

Physics Teachers

Secondary school teachers by main subject taught and gender 2007-2010

	2007 total	2008 total	2009 total	Main subject taught 2010			including where the subject is not the main subject		
				female	male	total	female	male	total
All subjects	24,895	24,418	23,724	14,543	8,706	23,249	20,996	12,239	33,236
Physics	906	887	865	246	627	873	279	680	959

Secondary school teachers by main subject taught and age, 2010

	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 or over	average
All subjects	1,046	3,110	2,979	2,438	2,385	3,870	3,884	3,713	926	43
Physics	35	93	112	104	111	145	130	103	38	43

Students graduating from teacher training by subject, 1999-2008

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total	1,784	1,969	1,968	2,367	2,060	2,285	2,849	3,906	3,755	3,100
Physics	30	28	28	42	46	51	58	92	65	40

Source: Teachers in Scotland, 2010; Scottish Government

Advertised vacancies by sector and subject

	Number of vacancies							% of full complement
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
Physics	16	25	9	10	5	3	5	0.7

Posts vacant for more than 3 months by sector and subject

	Number of vacancies							% of full complement
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
Physics	7	11	1	3	2	1	1	0.1

Source: Teacher Vacancies and Probationer Allocations 2010; Scottish Government

The Institute of Physics provides support for these teachers through an Education Manager, 7 Regional network co-ordinators. There is also a Resources website and an email network. The Institute of Physics also supports the Stirling physics teachers' meeting, which attracts more than 200 physics teachers each year and a summer school, which has an average of around 25 teachers. Approximately 10 training days around Scotland are held each year, attracting around 250 teachers in total.