

Response to FOI request [number redacted]

How many pupil/student unauthorised absences have been recorded by States of Jersey schools over the past five years (listed by year: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014)? Please break these figures down into individual schools.

We hold information on unauthorised absence by academic year, so have provided this data for academic years 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014. The numbers of half-day sessions missed through unauthorised absence at each school are presented in the table below. These numbers are not directly comparable between schools due to differences in pupil numbers, therefore for each school the total number of possible half-day sessions and percentage of half-day sessions missed through unauthorised absence are also provided.

Primary schools:

School		Unauthorised absences: number and percentage of half-day sessions missed				
		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Bel Royal Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	149	66	48	86	94
	Total no. of half-day sessions	60,475	57,730	60,206	63,605	67,053
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.25	0.11	0.08	0.14	0.14
D'Auvergne Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	181	260	149	229	241
	Total no. of half-day sessions	106,286	116,049	124,805	116,691	124,632
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.17	0.22	0.12	0.20	0.19
First Tower Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	335	358	168	220	152
	Total no. of half-day sessions	127,540	127,891	130,526	127,088	128,177
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.26	0.28	0.13	0.17	0.12
Grands Vaux Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	65	117	39	130	188
	Total no. of half-day sessions	48,510	54,485	48,836	49,747	53,602
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.13	0.21	0.08	0.26	0.35
Grouville Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	182	135	229	140	113
	Total no. of half-day sessions	114,679	130,657	138,419	135,905	135,462
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.16	0.10	0.17	0.10	0.08

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Janvrin Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	617	730	694	626	601
	Total no. of half-day sessions	118,831	120,923	134,494	119,315	125,157
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.52	0.60	0.52	0.52	0.48
Jersey College for Girls Prep School	No. of half-day sessions missed	576	467	291	169	484
	Total no. of half-day sessions	138,345	137,782	138,870	136,437	139,786
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.42	0.34	0.21	0.12	0.35
La Moye Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	112	270	377	574	486
	Total no. of half-day sessions	120,289	116,909	119,506	115,277	119,474
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.09	0.23	0.32	0.50	0.41
Les Landes Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	43	60	48	38	36
	Total no. of half-day sessions	57,414	59,198	60,875	58,669	62,838
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.07	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.06
Mont Nicolle Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	67	60	113	46	42
	Total no. of half-day sessions	60,860	60,991	63,178	64,687	71,237
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.11	0.10	0.18	0.07	0.06
Plat Douet Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	318	392	280	205	153
	Total no. of half-day sessions	121,190	118,692	120,122	123,076	131,237
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.26	0.33	0.23	0.17	0.12
Rouge Bouillon Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	1347	627	441	543	706
	Total no. of half-day sessions	138,942	129,610	130,026	132,960	138,872
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.97	0.48	0.34	0.41	0.51
Samares Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	288	337	124	107	271
	Total no. of half-day sessions	82,609	76,980	79,588	83,276	89,142
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.35	0.44	0.16	0.13	0.30
Springfield Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	152	141	92	97	279

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		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
	Total no. of half-day sessions	65,356	64,634	63,605	65,203	67,450
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.23	0.22	0.14	0.15	0.41
St Clement Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	14	76	200	62	50
	Total no. of half-day sessions	65,590	65,399	67,071	66,477	67,470
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.02	0.12	0.30	0.09	0.07
St John Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	66	63	16	16	28
	Total no. of half-day sessions	62,535	62,438	62,560	59,754	64,681
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.11	0.10	0.03	0.03	0.04
St Lawrence Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	124	74	28	99	122
	Total no. of half-day sessions	61,890	60,983	65,579	63,069	67,625
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.20	0.12	0.04	0.16	0.18
St Luke Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	77	140	108	116	103
	Total no. of half-day sessions	64,330	63,908	65,640	64,995	68,003
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.12	0.22	0.16	0.18	0.15
St Martin Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	21	15	38	9	17
	Total no. of half-day sessions	65,647	66,963	68,587	66,030	67,271
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.01	0.03
St Mary Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed		34	26	29	16
	Total no. of half-day sessions	No data provided	55,214	61,117	58,098	62,245
	% of half-day sessions missed		0.06	0.04	0.05	0.03
St Peter Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	204	82	37	52	37
	Total no. of half-day sessions	61,370	62,481	67,046	68,341	73,110
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.33	0.13	0.06	0.08	0.05
St Saviour Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	80	69	89	51	43
	Total no. of half-day sessions	62,644	62,782	68,093	67,504	70,033

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	% of half-day sessions missed	0.13	0.11	0.13	0.08	0.06
Trinity Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	43	13	7	25	12
	Total no. of half-day sessions	56,172	58,369	60,825	61,512	68,264
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.08	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.02
Victoria College Prep School	No. of half-day sessions missed	74	126	424	402	78
	Total no. of half-day sessions	107,270	107,546	108,128	106,441	107,424
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.07	0.12	0.39	0.38	0.07

Secondary schools:

School		Unauthorised absences: number and percentage of half-day sessions missed				
		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Grainville Secondary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	5400	3858	2676	1724	2884
	Total no. of half-day sessions	211,527	202,930	210,516	198,861	200,888
	% of half-day sessions missed	2.55	1.90	1.27	0.87	1.44
Haute Vallee Secondary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	3160	3118	3840	4367	3992
	Total no. of half-day sessions	256,728	255,634	254,968	245,980	231,068
	% of half-day sessions missed	1.23	1.22	1.51	1.78	1.73
Hautlieu Secondary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	507	252	98	127	71
	Total no. of half-day sessions	79,586	74,599	83,853	85,826	93,401
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.64	0.34	0.12	0.15	0.08
Jersey College for Girls	No. of half-day sessions missed	907	378	404	542	377
	Total no. of half-day sessions	193,778	194,385	201,342	197,274	202,524
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.47	0.19	0.20	0.27	0.19
Le Rocquier Secondary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	5485	6163	3514	3271	4434
	Total no. of half-day sessions	327,384	327,446	331,749	322,722	316,097
	% of half-day sessions missed	1.68	1.88	1.06	1.01	1.40
Les Quennevais Secondary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	1689	1115	1839	2642	3532
	Total no. of half-day sessions	294,198	299,623	289,333	272,571	245,837
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.57	0.37	0.64	0.97	1.44
Victoria College	No. of half-day sessions missed	155	748	472	740	599
	Total no. of half-day sessions	190,003	189,567	192,063	188,214	195,617
	% of half-day sessions missed	0.08	0.39	0.25	0.39	0.31

Special schools:

It should be noted that due to the small number of students educated within Jersey's special schools there may be large fluctuations in unauthorised absence rates year on year due to changes in pupil composition.

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		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Alternative Curriculum	No. of half-day sessions missed	No data provided	3310	4394	3628	1706
	Total no. of half-day sessions		10,016	12,772	12,602	6300
	% of half-day sessions missed		33.05	34.40	28.79	27.08
D'Hautree House Secondary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	5106	2248	2808	3930	2299
	Total no. of half-day sessions	15,006	14,110	14,590	15,236	4986
	% of half-day sessions missed	34.03	15.93	19.25	25.79	46.11
Mont a L'abbe Primary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	No data provided	No data provided	No data provided	22	19
	Total no. of half-day sessions				1788	10,688
	% of half-day sessions missed				1.23	0.18
Mont a L'abbe Secondary School	No. of half-day sessions missed	No data provided	No data provided	No data provided	16	8
	Total no. of half-day sessions				2832	10,134
	% of half-day sessions missed				0.56	0.08

The Alternative Curriculum is a one year course designed to meet the needs of those young people who are not engaging with learning in mainstream schools.

D'Hautree House School provides for pupils with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Mont a L'abbe School provides for children with Severe or Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties.

It should be noted that interpretation of unauthorised absence may not be consistent amongst all teachers or education professionals.