

The number of pupils per teacher in the several grades or groups of schools is shown below: (1) two pupil-teachers being counted as equivalent to one adult teacher, and probationers being disregarded; and (2) probationers being included on the same basis as pupil-teachers:—

Grade of School.	Total Average Attendance.	Average Number of Children per Teacher.		Grade of School.	Total Average Attendance.	Average Number of Children per Teacher.	
		Excluding Probationers.	Including Probationers.			Excluding Probationers.	Including Probationers.
O (1-8)	1,399	6	6	VI _A (401-440)	6,063	43	38
I (9-20)	10,226	14	14	VI _B (441-480)	4,958		
II (21-35)	14,367	26	26	VII _A (481-520)	9,874		
III _A (36-80)	29,703	26	25	VII _B (521-560)	6,943	43	39
III _B (81-120)	12,890	32	30	VII _C (561-600)	7,775		
IV _A (121-160)	8,557	38	34	VII _D (601-640)	8,579		
IV _B (161-200)	5,781			VII _E (641-680)	6,245		
IV _C (201-240)	6,914			VII _F (681-720)	8,265		
V _A (241-280)	6,315	41	37	VII _G (721-760)	3,463		
V _B (281-320)	6,542			VII _H (761-800)	3,823		
V _C (321-360)	11,198			VII _I (801-840)	1,608		
V _D (361-400)	6,554			VII _J (841-880)	643		
				VII _K (881-920)	1,754		

	Total Average Attendance.	Average Number of Children per Teacher.	
		Excluding Probationers.	Including Probationers.
Grades III-VII (two or more teachers)	.. 164,447	37	34
Grades V-VII (six or more teachers)	.. 100,602	43	38
All schools	32	30

The proportion of male to female teachers remains fairly constant at approximately one male to every two female teachers. It will be noted from the following table that amongst the junior teachers and training-college students the number of women somewhat exceeds this ratio; but as the average length of a woman's service is less than a man's, the ratio adjusts itself throughout the teaching service as a whole.

NUMBER OF FEMALE TEACHERS FOR EACH 100 MALE TEACHERS.

	1915.	1918.	1921.	1922.	1923.
Adult teachers---					
All schools 193	253	197	197	203
Schools with roll 1-20 323	523	318	299	293
Schools with roll over 20 176	227	182	182	191
Pupil-teachers 344	425	294	223	172
Probationers 647	688	445	349	279
Training-college students 387	488	324	256	244

SALARIES OF PRIMARY PUBLIC-SCHOOL TEACHERS.

The scale of salaries introduced in 1920 provided salaries for head or sole teachers ranging from £180 to £480, and for assistants ranging from £160 to £400. In addition, increments of from £20 to £60 are payable according to a teacher's position on the graded list, and married assistants also receive an additional allowance of £40 per annum. Head teachers either have the free use of a school residence or receive a house allowance of from £30 to £60 per annum.

Under the provisions of the Public Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1921-22, deductions ranging from £15 to £20 per annum were made in the salaries of all teachers payable according to the scale mentioned.