

Year of commencing post-primary course ..	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.
Number of proficiency passes in previous year in public primary schools and intermediate schools and departments	17,372	14,128	16,549	16,633	17,286
Number of pupils who commenced a post-primary course in State schools and who came from public primary schools or intermediate schools and departments	12,055	11,019	11,637	12,143	12,632
Percentage	69	78	70	73	73

The ages at which pupils commenced their post-primary course are given in the following table :—

TABLE N.—AGES AT WHICH PUPILS COMMENCE POST-PRIMARY COURSE.

		Age at which Post-primary Course commenced.										Total Numbers commencing Post-primary Education.	
		Under 12 Years.		12 Years.		13 Years.		14 Years.		15 Years and over.			
		Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Secondary	..	41	56	610	725	1,210	1,208	634	528	199	95	2,694	2,612
Combined	..	4	7	81	90	190	162	128	71	50	14	453	344
Technical	..	20	20	342	375	986	861	875	601	338	151	2,561	2,008
District high	..	29	38	315	344	573	562	286	219	85	54	1,288	1,217
Totals—1935	..	94	121	1,348	1,534	2,959	2,793	1,923	1,419	672	314	6,996	6,181
1934	..	107	125	1,298	1,557	2,996	2,770	1,710	1,220	624	279	6,735	5,951
Difference	..	—13	—4	+50	—23	—37	+23	+213	+199	+48	+35	+261	+230

In 1934 and in 1935 24 per cent. of those commencing a post-primary course did so under the age of thirteen years.

15. DESTINATION OF PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL.

A summary of the destination returns obtained from the schools, through the various Boards, is given in the following tables :—

TABLE O 1.—PROBABLE DESTINATION OF PUPILS LEAVING PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS DURING OR AT END OF YEAR 1935.

Destination.	Had passed Form II.		Had not passed Form II.		Totals.			
					Boys.		Girls.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Number.	Per Cent.	Number.	Per Cent.
Post primary	6,401	5,928	187	133	6,588	57	6,061	57
Commercial occupations—								
(a) Clerical (including typing) ..	37	25	5	1	42	*	26	*
(b) Shop and warehouse assistants	309	161	141	105	450	4	266	3
Trades—								
(a) Engineering	111	..	40	3	151	1	3	*
(b) Building	61	..	35	1	96	1	1	*
(c) Other	166	41	106	32	272	2	73	1
Agricultural and pastoral ..	1,268	84	1,113	61	2,381	21	145	1
Other occupations	370	323	337	296	707	6	619	6
Home	339	1,957	335	1,286	674	6	3,243	31
Not known	69	58	96	87	165	2	145	1
Totals, 1935	9,131	8,577	2,395	2,005	11,526	100	10,582	100
Totals, 1934	9,184	8,796	2,650	2,035	11,834	..	10,831	..
Difference	—53	—219	—255	—30	—308	..	—249	..

* Insignificant percentage.