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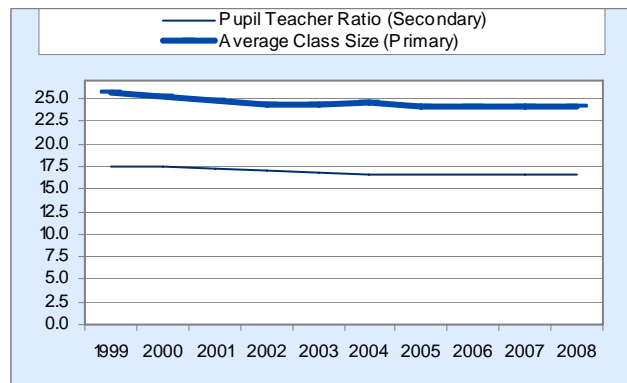
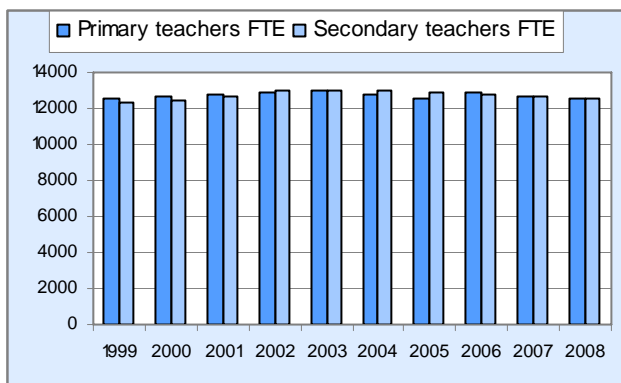
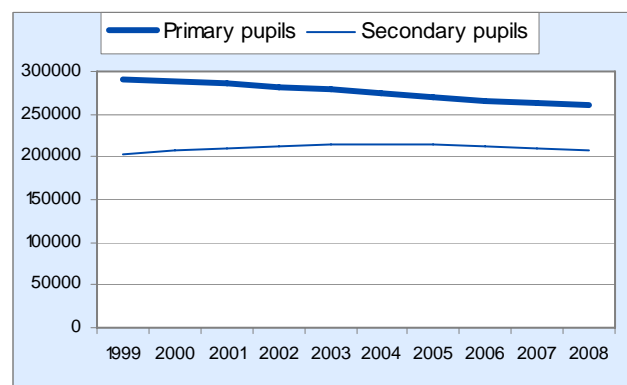
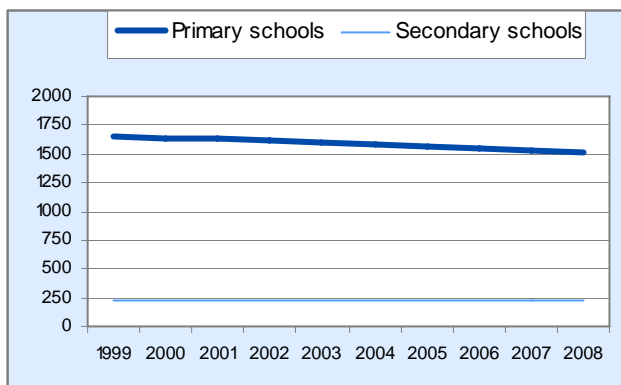
## Schools Census 2008: Provisional Results

This Statistical First Release presents some provisional results from the January 2008 Schools' Census. Data are collected on many aspects of schools including the type of schools, pupils on roll, teaching staff, classes, the teaching of Welsh and pupils with statements of special educational needs.

Final results will be published in "Schools in Wales: General Statistics 2008" later this year. Further information may be requested from [school.stats@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:school.stats@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

### Key results from the January 2008 school census:

- the number of **schools** continues to fall; at January 2008 (including pupil referral units) there were 1,920 schools, 13 fewer than a year earlier (*table 2*);
- there are 485,000 **pupils** in school, a decrease of just over 5,000 during the year - 1,650 fewer pupils in primary schools and 3,420 fewer pupils in secondary schools (*table 3*);
- there are 26,880 full-time equivalent (FTE) qualified **teachers**, a fall of 185 (less than 1 per cent) over the year (*table 4*);



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- there are almost 17,000 **support staff** (FTE) in schools (*tables 5 & 6*);
- the **pupil teacher ratio** (all schools total) is 17.5 (0.1 per cent less than in 2007) (*table 7*);
- the **average class size** in primary schools has stayed the same since 2005 at 24.2 (*table 8*), the size of classes in years 7 to 11 in secondary schools fell slightly from 22.3 to 22.2 (*table 9*). *Please note that the data presented here are not directly comparable with the data published from the September Class Size Count. The January count includes nursery and special classes but the September count excludes them;*
- 14,500 pupils had statements of **special educational needs** (SEN). A further 80,600 had SEN but had not been stated by the local authority (*table 10*);
- the number of pupils of any age eligible for **free school meals** fell during 2007 to 73,400 pupils (15.5 per cent of the total) compared to 76,500 (16 per cent) at January 2007 (*table 11a*);
- 20.6 per cent of pupils are taught mainly through the medium of **Welsh** in primary schools compared to 20.3 per cent a year earlier. The number of pupils not taught Welsh rose from 0.3 to 0.6 per cent. The majority of pupils not taught Welsh are in special or nursery classes (*table 12*);
- in maintained secondary schools, the proportion taught **Welsh** as a first language increased to 15.7 per cent of pupils from 15.4 per cent in 2007 (*table 13*);
- almost 94 per cent of pupils aged 5 or over consider themselves to be from a white **ethnic background**. The smallest group recorded was Chinese, accounting for 0.2 per cent. 1.5 per cent of pupils did not have a valid category, due to refusal to provide or not stated on the form (*table 14*);
- 45 per cent of pupils of black ethnic background are eligible for **free school meals**. 16 per cent of pupils of white ethnic background pupils are eligible for free school meals (*table 15*);
- a similar percentage (around 20-22 per cent) of pupils of white, mixed, Asian and black ethnic backgrounds reported **special educational needs** (*table 16*);
- 56 per cent of pupils consider their **national identity** to be Welsh, and a further 30 per cent British. 6 per cent of pupils did not have a valid category (*table 17*);
- 879 **teacher vacancies** were advertised in **secondary schools** between 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2007. An average of 12 applications were received per English medium vacancy and 4 per Welsh medium vacancy. 97 per cent of English medium and 98 per cent of Welsh medium vacancies were filled from among the candidates(*table 19*);
- 641 **teacher vacancies** were advertised in **primary schools** in the same time period, with an average of 26 applications per English medium vacancy and 10 per Welsh medium vacancy. 96 per cent of vacancies were filled from amongst the candidates (*table 19*);
- 63 per cent of the total number of teachers who left primary and secondary schools to take **early retirement** or to take **employment outside teaching** had over 25 years of teaching experience. 7 per cent of teachers leaving secondary schools and 6 per cent leaving primary schools had 5 or less years experience (*table 21*).

**Further information** - will be published in November 2008 in 'Schools in Wales General Statistics 2008'. Previous years' publications and other schools and teachers statistics may be accessed at: [www.wales.gov.uk/statistics/](http://www.wales.gov.uk/statistics/)

**Table 1: Summary statistics of schools in Wales, January 2008**

	Maintained schools					Independent	All Schools (b)
	Nursery	Primary (a)	Secondary (a)	Special	Total		
Establishments	28	1,509	222	44	1,803	66	1,869
Full-time pupils	455	237,917	206,936	3,977	449,285	9,261	458,546
Part-time pupils	1,332	23,690	0	63	25,085	294	25,379
Full-time equivalent pupils	1,121	249,762	206,936	4,009	461,828	9,408	471,236
Full-time equivalent teachers	73	12,529	12,524	637	25,763	1,118	26,880
Pupil teacher ratio	15	20	17	6	18	8	18
Average class size	.	24	20	.	.	.	.
Pupils with statements of special educational needs	9	4,812	5,618	4,040	14,479	301	14,780
Pupils with special educational needs but no statement	173	49,682	30,936	0	80,791	856	81,647
Percentage of pupils aged 5-15 entitled to free school meals	.	17.9	15.6	41.1	17.0	.	.

(a) St Brigid's school, has pupils and teachers of both primary and secondary level who are included under the appropriate subtitles. The school is counted in both the primary and secondary schools establishment numbers.

(b) Excluding Pupil Referral Units.

**Table 2: Number of schools by local authority, January 2008**

Local Education Authority	Maintained Schools						Independent	All Schools
	Nursery	Primary (a)	Secondary (a)	Special	Pupil Referral Units	Total		
Isle of Anglesey	0	52	5	1	0	58	1	59
Gwynedd	0	106	14	3	3	126	3	129
Conwy	0	63	7	1	4	75	2	77
Denbighshire	0	52	8	2	1	63	4	67
Flintshire	1	74	12	3	1	91	2	93
Wrexham	2	66	9	1	3	81	4	85
Powys	0	106	13	3	2	124	9	133
Ceredigion	0	70	7	0	1	78	1	79
Pembrokeshire	0	66	8	1	1	76	5	81
Carmarthenshire	1	118	14	2	2	137	6	143
Swansea	0	88	15	2	4	109	4	113
Neath Port Talbot	0	72	11	3	3	89	0	89
Bridgend	3	58	9	2	1	73	3	76
The Vale of Glamorgan	3	47	8	3	2	63	3	66
Rhondda Cynon Taf	4	117	19	4	11	155	0	155
Merthyr Tydfil	3	26	4	1	4	38	0	38
Caerphilly	0	73	14	1	1	89	2	91
Blaenau Gwent	0	29	6	1	1	37	0	37
Torfaen	3	33	7	1	1	45	0	45
Monmouthshire	0	35	4	1	2	42	7	49
Newport	4	51	8	1	2	66	1	67
Cardiff	4	107	20	7	1	139	9	148
Wales	28	1,509	222	44	51	1,854	66	1,920
Wales – January 2007	31	1,527	224	44	41	1,867	66	1,933
Wales – January 2006	33	1,555	224	43	32	1,887	56	1,943
Wales – January 2005	34	1,572	227	43	31	1,907	58	1,965

(a) St Brigid's School in Denbighshire is counted in both the primary and secondary schools establishment numbers.

**Table 3: Pupil numbers by local authority, January 2008 (a)**

Local Education Authority	Maintained Schools					Independent	All Schools	
	Nursery	Primary (b)	Secondary (b)	Special	Pupil Referral Units			
Isle of Anglesey	.	5,404	4,332	66	.	9,802	92	9,894
Gwynedd	.	9,874	7,757	141	19	17,791	445	18,236
Conwy	.	8,845	7,463	169	114	16,591	972	17,563
Denbighshire	.	8,285	7,681	270	15	16,251	529	16,780
Flintshire	46	13,512	10,567	220	91	24,436	27	24,463
Wrexham	138	11,636	6,919	223	17	18,933	27	18,960
Powys	.	10,744	9,165	273	37	20,219	400	20,619
Ceredigion	.	5,118	5,004	.	9	10,131	16	10,147
Pembrokeshire	.	10,599	8,357	90	0	19,046	187	19,233
Carmarthenshire	81	14,949	12,375	118	12	27,535	785	28,320
Swansea	.	20,738	14,456	153	29	35,376	494	35,870
Neath Port Talbot	.	12,183	8,976	160	8	21,327	0	21,327
Bridgend	109	12,512	9,514	394	4	22,533	507	23,040
The Vale of Glamorgan	219	11,771	9,698	272	34	21,994	190	22,184
Rhondda Cynon Taf	130	21,623	18,154	430	140	40,477	0	40,477
Merthyr Tydfil	163	5,181	4,149	144	20	9,657	0	9,657
Caerphilly	.	16,919	12,515	123	0	29,557	111	29,668
Blaenau Gwent	.	6,207	4,715	83	3	11,008	0	11,008
Torfaen	256	7,927	7,987	70	6	16,246	0	16,246
Monmouthshire	.	6,882	5,491	58	10	12,441	1,530	13,971
Newport	275	13,295	10,526	109	27	24,232	715	24,947
Cardiff	370	27,403	21,135	474	52	49,434	2,528	51,962
Wales	1,787	261,607	206,936	4,040	647	475,017	9,555	484,572
Wales – January 2007	1,754	263,261	210,353	4,002	577	479,947	9,699	489,646
Wales – January 2006	1,840	265,724	213,045	3,937	353	484,899	9,635	494,534
Wales – January 2005	1,947	270,311	214,626	3,829	426	491,139	9,787	500,926

(a) Whether full-time or part-time.

(b) St Brigid's School has pupils of both primary and secondary level who are included under the appropriate subtitles.

**Table 4: Full-time equivalent qualified teachers, January 2008**

Local Education Authority	Maintained schools					Independent	All schools (excl PRUs)
	Nursery	Primary (a)	Secondary (a)	Special	Total		
Isle of Anglesey	.	262.2	272.7	11.8	546.7	5.6	552.3
Gwynedd	.	494.2	503.2	20.4	1,017.8	54.0	1,071.8
Conwy	.	442.6	471.7	21.8	936.1	136.3	1,072.3
Denbighshire	.	390.3	455.0	43.5	888.8	70.8	959.6
Flintshire	1.2	623.6	666.3	33.1	1,324.2	10.0	1,334.2
Wrexham	5.4	551.0	427.3	25.4	1,009.2	18.0	1,027.2
Powys	.	568.8	580.1	48.9	1,197.8	65.1	1,262.9
Ceredigion	.	309.2	317.2	.	626.4	4.0	630.4
Pembrokeshire	.	510.8	485.3	13.1	1,009.2	30.5	1,039.7
Carmarthenshire	3.0	805.2	755.2	23.0	1,586.5	88.1	1,674.6
Swansea	.	949.0	849.0	30.8	1,828.7	52.5	1,881.3
Neath Port Talbot	.	595.0	564.5	28.5	1,188.0	0.0	1,188.0
Bridgend	8.0	572.2	571.3	54.9	1,206.4	55.7	1,262.0
The Vale of Glamorgan	7.4	563.0	582.4	44.5	1,197.3	31.9	1,229.2
Rhondda Cynon Taf	11.0	977.7	1,093.3	52.7	2,134.8	0.0	2,134.8
Merthyr Tydfil	7.0	249.3	245.5	19.0	520.8	0.0	520.8
Caerphilly	.	735.1	722.6	22.6	1,480.3	10.1	1,490.4
Blaenau Gwent	.	301.0	282.9	13.7	597.6	0.0	597.6
Torfaen	7.0	350.9	446.4	11.4	815.6	0.0	815.6
Monmouthshire	.	308.4	321.3	11.0	640.8	186.0	826.8
Newport	7.1	604.0	622.0	16.0	1,249.2	62.0	1,311.2
Cardiff	15.8	1,365.5	1,288.6	90.9	2,760.7	237.3	2,998.0
Wales	73.0	12,528.8	12,523.8	637.1	25,762.7	1,117.8	26,880.5
Wales – January 2007	76.8	12,648.4	12,663.2	624.3	26,012.6	1,053.1	27,065.7
Wales – January 2006	79.0	12,862.0	12,806.0	616.0	26,364.0	1,071.0	27,435.0
Wales – January 2005	75.0	12,529.0	12,843.0	603.0	26,050.0	1,057.0	27,107.0

(a) St Brigid's School has teachers of both primary and secondary level who are included under the appropriate subtitles.

**Table 5: Support staff in maintained schools, at January each year**

	<i>Full-time equivalent</i>						
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Teaching Assistants							
Teaching Assistants (a)	5,555	5,921	6,065	6,791	7,815	8,718	9,583
Special needs support staff (b)	2,129	2,424	2,219	2,610	2,410	2,287	2,356
Total	7,685	8,345	8,284	9,399	10,225	11,005	11,938
Administrative staff (c)							
Total	2,462	2,713	2,774	3,088	3,186	3,256	3,416
Technicians (d)							
Total	948	1,053	1,034	1,084	1,111	1,142	1,139
Other support staff							
Nurses / matrons	52	71	70	61	62	55	46
Nursing / childcare staff	127	133	555	327	444	377	407
Total	179	204	625	388	506	432	453
Total	11,273	12,315	12,717	13,962	15,027	15,834	16,946

(a) Includes nursery assistants and foreign language assistants and other assistants or aides employed in the classroom.

(b) Includes ancillary staff who assist in the classroom in special schools.

(c) Office and clerical staff, including library assistants.

(d) Resource and laboratory technicians.

**Table 6: Support staff in maintained schools, at January each year**

	<i>Full-time equivalent</i>			
Sector	2005	2006	2007	2008
Nursery	107	104	107	103
Primary	7,979	8,477	8,893	9,466
Secondary	4,673	5,145	5,468	5,893
Special	1,203	1,300	1,367	1,483
Total	13,962	15,027	15,834	16,946

**Table 7: Pupil teacher ratios (PTRs) within schools, January 2008**

Local Education Authority	Maintained schools					Independent	All schools (excl PRUs)
	Nursery	Primary (a)	Secondary (a)	Special	Total		
Isle of Anglesey	.	19.6	15.9	5.5	17.5	13.1	17.4
Gwynedd	.	18.9	15.4	6.8	16.9	8.2	16.5
Conwy	.	18.8	15.8	7.7	17.1	7.1	15.8
Denbighshire	.	20.0	16.9	6.1	17.7	7.3	17.0
Flintshire	19.2	20.4	15.9	6.6	17.7	2.7	17.6
Wrexham	12.7	19.9	16.2	8.8	18.0	1.5	17.7
Powys	.	18.5	15.8	5.5	16.6	6.1	16.1
Ceredigion	.	16.3	15.8	.	16.0	3.8	15.9
Pembrokeshire	.	19.8	17.2	6.8	18.4	5.3	18.0
Carmarthenshire	27.0	18.3	16.4	5.1	17.2	8.9	16.8
Swansea	.	20.2	17.0	4.9	18.5	8.7	18.2
Neath Port Talbot	.	18.9	15.9	5.6	17.1	0.0	17.1
Bridgend	12.9	21.6	16.7	7.0	18.6	9.1	18.1
The Vale of Glamorgan	14.7	19.7	16.7	6.1	17.7	5.8	17.4
Rhondda Cynon Taf	11.6	22.1	16.6	8.2	18.9	0.0	18.9
Merthyr Tydfil	21.1	20.3	16.9	7.6	18.2	0.0	18.2
Caerphilly	.	21.8	17.3	5.3	19.3	10.9	19.3
Blaenau Gwent	.	19.2	16.7	6.1	17.7	0.0	17.7
Torfaen	19.4	21.6	17.9	6.1	19.3	0.0	19.3
Monmouthshire	.	21.5	17.1	5.3	19.0	8.0	16.6
Newport	19.3	21.0	16.9	6.7	18.8	11.4	18.4
Cardiff	11.8	18.9	16.4	5.2	17.3	10.6	16.7
Wales	15.4	19.9	16.5	6.3	17.9	8.4	17.5
Wales – January 2007	14.9	19.9	16.6	6.4	18.0	9.1	17.6
Wales – January 2006	14.9	19.8	16.6	6.4	17.9	8.9	17.6
Wales – January 2005	16.8	20.7	16.7	6.3	18.4	9.1	18.0

(a) St Brigid's School has teachers and pupils of both primary and secondary level who are included under the appropriate subtitles.

**Table 8: Average class size in maintained primary schools by Key Stage, January 2008**

Local Education Authority	Ordinary Classes				All registered classes (c)
	Key Stage 1(a)	Key Stage 2	Mixed Key Stage	All ordinary classes (b)	
Isle of Anglesey	22.9	26.5	24.1	24.5	24.3
Gwynedd	22.9	22.7	20.1	22.6	22.2
Conwy	22.1	23.7	20.0	23.1	22.4
Denbighshire	24.1	24.8	21.4	24.4	23.7
Flintshire	24.3	25.4	21.3	24.8	24.2
Wrexham	25.2	26.2	21.7	25.6	24.2
Powys	20.5	22.8	21.0	21.7	20.8
Ceredigion	22.5	20.2	16.0	19.8	19.7
Pembrokeshire	22.5	24.5	24.3	23.9	22.8
Carmarthenshire	21.5	22.7	18.1	22.3	21.9
Swansea	25.4	26.2	24.5	25.8	25.1
Neath Port Talbot	23.9	25.1	21.0	24.3	23.2
Bridgend	25.9	26.4	25.6	26.2	25.5
The Vale of Glamorgan	24.3	25.8	24.7	25.2	24.9
Rhondda Cynon Taf	26.8	27.0	26.6	27.0	25.7
Merthyr Tydfil	26.3	25.9	26.7	26.5	24.7
Caerphilly	25.6	26.5	29.0	26.6	26.0
Blaenau Gwent	22.4	25.9	24.8	24.6	23.6
Torfaen	26.1	27.0	25.0	26.4	26.4
Monmouthshire	25.1	25.9	24.8	25.5	25.4
Newport	25.9	26.4	25.0	26.1	26.6
Cardiff	25.4	25.4	24.7	25.4	25.3
Wales	24.3	25.2	23.4	24.8	24.2
Wales – January 2007	24.3	25.2	23.1	24.7	24.2
Wales – January 2006	24.4	25.0	23.3	24.6	24.2
Wales – January 2005	24.3	25.0	23.3	24.6	24.2

(a) Includes reception, mixed nursery/reception and foundation phase pilot settings.

(b) Includes all registered ordinary and mixed nursery/reception classes.

(c) Includes all registered ordinary, nursery and special classes.

**Table 9: Average class size in maintained secondary schools, January 2008 (a)**

Local Education Authority	Years 7 to 11 (b)	Years 12 and 13	All classes
Isle of Anglesey	21.0	11.1	19.4
Gwynedd	19.5	9.1	18.3
Conwy	22.0	10.7	19.6
Denbighshire	22.1	9.7	19.9
Flintshire	21.0	11.1	19.1
Wrexham	22.2	6.8	20.8
Powys	21.3	10.0	19.0
Ceredigion	20.4	10.8	18.5
Pembrokeshire	23.7	9.6	20.3
Carmarthenshire	22.1	11.0	20.0
Swansea	21.8	12.3	20.8
Neath Port Talbot	21.5	11.9	21.1
Bridgend	23.2	10.6	20.1
The Vale of Glamorgan	23.5	11.8	21.1
Rhondda Cynon Taf	22.1	10.1	19.3
Merthyr Tydfil	22.9	11.0	20.8
Caerphilly	23.0	10.9	21.5
Blaenau Gwent	21.9	11.0	20.6
Torfaen	23.0	12.7	21.7
Monmouthshire	22.4	10.8	19.9
Newport	23.9	11.3	21.0
Cardiff	22.6	11.6	20.9
Wales	22.2	10.8	20.2
Wales – January 2007	22.3	10.8	20.4
Wales – January 2006	22.4	11.0	20.6
Wales – January 2005	22.5	10.5	20.7

(a) All figures relate to the size of teaching groups at a specific period in the school timetable on the day of enumeration.

(b) Includes mixed year classes.

**Table 10: Pupils (of any age) with special educational needs in schools, by type of school and need, January 2008**

	Primary		Secondary		Special		All	
	Number	Per cent (a)	Number	Per cent (a)	Number	Per cent (a)	Number	Per cent (a)
Pupils with a special need but no statement:								
Moderate learning difficulties	26,467	48.6	14,252	39.0	.	.	40,719	42.8
Severe learning difficulties	526	1.0	148	0.4	.	.	674	0.7
Profound & multiple learning difficulties	69	0.1	9	0.0	.	.	78	0.1
Specific learning difficulties	7,462	13.7	7,759	21.2	.	.	15,221	16.0
Autistic Spectrum Disorders	479	0.9	292	0.8	.	.	771	0.8
Physical and medical difficulties	1,396	2.6	893	2.4	.	.	2,289	2.4
Hearing impairment	553	1.0	463	1.3	.	.	1,016	1.1
Visual impairment	312	0.6	178	0.5	.	.	490	0.5
Multiple sensory impairment	17	0.0	8	0.0	.	.	25	0.0
Speech, language & communication difficulties	7,266	13.3	1,101	3.0	.	.	8,367	8.8
Behavioural, emotional and social difficulties	5,135	9.4	5,833	16.0	.	.	10,968	11.5
Total	49,682	91.2	30,936	84.6	.	.	80,618	84.8
Pupils with a statement of special need:								
Moderate learning difficulties	872	1.6	1,590	4.3	563	13.9	3,025	3.2
Severe learning difficulties	327	0.6	268	0.7	1,323	32.7	1,918	2.0
Profound & multiple learning difficulties	148	0.3	52	0.1	498	12.3	698	0.7
Specific learning difficulties	310	0.6	1,020	2.8	29	0.7	1,359	1.4
Autistic Spectrum Disorders	685	1.3	540	1.5	747	18.5	1,972	2.1
Physical and medical difficulties	511	0.9	396	1.1	150	3.7	1,057	1.1
Hearing impairment	187	0.3	157	0.4	13	0.3	357	0.4
Visual impairment	95	0.2	116	0.3	10	0.2	221	0.2
Multiple sensory impairment	25	0.0	6	0.0	9	0.2	40	0.0
Speech, language & communication difficulties	1,137	2.1	632	1.7	145	3.6	1,914	2.0
Behavioural, emotional and social difficulties	515	0.9	841	2.3	553	13.7	1,909	2.0
Total	4,812	8.8	5,618	15.4	4,040	100.0	14,470	15.2
Pupils with statements of special need:								
January 2007	5,037	.	5,783	.	4,002	.	14,822	.
January 2006	5,452	.	5,942	.	3,937	.	15,331	.
January 2005	5,768	.	5,986	.	3,719	.	15,473	.

(a) Per cent of all pupils with a statement or with a special need identified by the school.

**Table 11a: Pupils (of any age) entitled to free school meals, January 2008**

Local Education Authority	Number of pupils entitled to free school meals					Percentage of pupils entitled to free school meals				
	Nursery	Primary	Secondary	Special	Total	Nursery	Primary	Secondary	Special	Total
Isle of Anglesey	.	842	543	25	1,410	0.0	15.6	12.5	37.9	14.4
Gwynedd	.	1,190	790	58	2,038	0.0	12.1	10.2	41.1	11.5
Conwy	.	1,167	944	50	2,161	0.0	13.2	12.6	29.6	13.1
Denbighshire	.	1,205	866	89	2,160	0.0	14.5	11.3	33.0	13.3
Flintshire	0	1,375	879	80	2,334	0.0	10.2	8.3	36.4	9.6
Wrexham	0	1,466	941	83	2,490	0.0	12.6	13.6	37.2	13.2
Powys	.	1,014	720	81	1,815	0.0	9.4	7.9	29.7	9.0
Ceredigion	.	679	411	.	1,090	0.0	13.3	8.2	.	10.8
Pembrokeshire	.	1,485	932	31	2,448	0.0	14.0	11.2	34.4	12.9
Carmarthenshire	8	2,480	1,588	69	4,145	9.9	16.6	12.8	58.5	15.1
Swansea	.	3,552	2,460	50	6,062	0.0	17.1	17.0	32.7	17.1
Neath Port Talbot	.	2,197	1,571	77	3,845	0.0	18.0	17.5	48.1	18.0
Bridgend	37	2,311	1,357	164	3,869	33.9	18.5	14.3	41.6	17.2
The Vale of Glamorgan	0	1,251	984	80	2,315	0.0	10.6	10.1	29.4	10.5
Rhondda Cynon Taf	42	4,902	3,202	208	8,354	32.3	22.7	17.6	48.4	20.7
Merthyr Tydfil	63	1,218	896	58	2,235	38.7	23.5	21.6	40.3	23.2
Caerphilly	.	3,019	2,176	41	5,236	0.0	17.8	17.4	33.3	17.7
Blaenau Gwent	.	1,232	890	27	2,149	0.0	19.8	18.9	32.5	19.5
Torfaen	5	1,415	1,142	29	2,591	2.0	17.9	14.3	41.4	16.0
Monmouthshire	.	582	513	58	1,153	0.0	8.5	9.3	100.0	9.3
Newport	0	2,401	1,717	33	4,151	0.0	18.1	16.3	30.3	17.1
Cardiff	0	5,298	3,886	197	9,381	0.0	19.3	18.4	41.6	19.0
Wales	155	42,281	29,408	1,588	73,432	8.7	16.2	14.2	39.3	15.5
Wales – January 2007	173	44,114	30,655	1,587	76,529	9.9	16.8	14.6	39.7	16.0
Wales – January 2006	182	44,914	31,271	1,577	77,944	9.9	16.9	14.7	40.1	16.1
Wales – January 2005	265	48,723	32,796	1,536	83,320	13.6	18.0	15.3	40.1	17.0

**Table 11b: Pupils (of statutory school age) entitled to free school meals, January 2008**

Local Education Authority	Number of pupils entitled to free school meals				Percentage of pupils entitled to free school meals			
	Primary	Secondary	Special	Total	Primary	Secondary	Special	Total
Isle of Anglesey	747	517	23	1,287	17.6	13.9	43.4	16.1
Gwynedd	1,033	769	55	1,857	13.5	11.0	44.7	12.6
Conwy	1,005	891	43	1,939	14.7	14.1	32.3	14.6
Denbighshire	1,036	824	76	1,936	16.3	12.5	34.1	14.7
Flintshire	1,186	834	67	2,087	11.5	9.3	38.5	10.8
Wrexham	1,279	930	66	2,275	14.5	14.2	42.3	14.6
Powys	832	685	57	1,574	9.7	8.8	28.9	9.5
Ceredigion	575	371	.	946	14.2	9.2	.	11.7
Pembrokeshire	1,246	869	26	2,141	15.5	12.4	36.6	14.2
Carmarthenshire	1,960	1,518	58	3,536	17.0	14.1	61.7	15.8
Swansea	3,101	2,381	36	5,518	20.5	18.3	32.4	19.5
Neath Port Talbot	1,947	1,555	70	3,572	21.9	18.1	48.6	20.2
Bridgend	1,772	1,243	142	3,157	18.7	15.9	42.3	17.9
The Vale of Glamorgan	1,064	936	56	2,056	11.9	11.5	29.2	11.9
Rhondda Cynon Taf	3,592	2,880	160	6,632	22.8	19.3	48.3	21.4
Merthyr Tydfil	961	851	47	1,859	24.6	24.0	42.7	24.6
Caerphilly	2,635	2,101	28	4,764	21.0	18.5	33.3	19.9
Blaenau Gwent	1,070	869	18	1,957	23.2	20.7	33.3	22.1
Torfaen	1,249	1,087	22	2,358	19.8	15.7	41.5	17.7
Monmouthshire	498	484	58	1,040	9.1	10.7	100.0	10.3
Newport	2,050	1,593	23	3,666	19.7	18.2	29.9	19.0
Cardiff	4,643	3,632	172	8,447	22.3	20.0	43.7	21.5
Wales	35,481	27,820	1,303	64,604	17.9	15.6	41.1	17.0
Wales – January 2007	37,146	29,105	1,308	67,559	18.4	15.9	41.2	17.4
Wales – January 2006	37,893	29,730	1,291	68,914	18.4	16.0	41.0	17.5
Wales – January 2005	41,166	31,182	1,239	73,587	19.7	16.6	40.2	18.4

**Table 12: Teaching Welsh in maintained primary schools, by type of class (a)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Classes where Welsh is the sole or main medium of instruction					
Number of classes	2,307	2,341	2,355	2,336	2,341
Number of pupils	52,071	52,857	53,251	53,342	53,822
Classes where Welsh is used as a teaching medium for part of the curriculum					
Number of classes	103	78	49	40	134
Number of pupils	2,362	1,684	1,073	843	3,183
Classes where Welsh is taught as a second language					
Number of classes	8,634	8,664	8,488	8,414	8,165
Number of pupils	216,760	214,166	209,836	207,555	202,499
Classes being taught no Welsh					
Number of classes	103	61	59	64	90
Number of pupils	2,030	1,030	825	707	1,545
<b>Total classes</b>	<b>11,147</b>	<b>11,144</b>	<b>10,951</b>	<b>10,854</b>	<b>10,730</b>
<b>Total pupils</b>	<b>273,223</b>	<b>269,737</b>	<b>264,985</b>	<b>262,447</b>	<b>261,049</b>
Classes where Welsh is the sole or main medium of instruction					
Percentage of classes	20.7	21.0	21.5	21.5	21.8
Percentage of pupils	19.1	19.6	20.1	20.3	20.6
Classes where Welsh is used as a teaching medium for part of the curriculum					
Percentage of classes	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.4	1.2
Percentage of pupils	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.3	1.2
Classes where Welsh is taught as a second language					
Percentage of classes	77.5	77.7	77.5	77.5	76.1
Percentage of pupils	79.3	79.4	79.2	79.1	77.6
Classes being taught no Welsh					
Percentage of classes	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8
Percentage of pupils	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.6

(a) At January each year.

**Table 13: Welsh in maintained secondary schools in year groups 7-11, by type of course (a)**

	<i>Number of pupils</i>				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Taught Welsh as a first language:	27,726	27,895	28,264	28,134	28,123
Percentage of pupils	14.6	14.8	15.2	15.4	15.7
Taught Welsh as a second language:	159,762 (b)	158,104	155,967	153,281	149,336
Percentage of pupils	84.2	84.2	83.9	83.7	83.5
Not taught Welsh at all:	1,597	1,239	967	1,010	815
Percentage of pupils	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5
Disapplied due to statement of SEN	675	630	664	625	582
Percentage of pupils	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
<b>Total (=100 per cent)</b>	<b>189,760</b>	<b>187,868</b>	<b>185,862</b>	<b>183,050</b>	<b>178,856</b>

(a) At January each year.

(b) Including 409 pupils recorded as being taught another Welsh course.

**Table 14: Number of pupils aged 5 or over, by ethnic background, January 2008 (a)**

Ethnic background	Primary		Secondary		Special		Total	
	Number	Per cent (a)	Number	Per cent (a)	Number	Per cent (a)	Number	Per cent (a)
White (b)	185,292	93.3	194,981	94.2	3,596	93.7	383,869	93.7
White British	182,153	91.7	191,161	92.4	3,573	93.1	376,887	92.0
Traveller of Irish Heritage	157	0.1	93	0.0	*	*	250	0.1
Gypsy/ Roma	265	0.1	107	0.1	*	*	372	0.1
Any other White Background	2,717	1.4	3,620	1.7	16	0.4	6,353	1.6
Mixed	3,620	1.8	3,051	1.5	65	1.7	6,736	1.6
White and Black Caribbean	929	0.5	818	0.4	14	0.4	1,761	0.4
White and Black African	403	0.2	324	0.2	6	0.2	733	0.2
White and Asian	899	0.5	700	0.3	10	0.3	1,609	0.4
Any other mixed background	1,389	0.7	1,209	0.6	35	0.9	2,633	0.6
Asian	3,911	2.0	3,030	1.5	60	1.6	7,001	1.7
Indian	753	0.4	581	0.3	7	0.2	1,341	0.3
Pakistani	1,253	0.6	955	0.5	24	0.6	2,232	0.5
Bangladeshi	1,292	0.7	1,003	0.5	22	0.6	2,317	0.6
Any other Asian background	613	0.3	491	0.2	7	0.2	1,111	0.3
Black (b)	1,157	0.6	1,031	0.5	33	0.9	2,221	0.5
Black Caribbean	99	0.0	133	0.1	*	*	232	0.1
Black African	842	0.4	743	0.4	28	0.7	1,613	0.4
Any other Black background	216	0.1	155	0.1	*	*	371	0.1
Chinese	410	0.2	455	0.2	8	0.2	873	0.2
Any other ethnic group	1,343	0.7	1,162	0.6	20	0.5	2,525	0.6
Total with valid category	195,733	98.5	203,710	98.4	3,782	98.5	403,225	98.5
Unknown or not stated	2,959	1.5	3,226	1.6	57	1.5	6,242	1.5
All pupils	198,692	100.0	206,936	100.0	3,839	100.0	409,467	100.0

(a) Of all pupils aged 5 or over.

(b) Small numbers suppressed to protect confidentiality.

**Table 15: Number of pupils aged 5 or over, by ethnic background and free school meal entitlement, January 2008**

Ethnic background	Primary		Secondary		Primary and Secondary	
	Number eligible for FSM	% of all pupils in each ethnic group	Number eligible for FSM	% of all pupils in each ethnic group	Number eligible for FSM	% of all pupils in each ethnic group
White	32,584	17.6	26,905	13.8	59,489	15.6
White British	32,017	17.6	26,440	13.8	58,457	15.7
Traveller of Irish Heritage	105	66.9	52	55.9	157	62.8
Gypsy/ Roma	186	70.2	60	56.1	246	66.1
Any other White Background	276	10.2	353	9.8	629	9.9
Mixed	947	26.2	621	20.4	1,568	23.5
White and Black Caribbean	313	33.7	230	28.1	543	31.1
White and Black African	123	30.5	89	27.5	212	29.2
White and Asian	186	20.7	94	13.4	280	17.5
Any other mixed background	325	23.4	208	17.2	533	20.5
Asian	600	15.3	626	20.7	1,226	17.7
Indian	45	6.0	58	10.0	103	7.7
Pakistani	253	20.2	256	26.8	509	23.1
Bangladeshi	252	19.5	271	27.0	523	22.8
Any other Asian background	50	8.2	41	8.4	91	8.2
Black	532	46.0	446	43.3	978	44.7
Black Caribbean	32	32.3	31	23.3	63	27.2
Black African	427	50.7	376	50.6	803	50.7
Any other Black background	73	33.8	39	25.2	112	30.2
Chinese	20	4.9	17	3.7	37	4.3
Any other ethnic group	244	18.2	321	27.6	565	22.6
Total with known category	34,927	17.8	28,936	14.2	63,863	16.0
Unknown or not stated	558	18.9	472	14.6	1,030	16.7
All pupils	35,485	17.9	29,408	14.2	64,893	16.0

**Table 16: Number of pupils aged 5 or over, by ethnic background and SEN status, January 2008**

Ethnic background	Primary		Secondary		All	
	Number with SEN (a)	% of all pupils in each ethnic group	Number with SEN (a)	% of all pupils in each ethnic group	Number with SEN (a)	% of all pupils in each ethnic group
White	46,769	25.2	34,614	17.8	81,383	21.4
White British	45,967	25.2	33,917	17.7	79,884	21.4
Traveller of Irish Heritage	95	60.5	29	31.2	124	49.6
Gypsy/ Roma	167	63.0	49	45.8	216	58.1
Any other White Background	540	19.9	619	17.1	1,159	18.3
Mixed	837	23.1	536	17.6	1,373	20.6
White and Black Caribbean	256	27.6	176	21.5	432	24.7
White and Black African	102	25.3	63	19.4	165	22.7
White and Asian	156	17.4	98	14.0	254	15.9
Any other mixed background	323	23.3	199	16.5	522	20.1
Asian	863	22.1	498	16.4	1,361	19.6
Indian	127	16.9	83	14.3	210	15.7
Pakistani	304	24.3	181	19.0	485	22.0
Bangladeshi	336	26.0	181	18.0	517	22.5
Any other Asian background	96	15.7	53	10.8	149	13.5
Black	286	24.7	197	19.1	483	22.1
Black Caribbean	32	32.3	22	16.5	54	23.3
Black African	202	24.0	142	19.1	344	21.7
Any other Black background	52	24.1	33	21.3	85	22.9
Chinese	65	15.9	48	10.5	113	13.1
Any other ethnic group	234	17.4	148	12.7	382	15.2
Total with known category	49,054	25.1	36,041	17.7	85,095	21.3
Unknown or not stated	818	27.6	619	19.2	1,437	23.2
All pupils	49,872	25.1	36,660	17.7	86,532	21.3

(a) Includes statemented and non statemented pupils with special educational needs.

**Table 17: Number of pupils aged 5 or over, by national identity, January 2008 (a)**

National Identity	Primary		Secondary		Special		All	
	Number	Per cent (b)	Number	Per cent (b)	Number	Per cent (b)	Number	Per cent (b)
Welsh	109,756	55.2	116,264	56.2	1,775	46.2	227,795	55.6
English	12,381	6.2	12,520	6.1	290	7.6	25,191	6.2
Scottish	289	0.1	382	0.2	8	0.2	679	0.2
Irish	341	0.2	234	0.1	3	0.1	578	0.1
British	58,899	29.6	61,372	29.7	1,371	35.7	121,642	29.7
Other	5,712	2.9	4,523	2.2	57	1.5	10,292	2.5
Total with valid category	187,378	94.3	195,295	94.4	3,504	91.3	386,177	94.3
Unknown or not stated	11,314	5.7	11,641	5.6	335	8.7	23,290	5.7
All pupils	198,692	100.0	206,936	100.0	3,839	100.0	409,467	100.0

(a) Pupils in maintained primary, secondary and special schools.

(b) Percentage of total pupils aged 5 or over.

**Table 18: Number of pupils aged 5 or over, by ethnic background and national identity, January 2008 (a)**

Ethnic background	National Identity						All pupils
	Welsh	English	British	Scottish, Irish or Other (b)	Total with valid category	Unknown or not stated	
White	222,476	24,332	113,675	4,704	365,187	18,682	383,869
White British	220,528	24,139	112,360	1,686	358,713	18,174	376,887
Any other White Background	1,948	193	1,315	3,018	6,474	508	6,982
Mixed	2,543	413	2,483	854	6,293	443	6,736
Asian	596	98	3,080	2,616	6,390	611	7,001
Black	188	51	537	1,209	1,985	236	2,221
Chinese	89	24	391	315	819	54	873
Other ethnic group	163	27	529	1,605	2,324	201	2,525
Total with valid category	226,055	24,945	120,695	11,303	382,998	20,227	403,225
Unknown or not stated	1,740	246	947	246	3,179	3,063	6,242
All pupils	227,795	25,191	121,642	11,549	386,177	23,290	409,467

(a) Pupils in maintained primary, secondary and special schools.

(b) Categories merged to protect confidentiality.

**Table 19: Teacher vacancies, by teaching medium, in primary and secondary schools: 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007**

Subject / Phase	Number of posts advertised		Number of applications received		Average number of applications received per post		Number of posts where an appointment was made		% of posts where an appointment was made	
	English medium	Welsh medium	English medium	Welsh medium	English medium	Welsh medium	English medium	Welsh medium	English medium	Welsh medium
Secondary schools:										
Art	36	7	457	40	13	6	36	6	100.0	85.7
Biology	16	4	306	13	19	3	16	4	100.0	100.0
Chemistry	12	2	133	4	11	2	12	2	100.0	100.0
Design & Technology	59	13	560	39	9	3	58	13	98.3	100.0
English	100	9	1,146	40	11	4	99	9	99.0	100.0
Geography	28	3	374	15	13	5	28	3	100.0	100.0
History	23	1	344	46	15	46	21	1	91.3	100.0
Information Technology	39	4	386	8	10	2	38	4	97.4	100.0
Mathematics	73	16	777	61	11	4	71	16	97.3	100.0
Modern Foreign Languages	39	12	408	25	10	2	35	12	89.7	100.0
Music	17	2	189	3	11	2	17	2	100.0	100.0
Physical Education	49	6	833	35	17	6	48	6	98.0	100.0
Physics	18	6	143	19	8	3	18	6	100.0	100.0
Religious Studies	23	5	272	30	12	6	23	5	100.0	100.0
Science	75	11	814	17	11	2	71	11	94.7	100.0
Special Needs	10	2	83	18	8	9	10	2	100.0	100.0
Welsh 1st Language	3	16	25	80	8	5	3	16	100.0	100.0
Welsh 2nd Language	24	11	186	34	8	3	22	10	91.7	90.9
Other	80	18	1,139	44	14	2	75	18	93.8	100.0
Headteachers and deputies	6	1	78	4	13	4	6	0	100.0	0.0
Total secondary schools vacancies	730	149	8,653	575	12	4	707	146	96.8	98.0
Primary schools:										
Foundation/Early years	62	30	1,609	439	26	15	59	29	95.2	96.7
Key Stage 1	84	45	2,725	499	32	11	81	41	96.4	91.1
Key stage 2	197	95	5,555	912	28	10	189	91	95.9	95.8
Mixed Key Stage	89	39	1,393	237	16	6	85	39	95.5	100.0
Total primary schools vacancies	432	209	11,282	2,087	26	10	414	200	95.8	95.7

**Table 20: Number of years experience of teachers who left the profession between 1 Jan 2007 and 31 Dec 2007 to take employment outside teaching or early retirement**

Subject / Phase	Number of teachers	Combined experience (a)	Average number of years experience
<b>Secondary schools:</b>			
Art	15	353	24
Biology	6	140	23
Chemistry	4	111	28
Design & Technology	42	1,177	28
English	27	679	25
Geography	23	610	27
History	15	425	28
Information Technology	15	411	27
Mathematics	36	936	26
Modern Foreign Languages	20	491	25
Music	4	112	28
Physical Education	10	279	28
Physics	4	114	29
Religious Studies	11	223	20
Science	25	677	27
Special Educational Needs	10	289	29
Welsh 1st Language	5	111	22
Welsh 2nd Language	13	339	26
Other subjects	30	858	29
Headteachers and deputies	2	74	37
<b>Total secondary schools</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>8,409</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Primary schools:</b>			
Foundation/Early years	32	858	27
Key Stage 1	63	1,684	27
Key stage 2	106	2,862	27
Mixed Key Stage	28	754	27
<b>Total primary schools</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>6,158</b>	<b>27</b>

**Table 21: Teachers who left the profession between 1 Jan 2007 and 31 Dec 2007 to take employment outside teaching or early retirement, grouped by number of years experience**

Subject / Phase	Number of teachers	Years of teaching experience						
		0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31+
<b>Secondary schools:</b>								
Art	15	1	2	2	2	1	1	6
Biology	6	0	2	0	0	1	1	2
Chemistry	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Design & Technology	42	3	0	1	3	4	12	19
English	27	2	1	2	4	4	5	9
Geography	23	2	0	3	0	3	4	11
History	15	0	1	1	1	2	1	9
Information Technology	15	1	0	1	1	2	4	6
Mathematics	36	3	4	1	1	4	8	15
Modern Foreign Languages	20	3	0	1	3	1	4	8
Music	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	1
Physical Education	10	0	2	0	0	2	0	6
Physics	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Religious Studies	11	4	0	1	0	0	3	3
Science	25	1	0	4	2	1	6	11
Special Educational Needs	10	0	0	0	2	1	4	3
Welsh 1st Language	5	0	1	0	1	1	2	0
Welsh 2nd Language	13	0	1	3	0	0	3	6
Other subjects	30	1	0	3	1	8	3	14
Headteachers and deputies	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Total secondary schools</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>133</b>
% of total	100.0	6.6	4.4	7.3	7.3	11.4	21.1	42.0
<b>Primary schools:</b>								
Foundation/Early years	32	1	0	1	5	6	9	10
Key stage 1	63	5	2	0	7	5	23	21
Key stage 2	106	5	2	3	14	17	30	35
Mixed key stage	28	2	2	1	2	4	8	9
<b>Total primary schools</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>75</b>
% of total	100.0	5.7	2.6	2.2	12.2	14.0	30.6	32.8

### Key Quality Information

**Data collection and coverage** - schools data are derived from the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) returns and STATS1 returns supplied by schools open on Census day in January each year. The returns are authorised by Headteachers and validated by Local Education Authorities. It is not anticipated that final data will change significantly from the provisional data.

**Comparability** - This release shows final data at Wales level for 2005 - 2007 and provisional data at LEA and Wales level for 2008.

The **teacher numbers** collected on PLASC presented in this release may be lower than those collected on the STATS3 return as they may exclude supply, peripatetic, advisory and miscellaneous teachers who were not in school on census day. The PLASC **class size data** presented here are not directly comparable with the data published from the September Class Size Count. PLASC includes nursery and special classes but the September count excludes them.

**Definitions** - Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) is calculated from the Full time equivalent of pupils (FTE) divided by the FTE of teachers (Headteachers, Deputy Heads and other qualified teachers).

The Average Class Size in primary schools is the number of pupils in ordinary classes divided by the number of ordinary classes. In secondary schools the total number of pupils is divided by the total number of classes.

#### **Symbols** -

- the data item is not exactly zero but less than 0.5.

. the data item is not applicable.

\* the data item is disclosive or not sufficiently robust for publication.

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