

Education

Pre-school provision – the percentage of children in their pre-school year who received pre-school education

The indicator reflects the extent to which provision is made for children in their pre-school year who are eligible for government grant aided pre-schooling under Section 23 of the 'Education (Scotland) Act 1996'.

Pre-schooling may be provided by the private, voluntary and independent sectors as well as by councils.

Points to bear in mind

Guidance on the planning of pre-school education and childcare and the establishment of childcare partnerships, issued by the then SOEID¹ in October 1998, identified a government policy goal to:

"secure a quality part-time pre-school education place for (a) every pre-school year child whose parents want one by the winter of 1998/99; and (b) for every three-year-olds whose parents want a place by 2002."

Factors affecting the number of sessions received by children will include:

- parents' preferences – they may prefer that their children, particularly three-year-olds, attend for fewer than five sessions per week
- councils' policies – particularly where capacity is tight, councils may offer children, again particularly three-year-olds, a place with fewer than five sessions per week.

All providers of government grant-funded places are registered and inspected against quality standards, and are required to follow the curriculum framework for three to five-year-olds.

1. Scottish Office Education and Industry Department.

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Council	Rank in 02/03		PI measurement			Better ✓ or worse ✗ since 00/01		
	1-32	✓1-8 ✗ 25-32	00/01	01/02	02/03	5-9%	10-14%	>15%
Aberdeen City	24		95.2	95.1	98.7			
Aberdeenshire	31	✗	94.0	91.1	90.2			
Angus	17		97.9	95.4	99.8			
Argyll & Bute	1	✓	99.9	100.0	100.0			
Clackmannanshire	1	✓	99.8	100.0	100.0			
Dumfries & Galloway	1	✓	96.5	90.6	100.0			
Dundee City	19		98.1	100.0	99.4			
East Ayrshire	1	✓	94.2	93.4	100.0	✓		
East Dunbartonshire	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
East Lothian	17		96.7	98.1	99.8			
East Renfrewshire	27	✗	100.0	98.3	97.6			
City of Edinburgh	16		94.7	93.0	99.9	✓		
Eilean Siar	1	✓	90.7	98.8	100.0		✓	
Falkirk	28	✗	97.7	97.1	96.6			
Fife	23		98.7	94.1	98.9			
Glasgow City	26	✗	88.4	90.7	98.0		✓	
Highland	1	✓	98.2	99.4	100.0			
Inverclyde	1	✓	94.7	90.8	100.0	✓		
Midlothian	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
Moray	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
North Ayrshire	24		99.2	98.6	98.7			
North Lanarkshire	20		93.9	96.3	99.2	✓		
Orkney Islands	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
Perth & Kinross	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
Renfrewshire	20		94.4	99.1	99.2	✓		
Scottish Borders	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
Shetland Islands	32	✗	90.3	87.1	83.3	✗		
South Ayrshire	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
South Lanarkshire	30	✗	99.3	96.1	94.7			
Stirling	1	✓	99.7	100.0	100.0			
West Dunbartonshire	22		100.0	100.0	99.1			
West Lothian	29	✗	88.5	99.3	95.3	✓		
			Scotland					
			95.8	95.8	98.3			

Ranked performance	00/01	01/02	02/03
Highest ranked performance	100.0	100.0	100.0
Upper quartile	100.0	100.0	100.0
Median	98.2	98.7	99.9
Lower quartile	94.6	94.9	98.7
Lowest ranked performance	88.4	87.1	83.3

Data features	Symbol	00/01	01/02	02/03
PI not applicable	(-)	0	0	0
No service	(NS)	0	0	0

Count of councils showing significant change since 2000/01	
Improvement	
5-9%	6
10-14%	2
>15%	-
Decline	
5-9%	1
10-14%	-
>15%	-

Notes

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Education

Pre-school provision - the percentage of children in their pre-school year who received pre-school education

The following councils were ranked 25th or below in 2000/01:

Aberdeenshire
East Ayrshire
Eilean Siar
Glasgow City
North Lanarkshire
Renfrewshire
Shetland Islands
West Lothian

The following councils did not make any material improvement in their performance by 2002/03:

Aberdeenshire
Shetland Islands

Pre-school provision – the percentage of children in their ante-pre-school year who received pre-school education

The indicator reflects the extent to which provision is made for children in their ante-pre-school year who are eligible for government grant aided pre-schooling under Section 23 of the 'Education (Scotland) Act 1996'.

It covers provision only for the proportion of children eligible (ie, at least three years old) at the start of the first term of the academic year. However, this is considered to be consistent with overall provision throughout the year.

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Points to bear in mind

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"...secure a quality part-time pre-school education place for (a) every pre-school year child whose parents want one by the winter of 1998/99; and (b) for every three-year-olds whose parents want a place by 2002."

Factors affecting the number of sessions received by children will include:

- parents' preferences - they may prefer that their children, particularly three-year-olds, attend for fewer than five sessions per week
- councils' policies - particularly where capacity is tight, councils may offer children, again particularly three-year-olds, a place with fewer than five sessions per week.

All providers of government grant-funded places are registered and inspected against quality standards and are required to follow the curriculum framework for three to five-year-olds.

2. Scottish Office Education and Industry Department.

Education

Pre-school provision - the percentage of children in their ante-pre-school year who received pre-school education

Council	Rank in 02/03		PI measurement			Better ✓ or worse ✗ since 00/01		
	1-32	✓1-8 ✗ 25-32	00/01	01/02	02/03	5-9%	10-14%	>15%
Aberdeen City	18		83.8	84.3	95.3		✓	
Aberdeenshire	23		85.6	92.0	92.7	✓		
Angus	19		83.3	89.4	94.7		✓	
Argyll & Bute	1	✓	93.7	100.0	100.0	✓		
Clackmannanshire	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
Dumfries & Galloway	27	✗	89.6	89.1	88.2			
Dundee City	14		96.2	90.2	99.9			
East Ayrshire	1	✓	82.0	91.7	100.0			✓
East Dunbartonshire	32	✗	100.0	100.0	80.9			✗
East Lothian	29	✗	85.9	89.7	86.5			
East Renfrewshire	20		100.0	100.0	94.6	✗		
City of Edinburgh	21		92.7	82.8	93.2			
Eilean Siar	1	✓	76.6	90.5	100.0			✓
Falkirk	24		83.9	86.6	92.1	✓		
Fife	17		82.5	91.5	95.5			✓
Glasgow City	26	✗	87.5	84.1	89.6			
Highland	16		80.5	94.6	98.6			✓
Inverclyde	1	✓	86.3	84.1	100.0			✓
Midlothian	1	✓	98.4	100.0	100.0			
Moray	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
North Ayrshire	25	✗	85.9	89.7	91.2	✓		
North Lanarkshire	22		85.8	89.0	92.9	✓		
Orkney Islands	1	✓	96.6	100.0	100.0			
Perth & Kinross	31	✗	74.1	81.0	84.0		✓	
Renfrewshire	15		92.7	93.9	99.5	✓		
Scottish Borders	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
Shetland Islands	28	✗	79.7	72.3	87.1	✓		
South Ayrshire	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
South Lanarkshire	1	✓	73.3	87.2	100.0			✓
Stirling	1	✓	97.5	100.0	100.0			
West Dunbartonshire	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
West Lothian	30	✗	71.6	87.6	86.2			✓
			Scotland					
			87.2	90.0	94.3			

Ranked performance	00/01	01/02	02/03
Highest ranked performance	100.0	100.0	100.0
Upper quartile	97.7	100.0	100.0
Median	86.9	91.0	97.1
Lower quartile	83.1	87.5	91.9
Lowest ranked performance	71.6	72.3	80.9

Data features	Symbol	00/01	01/02	02/03
PI not applicable	(-)	0	0	0
No service	(NS)	0	0	0

Count of councils showing significant change since 2000/01	
Improvement	
5-9%	7
10-14%	3
>15%	7
Decline	
5-9%	1
10-14%	-
>15%	1

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Education

Pre-school provision - the percentage of children in their ante-pre-school year who received pre-school education

The following councils were ranked 25th or below in 2000/01:

East Ayrshire
Eilean Siar
Fife
Highland
Perth & Kinross
Shetland Islands
South Lanarkshire
West Lothian

The following councils did not make any material improvement in their performance by 2002/03:

None

Education

Primary schools – the percentage classes with P1 to P3 pupils, with no more than 30 pupils

The government is encouraging councils to reduce the class size for classes containing pupils in classes P1 to P3, to no more than 30 pupils.

Points to bear in mind

Class sizes tend to be smaller in small schools. Therefore, councils with a higher proportion of small primary schools might report smaller class sizes.

The extent to which the size of classes is controlled by combining year groups into composite classes is a matter of policy for each council.

Education

Primary schools - the percentage of classes with P1 to P3 pupils, with no more than 30 pupils

Council	Rank in 02/03		PI measurement			Better ✓ or worse ✗ since 00/01		
	1-32	✓1-8 ✗ 25-32	00/01	01/02	02/03	5-9%	10-14%	>15%
Aberdeen City	1	✓	95.0	100.0	100.0	✓		
Aberdeenshire	18		97.3	99.8	99.5			
Angus	20		97.8	99.4	99.4			
Argyll & Bute	20		100.0	100.0	99.4			
Clackmannanshire	28	✗	92.2	98.7	97.3	✓		
Dumfries & Galloway	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
Dundee City	32	✗	95.9	97.9	95.2			
East Ayrshire	1	✓	96.4	98.9	100.0			
East Dunbartonshire	24		95.4	99.4	98.9			
East Lothian	1	✓	95.1	100.0	100.0	✓		
East Renfrewshire	1	✓	93.1	97.9	100.0	✓		
City of Edinburgh	27	✗	94.1	97.1	98.2			
Eilean Siar	25	✗	100.0	100.0	98.8			
Falkirk	1	✓	89.8	98.5	100.0		✓	
Fife	17		98.4	100.0	99.8			
Glasgow City	22		93.7	99.0	99.3	✓		
Highland	18		98.8	99.5	99.5			
Inverclyde	26	✗	97.0	100.0	98.4			
Midlothian	1	✓	97.8	100.0	100.0			
Moray	1	✓	97.3	100.0	100.0			
North Ayrshire	1	✓	94.0	100.0	100.0	✓		
North Lanarkshire	1	✓	97.5	99.6	100.0			
Orkney Islands	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
Perth & Kinross	31	✗	94.8	96.6	96.2			
Renfrewshire	1	✓	93.3	100.0	100.0	✓		
Scottish Borders	30	✗	98.9	97.8	96.8			
Shetland Islands	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
South Ayrshire	1	✓	82.8	100.0	100.0			✓
South Lanarkshire	1	✓	94.4	100.0	100.0	✓		
Stirling	1	✓	94.1	99.3	100.0	✓		
West Dunbartonshire	29	✗	99.3	97.4	97.2			
West Lothian	22		80.1	94.4	99.3			✓
			Scotland					
			95.4	99.1	99.3			

Ranked performance	00/01	01/02	02/03
Highest ranked performance	100.0	100.0	100.0
Upper quartile	98.5	100.0	100.0
Median	96.1	99.7	99.9
Lower quartile	94.1	98.6	98.9
Lowest ranked performance	80.1	94.4	95.2

Data features	Symbol	00/01	01/02	02/03
PI not applicable	(-)	0	0	0
No service	(NS)	0	0	0

Count of councils showing significant change since 2000/01	
Improvement	
5-9%	9
10-14%	1
>15%	2
Decline	
5-9%	-
10-14%	-
>15%	-

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Education

Primary schools - the percentage of classes with P1 to P3 pupils, with no more than 30 pupils

The following councils were ranked 25th or below in 2000/01:

Clackmannanshire
East Renfrewshire
Falkirk
Glasgow City
North Ayrshire
Renfrewshire
South Ayrshire
West Lothian

The following councils did not make any material improvement in their performance by 2002/03:

None

Education

Primary schools – the percentage of primary schools in which the ratio of pupils to available places is between 61% and 100%

The indicator reflects the extent to which each council's primary schools are properly occupied.

Points to bear in mind

Councils have some discretion in the way they measure occupancy levels and there may, therefore, be minor differences between them. Some of the factors that may be important are:

- how non-teaching rooms are treated
- how rooms used for only part of the curriculum are treated
- whether surplus accommodation is given over to community and other use and is no longer treated as available for school use.
- whether or not gymnasiums are counted as teaching rooms

Occupancy rates may vary between years due to a range of factors, including changes in the number of children starting primary school each year.

Education

Primary schools - the percentage of schools in which the ratio of pupils to available places is between 61% and 100%

Council	Rank in 02/03		PI measurement			Better ✓ or worse ✗ since 00/01		
	1-32	✓1-8 ✗ 25-32	00/01	01/02	02/03	5-9%	10-14%	>15%
Aberdeen City	11		63.2	64.9	73.684		✓	
Aberdeenshire	25	✗	50.6	50.6	53.205	✓		
Angus	14		65.6	68.3	66.667			
Argyll & Bute	28	✗	46.3	42.7	45.122			
Clackmannanshire	3	✓	73.7	73.7	89.474			✓
Dumfries & Galloway	8	✓	66.7	71.9	74.775		✓	
Dundee City	27	✗	48.8	46.3	51.220	✓		
East Ayrshire	23		60.9	58.7	54.348		✗	
East Dunbartonshire	4	✓	88.9	91.7	88.889			
East Lothian	1	✓	97.1	97.1	97.143			
East Renfrewshire	5	✓	75.0	79.2	83.333		✓	
City of Edinburgh	22		56.9	56.9	56.436			
Eilean Siar	32	✗	26.2	30.0	25.641			
Falkirk	13		75.0	77.1	70.833	✗		
Fife	9		75.3	69.9	74.658			
Glasgow City	30	✗	39.9	38.4	40.609			
Highland	23		58.7	61.0	54.348	✗		
Inverclyde	29	✗	56.3	56.3	43.750			✗
Midlothian	2	✓	83.3	91.7	94.444		✓	
Moray	17		56.5	58.7	60.870	✓		
North Ayrshire	7	✓	88.7	81.1	81.132	✗		
North Lanarkshire	12		66.9	68.5	72.308	✓		
Orkney Islands	21		71.4	71.4	57.143			✗
Perth & Kinross	26	✗	58.4	50.6	51.948		✗	
Renfrewshire	6	✓	78.8	82.7	82.692			
Scottish Borders	10		64.8	<u>69.0</u>	74.648			✓
Shetland Islands	31	✗	35.3	58.8	29.412			✗
South Ayrshire	18		53.3	60.0	60.000		✓	
South Lanarkshire	20		60.5	60.5	58.871			
Stirling	15		73.8	73.8	64.286		✗	
West Dunbartonshire	18		62.9	62.9	60.000			
West Lothian	16		69.2	61.5	62.121		✗	
			Scotland					
			61.2	61.4	61.6			

Ranked performance	00/01	01/02	02/03
Highest ranked performance	97.1	97.1	97.1
Upper quartile	74.1	73.7	74.7
Median	64.0	63.9	61.5
Lower quartile	56.5	58.2	54.1
Lowest ranked performance	26.2	30.0	25.6

Data features	Symbol	00/01	01/02	02/03
PI not applicable	(-)	0	0	0
No service	(NS)	0	0	0

Count of councils showing significant change since 2000/01	
Improvement	
5-9%	4
10-14%	5
>15%	2
Decline	
5-9%	3
10-14%	4
>15%	3

Notes

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Primary schools - the percentage of schools in which the ratio of pupils to available places is between 61% and 100%

The following councils were ranked 25th or below in 2000/01:

Aberdeenshire
Argyll & Bute
Dundee City
Eilean Siar
Glasgow City
Inverclyde
Shetland Islands
South Ayrshire

The following councils did not make any material improvement in their performance by 2002/03:

Argyll & Bute
Eilean Siar
Glasgow City
Inverclyde
Shetland Islands

Secondary schools – the percentage of secondary schools in which the ratio of pupils to available places is between 61% and 100%

The indicator reflects the extent to which each council's secondary schools are properly occupied.

Points to bear in mind

Councils have some discretion in the way they measure occupancy levels and there may, therefore, be minor differences between them. Some of the factors that may be important are:

- how non-teaching rooms are treated
- how rooms used for only part of the curriculum are treated
- whether surplus accommodation is given over to community and other use and is no longer treated as available for school use.
- whether or not gymnasiums are counted as teaching rooms

Occupancy rates may vary between years due to a range of factors, including changes in the number of children starting secondary school each year.

Education

Secondary schools - the percentage of schools in which the ratio of pupils to available places is between 61% and 100%

Council	Rank in 02/03		PI measurement			Better ✓ or worse ✗ since 00/01		
	1-32	✓1-8 ✗ 25-32	00/01	01/02	02/03	5-9%	10-14%	>15%
Aberdeen City	15		61.5	61.5	83.3			✓
Aberdeenshire	31	✗	43.8	50.0	41.2	✗		
Angus	24		87.5	62.5	62.5			✗
Argyll & Bute	8	✓	90.0	90.0	90.0			
Clackmannanshire	1	✓	66.7	66.7	100.0			✓
Dumfries & Galloway	5	✓	87.5	87.5	93.8	✓		
Dundee City	16		60.0	80.0	80.0			✓
East Ayrshire	11		100.0	88.9	88.9		✗	
East Dunbartonshire	19		66.7	77.8	66.7			
East Lothian	19		83.3	83.3	66.7			✗
East Renfrewshire	18		57.1	85.7	71.4			✓
City of Edinburgh	30	✗	65.2	60.9	47.8			✗
Eilean Siar	27	✗	38.5	38.5	54.5			✓
Falkirk	1	✓	75.0	87.5	100.0			✓
Fife	10		89.5	89.5	89.5			
Glasgow City	6	✓	51.7	55.2	93.1			✓
Highland	22		64.3	67.9	65.5			
Inverclyde	32	✗	25.0	25.0	25.0			
Midlothian	19		66.7	66.7	66.7			
Moray	13		87.5	87.5	87.5			
North Ayrshire	8	✓	100.0	100.0	90.0		✗	
North Lanarkshire	23		65.4	61.5	65.4			
Orkney Islands	28	✗	33.3	50.0	50.0			✓
Perth & Kinross	28	✗	50.0	50.0	50.0			
Renfrewshire	25	✗	50.0	69.2	58.3			✓
Scottish Borders	11		55.6	<u>55.6</u>	88.9			✓
Shetland Islands	26	✗	66.7	55.6	55.6			✗
South Ayrshire	17		66.7	66.7	77.8			✓
South Lanarkshire	4	✓	100.0	100.0	95.2			
Stirling	1	✓	100.0	100.0	100.0			
West Dunbartonshire	14		85.7	85.7	85.7			
West Lothian	7	✓	90.9	81.8	90.9			
			Scotland					
			69.1	70.9	74.0			

Ranked performance	00/01	01/02	02/03
Highest ranked performance	100.0	100.0	100.0
Upper quartile	87.5	87.5	90.0
Median	66.7	68.5	78.9
Lower quartile	56.7	59.5	61.5
Lowest ranked performance	25.0	25.0	25.0

Data features	Symbol	00/01	01/02	02/03
PI not applicable	(-)	0	0	0
No service	(NS)	0	0	0

Count of councils showing significant change since 2000/01	
Improvement	
5-9%	1
10-14%	-
>15%	11
Decline	
5-9%	1
10-14%	2
>15%	4

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Education

Secondary schools - the percentage of schools in which the ratio of pupils to available places is between 61% and 100%

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Eilean Siar
Glasgow City
Inverclyde
Orkney Islands
Perth & Kinross
Renfrewshire
Scottish Borders

The following councils did not make any material improvement in their performance by 2002/03:

Aberdeenshire
Inverclyde
Perth & Kinross

Special Educational Needs – the average number of weeks taken to complete an assessment of special educational needs

It may be necessary to assess a pupil's special educational needs if the child has some learning difficulty, physical disability, psychological problem, or any combination of these. These needs cannot normally be met from the resources ordinarily available in schools.

Following an assessment, the council must notify the child's parent or guardian as to whether or not it intends to record the child as having special educational needs, and the reasons for its decision. The council is obliged to provide for the special educational needs of a child for whom it creates a record of need.

Points to bear in mind

In some cases, an assessment is delayed to allow for a change in a child's circumstances or personal development. In other cases, a longer time to complete an assessment is agreed with the parents or guardian of a child, or stems from a request from them for a delay.

The indicator includes all children over two years of age.

Education

Special educational needs - the average number of weeks taken to complete an assessment of special educational needs

Council	Rank in 02/03		PI measurement			Better ✓ or worse ✗ since 00/01		
	1-32	✓1-8 ✗ 25-32	00/01	01/02	02/03	5-9%	10-14%	>15%
Aberdeen City	17		24	26	24			
Aberdeenshire	27	✗	30	33	36			✗
Angus	1	✓	18	15	13			✓
Argyll & Bute	7	✓	29	24	17			✓
Clackmannanshire	1	✓	17	14	13			✓
Dumfries & Galloway	23		38	29	29			✓
Dundee City	9		33	22	19			✓
East Ayrshire	25	✗	33	35	32			
East Dunbartonshire	21		23	30	26		✗	
East Lothian	10		33	36	20			✓
East Renfrewshire	8	✓	26	28	18			✓
City of Edinburgh	12		20	20	21	✗		
Eilean Siar	31	✗	26	44	46			✗
Falkirk	23		32	27	29	✓		
Fife	13		23	23	22			
Glasgow City	28	✗	40	35	37	✓		
Highland	15		18	26	23			✗
Inverclyde	15		29	28	23			✓
Midlothian	13		27	26	22			✓
Moray	32	✗	44	42	49		✗	
North Ayrshire	5	✓	27	24	16			✓
North Lanarkshire	21		25	25	26			
Orkney Islands	3	✓	11	12	15			✗
Perth & Kinross	10		18	17	20		✗	
Renfrewshire	17		26	25	24	✓		
Scottish Borders	28	✗	46	41	37			✓
Shetland Islands	3	✓	47	53	15			✓
South Ayrshire	26	✗	24	31	33			✗
South Lanarkshire	30	✗	38	32	42		✗	
Stirling	5	✓	15	17	16	✗		
West Dunbartonshire	17		23	32	24			
West Lothian	20		35	28	25			✓
			Scotland					
			28	28	25			

Ranked performance	00/01	01/02	02/03
Highest ranked performance	11	12	13
Upper quartile	23	24	19
Median	27	28	24
Lower quartile	33	32	30
Lowest ranked performance	47	53	49

Data features	Symbol	00/01	01/02	02/03
PI not applicable	(-)	0	0	0
No service	(NS)	0	0	0

Count of councils showing significant change since 2000/01		
Improvement		
5-9%	3	
10-14%	-	
>15%	13	
Decline		
5-9%	2	
10-14%	4	
>15%	5	

Notes

An underlined PI measurement indicates unreliable data.

Education

Special educational needs - the average number of weeks taken to complete an assessment of special educational needs

The following councils were ranked 25th or below in 2000/01:

Dumfries & Galloway
Glasgow City
Moray
Scottish Borders
Shetland Islands
South Lanarkshire
West Lothian

The following councils did not make any material improvement in their performance by 2002/03:

Moray
South Lanarkshire