

2010 School Capacity Collection

Metadata Specification

DESCRIPTION

This document describes the data contained in the 2010 school level school capacity files, which are two school level files, one primary and one secondary, containing a breakdown of school places.

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Overview

The information contained in the school level files cover all maintained primary and secondary schools in England.

Information on the number of pupils on roll is sourced from the School Census which was collected at pupil level in May 2010. Information on the number of school places (school capacity) is collected from all local authorities (LAs) at school level via the School Capacity survey.

File format

Rows in each file are identified as each individual maintained primary or secondary school within each LA as at May 2010.

Coverage

The list below details the school types that are included in the file:

Community

Voluntary aided

Voluntary controlled

Foundation

*Includes middle schools as deemed

The following school types are not included:

Nursery schools

Academies

City Technology Colleges

Special schools

Pupil Referral Units

Independent schools

*Also excludes those pupils in primary schools who are in year groups N1 and N2 and also recorded as being in a nursery class.

Abbreviations and definitions

Abbreviation	Definition
LA	Local Authority
Estab	Establishment (school) number
NOR	Number of pupils on the school roll

Field Listing

Field name	Issue / description
LA number	Three digit local authority number
LA name	Local authority name
Estab	Four digit establishment (school) number
School Name	Name of school
Number of school places	...or School Capacity. Net Capacity as reported by schools as part of the School Capacity collection
Number of pupils (NOR)	Number of pupils (all registration types) on the school roll as at May 2010
Number of pupils in excess of school capacity	Where number of pupils is greater than or equal to the number of school places, the difference between these two figures. Shows zero if number of pupils is less than the number of school places
Excess as a percentage of places	Number of excess pupils expressed as a percentage of total school places

Number of surplus places	Where number of school places is greater than the number of pupils, the difference between these two figures. Shows zero if number of school places is less than the number of pupils
Surplus as a percentage of places	Number of surplus places expressed as a percentage of total school places

Calculations for fields

Field	Calculation
Number of pupils in excess of school capacity	If number of pupils is greater than or equal to number of school places: Excess = Number of pupils minus number of school places
Excess as a percentage of places	Number of pupils in excess of school capacity expressed as a percentage of the number of school places
Number of surplus places	If number of school places is greater than number of pupils: Surplus = Number of school places minus number of pupils
Surplus as a percentage of places	Number of surplus places expressed as a percentage of the number of school places

Important Note

Local authority figures in these files show the total number of surplus places and the total number of excess pupils within the LA, i.e. a sum of the surplus places and excess pupils in each school within the LA. LA totals for surplus places and excess pupils cannot be derived in the same way as the school level figures, as surplus and excess figures will cancel each other out and give an inaccurate representation of the number of school places in each LA.