

35720 Mental Health Absences in Schools

How many hours of absence from teachers and other teaching and school staff there have been in your schools due to mental health reasons, from February 2019 to February 2022, broken down by;

a) month

b) teaching / other school staff.

Please refer to the table below which provides hours lost in positions within Nursery, Primary, Secondary and Special Schools:

	Non-Teachers	Teachers	Grand Total
2019	Hours Lost		
February	5,143	3,534	8,677
March	5,376	3,698	9,074
April	4,487	2,863	7,350
May	4,931	2,671	7,602
June	4356	2,132	6,488
July	2,877	1,188	4,065
August	4,175	1,586	5,761
September	5,278	2,972	8,250
October	5,245	4,864	10,109
November	6,716	5,624	12,341
December	6,416	5,201	11,617
2020			
January	7,136	4,425	11,562
February	5,948	3,828	9,777
March	6,149	4,180	10,329
April	3,368	2,260	5,628
May	2,189	1,507	3,696
June	2,184	1,238	3,421
July	2,010	371	2,381
August	2,769	2,265	5,033
September	4,667	4,886	9,553
October	5,159	5,648	10,807
November	7,053	7,708	14,761
December	6,883	8,454	15,336
2021			
January	5,133	5,043	10,176
February	5,666	4,526	10,193
March	6,932	6,354	13,285
April	4,659	4,015	8,674
May	6,139	4,294	10,434
June	6,066	3,395	9,461
July	2,452	666	3,117
August	3,895	1,535	5,430

September	6,131	3,441	9,572
October	6,388	4,745	11,133
November	8,443	5,701	14,144
December	8,551	4,208	12,759
2022			
January	6,891	3,986	10,877
Grand Total	187,861	135,013	322,874

As the request was received on 01/02/2022, we can only provide recorded information up to this date, therefore we cannot provide the figure requested for February 2022.

What does your local authority define as a mental health reason for absence?

The following categories of absence are, or have been, listed on our payroll system. These include reasons no longer listed:

Work-Related Stress

Stress, Depression, Anxiety and/or Psychological Conditions

Stress (Industrial Injury)

XX DO NOT USE Stress

XX DO NOT USE Work Related Stress

XXAnxiety/Stress

XXStress

Bipolar Episode

Anxiety, Depression and/or Psychological Conditions (Industrial Injury)

XXAnxiety

XX DO NOT USE Depression

XX DO NOT USE Anxiety

XX DO NOT USE Mental Health Problems