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# **Secondary and primary school applications and offers: March and April 2020**

**Metadata guidance document**

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## Description

This document describes the data included in the 'Secondary and primary school applications and offers: March and April 2020' Official Statistics release's underlying data file. This data is released under the terms of the [Open Government License](#) and is intended to meet at least 3 stars for [Open Data](#).

The [methodology document](#) [link to be added] 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://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/867730/School\\_preference\\_collection\\_guide\\_v1-0\\_-\\_2020\\_final\\_6\\_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/867730/School_preference_collection_guide_v1-0_-_2020_final_6_.pdf).

## Coverage

This release provides information on the number of applications made, the preferences listed and the number and preference level of offers for entries into:

- the main entry point for state-funded secondary school (usually year 7)
- state-funded primary school (reception year)

It includes national, regional and local authority level information on:

- the number of places available
- the number of applications received
- the number and percentage of first, second, non-preferred etc preference offers made
- the number and proportion of offers within and outside the home local authority

The information is based on the separate secondary and primary application and offer (preference) data collections returned by the local authorities.

## File format and conventions

### Rounding

Primary and secondary suppression was applied in the 2014 dataset. No suppression has been applied from 2015 onwards

### Conventions

The following convention is used throughout the underlying data.

'c'      Suppressed (2014 only)

':'      Not applicable.

## Data files

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

<b>File name</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Geographical levels</b>	<b>Years</b>
AppsandOffers_2020	Number of places and applications; number and proportion of offers by preference rank; number and proportion of offers inside and outside home local authority	National; Regional; Local authority	2014/15 to 2020/21

## Annex A: Variable listing and descriptions

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

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
school_phase	Primary or secondary school
NC_year_admission	NC year
admission_numbers	Number of places available
applications_received	Number of applications for a school place received
online_applications	Number of applications submitted online
online_apps_percent	Percentage of applications submitted online
no_of_preferences	Number of preferences allowed by the local authority
first_preference_offers	Number of offers of first preference school
first_preference_offers_percent	Percentage of offers being of the first preference school
second_preference_offers	Number of offers of second preference school
second_preference_offers_percent	Percentage of offers being of the second preference school
third_preference_offers	Number of offers of third preference school
third_preference_offers_percent	Percentage of offers being of the third preference school
one_of_top_three_preference_offers	Number of offers of one of the applicant's top three preferences
one_of_top_three_preference_offers_percent	Percentage of offers being of one of the applicant's top three preferences
preferred_school_offer	Number of offers of any of the applicant's preferences
preferred_school_offer_percent	Percentage of offers being of any of the applicant's preferences
non-preferred_offer	Number of non-preferred offers
non-preferred_offer_percent	Percentage of offers being of a non-preferred offer
no_offer	Number of applicants receiving no offer
no_offer_percent	Percentage of applicants receiving no offer
schools_in_la_offer	Number of offers within the applicant's home local authority
schools_in_la_offer_percent	Percentage of offers being within the applicant's home local authority
schools_in_another_la_offer	Number of offers within another local authority

schools_in_another_la_offer_percent	Percentage of offers being within another local authority
offers_to_nonapplicants	Number of offers made to non applicants



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