

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

2025

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Executive Summary

The Childcare Sufficiency Assessment provides an overview of the childcare market and factors affecting the demand for childcare in Kirklees. The Council aims to ensure that families have choices, by having access to different types of childcare provision that offer childcare and early learning places to meet the needs of local families.

A graduated approach is taken to manage the childcare market. The Council intervenes only when required to ensure there are sufficient places in the local area.

The Childcare Market

On 31 August 2025 there were 683 registered childcare providers in Kirklees which altogether provided 21,503 childcare places, 389 providers were registered to deliver free early learning and childcare places. The number of registered childminders continues to decline, falling from 251 in 2020 to 179 in 2025, which is similar with the national trend. Refer to [appendices 1](#) and [2](#).

During 2025, funding through the national wraparound programme has helped to create over 500 new out of school childcare places to meet the needs of working families of primary school age children.

Average occupancy rates across Kirklees during summer 2025 remained high across all sectors, ranging from 76 and 77% in pre-schools and school nurseries respectively to 79% in day nurseries and 83% in childminders. [Refer to appendix 3](#).

The quality of childcare provision in Kirklees remains consistently high, with 98% of providers in the Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) sector rated “Good” or “Outstanding” by Ofsted, this matches the national average for England. To maintain these standards, the Early Years Outcomes Team adopts a proactive “challenge and support” approach, ensuring continuous improvement and excellence in early learning provision.

The cost of childcare continues to rise, with the average daily cost of a childcare place in a day nursery rising from £53.44 in 2024 to £62.25 in 2025 however families will benefit from more free childcare with the government’s recent expansion of the early learning and childcare entitlement for eligible working parents of children aged 9-months to two years old.

The Kirklees Childcare Sufficiency Team provides a universal offer of advice and support to childcare providers with sustainability risks. Between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025, the team supported 8 settings with sustainability concerns.

Demand

Assessing demand for childcare places is a complex process which depends on many variables including, but not limited to, the effects of changes in child population, housing developments, the movement of families within local authority ward areas, local geography, parental choice

and employment patterns. The unemployment rate in Kirklees is 4.8% which is slightly above the national average of 4.2% for England.

The early years population is declining, based on GP registrations in May 2025, there were just over 5,000 2-year-olds in Kirklees, decreasing to 4,500 1-year olds and nearly 4,600 babies. The number of primary school age children is also declining, in May 2025 there were over 6,000 11-year-olds declining gradually in each age group to just under 5,300 5-year-olds. [Refer to appendix 5.](#)

The early learning and childcare entitlement for eligible working parents of 9-month-old children, introduced in September 2024 has increased very gradually by only 44 children from 1,860 in autumn 2024 to 1,904 in summer 2025, this could suggest that demand has stabilised. Whereas the entitlement for eligible working parents with two-year-olds, introduced in April 2024, increased more significantly by 256 children from 1,754 in summer 2024 to 2,010 in summer 2025.

Take up of the established early learning and childcare entitlements continues to be higher than the national average which is measured annually in the spring term.

The proportion of eligible two-year-olds from families in receipt of additional support taking up a place in Kirklees was 85% in summer 2025, which is the tenth consecutive term that take-up has been at 80% and above. It should be noted this includes children that meet both the working parent criteria and families in receipt of additional support criteria but applied via the working parent criteria route, these equate to 12%. This national average take-up rate in spring 2025 was 65%, this excludes children meeting both criteria, hence, to compare the Kirklees take-up rate with the national average, an adjustment of 12% would be required meaning that the comparable Kirklees take-up rate was 73% in the summer term 2025.

The take-up rate for three- and four-year-olds continues to be high with a slight variation from 95% in summer 2024 to 94% in summer 2025.

[Refer to appendices 6 and 7.](#)

The number of families seeking support from the Childcare Brokerage Service has decreased in recent years. Between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025, 25 childcare brokerage enquiries were received, 16 (two thirds) related to children with complex additional needs and 14 involved childcare for school-age children.

Looking ahead to 2026

This year's assessment includes a section focused on looking ahead to summer 2026. Following the expansion of the early learning and childcare entitlements in September 2025 to 30 hours for eligible working families of children aged 9 months to 2 years this has increased demand for childcare. Based on the data gathered from childcare providers in summer 2025 and estimated demand for summer 2026, this information indicates there will continue to be sufficient early learning and childcare provision to meet demand in most areas, however, there are potential pressures in some areas.

Estimates indicate that there may be a potential pressure in the following wards for 0–4-year-old places; Almondbury, Crosland Moor and Netherpton, Denby Dale, Golcar, Holme Valley North, Lindley and Mirfield. In contrast estimates indicate that some of the surrounding wards may have large surpluses, these include Greenhead, Heckmondwike, Liversedge and Gomersal, Newsome and Holme Valley South. An indicator of the estimated surplus places or potential pressure in each ward can be found in [Appendix 9](#), these indicators are also illustrated in a map shown in [Appendix 10](#).

[Appendix 11](#) gives an overview of each ward including brief commentary and any actions required. In ward areas where there could be a potential pressure in 0–4-year-old places the Council will continue to monitor the childcare market including future childcare brokerage cases and the impact of any significant housing development. More detailed information for each ward can be found in the ward profiles www.kirklees.gov.uk/childcaresufficiency

The Council is interested to hear from any providers or potential providers who may have an opportunity to expand or create new provision particularly in areas where there could be a potential pressure in early years places. To express an interest please send an email to childcare.sufficiency@kirklees.gov.uk

Funding is still available to help create new wraparound childcare places or expand existing provision where there is demand. Schools and providers can enquire about applying for a grant by sending an email to wraparoundchildcare@kirklees.gov.uk

Childcare sufficiency assessment summary

The main findings of the 2025 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment are:

- There are sufficient childcare places overall in Kirklees.
- The average cost of childcare continues to increase.
- The number of childcare providers with a good or outstanding Ofsted judgement continues to remain high.
- The number of childminders continues to decline.
- The population of children under 5 continues to decline.
- The population of primary school age children continues to decline.
- The number of children accessing their entitlement to universal early learning and childcare remains high.

Priorities for 2026

- Continue with the implementation of the Wraparound Childcare Project to ensure all primary school age children can access wraparound childcare from 8am to 6pm where families require it.
- Continue to monitor the supply and demand for early years places following the expansion of the childcare entitlement for working parents.
- Continue to support providers in relation to business sustainability and quality of early years places.
- Continue to support families in receipt of additional support from the government to access their 2-year-old child's free place.

Introduction and purpose of this report

The Kirklees Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) provides an overview of the childcare market and factors affecting the demand for childcare in Kirklees. The CSA is reviewed and published on the Council's website annually enabling information to be shared with elected members, the childcare market and users of childcare services. The local authority has specific statutory duties in relation to childcare sufficiency:

- To ensure there are sufficient free early learning and childcare places for eligible children.
- To ensure there are sufficient childcare places for working parents and parents studying or training for employment.
- To provide information, advice and guidance to parents/carers seeking childcare.

This report provides information for the Kirklees area as a whole and includes some ward level data in the appendices, however, more detailed information is available in the Childcare Ward Profiles. www.kirklees.gov.uk/childcaresufficiency

The CSA and ward profiles provide the evidence base to justify interventions required to help the Council meet its statutory duty to ensure there is sufficient childcare available in Kirklees.

Childcare Expansion Programmes

In March 2023, the Government announced reforms to childcare which increased the duty to provide funded childcare places for working families meaning that from September 2025, eligible working parents of children aged from 9 months to 4 years are entitled to 30 hours of funded childcare. At the same time, the Government outlined the expectation that local authorities should ensure parents of primary school age children can access childcare in their local area from 8am to 6pm. This could include breakfast clubs and after school clubs, on school site or off school site provision or a childminding community. It is expected that by September 2026, every parent who needs it can access term-time wraparound childcare before and after school.

Expansion of the Early Learning and Childcare Entitlements

From September 2025, eligible working parents are entitled to 30 hours of early learning and childcare from the term after their child turns 9 months old.

To assess childcare sufficiency for the summer term 2026, which will be the height of demand following the expansion in September 2025, the current supply of childcare places including any unused Ofsted registered places that some settings have, has been compared with the estimated demand for the early years entitlements in the summer term 2026. An indicator of the estimated surplus places or potential pressure in each ward can be found in [Appendix 9](#), these indicators are also illustrated in a map shown in [Appendix 10](#).

In summary, it is expected there will be sufficient places across Kirklees in summer 2026 however there may be a potential pressure in the following wards: Almondbury, Crosland Moor and Netherton, Denby Dale, Golcar, Holme Valley North, Lindley and Mirfield. Where potential pressures are indicated, in most cases these relate to places for children aged 2 and under.

It is important to note that the demand for childcare is transient in nature; parental choice for childcare can often be on route to work hence it is not uncommon for parents to use childcare outside the ward in which they reside. The estimates indicate that some of the surrounding wards may have large surpluses, these include Greenhead, Heckmondwike, Liversedge and Gomersal, Newsome and Holme Valley South.

[Appendix 11](#) gives an overview of each ward including a brief commentary and any actions required. In ward areas where there could be a potential pressure in 0–4-year-old places the Council will continue to monitor the childcare market including future childcare brokerage cases and the impact of any significant housing development.

The Council is interested to hear from any providers or potential providers who may have an opportunity to expand or create new provision particularly in areas where there could be a potential pressure for places. To express an interest please send an email to childcare.sufficiency@kirklees.gov.uk

School-Based Nurseries (SBN) Expansion

In September 2025 the Secretary of State for Education announced phase 2 of the school-based nursery grant scheme. Primary schools can apply for capital funding of up to £150,000 to create or expand on-site nurseries provided there is evidence of need, the project meets the government criteria, and their local authority is in agreement. These nurseries can be school-run or delivered by schools partnering with private and voluntary early years providers on school sites. The application window for phase 2 closed on 11th December 2025.

This childcare sufficiency assessment does not indicate an immediate need for more places at this time however the government intend to launch phase 3 in early 2026, which will give local authorities the opportunity to propose plans for funding school-based nurseries that support long-term priorities and respond to local need from 2027 to 2030.

More details can be found here [School-based Nursery Capital Grant 2025 to 2026 - GOV.UK](#)

National Wraparound Childcare Programme

The National Wraparound Childcare Programme introduced in 2024 aims to support families returning to work or increasing their working hours by improving access to before and after school childcare. Through this initiative, capital and revenue funding has been made available to:

- Establish new wraparound childcare.
- Expand the number of places in existing settings.
- Extend operating hours to meet the core offer of 8am to 6pm.

In 2025 over 500 new wraparound childcare places have been created in Kirklees. 5 settings have introduced wraparound provision, while existing providers have also expanded. In

addition, 11 settings have extended their operating hours or increased capacity to better meet the needs of working parents.

Funding is still available to help create new wraparound childcare places or expand existing provision where there is demand. Schools and providers can enquire about applying for a grant by sending an email to wraparoundchildcare@kirklees.gov.uk

The childcare market in Kirklees

Table 1: Composition of Kirklees childcare market at 31 August 2025

Provider type	Number of providers	Number of Ofsted registered places
Day nurseries	110	6,296
Pre-schools	61	2,230
Childminders & agency childminders	179	1,148
School nurseries (local authority-maintained schools and academies)	70	2,070
Independent school nurseries	6	214
Out of school (PVI sector)	93	3,233
Out of school (school/academy sector)	97	3,799
Holiday schemes (PVI sector)	63	2,319
Holiday schemes (school/academy sector)	4	194
Total	683	21,503

Source: The Council's Learning and Early Support Service Pupil Database (Access Synergy) 31/08/2025

See Glossary section at the end of the report for an explanation of terms.

A breakdown of the number of providers and places at ward level can be found in [Appendices 1](#) and [2](#).

Quality of childcare in Kirklees

Research is clear; to achieve the best start for children it is vital that early learning and childcare places are of high quality. All childcare providers must register with, and be inspected by, Ofsted. Ofsted is the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills who regulate services that care for children and young people and services providing education and skills for learners of all ages. Ofsted give providers an overall grade for the quality of their provision. Schools with nursery provision have an overall inspection grade for the whole school and most also have a separate early years' grade. Prior to November 2025 the Ofsted

inspection outcomes were: ‘Outstanding’, ‘Good’, ‘Requires Improvement’ and ‘Inadequate’. Providers awaiting their first full inspection are excluded from the information shown in table 2.

Table 2: Percentage of good or above Ofsted inspection outcomes at 31 August 2025

Provider type	Percentage
Childminder	98%
Day nurseries and Pre-schools	98%
School nursery	92%

Source: The Council’s Learning and Early Support Service Pupil Database (Access Synergy) 31/08/2025

From November 2025 Ofsted will use a 5-point scale for inspection outcomes: Exceptional (highest quality provision), Strong standard, Expected standard, Needs attention, Urgent improvement (lowest quality provision). [Education inspection framework: for use from November 2025 - GOV.UK](#)

Early Years Outcomes Team

The Council has a dedicated team of Early Years Quality Improvement Officers who have extensive knowledge and experience in Early Years practice. The team use a challenge and support approach and offer advice, support, and guidance to early years providers within the Private, Voluntary, and Independent (PVI) sector to ensure high-quality provision is maintained in Kirklees.

Cost of childcare

The table below represents the average rate for childminders, day nurseries and out of school care in Kirklees. There may be variations to prices based on the number of hours a family uses, with reductions for longer hours, or discounts for sibling groups. There may also be additional payments for lunch and other meals which are not included in these prices.

Table 3: Average childcare charges

Provider type	Charge	Kirklees
Childminders (under 5's)	Daily	£49.73
Group based - full daycare (10+ hours per day)	Daily	£62.25
Out of school - rate for before and after school session (PVI sector)	Daily	£20.17
Holiday scheme (PVI sector)	Daily	£36.47

Source: The Council’s Learning and Early Support Service Pupil Database (Access Synergy) Summer term 2025

Data on pre-school charges is not currently collected.

Childcare demand

The free early learning and childcare entitlement

The free early learning and childcare entitlement is a national scheme which provides free early learning and childcare for eligible children.

All 3 and 4-year-old children and some 2-year-old children whose parents are in receipt of additional support are entitled to 15 hours for 38 weeks a year. Eligible working parents can get an extra 15 hours of free childcare for their child from the term after their child is 9 months old if they meet the criteria, therefore meaning they can get a total of 30 hours of free childcare. Some early learning providers offer the free hours in the school holidays so that children can access less hours each week over more weeks in the year.

For more details visit www.beststartinlife.gov.uk

Free early learning and childcare demand trends

The number of children accessing early learning and childcare fluctuates through the academic year, this is because 4-year-old children move to school reception year in the autumn term hence this is when demand is at the lowest and then peaks in the summer term.

The early learning and childcare entitlement for eligible working parents of 9-month-old children, introduced in September 2024 has increased very gradually by only 44 children from 1,860 in autumn 2024 to 1,904 in summer 2025, this could suggest that demand has stabilised. Whereas the entitlement for eligible working parents with two-year-olds, introduced in April 2024, increased more significantly by 256 children from 1,754 in summer 2024 to 2,010 in summer 2025.

Take up of the established early learning and childcare entitlements continues to be higher than the national average which is measured annually in the spring term, see tables 5 and 7 below.

The proportion of eligible two-year-olds from families in receipt of additional support taking up a place in Kirklees was 85% in summer 2025, which is the tenth consecutive term that take-up has been at 80% and above. It should be noted this includes children that meet both the working parent criteria and families in receipt of additional support criteria but applied via the working parent criteria route, these equate to 12%.

This national average take-up rate in spring 2025 was 65%, this excludes children meeting both criteria, hence to compare the Kirklees take-up rate with the national average, an adjustment of 12% would be required meaning that the comparable Kirklees take-up rate was 73% in the summer term 2025.

It is also worth noting that the actual number of eligible children has gradually declined since the introduction of the scheme in 2014 from 2,732 to 1,336 in the summer term 2025. This is due to the income threshold for eligibility remaining at the same level since 2014. These figures

exclude children who are looked after and the relatively new criteria, No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF), equating to 61 children in the summer term 2025.

The take-up rate for three- and four-year-olds continues to be high with a slight variation from 95% in summer 2024 to 94% in summer 2025, the national average take-up rate was 93% in spring 2025.

[Ward level take-up rates can be found in appendices 6 and 7.](#)

9 months – 1-year olds (eligible working parents’ criteria)

Table 4: Number of 9 months to 1-year olds (eligible working parents)

Term	Autumn 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025
Number of children that accessed a place	1860	1894	1904

2-year-olds (eligible working parents’ criteria)

Table 5: Number of 2-year-olds (working parents' criteria)

Term	Summer 2024	Autumn 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025
Number of children that accessed a place	1754	1998	2018	2010

2-year-olds (families in receipt of additional support criteria)

Table 6: Number of 2-year-olds (families in receipt of support criteria)

Term	Autumn 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024	Autumn 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025
Number of children that did not access a place	210	268	216	279	248	211
Number of children that accessed a place	1392	1333	1343	1237	1201	1186
Percentage of children that accessed a place	87%	84%	87%*	82%*	83%*	85%*
National average	-	75%	-	-	65%	-

*includes children that meet both the working parent criteria and families in receipt of additional support criteria

3&4-year-olds (universal entitlement)

Table 7: Number of 3- & 4-year-olds (universal entitlement)

Term	Autumn 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024	Autumn 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025
Number of children that did not access a place	168	314	410	103	350	517
Number of children that accessed a place	4860	6335	7522	4850	6400	7502
Percent of children that accessed a place	97%	96%	95%	98%	96%	94%
National average	-	93.5%	-	-	93%	-

3&4-year-olds (extended entitlement - eligible working parents)

Table 8: Number of 3- & 4-year-olds (extended entitlement)

Term	Autumn 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024	Autumn 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025
Number of children that accessed a place	2239	2931	3443	2170	2984	3458

Source Tables 4 to 8: Source: The Council's Learning and Early Support Service Pupil Database (Access Synergy)

The sufficiency of childcare places and demand for childcare is monitored at ward level however a ward boundary has no relevance to families when choosing childcare. As an indicator, families accessing their free entitlement place within their ward of residence varies across Kirklees, the following ward areas have lower than average take-up within the resident ward; Batley West, Dalton, Dewsbury West, Golcar, Heckmondwike, Kirkburton, Lindley, Liversedge and Gomersal and Newsome. [Refer to appendix 8](#). There may be many reasons why parents use childcare outside their ward of residence;

- they may live close to the ward boundary
- they may have a preference for a particular setting due to outstanding quality, reputation or specific services
- they may choose settings closer to their workplace rather than home

Projected number of early years children per term - 1- to 4-year-olds

The tables below use the population data from GP registrations recorded in May 2025 based on the child's age at 31 March 2025 to predict the number of children in each term. It is worth noting that this is slightly different to the population data shown on page 14 and in appendix 5 which is based on the child's age at 31 August 2024 to predict the number of children in each academic year. The data in the tables below estimate the number of early years children over a period of up to six school terms. The table shows the difference in number of children and

percentage from the same term in the previous year. The figures are intended as a guide only, it is important to note that the GP registration data may have changed since publication in May 2025, and the accuracy of forecasts diminish the longer they are projected into the future. The projected number of 3 and 4-year-old children excludes 4-year-old children in the autumn term as they move into school reception year, hence demand for early learning and childcare places are at the lowest in the autumn term and demand peaks in the summer term.

The projections indicate that the number of children aged 1 year remain relatively stable with only minor fluctuations. In contrast, the projected number of 2-year-olds shows an initial decline followed by a partial increase before stabilising. The projected number of 3- and 4-year-olds demonstrates a consistent downward trend, with only a slight increase projected in Autumn 2027.

Children aged 1 year

Table 9: Projected number of children aged 1-year, based on age at 31 March 2025

Term	Spring 2026	Summer 2026
Number of children	4597	4462
Change by term from previous year	168	-28
Percentage change by term from previous year	4%	-1%

Children aged 2 years

Table 10: Projected number of children aged 2-years, based on age at 31 March 2025

Term	Spring 2026	Summer 2026	Autumn 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027
Number of children	4429	4490	4598	4597	4462
Change by term from previous year	-437	-254	84	168	-28
Percentage change by term from previous year	-9%	-5%	2%	4%	-1%

Children aged 3 & 4 years

Table 11: Projected number of children aged 3 & 4 years, based on age at 31 March 2025

Term	Spring 2026	Summer 2026	Autumn 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027	Autumn 2027
Number of children	6665	7765	4514	6025	7186	4598
Change by term from previous year	-132	-254	-555	-640	-579	84
Percentage change by term from previous year	-2%	-3%	-11%	-10%	-7%	2%

Source Tables 9 to 11: GP Registrations May 2025

Population of children aged 0-17 years

Table 12: Child population counts, based on age at 31 August 2024

Age	Kirklees
0	4598
1	4515
2	5069
3	4998
4	5144
5	5287
6	5404
7	5729
8	5764
9	5889
10	5845
11	6070
12	6196
13	6290
14	6131
15	6082
16	6133
17	5843

Source: GP registrations May 2025

Ethnicity profile

Table 13: Percentage of pupils resident in Kirklees from reception age to year 11

Ethnicity	Kirklees
Asian	28%
Black	4%
Other	4%
Mixed	8%
White	57%

Source: School census January 2025

Children at risk of lower outcomes

Table 14: Number of children at risk of lower outcomes

Category	Kirklees
Looked After Children (LAC) at home (0-18 years)*	548
Looked After Children (LAC) in placement (0-18 years)*	358
Children with Child Protection Plan (0-18 years)*	426
Children in Need (0-24 years)*	2157
Children with a Statement of SEN or EHCP (4-16 years)*	3032
Children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) (8-18 years)*	13399
Children in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) (0-4 year olds)**	2775
Children in receipt of Disability Access Fund (DAF) (0-4 years)**	133
Children in receipt of Special Education Needs and Disabilities Inclusion Fund (SENDIF) (0-4 year olds)**	597

Source:

*School census January 2025

**Early learning and childcare funding claims Summer 2025

Childcare brokerage service

Most families can find suitable childcare by either using the [online self-service website](#), contacting local providers or contacting the Family Information Service. For a minority of families with more complex needs or those which require just a little more help, a personalised brokerage service is available from the Council. Brokerage services are monitored to identify potential childcare sufficiency pressures.

Between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025, the Council's Childcare Sufficiency Team received 25 childcare brokerage enquiries, 16 related to children with complex additional needs and 14 involved childcare for school-age children.

Housing developments – The Local Plan

Kirklees Council's Local Plan is a housing and industry development strategy for the borough and identifies sites across Kirklees that could provide homes or business premises. The Kirklees Local Plan was adopted on 27th February 2019. The Local Plan is now the statutory development plan for Kirklees and has superseded the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan. Planning applications must be determined in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

It is worth noting the following site allocations propose a substantial level of residential growth over time which is likely to significantly increase the demand for childcare places and therefore create potential opportunities for childcare providers whom may wish to expand or create new provision.

- Dewsbury Riverside, Dewsbury South (Site Ref HS61)
- Chidswell, Batley East/Dewsbury East (Site Ref MXS7)
- Bradley, Huddersfield North (Site Ref HS11)

However other factors affect housing developments so the plans made in 2019 are subject to change in terms of the speed at which houses will be built and the number of houses now planned. Full details and copies of all the available Local Plan documents are available here [Adopted Kirklees Development Plan | Kirklees Council](#)

In 2023, the Department for Education published pupil yield estimates based on local housebuilding data up to 2022. For Kirklees, the early years (ages 0-4) yield factor indicates the number of additional children generated from new housing developments may be estimated as 2 children per 100 family houses per year group (yield factor: $0.0752 \div 5$ year groups = 0.02).

While this is the latest published data, it does not reflect the recent expansion of the free entitlement, which now allows more children to access provision. It also does not reflect a declining population in Kirklees. Therefore, when considering the impact of new housing developments, it is important to also take account of both policy changes and demographic trends.

For the purpose of providing another indicator which may be of help for before and after school childcare providers, for primary school ages (5-11), the yield factor indicates an additional 5 children could be generated per 100 new family houses per year group (yield factor: $0.3641 \div 7$ year groups = 0.05).

Full details are available here: <https://department-for-education.shinyapps.io/pupil-yields-dashboard/>.

Employment

The unemployment total for Kirklees in June 2025 was 13,420 or 4.8% of the 16–64-year-old population (England 4.2%). This represents a decrease of -75 claimants on the same time last year. The lowest number of claimants in recent years was in December 2016 (5,380). The ward with the highest unemployment rate is Dewsbury West (10.0%), with Kirkburton being the lowest at 1.4%. In June, youth unemployment (16–24-year-olds) stood at 2,610 or 5.5% of the population aged 16-24 (England 4.3%), +310 higher than the same time last year.

Table 15: Unemployment claimant rates

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Kirklees	6.6%	5.9%	4.3%	4.3%	4.9%	4.8%

Source: Office for National Statistics

Business sustainability – support for childcare providers

Between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025, the Kirklees Childcare Sufficiency Team supported 8 settings with sustainability concerns: 1 school nursery and 7 daycare providers from the private, voluntary and independent (PVI) sector. Settings requiring support and advice can contact the team by email: childcare.sufficiency@kirklees.gov.uk

Over and above normal inflationary pressures are additional costs as a direct result of changing legislation, these include:

- Increases in the national minimum wage and national living wage rates <https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>
- Employer pension contributions <https://www.gov.uk/workplace-pensions>

To remain sustainable, it is important that all childcare providers consider the ever-changing market. Providers may consider the following to mitigate risks of sustainability pressures:

1. Promote the free entitlements and support parents to apply for a place if they think their children are eligible.
2. Register for Tax Free Childcare - [Sign up to Tax-Free Childcare if you're a childcare provider - GOV.UK](#) and raise awareness with parents by signposting parents to the [Best Start in Life](#) website
3. Maximise funding by encouraging parents to supply their details to apply for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) and, where appropriate, Disability Access Funding (DAF)
4. Use the Kirklees Business Support Tools (Breakeven calculator, Occupancy calculator and cash flow statements) - [Grants, other funding and business advice for childcare providers | Kirklees Council](#)
5. Seek professional advice at the earliest opportunity if there are any concerns about sustainability.

Other resources to help early years providers run a sustainable childcare business:

- <https://childcareworks.org.uk/hub-for-providers/introduction/>
- <https://ndna.org.uk/nursery-business-support-early-years-business-zone/>
- <https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/business-and-management>

Childcare sufficiency assessment summary

The main findings of the 2025 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment are:

- There are sufficient childcare places overall in Kirklees.
- The average cost of childcare continues to increase.
- The number of childcare providers with a good or outstanding Ofsted judgement continues to remain high.
- The number of childminders continues to decline.
- The population of children under 5 continues to decline.
- The population of primary school age children continues to decline.
- The number of children accessing their entitlement to universal early learning and childcare remains high.

Priorities for 2026

- Continue with the implementation of the Wraparound Childcare Project to ensure all primary school age children can access wraparound childcare from 8am to 6pm where families require it.
- Continue to monitor the supply and demand for early years places following the expansion of the childcare entitlement for working parents.
- Continue to support providers in relation to business sustainability and quality of early years places.
- Continue to support families in receipt of additional support from the government to access their 2-year-old child's free place.

Disclaimer

The data used to assess the supply of and demand for early learning and childcare comes from a variety of sources, including many childcare providers, before being aggregated. Whilst care is taken to ensure accuracy, Kirklees Council will not be held liable for any inaccuracies. Data is collected at a fixed point in time therefore will change between collection and the date of publication. Data is used to indicate where there may be pressures in provision, however Kirklees Council would always recommend that, prior to establishing a new childcare business or expanding an existing business, thorough market research is carried out.

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Glossary

Day nurseries - in the private and voluntary sector provide all year-round childcare to children aged 0 to 4 years old. Usually open for 10+ hours per day.

Pre-schools - extended pre-schools and playgroups providing term time care to children aged 2 – 4 years old. Some offer places to under 2's and most open for 6 hours per day.

Independent school nurseries – private schools with a nursery class providing term time care to children aged 2-4 years old. Some offer places to under 2's.

Out of school – before and after school clubs in the private providers, voluntary providers, maintained schools and academies.

Holiday schemes – operated during school holidays usually for children aged 3-11 years.

PVI refers to Private, Voluntary and Independent childcare providers.

Maximum capacity Ofsted registration – the maximum number of children a provider is registered for as stated on their Ofsted registration certificate (full time places). This figure may have been adjusted to take into account local knowledge to more accurately reflect the actual number of registered places as settings can increase the number of children they care for provided they remain within Ofsted's space requirement guidelines.

Operating capacity - the number of places offered in the summer term 2025. Note where the operating capacity is greater than the Ofsted registered number, this can occur when a provider increases their capacity, and the Ofsted system has yet to be updated.

Vacancies shown are from the summer term 2025.

FTE – Full Time Equivalent. The number of places in all tables have been converted to FTE places.

One full time place is equal to 30 hours or more.

One full time vacancy is equal to 30 hours or more.

Quality – settings with an Ofsted grading of Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement or Inadequate at their latest published inspection at 31 August 2025. The overall school grading has been used to calculate the quality of school nurseries.

Out of school and holidays schemes are graded 'met' or 'not met' and are therefore not shown.

Some independent school nurseries are registered and inspected with the Independent Schools Inspectorate which inspect under a different framework and therefore inspection grades are not shown.

Under 5's children per place is calculated using the 0–4-year-old population GP data, May 2025 and the aggregated number of places providers are operating to.

Over 5's children per place is calculated using the 5–11-year-old population GP data, May 2025 and the aggregated number of Ofsted registered places that providers can offer.

Two-year-old take-up (families in receipt of additional support criteria) - the take-up percentage includes 2-year-old children who are eligible under both criteria (working parents and families in receipt of additional support) but applied via the working parent criteria route.

Autumn term take-up – 4-year-olds move to school reception year in the Autumn term.

Ethnicity:

Asian; Bangladeshi, Indian, Any Other Asian Background, Pakistani, Asian British

Black; Black African, Black Caribbean, Any Other Black Background, Black British
Mixed; Any Other Mixed Background, White and Asian, White and Black African, White and
Black Caribbean
White; White British, White Irish, Any Other White Background
Other; Chinese, Any Other Ethnic Group, Traveller of Irish Heritage, Gypsy/Roma, Information
not yet obtained, Refused.

Data sources used - The Council's Learning and Early Support Service Pupil Database
(Access Synergy) Sufficiency Data Collections and Early Learning and Childcare Funding
Claims – Autumn Term 2023 to Summer Term 2025, Ofsted, School Census January 2025, GP
Registration data May 2025, ONS.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Number of childcare providers

Ward	Childminders	Group based - full daycare	Pre-schools	School nurseries	Independent school nurseries	Out of school	Holiday schemes	Total
Almondbury	6	4	4	2		7	4	27
Ashbrow	7	5	2	3		8	2	27
Batley East	1	5	4	5		6	0	21
Batley West	8	5	1	5		9	2	30
Birstall and Birkenshaw	9	5	0	4		10	3	31
Cleckheaton	13	5	2	4		10	4	38
Colne Valley	12	5	2	2		8	3	32
Crosland Moor & Netherton	10	2	4	4		4	1	25
Dalton	11	2	4	5		11	3	36
Denby Dale	8	4	1	3		11	4	31
Dewsbury East	14	4	2	4	1	7	1	33
Dewsbury South	5	5	3	3	2	7	4	29
Dewsbury West	5	3	5	4	1	8	2	28
Golcar	11	7	1	2		7	6	34
Greenhead	6	7	3	2	2	9	1	30
Heckmondwike	9	7	1	3		7	2	29
Holme Valley North	8	4	3	2		7	1	25
Holme Valley South	5	6	5	2		8	3	29
Kirkburton	8	4	4			8	3	27
Lindley	12	5	4	1		10	7	39
Liversedge & Gomersal	3	6	1	4		10	5	29
Mirfield	5	4	3	3		8	2	25
Newsome	3	6	2	3		10	4	28
Kirklees	179	110	61	70	6	190	67	683

Source: The Council's Learning and Early Support Service Pupil Database (Access Synergy) 31/08/2025

Appendix 2: Number of childcare places

Ward	Childminders	Group based - full daycare	Pre-schools	School nurseries	Ind. school nurseries	Out of School	Holiday schemes	Total
Almondbury	36	180	120	52	0	249	82	719
Ashbrow	43	324	82	65	0	257	55	826
Batley East	12	252	163	133	0	256	0	816
Batley West	47	278	60	188	0	342	46	961
Birstall and Birkenshaw	62	270	0	111	0	360	80	883
Cleckheaton	75	287	39	86	0	370	84	941
Colne Valley	75	335	92	42	0	90	159	793
Crosland Moor and Netherton	56	95	184	148	0	348	20	851
Dalton	72	115	113	138	0	431	132	1001
Denby Dale	46	217	20	104	0	273	140	800
Dewsbury East	78	254	64	144	40	291	40	911
Dewsbury South	34	166	128	102	66	206	214	916
Dewsbury West	24	167	184	124	8	478	43	1028
Golcar	75	350	24	52	0	245	223	969
Greenhead	48	418	184	112	100	465	20	1347
Heckmondwike	65	422	80	91	0	264	48	970
Holme Valley North	50	188	97	78	0	268	32	713
Holme Valley South	34	359	166	39	0	253	110	961
Kirkburton	53	215	128	N/A	0	315	148	859
Lindley	76	285	148	39	0	317	247	1112
Liversedge and Gomersal	24	388	25	91	0	319	234	1081
Mirfield	39	279	77	60	0	420	138	1013
Newsome	24	452	52	72	0	427	218	1245
Kirklees	1148	6296	2230	2070	214	7032	2513	21503

Source: The Council's Learning and Early Support Service Pupil Database (Access Synergy) 31/08/2025

Appendix 3: Provider occupancy levels

Ward	% occupancy level Childminders	% occupancy level Day nurseries	% occupancy level Pre-schools	% occupancy level NUIS*	% occupancy level School nurseries
Almondbury	85%	84%	85%	N/A	73%
Ashbrow	80%	72%	97%	N/A	77%
Batley East	100%	82%	85%	N/A	92%
Batley West	89%	77%	57%	N/A	76%
Birstall and Birkenshaw	88%	75%	NA	N/A	52%
Cleckheaton	84%	79%	65%	N/A	70%
Colne Valley	82%	86%	79%	N/A	60%
Crosland Moor & Netherton	72%	61%	66%	N/A	91%
Dalton	84%	64%	74%	N/A	81%
Denby Dale	88%	93%	92%	N/A	76%
Dewsbury East	84%	69%	80%	67%	74%
Dewsbury South	81%	79%	54%	80%	91%
Dewsbury West	77%	79%	94%	58%	88%
Golcar	82%	84%	100%	NA	47%
Greenhead	77%	74%	60%	71%	94%
Heckmondwike	80%	68%	91%	NA	52%
Holme Valley North	90%	97%	61%	NA	71%
Holme Valley South	89%	93%	73%	NA	82%
Kirkburton	80%	95%	65%	NA	NA
Lindley	84%	64%	85%	NA	97%
Liversedge & Gomersal	83%	85%	85%	NA	84%
Mirfield	80%	70%	87%	NA	86%
Newsome	92%	80%	54%	NA	54%
Kirklees	83%	79%	76%	73%	77%

Source: The Council's Learning and Early Support Service Pupil Database (Access Synergy) Summer term 2025

*Nursery unit of independent school.

The above occupancy levels are based on providers' operating capacity.

Appendix 4: Number of children per childcare place

Ward	Under 5's	Over 5's
Almondbury	2.58	4.03
Ashbrow	3.09	7.01
Batley East	3.26	8.58
Batley West	3.38	5.61
Birstall and Birkenshaw	2.58	3.91
Cleckheaton	2.07	3.22
Colne Valley	2.09	2.72
Crosland Moor & Netherton	3.77	10.34
Dalton	2.83	2.39
Denby Dale	2.42	2.70
Dewsbury East	3.03	5.08
Dewsbury South	2.67	3.94
Dewsbury West	4.12	9.42
Golcar	2.32	2.45
Greenhead	2.20	4.40
Heckmondwike	2.68	6.72
Holme Valley North	2.57	4.25
Holme Valley South	1.61	3.38
Kirkburton	2.30	2.72
Lindley	2.55	3.29
Liversedge & Gomersal	2.10	2.43
Mirfield	2.33	3.00
Newsome	1.76	2.37
Kirklees	2.60	3.95

Source: The Council's Learning and Early Support Service Pupil Database (Access Synergy) 31/08/2025 and GP Registrations May 2025

Appendix 5: Number of children living in each ward by age group

Ward	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Almondbury	140	161	165	180	193	189	184	206	202	222	181	224	214	212	253	216	220	216
Ashbrow	247	237	280	264	299	331	315	333	320	339	356	344	329	352	330	347	305	291
Batley East	263	221	271	257	269	246	262	261	259	285	265	275	297	308	271	284	295	296
Batley West	265	257	294	244	260	299	284	305	306	307	307	311	332	326	291	322	333	310
Birstall and Birkenshaw	180	180	224	179	207	218	189	234	221	223	212	231	237	261	249	210	232	200
Cleckheaton	171	160	161	192	192	203	187	206	185	211	200	197	192	220	224	226	205	199
Colne Valley	139	149	168	196	187	186	162	206	212	192	196	222	210	207	207	237	210	225
Crosland Moor & Netherton	257	280	283	283	287	284	310	301	301	309	316	330	328	352	302	328	325	282
Dalton	162	154	191	190	195	195	215	228	236	227	229	228	249	253	232	234	228	223
Denby Dale	134	150	125	162	142	152	158	165	174	193	187	205	210	206	202	218	207	204
Dewsbury East	266	243	303	236	259	296	281	291	256	276	279	299	286	290	308	256	277	289
Dewsbury South	239	215	223	246	228	232	278	285	272	281	289	284	299	316	287	294	312	275
Dewsbury West	360	330	390	351	386	375	371	399	418	406	417	420	393	427	409	413	434	391
Golcar	183	205	224	193	212	207	214	196	247	205	221	227	255	239	225	222	250	218
Greenhead	284	284	298	302	297	288	317	359	364	351	334	381	330	333	380	361	300	332
Heckmondwike	208	191	232	216	241	221	234	265	268	277	276	277	266	305	275	284	252	278
Holme Valley North	147	150	156	151	181	170	189	205	205	208	203	228	210	217	203	206	225	215
Holme Valley South	140	117	159	171	163	173	192	190	202	200	216	230	274	239	246	258	272	254
Kirkburton	113	121	152	144	144	163	162	156	140	176	187	177	196	201	177	178	229	190
Lindley	224	215	228	266	233	271	269	248	296	283	281	258	306	289	291	280	259	256
Liversedge & Gomersal	138	151	164	188	198	189	202	220	264	233	249	264	294	269	289	252	305	232
Mirfield	162	156	195	195	178	191	213	218	209	235	236	241	256	245	254	255	246	228
Newsome	176	188	183	192	193	208	216	252	207	250	208	217	233	223	226	201	212	239
Kirklees	4598	4515	5069	4998	5144	5287	5404	5729	5764	5889	5845	6070	6196	6290	6131	6082	6133	5843

Source: GP registrations - May 2025 - Age at 31 August 2024

Appendix 6: Number of children accessing free early learning and childcare in the summer term 2025

Ward	9 months to 1 year old	2 year olds*	2 year olds**	3-4 year olds universal entitlement	3-4 year olds extended entitlement
Almondbury	92	82	40	264	158
Ashbrow	58	62	80	401	112
Batley East	36	63	51	364	95
Batley West	61	103	69	397	131
Birstall and Birkenshaw	62	91	55	306	159
Cleckheaton	94	95	34	288	163
Colne Valley	105	114	38	285	200
Crosland Moor & Netherton	66	82	89	432	145
Dalton	59	64	59	272	109
Denby Dale	107	109	17	215	169
Dewsbury East	59	92	82	366	124
Dewsbury South	62	64	70	364	105
Dewsbury West	51	77	109	514	121
Golcar	138	111	60	314	191
Greenhead	66	84	53	437	120
Heckmondwike	97	80	56	311	149
Holme Valley North	122	105	22	236	165
Holme Valley South	83	92	17	245	166
Kirkburton	95	74	13	235	168
Lindley	150	133	38	387	257
Liversedge & Gomersal	83	86	35	279	157
Mirfield	111	101	41	301	199
Newsome	47	46	58	289	95
Kirklees	1904	2010	1186	7502	3458

Source: The Council's Learning and Early Support Service Pupil Database (Access Synergy) Summer term 2025

*Working Families Criteria

**Families in receipt of additional support criteria

Appendix 7: Trend of 2-year-old children from families in receipt of additional support (FRAS) criteria accessing free early learning and childcare in the Summer terms 2023, 2024 and 2025

Ward	Summer 2023 number of children potentially eligible*	Summer 2023 % take up	Summer 2023 number not taking up a place	Summer 2024 number of children potentially eligible*	Summer 2024 % take up**	Summer 2024 number not taking up a place	Summer 2025 number of children potentially eligible*	Summer 2025 % take up**	Summer 2025 number not taking up a place
Almondbury	60	93%	4	38	100%	0	44	91%	4
Ashbrow	105	88%	13	105	91%	9	103	78%	23
Batley East	114	73%	31	90	68%	29	81	63%	30
Batley West	107	74%	28	89	81%	17	81	85%	12
Birstall and Birkenshaw	65	69%	20	68	99%	1	60	92%	5
Cleckheaton	50	86%	7	60	83%	10	39	87%	5
Colne Valley	33	88%	4	28	100%	-11	40	95%	2
Crosland Moor & Netherton	109	75%	27	97	81%	18	93	96%	4
Dalton	68	79%	14	74	93%	5	64	92%	5
Denby Dale	15	100%	0	20	80%	4	20	85%	3
Dewsbury East	102	75%	26	91	82%	16	100	82%	18
Dewsbury South	93	86%	13	96	90%	10	80	88%	10
Dewsbury West	169	74%	44	173	85%	26	115	95%	6
Golcar	71	82%	13	81	86%	11	57	105%	-3
Greenhead	105	73%	28	102	85%	15	74	72%	21
Heckmondwike	79	84%	13	70	77%	16	84	67%	28
Holme Valley North	23	100%	-4	23	91%	2	23	96%	1
Holme Valley South	27	78%	6	18	83%	3	22	77%	5
Kirkburton	26	81%	5	13	100%	-1	16	81%	3
Lindley	38	79%	8	49	88%	6	41	93%	3
Liversedge & Gomersal	79	81%	15	52	75%	13	7	74%	12
Mirfield	39	85%	6	35	97%	1	51	80%	10
Newsome	87	86%	12	75	95%	4	62	94%	4
Kirklees	1664	80%	333	1547	87%	204	1397	85%	211

Source: The Council's Learning and Early Support Service Pupil Database (Access Synergy) and Department for Education

*Total number of potentially eligible 2-year-olds includes all FRAS criteria for example, Income, Disability Living Allowance, Looked After Children and No Recourse to Public Funds.

**From summer 2024, the percentage take-up includes parents who qualify under both the FRAS and Working Parent criteria but who applied under the Working Parent criteria.

Negative figures represent children accessing a place outside their ward of residence.

Appendix 8: Percentage of 0–4-year-old children accessing their free early learning and childcare entitlement inside their ward of residence

Ward	Summer 2025 - Average
Almondbury	63%
Ashbrow	75%
Batley East	67%
Batley West	33%
Birstall and Birkenshaw	65%
Cleckheaton	72%
Colne Valley	71%
Crosland Moor and Netherton	64%
Dalton	58%
Denby Dale	77%
Dewsbury East	66%
Dewsbury South	81%
Dewsbury West	58%
Golcar	56%
Greenhead	66%
Heckmondwike	56%
Holme Valley North	63%
Holme Valley South	80%
Kirkburton	58%
Lindley	59%
Liversedge and Gomersal	51%
Mirfield	70%
Newsome	58%

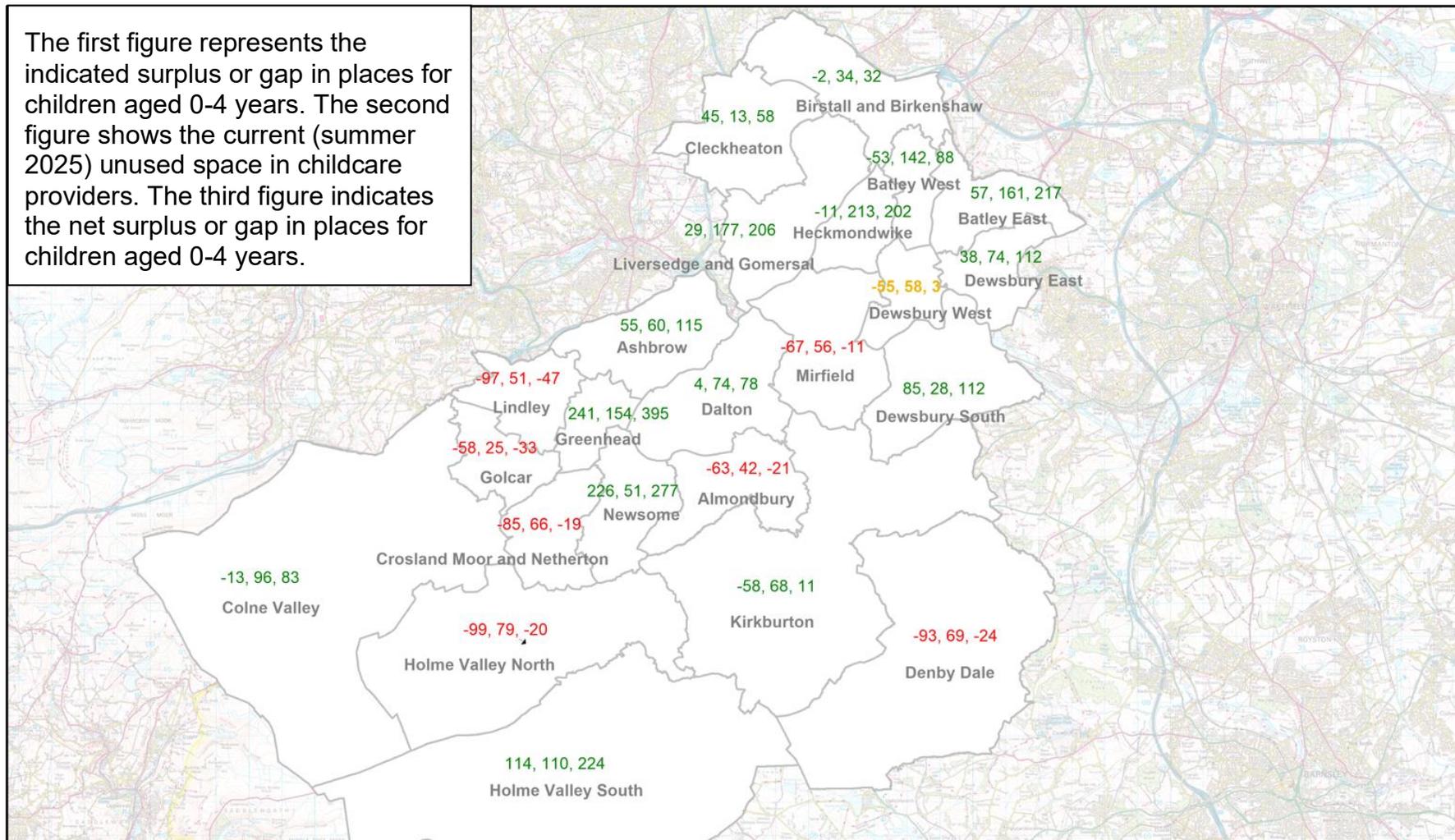
Source: The Council's Learning and Early Support Service Pupil Database (Access Synergy) Summer term 2025

Appendix 9 - Indicator of estimated surplus childcare places or shortfall - Summer Term 2026

Ward	Estimated surplus places or gap for 1-year olds	Estimated surplus places or gap for 2-year-olds	Estimated surplus places or gap for 3&4 year olds	Total estimated surplus places or gap 0-4year olds	Total unused spare places 0-4 year olds	Net estimated spare places / gap
Almondbury	-46	-27	11	-63	42	-21
Ashbrow	15	25	14	55	60	115
Batley East	-5	-7	68	57	161	217
Batley West	-15	-21	-18	-53	142	88
Birstall & Birkenshaw	-7	-18	23	-2	34	32
Cleckheaton	-30	21	53	45	13	58
Colne Valley	-24	10	1	-13	96	83
Crosland Moor & Netherton	-29	-36	-20	-85	66	-19
Dalton	-42	-9	56	4	74	78
Denby Dale	-41	-32	-19	-93	69	-24
Dewsbury East	-17	6	49	38	74	112
Dewsbury South	-2	34	53	85	28	112
Dewsbury West	-15	-61	21	-55	58	3
Golcar	-21	-14	-23	-58	25	-33
Greenhead	25	79	137	241	154	395
Heckmondwike	-17	4	3	-11	213	202
Holme Valley North	-46	-42	-11	-99	79	-20
Holme Valley South	-4	55	63	114	110	224
Kirkburton	-47	-5	-6	-58	68	11
Lindley	-77	-21	1	-97	51	-47
Liversedge & Gomersal	-27	14	42	29	177	206
Mirfield	-38	-13	-16	-67	56	-11
Newsome	46	81	98	226	51	277
Kirklees	-465	23	579	137	1902	2040

Source: The Council's Childcare Sufficiency Team Summer term 2025

Appendix 10: Map showing indicator of estimated surplus childcare places or shortfall - Summer Term 2026



Source: The Council's Childcare Sufficiency Team Summer term 2025

Appendix 11: Ward overview – looking ahead to 2026

The following tables show key indicators for the summer term 2026 for each ward, an explanation of the data used for each indicator is below:

- **Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap:** Estimated surplus or shortfall of childcare places for the summer term 2026. Based on providers' current operating capacity (places offered) at summer term 2025 less the estimated demand for early learning and childcare places in the summer term 2026.
- **Unused provider space:** Difference between the number of Ofsted registered places a provider can offer and the number of places they are actually operating to, based on summer term 2025 data.
- **Indicator of overall net estimated spare places or gap:** Total estimated spare places or gap after adjusting for unused provider space, this assumes that all unused space can be utilised.
- **Population forecast:** Estimated number of children in the relevant age cohort for Summer 2026, based on May 2025 GP registration data and age at 31 March 2025.

Almondbury Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-46	-27	11	-63
Unused provider space	9	9	24	42
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				-21
Population forecast	↓	↓	↓	

- One setting could expand if needed.
- Continue to monitor the childcare market including future childcare brokerage cases and the impact of housing development.

Ashbrow Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	15	25	14	55
Unused provider space	8	8	44	60
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				170
Population forecast	↓	↓	↑	

- No action required, continue to monitor.

Batley East Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-5	-7	68	57
Unused provider space	29	29	103	161
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				218
Population forecast	↑	↓	↑	

- No action required, continue to monitor.

Batley West Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-15	-21	-18	-53
Unused provider space	22	22	98	142
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				89
Population forecast				

- Nearly two thirds of children access their early learning and childcare entitlement in a different ward.
- No action required, continue to monitor.

Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-7	-18	23	-2
Unused provider space	6	6	23	34
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				32
Population forecast				

- Some providers could expand if demand increases.
- Continue to monitor the childcare market including future childcare brokerage cases.

Cleckheaton Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-30	21	53	45
Unused provider space	1	1	11	13
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				58
Population forecast				

- No action required, continue to monitor.

Colne Valley Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-24	10	1	-13
Unused provider space	22	22	52	96
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				83
Population forecast				

- No action required, continue to monitor.

Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-29	-36	-20	-85
Unused provider space	9	9	48	66
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				-19
Population forecast				

- One setting could expand.
- There is significant movement of children accessing a place out of the ward.
- Continue to monitor the childcare market including future childcare brokerage cases and the impact of housing development.

Dalton Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-42	-9	56	4
Unused provider space	11	11	52	74
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				78
Population forecast				

- Nearly half of children access their early learning and childcare entitlement in a different ward.
- No action required, continue to monitor.

Denby Dale Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-41	-32	-19	-93
Unused provider space	8	8	53	69
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				-24
Population forecast				

- One setting could expand if needed.
- One provider has informed us there is an opportunity to use spare capacity in 3 & 4-year-old room to accommodate younger children.
- Continue to monitor the childcare market including future childcare brokerage cases and the impact of housing development.

Dewsbury East Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-17	6	49	38
Unused provider space	16	16	41	74
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				112
Population forecast				

- Some providers could expand if demand increases.
- No action required, continue to monitor.

Dewsbury South Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-2	34	53	85
Unused provider space	3	3	21	28
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				113
Population forecast				

- No action required, continue to monitor.

Dewsbury West Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-15	-61	21	-55
Unused provider space	10	10	38	58
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				3
Population forecast	↓	↓	↑	

- Nearly half of children access their early learning and childcare entitlement in a different ward.
- Some providers could expand if demand increases.
- Continue to monitor the childcare market including future childcare brokerage cases.

Golcar Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-21	-14	-23	-58
Unused provider space	6	6	13	25
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				-33
Population forecast	↓	↓	↑	

- Nearly half of children access their early learning and childcare entitlement in a different ward.
- Some providers could expand if demand increases.
- Continue to monitor the childcare market including future childcare brokerage cases and the impact of housing development.

Greenhead Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	25	79	137	241
Unused provider space	36	36	82	154
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				395
Population forecast	↑	↑	↓	

- No action required, continue to monitor.

Heckmondwike Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-17	4	3	-11
Unused provider space	48	48	117	213
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				202
Population forecast	↓	↑	↓	

- Nearly half of children access their early learning and childcare entitlement in a different ward.
- No action required, continue to monitor.

Holme Valley North Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-46	-42	-11	-99
Unused provider space	19	19	41	79
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				-20
Population forecast	↓	↓	↑	

- One provider could expand if demand increases.
- Continue to monitor the childcare market including future childcare brokerage cases and the impact of housing development.

Holme Valley South Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-4	55	63	114
Unused provider space	25	25	61	110
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				224
Population forecast	↑	↓	↓	

- No action required, continue to monitor.

Kirkburton Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-47	-5	-6	-58
Unused provider space	17	17	34	68
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				10
Population forecast	↓	↓	↑	

- Nearly half of children access their early learning and childcare entitlement in a different ward.
- Settings cannot expand.
- Continue to monitor the childcare market including future childcare brokerage cases.

Lindley Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-77	-21	1	-97
Unused provider space	12	12	26	50
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				-47
Population forecast	↑	↓	↓	

- Nearly half of children access their early learning and childcare entitlement in a different ward.
- Some providers could expand if demand increases.
- One provider could use spare capacity in 3 & 4-year-old room to accommodate younger children.
- Continue to monitor the childcare market including future childcare brokerage cases.

Liversedge and Gomersal Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-27	14	42	29
Unused provider space	42	42	92	177
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				146
Population forecast				

- Nearly half of children access their early learning and childcare entitlement in a different ward.
- No action required, continue to monitor.

Mirfield Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	-38	-13	-16	-67
Unused provider space	14	14	29	56
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				-11
Population forecast				

- Some providers could expand if demand increases.
- Continue to monitor the childcare market including future childcare brokerage cases.

Newsome Ward	Under 2s	2-year-olds	3 & 4-year-olds	Total
Indicator of estimated surplus places or gap	46	81	98	226
Unused provider space	12	12	27	51
Indicator of overall estimated net surplus/gap				277
Population forecast				

- Nearly half of children access their early learning and childcare entitlement in a different ward.
- No action required, continue to monitor.