

## MALTA

Question	Data					Notes and sources used
<b>1. Number of compulsory school aged pupils (<i>including those with SEN</i>)</b>	<b>Public Sector</b>		<b>Private Sector</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Academic Year of Reference</b>
	<b>29,762</b>		<b>18,832</b>			
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	<b>48,594</b>	2009/2010
	14,628	15,134	8,920	9,912		
<b>2. Number of compulsory school aged pupils who have SEN (<i>in all educational settings</i>)</b>	<b>Public Sector</b>		<b>Private Sector</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Academic Year of Reference</b>
	<b>1,938 *</b>		<b>707</b>			
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	<b>2,645</b>	2009/2010
	1,051	887	332	375		
<b>3. Pupils with SEN in segregated special schools</b>	<b>Public Sector</b>		<b>Private Sector</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Academic Year of Reference</b>
	<b>137 *</b>		<b>0</b>			
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	<b>137</b>	2009/2010
	137 **	-	0	0		
<b>4. Pupils with SEN in segregated special classes in mainstream schools</b>	<b>Public Sector</b>		<b>Private Sector</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Academic Year of Reference</b>
	<b>13</b>		<b>0</b>			
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	<b>13</b>	2009/2010
	13	0	0	0		
<b>5. Pupils with SEN in fully inclusive settings</b>	<b>Public Sector</b>		<b>Private Sector</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Academic Year of Reference</b>
	<b>1,788</b>		<b>707</b>			
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	<b>2,495</b>	2009/2010
	901	887	332	375		
<b>6. Compulsory age phase</b>	For mainstream settings compulsory school age is from 5 to 16 years. In special schools there is a concession to keep students up to the age of 19 years.					



<b>7. Clarification of Public - Private sector education</b>	<p>Public sector education is where students attend educational provision provided by the State. Public sector education is free.</p> <p>Private sector education (also called non-state education) includes Church Schools and Independent Schools.</p> <p>Parents of children attending Church Schools do not pay tuition fees. These are subsidised by the State as per agreement between the Government of Malta and the Church.</p> <p>On the other hand, parents who send their children to Independent Schools pay fees.</p> <p>There are no segregated special schools in the private education sector.</p>
<b>8. Legal Definition of SEN</b>	<p>A minor shall be deemed to have special educational needs when that minor has special difficulties of physical, sensory, intellectual or psychological nature. Article 45 (2), Education Act, 2006, Chapter 327 of the Laws of Malta.</p>