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| **Teacher affiliation** | **Frequency** | **Percentage %** |
| Preschool | 79 | 6.8 |
| Primary | 391 | 33.6 |
| Lower secondary | 35 | 3.0 |
| Upper secondary | 216 | 18.5 |
| Total | 1165 | 100.0 |

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