

Estimate of demand and potential gaps in childcare supply for the expanded entitlement for 2-year-olds from April 2024

The new entitlements will mean that **eligible working parents** in England will be able to access 30 hours of funded childcare per week for 38 weeks each year from the term after their child turns 9 months to when they start school. This new entitlement will be rolled out as follows:

- From April 2024 - 15 hours for 2-year-olds
- From September 2024 - 15 hours will be extended to 9-month-olds and above
- From September 2025 - all eligible working parents of 9-month-olds and above will be able to access 30 hours of childcare per week (38 weeks a year).

The impact of the extension of the entitlement is still being developed locally and nationally. Early take-up of the expanded entitlement in April 2024 is expected to come from parents already using childcare services. When the second phase begins in September 2024, parent's habits may start to change, hence creating new and increased demand. However, early estimates of demand and potential gaps in provision have begun in preparation for the expansion in April 2024. Please see the [table on page 4](#).

Data sources:

- Ofsted - Number of childcare places registered with Ofsted (at July 2023).
- Childcare Providers - Number of operational childcare places collected in the Summer term 2023.
- Childcare Providers - Childcare vacancies collected in Summer term 2023.
 - **What is included:** all 2-year-old vacancies from all provider types, 0–5-year-old vacancies from childminders, and 2-4- or 3–4-year-old vacancies for Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) group providers.
 - **What is not included:** School/Academy 3–4-year-old vacancies and all under 2-year-old vacancies.
 - **Note:** One part-time vacancy is counted as 15 hours, one full-time vacancy is counted as 30 hours.
- Childcare Providers – Early Education and Care Funding Claims – Spring term 2023.
- Childcare Providers - Early Years Annual Census 2023.
- May 2023 GP registrations (aged 0-4 year olds).

Consideration was given to using the Summer term 2023 data however the numbers were very similar to the Spring term. As the Early Years Census data is only available in the Spring term this was the only source available to estimate non-funded 2-year-olds in settings.

See [table on page 3](#) for details of how demand and supply has been estimated.

Caveats

- The estimated demand and potential gaps are based mainly on information collected from Childcare Providers, i.e. vacancy data, funding claims and the early years annual census.

- The estimated number of eligible 2-year-olds is based on the assumption that this will match the percentage of 3 and 4 year olds that were eligible to 30 hours in the spring term 2023, this may not be the case.
- The number of eligible children not attending settings is unknown.
- Children currently attending settings may increase their hours in April 2024 – the number and impact is unknown.
- The location of the provider or school has been used to determine the ward in which the additional hours and vacancies are included for analysis purposes. However, the demand for childcare is more transient than this model can represent with parents accessing childcare provision across ward boundaries.
- Where no gap in places is indicated at ward level there may be more localised pressure and opportunities below ward level. It may be possible to provide analysis in the future at a more local level but analysis of this nature can never provide absolutes regardless of the geographical boundaries used.
- Adjustments have been made to include a new provision in the Holme Valley North ward opening on 6 November 2023.
- New applications for daycare submitted to Ofsted recently in the following wards have not been taken into account in this analysis; It should be noted that an application submitted to Ofsted does not necessarily result in registration being granted.
 - Batley East Ward
 - Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward
 - Dewsbury East Ward
 - Greenhead Ward
 - Heckmondwike Ward

Disclaimer

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

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Data and methodology used to estimate demand and potential gaps in supply for the expanded entitlement for 2 year olds from April 2024

	Data	Description
A	OFSTED Registered Places 0 - 4 year olds	The total number of places for 0- to 4-year-olds registered with Ofsted. This is the maximum number of places available.
B	Operational Places 0 - 4 year olds	The total number of places for 0- to 4-year-olds that settings are currently operating to, which in some cases is less than the number registered with Ofsted.
C	Spare Places 0 - 4 year olds	The difference between the number of places for 0- to 4-year-olds registered with Ofsted and the number of places that settings are operating to. (A minus B)
D	Full-time Vacancies (30 hour place) 0 - 4 year olds	One full-time vacancy is counted as 30 hours. What is included: all 0–5-year-old vacancies from all provider types, i.e. childminders, Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) group providers, academies and maintained schools with nursery provision.
E	Percentage of operational places vacant	Calculated using the full-time vacancies and the total number of operational places. (D divided by B x 100)
F	Part time Vacancies (15-hour place) (adjusted)	One part-time vacancy is counted as 15 hours. What is included: all 2-year-old vacancies from all provider types, 0–5-year-old vacancies from childminders, and 2-4 or 3-4 year old vacancies for Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) group providers. What is not included: School/Academy 3–4-year-old vacancies and all under 2-year-old vacancies.
G	Population 0 - 4-year-olds	Based on GP Registrations dated May 2023.
H	Population of 2-year-olds (Date of Birth Range 1.1.20 to 31.12.20)	Based on GP Registrations dated May 2023, born between 1 st January 2020 and 31 st December 2020.
I	Number of 0 - 4-year-olds per operational places	The number of operational places available for every child aged 0-4 years old. (B divided by G).
J	2 year olds attending settings in Spring term 2023 (funded & non-funded)	This is an estimate of the number of 2-year-olds attending settings in the spring term 2023. Based on funded 2-year-olds plus non-funded 2-year-olds which was calculated by using the total number of 2-year-olds reported in the Annual Early Years Census 2023 by early years providers.
K	Estimated demand for new 2-year-old entitlement	The number of 3- and 4-year-olds accessing 30 hours in Spring 2023 was used to calculate the percentage of the population of 3- and 4-year-olds which access 30 hours at ward level. This percentage rate was used to estimate the number of 2 years olds from the 2-year-old population (H) who may be eligible to the new entitlement.
L	Estimated additional 2-year-old places needed in April 2024	This is the difference between 2 year olds attending settings in the Spring term 2023 (funded & non-funded) (J) and the estimated demand for the new 2 year old entitlement (K).
M	Surplus places or gap between vacancies (adjusted) & additional places needed in April 2024	The estimated additional places required for 2-year-old children (L) have been deducted from the part time (15 hour) adjusted vacancies in childcare providers in the summer term 2023 (F) to calculate any gaps in provision.

Estimate of demand for the expanded entitlement for 2 year olds from April 2024 and potential gaps in childcare supply

	SUPPLY						DEMAND						SURPLUS / GAP
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Ward	OFSTED Registered Places 0 - 4 yr olds	Operational Places 0 - 4 yr olds	Spare Places 0 - 4 yr olds	Full-time Vacancies (30 hr place) 0 - 4 yr olds	Percentage of operational places vacant	Part time Vacancies (15 hr place) (adjusted - see notes)	Population 0 - 4 yr olds	Population of 2 yr olds (DOB Range 1.1.20 to 31.12.20)	Number of 0 - 4 yr olds per operational places	2 yr olds attending settings Spring term 2023 (funded & non-funded)	Estimated demand for new 2 yr old entitlement	Estimated additional 2 yr old places needed in April 2024	Between vacancies (adjusted) & additional places needed in April 2024
Almondbury Ward	389	333	56	57	17%	55	863	184	2.59	150	150	0	56
Ashbrow Ward	565	407	158	80	20%	113	1325	266	3.25	158	179	21	92
Batley East Ward	570	417	153	92	22%	90	1212	250	2.91	129	136	7	83
Batley West Ward	822	505	317	142	28%	174	1306	263	2.58	115	174	59	115
Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward	542	357	185	65	18%	87	1006	212	2.82	115	155	40	47
Cleckheaton Ward	534	441	93	53	12%	71	927	168	2.10	131	131	0	71
Colne Valley Ward	490	340	150	51	15%	61	856	172	2.52	150	145	-5	66
Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward	480	281	200	37	13%	65	1311	261	4.67	81	139	58	7
Dalton Ward	486	324	162	50	15%	51	878	169	2.71	115	138	23	28
Denby Dale Ward	374	289	85	60	21%	66	684	140	2.37	106	117	11	55
Dewsbury East Ward	744	412	332	48	12%	77	1244	231	3.02	130	146	16	61
Dewsbury South Ward	616	451	165	132	29%	239	1132	212	2.51	104	135	31	208
Dewsbury West Ward	615	460	155	48	10%	53	1842	367	4.00	186	219	33	20
Golcar Ward	479	378	101	58	15%	62	1042	210	2.76	147	200	53	9
Greenhead Ward	791	498	293	103	21%	182	1488	306	2.99	180	153	-27	209
Heckmondwike	623	428	195	105	25%	133	1093	224	2.56	161	166	5	128
Holme Valley North Ward	424	294	130	68	23%	95	783	149	2.66	95	142	47	48
Holme Valley South Ward	503	412	91	57	14%	82	768	141	1.87	145	116	-29	111
Kirkburton Ward	297	257	40	51	20%	91	678	131	2.64	100	105	5	86
Lindley Ward	546	421	125	76	18%	116	1243	226	2.95	160	159	-1	117
Liversedge and Gomersal Ward	610	499	111	137	27%	175	889	190	1.78	192	173	-19	194
Mirfield	490	347	143	97	28%	98	892	148	2.57	87	124	37	60
Newsome Ward	566	455	111	82	18%	123	1007	209	2.21	152	132	-20	143
Total	12,556	9,004	3,552	1,748		2,358	24,469	4,829		3,089	3,435	346	2,012