

Summary 2025 enrollment figures for the six schools we support: Bebor (Bodo), Our Lady's (K-Dere), St. Bernard's (Biara), St. Patrick's (Bodo), Wiwa International (Bane) and Wiwa International (Bori)

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 July 2025 (July 2 for St. Bernard's; July 3 for St. Patrick's; July 4 for Bebor; July 7 for Our Lady's; July 8 for Wiwa International in Bori; and July 10 for Wiwa International in Bane). Scott Pegg did the headcounts himself and asked one or more of the people accompanying him to verify his counts in each classroom.

The good news is that our overall enrollment is up across all six schools we support. Looking at just nursery and primary students (two of the schools we support also have smaller numbers of secondary students), our overall enrollment increased from 1,337 students in 2023 to 1,436 students in 2025, a 7.4% increase. Including secondary school students, across all six schools we support, our overall enrollment increased from 1,428 students in 2023 to 1,553 students in 2025, an 8.75% increase. As compared to 2023, enrollment was up at four of the schools we support – St. Bernard's (+106 students), St. Patrick's (+43), Our Lady's (+27) and Bebor (+18) – and down at two of the schools we support – Wiwa International in Bori (-39) and Wiwa International in Bane (-30). The increase at Our Lady's might reflect the fact that in 2023 we visited them on a national holiday, Democracy Day, but they still had 123 students come out on the holiday just to attend our nutrition program feeding. The increase at St. Bernard's reflects the momentum we have generated by bringing our nutrition and health programs to their school and by providing a borehole for cleaner and safer drinking water which opened there in 2024. The decline in Bane is explained by a local Catholic church opening a new nursery and primary school in very close proximity to their school and providing tough new competition for them.

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." Overall, for all six schools we support and looking at just nursery and primary students, we have a gender breakdown of 698 girls (48.61%) and 738 boys (51.39%) which is almost the same as 2023's ratio of 650 girls (48.62%) and 687 boys (51.38%). Our Lady's in K-Dere had the highest percentage of girls' enrollment (52.67%) and Bebor had the lowest percentage of girls' enrollment (41.36%). Including secondary school students, across all six schools we support, we have a gender breakdown of 762 girls (49.07%) and 791 boys (50.93%).

These figures just reflect students in school the day Scott Pegg visited 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 these counts. Several teachers at different schools reported missing pupils to us. These figures only count those in attendance on the day we visited them.

Our schools have somewhat different class breakdowns. Four schools have only nursery and primary students while two schools have secondary school students as well. 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:

184 students at Bebor (Bodo), 150 students at Our Lady’s Nursery and Primary School (K-Dere), 401 students at St. Bernard’s (Biara, of which 349 are nursery and primary students), 542 students at St. Patrick’s Nursery and Primary School (Bodo), 87 students at Wiwa International (Bane), 189 students at Wiwa International (Bori, of which 124 are nursery and primary schools) .

1,436 nursery and primary students at all six schools.

1,553 students (including secondary students) at all six schools.

Summary gender breakdown:

108 boys (58.7%) and 76 girls (41.3%) in Bebor (Bodo)

71 boys (47.33%) and 79 girls (52.67%) in Our Lady’s Nursery and Primary School

182 boys (52.14%) and 167 girls (47.85%) in St. Bernard’s nursery and primary only

207 boys (51.62%) and 194 girls (48.38%) in St. Bernard’s including secondary students

265 boys (48.89%) and 277 girls (51.11%) in St. Patrick’s Nursery and Primary School

47 boys (54.02%) and 40 girls (45.98%) in Wiwa International (Bane)

65 boys (52.42%) and 59 girls (47.58%) in Wiwa Intl (Bori) nursery and primary only

93 boys (49.21%) and 96 girls (50.79%) in Wiwa Intl (Bori) including secondary students

738 boys (51.39%) and 698 girls (48.61%) (all six schools, nursery and primary only)

791 boys (50.93%) and 762 girls (49.07%) (all six schools, including secondary students)

Bebor Model Nursery and Primary School (Bodo, July 4, 2025):

Nursery 1: 17 boys, 21 girls, 38 students

Nursery 2: 15 boys, 9 girls, 24 students
Nursery 3: 16 boys, 6 girls, 22 students
Basic 2: 16 boys, 7 girls, 23 students
Basic 3: 6 boys, 10 girls, 16 students
Basic 4: 15 boys, 5 girls, 20 students
Basic 5: 13 boys, 10 girls, 23 students
Basic 6: 10 boys, 8 girls, 18 students

108 boys (58.7%), 76 girls (41.3%), 184 students

Our Lady's Nursery and Primary School (K-Dere, July 7, 2025):

Pre-Nursery: 18 boys, 17 girls, 35 students
Nursery 1: 10 boys, 15 girls, 25 students
Nursery 2: 11 boys, 13 girls, 24 students
Basic 1: 7 boys, 7 girls, 14 students
Basic 2: 8 boys, 10 girls, 18 students
Basic 3: 7 boys, 5 girls, 12 students
Basic 4: 3 boys, 5 girls, 8 students
Basic 5: 7 boys, 7 girls, 14 students

71 boys (47.33%), 79 girls (52.67%), 150 students

St. Bernard's Nursery and Primary School (Biara, July 2, 2025)

Pre-Nursery: 22 boys, 26 girls, 48 students
Nursery 1: 22 boys, 16 girls, 38 students
Nursery 2A: 13 boys, 11 girls, 24 students
Nursery 2B: 12 boys, 10 girls, 22 students

Basic 1: 25 boys, 17 girls, 42 students
Basic 2: 18 boys, 26 girls, 44 students
Basic 3: 23 boys, 19 girls, 42 students
Basic 4: 21 boys, 17 girls, 38 students
Basic 5: 11 boys, 14 girls, 25 students
JS1: 10 boys, 9 girls, 19 students
JS2: 6 boys, 9 girls, 15 students
SS1: 2 boys, 3 girls, 5 students
SS3: 7 boys, 6 girls, 13 students

182 boys (52.14%), 167 girls (47.85%), 349 nursery and primary only students

207 boys (51.62%), 194 girls (48.38%), 401 students including secondary students

St. Patrick's Nursery and Primary School (Bodo, July 3, 2025):

Pre-Nursery: 12 boys, 14 girls, 26 students
Nursery 1A: 20 boys, 20 girls, 40 students
Nursery 1B: 19 boys, 19 girls, 38 students
Nursery 2A: 15 boys, 17 girls, 32 students
Nursery 2B: 12 boys, 14 girls, 26 students
Basic 1A: 14 boys, 12 girls, 26 students
Basic 1B: 12 boys, 16 girls, 28 students
Basic 1C: 10 boys, 13 girls, 23 students
Basic 2A: 17 boys, 18 girls, 35 students
Basic 2B: 18 boys, 10 girls, 28 students
Basic 3A: 11 boys, 13 girls, 24 students
Basic 3B: 11 boys, 15 girls, 26 students
Basic 4A: 23 boys, 18 girls, 41 students

Basic 4B: 25 boys, 18 girls, 43 students
Basic 5A: 11 boys, 13 girls, 24 students
Basic 5B: 12 boys, 16 girls, 28 students
Basic 6: 23 boys, 31 girls, 54 students

265 boys (48.89%), 277 girls (51.11%), 542 students

Wiwa International Model School (Bane, July 10, 2025):

Nursery 2: 9 boys, 12 girls, 21 students
Nursery 3: 6 boys, 2 girls, 8 students
Basic 1: 3 boys, 6 girls, 9 students
Basic 2: 2 boys, 4 girls, 6 students
Basic 3 & 4: 15 boys, 10 girls, 25 students
Basic 5 & 6: 12 boys, 6 girls, 18 students

47 boys (54.02%), 40 girls (45.98%), 87 students

Wiwa International Model School (Bori, July 8, 2025):

Pre/Nurs. 1: 15 boys, 10 girls, 25 students
Nursery 2: 5 boys, 6 girls, 11 students
Nursery 3: 6 boys, 8 girls, 14 students
Basic 1: 6 boys, 5 girls, 11 students
Basic 2: 9 boys, 9 girls, 18 students
Basic 3: 12 boys, 5 girls, 17 students
Basic 4: 6 boys, 9 girls, 15 students
Basic 5: 6 boys, 7 girls, 13 students
JS1: 10 boys, 16 girls, 26 students
JS2: 8 boys, 8 girls, 16 students

JS3: 3 boys, 5 girls, 8 students

SS1: 7 boys, 8 girls, 15 students

65 boys (52.42%), 59 girls (47.58%), 124 nursery and primary only students

93 boys (49.21%), 96 girls (50.79%), 189 students including secondary students