

School Attendance 2024 – 2025

Latest Data 2023/2024 [\(DFE\)](#)

Overall Trends:

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'Absence by geographic level' in Bath and North East Somerset, England and South West between 2022/23 and 2023/24

	2023/24			2022/23		
	England	South West		England	South West	
		South West	Bath and North East Somerset		South West	Bath and North East Somerset
Authorised absence rate	4.7%	5.3%	5.0%	5.0%	5.4%	5.1%
Percentage of persistent absentees (10% or more missed)	20.0%	20.8%	18.3%	21.2%	21.3%	18.1%
Percentage of severe absentees (50% or more missed)	2.3%	2.8%	2.3%	2.0%	2.4%	1.9%
Unauthorised absence rate	2.5%	2.3%	1.9%	2.4%	2.2%	1.6%

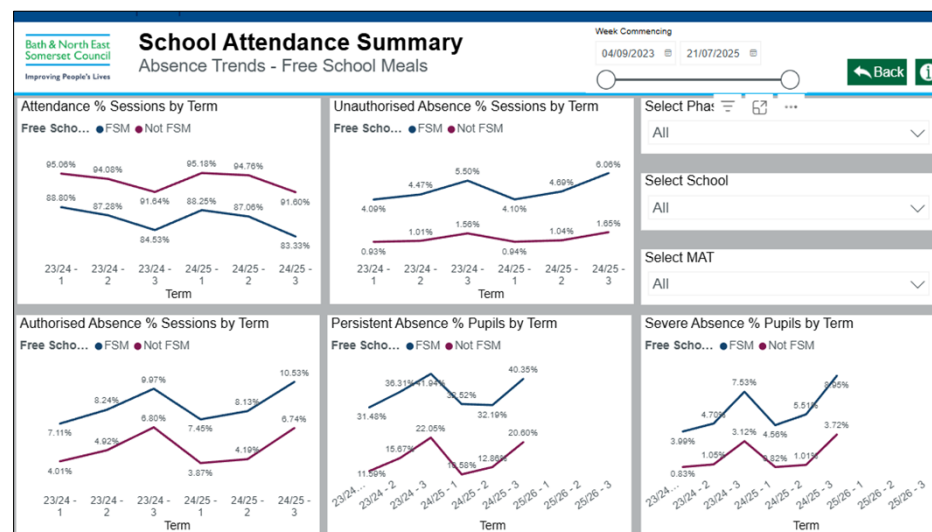
- This latest data shows that in all key areas we sit below the regional data for the South West.
- Our authorised absence sits slightly higher than national, but in all other areas we sit either below national levels or, for severe absence, in line with national levels.
- Comparison to 2022/2023 shows that whilst our % of persistent absence remains similar, our percentage of severe absence has risen along with a slight rise in unauthorised absence rate.
- Our latest internal data for 2024/2025 suggests that severe absence has dropped to 1.76%, with unauthorised absence also dropping to 1.75%. Our persistent absence has risen slightly to 19.66% but still below national and regional.

Pupils Eligible for Free School Meals:

'Absence by pupil characteristics' for FSM Not eligible and FSM eligible in Bath and North East Somerset, England and South West between 2022/23 and 2023/24

	FSM Not eligible						FSM eligible					
	2023/24			2022/23			2023/24			2022/23		
	South West		England	South West		England	South West		England	South West		England
	South West	Bath and North East Somerset		South West	Bath and North East Somerset		South West	Bath and North East Somerset		South West	Bath and North East Somerset	
Authorised absence rate	4.7%	4.5%	4.2%	4.8%	4.6%	4.5%	7.6%	7.6%	6.1%	7.6%	7.8%	6.4%
Percentage of persistent absentees (10% or more missed)	15.1%	13.0%	14.1%	15.9%	13.0%	15.6%	39.3%	39.3%	34.8%	39.8%	39.1%	36.5%
Percentage of severely absent pupils (50% or more missed)	1.5%	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	0.9%	1.1%	5.9%	5.3%	4.2%	5.0%	5.1%	3.8%

- We still have a significant gap in attendance for our FSM cohort compared to FSM not eligible. This data shows that this gap is not closing and is summarised in our internal data as shown below:



Children with a social worker:

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'LA - Absence' for CINO at 31 March, CLA 12 months at 31 March and CPPO at 31 March in Bath and North East Somerset, England and South West between 2022/23 and 2023/24

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		England		South West			
				South West		Bath and North East Somerset	
		2023/24	2022/23	2023/24	2022/23	2023/24	2022/23
CINO at 31 March	Authorised absence percentage	9.2%	9.3%	11.1%	11.0%	10.6%	10.4%
	Persistent absentees percentage	47.9%	48.5%	53.5%	52.9%	47.6%	41.4%
	Severe absentees percentage	11.3%	10.2%	14.5%	13.6%	9.2%	c
CLA 12 months at 31 March	Authorised absence percentage	5.4%	5.3%	7.1%	6.5%	6.2%	6.1%
	Persistent absentees percentage	20.8%	20.0%	23.7%	23.5%	18.8%	20.0%
	Severe absentees percentage	5.7%	4.9%	7.0%	6.2%	c	c
CPPO at 31 March	Authorised absence percentage	8.8%	9.0%	11.2%	10.9%	11.0%	11.0%
	Persistent absentees percentage	57.2%	57.5%	60.2%	61.9%	64.1%	60.5%
	Severe absentees percentage	15.6%	14.6%	18.7%	18.8%	15.4%	21.0%

- CIN – our persistent and severe absence sits below both national and regional. Our internal data for this academic year shows a drop in persistent absence, but a rise in severe absence particularly in the secondary cohort.
- CLA – Our persistent absence sits below both national and regional. Our severe absence is too small to show in this data set but internally we know that we have a small number of those who are severely absent from school all of who have clear education plans.
- CPP – Previously we have reported concerns over the high number of children who are persistently absent from school in this cohort. Our latest internal data shows a significant drop to 43.06% which would place us below both national and regional. Our severe absence still remains below regional and national.

Children with SEND:

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'Absence by pupil characteristics' for SEN - EHC plans, SEN - No SEN and SEN - SEN Support in Bath and North East Somerset, England and South West for 2023/24			Move and reorder table headers		
			SEN - EHC plans	SEN - SEN Support	SEN - No SEN
Percentage of persistent absentees (10% or more missed)	South West	South West	38.6%	32.2%	17.1%
		Bath and North East Somerset	37.4%	28.1%	14.7%
	England		35.5%	30.1%	16.8%
Percentage of severely absent pupils (50% or more missed)	South West	South West	8.5%	5.7%	1.5%
		Bath and North East Somerset	7.6%	4.2%	1.2%
	England		6.8%	4.4%	1.3%
Unauthorised absence rate	South West	South West	4.1%	3.9%	1.9%
		Bath and North East Somerset	3.5%	3.2%	1.5%
	England		3.8%	3.9%	2.1%

- For our pupils with an EHCP, both persistent absence and severe absence sits slightly above the national levels but below regional. Interestingly though our unauthorised absence sits below regional and national suggesting that some of this absence is authorised, which is confirmed in the data below:

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Authorised absence rate for 'Absence by pupil characteristics' for SEN - EHC plans, SEN - No SEN and SEN - SEN Support in Bath and North East Somerset, England and South West for 2023/24				Move and reorder table headers
	South West		England	
	Bath and North East Somerset	South West		
SEN - EHC plans	10.1%	10.0%	8.8%	
SEN - SEN Support	6.7%	7.4%	6.3%	
SEN - No SEN	4.4%	4.6%	4.2%	

Attendance by Major Ethnicity (further data can be made available but for now this is just as defined by major ethnicity):

		'Absence by pupil characteristics' for Ethnicity Major Any Other Ethnic Group, Ethnicity Major Asian Total, Ethnicity Major Black Total, Ethnicity Major Mixed Total, Ethnicity Major Unclassified and 1 other filter in Bath and North East Somerset, England and South West for 2023/24			Move and reorder table headers
		South West		England	
		Bath and North East Somerset	South West		
Ethnicity Major Any Other Ethnic Group	Percentage of persistent absentees (10% or more missed)	21.2%	22.1%	19.2%	
	Percentage of severely absent pupils (50% or more missed)	0.9%	2.4%	1.8%	
Ethnicity Major Asian Total	Percentage of persistent absentees (10% or more missed)	14.8%	16.9%	17.7%	
	Percentage of severely absent pupils (50% or more missed)	0.4%	0.9%	1.0%	
Ethnicity Major Black Total	Percentage of persistent absentees (10% or more missed)	17.7%	14.3%	12.3%	
	Percentage of severely absent pupils (50% or more missed)	2.8%	1.7%	1.3%	
Ethnicity Major Mixed Total	Percentage of persistent absentees (10% or more missed)	23.5%	23.8%	21.8%	
	Percentage of severely absent pupils (50% or more missed)	3.0%	2.9%	2.4%	
Ethnicity Major Unclassified	Percentage of persistent absentees (10% or more missed)	24.7%	26.3%	25.3%	
	Percentage of severely absent pupils (50% or more missed)	5.9%	5.2%	4.3%	
Ethnicity Major White Total	Percentage of persistent absentees (10% or more missed)	17.8%	20.9%	20.7%	
	Percentage of severely absent pupils (50% or more missed)	2.2%	2.8%	2.6%	

- This data shows that pupils who are from an ethnicity major mixed or unclassified are more likely to show persistent absence. Whilst this trend is inline with national trends it remains an area of focus for the local authority.
- Pupils who have ethnicity as major black or major mixed are more likely to show severe absence, this data is above the national data.