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# Bath & North East Somerset Council

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**Improving People's Lives**

[Education, Health and Care Plan \(EHCPs\)  
Overview](#)

# 22/23 National Headline data

## How do you see this improving the timeliness of the issuing of EHC plans?

The Government is also planning to "develop digital requirements for EHCP systems to improve experiences for parents, carers and professionals, reduce bureaucracy and improve our ability to monitor the health of the SEND system."

## How effective would a digitised system be in supporting all parties in providing support in your local context?

The Government plans to "create a three-tier alternative provision system, focusing on targeted early support within mainstream school, time-limited intensive placements in an alternative provision setting, and longer-term placements to support return to mainstream or a sustainable post-16 destination."

Due to... low confidence, parents, carers and providers feel they need to secure EHC plans and, in some cases, specialist provision as a means of guaranteeing support.

## EHCPs



Up by 9.5% to highest level ever of 4.3% or over half a million young people

The number of initial requests was up 33% to 114,500 compared with 93,300 previously



Pupils with an EHC plan make up one quarter of all pupils with SEN



52.7% of pupils with an EHC plan attend mainstream schools



Autism is the highest primary need representing one in three pupils with an EHC plan



The number of pupils with an EHC plan and being Electively Home Educated rose again to over 4,000



Legislation states that the EHC plan process should take no longer than 20 weeks. This year we saw the lowest figure ever since 2015, with only 50.7% of EHC plans issued within the time limit.

12,100 pupils with an EHC plan are recorded NEET, with a further 1,400 of compulsory school age who are not in education

25.5%

Pupils in AP with an EHC plan has dropped from 28.2% to



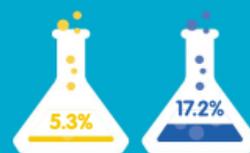
The number of refusals decreased slightly to 21.9% from 22.3%

Over 40% of pupils with EHC plans are also FSM, almost double that for all pupils



## SEN Support

An extra 53,500 pupils identified at SEN support



The total number of pupils with SEN varies across LAs from 5.3% at the lowest to 17.2% at the highest. The top 5 LAs for SEN support are also identified as Education Investment Areas.



25.5% of pupils recorded as Traveller of Irish heritage group had SEN support, the highest for all ethnic groups.

57% of pupils in AP schools have SEN support.

37.5% of pupils with SEN support are also FSM compared with 23.8% for all pupils.



For children in need, almost half had SEN compared with 17.2% of the overall pupil population.

SLCN remain the highest primary need of SEN Support at 23.5% with SEMH second with 20%.



The percentage of girls identified as SEN support has increased to its highest level of 37.2%



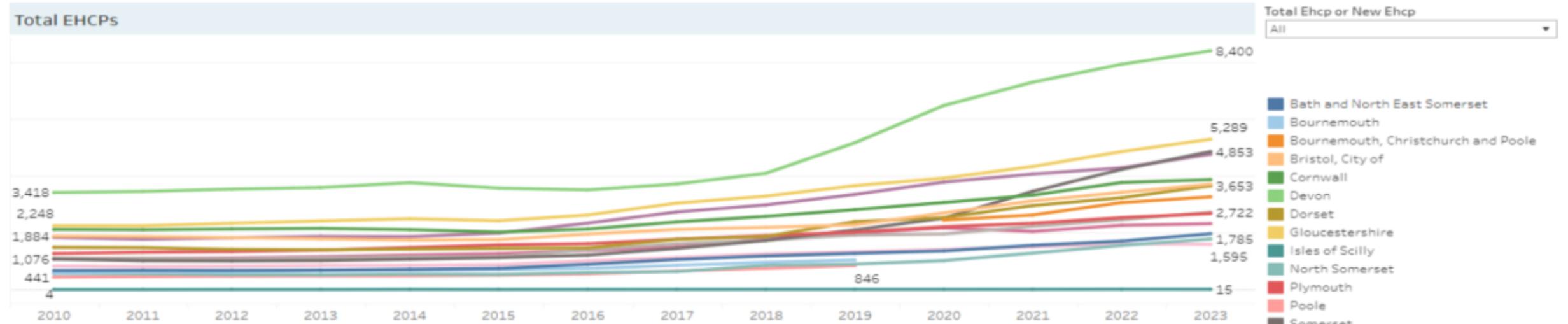
Pupils in all social care groups were over twice as likely to have a special educational need (SEN) than the overall pupil population.



Rise in number of pupils with identified SEN to 17.3%, the highest number since the SEND review of 2014 and up 0.7% on last year.



## South West 2023 Education, Health and Care Plans DfE data release

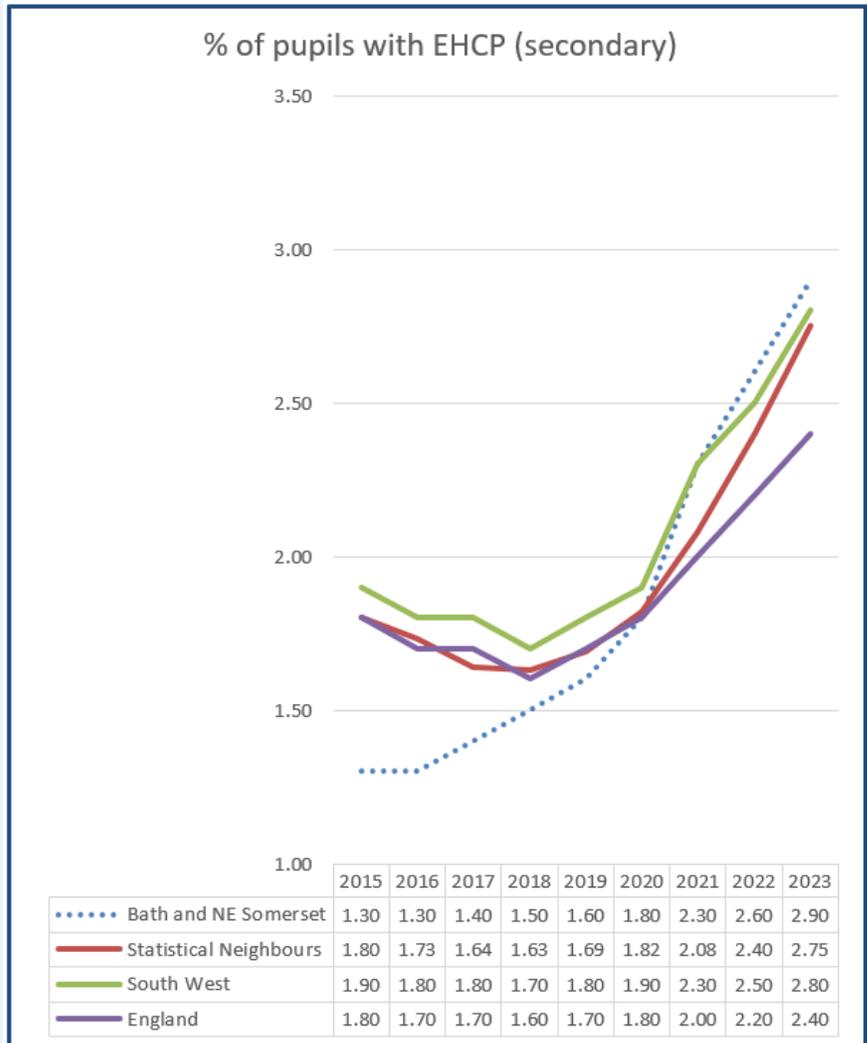
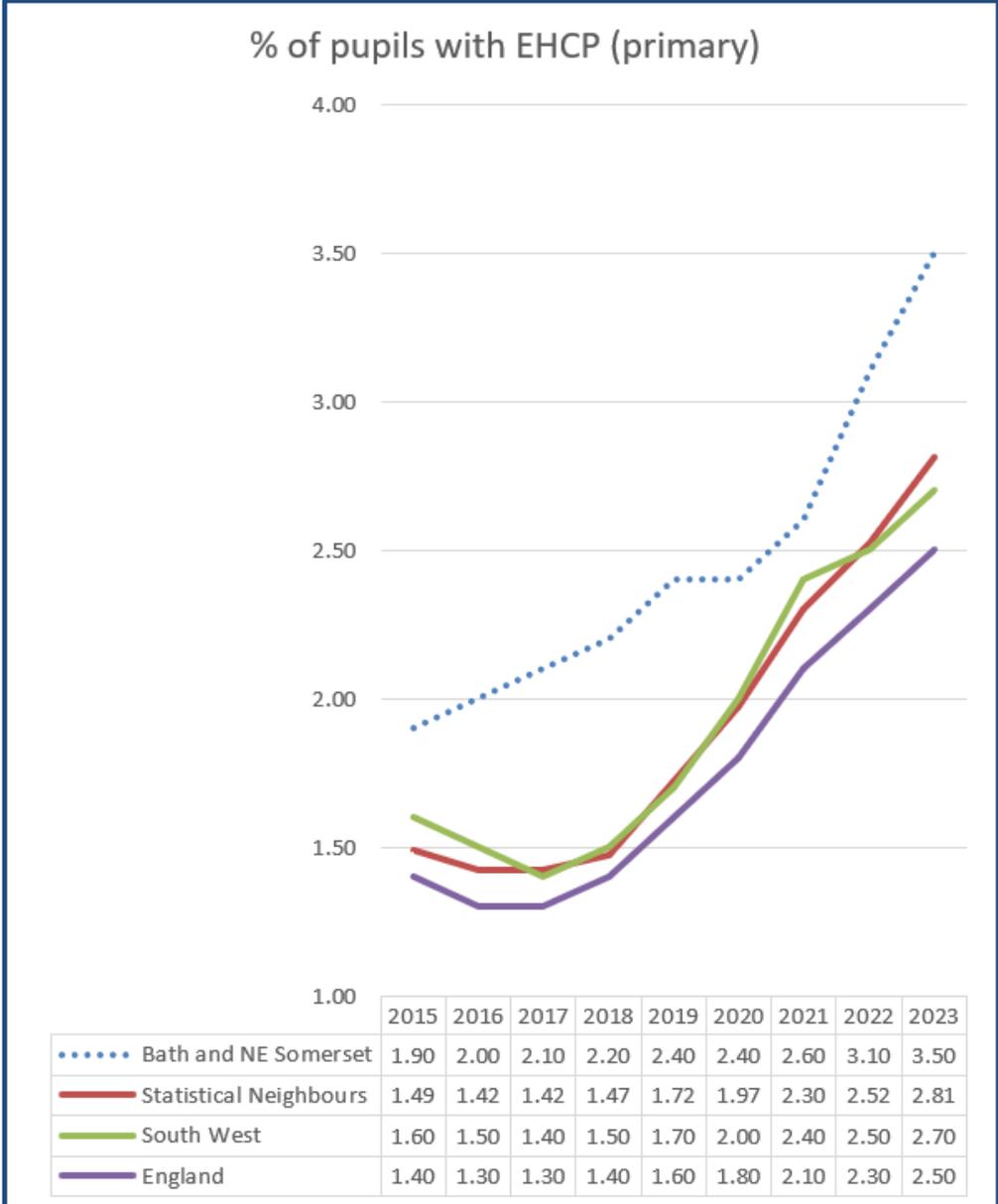


### Total EHCPs Table

Area	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
England	228,221	229,017	230,156	233,431	237,111	240,183	256,315	287,290	319,819	353,995	390,109	430,697	473,255	517,026
Bath and North East Som..	674	681	677	692	718	748	895	1,062	1,185	1,277	1,363	1,559	1,708	1,967
Bournemouth	579	619	624	666	679	703	748	858	962	1,045				
Bournemouth, Christchur..											2,448	2,627	3,063	3,266
Bristol, City of	1,884	1,870	1,834	1,790	1,748	1,760	1,955	2,119	2,193	2,280	2,700	3,124	3,424	3,709
Cornwall	2,118	2,107	2,136	2,155	2,113	2,026	2,131	2,384	2,577	2,814	3,065	3,324	3,770	3,871
Devon	3,418	3,454	3,537	3,594	3,764	3,572	3,510	3,718	4,093	5,162	6,474	7,295	7,926	8,400
Dorset	1,490	1,480	1,418	1,402	1,426	1,452	1,470	1,772	1,871	2,392	2,534	2,957	3,233	3,653
Gloucestershire	2,248	2,248	2,337	2,417	2,496	2,425	2,627	3,044	3,290	3,658	3,922	4,332	4,854	5,289
Isles of Scilly	4	4	6	6	10	7	9	10	11	11	11	12	16	15
North Somerset	563	558	530	524	545	534	603	637	856	900	1,022	1,287	1,556	1,785
Plymouth	1,271	1,317	1,342	1,391	1,483	1,574	1,616	1,776	1,903	2,024	2,213	2,336	2,536	2,678
Poole	441	459	474	481	486	510	553	659	748	846				
Somerset	1,076	1,020	1,012	1,025	1,072	1,125	1,216	1,450	1,730	2,102	2,514	3,457	4,232	4,853
South Gloucestershire	1,109	1,109	1,087	1,123	1,158	1,164	1,398	1,614	1,744	1,920	1,960	2,227	2,460	2,722
South West	20,635	20,617	20,785	21,154	21,640	21,742	23,464	26,471	29,196	33,098	37,597	42,160	46,937	50,887
Swindon	1,089	1,102	1,118	1,160	1,219	1,268	1,376	1,501	1,794	1,987	2,171	2,049	2,264	2,324
Torbay	833	815	825	853	857	882	1,015	1,134	1,257	1,331	1,416	1,507	1,608	1,595
Wiltshire	1,838	1,774	1,828	1,875	1,866	1,992	2,342	2,733	2,982	3,349				

Source:  
<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/education-health-and-care-plans>

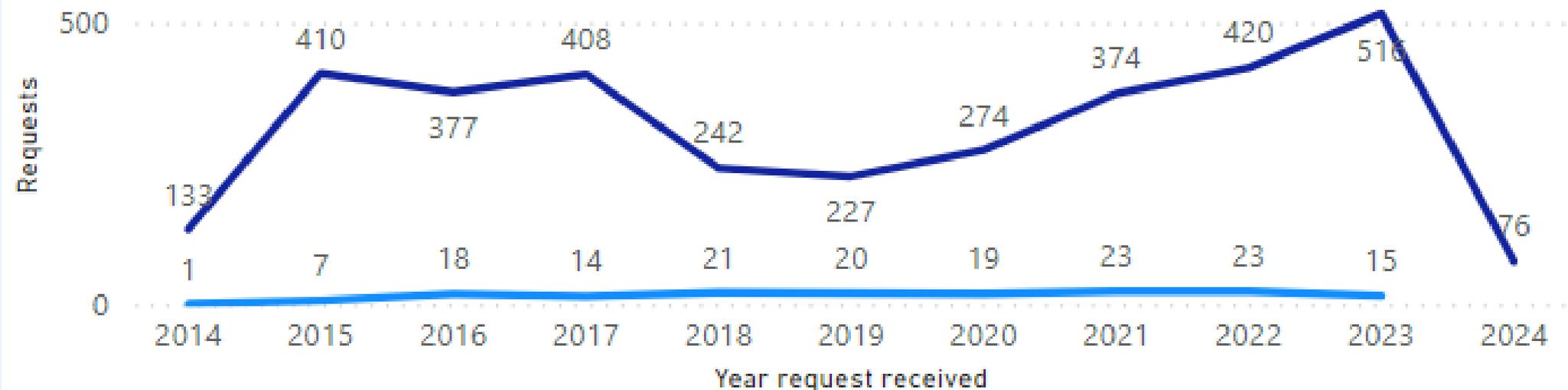
# How does our number of EHCPs compare with our neighbours?



# How many requests for assessment do we receive in BANES?

## Requests Received by Year

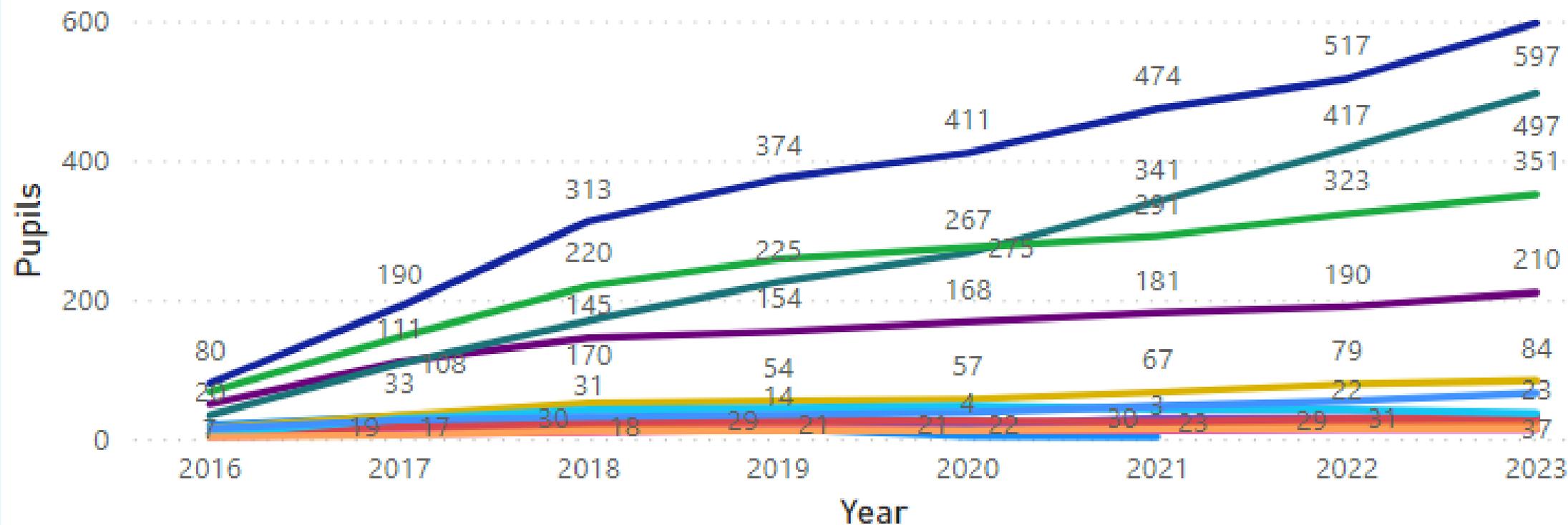
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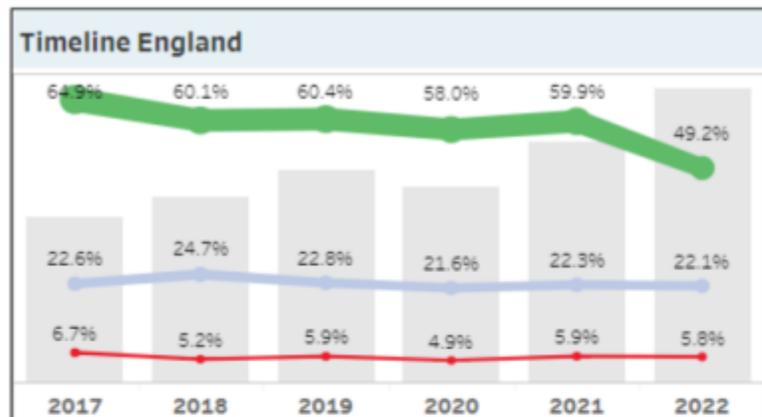
# What is the primary need of young people with an EHCP?

## Primary Need for pupils with an EHCP as at the SEN2 Survey date

Primary Need ● ASD ● HI ● MLD ● MSI ● OTH ● PD ● PMLD ● SEMH ● SLCN ● SLD ● SPLD ● VI



# Requests for EHCP, Numbers refused and Issued within 20 weeks %



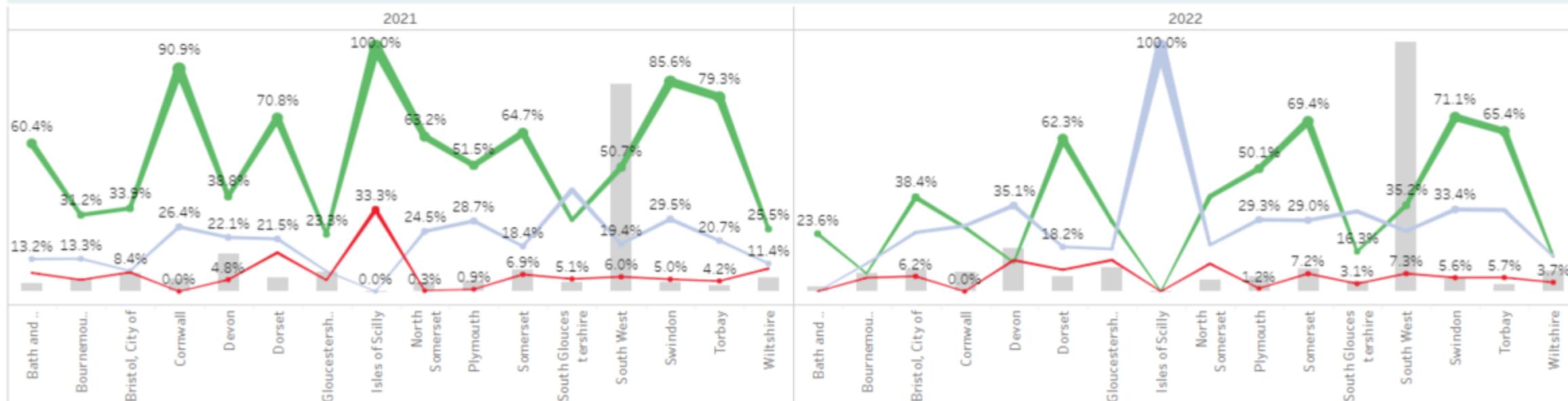
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Measure Names  
■ Assessed - Decided Not to Issue  
■ Request for Assessment Refused  
■ 20 Week % excluding exceptions

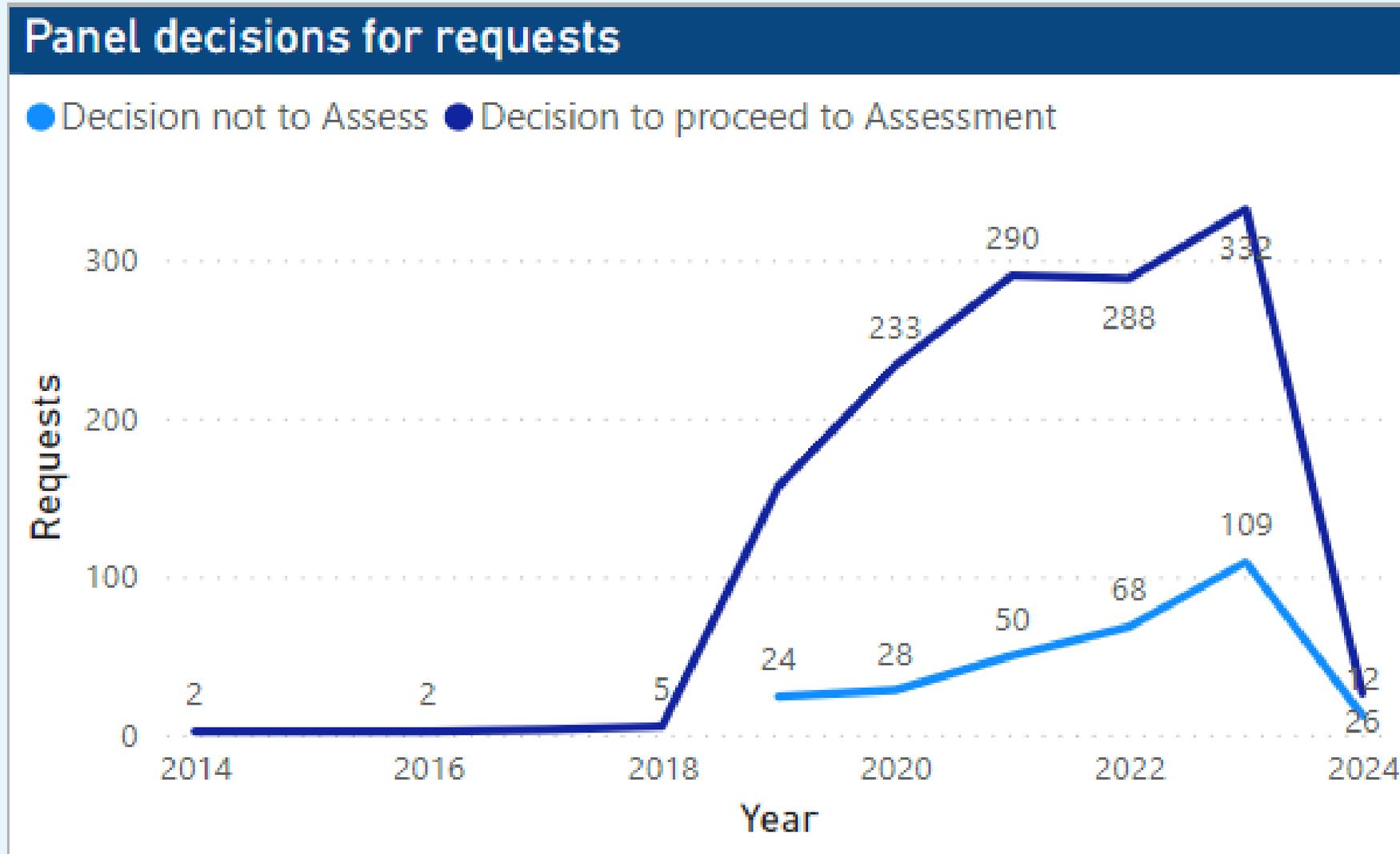
## 2022 Headlines

LA	Request for Assessment Refused	Assessed - Decided Not to Issue	20 Week % excluding exceptions
Bath and North East Som..	0.0%	0.0%	23.6
Bournemouth, Christchur..	11.4%	9.6%	7.3
Bristol, City of	24.1%	6.2%	38.4
Cornwall	26.8%	0.0%	26.2
Devon	35.1%	12.7%	11.8
Dorset	18.2%	8.8%	62.3
Gloucestershire	17.3%	12.8%	28.6
Isles of Scilly	100.0%	0.0%	0.0
North Somerset	19.0%	11.3%	38.8
Plymouth	29.3%	1.2%	50.1
Somerset	29.0%	7.2%	69.4
South Gloucestershire	32.7%	9.1%	16.3
South West	24.6%	7.3%	35.2
Swindon	33.4%	5.6%	71.1
Torbay	33.2%	9.7%	65.4
Wiltshire	14.3%	9.7%	14.2

Bars show the Number of Initial requests for assessments in context to % of Measures.



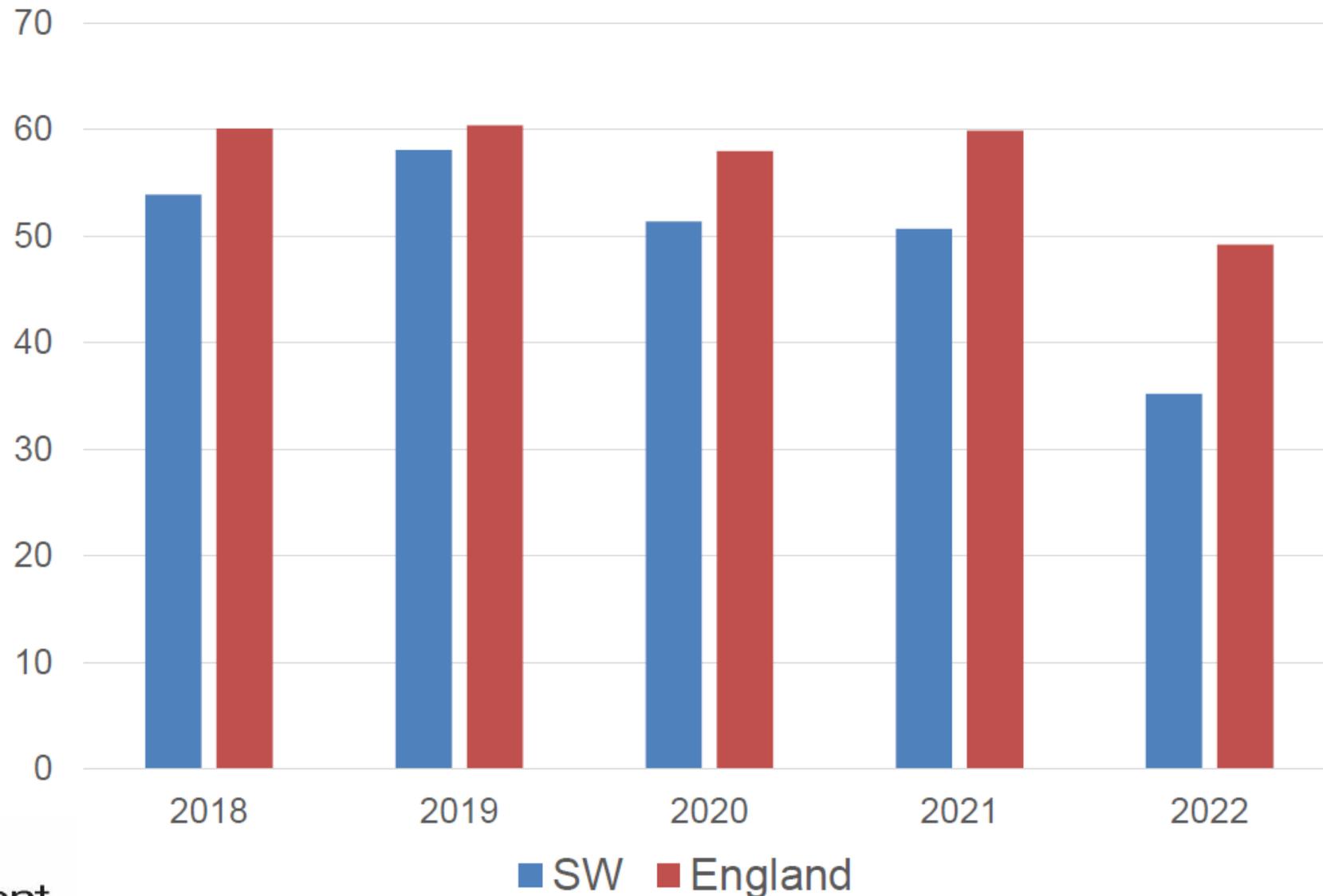
# How many requests for assessment are granted in BANES?



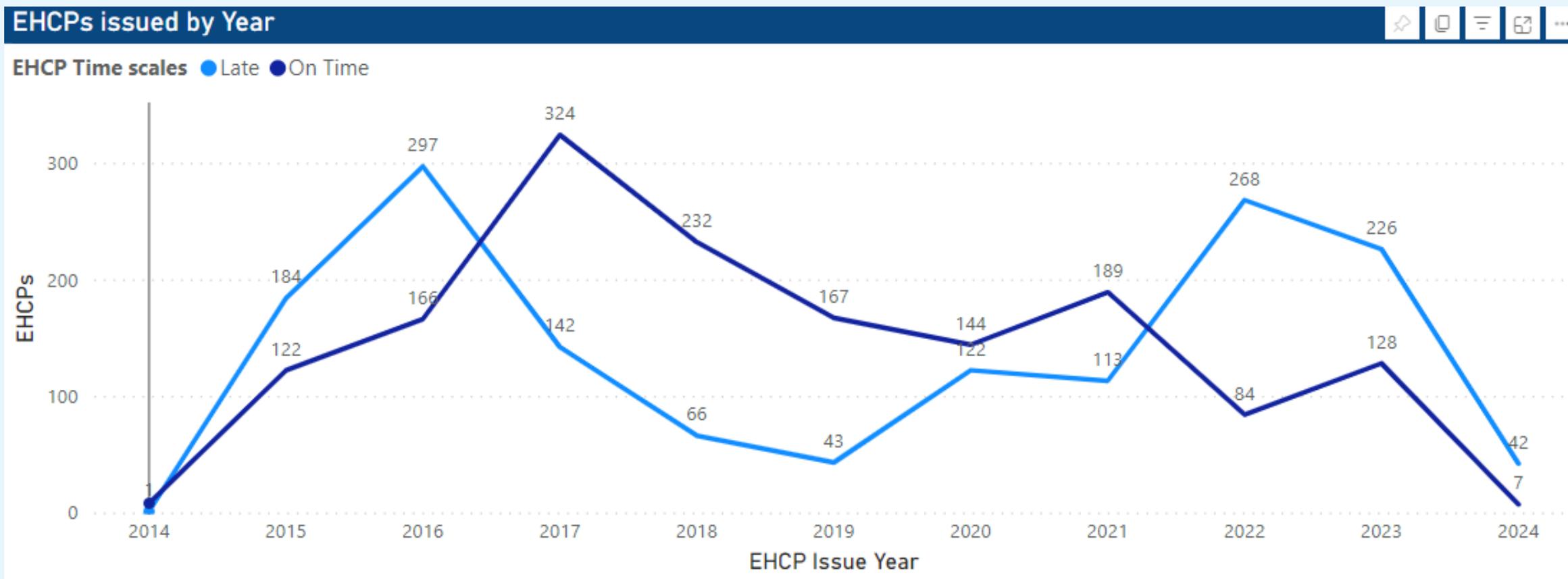
In 2022, 24% of requests were declined in BANES, compared to 22% nationally and 19% in the South West.

In 2023 33% were declined. National and regional data is not available for comparison.

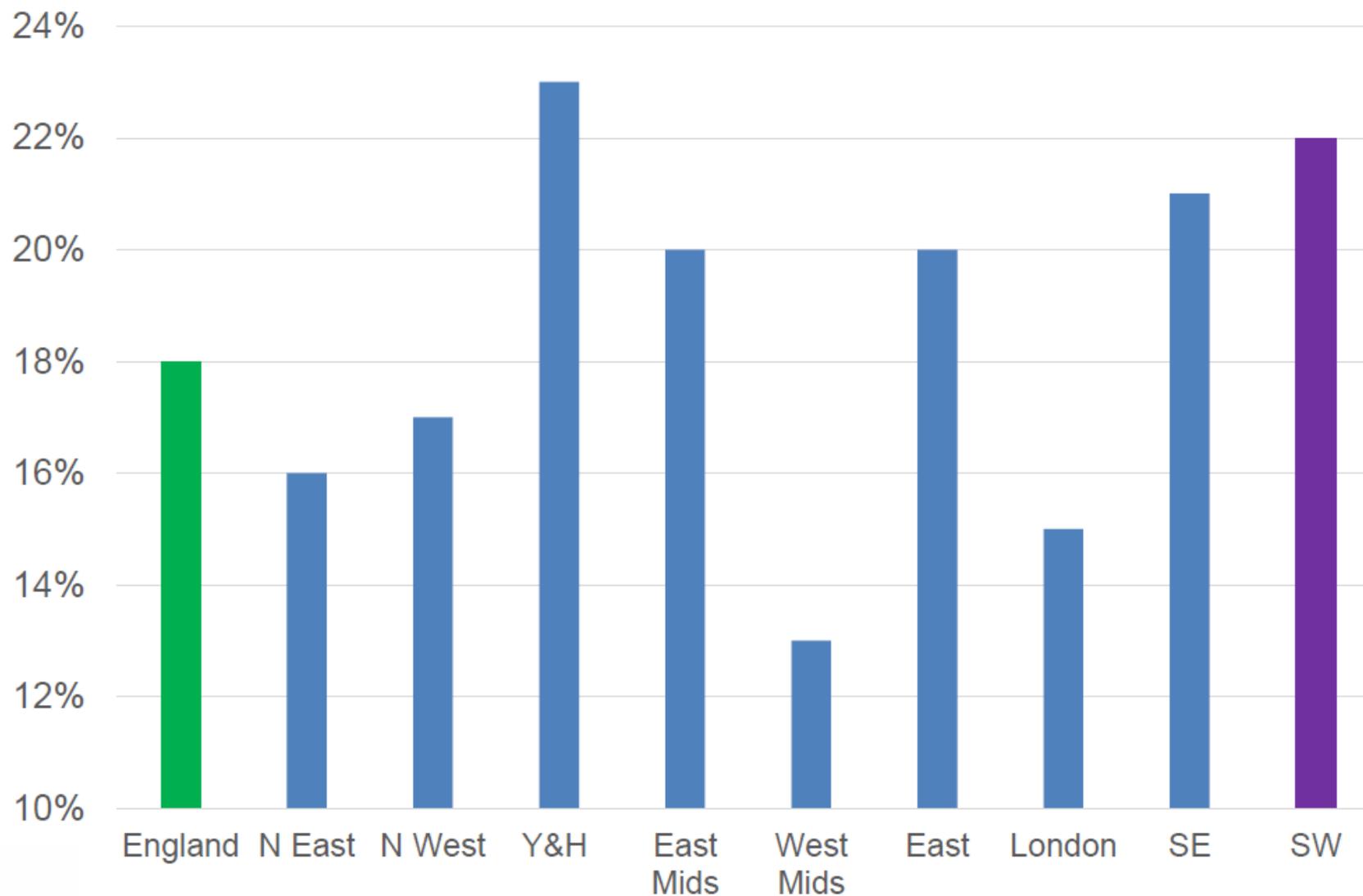
# Completion of EHC needs assessments within 20 weeks (exc. exceptions) 2018-2022



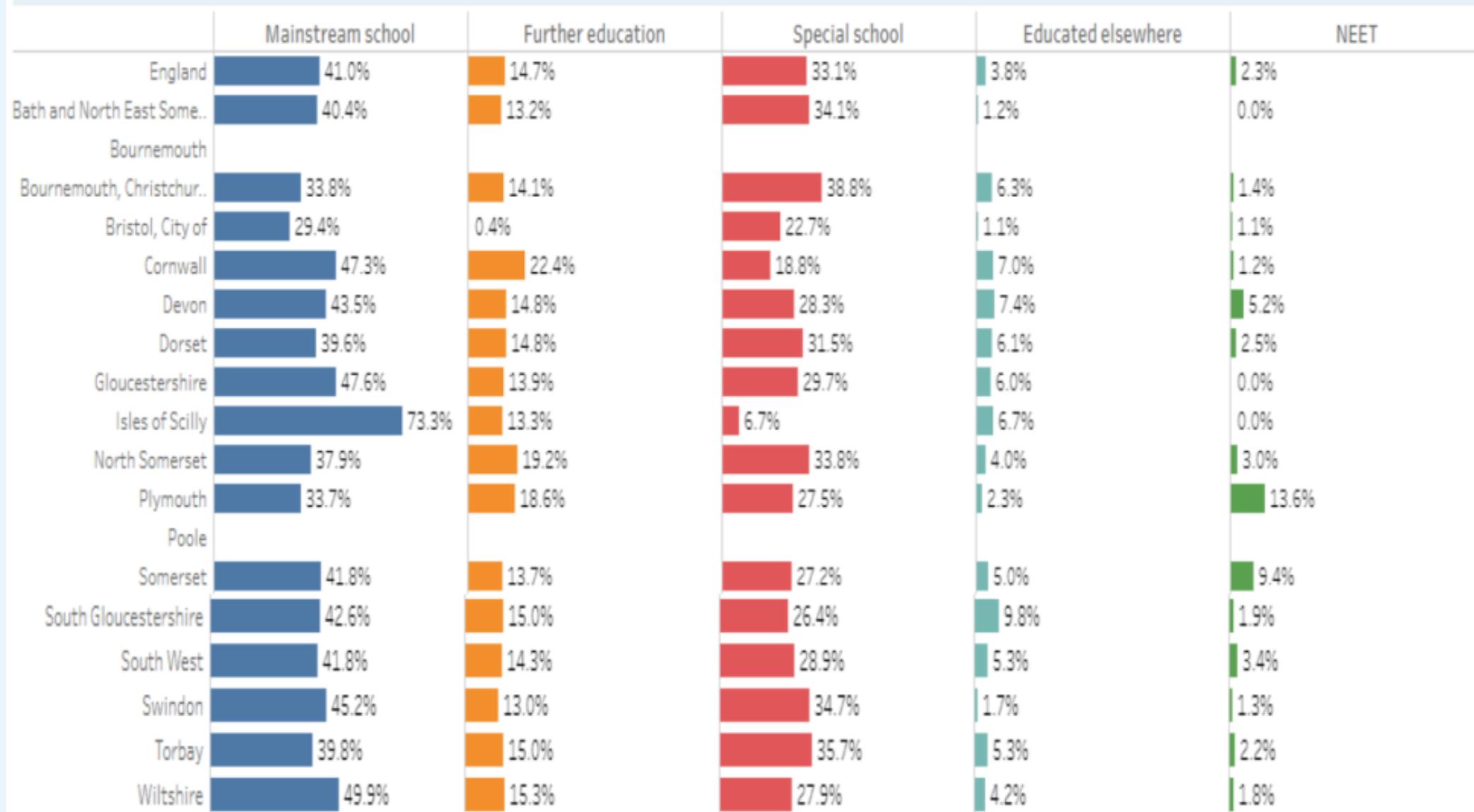
# How many of our needs assessments are completed on time?



# % increase in specialist placements 2019-2023 – by regions



## % Placements of young people with EHCP (main categories) - Jan 2023



- Mainstream school
- Further education
- Special school
- Educated elsewhere
- NEET

2023 ▼

### Establishment Group

- (All)
- Alternative provis...
- Educated elsewhere
- Further education
- Mainstream school
- NEET
- Non-maintained e...
- Other
- Special school
- Mainstream school
- NEET
- Non-maintained e...
- Other
- Special school
- Total