

## Pupil Number Comparisons by Local Authority Area 2011/12

At September 2011 the total pupil population in Scotland was 702,104, of whom 4.5% are being educated in SCIS schools. The proportion of Scottish pupils being educated in SCIS schools has remained stable over the last three years, demonstrating the overall stability of the sector. The number of pupils in Local Authority schools has fallen by 0.4% since last year. At September 2011 the same fall was observed in the number of pupils in SCIS schools, although this does not take into consideration pupils in schools which have joined SCIS since September 2011. The independent sector is currently equivalent in size to the seventh largest Local Authority in Scotland. The distribution of independent schools across the country is uneven: there are SCIS schools in 22 of the 32 Local Authorities. However, in some Local Authorities, pupils in SCIS schools account for a large proportion of pupils. Pupils attending SCIS schools may not all be resident in the Local Authority where the school is situated.

**Table 1: comparison of SCIS and Local Authority pupil numbers by region**

Local Authority where school is located	Number of SCIS pupils	SCIS pupils as a % of all pupils	Number of SCIS pupils in mainstream secondary schools	SCIS pupils in mainstream secondary schools as % of all mainstream secondary pupils
City of Aberdeen	3,598	14.41%	1,907	17.09%
Angus	181	1.17%	83	1.20%
Argyll and Bute	494	4.27%	330	5.87%
Clackmannanshire	1227	15.76%	856	23.59%
Dundee City	979	5.35%	649	7.85%
Dumfries and Galloway	11	0.06%	0	-
East Ayrshire	75	0.46%	0	-
East Lothian	844	5.97%	435	7.06%
East Renfrewshire	280	1.70%	161	1.98%
City of Edinburgh	10,770	19.51%	6,198	24.87%
Fife	608	1.26%	368	1.73%
Glasgow	6,162	8.70%	3,578	11.97%
Inverclyde	826	7.40%	403	7.91%
Moray	685	5.44%	550	8.81%
North Lanarkshire	44	0.09%	0	-
Perth and Kinross	2,267	11.55%	1,606	17.51%
Renfrewshire	149	0.63%	0	-
Scottish Borders	148	0.99%	19	0.28%
South Ayrshire	562	3.78%	280	3.99%
South Lanarkshire	876	1.99%	495	2.50%
Stirling	620	4.75%	421	6.61%
West Lothian	97	0.37%	0	-

Source: Scottish Government online publication 'Pupils in Scotland 2011' and SCIS census returns

**Chart 1: showing the percentage of all mainstream primary and secondary pupils, and special school pupils who are educated independently in each Local Authority area.**

