



REQUEST 19111

I would like to submit a freedom of information request about your statistics for children missing from education (CME). The population we are asking about is 5-16 year olds in your local authority from the most recent academic year (or the most recent year of data available):

1. Total number of children in your LA
2. Total number of children registered at school
3. Number of children who are electively home educated (EHE)
4. Number of children who are receiving 'Education otherwise than at school' (EOTAS)
5. Number of children awaiting a school placement
6. Number of children missing from education (CME)
7. Whether you record reasons for why a child is missing from education
 - a. If so, the number of children under each reason

RESPONSE

All information below is for full academic year 2024-2025 unless otherwise stated.

1. Demographic data is publicly available here from the 2021 census: [2021 Census](#)
2. 46272
3. 731 in AY 24-25
4. 6
5. Primary – 25
Secondary – 17 for academic year 20205-2026 YTD.
6. 578 in AY 24-25
7. Yes, we do:
 - Moved from another LA in England and not yet applied for a school place – 135
 - Moved from another country and not yet applied for a school place – 20
 - Did not get school preference – 16
 - Unsuitable home education – 88
 - Difficulty in accessing a school place – 156
 - Dissatisfaction with the school – SEND – 1
 - Believed to have moved to another LA area in England – 64
 - Believed to have moved to another country – 44
 - Unknown – 6
 - Reason other – 41

8. If possible, the number of CME by the following demographic characteristics

- a. Gender
- b. Age
- c. NC year
- d. Ethnicity
- e. FSM eligibility
- f. SEN status
- g. ESL status
- h. Known to social care

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Gender:

- F – 251
- M – 327

Age – Providing Year Group information

NC year:

- Under school age – 4
- Reception – 39
- Year 1 – 25
- Year 2 – 29
- Year 3 – 39
- Year 4 – 27
- Year 5 – 32
- Year 6 – 32
- Year 7 – 64
- Year 8 – 61
- Year 9 – 73
- Year 10 – 109
- Year 11 – 44

Ethnicity

- Indian – 4
- Other Asian Background - 16
- Pakistani – 10
- Black African – 16
- Black Caribbean – 1
- Black Nigerian – 1
- Any other Black Background – 6
- Chinese – 1
- Irish Traveller – 11
- Asian & Black – 2
- Any other mixed background – 14
- White and Asian – 6
- White and Black Caribbean – 5
- Info not yet obtained – 15
- Iranian – 2
- Other Ethnic Group – 2
- Other Ethnic Group – 2
- Any other Ethnic Group – 14
- Refused – 3
- White British – 287
- White Eastern European – 1
- White English – 3
- White European – 1
- Any other white background – 49
- Gypsy/Roma – 4
- Roma – 1

FSM eligibility – 126

SEN status:

- EHCP – 72
- K Code – 70

ESL status – 107

Known to social care – 80