

## 1851 Educational Census

This was a census of educational activity taken in 1851. Names are not recorded and most of the data is given at county level.

Lancashire

97 evening schools (second highest after W Yorkshire).

'Sunday scholars are most numerous in localities where opportunities for day school education are most wanting. This it will be found that in Wales, and in the manufacturing counties of Lancashire and Yorkshire Sunday scholars are very numerous...' (p 70). 323,173 Sunday scholars in Lancs, 15.9% of the population - 8<sup>th</sup> highest % in England. Mostly non-conformist.

Lancashire in 1851 had (p 115)

1036 public and 1978 private schools  
220 C of E National & 213 C of E others  
10 Presbyterian  
45 Independents [congregational]  
9 Baptist  
7 Society of Friends  
6 Unitarians  
1 Moravian  
57 various Methodist  
7 New Church  
1 dissenters not otherwise specified (nos)  
76 RC  
32 non-demoninational  
6 ragged  
4 orphan  
2 blind  
2 deaf/dumb  
28 factory  
3 colliery  
4 mechanics institute  
1 industrial  
1 railway  
57 subscription schools nos

By comparison, the Mannex *History and Directory for Mid Lancashire*' 1854 recorded Newchurch schools as:

6 run by individual masters/mistresses

5 National

3 Baptist

1 Free Grammar

1 Factory (Holly Mount)

The Lancashire data is too vague to draw many conclusions but the relatively high number of Baptist schools in Newchurch is interesting.