

**School admissions appeals in England: 2019/2020**

**Metadata guidance document**

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# Description

This document describes the data included in the ‘Schools admissions appeals in England: 2019 to 2020’ National Statistics release’s underlying data files. This data is released under the terms of the [Open Government License](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/) and is intended to meet at least three stars for [Open Data](https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/improving-the-transparency-and-accountability-of-government-and-its-services/supporting-pages/releasing-data-in-open-formats).

The methodology document for this subject should be referenced alongside this release. It provides information on the data sources, their coverage and quality and how the data is produced.

A guide for the 2020 data collection can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/school-admission-appeals-data-collection-how-to-submit-data>.

# Coverage

The data includes returns via the APAD collection from 150 local authorities (for voluntary controlled and community schools) and direct returns from voluntary aided, foundation and academy schools. The City of London local authority has only one school which is voluntary aided so are not required to make an APAD return.

The rate of appeals lodged and heard are calculated using a total number of new admissions based on the January school census.

# File format and conventions

### Rounding and suppression

No rounding or suppression has been applied to either the appeals or admissions data.

### Conventions

The following convention is used throughout the underlying data.

‘:’ Not applicable.

# Data files

This statistical release includes the following underlying data file in csv format:

|  |  |  |  |
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| **File name** | **Content** | **Geographical levels** | **Years** |
| AdmissionsAppeals\_Governance | Number of new admissions and number and percentage of appeals lodged, heard and successful by the governance of the school and school phase | National | 2015/16 to 2019/20 |
| AdmissionsAppeals\_LA | Number of new admissions and number and percentage of appeals lodged, heard and successful by the local authority and school phase | National; regional; local authority | 2015/16 to 2019/20 |

# Annex A: Variable listing and descriptions

Variable names and descriptions included across the underlying data files are provided below.

|  |  |
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| **Variable name** | **Variable description** |
| time\_period | the year the collection was made |
| time\_identifier | the period the application requested a place for |
| geographic\_level | the geographic level of the data |
| country\_code | 9 digit country code |
| country\_name | country name |
| region\_code | region code (Government Office Region) - 9 digit code |
| region\_name | region name (Government Office Region) |
| new\_la\_code | local authority code (new) – 9 digit code |
| old\_la\_code | local authority code (old) |
| la\_name | local authority name |
| date\_appeals\_by | date by which the appeal had to be submitted |
| school\_phase | primary or secondary school, primary split into infant and other primary classes |
| school\_governance | governance of the school |
| admissions | number of new admissions |
| appeals\_lodged\_number | number of appeals lodged |
| appeals\_lodged\_percentage | appeals lodged as a percentage of new admissions |
| appeals\_heard\_number | number of appeals heard |
| appeals\_heard\_percentage | appeals heard as a percentage od new admissions |
| appeals\_parents\_favour\_number | number of successful appeals |
| appeals\_parents\_favour\_percentage | successful appeals as a percentage of appeals heard |



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