**Enrolments**

The Northern Ireland School Census takes place in October each year and provides a snapshot of the situation in schools at that time. Information from the School Census shows that the total number of enrolments in education establishments in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough have risen year on year over the last six years. There has been an increase of 6.7% (2,620 pupils) between 2014/15 and 2019/20.

The numbers enrolled in voluntary and private pre-school education centres have fluctuated slightly over the last six years with a high in 2015/16 of 1,000 enrolments, dropping to a low of 886 in 2018/19. Nursery school enrolments have remained fairly steady since 2014/15, with 734 enrolments in 2019/20. Primary school enrolments have increased by 1,435 between 2014/15 and 2019/20 to bring the figure to 22,824. Post-primary school enrolments have also increased over the last six years, with 1,127 more enrolments in 2019/20 than 2014/15. Special schools have shown the highest percentage increase in enrolments between 2014/15 and 2019/20, rising by 19.4% to 376.

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|  | **2014/15** | **2015/16** | **2016/17** | **2017/18** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** |
| **Pre-school education centres** | 912 | 1,000 | 934 | 905 | 886 | 912 |
| **Nursery schools** | 737 | 738 | 738 | 740 | 733 | 734 |
| **Primary schools** | 21,389 | 21,999 | 22,483 | 22,838 | 22,965 | 22,824 |
| **Post-primary schools** | 15,474 | 15,433 | 15,581 | 15,793 | 16,195 | 16,601 |
| **Special schools** | 315 | 308 | 313 | 332 | 344 | 376 |
| **Total** | 38,827 | 39,478 | 40,049 | 40,608 | 41,123 | 41,447 |

*Table 1: Number of enrolments in educational establishments in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2014/15 to 2019/20. Source: Northern Ireland School Census, Department of Education.*

As of 11th October 2019 there were 38 voluntary and private pre-school education centres in the borough in which there were 912 pupils enrolled.

*Figure 1: Number of enrolments in pre-school education centres in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2014/15 to 2019/20. Source: Northern Ireland School Census, Department of Education.*

There were 734 pupils enrolled in 12 nursery schools in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough on 11th October 2019.

*Figure 2: Number of enrolments in nursery schools in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2014/15 to 2019/20. Source: Northern Ireland School Census, Department of Education.*

A total of 22,824 pupils were enrolled in 91 primary schools across the borough when the Northern Ireland School Census was conducted on 11th October 2019.

*Figure 3: Number of enrolments in primary schools in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2014/15 to 2019/20. Source: Northern Ireland School Census, Department of Education.*

As of 11th October 2019 there were 23 post-primary schools in the borough in which there were 16,601 pupils enrolled.

*Figure 4: Number of enrolments in post-primary schools in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2014/15 to 2019/20. Source: Northern Ireland School Census, Department of Education.*

There were 376 pupils enrolled in 3 special schools in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough on 11th October 2019.

*Figure 5: Number of enrolments in special schools in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2014/15 to 2019/20. Source: Northern Ireland School Census, Department of Education.*

Further information on school enrolments can be found via the following link:

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/topics/statistics-and-research/school-enrolments>