

## School Readiness (Early Years Placement Uptake)

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

Percentage of 2-year-old children taking up a place according to Spring Census					
Level	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Lancashire</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>76%</b>
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

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

- 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.

### 2. Local Data (\*see notes 2-4)

#### a) 2-year-old take up – Lancashire level analysis

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
<b>2021/22</b>	<b>Summer</b>	<b>4044</b>	<b>3608</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>436</b>
<b>2022/23</b>	<b>Autumn</b>	<b>3977</b>	<b>3521</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>456</b>

- 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

**b) 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>4446</b>	<b>3203</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>4044</b>	<b>3608</b>	<b>89.2</b>	436	<b>17.2</b>

**c) 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
<b>2021/22</b>	<b>Summer</b>	<b>26275</b>	<b>24717</b>	<b>94.1</b>	<b>1558</b>
<b>2022/23</b>	<b>Autumn</b>	<b>26275</b>	<b>25154</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>1121</b>

- 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

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d) 3 and 4 Year old take up – District level analysis

Locally Calculated District	Summer 2021			Summer 2022				% Change
	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>27043</b>	<b>25145</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>26275</b>	<b>24717</b>	<b>94.1</b>	<b>1558</b>	<b>1.1</b>

### 3. Analysis by Vulnerable Groups

a) 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	% 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

b) 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	No. of Children Accessing	% Take Up	Total No. of 3&4	No. of Children Accessing	% Take Up	Total No. of 3&4	No. of Children Accessing	% Take Up	Total No. of 3&4	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

4. 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