

Global Catholic Education Report 2020: Country Profiles

Country: **Ireland**

Data: Statistical yearbooks of the Church

Table 1: Trends in the Number of Students (Thousand) and Schools, 1975-2017

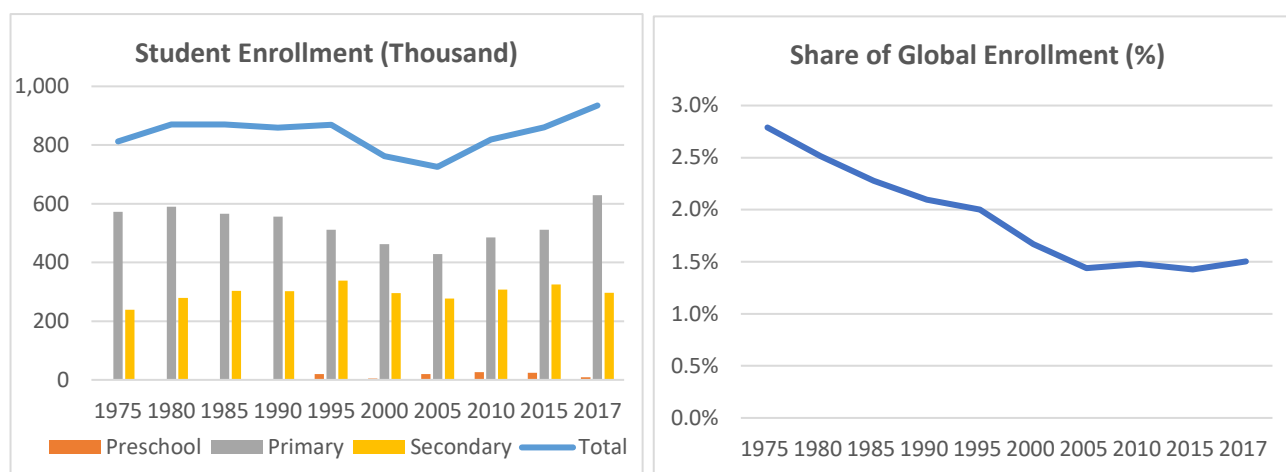
	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2017
Students										
Preschool	-	1	1	2	20	4	19	26	25	9
Primary	573	590	566	556	511	462	429	485	511	629
Secondary	239	279	303	302	339	296	278	307	325	297
Total	812	870	870	859	869	763	726	819	860	935
Schools										
Preschool	-	20	42	48	72	72	97	233	331	303
Primary	3,722	3,437	3,313	3,275	3,240	3,240	3,356	2,974	3,083	3,173
Secondary	675	724	699	744	728	728	705	616	570	605
Total	4,397	4,181	4,054	4,067	4,064	4,040	4,158	3,823	3,984	4,081

Note: No data for preschools in 1975.

Table 2: Annual Growth Rates in the Number of Students and Schools, Various Periods (%)

	Students					Schools				
	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2015-17	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2015-17
Preschool	2.2%	11.2%	19.7%	-14.4%	-40.1%	9.1%	4.1%	12.5%	3.8%	-4.3%
Primary	-0.6%	-1.8%	0.5%	3.8%	11.0%	-0.5%	-0.1%	-0.9%	0.9%	1.4%
Secondary	0.8%	-0.2%	0.4%	-0.5%	-4.4%	0.3%	-0.2%	-1.7%	-0.3%	3.0%
Total	-0.1%	-1.2%	0.7%	1.9%	4.2%	-0.3%	-0.1%	-0.6%	0.9%	1.2%

Note: Compounded growth rates for 10 years by decade (e.g., 1980 to 1990) except last two periods



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