

UK Foundation Programme 2026

First preference ratios

The tables below show the first preference ratios for the last three years based on the number of places available in each foundation school and the number of applicants who preferred that foundation school first.

These figures are for the main foundation programme. They are taken from the number of Foundation Programme (FP) places at the time of the national allocation to foundation schools and the number of applicants remaining in the process at that point in time. FPP programmes, and the applicants who accepted FPP offers, are not included. Applicants who withdrew prior to allocation are also not included.

Ratios are shown both before and after completion of the pre-allocation scheme and manual matching (SFP pathway 1 and the 'new medical school' local allocation pilot in England).

UKFP 2025				
Foundation school	Number of programmes	First choice preference	First preference ratio	First preference ratio after pre-allocation / manual matching
East of England	898	580	0.65	0.60
KSS	696	665	0.96	0.95
LNR	317	227	0.72	0.68
London	1238	2200	1.78	2.07
North West of England	1062	1437	1.35	1.42
Northern	520	490	0.94	0.94
Northern Ireland	412	349	0.85	0.84
Peninsula	313	271	0.87	0.86
Scotland	1109	1117	1.01	1.01
Severn	405	496	1.22	1.24
Thames Valley Oxford	364	596	1.64	1.69
Trent	505	237	0.47	0.43
Wales	463	303	0.65	0.64
Wessex	417	252	0.60	0.58
West Midlands Central	297	330	1.11	1.16
West Midlands North	446	171	0.38	0.35
West Midlands South	294	159	0.54	0.52
Yorkshire and Humber	878	758	0.86	0.84

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UKFP 2024				
Foundation school	Number of programmes	First choice preference	First preference ratio	First preference ratio after pre-allocation / manual matching
East of England	802	375	0.47	0.44
KSS	643	407	0.63	0.62
LNR	278	146	0.53	0.51
London	1080	2610	2.42	2.89
North West of England	1001	1354	1.35	1.39
Northern	493	402	0.82	0.80
Northern Ireland	340	223	0.66	0.65
Peninsula	302	197	0.65	0.64
Scotland	934	933	1.00	1.00
Severn	397	667	1.68	1.71
Thames Valley Oxford	334	474	1.42	1.45
Trent	453	225	0.50	0.47
Wales	485	277	0.57	0.56
Wessex	413	209	0.51	0.49
West Midlands Central	262	354	1.35	1.47
West Midlands North	429	169	0.39	0.37
West Midlands South	278	125	0.45	0.44
Yorkshire and Humber	778	555	0.71	0.68

UKFP 2023				
Foundation school	Number of programmes	First choice preference	First preference ratio	First preference ratio after pre-allocation / manual matching
East Anglia	335	134	0.40	0.39
EBH	369	210	0.57	0.55
KSS	581	290	0.50	0.48
LNR	238	155	0.65	0.63
London	989	2387	2.41	2.74
North West of England	901	1112	1.23	1.26
Northern	443	422	0.95	0.95
Northern Ireland	284	266	0.94	0.94
Peninsula	253	162	0.64	0.63
Scotland	879	831	0.95	0.94
Severn	352	478	1.36	1.37
Thames Valley Oxford	286	357	1.25	1.27
Trent	397	211	0.53	0.52
Wales	459	277	0.60	0.59
Wessex	367	249	0.68	0.67
West Midlands Central	224	307	1.37	1.47
West Midlands North	366	130	0.36	0.33
West Midlands South	232	119	0.51	0.49
Yorkshire and Humber	700	558	0.80	0.78