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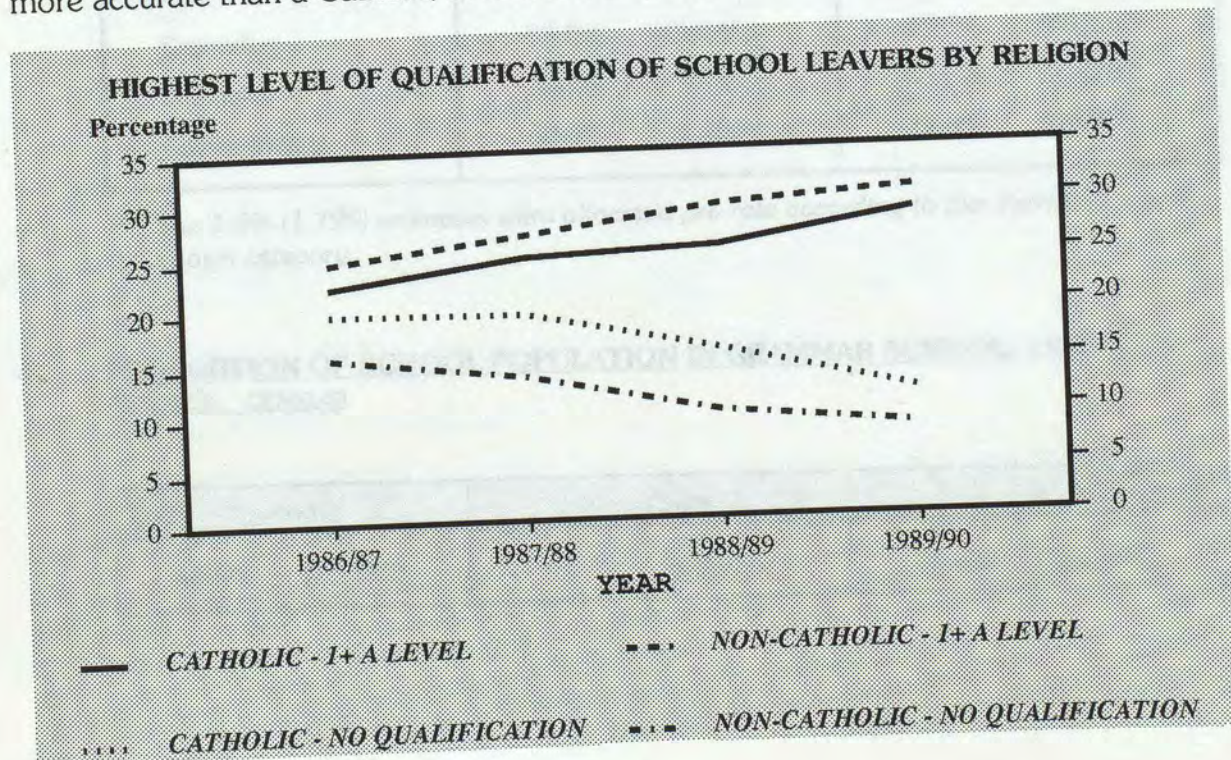
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CATHOLIC:NON-CATHOLIC COMPARISONS

INTRODUCTION

There has been increasing attention focused recently on Protestant/Catholic differentials in education arising out of a variety of Government initiatives in the area of equal opportunity, such as the Employment Equality Review, the SACHR Reports and Targeting Social Need. In view of the need for Divisions to be aware of the existence of such differentials and to ensure that monitoring systems are established or in place, it was considered helpful to pull together a compendium of the current information held by Statistics Branch in this area. This should prove useful to those charged with the monitoring of equal opportunity in the delivery of education services, and of interest to those with a less direct responsibility.

Throughout the Briefing, data is presented on a Catholic/Non-Catholic split as this is more accurate than a Catholic/Protestant division.



SCHOOL POPULATION

1. NURSERY SCHOOL & NURSERY CLASS ENROLMENTS, 1990/91 (SOURCE: CENSUS)

	Maintained		Controlled	
Full-Time	30%	(1,313)	70%	(3,094)
Part-Time	11%	(339)	89%	(2,743)
Total	22%	(1,652)	78%	(5,837)
FTEs	25%	(1,483)	75%	(4,466)

2. PRIMARY SCHOOL POPULATION, 1990/91* (SOURCE: CENSUS)

	Catholic Maintained		Non-Catholic	
1990/91	49.4%	(93,596)	50.6%	(95,999)

* Includes prep department enrolments

3. SECONDARY SCHOOL POPULATION, 1990/91* (SOURCE: CENSUS)

	Catholic		Non-Catholic	
Secondary	53.0%	(45,935)	47.0%	(40,732)
Grammar	46.4%	(25,257)	53.6%	(29,222)
All Secondary	50.4%	(71,192)	49.6%	(69,954)

* The 1.2% (1,799) unknown were allocated pro rata according to the distribution of the known category.

4. PROPORTION OF SCHOOL POPULATION IN GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 1990/91 (SOURCE: CENSUS)

	Catholic	Non-Catholic	All
	35.5% (71,192)	41.8% (69,954)	38.6% (141,146)

5. **PROPORTION OF 6TH FORM POPULATION IN GRAMMAR & SECONDARY SCHOOLS, 1990/91**

(SOURCE: CENSUS)

	Catholic		Non-Catholic	
Secondary	31%	(2,840)	17%	(1,075)
Grammar	69%	(6,414)	83%	(6,495)
All	100%	(9,254)	100%	(7,570)

6. **CATHOLIC "CROSSOVER" TO NON-CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

(SOURCE: CENSUS)

Controlled Secondary	2.1%	(878)	}	5.1%	(1,578)
Controlled Grammar	4.7%	(597)			
Non-Catholic Voluntary Grammar	5.5%	(981)			

PUPIL:TEACHER RATIOS

7. **PUPIL:TEACHER RATIOS AT JANUARY 1991**

School Type		Belfast	Western	North Eastern	South Eastern	Southern	NI
Primary	Cont	22.5	21.8	22.6	22.8	22.3	22.5
	Mtd	22.4	23.5	22.4	23.2	23.7	23.1
Secondary (excl Grammar)	Cont	13.0	13.8	13.8	13.9	14.3	13.8
	Mtd	14.1	14.8	14.1	14.2	14.5	14.4

SUBJECT CHOICE

8. **PROPORTION OF TIME SPENT ON SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AREA OF STUDY, 1988/89**

(SOURCE: CURRICULUM SURVEY)

	Catholic*	Non-Catholic
Forms 1-5	17%	19%
6th Form	12%	17%

* Includes integrated

9. PROPORTION OF PUPILS STUDYING SCIENCE SUBJECTS BY SCHOOL TYPE, 1988/89

(SOURCE: CURRICULUM SURVEY)

	SECONDARY		GRAMMAR	
	Catholic	Non-Catholic	Catholic	Non-Catholic
Biology	11%	17%	41%	50%
Chemistry	5%	9%	37%	48%
Physics	6%	14%	34%	49%
General Science	66%	62%	29%	18%

SCHOOL LEAVERS

10. LEAVERS WITH 'A' LEVELS TAKING SCIENCE SUBJECTS ONLY

(SOURCE: SCHOOL LEAVERS SURVEY)

	Catholic	Non-Catholic
1986/87	23.8%	31.0%
1987/88	20.4%	31.7%
1988/89	20.4%	28.8%
1989/90	19.4%	29.6%

Typist: (SOURCE: SCHOOL LEAVERS SURVEY)

11. HIGHEST LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY RELIGION*

(SOURCE: SCHOOL LEAVERS SURVEY)

	1983/84		1986/87		1987/88		1988/89		1989/90	
	Catholic	Non Catholic	Catholic	Non Catholic	Catholic	Non Catholic	Catholic	Non Catholic	Catholic	Non Catholic
1+ 'A' Levels	20.5	24.0	22.3	24.6	24.9	26.9	25.8	29.5	28.9	30.8
1+ GCSE/ 'O' Levels	53.3	56.6	55.2	56.8	50.8	54.0	51.7	54.5	54.1	55.4
Other Quals	1.7	0.9	2.8	2.7	4.7	5.4	6.6	6.0	5.2	5.4
No Quals	24.5	18.4	19.8	15.8	19.5	13.7	15.9	10.1	11.9	8.4
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Catholic is defined here as Catholic Voluntary Grammar plus maintained secondary pupils

12. PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOL LEAVERS WITH NO QUALIFICATIONS, BY SEX
 (SOURCE: SCHOOL LEAVERS SURVEY)

	Male					Female				
	1983/84	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89	1989/90	1983/84	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89	1989/90
Non-Catholic	22.8	20.6	17.0	12.6	11.3	13.9	10.9	10.2	7.3	5.4
Catholic	30.7	26.5	25.9	21.3	16.3	17.8	12.9	12.7	10.0	7.5
Difference	+7.9	+5.9	+8.9	+8.7	+5.0	+3.9	+2.0	+2.5	+2.7	+2.1

CATHOLIC/NON-CATHOLIC COMPARISONS

13. SCHOOL LEAVERS GOING ON TO HIGHER EDUCATION*
 (SOURCE: SCHOOL LEAVERS SURVEY)

	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89	1989/90
	%	%	%	%	%
Catholic	14.8	14.9	17.8	18.5	20.6
Non-Catholic	15.2	15.6	17.8	20.7	21.8

* Includes Universities, Teacher Training and Polytechnics