

Year of commencing post-primary course ..	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937.
Number of proficiency passes in previous year in public primary schools and intermediate schools and departments	16,549	16,633	17,286	17,031	17,350
Number of pupils who commenced a post-primary course in State schools and who came from public primary schools or intermediate schools and departments	11,637	12,143	12,632	12,849	13,342
Percentage	70	73	73	75	77

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	..	33	28	542	650	1,269	1,449	723	529	217	106	2,784	2,762
Combined	..	6	10	62	95	251	180	148	69	57	11	524	365
Technical	..	14	13	365	398	1,292	1,036	884	589	284	160	2,839	2,196
District high	..	20	20	256	335	506	552	290	261	79	59	1,151	1,227
Totals—1937	..	73	71	1,225	1,478	3,318	3,217	2,045	1,448	637	336	7,298	6,550
Totals—1936	..	65	118	1,354	1,578	3,082	2,951	2,063	1,324	620	311	7,184	6,282
Difference	..	+ 8	—47	—129	—100	+236	+266	—18	+124	+17	+25	+114	+268

In 1936 23 per cent. and in 1937 21 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 1937.

Destination.	With Primary School Certificate.		Without Primary School Certificate.		Totals.			
					Boys.		Girls.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Number.	Per Cent.	Number.	Per Cent.
Post-primary	6,463	6,459	144	82	6,607	62	6,541	65
Commercial occupations—								
(a) Clerical (including typing) ..	48	49	9	3	57	1	52	1
(b) Shop and warehouse assistants	276	234	185	104	461	4	338	3
Trades—								
(a) Engineering	104	4	49	4	153	2	8	*
(b) Building	47	..	34	2	81	1	2	*
(c) Other	166	61	151	73	317	3	134	1
Agricultural and pastoral ..	939	52	794	40	1,733	16	92	1
Other occupations	258	246	283	213	541	5	459	5
Home	289	1,404	259	874	548	5	2,278	23
Not known	61	58	77	91	138	1	149	1
Totals	8,651	8,567	1,985	1,486	10,636	100	10,053	100

* Insignificant percentage.