**School Readiness (Early Years Placement Uptake)**

1. **National Data *(\*see note 1)***

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| **Percentage of 2-year-old children taking up a place according to Spring Census** |
| **Level** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** |
| **Lancashire** | **75%** | **69%** | **69%** | **62%** | **76%** |
| England | 72% | 68% | 69% | 62% | 72% |
| North West Region | 83% | 74% | 72% | 67% | 76% |

* Lancashire has seen a 14% increase in the percentage of 2-year-olds taking up a place for the spring census 2022 compared to the previous year
* Lancashire's rate of increase is higher than the national rate of increase (10%) and regional rate of increase (9%)
* Spring 2022 is the first time that Lancashire has been in line with regional 2 year old take up rates

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| **Percentage of 3 & 4 year-old children taking up a place according to Spring Census** |
| **Level** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** |
| **Lancashire** | **98%** | **97%** | **98%** | **97%** | **98%** |
| England | 94% | 93% | 93% | 90% | **92%** |
| North West Region | 97% | 96% | 96% | 93% | **96%** |

* Lancashire made further improvements in the percentage take up of 3 & 4 year olds for the spring census 2022 and continues to be above the national and regional take up rates for 3 & 4 year olds.
1. **Local Data (\*see notes 2-4)**
2. 2-year-old take up – Lancashire level analysis

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| **Academic Year** | **Term** | **Population (DfE)** | **No. of children** | **Take-Up % (Unique)** | **No. of children not accessing** |
| 2020/21 | Autumn | 4484 | 3071 | 68.5 | 1413 |
| 2020/21 | Spring | 4351 | 2959 | 68.0 | 1392 |
| 2020/21 | Summer | 4446 | 3203 | 72.0 | 1243 |
| 2021/22 | Autumn | 4435 | 3710 | 83.7 | 725 |
| 2021/22 | Spring | 4317 | 3576 | 82.8 | 741 |
| **2021/22** | **Summer** | **4044** | **3608** | **89.2** | **436** |
| 2022/23 | Autumn | 3977 | 3521 | 88.5 | 456 |

* Lancashire has seen a significant increase in the percentage of 2 year olds accessing a place in the summer term 2021/22 (17.2% increase compared to summer 2020/21, and improvements have been made across all districts as can be seen in the tables below
* Pendle, Hyndburn, Rossendale and Preston have historically been the districts with lowest take up. Whilst these do still continue to have the highest number of children not accessing provision, along with Burnley, significant improvements have been made in the last 12 months
* Pendle has the second highest rate of increase at just under 21%
* Take up in Preston and all of the East districts is at its highest ever, even pre-covid
* Please note the autumn 2022/23 figures are taken as of 30 November 2023. Claims for the autumn term continue to be processed and final data will be available towards the end of February/early March 2023, so the overall percentage will increase further
1. 2-year-old take up – district level analysis

| **2YO Locally Calculated****District** | **Summer Term 2021** | **Summer Term 2022** | **% Change** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Eligible Population (DfE)** | **No. of children**  | **% take up** | **Eligible Population (DfE)** | **No. of children**  | **% take up** | **No's not accessing** |
| Pendle | 470 | 282 | 60.0 | 477 | 385 | 80.7 | 92 | 20.7 |
| Hyndburn | 465 | 309 | 66.5 | 445 | 363 | 81.6 | 82 | 15.1 |
| Rossendale | 264 | 170 | 64.4 | 224 | 184 | 82.1 | 40 | 17.7 |
| Fylde | 194 | 127 | 65.5 | 147 | 124 | 84.4 | 23 | 18.9 |
| Preston | 695 | 478 | 68.8 | 599 | 512 | 85.5 | 87 | 16.7 |
| Burnley | 552 | 417 | 75.5 | 532 | 455 | 85.5 | 77 | 10.0 |
| Wyre | 311 | 235 | 75.6 | 274 | 247 | 90.1 | 27 | 14.6 |
| South Ribble | 295 | 217 | 73.6 | 265 | 248 | 93.6 | 17 | 20.0 |
| Lancaster | 450 | 395 | 87.8 | 416 | 407 | 97.8 | 9 | 10.1 |
| Chorley | 315 | 251 | 79.7 | 260 | 256 | 98.5 | 4 | 18.8 |
| West Lancashire | 357 | 268 | 75.1 | 321 | 322 | 100.3 | -1 | 25.2 |
| Ribble Valley | 78 | 50 | 64.1 | 72 | 77 | 106.9 | -5 | 42.8 |
| Unknown |   | 4 |   | 12 | 28 | 233.3 | -16 | 233.3 |
| **Total** | **4446** | **3203** | **72.0** | **4044** | **3608** | **89.2** | 436 | **17.2** |

1. 3- & 4-Year-old take up – Lancashire level analysis

| **Year** | **Term** | **Population (SFR)** | **No. of children**  | **% take up** | **No. of children not accessing**  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2020/21 | Autumn | 27736 | 26022 | 93.8 | 1714 |
| 2020/21 | Spring | 27043 | 24987 | 92.4 | 2056 |
| 2020/21 | Summer | 27043 | 25145 | 93.0 | 1898 |
| 2021/22 | Autumn | 27043 | 25509 | 94.3 | 1534 |
| 2021/22 | Spring | 26275 | 24966 | 95.0 | 1309 |
| **2021/22** | **Summer** | **26275** | **24717** | **94.1** | **1558** |
| **2022/23** | **Autumn** | **26275** | **25154** | **95.7** | **1121** |

* Lancashire has seen further improvements in the take up of 3 & 4 year old places in summer 2021/22 compared to summer 2021/22 (1.1% increase)
* With the exception of Chorley and Pendle all districts have seen an increase in the take up of 3 & 4 year old places as can be seen in the table below
* It should however be noted that the termly 3&4 year old data is as a proxy guide only. As ONS estimates are used, in some instances the actual number of children taking up a place in a district is higher than 100% which indicates the population estimates are not a true picture of the real number of 3&4 year olds living in those areas
* Please note the autumn 2022/23 figures are taken as of 30 November 2023. Claims for the autumn term continue to be processed and final data will be available towards the end of February/early March 2023, so the overall percentage will increase further
1. 3 and 4 Year old take up – District level analysis

| **Locally Calculated** | **Summer 2021** | **Summer 2022** | **% Change** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **District** | **Population (SFR)** | **No. of children**  | **% take up** | **Population (SFR)** | **No. of children**  | **% take up** | **No's not accessing** |
| Chorley | 2655 | 2485 | 93.6 | 2580 | 2318 | 89.8 | 262 | -3.8 |
| Pendle | 2462 | 2282 | 92.7 | 2392 | 2201 | 92.0 | 191 | -0.7 |
| Rossendale | 1577 | 1458 | 92.5 | 1532 | 1420 | 92.7 | 112 | 0.2 |
| Burnley | 2443 | 2252 | 92.2 | 2373 | 2204 | 92.9 | 169 | 0.7 |
| Preston | 3765 | 3487 | 92.6 | 3658 | 3420 | 93.5 | 238 | 0.9 |
| Wyre | 2029 | 1875 | 92.4 | 1972 | 1844 | 93.5 | 128 | 1.1 |
| Lancaster | 2959 | 2685 | 90.7 | 2874 | 2695 | 93.8 | 179 | 3.0 |
| Hyndburn | 2044 | 1901 | 93.0 | 1986 | 1865 | 93.9 | 121 | 0.9 |
| South Ribble | 2413 | 2269 | 94.0 | 2345 | 2207 | 94.1 | 138 | 0.1 |
| Fylde | 1389 | 1284 | 92.4 | 1350 | 1271 | 94.1 | 79 | 1.7 |
| West Lancashire | 2236 | 2057 | 92.0 | 2172 | 2080 | 95.8 | 92 | 3.8 |
| Ribble Valley | 1071 | 1077 | 100.6 | 1041 | 1067 | 102.5 | -26 | 1.9 |
| Unknown |   | 33 | 0.0 |   | 125 | 0.0 | -125 | 0.0 |
| **Total** | **27043** | **25145** | **93.0** | **26275** | **24717** | **94.1** | **1558** | 1.1 |

1. **Analysis by Vulnerable Groups**
2. 2 year old vulnerable groups take up data

| **2 year olds** | **Summer 21** | **Autumn 21** | **Spring 22** | **Summer 22** | **% Changes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **No. of 2 Year Olds** | **No. of Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **No. of 2 Year Olds** | **No. of Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **No. of 2 Year Olds** | **No. of Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **No. of 2 Year Olds** | **No. of Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **Previous Term**  | **Summer 2021** |
| **Children Looked After** | 74 | 37 | 50.0 | 85 | 46 | 54.1 | 94 | 59 | 62.8 | 95 | 55 | 57.9 | **-4.9** | +7.9 |
| **Children In Need** | 87 | 40 | 46.0 | 96 | 62 | 64.6 | 75 | 51 | 68.0 | 76 | 53 | 69.7 | +1.7 | +23.8 |
| **Child Protection** | 52 | 32 | 61.5 | 47 | 29 | 61.7 | 45 | 32 | 71.1 | 39 | 28 | 71.8 | +0.7 | +10.3 |
| **Children open to CFW** | 246 | 106 | 43.1 | 220 | 129 | 58.6 | 159 | 92 | 57.9 | 175 | 102 | 58.3 | +0.4 | +15.2 |

* 2 year old take up has increased across all the vulnerable groups in Summer 2022 compared to Summer 2021
* Take up has also continued to increase from last term for all groups with the exception of CLA which has seen a drop of just under 5%
* Education Improvement, Children & Family Well Being and Social Services are continuing to work very closely to improve the take up of places for vulnerable children
1. 3 & 4 year old vulnerable groups take up data

| **3 & 4 year olds** | **Summer 21** | **Autumn 21** | **Spring 22** | **Summer 22** | **% Changes**  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total No. of 3&4 Year Olds** | **No. of Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **Total No. of 3&4 Year Olds** | **No. of Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **Total No. of 3&4 Year Olds** | **No. of Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **Total No. of 3&4 Year Olds** | **No. of Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **Previous Term**  | **Summer 2021** |
| **Children Looked After** | 61 | 41 | 67.2 | 133 | 95 | 71.4 | 108 | 77 | 71.3 | 108 | 75 | 69.4 | **-1.9** | **+2.2** |
| **Children In Need** | 150 | 116 | 77.3 | 73 | 61 | 83.6 | 148 | 133 | 89.9 | 151 | 124 | 82.1 | **-7.7** | **+4.8** |
| **Child Protection** | 70 | 58 | 82.9 | 22 | 8 | 36.4 | 62 | 48 | 77.4 | 97 | 77 | 79.4 | **+2.0** | **-3.5** |
| **Children open to CFW** | 626 | 471 | 75.2 | 224 | 178 | 79.5 | 317 | 252 | 79.5 | 404 | 313 | 77.5 | **-2.0** | **+2.2** |

* 3&4 year old take has increased across all the vulnerable groups in Summer 2022 compared to Summer 2021, with the exception of child protection which has seen a decline of 3.5%
* Take up of children with a child protection plan has improved however since last term, yet all of the other categories have seen a decline
* Education Improvement, Children & Family Well Being and Social Services are working closely to understand why this may be the case, and agreeing actions to address this
1. **Quality of Access**
* 97.5% of 2 year olds were accessing good or outstanding provision in summer 2021/22 compared to the previous term
* 96.8% of 3 & 4 year olds were accessing good or outstanding provision in summer 2021/22 compared to the previous term