

					Total Average Attendance. (Primary.)	* Average Number of Children per Adult Teacher.
Grades III–VII (two or more teachers)	..	..	..	..	166,189	37
Grades V–VII (six or more teachers)	..	..	..	..	103,614	44
All schools	..	..	..	..	192,284	32

* Head teachers are counted as class-teachers up to and including Grade V schools that are not District High Schools. In previous reports all head teachers were counted as class-teachers.

It will be seen from the first table above that 1,547 schools, or more than half the total number, each had an average attendance of less than thirty-six pupils. These sole-teacher schools had a total average attendance of 26,095.

ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE.

The total enrolment in public primary schools at the end of the year 1927 was 219,945, an increase of 3,138 over the total for the previous year.

Regularity of Attendance.—The regularity of attendance has continued at a highly satisfactory figure, the average attendance for the year 1927 being 89·2 per cent. of the average weekly roll number. The Otago Education District, with 91·5 per cent., had the highest degree of regularity, but the figures for all districts are creditable, in no case falling below 88·1 per cent.

The relative responsibilities of the nine Education Boards may be gauged from the following figures, which are exclusive of the secondary departments of district high schools :—

Education District.	Enrolment.			Schools, 1927 (excluding Grade 0).	Adult Teachers, 1927.
	1922.	1927.	Percentage Increase, Five Years.		
Auckland	62,248	67,621	9	698	1,854
Taranaki	11,121	11,719	5	164	364
Wanganui	16,673	17,266	4	190	501
Hawke's Bay	15,593	16,567	6	163	484
Wellington	26,367	28,042	6	227	751
Nelson	7,052	7,023	*	117	253
Canterbury	36,885	37,890	3	379	1,034
Otago	22,084	21,370	—3	234	609
Southland	12,468	12,447	*	182	380
Totals	210,491	219,945	4	2,354	6,230

* No significant movement.

The more pronounced increase in the North Island districts is, of course, a natural corollary to the northward trend of the population. It will be observed that the Auckland District accounts for 57 per cent. of the increase for the Dominion.