

In Table N 3 is shown the cost to the State per individual pupil or student.

TABLE N3.—EXPENDITURE OUT OF PUBLIC REVENUE ON EACH BRANCH OF EDUCATION FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL ON THE ROLL OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS (EXCLUDING RESERVES REVENUE AND COST OF NEW BUILDINGS).

Branch of Education.	1898.	1903.	1908.	1913.	1914.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. Primary, &c.	3 4 10	3 17 2	4 15 2	5 6 10	5 10 4
II. Secondary, &c. .. ..	.. ..	4 2 6	8 0 2	10 6 10	10 18 8
III. Continuation and technical	1 2 10	1 13 8	3 4 4	2 4 9	1 19 9
IV. Higher	16 18 11	9 4 3	14 12 3	15 12 1	17 6 3
All branches, except primary	5 13 11	3 7 11	5 14 8	9 1 3	6 7 6

If we include reserves revenue (still excluding cost of new buildings) the average expenditure per head out of public funds and endowments was in the year 1914 in primary schools, £6 2s. 11d.; secondary, £16 4s. 1d.; continuation and technical, £2 9s. 4d.; higher, £29 17s. 5d.; all branches, except primary, £9 10s. 2d. The cost in each branch, excepting technical and continuation, shows an increase over that for the previous year. The decrease in the cost per head of technical and continuation education results in the cost of all branches, excepting primary, being less by £1 14s. 8d. than it was in the year 1913.

In the United States, according to the latest reports in this office, the cost of primary education is 24 dollars 81 cents, or £5 3s. 4d., and the cost of all branches of education is £7 2s. 2d. per head of roll number.

TABLE N 4.—PROGRESS IN EDUCATION: A COMPARISON OF THE NUMBER OF PUPILS UNDER INSTRUCTION IN THE SEVERAL BRANCHES OF EDUCATION IN THE YEARS 1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, AND 1914 RESPECTIVELY.

	Actual Numbers.					Number per 10,000 of Population.				
	1898.	1903.	1908.	1913.	1914.	1898.	1903.	1908.	1913.	1914.
Population	788,317	875,648	1,008,373	1,134,506	1,140,172	..	..	..	..	..
I. Primary education (including public and Native schools, all receiving free tuition)	136,652	136,546	148,180	172,390	178,621	1,744	1,551	1,467	1,526	1,567
II. Industrial and special schools ..	..	..	..	809	732	..	..	..	7	6
III. Secondary education (including secondary schools, secondary departments of district high schools, day technical schools, and Maori secondary schools)	3,046	5,818	7,742	9,959	10,428	39	66	77	88	91
IV. Continuation and technical education	1,750*	6,533*	13,051*	15,206	16,602	22	75	129	134	146
V. University education	708	1,194	1,711	2,371	2,310	9	14	17	21	20
(Private schools not included above, principally primary)	14,857	15,609	18,367	19,428	21,613*	190	177	182	172	189
Total under instruction ..	157,013	165,700	189,051	220,163	230,306	2,004	1,883	1,872	1,948	2,019
VI. Total under instruction higher than primary (III, IV, and V above)	5,504	13,545	22,504	27,536	29,349	70	155	223	244	257
Number of latter (VI) receiving free tuition	1,178†	4,260†	7,959	12,574	13,920	15	49	79	111	122

* Estimated.

† Approximate.