

Education Key Facts

Key Stage 1

- At Key Stage 1, Blackpool has a lower percentage of pupils obtaining a level 2 in Reading and Writing, when compared to England, the North West and Blackpool's Statistical Neighbours.

Key Stage 2

- Blackpool has a similar percentage of pupils obtaining a level 4 or above in English, Maths and Science at Key Stage 2, when compared to the North West and England.

Key Stage 3

- Blackpool has a lower percentage of pupils obtaining a level 5 or above in English, Maths and Science at Key Stage 3, when compared to England, the North West, and Blackpool's Statistical Neighbours.

Key Stage 4

- Blackpool's GCSE performance has improved between 2005 and 2008.
- Blackpool had a lower percentage obtaining 5 GCSE's with an A*-C grade (51.7%) than the Northwest (60.3%), England (60.8%) and its statistical neighbours (55.9%) in 2008.
- Blackpool had a lower percentage obtaining 5 GCSE's with an A*-C grade including English and Maths (34.5%), than the Northwest (47.4%), England (47.6%) and its statistical neighbours (40.9%) in 2008.

Key Stage 5: Post 16 Attainment, A/AS Levels, GNVQ's

- Blackpool had a higher Average Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) score than the Northwest and England.
- There were a lower percentage of 17 year olds in Blackpool in Education or Work Based Learning (73) than in the Northwest (77) and England (78) at the end of 2007.

Adult Training and Qualifications

- 20% (16,100) of working age people in Blackpool have no qualifications. This is higher than the percentage for the Northwest (14.7%) and Great Britain (12.4%)
- Blackpool has a lower percentage of working age people with an NVQ4 and above (19.5%) than the regional (25.6%) and national figures (29.0%).

16-18 Year Olds Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEETs)

- Blackpool has seen a decrease in the percentage of 16 to 18 year olds who are NEETs from 7.2% in September 2008 to 6.2% in September 2009.
- The percentage of NEETs in 2008 was higher in Blackpool (7.00%) than in England (6.70%) but lower than in its Statistical Neighbours (8.01%) and the North West (7.80%).

Free School Meals

- The percentage of children taking free school meals in primary schools is higher in Blackpool (19.9%) at January 2008 than in the Northwest (15.4%), Statistical Neighbours (15.8%) and England (13.0%).

- The percentage of children taking free school meals in secondary schools is higher in Blackpool (17.4%) than in the Northwest (12.4%), Statistical Neighbours (10.4%) and England (9.9%).

Pre School, Sure Start and Nursery Provision

- Numbers of 3 and 4 year olds taking up part funded nursery places in Blackpool increased by a larger percentage (14.3%) than the percentage increase in the Northwest (3.3%) and in England (6.3%) during the period between 2004 and 2008.

Schools Information

- The pupil/teacher ratio in Blackpool in 2008 is broadly similar to that of the Northwest and England.
- Blackpool has 46 schools with a total of 20,920 pupils on the roll in 2009.

School Attendance, Persistent Absence, Permanent Exclusions

- Persistent absence is higher across all schools than in the Northwest and England in 2007.
- Permanent exclusions for all schools in Blackpool had reduced between 2003/04 and 2006/07.
- Permanent exclusions from schools in Blackpool are lower than in the Northwest region and in England in 2007.

Special Educational Needs

- The proportion of children with special educational needs statements is lower in Blackpool at January 2008 than in the Northwest, England and its statistical neighbours

Deprivation

- In the Indices of Deprivation 2007, under the Education domain, 19 of Blackpool's 94 Lower Super Output Areas were ranked within the 10% most deprived nationally.