

UK Foundation Programme 2027

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 primary foundation programme allocation. 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. Applicants who withdrew prior to allocation are not included.

Ratios are shown for all applicants (i.e. those allocated via the primary allocation and who remained on the reserve list), primary allocation applicants only, and primary allocation after completion of the pre-allocation scheme and manual matching (SFP pathway 1 and the 'new medical school' local allocation pilot in England).

UKFP 2026						
Foundation school	Number of places	First choice pref All applicants	First pref ratio All applicants	First choice pref Primary allocation only	First pref ratio Primary allocation only	First pref ratio Primary allocation only, after pre-allocation / manual matching
East of England	921	760	0.83	656	0.71	0.69
KSS	703	630	0.90	600	0.85	0.84
LNR	330	275	0.83	249	0.75	0.74
London	1,216	2,553	2.10	2,484	2.04	2.31
North West of England	1,081	1,306	1.21	1,230	1.14	1.16
Northern	568	487	0.86	432	0.76	0.74
Northern Ireland	387	313	0.81	304	0.79	0.78
Peninsula	319	289	0.91	280	0.88	0.87
Scotland	1,237	1,398	1.13	1,340	1.08	1.09
Severn	421	577	1.37	554	1.32	1.33
Thames Valley Oxford	342	471	1.38	440	1.29	1.30
Trent	474	293	0.62	255	0.54	0.51
Wales	460	340	0.74	302	0.66	0.65
Wessex	437	275	0.63	256	0.59	0.58
West Midlands Central	286	410	1.43	398	1.39	1.51
West Midlands North	436	238	0.55	175	0.40	0.39
West Midlands South	294	173	0.59	152	0.52	0.50
Yorkshire and Humber	898	760	0.85	703	0.78	0.76

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UKFP 2025				
Foundation school	Number of places	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	1,238	2,200	1.78	2.07
North West of England	1,062	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	1,109	1,117	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

UKFP 2024				
Foundation school	Number of places	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	1,080	2,610	2.42	2.89
North West of England	1,001	1,354	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