	..	20	4
Not known	7	22	..	29	5	11	6	1	18	3
Totals	50	488	70	608	100	57	423	67	547	100

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

In 1927 there were in operation forty-one secondary schools at which Government free places were held and for which the teachers' salaries, &c., were provided by the Government. Twelve of the schools were for boys only, fourteen were for girls only, and fifteen were for both boys and girls. In addition two boys' schools, the Wanganui Collegiate School and Christ's College Grammar School, were originally endowed with public property. There were also seventy-nine secondary departments of district high schools, fourteen technical high schools, seven organized technical or art schools offering day courses, twelve Maori secondary schools, and forty registered private secondary schools. Further, of the eight junior high schools in operation during the year two schools—namely, Kowhai and Northcote—each provided a three-year course, the last year of which was devoted to secondary instruction. There was thus a total of 197 schools providing secondary education.

The following figures show the roll and attendance at these schools for 1927 :—

(a) Secondary schools (43)	
Roll, 1st March	15,558
Roll, 31st December (boys, 7,853 ; girls, 6,337)	14,190
(b) District high schools—secondary departments (79)	
Roll, 31st December (boys, 1,719 ; girls, 1,724)	3,443
(c) Technical high schools and technical day schools (21)—	
Roll, 31st December (boys, 3,015 ; girls, 2,688)	5,703
(d) Registered private secondary schools (40)—	
Roll, 31st December (boys, 1,143 ; girls, 1,789)	2,932
(e) Secondary schools for Maoris (12)	
Roll, 31st December (boys, 304 ; girls, 220)	524
(f) Junior high schools, third-year pupils only (2)—	
Roll, 31st December (boys, 63 ; girls, 75)	138

The total number of pupils receiving secondary education at the end of the year was 26,930. The total number shown in last year's report as receiving secondary education at the end of 1926 was 27,110, a larger number than at the end of 1927. This decrease, however, is merely an apparent one, due to a change