

The following are some of the figures in connection with the attendance at Native village schools for 1914, the corresponding figures for 1913 being inserted for the purposes of comparison :—

Number on rolls at end of year	1913.	1914.
Average weekly roll number	4,647	5,072
Average yearly attendance	4,835*	5,053*
Percentage of regularity of attendance	4,142*	4,385*
	85.7	86.7

* The mean of the four quarters.

Of the 115 Native village schools, forty-eight gained over 90 per cent. in regularity of attendance, while fifteen failed to reach 80 per cent. When the peculiar conditions attaching to Native schools are borne in mind, the attendance at the schools must be considered very satisfactory.

The number of pupils on the rolls of the Native mission schools at the end of 1914 was 127, and on the rolls of Native boarding-schools 435. The total number of children on the roll, at the end of the year, of Native village, mission, and boarding schools visited and inspected by the Inspectors of this Department was therefore 5,634. The following are the figures for the years 1913 and 1914 in respect of the three classes of Native schools mentioned :—

Combined rolls of Native schools	1913.	1914.
Combined average weekly roll number	5,182	5,634
Combined average yearly attendance	5,362	5,590
Percentage of regularity of attendance	4,621	4,871
	86.2	87.1

The increase in the development of the Native village schools since the year 1881, when they were transferred to the control of this Department, is shown in the following table :—

TABLE HA.—SCHOOLS, ATTENDANCE, AND TEACHERS.

Year.	Number of Schools at End of Year.	Mean of Average Weekly Roll.	Average Attendance: Whole Year.	Average Attendance as Percentage of Weekly Roll.	Number of Teachers.				
					Teachers in Charge.		Assistant Teachers.		Sewing-mistresses.
					Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
1881	60	..	1,406	..	54	6	..	4	48
1886	69	2,343	2,020	86.2	60	9	..	26	30
1891	66	2,395	1,837	76.7	59†	8†	1	26	37
1896	74	2,874	2,220	77.3	64†	11†	..	61	16
1902	98*	3,650	3,005	82.3	77†	20†	..	83	11
1903	97*	3,805	3,012	79.2	76†	20†	..	79	13
1904	95*	3,794	3,083	81.3	73†	21†	..	85	11
1905	95	4,097	3,428	83.7	74†	22†	..	87	15
1906	98	4,235	3,607	85.2	78†	21†	2	94	11
1907	99	4,321	3,561	82.4	82†	18†	2	105	3
1908	95	4,479	3,781	84.4	76	19	2	104	5
1909	94	4,308	3,680	85.4	76	18	3	101	5
1910	99	4,325	3,714	85.9	78	21	3	106	4
1911	104	4,494†	3,878†	86.3	81	22	3	119	3
1912	108	4,644	4,042	87	86	22	4	122	2
1913	107	4,835	4,142	85.7	86	21	4	118	4
1914	115	5,053	4,385	86.7	87	27	4	122	3

* Includes two subsidized schools.

† Includes two teachers jointly in charge of one school.

‡ 1911 figures amended.

It will be seen from the foregoing table that the number of schools in 1914 is almost double that in 1881, and the average attendance has more than trebled. The large number of schools that have been transferred to the various Education Boards during the period covered by the table are not taken into account.

Table H 2 in the appendix supplies detailed information in regard to the roll number and average attendance.

In addition to the Maori children in attendance at the schools specially instituted for Natives as shown above, there were 4,905 Natives attending public schools at the 31st December, 1914, as compared with 4,791 in 1913. Half-caste children and children intermediate in blood between half-caste and Maori are reckoned as Maori. Details as to age and classification are given in Table H 5A of the appendix.