

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AT PRIMARY AND POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Summary of findings from the Annual Attendance Reports  
submitted by schools for the 2003/2004 school year

**TABLE 1**

### RESPONSE RATE FROM SCHOOLS

Primary	83%
Post-Primary	71%

**TABLE 2**

### LEVELS OF ATTENDANCE NATIONALLY

	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Post-Primary</b>
Attendance	94.1%	91.3%
	or	or
	11 days absence on average for each student	15 days absence on average for each student
Percentage of students absent for 20 days or more	10.7%	18.9%

**TABLE 3**

**LEVELS OF ATTENDANCE IN POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN RAPID AND NON-RAPID AREAS**

	<b>Rapid* Areas</b>	<b>Non-Rapid Areas</b>
Attendance	87.8%  or  20 days absence on average for each student	91.5%  or  14 days absence on average for each student
Percentage of students absent 20 days or more	26% i.e. approx 1 in 4	18.6% i.e. approx 1 in 5

**TABLE 4**

**LEVELS OF ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN RAPID AND NON-RAPID AREAS**

	<b>Rapid* Areas</b>	<b>Non-Rapid Areas</b>
Attendance	90.8%  or  average absence of 17 days per student	94.3%  or  average absence of 10 days per student
Percentage of students absent 20 days or more	23.7%	9.9%

\*Large cities and towns covered under RAPID 1.

**These tables are based on a report prepared by the Educational Research Centre, Dublin for the National Educational Welfare Board.**