

The number of Maoris and children of mixed race attending the public schools is shown in the following table:—

TABLE B2.—CHILDREN OF MAORI AND MIXED RACES ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1902.

Education Districts.	Of Maori Race.			Of Mixed Race living as Maoris.			Of Mixed Race living as Europeans.			Total.			Number of Schools attended
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	
Auckland	419	367	786	31	34	65	343	289	632	793	690	1,483	179
Taranaki	39	21	60	1	3	4	26	26	52	66	50	116	22
Wanganui	125	76	201	8	7	15	19	25	44	152	108	260	39
Wellington	89	66	155	6	9	15	40	38	78	135	113	248	40
Hawke's Bay	246	153	399	18	22	40	74	63	137	338	238	576	35
Marlborough	1	..	1	..	..	..	14	11	25	15	11	26	5
Nelson	6	4	10	..	1	1	..	4	4	6	9	15	6
Grey .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland	7	6	13	..	..	..	5	2	7	12	8	20	2
North Canterbury	4	4	8	..	..	..	24	20	44	28	24	52	11
South Canterbury	7	8	15	..	..	..	2	2	4	9	10	19	3
Otago	8	11	19	..	4	7	36	35	71	47	50	97	17
Southland .. ..	..	..	..	8	12	20	54	42	96	62	54	116	15
Totals for 1902	951	716	1,667	75	92	167	637	557	1,194	1,663	1,365	3,028	374
Totals for 1901	820	562	1,382	116	118	234	571	501	1,072	1,507	1,181	2,688	352
Difference	131	154	285	-41	-26	-67	66	56	122	156	184	340	22

The number of children of Maori and mixed race attending the public schools has increased during the year by 340—namely, from 2,688 to 3,028; the number of such children in the Maori village schools was greater by 444 in 1902 than it was in 1901; in the Maori boarding-schools there was an increase of 7. In the aggregate there were 6,626 children of Maori and mixed race receiving instruction last year, as against 5,835 the previous year—that is, there was a total increase of 791.

Table C shows the number of the population, exclusive of Maoris and Chinese, at each year of age, and the percentage of children at each age that at 31st March, 1901, were receiving instruction in the public schools.

TABLE C.—NUMBER ON PUBLIC-SCHOOL ROLL COMPARED WITH POPULATION, ACCORDING TO AGE AND SEX.

(1.) Age (Years).	(2.) School Roll at End of 1902.				(3.) Population (as at 31st March, 1901).			(4.) Percentage of Popu- lation on Roll of Public Schools.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Percent- age of Roll at each Age	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
5 and under 6	5,241	4,828	10,069	7.6	8,709	8,567	17,276	60.2	56.4	58.3
6 " " 7	6,946	6,602	13,548	10.3	8,627	8,503	17,130	80.5	77.6	79.1
7 " " 8	7,714	7,107	14,821	11.2	8,675	8,479	17,154	88.9	83.8	86.4
8 " " 9	7,927	7,338	15,265	11.5	8,593	8,390	16,983	92.2	87.5	89.9
9 " " 10	7,764	7,231	14,995	11.3	8,704	8,480	17,184	89.2	85.3	87.3
10 " " 11	7,724	7,232	14,956	11.3	8,512	8,376	16,888	90.7	86.3	88.6
11 " " 12	7,661	6,987	14,648	11.1	8,464	8,196	16,660	90.5	85.2	87.9
12 " " 13	7,419	6,805	14,224	10.8	8,822	8,612	17,434	84.1	79.0	81.6
13 " " 14	5,941	5,171	11,112	8.4	8,552	8,579	17,131	69.5	60.3	64.9
14 " " 15	3,084	2,715	5,799	4.4	8,747	8,358	17,105	35.3	32.5	33.9
(5 " " 15)	67,421	62,016	129,437	97.9	86,405	84,540	170,945	78.0	73.4	75.7
15 " over	1,480	1,345	2,825	2.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	68,901	63,361	132,262	100.0	..	..	..	..	..	..

NOTE.—The figures in column 3 are from the last Census returns (31st March, 1901). It is estimated that the proportions are practically unchanged.

The proportion of boys to girls is almost the same as for 1900 and 1901—52 per cent. to 48 per cent. Taking the average for the last four years, we find that for every 100 boys on the rolls of the schools there are 92.4 girls.

The ratio of the children under ten years of age to those over that age is slightly lower than it was last year. The actual percentages are respectively 51.9 and 48.1 of the roll-number.

Table C1 gives the numbers, according to the returns of the Registrar-General, that at 31st March, 1901, were under instruction at colleges or grammar or high schools, at private schools, at denominational schools, and at home respec-