

INCREASED STAFFING SHORTAGES

2,767 teacher shortages for 2024/25 school year

951 current staff shortages
1,816 further vacancies by January 2025



306 vacant fixed-term posts this month

VACANT TEACHING POSTS

In **Dublin, Kildare, and Wicklow** over **50%** reported unfilled teaching posts



29% of respondents unable to fill all teaching posts

195 permanent posts unfilled
756 long-term temporary or substitute posts unfilled

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT



724 unqualified individuals were employed to cover absences this year

59% had to reallocate **special education teachers** to mainstream classes

505 or **39%** of schools forced to split classes into other classrooms



SCHOOL LEADERS

48%

reported **increased stress** with **33%** describing recruitment as extremely stressful

19%

of principals said they had to make over **10 attempts** to secure a substitute teacher

86%

are dissatisfied with the Department's response to the teacher supply crisis

RESPONDENTS

- 40%** of all primary and special schools
- 1,305** schools participated in the survey
- Increase from **1094** in 2023

