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## How to apply for key DfE datasets

Explore Education Statistics data catalogue - [Data catalogue - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](https://statistics.service.gov.uk) – allows users to download DfE Open Data.

If you require access to DfE administrative datasets & survey data (use the table & key below to understand how you should apply and find out more about what data is included in each asset):

## Key

Access to DfE data via	Description
<b>DfE DSS</b>	DfE Data Sharing Service - <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/data-sharing">Apply for Department for Education (DfE) personal data - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
<b>ONS</b>	<p>Researchers must apply for access to de-identified data through the ONS Research Accreditation Service</p> <p>Apply to become an accredited researcher – <a href="https://www.ons.gov.uk/researchers/apply-for-researcher-accreditation">How to access: Apply for researcher accreditation - Integrated Data Service</a></p> <p>Apply to use data in the Secure Research Service - <a href="https://www.ons.gov.uk/researchers/apply-for-researcher-accreditation">ONS &gt; Landing</a></p> <p>Apply to use data in the Integrated Data Service - <a href="https://www.ons.gov.uk/researchers/apply-for-researcher-accreditation">How to access: Apply for a project - Integrated Data Service</a></p>
<b>UKDS</b>	Researchers must apply for access to de-identified data through the <a href="https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk">UK Data Service</a>
<b>MoJ Data First</b>	Apply for this data using the <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice/about/data-first">MOJ: Data First, application form for secure access to data - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>

## Availability of DfE personal data

Acronym (A-Z)	Name (A-Z)	Description	How to apply	Useful Links
	Attendance: COVID-19 establishment level attendance data	Status of educational settings during the coronavirus outbreak data	DfE DSS	Contact <a href="mailto:data.sharing@education.gov.uk">data.sharing@education.gov.uk</a>
	Attendance: daily attendance data	Voluntary collection of daily attendance data from schools that agree to share their data with DfE	Not publicly available	<a href="#">More info</a>
CEYSP	Childcare and early years survey of parents	Parents' use of childcare and early years provision, and their views and experiences of particular childcare providers and childcare provision in general. Waves 1 and 2 are available now in the ONS SRS. Subsequent waves will be deposited annually. Surveys 2004-2019 are available in UKDS.	ONS PASS UKDS	<a href="#">ONS SRS Catalogue</a> <a href="#">UKDS Catalogue</a> <a href="#">More info</a>
CEYSP	Childcare and early years provision: providers' survey	This survey monitors the characteristics and development of childcare and early years providers and the workforce in England.	UKDS	<a href="#">UKDS Catalogue</a>
COT20s	Children of the 2020s	This follows a random probability sample of 8,500 children, starting from the age of 9 months in 2022, with plans to conduct annual data collection until the age of 5 years. Wave 1 is available now in the ONS SRS and IDS. Subsequent waves will be deposited annually up to wave 5 (2028).	ONS PASS ONS PPS	<a href="#">ONS SRS Catalogue</a> <a href="#">ONS IDS Catalogue</a>

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ECHILD	Education and child health insights from linked data	ECHILD dataset links DfE National Pupil Database (NPD) and NHS Digital Hospital Episodes Statistics (HES) data. The dataset can be used to answer policy-relevant research questions around the relationship between education and children's health. ECHILD includes linked, de-identified health and education records for around 20 million children born in England. By joining up routinely collected information from health and education services, ECHILD enables research that explores people's experiences across these areas of life.	ONS PASS	<a href="#">ONS SRS Catalogue</a> <a href="#">More info</a>
ESS	Employer skills survey	The Employer Skills Survey is a large-scale telephone survey of 72,918 employers across the UK, providing labour market information on the skills challenges faced by employers.	ONS PASS	<a href="#">ONS SRS Catalogue</a>
FEWDC	Further education workforce	This is a census of workforce in further education providers in England. The first census was in 2021/22 and will continue annually. Wave 1 is available in the ONS SRS and IDS. Wave 2 will be accessible in May 2025. Subsequent waves will be deposited on an annual basis.	ONS PASS ONS PPS	<a href="#">ONS SRS Catalogue</a> <a href="#">ONS IDS Catalogue</a> <a href="#">More info</a>

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GRADE	Grading and admission data for England	This is a joint initiative by Ofqual, DfE and UCAS to share data concerning examinations and admissions to conduct research on educational and assessment systems in England and learn lessons from 2020 summer awarding arrangements. Grade data is available on ONS SRS and ONS IDS.	ONS PASS ONS PPS	<a href="#">ONS SRS Catalogue</a> <a href="#">ONS IDS Catalogue</a> <a href="#">More Info</a>
GUIE	Growing Up In England	Growing Up in England links DfE's All Education Dataset for England to the 2011 Census. There are 3 waves of data released.	ONS PASS	<a href="#">ONS SRS Catalogue</a> <a href="#">More Info</a>
ILR	Individualised learner record	The ILR is an on-going collection of data about learners from training providers in the Further Education and Skills sector in England	DfE DSS	<a href="#">DfE DSS</a> <a href="#">More info</a>
ILR-Next Steps	ILR linked to Next Steps	Next Steps: Linked Education Dataset (ILR), England. Next Steps, previously known as the 'Longitudinal Study of Young People in England' (LSYPE1), follows the lives of around 16,000 people born in 1989-90 in England. There have been eight sweeps of the study so far, between 2004 and 2016	UKDS	<a href="#">ILR linked to Next Steps</a>
LEO I2	Longitudinal Education Outcomes (Iteration 2)	Longitudinal education outcome (LEO) - DfE, HMRC and DWP data – now includes linked UCAS data	ONS PASS	<a href="#">ONS SRS Catalogue</a> <a href="#">More Info</a>

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LSYPE2	Second longitudinal study of young people in England	The Second Longitudinal Study of Young People in England (LSYPE2) dataset contains nine waves of data collection about the lives and experiences of young people through their transition from compulsory education to post-16 - covering ages 13/14 to 21/22. All waves (1-9) are now available in the ONS SRS.	ONS PASS	<a href="#">ONS Catalogue</a>
NPD	National Pupil Database	A database of information DfE holds on pupils attending schools in England including information we collect in the School Census, and attainment data from awarding organisations. It is the DfE's primary source of data about pupils in England.	DfE DSS	<a href="#">Find and explore data in the National Pupil Database - GOV.UK</a> <a href="#">DfE DSS</a> <a href="#">More info</a>
NPD-MCS	NPD linked to Millenium Cohort Survey	The Millennium Cohort Study (MCS) is a large-scale, multi-purpose longitudinal dataset providing information about babies born at the beginning of the 21st century, their progress through life, and the families who are bringing them up, for the four countries of the United Kingdom	UKDS	<a href="#">UKDS Catalogue</a>

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NPD-UoS	NPD linked to Understanding Society	Understanding Society (UK Household Longitudinal Study), which began in 2009 builds on and incorporates the British Household Panel Survey (BHPS), which began in 1991.	UKDS	<a href="#">UKDS Catalogue</a>
MoJ-NPD	NPD linked to Ministry of Justice (MoJ) data	Police National Computer data linked to NPD	MoJ Data First	<a href="#">MoJ Data First</a>
EEF	NPD linked to Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) archive	Data collected as part of EEF-funded evaluations is archived in order to estimate the long-term impact of the interventions, to better understand variation in children's outcomes across evaluations, and to improve the methodological approaches. Archive data can be used alongside DfE data (where relevant and approved by DfE).	EEF DfE DSS	<a href="#">More info</a>

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PPMD	Pupil Parent Matched Data	Analysing family circumstances and education by matching parent and pupil data. The data compares household income and educational outcomes of pupils in England	Not publicly available yet	<a href="#">Pupil parent matched data (PPMD): how we use and share data - GOV.UK</a>
SWC	School Workforce Census	Annual census from 2010 of data about each member of teaching and support staff working in local authorities, local authority-maintained schools and academies.	DfE DSS	<a href="#">DfE DSS</a> <a href="#">More info</a>
WLTL	Working lives of teachers and leaders	A longitudinal study that examines drivers of teacher and leader retention covering teacher and leader workloads, pupil behaviour, school culture and leadership, career reflections and future ambitions. Annual surveys are linked to School Workforce Census (SWC), Database of Trainee Teachers and Providers (DTTP) and Get Information About Schools (GIAS) thereby providing representative snapshots of the teaching workforce. Wave 1 is available now in the ONS SRS. Wave 2 will be accessible by July 2025. Subsequent waves will be deposited on an annual basis.	ONS PASS	<a href="#">ONS SRS Catalogue</a> <a href="#">More info</a>

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