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Digest of 2025 Census Data for Schools and Colleges in England



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Introduction

We are pleased to present the 2025 Catholic schools' Census digest.

The annual CES Census is the most accurate snapshot of Catholic schools, college and academies in England, and can be compared with almost a decade's worth of previous data. We are grateful to Catholic schools in England, both independent and state-funded, for returning their data punctually.

The annual CES Census is an important tool in monitoring the country's largest single provider of secondary schools and second largest provider of primary schools. It allows us to examine long-term trends in education and is invaluable in discussions with Department for Education ministers and officials, as well as with parliamentarians, local government and the media.

Collating and analysing the data is a quite significant undertaking, and we would like to thank all those involved in the organisation and production of this document.

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Headlines

This digest covers England. Combined England and Wales figures are in Appendix A.17; Wales has its own digest.

There are 2,065 Catholic schools in England

Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of state-funded mainstream schools

807,476 pupils are educated in Catholic schools

53.6% of pupils at Catholic state-funded schools are Catholic

45,762 teachers work in Catholic state-funded schools

44% of teachers in Catholic state-funded schools are Catholic

There has been a 12% increase in the number of Catholic academies

Definition of terms used in the census digest

Census data are grouped into 'state-funded' and 'independent' schools and colleges. Although Academies are legally state-funded independent schools, for the purposes of this document the two groups comprise these governance categories:

State-funded: Voluntary Aided; Sixth Form College; Academy.

Independent: Other Independent (i.e. fee-paying), including Independent Schools approved for SEN Pupils; Non-Maintained Special.

Schools and Colleges

1 Schools and colleges

1.1 Numbers of schools and colleges

The total number of Catholic schools has fallen by 9, from 2,074 to 2,065. Six schools have closed, two schools have merged into one, and one school is no longer Catholic.

The total number of schools nationally (including Catholic schools) has increased by 26 to 24,479.

1.1.1 Numbers of schools and colleges by phase

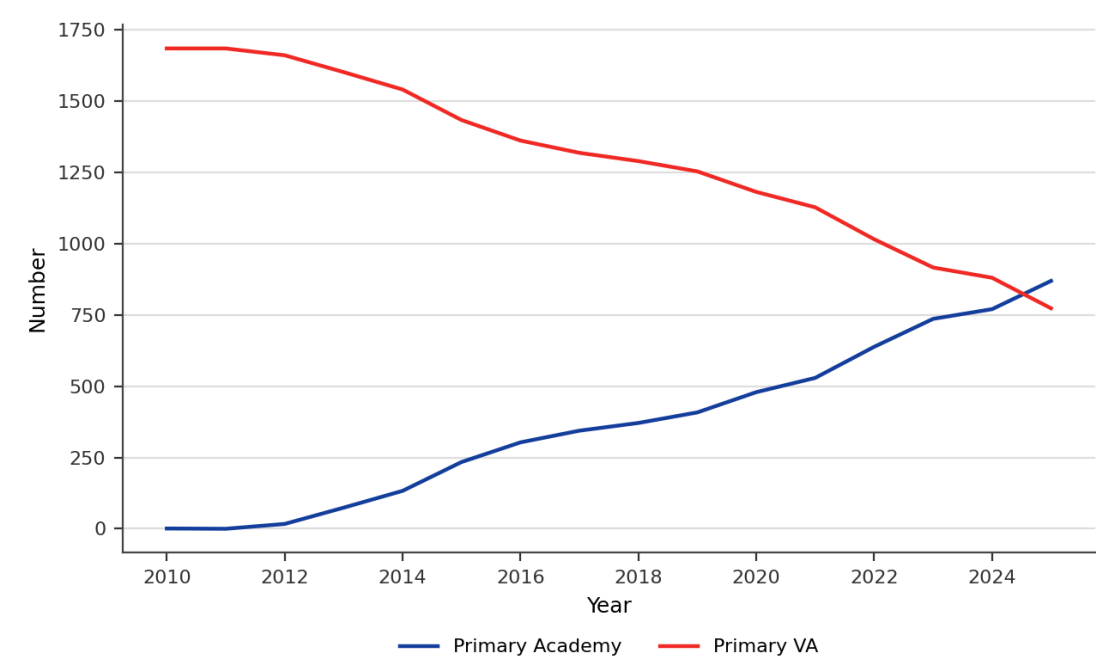
Phase	State-funded	Independent	Total
Primary	1642	35	1677
Secondary	319	16	335
6th Form	13	0	13
All Through	4	36	40
Total	1978	87	2065

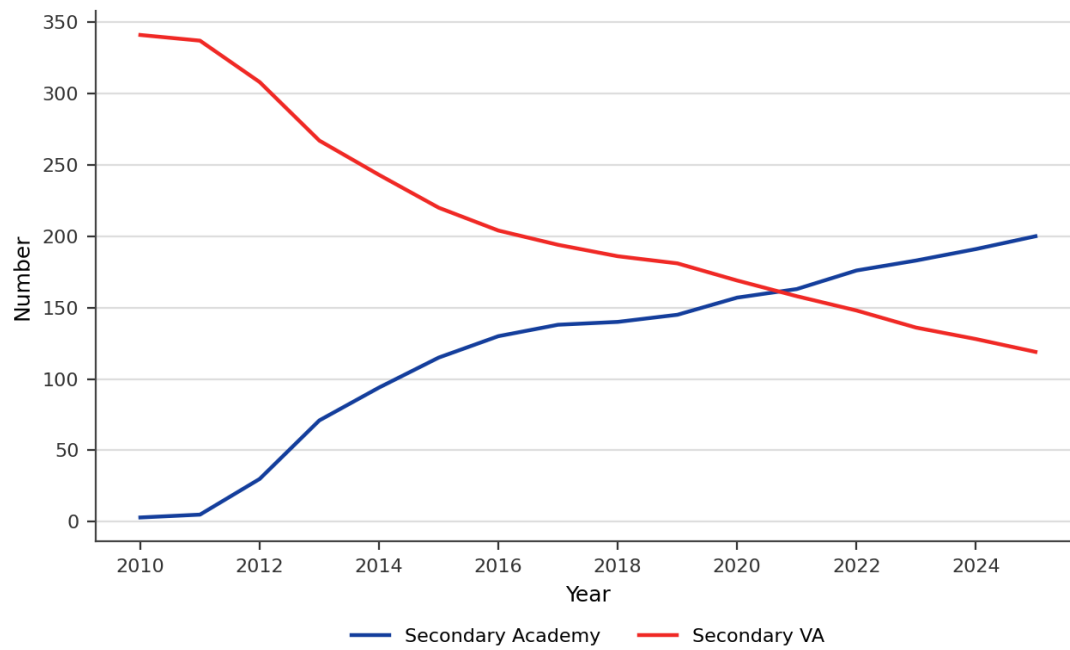
1.1.2 Academies

54% of Catholic state-funded schools are now academies, educating 55% of pupils. Nationally, 46% of schools are academies, attended by 58% of pupils.

There were 84 Catholic multi-academy trusts in England on 30 April 2025, with 1,013 schools in them. (GIAS trust membership history.)

Phase	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Primary	479	529	638	736	766	869
Secondary	153	163	173	183	191	200
All Through	4	3	3	3	4	4
Total	636	695	814	922	961	1073





1.1.3 Federations

28 state-funded schools are supported by 14 federations. (GIAS snapshot, 9 July 2026.)

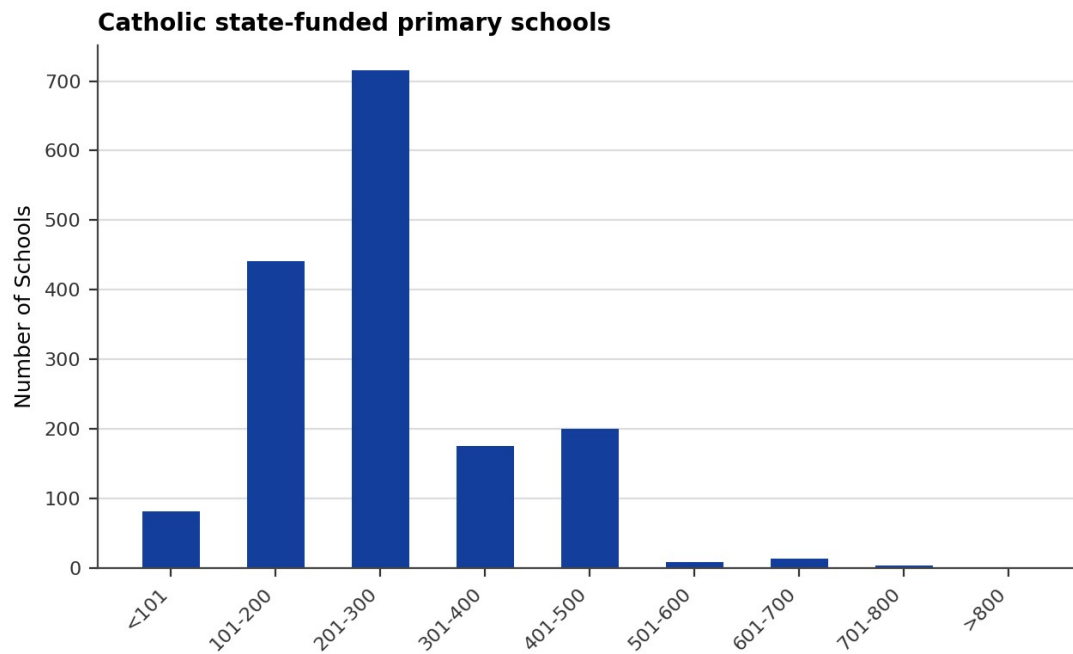
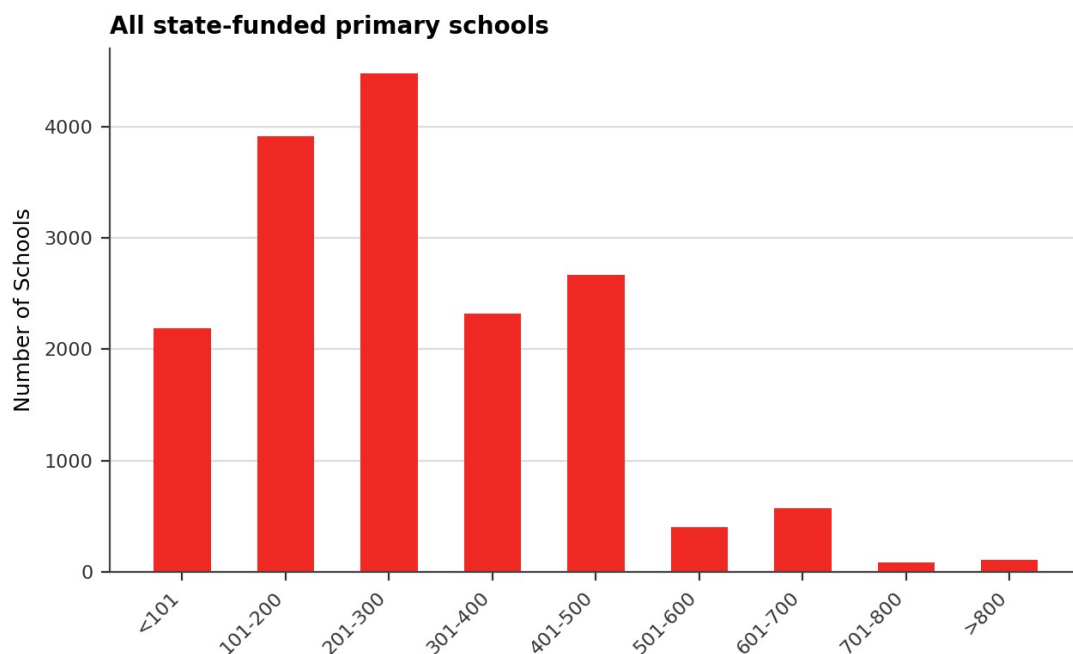
1.2 School sizes

1.2.1 Distribution of sizes of Catholic state-funded schools

School size (number of pupils)	Number of primary schools	Number of secondary schools	Number of all through schools
<101	82	1	0
101-200	441	2	0
201-300	716	0	0
301-400	175	4	0
401-500	200	6	0
501-600	9	13	0
601-700	14	19	0
701-800	4	24	0
801-900	1	30	0
901-1000	0	41	0
1001-1100	0	46	1
1101-1200	0	45	1
1201-1300	0	26	0
1301-1400	0	25	0
1401-1500	0	15	0
1501-1600	0	11	0
1601-1700	0	4	0
1701-1800	0	1	0
1801-1900	0	2	0
1901-2000	0	1	1

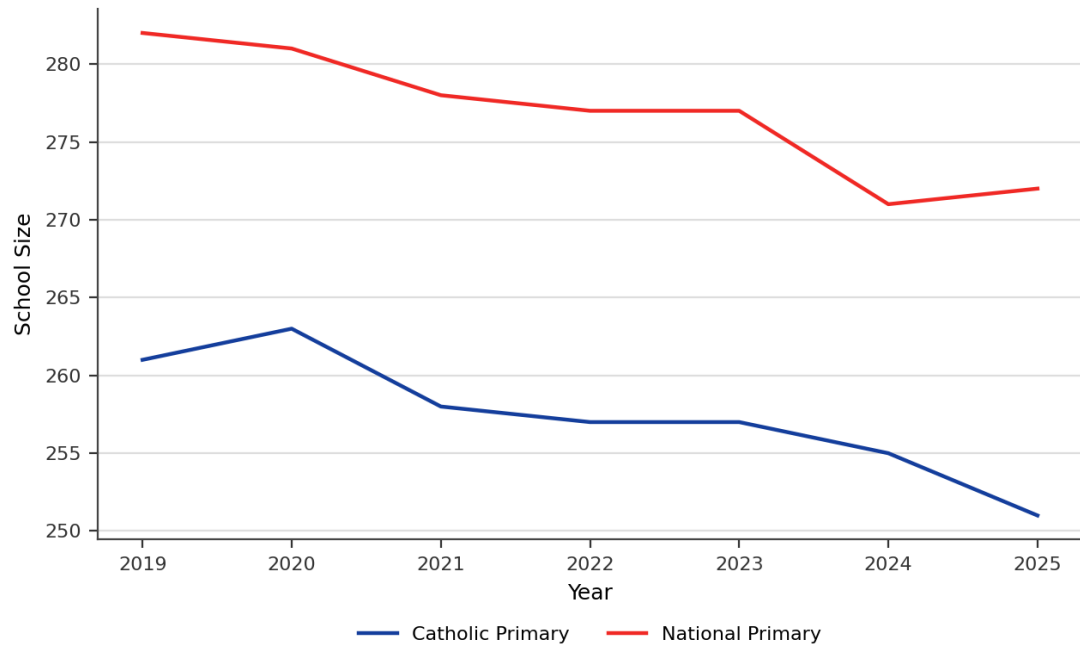
2001-2100	0	1	0
>2101	0	2	1
Total	1642	319	4

1.2.2 Distribution of size of state-funded primary schools

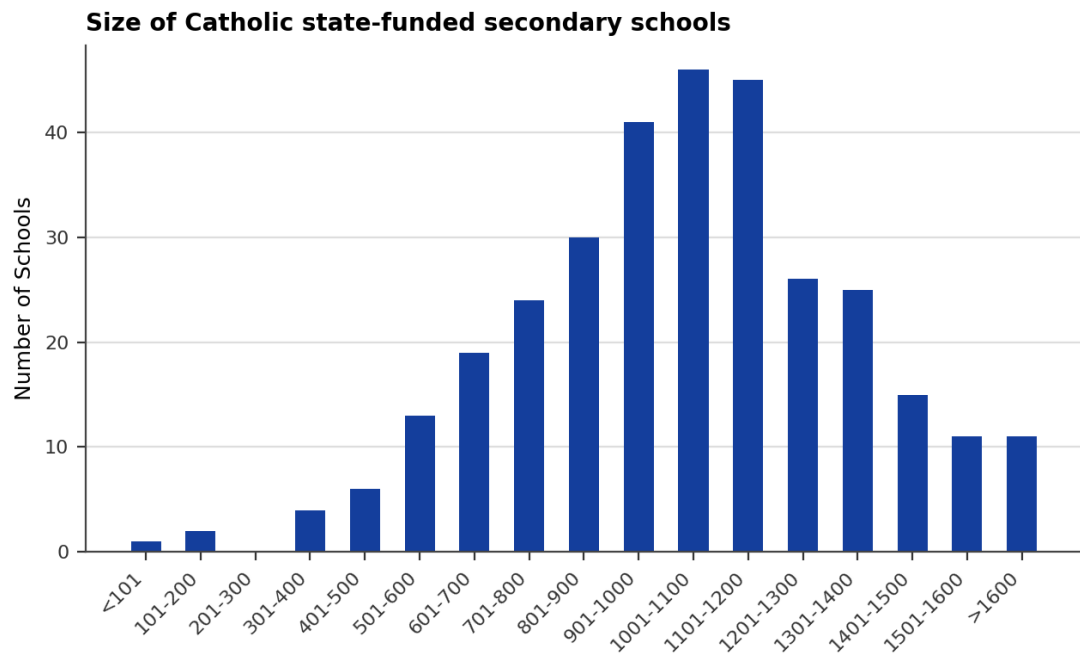


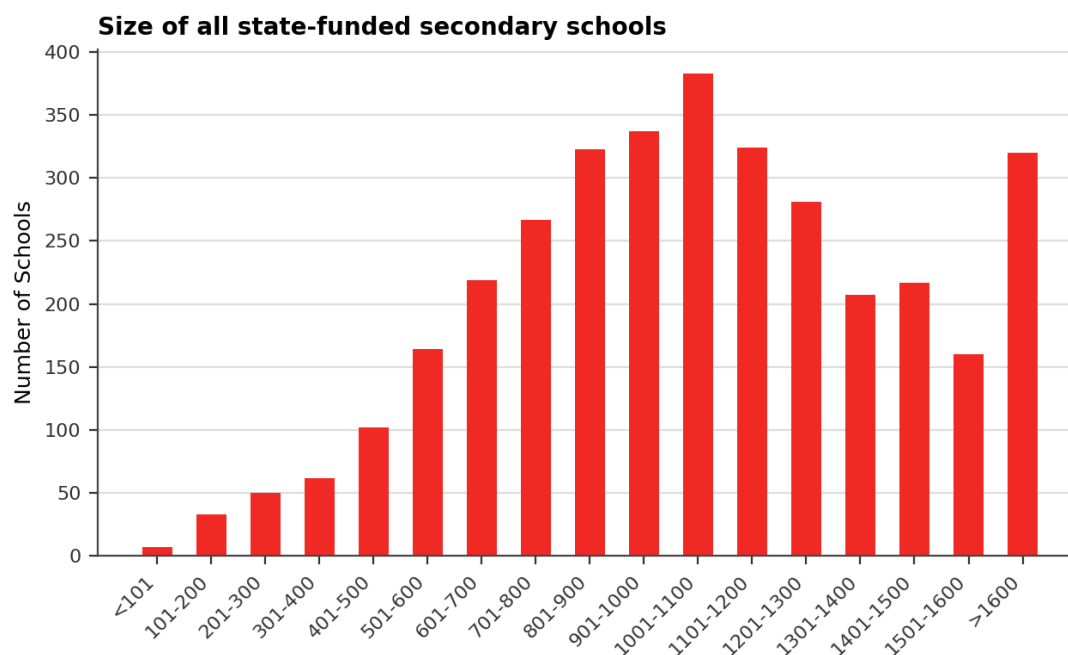
1.2.3 Average size of state-funded primary schools (trends)

The average size of Catholic primary schools has fallen from 255 to 251. Across all state schools the average primary school size is 272.



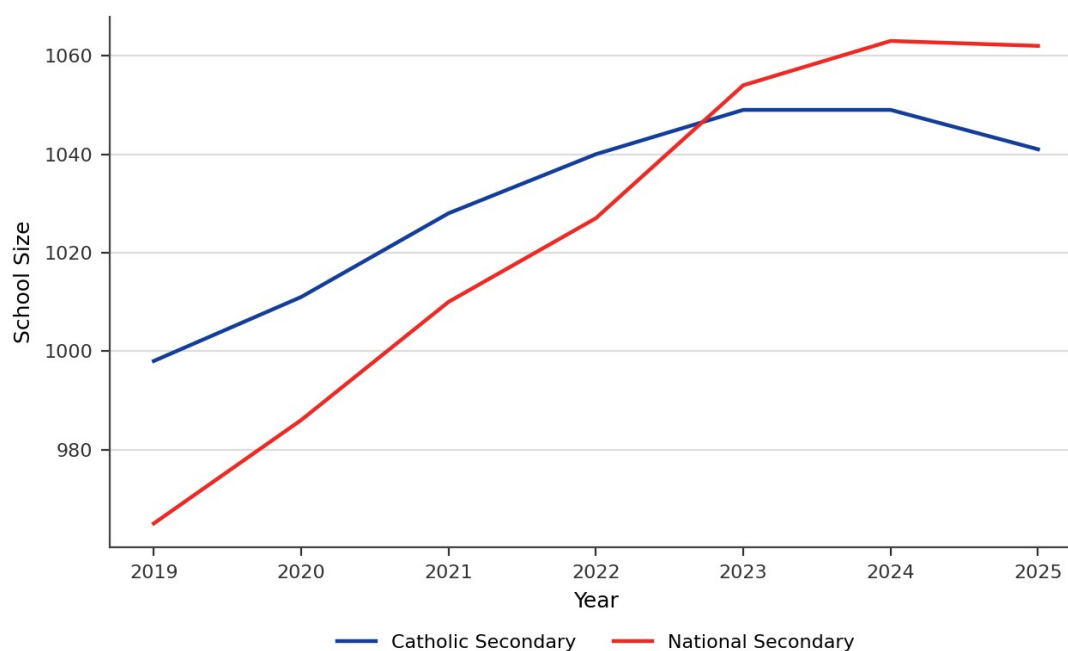
1.2.4 Distribution of size of state-funded secondary schools





1.2.5 Average size of state-funded secondary schools (trends)

The average size of Catholic secondary schools is 1,041 (1,049 in 2024). Across all state secondary schools the average size is 1,062.



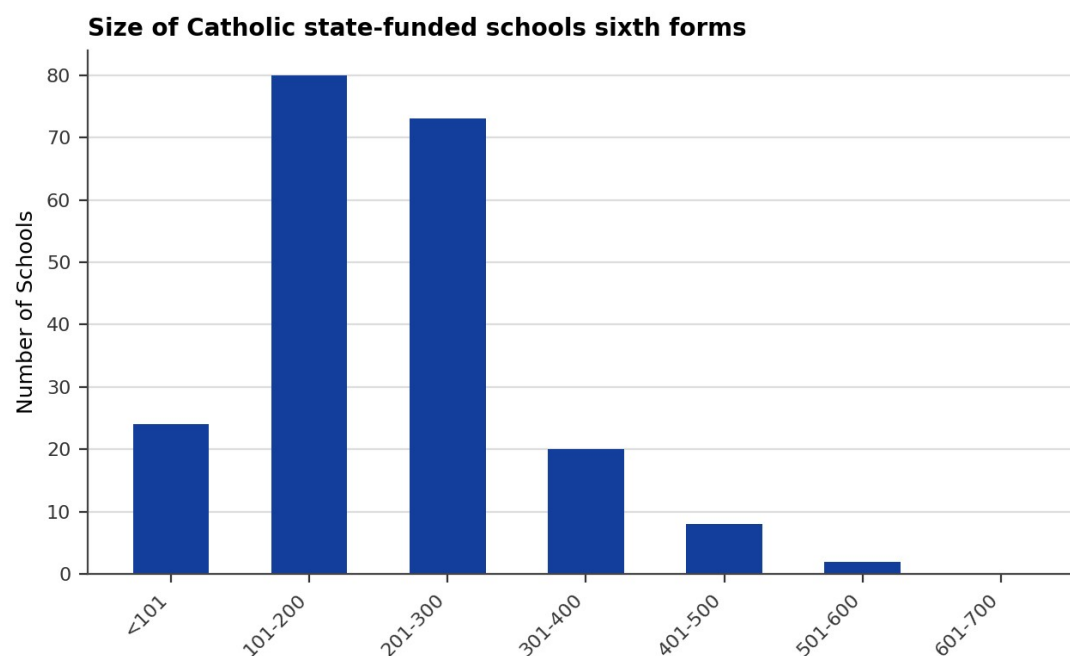
1.2.6 Distribution of size of state-funded sixth forms and sixth form colleges

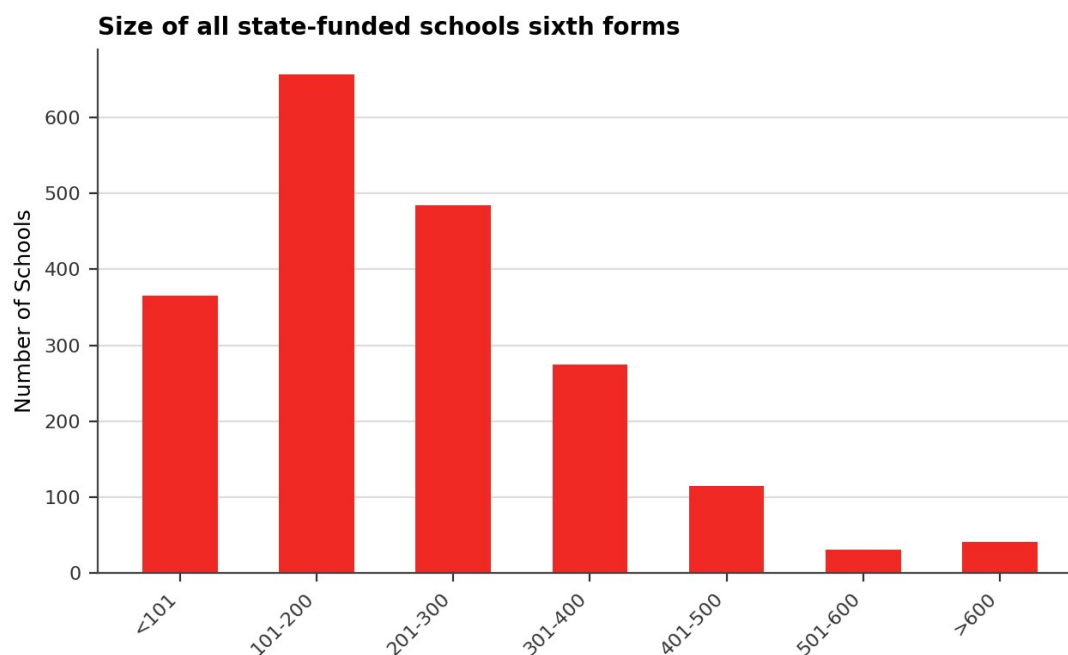
208 Catholic schools have a sixth form. This accounts for 65% of all Catholic secondary schools.

There are 13 Catholic sixth form colleges in England.

Sixth form size (pupils)	Number of sixth forms in Catholic schools	Number of sixth forms in all schools	Number of Catholic sixth form colleges
<101	24	365	0

101-200	80	657	0
201-300	73	484	0
301-400	20	274	0
401-500	8	115	0
501-600	2	31	0
601-700	0	18	0
701-800	1	8	0
801-900	0	7	0
901-1000	0	2	0
1001-1100	0	1	1
1101-1200	0	1	0
1201-1300	0	1	0
1301-1400	0	1	1
1401-1500	0	0	2
1501-1600	0	0	0
1601-1700	0	0	0
1701-1800	0	1	0
1801-1900	0	0	0
1901-2000	0	0	0
2001-2100	0	0	1
>2100	0	1	8
Total schools	208	1967	13
Total pupils	44149	435279	30387



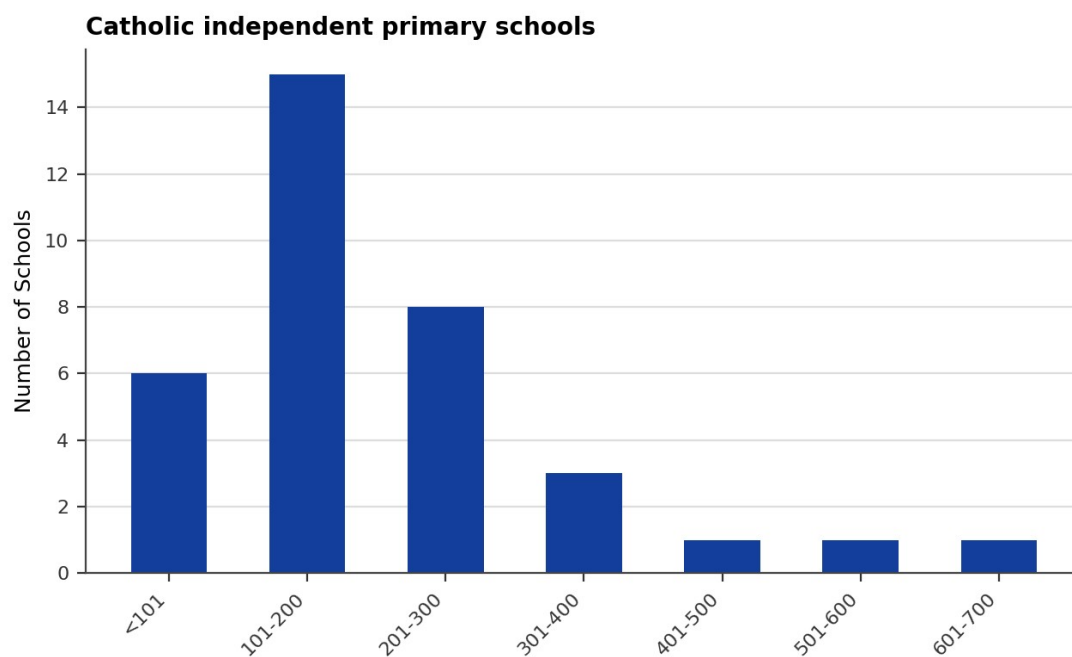


1.2.7 Distribution of size of Catholic independent schools

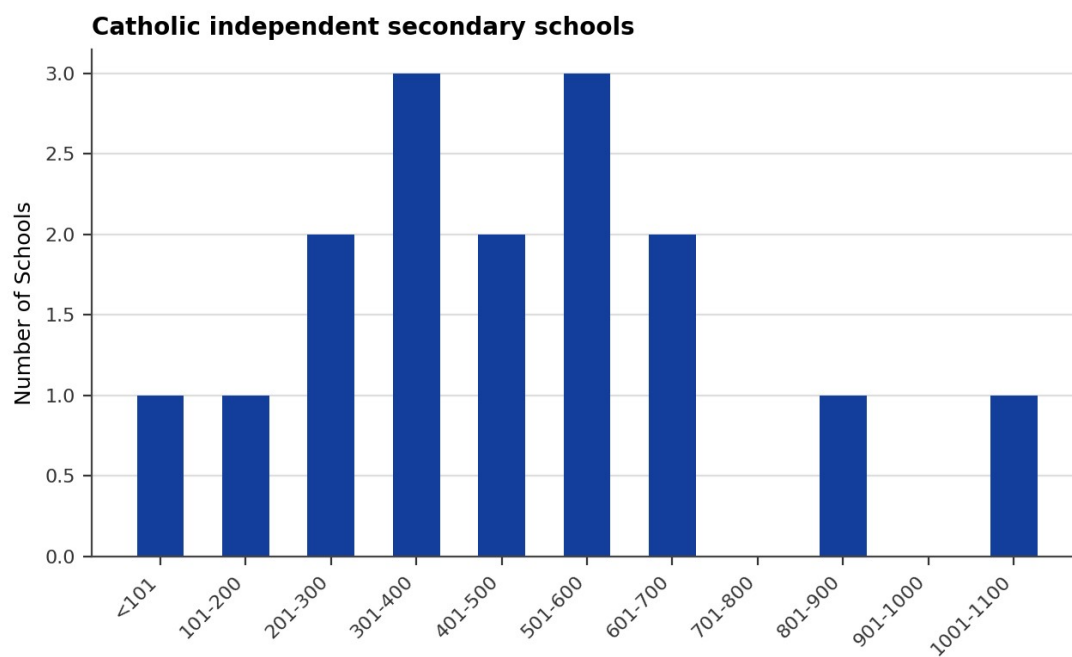
The number of Catholic independent schools has fallen from 92 to 87. Nationally, the number of independent schools has risen from 2,421 to 2,456.

School size (pupils)	Number of primary schools	Number of secondary schools	Number of all through schools
<101	6	1	6
101-200	15	1	2
201-300	8	2	4
301-400	3	3	6
401-500	1	2	3
501-600	1	3	6
601-700	1	2	1
701-800	0	0	3
801-900	0	1	2
901-1000	0	0	1
1001-1100	0	1	0
1101-1200	0	0	1
1201-1300	0	0	0
Total	35	16	36

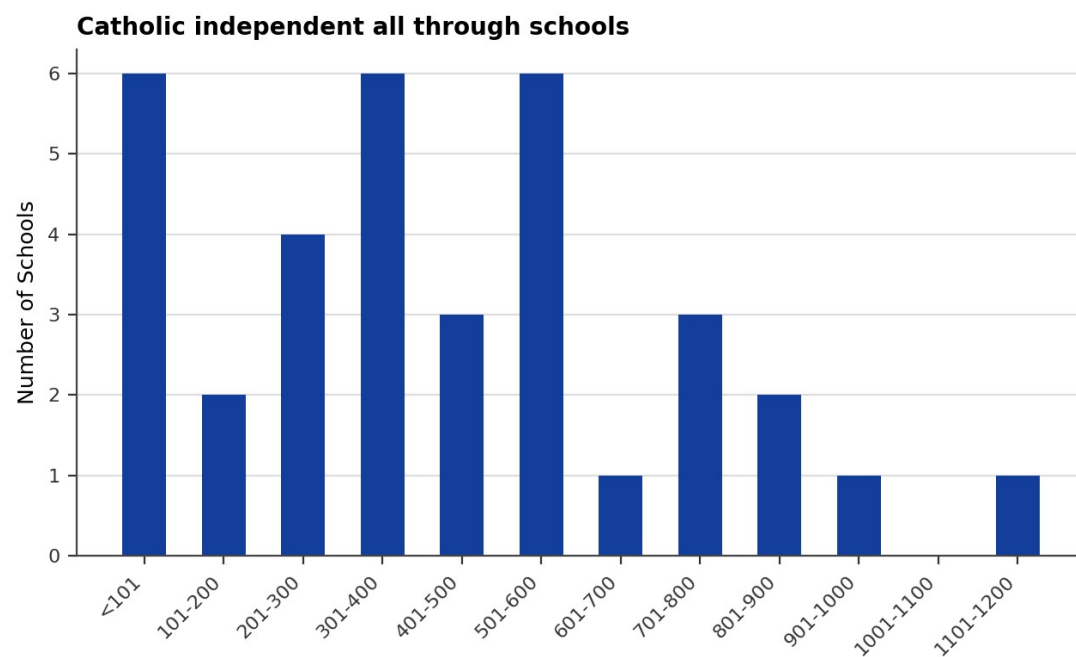
1.2.8 Distribution of size of Catholic independent primary schools



1.2.9 Distribution of size of Catholic independent secondary schools



1.2.10 Distribution of size of Catholic independent all through schools



1.2.11 Distribution of size of independent sixth forms

Sixth form size (pupils)	Number of sixth forms
<101	31
101-200	12
201-300	6
Total	49

Pupils

2 Pupils

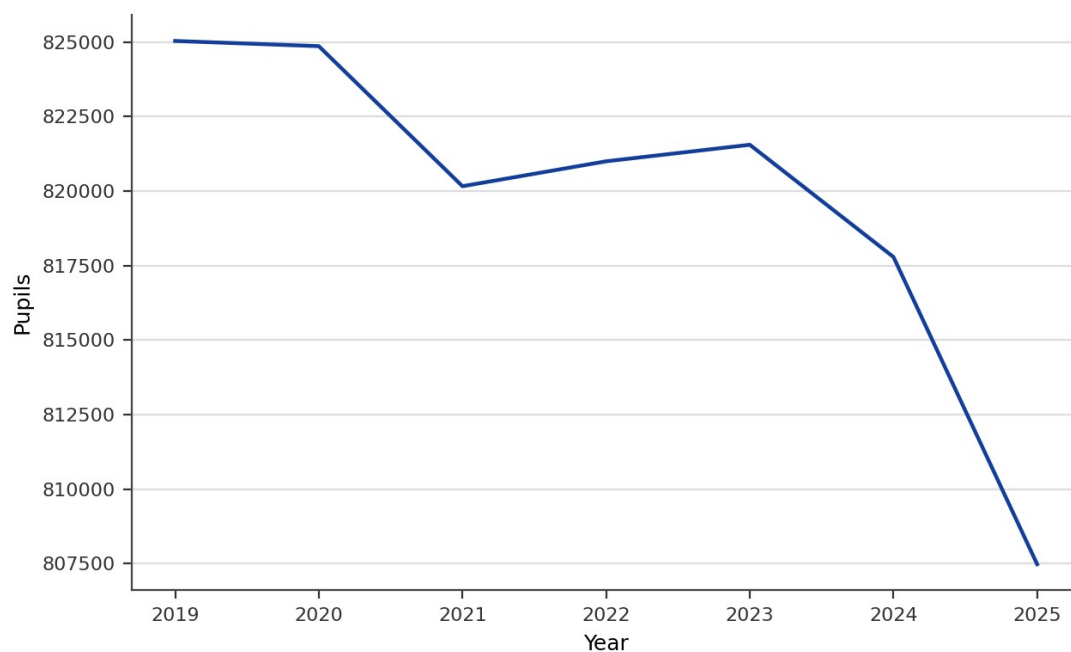
2.1 Pupil numbers

The total number of pupils in Catholic schools has fallen by 10,308, from 817,784 to 807,476.

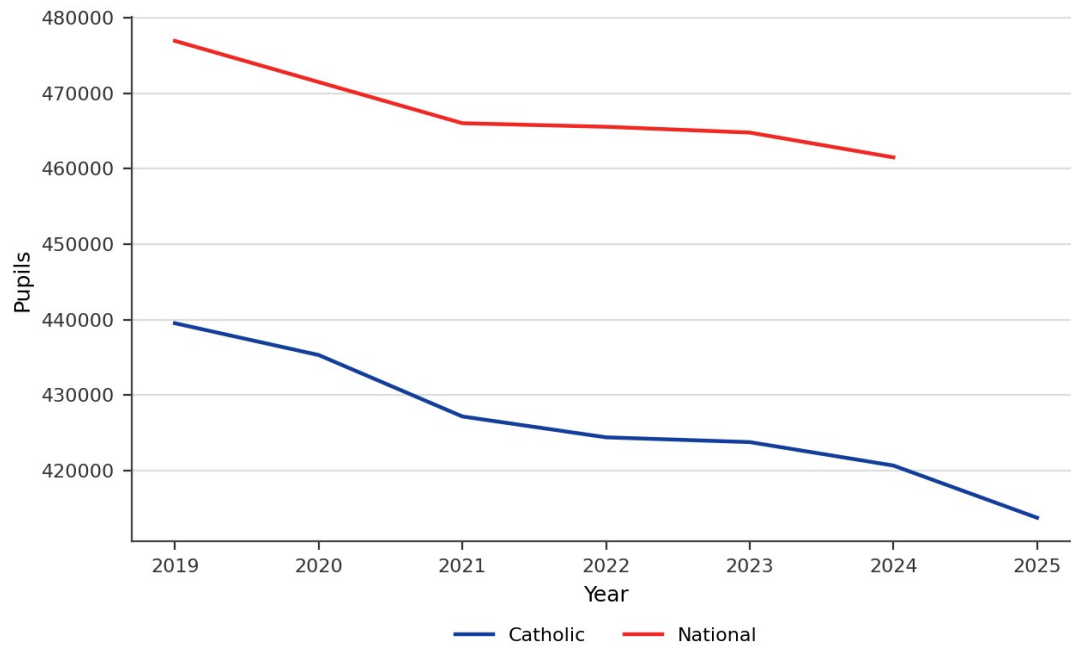
2.1.1 Pupil numbers by phase

Phase	Pupil Numbers
State funded Primary	413,762
State funded Secondary	332,193
State funded 6th Form	30,387
Independent	31,134
Total	807,476

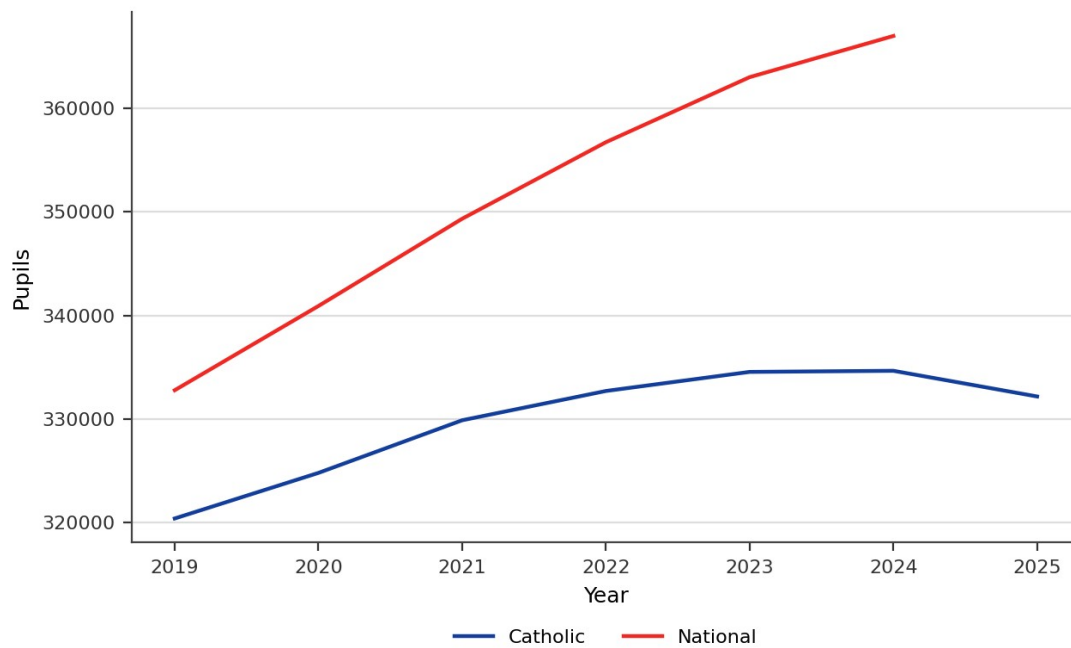
2.1.2 Total pupils in Catholic schools (trends)



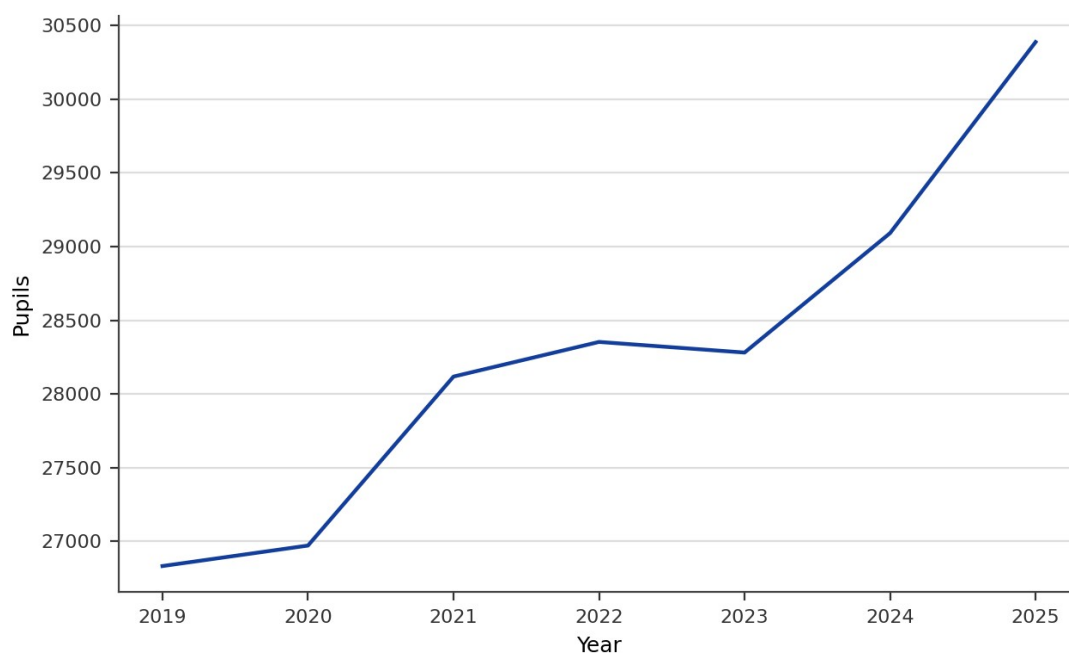
2.1.3 Total pupils in state-funded primary schools (trends)



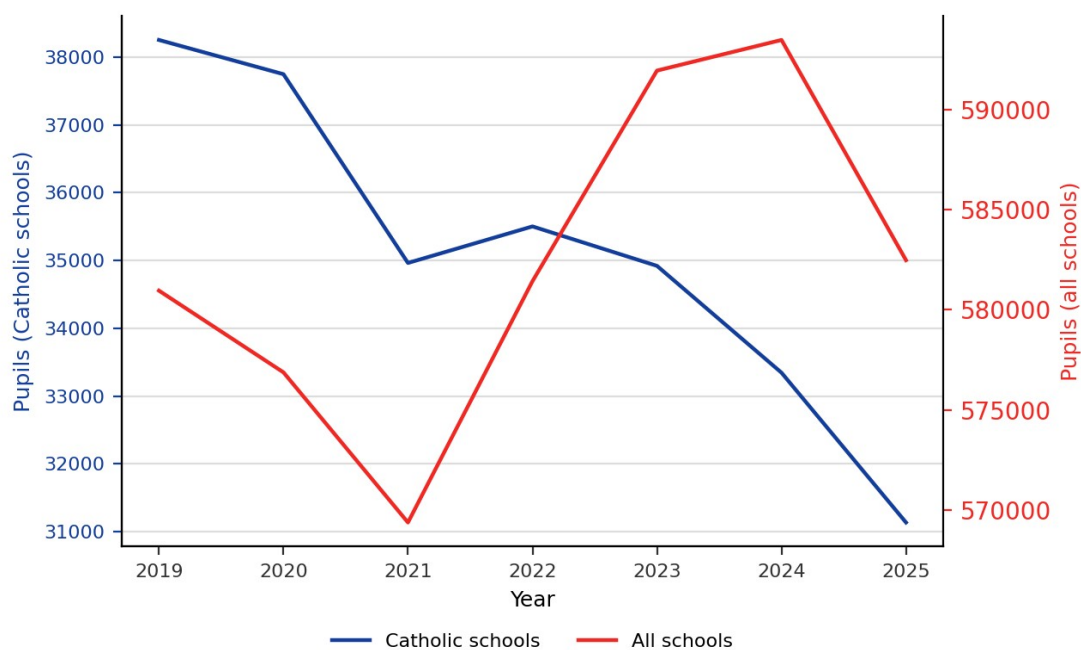
2.1.4 Total pupils in state-funded secondary schools (trends)



2.1.5 Total pupils in Catholic state-funded sixth form colleges (trends)



2.1.6 Total pupils in independent schools (trends)



2.2 Pupil Religion

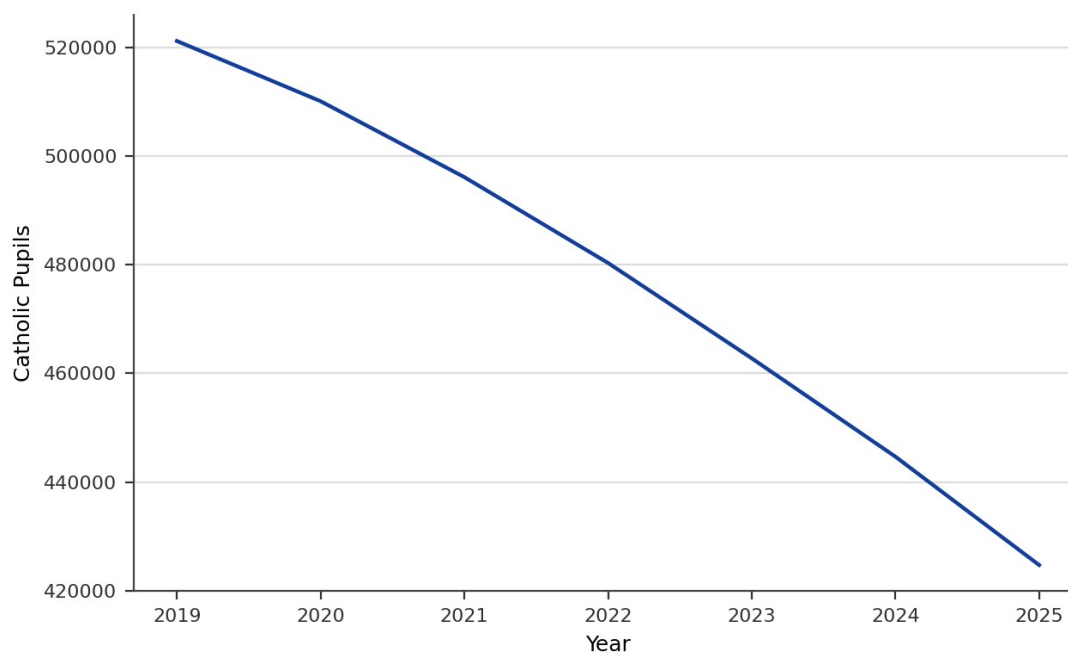
The overall number of Catholic pupils in Catholic schools has fallen. The percentage of Catholic pupils in all Catholic schools is now 52.6% compared with 54.4% in 2024.

2.2.1 Percentage of Catholic pupils in Catholic schools and colleges

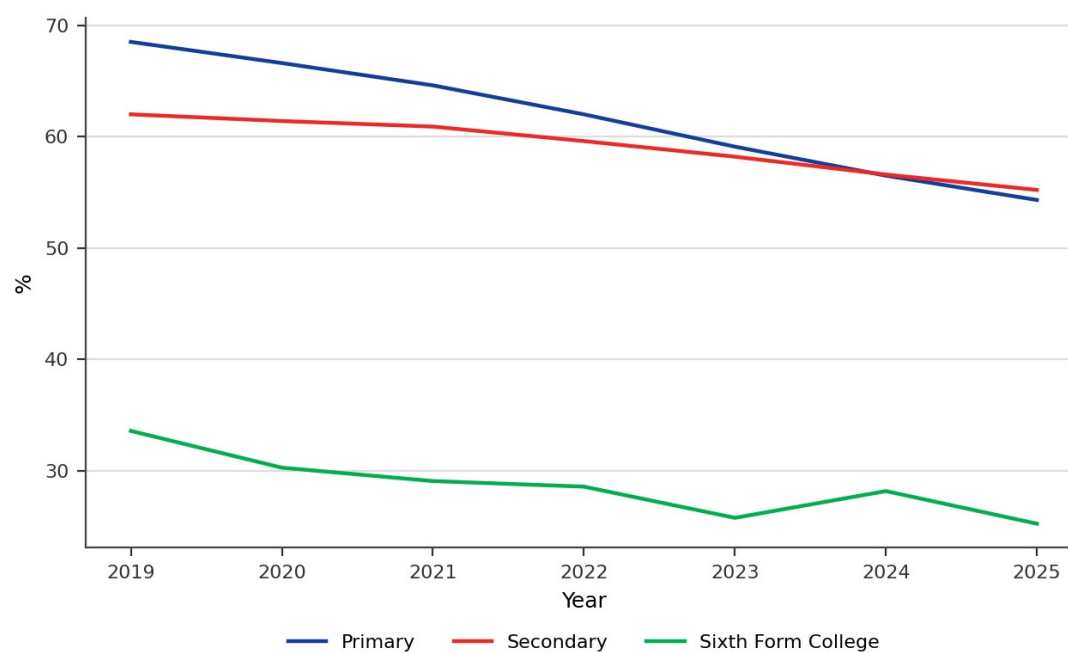
	Number of pupils	Number of Catholic pupils	% Catholic pupils
State-funded Schools and Colleges	776,342	415,853	53.6
State-funded Primary Schools	413,762	224,742	54.3

State-funded Secondary Schools	332,193	183,431	55.2
State-funded Sixth Form Colleges	30,387	7,680	25.3
Independent Schools	31,134	8,910	28.6
Total	807,476	424,763	52.6

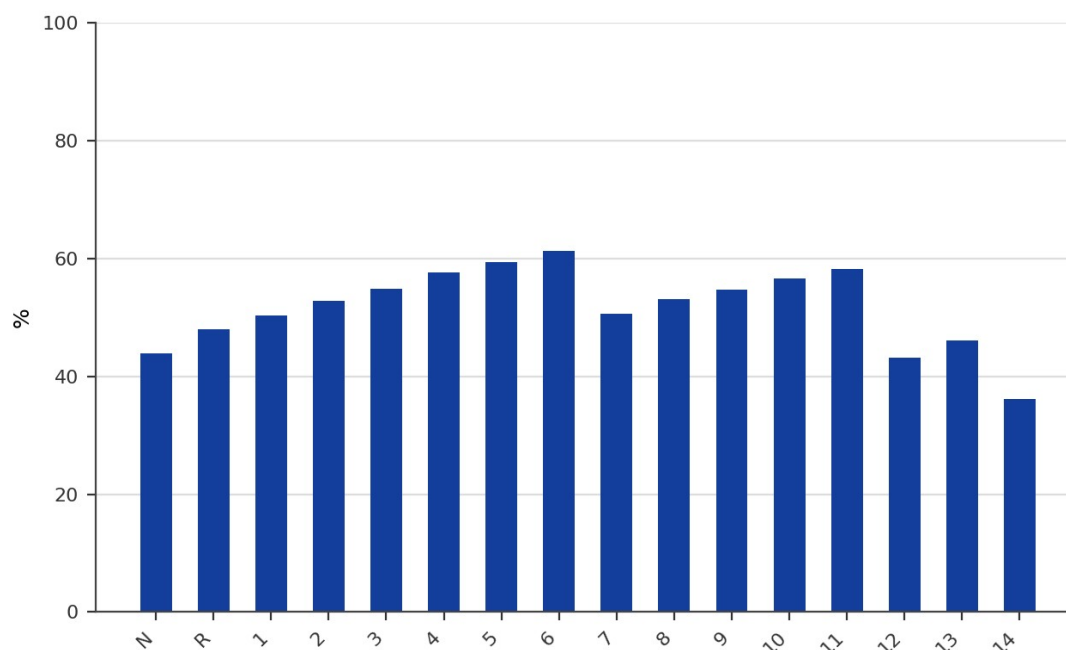
2.2.2 Total Catholic pupils (trends)



2.2.3 Percentage of Catholic pupils in state-funded schools by phase (trends)



2.2.4 Percentage of Catholic pupils in state-funded schools by year group



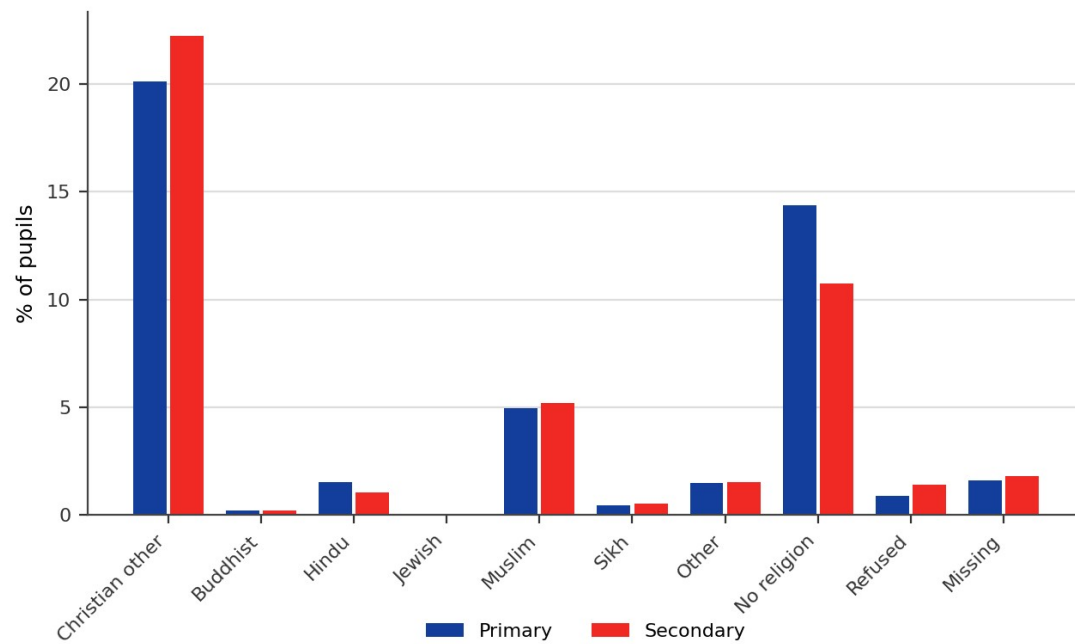
2.2.5 Distribution of non-Catholic pupils in state-funded Catholic schools

Percentage of non-Catholic pupils	Number of schools	Percentage of schools
<1	10	0.5
1 to 10	87	4.4
11 to 20	171	8.7
21 to 30	203	10.3
31 to 40	230	11.6
41 to 50	308	15.6
51 to 60	314	15.9
61 to 70	317	16
71 to 80	227	11.5
81 to 90	89	4.5
91 to 100	21	1.1

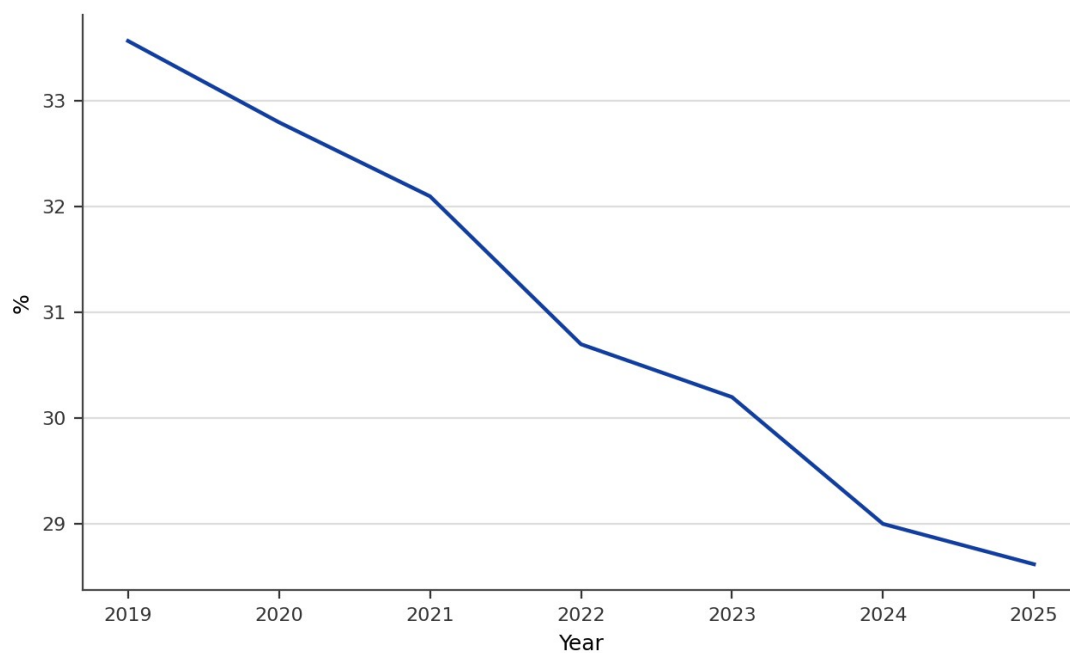
2.2.6 Breakdown of pupil religions in state-funded Catholic schools

Religion	Primary	Secondary	Sixth Form College	Total
Catholic	224,742	183,431	7,680	415,853
Christian other	83,176	73,845	6,836	163,857
Buddhist	947	714	73	1,734
Hindu	6,304	3,528	521	10,353
Jewish	77	107	29	213
Muslim	20,536	17,336	4,018	41,890
Sikh	1,948	1,762	93	3,803
Other	6,207	5,035	3,245	14,487
No religion	59,430	35,677	7,258	102,365
Refused	3,744	4,693	222	8,659

Missing	6,651	6,065	412	13,128
Total	413,762	332,193	30,387	776,342



2.2.7 Percentage of Catholic pupils in independent schools (trends)



2.2.8 Breakdown of non-Catholic pupil religions in independent schools

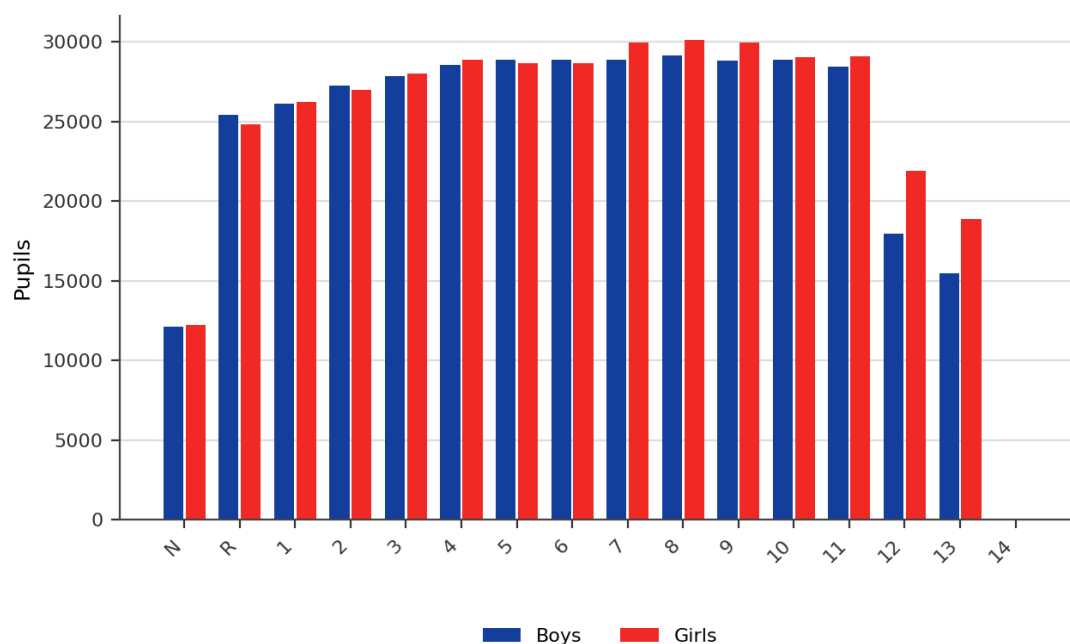
Religion	Total
Catholic	8,910
Christian other	11,099
Buddhist	127

Hindu	1,073
Jewish	122
Muslim	1,041
Sikh	405
Other	1,422
No religion	5,047
Refused	593
Missing	1,295
Total	31,134

2.3 Gender

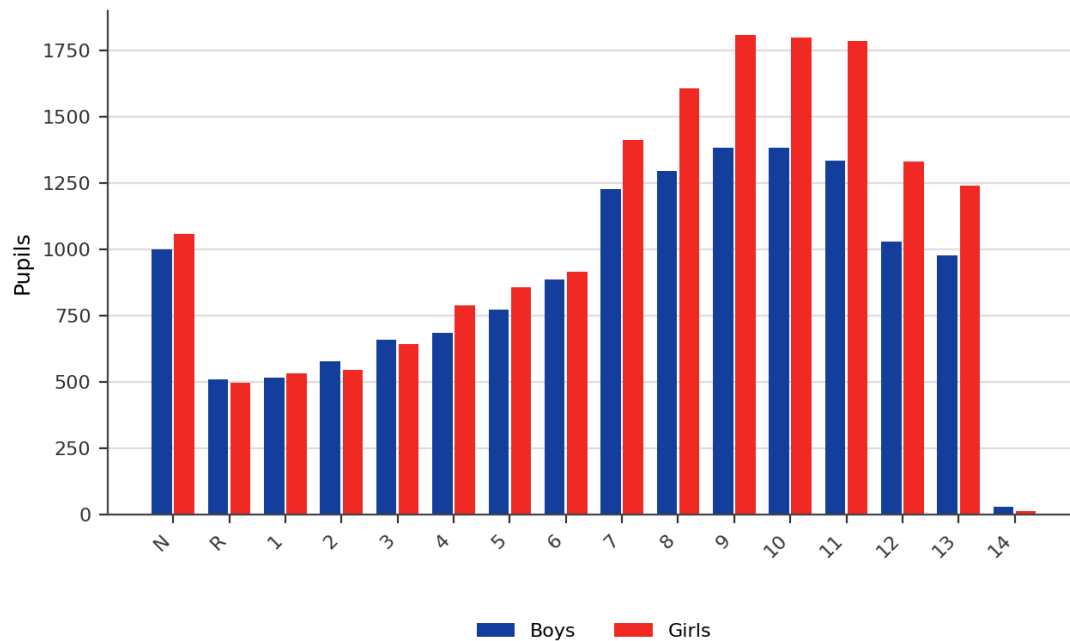
2.3.1 Pupil numbers in state-funded Catholic schools by gender and year group

Year group	Boys	Girls	Total
N	12,116	12,207	24,323
R	25,395	24,797	50,192
1	26,123	26,239	52,362
2	27,238	26,984	54,222
3	27,875	28,029	55,904
4	28,531	28,877	57,408
5	28,902	28,670	57,572
6	28,860	28,653	57,513
7	28,864	29,939	58,803
8	29,132	30,126	59,258
9	28,819	29,941	58,760
10	28,898	29,040	57,938
11	28,438	29,105	57,543
12	17,986	21,892	39,878
13	15,473	18,878	34,351
14	57	95	152
Total	382,707	393,472	776,179



2.3.2 Pupil numbers in independent schools by gender and year group

Year group	Boys	Girls	Total
N	1,000	1,059	2,059
R	510	497	1,007
1	518	535	1,053
2	578	548	1,126
3	660	644	1,304
4	686	789	1,475
5	774	858	1,632
6	888	916	1,804
7	1,227	1,414	2,641
8	1,297	1,608	2,905
9	1,384	1,810	3,194
10	1,385	1,801	3,186
11	1,334	1,788	3,122
12	1,032	1,332	2,364
13	977	1,241	2,218
14	30	14	44
Total	14,280	16,854	31,134



2.4 Withdrawal from Collective worship

Across Catholic state-funded schools the percentage of pupils withdrawn from collective worship is 0.05%.

2.5 Withdrawal from Relationship and Sex Education

Across all Catholic state-funded schools the percentage of withdrawal from relationship and sex education is 0.48%.

2.6 School uniform

94% of state-funded Catholic schools have a school uniform.

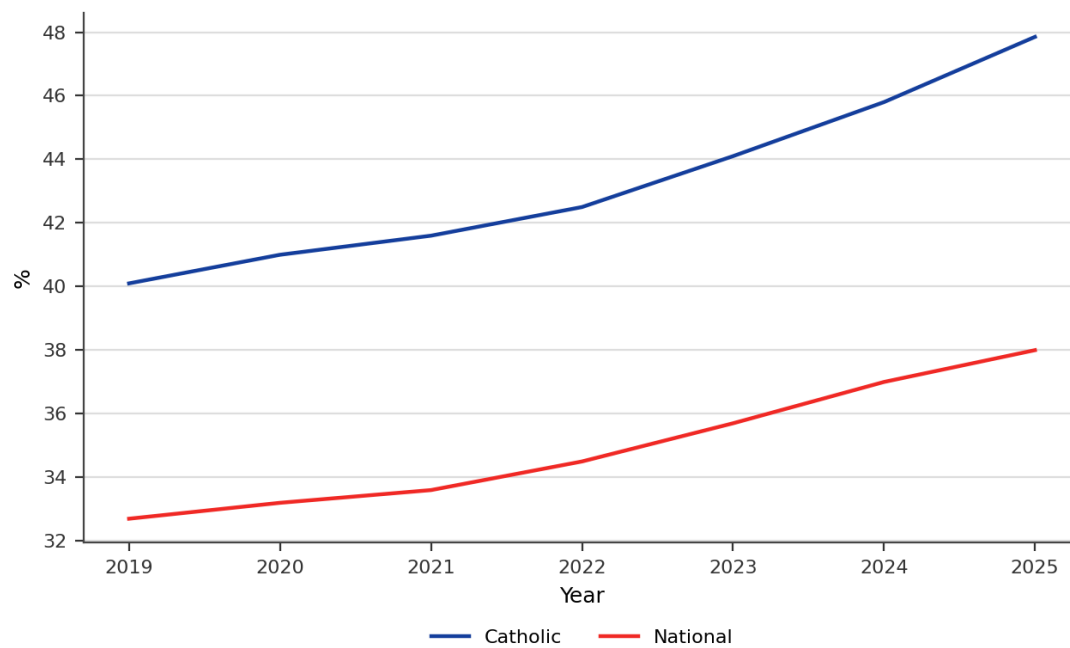
2.7 Ethnicity

2.7.1 Pupil ethnicity

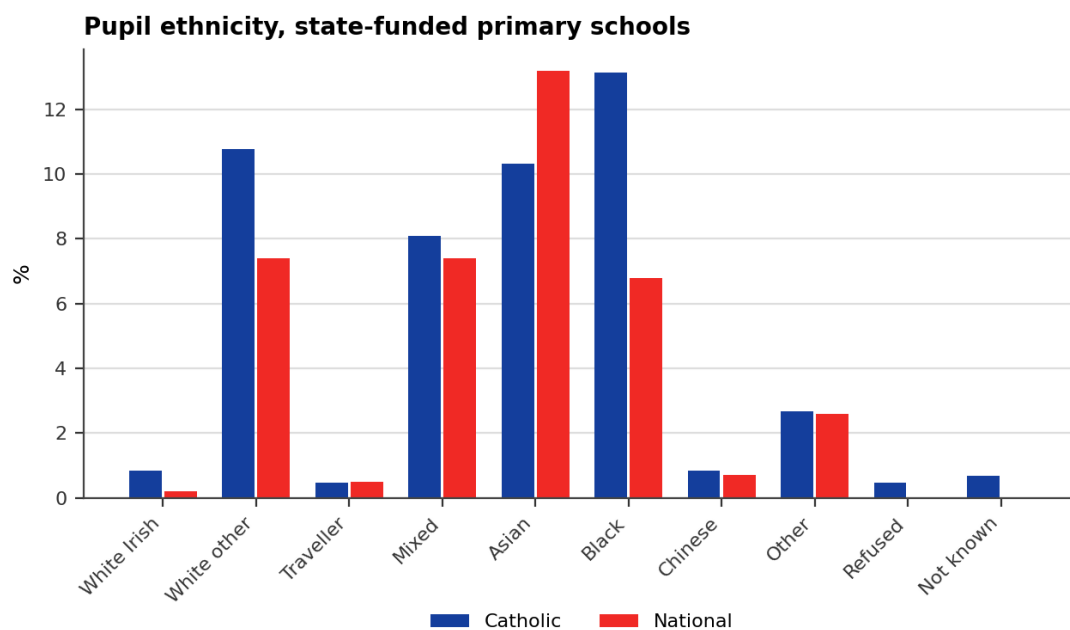
47.9% of pupils in Catholic state-funded schools are from minority ethnic groups, compared with 38.0% of pupils nationally.

	Number of pupils	% White British	% White Irish	% White other	% Traveller	% Mixed	% Asian	% Black	% Chinese	% Other	% Refused	% Not known
All Catholic state-funded	776,342	51.5	0.9	10.7	0.3	7.8	10.7	13.3	0.8	2.7	0.6	0.7
All national (state-funded)		61.3	0.2	7.2	0.4	7.3	13.2	7	0.8	2.6	0	0
Catholic primary	413,762	51.7	0.8	10.8	0.5	8.1	10.3	13.1	0.8	2.7	0.5	0.7
National primary		61.1	0.2	7.4	0.5	7.4	13.2	6.8	0.7	2.6	0	0
Catholic secondary	332,193	51.8	1	10.9	0.2	7.6	10.6	13.1	0.8	2.5	0.8	0.8
National secondary		61.4	0.3	7.1	0.3	7.1	13.2	7.2	0.9	2.6	0	0
Catholic Sixth Form Colleges	30,387	44.5	0.6	6.6	0	7	17.6	17.6	1.5	4.1	0.1	0.4
Catholic Independent	31,134	55.5	0.8	9.8	0	7.2	7.8	4.4	3.6	2.6	1	7.2

2.7.2 Percentage of pupils from minority ethnic groups, state-funded schools (trends)

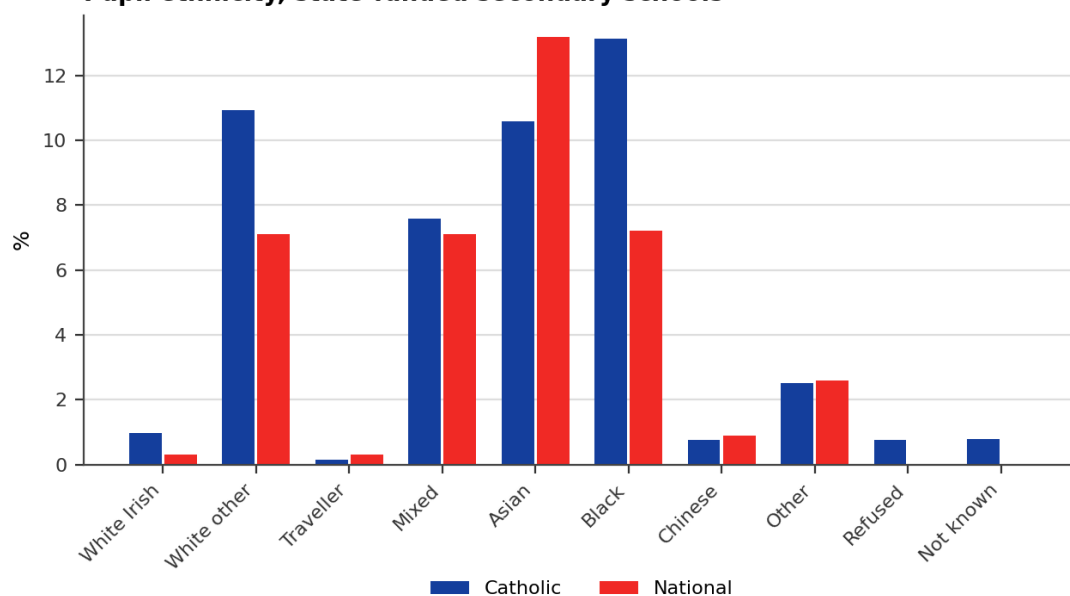


2.7.3 Pupil ethnicity, state-funded primary schools

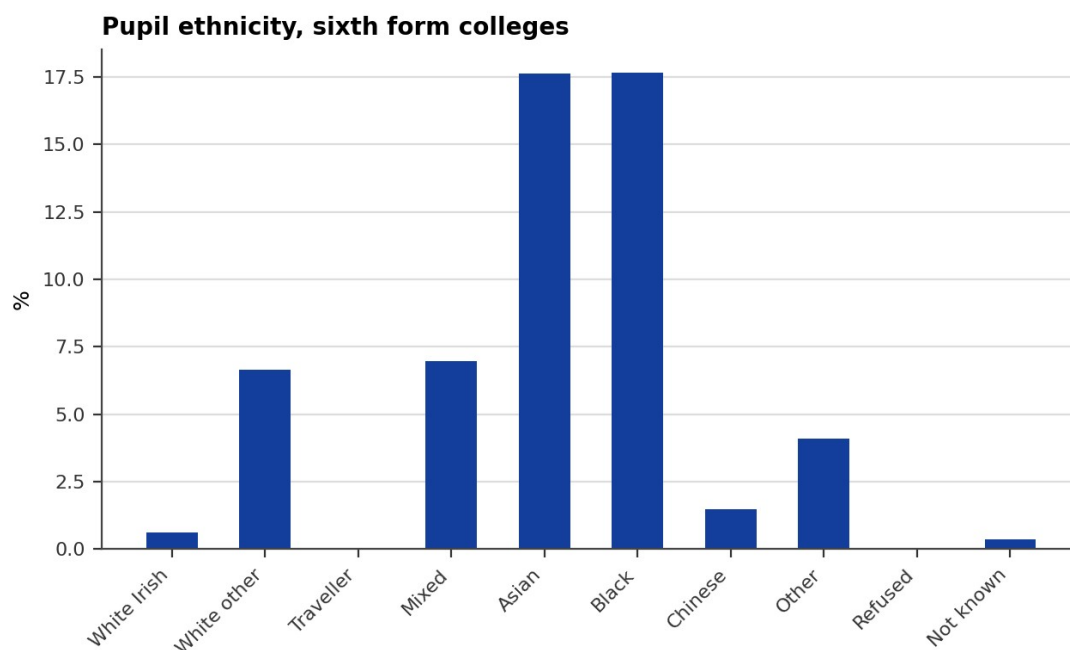


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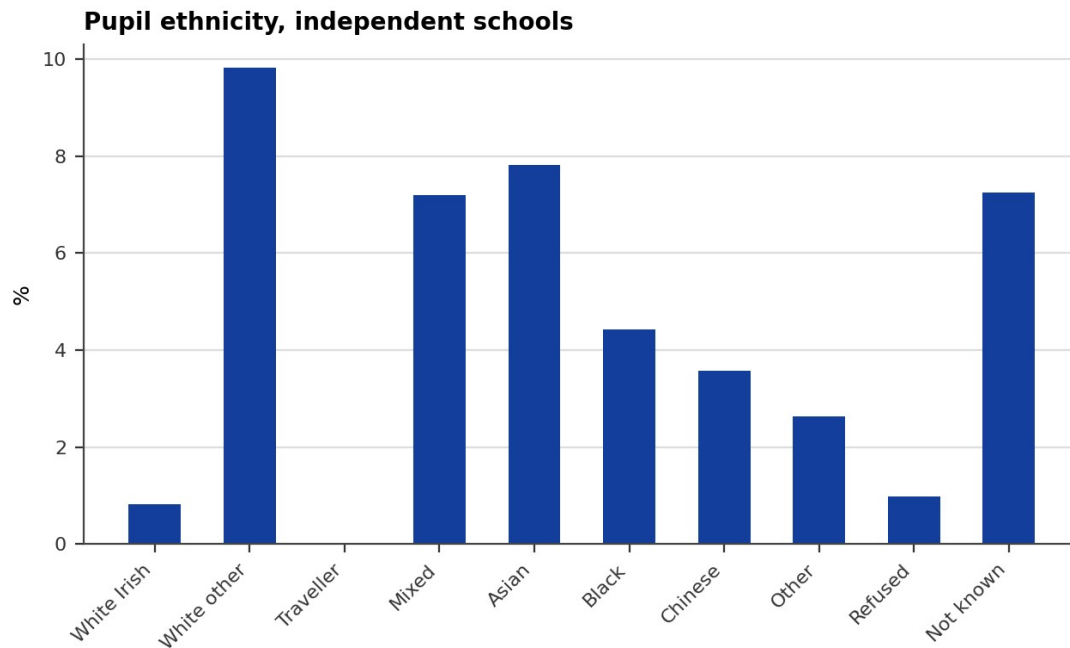
Pupil ethnicity, state-funded secondary schools



2.7.5 Pupil ethnicity, sixth form colleges



2.7.6 Pupil ethnicity, independent schools



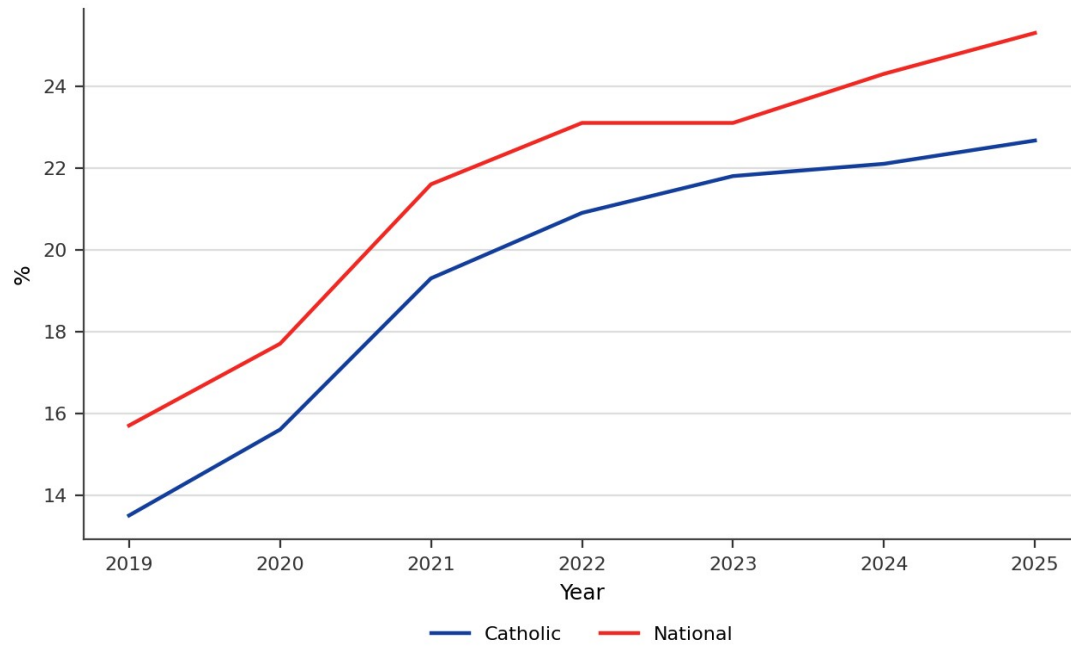
2.8 Free school meals (FSM) and FSM Ever 6

2.8.1 Pupils eligible for FSM and Ever 6

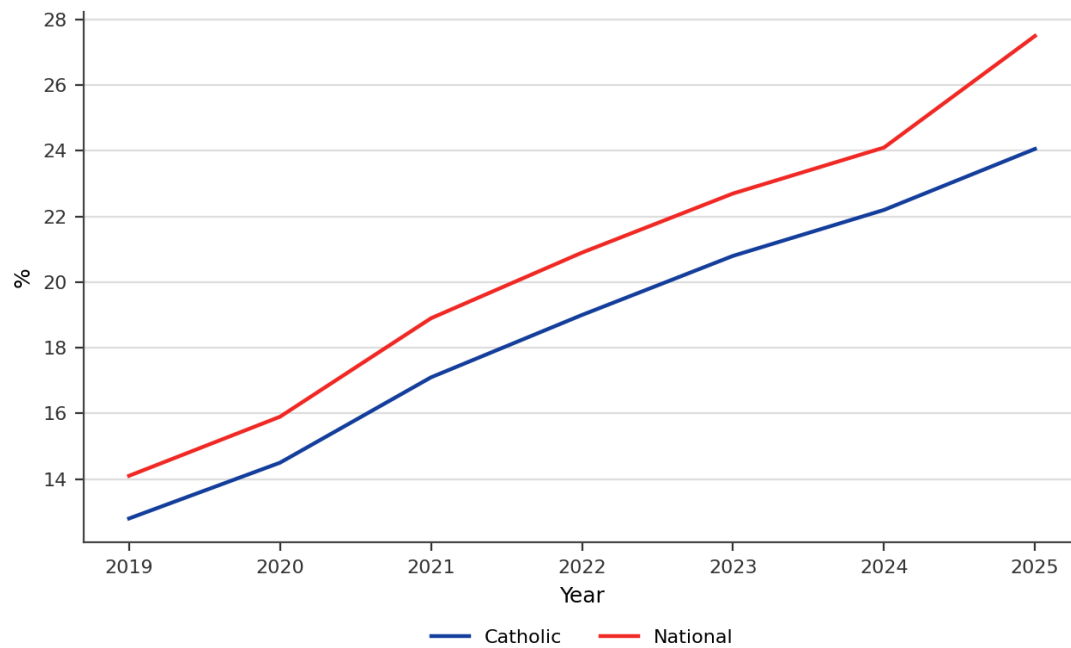
22.8% of pupils in Catholic state-funded schools take up free school meals. Nationally, 25.7% of pupils are eligible for free school meals.

	Number of pupils	Number taking up FSM	% FSM	% FSM Ever 6
State-funded Catholic	776,342	177,159	22.8	22.4
State-funded national			25.7	
State-funded Catholic Primary	413,762	93,798	22.7	22.4
State-funded national primary			25.3	
State-funded Catholic Secondary	332,193	79,919	24.1	23.8
State-funded national secondary			27.5	
Catholic Independent	31,134	234	0.8	0.5

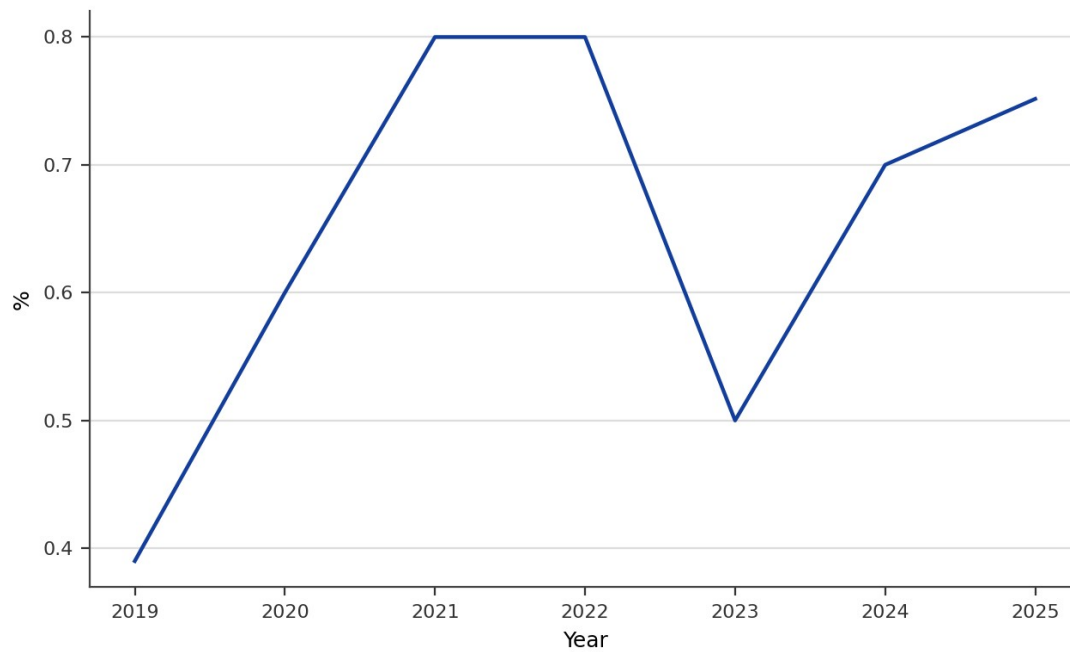
2.8.2 Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM, state-funded primary schools (trends)



2.8.3 Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM, state-funded secondary schools (trends)



2.8.4 Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM, independent schools (trends)



2.9 Looked-after children

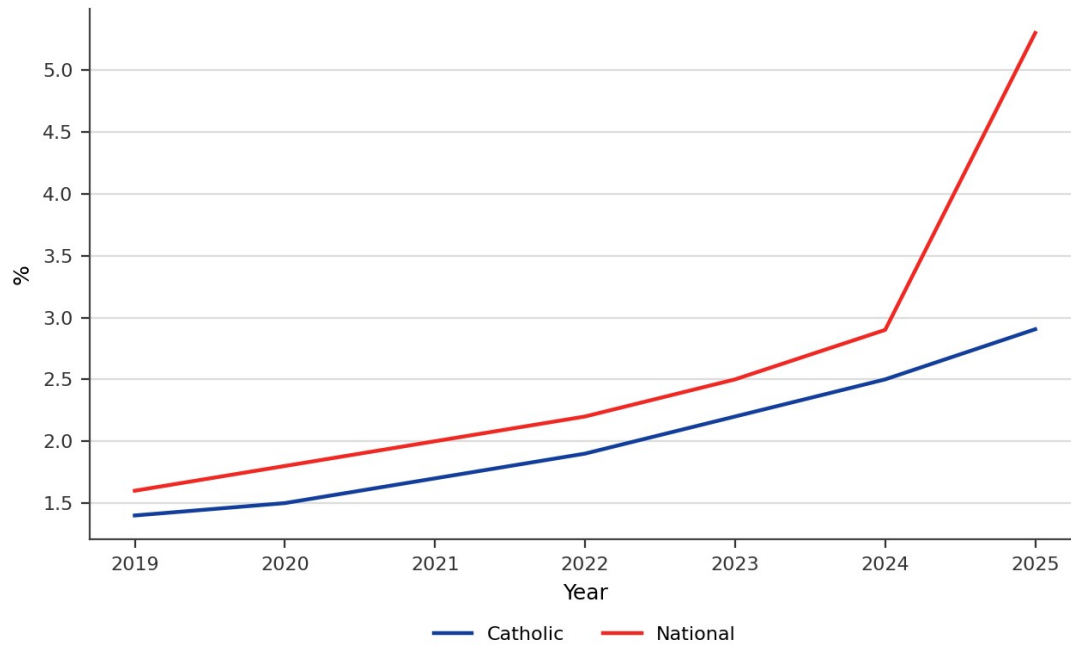
There are 4,342 looked-after children in Catholic state-funded schools. Across all children in England there were 83,630 looked-after children as of 31 March 2024, little changed from 31 March 2023.

	Number of looked-after children	% looked-after children
State funded schools and colleges	4,342	0.6
Independent schools	58	0.2

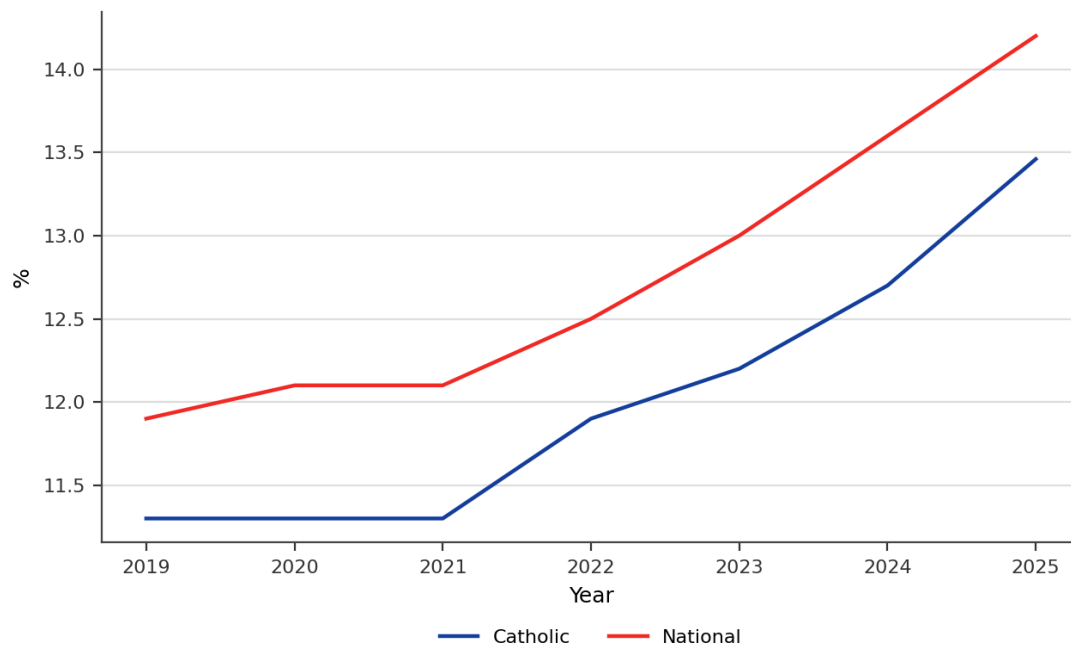
2.10 Special educational needs (SEN)

2.9% of pupils in Catholic state-funded schools have an EHC plan and 13.5% receive SEN support. Nationally, 5.3% of pupils have an EHC plan and 14.2% receive SEN support.

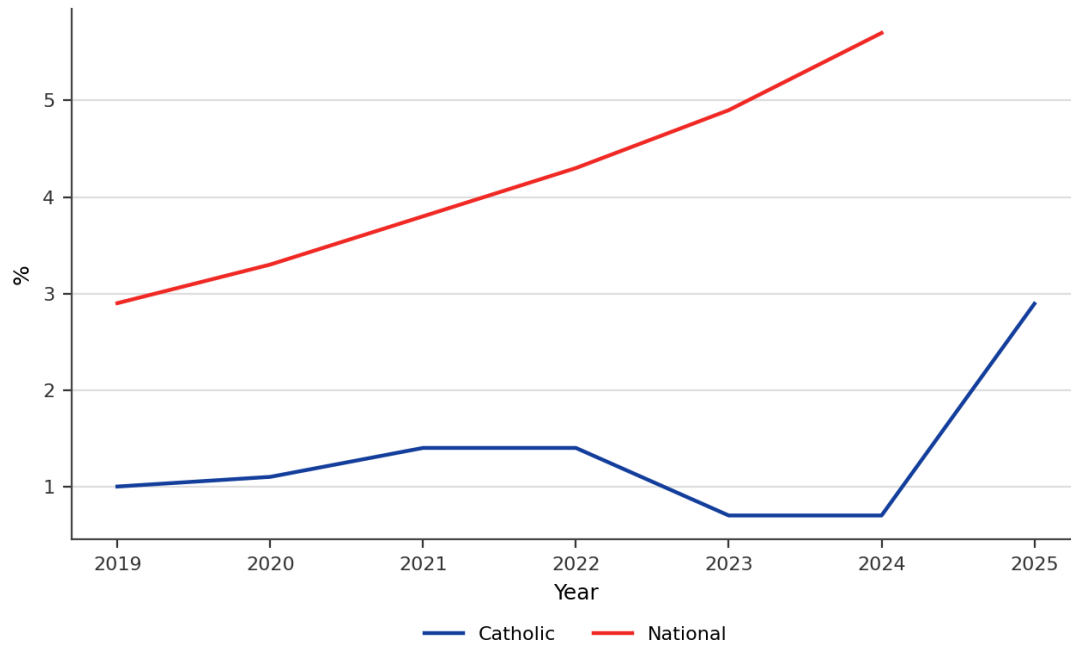
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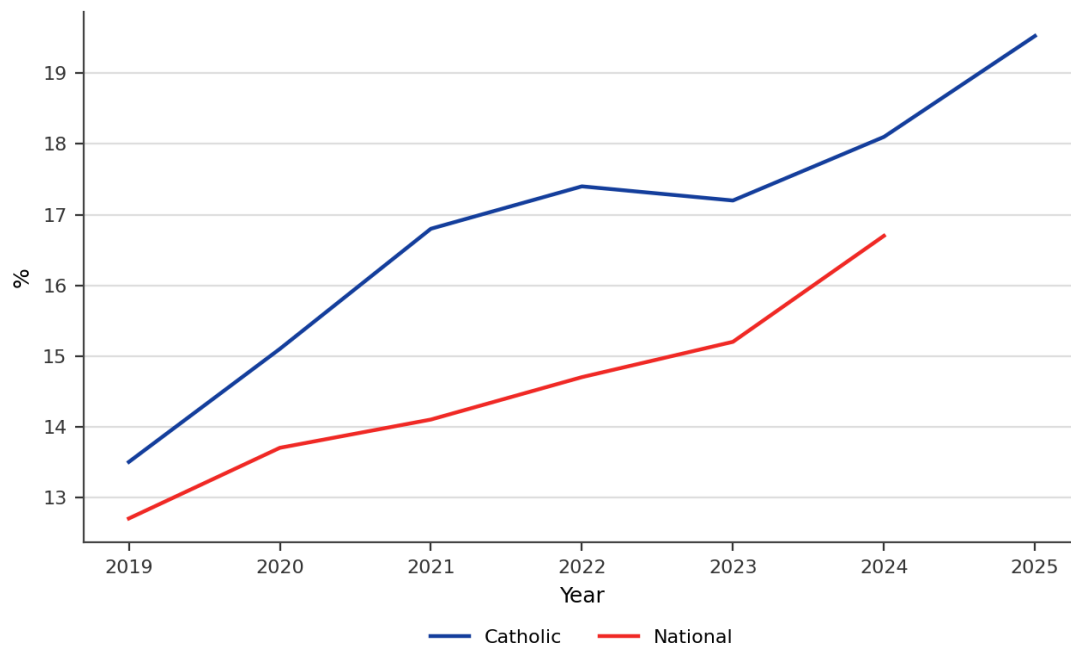
2.10.2 Pupils with SEN support, state-funded schools (trends)



2.10.3 Pupils with EHC plan, independent schools (trends)



2.10.4 Pupils with SEN support, independent schools (trends)



Staff

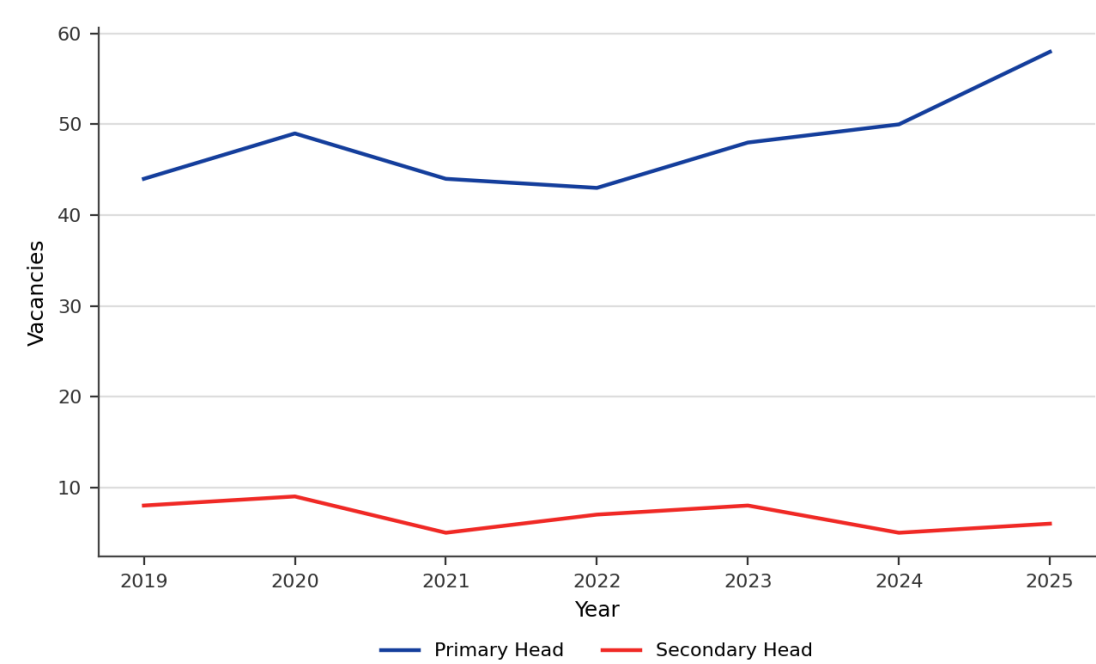
3 Staff

3.1 Leadership teams

3.1.1 Leadership vacancies, NPQH and gender

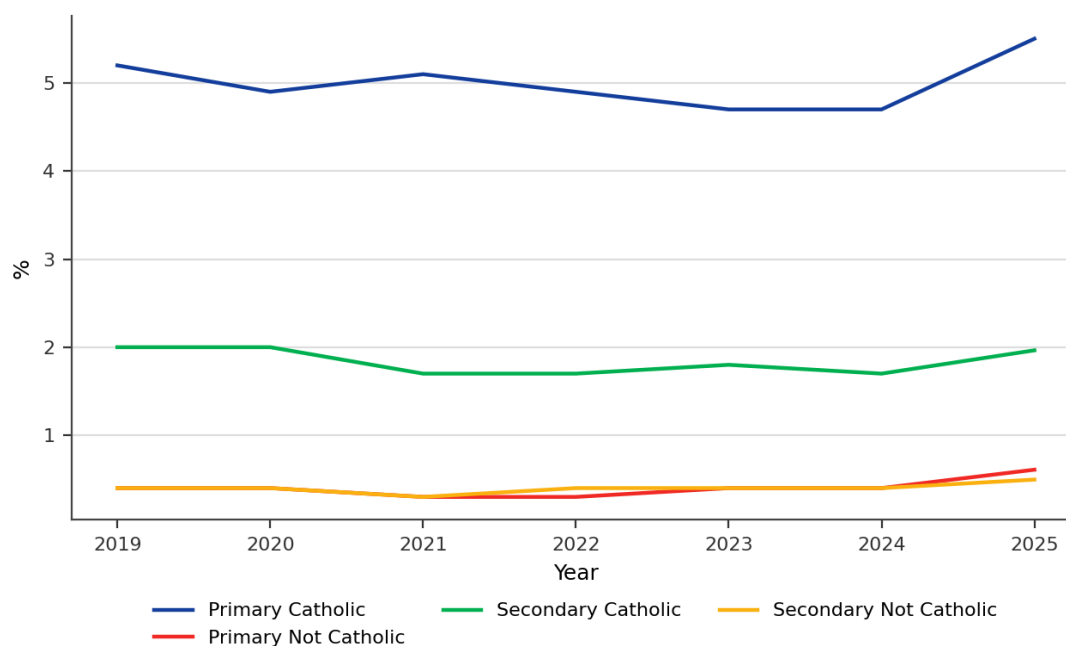
	Schools	Headship vacancies	Deputy / assistant head vacancies	% Catholic with NPQH	% Not Catholic with NPQH	% Catholic taking NPQH	% Not Catholic taking NPQH
Primary	1646	58	94	5.5	0.6	1.2	0.3
Secondary	319	6	13	2	0.5	0.4	0.2
Independent	87	2	5	1.1	0.2	0.3	0.1

3.1.2 Headship vacancies, state-funded schools (trends)

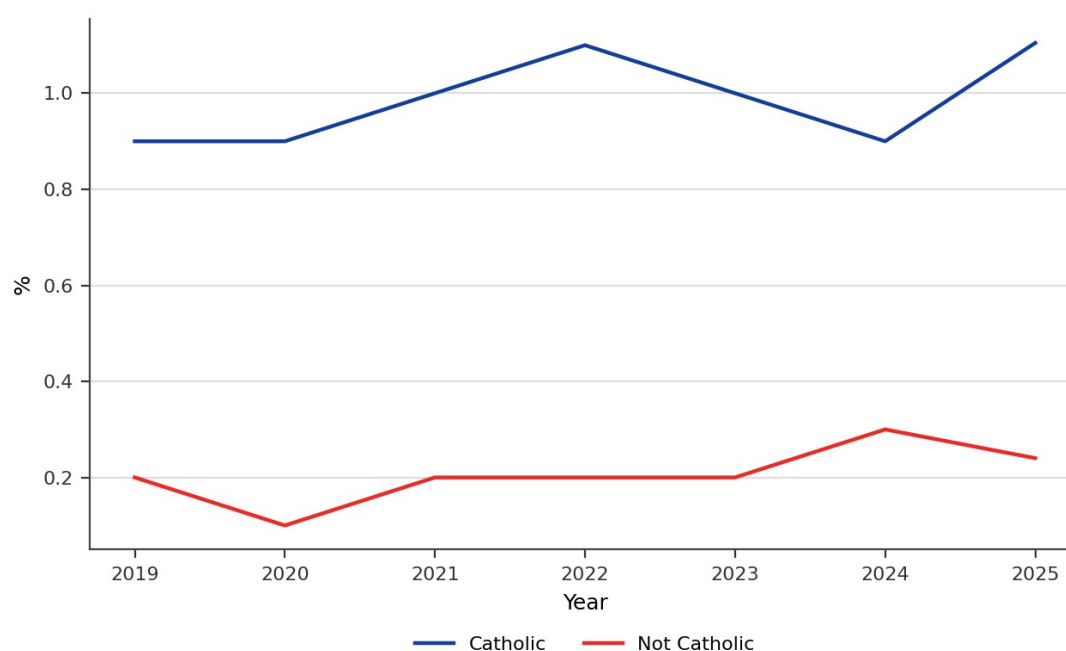


3.2 National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH)

3.2.1 Percentage of teaching staff holding NPQH, state-funded schools (trends)



3.2.2 Percentage of teaching staff holding NPQH, independent schools (trends)



3.3 Staff Catholicity

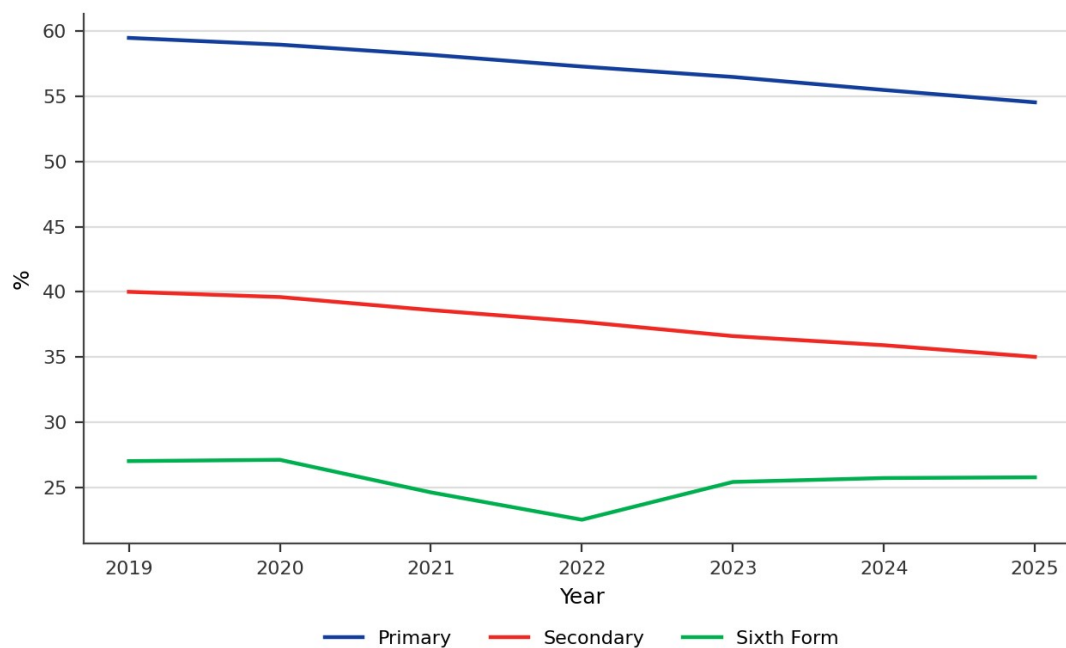
3.3.1 Staff Catholicity and the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

There are 45,762 teachers in Catholic state-funded schools, of whom 43.9% are Catholic.

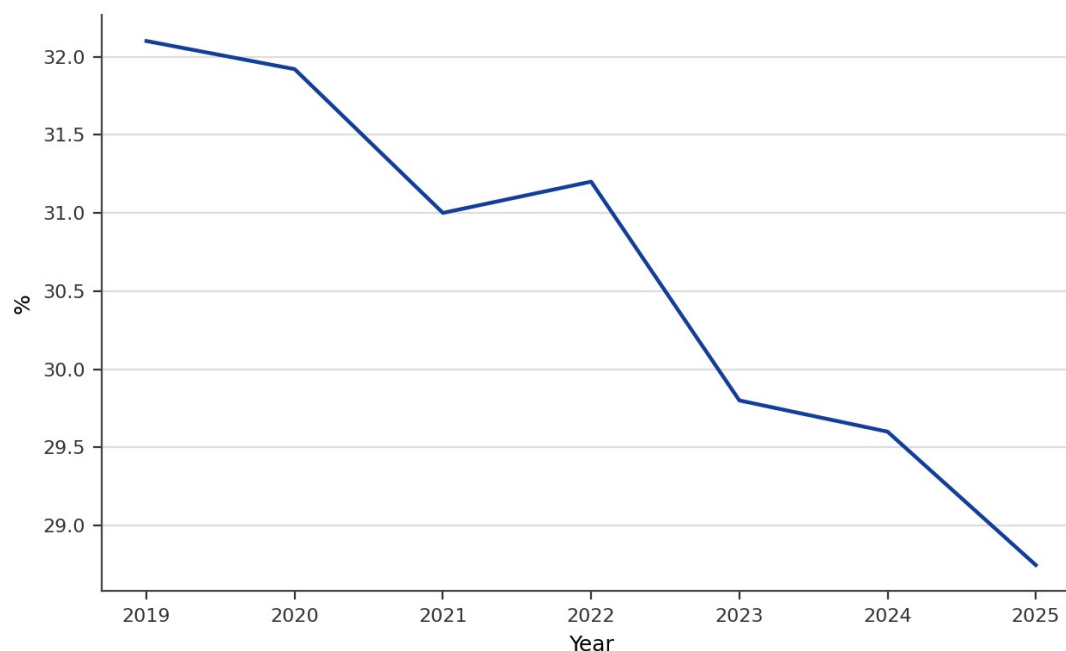
	Number of teachers	% Catholic teachers	Number of staff with CCRS	% with CCRS
Primary	21,517	54.6	4,205	19.5
Secondary	22,754	35	875	3.8
6th Form	1,491	25.8	37	2.5

Independent	4,164	28.7	144	3.5
Total	49,926	42.6	5,261	10.5

3.3.2 Staff Catholicity, state-funded schools (trends)

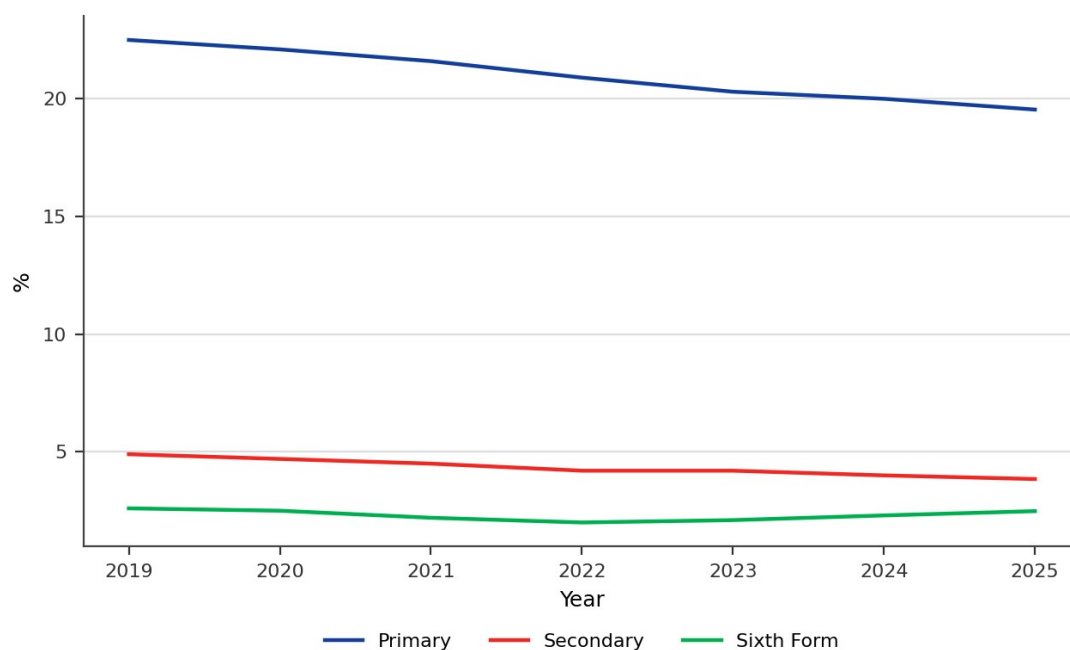


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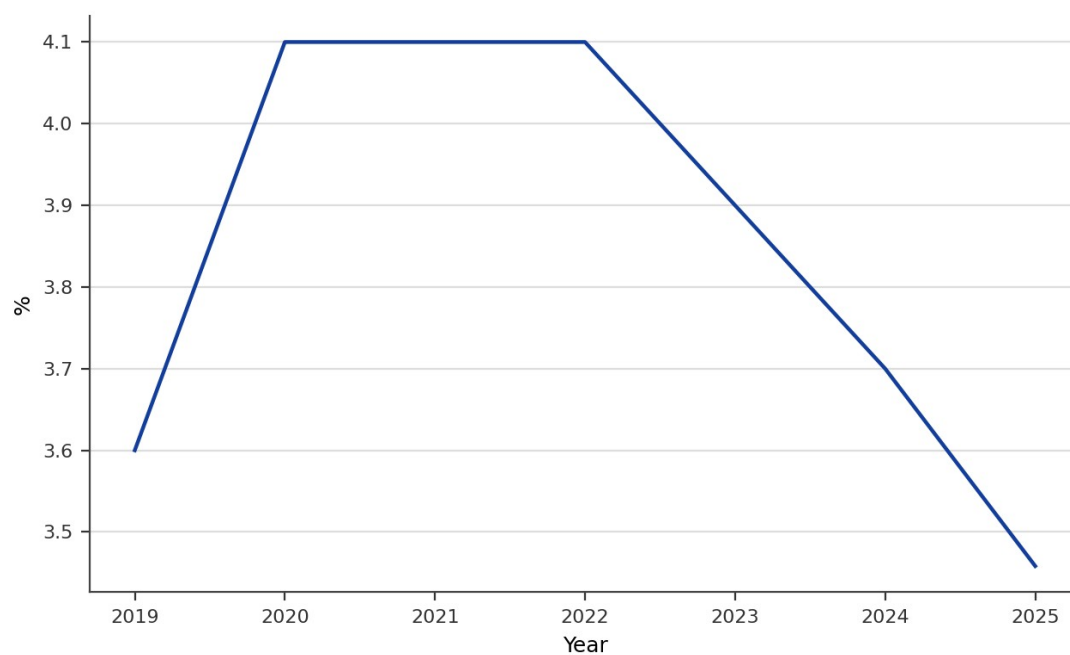


3.4 Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

3.4.1 Percentage of teaching staff holding CCRS, state-funded schools (trends)



3.4.2 Percentage of teaching staff holding CCRS, independent schools (trends)



3.5 RE Teaching

3.5.1 Teachers of RE by phase

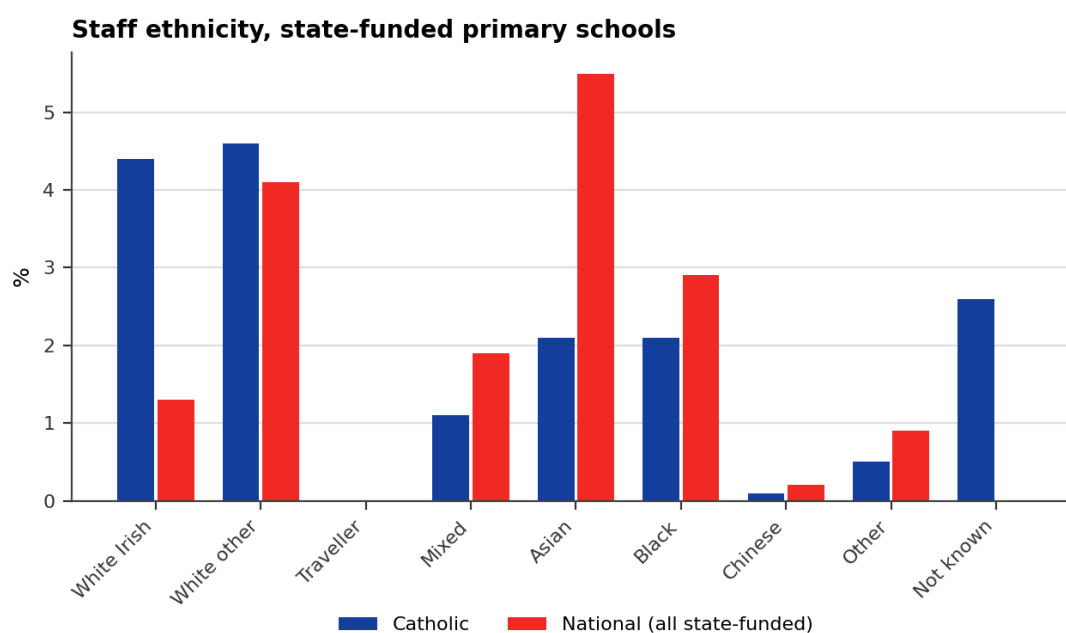
	Specialist qualified RE teachers	Headcount of staff who teach RE	Staff with over 50% RE timetable	Schools where TAs take RE
Primary	618	14,569	2,039	157
Secondary	1,395	2,686	2,182	8
6th Form	60	136	447	1
Independent	214	759	1,020	15

3.6 Staff ethnicity

3.6.1 Ethnicity of teachers overall and by phase

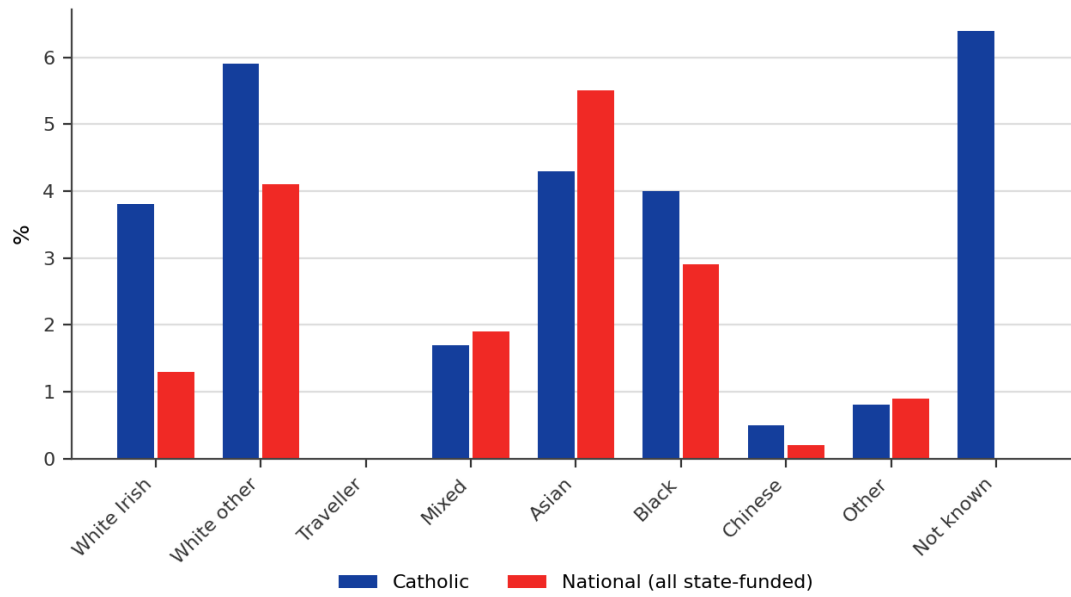
	Teachers	% White British	% White Irish	% White other	% Traveller	% Mixed	% Asian	% Black	% Chinese	% Other	% Not known
All Catholic teachers	49,926	76.2	3.9	5.4	0	1.4	3.3	3	0.3	0.7	5.7
All national (state-funded)		83.2	1.3	4.1	0	1.9	5.5	2.9	0.2	0.9	0
Primary	21,517	82.4	4.4	4.6	0	1.1	2.1	2.1	0.1	0.5	2.6
Secondary	22,754	72.6	3.8	5.9	0	1.7	4.3	4	0.5	0.8	6.4
6th Form	1,491	72	2	5	0	1.9	6.6	4.4	0.3	1.5	6.3
Independent	4,164	66	2.6	7.6	0	1.1	2.2	1	0.6	0.8	18

3.6.2 Staff ethnicity, state-funded primary schools

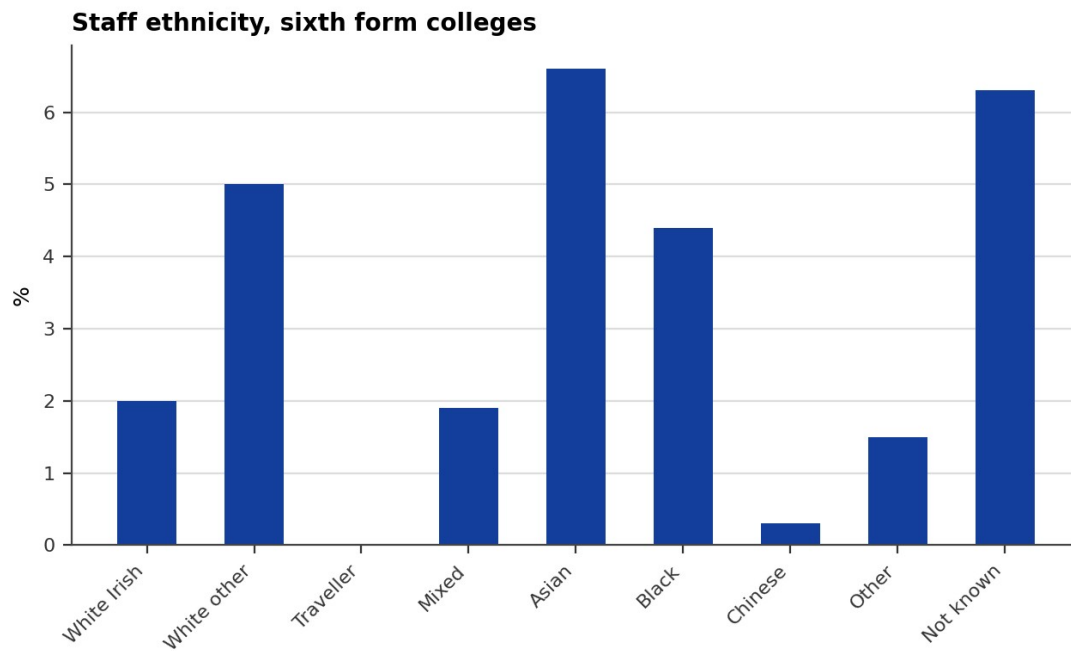


3.6.3 Staff ethnicity, state-funded secondary schools

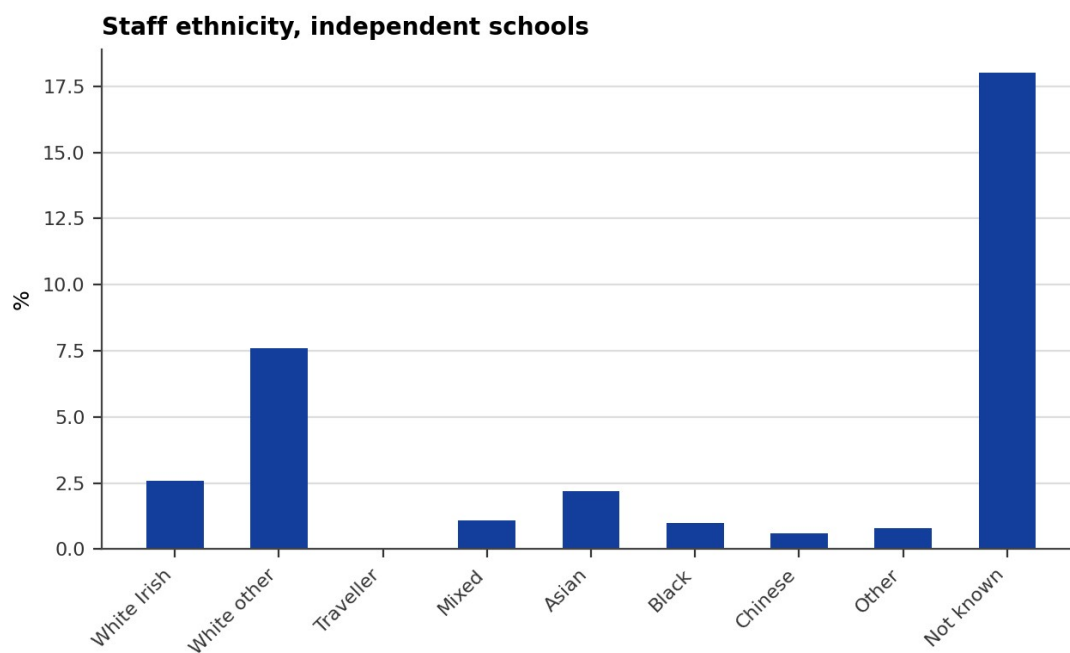
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3.6.4 Staff ethnicity, state-funded sixth form colleges



3.6.5 Staff ethnicity, independent schools

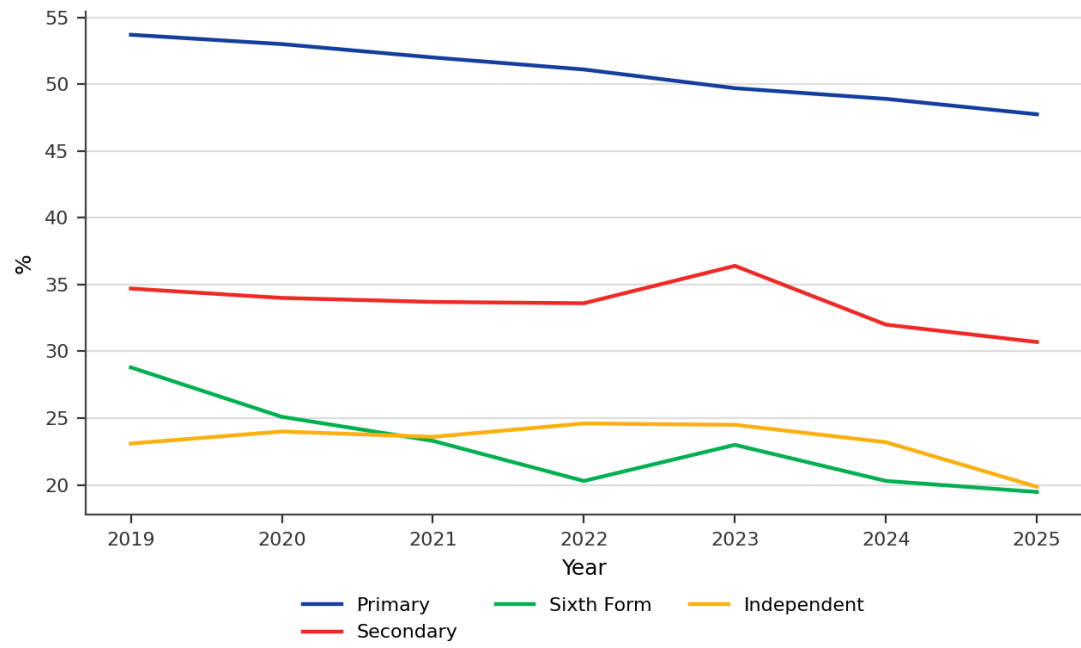


3.7 Education Support Staff

3.7.1 Percentage and Catholicity of education support staff

	Number of teachers	Number of support staff	Ratio of support staff to teachers	% Catholic support staff
Primary	21,517	25,138	1.2	47.7
Secondary	22,754	9,557	0.4	30.7
6th Form	1,491	914	0.6	19.5
Independent	4,164	3,262	0.8	19.9

3.7.2 Percentage of Catholic education support staff (trends)



Appendix

Appendix

A.1 Numbers of Catholic schools and colleges by governance

Governance	Schools
Academy	1073
Voluntary Aided	892
Other Independent	74
Sixth Form College with a Religious Character	13
Non-Maintained Special	8
Independent School approved for SEN Pupils	5
Total	2065

A.2 Numbers of academies by diocese

Diocese	Primary academies	Secondary academies	Total
Arundel & Brighton	25	5	30
Birmingham	131	29	160
Brentwood	42	8	50
Cardiff-Menevia	0	0	0
Clifton	30	4	34
East Anglia	17	4	21
Hallam	28	5	33
Hexham & Newcastle	130	21	151
Lancaster	40	4	44
Leeds	64	9	73
Liverpool	14	12	26
Middlesbrough	45	8	53
Northampton	25	4	29
Nottingham	69	15	84
Plymouth	32	2	34
Portsmouth	12	3	15
Salford	45	12	57
Shrewsbury	27	13	40
Southwark	60	17	77
Westminster	37	25	62
Total	873	200	1073

A.3 Schools and colleges by diocese

Diocese	Primary	Secondary	6th Form College	All Through	Independent	Total
Arundel & Brighton	52	11	0	0	13	76
Birmingham	200	36	0	0	5	241
Brentwood	65	17	0	0	7	89
Cardiff-Menevia	3	1	0	0	0	4

Clifton	52	7	1	0	3	63
East Anglia	21	5	0	0	2	28
Hallam	40	6	0	1	3	50
Hexham & Newcastle	135	21	0	0	0	156
Lancaster	69	11	1	0	2	83
Leeds	78	12	1	0	1	92
Liverpool	182	33	2	0	3	220
Middlesbrough	45	8	0	0	1	54
Northampton	33	6	0	1	2	42
Nottingham	69	15	0	0	2	86
Plymouth	32	4	0	0	2	38
Portsmouth	46	9	0	1	13	69
Salford	165	30	3	0	6	204
Shrewsbury	85	19	1	0	4	109
Southwark	122	30	2	1	5	160
Westminster	148	38	2	0	13	201
Total	1642	319	13	4	87	2065

A.4 Joint schools

School	Location	Diocese
Alderley Edge School for Girls	Alderley Edge	Shrewsbury
All Saints Interchurch Academy	March	East Anglia
Blessed Carlo Acutis Catholic and Church of England Academy	Runcorn	Shrewsbury
Christ The King Catholic and Church of England Primary School	Macclesfield	Shrewsbury
Christ The King College	Newport	Portsmouth
Emmaus Catholic and CofE Primary School	Sheffield	Hallam
Emmaus Church of England and Catholic Primary School	LIVERPOOL	Liverpool
Faith Primary Academy	Liverpool	Liverpool
Holy Family Roman Catholic and Church of England College	Heywood	Salford
Holy Spirit Catholic and Church of England Primary School	Wirral	Shrewsbury
Holy Trinity Academy	Telford	Shrewsbury
Holy Trinity Catholic and Church of England School	Barnsley	Hallam
Hope Academy	Newton-le-Willows	Liverpool
Hope Primary School - A Joint Catholic and Church of England Primary School	Knowsley	Liverpool
St Bede's Inter-Church School	Cambridge	East Anglia
St Bede's School	Redhill	Arundel & Brighton
St Cuthbert Mayne School	Torquay	Plymouth

St Edward's Roman Catholic/Church of England School, Poole	Poole	Plymouth
St Edward's Royal Free Ecumenical Middle School, Windsor	Windsor	Portsmouth
St Francis Catholic and Church of England Primary Academy	Ventnor	Portsmouth
St Francis Xavier School - a Joint Catholic and Church of England Voluntary Academy	Richmond	Middlesbrough
St Joseph's Catholic and CofE (VA) Primary School	Chesterfield	Hallam
The Academy of St Francis of Assisi	Liverpool	Liverpool
The Academy of St Nicholas	Liverpool	Liverpool
The Bishops' Church of England and Roman Catholic Primary School	Chelmsford	Brentwood
Trinity School		Plymouth

A.5 Sixth form colleges

Sixth form college	Diocese	Students
Aquinas College	Shrewsbury	2,510
Cardinal Newman College	Lancaster	4,553
Carmel Catholic College	Liverpool	2,088
Christ the King Catholic 6th Form College	Southwark	2,117
Holy Cross College	Salford	2,283
Loreto College	Salford	3,780
Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College	Leeds	2,644
St Brendan's Sixth Form College	Clifton	2,142
St Charles Catholic Sixth Form College	Westminster	1,094
St Dominic's Sixth Form College	Westminster	1,465
St Francis Xavier College	Southwark	1,303
St John Rigby Catholic College	Liverpool	1,426
Xaverian College	Salford	2,982

A.6 Non-maintained special schools

School	Diocese	Pupils
Pield Heath House School	Westminster	94
St Elizabeth's School	Westminster	66
St John Vianney RC School	Salford	122
St John's Catholic Special School	Brentwood	102
St John's School for the Deaf	Leeds	82

St Joseph's Specialist School and College	Arundel & Brighton	73
St Rose's School	Clifton	71
St Vincent's School	Liverpool	45

A.7 Numbers of pupils in state-funded schools by diocese

Diocese	Primary	Secondary	6th Form College	All Through	Total
Arundel & Brighton	15,961	16,686	0	0	32,647
Birmingham	48,945	37,128	0	0	86,073
Brentwood	19,346	18,606	0	0	37,952
Cardiff-Menevia	578	749	0	0	1,327
Clifton	10,760	7,590	2,142	0	20,492
East Anglia	5,118	5,311	0	0	10,429
Hallam	8,545	7,227	0	1,148	16,920
Hexham & Newcastle	26,805	25,941	0	0	52,746
Lancaster	13,375	8,802	4,553	0	26,730
Leeds	17,717	12,097	2,644	0	32,458
Liverpool	47,762	33,182	3,514	0	84,458
Middlesbrough	10,249	7,709	0	0	17,958
Northampton	10,467	7,488	0	2,355	20,310
Nottingham	16,111	13,855	0	0	29,966
Plymouth	5,722	3,175	0	0	8,897
Portsmouth	13,150	9,745	0	1,943	24,838
Salford	40,428	28,645	9,045	0	78,118
Shrewsbury	20,076	18,883	2,510	0	41,469
Southwark	33,331	29,342	3,420	1,066	67,159
Westminster	42,804	40,032	2,559	0	85,395
Total	407,250	332,193	30,387	6,512	776,342

A.8 FSM, Ever 6, SEN and looked-after children by diocese

Diocese	% FSM	% Ever 6	% EHCP	% SEN support	% looked-after
Arundel & Brighton	9.9	9.7	2.9	12.2	0.4
Birmingham	28.3	28.6	2.1	14.3	0.6
Brentwood	18.8	17.3	2.7	11.2	0.3
Cardiff-Menevia	12.4	12.4	3.6	16.1	0.8
Clifton	16.6	17.4	3.4	11.2	0.7
East Anglia	16.4	16.6	3.8	11.6	0.3
Hallam	22.9	22.2	2.7	12.9	0.4
Hexham & Newcastle	23.8	24.2	2	12.6	0.8
Lancaster	22.7	22.7	3.1	13.5	0.6
Leeds	22.2	22.2	2.5	15.8	0.6
Liverpool	27.8	27.8	3.4	15.6	0.8

Middlesbrough	25.5	25.8	2.5	12.7	0.6
Northampton	17.1	16	2.9	11.5	0.4
Nottingham	20.3	20.3	2.2	13	0.4
Plymouth	24	23.6	3.9	17.6	0.6
Portsmouth	16	15.5	3.3	13	0.4
Salford	27.3	26.2	3.4	14.9	0.7
Shrewsbury	23.5	22.4	3.3	12.8	0.8
Southwark	23.2	21.7	3.2	12.9	0.4
Westminster	20	19.6	3.1	12.4	0.3

A.9 Percentage of Catholic pupils in state-funded schools by year group

Yr Group	N	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
% Catholic	43.9	48	50.3	52.8	54.8	57.7	59.4	61.3	50.6	53.1	54.7	56.6	58.2	43.2	46.1	36.2

A.10 Distribution of non-Catholic pupils in state-funded schools

Percentage of non-Catholic pupils	Number of schools	Percentage of schools
<1	10	0.5
1 to 10	87	4.4
11 to 20	171	8.7
21 to 30	203	10.3
31 to 40	230	11.6
41 to 50	308	15.6
51 to 60	314	15.9
61 to 70	317	16
71 to 80	227	11.5
81 to 90	89	4.5
91 to 100	21	1.1

A.11 Non-Catholic pupil religions by diocese

State-funded schools

Diocese	% other Christian	% Buddhist	% Hindu	% Jewish	% Muslim	% Sikh	% Other	% No religion	% Refused	% Missing
Arundel & Brighton	57.7	0.5	3.9	0.2	5.7	0.4	2.6	24.8	1.8	2.7
Birmingham	38	0.5	3.2	0	17	3	2.4	28.3	3.2	4.4
Brentwood	57.5	0.4	4.8	0.1	13.9	1.5	3.1	14.7	2.8	1.4
Cardiff-Menevia	63.3	0	2.1	0.2	2.6	0	3.7	27.6	0.5	0
Clifton	43.9	0.6	2.2	0.1	6	0.3	4.1	38.6	3	1.2
East Anglia	51.5	0.5	2.1	0.1	10.3	0.3	4.2	23.6	2.2	5.1
Hallam	55.4	0.3	1	0.1	5.3	0.7	3.9	28.1	2	3.2
Hexham & Newcastle	49.5	0.3	1.1	0	8.8	0.8	1.5	32	2.1	3.9
Lancaster	40.6	0.3	1.5	0.1	13.5	0.4	2.6	32.2	2.3	6.7
Leeds	33.1	0.2	1.5	0	15.8	0.7	12.9	26.6	2.5	6.8
Liverpool	39.7	0.4	1.9	0	8	0.2	3.5	39.8	2.2	4.2
Middlesbrough	46.5	0.3	0.8	0	4.4	0.3	1.8	34.4	0.9	10.7

Northampton	54.5	0.9	6.8	0	11.7	2.8	4.7	14.5	2.8	1.3
Nottingham	48.1	0.4	4.6	0	6.1	1.3	1.7	30.6	1.8	5.5
Plymouth	40.4	0.5	1	0	2.4	0.1	3	47.8	4.8	0
Portsmouth	55	0.7	4	0.1	8.1	1.1	4.3	24.6	1	1
Salford	32.5	0.3	1.5	0.1	21.4	0.5	7	32.7	2.7	1.5
Shrewsbury	39.6	0.3	2.1	0.1	3.7	0.3	2.2	40.2	4.1	7.6
Southwark	58.6	0.6	3.5	0.1	9.4	1.4	4.5	18.5	2	1.4
Westminster	53.1	1.1	6.3	0.1	16.4	1	5.1	12.8	1.4	2.6

Independent schools

Diocese	% other Christian	% Buddhist	% Hindu	% Jewish	% Muslim	% Sikh	% Other	% No religion	% Refused	% Missing
Arundel & Brighton	59.2	0.4	1.7	0.2	1.5	0.7	8.7	24.9	1.7	0.9
Birmingham	52.8	0.4	1.5	0.2	1.6	2.3	3.8	19.7	5.9	11.8
Brentwood	53.1	0.8	10.2	0.1	7.3	3.5	17.1	5.1	0.3	2.5
Cardiff-Menevia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clifton	45.8	0.4	1.2	0	0.8	0	17.6	26.7	0	7.6
East Anglia	41.4	0.9	3.4	0.9	6	1.4	0.3	36.8	0	9.1
Hallam	48.5	0.5	3.2	0.2	3.5	1.9	26	15.5	0	0.7
Hexham & Newcastle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lancaster	44.1	1.7	1.5	0	15.8	0.7	6.9	29.3	0	0
Leeds	50.8	0	0	0	1.5	0	0	46.2	0	1.5
Liverpool	44.6	0.8	6.7	0	4.3	0.6	2.6	27.4	13	0
Middlesbrough	59.2	0.6	0	1.7	0.6	0	19.6	2.8	0	15.6
Northampton	38.6	0.4	18.7	0	7.8	12.4	1.7	18.2	0	2.3
Nottingham	45.4	0.1	9.6	0.1	2.6	3.7	1.8	23.1	13.2	0.5
Plymouth	48.9	0.3	0.5	0	0.4	0.1	1.8	24.4	0.1	23.6
Portsmouth	56.1	0.6	5.7	0.2	2.6	1.2	2.1	22.5	1.7	7.2
Salford	40.2	0.5	1	0.1	11.4	1	4.2	21.7	3.6	16.3
Shrewsbury	32.6	0	2	1.5	9.1	0.3	10.9	32.6	11.1	0
Southwark	36.5	0.6	10.5	0.4	11.4	0.5	1	29.3	1.3	8.4
Westminster	44.1	0.9	6.8	2.4	7.1	2.9	5.7	24.3	0.4	5.4

A.12 Pupil numbers by gender and year group

State-funded schools

Year group	Boys	Girls	Total
N	12,116	12,207	24,323
R	25,395	24,797	50,192
1	26,123	26,239	52,362
2	27,238	26,984	54,222
3	27,875	28,029	55,904
4	28,531	28,877	57,408
5	28,902	28,670	57,572
6	28,860	28,653	57,513
7	28,864	29,939	58,803
8	29,132	30,126	59,258
9	28,819	29,941	58,760

10	28,898	29,040	57,938
11	28,438	29,105	57,543
12	17,986	21,892	39,878
13	15,473	18,878	34,351
14	57	95	152
Total	382,707	393,472	776,179

Independent schools

Year group	Boys	Girls	Total
N	1,000	1,059	2,059
R	510	497	1,007
1	518	535	1,053
2	578	548	1,126
3	660	644	1,304
4	686	789	1,475
5	774	858	1,632
6	888	916	1,804
7	1,227	1,414	2,641
8	1,297	1,608	2,905
9	1,384	1,810	3,194
10	1,385	1,801	3,186
11	1,334	1,788	3,122
12	1,032	1,332	2,364
13	977	1,241	2,218
14	30	14	44
Total	14,280	16,854	31,134

A.13 Ethnicity of pupils by diocese

Diocese	Number of pupils	% White British	% White Irish	% White other	% Traveller	% Mixed	% Asian	% Black	% Chinese	% Other	% Refused	% Not known
Arundel & Brighton	32,647	55.7	1.4	14	0.1	10	9.3	4.9	1.2	2	0.9	0.4
Birmingham	86,073	46.3	0.8	9.4	0.3	9.2	14.7	15	0.9	2.1	0.6	0.6
Brentwood	37,952	30.8	0.9	10.8	0.3	9.8	14.3	27.7	0.5	3	1.3	0.7
Cardiff-Menevia	1,327	61.5	0.1	18	0.2	4.6	11.7	2	0	1.5	0.3	0.2
Clifton	20,492	49.1	0.4	13.2	0.3	7	17.8	9.1	0.7	1.4	0.7	0.4
East Anglia	10,429	41.8	0.7	18.4	0.2	9.3	13.5	8.3	0.7	5	1.2	0.8
Hallam	16,920	59.2	0.4	9.3	0.7	7.1	7.2	13.8	0.6	1	0.2	0.5
Hexham & Newcastle	52,746	77	0.3	3.8	0.4	3.5	6.6	6.1	0.6	1.2	0.2	0.4
Lancaster	26,730	69.4	0.2	6.4	0.7	4.8	11.9	3.7	0.3	1.4	0.2	1.1
Leeds	32,458	52	0.6	10.3	0.3	7.5	11.7	13.4	0.6	2.5	0.3	0.9
Liverpool	84,458	78	0.4	5	0.4	3.5	3.8	4.8	0.8	2.3	0.2	0.8
Middlesbrough	17,958	70.8	0.3	8.5	0.3	5	3.6	8.5	0.4	2	0.1	0.5
Northampton	20,310	25.7	1	20.5	0.6	10.4	17.7	20.3	0.3	1.4	1	0.9
Nottingham	29,966	49.1	0.6	12.9	0.2	8.1	12.5	13.4	0.9	1.6	0.3	0.5
Plymouth	8,897	70.6	0.2	9.3	0.2	4.9	6.4	4.7	0.5	2.1	0.4	0.7

Portsmouth	24,838	43.9	0.6	19.1	0.2	8.9	13.1	10.1	1.1	1.7	0.6	0.6
Salford	78,118	56	0.6	6.6	0.3	7.3	12.4	12.7	0.8	2.3	0.4	0.7
Shrewsbury	41,469	71.8	0.8	5.9	0.2	5.3	7.2	4.9	1.7	1.1	0.5	0.7
Southwark	67,159	26.9	1	12.7	0.2	11.4	9.1	31.4	1	4.3	0.9	1.2
Westminster	85,395	25	2.9	20	0.3	11.7	13.4	17.7	0.9	6.4	1.1	0.8

A.14 Ethnicity of teachers by diocese

Diocese	Teachers	% White British	% White Irish	% White other	% Traveller	% Mixed	% Asian	% Black	% Chinese	% Other	% Not known
Arundel & Brighton	2,035	82.6	2.7	5.3	0	1.7	1.6	1	0.4	0.7	4
Birmingham	4,924	79	3.8	2.9	0	1.2	4.8	2	0.2	0.6	5.6
Brentwood	2,306	61.1	5.4	8	0	2.6	7.7	9.2	0.4	1.1	4.5
Cardiff-Menevia	86	84.9	4.7	4.7	0	0	1.2	0	0	0	4.7
Clifton	1,228	85.3	2	3.4	0.2	1.3	1.5	0.7	0.3	1.2	4.1
East Anglia	659	80.1	1.4	5.9	0	1.1	1.8	1.5	0.2	0.5	7.6
Hallam	1,021	87.4	2.5	2.6	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.1	5.1
Hexham & Newcastle	3,155	93.2	1.5	1.4	0	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.1	2.4
Lancaster	1,530	91.1	1.2	1.5	0	0.9	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	3.1
Leeds	1,835	82.7	1.8	3	0.1	1	4	0.3	0.1	0.5	6.6
Liverpool	4,796	88.2	3.4	3.5	0	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.3	3.2
Middlesbrough	958	90.4	0.7	1.2	0	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.2	0	6
Northampton	1,218	61.4	4.9	9	0.5	2.1	8.1	9.2	0.3	0.4	4.2
Nottingham	1,588	81.5	2.8	2.5	0	0.9	2.8	0.9	0.3	0.1	8.3
Plymouth	596	85.1	1	5.4	0	1	0.5	0.2	0	0	6.9
Portsmouth	1,515	80.7	2.8	7.8	0	0.8	2.2	1.4	0.4	0.3	3.8
Salford	4,364	83.7	2.3	3.5	0	1.2	3.8	1	0.2	0.3	4.1
Shrewsbury	2,510	87.7	3.6	2.8	0	1.1	1	0.4	0.4	0.3	2.8
Southwark	4,188	60.2	5.8	9	0	2.3	4.6	11.5	0.5	1.4	4.8
Westminster	5,250	51.6	10.7	12.5	0	2.9	6.5	7	0.6	2.2	5.9

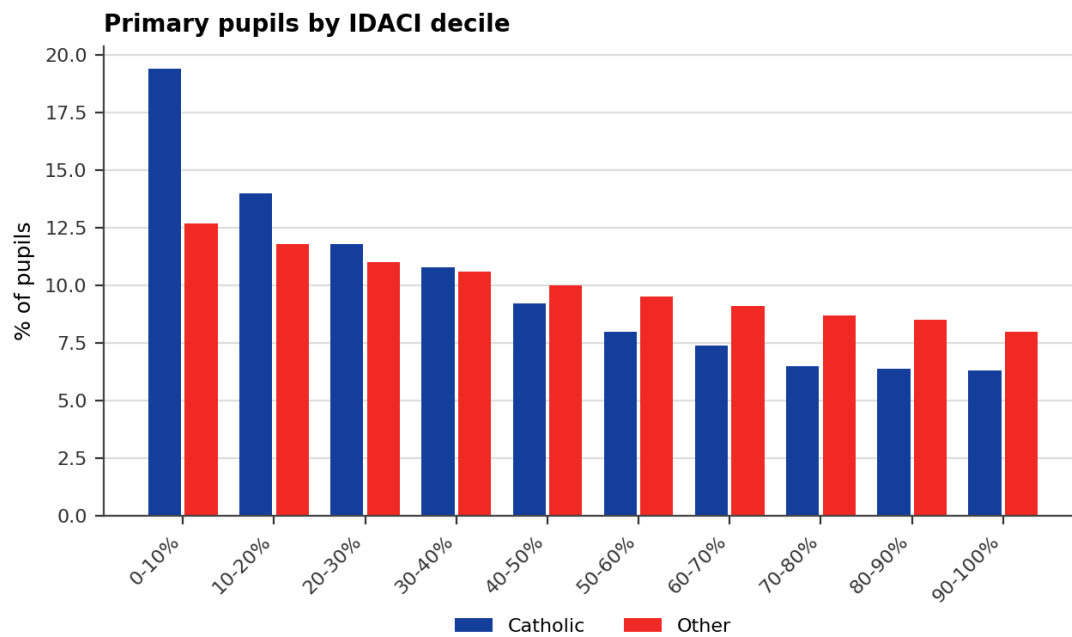
A.15 Catholicity and CCRS by diocese

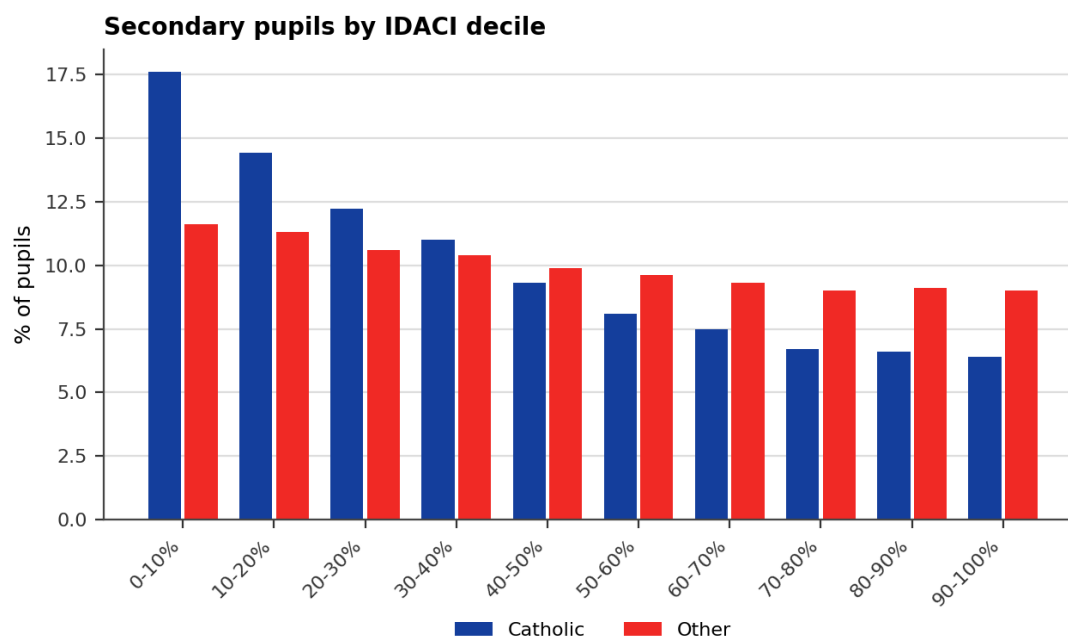
Diocese	Number of Catholic teachers	% Catholic teachers	% with CCRS
Arundel & Brighton	704	34.6	4
Birmingham	2,198	44.6	10.7
Brentwood	992	43	12.8
Cardiff-Menevia	30	34.9	8.1
Clifton	347	28.3	5.9
East Anglia	186	28.2	3.5
Hallam	374	36.6	5.9
Hexham & Newcastle	1,527	48.4	12
Lancaster	688	45	17.3
Leeds	841	45.8	6.8
Liverpool	2,592	54.1	23.8
Middlesbrough	400	41.8	5.9
Northampton	454	37.3	8.9
Nottingham	636	40.1	5

Plymouth	129	21.6	2.5
Portsmouth	540	35.6	5.1
Salford	2,164	49.6	14.5
Shrewsbury	1,145	45.6	11.7
Southwark	1,675	40	6.2
Westminster	2,465	47	11.9

A.16 Measures of deprivation

19.4% of pupils at Catholic state-funded primary schools live in the most deprived 10% of areas in England, compared with 12.7% of pupils at other state-funded primary schools. The corresponding figures for secondary schools are 17.6% and 11.6%. (Source: DfE, FOI 2025-0032888, January 2025 school census, IDACI deciles.)





A.17 Headline data, England and Wales

	England	Wales	Total
Total pupils	807,476	28,615	836,091
Total pupils (state-funded)	776,342	28,615	804,957
Total pupils (independent)	31,134	0	31,134
Total pupils (nursery years)	26,382	1,372	27,754
Total pupils (primary years)	394,737	12,621	407,358
Total pupils (secondary years)	386,357	14,622	400,979
Total schools and colleges	2,065	81	2,146
Total schools (state-funded)	1,978	81	2,059
Total schools (independent)	87	0	87
Total schools (primary)	1,677	65	1,742
Total schools (secondary)	335	13	348
Total schools (all-through)	40	2	42
Total schools (sixth form college)	13	1	14
Pupil Catholicity (state-funded) %	53.6	44.9	
Pupil Catholicity (independent) %	28.6		
Total teachers (state-funded)	45,762	1,579	47,341
Staff Catholicity (state-funded) %	43.9	41.5	



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