Looked After Children and Young Care Leavers Data

for the

Kent & Medway Care Leaver Progression Partnership

Latest data relates to 2017-18 LAC

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## Background

This report updates data provided in a previous report and where possible provides time series data for five years up to and including academic year 2017-18. The report specifically examines data on Looked After Children (LAC) and Young Care Leavers (YCL) in Kent and Medway.

Attainment and progression data is presented by student characteristic with comparisons to other LA areas and/or non-LAC children.

Data is available for two populations:

* LAC who are the responsibility of the LA (and who may be placed in the LA and outside of the LA)
* LAC who are placed in the LA (hence they may be the responsibility of other LA). In this report, tables will present data relating to either LA responsible LAC or placed LAC within the LA but it should be noted that data is not always available for both populations.

The main source of data for LAC up to age 16 years is via the Department for Education; this is the result of annual LA returns (SSDA903 return) and is completed for every child who was looked-after at any point during the year ending 31 March, and also for a group of former looked-after children whose nineteenth birthday fell during the year. Figures for England, London and the South East are presented alongside Kent LA, and Medway UA. Again, the data may relate to either LAC who are the responsibility of the LA or placed LAC in the LA. Where available placed LAC data is provided as this provides a more accurate picture of the children who are being educated in the LA.

In section 2, further breakdowns of LAC data are available direct from Kent LA; by matching LAC data from Families and Social Care unit to the school census it is possible to examine school census data to identify LAC numbers by School type, School District and other characteristics. These tables reflect numbers for children who were placed in the LA and matched to October 2018 census. Medway LA data is not available at the same level as Kent LA data due to small populations, which are suppressed for safeguarding measures.

Section 3 provides data for LAC/YCL in Kent and Medway FE colleges and Section 4 presents data for YCL in Local HEIs.

The tables in this report explore LAC numbers by:

1. Trends
2. Gender
3. Age
4. Placement Type
5. Asylum Seeking Children
6. Ethnicity
7. Category of Need
8. Destinations

Historical data may differ from older publications. This is mainly due to the implementation of amendments and corrections sent by some local authorities after the publication date of previous materials.

This is the first report published post GDPR legislation being adopted in the UK as The Data Protection Act (2018). Due to this, some data that was available in previous iterations of this report are no longer easily accessible.

# Key Findings

### General Population

* The number of LAC that both local authorities are responsible for had been steadily increasing year on year from 2008. However, these numbers peaked in 2015-16 and for the last two years have been in decline.
* The type of placements has changed over the last years, with an increase in foster care placements which for 2017-18 sit at 76% for Kent and 83% for Medway – both higher than regional and national benchmarks.
* In 2017-18, Kent LA was responsible for around 2059 LAC but received an additional 1117 LAC placed from other local authorities. The net gain of LAC in Kent was 899 and Medway was 218 for this year.
* Kent and Medway together had 4% of all placed LAC in England in 2015-16, and in 2017-18 this has dropped to 3%.
* Data for placed LAC is presented in tables:
  + More males than females are looked after in both local authorities, and these figures are above regional and national averages.
  + In both Kent and Medway, the highest populated age group was the 10-15 age group. There was a different picture for Kent LA in 2015-16 where the 16+ group was the most highly populated.
  + In 2017-18 Kent LA was responsible for 14% (n=235) of LAC registered as asylum seekers (Medway numbers suppressed). This is a significant decrease on the number of asylum-seeking LAC in previous years (in 2015-16 there were 865 or 37% of total).
  + 32% of placed LAC in Kent LA are of Black and Minority Ethnic origin (38% in Medway), which has remained steady for the last three years and no longer is being disproportionately affected by asylum seeking LAC.
  + In Medway, 67% of responsible LAC were categorized as in need because of abuse or neglect, which is slightly higher than the 2015-16 figure of 63%. In Kent LA, a lower proportion of responsible LAC were classified in this category at 28%. For Kent family disfunction and absent parenting are significant with 27% and 26% of LAC being in these respective categories.
  + A high proportion of placed LAC are recorded with Special Education Needs (SEN), 62% in Kent LA and 75% Medway. These figures have not changed since 2015-16.

### LA School Census Data

* 53% of placed LAC in Kent LA are in secondary schools, 30% primary schools and 17% in special schools. This shows a significant decrease of LAC enrolments in special schools as the previous 2015-16 figure was 30%.
* In Kent secondary mainstream schools, 7% of placed LAC are in selective schools and 93% are in non-selective schools, a very slight increase on 2015-16.
* Swale and Canterbury Districts have the highest number of placed LAC across the county (both with 16% of total LAC in schools).
* Only 7% of all placed LAC in Kent schools have English as an additional language and this is significantly lower than in the previous report with 17% in 2015-16.
* The 2017 GCSE performance of LAC is considerably lower than non-LAC both nationally and in Kent and Medway. 10% of Kent responsible LA achieved 5A\*-C GCSE including English and Maths. It was higher for Medway LA at 29% but this was based on only 20 learners. There is still a significant performance gap for LAC in the area where performance is well below average. In England, 14% of LAC achieved their 5A\*-C including English and Maths.
* In 2018 the GCSE scoring system changed, and for this year 9% of Kent LAC achieved a grade 9-5 in English and Maths GCSEs which is above the regional average of 7& for the South East, and 7.8% for England.

### Destinations Age 19 Years

* A survey of LAC at age 19 years showed that 52% of Kent LA (higher than the previous 41% from 2015-16) and 39% of Medway responsible LAC were in education, employment or training, which is a decrease from 2015-16 when 49% were in education, employment or training.

### Further Education

* At least 355 identified YCL were enrolled at local FE Colleges during 2017-18, however this figure does not include data from some colleges. On average, there were more males than females although the gender split varies at individual college level.
* Most LACs were studying below Level 3, however again there are different patterns for different colleges.
* The ethnicity of LAC in FE colleges varies for example Hadlow College having 100% white LAC, compared with Mid Kent College with 16% of those learners being white British.
* On average 89% of LAC in colleges achieved their learning goals in 2017-18.

### Higher Education

* There were 286 identified learners from care at the network universities in 2017-18, a decrease from 2016-17 when there were 300.
* Most HEI entrants from care are female outnumbering their male counterparts 2 to 1 at all institutions.

# Section 1 – Data reported at LA level in the Statistical First Release (SFR41-2018)

## Responsible LAC population

Figure 1 shows the number of LAC for each responsible LA during 2011-2018 and highlights the change across a 7 year period. Kent had 1,645 LAC recorded in 2017-18, a 15% decrease on 2016-17 and a significant decrease of 9.4% since 2011. In 2017-18, Medway had 414 responsible LAC, a slight increase on 2016-17. **In 2015-16 the proportional increase in LAC in Kent was higher than the national average – however, this trend has been reversed in the last two years, and Kent has seen a disproportionate decrease in LAC compared with England and the South East.**

**Figure 1: Numbers of LAC children aged under 18 years**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Area** |  | | **numbers** | | | | | | |
| **2011-12** | **2012-13** | | **2013-14** | **2014-15** | **2015-16** | **2016-17** | **2017-18** | **2017-18 % change on previous year** |
| England | 67,070 | 68,060 | | 68,810 | 69,480 | 70,440 | 72,670 | 75,420 | *3.65%* |
| London | 10,260 | 10,080 | | 10,110 | 9,980 | 9,860 | 9,910 | 9,890 | *-0.20%* |
| South East | 8,720 | 8,820 | | 8,950 | 9,310 | 9,880 | 9,830 | 10,000 | *1.70%* |
| **Kent** | **1,800** | **1,830** | | **1,820** | **1,870** | **2,310** | **1,900** | **1,645** | *-15.38%* |
| **Medway** | **440** | **410** | | **380** | **425** | **430** | **390** | **414** | *5.80%* |

* In Kent LA, in 2017-18, 76% of LAC were in foster placements whilst in Medway there were 83% in this type of placement. Both Medway and Kent have seen an increase in foster placements since 2014/15 when Kent had only 65% and Medway 79% representing an increase in foster placements of 11% for Kent and 4% for Medway.

**Figure 3: Placement Type by LA, Percentages for 2018**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Area** | **All children looked after at 31 March 2018** | **Foster placements** | **Placed for adoption** | **Placement with parents** | **Other placement in the community** | **Secure units, children's homes and hostels** | **Other residential settings** | **Residential schools** | **Other placement** |
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| England | 75,420 | 73% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 11% | 2% | - | - |
| London | 9,890 | 72% | 2% | 2% | 6% | 15% | 3% | - | x |
| South East | 10,000 | 74% | 3% | 5% | 4% | 13% | 1% | - | - |
| **Kent** | **1,645** | 76% | 3% | 1% | 7% | 11% | 1% | - | 0% |
| **Medway** | **415** | 83% | 6% | x | 0% | 10% | x | 0% | 0% |

**Figure 4: Kent and Medway placement types 2018 percentages**

## Responsible and Placed LAC population

* The table in Figure 5 disaggregates the number who were placed ***and*** the number who are the responsibility of the local authority thus showing the inflow and outflow of LAC for the area, for two academic years: 2016-17 and 2017-18. The number of LAC who are ***placed*** more accurately represents the number of children who are being educated by the LA at that point in time. In 2017-18, Kent had a net gain of 899 children; where Kent LA was responsible for 1,645 LAC, it has 2,544 children placed in the LA. Medway also has an additional 218 children placed in the LA. This contrasts with London where London has fewer children placed within its boundary than it is responsible for. Across the whole of the South East region, there were 550 children placed in the region over and above the number the region was responsible for, however this is still fewer than the net gain of Kent LA on its own (with many other LAs in the area seeing a net loss of LAC).

**Figure 5: Responsibility and Placement of LAC 2016-17**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Area** | **2016-17 Numbers (at 31 March 2017) – all ages** | | | | | | |
| **Children for whom local authority is responsible** | | | **Local authority of placement for children5** | | | **Net gain of children by responsible LA5** |
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| **All children looked after** | **Placed within LA boundary** | **Placed outside LA boundary** | **All children placed LA** | **Children placed internally LA** | **External children placed LA** |
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| England | 72590 | 43570 | 29100 | 71760 | 43560 | 28200 |  |
| London | 9900 | 3590 | 6320 | 8340 | 3590 | 4750 | -1,560 |
| South East | 9830 | 6300 | 3530 | 10400 | 6290 | 4110 | 570 |
| **Kent** | **1,900** | **1568** | **330** | **2697** | **1568** | **1129** | **799** |
| **Medway** | **390** | **196** | **194** | **607** | **195** | **412** | **218** |

**Figure 6: Responsibility and Placement of LAC 2017-18**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Area** | **2017-18 Numbers (at 31 March 2018) – all ages** | | | | | | |
| **Children for whom local authority is responsible** | | | **Local authority of placement for children** | | | **Net gain of children by responsible LA** |
|
|
| **All children looked after** | **Placed within LA boundary** | **Placed outside LA boundary** | **All children placed LA** | **Children placed internally LA** | **External children placed LA** |
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| England | 75,420 | 44680 | 30740 | 74400 | 44660 | 29740 |  |
| London | 9,890 | 3570 | 6320 | 8380 | 3560 | 4820 | -1510 |
| South East | 10,000 | 6240 | 3760 | 10540 | 6230 | 4310 | 550 |
| **Kent** | **1,645** | **1397** | **248** | **2544** | **1397** | **1147** | **899** |
| **Medway** | **414** | **210** | **204** | **632** | **210** | **422** | **218** |

* In Figure 8 the table presents figures showing the numbers of LAC placed at any time during the year ending 2018 with 2,655 for Kent and 562 for Medway (figures exclude children who were placed in a series of short-term placements. The time series graph of this can be seen in Figure 9.

**Figure 8: Children looked after at any time during the year ending 31 March 2018**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Area | **2013-14** | **2014-15** | **2015-16** | **2016-17** | **2017-18** |
| England | 98,090 | 99,390 | 100,810 | 102,590 | 104,100 |
| London | 15,750 | 15,700 | 15,600 | 15,570 | 15,120 |
| South East | 12,790 | 13,190 | 14,300 | 14,270 | 14,120 |
| **Kent** | **2,660** | **2,725** | **3,355** | **3,176** | **2,655** |
| **Medway Towns** | **555** | **615** | **630** | **564** | **562** |

**Figure 9: Time series Medway and Kent all LAC excluding short term placements**

* Kent and Medway together had 4% of all placed LAC in England in 2015-16, and in 2017-18 this has dropped to 3%.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Area | **2013-14** | **2014-15** | **2015-16** | **2016-17** | **2017-18** |
| England | 98,090 | 99,390 | 100,810 | 102590 | 104100 |
| London | 15,750 | 15,700 | 15,600 | 15570 | 15120 |
| South East | 12,790 | 13,190 | 14,300 | 14270 | 14120 |
| **Kent** | **2,660** | **2,725** | **3,355** | **3176** | **2655** |
| **Medway Towns** | **555** | **615** | **630** | **564** | **562** |

* Figure 10 shows all LAC who were looked after at any time during the year from 2013-2018, which shows the levels of LAC in both Medway and Kent in 2018 have dropped to levels previously seen in 2013.
* The LA breakdown of all placed children in the South East is illustrated in the chart in Figure 11. This highlights that Kent LA has by far the highest proportion of LAC in the South East at 24% of the total. Medway has 6% of total South East LAC.
* **Figure 10: All children looked after during the year ending 31 March 2018**

**Figure 11: Placed Looked after Children – South East breakdown**

### Gender Breakdown

A gender breakdown presented in Figure 12 presents data for placed LAC. There is a higher proportion of males than females, both locally and nationally. In Kent there remains a significantly higher proportion of males to females which may be due to the number of unaccompanied asylum seeker children, the Home Office report that 96% of this group of children are male[[1]](#footnote-1), even though the numbers of unaccompanied asylum seekers have been decreasing since 2015. In Medway the percentages are more in line with regional and national averages.

**Figure 12: Gender breakdown update**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Area** |  | **Gender: LA placed children 2018** | | | |
| **Total** | **Male** | **Female** | **% Male** | **% Female** |
| England | 75420 | 42320 | 33100 | 56% | 44% |
| London | 9890 | 5830 | 4060 | 59% | 41% |
| South East | 10000 | 5760 | 4240 | 58% | 42% |
| **Kent** | **1645** | **1016** | **629** | **62%** | **38%** |
| **Medway** | **414** | **227** | **187** | **55%** | **45%** |

### 1.2.2 Age Breakdown

* The chart below in Figure 13 provides an age split for LAC who are the responsibility of Kent and Medway local authorities. In Kent, 42% of their responsible LAC are aged 10-15 with a similar proportion of this age group in Medway. In Kent, however, there are many more LAC in the age 16+ group than in Medway where children tend to be in the younger age groups.

**Figure 13: Age split by LAC for responsible LAC - percentages**

The table in Figure 14 provides an age split for ***placed*** LAC showing that the majority of placed LAC are aged 10+ years where three quarters of the LAC cohort are over aged 10.

**Figure 14: Age split (number) of placed LAC by LA**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Age at 31 March 2018 | | | | | | | | | | **All children placed within the LA boundary** |
|  | Under 1 | | 1 to 4 | | 5 to 9 | | 10 to 15 |  | 16+ | |  |
|  | Count | % | Count | % | Count | % | Count | % | Count | % |  |
| England | 4280 | 6% | 9810 | 13% | 14290 | 19% | 29710 | 39% | 17330 | 23% | 75,420 |
| London | 460 | 5% | 770 | 8% | 1300 | 13% | 3800 | 38% | 3540 | 36% | 9,890 |
| South East | 500 | 5% | 1120 | 11% | 1780 | 18% | 4050 | 41% | 2560 | 26% | 10,000 |
| **Kent** | **64** | **4%** | **112** | **7%** | **237** | **14%** | **692** | **42%** | **540** | **33%** | **1,645** |
| **Medway** | **29** | **7%** | **57** | **14%** | **84** | **20%** | **171** | **41%** | **73** | **18%** | **414** |

### 1.2.3 Ethnicity Breakdown

* An ethnicity breakdown in Figure 15 and Figure 16 presents an ethnicity profile for responsible LAC and placed LAC. Both Kent LA and Medway have proportionally more ***responsible*** BME LAC than BME placed LAC with 32% and 38% compared with 21% and 9% respectively.

**Figure 15: Ethnic origin by responsible Local Authority**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **% Ethnic group of LA responsible LAC** | | | | | | |
| **Number** | **White** | **Mixed** | **Asian or Asian British** | **Black or Black British** | **Other ethnic groups** | **Other** | ***% Black and Minority Ethnic*** |
| **responsible** |
| England | 75,420 | 75 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 25% |
| London | 9,890 | 38 | 17 | 10 | 28 | 6 | - | 61% |
| South East | 10,000 | 78 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 22% |
| **Kent** | **1,645** | **79** | **5** | **2** | **6** | **8** | **0** | **21%** |
| **Medway** | **414** | **88** | **7** | **x** | **2** | **x** | **0** | **9%** |

**Figure 16: Ethnic origin of placed LAC in each Local Authority**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **All children placed within LA boundary** | **% Ethnic group of LA placed LAC** | | | | | | |
| **White** | **Mixed** | **Asian or Asian British** | **Black or Black British** | **Other ethnic groups** | **Other** | ***% Black and Minority Ethnic*** |
|
| England | 69,490 | 75% | 9% | 4% | 7% | 3% | 1% | 25% |
| London | 8,460 | 37% | 15% | 11% | 29% | 7% | 0% | 63% |
| South East | 10,440 | 75% | 8% | 3% | 8% | 6% | 1% | 25% |
| **Kent** | **2,985** | **68%** | **7%** | **2%** | **12%** | **11%** | **X** | **32%** |
| **Medway** | **645** | **62%** | **6%** | **1%** | **19%** | **13%** | **X** | **38%** |

### Asylum Seeking LAC

* The table below shows the rising and recently decreasing number of Looked after Asylum Seeking Children in Kent LA (as the responsible LA), this group of children made up 37% of total LAC in 2015-16, which has dropped significantly with only 14% of this cohort in 2018.

**Figure 18: Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children looked after by responsible LA**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Area** | **2011-12** | **2012-13** | **2013-14** | **2014-15** | **2015-16** | **2016-17** | **2017-18** | **2018 Total LAC** | **% of Total 2018 LAC who are unaccompanied asylum-seeking children** |
| England | 2,230 | 1,950 | 2,050 | 2,740 | 4210 | 4690 | 4480 | 75,420 | ***6%*** |
| London | 920 | 880 | 970 | 1230 | 1440 | 1590 | 1500 | 9,890 | ***15%*** |
| South East | 430 | 410 | 450 | 680 | 1350 | 1080 | 850 | 10,000 | ***9%*** |
| **Kent** | **190** | **190** | **215** | **370** | **865** | **485** | **235** | **1,645** | ***14%*** |
| **Medway** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **414** | ***x*** |

### Category of Need

* In Figure 19 a breakdown is given showing the category of need of LAC when they started to be looked after and presents data for LAC who are the responsibility of each LA and shows that In Medway, 67% of the LAC group were categorised as in need due to abuse and neglect whilst in Kent LA there is much more of a mixed picture, with 28% in this category, and a further 27% and 26% categorised as family disfunction and absent parenting respectively. This is a departure from the last figures from 2015 where in Kent the majority were looked after due to abuse or neglect.

**Figure 19: Category of need of all LAC who started to be looked after in 2018**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2018** | **All who started to be looked after** | **Percentages** | | | | | | | |
|
| **Abuse or neglect** | **Child’s disability** | **Parents illness or disability** | **Family in acute stress** | **Family dysfunction** | **Socially unacceptable behaviour** | **Low income** | **Absent parenting** |
| England | 32,050 | 61% | 2% | 3% | 8% | 13% | 3% | 0 | 10% |
| London | 5,330 | 49% | 2% | 4% | 8% | 10% | 7% | 0 | 20% |
| South East | 4,370 | 50% | 3% | 3% | 9% | 19% | 2% | 0 | 14% |
| **Kent** | **890** | **28%** | **2%** | **2%** | **13%** | **27%** | **2%** | **0** | **26%** |
| **Medway** | **145** | **67%** | **x** | **4%** | **8%** | **11%** | **5%** | **x** | **x** |

### Destinations of LAC

* Destinations of LAC students are provided in the next table. The figures show that in 2017-18, the proportion of LAC in Kent LA who were in education, employment or training at age 19-21 years was 52% (an increase compared with 41% in 2014-15) and in Medway in 2017-18 39% (a decrease compared with 49% in 2014-15).
* 4% of LAC in Kent are reported as being in HE and so few in Medway that the data was supressed in the release.
* NB. This data is only presented for those LAC who were the responsibility of the LA and it is not available for placed LAC.

**Figure 20: Destination of Children now aged 19-21 years old who were looked after when aged 16 years by activity**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Area** | **Number** | **Percentages** | | | | | | | |
| **Care leavers now aged 19, 20 and 21 who were looked after for a total of at least 13 weeks after their 14th birthday including some time after their 16th birthday** | **In H.E. i.e. studies beyond A level** | **In education other than higher education** | **In training or employment** | **Total % in education, employment or training** | **Not in education, training or employment** | | | **Local authority not in touch with child** |
| **illness/ disability** | **other reasons** | **pregnancy or parenting** |
| England | 28,510 | 6 | 20 | 25 | 51 | 10 | 22 | 7 | 10 |
| London | 6,350 | 8 | 25 | 20 | 53 | 4 | 26 | 5 | 13 |
| South East | 4,400 | 4 | 23 | 24 | 52 | 8 | 20 | 5 | 14 |
| **Kent** | **1,349** | **4** | **27** | **22** | **52** | **5** | **18** | **6** | **18** |
| **Medway** | **112** | **SUPP** | **17** | **21** | **39** | **18** | **21** | **14** | **SUPP** |

### Special Educational Needs

* Figure 21 presents data for all placed children in Kent and Medway local authorities and shows the proportion that had Special Educational Needs (SEN). In Kent and Medway 62% placed children had SEN and this is slightly higher than the England average for looked after children (61%). Medway is higher than Kent at 75% with SEN, it is also noted that the Kent figured has decreased from 70% in the previous year.

**Figure 21: All children who have been looked after continuously for at least twelve months**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Number of school age children looked after at 31 March who had been continuously looked after for at least twelve months** | **Number of looked after children with (total)** | | | | | | | | **All children with SEN** | |
| **No SEN** | |  | **SEN without statement** | |  | **SEN with a statement** | |
| **Number** | **Percentage** |  | **Number** | **Percentage** |  | **Number** | **Percentage** | **Number** | **Percentage** |
| ENGLAND | 34,820 | 13,750 | 40 |  | 11,440 | 33 |  | 9,630 | 28 | 21,070 | 61 |
| LONDON | 4,370 | 1,700 | 39 |  | 1,410 | 32 |  | 1,260 | 29 | 2,670 | 61 |
| South East | 4,510 | 1,640 | 36 |  | 1,510 | 33 |  | 1,370 | 30 | 2,880 | 64 |
| **Kent** | **930** | **355** | **38** |  | **300** | **32** |  | **280** | **30** | **575** | **62** |
| **Medway** | **190** | **45** | **25** |  | **80** | **43** |  | **60** | **32** | **140** | **75** |

# Section 2: Data obtained direct from the Local Authorities through school census and matched LAC lists

The following set of tables relate to LAC who were recorded in Kent schools in the October 2017 and 2018 censuses. These figures are derived by matching data on ***placed***LAC from the Families and Social Care unit to the school census, and was supplied by the Local Authority.

### Secondary and Primary Breakdown

* Figure 22 shows that in 2018, 30% of all placed LAC in Kent were in primary schools, 53% in secondary schools and 17% in special schools. In the previous year, there was a slightly higher proportion in primary schools, however these figures have remained stable since 2014. In all school stages, there are more boys than girls especially in the Special School sector, which is a trend seen in previous years.

**Figure 22: Kent LA School LAC, 2017 and 2018 census School Stage with gender breakdown**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **October 2017** | | | | | **October 2018** | | | | |
| **School Type** | **Total School Roll** | **Total LAC** | **% of Total LAC** | **% LAC Girls** | **% LAC Boys** | **Total School Roll** | **Total LAC** | **% of Total LAC** | **Number LAC Girls** | **Number LAC Boys** |
| Secondary | 99993 | 747 | 52.1 | 47.9 | 52.1 | 101774 | 732 | 52.7 | 344 | 388 |
| Primary | 127085 | 454 | 31.7 | 46.9 | 53.1 | 128210 | 420 | 30.2 | 204 | 216 |
| Special | 4007 | 229 | 16.0 | 30.6 | 69.4 | 4363 | 236 | 17.0 | 69 | 167 |
| PRU | 13 | SUPP | SUPP | 33.3 | 66.7 | SUPP | SUPP | SUPP | 0 | SUPP |
| **Total** | **231098** | **1433** | **100.0** | **44.8** | **55.2** | **234356** | **1389** | **100.0** | **617** | **772** |

1. **Data is based on the Kent LAC and OLA LAC datasets for October 2017 and October 2018. These have been matched to the October 2017 and October 2018 School Census dataset. Only pupils who were matched to the census are represented in the above tables.**
2. **Pupil Referral Unit pupil numbers are for students enrolled at a PRU as their main base or who are only attending a PRU.**

### 2.2 School Type

* An examination of the number of LAC by school type in Figure 23 shows that in 2018, only 6.8% of Kent secondary school ***placed***LAC were in a selective school which is a slight improvement over 2014 where only 6% were in selective schools.

**Figure 23: Kent LA Secondary Schools, October Census School Type and gender breakdown**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **October 2017** | | | | | **October 2018** | | | | |
| **Secondary School Type** | **Total School Roll** | **Total LAC** | **% of Total LAC** | **% LAC Girls** | **% LAC Boys** | **Total School Roll** | **Total LAC** | **% of Total LAC** | **% LAC Girls** | **% LAC Boys** |
| Non-Selective | 64407 | 691 | 92.5 | 48.2 | 51.8 | 65668 | 682 | 93.2 | 46.6 | 53.4 |
| Selective | 35586 | 56 | 7.5 | 44.6 | 55.4 | 36106 | 50 | 6.8 | 52.0 | 48.0 |
| **Total** | **99993** | **747** | **100.0** | **47.9** | **52.1** | **101774** | **732** | **100.0** | **47.0** | **53.0** |

### 2.3 District Breakdown

A District breakdown according to the secondary school attended by LAC (excludes special schools) shows the geographical concentrations of LAC in Figure 24. A selective versus non-selective school breakdown is also supplied showing distinct variances such as 14% of LAC in Dover in a selective school compared with zero in other districts such as those in West Kent. Figure 25 shows these variances in selective school LAC for 2014 and 2015, compared with 2017 and 2018 distinctly.

**Figure 24: District breakdown of LAC in Kent LA schools, 2017 and 2018**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **October 2017** | | | | **October 2018** | | | |
| **District** | **Total Placed LAC** | **% of Total LAC** | **% Non Selective** | **% Selective** | **Total Placed LAC** | **% of Total LAC** | **% Non Selective** | **% Selective** |  |  |
| Ashford | 53 | 7.1 | 96.2 | 3.8 | 59 | 8.1 | 96.6 | 3.4 |  |  |
| Canterbury | 118 | 15.8 | 93.2 | 6.8 | 111 | 15.2 | 94.6 | 5.4 |  |  |
| Dartford | 44 | 5.9 | 86.4 | 13.6 | 46 | 6.3 | 89.1 | 10.9 |  |  |
| Dover | 68 | 9.1 | 88.2 | 11.8 | 66 | 9.0 | 86.4 | 13.6 |  |  |
| Folkestone and Hythe | 72 | 9.6 | 93.1 | 6.9 | 63 | 8.6 | 96.8 | 3.2 |  |  |
| Gravesham | 47 | 6.3 | 89.4 | 10.6 | 44 | 6.0 | 90.9 | 9.1 |  |  |
| Maidstone | 54 | 7.2 | 88.9 | 11.1 | 53 | 7.2 | 90.6 | 9.4 |  |  |
| Sevenoaks | 22 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 19 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 0.0 |  |  |
| Swale | 118 | 15.8 | 94.9 | 5.1 | 112 | 15.3 | 95.5 | 4.5 |  |  |
| Thanet | 110 | 14.7 | 90.9 | 9.1 | 114 | 15.6 | 89.5 | 10.5 |  |  |
| Tonbridge & Malling | 31 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 34 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 0.0 |  |  |
| Tunbridge Wells | 10 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 11 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 0.0 |  |  |
| **Total** | **747** | **100.0** | **92.5** | **7.5** | **732** | **100.0** | **93.2** | **6.8** |  |  |

**Figure 25: District Breakdown % LAC at selective schools and LAC 2014-2018 (2016 data was not available)**

### 2.4 English as additional Language

* Around 7% of all LAC recorded in Kent secondary schools have English as their additional language in 2018, lower than 2017, and much lower than 2015 when there were 17%. Again, this is due to fewer unaccompanied asylum-seeking children from 2016-17.

**Figure 26: District Breakdown - Kent LA Secondary School LAC with English as Additional Language**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **October 2017** | | **October 2018** | |
| **District** | **Total LAC** | **% LAC with EAL** | **Total LAC** | **% LAC with EAL** |
| Ashford | 53 | 18.9% | 59 | 15.3% |
| Canterbury | 118 | 8.5% | 111 | N/A |
| Dartford | 44 | 11.4% | 46 | N/A |
| Dover | 68 | 8.8% | 66 | 12.1% |
| Folkestone and Hythe | 72 | 8.3% | 63 | 12.7% |
| Gravesham | 47 | 14.9% | 44 | 18.2% |
| Maidstone | 54 | 11.1% | 53 | N/A |
| Sevenoaks | 22 | N/A | 19 | N/A |
| Swale | 118 | 7.6% | 112 | 7.1% |
| Thanet | 110 | 8.2% | 114 | 9.6% |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 31 | N/A | 34 | N/A |
| Tunbridge Wells | 10 | 0.0% | 11 | N/A |
| **Total** | **747** | **9.1%** | **732** | **7.1%** |

### 2.5 GCSE Results

* In Figure 27, the GCSE results of Kent LA (responsible) LAC show that in 2017, only 10% achieved 5 A\*-C GCSE including English and Maths. Nationally, GCSE attainment for LAC is also low. Figures for Medway are higher but are based on a very small population of 20 students.
* Time series data is provided but comparisons are difficult due to changes in assessment, therefore the 2018 data is shown separately in figure 28.

**Figure 27: Children looked after continuously KS4 results 2014-2017 (Department for Education, SFR 12-2018)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2014** | | | **2015** | | | **2016** | | | **2017** | | |
| **Number eligible to sit GCSEs** | **Percentage achieving:** | | **Number eligible to sit GCSEs** | **Percentage achieving:** | | **Number eligible to sit GCSEs** | **Percentage achieving:** | | **Number eligible to sit GCSEs** | **Percentage achieving:** | |
| **5+ GCSEs at grades A\*-C** | **5+ GCSEs at grades A\*-C including English & mathematics** | **5+ GCSEs at grades A\*-C** | **5+ GCSEs at grades A\*-C including English & mathematics** | **5+ GCSEs at grades A\*-C** | **5+ GCSEs at grades A\*-C including English & mathematics** | **5+ GCSEs at grades A\*-C** | **5+ GCSEs at grades A\*-C including English & mathematics** |
| England | 4,800 | 31.1 | 14.4 | 4,940 | 18.3 | 13.8 | 4,800 | 31.1 | 14.4 | 4,940 | 18.3 | 13.8 |
| London | 760 | 29.8 | 16.5 | 790 | 21.8 | 16.8 | 760 | 29.8 | 16.5 | 790 | 21.8 | 16.8 |
| South East | 660 | 27.3 | 14.4 | 680 | 17.6 | 13.7 | 660 | 27.3 | 14.4 | 680 | 17.6 | 13.7 |
| **Kent** | **140** | **25.4** | **13** | **135** | **15.4** | **10.3** | **140** | **25.4** | **13** | **135** | **15.4** | **10.39%** |
| **Medway** | **25** | **x** | **x** | **20** | **28.6** | **28.6** | **25** | **x** | **x** | **20** | **28.6** | **28.6** |

* Here for 2018 we can see the achievement rates for LAC in Kent at KS4 level are higher than the national and regional average for the first time and are approaching the achievement rates for this cohort in London.

|  |
| --- |
|  |
| **2018** | **Number of eligible learners** | **% LAC achieving grade 9-5 in English and Maths GCSE** |
| England | 5,130 | 7.80% |
| South East | 740 | 7% |
| London | 730 | 9.80% |
| **Kent** | **145** | **9%** |
| **Medway** | **29** | **x** |

**Figure 28: Children looked after continuously KS4 results 2014-2017 (Department for Education, SFR 12-2018)**

# Section 3 Data obtained direct from local FECs

The following tables present data for Looked After Children (LAC) or Young Care Leavers (YLC) identified in each college and compare data in two years: 2016-17 and 2017-18.

## Population

**Figure 29: Population and gender breakdown by College (rounded to nearest 5)**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **College** | **YCL population 2016-17** | **YCL population 2017-18** |
| Canterbury College | 190 | 160 |
| Folkestone College | not available | not available |
| Dover Technical College | not available | not available |
| Sheppey College | included in Canterbury College | included in Canterbury College |
| Broadstairs College | not available | 40 |
| Hadlow College | 70 | 80 |
| North Kent College | 25 | 30 |
| Mid Kent College | 30 | 45 |

## Level of Study

**Figure 30: Main Aim level of study by FE College**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **FE college** | **2016-7** | | | **2017-8** | | |
| **Level** | | | **Level** | | |
| **1** | **2** | **3** | **1** | **2** | **3** |
| Canterbury College | 19.79% | 17.71% | 9.90% | 31.01% | 17.72% | 12.03% |
| Broadstairs College | n/a | n/a | n/a | 23.68% | 26.32% | 7.89% |
| Hadlow College | 21.92% | 36.99% | 21.92% | 34.18% | 29.11% | 16.46% |
| North Kent College | 38.46% | 30.77% | 30.77% | 21.43% | 25.00% | 42.86% |
| Mid Kent College | 7.14% | 10.71% | 3.57% | 19.57% | 10.87% | x |

## Ethnicity

**Figure 31: Ethnic Breakdown of all FE College LAC students, 2017-18**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Ethnicity 2017-18** | **Canterbury College** | **Hadlow College** | **North Kent College** | **Mid Kent College** | **Broadstairs College** |
| White British | 42% | 100% | 100% | 16% | 74% |
| Asian, Black, Mixed | 58% | 0% | 0% | 84% | 26% |
| White Other | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |

**Gender Profile**

**Figure 32: Gender breakdown of all FE College LAC students 2017-18**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **FE college** | **2017-18** | |
| **Gender** | |
| **Female** | **Male** |
| Canterbury College | 28% | 72% |
| Broadstairs College | 34% | 66% |
| Hadlow College | 52% | 48% |
| North Kent College | 43% | 57% |
| Mid Kent College | 11% | 89% |

## Success Rates

**Figure 33: Success Rates of LAC at FE Colleges**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **FE college** | **% Achieved 2017-18** |
|
|
| Canterbury College | 77% |
| Broadstairs College | 92% |
| Hadlow College | 89% |
| North Kent College | 89% |
| Mid Kent College | 98% |

# Section 4 H.E. Data

## Care flag students via UCAS

* Students are asked to self-identify Care status via the UCAS application. UCAS will not release any aggregated data on this field as it is considered unreliable, so these are the data provided by the institutions themselves.
* The table in Figure 34 shows the number of students identified as having been in care in one of the four network HEIs, by age.

**Figure 34: Table showing numbers of known YCL studying in network HEIs by age group total**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2016-17** | **2017-18** |
| Under 21 years | 107 | 120 |
| 21 years+ | 193 | 166 |
| **Total** | **300** | **286** |

**Figure 35: Table showing numbers of known YCL studying in network HEIs by gender and by university**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **University** | **2016-17 Female** | **2016-17 Male** | **2017-18 Female** | **2017-18 Male** |
| University of Kent | 10 | 10 | 10 | 5 |
| Canterbury Christ Church University | 95 | 40 | 100 | 55 |
| University of Greenwich | 90 | 40 | 70 | 30 |
| University for the Creative Arts | 15 | 5 | 10 | 5 |
| **Total** | **210** | **95** | **190** | **95** |

**\***figures rounded to the nearest 5

**Figure 36: total YCL studying in network HEIs by gender**

# Data sources

| **General LAC population** | **Reported:** | **Source** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Responsible LAC trends | 2008-2018 | SFR - DfE, Placed LAC breakdowns available on special request annually |
| Placed LAC trends | 2008-2018 |
| Age | 2018 |
| Gender | 2018 |
| Placement Type | 2018 |
| Ethnicity | 2018 |
| Asylum Seeking Children | 2018 |
| Category of Need | 2018 |
| Destinations | 2018 |
| KS4 attainment | 2018 |
| Secondary and Primary population | 2018 census | Each LA |
| District Breakdown | 2018 census - Kent only |
| School Type Breakdown | 2018 census - Kent only |
| Year 12 Year 13 population | 2018 census - Kent only |
| Gender Breakdown | 2018 census - Kent only |
| English as second language | 2018 census - Kent only |
| Age | 2017-18 | Individual FECs |
| Gender |
| Level of Study |
| Success Rates |
| Local HEI entrants by Age | 2017-18 | Individual HEIs |
| Local HE entrants by Gender |

1. 1 Home Office National Statistics asylum data tables, https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-april-to-june-2016/list-of-tables#asylum [↑](#footnote-ref-1)