

The following figures show the roll and attendance at these schools for 1929 :—

(a) Secondary schools (46)—			
Roll, 1st March	..	..	17,845
Roll, 31st December (boys, 8,517 ; girls, 6,981)	..	..	15,498
(b) District high schools—secondary departments (79)—			
Roll 31st December (boys, 1,937 ; girls, 1,932)	..	..	3,869
(c) Technical high schools and technical day schools (21)—			
Roll, 31st December (boys, 3,287 ; girls, 2,827)	..	..	6,114
(d) Registered private secondary schools (47)—			
Roll, 31st December (boys, 1,534 ; girls, 2,164)	..	..	3,698
(e) Secondary schools for Maoris (12)—			
Roll, 31st December (boys, 295 ; girls, 238)	..	..	533
(f) Junior high schools, third-year pupils only (2)—			
Roll, 31st December (boys, 61 ; girls, 70)	..	..	131

The total number of pupils receiving secondary education at the end of the year was 29,843, an increase of 901 over the figures for the previous year.

DESTINATION OF PUPILS ON COMPLETION OF THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION.

The following table summarizes the returns furnished by Principals of schools respecting the destination of pupils who left high schools, district high schools, technical high schools, and day technical schools during or at the end of the year 1929. The figures are in all cases exclusive of pupils who left one school to enter another full-time post-primary school :—

Occupation.	Secondary Schools.				Technical, High, and Day Schools.				Secondary Departments of District High Schools.				Totals.			
	Boys.		Girls.		Boys.		Girls.		Boys.		Girls.		Boys.		Girls.	
	No.	Per Cent.	No.	Per Cent.	No.	Per Cent.	No.	Per Cent.	No.	Per Cent.	No.	Per Cent.	No.	Per Cent.	No.	Per Cent.
University college ..	106	3	94	4	9	*	3	*	8	1	5	*	123	2	102	2
Teaching or training college ..	112	4	252	10	12	1	27	2	24	2	72	8	148	2	351	7
Clerical—																
Government or local body ..	232	8	19	1	87	4	30	2	102	10	7	1	421	7	56	1
Banks, insurance ..	159	5	2	*	17	1	2	*	14	1	..	..	190	3	4	*
Legal ..	48	2	8	*	3	*	3	*	3	*	7	1	54	1	18	*
Commercial ..	400	13	433	17	182	9	323	20	55	6	83	9	637	10	839	17
Engineering, surveying, and architecture ..	119	4	..	..	207	10	..	..	22	2	..	..	348	6	..	..
Various trades and industries ..	382	12	25	1	528	25	124	7	173	17	15	2	1,083	17	164	3
Shop and warehouse ..	439	14	218	9	282	13	223	14	129	13	91	10	850	14	532	10
Farming ..	570	19	..	..	391	18	1	*	334	33	3	*	1,295	21	4	*
Home ..	162	5	1,260	49	75	4	701	43	93	9	571	62	330	5	2,532	50
Other occupations ..	96	3	155	6	85	4	49	3	28	3	53	6	209	3	257	5
Not known ..	253	8	78	3	243	11	150	9	34	3	11	1	530	9	239	5
Totals ..	3,078	100	2,544	100	2,121	100	1,636	100	1,019	100	918	100	6,218	100	5,098	100

* No significant percentage.

In the table below are shown for comparative purposes the percentages of the total number of boys leaving each class of school last year who proceeded to the University or to employment in the three main occupational groups. The corresponding figures for the four previous years are also shown where these are available.

Class of School.	University.					Clerical, Professional, Shop, and Warehouse.					Farming.					Trades and Industries.				
	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
Secondary ..	*	*	7	5	3	*	*	43	44	50	*	*	17	18	19	*	*	11	12	12
Technical ..	*	*	1	1	†	*	*	34	35	38	*	*	17	18	18	*	*	25	23	25
District high ..	*	*	†	1	1	*	*	39	33	34	*	*	31	34	33	*	*	12	13	17
All schools ..	3	4	4	3	2	46	43	40	39	43	17	20	19	21	21	13	15	16	16	17

* Separate figures not available.

† No significant percentage.

The two most noteworthy features of the above table are the steady increases in the percentages of boys who on leaving post-primary school proceed to farming or trades and industrial occupations. The increase in the percentage of boys from purely secondary schools proceeding to farming occupations is particularly grati-