

# History Teachers' Survey

A survey was conducted during the History In-service sessions in Spring 2004. Some of the results are presented below and they make interesting reading.

## Gender breakdown

Mixed schools: 332  
Female: 143  
Male 111  
Unstated: 2  
Total: 588

## School Type

Voluntary Secondary: 348  
Community College/VEC: 127  
Community Schools: 78  
Gaelcholaiste: 20  
Other/blank: 6  
Total: 588

## Number of periods per week - Junior

Average per year: 2.88  
Compulsory Junior Cert?  
No: 77  
Yes: 504  
Blank/unclear: 7

## Junior Choice in History

Not applicable - History compulsory: 510  
Choice made pre Year 1: 28  
Choice made at the end of Year 1: 28  
Compulsory in alternate years: 2  
Following sampling in Year 1: 3  
Other: 7  
Blank/unclear: 10

## Transition Year

Schools with Transition Year: 449  
Schools with no Transition Year: 136  
Blank/not applicable: 3

**Schools with identifiable 'History' in Transition Year:**  
341

## Fifth Year Timetable Provision

Average number of periods per week: 4.98

## Sixth Year Timetable Provision

Average number of periods per week: 5.01

## Schools having a designated History Room

No: 495  
Yes: 90  
Percentage of schools with a History Room: 18.2%

## Most available resources

Video: 388  
Books: 217  
Library (school or local): 148  
Computer/Internet: 136

OHP: 115  
Own notes: 49

## Use of specified resources

Board: 541  
OHP: 279  
Slide projectors: 46  
VCR/TV/DVD: 513  
Internet: 191  
Date Projector: 57

## Use of PCs

People who use PCs to assist History teaching: 273  
People who don't use PCs: 298  
Blank: 14

## Doing project/Field Work?

Yes: 466  
No: 79  
Blank: 38

## What the projects involve

Research: 270  
Outings: 259  
(Research and outings: 129)  
Competitions: 4  
Model making: 8

## History Department?

Yes: 347  
No: 218  
Only one teacher: 8  
Blank: 11

## How does the History Dept. operate?

Co-operation: 22  
Co-ordination: 25  
Informally: 58  
Meetings: 80  
Meetings/co-ordination: 26  
Meetings/co-operation: 2  
pooling resources: 69  
Standardisation: 15  
Only one teacher: 7  
Mentoring, team teaching, mail opening: 1 each

## HTAI membership?

Yes: 321  
No: 242  
Don't know: 1  
Blank: 20

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