

Free School Meals

Blackpool had a higher percentage of Primary school pupils taking free school meals (20.7%) than the Northwest (15.9%), England (13.6%) and its statistical neighbours (16.5%).

Just under one quarter (24.8%) of Blackpool Primary School pupils were known to be eligible for free school meals compared to 18.6% in the Northwest, 16.0% nationally and 19.1% in Blackpool's statistical neighbours.

Table 1: Pupils Taking and Eligible for Free School Meals in Primary Schools at January 2009				
	<u>Number on roll</u>	<u>Pupils taking FSM</u>	<u>% taking FSM</u>	<u>% known to be eligible for FSM</u>
Blackpool	11,320	2,337	20.7	24.8
Statistical Neighbours	155,240	25,836	16.5	19.1
North West	581,270	92,570	15.9	18.6
England	4,114,630	558,590	13.6	16.0

Source: [DCSE](#), October 2009
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Blackpool had a higher percentage of Secondary school pupils taking free school meals (16.8%) than the Northwest (12.7%), England (10.3%) and its statistical neighbours (10.6%).

Around one fifth of Blackpool's Secondary school pupils were known to be eligible for free school meals (20.2%) compared to 16.6% in the Northwest, 15.8% in the Statistical neighbours and 13.4% in England.

Table 2: Pupils Taking and Eligible for Free School Meals in Secondary Schools at January 2009				
	<u>Number on roll</u>	<u>Pupils taking FSM</u>	<u>% taking FSM</u>	<u>% known to be eligible for FSM</u>
Blackpool	8,220	1,380	16.8	20.2
Statistical Neighbours	126,190	14,231	11.6	15.8
North West	439,660	55,930	12.7	16.6
England	3,278,130	338,320	10.3	13.4

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