

## FOI Data – English Local Authority Placement Mix

### September 2024

Freedom of Information request by Sufficiency.org.uk in September 2024 to every local authority responsible for children's social care about their current placement mix from kinship care to unregulated provision.

Also included are responses from regions on their plans for new children's homes.

The data is broken down by region but represents responses from 150 local authorities.

[Report here: English Local Authority Children's Placement Sufficiency – Better Sufficiency](#)

[Residential Children's Home Use in England – Better Sufficiency](#)

## Fostering incl Kinship as of 01/09/2024

Region	No. of children in care (CIC)	No. of CIC in All mainstream fostering	% of CIC in mainstream foster placements	No. of CIC with in-house fostering	% of CIC with in-house carers	No. of CIC with independent carers	% of CIC with independent carers	% of mainstream foster placements that are in-house	No. of CIC with kinship carers	% of CIC with kinship carers	Total CIC in all foster care (incl kinship)	% of CIC in all foster care
NorthEast	5918	3056	51.6%	2011	34.0%	1044	17.6%	65.8%	1079	18.2%	4135	69.9%
EastMidlands	6534	3322	50.8%	1538	23.5%	1784	27.3%	46.3%	893	13.7%	4215	64.5%
EastEngland	6900	3987	57.8%	2233	32.4%	1722	25.0%	56.0%	693	10.0%	4680	67.8%
SouthWest	6933	3646	52.6%	2024	29.2%	1622	23.4%	55.5%	954	13.8%	4600	66.3%
London	9541	5317	55.7%	2444	25.6%	2860	30.0%	46.0%	1302	13.6%	6619	69.4%
Yorkshire&Humber	9579	4848	50.6%	2816	29.4%	2032	21.2%	58.1%	1796	18.7%	6644	69.4%
SouthEast	11084	5856	52.8%	3171	28.6%	2665	24.0%	54.1%	1376	12.4%	7232	65.2%
WestMidlands	11777	6483	55.0%	2915	24.8%	3598	30.6%	45.0%	1985	16.9%	8468	71.9%
NorthWest	13701	6661	48.6%	3740	27.3%	2941	21.5%	56.1%	2735	20.0%	9396	68.6%

## Residential Children's Homes and Supported Accommodation as of 01/09/2024

Region	No. of children in care (CIC)	All CIC in residential children's homes (RCH)	CIC in LA or trust operated homes	CIC in private or voluntary children's homes	% of CIC in RCHs	% of RCH children in LA operated provisions	All supported accommodation (SA)	In-house SA	Provider operated SA	% of CIC in SA	% of SA CIC in-house
NorthEast	5918	708	168	538	12.0%	23.7%	261	45	216	4.4%	17.2%
EastMidlands	6534	955	147	803	14.6%	15.4%	774	35	739	11.8%	4.5%
EastEngland	6900	694	74	616	10.1%	10.7%	1013	137	876	14.7%	13.5%
SouthWest	6933	792	28	764	11.4%	3.5%	714	91	567	10.3%	12.7%
London	9541	950	50	900	10.0%	5.3%	1277	40	1237	13.4%	3.1%
Yorkshire&Humber	9579	951	229	722	9.9%	24.1%	720	104	611	7.5%	14.4%
SouthEast	11084	1326	126	1199	12.0%	9.5%	1347	121	1226	12.2%	9.0%
WestMidlands	11777	1256	86	1169	10.7%	6.8%	873	65	808	7.4%	7.4%
NorthWest	13701	1686	150	1535	12.3%	8.9%	1049	84	968	7.7%	8.0%

## Placements with Parents, Secure, Unregulated and Other as of 01/09/2024

Region	No. of children in care (CIC)	All CIC in Placement with Parents	% of CIC in Placement with Parents	CIC in Secure	% of CIC in Secure	CIC in Unregulated (under 16)	% of CIC in Unregulated (under 16)	All declared placements	CIC in other placements	% of CIC in other placements
NorthEast	5918	452	7.6%	14	0.24%	83	1.40%	5653	265	4.5%
EastMidlands	6534	319	4.9%	8	0.12%	47	0.72%	6315	219	3.4%
EastEngland	6900	211	3.1%	9	0.13%	86	1.25%	6676	224	3.2%
SouthWest	6933	325	4.7%	4	0.06%	118	1.70%	6553	380	5.5%
London	9541	375	3.9%	15	0.16%	114	1.19%	9350	191	2.0%
Yorkshire&Humber	9579	624	6.5%	11	0.11%	76	0.79%	9026	553	5.8%
SouthEast	11084	448	4.0%	16	0.14%	191	1.72%	10456	628	5.7%
WestMidlands	11777	933	7.9%	11	0.09%	69	0.59%	11610	189	1.6%
NorthWest	13701	1256	9.2%	12	0.09%	75	0.55%	13474	228	1.7%

## Residential and Short Breaks Children's Homes as of 01/09/2024

Region	No. of children in care (CIC)	No. local authority (LA) operated residential children's homes (RCH)	Total LA beds	RCH Occupancy rate	No. of provider operated RCH homes	Total provider operated RCH beds	LA operated Short Breaks homes (SB)	No. of LA SB homes	Total LA SB beds	No. of provider operated SB homes	Total provider operated SB beds
NorthEast	5918	57	194	87%	6	20	Yes	8	37	3	14
EastMidlands	6534	40	174	84%	27	77	Yes	9	58	3	18
EastEngland	6900	26	89	83%	23	54	Yes	14	59	6	35
SouthWest	6933	12	39	72%	19	45	No	11	54	3	16
London	9541	18	75	67%	19	76	Yes	10	64	6	36
Yorkshire&Humber	9579	77	276	83%	6	9	Yes	22	149	1	1
SouthEast	11084	34	151	83%	25	41	Yes	16	105	14	90
WestMidlands	11777	33	115	75%	0	0	Yes	13	72	3	6
NorthWest	13701	50	209	72%	2	5	Yes	23	99	3	17

## Local Authority Residential Children's Homes Plans as of 01/09/2024

Region	No. of children in care (CIC)	Planned homes	Planned Beds	Projected new bed use	Projected total bed use	Projected % of RCH need met in-house
NorthEast	5918	22	71	61	229	32%
EastMidlands	6534	24	59	50	197	21%
EastEngland	6900	19	69	57	131	19%
SouthWest	6933	27	91	65	93	12%
London	9541	21	63	42	92	10%
Yorkshire&Humber	9579	29	69	57	286	30%
SouthEast	11084	35	153	128	254	19%
WestMidlands	11777	17	51	38	124	10%
NorthWest	13701	43	129	93	243	14%