

## Schools Information and Attendance, Absences and Exclusions

This series of figures provides information on the number of pupils attending schools in Blackpool, alongside additional information on absences and exclusions.

### Schools Information

#### School Population and Number of Establishments

The table below shows a breakdown of the number of pupils and establishments by school category. Blackpool has 46 schools with a total of 20,920 pupils on the roll in 2009.

<b>Table 1: Schools Information</b>		
	<b><u>Number of establishments</u></b>	<b><u>Number of pupils on roll</u></b>
<b>Nursery</b>	0	0
<b>Primary</b>	29	11,291
<b>Secondary</b>	8	8,180
<b>Special</b>	3	287
<b>Pupil Referral Unit</b>	1	233
<b>Independent</b>	4	931
<b>All schools</b>	45	20,920

Source: [DCFS website](#), Next update(provisional): May 2010

#### Pupil/Teacher Ratios

The table below shows the number of pupils to teachers. In Blackpool, pupil/teacher ratios are broadly in line with the averages for England and the North West for 2009.

<b>Table 2: Pupil/teacher ratio (based on full time equivalents for pupil and teacher numbers) 2009</b>				
	<b><u>Nursery</u></b>	<b><u>Primary</u></b>	<b><u>Secondary</u></b>	<b><u>Special</u></b>
<b>Blackpool</b>	-	20.3	16.3	6.4
<b>Northwest</b>	17.1	21.4	15.3	5.9
<b>England</b>	16.5	21.4	15.9	6.2

Source: [DCFS website](#), Next update (provisional): September 2010

## School Attendance, Absences, and Exclusions

### Total Absences

Blackpool had a higher percentage of total absences in both Primary and Secondary schools than in the Northwest, England and its Statistical Neighbours in 2008.

Blackpool's total absences had gone down between 2004 and 2008 for Primary schools and up for Secondary schools. Absences had gone down overall in Blackpool.

Table 3: Total Absences: Percentage of Half Days Missed								
	Primary				Secondary			
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Blackpool</b>	5.89	6.11	5.78	5.94	9.40	9.45	10.09	9.28
<b>North West Stat Neighbours</b>	5.36	5.66	5.13	5.21	8.25	8.21	8.06	7.47
<b>England</b>	5.60	5.89	5.37	5.33	8.17	8.17	8.25	7.60
	5.43	5.76	5.18	5.26	7.81	8.17	7.92	7.34

Source: [DCSF website](#), Next update (provisional): February 2010

### Persistent Absences in Schools

Persistent Absence in Blackpool was higher in both Primary schools and secondary schools than in the Northwest, England and the Statistical Neighbours in 2008.

Table 4: Persistent Absences: Comparative Data			
	Primary 2008	Secondary 2008	All 2008
<b>Blackpool</b>	2.6	9.5	5.8
<b>North West</b>	2.8	5.99	3.9
<b>England</b>	1.7	5.58	3.6

Source: [DCSF website](#), Next update (provisional): February 2010

### Permanent Exclusions from Schools

Permanent Exclusions for all schools in Blackpool were lower than for the Northwest and England in 2007.

Permanent Exclusions for all schools in Blackpool had reduced between 2004/05 and 2007/08.

Table 5: Permanent Exclusions												
	Primary				Secondary				All			
	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08
<b>Blackpool</b>	0.02	0.03	0.00	#	0.64	0.42	0.17	0.07	0.28	0.19	0.08	0.03
<b>North West Stat Neighbours</b>	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.27	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.12
<b>England</b>	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.21	0.22	0.19	0.17	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.11
	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.24	0.24	0.22	0.21	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.11

Source: [DCSF website](#), Next update release of 2008 data  
'#' indicates less than 3 exclusions