

Year of commencing post-primary course ..	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
Number of proficiency passes in previous year in public primary schools and intermediate schools and departments	14,128	16,549	16,633	17,286	17,031
Number of pupils who commenced a post-primary course in State schools and who came from public primary schools or intermediate schools and departments	11,019	11,637	12,143	12,632	12,849
Percentage .. .. .	78	70	73	73	75

The ages at which pupils commenced their post-primary course are given in the following table :—

TABLE N.—AGES AT WHICH PUPILS COMMENCE POST-PRIMARY COURSE.

		Age at which Post-primary Course commenced.										Total Numbers commencing Post-primary Education.	
		Under 12 Years.		12 Years.		13 Years.		14 Years.		15 Years and over.			
		Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Secondary ..	..	29	61	641	734	1,235	1,302	746	511	219	110	2,870	2,718
Combined ..	..	1	9	78	80	215	173	142	48	57	9	493	319
Technical ..	..	23	22	380	443	1,146	987	897	519	265	125	2,711	2,096
District high ..	..	12	26	255	321	486	489	278	246	79	67	1,110	1,149
Totals—1936 ..	..	65	118	1,354	1,578	3,082	2,951	2,063	1,324	620	311	7,184	6,282
1935 ..	..	94	121	1,348	1,534	2,959	2,793	1,923	1,419	672	314	6,996	6,181
Difference ..	..	—29	—3	+6	+44	+123	+158	+140	—95	—52	—3	+188	+101

In 1935 24 per cent. and in 1936 23 per cent. of those commencing a post-primary course did so under the age of thirteen years.

### 15. DESTINATION OF PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL.

A summary of the destination returns obtained from the schools, through the various Boards, is given in the following tables :—

TABLE O 1.—PROBABLE DESTINATION OF PUPILS LEAVING PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS DURING OR AT END OF YEAR 1936.

Destination.	Had passed Form II.		Had not passed Form II.		Totals.			
					Boys.		Girls.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Number.	Per Cent.	Number.	Per Cent.
Post primary .. .. .	6,388	6,163	192	131	6,580	58	6,294	60
Commercial occupations—								
(a) Clerical (including typing) ..	34	34	3	5	37	*	39	1
(b) Shop and warehouse assistants	367	255	197	88	564	5	343	3
Trades—								
(a) Engineering .. .. .	150	2	48	..	198	2	2	*
(b) Building .. .. .	55	1	26	1	81	1	2	*
(c) Other .. .. .	231	80	169	64	400	4	144	1
Agricultural and pastoral ..	1,115	63	952	60	2,067	18	123	1
Other occupations .. .. .	338	330	384	274	722	6	604	6
Home .. .. .	240	1,590	271	1,142	511	4	2,732	26
Not known .. .. .	92	72	112	100	204	2	172	2
Totals, 1936 .. .. .	9,010	8,590	2,354	1,865	11,364	100	10,455	100
Totals, 1935 .. .. .	9,131	8,577	2,395	2,005	11,526	..	10,582	..
Difference .. .. .	—121	+13	—41	—140	—162	..	—127	..

\* Insignificant percentage.