

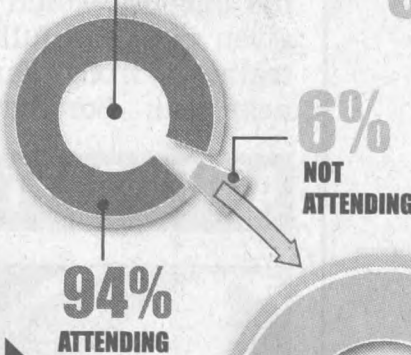
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TO SCHOOL OR NOT TO SCHOOL

Six percent of children of school going age (5-17 years) are not attending schools. Twenty percent of these children have never attended schools and 80% of children are drop outs, as revealed by a recent survey conducted by the Census and Statistics Department.

CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
GOING AGES (5-17 Yrs)



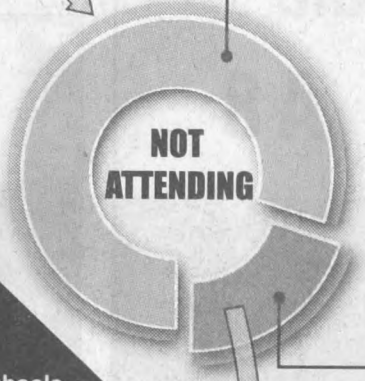
80% PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED

The school drop outs are mainly (98%) in the age group of 5-17 years. This is to be expected as a large number of students, who terminate their formal school education either temporarily or permanently after they take up their G.C.E (O/L) examination.

However, those who stay away from formal school education after taking up their GCE (O/L) may resume their formal education once they pass the GCE (O/L) with grades sufficient to make them eligible to attend G.C.E. (A/L) classes in school.

83%
Age (5-11)

Majority of the children who never attended schools are comprised of the 5-11 year age group (Preliminary education age).



20% NEVER ATTENDED

17%
Age (12-17)

18% of these children (Age 5-11) are not attending schools due to their unsatisfactory health conditions and physical disability.



NEVER ATTENDED
Age (5-17 yrs)

71% of these children are not attending schools due to children who have just completed 5 years of age and waiting to attend school, those who have not found a school to their satisfaction and as the parents or guardians have falsely stated as being ineligible to attend school or not stated.

Majority of these types of children are found in urban areas.



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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