



Department
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LA Primary School Places Scorecard for Cheshire West and Chester

Introduction

This document presents school places figures for Cheshire West and Chester covering quantity of places available, forecast accuracy of pupil projections, places allocated by preference, new places allocated by school quality and cost per place. It is intended to provide a downloadable, printable document of figures for individual Local Authorities as an alternative to our online dashboard (available [here](#)).

Quantity

£86million

Total primary and secondary basic need funding 2011 to 2024

14.8%

Growth in primary pupil numbers 2009/10 to 2023/24

Places created since 2009/10, places planned to 2023/24 and estimated place pressure in 2023/24

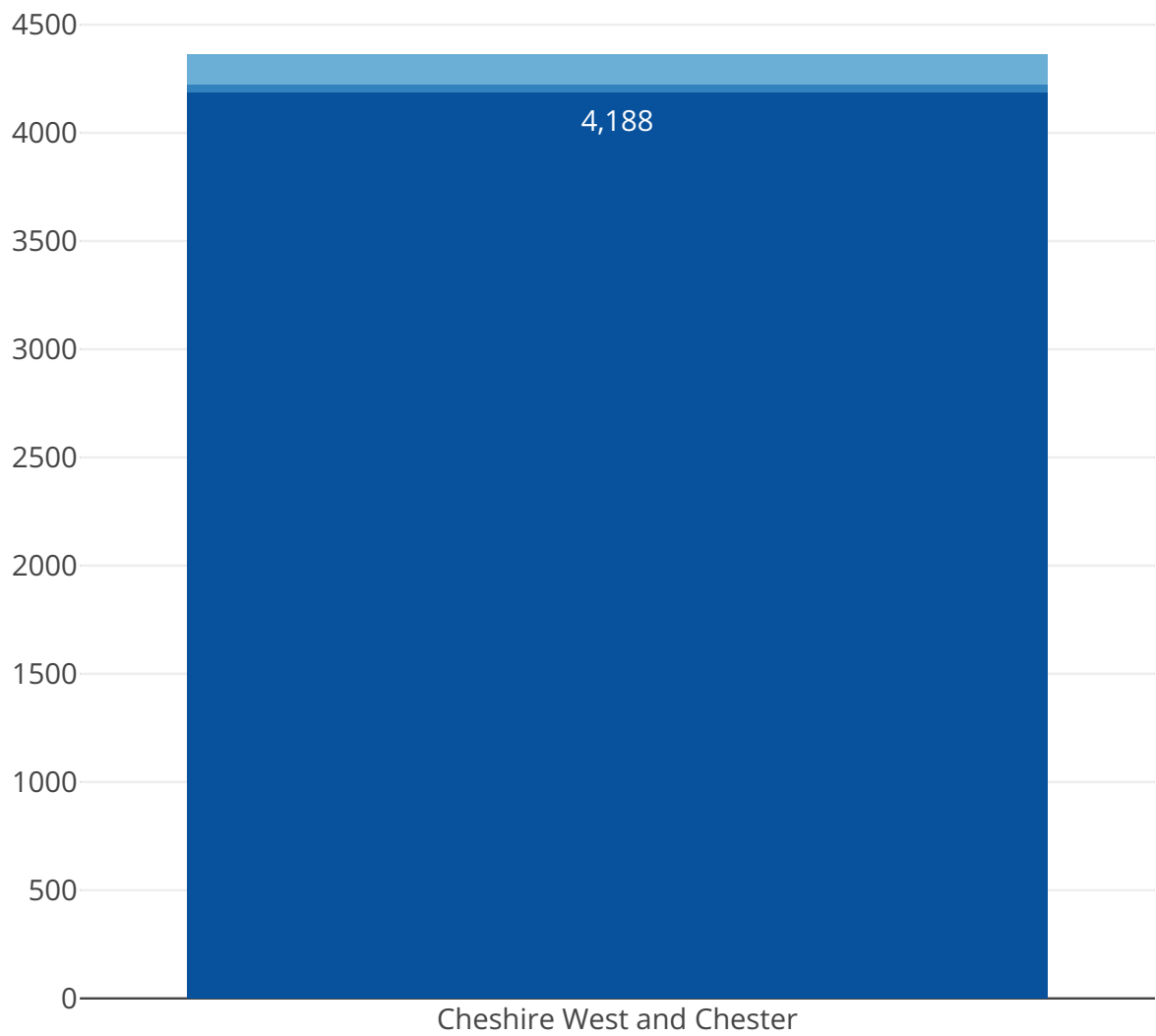
A local authority can have both 'spare places' and 'additional places needed' due to localised or specific year group demand

140

Estimated additional primary places to meet demand in 2023/24

11.8%

Estimated percentage of spare primary places in 2023/24



- Estimated additional places still needed to meet demand in 2023/24
- New places already planned for delivery between 2020/21 and 2023/24
- Total places created between 2009/10 and 2020/21

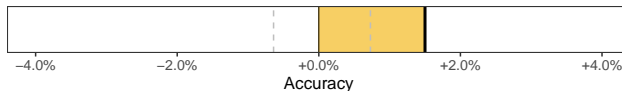
Forecast Accuracy

Forecast accuracy of pupil projections for 2021/22, made one year and three years previously

The shaded area in each chart ending at the thick vertical line shows the forecasting accuracy for Cheshire West and Chester. The starting point is 0, an accurate score, indicated by a thin vertical line. A shaded area to the right of 0 indicates an overestimate, a shaded area to the left of 0 indicates an underestimate. The grey dashed lines show the 25th and 75th percentile score for all local authorities.

One year ahead: +1.5%

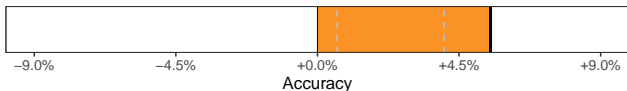
Overestimate of pupil numbers, larger overestimate than at least 75% of local authorities



Min	25th centile	Median	75th centile	Max
-2.5%	-0.6%	-0.0%	+0.7%	+3.6%

Three years ahead: +5.5%

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Min	25th centile	Median	75th centile	Max
-1.9%	+0.6%	+2.2%	+4.0%	+8.8%

Preference

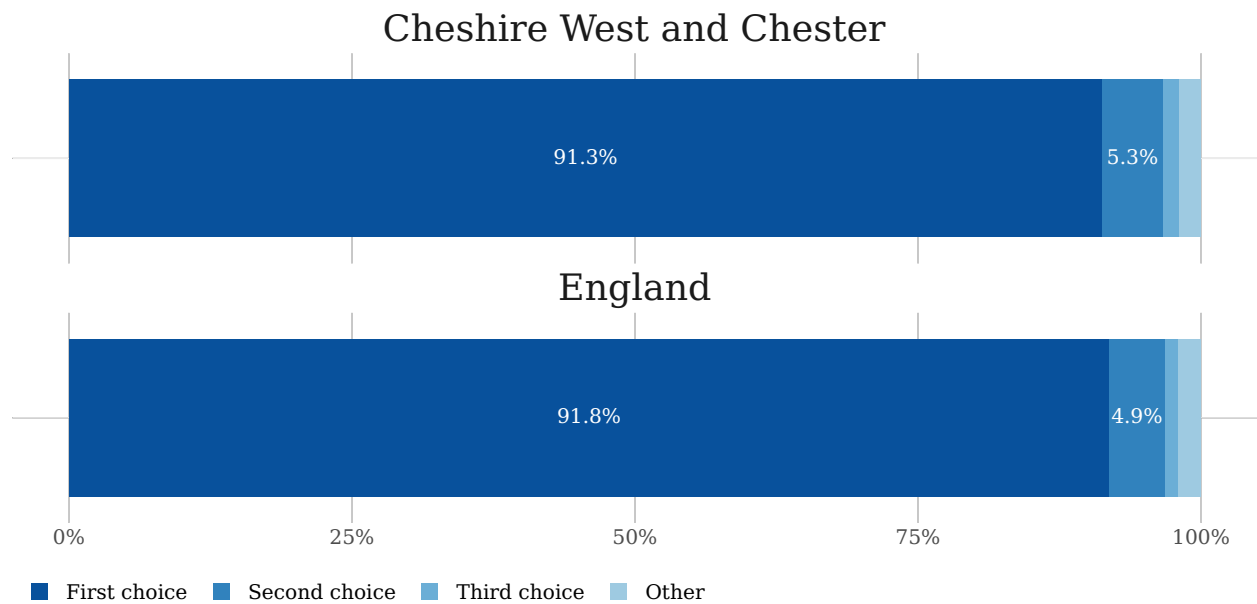
Proportion of applicants who received an offer of one of their top three preference schools for September 2021 entry

98%

Percentage of applicants who received an offer of one of their top three preferred primary schools in England

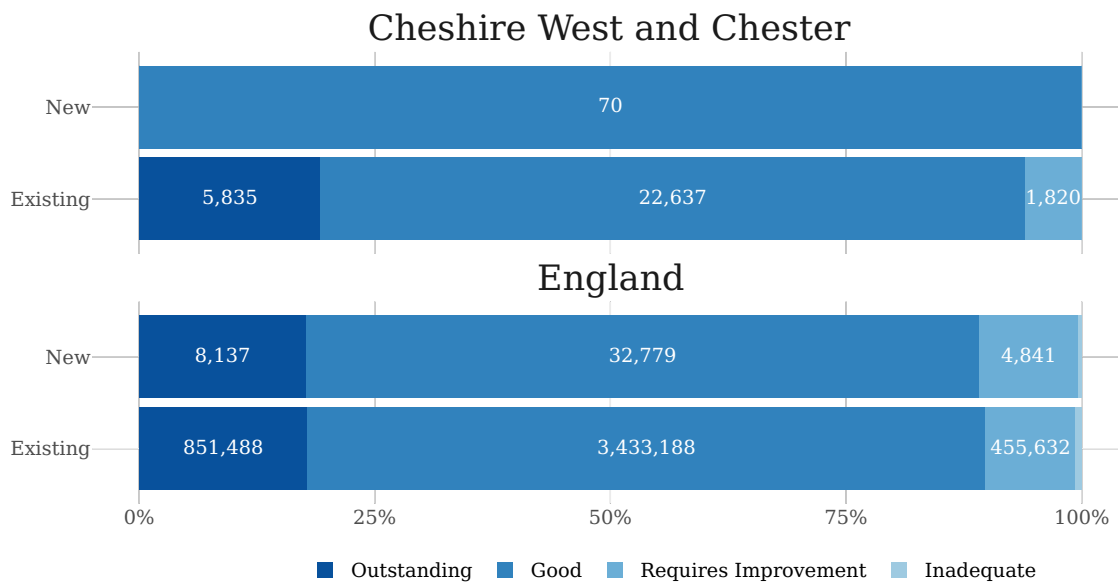
98.1%

Percentage of applicants who received an offer of one of their top three preferred primary schools in Cheshire West and Chester



Quality

Quality of places created between 2018/19 and 2020/21, based on Ofsted:

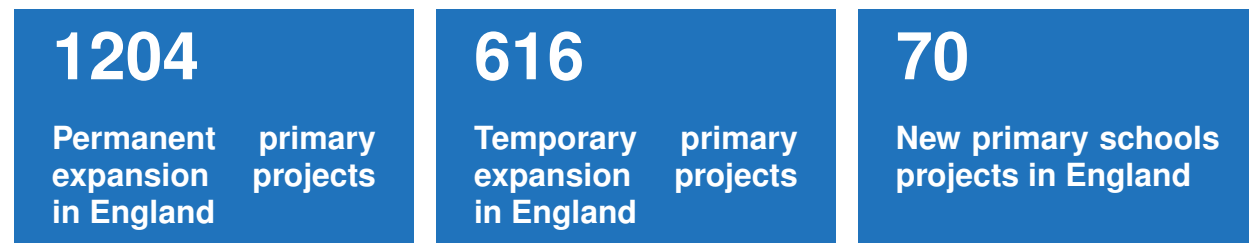


New places with no rating = NA

Cost

Average cost of additional mainstream school places

Based on local authority reported projects between 2015/16 and 2017/18 adjusted for inflation and regional variation



Average cost per place for permanent, temporary and new school projects

Region column shows England averages, adjusted for regional location factors

Type	England	North West
Permanent Expansion	£18,007	£17,827
Temporary Expansion	£8,572	£8,486
New School	£21,559	£21,343

Contact

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Publication: [Explore Education Statistics: Local authority school places scorecards](#)

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This document was produced using the [DfE Analytical Services](#) Rmarkdown template, which is available on GitHub as part of our [R-Shiny data dashboard template](#).

