

Summary 2023 enrollment figures for our schools in Bane, Bodo and Bori + St. Patrick's (Bodo), Our Lady's (K-Dere) and St. Bernard's (Biara)

NOTES: The figures reported below are actual headcounts of students who were in attendance on the days that Scott Pegg visited the respective schools in June 2023 (June 12 for Our Lady's in K-Dere; June 13 for Bane and Bori; June 14 for Bebor in Bodo; June 15 for St. Patrick's; and June 16 for St. Bernard's in Biara). Scott Pegg did the headcounts himself and asked one or more of the people accompanying him to verify his counts in each classroom.

While doing the headcounts, we asked all the boys and all the girls in each classroom to stand up at separate times, so we could measure the gender breakdown at each school and in each classroom. We did this gender breakdown because, as former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has noted, "Study after study has taught us that there is no tool for development more effective than the education of girls." Similarly, Harvard Economics Professor Larry Summers argues that "There is probably no higher return on investment in the developing world than primary and secondary education for girls." Compared to our previous 2018-19 census figures, we had big increases in the percentage of girls enrolled at two of our schools (Our Lady's in K-Dere and St. Bernard's in Biara) and smaller decreases in the percentage of girls enrolled at the other four schools we support. Overall, for all six schools we support and looking at just nursery and primary students (two of the schools we support also have smaller numbers of secondary students), we have a gender breakdown of 650 girls (48.62%) and 687 boys (51.38%). Our Lady's in K-Dere had the highest percentage of girls' enrollment (57.72%) and Bebor in Bodo had the lowest percentage of girls' enrollment (40.96%). Two of our schools, Bori and St. Patrick's had almost exact 50:50 gender splits on enrollment (50.30% boys and 49.70% girls at both schools). Across all six schools at the nursery and primary levels, we declined from 50.45% girls' enrollment in 2018-2019 to 48.62% girls' enrollment in 2023. I do not have scientific or empirical evidence to prove it, but my suspicion is that this decline directly relates to Nigeria's poor COVID and post-COVID economic situation as girls are often the first children pulled out of school when their families face economic hardship and then the last children to return to school if conditions improve.

These figures just reflect students in school that day and hence almost certainly understate the total enrollment figures at each school as students absent that day for any reason do not show up in this count. Teachers at Our Lady's in K-Dere, for example, said 33 students were missing on the day we visited, which was not surprising because it was a national holiday (the students came in for our nutrition program feeding that day). Other schools also highlighted how many pupils were absent on the days we visited them. Our figures only count those in attendance on the day we visited them.

Our Bodo school does not have Basic 1 (kids go straight from Nursery 3 to Basic 2). St. Patrick's, St. Bernard's and Our Lady's have pre-nursery and Nursery levels 1 and 2. Bori has pre-nursery and Nursery levels 1, 2 and 3. The Bori school has five secondary school classes (JS1, JS2, JS3, SS1, SS2). St. Bernard's has two secondary school classes (JS1, JS2) As such,

our summary figures are presented in two separate ways: nursery and primary students at all six schools we support; and all students at all six schools we support.

Summary overall figures:

117 students in Bane, 166 students in Bodo, 228 students in Bori (of which, 161 are nursery and primary students), 499 students at St. Patrick's Nursery and Primary School, 123 students at Our Lady's Nursery and Primary School in K-Dere, 295 students at St. Bernard's in Biara (of which 271 are nursery and primary students).

1,337 nursery and primary students in Bane, Bodo, Bori, St. Patrick's, Our Lady's and St. Bernard's.

1,428 students (including secondary) in Bane, Bodo, Bori, St. Patrick's, Our Lady's and St. Bernard's.

Summary gender breakdown:

64 boys (54.70%) and 53 girls (45.30%) in Bane

98 boys (59.04%) and 68 girls (40.96%) in Bodo

81 boys (50.30%) and 80 girls (49.70%) in Bori nursery and primary only

108 boys (47.37%) and 120 girls (52.63%) in Bori including secondary students

251 boys (50.30%) and 248 girls (49.70%) in St. Patrick's Nursery and Primary School

52 boys (42.28%) and 71 girls (57.72%) in Our Lady's Nursery and Primary School

141 boys (52.03%) and 130 girls (47.97%) in St. Bernard's nursery and primary only

152 boys (51.53%) and 143 girls (48.47%) in St. Bernard's including secondary students

687 boys (51.38%) and 650 girls (48.62%) (all six schools, nursery and primary only)

725 boys (50.77%) and 703 girls (49.23%) (all six schools, including secondary students)

Bane School (June 13, 2023):

Pre-Nursery: 2 boys, 2 girls, 4 students

Nursery 1: 5 boys, 1 girl, 6 students

Nursery 2: 5 boys, 3 girls, 8 students

Nursery 3: 6 boys, 4 girls, 10 students
Basic 1: 8 boys, 7 girls, 15 students
Basic 2: 9 boys, 5 girls, 14 students
Basic 3: 6 boys, 5 girls, 11 students
Basic 4: 10 boys, 13 girls, 23 students
Basic 5: 9 boys, 8 girls, 17 students
Basic 6: 4 boys, 5 girls, 9 students

64 boys (54.70%), 53 girls (45.30%), 117 students

Bebor Bodo School (June 14, 2023):

Nursery 1: 14 boys, 12 girls, 26 students
Nursery 2: 10 boys, 6 girls, 16 students
Nursery 3: 16 boys, 7 girls, 23 students
Basic 2: 13 boys, 11 girls, 24 students
Basic 3: 16 boys, 9 girls, 25 students
Basic 4: 16 boys, 8 girls, 24 students
Basic 5: 8 boys, 9 girls, 17 students
Basic 6: 5 boys, 6 girls, 11 students

98 boys (59.04%), 68 girls (40.96%), 166 students

Bori School (June 13, 2023):

Pre-Nursery: 12 boys, 6 girls, 18 students
Nursery 1: 6 boys, 10 girls, 16 students
Nursery 2: 1 boy, 8 girls, 9 students
Nursery 3: 11 boys, 9 girls, 20 students
Basic 1: 14 boys, 8 girls, 22 students

Basic 2: 3 boys, 9 girls, 12 students
Basic 3: 14 boys, 10 girls, 24 students
Basic 4: 13 boys, 12 girls, 25 students
Basic 5: 7 boys, 8 girls, 15 students
JS1: 11 boys, 12 girls, 23 students
JS2: 8 boys, 12 girls, 20 students
JS3: 4 boys, 4 girls, 8 students
SS1: 2 boys, 11 girls, 13 students
SS2: 2 boys, 1 girl, 3 students

81 boys (50.30%), 80 girls (49.70%), 161 nursery and primary only students
108 boys (47.37%), 120 girls (52.63%), 228 students including secondary students

St. Patrick's Nursery and Primary School (June 15, 2023):

Pre-Nursery: 14 boys, 18 girls, 32 students
Nursery 1A: 15 boys, 25 girls, 40 students
Nursery 1B: 15 boys, 16 girls, 31 students
Nursery 2A: 12 boys, 12 girls, 24 students
Nursery 2B: 15 boys, 11 girls, 26 students
Basic 1A: 18 boys, 13 girls, 31 students
Basic 1B: 16 boys, 13 girls, 29 students
Basic 2A: 19 boys, 18 girls, 37 students
Basic 2B: 18 boys, 12 girls, 30 students
Basic 3A&B: 20 boys, 28 girls, 48 students
Basic 4A: 18 boys, 15 girls, 33 students
Basic 4B: 14 boys, 17 girls, 31 students
Basic 5A: 14 boys, 16 girls, 30 students
Basic 5B: 19 boys, 16 girls, 35 students

Basic 6: 24 boys, 18 girls, 42 students

251 boys (50.30%), 248 girls (49.70%), 499 students

Our Lady's Nursery and Primary School (June 12, 2023):

Pre-Nursery: 13 boys, 13 girls, 26 students

Nursery 1: 5 boys, 3 girls, 8 students

Nursery 2: 6 boys, 13 girls, 19 students

Basic 1: 5 boys, 6 girls, 11 students

Basic 2: 5 boys, 14 girls, 19 students

Basic 3: 7 boys, 7 girls, 14 students

Basic 4: 5 boys, 5 girls, 10 students

Basic 5: 6 boys, 10 girls, 16 students

52 boys (42.28%), 71 girls (57.72%), 123 students

Note: June 13 is a "Democracy Day" national holiday in Nigeria. 123 students came in to eat from our nutrition program even though school was technically closed that day. Teachers claim 33 students were absent that day because it was a holiday.

St. Bernard's Nursery and Primary School (June 16, 2023)

Pre-Nursery: 23 boys, 33 girls, 56 students

Nursery 1A: 15 boys, 12 girls, 27 students

Nursery 1B: 14 boys, 9 girls, 23 students

Nursery 2: 22 boys, 16 girls, 38 students

Basic 1: 21 boys, 18 girls, 39 students

Basic 2: 22 boys, 13 girls, 35 students

Basic 3: 9 boys, 15 girls, 24 students

Basic 4: 7 boys, 3 girls, 10 students

Basic 5: 8 boys, 11 girls, 19 students

JS1: 7 boys, 6 girls, 13 students

JS2: 4 boys, 7 girls, 11 students

141 boys (52.03%), 130 girls (47.97%), 271 nursery and primary only students

152 boys (51.53%), 143 girls (48.47%), 295 students including secondary students