

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 21st JUNE 2021**

Question

Will the Minister advise how many pupils of school age have been recorded annually as suffering from mental health issues in the years from 2018 to date?

Answer

The Department collect a termly “census” of all pupils, which gives a regular snapshot of pupil numbers and characteristics. As part of this, we collect details of any Special Educational Needs or Records of Need.

The data provided below identifies the number of pupils in Reception to Year 13 in each Spring term census who had a “Social, Emotional and Mental Health” need recorded on school systems.

Year	Pupils
2018	667
2019	508
2020	584
2021	602

It should be noted that some children will have this need recorded across several terms/years and will therefore be counted more than once in the above data.