



9. Current Situation of Schools According to Level

In SY2003, there were 8,252 schools at all levels in the Republic of China, with 274,837 full-time instructors, 5,384,926 students. On the average, there were 228 schools for every 1,000 square km of land, 239 students per 1,000 population, and 20 students per full-time instructor. Schools of each level are detailed in the following:

1. Kindergarten

Private kindergartens are most independently operated, while most public ones are affiliated with public primary schools. In SY2003, private kindergartens were 1.4 times as many as public ones. Preschool children in the private kindergartens were 3 times as many as public ones. The ratio of students to teachers was 11:1.

2. Primary school

Most primary schools are public. Private primary schools account for only 1%. In SY2003, there are 2,638 primary schools. The ratio of students to teachers was 18:1.

3. Junior High school

Since the launching of the nine-year compulsory education in SY68, the number of junior high schools has increased dramatically. Private junior high schools are required to adopt the same curriculum as public ones. In SY2003, out of 720 junior high schools, only 11 were private, all others were public. The ratio of students to teachers was 16:1.

4. Senior High School

Private senior high schools are required to adopt the same curriculum as public ones. In SY2003, there were 171 public senior high schools and 137 private ones, and the ratio of students to teachers was 19:1.

5. Senior Vocational School

In this category, public schools outnumber private ones just a few. These schools are specialized in seven fields: agriculture, industry, business, marine products, nursing, home economics, and theatre. In SY2003, the student-teacher ratio was 19:1.

The comprehensive high school, implemented on a trial basis in SY96, offers both senior high and senior vocational curricula. As of SY2003, there were 159 comprehensive high schools.

6. Junior College

Due to the government's policy of encouraging the private sectors to establish schools, private junior colleges have increased substantially to four times the number of public ones. As for the number of students in SY2003, 2-year colleges were slightly more than 5-year colleges. There was an average ratio of 20 students per teacher.

Furthermore, many junior college students attend the two-year technical colleges, following the two-year and five-year junior college programs.

7. University and College

As of SY2003, there were 67 universities, 75

colleges and 2,215 affiliated graduate program institutes. The number of school, teacher and student of private universities and independent colleges was greater than that of national ones. There was an average ratio of 20 students per teacher.

8. Special School

In SY2003, there were 23 government-run special schools and 1 private ones. Among them, 3 were for the deaf, 3 for the blind, 9 for the mentally retarded, and 9 for the physically handicapped and multi-handicapped students.

9. Supplementary and Continuing Schools

At present, the majority of primary and junior supplementary schools are public. The two open universities in Taiwan are also public. However, continuing education for junior colleges and colleges are mostly private. In SY2003, there were 621 fundamental supplementary schools, 235 senior continuing schools, 42 continuing schools of junior college level, 34 continuing schools of college level and 2 open universities.

Number of Students Per Teacher at All Levels in School Year 2003 ~ 2004

| | Average | Kindergarten | Primary School | Jr. High School | Sr. High School | Sr. Vocational School | Junior College | College | University | Special School |
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| Average | 19.59 | 11.34 | 18.43 | 16.14 | 19.24 | 18.19 | 19.78 | 19.90 | 20.07 | 3.51 |
| Public | 17.93 | 13.89 | 18.40 | 16.08 | 16.88 | 14.54 | 19.96 | 16.91 | 15.80 | 3.53 |
| Private | 24.83 | 10.48 | 21.29 | 21.36 | 23.08 | 26.25 | 19.77 | 20.78 | 24.15 | 3.00 |

