

61000 Number of Temporary Teaching Posts.

We are seeking information regarding the number of temporary appointments for teachers as a percentage of teacher numbers over the last five years and the reasons for these appointments being made on a temporary basis.

Please see the link below to the Scottish Government Website where this information is held.

[Teacher census supplementary statistics - gov.scot](#)

The main reasons we use temporary contracts for teachers are:

Probationer teachers are only appointed on a fixed term basis

Cover for long term absence – due to sickness, secondments, acting up, employment breaks, sabbaticals, maternity/paternity/adoption leave

Cover for the substantive post holder reducing their hours on a temporary basis

Where the class size requires team teaching the funding would only be provided on a temporary basis as class organisation is reviewed annually, so we would appoint the team teacher on a fixed term basis

Where the funding for the teacher is temporary, such as Pupil Equity Funding, or for a specific project, or specialist requirement