

In the case of pupils who commence on post-primary courses and leave during the same year, the Department has been furnished with information showing in months the duration of the period of attendance of such pupils, and this information is tabulated below. The totals shown in the table are slightly below those shown as leaving in the first year in the table immediately preceding. This difference is due to the fact that the table below concerns only pupils who commenced and terminated their post-primary courses in the same year, while the table above includes under "first year" pupils who, though in the first year of a post-primary course when they left, actually commenced that course in a previous calendar year or at a private secondary school.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO COMMENCED POST-PRIMARY COURSES IN 1930 AND WHO DEFINITELY LEFT IN THE SAME YEAR.

Type of School.			During First Month of Course.		During Second Month of Course.		During Third Month of Course.		During Fourth Month of Course.		During Fifth Month of Course.		During Sixth Month of Course.		During Seventh Month of Course.		During Eighth Month of Course.		During Ninth Month of Course.		During Tenth Month of Course.		During Eleventh Month of Course.		Total.	
			B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.
Secondary schools	..	..	5	7	11	8	16	8	28	13	21	12	19	12	30	35	23	15	26	18	26	25	195	355	400	508
Percentage	..	..	1		2		3		5		4		3		7		4		5		6		60		100	
Secondary departments of district high schools			11	9	9	8	9	9	20	19	17	13	16	18	28	13	28	21	23	15	28	6	151	159	340	290
Percentage	..	..	3		3		3		6		5		5		7		8		6		5		49		100	
Technical high and day schools	..	..	23	19	28	15	39	27	26	27	38	20	30	27	56	57	27	37	32	33	37	20	271	304	607	586
Percentage	..	..	4		4		6		4		5		5		9		5		5		5		48		100	
Totals	..	..	39	35	48	31	64	44	74	59	76	45	65	57	411	105	78	73	81	66	91	51	617	818	1,347	1,384
Percentage	..	..	3		3		4		5		4		4		8		6		5		5		53		100	

FREE PLACES.

The following table shows the number of free places held in 1930 on the dates shown :—

(i) Secondary schools (at 1st July, 1930)—	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
(a) Junior free pupils	5,759	5,142	10,901
(b) Senior free pupils	2,824	2,331	5,155
Totals	8,583	7,473	16,056
(ii) District high schools (at 1st July, 1930)—			
(a) Junior free pupils	1,905	1,780	3,685
(b) Senior free pupils	445	434	879
Totals	2,350	2,214	4,564
(iii) Maori secondary schools (at 31st December, 1930)	77	90	167
(iv) Technical high schools and technical day schools (at 1st July, 1930)—			
(a) Junior free pupils	3,647	3,014	6,661
(b) Senior free pupils	681	511	1,192
Totals	4,328	3,525	7,853
(v) Third-year pupils at Kowhai and Northcote Junior High Schools (at 1st July, 1930)	83	89	172
Grand totals	15,421	13,391	28,812
Grand totals for 1929	14,909	12,950	27,859

Of the 29,801 children in attendance at public schools providing secondary education, 28,812 held free places and 989 were paying pupils. Ninety-seven per cent. of the children were thus receiving free secondary education.