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## *2003-2004*

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- **Preschool EMIS**  
(Including all community and private preschools)
- **Primary Education Management Information System (PREMIS)**  
(including mainstream schools with primary grade levels)
- **Secondary Education Management Information System (SEMIS)**  
(including mainstream schools with secondary grade levels)
- **Tertiary Education Management Information System (TEMIS)**  
(Including post-secondary schools and universities)
- **Vocational Technical Education Management Information System (VTEMIS)**  
(Including vocational and technical institutions)

### *At the start of the 2003/2004 Academic School Year, there were...*

*436 institutions in formal education system, comprising of the following, were registered with the Ministry of Education:*

- 102 Preschools
- 276 Primary schools
- 44 Secondary schools
- 9 Post - Secondary institutions
- 5 Tertiary institutions

### *Millennium Development Goals - Education Indicators*

- *Preschool Net Enrolment Rate 23.2%*
- *Primary School Completion rate 40.4%*
- *Secondary School Completion rate 51.3%*
- *Percentage of 12 years old in the Education System 89.6%*
- *Mean years of schooling 8.5 years*
- *Percentage of the Labour Force with Primary Education or higher 46.6%*

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The Statistical Digest contains detailed information on preschool, primary, secondary, post-secondary and tertiary institutions. It contains data on enrolment as well as on the teaching force at these levels. In addition, sections provide other information that include performance in examinations and public funding allocated to education. The final section contains nineteen major education indicators for the 2003-04 school year.

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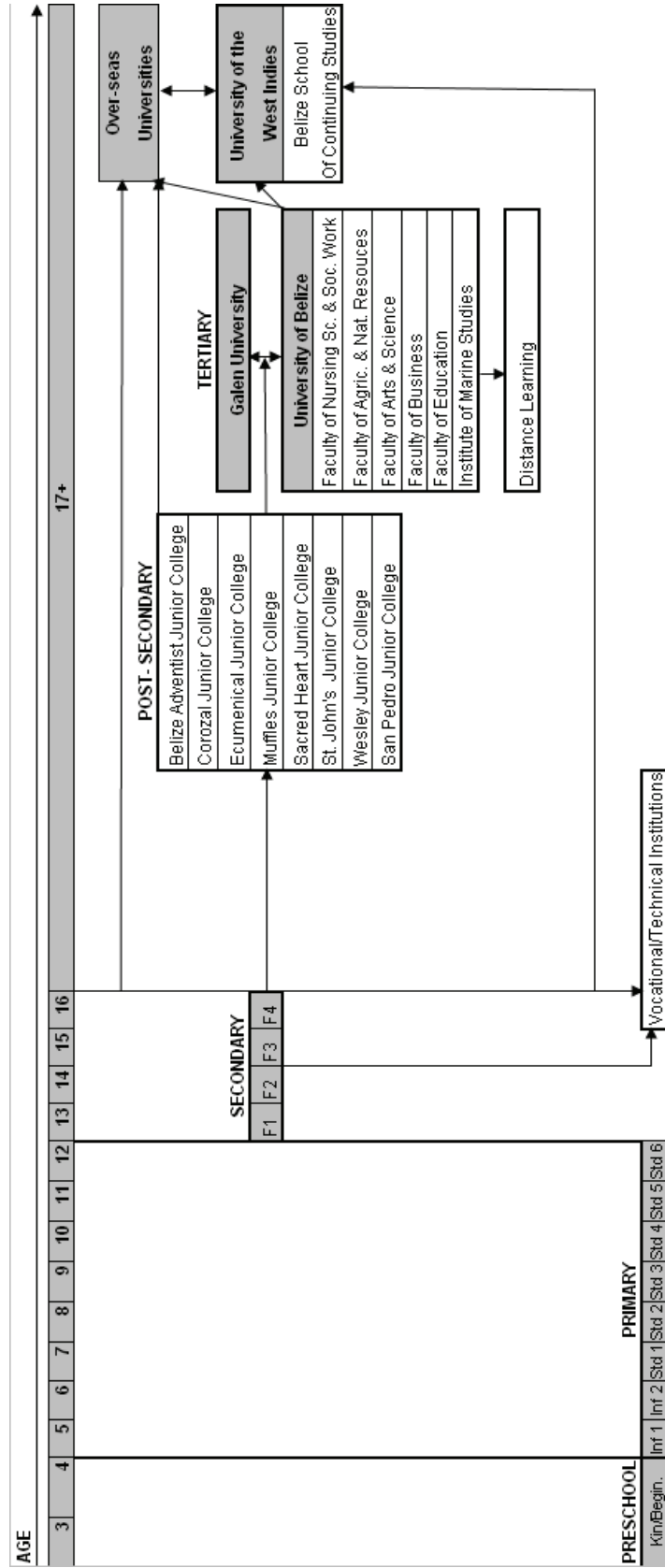
The Planning and Projects Unit has come a long way in producing the Statistical Digest. This issue is late in publication. However, the data is critical to many Government Ministries, NGO's and other institutions. This in-house issue marks a milestone in the unit's development. It is the unit's aspiration to acquire the appropriate database software and heavy duty color printer to facilitate future publications.

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## STRUCTURE OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM OF BELIZE 2003/04





# 1.0 BELIZE IN FIGURES

**Table 1: Population Statistics 1999 to 2003**

|                                     | 1999         | 2000         | 2001         | 2002         | 2003         |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Population (thousands)</b> | <b>243.4</b> | <b>232.3</b> | <b>257.3</b> | <b>265.2</b> | <b>273.7</b> |
| Population by District:             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Belize                              | 70.8         | 63.1         | 76.4         | 78.8         | 81.4         |
| Cayo                                | 47.1         | 51.2         | 56.0         | 58.4         | 61.0         |
| Corozal                             | 35.2         | 32.2         | 33.8         | 34.1         | 34.6         |
| Orange Walk                         | 38.0         | 38.3         | 40.7         | 41.7         | 42.8         |
| Stann Creek                         | 27.0         | 24.4         | 26.0         | 27.0         | 27.9         |
| Toledo                              | 25.3         | 23.1         | 24.5         | 25.2         | 26.0         |
| Population by Gender:               |              |              |              |              |              |
| Males                               | 121.6        | 116.8        | 129.9        | 133.9        | 138.3        |
| Females                             | 121.8        | 115.5        | 127.4        | 131.3        | 135.4        |
| Percentage of Population:           |              |              |              |              |              |
| 14 years old and younger            | 40.5%        | 41.0%        | 41.0%        | 41.0%        | 41.0%        |
| Between 15 and 64 years old         | 54.3%        | 54.8%        | 54.8%        | 54.8%        | 54.8%        |
| 65 years old and over               | 5.2%         | 4.2%         | 4.2%         | 4.2%         | 4.2%         |
| Population Density                  | 27.5         | 26.2         | 29.0         | 29.9         | 30.9         |

Source: *Mid-Year Estimates*, Central Statistical Office—1999-2003; *Population Census 2000*, Central Statistical Office

**Table 2: Economic and Educational Indicators 1999 to 2003**

|                                                                                   | 1999    | 2000    | 2001    | 2002    | 2003    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Gross Domestic Product (\$mn BZ)                                                  | 1,464.7 | 1,663.5 | 1,734.8 | 1,851.9 | 1,976.8 |
| Total Govt. Expenditure (\$mn BZ)                                                 | 487.8   | 534.4   | 568.1   | 619.3   | 669.1   |
| Recurrent                                                                         | 291.2   | 295.8   | 338.3   | 372.0   | 417.1   |
| Capital                                                                           | 196.6   | 238.6   | 229.8   | 247.3   | 252.0   |
| Total Govt. Expenditure on Education (\$mn BZ)                                    | 82.5    | 93.1    | 99.9    | 100.1   | 110.8   |
| Recurrent                                                                         | 73.4    | 74.7    | 80.6    | 82.2    | 94.1    |
| Capital                                                                           | 9.1     | 18.4    | 19.3    | 17.9    | 16.7    |
| Total Govt. Expenditure on Education as a Percentage of GDP                       | 5.6%    | 5.6%    | 5.8%    | 5.4%    | 5.6%    |
| Total Recurrent Expenditure on Education as a Percentage of Total Govt. Recurrent | 25.2%   | 25.3%   | 23.8%   | 22.1%   | 22.6%   |
| Total Expenditure on Education as a Percentage of Total Govt. Expenditure         | 16.9%   | 17.4%   | 17.6%   | 16.2%   | 14.1%   |

Source: Central Bank of Belize; *Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure*, Govt. of Belize, 1999/00—2003/04



## **2.0 MAJOR FINDINGS**

- In 2003/04, there were some 246 government and government aided primary schools in Belize. This represented four more schools than in 2002/03. In addition, there were a total of 30 private and specially-assisted primary schools in existence.
- Total enrolment in primary schools was 62,109, of which some 51.1% were males and 48.9% females. This represented an increase of 3.4% over the previous year's enrolment of 60,056, which was comprised of virtually the same proportion of males (51.1%) and females (48.9%).
- The total number of teachers in Primary schools increased by 168 or some 8.1% from 2,475 to 2,643. Of this total, rural schools accounted for 51.8% (1,368), which was slightly more than the previous year's 50.4%. Urban schools accounted for 45.7% (1,275) compared to 49.5% in 2002/03.
- For the 2003/04 school year, some 52.1% of primary school teachers were professionally trained, a slight decline from the 53.0% of teachers for the 2002/03 school year.
- The overall student-teacher ratio for primary schools was 23.5 in 2003/04, an improvement from 2002/03 ratio of 24.3.
- There were 102 preschools compared to 105 in the previous year, all of which was private institutions.
- In 2003/04, preschool enrolment totaled 3,765, with males and females each accounting for 50.0% of this total. The number of preschool students declined from the previous year by 0.2% from 3,791 in 2002/03.
- There were 44 secondary schools in 2003/04, an increase of five from 2002/03 school year. Of these, 13 schools were government owned and managed.
- Enrolment in secondary schools increased by 11.3% during the period from 14,630 to 15,359. Males comprised of some 47.9% of this total and females 52.1%.
- Of the 1,060 secondary school teachers for the 2003/04 school year, some 54.4% were university graduates and 35.1% had professional teacher training. Of the 960 teachers for the 2002/03 school year, university graduates comprised of 55.7% while teachers with professional training comprised of 41.3%.
- The Ministry of Education's recurrent expenditure per student for 2003/04 averaged \$1,598 at the secondary level, \$948 at the primary level and \$130 at the preschool level.



## 3.0 SUPPLY OF EDUCATION

### 3.1 NUMBER OF SCHOOLS:

**Table 3A: Number of Schools by District, Level and Management 2003-04**

| District | Level & Management |    |         |     |      |           |    |      |            |   |          |   |     | TOTAL |
|----------|--------------------|----|---------|-----|------|-----------|----|------|------------|---|----------|---|-----|-------|
|          | Pre-school         |    | Primary |     |      | Secondary |    |      | Post. Sec. |   | Tertiary |   |     |       |
|          | C                  | P  | G       | GA  | PISA | G         | GA | PISA | GA         | P | G        | P |     |       |
| TOTAL    | 102                |    | 276     |     |      | 44        |    |      | 9          |   | 5        |   | 436 |       |
|          | 31                 | 71 | 52      | 192 | 32   | 13        | 22 | 9    | 7          | 2 | 1        | 4 |     |       |
| Belize   | 14                 | 30 | 7       | 42  | 15   | 5         | 11 | 2    | 2          | 2 | 1        | 1 | 132 |       |
| Cayo     | 6                  | 13 | 13      | 40  | 4    | 2         | 5  | 3    | 1          | 0 | 0        | 3 | 90  |       |
| Corozal  | 6                  | 9  | 6       | 31  | 5    | 1         | 2  | 2    | 2          | 0 | 0        | 0 | 64  |       |
| O. Walk  | 2                  | 7  | 12      | 21  | 3    | 2         | 2  | 1    | 1          | 0 | 0        | 0 | 51  |       |
| S. Creek | 3                  | 8  | 4       | 24  | 1    | 2         | 1  | 1    | 1          | 0 | 0        | 0 | 45  |       |
| Toledo   | 0                  | 4  | 10      | 34  | 4    | 1         | 1  | 0    | 0          | 0 | 0        | 0 | 54  |       |

**Table 3B: Number of Schools by District, Level and Management 2002-03**

| District | Level & Management |    |         |     |      |           |    |      |            |   |          |   | TOTAL |
|----------|--------------------|----|---------|-----|------|-----------|----|------|------------|---|----------|---|-------|
|          | Pre-school         |    | Primary |     |      | Secondary |    |      | Post. Sec. |   | Tertiary |   |       |
|          | C                  | P  | G       | GA  | P\SA | G         | GA | P\SA | GA         | P | G        | P |       |
| TOTAL    | 105                |    | 261     |     |      | 39        |    |      | 8          |   | 4        |   | 417   |
|          | 35                 | 70 | 50      | 191 | 20   | 13        | 22 | 4    | 6          | 2 | 1        | 3 |       |
| Belize   | 13                 | 32 | 7       | 42  | 14   | 5         | 11 | 1    | 1          | 2 | 1        | 1 | 130   |
| Cayo     | 6                  | 10 | 13      | 37  | 1    | 2         | 5  | 0    | 1          | 0 | 0        | 2 | 77    |
| Corozal  | 7                  | 11 | 6       | 32  | 3    | 1         | 2  | 0    | 2          | 0 | 0        | 0 | 64    |
| O. Walk  | 2                  | 7  | 12      | 21  | 1    | 2         | 1  | 3    | 1          | 0 | 0        | 0 | 50    |
| S. Creek | 6                  | 6  | 2       | 25  | 1    | 2         | 2  | 0    | 1          | 0 | 0        | 0 | 45    |
| Toledo   | 1                  | 4  | 10      | 34  | 0    | 1         | 1  | 0    | 0          | 0 | 0        | 0 | 51    |

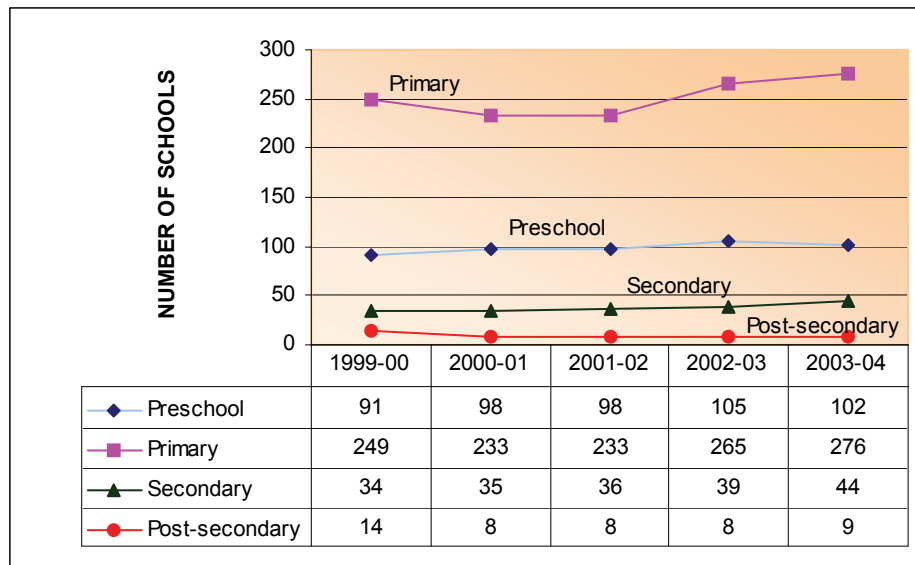
The total number of schools in Belize for the 2003/04 academic school year was 436, not included were the 4 CET campuses and Adult Continuation Schools located across the country.

These comprised of 102 Preschools of which 71 were Private Institutions. There were 276 primary schools, 44 secondary schools, 9 post-secondary schools/junior colleges and 5 tertiary institutions. Most of these institutions were either partially or entirely government funded. However, of the 436 schools, 68 (15.7%) were completely funded by the Government of Belize through the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.

In September 2003, three (3) primary schools in Belmopan amalgamated to form 2 schools, United Evergreen Primary School and Garden City Primary School. In addition, 7 new private primary schools were also opened.

This incremental increase included also, two new secondary school in the Corozal District. At the post-secondary educational level, a new school opened its doors in the Belize District (Wesley Junior College).

While a new private tertiary institution opened in the Cayo District (Galen University). It can be recalled that in 2000, five (5) government post-secondary institutions across the country amalgamated to form the University of Belize.

**Chart 1: Number of Schools by Level 1999-2000 to 2003-04**

Figures for the period from 1999-2000 to 2003-2004 indicated some changes in the number of schools at the various levels of education (see Chart 1). The number of preschools, for instance, after increasing from 91 to 105 in 2002-03, declined in the following year only to 102. This represented a small decrease in enrolment from 3,791 to 3,765. It is noted that all preschools are either managed privately or by the community.

The number of secondary schools have risen steadily during the period from 34 schools in 1999-2000 to 44 in 2003-04. Of these 44 schools, 7 schools located in the Belize, Cayo and Toledo districts that had been open for less than six years and one school that opened within the last two years located in the Corozal district had data collected from them for the first time.

On the other hand, the decline and increase in the number of government and government aided primary schools and the number of post-secondary institutions recorded, particularly in 2000-01 was attributable to reorganization. In the case of primary schools, the upper, middle and lower divisions of several of the denominational schools (mostly Catholic) were combined and recognized as one institution. This accounts for the considerable drop in the number of primary schools recorded during that year. Although a few schools were closed and others opened, these largely offset each other and did not factor significantly into that change.

The decline in the number of post-secondary institutions from 14 to 8 was a result of the amalgamation of government's various post-secondary institutions at the start of 2000/01 school year to form a single institution, the University of Belize.



### 3.2 NUMBER OF PRESCHOOLS:

**Table 4A: Number of Preschools by District, Management and U/R Location 2003-04**

| Management     | District & Location |       |           |       |           |       |          |       |           |       |          |       | TOTAL     |           |            |
|----------------|---------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                | Belize              |       | Cayo      |       | Corozal   |       | O. Walk  |       | S. Creek  |       | Toledo   |       | Urban     | Rural     | ALL        |
|                | Urban               | Rural | Urban     | Rural | Urban     | Rural | Urban    | Rural | Urban     | Rural | Urban    | Rural |           |           |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>44</b>           |       | <b>19</b> |       | <b>15</b> |       | <b>9</b> |       | <b>11</b> |       | <b>4</b> |       | <b>66</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>102</b> |
| Community      | 32                  | 12    | 13        | 6     | 6         | 9     | 6        | 3     | 6         | 5     | 3        | 1     | 12        | 19        | 31         |
| Denominational | 5                   | 9     | 4         | 2     | 1         | 5     | 0        | 2     | 2         | 1     | 0        | 0     | 16        | 9         | 25         |
| Organization   | 8                   | 1     | 1         | 1     | 2         | 3     | 1        | 1     | 2         | 2     | 2        | 1     | 3         | 3         | 6          |
| Private        | 2                   | 1     | 1         | 1     | 0         | 0     | 0        | 0     | 0         | 1     | 0        | 0     | 3         | 3         | 6          |
| Private        | 17                  | 1     | 7         | 2     | 3         | 1     | 5        | 0     | 2         | 1     | 1        | 0     | 35        | 5         | 40         |

**Table 4B: Number of Preschools by District, Management and U/R Location 2002-03**

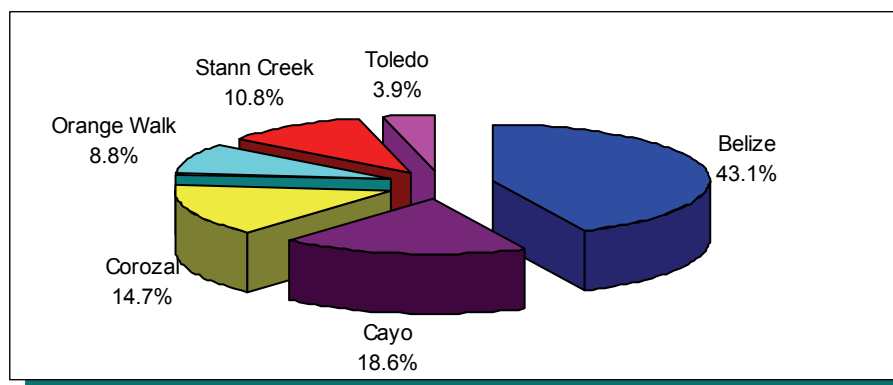
| Management         | District & Urban/Rural Location |       |           |       |           |       |          |       |           |       |          |       | TOTAL     |           |            |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                    | Belize                          |       | Cayo      |       | Corozal   |       | O. Walk  |       | S. Creek  |       | Toledo   |       | Urban     | Rural     | All        |
|                    | Urban                           | Rural | Urban     | Rural | Urban     | Rural | Urban    | Rural | Urban     | Rural | Urban    | Rural |           |           |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>45</b>                       |       | <b>16</b> |       | <b>18</b> |       | <b>9</b> |       | <b>12</b> |       | <b>5</b> |       | <b>64</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>105</b> |
| Private Individual | 32                              | 13    | 11        | 5     | 7         | 11    | 6        | 3     | 5         | 7     | 3        | 2     | 31        | 5         | 36         |
| Community          | 16                              | 2     | 5         | 1     | 3         | 1     | 5        | 0     | 1         | 1     | 1        | 0     | 12        | 23        | 35         |
| Organization       | 5                               | 8     | 4         | 2     | 1         | 6     | 0        | 2     | 2         | 4     | 0        | 1     | 3         | 2         | 5          |
| Denominational     | 2                               | 1     | 1         | 1     | 0         | 0     | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0     | 0        | 0     | 18        | 11        | 29         |
| Denominational     | 9                               | 2     | 1         | 1     | 3         | 4     | 1        | 1     | 2         | 2     | 2        | 1     | 18        | 11        | 29         |

Between 2002-03 and 2003-04, the total number of preschools decreased by 3 from 105 to 102. A total of four new preschools- three in urban areas and one in an rural area were opened, while one urban school and six rural preschools were closed.

Of the four newly-opened preschools, three were located in the Cayo District and one in the Stann Creek District. The Belize, and Toledo Districts each had one school that closed during the period, while Stann Creek and Corozal had two and three, respectively.

As in the previous year, almost a half of all preschools (43.1%) recorded for the 2003-04 school year were located in the Belize District. Toledo had the smallest proportion of the total number of schools (3.9%). The four remaining districts each accounted for between 8.8% and 18.6% of the country's total preschools.

**Chart 2: Distribution of Preschools by District 2003-04**





### 3.3 NUMBER OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS:

**Table 5A: Number of Primary Schools  
by District, Management and U/R Location 2003-04**

| Management        | District & Urban/Rural Location |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | TOTAL     |            |            |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
|                   | Belize                          |           | Cayo      |           | Corozal   |           | O. Walk   |           | S. Creek  |           | Toledo    |           | Urban     | Rural      | ALL        |
|                   | Urban                           | Rural     | Urban     | Rural     | Urban     | Rural     | Urban     | Rural     | Urban     | Rural     | Urban     | Rural     |           |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>64</b>                       |           | <b>57</b> |           | <b>41</b> |           | <b>36</b> |           | <b>30</b> |           | <b>48</b> |           | <b>76</b> | <b>200</b> | <b>276</b> |
|                   | <b>36</b>                       | <b>28</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>34</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>28</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>23</b> | <b>3</b>  | <b>45</b> |           |            |            |
| Government        | 1                               | 6         | 3         | 10        | 0         | 7         | 2         | 9         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 9         | 6         | 43         | 49         |
| Roman Catholic    | 6                               | 7         | 5         | 21        | 2         | 17        | 2         | 13        | 2         | 10        | 1         | 29        | 18        | 97         | 115        |
| Anglican          | 4                               | 4         | 1         | 2         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 2         | 0         | 2         | 8         | 10         | 18         |
| Methodist         | 5                               | 2         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 3         | 1         | 2         | 8         | 8          | 16         |
| SDA               | 3                               | 3         | 3         | 2         | 1         | 4         | 1         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 11        | 9          | 20         |
| Nazarene          | 1                               | 0         | 3         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 5         | 2          | 7          |
| Assemblies of God | 1                               | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 3          | 5          |
| Community         | 0                               | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2          | 2          |
| Other             | 15                              | 6         | 0         | 5         | 1         | 3         | 2         | 6         | 0         | 3         | 0         | 3         | 18        | 26         | 44         |

**Table 5B: Number of Primary Schools  
by District, Management and U/R Location 2002-03**

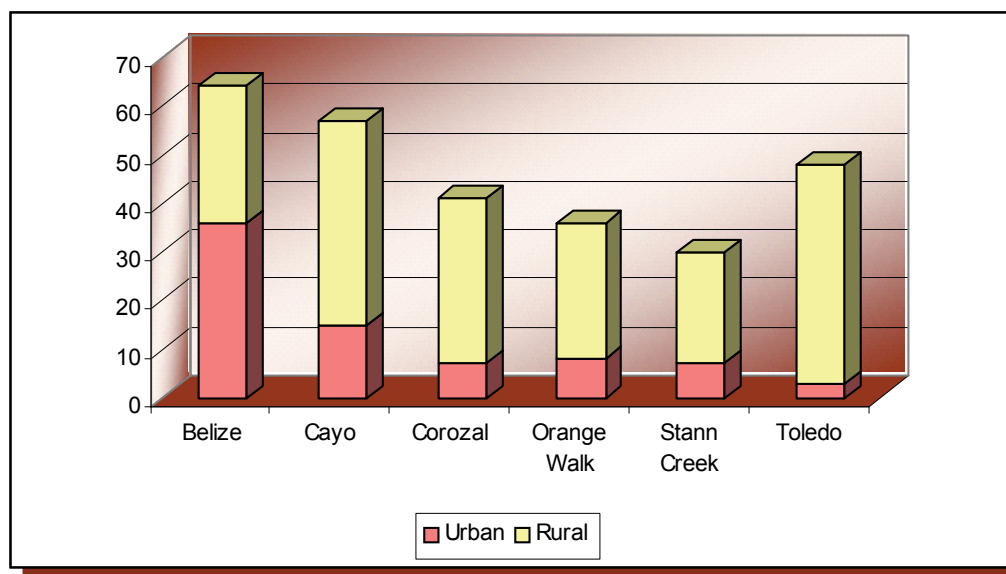
| Management        | District & Urban/Rural Location |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | TOTAL     |            |            |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
|                   | Belize                          |           | Cayo      |           | Corozal   |           | O/Walk    |           | S/Creek   |           | Toledo    |           | Urban     | Rural      | All        |
|                   | Urban                           | Rural     | Urban     | Rural     | Urban     | Rural     | Urban     | Rural     | Urban     | Rural     | Urban     | Rural     |           |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>64</b>                       |           | <b>51</b> |           | <b>41</b> |           | <b>35</b> |           | <b>28</b> |           | <b>46</b> |           | <b>71</b> | <b>194</b> | <b>265</b> |
|                   | <b>36</b>                       | <b>28</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>34</b> | <b>9</b>  | <b>26</b> | <b>5</b>  | <b>23</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>44</b> |           |            |            |
| Government        | 1                               | 6         | 3         | 10        | 0         | 6         | 3         | 9         | 0         | 3         | 0         | 11        | 7         | 45         | 52         |
| Roman Catholic    | 6                               | 7         | 5         | 21        | 2         | 20        | 2         | 13        | 2         | 10        | 1         | 28        | 18        | 99         | 117        |
| Anglican          | 4                               | 4         | 1         | 2         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 2         | 0         | 2         | 8         | 10         | 18         |
| Methodist         | 5                               | 3         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 3         | 1         | 2         | 8         | 10         | 18         |
| SDA               | 3                               | 2         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 4         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 7         | 7          | 14         |
| Nazarene          | 1                               | 0         | 2         | 2         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 4         | 3          | 7          |
| Assemblies of God | 2                               | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 3          | 5          |
| Community         | 0                               | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2          | 2          |
| Other             | 14                              | 6         | 0         | 2         | 1         | 1         | 2         | 3         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 1         | 17        | 15         | 32         |

For the 2003-04 school year, 23.2% (64) of all primary schools were located in the Belize District. For this same period under review, the Stann Creek District recorded the lowest number of primary schools with a total of 30 amounting to 10.9% of all the total number schools.

The Belize, Cayo and Toledo districts continue to have the greatest proportion of primary schools, between 17% to approximately 23.3% of all primary schools located in each of these districts. A total of 200 or 72.5% of primary schools are located in the rural areas. The majority of the rural schools were concentrated in the Toledo District with 45 schools or 93.8% of their total schools. Conversely, the Belize District is the most urbanized with 56.3% (36) of its schools, while Toledo has only 6.2% or 3 schools in the urban areas.



**Chart 3: Distribution of Primary Schools by District and U/R Location 2003-04**



**Chart 4: Distribution of Primary Schools by Denomination 2003-04**

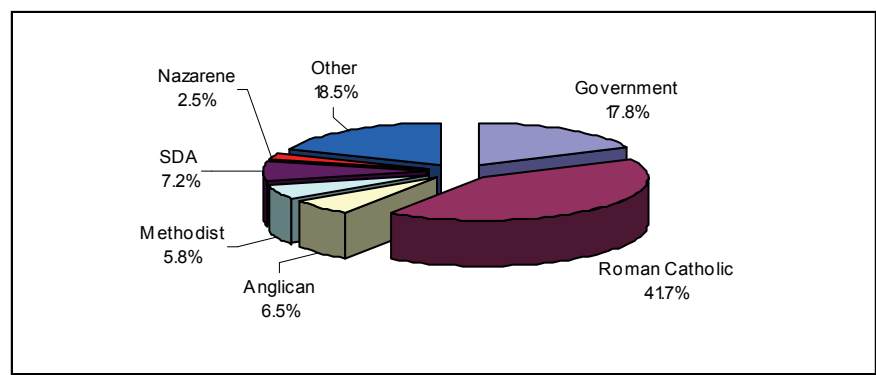


Chart 4 shows that the Roman Catholic manages approximately 42 percent of all primary schools in the 2003-04 academic school year. Government and Seventh Day Adventist managed schools comprised of 17.8% and 7.2% of the total number of primary schools, respectively. The remaining 33.3% of primary schools includes other denominational management as well as other community primary schools



### 3.4 NUMBER OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

**Table 6A: Number of Secondary Schools by District, Management, Denomination and U/R Location 2003-04**

| Management/<br>Denomination | District & Urban/Rural Location |       |       |       |         |       |        |       |         |       |        |       | TOTAL |       |     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|--------|-------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
|                             | Belize                          |       | Cayo  |       | Corozal |       | O/Walk |       | S/Creek |       | Toledo |       | Urban | Rural | All |
|                             | Urban                           | Rural | Urban | Rural | Urban   | Rural | Urban  | Rural | Urban   | Rural | Urban  | Rural |       |       |     |
| <b>Government</b>           | 3                               | 2     | 2     | 0     | 0       | 1     | 1      | 1     | 0       | 2     | 0      | 1     | 6     | 7     | 13  |
| <b>Gov't-Aided Commun.</b>  | 2                               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1       | 0     | 1      | 0     | 5     | 0     | 5   |
| <b>Gov't-Aided Denom.</b>   | 8                               | 1     | 4     | 1     | 0       | 1     | 1      | 0     | 1       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 14    | 3     | 17  |
| Catholic                    | 3                               | 0     | 3     | 0     | 0       | 0     | 1      | 0     | 1       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 8     | 0     | 8   |
| Anglican                    | 1                               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1     | 0     | 1   |
| Methodist                   | 1                               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1     | 0     | 1   |
| SDA                         | 1                               | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0       | 1     | 0      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 2     | 1     | 3   |
| Nazarene                    | 1                               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1     | 0     | 1   |
| Other                       | 4                               | 1     | 0     | 1     | 1       | 1     | 0      | 0     | 1       | 0     | 1      | 0     | 7     | 3     | 10  |
| <b>Priv./Spec. Assisted</b> | 1                               | 1     | 1     | 2     | 0       | 2     | 2      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 4     | 5     | 9   |
| Catholic                    | 0                               | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0       | 1     | 1      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 2     | 1     | 3   |
| Baptist                     | 0                               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0   |
| Other                       | 1                               | 1     | 0     | 2     | 0       | 1     | 1      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 2     | 4     | 6   |
| <b>ALL SCHOOLS</b>          | 14                              | 4     | 7     | 3     | 1       | 4     | 4      | 1     | 2       | 2     | 1      | 1     | 29    | 15    | 44  |

**Table 6B: Number of Secondary Schools by District, Management, Denomination and U/R Location 2002-03**

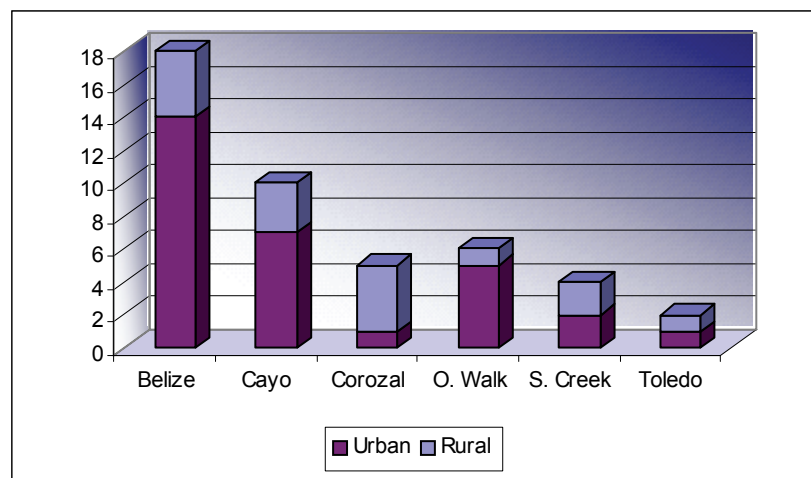
| Management/<br>Denomination | District & Urban/Rural Location |       |       |       |         |       |        |       |         |       |        |       | TOTAL |       |     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|--------|-------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
|                             | Belize                          |       | Cayo  |       | Corozal |       | O/Walk |       | S/Creek |       | Toledo |       | Urban | Rural | All |
|                             | Urban                           | Rural | Urban | Rural | Urban   | Rural | Urban  | Rural | Urban   | Rural | Urban  | Rural |       |       |     |
| <b>Government</b>           | 3                               | 2     | 2     | 0     | 0       | 1     | 1      | 1     | 0       | 2     | 0      | 1     | 6     | 7     | 13  |
| <b>Gov't-Aided Commun.</b>  | 2                               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1       | 0     | 1      | 0     | 5     | 0     | 5   |
| <b>Gov't-Aided Denom.</b>   | 8                               | 1     | 5     | 0     | 0       | 1     | 1      | 0     | 1       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 15    | 2     | 17  |
| Catholic                    | 3                               | 0     | 3     | 0     | 0       | 0     | 1      | 0     | 1       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 8     | 0     | 8   |
| Anglican                    | 1                               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1     | 0     | 1   |
| Methodist                   | 1                               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1     | 0     | 1   |
| SDA                         | 1                               | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0       | 1     | 0      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 2     | 1     | 3   |
| Nazarene                    | 1                               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1     | 0     | 1   |
| UECB                        | 0                               | 1     | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0     | 1     | 1   |
| Baptist                     | 0                               | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1     | 0     | 1   |
| Bz. Council of Churches     | 1                               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1     | 0     | 1   |
| <b>Priv./Spec. Assisted</b> | 1                               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0     | 3      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 4     | 0     | 4   |
| Catholic                    | 0                               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0     | 1      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1     | 0     | 1   |
| Other                       | 1                               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0       | 0     | 2      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      | 0     | 3     | 0     | 3   |
| <b>ALL SCHOOLS</b>          | 14                              | 3     | 7     | 0     | 1       | 2     | 5      | 1     | 2       | 2     | 1      | 1     | 30    | 9     | 39  |

In the 2003-04 school year, a total of 44 secondary schools were recorded throughout the country, an increase of five from the 2002-03 school year. This increase was the combined result of the opening of one new school in the Corozal district (Cornerstone Christian Academy). It should be noted also that for first time data was collected from five other high schools.



Of all secondary schools recorded for the 2003/04 school year less than 34.0% were rural schools. Some 14 urban schools were located in the Belize District, of which 12 were within Belize City, with 2 in San Pedro. The Cayo district had nine high schools of which seven were located in urban areas.

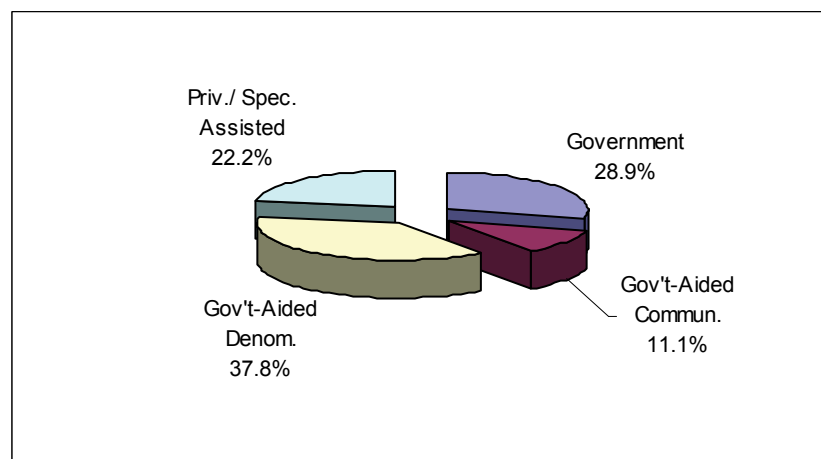
**Chart 5: Distribution of Secondary Schools by District and U/R Location 2003-04**



During the period, some 40.0% of all secondary schools in the country were located in the Belize district. It can be recalled that in 2002/03 the Orange Walk District considerably increased its share of the country's total schools from 8.3% (3) in 2001-02 to 15.4% (5) in 2002/03. Stann Creek and Toledo remain the two districts accounting for the smallest proportions of total schools, with 8.9% or 4 and 4.4% or 2, respectively..

Government-aided Denominational and Community schools, which receive tuition grants and partial salary payments(70%) from the Government of Belize, together comprised 48.9% of all secondary schools during 2003-2004 (see Chart 6). Another 28.9% consisted of 13 schools that are completely managed and funded by the Government of Belize. The remaining 22.2%, was comprised of private and specially-assisted secondary schools.

**Chart 6: Distribution of Secondary Schools by Management 2003-04**





## 4.0 PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION

### 4.1 ENROLMENT:

**Table 7A: Enrolment by District, Level and Sex 2003-04**

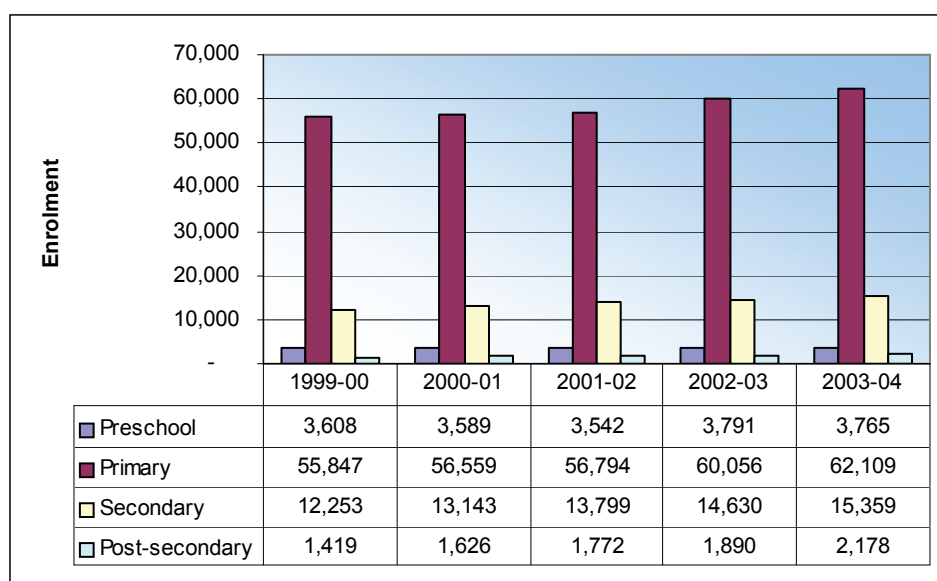
| District     | Level & Sex  |              |               |               |              |              |            |              | TOTAL         |               |               |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|              | Preschool    |              | Primary       |               | Secondary    |              | Post-Sec.  |              | M             | F             | ALL           |
|              | M            | F            | M             | F             | M            | F            | M          | F            |               |               |               |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1,899</b> | <b>1,866</b> | <b>31,720</b> | <b>30,389</b> | <b>7,360</b> | <b>7,999</b> | <b>963</b> | <b>1,215</b> | <b>41,942</b> | <b>41,469</b> | <b>83,411</b> |
| Belize       | 1,110        | 1,074        | 8,735         | 8,409         | 2,459        | 3,036        | 330        | 464          | 12,634        | 12,983        | 25,617        |
| Cayo         | 279          | 261          | 7,478         | 7,109         | 1,714        | 1,721        | 153        | 212          | 9,624         | 9,303         | 18,927        |
| Corozal      | 134          | 157          | 3,841         | 3,841         | 918          | 966          | 294        | 227          | 5,187         | 5,191         | 10,378        |
| O. Walk      | 168          | 117          | 4,482         | 4,232         | 951          | 1,004        | 124        | 174          | 5,725         | 5,527         | 11,252        |
| S. Creek     | 174          | 210          | 4,001         | 3,727         | 707          | 771          | 62         | 138          | 4,944         | 4,846         | 9,790         |
| Toledo       | 34           | 47           | 3,183         | 3,071         | 611          | 501          | 0          | 0            | 3,828         | 3,619         | 7,447         |

**Table 7B: Enrolment by District, Level and Sex 2002-03**

| District     | Level and Sex |              |               |               |              |              |            |              | TOTAL         |               |               |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|              | Preschool     |              | Primary       |               | Secondary    |              | Post-Sec.  |              | M             | F             | ALL           |
|              | M             | F            | M             | F             | M            | F            | M          | F            |               |               |               |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1,856</b>  | <b>1,935</b> | <b>30,696</b> | <b>29,360</b> | <b>7,129</b> | <b>7,501</b> | <b>783</b> | <b>1,107</b> | <b>40,464</b> | <b>39,903</b> | <b>80,367</b> |
| Belize       | 1,045         | 1,087        | 8,629         | 8,357         | 2,520        | 2,960        | 291        | 441          | 12,485        | 12,845        | 25,330        |
| Cayo         | 227           | 273          | 7,103         | 6,641         | 1,561        | 1,570        | 121        | 134          | 9,012         | 8,618         | 17,630        |
| Corozal      | 179           | 176          | 3,838         | 3,891         | 870          | 835          | 200        | 238          | 5,087         | 5,140         | 10,227        |
| O. Walk      | 148           | 141          | 4,431         | 4,123         | 957          | 928          | 116        | 181          | 5,652         | 5,373         | 11,025        |
| S. Creek     | 195           | 199          | 3,715         | 3,504         | 664          | 754          | 55         | 113          | 4,629         | 4,570         | 9,199         |
| Toledo       | 62            | 59           | 2,980         | 2,844         | 557          | 454          | 0          | 0            | 3,599         | 3,357         | 6,956         |

From the 2002-03 school year to 2003-04, the total number of students enrolled in the pre-school, primary, secondary and post-secondary levels of education increased by 3,044 students (3.8%) from 80,367 to 83,411 (see Tables 6A and 6B above). At the primary, secondary and post-secondary levels, enrolment grew by 2,053, 763 and 288, respectively. The only level at which the number of students actually declined (by 66) was at the preschool level, where the private cost acts as a disincentive for parents to enroll their children.

The overall growth in enrolment was primarily driven by an increase in the number of females enrolled, particularly in secondary schools, where female enrolment grew by 513 compared to 250 for male enrolment. The increase in the number of students enrolled was higher at the primary level, the growth in female enrolment (1,029) exceeded that of male enrolment by five (1,024). However, the entire decline in the number of preschool students enrolled was attributable to a decrease in female enrolment and also in the number of pre-school.

**Chart 7: Enrolment by Level 1998-99 to 2003-04**

During the period from 1999-00 to 2001-02, trends indicated steady growth in the number of students enrolled at both the primary and secondary levels, while preschool figures indicated a downward trend starting from 1999-00 and then increased in 2002-03 to quickly declining again in 2003-04.



## 4.2 PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT:

**Table 8A: Preschool Enrolment by Management, District, Sex and U/R Location 2003/04**

| Management     | District & Urban/Rural Location |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |            |            |           |           | TOTAL        |            |              |
|----------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|
|                | Belize                          |            | Cayo       |            | Corozal    |            | O. Walk    |           | S. Creek   |            | Toledo    |           | Urban        | Rural      | ALL          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>1,879</b>                    | <b>305</b> | <b>384</b> | <b>156</b> | <b>171</b> | <b>120</b> | <b>245</b> | <b>40</b> | <b>256</b> | <b>128</b> | <b>71</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>3,006</b> | <b>759</b> | <b>3,765</b> |
| Community      | 365                             | 204        | 156        | 63         | 31         | 60         | 0          | 35        | 135        | 44         | 0         | 0         | 687          | 406        | 1,093        |
| Denominational | 444                             | 44         | 16         | 28         | 53         | 47         | 56         | 5         | 25         | 33         | 46        | 10        | 640          | 167        | 807          |
| Organization   | 244                             | 43         | 37         | 25         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 281          | 68         | 349          |
| Private        | 826                             | 14         | 175        | 40         | 87         | 13         | 189        | 0         | 96         | 51         | 25        | 0         | 1,398        | 118        | 1,516        |
| <b>Males</b>   | <b>948</b>                      | <b>162</b> | <b>188</b> | <b>91</b>  | <b>83</b>  | <b>51</b>  | <b>146</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>121</b> | <b>53</b>  | <b>30</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>1,516</b> | <b>383</b> | <b>1,899</b> |
| Community      | 186                             | 108        | 71         | 32         | 13         | 26         | 0          | 21        | 66         | 18         | 0         | 0         | 336          | 205        | 541          |
| Denominational | 224                             | 26         | 9          | 19         | 29         | 20         | 32         | 1         | 13         | 13         | 23        | 4         | 330          | 83         | 413          |
| Organization   | 110                             | 24         | 18         | 14         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 128          | 38         | 166          |
| Private        | 428                             | 4          | 90         | 26         | 41         | 5          | 114        | 0         | 42         | 22         | 7         | 0         | 722          | 57         | 779          |
| <b>Females</b> | <b>931</b>                      | <b>143</b> | <b>196</b> | <b>65</b>  | <b>88</b>  | <b>69</b>  | <b>99</b>  | <b>18</b> | <b>135</b> | <b>75</b>  | <b>41</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>1,490</b> | <b>376</b> | <b>1,866</b> |
| Community      | 179                             | 96         | 85         | 31         | 18         | 34         | 0          | 14        | 69         | 26         | 0         | 0         | 351          | 201        | 552          |
| Denominational | 220                             | 18         | 7          | 9          | 24         | 27         | 24         | 4         | 12         | 20         | 23        | 6         | 310          | 84         | 394          |
| Organization   | 134                             | 19         | 19         | 11         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 153          | 30         | 183          |
| Private        | 398                             | 10         | 85         | 14         | 46         | 8          | 75         | 0         | 54         | 29         | 18        | 0         | 676          | 61         | 737          |

**Table 8B: Preschool Enrolment by Management, District, Sex and U/R Location 2002/03**

| Management         | District & Urban/Rural Location |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |            |            |           |           | TOTAL        |            |              |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|
|                    | Belize                          |            | Cayo       |            | Corozal    |            | O. Walk    |           | S. Creek   |            | Toledo    |           | Urban        | Rural      | ALL          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>1,821</b>                    | <b>311</b> | <b>354</b> | <b>146</b> | <b>190</b> | <b>165</b> | <b>240</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>238</b> | <b>156</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>2,936</b> | <b>855</b> | <b>3,791</b> |
| Private Individual | 799                             | 36         | 143        | 24         | 78         | 15         | 193        | 0         | 70         | 54         | 32        | 0         | 1,315        | 129        | 1,444        |
| Community          | 353                             | 212        | 163        | 65         | 40         | 89         | 0          | 39        | 148        | 67         | 0         | 16        | 704          | 488        | 1,192        |
| Organization       | 244                             | 22         | 41         | 30         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 285          | 52         | 337          |
| Denominational     | 425                             | 41         | 7          | 27         | 72         | 61         | 47         | 10        | 20         | 35         | 61        | 12        | 632          | 186        | 818          |
| <b>Males:</b>      | <b>899</b>                      | <b>146</b> | <b>151</b> | <b>76</b>  | <b>89</b>  | <b>90</b>  | <b>118</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>121</b> | <b>74</b>  | <b>48</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>1,426</b> | <b>430</b> | <b>1,856</b> |
| Private Individual | 386                             | 17         | 64         | 12         | 39         | 7          | 94         | 0         | 31         | 23         | 15        | 0         | 629          | 59         | 688          |
| Community          | 180                             | 99         | 65         | 31         | 16         | 52         | 0          | 25        | 79         | 31         | 0         | 8         | 340          | 246        | 586          |
| Organization       | 108                             | 14         | 18         | 16         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 126          | 30         | 156          |
| Denominational     | 225                             | 16         | 4          | 17         | 34         | 31         | 24         | 5         | 11         | 20         | 33        | 6         | 331          | 95         | 426          |
| <b>Females:</b>    | <b>922</b>                      | <b>165</b> | <b>203</b> | <b>70</b>  | <b>101</b> | <b>75</b>  | <b>122</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>117</b> | <b>82</b>  | <b>45</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>1,510</b> | <b>425</b> | <b>1,935</b> |
| Private Individual | 413                             | 19         | 79         | 12         | 39         | 8          | 99         | 0         | 39         | 31         | 17        | 0         | 686          | 70         | 756          |
| Community          | 173                             | 113        | 98         | 34         | 24         | 37         | 0          | 14        | 69         | 36         | 0         | 8         | 364          | 242        | 606          |
| Organization       | 136                             | 8          | 23         | 14         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 159          | 22         | 181          |
| Denominational     | 200                             | 25         | 3          | 10         | 38         | 30         | 23         | 5         | 9          | 15         | 28        | 6         | 301          | 91         | 392          |

Total enrolment figures for preschool for the 2003/04 school year declined by 26 (0.7%) from 3,791 to 3,765. This continues the trend set from 1999/00 school year as parents are faced with the difficulties of financing preschool education.



During the 2003/04 school year only the Belize and Cayo districts showed an increase in pre-school enrolment. The greatest decline was recorded in the Stann Creek district, where enrolment dropped by 64 children during the same period.

The sex of male to female was recorded at 50.6% males and 49.4% females. The 2003/04

**Table 9A: Preschool Enrolment by Age, District and Sex 2003-04**

| AGE          | District & Gender |              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |           | TOTAL        |              |              |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|              | Belize            |              | Cayo       |            | Corozal    |            | O. Walk    |            | S. Creek   |            | Toledo    |           | M            | F            | ALL          |
|              | M                 | F            | M          | F          | M          | F          | M          | F          | M          | F          | M         | F         |              |              |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1,110</b>      | <b>1,074</b> | <b>279</b> | <b>261</b> | <b>134</b> | <b>157</b> | <b>168</b> | <b>117</b> | <b>174</b> | <b>210</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>1,899</b> | <b>1,866</b> | <b>3,765</b> |
| <3           | 23                | 29           | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 25           | 29           | 54           |
| 3            | 377               | 404          | 63         | 55         | 39         | 0          | 52         | 32         | 72         | 95         | 8         | 26        | 611          | 612          | 1,223        |
| 4            | 694               | 629          | 209        | 200        | 94         | 49         | 116        | 84         | 102        | 115        | 26        | 21        | 1,241        | 1,098        | 2,339        |
| 5            | 16                | 12           | 6          | 5          | 0          | 108        | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 22           | 126          | 148          |
| >5           | 0                 | 0            | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0            | 1            | 1            |

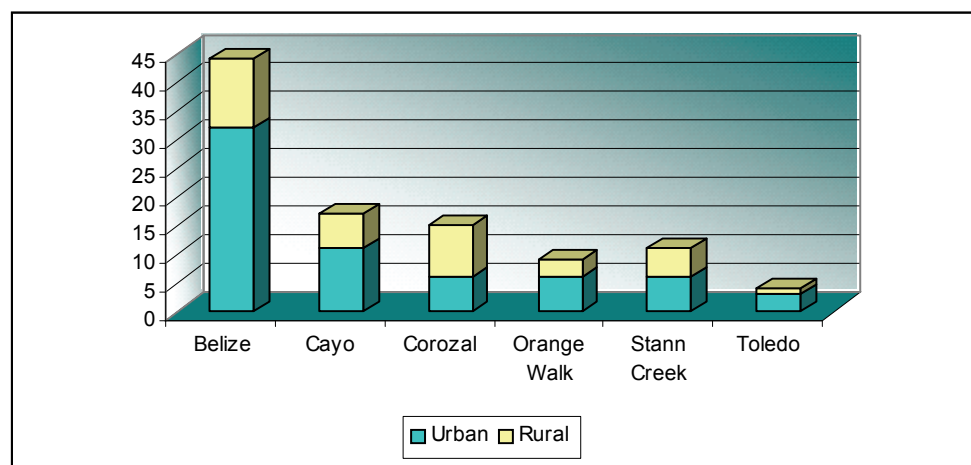
**Table 9B: Preschool Enrolment by Age, District and Sex 2002-03**

| AGE          | District & Sex |              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |           | TOTAL        |              |              |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|              | Belize         |              | Cayo       |            | Corozal    |            | O. Walk    |            | S. Creek   |            | Toledo    |           | M            | F            | ALL          |
|              | M              | F            | M          | F          | M          | F          | M          | F          | M          | F          | M         | F         |              |              |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1,045</b>   | <b>1,087</b> | <b>227</b> | <b>273</b> | <b>179</b> | <b>176</b> | <b>148</b> | <b>141</b> | <b>195</b> | <b>199</b> | <b>62</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>1,856</b> | <b>1,935</b> | <b>3,791</b> |
| <3           | 20             | 17           | 2          | 2          | 6          | 11         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1         | 1         | 29           | 31           | 60           |
| 3            | 394            | 414          | 56         | 65         | 55         | 56         | 65         | 69         | 63         | 63         | 19        | 18        | 652          | 685          | 1,337        |
| 4            | 609            | 636          | 160        | 199        | 114        | 100        | 82         | 71         | 131        | 136        | 42        | 40        | 1,138        | 1,182        | 2,320        |
| 5            | 17             | 14           | 7          | 5          | 4          | 9          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 29           | 29           | 58           |
| >5           | 5              | 6            | 2          | 2          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 8            | 8            | 16           |

school year showed that more boys were registered than girls from the previous year where the reverse was true.

Enrolment in urban preschool continued to exceed that of rural schools. As with previous years, Corozal district continues to experience a dramatic decrease in both urban and rural areas.

**Chart 8: Distribution of Preschool by District and U/R Location 2003-04**





### 4.3 PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT:

**Table 10A: Primary Enrolment by Grade, District and Sex 2003-04**

| Grade        | District & Gender |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              | Total         |               |               |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|              | Belize            |              | Cayo         |              | Corozal      |              | Orange Walk  |              | Stann Creek  |              | Toledo       |              | M             | F             | ALL           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>8,735</b>      | <b>8,409</b> | <b>7,478</b> | <b>7,109</b> | <b>3,841</b> | <b>3,841</b> | <b>4,482</b> | <b>4,232</b> | <b>4,001</b> | <b>3,727</b> | <b>3,183</b> | <b>3,071</b> | <b>31,720</b> | <b>30,389</b> | <b>62,109</b> |
| Special Ed.  | 91                | 44           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 22           | 14           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 113           | 58            | 171           |
| Beginners    | 68                | 70           | 80           | 102          | 26           | 27           | 10           | 10           | 4            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 188           | 209           | 397           |
| Infant 1     | 1,298             | 1,179        | 1,147        | 994          | 524          | 552          | 650          | 644          | 640          | 566          | 463          | 518          | 4,722         | 4,453         | 9,175         |
| Infant 2     | 1,195             | 1,128        | 984          | 975          | 467          | 461          | 573          | 535          | 610          | 565          | 447          | 467          | 4,276         | 4,131         | 8,407         |
| Standard 1   | 1,251             | 1,205        | 907          | 955          | 494          | 497          | 613          | 473          | 572          | 536          | 488          | 429          | 4,325         | 4,095         | 8,420         |
| Standard 2   | 1,069             | 1,040        | 997          | 949          | 485          | 482          | 571          | 531          | 522          | 507          | 442          | 400          | 4,086         | 3,909         | 7,995         |
| Standard 3   | 1,031             | 991          | 984          | 888          | 541          | 471          | 538          | 514          | 495          | 463          | 417          | 393          | 4,006         | 3,720         | 7,726         |
| Standard 4   | 1,016             | 957          | 865          | 839          | 516          | 498          | 544          | 511          | 445          | 432          | 335          | 315          | 3,721         | 3,552         | 7,273         |
| Standard 5   | 900               | 933          | 750          | 765          | 423          | 462          | 549          | 534          | 389          | 357          | 316          | 292          | 3,327         | 3,343         | 6,670         |
| Standard 6   | 816               | 862          | 764          | 642          | 365          | 391          | 412          | 466          | 324          | 301          | 275          | 257          | 2,956         | 2,919         | 5,875         |

**Table 10B: Primary Enrolment by Grade, District and Sex 2002-03**

| GRADE        | District & Gender |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              | TOTAL         |               |               |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|              | Belize            |              | Cayo         |              | Corozal      |              | Orange Walk  |              | Stann Creek  |              | Toledo       |              | M             | F             | ALL           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>8,629</b>      | <b>8,357</b> | <b>7,103</b> | <b>6,641</b> | <b>3,838</b> | <b>3,891</b> | <b>4,431</b> | <b>4,123</b> | <b>3,715</b> | <b>3,504</b> | <b>2,980</b> | <b>2,844</b> | <b>30,696</b> | <b>29,360</b> | <b>60,056</b> |
| Beginners    | 275               | 228          | 91           | 78           | 7            | 6            | 0            | 0            | 2            | 0            | 2            | 0            | 377           | 312           | 689           |
| Infant 1     | 1,275             | 1,230        | 1,007        | 991          | 515          | 540          | 601          | 571          | 647          | 578          | 464          | 458          | 4,509         | 4,368         | 8,877         |
| Infant 2     | 1,203             | 1,152        | 891          | 905          | 501          | 526          | 597          | 480          | 521          | 490          | 461          | 411          | 4,174         | 3,964         | 8,138         |
| Standard 1   | 1,127             | 1,046        | 951          | 897          | 470          | 482          | 588          | 523          | 544          | 514          | 446          | 399          | 4,126         | 3,861         | 7,987         |
| Standard 2   | 1,028             | 1,014        | 982          | 838          | 544          | 510          | 547          | 539          | 450          | 472          | 388          | 393          | 3,939         | 3,766         | 7,705         |
| Standard 3   | 1,036             | 955          | 892          | 865          | 552          | 511          | 552          | 493          | 473          | 411          | 339          | 348          | 3,844         | 3,583         | 7,427         |
| Standard 4   | 957               | 945          | 860          | 778          | 449          | 492          | 568          | 570          | 396          | 398          | 335          | 305          | 3,565         | 3,488         | 7,053         |
| Standard 5   | 903               | 871          | 769          | 704          | 417          | 457          | 543          | 517          | 361          | 324          | 292          | 296          | 3,285         | 3,169         | 6,454         |
| Standard 6   | 825               | 916          | 660          | 585          | 383          | 367          | 435          | 430          | 321          | 317          | 253          | 234          | 2,877         | 2,849         | 5,726         |

Total enrolment for 2003/04 increased by 2,053 pupils or 3.4% over the 2002/03 school year. In 2003/04, 171 pupils were in Special Education students in the Belize and Orange Walk districts. Attached to some primary schools, is a grade level referred to as Beginners where a total of 407 children (0.7%) were registered. This is a decline from the previous where a difference of 282 or a decrease of 40.9%.

In both, 2002/03 and 2003/04 school years, the majority of the student population was concentrated at the Infant 1 Level. For instance, in 2003/04 a total of 4722 males representing 7.6% of the population while 4,453 females representing 7.1% of the total population.

The most significant growth took place in the Toledo, Stann Creek and Cayo districts, where the total enrolment increased by 430, 509 and 853, respectively. The only district in which enrolment declined slightly took place in Corozal (47).

**Table 11A: Primary Enrolment by Age, Grade and Sex 2003-04**

| Age            | Grade      |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              | TOTAL         |
|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|                | Sp. Ed.    | Begin.     | Inf. 1       | Inf. 2       | Std. 1       | Std.2        | Std. 3       | Std. 4       | Std. 5       | Std. 6       |               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>171</b> | <b>397</b> | <b>9,175</b> | <b>8,407</b> | <b>8,420</b> | <b>7,995</b> | <b>7,726</b> | <b>7,273</b> | <b>6,670</b> | <b>5,875</b> | <b>62,109</b> |
| 3              | 1          | 25         | 23           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 49            |
| 4              | 0          | 127        | 2,070        | 6            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2,203         |
| 5              | 9          | 222        | 5,018        | 1,482        | 30           | 1            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 6,762         |
| 6              | 22         | 13         | 1,650        | 4,198        | 1,366        | 25           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 7,274         |
| 7              | 20         | 7          | 278          | 2,034        | 3,483        | 1,028        | 40           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 6,890         |
| 8              | 14         | 2          | 87           | 534          | 2,299        | 3,140        | 990          | 41           | 10           | 0            | 7,117         |
| 9              | 25         | 0          | 24           | 109          | 874          | 2,295        | 2,663        | 902          | 75           | 4            | 6,971         |
| 10             | 15         | 1          | 19           | 32           | 251          | 992          | 2,210        | 2,413        | 790          | 48           | 6,771         |
| 11             | 10         | 0          | 3            | 5            | 77           | 361          | 1,142        | 2,076        | 2,099        | 623          | 6,396         |
| 12             | 14         | 0          | 3            | 4            | 26           | 120          | 493          | 1,192        | 1,953        | 1,941        | 5,746         |
| 13             | 12         | 0          | 0            | 3            | 12           | 28           | 150          | 492          | 1,224        | 1,857        | 3,778         |
| 14             | 9          | 0          | 0            | 0            | 2            | 5            | 27           | 129          | 419          | 1,005        | 1,596         |
| 15 & over      | 20         | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 11           | 28           | 100          | 397          | 556           |
| <b>Males</b>   | <b>113</b> | <b>188</b> | <b>4,722</b> | <b>4,276</b> | <b>4,325</b> | <b>4,086</b> | <b>4,006</b> | <b>3,721</b> | <b>3,327</b> | <b>2,956</b> | <b>31,720</b> |
| 3              | 0          | 17         | 15           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 32            |
| 4              | 0          | 52         | 1,022        | 3            |              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1,077         |
| 5              | 6          | 108        | 2,605        | 699          | 8            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3,426         |
| 6              | 15         | 5          | 866          | 2,113        | 664          | 8            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3,671         |
| 7              | 16         | 5          | 150          | 1,080        | 1,675        | 447          | 15           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3,388         |
| 8              | 12         | 1          | 41           | 296          | 1,270        | 1,493        | 410          | 17           | 1            | 0            | 3,541         |
| 9              | 19         | 0          | 11           | 58           | 498          | 1,253        | 1,269        | 375          | 13           | 0            | 3,496         |
| 10             | 7          | 0          | 8            | 18           | 141          | 610          | 1,190        | 1,124        | 337          | 10           | 3,445         |
| 11             | 7          | 0          | 2            | 4            | 46           | 198          | 694          | 1,108        | 916          | 247          | 3,222         |
| 12             | 7          | 0          | 2            | 2            | 17           | 60           | 308          | 709          | 999          | 911          | 3,015         |
| 13             | 10         | 0          | 0            | 3            | 5            | 15           | 94           | 285          | 715          | 959          | 2,086         |
| 14             | 5          | 0          | 0            | 0            | 1            | 2            | 20           | 88           | 280          | 591          | 987           |
| 15 & over      | 9          | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 6            | 15           | 66           | 238          | 334           |
| <b>Females</b> | <b>58</b>  | <b>209</b> | <b>4,453</b> | <b>4,131</b> | <b>4,095</b> | <b>3,909</b> | <b>3,720</b> | <b>3,552</b> | <b>3,343</b> | <b>2,919</b> | <b>30,389</b> |
| 3              | 1          | 8          | 8            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 17            |
| 4              | 0          | 75         | 1,048        | 3            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1,126         |
| 5              | 3          | 114        | 2,413        | 783          | 22           | 1            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3,336         |
| 6              | 7          | 8          | 784          | 2,085        | 702          | 17           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3,603         |
| 7              | 4          | 2          | 128          | 954          | 1,808        | 581          | 25           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3,502         |
| 8              | 2          | 1          | 46           | 238          | 1,029        | 1,647        | 580          | 24           | 9            | 0            | 3,576         |
| 9              | 6          |            | 13           | 51           | 376          | 1,042        | 1,394        | 527          | 62           | 4            | 3,475         |
| 10             | 8          | 1          | 11           | 14           | 110          | 382          | 1,020        | 1,289        | 453          | 38           | 3,326         |
| 11             | 3          | 0          | 1            | 1            | 31           | 163          | 448          | 968          | 1,183        | 376          | 3,174         |
| 12             | 7          | 0          | 1            | 2            | 9            | 60           | 185          | 483          | 954          | 1,030        | 2,731         |
| 13             | 2          | 0          | 0            | 0            | 7            | 13           | 56           | 207          | 509          | 898          | 1,692         |
| 14             | 4          | 0          | 0            | 0            | 1            | 3            | 7            | 41           | 139          | 414          | 609           |
| 15 & over      | 11         | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 5            | 13           | 34           | 159          | 222           |

**Table 11B: Primary Enrolment by Age, Grade and Sex 2002-03**

| AGE            | GRADE      |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              | TOTAL         |
|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|                | Sp. Ed.    | Begin.     | Inf. 1       | Inf. 2       | Std. 1       | Std. 2       | Std. 3       | Std. 4       | Std. 5       | Std. 6       |               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>126</b> | <b>563</b> | <b>8,877</b> | <b>8,138</b> | <b>7,987</b> | <b>7,705</b> | <b>7,427</b> | <b>7,053</b> | <b>6,454</b> | <b>5,726</b> | <b>60,056</b> |
| 3              | 0          | 2          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2             |
| 4              | 2          | 191        | 1,752        | 5            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1,950         |
| 5              | 8          | 320        | 5,097        | 1,454        | 16           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 6,895         |
| 6              | 15         | 41         | 1,661        | 3,960        | 1,151        | 11           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 6,839         |
| 7              | 12         | 5          | 271          | 2,026        | 3,481        | 1,039        | 23           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 6,857         |
| 8              | 12         | 3          | 73           | 525          | 2,200        | 2,830        | 913          | 39           | 1            | 0            | 6,596         |
| 9              | 8          | 1          | 12           | 112          | 802          | 2,226        | 2,590        | 836          | 28           | 2            | 6,617         |
| 10             | 10         | 0          | 8            | 29           | 252          | 1,028        | 2,160        | 2,280        | 680          | 27           | 6,474         |
| 11             | 14         | 0          | 2            | 23           | 59           | 375          | 1,151        | 1,999        | 1,974        | 678          | 6,275         |
| 12             | 13         | 0          | 1            | 3            | 20           | 152          | 442          | 1,260        | 2,081        | 1,846        | 5,818         |
| 13             | 11         | 0          | 0            | 1            | 5            | 36           | 123          | 479          | 1,166        | 1,748        | 3,569         |
| 14             | 2          | 0          | 0            | 0            | 1            | 6            | 19           | 133          | 416          | 1,045        | 1,622         |
| 15 & over      | 19         | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2            | 6            | 27           | 108          | 380          | 542           |
| <b>Males</b>   | <b>83</b>  | <b>294</b> | <b>4,509</b> | <b>4,174</b> | <b>4,126</b> | <b>3,939</b> | <b>3,844</b> | <b>3,565</b> | <b>3,285</b> | <b>2,877</b> | <b>30,696</b> |
| 3              | 0          | 1          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1             |
| 4              | 2          | 94         | 855          | 3            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 954           |
| 5              | 6          | 172        | 2,578        | 723          | 10           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3,489         |
| 6              | 12         | 19         | 890          | 1,950        | 534          | 2            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3,407         |
| 7              | 8          | 4          | 137          | 1,104        | 1,678        | 461          | 13           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3,405         |
| 8              | 10         | 3          | 37           | 313          | 1,237        | 1,367        | 397          | 8            | 0            | 0            | 3,372         |
| 9              | 3          | 1          | 5            | 58           | 475          | 1,196        | 1,248        | 331          | 11           | 0            | 3,328         |
| 10             | 8          | 0          | 5            | 13           | 145          | 581          | 1,157        | 1,038        | 254          | 4            | 3,205         |
| 11             | 9          | 0          | 1            | 7            | 30           | 233          | 668          | 1,063        | 937          | 282          | 3,230         |
| 12             | 9          | 0          | 1            | 2            | 13           | 73           | 264          | 738          | 1,086        | 846          | 3,032         |
| 13             | 6          | 0          | 0            | 1            | 3            | 21           | 77           | 285          | 666          | 914          | 1,973         |
| 14             | 2          | 0          | 0            | 0            | 1            | 3            | 14           | 83           | 258          | 612          | 973           |
| 15 & over      | 8          | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2            | 6            | 19           | 73           | 219          | 327           |
| <b>Females</b> | <b>43</b>  | <b>269</b> | <b>4,368</b> | <b>3,964</b> | <b>3,861</b> | <b>3,766</b> | <b>3,583</b> | <b>3,488</b> | <b>3,169</b> | <b>2,849</b> | <b>29,360</b> |
| 3              | 0          | 1          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1             |
| 4              | 0          | 97         | 897          | 2            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 996           |
| 5              | 2          | 148        | 2,519        | 731          | 6            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3,406         |
| 6              | 3          | 22         | 771          | 2,010        | 617          | 9            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3,432         |
| 7              | 4          | 1          | 134          | 922          | 1,803        | 578          | 10           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3,452         |
| 8              | 2          | 0          | 36           | 212          | 963          | 1,463        | 516          | 31           | 1            | 0            | 3,224         |
| 9              | 5          | 0          | 7            | 54           | 327          | 1,030        | 1,342        | 505          | 17           | 2            | 3,289         |
| 10             | 2          | 0          | 3            | 16           | 107          | 447          | 1,003        | 1,242        | 426          | 23           | 3,269         |
| 11             | 5          | 0          | 1            | 16           | 29           | 142          | 483          | 936          | 1,037        | 396          | 3,045         |
| 12             | 4          | 0          | 0            | 1            | 7            | 79           | 178          | 522          | 995          | 1,000        | 2,786         |
| 13             | 5          | 0          | 0            | 0            | 2            | 15           | 46           | 194          | 500          | 834          | 1,596         |
| 14             | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3            | 5            | 50           | 158          | 433          | 649           |
| 15 & over      | 11         | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 8            | 35           | 161          | 215           |



**Table 12A: Primary Enrolment by Management, Sex, District and U/R Location 2003-04**

| Management        | District & Urban/Rural Location |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              | TOTAL         |               |               |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                   | Belize                          |              | Cayo         |              | Corozal      |              | O. Walk      |              | S. Creek     |              | Toledo       |              | Urban         | Rural         | ALL           |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | <b>13,518</b>                   | <b>3,626</b> | <b>6,865</b> | <b>7,722</b> | <b>1,943</b> | <b>5,739</b> | <b>4,378</b> | <b>4,336</b> | <b>2,187</b> | <b>5,541</b> | <b>1,231</b> | <b>5,023</b> | <b>30,122</b> | <b>31,987</b> | <b>62,109</b> |
| Government        | 116                             | 882          | 1,098        | 1,517        | 0            | 878          | 1,928        | 1,163        | 0            | 669          | 0            | 721          | 3,142         | 5,830         | 8,972         |
| Roman Catholic    | 5,362                           | 1,305        | 3,818        | 4,286        | 972          | 3,682        | 1,478        | 2,495        | 1,242        | 2,561        | 946          | 3,873        | 13,818        | 18,202        | 32,020        |
| Anglican          | 2,360                           | 163          | 378          | 261          | 144          | 0            | 321          | 0            | 277          | 432          | 0            | 68           | 3,480         | 924           | 4,404         |
| Methodist         | 2,085                           | 349          | 0            | 0            | 300          | 193          | 0            | 124          | 306          | 363          | 221          | 180          | 2,912         | 1,209         | 4,121         |
| SDA               | 576                             | 236          | 455          | 190          | 216          | 447          | 216          | 65           | 233          | 0            | 64           | 0            | 1,760         | 938           | 2,698         |
| Nazarene          | 143                             | 0            | 980          | 322          | 160          | 208          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1,283         | 530           | 1,813         |
| Assemblies of God | 181                             | 0            | 0            | 96           | 0            | 74           | 0            | 0            | 129          | 263          | 0            | 0            | 310           | 433           | 743           |
| Community         | 0                               | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1,011        | 0            | 0            | 0             | 1,011         | 1,011         |
| Other             | 2,695                           | 691          | 136          | 1,050        | 151          | 257          | 435          | 489          | 0            | 242          | 0            | 181          | 3,417         | 2,910         | 6,327         |
| <b>Males</b>      | <b>6,846</b>                    | <b>1,889</b> | <b>3,454</b> | <b>4,024</b> | <b>960</b>   | <b>2,881</b> | <b>2,263</b> | <b>2,219</b> | <b>1,154</b> | <b>2,847</b> | <b>640</b>   | <b>2,543</b> | <b>15,317</b> | <b>16,403</b> | <b>31,720</b> |
| Government        | 72                              | 454          | 561          | 794          | 0            | 443          | 1,005        | 621          | 0            | 352          | 0            | 360          | 1,638         | 3,024         | 4,662         |
| Roman Catholic    | 2,765                           | 681          | 1,909        | 2,238        | 470          | 1,860        | 768          | 1,237        | 656          | 1,303        | 488          | 1,971        | 7,056         | 9,290         | 16,346        |
| Anglican          | 1,176                           | 89           | 206          | 133          | 79           | 0            | 174          | 0            | 141          | 240          | 0            | 33           | 1,776         | 495           | 2,271         |
| Methodist         | 1,052                           | 182          | 0            | 0            | 148          | 100          | 0            | 67           | 164          | 187          | 116          | 90           | 1,480         | 626           | 2,106         |
| SDA               | 274                             | 135          | 245          | 112          | 116          | 223          | 107          | 35           | 123          | 0            | 36           | 0            | 901           | 505           | 1,406         |
| Nazarene          | 85                              | 0            | 477          | 158          | 76           | 97           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 638           | 255           | 893           |
| Assemblies of God | 103                             | 0            | 0            | 96           | 0            | 38           | 0            | 0            | 70           | 138          | 0            | 0            | 173           | 272           | 445           |
| Community         | 0                               | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 499          | 0            | 0            | 0             | 499           | 499           |
| Other             | 1,319                           | 348          | 56           | 493          | 71           | 120          | 209          | 259          | 0            | 128          | 0            | 89           | 1,655         | 1,437         | 3,092         |
| <b>Females</b>    | <b>6,672</b>                    | <b>1,737</b> | <b>3,411</b> | <b>3,698</b> | <b>983</b>   | <b>2,858</b> | <b>2,115</b> | <b>2,117</b> | <b>1,033</b> | <b>2,694</b> | <b>591</b>   | <b>2,480</b> | <b>14,805</b> | <b>15,584</b> | <b>30,389</b> |
| Government        | 44                              | 428          | 537          | 723          | 0            | 435          | 923          | 542          | 0            | 317          | 0            | 361          | 1,504         | 2,806         | 4,310         |
| Roman Catholic    | 2,597                           | 624          | 1,909        | 2,048        | 502          | 1,822        | 710          | 1,258        | 586          | 1,258        | 458          | 1,902        | 6,762         | 8,912         | 15,674        |
| Anglican          | 1,184                           | 74           | 172          | 128          | 65           | 0            | 147          | 0            | 136          | 192          | 0            | 35           | 1,704         | 429           | 2,133         |
| Methodist         | 1,033                           | 167          | 0            | 0            | 152          | 93           | 0            | 57           | 142          | 176          | 105          | 90           | 1,432         | 583           | 2,015         |
| SDA               | 302                             | 101          | 210          | 78           | 100          | 224          | 109          | 30           | 110          | 0            | 28           | 0            | 859           | 433           | 1,292         |
| Nazarene          | 58                              | 0            | 503          | 164          | 84           | 111          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 645           | 275           | 920           |
| Assemblies of God | 78                              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 36           | 0            | 0            | 59           | 125          | 0            | 0            | 137           | 161           | 298           |
| Community         | 0                               | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 512          | 0            | 0            | 0             | 512           | 512           |
| Other             | 1,376                           | 343          | 80           | 557          | 80           | 137          | 226          | 230          | 0            | 114          | 0            | 92           | 1,762         | 1,473         | 3,235         |

Primary enrolment for the 2003/04 increased in both urban and rural areas by 369 (1.2%) and 1,684 (5.6%), respectively.

The data also indicates that enrolment in government primary institutions decreased by some 170 students (see Tables 12A and 12B). Although there was two additional government managed primary schools in the Toledo district (Graham Creek Gov't, Mabil Ha Gov't), this was not reflected in the overall increase in enrolment in government institutions. On the other hand, the total enrolment in government-aided and private/specially assisted primary schools increased by 1,834 from 51,303 to 53,137 during the period.

The Roman Catholic Management still continued to account for the main concentration of student enrolment in Belize's primary enrolment. This represents a total of 51.5% of those enrolled at the primary level compared to 13.8% in government institutions.

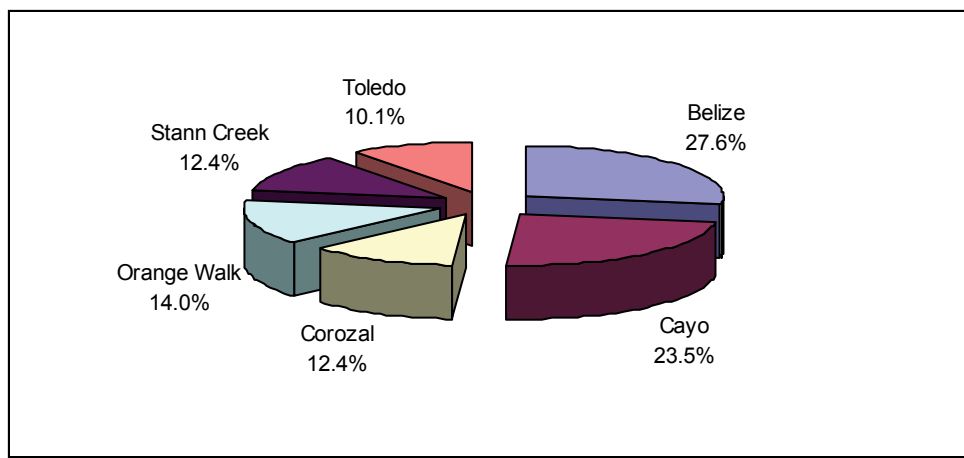
In a trend which mirrored that of the distribution of primary schools, almost a half of all primary school students enrolled during the 2003/04 school year were in the Belize and Cayo districts, with 27.6% and 23.5% of total enrolment, respectively (see Chart 9). The Orange Walk district accounted for a considerably smaller 14.0% of all primary school students. This was followed by Stann Creek (12.4%), Corozal (12.4%) and Toledo (10.1%).



**Table 12B: Primary Enrolment by Sex,  
Management, District and U/R Location 2002-03**

| Management        | District & Urban/Rural Location |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              | TOTAL         |               |               |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                   | Belize                          |              | Cayo         |              | Corozal      |              | O. Walk      |              | S. Creek     |              | Toledo       |              | Urban         | Rural         | ALL           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>13,459</b>                   | <b>3,527</b> | <b>6,632</b> | <b>7,112</b> | <b>1,928</b> | <b>5,801</b> | <b>4,418</b> | <b>4,136</b> | <b>2,137</b> | <b>5,082</b> | <b>1,179</b> | <b>4,645</b> | <b>29,753</b> | <b>30,303</b> | <b>60,056</b> |
| Government        | 106                             | 882          | 1,127        | 1,367        | 0            | 871          | 1,889        | 1,188        | 0            | 517          | 0            | 806          | 3,122         | 5,631         | 8,753         |
| Roman Catholic    | 5,331                           | 1,281        | 3,806        | 4,327        | 1,004        | 3,882        | 1,554        | 2,506        | 1,257        | 2,364        | 943          | 3,609        | 13,895        | 17,969        | 31,864        |
| Anglican          | 2,441                           | 166          | 366          | 263          | 148          | 0            | 349          | 0            | 276          | 420          | 0            | 63           | 3,580         | 912           | 4,492         |
| Methodist         | 2,048                           | 328          | 0            | 0            | 286          | 165          | 0            | 152          | 355          | 357          | 236          | 167          | 2,925         | 1,169         | 4,094         |
| SDA               | 523                             | 184          | 337          | 128          | 180          | 386          | 217          | 0            | 249          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1,506         | 698           | 2,204         |
| Nazarene          | 136                             | 0            | 996          | 283          | 162          | 192          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1,294         | 475           | 1,769         |
| Assemblies of God | 340                             | 0            | 0            | 196          | 0            | 62           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 263          | 0            | 0            | 340           | 521           | 861           |
| Community         | 0                               | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 972          | 0            | 0            | 0             | 972           | 972           |
| Other             | 2,534                           | 686          | 0            | 548          | 148          | 243          | 409          | 290          | 0            | 189          | 0            | 0            | 3,091         | 1,956         | 5,047         |
| <b>Males:</b>     | <b>6,783</b>                    | <b>1,846</b> | <b>3,397</b> | <b>3,706</b> | <b>950</b>   | <b>2,888</b> | <b>2,323</b> | <b>2,108</b> | <b>1,128</b> | <b>2,587</b> | <b>606</b>   | <b>2,374</b> | <b>15,187</b> | <b>15,509</b> | <b>30,696</b> |
| Government        | 71                              | 475          | 583          | 723          | 0            | 447          | 980          | 632          | 0            | 266          | 0            | 408          | 1,634         | 2,951         | 4,585         |
| Roman Catholic    | 2,720                           | 651          | 1,929        | 2,239        | 480          | 1,932        | 834          | 1,248        | 675          | 1,219        | 476          | 1,855        | 7,114         | 9,144         | 16,258        |
| Anglican          | 1,221                           | 87           | 210          | 128          | 89           | 0            | 194          | 0            | 132          | 224          | 0            | 33           | 1,846         | 472           | 2,318         |
| Methodist         | 1,007                           | 174          | 0            | 0            | 141          | 86           | 0            | 76           | 201          | 176          | 130          | 78           | 1,479         | 590           | 2,069         |
| SDA               | 252                             | 102          | 189          | 70           | 94           | 197          | 108          | 0            | 120          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 763           | 369           | 1,132         |
| Nazarene          | 79                              | 0            | 486          | 150          | 73           | 89           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 638           | 239           | 877           |
| Assemblies of God | 187                             | 0            | 0            | 96           | 0            | 27           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 134          | 0            | 0            | 187           | 257           | 444           |
| Community         | 0                               | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 471          | 0            | 0            | 0             | 471           | 471           |
| Other             | 1,246                           | 357          | 0            | 300          | 73           | 110          | 207          | 152          | 0            | 97           | 0            | 0            | 1,526         | 1,016         | 2,542         |
| <b>Females:</b>   | <b>6,676</b>                    | <b>1,681</b> | <b>3,235</b> | <b>3,406</b> | <b>978</b>   | <b>2,913</b> | <b>2,095</b> | <b>2,028</b> | <b>1,009</b> | <b>2,495</b> | <b>573</b>   | <b>2,271</b> | <b>14,566</b> | <b>14,794</b> | <b>29,360</b> |
| Government        | 35                              | 407          | 544          | 644          | 0            | 424          | 909          | 556          | 0            | 251          | 0            | 398          | 1,488         | 2,680         | 4,168         |
| Roman Catholic    | 2,611                           | 630          | 1,877        | 2,088        | 524          | 1,950        | 720          | 1,258        | 582          | 1,145        | 467          | 1,754        | 6,781         | 8,825         | 15,606        |
| Anglican          | 1,220                           | 79           | 156          | 135          | 59           | 0            | 155          | 0            | 144          | 196          | 0            | 30           | 1,734         | 440           | 2,174         |
| Methodist         | 1,041                           | 154          | 0            | 0            | 145          | 79           | 0            | 76           | 154          | 181          | 106          | 89           | 1,446         | 579           | 2,025         |
| SDA               | 271                             | 82           | 148          | 58           | 86           | 189          | 109          | 0            | 129          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 743           | 329           | 1,072         |
| Nazarene          | 57                              | 0            | 510          | 133          | 89           | 103          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 656           | 236           | 892           |
| Assemblies of God | 153                             | 0            | 0            | 100          | 0            | 35           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 129          | 0            | 0            | 153           | 264           | 417           |
| Community         | 0                               | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 501          | 0            | 0            | 0             | 501           | 501           |
| Other             | 1,288                           | 329          | 0            | 248          | 75           | 133          | 202          | 138          | 0            | 92           | 0            | 0            | 1,565         | 940           | 2,505         |

**Chart 9: Distribution of Primary Enrolment by District 2003-04**





## 4.4 SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT:

**Table 13A: Secondary Enrolment by District, Form and Sex 2003-04**

| District     | Prep      |           | Form 1       |              | Form 2       |              | Form 3       |              | Form 4       |              | TOTAL        |              |               |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|              | M         | F         | M            | F            | M            | F            | M            | F            | M            | F            | M            | F            | ALL           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>54</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>2,469</b> | <b>2,515</b> | <b>2,005</b> | <b>2,047</b> | <b>1,649</b> | <b>1,920</b> | <b>1,183</b> | <b>1,485</b> | <b>7,360</b> | <b>7,999</b> | <b>15,359</b> |
| Belize       | 16        | 0         | 787          | 967          | 695          | 764          | 566          | 749          | 395          | 556          | 2,459        | 3,036        | 5,495         |
| Cayo         | 0         | 0         | 599          | 507          | 428          | 456          | 395          | 425          | 292          | 333          | 1,714        | 1,721        | 3,435         |
| Corozal      | 0         | 0         | 295          | 301          | 242          | 268          | 210          | 214          | 171          | 183          | 918          | 966          | 1,884         |
| Orange Walk  | 0         | 0         | 332          | 327          | 283          | 278          | 203          | 239          | 133          | 160          | 951          | 1,004        | 1,955         |
| Stann Creek  | 38        | 32        | 252          | 239          | 175          | 166          | 148          | 182          | 94           | 152          | 707          | 771          | 1,478         |
| Toledo       | 0         | 0         | 204          | 174          | 182          | 115          | 127          | 111          | 98           | 101          | 611          | 501          | 1,112         |

**Table 13B: Secondary Enrolment by District, Form and Sex 2002-03**

| District     | Prep      |           | Form 1       |              | Form 2       |              | Form 3       |              | Form 4       |              | TOTAL        |              |               |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|              | M         | F         | M            | F            | M            | F            | M            | F            | M            | F            | M            | F            | ALL           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>2,443</b> | <b>2,411</b> | <b>1,883</b> | <b>2,015</b> | <b>1,539</b> | <b>1,716</b> | <b>1,204</b> | <b>1,314</b> | <b>7,129</b> | <b>7,501</b> | <b>14,630</b> |
| Belize       | 25        | 4         | 810          | 956          | 694          | 801          | 553          | 658          | 438          | 541          | 2,520        | 2,960        | 5,480         |
| Cayo         | 0         | 0         | 518          | 486          | 422          | 425          | 333          | 371          | 288          | 288          | 1,561        | 1,570        | 3,131         |
| Corozal      | 0         | 0         | 305          | 285          | 222          | 227          | 189          | 178          | 154          | 145          | 870          | 835          | 1,705         |
| Orange Walk  | 0         | 0         | 387          | 331          | 222          | 246          | 208          | 218          | 140          | 133          | 957          | 928          | 1,885         |
| Stann Creek  | 35        | 41        | 216          | 190          | 158          | 196          | 141          | 178          | 114          | 149          | 664          | 754          | 1,418         |
| Toledo       | 0         | 0         | 207          | 163          | 165          | 120          | 115          | 113          | 70           | 58           | 557          | 454          | 1,011         |

As new and relatively new schools continued to expand their student populations during the period from 2002/03 to 2003/04, total enrolment in secondary schools increased by 729 (5.0%) from 14,630 to 15,359, contrasting sharply with the decline in enrolment at the pre-school level (see Tables 8A and 8B). While the number of males in secondary schools grew by some 231 (3.2%), this growth was surpassed by an increase of 498 (6.6%) in the number of female students. Notwithstanding this growth in male enrolment, however, female enrol-

**Table 14A: Secondary Enrolment by Age, Form and Sex 2003-04**

| Age          | Prep      |           | Form 1       |              | Form 2       |              | Form 3       |              | Form 4       |              | TOTAL        |              |               |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|              | M         | F         | M            | F            | M            | F            | M            | F            | M            | F            | M            | F            | ALL           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>54</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>2,469</b> | <b>2,515</b> | <b>2,005</b> | <b>2,047</b> | <b>1,649</b> | <b>1,920</b> | <b>1,183</b> | <b>1,485</b> | <b>7,360</b> | <b>7,999</b> | <b>15,359</b> |
| <11          | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             |
| 11           | 0         | 0         | 1            | 10           | 1            | 1            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2            | 11           | 13            |
| 12           | 0         | 1         | 217          | 306          | 9            | 12           | 0            | 1            | 0            | 0            | 226          | 320          | 546           |
| 13           | 8         | 2         | 647          | 833          | 174          | 251          | 6            | 29           | 0            | 2            | 835          | 1,117        | 1,952         |
| 14           | 29        | 15        | 765          | 754          | 577          | 656          | 151          | 208          | 11           | 12           | 1,533        | 1,645        | 3,178         |
| 15           | 12        | 11        | 507          | 397          | 561          | 632          | 398          | 580          | 96           | 174          | 1,574        | 1,794        | 3,368         |
| 16           | 3         | 1         | 236          | 139          | 407          | 339          | 478          | 588          | 293          | 448          | 1,417        | 1,515        | 2,932         |
| 17           | 1         | 1         | 74           | 59           | 175          | 109          | 367          | 321          | 345          | 439          | 962          | 929          | 1,891         |
| 18           | 1         | 0         | 16           | 9            | 56           | 33           | 169          | 129          | 248          | 228          | 490          | 399          | 889           |
| 19           | 0         | 0         | 3            | 4            | 30           | 11           | 54           | 40           | 123          | 117          | 210          | 172          | 382           |
| 20+          | 0         | 1         | 3            | 4            | 15           | 3            | 26           | 24           | 67           | 65           | 111          | 97           | 208           |



ment continued to exceed that of males by some 639 (see Tables 14A and 14B). It should be noted that the Toledo District showed a high incidence of male enrolment.

**Table 14B: Secondary Enrolment by Age, Form and Sex 2002-03**

| District     | Prep      |           | Form 1       |              | Form 2       |              | Form 3       |              | Form 4       |              | TOTAL        |              |               |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|              | M         | F         | M            | F            | M            | F            | M            | F            | M            | F            | M            | F            | ALL           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>2,443</b> | <b>2,411</b> | <b>1,883</b> | <b>2,015</b> | <b>1,539</b> | <b>1,716</b> | <b>1,204</b> | <b>1,314</b> | <b>7,129</b> | <b>7,501</b> | <b>14,630</b> |
| <11          | 0         | 0         | 0            | 1            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1            | 1             |
| 11           | 0         | 0         | 19           | 13           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 19           | 13           | 32            |
| 12           | 2         | 0         | 235          | 270          | 16           | 16           | 0            | 1            | 0            | 0            | 253          | 287          | 540           |
| 13           | 7         | 5         | 712          | 828          | 181          | 213          | 13           | 7            | 0            | 1            | 913          | 1,054        | 1,967         |
| 14           | 14        | 7         | 728          | 700          | 480          | 626          | 108          | 187          | 10           | 10           | 1,340        | 1,530        | 2,870         |
| 15           | 14        | 15        | 451          | 409          | 549          | 621          | 386          | 501          | 88           | 141          | 1,488        | 1,687        | 3,175         |
| 16           | 16        | 11        | 194          | 135          | 401          | 338          | 441          | 509          | 324          | 396          | 1,376        | 1,389        | 2,765         |
| 17           | 4         | 3         | 65           | 39           | 166          | 138          | 340          | 313          | 345          | 373          | 920          | 866          | 1,786         |
| 18           | 0         | 3         | 28           | 12           | 62           | 43           | 166          | 129          | 242          | 231          | 498          | 418          | 916           |
| 19           | 1         | 0         | 7            | 1            | 20           | 11           | 54           | 43           | 129          | 99           | 211          | 154          | 365           |
| 20+          | 2         | 1         | 4            | 3            | 8            | 9            | 31           | 26           | 66           | 63           | 111          | 102          | 213           |

**Table 15A: Secondary Enrolment by Management, Sex, District and U/R Location 2003/04**

| Management          | District & Urban/Rural Location |            |              |            |            |              |              |            |            |            |            |            | TOTAL         |              |               |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|                     | Belize                          |            | Cayo         |            | Corozal    |              | O. Walk      |            | S. Creek   |            | Toledo     |            | Urban         | Rural        | All           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>5,072</b>                    | <b>423</b> | <b>3,121</b> | <b>314</b> | <b>815</b> | <b>1,069</b> | <b>1,766</b> | <b>189</b> | <b>870</b> | <b>608</b> | <b>691</b> | <b>421</b> | <b>12,335</b> | <b>3,024</b> | <b>15,359</b> |
| Government          | 1,477                           | 289        | 1,419        | 0          | 0          | 477          | 838          | 189        | 0          | 608        | 301        | 421        | 4,035         | 1,984        | 6,019         |
| Gov't-Aided Commun. | 438                             | 0          | 0            | 0          | 755        | 0            | 0            | 0          | 472        | 0          | 390        | 0          | 2,055         | 0            | 2,055         |
| Gov't-Aided Denom.  | 3,056                           | 131        | 1,702        | 236        | 0          | 531          | 606          | 0          | 398        | 0          | 0          | 0          | 5,762         | 898          | 6,660         |
| Priv/Spec. Assisted | 101                             | 3          | 0            | 78         | 60         | 61           | 322          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 483           | 142          | 625           |
| <b>Males:</b>       | <b>2,243</b>                    | <b>216</b> | <b>1,545</b> | <b>169</b> | <b>394</b> | <b>524</b>   | <b>832</b>   | <b>119</b> | <b>369</b> | <b>338</b> | <b>390</b> | <b>221</b> | <b>5,773</b>  | <b>1,587</b> | <b>7,360</b>  |
| Government          | 727                             | 149        | 700          | 0          | 0          | 251          | 430          | 119        | 0          | 338        | 0          | 221        | 1,857         | 1,078        | 2,935         |
| Gov't-Aided Commun. | 238                             | 0          | 0            | 0          | 361        | 0            | 0            | 0          | 202        | 0          | 390        | 0          | 1,191         | 0            | 1,191         |
| Gov't-Aided Denom.  | 1,229                           | 66         | 845          | 119        | 0          | 246          | 242          | 0          | 167        | 0          | 0          | 0          | 2,483         | 431          | 2,914         |
| Priv/Spec. Assisted | 49                              | 1          | 0            | 50         | 33         | 27           | 160          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 242           | 78           | 320           |
| <b>Females:</b>     | <b>2,829</b>                    | <b>207</b> | <b>1,576</b> | <b>145</b> | <b>421</b> | <b>545</b>   | <b>934</b>   | <b>70</b>  | <b>501</b> | <b>270</b> | <b>301</b> | <b>200</b> | <b>6,562</b>  | <b>1,437</b> | <b>7,999</b>  |
| Government          | 750                             | 140        | 719          | 0          | 0          | 226          | 408          | 70         | 0          | 270        | 301        | 200        | 2,178         | 906          | 3,084         |
| Gov't-Aided Commun. | 200                             | 0          | 0            | 0          | 394        | 0            | 0            | 0          | 270        | 0          | 0          | 0          | 864           | 0            | 864           |
| Gov't-Aided Denom.  | 1,827                           | 65         | 857          | 117        | 0          | 285          | 364          | 0          | 231        | 0          | 0          | 0          | 3,279         | 467          | 3,746         |
| Priv/Spec. Assisted | 52                              | 2          | 0            | 28         | 27         | 34           | 162          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 241           | 64           | 305           |

Some 43.4% (6,660 students) of the total enrolment for the 2003/04 academic year attended Government-Aided Denominational secondary institutions compared with 42.5% in 2002/03. Government Secondary schools were the main secondary level institutions attended by student in rural areas. For instance, 72.9% or 1,984 students of the total rural enrolment attended Government rural secondary schools. This was a decrease from the previous year where it was 75.2% or 1,950 of the total rural population that attended a fully funded government school.



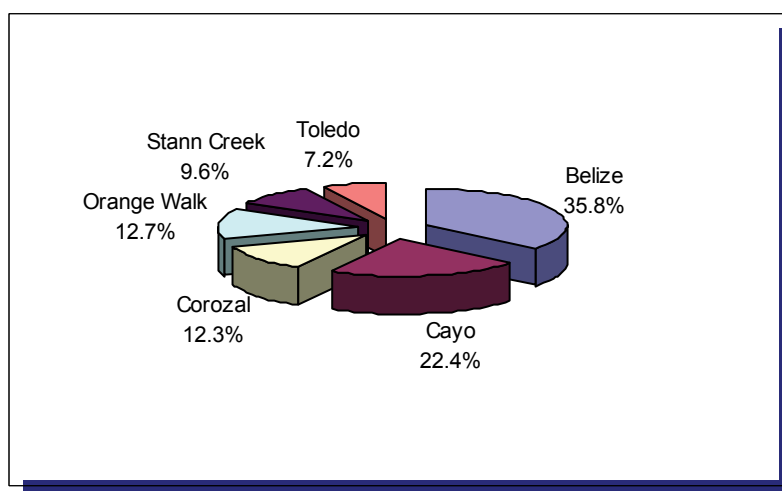
As in previous years, Corozal district continues to have a higher proportion of its secondary enrolment to be in rural areas. Amounting to approximately 57 percent. It should be noted that the Belmopan Baptist and Belize Christian Academy have moved out of the Belmopan and are now considered rural schools.

**Table 15B: Secondary Enrolment by Management, Sex, District and U/R Location 2002-03**

| Management          | District & Urban/Rural Location |            |              |          |            |              |              |            |            |            |            |            | TOTAL         |              |               |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|                     | Belize                          |            | Cayo         |          | Corozal    |              | O. Walk      |            | S. Creek   |            | Toledo     |            | Urban         | Rural        | All           |
|                     | Urban                           | Rural      | Urban        | Rural    | Urban      | Rural        | Urban        | Rural      | Urban      | Rural      | Urban      | Rural      |               |              |               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>5,008</b>                    | <b>472</b> | <b>3,131</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>705</b> | <b>1,000</b> | <b>1,709</b> | <b>176</b> | <b>831</b> | <b>587</b> | <b>653</b> | <b>358</b> | <b>12,037</b> | <b>2,593</b> | <b>14,630</b> |
| Government          | 1,421                           | 342        | 1,507        | 0        | 0          | 487          | 861          | 176        | 0          | 587        | 0          | 358        | 3,789         | 1,950        | 5,739         |
| Gov't-Aided Commun. | 480                             | 0          | 0            | 0        | 705        | 0            | 0            | 0          | 530        | 0          | 653        | 0          | 2,368         | 0            | 2,368         |
| Gov't-Aided Denom.  | 3,006                           | 130        | 1,624        | 0        | 0          | 513          | 651          | 0          | 301        | 0          | 0          | 0          | 5,582         | 643          | 6,225         |
| Priv/Spec. Assisted | 101                             | 0          | 0            | 0        | 0          | 0            | 197          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 298           | 0            | 298           |
| <b>Males:</b>       | <b>2,258</b>                    | <b>262</b> | <b>1,561</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>344</b> | <b>526</b>   | <b>834</b>   | <b>123</b> | <b>331</b> | <b>333</b> | <b>362</b> | <b>195</b> | <b>5,690</b>  | <b>1,439</b> | <b>7,129</b>  |
| Government          | 697                             | 195        | 779          | 0        | 0          | 270          | 450          | 123        | 0          | 333        | 0          | 195        | 1,926         | 1,116        | 3,042         |
| Gov't-Aided Commun. | 268                             | 0          | 0            | 0        | 344        | 0            | 0            | 0          | 224        | 0          | 362        | 0          | 1,198         | 0            | 1,198         |
| Gov't-Aided Denom.  | 1,244                           | 67         | 782          | 0        | 0          | 256          | 279          | 0          | 107        | 0          | 0          | 0          | 2,412         | 323          | 2,735         |
| Priv/Spec. Assisted | 49                              | 0          | 0            | 0        | 0          | 0            | 105          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 154           | 0            | 154           |
| <b>Females:</b>     | <b>2,750</b>                    | <b>210</b> | <b>1,570</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>361</b> | <b>474</b>   | <b>875</b>   | <b>53</b>  | <b>500</b> | <b>254</b> | <b>291</b> | <b>163</b> | <b>6,347</b>  | <b>1,154</b> | <b>7,501</b>  |
| Government          | 724                             | 147        | 728          | 0        | 0          | 217          | 411          | 53         | 0          | 254        | 0          | 163        | 1,863         | 834          | 2,697         |
| Gov't-Aided Commun. | 212                             | 0          | 0            | 0        | 361        | 0            | 0            | 0          | 306        | 0          | 291        | 0          | 1,170         | 0            | 1,170         |
| Gov't-Aided Denom.  | 1,762                           | 63         | 842          | 0        | 0          | 257          | 372          | 0          | 194        | 0          | 0          | 0          | 3,170         | 320          | 3,490         |
| Priv/Spec. Assisted | 52                              | 0          | 0            | 0        | 0          | 0            | 92           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 144           | 0            | 144           |

Growth in secondary enrolment was concentrated mainly in the Corozal urban school, which recorded an increase of 292 (9.3%) while the Cayo district reported a decrease of 10 or 0.31%. Despite the fact that almost a half of the country's secondary schools are located in the Belize district, this district accounted for only 35.8% of total enrolment. The Cayo district followed with 22.4%, while Toledo accounted for the smallest portion of the country's total enrolment (7.2%).

**Chart 10: Distribution of Secondary Enrolment by District 2003-04**





## 4.5 REPETITION AND DROPOUT RATES:

### 4.5.1 PRIMARY SCHOOLS

**Table 16A: Primary School Repetition Rate by District, Grade and Sex 2002-03**

| DISTRICT       | Beginners |             |              | Infant1      |            |              | Infant 2   |              |            | Std. 1       |            |              | Std.2      |             |            | Std. 3      |            |             | Std. 4       |              |  | Std. 5 |   |  | Std. 6 |   |  | ALL          |              |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--|--------|---|--|--------|---|--|--------------|--------------|
|                | No.       | %           |              | No.          | %          |              | No.        | %            |            | No.          | %          |              | No.        | %           |            | No.         | %          |             | No.          | %            |  | No.    | % |  | No.    | % |  | No.          | %            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>14</b> | <b>0.2%</b> | <b>1,370</b> | <b>17.2%</b> | <b>885</b> | <b>11.5%</b> | <b>821</b> | <b>11.1%</b> | <b>785</b> | <b>11.1%</b> | <b>671</b> | <b>10.4%</b> | <b>547</b> | <b>9.6%</b> | <b>497</b> | <b>8.3%</b> | <b>279</b> | <b>4.9%</b> | <b>5,869</b> | <b>9.8%</b>  |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | <b>5,869</b> | <b>9.8%</b>  |
| Belize         | 12        | 2.1%        | 327          | 13.2%        | 142        | 6.1%         | 131        | 5.3%         | 142        | 6.7%         | 87         | 4.3%         | 81         | 4.1%        | 71         | 3.9%        | 18         | 1.1%        | 1,011        | 5.9%         |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 1,011        | 5.9%         |
| Cayo           | 2         | 1.0%        | 235          | 11.0%        | 170        | 8.7%         | 152        | 8.2%         | 148        | 7.6%         | 152        | 8.1%         | 107        | 6.3%        | 63         | 4.2%        | 52         | 3.7%        | 1,081        | 7.4%         |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 1,081        | 7.4%         |
| Corozal        | 0         | 0.0%        | 181          | 16.8%        | 95         | 10.2%        | 79         | 8.0%         | 107        | 11.1%        | 99         | 9.8%         | 88         | 8.7%        | 80         | 9.0%        | 33         | 4.4%        | 762          | 9.9%         |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 762          | 9.9%         |
| Orange Walk    | 0         | 0.0%        | 195          | 15.1%        | 174        | 15.7%        | 162        | 14.9%        | 146        | 13.2%        | 105        | 10.0%        | 97         | 9.2%        | 111        | 10.2%       | 60         | 6.9%        | 1,050        | 12.1%        |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 1,050        | 12.1%        |
| Stann Creek    | 0         | 0.0%        | 218          | 18.1%        | 161        | 13.7%        | 167        | 15.1%        | 113        | 11.0%        | 127        | 13.3%        | 97         | 11.1%       | 88         | 11.8%       | 63         | 10.1%       | 1,034        | 13.4%        |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 1,034        | 13.4%        |
| Toledo         | 0         | 0.0%        | 214          | 21.8%        | 143        | 15.6%        | 130        | 14.2%        | 129        | 15.3%        | 101        | 12.5%        | 77         | 11.8%       | 84         | 13.8%       | 53         | 10.0%       | 931          | 14.9%        |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 931          | 14.9%        |
| <b>Males</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>2.4%</b> | <b>782</b>   | <b>17.3%</b> | <b>513</b> | <b>12.3%</b> | <b>502</b> | <b>12.2%</b> | <b>437</b> | <b>11.1%</b> | <b>406</b> | <b>10.6%</b> | <b>330</b> | <b>9.3%</b> | <b>287</b> | <b>8.7%</b> | <b>137</b> | <b>4.8%</b> | <b>3,401</b> | <b>11.1%</b> |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | <b>3,401</b> | <b>11.1%</b> |
| Belize         | 6         | 3.0%        | 182          | 14.3%        | 84         | 7.0%         | 81         | 7.2%         | 78         | 7.6%         | 51         | 4.9%         | 56         | 5.9%        | 42         | 4.7%        | 8          | 1.0%        | 588          | 6.9%         |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 588          | 6.9%         |
| Cayo           | 1         | 1.1%        | 143          | 14.2%        | 113        | 12.7%        | 94         | 9.9%         | 99         | 10.1%        | 90         | 10.1%        | 77         | 9.0%        | 34         | 4.4%        | 32         | 4.8%        | 683          | 9.6%         |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 683          | 9.6%         |
| Corozal        | 0         | 0.0%        | 95           | 18.4%        | 55         | 11.0%        | 47         | 10.0%        | 61         | 11.2%        | 65         | 11.8%        | 51         | 11.4%       | 48         | 1.3%        | 20         | 5.2%        | 442          | 11.5%        |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 442          | 11.5%        |
| Orange Walk    | 0         | 0.0%        | 110          | 18.3%        | 92         | 15.4%        | 100        | 17.0%        | 85         | 15.5%        | 65         | 11.8%        | 52         | 9.2%        | 64         | 11.8%       | 25         | 5.7%        | 593          | 13.4%        |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 593          | 13.4%        |
| Stann Creek    | 0         | 0.0%        | 125          | 19.3%        | 89         | 17.1%        | 102        | 18.8%        | 54         | 12.0%        | 83         | 17.5%        | 50         | 12.6%       | 48         | 13.3%       | 30         | 9.3%        | 581          | 15.6%        |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 581          | 15.6%        |
| Toledo         | 0         | 0.0%        | 127          | 27.4%        | 80         | 17.4%        | 78         | 17.5%        | 60         | 15.5%        | 52         | 15.3%        | 44         | 13.1%       | 51         | 17.5%       | 22         | 8.7%        | 514          | 17.3%        |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 514          | 17.3%        |
| <b>Females</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>0.2%</b> | <b>588</b>   | <b>15.2%</b> | <b>372</b> | <b>9.9%</b>  | <b>319</b> | <b>8.9%</b>  | <b>348</b> | <b>10.0%</b> | <b>265</b> | <b>8.4%</b>  | <b>217</b> | <b>7.6%</b> | <b>210</b> | <b>7.2%</b> | <b>142</b> | <b>5.0%</b> | <b>2,468</b> | <b>8.4%</b>  |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | <b>2,468</b> | <b>8.4%</b>  |
| Belize         | 6         | 3.1%        | 145          | 11.8%        | 58         | 5.0%         | 50         | 4.8%         | 64         | 6.3%         | 36         | 3.8%         | 25         | 2.6%        | 29         | 3.3%        | 10         | 1.1%        | 423          | 5.1%         |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 423          | 5.1%         |
| Cayo           | 1         | 1.3%        | 92           | 9.3%         | 57         | 6.3%         | 58         | 6.5%         | 49         | 5.8%         | 62         | 7.2%         | 30         | 3.9%        | 29         | 4.1%        | 20         | 3.4%        | 398          | 6.0%         |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 398          | 6.0%         |
| Corozal        | 0         | 0.0%        | 86           | 15.9%        | 40         | 7.6%         | 32         | 6.6%         | 46         | 9.0%         | 34         | 6.7%         | 37         | 7.5%        | 32         | 7.0%        | 13         | 3.5%        | 320          | 8.2%         |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 320          | 8.2%         |
| Orange Walk    | 0         | 0.0%        | 85           | 14.9%        | 82         | 17.1%        | 62         | 11.9%        | 61         | 11.3%        | 40         | 8.1%         | 45         | 7.9%        | 47         | 9.1%        | 35         | 8.1%        | 457          | 11.1%        |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 457          | 11.1%        |
| Stann Creek    | 0         | 0.0%        | 93           | 16.1%        | 72         | 14.7%        | 65         | 12.6%        | 59         | 12.5%        | 44         | 10.7%        | 47         | 11.8%       | 40         | 12.3%       | 33         | 10.4%       | 453          | 12.9%        |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 453          | 12.9%        |
| Toledo         | 0         | 0.0%        | 87           | 19.0%        | 63         | 15.3%        | 52         | 13.0%        | 69         | 17.6%        | 49         | 14.1%        | 33         | 10.8%       | 33         | 11.1%       | 31         | 13.2%       | 417          | 14.7%        |  |        |   |  |        |   |  | 417          | 14.7%        |

**Table 16B: Primary School Repetition Rate by District, Grade and Sex 2001-02**

| DISTRICT             | Beginners |             | Infant1      |              | Infant 2   |              | Std. 1     |              | Std.2      |              | Std. 3     |             | Std. 4     |             | Std. 5     |             | Std. 6     |             | ALL REPEATERS |              |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
|                      | No.       | %           | No.          | %            | No.        | %            | No.        | %            | No.        | %            | No.        | %           | No.        | %           | No.        | %           | No.        | %           | No.           | %            |
| <b>ALL REPEATERS</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>1.5%</b> | <b>1,274</b> | <b>15.2%</b> | <b>700</b> | <b>9.0%</b>  | <b>682</b> | <b>9.0%</b>  | <b>655</b> | <b>9.0%</b>  | <b>562</b> | <b>8.1%</b> | <b>527</b> | <b>8.0%</b> | <b>446</b> | <b>7.2%</b> | <b>243</b> | <b>4.6%</b> | <b>5,100</b>  | <b>9.0%</b>  |
| Belize               | 10        | 1.9%        | 337          | 15.2%        | 156        | 7.8%         | 119        | 6.1%         | 96         | 5.2%         | 89         | 5.1%        | 111        | 6.7%        | 97         | 5.9%        | 4          | 0.3%        | 1,019         | 6.7%         |
| Cayo                 | 1         | 0.5%        | 225          | 11.9%        | 105        | 5.5%         | 136        | 7.7%         | 153        | 9.0%         | 109        | 6.8%        | 129        | 8.6%        | 67         | 5.0%        | 51         | 4.3%        | 976           | 7.5%         |
| Corozal              | 0         | 0.0%        | 128          | 13.0%        | 82         | 9.0%         | 58         | 6.1%         | 78         | 8.1%         | 63         | 7.0%        | 61         | 7.2%        | 62         | 7.6%        | 27         | 3.7%        | 559           | 7.7%         |
| Orange Walk          | 0         | 0.0%        | 181          | 14.8%        | 113        | 10.5%        | 131        | 12.1%        | 127        | 11.8%        | 116        | 10.0%       | 93         | 8.0%        | 84         | 8.0%        | 38         | 4.9%        | 883           | 10.2%        |
| Stann Creek          | 0         | 0.0%        | 201          | 17.0%        | 113        | 11.2%        | 141        | 14.4%        | 111        | 11.9%        | 107        | 12.4%       | 76         | 10.3%       | 66         | 9.1%        | 60         | 10.5%       | 875           | 12.5%        |
| Toledo               | 0         | 0.0%        | 202          | 22.3%        | 131        | 14.8%        | 97         | 11.7%        | 90         | 12.2%        | 78         | 12.5%       | 57         | 8.7%        | 70         | 12.5%       | 63         | 13.6%       | 788           | 13.8%        |
| <b>Males</b>         | <b>7</b>  | <b>1.8%</b> | <b>702</b>   | <b>16.3%</b> | <b>418</b> | <b>10.5%</b> | <b>406</b> | <b>10.3%</b> | <b>392</b> | <b>10.4%</b> | <b>345</b> | <b>9.7%</b> | <b>299</b> | <b>9.0%</b> | <b>223</b> | <b>7.1%</b> | <b>116</b> | <b>4.5%</b> | <b>2,908</b>  | <b>10.0%</b> |
| Belize               | 6         | 2.2%        | 208          | 17.6%        | 101        | 10.3%        | 81         | 8.1%         | 59         | 6.2%         | 57         | 6.5%        | 69         | 8.1%        | 59         | 7.2%        | 3          | 0.4%        | 643           | 8.3%         |
| Cayo                 | 1         | 0.8%        | 126          | 13.8%        | 61         | 6.2%         | 82         | 8.7%         | 86         | 9.8%         | 65         | 7.7%        | 72         | 9.4%        | 36         | 5.1%        | 30         | 5.2%        | 559           | 8.3%         |
| Corozal              | 0         | 0.0%        | 64           | 13.2%        | 46         | 9.9%         | 35         | 7.1%         | 41         | 8.5%         | 39         | 8.7%        | 39         | 9.6%        | 28         | 6.7%        | 11         | 3.1%        | 303           | 8.4%         |
| Orange Walk          | 0         | 0.0%        | 103          | 15.5%        | 66         | 11.9%        | 69         | 12.4%        | 83         | 14.3%        | 71         | 11.8%       | 53         | 9.1%        | 28         | 5.3%        | 15         | 4.0%        | 488           | 10.9%        |
| Stann Creek          | 0         | 0.0%        | 108          | 17.8%        | 65         | 12.4%        | 84         | 16.4%        | 69         | 14.4%        | 68         | 14.7%       | 38         | 10.2%       | 32         | 8.4%        | 28         | 10.7%       | 492           | 13.6%        |
| Toledo               | 0         | 0.0%        | 93           | 19.9%        | 79         | 16.8%        | 55         | 13.2%        | 54         | 14.2%        | 45         | 13.7%       | 28         | 8.3%        | 40         | 14.1%       | 29         | 11.9%       | 423           | 14.3%        |
| <b>Females</b>       | <b>4</b>  | <b>1.2%</b> | <b>572</b>   | <b>14.0%</b> | <b>282</b> | <b>7.4%</b>  | <b>276</b> | <b>7.6%</b>  | <b>263</b> | <b>7.5%</b>  | <b>217</b> | <b>6.5%</b> | <b>228</b> | <b>7.1%</b> | <b>223</b> | <b>7.4%</b> | <b>127</b> | <b>4.8%</b> | <b>2,192</b>  | <b>7.9%</b>  |
| Belize               | 4         | 1.6%        | 129          | 12.4%        | 55         | 5.4%         | 38         | 4.1%         | 37         | 4.2%         | 32         | 3.7%        | 42         | 5.2%        | 38         | 4.5%        | 1          | 0.1%        | 376           | 5.1%         |
| Cayo                 | 0         | 0.0%        | 99           | 10.2%        | 44         | 4.8%         | 54         | 6.5%         | 67         | 8.1%         | 44         | 5.7%        | 57         | 7.9%        | 31         | 4.8%        | 21         | 3.5%        | 417           | 6.5%         |
| Corozal              | 0         | 0.0%        | 64           | 12.8%        | 36         | 8.0%         | 23         | 5.0%         | 37         | 7.6%         | 24         | 5.2%        | 22         | 4.9%        | 34         | 8.4%        | 16         | 4.3%        | 256           | 7.1%         |
| Orange Walk          | 0         | 0.0%        | 78           | 13.9%        | 47         | 9.0%         | 62         | 11.8%        | 44         | 8.9%         | 45         | 8.1%        | 40         | 7.0%        | 56         | 10.7%       | 23         | 5.7%        | 395           | 9.5%         |
| Stann Creek          | 0         | 0.0%        | 93           | 16.2%        | 48         | 10.0%        | 57         | 12.3%        | 42         | 9.3%         | 39         | 9.8%        | 38         | 10.5%       | 34         | 9.8%        | 32         | 10.4%       | 383           | 11.3%        |
| Toledo               | 0         | 0.0%        | 109          | 24.9%        | 52         | 12.5%        | 42         | 10.1%        | 36         | 10.0%        | 33         | 11.1%       | 29         | 9.1%        | 30         | 10.8%       | 34         | 15.5%       | 365           | 13.2%        |

Data for the 2002/03 school year showed a total of 5,869 repeaters enrolled in the primary school system, for a repetition rate of 9.8% This represented an increase from the previous school year's figures of 5,100 or 13.1% (see Table 17A and 17B).



For the 2002/03 school year the Toledo districts exhibited the highest repetition rate with 14.9%, the least being Belize district with 5.9%. Of the total enrolment, 3,407 male students (11.1%) repeated a grade in contrast to 2,474 females (8.4%)

With a repetition rate of 17.2%, Infant 1 recorded the highest incidence of repetition for the period, this could be attributed to the fact that many primary schools retain students in this grade for two years. With the exception of "Beginners" the lowest repetition rate was that of Standard 6 (4.9%).

**Table 17A: Primary School Dropout Rate  
by District, Grade and Sex 2002-03**

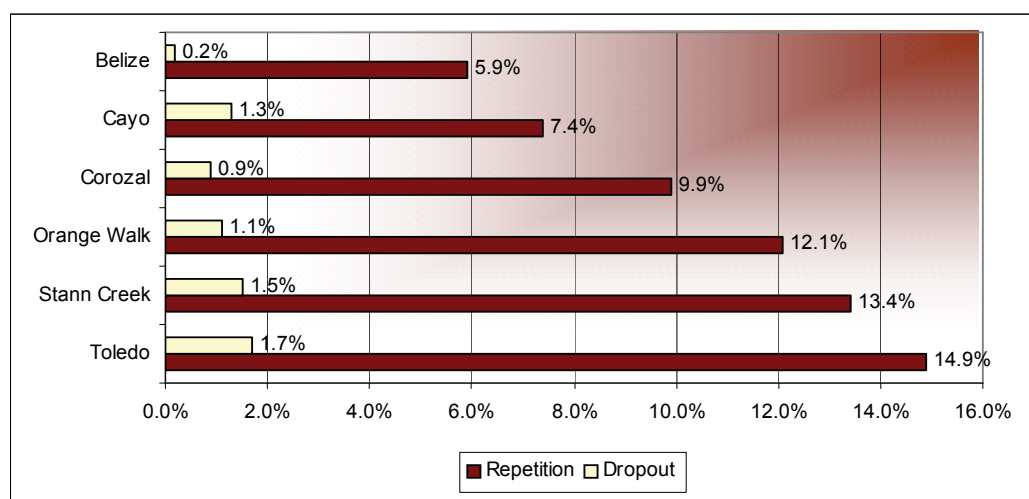
| DISTRICT            | GRADE     |             |           |             |           |             |           |             |           |             |            |             |            |             |            |             | ALL        |             |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
|                     | Infant1   |             | Infant 2  |             | Std. 1    |             | Std.2     |             | Std. 3    |             | Std. 4     |             | Std. 5     |             | Std. 6     |             | DROPOUTS   |             |
|                     | No.       | %           | No.       | %           | No.       | %           | No.       | %           | No.       | %           | No.        | %           | No.        | %           | No.        | %           | No.        | %           |
| <b>ALL DROPOUTS</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>0.5%</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>0.2%</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>0.6%</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>0.5%</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>0.7%</b> | <b>129</b> | <b>1.8%</b> | <b>161</b> | <b>2.5%</b> | <b>133</b> | <b>2.3%</b> | <b>620</b> | <b>1.0%</b> |
| Belize              | 1         | 0.0%        | 3         | 0.1%        | 2         | 0.1%        | 1         | 0.0%        | 2         | 0.1%        | 6          | 0.3%        | 14         | 0.8%        | 12         | 0.7%        | 41         | 0.2%        |
| Cayo                | 19        | 0.9%        | 10        | 0.5%        | 26        | 1.4%        | 8         | 0.4%        | 13        | 0.7%        | 30         | 1.8%        | 40         | 2.6%        | 41         | 2.9%        | 187        | 1.3%        |
| Corozal             | 3         | 0.3%        | 0         | 0.0%        | 2         | 0.2%        | 4         | 0.4%        | 4         | 0.4%        | 17         | 1.7%        | 26         | 2.9%        | 16         | 2.1%        | 72         | 0.9%        |
| Orange Walk         | 5         | 0.4%        | 1         | 0.1%        | 1         | 0.1%        | 1         | 0.1%        | 9         | 0.9%        | 18         | 1.7%        | 34         | 3.1%        | 28         | 3.2%        | 97         | 1.1%        |
| Stann Creek         | 16        | 1.3%        | 2         | 0.2%        | 11        | 1.0%        | 16        | 1.6%        | 16        | 1.7%        | 33         | 3.8%        | 15         | 2.0%        | 6          | 1.0%        | 115        | 1.5%        |
| Toledo              | 1         | 0.1%        | 1         | 0.1%        | 3         | 0.3%        | 8         | 1.0%        | 8         | 1.0%        | 25         | 3.8%        | 32         | 5.3%        | 30         | 5.6%        | 108        | 1.7%        |
| <b>Males</b>        | <b>27</b> | <b>0.6%</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>0.3%</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>0.6%</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>0.5%</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>0.8%</b> | <b>70</b>  | <b>2.0%</b> | <b>91</b>  | <b>2.8%</b> | <b>62</b>  | <b>2.2%</b> | <b>336</b> | <b>1.1%</b> |
| Belize              | 0         | 0.0%        | 2         | 0.2%        | 1         | 0.1%        | 1         | 0.1%        | 1         | 0.1%        | 3          | 0.3%        | 11         | 1.2%        | 8          | 1.0%        | 27         | 0.3%        |
| Cayo                | 12        | 1.2%        | 8         | 0.9%        | 16        | 1.7%        | 6         | 0.6%        | 5         | 0.6%        | 19         | 2.2%        | 24         | 3.1%        | 17         | 2.6%        | 107        | 1.5%        |
| Corozal             | 2         | 0.4%        | 0         | 0.0%        | 1         | 0.2%        | 2         | 0.4%        | 2         | 0.4%        | 9          | 2.0%        | 14         | 0.4%        | 6          | 1.6%        | 36         | 0.9%        |
| Orange Walk         | 3         | 0.5%        | 1         | 0.2%        | 0         | 0.0%        | 1         | 0.2%        | 7         | 1.3%        | 11         | 1.9%        | 17         | 3.1%        | 15         | 3.4%        | 55         | 1.2%        |
| Stann Creek         | 10        | 1.5%        | 1         | 0.2%        | 6         | 1.1%        | 7         | 1.6%        | 10        | 2.1%        | 15         | 3.8%        | 7          | 1.9%        | 3          | 0.9%        | 59         | 1.6%        |
| Toledo              | 0         | 0.0%        | 0         | 0.0%        | 1         | 0.2%        | 3         | 0.8%        | 4         | 1.2%        | 13         | 3.9%        | 18         | 6.2%        | 13         | 5.1%        | 52         | 1.7%        |
| <b>Females</b>      | <b>18</b> | <b>0.5%</b> | <b>5</b>  | <b>0.1%</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>0.6%</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>0.5%</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>0.7%</b> | <b>59</b>  | <b>2.1%</b> | <b>70</b>  | <b>2.2%</b> | <b>71</b>  | <b>2.5%</b> | <b>284</b> | <b>1.0%</b> |
| Belize              | 1         | 0.1%        | 1         | 0.1%        | 1         | 0.1%        | 0         | 0.0%        | 1         | 0.1%        | 3          | 0.3%        | 3          | 0.3%        | 4          | 0.4%        | 14         | 0.2%        |
| Cayo                | 7         | 0.7%        | 2         | 0.2%        | 10        | 1.1%        | 2         | 0.2%        | 8         | 0.9%        | 11         | 1.4%        | 16         | 2.3%        | 24         | 4.1%        | 80         | 1.2%        |
| Corozal             | 1         | 0.2%        | 0         | 0.0%        | 1         | 0.2%        | 2         | 0.4%        | 2         | 0.4%        | 8          | 1.6%        | 12         | 2.6%        | 10         | 2.7%        | 36         | 0.9%        |
| Orange Walk         | 2         | 0.4%        | 0         | 0.0%        | 1         | 0.2%        | 0         | 0.0%        | 2         | 0.4%        | 7          | 1.2%        | 17         | 3.3%        | 13         | 3.0%        | 42         | 1.0%        |
| Stann Creek         | 6         | 1.0%        | 1         | 0.2%        | 5         | 1.0%        | 9         | 1.9%        | 6         | 1.5%        | 18         | 4.5%        | 8          | 2.5%        | 3          | 0.9%        | 56         | 1.6%        |
| Toledo              | 1         | 0.2%        | 1         | 0.2%        | 2         | 0.5%        | 5         | 1.3%        | 4         | 1.1%        | 12         | 3.9%        | 14         | 4.7%        | 17         | 7.3%        | 56         | 2.0%        |

A total of 620 dropouts (1.0%) were reported for the 2002/03 school year. Of this, some 336 were males and 284 were females. The dropout rate was slightly higher than that reported for the previous year by 0.2 percentage points or 0.8%. Dropout rates ranged from 0.2 per cent in the Belize District to 1.7 percent in the Toledo District.

**Table 17B: Primary School Dropout Rate by District, Grade and Sex 2001-02**

| DISTRICT     | GRADE  |      |        |      |        |      |       |      |        |      |        |      |        |       |        |      | ALL      |      |
|--------------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|-------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|-------|--------|------|----------|------|
|              | Inf. 1 |      | Inf. 2 |      | Std. 1 |      | Std.2 |      | Std. 3 |      | Std. 4 |      | Std. 5 |       | Std. 6 |      | DROPOUTS |      |
|              | No.    | %    | No.    | %    | No.    | %    | No.   | %    | No.    | %    | No.    | %    | No.    | %     | No.    | %    | No.      | %    |
| ALL DROPOUTS | 21     | 0.2% | 17     | 0.2% | 34     | 0.5% | 35    | 0.5% | 41     | 0.6% | 105    | 1.6% | 124    | 7.2%  | 82     | 1.6% | 459      | 0.8% |
| Belize       | 3      | 0.1% | 4      | 0.2% | 10     | 0.5% | 3     | 0.2% | 3      | 0.2% | 16     | 1.0% | 17     | 5.9%  | 14     | 0.9% | 70       | 0.5% |
| Cayo         | 2      | 0.1% | 3      | 0.2% | 4      | 0.2% | 12    | 0.7% | 12     | 0.7% | 21     | 1.4% | 27     | 5.0%  | 6      | 0.5% | 87       | 0.7% |
| Corozal      | 1      | 0.1% | 0      | 0.0% | 5      | 0.5% | 3     | 0.3% | 4      | 0.4% | 16     | 1.9% | 23     | 7.6%  | 17     | 2.3% | 69       | 1.0% |
| Orange Walk  | 10     | 0.8% | 6      | 0.6% | 10     | 0.9% | 8     | 0.7% | 9      | 0.8% | 34     | 2.9% | 34     | 8.0%  | 11     | 1.4% | 122      | 1.4% |
| Stann Creek  | 2      | 0.2% | 2      | 0.2% | 5      | 0.5% | 7     | 0.8% | 9      | 1.0% | 10     | 1.4% | 7      | 9.1%  | 19     | 3.3% | 61       | 0.9% |
| Toledo       | 3      | 0.3% | 2      | 0.2% | 0      | 0.0% | 2     | 0.3% | 4      | 0.6% | 8      | 1.2% | 16     | 12.5% | 15     | 3.2% | 50       | 0.9% |
| Males        | 10     | 0.2% | 11     | 0.3% | 21     | 0.5% | 19    | 0.5% | 17     | 0.5% | 52     | 1.6% | 78     | 2.5%  | 57     | 2.2% | 265      | 0.9% |
| Belize       | 1      | 0.1% | 2      | 0.2% | 5      | 0.5% | 2     | 0.2% | 0      | 0.0% | 9      | 1.1% | 10     | 1.2%  | 9      | 1.2% | 38       | 0.5% |
| Cayo         | 2      | 0.2% | 2      | 0.2% | 4      | 0.4% | 8     | 0.9% | 5      | 0.6% | 15     | 2.0% | 15     | 2.1%  | 5      | 0.9% | 56       | 0.8% |
| Corozal      | 1      | 0.2% | 0      | 0.0% | 1      | 0.2% | 2     | 0.4% | 2      | 0.4% | 8      | 2.0% | 17     | 4.1%  | 11     | 3.1% | 42       | 1.2% |
| Orange Walk  | 3      | 0.5% | 4      | 0.7% | 7      | 1.3% | 3     | 0.5% | 5      | 0.8% | 14     | 2.4% | 19     | 3.6%  | 7      | 1.9% | 62       | 1.4% |
| Stann Creek  | 2      | 0.3% | 1      | 0.2% | 4      | 0.8% | 3     | 0.6% | 5      | 1.1% | 3      | 0.8% | 4      | 1.1%  | 15     | 5.7% | 37       | 1.0% |
| Toledo       | 1      | 0.2% | 2      | 0.4% | 0      | 0.0% | 1     | 0.3% | 0      | 0.0% | 3      | 0.9% | 13     | 4.6%  | 10     | 4.1% | 30       | 1.0% |
| Females      | 11     | 0.3% | 6      | 0.2% | 13     | 0.4% | 16    | 0.5% | 24     | 0.7% | 53     | 1.6% | 46     | 7.4%  | 25     | 0.9% | 194      | 0.7% |
| Belize       | 2      | 0.2% | 2      | 0.2% | 5      | 0.5% | 1     | 0.1% | 3      | 0.3% | 7      | 0.9% | 7      | 4.5%  | 5      | 0.7% | 32       | 0.4% |
| Cayo         | 0      | 0.0% | 1      | 0.1% | 0      | 0.0% | 4     | 0.5% | 7      | 0.9% | 6      | 0.8% | 12     | 4.8%  | 1      | 0.2% | 31       | 0.5% |
| Corozal      | 0      | 0.0% | 0      | 0.0% | 4      | 0.9% | 1     | 0.2% | 2      | 0.4% | 8      | 1.8% | 6      | 8.4%  | 6      | 1.6% | 27       | 0.7% |
| Orange Walk  | 7      | 1.2% | 2      | 0.4% | 3      | 0.6% | 5     | 1.0% | 4      | 0.7% | 20     | 3.5% | 15     | 10.7% | 4      | 1.0% | 60       | 1.4% |
| Stann Creek  | 0      | 0.0% | 1      | 0.2% | 1      | 0.2% | 4     | 0.9% | 4      | 1.0% | 7      | 1.9% | 3      | 9.8%  | 4      | 1.3% | 24       | 0.7% |
| Toledo       | 2      | 0.5% | 0      | 0.0% | 0      | 0.0% | 1     | 0.3% | 4      | 1.4% | 5      | 1.6% | 3      | 10.8% | 5      | 2.3% | 20       | 0.7% |

It should be noted that the figures reported may not present an accurate description of primary school dropouts for the period, as many schools are unable to distinguish actual drop-

**Chart 11: Primary Schools' Repetition and Dropout Rates by District 2002-03**

outs from the school system from students who have transferred to other schools. The Toledo district recorded the highest repetition and dropout rates for 2002/03 14.9% and 1.7%, respectively. In contrast, the Belize district recorded the lowest repetition and dropout rates of 5.9% and 0.2%, respectively.



## 4.5.2 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

**Table 18A: Secondary School Repetition Rate by Form, District and Sex 2002-03**

| Form                 | Belize     |             | Cayo       |             | Corozal    |              | O/Walk     |              | S/Creek    |             | Toledo    |             | ALL REPEATERS |             |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|                      | No.        | %           | No.        | %           | No.        | %            | No.        | %            | No.        | %           | No.       | %           | No.           | %           |
| <b>ALL REPEATERS</b> | <b>381</b> | <b>7.0%</b> | <b>159</b> | <b>5.1%</b> | <b>155</b> | <b>9.1%</b>  | <b>213</b> | <b>11.3%</b> | <b>135</b> | <b>9.5%</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>5.6%</b> | <b>1,100</b>  | <b>7.5%</b> |
| Prep                 | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%        | 0         | 0.0%        | 0             | 0.0%        |
| Form 1               | 161        | 9.1%        | 65         | 6.5%        | 66         | 11.2%        | 80         | 11.1%        | 38         | 9.4%        | 30        | 8.1%        | 440           | 9.1%        |
| Form 2               | 87         | 5.8%        | 43         | 5.1%        | 39         | 8.7%         | 57         | 12.2%        | 35         | 9.9%        | 16        | 5.6%        | 277           | 7.1%        |
| Form 3               | 106        | 8.8%        | 19         | 2.7%        | 34         | 9.3%         | 70         | 16.4%        | 47         | 14.7%       | 10        | 4.4%        | 286           | 8.8%        |
| Form 4               | 27         | 2.8%        | 32         | 5.6%        | 16         | 5.4%         | 6          | 2.2%         | 15         | 5.7%        | 1         | 0.8%        | 97            | 3.9%        |
| <b>Males</b>         | <b>214</b> | <b>8.5%</b> | <b>101</b> | <b>6.5%</b> | <b>89</b>  | <b>10.2%</b> | <b>109</b> | <b>11.4%</b> | <b>61</b>  | <b>9.2%</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>5.7%</b> | <b>606</b>    | <b>8.5%</b> |
| Prep                 | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%        | 0         | 0.0%        | 0             | 0.0%        |
| Form 1               | 77         | 9.5%        | 45         | 8.7%        | 38         | 12.5%        | 42         | 10.9%        | 20         | 9.3%        | 16        | 7.7%        | 238           | 9.7%        |
| Form 2               | 55         | 7.9%        | 26         | 6.2%        | 19         | 8.6%         | 27         | 12.2%        | 15         | 9.5%        | 12        | 7.3%        | 154           | 8.2%        |
| Form 3               | 66         | 11.9%       | 11         | 3.3%        | 24         | 12.7%        | 35         | 16.8%        | 21         | 14.9%       | 4         | 3.5%        | 161           | 10.5%       |
| Form 4               | 16         | 3.7%        | 19         | 6.6%        | 8          | 5.2%         | 5          | 3.6%         | 5          | 4.4%        | 0         | 0.0%        | 53            | 4.4%        |
| <b>Females</b>       | <b>167</b> | <b>5.6%</b> | <b>58</b>  | <b>3.7%</b> | <b>66</b>  | <b>7.9%</b>  | <b>104</b> | <b>11.2%</b> | <b>74</b>  | <b>9.8%</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>5.5%</b> | <b>494</b>    | <b>6.6%</b> |
| Prep                 | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%        | 0         | 0.0%        | 0             | 0.0%        |
| Form 1               | 84         | 8.8%        | 20         | 4.1%        | 28         | 9.8%         | 38         | 11.5%        | 18         | 9.5%        | 14        | 8.6%        | 202           | 8.4%        |
| Form 2               | 32         | 4.0%        | 17         | 4.0%        | 20         | 8.8%         | 30         | 12.2%        | 20         | 10.2%       | 4         | 3.3%        | 123           | 6.1%        |
| Form 3               | 40         | 6.1%        | 8          | 2.2%        | 10         | 5.6%         | 35         | 16.1%        | 26         | 14.6%       | 6         | 5.3%        | 125           | 7.3%        |
| Form 4               | 11         | 2.0%        | 13         | 4.5%        | 8          | 5.5%         | 1          | 0.7%         | 10         | 6.7%        | 1         | 1.7%        | 44            | 3.3%        |

**Table 18B: Secondary School Repetition Rate by Form, District and Sex 2001-02**

| Form                 | Belize     |              | Cayo       |             | Corozal    |              | O/Walk     |              | S/Creek    |              | Toledo    |             | ALL REPEATERS |              |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
|                      | No.        | %            | No.        | %           | No.        | %            | No.        | %            | No.        | %            | No.       | %           | No.           | %            |
| <b>ALL REPEATERS</b> | <b>457</b> | <b>8.6%</b>  | <b>169</b> | <b>5.7%</b> | <b>165</b> | <b>9.9%</b>  | <b>226</b> | <b>13.3%</b> | <b>186</b> | <b>14.4%</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>5.6%</b> | <b>1,252</b>  | <b>9.1%</b>  |
| Prep                 | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%         | 1          | 3.4%         | 0         | 0.0%        | 1             | 1.4%         |
| Form 1               | 166        | 9.3%         | 70         | 6.9%        | 58         | 10.2%        | 61         | 10.8%        | 69         | 16.6%        | 19        | 5.6%        | 443           | 9.4%         |
| Form 2               | 157        | 11.3%        | 39         | 5.1%        | 55         | 11.9%        | 80         | 17.9%        | 54         | 15.0%        | 22        | 7.5%        | 407           | 11.0%        |
| Form 3               | 103        | 8.7%         | 43         | 6.6%        | 35         | 9.5%         | 73         | 19.6%        | 49         | 16.1%        | 4         | 2.9%        | 307           | 10.1%        |
| Form 4               | 31         | 3.5%         | 17         | 3.1%        | 17         | 6.4%         | 12         | 3.9%         | 13         | 6.9%         | 4         | 3.8%        | 94            | 4.1%         |
| <b>Males</b>         | <b>243</b> | <b>10.0%</b> | <b>104</b> | <b>7.1%</b> | <b>97</b>  | <b>11.2%</b> | <b>120</b> | <b>13.6%</b> | <b>111</b> | <b>18.0%</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>7.2%</b> | <b>710</b>    | <b>10.5%</b> |
| Prep                 | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%         | 1          | 7.1%         | 0         | 0.0%        | 1             | 2.0%         |
| Form 1               | 79         | 9.1%         | 47         | 9.3%        | 32         | 11.4%        | 37         | 12.0%        | 49         | 23.6%        | 12        | 6.0%        | 256           | 10.8%        |
| Form 2               | 73         | 11.4%        | 24         | 6.3%        | 31         | 13.2%        | 33         | 15.5%        | 29         | 17.4%        | 18        | 11.0%       | 208           | 11.6%        |
| Form 3               | 70         | 13.2%        | 25         | 7.7%        | 22         | 10.8%        | 42         | 21.6%        | 24         | 17.1%        | 2         | 2.7%        | 185           | 12.6%        |
| Form 4               | 21         | 5.8%         | 8          | 3.0%        | 12         | 8.1%         | 8          | 4.9%         | 8          | 9.0%         | 3         | 5.8%        | 60            | 5.5%         |
| <b>Females</b>       | <b>214</b> | <b>7.5%</b>  | <b>65</b>  | <b>4.4%</b> | <b>68</b>  | <b>8.6%</b>  | <b>106</b> | <b>13.0%</b> | <b>75</b>  | <b>11.1%</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>3.6%</b> | <b>542</b>    | <b>7.7%</b>  |
| Prep                 | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%         | 0         | 0.0%        | 0             | 0.0%         |
| Form 1               | 87         | 9.4%         | 23         | 4.5%        | 26         | 9.1%         | 24         | 9.3%         | 20         | 9.7%         | 7         | 4.9%        | 187           | 8.0%         |
| Form 2               | 84         | 11.2%        | 15         | 4.0%        | 24         | 10.6%        | 47         | 20.0%        | 25         | 13.0%        | 4         | 3.1%        | 199           | 10.4%        |
| Form 3               | 33         | 5.0%         | 18         | 5.4%        | 13         | 7.8%         | 31         | 17.3%        | 25         | 15.2%        | 2         | 3.0%        | 122           | 7.8%         |
| Form 4               | 10         | 1.9%         | 9          | 3.2%        | 5          | 4.3%         | 4          | 2.8%         | 5          | 5.1%         | 1         | 1.9%        | 34            | 2.8%         |



Data for the 2002/03 school year showed a repetition rate of 7.5% (1,100 repeaters) (Table:18A) a decreased when compared to 9.1% (1,252 repeaters) (Table:18B) in 2001/02. During the period under review, the Orange Walk District exhibited the highest repetition rate with 11.3% followed by Stann Creek (9.5%), Corozal (9.1%), Belize (7.0%), Toledo (5.6%) and Cayo (5.1%). Of the total enrolment, there were 606 male students that repeated a grade as compared to 710 male students in 2001/02. In the case of females, there were 494 females that repeated a grade in 2002/03 compared to 542 females in 2001/02.

Although the repetition rate has decreased from the previous year, there was a higher incidence of repetition at the Fourth Form level (3.9%) among females.

**Table 19A: Secondary School Dropout Rate by Form, District and Sex 2002-03**

| Form                | District   |             |            |             |            |             |            |             |            |              |           |             | ALL DROPOUTS |             |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|                     | Belize     |             | Cayo       |             | Corozal    |             | O/Walk     |             | S/Creek    |              | Toledo    |             | No.          | %           |
|                     | No.        | %           | No.        | %           | No.        | %           | No.        | %           | No.        | %            | No.       | %           | No.          | %           |
| <b>ALL DROPOUTS</b> | <b>361</b> | <b>6.6%</b> | <b>240</b> | <b>7.7%</b> | <b>113</b> | <b>6.6%</b> | <b>144</b> | <b>7.6%</b> | <b>166</b> | <b>11.7%</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>4.9%</b> | <b>1,074</b> | <b>7.3%</b> |
| Prep                | 6          | 37.5%       | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%        | 30         | 39.5%        | 0         | 0.0%        | 36           | 34.3%       |
| Form 1              | 182        | 10.3%       | 80         | 8.0%        | 50         | 8.5%        | 85         | 11.8%       | 53         | 13.1%        | 24        | 6.5%        | 474          | 9.8%        |
| Form 2              | 89         | 6.0%        | 81         | 9.6%        | 36         | 8.0%        | 21         | 4.5%        | 41         | 11.6%        | 10        | 3.5%        | 278          | 7.1%        |
| Form 3              | 58         | 4.8%        | 63         | 8.9%        | 19         | 5.2%        | 29         | 6.8%        | 32         | 10.0%        | 11        | 4.8%        | 212          | 6.5%        |
| Form 4              | 26         | 2.7%        | 16         | 2.8%        | 8          | 2.7%        | 9          | 3.3%        | 10         | 3.8%         | 5         | 3.9%        | 74           | 2.9%        |
| <b>Males</b>        | <b>212</b> | <b>8.4%</b> | <b>128</b> | <b>8.2%</b> | <b>75</b>  | <b>8.6%</b> | <b>91</b>  | <b>9.5%</b> | <b>91</b>  | <b>13.7%</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>5.2%</b> | <b>626</b>   | <b>8.8%</b> |
| Prep                | 4          | 16.0%       | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%        | 15         | 42.9%        | 0         | 0.0%        | 19           | 31.7%       |
| Form 1              | 115        | 14.2%       | 46         | 8.9%        | 36         | 11.8%       | 58         | 15.0%       | 34         | 15.7%        | 14        | 6.8%        | 303          | 12.4%       |
| Form 2              | 42         | 6.1%        | 46         | 10.9%       | 23         | 10.4%       | 12         | 5.4%        | 18         | 11.4%        | 7         | 4.2%        | 148          | 7.9%        |
| Form 3              | 31         | 5.6%        | 25         | 7.5%        | 12         | 6.3%        | 17         | 8.2%        | 19         | 13.5%        | 7         | 6.1%        | 111          | 7.2%        |
| Form 4              | 20         | 4.6%        | 11         | 3.8%        | 4          | 2.6%        | 4          | 2.9%        | 5          | 4.4%         | 1         | 1.4%        | 45           | 3.7%        |
| <b>Females</b>      | <b>149</b> | <b>5.0%</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>7.1%</b> | <b>38</b>  | <b>4.6%</b> | <b>53</b>  | <b>5.7%</b> | <b>75</b>  | <b>9.9%</b>  | <b>21</b> | <b>4.6%</b> | <b>448</b>   | <b>6.0%</b> |
| Prep                | 2          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%        | 15         | 36.6%        | 0         | 0.0%        | 17           | 37.8%       |
| Form 1              | 67         | 7.0%        | 34         | 7.0%        | 14         | 4.9%        | 27         | 8.2%        | 19         | 10.0%        | 10        | 6.1%        | 171          | 7.1%        |
| Form 2              | 47         | 5.9%        | 35         | 8.2%        | 13         | 5.7%        | 9          | 3.7%        | 23         | 11.7%        | 3         | 2.5%        | 130          | 6.5%        |
| Form 3              | 27         | 4.1%        | 38         | 10.2%       | 7          | 3.9%        | 12         | 5.5%        | 13         | 7.3%         | 4         | 3.5%        | 101          | 5.9%        |
| Form 4              | 6          | 1.1%        | 5          | 1.7%        | 4          | 2.8%        | 5          | 3.4%        | 5          | 3.4%         | 4         | 6.9%        | 29           | 2.2%        |

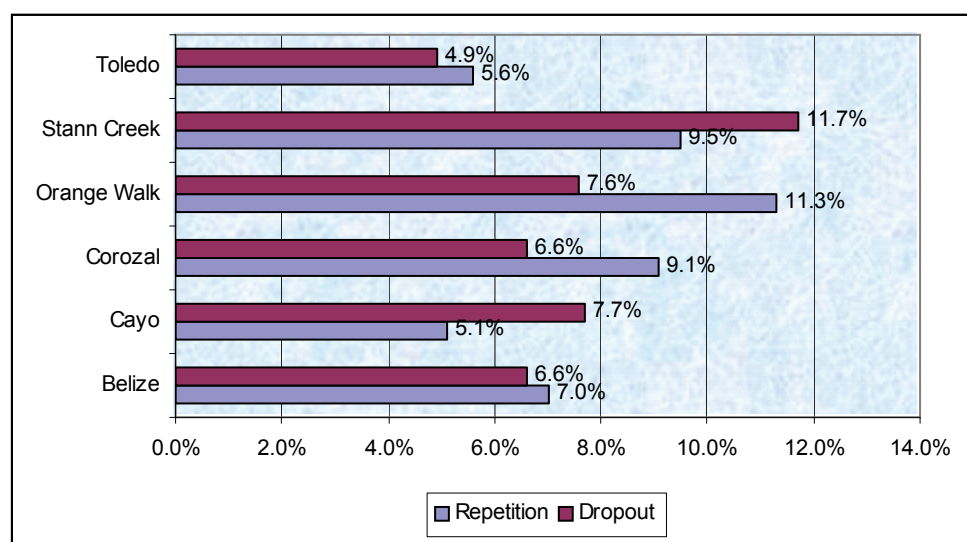
Dropout data for secondary schools indicated a decline in the overall dropout rates from 10.7% in 2001/02 to 7.3% in 2002/03 (see Tables 19A and Tables 19B). This also reflected an overall decrease in the number of students recorded as having dropped out of the system from 1,472 to 1,074. The total number of male dropouts in 2002/03 was 626, compared to 850 in 2001/02. The number of females also declined from 622 to 448.

Furthermore, the Preparatory grade dropout rate was the highest with 34.3% followed by Form 1 with 9.8%, Form II with 7.1%, form III with 6.5% and Form IV with 2.9%. Dropout figures clearly signal a positive decline from 2001/02 to 2002/03 by approximately 3.4 percentage points.

**Table 19B: Secondary School Dropout Rate by Form, District and Sex 2001-02**

| Form                | District   |              |            |             |            |              |            |              |            |             |            |              | ALL DROPOUTS |              |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                     | Belize     |              | Cayo       |             | Corozal    |              | O/Walk     |              | S/Creek    |             | Toledo     |              | No.          | %            |
| <b>ALL DROPOUTS</b> | <b>597</b> | <b>11.3%</b> | <b>264</b> | <b>8.9%</b> | <b>216</b> | <b>13.0%</b> | <b>155</b> | <b>9.1%</b>  | <b>123</b> | <b>9.5%</b> | <b>117</b> | <b>13.3%</b> | <b>1,472</b> | <b>10.7%</b> |
| Prep                | 11         | 24.4%        | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%         | 8          | 27.6%       | 0          | 0.0%         | 19           | 25.7%        |
| Form 1              | 220        | 12.3%        | 105        | 10.4%       | 102        | 18.0%        | 86         | 15.2%        | 37         | 8.9%        | 53         | 15.5%        | 603          | 12.9%        |
| Form 2              | 156        | 11.2%        | 81         | 10.7%       | 65         | 14.1%        | 28         | 6.3%         | 42         | 11.7%       | 50         | 17.0%        | 422          | 11.4%        |
| Form 3              | 74         | 6.3%         | 67         | 10.2%       | 39         | 10.5%        | 30         | 8.0%         | 26         | 8.6%        | 13         | 9.3%         | 249          | 8.2%         |
| Form 4              | 136        | 15.3%        | 11         | 2.0%        | 10         | 3.8%         | 11         | 3.6%         | 10         | 5.3%        | 1          | 1.0%         | 179          | 7.8%         |
| <b>Male</b>         | <b>359</b> | <b>14.8%</b> | <b>138</b> | <b>9.4%</b> | <b>124</b> | <b>14.3%</b> | <b>96</b>  | <b>10.9%</b> | <b>59</b>  | <b>9.5%</b> | <b>74</b>  | <b>15.1%</b> | <b>850</b>   | <b>12.6%</b> |
| Prep                | 5          | 13.5%        | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%         | 3          | 21.4%       | 0          | 0.0%         | 8            | 15.7%        |
| Form 1              | 130        | 15.0%        | 57         | 11.3%       | 57         | 20.4%        | 56         | 18.1%        | 20         | 9.6%        | 40         | 20.1%        | 360          | 15.2%        |
| Form 2              | 77         | 12.1%        | 43         | 11.3%       | 40         | 17.1%        | 16         | 7.5%         | 19         | 11.4%       | 30         | 18.3%        | 225          | 12.5%        |
| Form 3              | 33         | 6.2%         | 33         | 10.2%       | 23         | 11.3%        | 16         | 8.2%         | 14         | 10.0%       | 4          | 5.4%         | 123          | 8.4%         |
| Form 4              | 114        | 31.4%        | 5          | 1.9%        | 4          | 2.7%         | 8          | 4.9%         | 3          | 3.4%        | 0          | 0.0%         | 134          | 12.4%        |
| <b>Female</b>       | <b>238</b> | <b>8.3%</b>  | <b>126</b> | <b>8.4%</b> | <b>92</b>  | <b>11.6%</b> | <b>59</b>  | <b>7.2%</b>  | <b>64</b>  | <b>9.5%</b> | <b>43</b>  | <b>11.0%</b> | <b>622</b>   | <b>8.8%</b>  |
| Prep                | 6          | 75.0%        | 0          | 0.0%        | 0          | 0.0%         | 0          | 0.0%         | 5          | 33.3%       | 0          | 0.0%         | 11           | 47.8%        |
| Form 1              | 90         | 9.7%         | 48         | 9.5%        | 45         | 15.7%        | 30         | 11.7%        | 17         | 8.2%        | 13         | 9.1%         | 243          | 10.5%        |
| Form 2              | 79         | 10.5%        | 38         | 10.0%       | 25         | 11.0%        | 12         | 5.1%         | 23         | 12.0%       | 20         | 15.4%        | 197          | 10.3%        |
| Form 3              | 41         | 6.3%         | 34         | 10.3%       | 16         | 9.6%         | 14         | 7.8%         | 12         | 7.3%        | 9          | 13.6%        | 126          | 8.1%         |
| Form 4              | 22         | 4.2%         | 6          | 2.2%        | 6          | 5.2%         | 3          | 2.1%         | 7          | 7.1%        | 1          | 1.9%         | 45           | 3.7%         |

The Orange Walk district recorded the highest repetition rate (11.3%) while the Cayo district recorded the lowest rate of repetition of only 5.1%. On the other hand, the Stann Creek district recorded the highest rate for dropouts with 11.7% while the Toledo district recorded the lowest dropout rate of 4.9%

**Chart 12: Secondary Schools' Repetition and Dropout Rates by District 2002-3**



## 5.0 ENROLMENT TRENDS

**Table 20: Preschool Enrolment Trends 1993-94 to 2003-04**

| YEAR    | No. of Schools | Official Age Group Population |       |        | Enrolment |       |       | Annual % Increase | Gross Enrolment Ratio |       |       |
|---------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|-------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|
|         |                | M                             | F     | Total  | M         | F     | Total |                   | M                     | F     | Total |
| 1993-94 | 83             | 6,542                         | 6,363 | 12,905 | 1,596     | 1,566 | 3,162 | 0.0%              | 24.4%                 | 24.6% | 24.5% |
| 1994-95 | 90             | 6,667                         | 6,489 | 13,156 | 1,607     | 1,704 | 3,311 | 4.7%              | 24.1%                 | 26.3% | 25.2% |
| 1995-96 | 88             | 6,762                         | 6,867 | 13,629 | 1,606     | 1,700 | 3,306 | -0.2%             | 23.8%                 | 24.8% | 24.3% |
| 1996-97 | 94             | 6,937                         | 7,034 | 13,971 | 1,639     | 1,716 | 3,355 | 1.5%              | 23.6%                 | 24.4% | 24.0% |
| 1997-98 | 88             | 6,589                         | 6,643 | 13,232 | 1,702     | 1,611 | 3,313 | -1.3%             | 25.8%                 | 24.3% | 25.0% |
| 1998-99 | 98             | 6,330                         | 6,335 | 12,665 | 1,818     | 1,816 | 3,634 | 9.7%              | 28.7%                 | 28.7% | 28.7% |
| 1999-00 | 91             | 6,166                         | 6,126 | 12,292 | 1,742     | 1,866 | 3,608 | -0.7%             | 28.3%                 | 30.5% | 29.4% |
| 2000-01 | 98             | 6,539                         | 6,509 | 13,048 | 1,770     | 1,819 | 3,589 | -0.5%             | 27.1%                 | 27.9% | 27.5% |
| 2001-02 | 99             | 6,671                         | 6,562 | 13,233 | 1,770     | 1,772 | 3,542 | -1.3%             | 26.5%                 | 27.0% | 26.8% |
| 2002-03 | 105            | 7,744                         | 7,348 | 15,092 | 1,846     | 1,927 | 3,791 | 7.0%              | 23.8%                 | 26.2% | 25.1% |
| 2003-04 | 102            | 7,794                         | 7,575 | 15,369 | 1,899     | 1,866 | 3,765 | -0.7%             | 24.4%                 | 24.6% | 24.5% |

Preschool enrolment for the 2003/04 school year showed a slight decrease of 0.2% as opposed to the previous year where enrolment rose by 7.0%. For the past four school years, the participation rate have seen a downward trend. In general, the participation rate of the 3-4 year olds has been very low and for the most part, remaining less than 30% of the 3-4 population age cohort for the past 20 or so years.

**Table 21: Primary School Enrolment Trends 1993-94 to 2003-04**

| Year    | Grade  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | TOTAL  | Annual % Increase |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|
|         | BEGIN. | INF. 1 | INF. 2 | STD. 1 | STD. 2 | STD. 3 | STD. 4 | STD. 5 | STD. 6 |        |                   |
| 1993-94 | 1,953  | 7,692  | 6,694  | 6,521  | 6,439  | 5,779  | 5,506  | 5,117  | 4,590  | 50,291 | 3.5%              |
| 1994-95 | 1,899  | 7,895  | 6,965  | 6,611  | 6,370  | 6,061  | 5,622  | 5,190  | 4,764  | 51,377 | 2.1%              |
| 1995-96 | 1,738  | 8,244  | 7,193  | 6,863  | 6,671  | 6,040  | 6,038  | 5,282  | 4,925  | 52,994 | 3.1%              |
| 1996-97 | 1,366  | 8,035  | 7,336  | 7,126  | 6,775  | 6,388  | 5,837  | 5,385  | 4,862  | 53,110 | 0.2%              |
| 1997-98 | 1,260  | 8,020  | 7,048  | 7,215  | 6,866  | 6,537  | 6,003  | 5,257  | 4,912  | 53,118 | 0.0%              |
| 1998-99 | 1,074  | 8,494  | 7,336  | 7,277  | 7,065  | 6,620  | 6,314  | 5,534  | 4,902  | 54,616 | 2.7%              |
| 1999-00 | 1,041  | 8,381  | 7,523  | 7,226  | 7,158  | 6,849  | 6,540  | 5,845  | 5,137  | 55,700 | 1.9%              |
| 2000-01 | 929    | 8,444  | 7,605  | 7,485  | 7,220  | 6,815  | 6,696  | 6,077  | 5,111  | 56,382 | 1.2%              |
| 2001-02 | 724    | 8,402  | 7,772  | 7,542  | 7,258  | 6,906  | 6,550  | 6,160  | 5,238  | 56,552 | 0.3%              |
| 2002-03 | 563    | 8,877  | 8,138  | 7,987  | 7,705  | 7,427  | 7,053  | 6,454  | 5,726  | 59,930 | 5.6%              |
| 2003-04 | 397    | 9,175  | 8,407  | 8,420  | 7,995  | 7,726  | 7,273  | 6,670  | 5,875  | 61,938 | 3.2%              |

During the ten years from 1993/94 to 2003/04, primary school enrolment grew at an average rate of 2.4%. Although enrolment continued to grow during the three years from 1999-00 to 2001-02, the rate at which such growth took place consistently declined to a minimal 0.3%. The deceleration in growth at this level may be attributable to the diminishing intake of children at the "Beginners" level, as many schools have started phasing out this grade. However, the past two years have seen a significant increase in enrolment at the primary level.

**Table 22: Secondary School Enrolment Trends 1993-94 to 2003-04**

| Year    | New Entrants to Form 1 |       |       | Total Enrolment | Annual % Increase |
|---------|------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------------------|
|         | M                      | F     | Total |                 |                   |
| 1993-94 | 1,689                  | 1,649 | 3,338 | 9,886           |                   |
| 1994-95 | 1,652                  | 1,787 | 3,439 | 10,147          | 2.6%              |
| 1995-96 | 1,848                  | 1,846 | 3,694 | 10,648          | 4.9%              |
| 1996-97 | 1,916                  | 1,897 | 3,813 | 10,912          | 2.5%              |
| 1997-98 | 1,883                  | 1,954 | 3,837 | 11,260          | 3.2%              |
| 1998-99 | 1,941                  | 1,956 | 3,897 | 11,720          | 4.1%              |
| 1999-00 | 2,017                  | 1,961 | 3,978 | 12,253          | 4.5%              |
| 2000-01 | 2,230                  | 2,325 | 4,555 | 13,143          | 7.3%              |
| 2001-02 | 2,364                  | 2,325 | 4,689 | 13,799          | 5.0%              |
| 2002-03 | 2,246                  | 2,269 | 4,515 | 14,630          | 6.0%              |
| 2003-04 | 2,261                  | 2,325 | 4,586 | 15,359          | 11.3%             |

Secondary school enrolment grew rapidly during the ten years from 1994-95 to 2003-04, with an average growth rate of 4.7%. After a period of slow growth in the number of students admitted to Form 1, the total admission had not shown a significant increment until 2000/01 when it rose by 7.3%. Some factors contributing to low admission rates are high repetition rate, further compounded by the limited space for new entrants in Form 1. For instance, they were 440 repeating Form 1 in 2002-03.



## 5.1 TRANSITION RATE:

**Table 23A: Transition Rate to Secondary School 2003-04**

| District    | Prep & Form 1 |       |           |     |              |       | Standard 6 |       |           |     |            |       | Transition Rate |       |         |
|-------------|---------------|-------|-----------|-----|--------------|-------|------------|-------|-----------|-----|------------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------|
|             | Enrolment     |       | Repeaters |     | New Entrants |       | Enrolment  |       | Repeaters |     | "Sec Pool" |       |                 |       |         |
|             | 2003-04       |       | 2002-03   |     | 2003-04      |       | 2002-03    |       | 2002-03   |     | 2002-03    |       |                 |       |         |
|             | M             | F     | M         | F   | M            | F     | M          | F     | M         | F   | M          | F     | M               | F     | Overall |
| Total       | 2,524         | 2,550 | 263       | 225 | 2,261        | 2,325 | 2,877      | 2,849 | 137       | 141 | 2,740      | 2,708 | 82.5%           | 85.9% | 84.2%   |
| Belize      | 803           | 966   | 79        | 92  | 724          | 874   | 825        | 916   | 8         | 10  | 817        | 906   | 88.6%           | 96.5% | 92.7%   |
| Cayo        | 599           | 507   | 62        | 30  | 537          | 477   | 660        | 585   | 32        | 20  | 628        | 565   | 85.5%           | 84.4% | 85.0%   |
| Corozal     | 287           | 292   | 38        | 28  | 249          | 264   | 383        | 367   | 20        | 13  | 363        | 354   | 68.6%           | 74.6% | 71.5%   |
| Orange Walk | 341           | 340   | 46        | 41  | 295          | 299   | 435        | 430   | 25        | 34  | 410        | 396   | 72.0%           | 75.5% | 73.7%   |
| Stann Creek | 290           | 271   | 22        | 20  | 268          | 251   | 321        | 317   | 30        | 33  | 291        | 284   | 92.1%           | 88.4% | 90.3%   |
| Toledo      | 204           | 174   | 16        | 14  | 188          | 160   | 253        | 234   | 22        | 31  | 231        | 203   | 81.4%           | 78.8% | 80.2%   |

**Table 23B: Transition Rate to Secondary School 2002-03**

| District    | Prep & Form 1 |       |           |     |              |       | Standard 6 |       |           |     |            |       | Transition Rate |        |         |
|-------------|---------------|-------|-----------|-----|--------------|-------|------------|-------|-----------|-----|------------|-------|-----------------|--------|---------|
|             | Enrolment     |       | Repeaters |     | New Entrants |       | Enrolment  |       | Repeaters |     | "Sec Pool" |       |                 |        |         |
|             | 2002-03       |       | 2001-02   |     | 2002-03      |       | 2001-02    |       | 2001-02   |     | 2002-03    |       |                 |        |         |
|             | M             | F     | M         | F   | M            | F     | M          | F     | M         | F   | M          | F     | M               | F      | Overall |
| Total       | 2,503         | 2,456 | 257       | 187 | 2,246        | 2,269 | 2,583      | 2,661 | 116       | 127 | 2,467      | 2,534 | 91.0%           | 89.5%  | 90.3%   |
| Belize      | 835           | 960   | 79        | 87  | 756          | 873   | 765        | 757   | 3         | 1   | 762        | 756   | 99.2%           | 115.5% | 107.3%  |
| Cayo        | 518           | 486   | 47        | 23  | 471          | 463   | 581        | 599   | 30        | 21  | 551        | 578   | 85.5%           | 80.1%  | 82.7%   |
| Corozal     | 305           | 285   | 32        | 26  | 273          | 259   | 358        | 376   | 11        | 16  | 347        | 360   | 78.7%           | 71.9%  | 75.2%   |
| Orange Walk | 387           | 331   | 37        | 24  | 350          | 307   | 373        | 403   | 15        | 23  | 358        | 380   | 97.8%           | 80.8%  | 89.0%   |
| Stann Creek | 251           | 231   | 50        | 20  | 201          | 211   | 262        | 307   | 28        | 32  | 234        | 275   | 85.9%           | 76.7%  | 80.9%   |
| Toledo      | 207           | 163   | 12        | 7   | 195          | 156   | 244        | 219   | 29        | 34  | 215        | 185   | 90.7%           | 84.3%  | 87.8%   |

The rate of transition from primary to secondary schools for 2003/04 decreased from 90.3% to 84.2%. This overall downturn, was the result of the increased number of repeaters at the Form 1 level. Furthermore, the inclusion of more primary schools, hence an increase in enrolment, were included therefore, a higher number of pupils applied to enter secondary school.

Transition rates only actually increased in the Cayo and Stann Creek districts, with the most notable increase being in Stann Creek from 80.9% to 90.3%. The Belize district recorded the greatest decline in transition rates from 107.3% to 92.7%.

In 2002/03 where transition rates exceeding 100% (such as in the Belize district) resulted from the migration of students from primary schools in one district to secondary schools in another. Students that did not gain entrance the previous year but made the requirements.



## 6.0 RESOURCES

### 6.1 TOTAL TEACHING FORCE:

**Table 24A: Number of Teachers by District, Level and Sex 2003-04**

| District     | Level & Sex |            |            |              |            |            |           |           | TOTAL        |              |              |
|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|              | Preschool   |            | Primary    |              | Secondary  |            | Post-Sec. |           | M            | F            | ALL          |
|              | M           | F          | M          | F            | M          | F          | M         | F         |              |              |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>221</b> | <b>740</b> | <b>1,903</b> | <b>513</b> | <b>547</b> | <b>82</b> | <b>74</b> | <b>1,337</b> | <b>2,745</b> | <b>4,082</b> |
| Belize       | 1           | 107        | 92         | 672          | 180        | 238        | 29        | 44        | 302          | 1,061        | 1,363        |
| Cayo         | 1           | 40         | 171        | 384          | 110        | 117        | 18        | 10        | 300          | 551          | 851          |
| Corozal      | 0           | 20         | 115        | 221          | 52         | 59         | 21        | 10        | 188          | 310          | 498          |
| Orange Walk  | 0           | 19         | 138        | 250          | 67         | 62         | 8         | 6         | 213          | 337          | 550          |
| Stann Creek  | 0           | 29         | 100        | 216          | 57         | 46         | 6         | 4         | 163          | 295          | 458          |
| Toledo       | 0           | 6          | 124        | 160          | 47         | 25         | 0         | 0         | 171          | 191          | 362          |

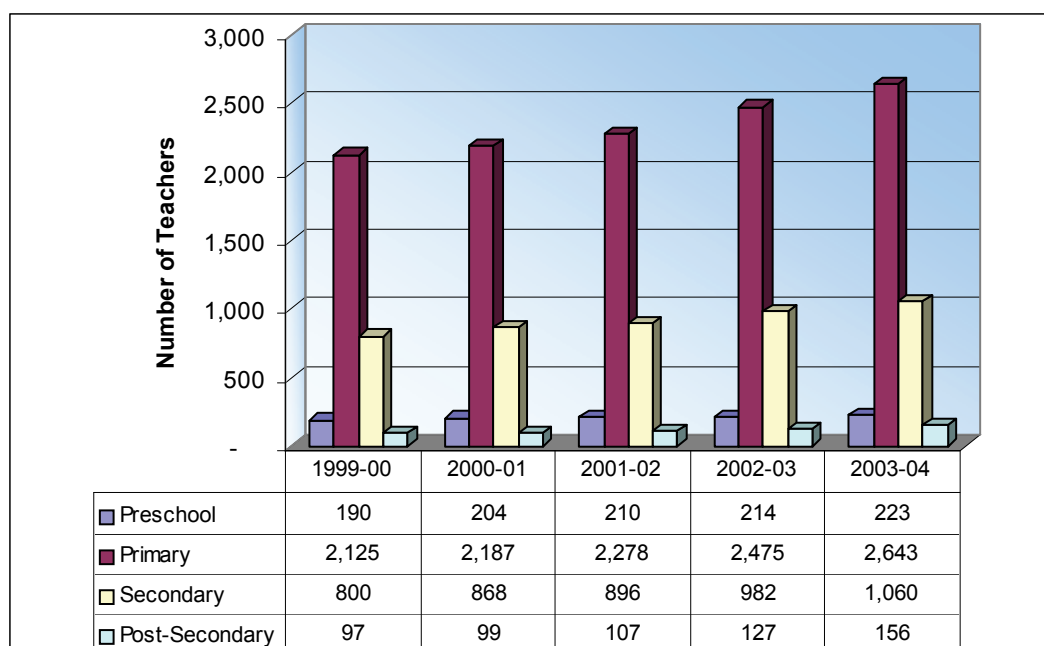
**Table 24B: Number of Teachers by District, Level and Sex 2002-03**

| District     | Level & Sex |            |            |              |            |            |           |           | TOTAL        |              |              |
|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|              | Preschool   |            | Primary    |              | Secondary  |            | Post-Sec. |           | M            | F            | ALL          |
|              | M           | F          | M          | F            | M          | F          | M         | F         |              |              |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>212</b> | <b>690</b> | <b>1,785</b> | <b>486</b> | <b>496</b> | <b>68</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>1,246</b> | <b>2,552</b> | <b>3,798</b> |
| Belize       | 1           | 104        | 109        | 650          | 168        | 231        | 22        | 26        | 300          | 1,011        | 1,311        |
| Cayo         | 0           | 33         | 150        | 339          | 105        | 99         | 10        | 7         | 265          | 478          | 743          |
| Corozal      | 1           | 22         | 113        | 220          | 47         | 52         | 20        | 12        | 181          | 306          | 487          |
| Orange Walk  | 0           | 19         | 137        | 232          | 69         | 50         | 7         | 8         | 213          | 309          | 522          |
| Stann Creek  | 0           | 27         | 87         | 200          | 51         | 39         | 9         | 6         | 147          | 272          | 419          |
| Toledo       | 0           | 7          | 94         | 144          | 46         | 25         | 0         | 0         | 140          | 176          | 316          |

The total number of teachers at the preschool, primary, secondary levels and post-secondary grew by 7.5% (284) between 2002/03 and 2003/04. The number of male teachers increased by 161 compared with an increase of 143 in female teachers.

During the 2003/04 school year 220 teachers were in pre-school an increase of 6 teachers or 2.8% over the previous year. At the primary level the most notable growth occurred where the total teaching force increased by 155 teachers or by 6.3%. The teaching force at the secondary level showed an increment in the number of teachers from 982 in 2002/03 to 1,060 in 2003/04 an increase of 7.9%.

When comparing both school years the total teaching force is approximately made up of 66.5% females. In preschool and primary there is a predominance of females than males. At the secondary level and post-secondary, it is more evenly distributed where females slightly outnumber males and males outnumbered females, respectively.

**Chart 13: Number of Teachers by Level 1999-2000 to 2003-04**

During the five years from 1999-00 to 2003-04, the total number of teachers grew from 3,212 to 4,083 by some 27% (see Chart 13). Expansion has been most rapid at the primary level, where the teaching force has grown at an increasing rate. The number of preschool teachers increased by only 30 over the five year period, by far the slowest rate of increase in the four levels of education.



## 6.2 PRESCHOOL TEACHERS:

**Table 25A: Number of Preschool Teachers  
by Management District and Sex 2003-04**

| Management     | District & Sex |            |          |           |          |           |          |           |          |           |          |          | TOTAL    |            |            |
|----------------|----------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
|                | Belize         |            | Cayo     |           | Corozal  |           | O. Walk  |           | S. Creek |           | Toledo   |          | M        | F          | ALL        |
|                | M              | F          | M        | F         | M        | F         | M        | F         | M        | F         | M        | F        |          |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>1</b>       | <b>107</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>220</b> | <b>222</b> |
| Community      | 0              | 29         | 0        | 17        | 0        | 8         | 0        | 3         | 0        | 14        | 0        | 4        | 0        | 75         | 75         |
| Denominational | 0              | 23         | 0        | 3         | 0        | 6         | 0        | 3         | 0        | 5         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 40         | 40         |
| Organization   | 0              | 13         | 0        | 5         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 2        | 0        | 20         | 20         |
| Private        | 1              | 42         | 1        | 14        | 0        | 6         | 0        | 13        | 0        | 10        | 0        | 0        | 2        | 85         | 87         |

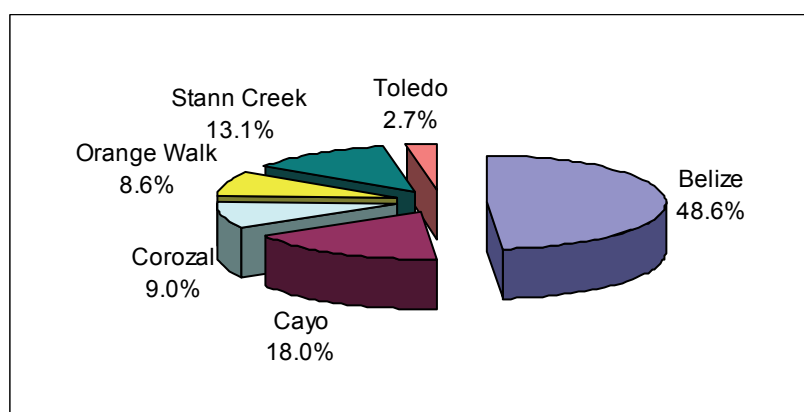
**Table 25B: Number of Preschool Teachers  
by Management District and Sex 2002-03**

| Management         | District & Sex |            |          |           |          |           |          |           |          |           |          |          | TOTAL    |            |            |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
|                    | Belize         |            | Cayo     |           | Corozal  |           | O. Walk  |           | S. Creek |           | Toledo   |          | M        | F          | ALL        |
|                    | M              | F          | M        | F         | M        | F         | M        | F         | M        | F         | M        | F        |          |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>1</b>       | <b>104</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>212</b> | <b>214</b> |
| Private Individual | 1              | 43         | 0        | 10        | 0        | 6         | 0        | 13        | 0        | 9         | 0        | 2        | 1        | 83         | 84         |
| Community          | 0              | 28         | 0        | 15        | 0        | 8         | 0        | 3         | 0        | 13        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 68         | 68         |
| Organization       | 0              | 10         | 0        | 6         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 16         | 16         |
| Denominational     | 0              | 23         | 0        | 2         | 1        | 8         | 0        | 3         | 0        | 5         | 0        | 4        | 1        | 45         | 46         |

Data for the 2003/04 school year indicate an additional 6 teachers in the preschool teaching force from 214 to 220 teachers (see Tables 25A and 25B above). Of this total, only two teachers were males. The number of preschool teachers increased in all districts except for Orange Walk that remained constant while Corozal decreased by 2 teachers and Toledo where there was one less teacher than in the 2002/03 school year. This increase is in sharp contrast to the declining preschool enrolment recorded from last year.

Schools in the Belize district accounted for almost a half of all preschool teachers for 2003/04 (see Chart 14 below). Cayo and Stann Creek had 18.0% and 13.1% of the country's total preschool teachers, respectively. The Toledo district, with only 2.7% of total teachers had the smallest number of preschool teachers for the period.

**Chart 14: Distribution of Preschool Teachers by District 2003-04**





### 6.3 PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS<sup>2</sup>:

**Table 26A: Number of Primary School Teachers  
by District, U/R Location and Level of Training 2003-04**

| District     | Qualification |            |           |            |            |            |           |               |             |             |              |           | TOTAL        | % Trained    | % Fully Trained |
|--------------|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
|              | MEd           | BEd        | Edu. Dip. | Cert. Edu. | L2/2+1     | Level 1    | BSc       | Assoc. Degree | First Class | High School | Second Class | Other     |              |              |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>32</b>     | <b>124</b> | <b>3</b>  | <b>43</b>  | <b>925</b> | <b>249</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>447</b>    | <b>417</b>  | <b>329</b>  | <b>7</b>     | <b>20</b> | <b>2,643</b> | <b>52.1%</b> | <b>42.6%</b>    |
| Belize       | 11            | 45         | 1         | 12         | 292        | 55         | 22        | 120           | 98          | 100         | 2            | 6         | 764          | 54.5%        | 47.3%           |
| Cayo         | 5             | 25         | 1         | 9          | 179        | 60         | 11        | 65            | 141         | 56          | 0            | 3         | 555          | 50.3%        | 39.5%           |
| Corozal      | 7             | 18         | 0         | 10         | 157        | 27         | 3         | 62            | 40          | 11          | 0            | 1         | 336          | 65.2%        | 57.1%           |
| Orange Walk  | 6             | 25         | 0         | 4          | 146        | 43         | 6         | 93            | 27          | 35          | 1            | 2         | 388          | 57.7%        | 46.6%           |
| Stann Creek  | 1             | 4          | 0         | 2          | 92         | 32         | 1         | 79            | 43          | 56          | 3            | 3         | 316          | 41.5%        | 31.3%           |
| Toledo       | 2             | 7          | 1         | 6          | 59         | 32         | 4         | 28            | 68          | 71          | 1            | 5         | 284          | 37.7%        | 26.4%           |
| <b>Urban</b> | <b>20</b>     | <b>75</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>22</b>  | <b>512</b> | <b>119</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>219</b>    | <b>145</b>  | <b>123</b>  | <b>3</b>     | <b>3</b>  | <b>1,275</b> | <b>58.8%</b> | <b>49.5%</b>    |
| Belize       | 10            | 41         | 1         | 10         | 238        | 39         | 21        | 97            | 61          | 72          | 2            | 2         | 594          | 57.1%        | 50.5%           |
| Cayo         | 5             | 10         | 1         | 6          | 92         | 36         | 4         | 36            | 50          | 21          | 0            | 1         | 262          | 57.3%        | 43.5%           |
| Corozal      | 2             | 2          | 0         | 1          | 44         | 7          | 2         | 14            | 9           | 2           | 0            | 0         | 83           | 67.5%        | 59.0%           |
| Orange Walk  | 3             | 16         | 0         | 2          | 77         | 17         | 3         | 50            | 11          | 12          | 1            | 0         | 192          | 59.9%        | 51.0%           |
| Stann Creek  | 0             | 1          | 0         | 0          | 44         | 15         | 0         | 18            | 5           | 13          | 0            | 0         | 96           | 62.5%        | 46.9%           |
| Toledo       | 0             | 5          | 0         | 3          | 17         | 5          | 2         | 4             | 9           | 3           | 0            | 0         | 48           | 62.5%        | 52.1%           |
| <b>Rural</b> | <b>12</b>     | <b>49</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>413</b> | <b>130</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>228</b>    | <b>272</b>  | <b>206</b>  | <b>4</b>     | <b>17</b> | <b>1,368</b> | <b>45.8%</b> | <b>36.3%</b>    |
| Belize       | 1             | 4          | 0         | 2          | 54         | 16         | 1         | 23            | 37          | 28          | 0            | 4         | 170          | 45.3%        | 35.9%           |
| Cayo         | 0             | 15         | 0         | 3          | 87         | 24         | 7         | 29            | 91          | 35          | 0            | 2         | 293          | 44.0%        | 35.8%           |
| Corozal      | 5             | 16         | 0         | 9          | 113        | 20         | 1         | 48            | 31          | 9           | 0            | 1         | 253          | 64.4%        | 56.5%           |
| Orange Walk  | 3             | 9          | 0         | 2          | 69         | 26         | 3         | 43            | 16          | 23          | 0            | 2         | 196          | 55.6%        | 42.3%           |
| Stann Creek  | 1             | 3          | 0         | 2          | 48         | 17         | 1         | 61            | 38          | 43          | 3            | 3         | 220          | 32.3%        | 24.5%           |
| Toledo       | 2             | 2          | 1         | 3          | 42         | 27         | 2         | 24            | 59          | 68          | 1            | 5         | 236          | 32.6%        | 21.2%           |

During the 2003/04 school year there was an increase of 168 teachers in the primary school system, a 6.8% increase from 2002/03 data. The data showed a slight decline of 0.9 percentage points in the number of trained and fully trained teachers.

For 2003/04, Corozal district had the highest number of trained teachers with 65.2% followed by Orange Walk 57.7%, Belize 54.5%, Cayo with 50.3%, Stann Creek with 41.5% and Toledo reported the least number of trained teachers with 37.7%.

In 2003/04, 42.6% of the primary school teaching force was fully trained. The Cayo district had the highest percentage of fully trained teachers with 57.1%, while the Toledo district reporting the least with 26.4%.

For the past eight years the Toledo district has lagged behind the rest of the districts with the lowest number of trained teachers.

% Trained = Level 1 and higher

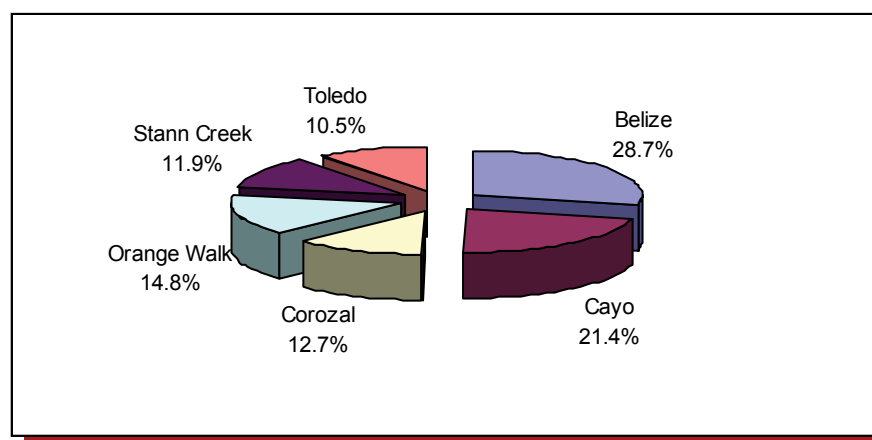
Fully Trained = Level 2/2+1 and higher



**Table 26B: Number of Primary School Teachers  
by District, U/R Location and Level of Training 2002-03**

| District     | Qualification |           |           |            |            |            |           |               |             |             |              |           | TOTAL        | % Trained    | % Fully Trained |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
|              | MEd           | BEd       | Edu. Dip. | Cert. Edu. | L2/2+1     | Level 1    | BSc       | Assoc. Degree | First Class | High School | Second Class | Other     |              |              |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>19</b>     | <b>93</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>40</b>  | <b>908</b> | <b>239</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>423</b>    | <b>354</b>  | <b>305</b>  | <b>16</b>    | <b>30</b> | <b>2,475</b> | <b>53.0%</b> | <b>43.3%</b>    |
| Belize       | 9             | 42        | 7         | 15         | 299        | 49         | 20        | 114           | 81          | 96          | 7            | 19        | 758          | 55.5%        | 49.1%           |
| Cayo         | 0             | 17        | 0         | 10         | 160        | 63         | 5         | 57            | 117         | 57          | 2            | 3         | 491          | 50.9%        | 38.1%           |
| Corozal      | 6             | 8         | 1         | 8          | 152        | 31         | 4         | 64            | 32          | 24          | 0            | 2         | 332          | 62.0%        | 52.7%           |
| Orange Walk  | 3             | 18        | 1         | 2          | 157        | 37         | 5         | 89            | 27          | 26          | 1            | 3         | 369          | 59.1%        | 49.1%           |
| Stann Creek  | 1             | 4         | 0         | 4          | 84         | 29         | 1         | 69            | 37          | 54          | 3            | 1         | 287          | 42.5%        | 32.4%           |
| Toledo       | 0             | 4         | 3         | 1          | 56         | 30         | 1         | 30            | 60          | 48          | 3            | 2         | 238          | 39.5%        | 26.9%           |
| <b>Urban</b> | <b>13</b>     | <b>61</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>23</b>  | <b>510</b> | <b>113</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>197</b>    | <b>136</b>  | <b>115</b>  | <b>10</b>    | <b>15</b> | <b>1,227</b> | <b>59.2%</b> | <b>50.0%</b>    |
| Belize       | 8             | 41        | 6         | 14         | 238        | 38         | 20        | 91            | 52          | 68          | 7            | 11        | 594          | 58.1%        | 51.7%           |
| Cayo         | 0             | 6         | 0         | 7          | 85         | 36         | 4         | 26            | 45          | 15          | 0            | 2         | 226          | 59.3%        | 43.4%           |
| Corozal      | 2             | 1         | 0         | 1          | 45         | 9          | 2         | 13            | 8           | 4           | 0            | 0         | 85           | 68.2%        | 57.6%           |
| Orange Walk  | 3             | 11        | 0         | 1          | 82         | 15         | 1         | 46            | 13          | 15          | 1            | 1         | 189          | 59.3%        | 51.3%           |
| Stann Creek  | 0             | 0         | 0         | 0          | 40         | 9          | 1         | 20            | 9           | 9           | 2            | 1         | 91           | 53.8%        | 44.0%           |
| Toledo       | 0             | 2         | 0         | 0          | 20         | 6          | 0         | 1             | 9           | 4           | 0            | 0         | 42           | 66.7%        | 52.4%           |
| <b>Rural</b> | <b>6</b>      | <b>32</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>17</b>  | <b>398</b> | <b>126</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>226</b>    | <b>218</b>  | <b>190</b>  | <b>6</b>     | <b>15</b> | <b>1,248</b> | <b>46.9%</b> | <b>36.8%</b>    |
| Belize       | 1             | 1         | 1         | 1          | 61         | 11         | 0         | 23            | 29          | 28          | 0            | 8         | 164          | 46.3%        | 39.6%           |
| Cayo         | 0             | 11        | 0         | 3          | 75         | 27         | 1         | 31            | 72          | 42          | 2            | 1         | 265          | 43.8%        | 33.6%           |
| Corozal      | 4             | 7         | 1         | 7          | 107        | 22         | 2         | 51            | 24          | 20          | 0            | 2         | 247          | 59.9%        | 51.0%           |
| Orange Walk  | 0             | 7         | 1         | 1          | 75         | 22         | 4         | 43            | 14          | 11          | 0            | 2         | 180          | 58.9%        | 46.7%           |
| Stann Creek  | 1             | 4         | 0         | 4          | 44         | 20         | 0         | 49            | 28          | 45          | 1            | 0         | 196          | 37.2%        | 27.0%           |

**Chart 15: Distribution of Primary School Teachers by District 2003-04**



The Belize and Cayo districts accounted for half of all teachers in primary schools. The remaining four districts ranged from 14.8% of the total teaching force in the Orange Walk district to 10.5% in the Toledo District.



## 6.4 SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

**Table 27A: Number of Secondary School Teachers  
by District, Sex, Management and Qualification 2003/04**

| District       | Government |            |           | Management and Qualification |              |              |              |              |              | Priv./Spec. Assisted |              |              | ALL SCHOOLS  |              |              | TOTAL        |
|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                | GT         | G          | T         | O                            | GT           | G            | T            | O            | GT           | G                    | T            | O            | GT           | G            | T            | O            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>102</b> | <b>61</b>  | <b>21</b> | <b>201</b>                   | <b>44</b>    | <b>37</b>    | <b>17</b>    | <b>61</b>    | <b>126</b>   | <b>177</b>           | <b>34</b>    | <b>129</b>   | <b>21</b>    | <b>9</b>     | <b>7</b>     | <b>13</b>    |
| Belize         | 46         | 20         | 5         | 63                           | 6            | 6            | 0            | 18           | 66           | 104                  | 18           | 58           | 2            | 2            | 1            | 3            |
| Cayo           | 28         | 9          | 12        | 41                           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 41           | 49                   | 9            | 29           | 4            | 2            | 2            | 1            |
| Corozal        | 3          | 8          | 0         | 19                           | 18           | 7            | 12           | 12           | 6            | 8                    | 1            | 12           | 2            | 1            | 0            | 2            |
| Orange Walk    | 10         | 14         | 3         | 36                           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 8            | 11                   | 3            | 16           | 13           | 4            | 4            | 7            |
| Stann Creek    | 5          | 4          | 0         | 30                           | 8            | 11           | 5            | 13           | 5            | 5                    | 3            | 14           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Toledo         | 10         | 6          | 1         | 12                           | 12           | 13           | 0            | 18           | 0            | 0                    | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Males</b>   | <b>43</b>  | <b>35</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>110</b>                   | <b>18</b>    | <b>25</b>    | <b>4</b>     | <b>35</b>    | <b>68</b>    | <b>60</b>            | <b>21</b>    | <b>55</b>    | <b>11</b>    | <b>6</b>     | <b>2</b>     | <b>10</b>    |
| Belize         | 13         | 13         | 1         | 29                           | 3            | 3            | 0            | 9            | 38           | 27                   | 14           | 23           | 1            | 2            | 1            | 3            |
| Cayo           | 12         | 3          | 6         | 21                           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 23           | 26                   | 5            | 12           | 1            | 1            | 0            | 0            |
| Corozal        | 2          | 4          | 0         | 13                           | 4            | 4            | 1            | 9            | 2            | 3                    | 0            | 7            | 0            | 1            | 0            | 2            |
| Orange Walk    | 6          | 7          | 2         | 23                           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3            | 2                    | 1            | 6            | 9            | 2            | 1            | 5            |
| Stann Creek    | 3          | 4          | 0         | 17                           | 4            | 8            | 3            | 6            | 2            | 2                    | 1            | 7            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Toledo         | 7          | 4          | 1         | 7                            | 7            | 10           | 0            | 11           | 0            | 0                    | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Females</b> | <b>59</b>  | <b>26</b>  | <b>11</b> | <b>91</b>                    | <b>26</b>    | <b>12</b>    | <b>13</b>    | <b>26</b>    | <b>58</b>    | <b>117</b>           | <b>13</b>    | <b>74</b>    | <b>10</b>    | <b>3</b>     | <b>5</b>     | <b>3</b>     |
| Belize         | 33         | 7          | 4         | 34                           | 3            | 3            | 0            | 9            | 28           | 77                   | 4            | 35           | 1            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Cayo           | 16         | 6          | 6         | 20                           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 18           | 23                   | 4            | 17           | 3            | 1            | 2            | 1            |
| Corozal        | 1          | 4          | 0         | 6                            | 14           | 3            | 11           | 3            | 4            | 5                    | 1            | 5            | 2            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Orange Walk    | 4          | 7          | 1         | 13                           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 5            | 9                    | 2            | 10           | 4            | 2            | 3            | 2            |
| Stann Creek    | 2          | 0          | 0         | 13                           | 4            | 3            | 2            | 7            | 3            | 3                    | 2            | 7            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Toledo         | 3          | 2          | 0         | 5                            | 5            | 3            | 0            | 7            | 0            | 0                    | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>293</b> | <b>284</b> | <b>79</b> | <b>404</b>                   | <b>1,060</b> | <b>1,060</b> | <b>1,060</b> | <b>1,060</b> | <b>1,060</b> | <b>1,060</b>         | <b>1,060</b> | <b>1,060</b> | <b>1,060</b> | <b>1,060</b> | <b>1,060</b> | <b>1,060</b> |

**Notes**

GT—University Graduate and Professional Training; G—University Graduate; T—Professional Teacher Training; O—Other—High School or Sixth Form Graduates

**Table 27B: Number of Secondary School Teachers by District, Sex, Management and Qualification 2002/03**

| District    | Government |    |    |     | Management and Qualification |    |    |    |                   |             |                    |             |          |    | ALL SCHOOLS |   |     |     | TOTAL |     |     |
|-------------|------------|----|----|-----|------------------------------|----|----|----|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|----|-------------|---|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|
|             | GT         | G  | T  | O   | GT                           | G  | T  | O  | Govt. Aided Comm. | Govt. Aided | Govt. Aided Denom. | Priv./Spec. | Assisted | GT | G           | T | O   |     |       |     |     |
| TOTAL       | 91         | 57 | 22 | 187 | 45                           | 38 | 11 | 66 | 182               | 115         | 34                 | 103         | 13       | 5  | 5           | 8 | 331 | 215 | 72    | 364 | 982 |
| Belize      | 36         | 23 | 6  | 57  | 5                            | 5  | 4  | 16 | 110               | 60          | 13                 | 56          | 2        | 2  | 1           | 3 | 153 | 90  | 24    | 132 | 399 |
| Cayo        | 25         | 11 | 10 | 43  | 0                            | 0  | 0  | 0  | 46                | 36          | 12                 | 21          | 0        | 0  | 0           | 0 | 71  | 47  | 22    | 64  | 204 |
| Corozal     | 6          | 4  | 0  | 17  | 16                           | 7  | 4  | 19 | 7                 | 9           | 3                  | 7           | 0        | 0  | 0           | 0 | 29  | 20  | 7     | 43  | 99  |
| Orange Walk | 12         | 9  | 3  | 35  | 0                            | 0  | 0  | 0  | 10                | 8           | 4                  | 15          | 11       | 3  | 4           | 5 | 33  | 20  | 11    | 55  | 119 |
| Stann Creek | 5          | 4  | 0  | 27  | 11                           | 12 | 3  | 11 | 9                 | 2           | 2                  | 4           | 0        | 0  | 0           | 0 | 25  | 18  | 5     | 42  | 90  |
| Toledo      | 7          | 6  | 3  | 8   | 13                           | 14 | 0  | 20 | 0                 | 0           | 0                  | 0           | 0        | 0  | 0           | 0 | 20  | 20  | 3     | 28  | 71  |
| Males       | 38         | 26 | 12 | 114 | 18                           | 25 | 4  | 32 | 70                | 62          | 20                 | 42          | 9        | 5  | 2           | 7 | 135 | 118 | 38    | 195 | 486 |
| Belize      | 9          | 9  | 3  | 29  | 1                            | 4  | 1  | 9  | 33                | 33          | 9                  | 21          | 1        | 2  | 1           | 3 | 44  | 48  | 14    | 62  | 168 |
| Cayo        | 9          | 2  | 6  | 25  | 0                            | 0  | 0  | 0  | 28                | 20          | 7                  | 8           | 0        | 0  | 0           | 0 | 37  | 22  | 13    | 33  | 105 |
| Corozal     | 4          | 2  | 0  | 11  | 4                            | 4  | 1  | 7  | 3                 | 6           | 2                  | 3           | 0        | 0  | 0           | 0 | 11  | 12  | 3     | 21  | 47  |
| Orange Walk | 8          | 5  | 1  | 26  | 0                            | 0  | 0  | 0  | 2                 | 3           | 1                  | 7           | 8        | 3  | 1           | 4 | 18  | 11  | 3     | 37  | 69  |
| Stann Creek | 3          | 4  | 0  | 17  | 6                            | 7  | 2  | 4  | 4                 | 0           | 1                  | 3           | 0        | 0  | 0           | 0 | 13  | 11  | 3     | 24  | 51  |
| Toledo      | 5          | 4  | 2  | 6   | 7                            | 10 | 0  | 12 | 0                 | 0           | 0                  | 0           | 0        | 0  | 0           | 0 | 12  | 14  | 2     | 18  | 46  |
| Females     | 53         | 31 | 10 | 73  | 27                           | 13 | 7  | 34 | 112               | 53          | 14                 | 61          | 4        | 0  | 3           | 1 | 196 | 97  | 34    | 169 | 496 |
| Belize      | 27         | 14 | 3  | 28  | 4                            | 1  | 3  | 7  | 77                | 27          | 4                  | 35          | 1        | 0  | 0           | 0 | 109 | 42  | 10    | 70  | 231 |
| Cayo        | 16         | 9  | 4  | 18  | 0                            | 0  | 0  | 0  | 18                | 16          | 5                  | 13          | 0        | 0  | 0           | 0 | 34  | 25  | 9     | 31  | 99  |
| Corozal     | 2          | 2  | 0  | 6   | 12                           | 3  | 3  | 12 | 4                 | 3           | 1                  | 4           | 0        | 0  | 0           | 0 | 18  | 8   | 4     | 22  | 52  |
| Orange Walk | 4          | 4  | 2  | 9   | 0                            | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8                 | 5           | 3                  | 8           | 3        | 0  | 3           | 1 | 15  | 9   | 8     | 18  | 50  |
| Stann Creek | 2          | 0  | 0  | 10  | 5                            | 5  | 1  | 7  | 5                 | 2           | 1                  | 1           | 0        | 0  | 0           | 0 | 12  | 7   | 2     | 18  | 39  |
| Toledo      | 2          | 2  | 1  | 2   | 6                            | 4  | 0  | 8  | 0                 | 0           | 0                  | 0           | 0        | 0  | 0           | 0 | 8   | 6   | 1     | 10  | 25  |

Between the 2003/04 and 2002/03 school years, the total number of secondary school teachers increased from 982 to 1,060, an expansion of some 78 teachers or 7.9% (see Tables 26A and 26B above). This was in keeping with the growth in enrolment that was recorded during the period coupled with the inclusion of two new schools.

**Notes**

GT –University Graduate and Professional Training; G– University Graduate; T– Professional Teacher Training; O– Other—High School or Sixth Form Graduates

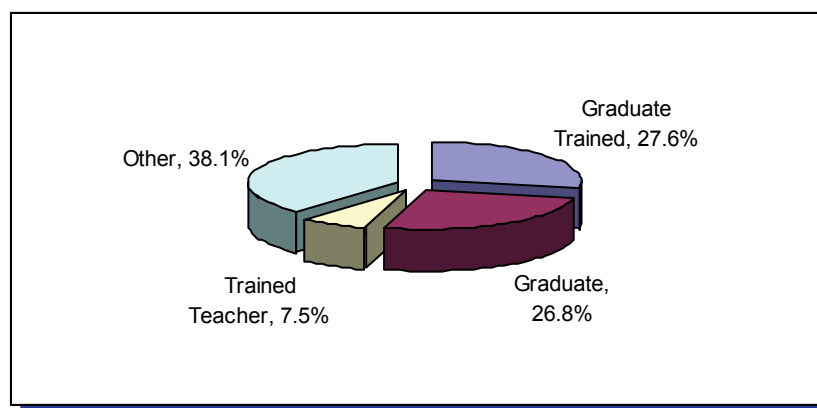


This academic year saw a slight decline in the total number of graduate trained teachers at this level, from 331 to 293 or a decrease of 8.9%. This was compensated for by an increase in the number of graduate teachers, from 215 in 2002/03 to 284 in 2003/04 (growth of 32.1%). The number of trained teachers only grew by 7 teachers while teachers with other qualifications had a significant increase of 40 teachers or 11.0%.

Proportionally, Government-Aided Denominational schools had the highest number of trained graduates with 43.0% followed by Government schools with 34.8%, Government-Aided Community with 15.0% and Private schools with 7.2%.

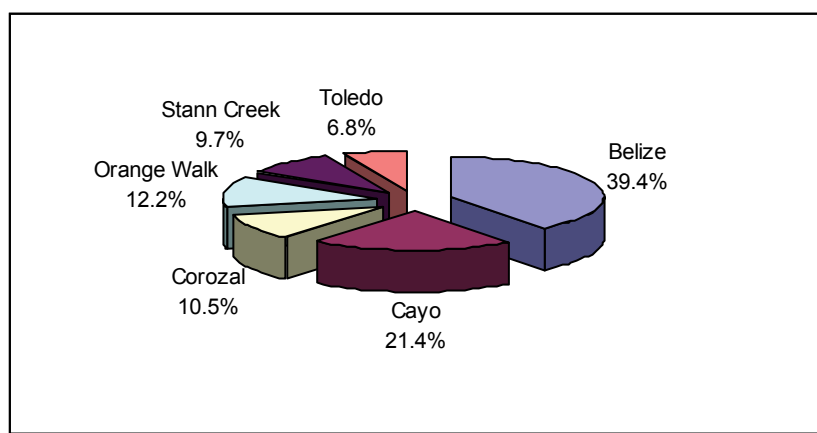
In relation to the total number of teachers by district for 2003/04 the Belize District had the highest proportion of Graduate trained teachers with 41.0% followed by Cayo with 24.9%, Orange Walk 10.6%, Corozal with 9.9%, Toledo with 7.5% and Stann Creek with 6.1%.

**Chart 16: Qualifications of Secondary School Teachers 2003-04**



The Belize district accounted for 39.4% of all secondary teachers during the period (see Chart 17 below), followed by Cayo (21.4%) and Orange Walk and Corozal. Schools in the Stann Creek and Toledo each had less than 10% of the country's secondary school teachers.

**Chart 17: Distribution of Secondary School Teachers by District 2003-04**





## 6.5 STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO:

**Table 28: Student-Teacher Ratio in Primary Schools  
by District and Urban/Rural Location 2003-04 and 2002-03**

| DISTRICT       | 2003-04     |             |             | 2002-03     |             |             |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                | Urban       | Rural       | Overall     | Urban       | Rural       | Overall     |
| <b>OVERALL</b> | <b>23.6</b> | <b>23.4</b> | <b>23.5</b> | <b>24.2</b> | <b>24.3</b> | <b>24.3</b> |
| Belize         | 22.8        | 21.3        | 22.4        | 22.7        | 21.5        | 22.4        |
| Cayo           | 26.2        | 26.4        | 26.3        | 29.3        | 26.8        | 28.0        |
| Corozal        | 23.4        | 22.7        | 22.9        | 22.7        | 23.5        | 23.3        |
| Orange Walk    | 22.8        | 22.1        | 22.5        | 23.4        | 23.0        | 23.2        |
| Stann Creek    | 22.8        | 25.2        | 24.5        | 23.5        | 25.9        | 25.2        |
| Toledo         | 25.6        | 21.3        | 22.0        | 28.1        | 23.7        | 24.5        |

The overall student-teacher ratio (STR) for the 2003-04 school year stood at 23.5, improved from the previous year's ratio of 24.3. Improvement were recorded in the STR of all rural areas with the exception of the Stann Creek district that remained relatively the same. As can be seen, the overall ratio fell to 23.4 in rural areas when compared to 24.3 in 2002-03.

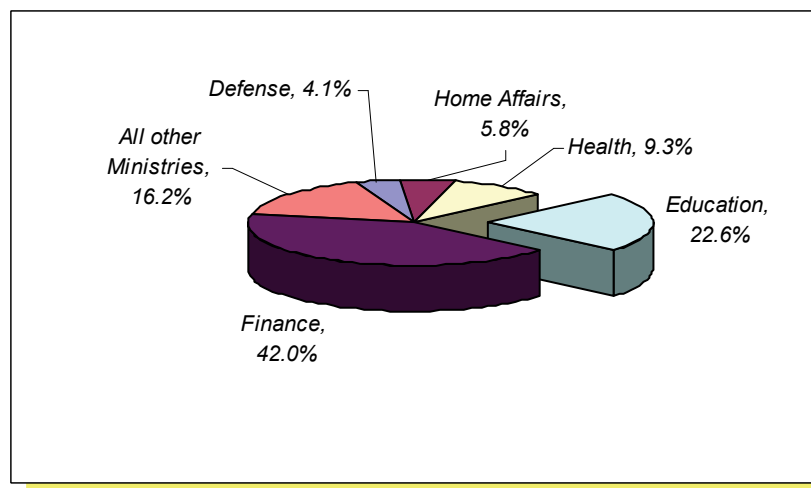
The Cayo district reported the most notable change in student-teacher ratio, that improved from 29.3 in 2002/03 to 26.2 in 2003/04. Another district that reported an improvement in an urban during the period under review was the Toledo district. This was attributable to a slight expansion in the teaching force.

Overall, the lowest student-teacher ratio was recorded in the Toledo district with 22.0 and the highest in the Cayo district with 26.3.



## **7.0 FINANCE**

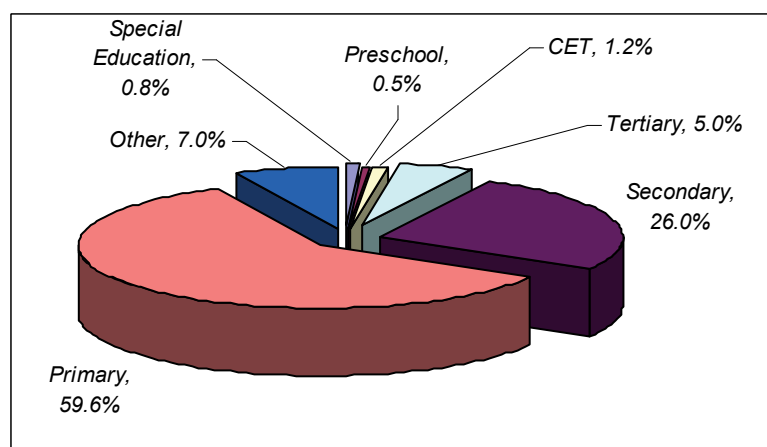
**Chart 18: GOB Recurrent Expenditure by Ministry 2003-04**

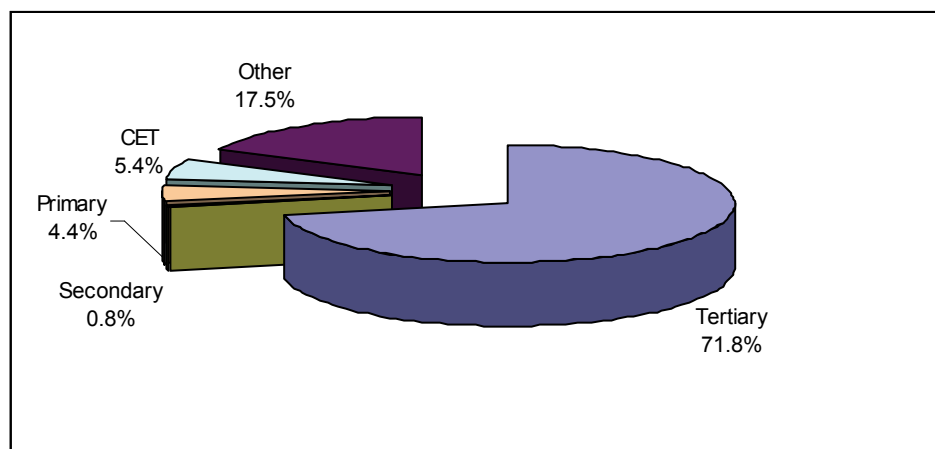


Revised estimates for the 2003/04 fiscal year reflect the continued importance placed on education by government. Education expenditure as a proportion of the total expenditure made by the Government of Belize has remained consistently at about 22 percent. The Ministry of Education, Youth & Sports was allocated some 22.6% (\$94,077,370) of government's total recurrent budget - second only to the Ministry of Finance (42.0%).

Within the Ministry of Education, some 59.6% of its recurrent budget was directed towards the primary level with another 26.0% going to secondary schools. In both sub-sectors, this expenditure represented mainly personal emoluments. The tertiary sector received 5.0% while the Centers for Employment (CET) training received some 1.2%. Both the Preschool and Special Education Units received less than 1% of the Ministry's total recurrent budget.

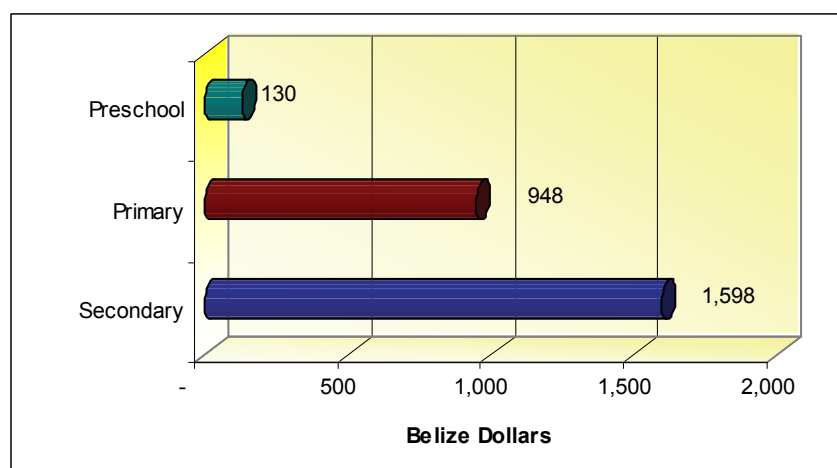
**Chart 19: Ministry of Education Recurrent Expenditure by Subsector 2003-04**




**Chart 20: Distribution of Ministry of Education Capital Budget 2003-04**


The Ministry of Education's capital budget (funded from both local and foreign sources) indicated that the tertiary sector continues to be a priority area, receiving some 71.8% of the Ministry's investment expenditure. A large portion of this was specifically for the construction of new buildings for the University of Belize. The Centers for Employment and Training, were allocated 5.4% of this budget, reflecting the ongoing project for the improvement of technical and vocational education.

Public recurrent spending per student was highest at the secondary level (see Chart 21 below), where government spent approximately \$1,598 per student. Spending per primary student was \$948, while each preschool student accounted for only \$130 of government's recurrent spending.

**Chart 21: MOES Recurrent Spending Per Student by Level of Education 2003-04**




## 8.0 EXAMINATION RESULTS

### 8.1 PSE PERFORMANCE:

**Table 29A: Student Performance in PSE by District and Urban/Rural Location 2003**

| District | Average of English, Math and Science Scores |      |           |       |           |       |          |      | TOTAL |
|----------|---------------------------------------------|------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|------|-------|
|          | 76% - 100%                                  |      | 51% - 75% |       | 26% - 50% |       | 0% - 25% |      |       |
|          | No.                                         | %    | No.       | %     | No.       | %     | No.      | %    |       |
| TOTAL    | 205                                         | 3.5% | 2,434     | 41.9% | 2,930     | 50.4% | 247      | 4.2% | 5,816 |
| Belize   | 90                                          | 5.4% | 688       | 41.1% | 790       | 47.2% | 107      | 6.4% | 1,675 |
| Cayo     | 51                                          | 3.8% | 552       | 41.1% | 690       | 51.4% | 50       | 3.7% | 1,343 |
| Corozal  | 14                                          | 1.9% | 311       | 43.0% | 370       | 51.1% | 29       | 4.0% | 724   |
| O. Walk  | 30                                          | 3.3% | 419       | 46.7% | 424       | 47.3% | 24       | 2.7% | 897   |
| S. Creek | 11                                          | 1.7% | 288       | 44.3% | 337       | 51.8% | 14       | 2.2% | 650   |
| Toledo   | 9                                           | 1.7% | 176       | 33.4% | 319       | 60.5% | 23       | 4.4% | 527   |
| Urban    | 166                                         | 5.2% | 1,468     | 46.0% | 1,409     | 44.2% | 147      | 4.6% | 3,190 |
| Belize   | 85                                          | 6.2% | 576       | 42.3% | 607       | 44.6% | 93       | 6.8% | 1,361 |
| Cayo     | 39                                          | 5.2% | 360       | 48.3% | 324       | 43.5% | 22       | 3.0% | 745   |
| Corozal  | 6                                           | 3.3% | 102       | 56.0% | 72        | 39.6% | 2        | 1.1% | 182   |
| O. Walk  | 23                                          | 4.0% | 275       | 47.5% | 263       | 45.4% | 18       | 3.1% | 579   |
| S. Creek | 8                                           | 3.7% | 109       | 50.5% | 92        | 42.6% | 7        | 3.2% | 216   |
| Toledo   | 5                                           | 4.7% | 46        | 43.0% | 51        | 47.7% | 5        | 4.7% | 107   |
| Rural    | 39                                          | 1.5% | 966       | 36.8% | 1,521     | 57.9% | 100      | 3.8% | 2,626 |
| Belize   | 5                                           | 1.6% | 112       | 35.7% | 183       | 58.3% | 14       | 4.5% | 314   |
| Cayo     | 12                                          | 2.0% | 192       | 32.1% | 366       | 61.2% | 28       | 4.7% | 598   |
| Corozal  | 8                                           | 1.5% | 209       | 38.6% | 298       | 55.0% | 27       | 5.0% | 542   |
| O. Walk  | 7                                           | 2.2% | 144       | 45.3% | 161       | 50.6% | 6        | 1.9% | 318   |
| S. Creek | 3                                           | 0.7% | 179       | 41.2% | 245       | 56.5% | 7        | 1.6% | 434   |
| Toledo   | 4                                           | 1.0% | 130       | 31.0% | 268       | 63.8% | 18       | 4.3% | 420   |

In 2003, a total of 5,902 students sat the Primary School Examination (PSE), of which 86 were independent candidates and 5,816 were affiliated with specific primary schools. The PSE is used by secondary schools as one criteria for entry. Of those candidates associated with primary schools, 3,190 were from urban schools, some 564 more than those from rural schools (see Table 29A).

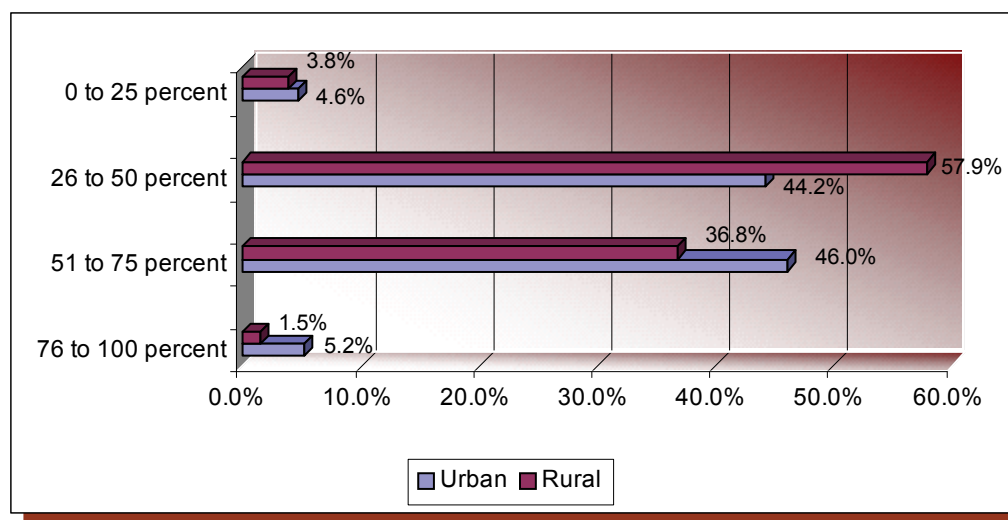
Data indicates an overall decline in performance in 2003 as compared with 2002, with a greater percentage of students scoring in the lower grade ranges of 0-25 percent and 26-50 percent and a smaller percentage scoring in the upper ranges. In rural areas, the percentage of candidates getting a score higher than 51% was virtually the same at around 38.0 %.

As in 2002, urban candidates were most likely to score in the 51-75 percent grade range while rural candidates were most likely to score from 26-50 percent.

Of the 86 independent candidates that sat the exam in 2003, only 1 scored between the 76-100 range while some 16 scored in the 51-75 percent range. The majority (61) scored in the 26-50 percent range, while only 8 scored in the 0-25 percent range.

**Table 29B: Student Performance in PSE by District and Urban/Rural Location 2002**

| Average of English, Math and Science Scores |          |        |         |       |         |       |        |      |       |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|-------|---------|-------|--------|------|-------|
| District                                    | 76%-100% |        | 51%-75% |       | 26%-50% |       | 0%-25% |      | TOTAL |
|                                             | No.      | %      | No.     | %     | No.     | %     | No.    | %    |       |
| TOTAL                                       | 264      | 4.7%   | 2,420   | 42.7% | 2,757   | 48.6% | 227    | 4.0% | 5,668 |
| Belize                                      | 107      | 6.4%   | 759     | 45.5% | 694     | 41.6% | 108    | 6.5% | 1,668 |
| Cayo                                        | 68       | 5.3%   | 506     | 39.2% | 673     | 52.1% | 45     | 3.5% | 1,292 |
| Corozal                                     | 19       | 2.5%   | 360     | 46.6% | 379     | 49.0% | 15     | 1.9% | 773   |
| Orange Walk                                 | 39       | 4.9%   | 421     | 52.6% | 321     | 40.1% | 19     | 2.4% | 800   |
| Stann Creek                                 | 25       | 4.3%   | 224     | 38.2% | 316     | 53.8% | 22     | 3.7% | 587   |
| Toledo                                      | 6        | 1.1%   | 150     | 27.4% | 374     | 68.2% | 18     | 3.3% | 548   |
| Urban:                                      | 212      | 7.2%   | 1,439   | 48.7% | 1,176   | 39.8% | 128    | 4.3% | 2,955 |
| Belize                                      | 99       | 7.5%   | 614     | 46.3% | 527     | 39.7% | 87     | 6.6% | 1,327 |
| Cayo                                        | 56       | 8.0%   | 327     | 46.9% | 297     | 42.6% | 17     | 2.4% | 697   |
| Corozal                                     | 6        | 2.9%   | 116     | 56.9% | 77      | 37.7% | 5      | 2.5% | 204   |
| Orange Walk                                 | 35       | 8.2%   | 260     | 61.2% | 120     | 28.2% | 10     | 2.4% | 425   |
| Stann Creek                                 | 13       | 7.5%   | 76      | 43.9% | 77      | 44.5% | 7      | 4.0% | 173   |
| Toledo                                      | 3        | 2.3%   | 46      | 35.7% | 78      | 60.5% | 2      | 1.6% | 129   |
| Rural:                                      | 52       | 1.9%   | 981     | 36.2% | 1,581   | 58.3% | 99     | 3.6% | 2,713 |
| Belize                                      | 8        | 2.3%   | 145     | 42.5% | 167     | 49.0% | 21     | 6.2% | 341   |
| Cayo                                        | 12       | 2.0%   | 179     | 30.1% | 376     | 63.2% | 28     | 4.7% | 595   |
| Corozal                                     | 13       | 2.3%   | 244     | 42.9% | 302     | 53.1% | 10     | 1.8% | 569   |
| Orange Walk                                 | 4        | 161.0% | 161     | 42.9% | 201     | 53.6% | 9      | 2.4% | 375   |
| Stann Creek                                 | 12       | 2.9%   | 148     | 35.7% | 239     | 57.7% | 15     | 3.6% | 414   |
| Toledo                                      | 3        | 0.7%   | 104     | 24.8% | 296     | 70.6% | 16     | 3.8% | 419   |

**Chart 22: Urban and Rural Candidates' PSE Scores by Grade Ranges 2003**



## 8.2 CSEC PERFORMANCE:

**Table 30A: Student Performance in CSEC by District and Urban/Rural Location 2003**

| District     | Form 4<br>Enrol.<br>2003 | ENGLISH A         |                                           |              |               | MATHEMATICS       |                                           |              |               |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
|              |                          | No. of<br>Sitters | Satis. Levels of Performance <sup>3</sup> |              |               | No. of<br>Sitters | Satis. Levels of Performance <sup>3</sup> |              |               |
|              |                          |                   | Number                                    | % of Sitters | % of F4 Enrol |                   | Number                                    | % of Sitters | % of F4 Enrol |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>2,518</b>             | <b>2,384</b>      | <b>1,196</b>                              | <b>50.2%</b> | <b>47.5%</b>  | <b>2,277</b>      | <b>1,011</b>                              | <b>44.4%</b> | <b>40.2%</b>  |
| Belize       | 979                      | 892               | 512                                       | 57.4%        | 52.3%         | 865               | 367                                       | 42.4%        | 37.5%         |
| Cayo         | 576                      | 509               | 251                                       | 49.3%        | 43.6%         | 491               | 150                                       | 30.5%        | 26.0%         |
| Corozal      | 299                      | 242               | 125                                       | 51.7%        | 41.8%         | 239               | 155                                       | 64.9%        | 51.8%         |
| Orange Walk  | 273                      | 263               | 146                                       | 55.5%        | 53.5%         | 211               | 121                                       | 57.3%        | 44.3%         |
| Stann Creek  | 263                      | 263               | 86                                        | 32.7%        | 32.7%         | 261               | 84                                        | 32.2%        | 31.9%         |
| Toledo       | 128                      | 215               | 76                                        | 35.3%        | 59.4%         | 210               | 134                                       | 63.8%        | 104.7%        |
| <b>Urban</b> | <b>2,125</b>             | <b>2,095</b>      | <b>1,128</b>                              | <b>53.8%</b> | <b>53.1%</b>  | <b>2,004</b>      | <b>935</b>                                | <b>46.7%</b> | <b>44.0%</b>  |
| Belize       | 893                      | 820               | 494                                       | 60.2%        | 55.3%         | 801               | 365                                       | 45.6%        | 40.9%         |
| Cayo         | 576                      | 509               | 251                                       | 49.3%        | 43.6%         | 491               | 150                                       | 30.5%        | 26.0%         |
| Corozal      | 117                      | 113               | 91                                        | 80.5%        | 77.8%         | 114               | 97                                        | 85.1%        | 82.9%         |
| Orange Walk  | 242                      | 263               | 146                                       | 55.5%        | 60.3%         | 211               | 121                                       | 57.3%        | 50.0%         |
| Stann Creek  | 169                      | 175               | 70                                        | 40.0%        | 41.4%         | 177               | 68                                        | 38.4%        | 40.2%         |
| Toledo       | 128                      | 215               | 76                                        | 35.3%        | 59.4%         | 210               | 134                                       | 63.8%        | 104.7%        |
| <b>Rural</b> | <b>393</b>               | <b>289</b>        | <b>68</b>                                 | <b>23.5%</b> | <b>17.3%</b>  | <b>273</b>        | <b>76</b>                                 | <b>27.8%</b> | <b>19.3%</b>  |
| Belize       | 86                       | 72                | 18                                        | 25.0%        | 20.9%         | 64                | 2                                         | 3.1%         | 2.3%          |
| Cayo         | 0                        | 0                 | 0                                         | 0.0%         | 0.0%          | 0                 | 0                                         | 0.0%         | 0.0%          |
| Corozal      | 182                      | 129               | 34                                        | 26.4%        | 18.7%         | 125               | 58                                        | 46.4%        | 31.9%         |
| Orange Walk  | 31                       | 0                 | 0                                         | 0.0%         | 0.0%          | 0                 | 0                                         | 0.0%         | 0.0%          |
| Stann Creek  | 94                       | 88                | 16                                        | 18.2%        | 17.0%         | 84                | 16                                        | 19.0%        | 17.0%         |
| Toledo       | 0                        | 0                 | 0                                         | 0.0%         | 0.0%          | 0                 | 0                                         | 0.0%         | 0.0%          |

A total of 2,384 candidates sat the CSEC English A and 2,277 candidates sat the CSEC Mathematics examinations in 2003. These totals consisted primarily of urban candidates, with rural candidates amounting to 289 and 273 in the English and Math exams, respectively.

For the English A exam, figures indicated that some 98.6% of urban Form 4 students and 73.5% of rural Form 4 students participated. Participation in Mathematics was slightly lower, amounting to some 94.3% and 69.5% of urban and rural Form 4 enrolment, respectively.

Overall, satisfactory levels of performance were achieved by 50.2% and 44.4% of candidates sitting the English and Mathematics exams, respectively. These corresponded to some 47.5% (English A) and 40.2% (Mathematics) of the total Form 4 enrolment for the 2002-03 school year.

A wide disparity was evident between candidates from urban and rural areas. Some 53.1% (English) and 44.0% (Math) of urban Form 4 students achieved satisfactory levels of attainment compared with only 17.3% (English) and 19.3% (Math) of the corresponding grade in rural areas.

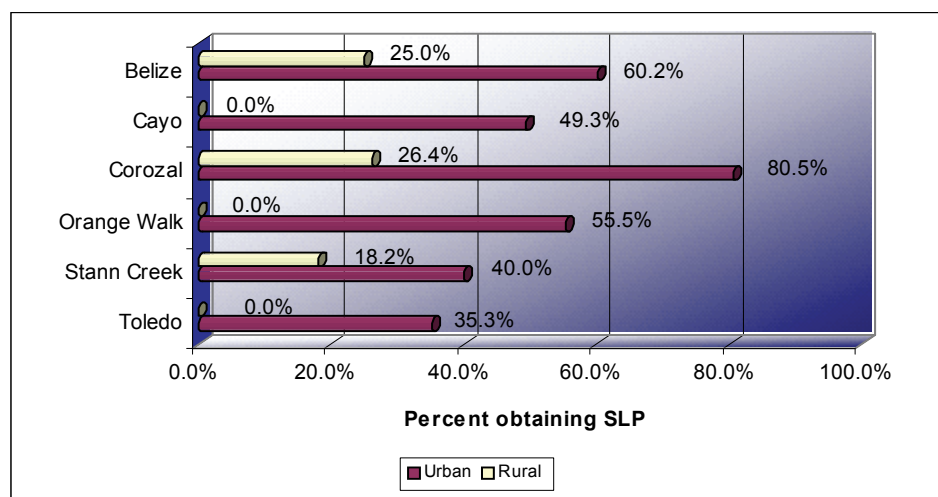
<sup>3</sup>Satisfactory Levels of Performance = Grades 1, 2 or 3 in General and Grades 1, 2 in Basic Proficiency of CSEC..

<sup>4</sup>SLP = Satisfactory Levels of Performance

**Table 30B: Student Performance in CSEC by District and Urban/Rural Location 2002**

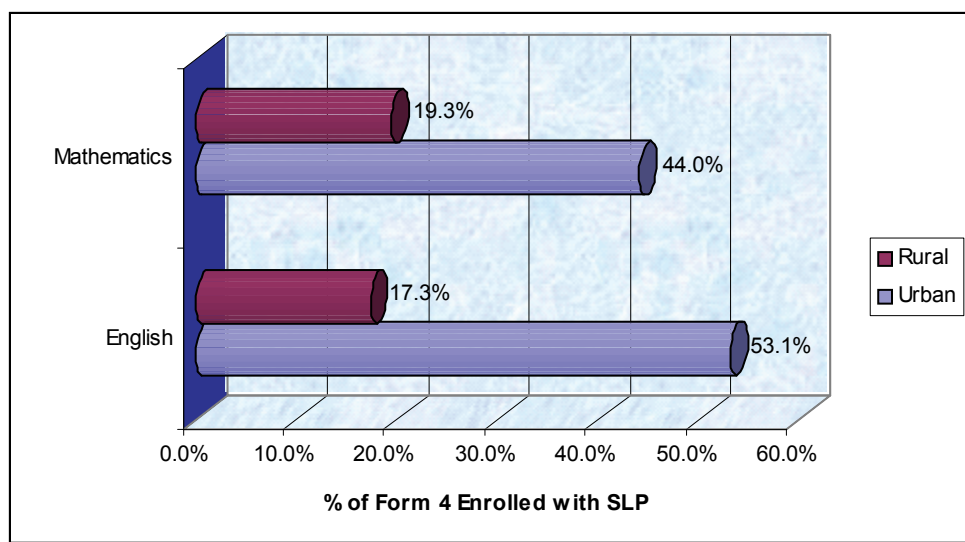
| District     | Form 4<br>Enrol.<br>2003 | ENGLISH A         |                                           |              |                  | MATHEMATICS       |                                           |              |                  |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
|              |                          | No. of<br>Sitters | Satis. Levels of Performance <sup>3</sup> |              |                  | No. of<br>Sitters | Satis. Levels of Performance <sup>3</sup> |              |                  |
|              |                          |                   | Number                                    | % of Sitters | % of F4<br>Enrol |                   | Number                                    | % of Sitters | % of F4<br>Enrol |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>2,287</b>             | <b>2,042</b>      | <b>1,375</b>                              | <b>67.3%</b> | <b>60.1%</b>     | <b>1,973</b>      | <b>1,025</b>                              | <b>52.0%</b> | <b>44.8%</b>     |
| Belize       | 905                      | 797               | 605                                       | 75.9%        | 66.9%            | 767               | 393                                       | 51.2%        | 43.4%            |
| Cayo         | 420                      | 403               | 279                                       | 69.2%        | 66.4%            | 398               | 146                                       | 36.7%        | 34.8%            |
| Corozal      | 279                      | 231               | 137                                       | 59.3%        | 49.1%            | 224               | 145                                       | 64.7%        | 52.0%            |
| Orange Walk  | 339                      | 268               | 189                                       | 70.5%        | 55.8%            | 246               | 137                                       | 55.7%        | 40.4%            |
| Stann Creek  | 197                      | 188               | 90                                        | 47.9%        | 45.7%            | 182               | 73                                        | 40.1%        | 37.1%            |
| Toledo       | 147                      | 155               | 75                                        | 48.4%        | 51.0%            | 156               | 131                                       | 84.0%        | 89.1%            |
| <b>Urban</b> | <b>2,004</b>             | <b>1,800</b>      | <b>1,285</b>                              | <b>71.4%</b> | <b>64.1%</b>     | <b>1,761</b>      | <b>969</b>                                | <b>55.0%</b> | <b>48.4%</b>     |
| Belize       | 858                      | 751               | 585                                       | 77.9%        | 68.2%            | 730               | 381                                       | 52.2%        | 44.4%            |
| Cayo         | 420                      | 403               | 279                                       | 69.2%        | 66.4%            | 398               | 146                                       | 36.7%        | 34.8%            |
| Corozal      | 135                      | 116               | 97                                        | 83.6%        | 71.9%            | 116               | 108                                       | 93.1%        | 80.0%            |
| Orange Walk  | 317                      | 252               | 184                                       | 73.0%        | 58.0%            | 242               | 135                                       | 55.8%        | 42.6%            |
| Stann Creek  | 127                      | 123               | 65                                        | 52.8%        | 51.2%            | 119               | 68                                        | 57.1%        | 53.5%            |
| Toledo       | 147                      | 155               | 75                                        | 48.4%        | 51.0%            | 156               | 131                                       | 84.0%        | 89.1%            |
| <b>Rural</b> | <b>283</b>               | <b>242</b>        | <b>90</b>                                 | <b>37.2%</b> | <b>31.8%</b>     | <b>212</b>        | <b>56</b>                                 | <b>26.4%</b> | <b>19.8%</b>     |
| Belize       | 47                       | 46                | 20                                        | 43.5%        | 42.6%            | 37                | 12                                        | 32.4%        | 25.5%            |
| Cayo         | 0                        | 0                 | 0                                         | 0.0%         | 0.0%             | 0                 | 0                                         | 0.0%         | 0.0%             |
| Corozal      | 144                      | 115               | 40                                        | 34.8%        | 27.8%            | 108               | 37                                        | 34.3%        | 25.7%            |
| Orange Walk  | 22                       | 16                | 5                                         | 31.3%        | 22.7%            | 4                 | 2                                         | 50.0%        | 9.1%             |
| Stann Creek  | 70                       | 65                | 25                                        | 38.5%        | 35.7%            | 63                | 5                                         | 7.9%         | 7.1%             |
| Toledo       | 0                        | 0                 | 0                                         | 0.0%         | 0.0%             | 0                 | 0                                         | 0.0%         | 0.0%             |

Similarly, the proportion of candidates sitting these exams that achieved these levels of attainment was much higher in urban candidates (53.8% in English and 46.7% in Math) than in rural ones (23.5% in English and 27.8% in Math).

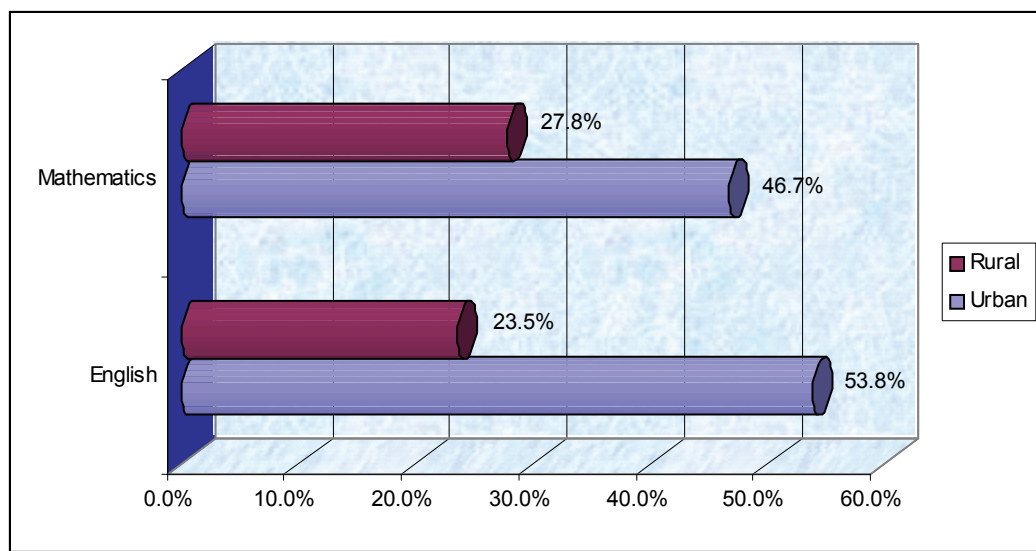
**Chart 23: Percentage of Urban and Rural Candidates by District with SLP<sup>4</sup> in CSEC 2003**



**Chart 24: Percentage of Urban and Rural Form 4 Enrolment with SLP<sup>4</sup> in CSEC 2003**



**Chart 25: Percentage of Urban and Rural Candidates with SLP in CSEC 2003**





## 9.0 EDUCATIONAL INDICATORS

Below are descriptions and formulas for eighteen major educational indicators, calculated for the school years specified on the basis of data collected by the Planning Unit.

### 9.1 PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPLETION RATE<sup>5</sup>:

This statistic estimates the proportion of students entering Infant 1 in 1995/96 who completed their primary education within the prescribed 8 years.

**Formula:**  $\frac{STD\ 6_{02}}{INF\ 1_{95}}$  where:

INF 1<sub>95</sub> = New Infant 1 entrants for the 1995/96 school year

STD 6<sub>02</sub> = Students from the INF 1<sub>95</sub> cohort that complete the primary cycle in the 2002/03 school year

**Table 31: Govt. & Govt. Aided Primary School Completion Rate 2003-04**

| Sex     | Completion Rate |
|---------|-----------------|
| Overall | 40.4%           |
| Male    | 34.1%           |
| Female  | 43.4%           |

Data indicated that only 40.4% of all students entering Infant 1 in 1995/1996 were able to complete their primary education in the 8 years ending 2002/03. This suggests that 59.6% of this group either repeated at least once during the primary cycle or was unable to complete it.

### 9.2 SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPLETION RATE<sup>5</sup>:

This statistic estimates the proportion of students entering Form 1 in 1998/99 who completed their secondary education within the prescribed 4 years.

**Formula:**  $\frac{FORM\ 4_{02}}{FORM\ 1_{99}}$  where:

FORM 1<sub>99</sub> = New Form 1 entrants for the 1999/2000 school year

FORM 4<sub>02</sub> = Students from the FORM 1<sub>99</sub> cohort that complete the secondary cycle in the 2002/03 school year

**Table 32: Secondary School Completion Rate 2003-04**

| Sex     | Completion Rate |
|---------|-----------------|
| OVERALL | 51.3%           |
| Males   | 48.4%           |
| Females | 56.2%           |

Data indicated that 51.3% of all students entering Form 1 in 1998/1999 were able to complete their secondary education in the 4 years ending 2002/03. The Completion rate for males was 48.4% while females were significantly higher at 56.2%

<sup>5</sup>Completion rates for both primary and secondary were estimated using UNESCO reconstructed cohort method.



### 9.3 PRESCHOOL NET ENROLMENT RATE:

The statistic below measures the proportion of preschool aged children (3-4 years old)<sup>6</sup> that are actually enrolled in the preschool system.

**Formula:**  $\frac{PS_E}{PS_T}$  where:

$PS_E$  = Number of preschool aged children (aged 3-4) enrolled in preschool

$PS_T$  = Total population of 3-4 year olds

**Table 33: Preschool Net Enrolment Rate 2003-04**

| Sex          | Enrolment    | Population    | % Enrolled   |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>3,562</b> | <b>15,369</b> | <b>23.2%</b> |
| Males        | 1,852        | 7,793         | 23.8%        |
| Females      | 1,710        | 7,576         | 22.6%        |

The data collected from preschools revealed that the proportion of preschool aged children (3-4 year olds)<sup>6</sup> that are enrolled in preschools was a mere 23.2% in 2003/04. There was a significant difference in the net enrolment rates of males females for this period, a difference of 1.2%.

### 9.4 PRESCHOOL GROSS ENROLMENT RATE:

The statistic below measures the number of children enrolled in preschools as a proportion of the population of preschool aged children (3-4 years old)<sup>6</sup>.

**Formula:**  $\frac{\text{TOTAL ENROLMENT}}{\text{TOTAL POPULATION}}$  where:

TOTAL ENROLMENT = Number of students enrolled in preschools

TOTAL POPULATION = Total population of 3-4 year olds

**Table 34: Preschool Gross Enrolment Rate 2003-04**

| Sex          | Enrolment    | Population    | % Enrolled   |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>3,765</b> | <b>15,369</b> | <b>24.5%</b> |
| Males        | 1,899        | 7,793         | 24.4%        |
| Females      | 1,866        | 7,576         | 24.6%        |

The data collected from preschools revealed that the proportion of preschool aged children (3-4 year olds)<sup>6</sup> that are enrolled in preschools was a mere 24.5% in 2003/04. There was a difference of 0.2 percentage points in the gross enrolment rates of males and females for this period. Perhaps the most important factor behind this poor participation at the preschool level is the high private cost associated with it, which the cause of the decline in recorded preschool enrolment as well.

### 9.5 PRIMARY SCHOOL NET ENROLMENT RATE:

Net enrolment rates measure the proportion of primary school aged children (5-12 years old)<sup>6</sup> that are actually enrolled in the primary school system.

<sup>6</sup>All Population figures by age group were estimates based on the Central Statistical Office's Mid-Year Estimates.



**Formula:**  $\frac{P_E}{P_T}$  where:

$P_E$  = Number of primary school aged children (aged 5-12) enrolled in Infant 1 to Standard 6

$P_T$  = Total population of 5-12 year olds

**Table 35: Primary School Net Enrolment Rate 2003-04**

| Sex          | Enrolment     | Population    | % Enrolled   |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>53,553</b> | <b>59,318</b> | <b>90.3%</b> |
| Males        | 26,996        | 30,184        | 89.4%        |
| Females      | 26,557        | 29,134        | 91.2%        |

The net enrolment rates for primary school aged students indicate that some 90.3% of this portion of the population was enrolled in primary school during the 2003/04 school year. The proportion of females enrolled (91.2%) was slightly higher than that of males (89.4%). Both figures indicate, however, that the majority of students who are within the expected age range for primary school students are, indeed, enrolled at that level of education.

## 9.6 PRIMARY SCHOOL GROSS ENROLMENT:

Gross enrolment measures the number of children enrolled in primary school as a proportion of the total 5-12 year old population..

**Formula:**  $\frac{\text{TOTAL ENROLMENT}}{\text{TOTAL POPULATION}}$  where:

TOTAL ENROLMENT = Number of students enrolled in Infant 1 to Standard 6

TOTAL POPULATION = Total population of 5-12 year olds

**Table 36: Primary School Gross Enrolment Rate 2003-04**

| Sex          | Enrolment     | Population    | % Enrolled    |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>61,541</b> | <b>59,318</b> | <b>103.7%</b> |
| Males        | 31,419        | 30,184        | 104.1%        |
| Females      | 30,122        | 29,134        | 103.4%        |

Gross enrolment rates indicated that the number of males enrolled was approximately 104.1% of the total male primary school aged population (5-12 years old)<sup>6</sup>. Gross enrolment for females was somewhat lower, at approximately 103.4%. These figures, both of which exceed 100%, indicate that a significant number of students enrolled in Infant 1 to Standard 6 were not of the primary school age group.

## 9.7 SECONDARY SCHOOL NET ENROLMENT RATE:

The net enrolment rate for secondary schools measures the percentage of secondary school aged children (13-16 year olds)<sup>6</sup> who were enrolled in the secondary education system.

**Formula:**  $\frac{S_E}{S_T}$  where:

$S_E$  = Number of secondary school aged children (aged 13-16) enrolled in secondary school

$S_T$  = Total population of 13-16 year olds

<sup>6</sup>All Population figures by age group were estimates based on the Central Statistical Office's Mid-Year Estimates.

**Table 37: Secondary School Net Enrolment Rate 2003-04**

| Sex          | Enrolment     | Population    | % Enrolled   |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>11,430</b> | <b>25,941</b> | <b>44.1%</b> |
| Males        | 5,359         | 13,162        | 40.7%        |
| Females      | 6,071         | 12,779        | 47.5%        |

Net enrollment figures for secondary schools show that of the entire population of secondary school aged children, only some 44.1% was enrolled in the secondary school system. More females than males of this age group were enrolled, resulting in a net enrolment rate of 47.5% for females compared to 40.7% for males. While in the past the major cause of this low level of participation was cited as being a lack of available spaces in secondary schools, recent studies point to the high private cost of secondary education as another contributing factor<sup>7</sup>.

### 9.8 SECONDARY SCHOOL GROSS ENROLMENT RATE:

Gross enrolment rates for secondary education measure the total number of children enrolled in secondary schools as a proportion of the total 13-16 year old population..

**Formula:**  $\frac{\text{TOTAL ENROLMENT}}{\text{TOTAL POPULATION}}$  where:

TOTAL ENROLMENT = Number of students enrolled in secondary school

TOTAL POPULATION = Total population of 13-16 year olds

**Table 38: Secondary School Gross Enrolment Rate 2003-04**

| Sex          | Enrolment     | Population    | % Enrolled   |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>15,359</b> | <b>25,941</b> | <b>59.2%</b> |
| Males        | 7,360         | 13,162        | 55.9%        |
| Females      | 7,999         | 12,779        | 62.6%        |

The gross enrolment rate for secondary school aged children in 2003/04 was 59.2%. Female enrolment in secondary schools was greater than male enrolment for the period. Consequently, the gross enrolment rate for females (62.6%) was considerably higher than that of males (55.9%).

### 9.9 PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN AGED 12 IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM:

This percentage measures the proportion of all 12 year old children who were enrolled in the education system, at either the primary or the secondary level.

**Formula:**  $\frac{\text{TWELVE}_E}{\text{TWELVE}_T}$  where:

TWELVE<sub>E</sub> = Number of 12 year olds enrolled in either primary or secondary schools

TWELVE<sub>T</sub> = Total population of 12 year olds

**Table 39: Percentage of 12 Year Olds Enrolled in the Education System 2003-04**

| Sex          | Enrolment    | Population   | % Enrolled   |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>6,292</b> | <b>7,026</b> | <b>89.6%</b> |
| Males        | 3,241        | 3,596        | 90.1%        |
| Females      | 3,051        | 3,430        | 89.0%        |

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Some 89.8% of all 12 year old children were enrolled in the education system, at either the primary or secondary level, during the 2003/04 school year. The remaining 10.2% of this age group may have consisted of students who had already completed the primary cycle but were unable to move on to the secondary level, whether for financial reasons or for lack of available places at the secondary level.

### 9.10 PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN AGED 14 IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM:

Like the previous statistic, this percentage indicates the proportion of 14 year old children that are enrolled at either the primary or secondary level.

**Formula:**  $\frac{\text{FOURTEEN}_E}{\text{FOURTEEN}_T}$  where:

FOURTEEN<sub>E</sub> = Number of 14 year olds enrolled in either primary or secondary schools

FOURTEEN<sub>T</sub> = Total population of 14 year olds

**Table 40: Percentage of 14 Year Olds Enrolled in the Education System 2003-04**

| Sex          | Enrolment    | Population   | % Enrolled   |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>4,774</b> | <b>6,516</b> | <b>73.3%</b> |
| Males        | 2,520        | 3,306        | 76.2%        |
| Females      | 2,254        | 3,210        | 70.2%        |

Data for the 2003/04 school year shows a significantly smaller proportion of 14 year olds enrolled in the education system than that of 12 year olds. Although children aged 14 are required by law to be attending school, only 73.2% was actually enrolled for that school year. The proportion of males attending school was slightly higher (76.1% compared to 70.2%) than that of females in the same age group.

### 9.11 AVERAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL REPETITION RATE:

The repetition rate measures the percentage of primary school students repeating the current year.

**Formula:**  $\frac{R_t}{E_{t-1}}$  where:

R<sub>t</sub> = Number of repeaters in year t

E<sub>t-1</sub> = Total enrolment in year t-1

**Table 41: Average Primary School Repetition Rate 2002-03**

| Sex          | Repeaters    | Enrolment     | Repetition Rate |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>5,869</b> | <b>59,930</b> | <b>9.8%</b>     |
| Males        | 3,401        | 30,613        | 11.1%           |
| Females      | 2,468        | 29,317        | 8.4%            |

The overall repetition rate for primary school students was 9.8% for the 2002-03 school year. Male students (with a repetition rate of 11.1%) were more likely to have been repeating the grade they were currently enrolled in than female students (8.4%).



### 9.12 AVERAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL DROPOUT RATE:

This statistic is a measure of the proportion of the previous year's primary enrolment dropped out of school.

**Formula:**  $\frac{D_t}{E_t}$  where:

$D_t$  = Number of students who dropped out during year t

$E_t$  = Total enrolment in year t-1

**Table 42: Average Primary School Dropout Rate 2002-03**

| Sex          | Dropouts   | Enrolment     | Dropout Rate |
|--------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>620</b> | <b>59,930</b> | <b>1.0%</b>  |
| Males        | 336        | 30,613        | 1.1%         |
| Females      | 284        | 29,317        | 1.0%         |

The overall primary school dropout rate for 2002/03 was a relatively low 1.0%. Males and female dropout rates did not vary significantly for this period. However, inaccuracies in the dropout data submitted may mean that this statistic did not provide a complete or correct picture of dropouts at the primary level.

### 9.13 AVERAGE SECONDARY SCHOOL REPETITION RATE:

The repetition rate measures the percentage of secondary school students repeating the current year.

**Formula:**  $\frac{R_t}{E_{t-1}}$  where:

$R_t$  = Number of repeaters in year t

$E_{t-1}$  = Total enrolment in year t-1

**Table 43: Average Secondary School Repetition Rate 2002-03**

| Sex          | Repeaters    | Enrolment     | Repetition Rate |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1,109</b> | <b>14,630</b> | <b>7.6%</b>     |
| Males        | 613          | 7,129         | 8.6%            |
| Females      | 496          | 7,501         | 6.6%            |

Total repetition rate at the secondary level for 2002-03 stood at 7.6%, a decrease of 1.5 percentage points from last year. These figures indicate a higher incidence of repetition for males (8.6%) than females (6.6%).

### 9.14 AVERAGE SECONDARY SCHOOL DROPOUT RATE:

This statistic is a measure of the proportion of the previous year's secondary enrolment dropped out of school.

**Formula:**  $\frac{D_t}{E_t}$  where:

$D_t$  = Number of students who dropped out during year t

$E_t$  = Total enrolment in year t-1

**Table 44: Average Secondary School Dropout Rate 2002-03**

| Sex          | Dropouts     | Enrolment     | Dropout Rate |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1,074</b> | <b>14,630</b> | <b>7.3%</b>  |
| Males        | 626          | 7,129         | 8.8%         |
| Females      | 448          | 7,501         | 6.0%         |

Secondary school dropout rates for 2002-03 were considerably higher than those recorded for the primary level. The overall rate was 12.4%, with males (14.3%) having the greater tendency to drop out than females (10.6%). As was the case with primary schools, data inaccuracies may have resulted in the computation of dropout rates that do not accurately describe the actual dropout situation at the secondary level.

### 9.15 PERCENTAGE OF TRAINED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS :

This statistic measures the proportion of primary school teachers who have received formal training in education.

**Formula:**  $\frac{\text{TOTAL TRAINED}}{\text{TOTAL TEACHERS}}$  where:

TOTAL TRAINED = Number of primary school teachers who have received formal professional training

TOTAL TEACHERS = Total number of teachers at the primary level

**Table 45: Percentage of Trained Primary School Teachers 2003-04**

| District     | Trained      | Total Teachers | % Trained    |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1,127</b> | <b>2,643</b>   | <b>42.6%</b> |
| Belize       | 361          | 764            | 47.3%        |
| Cayo         | 219          | 555            | 39.5%        |
| Corozal      | 192          | 336            | 57.1%        |
| Orange Walk  | 181          | 388            | 46.6%        |
| Stann Creek  | 99           | 316            | 31.3%        |
| Toledo       | 75           | 284            | 26.4%        |

The percentage of primary school teachers who had Level 2/2+1 or higher training was 42.6% in 2003-04. The Corozal district, with 57.1% of its primary teachers have completed Level 2/2+1 or higher had the greatest proportion of trained teachers, followed by Belize and Orange Walk Districts. The district with the lowest proportion of trained teachers was Toledo.

### 9.16 PERCENTAGE OF TRAINED SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS :

This statistic measures the proportion of secondary school teachers who have received formal training in education.

**Formula:**  $\frac{\text{TOTAL TRAINED}}{\text{TOTAL TEACHERS}}$  where:

TOTAL TRAINED = Number of secondary school teachers who have received formal professional training

TOTAL TEACHERS = Total number of teachers at the secondary level

**Table 46: Percentage of Trained Secondary School Teachers 2003-04**

| District     | Trained    | Total Teachers | % Trained    |
|--------------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>372</b> | <b>1,060</b>   | <b>35.1%</b> |
| Belize       | 144        | 418            | 34.4%        |
| Cayo         | 96         | 227            | 42.3%        |
| Corozal      | 42         | 111            | 37.8%        |
| Orange Walk  | 41         | 129            | 31.8%        |
| Stann Creek  | 26         | 103            | 25.2%        |
| Toledo       | 23         | 72             | 31.9%        |

The percentage of secondary school teachers who are trained was 35.1% in 2003/04. The Cayo district, with 42.3% of its secondary teachers having formal training had the greatest proportion, followed by Corozal and Belize. The district with the lowest proportion of trained teachers was the Stann Creek district.

### 9.17 PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO:

The student-teacher ratio (STR) measures how many students are enrolled in government and government-aided primary schools per teacher.

**Formula:**  $\frac{\text{TOTAL ENROLLED}}{\text{TOTAL TEACHERS}}$  where:

TOTAL ENROLLED = Number of students enrolled at the primary level

TOTAL TEACHERS = Total number of teachers at the primary level

**Table 47: Primary School Student-Teacher Ratio (STR) 2003-04**

| DISTRICT       | STUDENTS      | TEACHERS     | STR         |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>OVERALL</b> | <b>62,109</b> | <b>2,643</b> | <b>23.5</b> |
| Belize         | 17,144        | 764          | 22.4        |
| Cayo           | 14,587        | 555          | 26.3        |
| Corozal        | 7,682         | 336          | 22.9        |
| Orange Walk    | 8,714         | 388          | 22.5        |
| Stann Creek    | 7,728         | 316          | 24.5        |
| Toledo         | 6,254         | 284          | 22.0        |

The overall student-teacher ratio for the 2003/04 school year was 23.5. The district with the highest STR was Cayo with 26.3 while Toledo had the lowest of 22.0.

### 9.18 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO:

The student-teacher ratio (STR) measures how many secondary school students are enrolled per teacher.

**Formula:**  $\frac{\text{TOTAL ENROLLED}}{\text{TOTAL TEACHERS}}$  where:

TOTAL ENROLLED = Number of students enrolled at the secondary level

TOTAL TEACHERS = Total number of teachers at the secondary level

**Table 48: Secondary School Student-Teacher Ratio (STR) 2003-04**

| DISTRICT       | STUDENTS      | TEACHERS     | STR         |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>OVERALL</b> | <b>15,359</b> | <b>1,060</b> | <b>14.5</b> |
| Belize         | 5,495         | 418          | 13.1        |
| Cayo           | 3,435         | 227          | 15.1        |
| Corozal        | 1,884         | 111          | 17.0        |
| Orange Walk    | 1,955         | 129          | 15.2        |
| Stann Creek    | 1,478         | 103          | 14.3        |
| Toledo         | 1,112         | 72           | 15.4        |

The overall student-teacher ratio for the 2003/04 school year was 14.5. The district with the highest STR was Corozal with 17.0 while Belize had the lowest of 13.1.

### **TOTAL ENROLMENT IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM:**

**Table 49: Total Enrolment 2003-04**

| Education Level          | Male          | Female        | Total         |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>43,107</b> | <b>42,963</b> | <b>86,070</b> |
| Pre- School              | 1,899         | 1,866         | 3,765         |
| Primary Education        | 31,720        | 30,389        | 62,109        |
| Secondary Education      | 7,360         | 7,999         | 15,359        |
| Post-Secondary Education | 985           | 1,251         | 2,236         |
| Tertiary Education       | 719           | 1,320         | 2,039         |
| Vocational Education     | 424           | 138           | 562           |