



ESSEX CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Summer 2022

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Essex Highlights

96.8% of funded Early Years providers are rated by Ofsted as Good or Outstanding

1178 Early Years providers offer the extended funded entitlement offer (30 hours)

823 responses to the 2022 childcare in Essex – Parents views survey

The maximum capacity of childcare places has reduced by 1.4% since last year.

93.4% of all 3 & 4-year-olds accessing their universal Funded Early Education Entitlement (FEEE)

Out of 1866 settings, there are 810 childminders, 343 pre-schools, 304-day nurseries and 100 primary school nurseries.

2541 of eligible children are in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

77.1% of eligible 2-year-olds are accessing their Funded Early Education Entitlement (FEEE2)

636 Early Years providers offer Funded Early Education Entitlement to 2-year-olds (FEEE2)

100 Primary School Nurseries across Essex

Background

All Local Authorities are required by the Department for Education (DfE) to publish an annual report to elected council members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare; and make this report available and accessible to parents.

This report reflects the data that has been submitted to Essex County Council by childcare providers across Essex and relates to the available childcare places during the summer term 2022. An overall Essex position is presented, followed by summary information for each district area within Essex.

This report is part of a wider suite of intelligence used by the Early Years and Childcare Service to assess the sufficiency of childcare places in Essex, which includes information at a lower geographical level than is presented in this summary document.

Quality of Childcare Provision

All Early Years and Childcare providers must register with and be inspected by Ofsted, who give an overall grade for the quality of their provision. Childminders and private and voluntary childcare providers are on the Early Years Register, and schools and standalone maintained nursery schools are on the schools register. The grades for both registers are equivalent. Schools with nurseries have an overall inspection grade, which is part of the early year's effectiveness grade within a whole school inspection.

Both schools and Early Years and Childcare providers have four possible Ofsted grades: Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement, or Inadequate.

Entitlement to Funded Childcare Places

Some children are entitled to childcare places, funded by the government. These entitlements are for 38 weeks per year or 570 hours stretched across up to 52 weeks.

- Children aged 2 whose families receive certain benefits (including low-income families in receipt of in-work benefits), or those who meet additional non-economic criteria, are entitled to up to 15 hours per week. Nationally, about 40% of two-year-olds are entitled to this offer. In Essex in 2022, around 21% of two-year-olds are entitled to this offer.
- All children aged 3 & 4 are entitled to up to 15 hours per week until they start reception class in school.
- Children aged 3 & 4 where both parents are working, or from lone parent families where that parent is working, are entitled to up to an additional 15 hours (30 hours) per week until they start reception class in school. This funding began in September 2017.

Short Breaks Scheme

For children and young adults with special educational needs and/or disabilities, Short Breaks gives families the chance to take a break from their normal routines and enjoy activities together. Services include Clubs and Activities, such as after-school, holiday and weekend clubs, sports, arts and crafts, outdoor activities and drama and music clubs. It also includes access to Caravans and Beach huts as well as other activities. For information on eligibility please visit <https://shortbreaks.essex.gov.uk/> (see resources section for hyperlinks)

Parent Survey

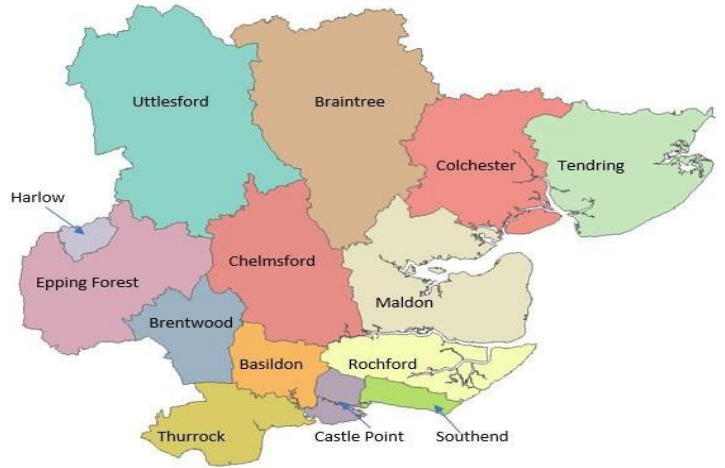
On an annual basis we run a Parent Survey to gather feedback from parents and carers across Essex. Their feedback gives us valuable insight into how services are accessed and used, where there are gaps in provision or where we can best focus support for children, families, and Early Years sector. A summary of the 2022 Parent Survey can be found at the end of this document.

Summary - Essex

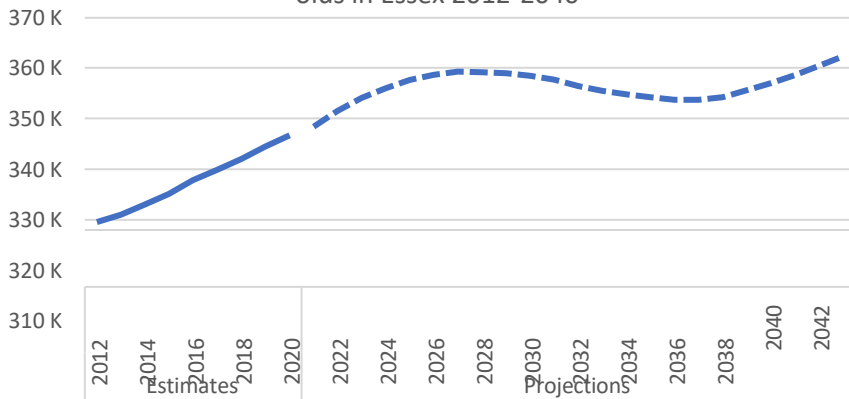
Essex County Council Districts

The county of Essex covers 14 districts, Essex County Council is made up of 12 of these districts as Southend and Thurrock are unitary authorities.

This report goes through demand and supply of childcare provision in each of the 12 districts.



ONS Population estimates and projections of 0-19 year olds in Essex 2012-2040



Essex Population of 0-19-year olds

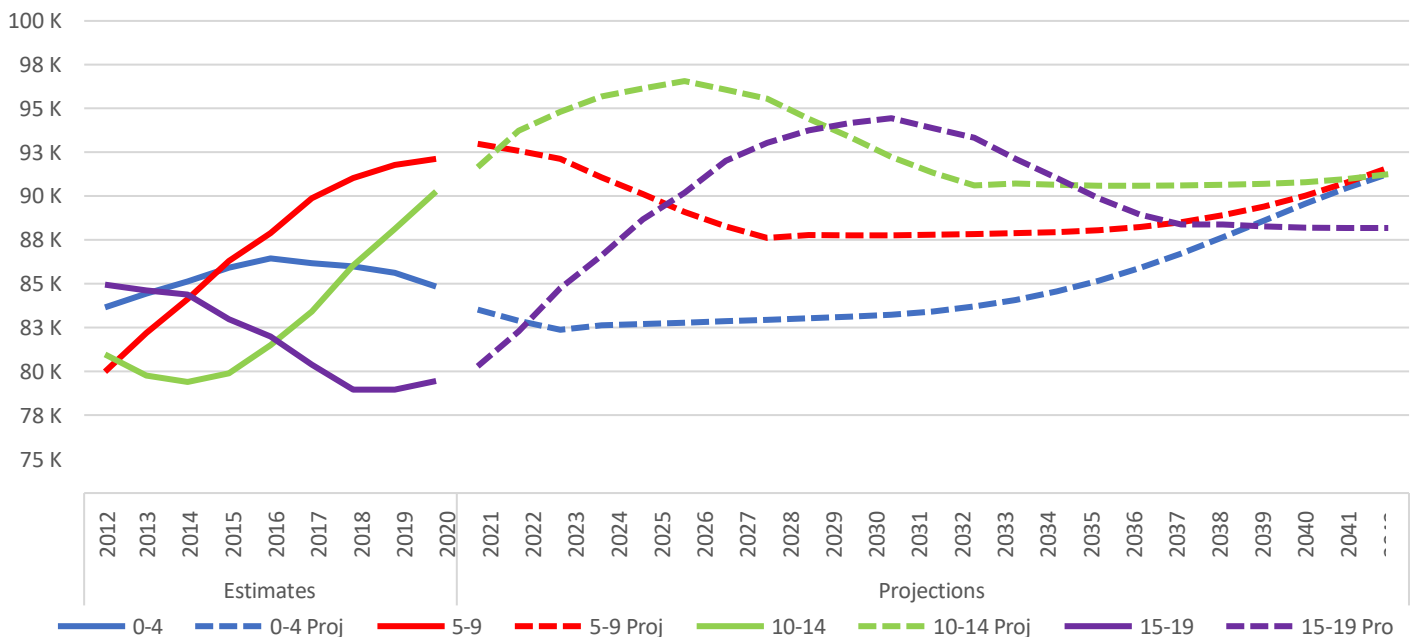
Between 2019 and 2020 the estimated number of 0-19-year-olds in Essex remained the same at 346,691.

The Office for National Statistics projected in 2018 that the number of 0-19-year-olds in Essex will increase by 3.4% between 2021 and 2026.

Between 2021 and 2040, total projected increase is 3.0%.

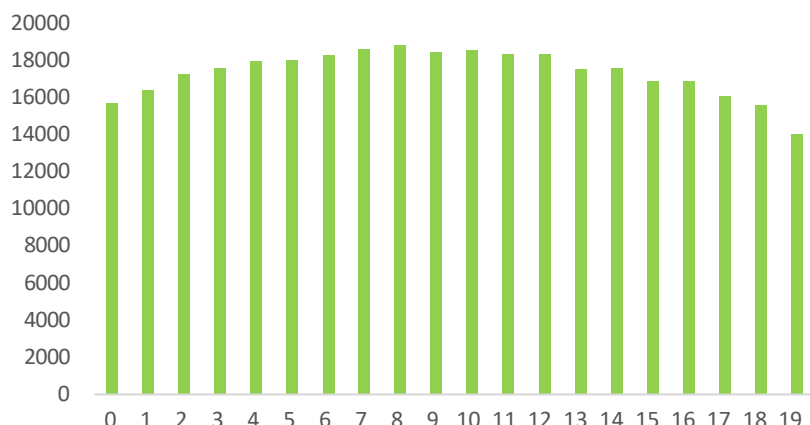
Age Groups- Population estimates and projections (ONS figures)

ONS Population estimates and projections of 0-19 year olds in Essex 2012-2040



ONS have projected that between 2021 and 2026 the number of 0–4-year-olds in Essex will rise by 2.5%. When looking at longer range projections i.e., 2021-2040, the number of 0–4-year-olds is projected to significantly increase by 4.4% to 88,607 young children.

Between 2021 and 2026, the number of 5–9-year-olds is projected to rise by 3.4% followed by a -3.0% decrease between 2021 and 2040. The population of 10–14-year-olds is projected to fall by -6.5% between 2021 and 2026, with a longer-term prognosis of a 0.5% increase between 2021 and 2040.



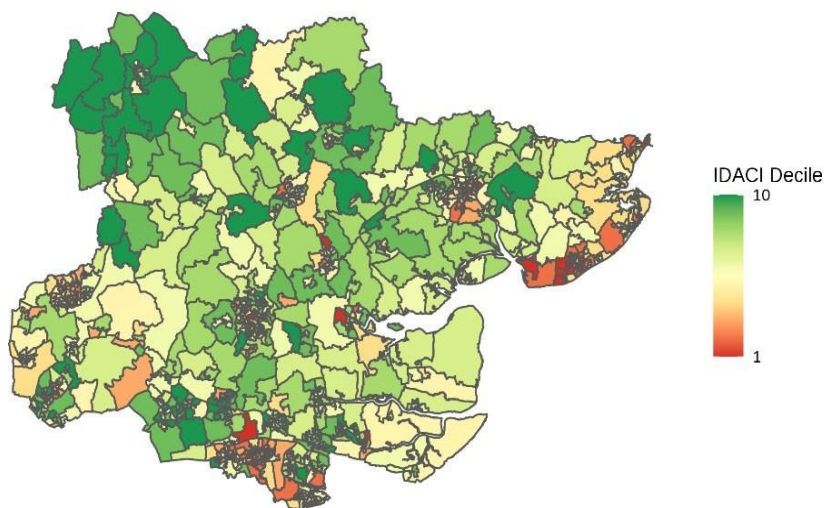
Demand

In Essex the population is very evenly distributed between age groups. The most prominent age group is 5-9 which constitutes 26.6% of the 0-19 population (346,691 children). The second most populous age group is those aged 15-19 (26.0%).

Deprivation

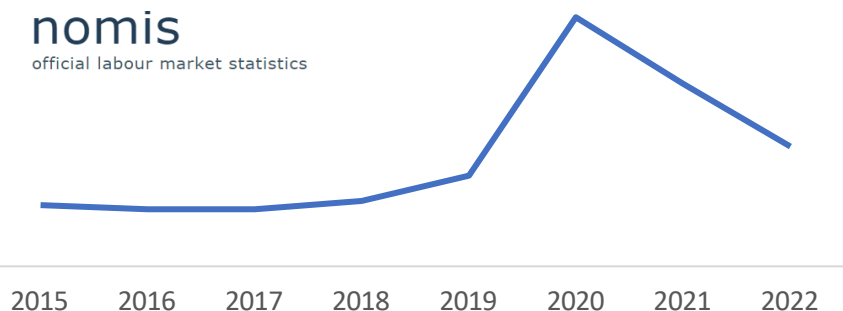
42% of LSOAs in Essex fall within the lower 5 deciles of the Income deprivation affecting children index (1 is most deprived (red), 10 is least deprived (green)). More families live in the middle of the scale and may require 'wrap around childcare' to support working. This reflects the diversity within the county of Essex.

An area in Tendring is ranked the 5th most deprived location in England and Wales, and an area in Uttlesford is ranked 34,485 out of 34,753 in England and Wales.



Percentage of the Population unemployed in Essex
(16 yo+)

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Unemployment

Between 2021 and 2022 the percentage of the Essex population (16 yo) that are unemployed has decreased from 4.30% to 2.80%. This is lower than the England average which has decreased from 5.20% to 3.70% in the same time period.

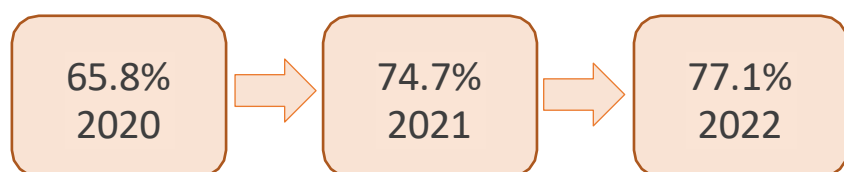
Funded Early Education Entitlement (FEEE)

All children are entitled to 15 hours per week of Funded Entitlement starting the term following their third birthday. Parents can choose any nursery, preschool setting or childminder offering the funding. The offer can be taken for 15 hours per week over 38 weeks or stretched over 39-52 weeks depending on the business model. Since September 2017, working parents of three and four-year olds have been able to access 30 hours per week of Funded Entitlement if they meet the criteria.

Funded Early Education Entitlement for 2 Year olds (FEEE2)

Two-year-old funded children can only be placed in settings (including with childminders) that have received an Ofsted grading of 'Good' or 'Outstanding' or newly registered settings that are awaiting their first registration. 2-year-old funding is provided for up to 15 hours per week for eligible 2-year-olds. Nationally, up to 40% of 2-year-olds can also claim 15 hours a week of funded childcare if they fulfil certain criteria. For further information on Two-Year-Old Funding and the criteria for children to access Two-Year-Old Funding please go to the Essex County Council web site (see resources section for hyperlinks)

FEEE2 (based on Summer Term)



Around 24.8% of 2-year-olds in Essex are eligible for FEEE funding, compared to 24.6% in Spring 2022. Of these eligible 2-year-olds, the take up of funded childcare is shown in the adjacent graph.

FEEE 3&4

Working parents with children aged three and four have been able to claim 30 hours Funded Entitlement, depending on meeting eligibility criteria. To be eligible for 30 hours funded childcare both parents, or one parent in a lone parent family, must be working and earning the equivalent of at least 16 hours pay at the minimum wage and less than £100,000 per annum. For further information visit the Essex County Council website (see resources section for hyperlinks)



**Funded Early Education Entitlement
3 & 4 yo (based on Summer Term)**

Across Essex, the FEEE 3- & 4-year-old take-up increased by 2.0% from 91.5% in Summer 2021 to 93.4% in Summer 2022

Early Years Pupil Premium

This additional funding is available to early years providers delivering funded hours to eligible three and four-year-old children. Children do not need to access the full entitlement to be eligible for EYPP as funding will be calculated on a pro-rata basis. For more information visit <https://eycp.essex.gov.uk/funding/early-years-pupil-premium/> (see resources section for hyperlinks)

Children with Special Educational Needs

All childcare provision should be inclusive for all children including children with individual needs. Essex County Council may be able to offer a financial contribution towards assisting with the inclusion of children aged 0-5 who have a special educational need and/or disability that creates a barrier to their learning.

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Childminders

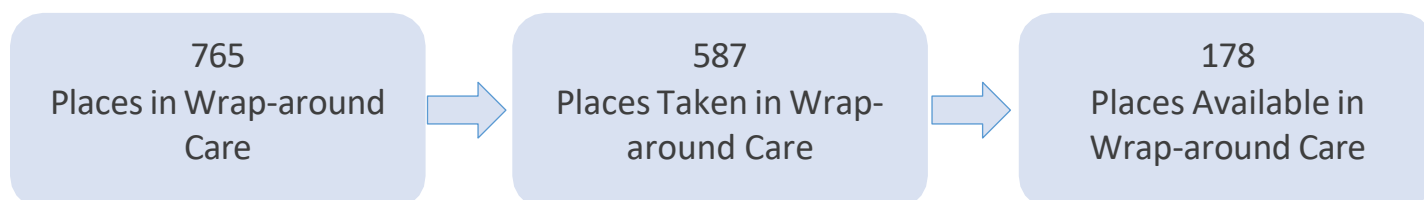
There are currently 810 childminders registered with Ofsted. Childminders can care for up to six children under 8 years of age - usually no more than one under 1 year old and two 1- to 5-year-olds (up to 3 early years children). They can also care for additional children aged over 8. If they work with another childminder or an assistant, they can care for more children.

Day nurseries and preschools

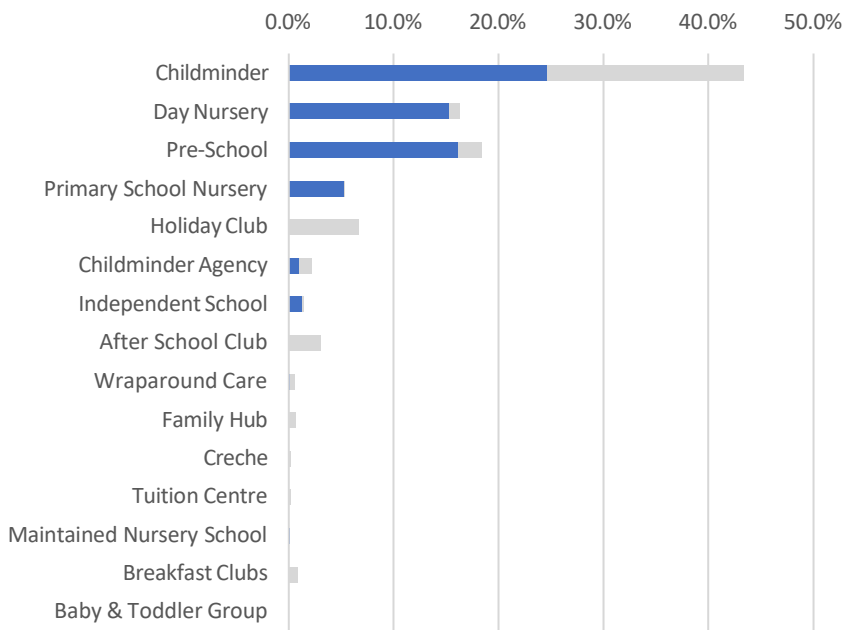
Essex has 1056 early years settings. This includes pre-schools, day nurseries, primary school nurseries and nurseries in independent schools. In addition, Essex has 2 maintained nursery schools, both based in the Chelmsford District.

Breakfast, after school and holiday clubs (Wrap around care)

These services are provided by Ofsted registered out of school providers; however many schools also offer wrap around provision for their children. There are currently 84 ofsted registered provisions showing the following data on provision and take up. Essex Early Years are continuing to take steps to improve the accuracy of this data.



Funded Not Funded



Providers

The largest proportion of childcare providers in Essex are childminders at 43.4%, with the majority of these being FEEE funded. Day Nurseries (16.3%) and Pre-School (18.4%) provider types are the next highest. Although the majority of children attending will be in receipt of FEEE funding, a high number of parents will be paying additional fees. The trend of increased take-up of FEEE funding has been continued this year, visible even when taking the changes to data collection methodology into account. Essex still has 2 maintained nursey schools in the county, both located in Chelmsford.

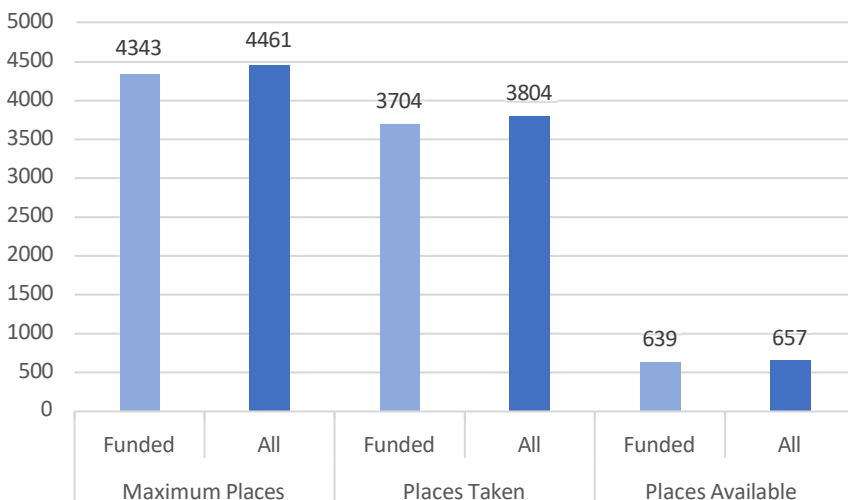
96.8%
Funded Providers
Good/Outstanding

96.2%
All Providers
Good/Outstanding



Quality of Childcare Provision

There are 1866 Early Years and Childcare providers throughout Essex. Of those providers 96.2% of those inspected have been given a good or outstanding rating by Ofsted whilst 96.8% of FEEE funded providers, inspected, have a good or outstanding rating.



Capacity

This graph shows the declared maximum capacity for all childcare provision throughout Essex. Covid 19 is still having a notable effect on provider capacity to varying degrees, but overall trends are still in line with previous years.

17.9% of all maximum places are available. This could possibly be linked to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic and parental confidence in facilities.

Essex Childcare Sufficiency Action Plan

Based on the information supplied in this document, alongside local intelligence, Essex Early Years and Childcare Service have developed an action plan to address key issues that impact on the council's ability to deliver the Local Authorities statutory duty (under the Childcare Act of 2006), to ensure that there is sufficient childcare to support parents and carers to be able to work or study.

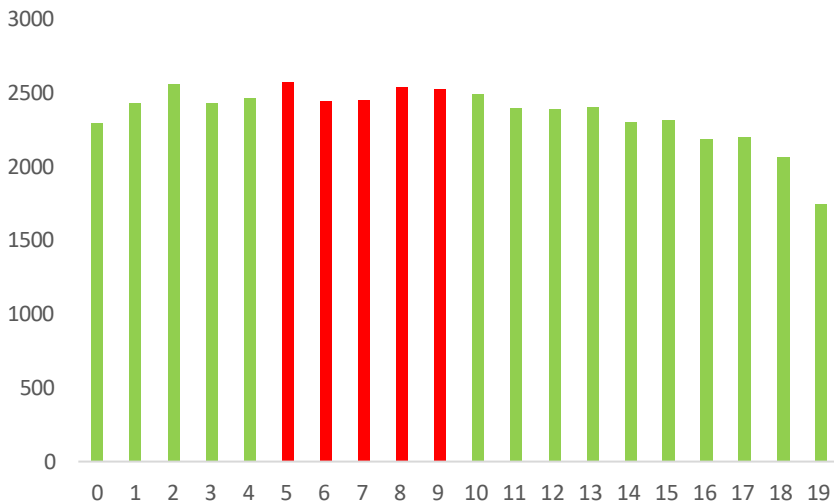
In February 2022, we launched the new Early Years and Childcare Strategy that sets out our aims and objectives over the coming five years. The actions in the action plan below have been aligned to Strategy Workstreams to maximise on opportunities for collaborative working.

Action Plan

Focus	Action	By whom	By when	Impact/ success measures
Recruitment and retention of Early Years practitioners	<p>Recruitment survey to identify key areas of concern.</p> <p>Careers workshop, promoting Early Years as a career and driving up recruitment. Working with Further Education colleges and training providers.</p> <p>Follow up 'interviews' with staff leaving the sector, inc. childminders.</p>	<p>Early Years and Childcare Service</p> <p>Workforce Development team</p> <p>Training and recruitment partners</p>	Spr / Aut 2022	<p>Increased uptake of Early Years training</p> <p>Evidence that trainees and students are taking up Early Years.</p> <p>Retention and recruitment of qualified and experienced staff.</p>
Shortage of flexible childcare options to support parents working shift patterns	<p>Link to Early Years Strategy (multi childcare provider clusters)</p> <p>Explore new ways of working to meet the needs of working parents by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot a Baby Sitting platform. • Research employer provision of childcare and • Parent Childcare Cooperatives <p>Develop a specialist childminder project (SEND)</p>	Early Years and Childcare Service	<p>Spr 2022</p> <p>Spr / Aut 2022</p> <p>TBC</p>	<p>Parents will have better access to flexible childcare options.</p> <p>Research undertaken.</p> <p>Extended access to Funded Early Educational Entitlement (FEEE) outside of 'normal' business hours – evenings and weekends.</p>
Insufficient access to childcare places in some parts of the county.	<p>Review sufficiency and forecast data to identify key geographical areas of concern.</p> <p>Analytics of Family Information website hits.</p> <p>Analysis of headcount data – to identify trends and make comparisons.</p> <p>Release Section 106 capital funding opportunities to generate new childcare places in these key areas (where available)</p> <p>Link to Early Years Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levelling up 	<p>Early Years and Childcare Service</p> <p>Business Intelligence</p>	<p>Sum 2022</p> <p>Sum 2022</p> <p>Sum 2022 & ongoing</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>Feb 2022</p>	<p>Sufficient provision of Early Years and Childcare places in areas of need.</p> <p>More options available to support working families.</p> <p>Section 106 opportunities released where demand is known.</p> <p>Business Management Consultants hold regular workshops.</p> <p>Develop greater understanding of areas of needs/gaps in provision supported by data</p>

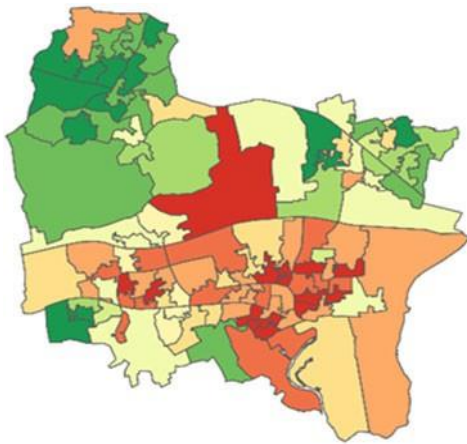
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Affordability of childcare places is a barrier to some families accessing the support they need.	<p>Ongoing promotion of the Funded Early Education Entitlement (FEEE)</p> <p>Link to Early Years Strategy: Better information for parents - Improve information available on the Family Information Service website to raise awareness of all available financial support (Tax free childcare)</p> <p>Wide promotion of the Funded Early Education Entitlement handbooks for parents</p> <p>Work in partnership with Active Essex HAF (Holiday Activity Fund)) for wrap around</p>	<p>Early Years and Childcare Service</p> <p>Active Essex</p>	Current & ongoing	<p>Increased take up of FEEE places for 2-, 3- & 4-year-olds and increased take up of the extended offer (30 hours).</p> <p>Children will have access to a quality Early Years' experience giving them the opportunity to have the Best Start in life.</p>
Poor availability of wrap around care for school age children in some parts of the county.	<p>Analysis of data gathered in summer 2021 survey to identify gaps in wrap around childcare.</p> <p>Enhanced data collection in Summer 2022</p>	Early Years and Childcare Service	<p>Sum 2021</p> <p>Sum 2022</p>	<p>Increased availability of wrap around childcare places to support working families.</p> <p>Employers reporting that childcare is less of an issue in the retention of staff.</p>
Potential impact of the pandemic on levels of childcare places	<p>Survey undertaken and analysis completed to understand impact of Covid on the availability of childcare places.</p> <p>Greater understanding of new ways of working for childcare providers, in light of introduction of measures during Covid.</p>	<p>Early Years and Childcare Service</p> <p>Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Inclusion Partners</p>	Sum 2022 & ongoing monitoring	Support in place for the Early Years sector as it recovers from the impact of the Covid pandemic.
Lack of access to flexible childcare options for children with SEND in some parts of the county.	<p>Ongoing analysis of information received through childcare brokerage, consultation with families and Early Years providers to understand need and identify gaps in provision.</p> <p>Links to Early Years strategy</p> <p>Logging and analysis of brokerage requests</p> <p>Collaborative working with Early Years and Childcare and SEND to support brokerage for parents.</p> <p>Specialist childminding project</p>	<p>Early Years and Childcare Service</p> <p>ECC SEND teams.</p> <p>Early Years Education Partners</p>		<p>Sufficient provision of Early Years and Childcare places for children with SEND.</p> <p>Improved information for parents to support access to inclusive services.</p> <p>Training and support in place for Early years providers.</p> <p>Information in SEND newsletter for parents.</p> <p>Clearer pathways and information available for parents.</p>

Summary - Basildon



Demand

In Basildon the population is evenly distributed between age groups. The most prominent age group is 5-9 which constitutes 26.6% of the 0-19 population (47,182 children). The second most populous age group is those aged 15-19 (25.8%).



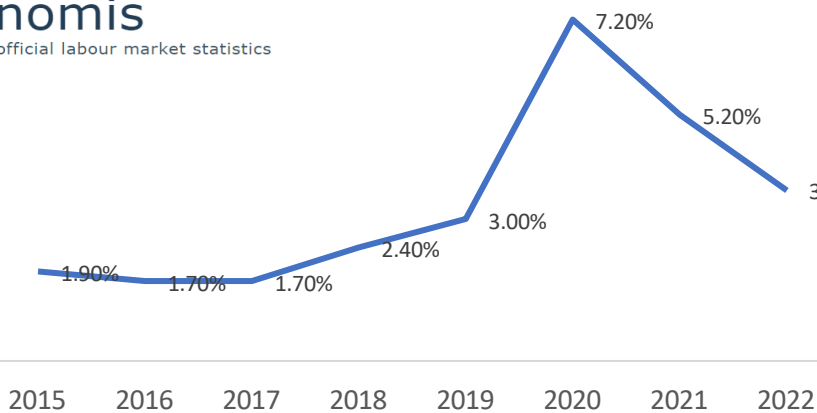
Deprivation

In Basildon 56% of LSOAs are in the lowest 5 deciles of deprivation therefore a focus on ensuring sufficient Funded Early Education Entitlement places should be maintained. FEEE and the use of good value out of school settings will be important to support families on limited income. There is diversity across the district with a number of LSOA's at either end of the IDACI scale (46 LSOA's in deciles 1-3 and 34 LSOA's in deciles 8-10).

Percentage of the Population unemployed in Basildon (16 yo+)

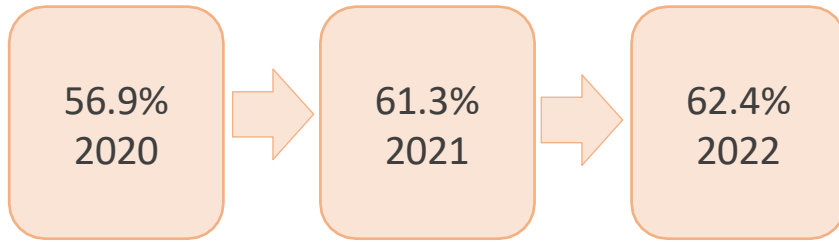
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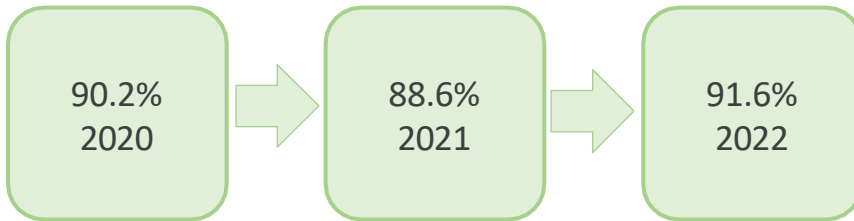
Unemployment (at end of August)

Between 2021 and 2022 the percentage of the Basildon population (16 yo+) that are unemployed has decreased from 5.20% to 3.60%. This is more than Essex which has decreased from 4.30% to 2.80% in the same time period.



Funded Early Education Entitlement (based on Summer Term) 2 yo

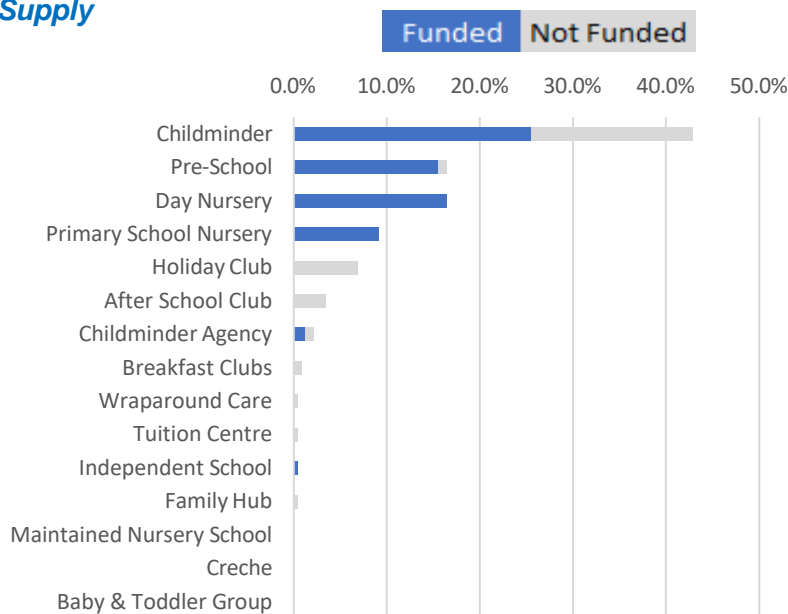
The take up of FEEEE2 in Basildon is 62.4% having increased from 61.3% in 2021.



Funded Early Education Entitlement 3 & 4 yo (based on Summer Term)

91.6% of families made use of FEEE 3&4 entitlement in Basildon, this has increased from 88.6% the year before.

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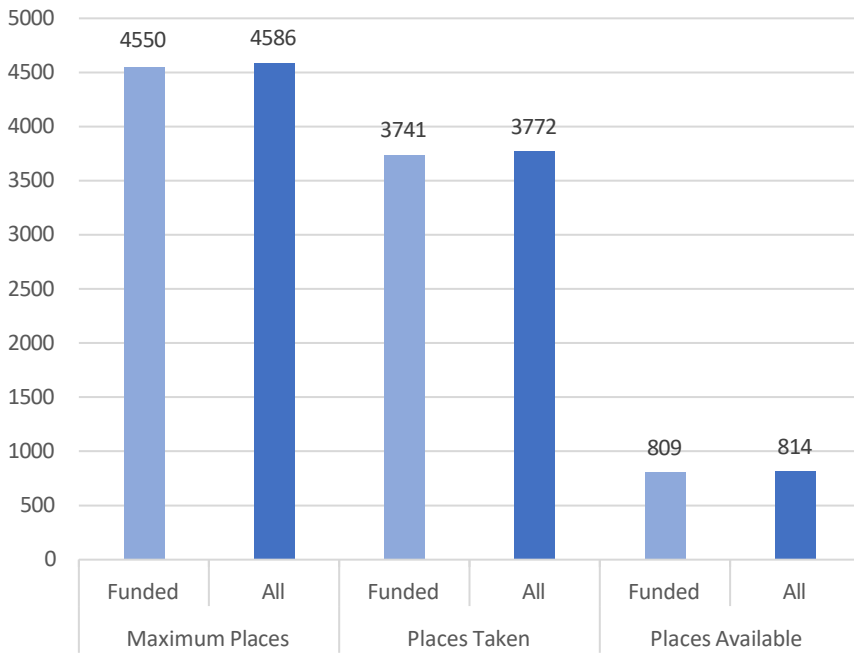
Providers

Basildon's providers are, like a lot of the other districts, made up predominantly of Childminders (42.9%), followed by Pre-Schools (16.5%) and Day Nurseries (16.5%). The ratio of Funded Providers to non-funded providers (68.4%) is more than the county average (64.0%).

97.3%
Funded Providers
Good/Outstanding

96.2%
All Providers
Good/Outstanding

Basildon's proportion of good and outstanding providers (96.2%) has decreased from the same period last year (97.7%). The current overall quality of provision is slightly lower than that of Essex as a whole (96.2%).



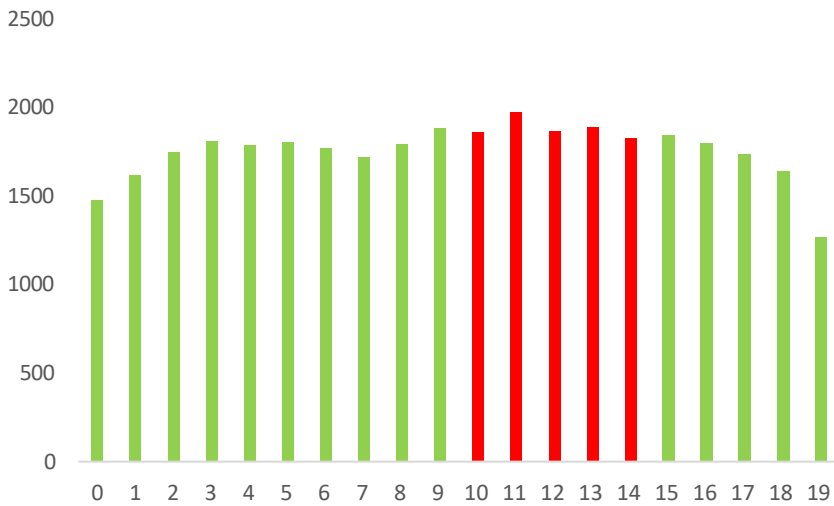
Capacity

This graph shows the declared maximum capacity for all childcare provision in Basildon. 17.9% of all maximum places are available, which is more than the Essex rate of 17.9%.

Wrap around Care (Breakfast / After- school / Holiday clubs)

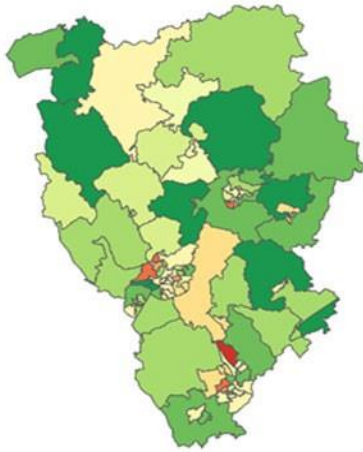
Data gathered to assess the supply and demand for breakfast, after school and holiday provision proved to be inconclusive at a district level. A focused wrap around childcare survey will be run with providers in Summer 2023 and the results will be added into the 2023 Childcare Sufficiency assessment.

Summary - Braintree



Demand

In Braintree the population is not distributed particularly evenly between age groups. The most prominent age group is 10-14 which constitutes 26.8% of the 0-19 population (35,130 children). The second most populous age group is those aged 15-19 (25.6%).



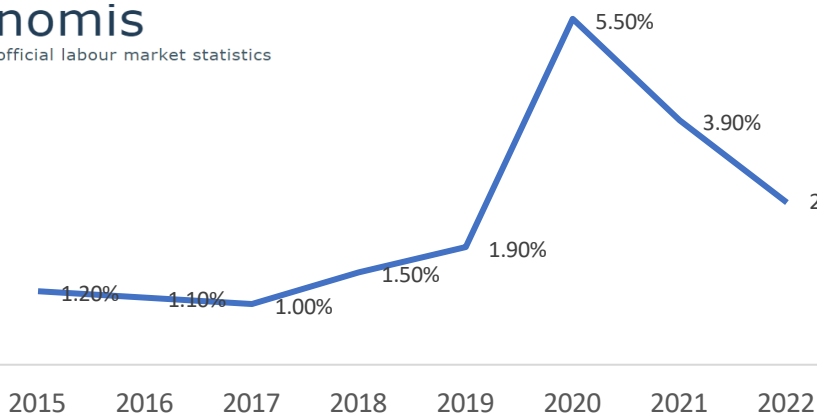
Deprivation

In Braintree 60% of LSOA's are in the top 4 deciles with most of these being in deciles 8 and 9. However 40% are in the lower 5 deciles, most of which are in 5, suggesting there may still be a large proportion who would benefit from support through wrap around and affordable childcare.

Percentage of the Population unemployed in Braintree (16 yo+)

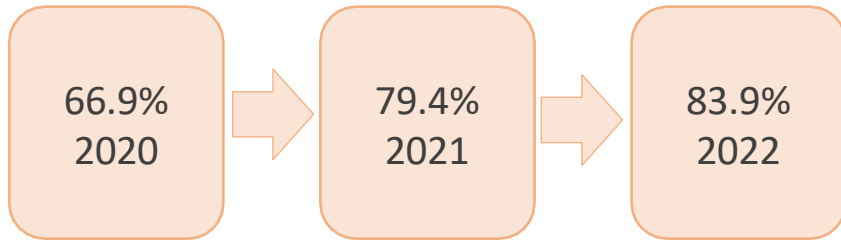
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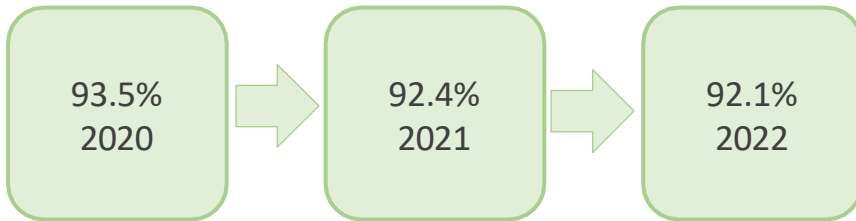
Unemployment (at end of August)

Between 2021 and 2022 the percentage of the Braintree population (16 yo+) that are unemployed has decreased from 3.90% to 2.60%. This is lower than Essex which has decreased from 4.30% to 2.80% in the same time period.



**Funded Early Education Entitlement
(based on Summer Term)
2 yo**

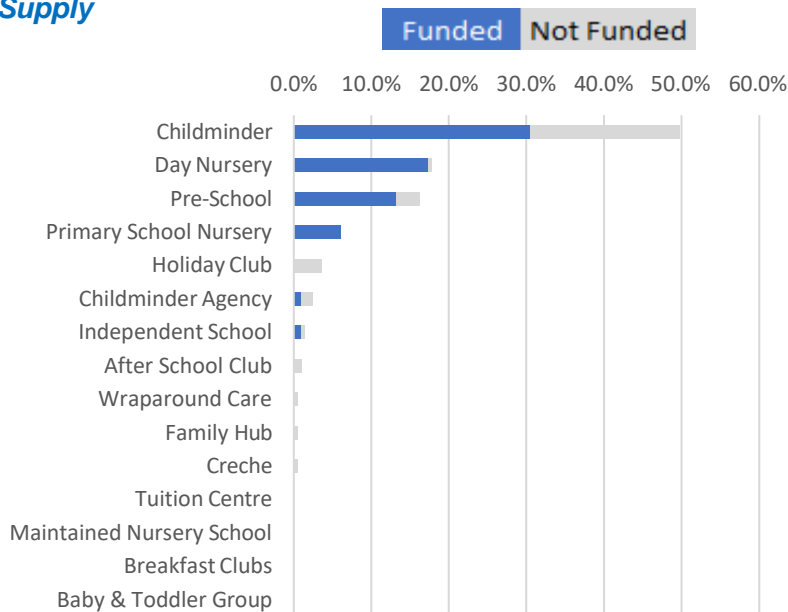
The take up of FEEE2 in Braintree is 83.9% having increased from 79.4% in 2021.



**Funded Early Education Entitlement
3 & 4 yo (based on Summer Term)**

92.1% of families made use of FEEE 3&4 entitlement in Braintree, this has decreased from 92.4% the year before.

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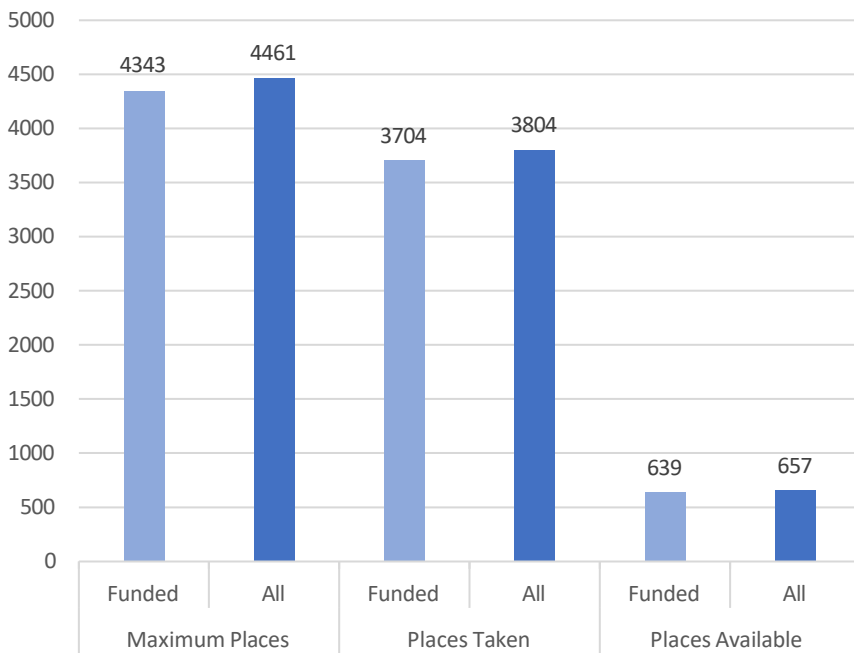
Providers

Braintree's providers are, like a lot of the other districts, made up predominantly of Childminders (49.7%), followed by Day Nurserys (17.8%) and Pre-Schools (16.2%). The ratio of Funded Providers to non-funded providers (69.0%) is more than the county average (64.0%).

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Funded Providers
Good/Outstanding

96.4%
All Providers
Good/Outstanding

Braintree's proportion of good and outstanding providers (96.4%) has decreased from the same period last year (96.6%). The current overall quality of provision is slightly more than that of Essex as a whole (96.2%).



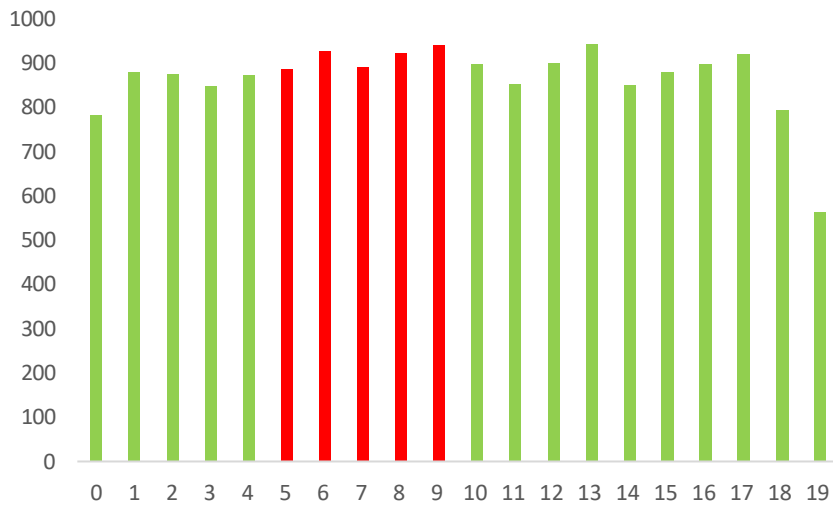
Capacity

This graph shows the declared maximum capacity for all childcare provision in Braintree. 15.1% of all maximum places are available, which is lower than the Essex rate of 17.9%.

Wrap around Care (Breakfast / After- school / Holiday clubs)

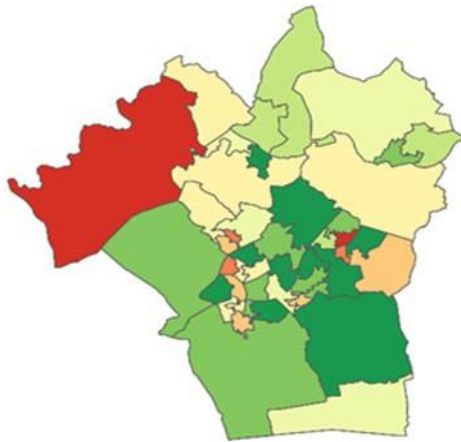
Data gathered to assess the supply and demand for breakfast, after school and holiday provision proved to be inconclusive at a district level. A focused wrap around childcare survey will be run with providers in Summer 2023 and the results will be added into the 2023 Childcare Sufficiency assessment.

Summary - Brentwood



Demand

In Brentwood the population is not distributed particularly evenly between age groups. The most prominent age group is 5-9 which constitutes 26.4% of the 0-19 population (17,328 children). The second most populous age group is those aged 15-19 (25.7%).



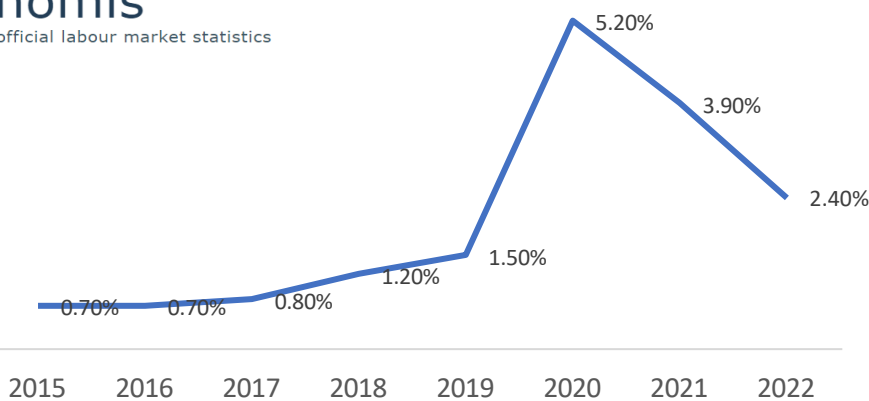
Deprivation

In Brentwood there are no LSOA's in the lowest two IDACI deciles. The same percentage of LSOA's are in the lower deciles as in the upper deciles. This suggests a need for childcare to support working parents with school age wrap around childcare and early years extended entitlement.

Percentage of the Population unemployed in Brentwood (16 yo+)

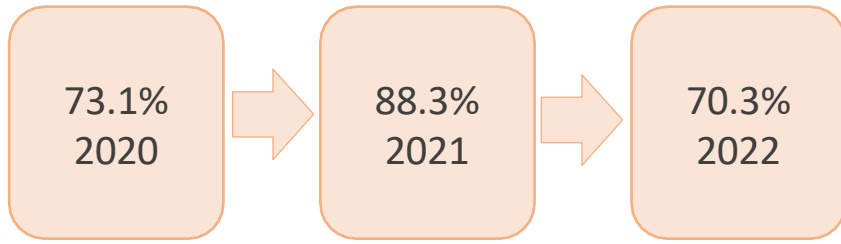
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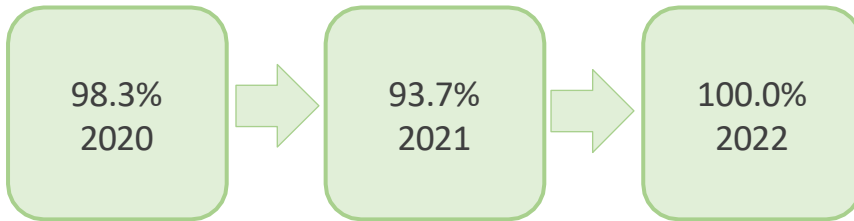
Unemployment (at end of August)

Between 2021 and 2022 the percentage of the Brentwood population (16 yo+) that are unemployed has decreased from 3.90% to 2.40%. This is lower than Essex which has decreased from 4.30% to 2.80% in the same time period.



Funded Early Education Entitlement (based on Summer Term) 2 yo

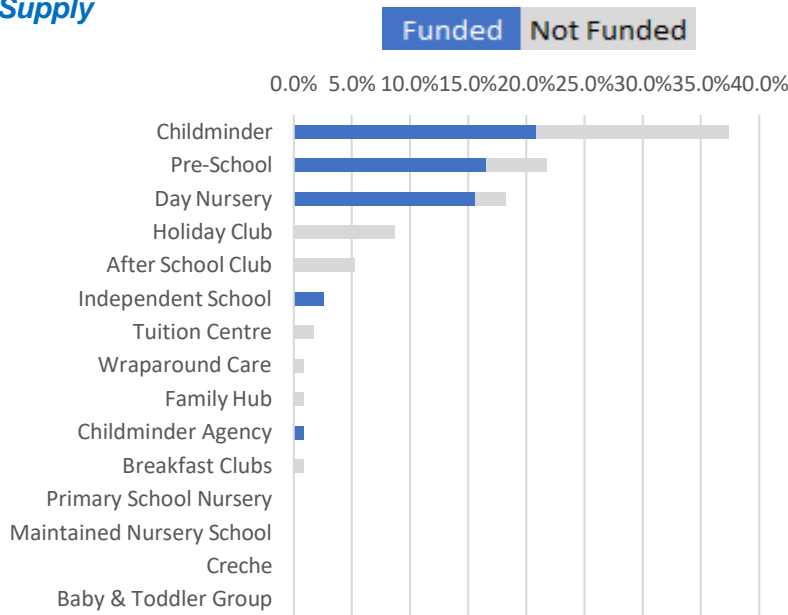
The take up of FEEE2 in Brentwood is 70.3% having decreased from 88.3% in 2021.



Funded Early Education Entitlement 3 & 4 yo (based on Summer Term)

100.0% of families made use of FEEE 3&4 entitlement in Brentwood, this has increased from 93.7% the year before.

Supply



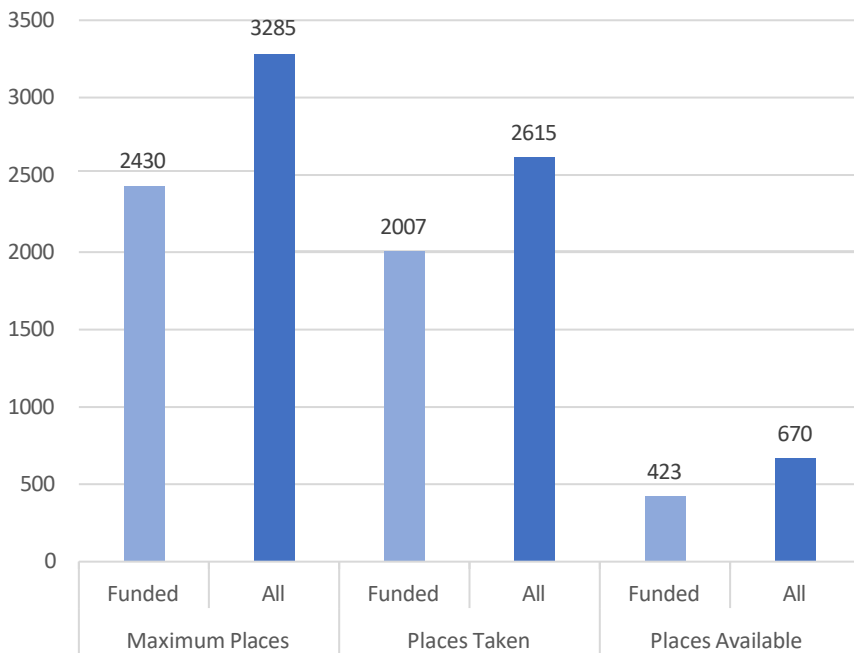
Providers

Brentwood's providers are, like a lot of the other districts, made up predominantly of Childminders (37.4%), followed by Pre-Schools (21.7%) and Day Nurseries (18.3%). The ratio of Funded Providers to non-funded providers (56.5%) is lower than the county average (64.0%).

97.8%
Funded Providers
Good/Outstanding

95.3%
All Providers
Good/Outstanding

Brentwood's proportion of good and outstanding providers (95.3%) has decreased from the same period last year (96.9%). The current overall quality of provision is slightly lower than that of Essex as a whole (96.2%).



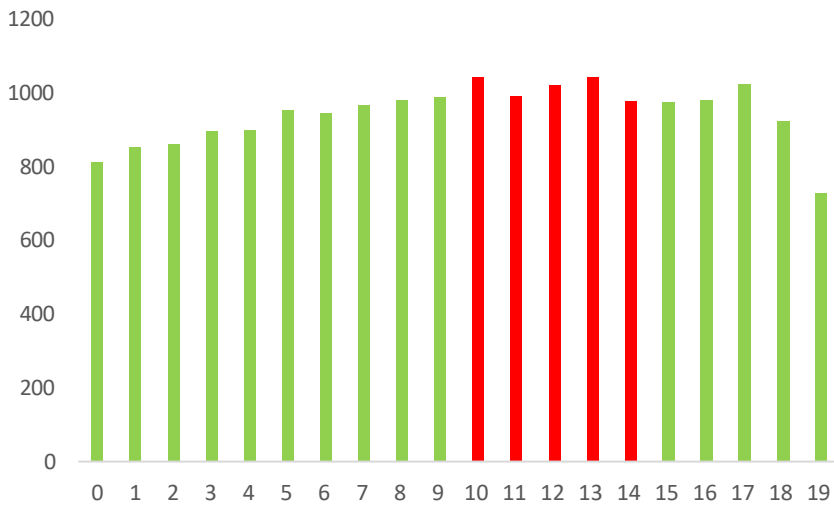
Capacity

This graph shows the declared maximum capacity for all childcare provision in Brentwood. 27.6% of all maximum places are available, which is more than the Essex rate of 17.9%.

Wrap around Care (Breakfast / After- school / Holiday clubs)

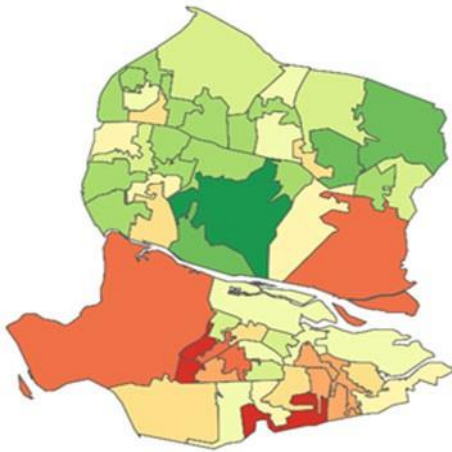
Data gathered to assess the supply and demand for breakfast, after school and holiday provision proved to be inconclusive at a district level. A focused wrap around childcare survey will be run with providers in Summer 2023 and the results will be added into the 2023 Childcare Sufficiency assessment.

Summary - Castle Point



Demand

In Castle Point the population is not distributed particularly evenly between age groups. The most prominent age group is 10-14 which constitutes 26.9% of the 0-19 population (18,856 children). The second most populous age group is those aged 0-4 (25.6%).



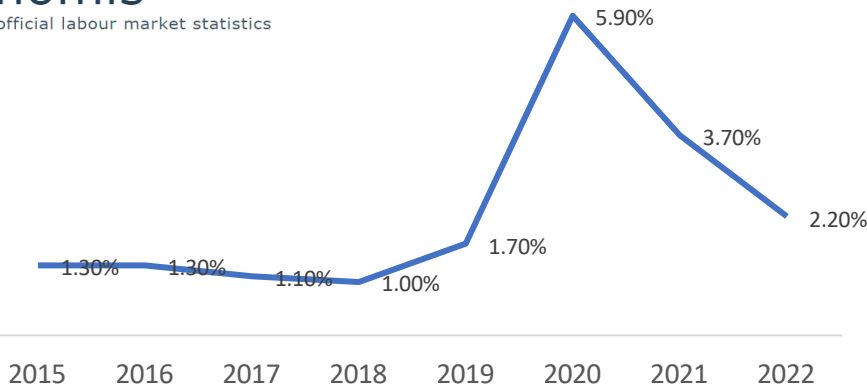
Deprivation

In Castle Point the IDACI distribution suggests there will be a high volume of working families. With the distribution of population, this would suggest a demand for all childcare types, both funded and non-funded.

Percentage of the Population unemployed in Castle Point (16 yo+)

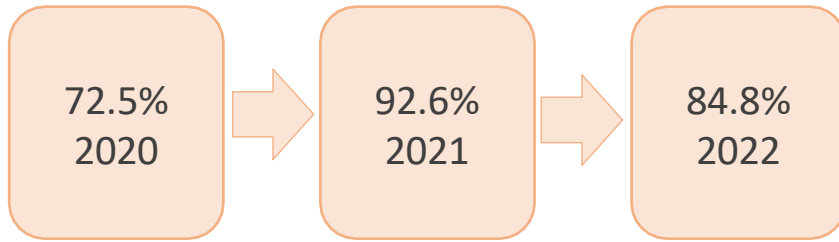
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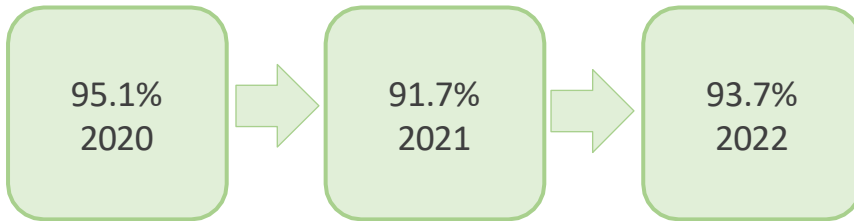
Unemployment (at end of August)

Between 2021 and 2022 the percentage of the Castle Point population (16 yo+) that are unemployed has decreased from 3.70% to 2.20%. This is lower than Essex which has decreased from 4.30% to 2.80% in the same time period.



**Funded Early Education Entitlement
(based on Summer Term)
2 yo**

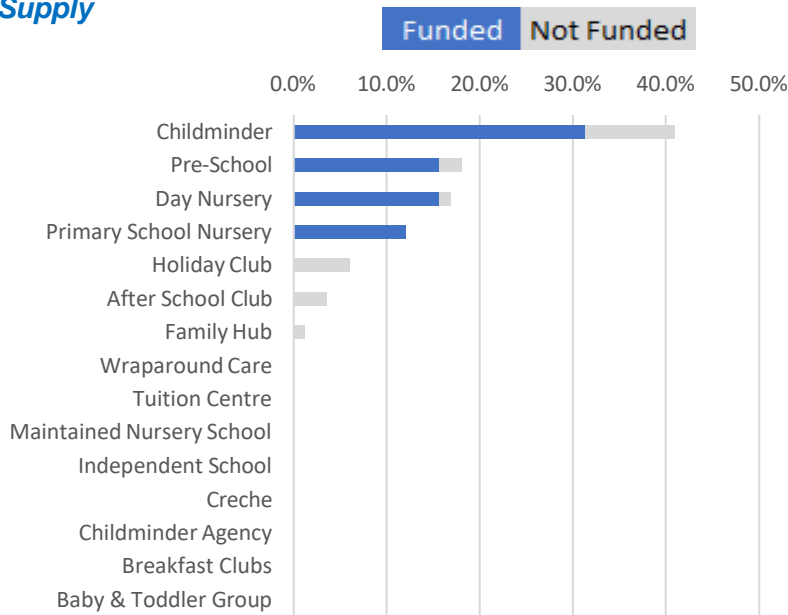
The take up of FEEE2 in Castle Point is 84.8% having decreased from 92.6% in 2021.



**Funded Early Education Entitlement
3 & 4 yo (based on Summer Term)**

93.7% of families made use of FEEE 3&4 entitlement in Castle Point, this has increased from 91.7% the year before.

Supply



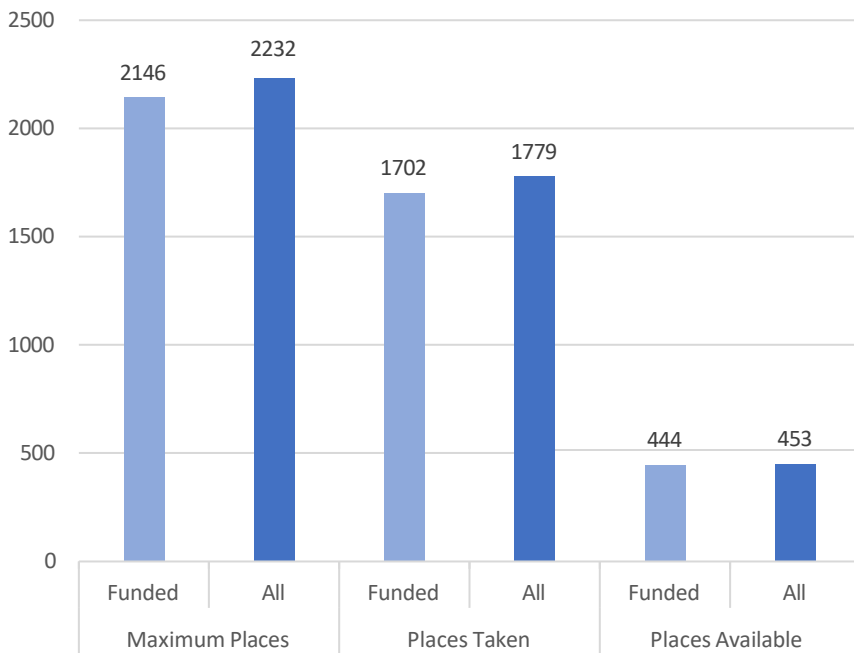
Providers

Castle Point's providers are, like a lot of the other districts, made up predominantly of Childminders (41.0%), followed by Pre-Schools (18.1%) and Day Nurseries (16.9%). The ratio of Funded Providers to non-funded providers (74.7%) is more than the county average (64.0%).

97.5%
Funded Providers
Good/Outstanding

97.7%
All Providers
Good/Outstanding

Castle Point's proportion of good and outstanding providers (97.7%) has increased from the same period last year (97.6%). The current overall quality of provision is slightly more than that of Essex as a whole (96.2%).



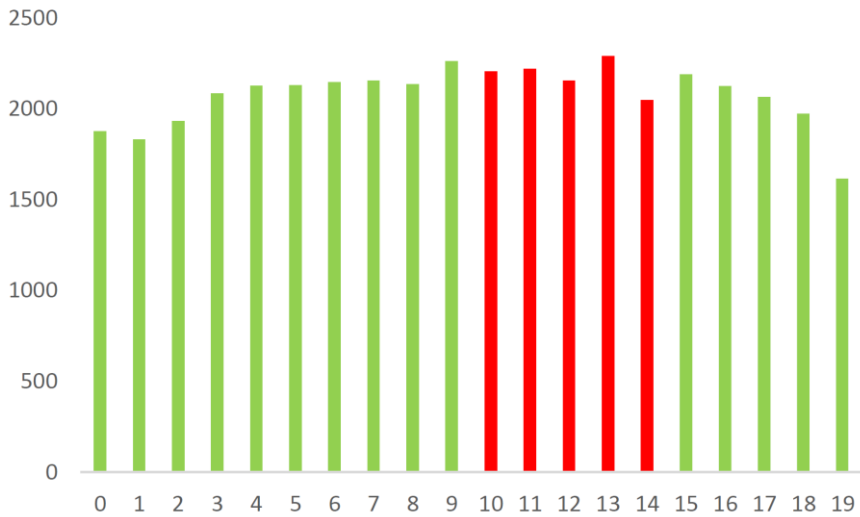
Capacity

This graph shows the declared maximum capacity for all childcare provision in Castle Point. 21.1% of all maximum places are available, which is more than the Essex rate of 17.9%.

Wrap around Care (Breakfast / After- school / Holiday clubs)

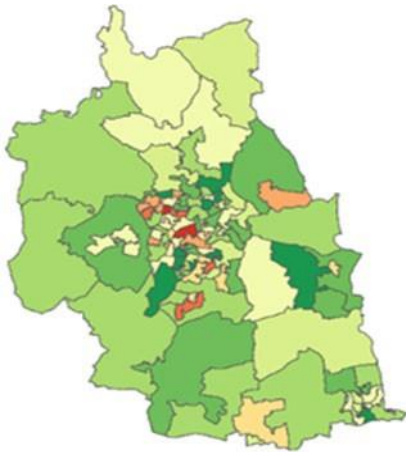
Data gathered to assess the supply and demand for breakfast, after school and holiday provision proved to be inconclusive at a district level. A focused wrap around childcare survey will be run with providers in Summer 2023 and the results will be added into the 2023 Childcare Sufficiency assessment.

Summary - Chelmsford



Demand

In Chelmsford the population is evenly distributed between age groups. The most prominent age group is 10-14 which constitutes 26.3% of the 0-19 population (41,576 children). The second most populous age group is those aged 0-4 (26.1%).



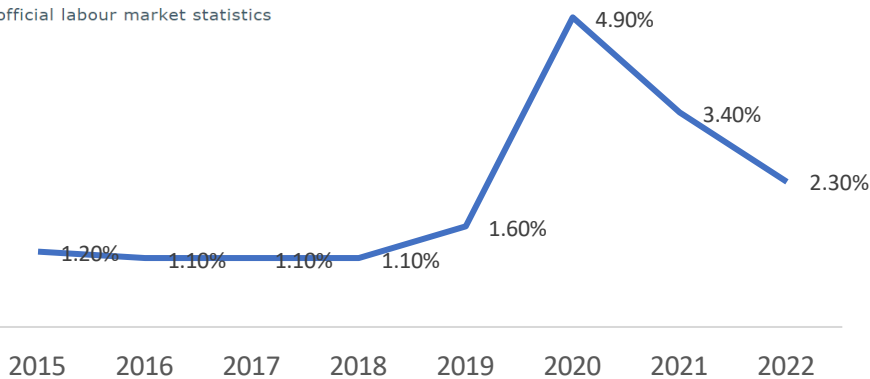
Deprivation

In Chelmsford 24% of LSOA's are in the lowest 5 deciles. With higher rates of employment and larger businesses in the district it may mean that extended entitlement eligibility will be higher.

Percentage of the Population unemployed in Chelmsford (16 yo+)

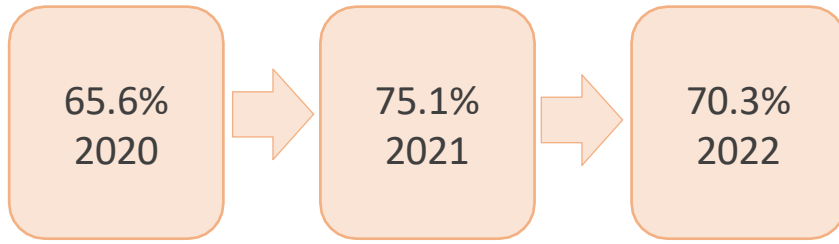
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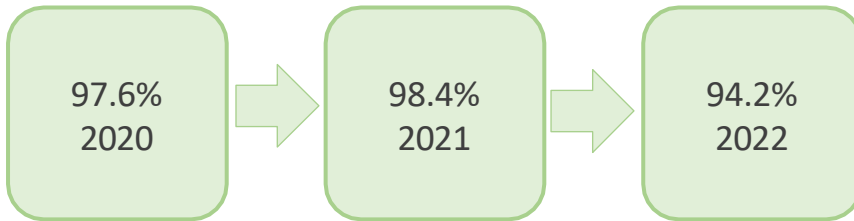
Unemployment (at end of August)

Between 2021 and 2022 the percentage of the Chelmsford population (16 yo+) that are unemployed has decreased from 3.40% to 2.30%. This is lower than Essex which has decreased from 4.30% to 2.80% in the same time period.



**Funded Early Education Entitlement
(based on Summer Term)
2 yo**

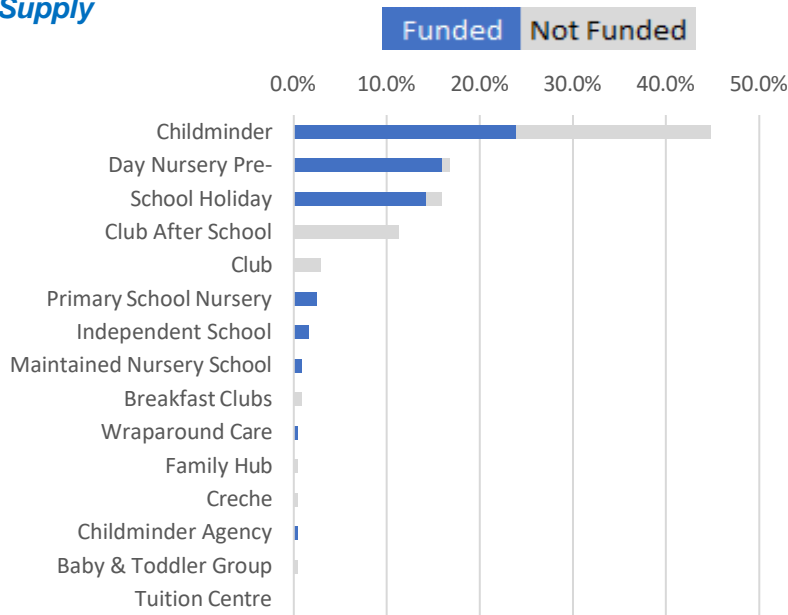
The take up of FEEE2 in Chelmsford is 70.3% having decreased from 75.1% in 2021.



**Funded Early Education Entitlement
3 & 4 yo (based on Summer Term)**

94.2% of families made use of FEEE 3&4 entitlement in Chelmsford, this has decreased from 98.4% the year before.

Supply



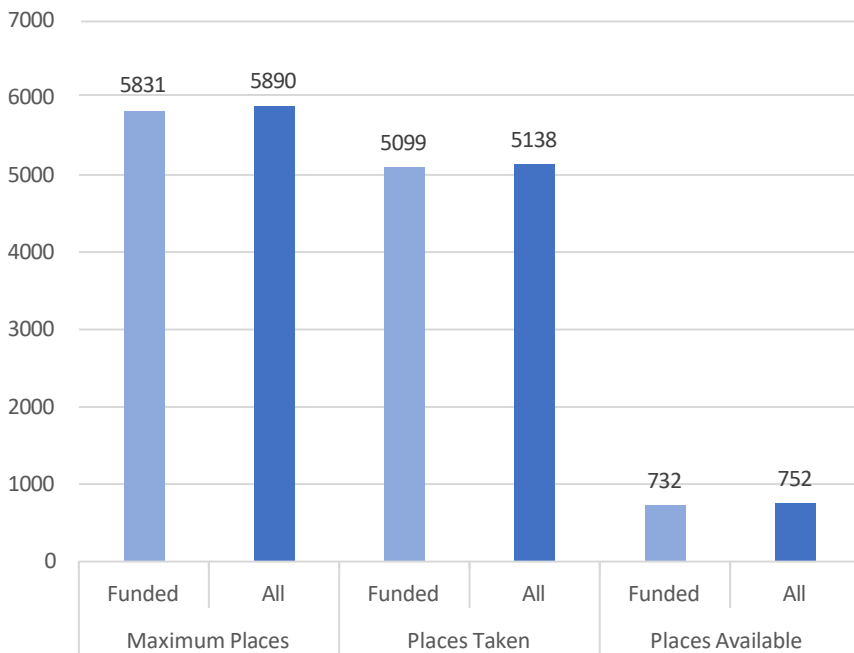
Providers

Chelmsford's providers are, like a lot of the other districts, made up predominantly of Childminders (44.8%), followed by Day Nurseries (16.7%) and Pre-Schools (15.9%). The ratio of Funded Providers to non-funded providers (59.8%) is lower than the county average (64.0%).

96.6%
Funded Providers
Good/Outstanding

97.2%
All Providers
Good/Outstanding

Chelmsford's proportion of good and outstanding providers (97.2%) has decreased from the same period last year (97.9%). The current overall quality of provision is slightly more than that of Essex as a whole (96.2%).



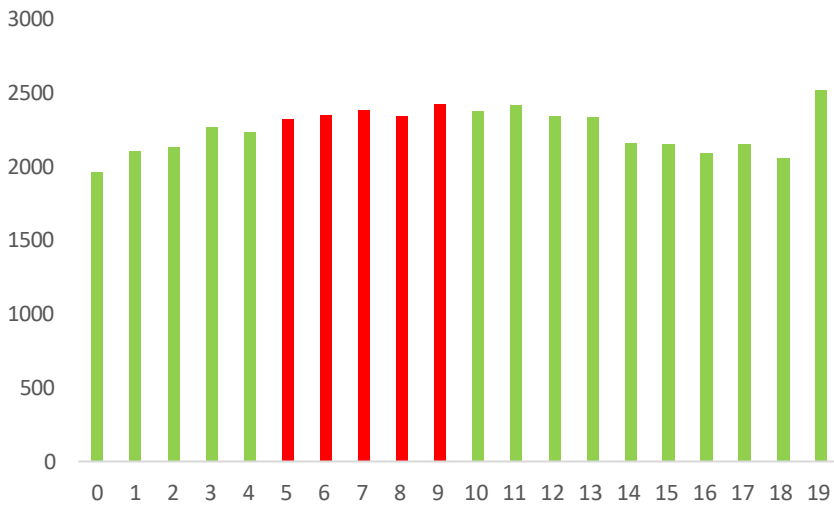
Capacity

This graph shows the declared maximum capacity for all childcare provision in Chelmsford. 12.9% of all maximum places are available, which is lower than the Essex rate of 17.9%.

Wrap around Care (Breakfast / After- school / Holiday clubs)

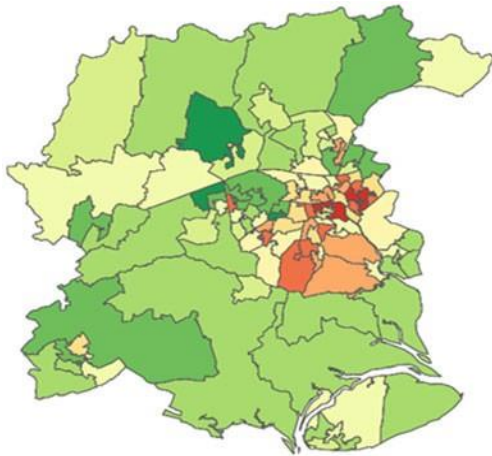
Data gathered to assess the supply and demand for breakfast, after school and holiday provision proved to be inconclusive at a district level. A focused wrap around childcare survey will be run with providers in Summer 2023 and the results will be added into the 2023 Childcare Sufficiency assessment.

Summary - Colchester



Demand

In Colchester the population is very evenly distributed between age groups. The most prominent age group is 5-9 which constitutes 26.2% of the 0-19 population (45,101 children). The second most populous age group is those aged 0-4 (25.8%).



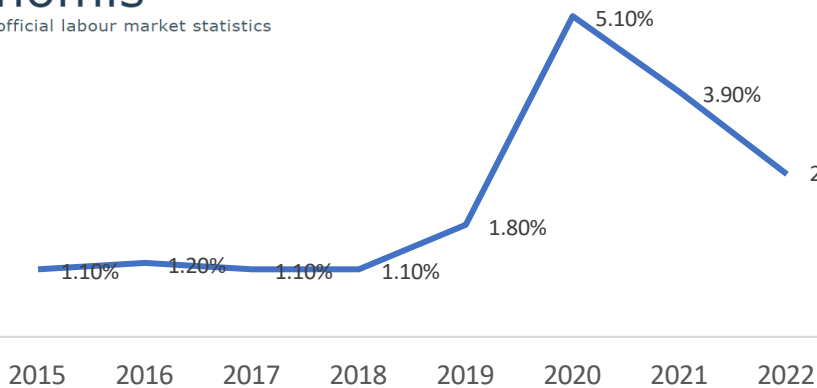
Deprivation

In Colchester 40% of areas in the district are in the lowest 5 deciles. This suggests there may still be great demand for FEEE funding. This figure has not changed since the previous year so similar factors then are likely to still be present now.

Percentage of the Population unemployed in Colchester (16 yo+)

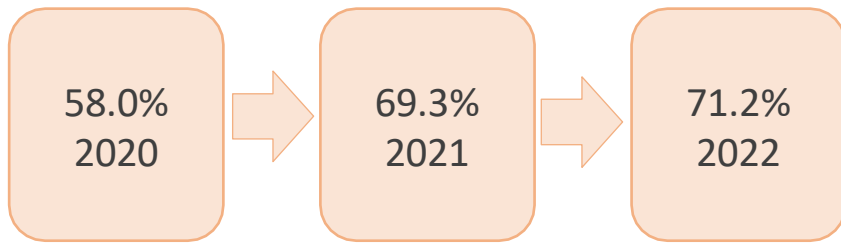
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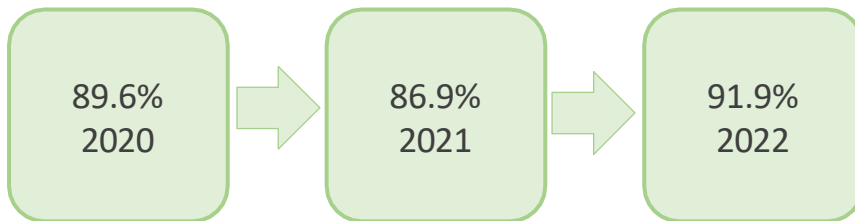
Unemployment (at end of August)

Between 2021 and 2022 the percentage of the Colchester population (16 yo+) that are unemployed has decreased from 3.90% to 2.60%. This is lower than Essex which has decreased from 4.30% to 2.80% in the same time period.



Funded Early Education Entitlement (based on Summer Term) 2 yo

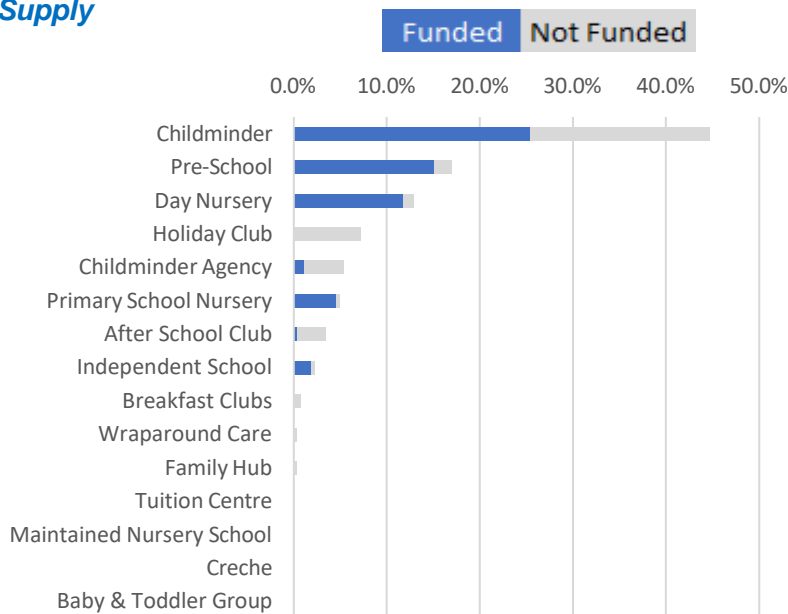
The take up of FEEE2 in Colchester is 71.2% having increased from 69.3% in 2021.



Funded Early Education Entitlement 3 & 4 yo (based on Summer Term)

91.9% of families made use of FEEE 3&4 entitlement in Colchester, this has increased from 86.9% the year before.

Supply



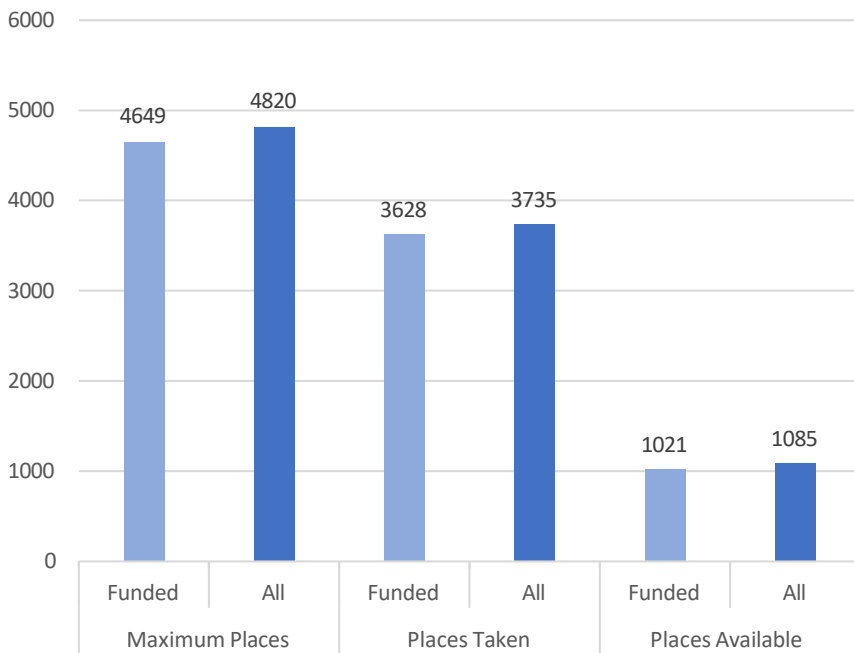
Providers

Colchester's providers are, like a lot of the other districts, made up predominantly of Childminders (44.7%), followed by Pre-Schools (17.0%) and Day Nurseries (12.9%). The ratio of Funded Providers to non-funded providers (60.2%) is lower than the county average (64.0%).

96.7%
Funded Providers
Good/Outstanding

96.4%
All Providers
Good/Outstanding

Colchester's proportion of good and outstanding providers (96.4%) has decreased from the same period last year (98.5%). The current overall quality of provision is slightly more than that of Essex as a whole (96.2%).



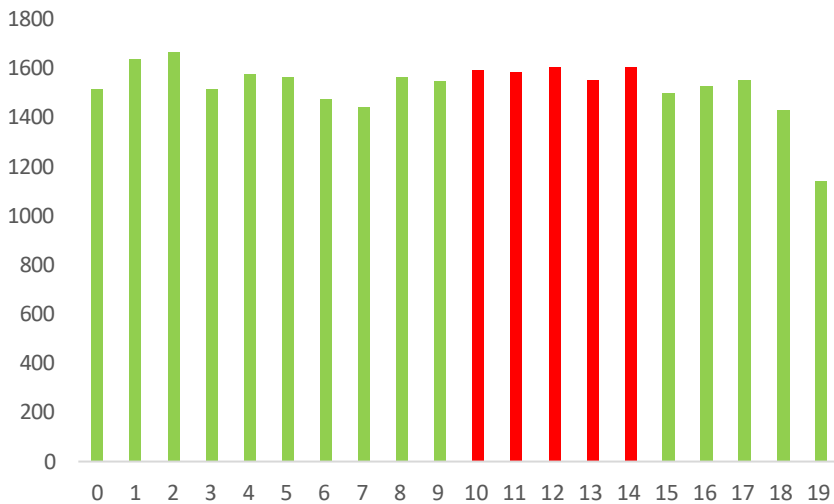
Capacity

This graph shows the declared maximum capacity for all childcare provision in Colchester. 23.3% of all maximum places are available, which is more than the Essex rate of 17.9%.

Wrap around Care (Breakfast / After- school / Holiday clubs)

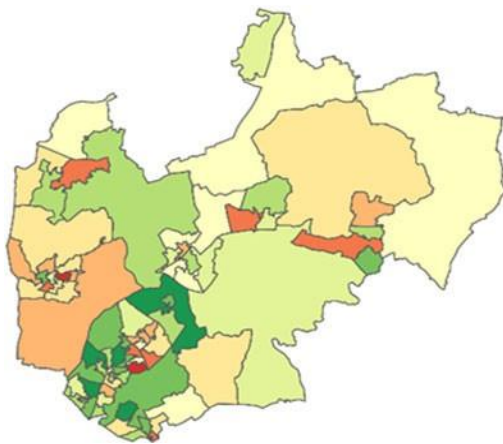
Data gathered to assess the supply and demand for breakfast, after school and holiday provision proved to be inconclusive at a district level. A focused wrap around childcare survey will be run with providers in Summer 2023 and the results will be added into the 2023 Childcare Sufficiency assessment.

Summary - Epping Forest



Demand

In Epping Forest the population is very evenly distributed between age groups. The most prominent age group is 10-14 which constitutes 26.0% of the 0-19 population (30,578 children). The second most populous age group is those aged 15-19 (25.9%).



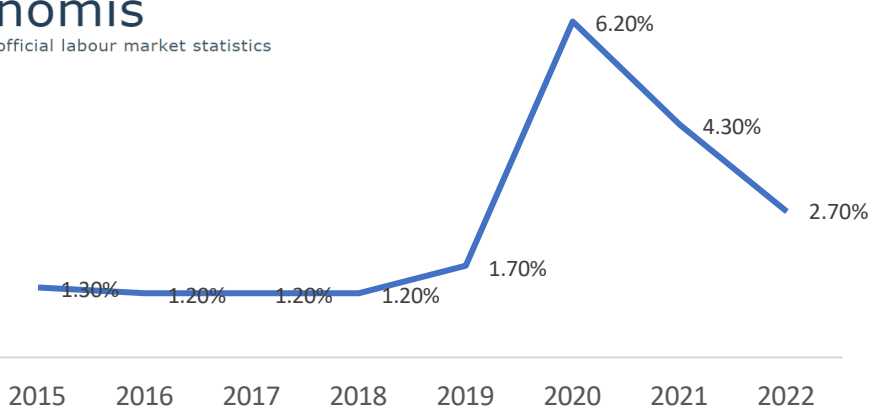
Deprivation

Although 40% of the areas in Epping Forest are in the lowest 5 groups of the scale the majority of this is in decile 5. This likely means that there is a large proportion of families who would benefit from support through wrap around childcare.

Percentage of the Population unemployed in Epping Forest (16 yo+)

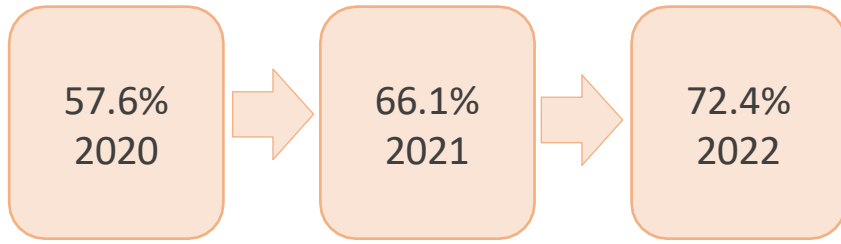
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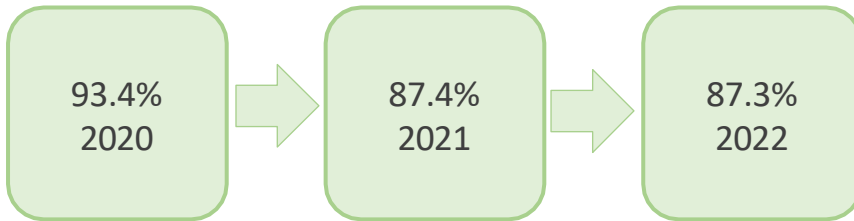
Unemployment (at end of August)

Between 2021 and 2022 the percentage of the Epping Forest population (16 yo+) that are unemployed has decreased from 4.30% to 2.70%. This is lower than Essex which has decreased from 4.30% to 2.80% in the same time period.



**Funded Early Education Entitlement
(based on Summer Term)
2 yo**

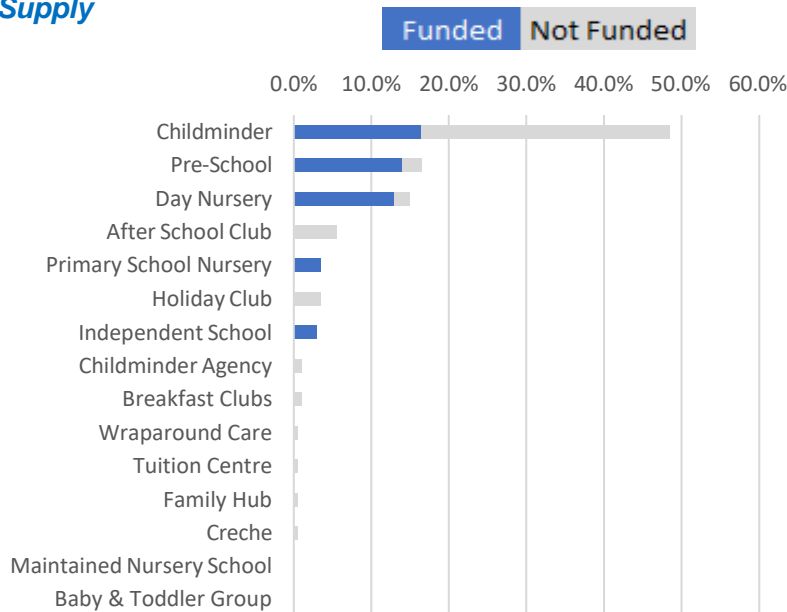
The take up of FEEE2 in Epping Forest is 72.4% having increased from 66.1% in 2021.



**Funded Early Education Entitlement
3 & 4 yo (based on Summer Term)**

87.3% of families made use of FEEE 3&4 entitlement in Epping Forest, this has decreased from 87.4% the year before.

Supply



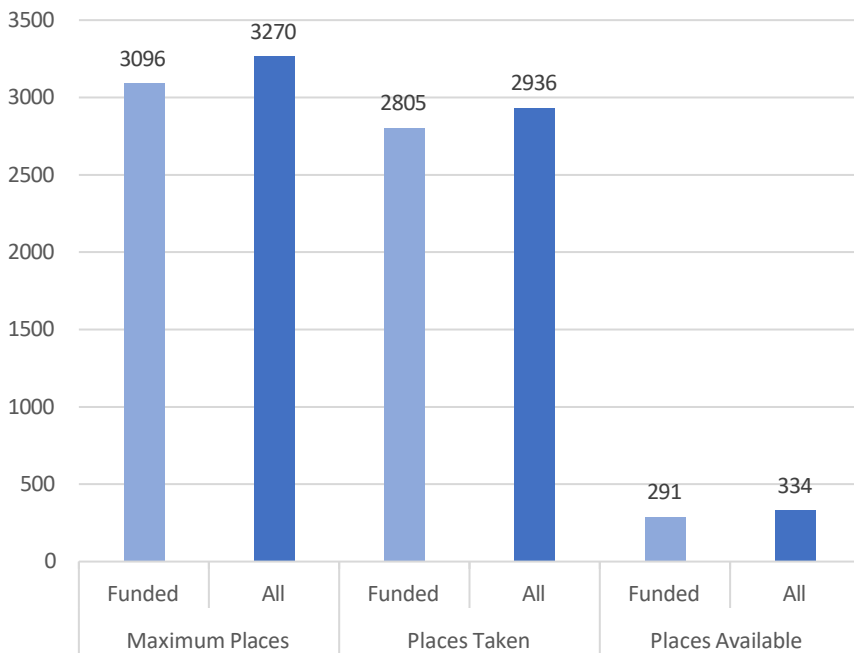
Providers

Epping Forest's providers are, like a lot of the other districts, made up predominantly of Childminders (48.5%), followed by Pre-Schools (16.5%) and Day Nurseries (15.0%). The ratio of Funded Providers to non-funded providers (50.0%) is lower than the county average (64.0%).

94.7%
Funded Providers
Good/Outstanding

94.1%
All Providers
Good/Outstanding

Epping Forest's proportion of good and outstanding providers (94.1%) has remained the same from the same period last year (94.1%). The current overall quality of provision is slightly lower than that of Essex as a whole (96.2%).



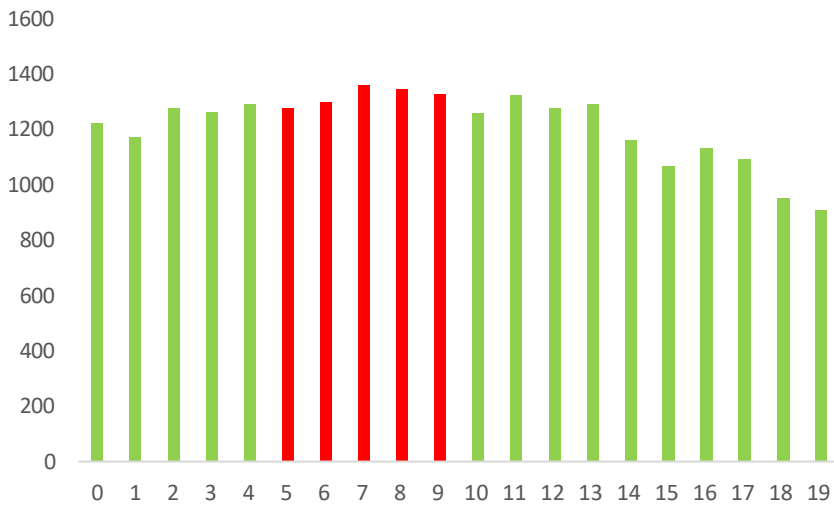
Capacity

This graph shows the declared maximum capacity for all childcare provision in Epping Forest. 10.8% of all maximum places are available, which is lower than the Essex rate of 17.9%.

Wrap around Care (Breakfast / After- school / Holiday clubs)

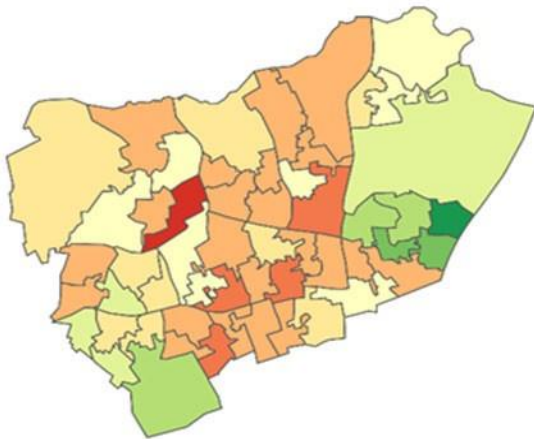
Data gathered to assess the supply and demand for breakfast, after school and holiday provision proved to be inconclusive at a district level. A focused wrap around childcare survey will be run with providers in Summer 2023 and the results will be added into the 2023 Childcare Sufficiency assessment.

Summary - Harlow



Demand

In Harlow the population is not distributed evenly between age groups. The most prominent age group is 5-9 which constitutes 27.2% of the 0-19 population (24,312 children). The second most populous age group is those aged 15-19 (26.0%).



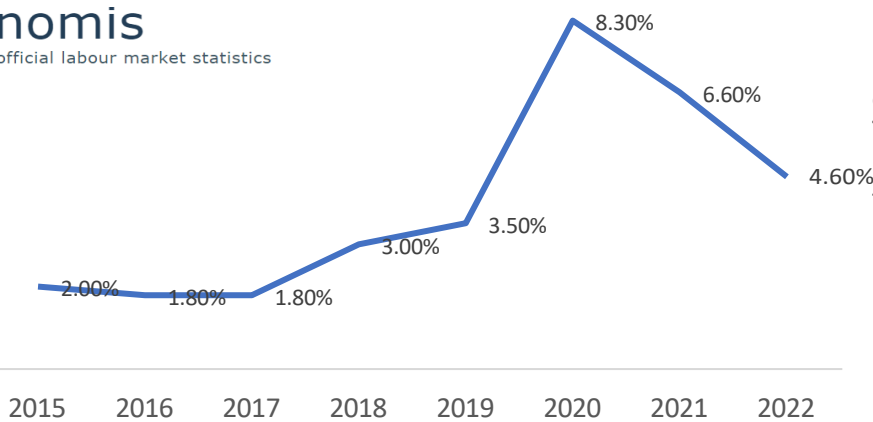
Deprivation

81% of areas in Harlow are in the lower half of the IDACI scale. Few are in the lowest groups of the scale which suggests limited income, and in turn potentially a need for formal and informal childcare to support employment.

Percentage of the Population unemployed in Harlow (16 yo+)

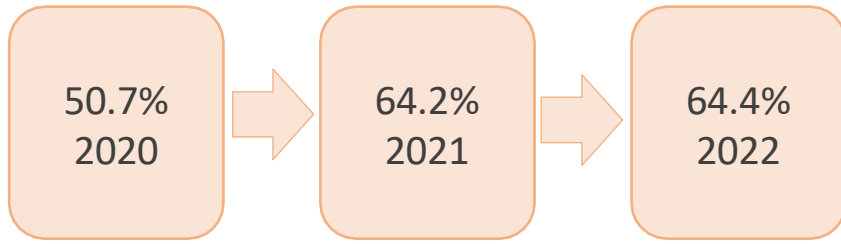
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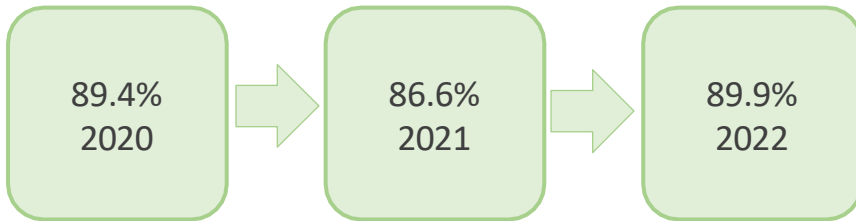
Unemployment (at end of August)

Between 2021 and 2022 the percentage of the Harlow population (16 yo+) that are unemployed has decreased from 6.60% to 4.60%. This is more than Essex which has decreased from 4.30% to 2.80% in the same time period.



Funded Early Education Entitlement (based on Summer Term) 2 yo

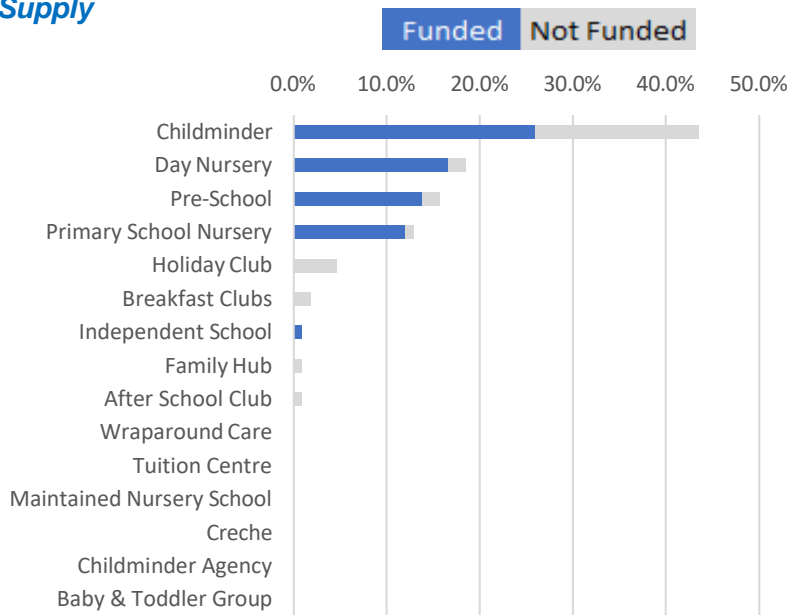
The take up of FEEE2 in Harlow is 64.4% having increased from 64.2% in 2021.



Funded Early Education Entitlement 3 & 4 yo (based on Summer Term)

89.9% of families made use of FEEE 3&4 entitlement in Harlow, this has increased from 86.6% the year before.

Supply



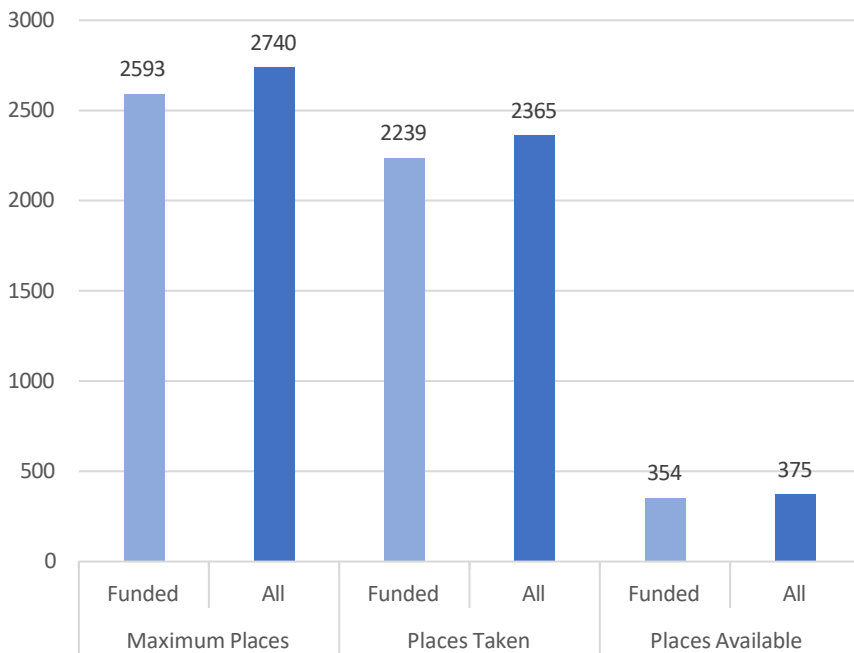
Providers

Harlow's providers are, like a lot of the other districts, made up predominantly of Childminders (43.5%), followed by Day Nurseries (18.5%) and Pre-Schools (15.7%). The ratio of Funded Providers to non-funded providers (69.4%) is more than the county average (64.0%).

94.3%
Funded Providers
Good/Outstanding

93.4%
All Providers
Good/Outstanding

Harlow's proportion of good and outstanding providers (93.4%) has decreased from the same period last year (95.3%). The current overall quality of provision is slightly lower than that of Essex as a whole (96.2%).



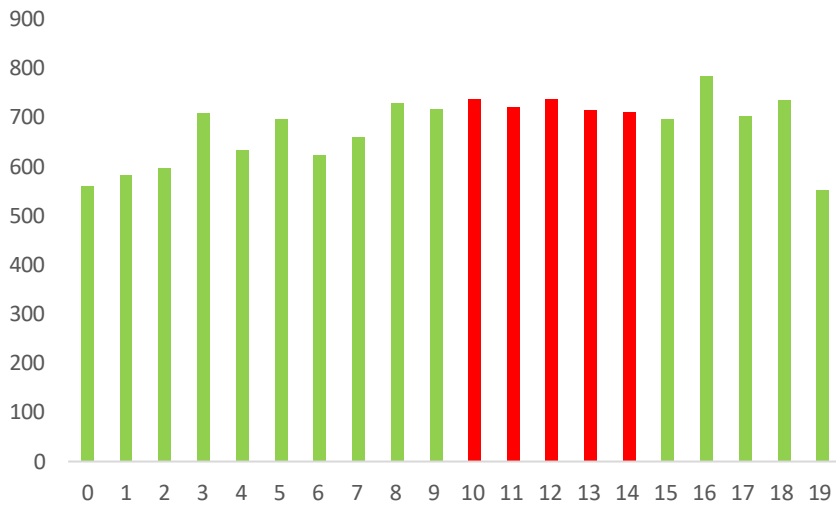
Capacity

This graph shows the declared maximum capacity for all childcare provision in Harlow. 14.5% of all maximum places are available, which is lower than the Essex rate of 17.9%.

Wrap around Care (Breakfast / After- school / Holiday clubs)

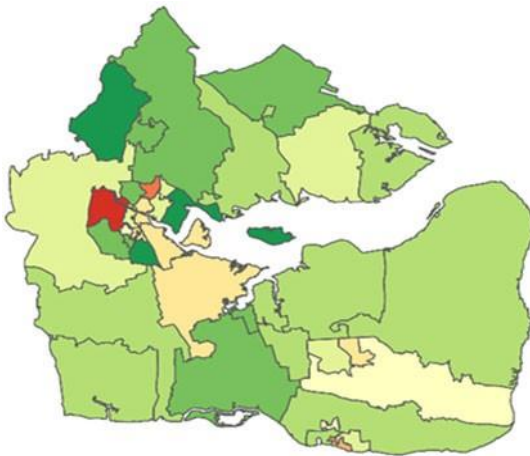
Data gathered to assess the supply and demand for breakfast, after school and holiday provision proved to be inconclusive at a district level. A focused wrap around childcare survey will be run with providers in Summer 2023 and the results will be added into the 2023 Childcare Sufficiency assessment.

Summary - Maldon



Demand

In Maldon the population is not distributed evenly between age groups. The most prominent age group is 10-14 which constitutes 26.6% of the 0-19 population (13,593 children). The second most populous age group is those aged 0-4 (25.5%).



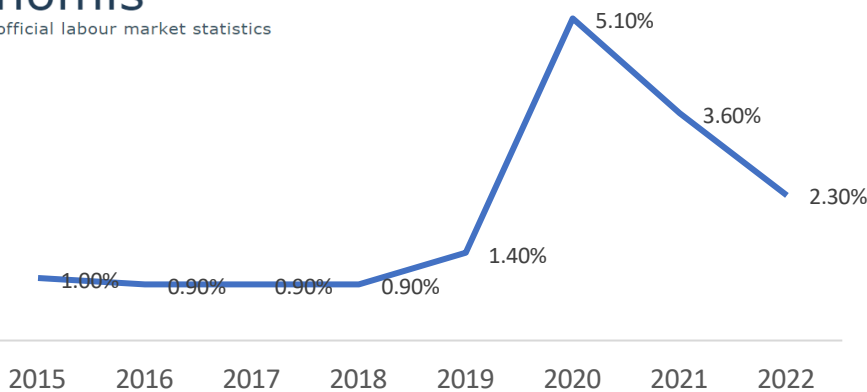
Deprivation

In Maldon 28% of the areas fall into the lower 5 deciles of the scale of deprivation and 65% fall into 6-8 of this scale. The larger proportion of areas falling into this mid-range would suggest there should be focus on supporting parents with wrap around childcare services.

Percentage of the Population unemployed in Maldon (16 yo+)

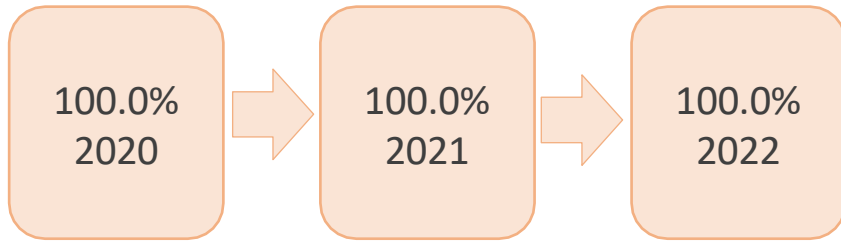
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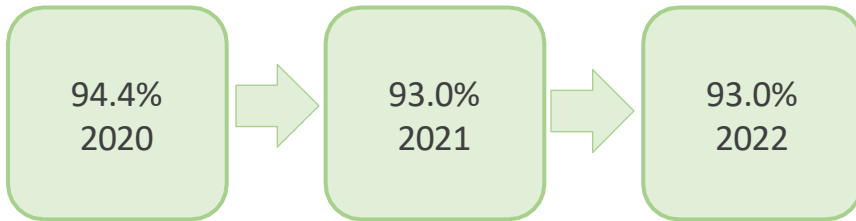
Unemployment (at end of August)

Between 2021 and 2022 the percentage of the Maldon population (16 yo+) that are unemployed has decreased from 3.60% to 2.30%. This is lower than Essex which has decreased from 4.30% to 2.80% in the same time period.



Funded Early Education Entitlement (based on Summer Term) 2 yo

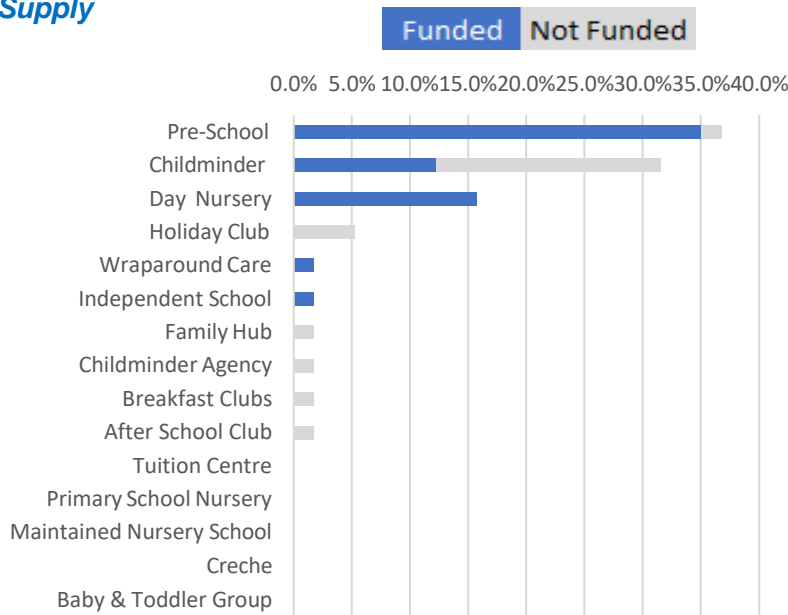
The take up of FEEE2 in Maldon is 100.0% having remained the same from 100.0% in 2021.



Funded Early Education Entitlement 3 & 4 yo (based on Summer Term)

93.0% of families made use of FEEE 3&4 entitlement in Maldon, this has increased from 93.0% the year before.

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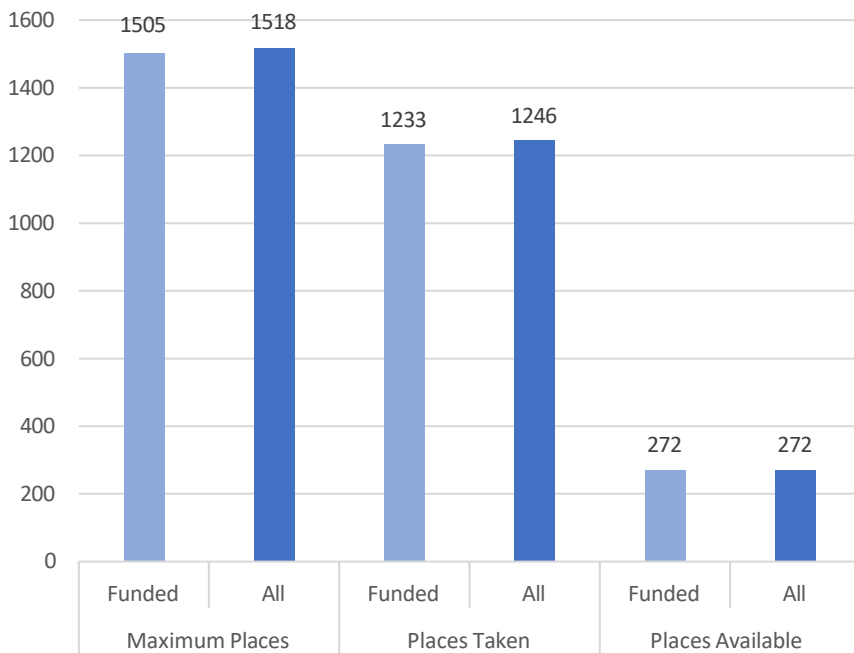
Providers

Maldon's providers are, like a lot of the other districts, made up predominantly of Childminders (31.6%), followed by Childminders (31.6%) and Day Nurseries (15.8%). The ratio of Funded Providers to non-funded providers (66.7%) is more than the county average (64.0%).

96.7%
Funded Providers
Good/Outstanding

96.9%
All Providers
Good/Outstanding

Maldon's proportion of good and outstanding providers (96.9%) has decreased from the same period last year (97.0%). The current overall quality of provision is slightly more than that of Essex as a whole (96.2%).



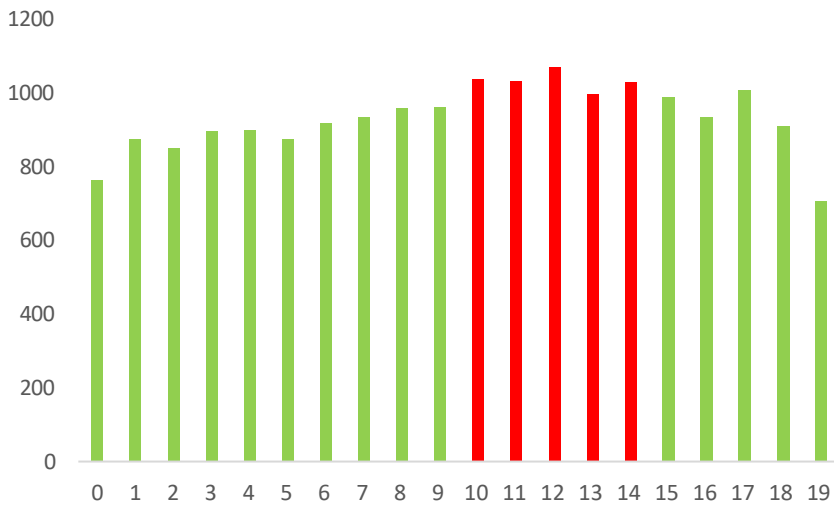
Capacity

This graph shows the declared maximum capacity for all childcare provision in Maldon. 18.1% of all maximum places are available, which is more than the Essex rate of 17.9%.

Wrap around Care (Breakfast / After- school / Holiday clubs)

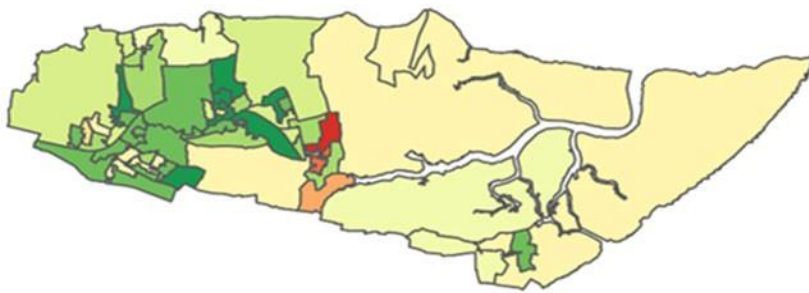
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Summary - Rochford



Demand

In Rochford the population is not distributed evenly between age groups. The most prominent age group is 10-14 which constitutes 27.7% of the 0-19 population (18,637 children). The second most populous age group is those aged 0-4 (24.9%).



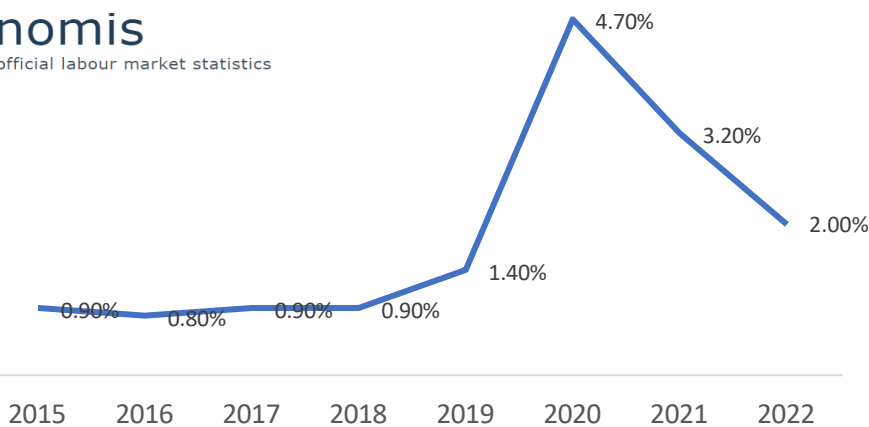
Deprivation

Rochford is a more affluent district where 92% of areas are in the top 5 of the scale of deprivation, this would potentially result in more of a focus on wrap around childcare to support employment including Extended Free Entitlement.

Percentage of the Population unemployed in Rochford (16 yo+)

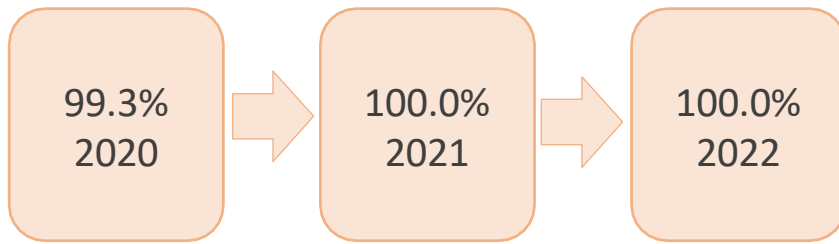
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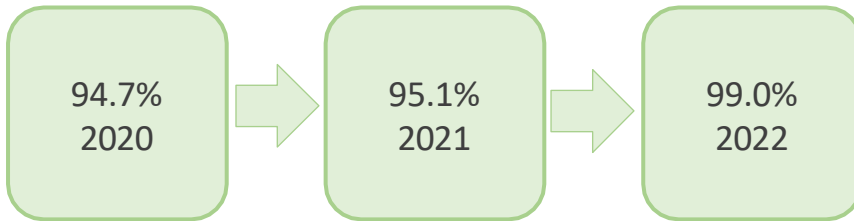
Unemployment (at end of August)

Between 2021 and 2022 the percentage of the Rochford population (16 yo+) that are unemployed has decreased from 3.20% to 2.00%. This is lower than Essex which has decreased from 4.30% to 2.80% in the same time period.



**Funded Early Education Entitlement
(based on Summer Term)
2 yo**

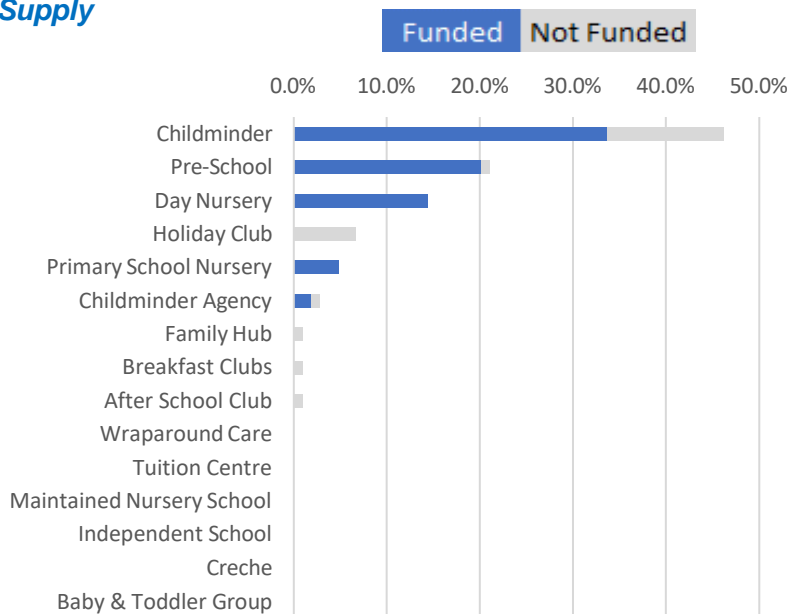
The take up of FEEE2 in Rochford is 100.0% having remained the same from 100.0% in 2021.



**Funded Early Education Entitlement
3 & 4 yo (based on Summer Term)**

99.0% of families made use of FEEE 3&4 entitlement in Rochford, this has increased from 95.1% the year before.

Supply



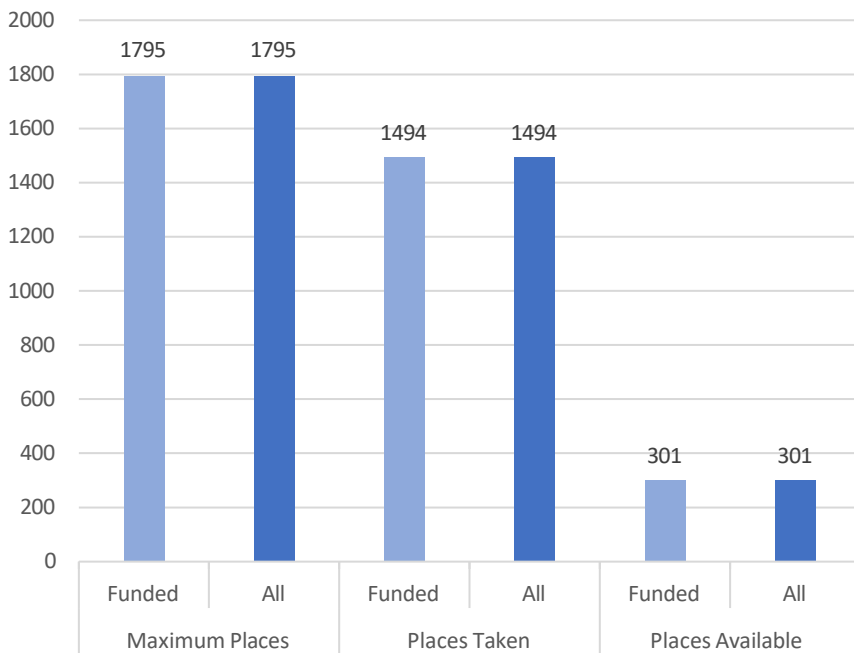
Providers

Rochford's providers are, like a lot of the other districts, made up predominantly of Childminders (46.2%), followed by Pre-Schools (21.2%) and Day Nurseries (14.4%). The ratio of Funded Providers to non-funded providers (75.0%) is more than the county average (64.0%).

100.0%
Funded Providers
Good/Outstanding

100.0%
All Providers
Good/Outstanding

Rochford's proportion of good and outstanding providers (100.0%) has remained the same from the same period last year (100.0%). The current overall quality of provision is slightly more than that of Essex as a whole (96.2%).



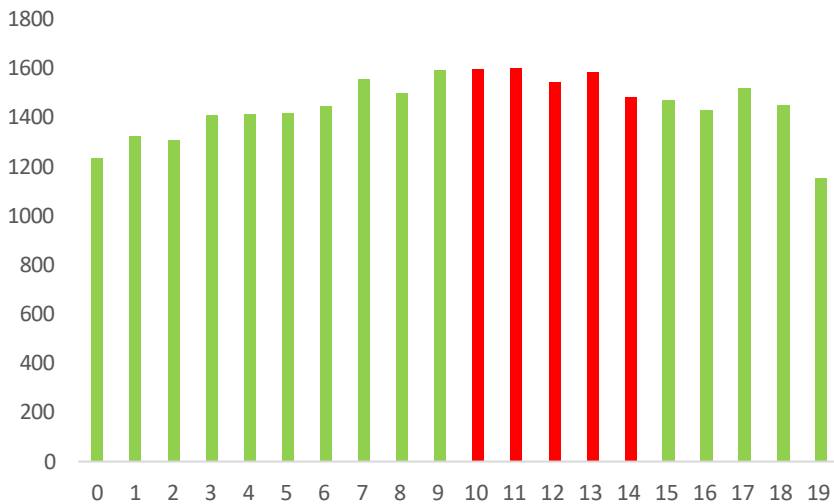
Capacity

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Wrap around Care (Breakfast / After- school / Holiday clubs)

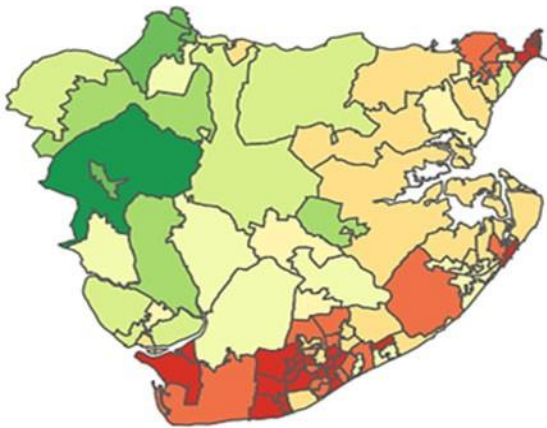
Data gathered to assess the supply and demand for breakfast, after school and holiday provision proved to be inconclusive at a district level. A focused wrap around childcare survey will be run with providers in Summer 2023 and the results will be added into the 2023 Childcare Sufficiency assessment.

Summary - Tendring



Demand

In Tendring the population is evenly distributed between age groups. The most prominent age group is 10-14 which constitutes 26.9% of the 0-19 population (29,025 children). The second most populous age group is those aged 0-4 (25.9%).



Deprivation

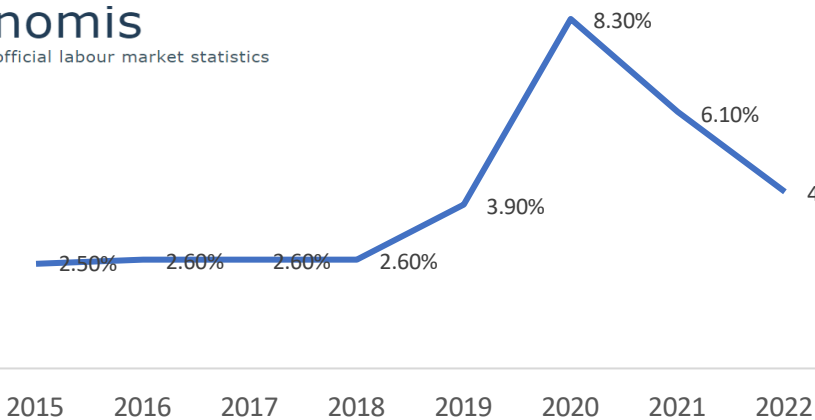
In Tendring 74% of areas are in the lowest 5 deciles of the scale, a fall of 2% points since last year, therefore a focus on ensuring sufficient Early Years Free Entitlement Funded places should be maintained.

22% of LSOA's are in decile 1 and 18% are in decile 2.

Percentage of the Population unemployed in Tendring (16 yo+)

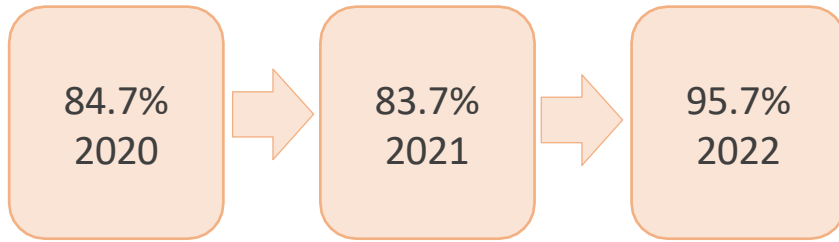
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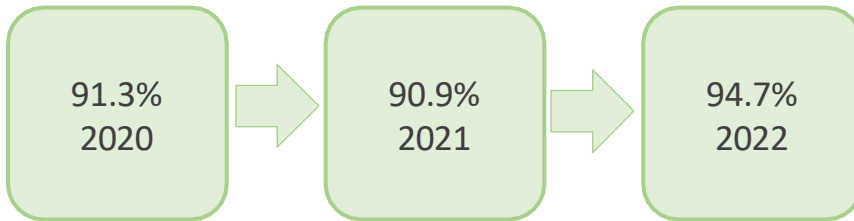
Unemployment (at end of August)

Between 2021 and 2022 the percentage of the Tendring population (16 yo+) that are unemployed has decreased from 6.10% to 4.20%. This is more than Essex which has decreased from 4.30% to 2.80% in the same time period.



**Funded Early Education Entitlement
(based on Summer Term)
2 yo**

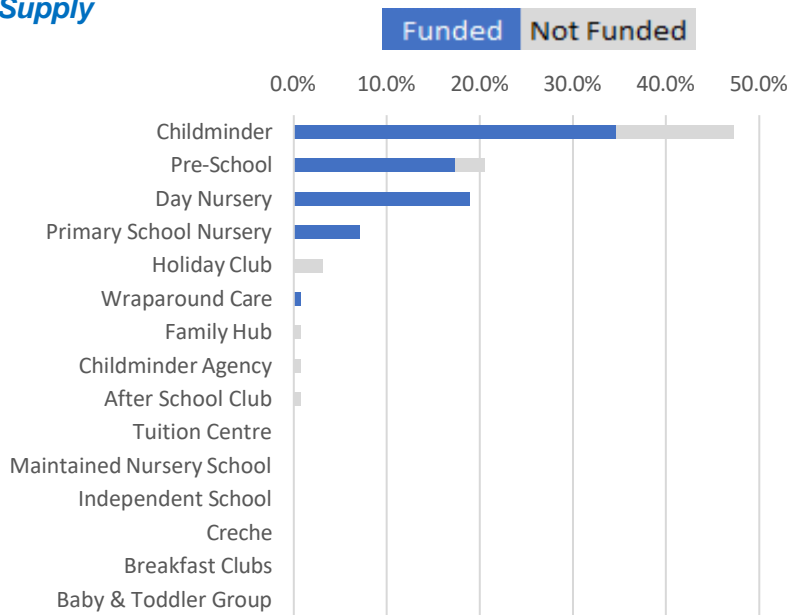
The take up of FEEE2 in Tendring is 95.7% having increased from 83.7% in 2021.



**Funded Early Education Entitlement
3 & 4 yo (based on Summer Term)**

94.7% of families made use of FEEE 3&4 entitlement in Tendring, this has increased from 90.9% the year before.

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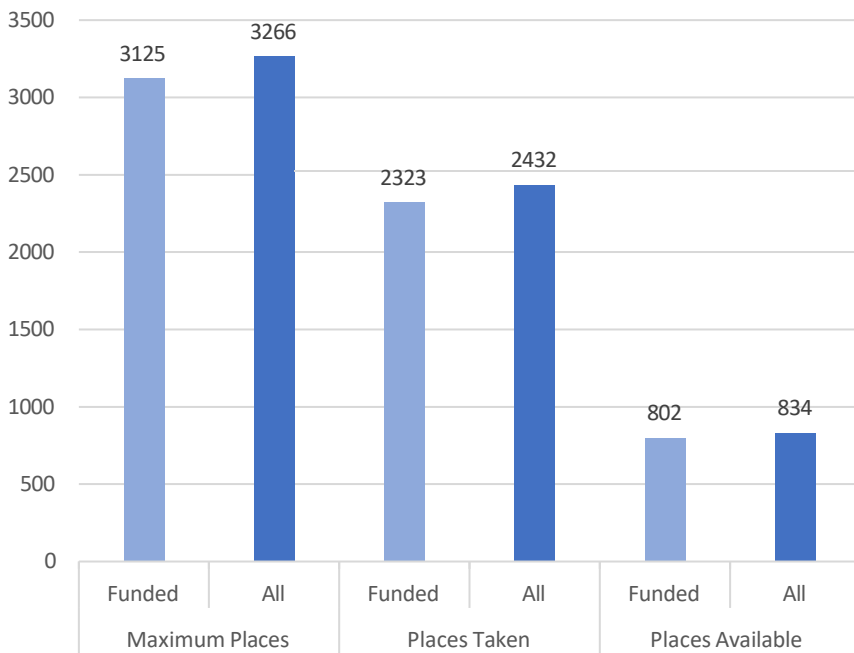
Providers

Tendring's providers are, like a lot of the other districts, made up predominantly of Childminders (47.2%), followed by Pre-Schools (20.5%) and Day Nurseries (18.9%). The ratio of Funded Providers to non-funded providers (78.7%) is more than the county average (64.0%).

96.2%
Funded Providers
Good/Outstanding

95.2%
All Providers
Good/Outstanding

Tendring's proportion of good and outstanding providers (95.2%) has decreased from the same period last year (97.6%). The current overall quality of provision is slightly lower than that of Essex as a whole (96.2%).



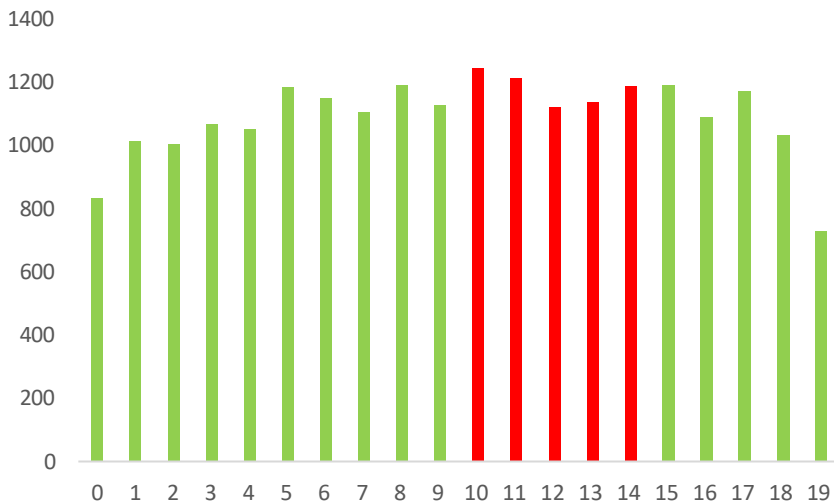
Capacity

This graph shows the declared maximum capacity for all childcare provision in Tendring. 26.7% of all maximum places are available, which is more than the Essex rate of 17.9%.

Wrap around Care (Breakfast / After- school / Holiday clubs)

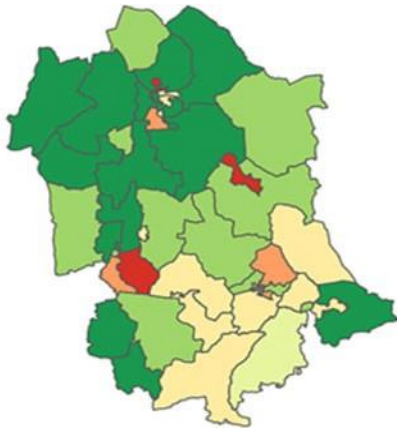
Data gathered to assess the supply and demand for breakfast, after school and holiday provision proved to be inconclusive at a district level. A focused wrap around childcare survey will be run with providers in Summer 2023 and the results will be added into the 2023 Childcare Sufficiency assessment.

Summary - Uttlesford



Demand

In Uttlesford the population is not distributed evenly between age groups. The most prominent age group is 10-14 which constitutes 27.0% of the 0-19 population (21,841 children). The second most populous age group is those aged 0-4 (26.4%).



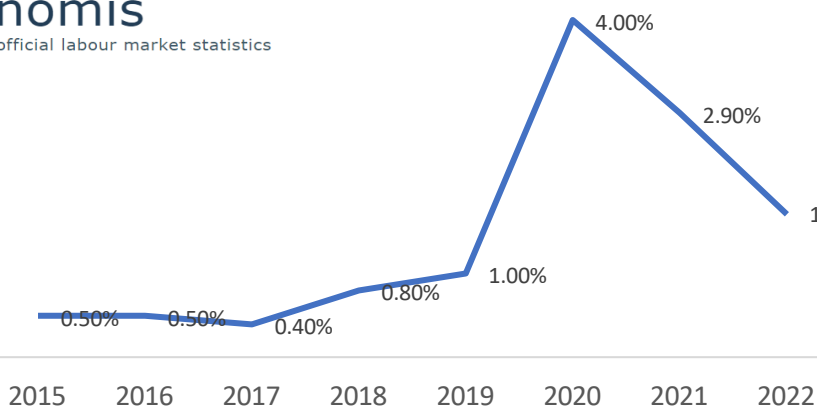
Deprivation

In Uttlesford there are no LSOA's in the lowest 4 deciles. Only 6% of LSOA's are in the 5th decile. 61% are in the 9th and 10th deciles. This could potentially result in some families being over the income cap to be eligible and reduces the prevalence of FEEE2 eligible families based purely on financial criteria.

Percentage of the Population unemployed in Uttlesford (16 yo+)

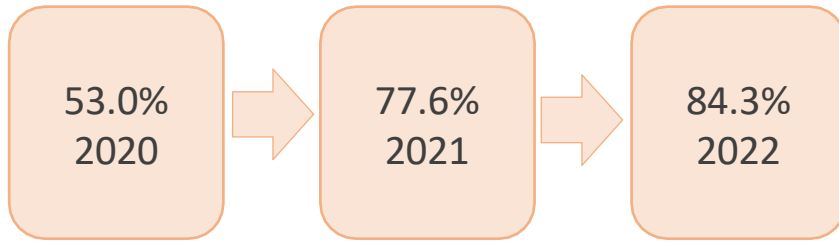
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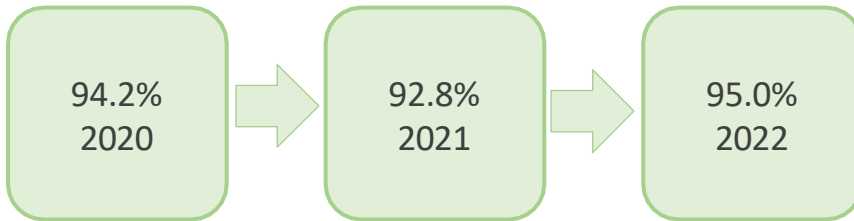
Unemployment (at end of August)

Between 2021 and 2022 the percentage of the Uttlesford population (16 yo+) that are unemployed has decreased from 2.90% to 1.70%. This is lower than Essex which has decreased from 4.30% to 2.80% in the same time period.



Funded Early Education Entitlement (based on Summer Term) 2 yo

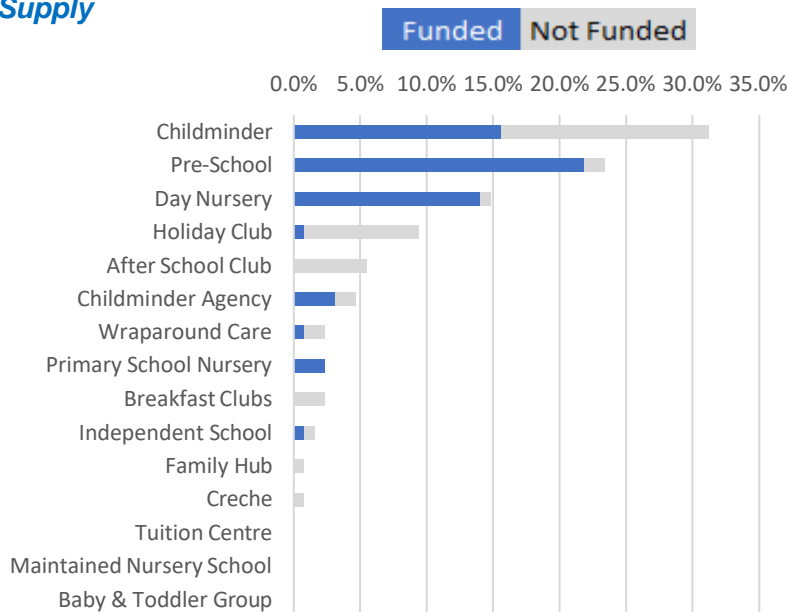
The take up of FEEE2 in Uttlesford is 84.3% having increased from 77.6% in 2021.



Funded Early Education Entitlement 3 & 4 yo (based on Summer Term)

95.0% of families made use of FEEE 3&4 entitlement in Uttlesford, this has increased from 92.8% the year before.

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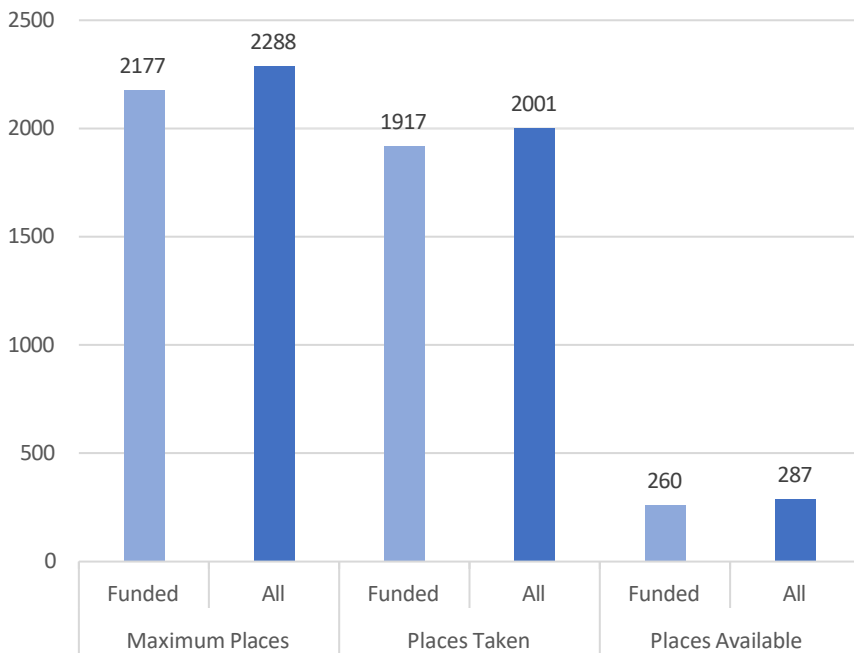
Providers

Uttlesford's providers are, like a lot of the other districts, made up predominantly of Childminders (31.3%), followed by Pre-Schools (23.4%) and Day Nurseries (14.8%). The ratio of Funded Providers to non-funded providers (59.4%) is lower than the county average (64.0%).

95.9%
Funded Providers
Good/Outstanding

96.7%
All Providers
Good/Outstanding

Uttlesford's proportion of good and outstanding providers (96.7%) has decreased from the same period last year (98.4%). The current overall quality of provision is slightly more than that of Essex as a whole (96.2%).



Capacity

This graph shows the declared maximum capacity for all childcare provision in Uttlesford. 13.2% of all maximum places are available, which is lower than the Essex rate of 17.9%.

Wrap around Care (Breakfast / After- school / Holiday clubs)

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2022 Parent Childcare Survey

In Summer 2022, EYCS undertook a survey, asking parents for their views on a set of posed questions. A summary of the responses follows:

About your Family

823 responses were received. The largest number of responses were from parents living in Colchester, Tendring and Chelmsford.

How many children do you have?

One	288
Two	417
Three	96
Four	15
Five or more	7



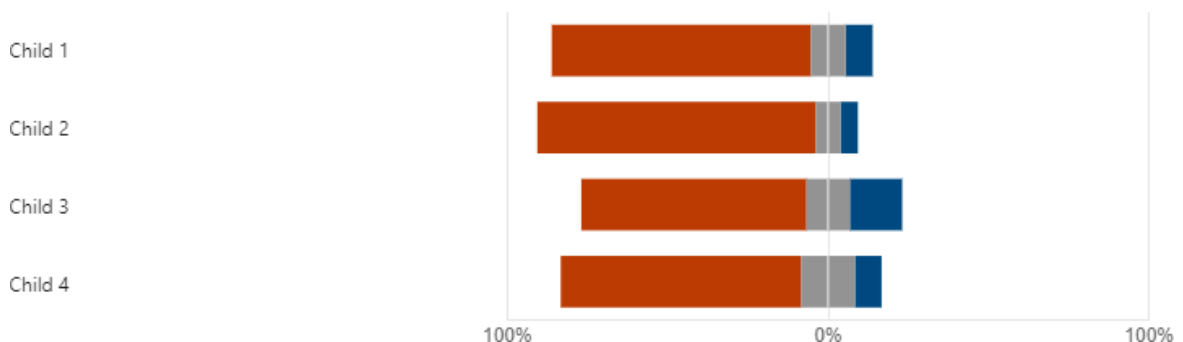
Do you have a pre-school aged child (0-5)?

Yes.	565
No	258



Does your child / children have a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND)?

■ No ■ Yes - my child has a diagnosed SEND ■ I think so, although no diagnosis is in place



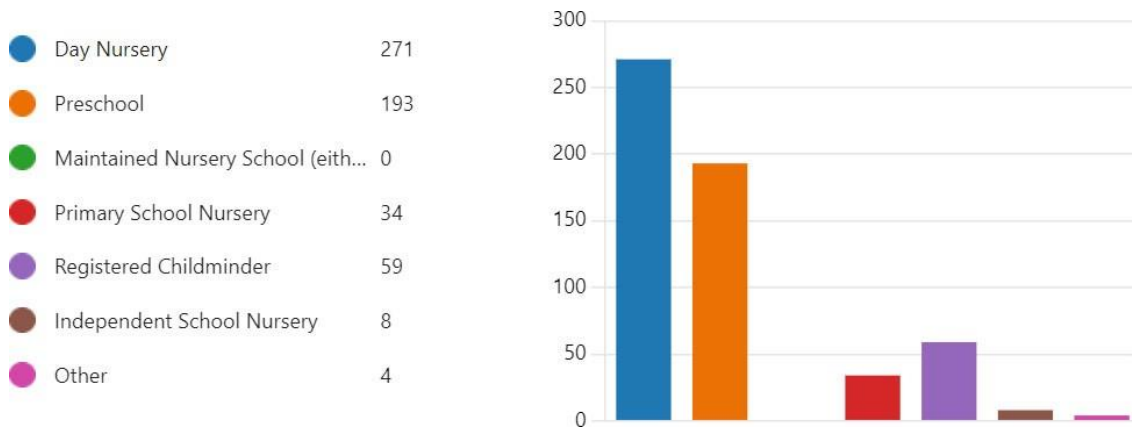
The majority of respondent families answered no, however, 16.3% said I think so, although no diagnosis is in place for child 3. This is higher than the 13.5% who answered yes, my child has a diagnosed SEND for child 3.

Accessing Childcare

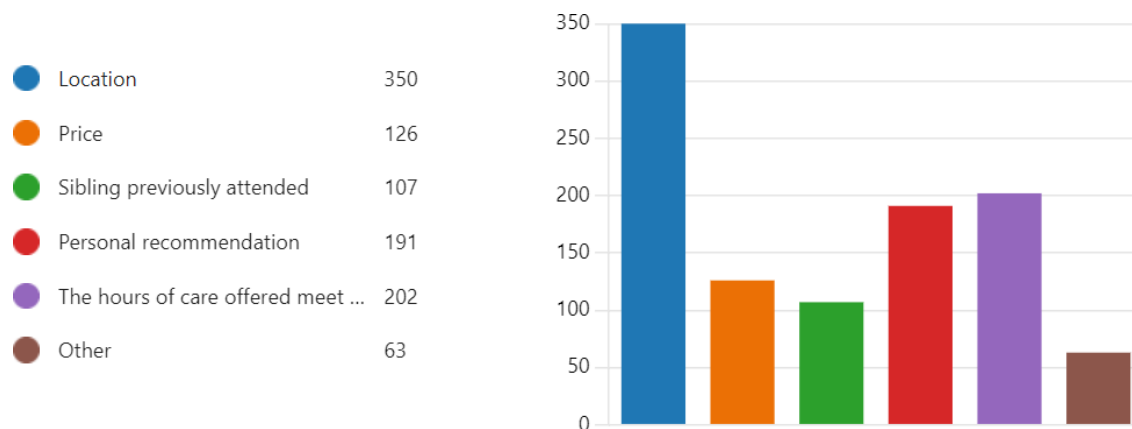
Do you currently use Ofsted Registered childcare?

88% (n=500) of respondent families answered **yes** and **12% (n=65)** answered **no**.

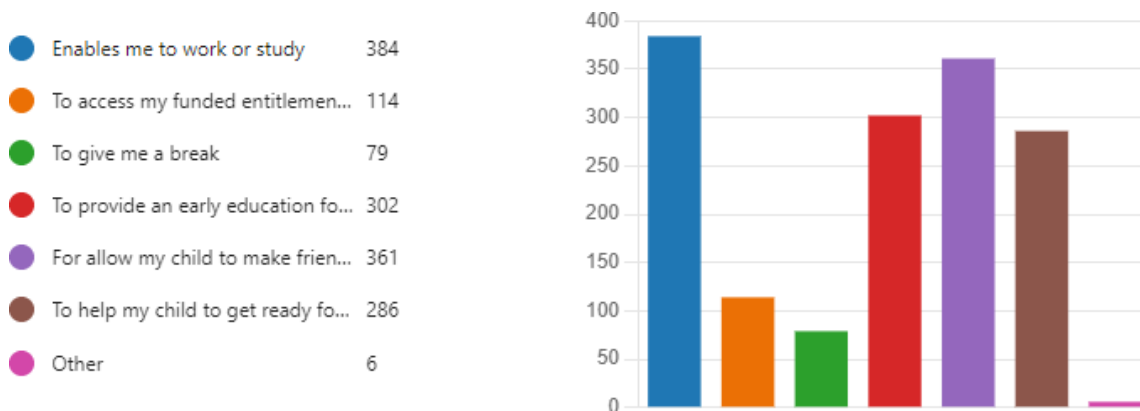
What type of Ofsted registered childcare are you currently using?



Why did you choose this Childcare option?



What are your main reasons for accessing childcare?



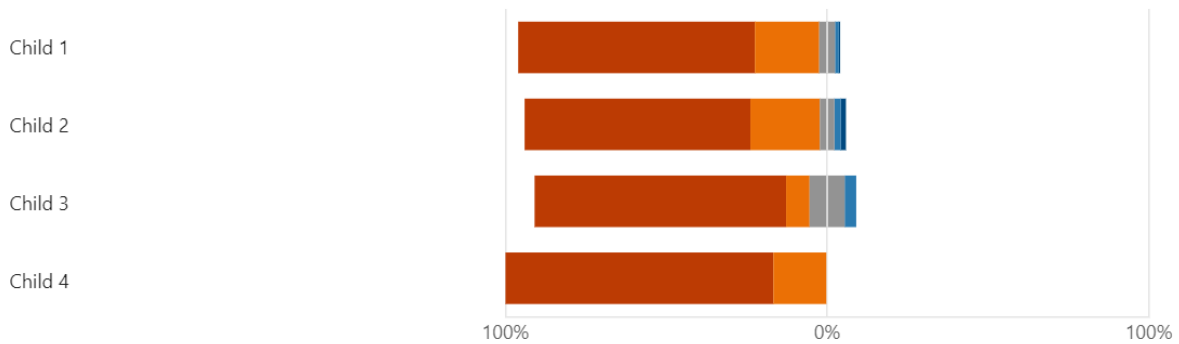
384 of the respondent families reported it **enables them to work or study**, closely followed by **361** who use it to **allow their child to make friends and socialise**. Only **114** reported they **access their funded entitlement**.

Does your child attend more than 1 childcare provision?

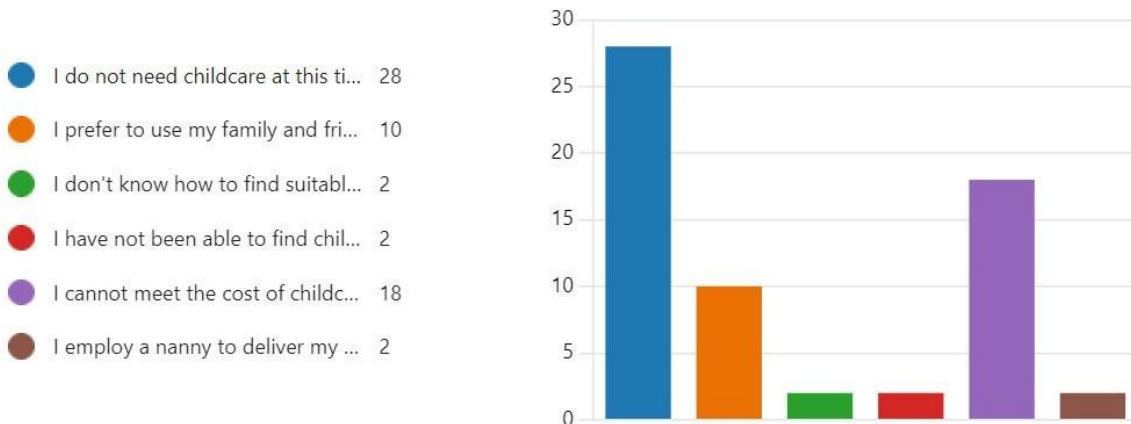
88% (n=441) of respondent families answered **no**, whereas **12% (n=59)** said **yes**. The majority of comments taken from the survey revealed that families are using either a **Pre-School or nursery with a childminder**.

How satisfied are you with your current childcare provider?

■ Very Satisfied
 ■ Somewhat satisfied
 ■ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 ■ Somewhat dissatisfied
■ Very dissatisfied



Why do you not use Ofsted registered Childcare?



Out of the respondent families, **28** reported **they do not need childcare at this time** and **18** reported **they cannot meet the cost of childcare**, whereas **10** reported **they prefer to use family and friends**.

Funded Places

Is your 2-year-old eligible to access a funded Early Education Entitlement

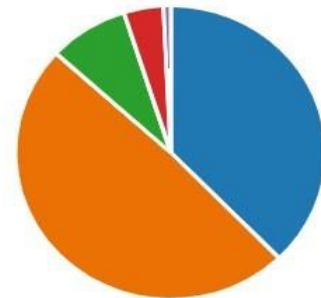
place? **17% (n=30)** of respondent families answered **yes** and **83% (n=143)** answered **no**.

Are you able to access your child's full funded entitlement for your 2-year-old? Either 15 hours per week or stretched funding throughout the year?

83% (n=25) of respondent families answered **yes** and **17% (n=5)** answered **no**.

Do you receive the Funded Early Entitlement to help meet your childcare costs? This is paid during term-time for all children in the term after their third birthday.

● Yes I receive 15 hour funding for...	100
● Yes, I receive 30 hour funding fo...	130
● No, I do not receive this funding...	22
● No - I do not receive this fundi...	11
● I don't know	2



The majority of respondent families are receiving either 15 or 30 hours funding. 11 of the respondent families are not receiving the funding despite their child being eligible.

Are you able to access your full funding entitlement at your childcare setting, without the need for additional payment?

57% (n=132) of the respondent families answered yes and 43% (n=100) said no. Comments from some of those who answered 'yes' as per below:

"Very expensive additional costs for the extra weeks in the year, food, snacks, "parent resources" and session fees"

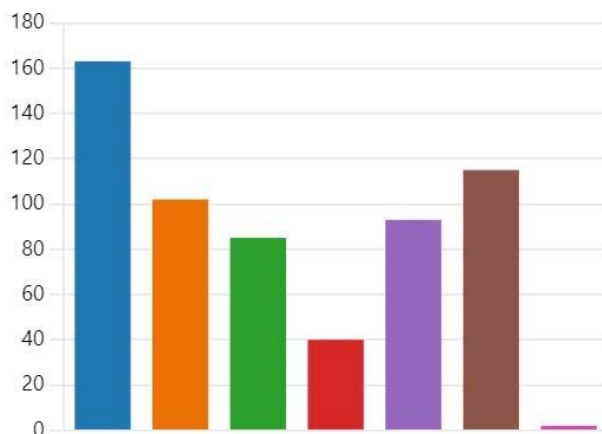
"They can only afford to offer 15 hours a week, even though we are entitled to the 30 hours, so we pay the extra"

"For food at the nursery and for lunch club (even though he takes a packed lunch) at the preschool"

Out of the respondent families, 100% (n=231) reported that the Funded Entitlement has benefitted their family.

Please tell us how this has benefited your family.

● Reduced my childcare costs	163
● Made it easier for me to work or...	102
● Allowed my child to attend their...	85
● Provided flexibility for childcare ...	40
● Has allowed my child to attend ...	93
● Helped my child 'get ready for s...	115
● Other	2



163 felt it reduced their childcare costs and 115 felt it helped their child get ready for school.

School Aged Children

Was your child's move to reception class a positive experience?

91% (n=263) of respondent families answered **yes** and **9% (n=26)** answered **no**. When asked to provide further details, some of the families commented **their child with SEND had lack of support from the school and their needs were not met**.

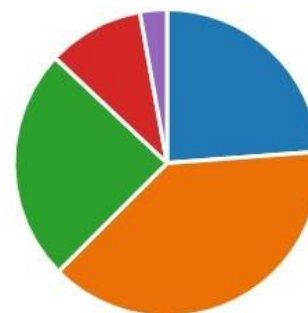
Do you currently use Childcare for your school age children?

● Yes - I use formal childcare (eg a...	182
● I use informal childcare for my s...	87
● No	219



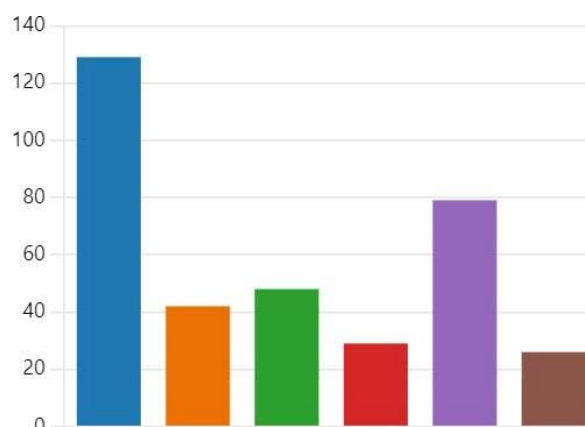
What type of childcare are you accessing?

● Before school	75
● After school	122
● Holiday Club	77
● Registered Childminder	32
● Other	9



Why did you choose this option?

● Location - e.g. offered on schoo...	129
● Price	42
● Sibling also attends	48
● Personal recommendation	29
● The hours of care offered	79
● Other	26



Out of the respondent families, **129** based their choice on **location**, whereas **79** based their choice on the hours of care offered.

Where would you go to find out more information about childcare funding to support school aged children?

● Essex family information service	93
● I would speak to my childcare p...	149
● The Essex Child and family Well...	76
● Other	170



Some of the **170** respondent families who replied with ‘**other**’ stated they would use **Google search**.

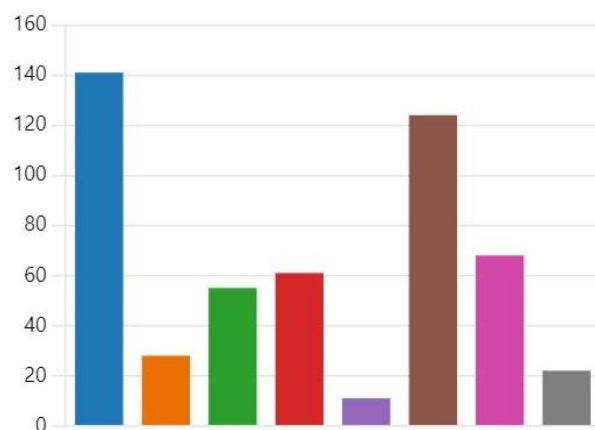
Impact of Covid

Since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, have your childcare needs changed?

62% (n=507) of respondent families answered **yes** and **38% (n=316)** answered **no**.

How have your childcare needs changed?

● Change of working pattern	141
● Reduced working hours	28
● Increased working hours	55
● No longer able to use friends or...	61
● Redundancy / no longer working	11
● Home working	124
● New baby	68
● Other	22



Are you concerned that Covid has had a negative impact on your child’s

learning? 62% (n=507) of respondent families answered **no** and **38% (n=316)**

answered **yes**.

Please tell us more about this impact, or what you feel should be put in place to lessen this impact.

“They have both lost a great deal of learning and they will struggle to make this up. The school is unfortunately working at such a fast pace to try and make up the lost time that the children are feeling really under pressure”

“Mental health support”

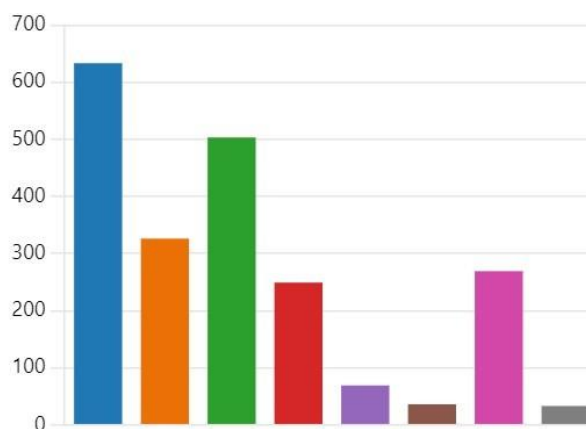
“Speech delay in my 2-year-

old” “Less social skills”

Accessing Information

If you wanted advice or guidance regarding caring for your child, where would you go to find this information?

Family and Friends	633
My childcare provider	326
The internet (general 'google' s...	503
The Essex Child and Family Well...	249
Books or my local library	69
Local Community Members	36
Online forums (eg 'Mumsnet, Fa...	269
Other	33



Are you aware of the Essex 'Talk Listen and Cuddle' campaign, and the range of free resources to help your child learn at home?

Yes	76
No	461

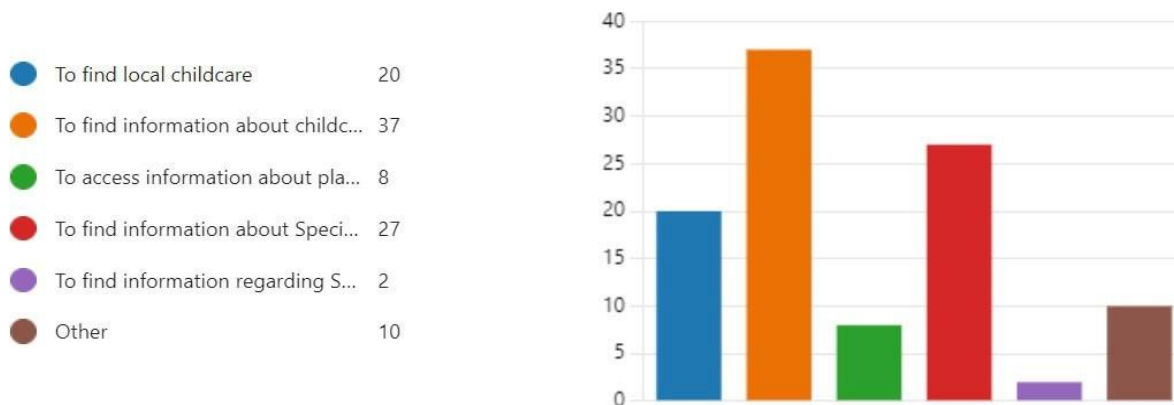


When asked what they found useful on the Talk, Listen and Cuddle pages, comments from the respondent families centered around the **activities and videos provided**, as well as **information surrounding readiness for school**.

Have you used the Essex Family Information Service?

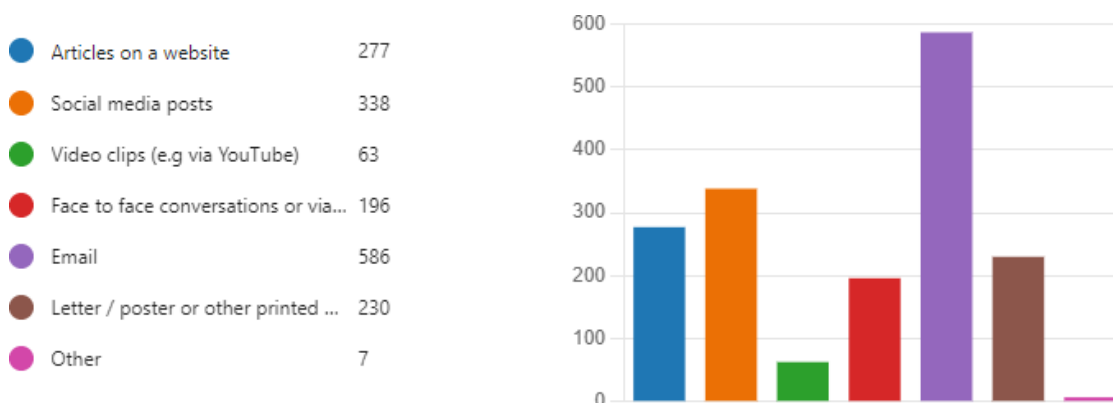
54% (n=446) of respondent families reported **no, I am unaware of this service**. 36% (n=297) said **no, but I am aware of it**, and 10% (n=80) said **yes**.

What have you used the Essex Family Information Service for?



37 of the respondent families use it to **find information about childcare funding**, 27 use it to **find information about SEND**, and 20 use it to **find local childcare**.

What is your preferred method to receive information that may be useful to your family?



Glossary

Term	Description
Ofsted inspections	Ofsted is responsible for inspecting a range of educational institutions, including early years and childcare settings, state schools and some independent schools.
LSOA	Lower Super Output Areas are geographical areas. They are used to improve the reporting of small area statistics. LSOAs are grouped to have similar population sizes. This means rural areas may be covered by one LSOA whereas an urban area may have many LSOAs.

Data sources

Data Set	Description
Capita download	This is the total dataset of Early Years and Childcare providers in Essex.
DWP Eligible Parents List	Provided to local authorities by the Department for Work and Pensions.
Early Years and Childcare provider collection	This data is collected from each funded provider The summer 2022 data is used in this report.
IDACI Income Deprivation Affecting Children	This index measures the proportion of children under the age of 16 in a local area that live in low income households http://opendatacommunities.org/def/concept/general-concepts/imd/idaci
FEEE Headcount data	Summer 2022
Ofsted download	Data pulled from Ofsted website for 2022
ONS Population Estimates and projections	Mid-year 2020 estimates are used in this report. https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/populationestimatesforukenglandandwalescotlandandnorthernireland 2018 population projections are used in this report. https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/datasets/localauthoritiesinenglandtable2
Nomis- Unemployment rates	Unemployment as a percentage of total population- data from Nomis https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/contents.aspx Also available at ECC open data unemployment dashboard https://data.essex.gov.uk/dataset/ep5nz/unemployment-and-job-market-profiles
Essex County Council Parents and Carers survey 2022	Locally produced survey completed in summer term 2022 and shared via ECC website and social media groups

Resources

Description	Hyperlink
Two Year Old Funding	https://eycp.essex.gov.uk/funding/free-early-education-entitlement-for-two-year-olds/
3 & 4 Year Old Funding	https://eycp.essex.gov.uk/funding/free-early-education-entitlement-for-three-to-four-year-olds/
EYPP Funding	https://eycp.essex.gov.uk/funding/early-years-pupil-premium/
Disability Access Funding	https://eycp.essex.gov.uk/funding/disability-access-fund/
Short Breaks Scheme	https://shortbreaks.essex.gov.uk/
IDACI Data	http://opendatacommunities.org/def/concept/general-concepts/imd/idaci
ONS Population Estimates	https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/populationestimatesforukenglandandwales/scotlandandnorthernireland
ONS Population Projections	https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/datasets/localauthoritiesinenglandtable2
NOMIS Unemployment Data	https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/contents.aspx
ECC Unemployment Dashboard	https://data.essex.gov.uk/dataset/ep5nz/unemployment-and-job-market-profiles