

School support staff, including centrally employed

	2012	2018	Difference	Change (%)
Behaviour support	180	122	-58	-56.1
Educational psychologist	411	368	-43	-13.4

The data shown here was collected from local authorities by the Scottish Government as part of the annual school staff census. This census is conducted in September and captures a snapshot of the school staff situation at that time.

The data collected on school support staff is an aggregate collection of staff counts from all publically funded schools in Scotland (except grant-aided special schools). Data is collected on the number of full-time equivalent staff in 29 categories employed in schools and those employed centrally by local authorities. Staff are assigned to categories by the local authority based on their knowledge of the role for that member of staff. The list of support staff categories is not intended to be comprehensive, other categories of staff may also be employed.

Source:

2012: Scottish Government, *Teacher Census 2012 supplementary data*, Table 2.15 for primary schools, Table 3.17 for secondary schools, Table 4.13 for special schools and Table 5.3 for centrally employed, 14th January 2016. Available at: <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/School-Education/Summarystatsforschools/teachcensus2012> (accessed 1st August 2016).

2018: Scottish Government, *School Support staff 2018*, 12th March 2019, Table 1.1. Available at: <https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/School-Education/SupportStaff/supportstaff18> (accessed 12th March 2019).