

Cambridgeshire SSDA903 Looked After Children Summary

1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Includes historical and national performance comparison.

Children in Care and Adoption Performance Tables

	England	SNs	East of England	Good is	2020-21	2021-22	Prediction		Numerator	Denominator
	2021-22	2021-22	2021-22				2022-23			
Placement 1: Children looked after at period end with three or more placements during the year	10%	11%	10%	Low	9.0%	12.0%	7.9%	↓	51	646
Placement 2: LAC in care at least 2.5 years at period end living in their current placement for at least 2 years	71%	69%	70%	High	71.0%	70.0%	69.5%	↓	162	233
Placement 3: Percentage of LAC at 31 March placed outside LA boundary and more than 20 miles from where they used to live.	16%	23%	20%	Low	35.0%	33.0%	30.5%	↓	197	646
Adoption 1: Percentage who ceased to be looked after who were adopted	10%	10%	12%	High	14.0%	19.0%	7.8%	↓	15	192
Adoption 2: Percentage who ceased to be looked after because of a special guardianship order	13%	14%	8%	High	7.3%	11.1%	14.1%	↑	27	192
Leaving Care 1: The percentage of children leaving care over the age of 16 who remained looked after until their 18th birthday	79%	88%	84%	High	x	100.0%	76.2%	↓	77	101
Leaving Care 2: The percentage of former relevant young people aged 19-21 who were in education, employment or training	55%	58%	56%	High	49.0%	54.0%	55.1%	↑	211	383
Leaving Care 3: The percentage of former relevant young people aged 19-21 who were in suitable accommodation	88%	89%	88%	High	84.0%	86.0%	86.9%	↑	318	366
Leaving Care 4: The percentage of former relevant young people aged 19-21 who were in higher education	7%	3%	7%	High	3.0%	5.0%	5.0%	–	19	383

Children looked after at 31 March

	England 2021-22	SNs 2021-22	East of England 2021-22	Good is	2020-21	2021-22	Prediction 2022-23		Numerator	Denominator
LAC at 31 March					x	x	646			
LAC at 31 March per 10,000	70.0	56.0	50.0		x	x	47.0		646	
LAC at 31 March by legal order										
Interim care orders	20%	16%	17%	Lower	16.0%	16.0%	15.3%	↓	99	646
Full care orders	58%	57%	56%	Higher	58.0%	60.0%	52.6%	↓	340	646
Freed for adoption	x	x	x		x	x	-		0	646
Placement order granted	5%	6%	6%		9.0%	x	7.3%		47	646
Accommodated under S20	17%	22%	21%	Lower	17.0%	17.0%	24.8%	↑	160	646
Detained on child protection grounds in LA accommodation	x	0%	x		x	x	-		0	646
Youth justice legal Statuses	x	0%	x		x	x	-		0	646
LAC at 31 March by placement										
Foster placements	70%	69%	71%	Higher	74.0%	77.0%	72.1%	↓	466	646
Concurrent planning foster placements							2.6%		12	466
Foster placements with relative(s) or friends(s)							9.2%		43	466
Foster placements confirmed as permanent (long term)				Higher			25.1%		117	466
Placed for adoption	3%	3%	3%		3.0%	1.0%	2.0%	↑	13	646
Placement with parents	7%	5%	3%		1.0%	2.0%	0.6%	↓	4	646
Other placement in the community	2%	4%	5%		-	-	-	-	0	646
Children's homes, secure units and hostels	16%	19%	17%	Lower	21.0%	20.0%	24.9%	↑	161	646
Other residential settings	1%	2%	1%		x	x	-		0	646
Residential schools	x	0%	x		x	x	0.2%		1	646
Other placements	1%	1%	x		-	-	0.2%	↑	1	646

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	7%	8%	10%		9.0%	8.0%	13.3%	↑	86	646
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LAC at 31 March by Gender

Male	56%	58%	58%		56.0%	59.0%	61.9%	↑	400	646
Female	44%	42%	42%		44.0%	41.0%	38.1%	↓	246	646

LAC at 31 March by Age

Under 1	5%	5%	5%		4.0%	5.0%	2.9%	↓	19	646
1 to 4	14%	12%	11%		11.0%	11.0%	11.9%	↑	77	646
5 to 9	18%	17%	16%		16.0%	14.0%	12.8%	↓	83	646
10 to 15	39%	40%	40%		41.0%	46.0%	40.7%	↓	263	646
16 and over	25%	27%	28%		27.0%	24.0%	31.6%	↑	204	646

LAC at 31 March by placement location

Under 20 miles and inside LA boundary	49%	50%	44%		31.0%	37.0%	31.9%	↓	206	646
Under 20 miles and outside LA boundary	23%	13%	14%		11.0%	11.0%	11.9%	↑	77	646
Over 20 miles and inside LA boundary	4%	6%	11%		13.0%	12.0%	12.1%	↑	78	646
Over 20 miles and outside LA boundary	16%	23%	20%		35.0%	33.0%	30.5%	↓	197	646
Distance not known or not recorded	4%	4%	7%		2.0%	1.0%	13.6%	↑	88	646

LAC at 31 March by placement provider

Own provision (by the Local Authority)	46%	42%	49%		41.0%	44.0%	39.2%	↓	253	646
Other Local Authority provision	1%	3%	1%		x	2.0%	2.9%	↑	19	646
Other public provision (e.g. by a PCT etc.)	x	1%	x		x	-	-	-	0	646
Private provision	38%	40%	43%		52.0%	49.0%	52.9%	↑	342	646
Voluntary/third sector provision	7%	10%	3%		5.0%	4.0%	4.2%	↑	27	646
Parents or other person with parental responsibility	7%	5%	3%		1.0%	2.0%	0.6%	↓	4	646
Placement Provider not Reported	1%	2%	x		-	-	0.2%	↑	1	646

LAC at 31 March by ethnicity

White	73%	78%	74%		80.0%	81.0%	73.1%	↓	472	646
Mixed	10%	9%	10%		9.0%	9.0%	7.9%	↓	51	646
Asian or Asian British	5%	3%	3%		x	x	5.1%		33	646
Black or Black British	7%	4%	6%		5.0%	4.0%	5.6%	↑	36	646
Other ethnic groups	4%	4%	6%		3.0%	3.0%	8.0%	↑	52	646
Other	1%	2%	x		x	x	0.3%		2	646

Children who started to be looked after during the year

	England	SNs	England	Good is	2020-21	2021-22	Prediction 2022-23		Numerator	Denominator
Children starting a LAC episode during the period (no duplicates)					149	195	247	↑		
Children starting a LAC episode per 10,000 children	26.0	21.6	18.0		11.0	15.0	18.0	↑	247	
Gender										
Male	60%	60%	62%		56.0%	62.0%	68.4%	↑	169	247
Female	40%	40%	38%		44.0%	38.0%	31.6%	↓	78	247
Children starting a LAC episode by age										
Under 1	17%	17%	17%		26.0%	19.0%	13.8%	↓	34	247
1 to 4	15%	16%	13%		15.0%	20.0%	13.4%	↓	33	247
5 to 9	15%	16%	13%		10.0%	16.0%	14.6%	↓	36	247
10 to 15	27%	27%	26%		14.0%	26.0%	24.3%	↓	60	247
16 and over	25%	25%	30%		36.0%	19.0%	34.0%	↑	84	247
Children starting a LAC episode by category of need										
Abuse or neglect	58%	55%	56%		52.0%	54.0%	45.7%	↓	113	247
Child's disability	2%	4%	2%		4.0%	4.0%	1.6%	↓	4	247
Parents illness or disability	2%	3%	3%		x	x	1.6%		4	247
Family in acute stress	7%	11%	9%		7.0%	10.0%	11.3%	↑	28	247
Family dysfunction	11%	16%	8%		7.0%	10.0%	2.4%	↓	6	247
Socially unacceptable behaviour	2%	3%	2%		x	x	0.4%		1	247
Low income	x	0%	-		-	x	-		0	247
Absent parenting	18%	17%	20%		27.0%	21.0%	36.8%	↑	91	247

Children starting a LAC episode by legal order

Interim care orders	33%	29%	32%		44.0%	45.0%	32.4%	↓	80	247
Full care orders	1%	1%	1%		x	-	0.8%	↑	2	247
Freed for adoption					x	x	-		0	247
Placement order granted	x	0%	x		-	-	-	-	0	247
Accommodated under S20	54%	59%	56%		50.0%	49.0%	58.3%	↑	144	247
Detained on child protection grounds in LA accommodation	11%	10%	x		4.0%	x	7.7%		19	247
Police protection and in LA accommodation	9%	8%	7%		4.0%	4.0%	4.9%	↑	12	247
Emergency protection order	2%	3%	2%		-	x	2.8%		7	247
Child assessment order and in LA accommodation	x	0%	x		-	-	-	-	0	247
Youth justice legal Statuses	x	1%	2%		x	x	0.8%		2	247
Accommodated on remand or committed for trial	2%	1%	2%		x	x	0.8%		2	247
Accommodated under Police and Criminal Evidence [PACE] act	x	0%	-		-	-	-	-	0	247
Supervision order with residence requirement	x	0%	-		-	-	-	-	0	247

Children who ceased to be looked after during the year

	England	SNs	East of	Good is	2020-21	2021-22	Prediction 2022-23		Numerator	Denominator
Children ceasing to be LAC during the year (and not coming back into care during the period)					220	243	192	↓		
Children ceasing to be LAC during the year per 10,000 children	26.0	19.5	18.0		16.0	18.0	14.0	↓	192	

NB: the DfE definition for LAC starts and LAC ends do not mirror each other, ie they can't identify the increase/decrease in LAC.

Reason left care

Adopted - consent dispensed with	10%	10%	12%	High	14.0%	19.0%	7.8%	↓	15	192
Died	x	0%	x	Low	-	-	0.5%	↑	1	192
Care taken by another LA	3%	0%	1%		x	-	0.5%	↑	1	192
Returned home to live with parents or relatives as part of care planning process	18%	14%	11%	High	4.0%	7.0%	3.1%	↓	6	192
Returned home to live with parents or relatives not as part of care planning process	4%	5%	4%	Low	x	x	5.7%		11	192
Left care to live with parents, relatives or other person with no parental responsibility	6%	9%	10%		10.0%	6.0%	13.0%	↑	25	192
Residence order / Child arrangement order granted	4%	4%	3%	High	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%	↑	8	192
Special guardianship order	13%	14%	8%	High	7.3%	11.1%	14.1%	↑	27	192
Moved into independent living (with support)	12%	13%	13%		21.0%	14.0%	9.4%	↓	18	192
Moved into independent living (with no formalised support)	3%	5%	5%		11.0%	10.0%	6.8%	↓	13	192
Transferred to residential care funded by adult social services	2%	3%	3%		3.0%	3.0%	2.6%	↓	5	192
Sentenced to custody	1%	0%	1%	Low	x	-	0.5%	↑	1	192
Accommodation on remand ended	x	1%	1%		x	-	1.0%	↑	2	192
Age assessment determined child was 18 or over	1%	1%	1%		-	x	1.0%		2	192
Child moved abroad	x	0%	x		x	-	0.5%	↑	1	192
Aged 18 and remained with current carers	-	-	-		-	-	12.5%		24	192
Care ceased for any other reason	11%	11%	16%		10.0%	7.0%	16.7%	↑	32	192

Gender

Male	58%	58%	60%		59.0%	56.0%	60.9%	↑	117	192
Female	42%	42%	40%		41.0%	44.0%	39.1%	↓	75	192

Age

Under 1	5%	6%	5%		x	4.0%	5.7%	↑	11	192
1 to 4	21%	20%	20%		17.0%	21.0%	20.8%	↓	40	192
5 to 9	12%	11%	8%		10.0%	13.0%	9.9%	↓	19	192
10 to 15	14%	13%	12%		7.0%	9.0%	10.9%	↑	21	192
16 and over	47%	49%	54%		x	49.0%	52.6%	↑	101	192

Duration of latest period of care

Under 2 weeks							3.1%		6	192
From 2 weeks to under 8 weeks							2.1%		4	192
From 8 weeks to under 6 months							15.6%		30	192
From 6 months to under 1 year							27.1%		52	192
From 1 year to under 2 years							21.4%		41	192
After more than 2 years							30.7%		59	192

Children looked after during the year

	England 2021-22	SNs 2021-22	East of England 2021-22	Good is	2020-21	2021-22	Prediction 2022-23		Numerator	Denominator
Looked after during the year (excluding short breaks) per 10,000	92.1	73.9	66.7		x	x	60.9		838	
Looked after during the year under short breaks per 10,000	0.7	0.0	0.4		x	x	0.1		2	
New placements made during the year					x	x	561			
New placement under 20 miles and inside LA boundary	48%	50%	43%	High	33.0%	37.0%	33.3%	↓	187	561
New placement under 20 miles and outside LA boundary	21%	11%	12%		10.0%	9.0%	16.2%	↑	91	561
New placement over 20 miles and inside LA boundary	5%	8%	12%		12.0%	14.0%	11.9%	↓	67	561
New placement over 20 miles and outside LA boundary	16%	19%	19%	Low	32.0%	29.0%	25.7%	↓	144	561
New placement not recorded or not known	11%	14%	14%		14.0%	10.0%	12.8%	↑	72	561

Reason for change of placement

Change to/ Implementation of care plan	35%	34%	26%		27.0%	20.0%	26.5%	↑	105	396
Resignation or closure of provision	1%	2%	1%		x	1.0%	0.3%	↓	1	396
Allegation (s47)	1%	1%	x		x	x	-		0	396
Standards of care concern	1%	1%	2%		x	3.0%	0.8%	↓	3	396
Approval removed	x	0%	x		-	-	-	-	0	396
Carer requests placement ends due to child's behaviour	10%	13%	15%		27.0%	25.0%	24.5%	↓	97	396
Carer requests placement end other than due to child's behaviour	6%	9%	8%		4.0%	7.0%	5.8%	↓	23	396
Child requests placement to end	4%	6%	4%		4.0%	2.0%	3.5%	↑	14	396
Responsible/Area authority requests placement to end	2%	2%	1%		2.0%	x	1.5%		6	396
Change in the status of a placement only	17%	15%	17%		12.0%	11.0%	9.8%	↓	39	396
Custody arrangement					x	x	-		0	396
Other	23%	28%	26%		22.0%	31.0%	27.3%	↓	108	396

Care Leavers - status on their 19th to 21st birthday

	England	SNs	East of	Good is	2020-21	2021-22	Prediction 2022-23		Numerator	Denominator
Having a birthday in the year (excludes those who have subsequently died or returned home for 6 months)					346	364	383	↑		
Contacts between local authority and care leaver										
In touch with care leaver	92%	92%	92%	High	88.0%	91.0%	91.9%	↑	352	383
Young person refuses contact	1%	1%	1%		x	x	0.3%		1	383
Young person no longer requires services	2%	3%	2%		x	x	0.3%		1	383
Not in touch with care leaver	5%	14%	4%		x	8.0%	7.6%	↓	29	383
In education, employment or training	55%	58%	56%	High	49.0%	54.0%	55.1%	↑	211	383
In higher education i.e. studies beyond A level	7%	3%	7%	High	3.0%	5.0%	5.0%	–	19	383
In education other than higher education	23%	24%	25%	High	26.0%	26.0%	32.9%	↑	126	383
In training or employment (including apprenticeships)	26%	27%	24%	High	20.0%	23.0%	17.2%	↓	66	383
Not in education, training or employment	38%	35%	38%	Low	45.0%	40.0%	37.1%	↓	142	383
illness / disability	7%	8%	7%		4.0%	6.0%	6.0%	–	23	383
other reasons	26%	22%	26%	Low	37.0%	30.0%	27.7%	↓	106	383
pregnancy or parenting	5%	5%	4%		4.0%	4.0%	3.4%	↓	13	383
Local Authority does not have information	7%	7%	7%	Low	6.0%	5.0%	7.8%	↑	30	383

Care Leavers in suitable accommodation (excluding 'gone abroad', 'deported' and 'residence not known')	88%	89%	88%	High	84.0%	86.0%	86.9%	↑	318	366
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Accommodation generally deemed suitable

With parents or relatives	10%	10%	11%		12.0%	9.0%	10.7%	↑	39	366
With former foster carer	9%	8%	8%	High	8.0%	6.0%	5.2%	↓	19	366
Foyers and other accommodation providing EET support	2%	7%	2%	High	7.0%	5.0%	6.6%	↑	24	366
Supported lodgings	4%	7%	6%	High	3.0%	5.0%	6.3%	↑	23	366
Ordinary lodgings	1%	2%	2%		5.0%	4.0%	5.2%	↑	19	366
Semi-independent transitional accommodation	18%	13%	19%	High	22.0%	22.0%	27.0%	↑	99	366
Community home or other form of residential care	3%	4%	4%		3.0%	4.0%	5.5%	↑	20	366
Independent living	36%	38%	32%		19.0%	24.0%	18.6%	↓	68	366

Accommodation generally deemed unsuitable

Emergency accommodation	1%	1%	1%	Low	x	x	0.3%		1	366
Bed and breakfast	x	0%	x	Low	-	-	-	-	0	366
In custody	3%	2%	3%	Low	3.0%	3.0%	1.4%	↓	5	366
No fixed abode / homeless	1%	2%	1%	Low	4.0%	3.0%	1.1%	↓	4	366
Other accommodation	3%	4%	5%	Low	4.0%	4.0%	4.1%	↑	15	366
Local Authority does not have information	7%	6%	5%	Low	5.0%	5.0%	8.2%	↑	30	366

Accommodation excluded from suitability

Deported	x	0%	-		x	-	-	-	0	366
Gone abroad	x	0%	x		-	x	0.3%		1	366
Residence not known	1%	1%	2%		4.0%	5.0%	4.4%	↓	16	366

Care Leavers - status on their 17th & 18th birthday

	England	SNs	East of	Good is	2020-21	2021-22	Prediction 2022-23		Numerator	Denominator
Having a birthday in the year (excludes those who have subsequently died or returned home for 6 months)					137	126	98	↓		
Contacts between local authority and care leaver										
In touch with care leaver	94%	93%	95%	High	88.0%	94.0%	87.8%	↓	86	98
Young person refuses contact	x	0%	x		-	-	-	-	0	98
Young person no longer requires services	1%	0%	1%		-	-	-	-	0	98
Not in touch with care leaver	5%	9%	3%		12.0%	6.0%	12.2%	↑	12	98
In education, employment or training	66%	71%	66%	High	61.0%	74.0%	57.1%	↓	56	98
In higher education i.e. studies beyond A level	4%	x	4%	High	x	7.0%	11.2%	↑	11	98
In education other than higher education	48%	49%	51%	High	40.0%	56.0%	39.8%	↓	39	98
In training or employment (including apprenticeships)	15%	17%	11%	High	x	11.0%	6.1%	↓	6	98
Not in education, training or employment	28%	27%	29%	Low	30.0%	20.0%	30.6%	↑	30	98
illness/ disability	3%	x	3%		x	x	6.1%		6	98
other reasons	22%	22%	24%	Low	28.0%	17.0%	23.5%	↑	23	98
pregnancy or parenting	2%	0%	2%		x	x	1.0%		1	98
Local Authority does not have information	6%	7%	4%	Low	9.0%	6.0%	12.2%	↑	12	98

Care Leavers in suitable accommodation (excluding 'gone abroad', 'deported' and 'residence not known')	90%	91%	90%	High	88.0%	92.0%	83.3%	↓	80	96
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Accommodation generally deemed suitable

With parents or relatives	13%	14%	13%		13.0%	13.0%	13.5%	↑	13	96
With former foster carer	19%	21%	17%	High	8.0%	9.0%	9.4%	↑	9	96
Foyers and other accommodation providing EET support	3%	11%	2%	High	5.0%	x	4.2%		4	96
Supported lodgings	7%	13%	8%		7.0%	6.0%	4.2%	↓	4	96
Ordinary lodgings	1%	0%	1%	Low	x	x	3.1%		3	96
Semi-independent transitional accommodation	31%	25%	36%		39.0%	30.0%	36.5%	↑	35	96
Community home or other form of residential care	4%	6%	4%		x	10.0%	1.0%	↓	1	96
Independent living	9%	11%	6%	Low	11.0%	6.0%	7.3%	↑	7	96

Accommodation generally deemed unsuitable

Emergency accommodation	x	1%	1%	Low	-	-	1.0%	↑	1	96
Bed and breakfast	x	0%	x	Low	-	-	1.0%	↑	1	96
In custody	2%	1%	2%	Low	x	-	1.0%	↑	1	96
No fixed abode / homeless	x	0%	x	Low	x	-	1.0%	↑	1	96
Other accommodation	3%	0%	4%	Low	x	7.0%	4.2%	↓	4	96
Local Authority does not have information	6%	6%	4%	Low	9.0%	6.0%	12.5%	↑	12	96

Accommodation excluded from suitability

Deported	0%	0%	-		-	-	-	-	0	96
Gone abroad	x	0%	x		-	-	-	-	0	96
Residence not known	x	0%	1%		x	6.0%	2.1%	↓	2	96

Outcomes for children looked after

Children looked after who were missing or away from placement without authorisation	Good is	2020-21	2021-22	Prediction	2022-23		Numerator	Denominator			
Missing incidents during the year		533	756	438	↓						
Children looked after having a missing incident	11%	11%	13%	Low	12.0%	11.0%	10.9%	↓	91	838	
Average number of missing incidents per child	6.3	5.2	6.2		5.2	8.1	4.8	↓			
Going missing more than once during the year				Low	x	x	6.7%		56	838	
Missing at year end					0.0	0.0	0	–			
Away from placement without authorisation incidents					0.0	0.0	0	–			
Children looked after having an absent incident	2%	1%	1%	Low	-	-	-	–	0	838	
Offending											
Convicted or subject to a final warning or reprimand during the year (10 and above)		2%	3%	2%	Low	-	3.0%	2.3%	↓	8	346
Substance misuse											
Identified as having a substance misuse problem during the year		3%	4%	3%		-	-	-	–	0	447
Received intervention for their substance misuse during the year		43%	23%	44%		-	-	n/a		0	0
Offered intervention for their substance misuse but refused it during the year		38%	35%	12%		-	-	n/a		0	0
Healthcare (for those in care 12 months on 31 March)											
Number of children whose immunisations were up to date		85%	81%	85%		54.0%	53.0%	52.6%	↓	235	447
Number of children who had their teeth checked by a dentist		70%	68%	74%		30.0%	56.0%	67.6%	↑	302	447
Number of children who had their annual health assessment		89%	85%	88%		89.0%	90.0%	89.3%	↓	399	447
Number of these children whose development assessments were up to date (LAC 12+ months and aged 5 or younger at 31 March)		89%	95%	93%		71.0%	88.0%	69.4%	↓	34	49

Strengths and difficulties questionnaire

Children looked after for at least 12 months aged 4 to 16 with an SDQ score	77%	71%	76%	High	47.0%	51.0%	76.5%	↑	263	344
Average score per child	14	15	15	Low	14.1	14.9	15.1	↑		
Banded "Normal"	50%	46%	46%		49.0%	41.0%	43.7%	↑	115	263
Banded "Borderline"	12%	14%	13%		10.0%	16.0%	14.4%	↓	38	263
Banded "Cause for Concern"	37%	40%	40%	Low	42.0%	43.0%	41.8%	↓	110	263