

Statistical release

Take up of school lunches in England 2009-2010

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Introduction

This statistical release reports the take up of school lunches in England. It covers the 2009-2010 financial year (April 2009 to March 2010) in maintained primary, special and secondary schools, city technology colleges and academies. It is based on data provided by Local Authorities as part of the 2010 School Food Trust (SFT) and Local Authority Caterers Association (LACA) annual Local Authority (LA) survey. It provides, at national, regional and local level, information on the take up of school lunches and the coverage of the data in England in two categories: primary schools together with special schools; and secondary schools, together with academies and city technology colleges.

Take up of school lunches, 2009-2010

Information on the take up of school lunches is provided in two categories of catering providers:

1. *LA catered or contracted provision.* Catering services provided directly by the LA itself (direct service organizations – DSO), or services contracted by the LA from other catering providers
2. *Non-LA catering provision.* Catering services contracted directly by schools from catering providers other than the LA, and provision organized by schools themselves (“in-school”).

All 152* LAs responded to the 2010 survey and provided some information. All 152 LAs provided “usable” data for primary schools and 143 LAs provided “usable” data for secondary schools.

“Usable” data means data collected using standardised methodology covering the entire financial year. In the nine LAs for which there was no secondary school data, two have no secondary schools,† two provided partial data for the year, and five provided no data (of which three have no LA catering or contracted provision).

Take up of school lunches, 2009-2010:

- **Primary and special schools – 41.4%**
- **Secondary schools, academies and city technology colleges – 35.8%**

Percent take up and coverage (percentage of schools in the LA on which data are reported) for all catering service provision in England, by school sector, by region, are shown in Table 1. Results for schools with LA catered or contracted services, by school sector, by region, are shown in Table 2. Results for schools with non-LA catering provision, by school sector, by region, are shown in Table 3.

Comparison with previous data

Take up figures for 2009-2010 can be compared directly with figures for 2008-2009. Although the total number of LAs responding differed slightly between the two years, the

* From April 2009, there were 152 LAs, compared with 150 LAs in previous years.

† City of London and Isles of Scilly

two sets of findings represent the best available estimates of take up and coverage for England as a whole. The differences are detailed below:

1. For 2009-2010, 152 LAs provided usable data for primary schools, and 143 for secondary schools. In 2008-2009 the figures were 145 and 139 LAs, respectively.
2. For 2009-2010, the data cover 94.2% of primary and 80.3% of secondary schools nationally. For 2008-2009 the coverage was 92.9% of primary and 73.9% of secondary schools.
3. Since September 2009, three LAs have been participating in a DfE pilot to expand FSM provision. Take up in these LAs has increased in part due to their involvement in the pilot. This is likely to have had only a small impact on the overall increases observed nationally in both the primary and secondary sectors.

A comparison between 2009-2010 and 2008-2009 is shown in Table 5. Take up figures can not be compared with years prior to 2008-2009 due to the introduction of a standardised methodology for collecting and calculating take up in April 2008.

Change in take up of school lunches, 2008-2009 to 2009-2010:

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| • Primary and special schools | +2.1 percentage points
(from 39.3% to 41.4%) |
| • Secondary schools, academies
and city technology colleges | +0.8 percentage points
(from 35.0% to 35.8%) |

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Definitions

1. Take up of school lunches refers to the percentage of full-time pupils attending schools who have a lunch that was provided either by the school or local authority during the designated financial year.
2. Local statistics for take up were used by Local Authorities to monitor progress towards the previous Government's National Indicator 52 "Take up of school lunches". See Annex 1 for the technical definition. Further guidance is provided at the time of data collection.

Data Collection, Coverage and Quality

1. Data on the take up of school lunches are collected via the School Food Trust (SFT) and Local Authority Caterers Association (LACA) joint annual survey of Local Authorities (LAs).
2. 2010 is the second year in which take up has been collected nationally and calculated using a standardised methodology. The figures reported here can be compared with national, regional or LA level take up figures reported in 2009,¹ but not with figures from previous years. Five LAs made minor revisions to the values published in the 2009 Statistical Release. The revised estimate for take up in the secondary sector for 2008-2009 (published in November 2009⁵) was 35.0%. The revised values have been used for comparing take up in 2008-2009 with those reported in 2009-2010.
3. In accordance with standardised methodology, LAs are required to provide information on the take up of school meals not only for their own catering or contracted services but for all schools across the LA. The two main virtues of the standardised methodology relate to:
 - **Coverage** (% of schools in LA for which data are reported):
LAs collect data for all schools in their LA, not just those for whom they provide or contract catering services
 - **Comparability**:
All LAs use a standardized methodology for calculating take up
4. The number of LAs in England increased from 150 in 2008-2009 to 152 in 2009-2010. Bedfordshire and Cheshire were split into two, each along existing district council boundaries (Bedfordshire into Bedford and Central Bedfordshire; Cheshire into Cheshire East, and Chester West and Chester). There have been no boundary changes, and so regional figures are comparable between years. Values have been reported for the new LAs. Please see table footnotes where relevant.
5. Since September 2009, Durham, Newham and Wolverhampton have been participating in a DfE pilot to expand FSM provision. Durham and Newham are offering Free School Meals (FSM) to all children attending maintained primary schools. Wolverhampton has extended the FSM eligibility criteria in primary and secondary schools to include children from low income working families (i.e. pupils whose parents/carers are receiving working tax credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less). The pilots are investigating whether and to what extent expanded FSM provision results in:

- Increased school lunch take up
- Changes in eating patterns and diet at school and at home
- Improved child behaviour and concentration
- A reduction in obesity and impact on a child's BMI
- A reduction in authorised and unauthorised absences
- Improved academic performance at school

For the pilot authorities mentioned above, care should be taken when comparing 2009-2010 take up data with 2008-2009 figures. Take up in these authorities will reflect two terms of the pilot.

6. Additional analyses relating to take up are reported in the fifth annual survey report published today.⁶
7. Standardised methodology for collecting data and calculating take up was introduced in April 2008. In secondary schools, take up is calculated from lunchtime income. Schools and LAs are required to include the element of income from sales at morning break that relates to lunchtime provision. LAs were asked in the 2009-2010 annual survey to clarify which elements of income were included in 2009 and 2010. Analysis of responses from LAs will be included in further analysis to be published by the Trust in September 2010.

General

1. The School Food Trust has reported figures for take up in primary and secondary schools each year since 2006. The first annual survey of school meal take up in England was carried out by the Trust in May 2006 (and published in July 2006).² The second annual survey of school meal take up in England was carried out in April 2007 (and published in September 2007).³ The third annual survey of school meal take up was carried out jointly with LACA in April 2008 (and published in October 2008).⁴ The fourth annual survey of school meal take up was carried out jointly with LACA in April 2009 (and published in November 2009).⁵
2. Further information gathered from Local Authorities on school food provision is reported in the fifth annual survey report published today.⁶
3. Media enquiries about information contained in this release should be made to the School Food Trust's Press Office at School Food Trust, 2 St Paul's Place, 3rd Floor, Sheffield, S1 2FJ, telephone 0207 783 8350, or e-mail media.enquiries@sft.gsi.gov.uk
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Table 1. All catering provision, England, by region

Table 1. Percent take up of school lunches and percent coverage, primary ^a and secondary schools, by region, England, 2009-2010												
Region	Primary ^a						Secondary					
	Number of LAs in region [*]		% take up	Number of schools		% coverage	Number of LAs in region [*]		% take up	Number of schools		% coverage
	Responding	Reporting		Total in LAs responding	Total reported on		Responding	Reporting		Total in LAs responding	Total reported on	
North East	12	12	55.9	963	944	98.0	12	12	43.4	199	165	82.9
North West	23	23	47.2	2647	2489	94.0	23	22	44.6	451	338	74.9
Yorkshire/Humber	15	15	46.3	1916	1906	99.5	15	15	37.7	312	270	86.5
East Midlands	9	9	36.5	1730	1501	86.8	9	9	32.6	301	233	77.4
West Midlands	14	14	43.6	1933	1815	93.9	14	14	35.7	399	330	82.7
East of England	11	11	40.2	2117	1946	91.9	11	11	34.6	368	306	83.2
Inner London	14	14	62.5	762	699	91.7	14	11	43.1	142	77	54.2
Outer London	19	19	40.3	1183	1146	96.9	19	17	40.5	271	195	72.0
South East	19	19	29.6	2780	2694	96.9	19	17	30.2	494	414	83.8
South West	16	16	30.5	1979	1824	92.2	16	15	27.5	322	289	89.8
England	152	152	41.4	18010	16964	94.2	152	143	35.8	3259	2617	80.3

Base: 152 LAs reporting for primary, 143 LAs reporting for secondary

Analysis: weighted by number of pupils attending schools reported on

^a Primary plus special

* Number of LAs in region – Responding: number of LAs in which there was catering provision; Reporting – number of LAs in which take up values were reported

Table 2. LA catered or contracted provision, England, by region

Table 2. Percent take up of school lunches and percent coverage, primary ^a and secondary schools with LA catered or contracted provision, by region, England, 2009-2010												
Region	Primary ^a						Secondary					
	Number of LAs in region [*]		% take up	Number of schools		% coverage	Number of LAs in region [*]		% take up	Number of schools		% coverage
	Responding	Reporting		Total in LAs responding	Total reported on		Responding	Reporting		Total in LAs responding	Total reported on	
North East	12	12	55.2	898	894	99.6	11	11	41.5	99	96	97.0
North West	22	22	47.2	2269	2166	95.5	19	19	43.4	200	191	95.5
Yorkshire/Humber	15	15	46.5	1773	1773	100.0	14	14	37.3	182	182	100.0
East Midlands	8	8	38.4	1311	1151	87.8	7	6	31.3	108	105	97.2
West Midlands	12	12	44.4	1594	1594	100.0	12	12	34.5	204	204	100.0
East of England	9	9	39.6	1446	1444	99.9	8	8	34.4	129	129	100.0
Inner London	11	11	61.6	555	555	100.0	9	7	40.4	59	48	81.4
Outer London	16	16	39.7	788	788	100.0	8	8	39.4	53	53	100.0
South East	18	18	30.1	2267	2262	99.8	14	14	27.5	134	132	98.5
South West	14	14	30.6	1366	1362	99.7	11	11	24.8	90	87	96.7
England	137	137	41.9	14267	13989	98.1	113	110	35.6	1258	1227	97.5

Base: 137 LAs reporting for primary, 110 LAs reporting for secondary

Analysis: weighted by number of pupils attending schools reported on

^a Primary plus special

* Number of LAs in region – Responding: number of LAs in which there was catering provision; Reporting – number of LAs in which take up values were reported

Table 3. Non-LA catering provision, England, by region**Table 3. Percent take up of school lunches and percent coverage, primary^a and secondary schools with non-LA catering provision, by region, England, 2009-2010**

Region	Primary ^a						Secondary					
	Number of LAs in region [*]		% take up	Number of schools		% coverage	Number of LAs in region [*]		% take up	Number of schools		% coverage
	Responding	Reporting		Total in LAs responding	Total reported on		Responding	Reporting		Total in LAs responding	Total reported on	
North East	10	6	65.6	65	50	76.9	12	8	45.8	100	69	69.0
North West	16	14	46.8	378	323	85.4	21	14	46.0	251	147	58.6
Yorkshire/Humber	11	11	44.3	143	133	93.0	14	12	38.3	130	88	67.7
East Midlands	9	8	29.3	419	350	83.5	9	8	33.8	193	128	66.3
West Midlands	11	11	36.8	339	221	65.2	14	13	37.5	195	126	64.6
East of England	11	10	41.6	671	502	74.8	11	10	34.6	239	177	74.1
Inner London	12	11	65.8	207	144	69.6	13	8	48.3	83	29	34.9
Outer London	17	13	41.8	395	358	90.6	19	14	40.9	218	142	65.1
South East	18	17	26.8	513	432	84.2	19	17	31.2	360	282	78.3
South West	15	15	30.3	613	462	75.4	15	14	28.6	232	202	87.1
England	130	116	39.1	3743	2975	79.5	147	118	36.0	2001	1390	69.5

Base: 116 LAs reporting for primary, 118 LAs reporting for secondary

Analysis: weighted by number of pupils attending schools reported on

^a Primary plus special

^{*} Number of LAs in region – Responding: number of LAs in which there was catering provision; Reporting – number of LAs in which take up values were reported

The number of schools in LAs reporting is correct, but is a subset of the number of schools in LAs reporting in Table 1. The total number of schools in LAs reporting in Table 2 and Table 3 do not therefore sum to the total number of schools in LAs reporting in Table 1.

Table 4. All catering provision, England, by local authority

Table 4. Percent take up of school lunches, percent coverage, and change in take up compared with 2008-2009, primary^a and secondary schools, by local authority, England, 2009-2010										
Local authority	Primary^a					Secondary				
	% take up	Number of schools		% coverage	Change in take up ^d	% take up	Number of schools		% coverage	Change in take up ^d
		Total in LA	Total reported on				Total in LA	Total reported on		
Barking and Dagenham	51.0	48	48	100.0	-	43.5	9	8	88.9	-
Barnet	50.4	90	88	97.8	+	37.9	21	14	66.7	+
Barnsley	47.9	83	81	97.6	+	45.1	13	12	92.3	+
Bath and North East Somerset	36.6	65	64	98.5	+	29.9	13	13	100.0	-
Bedford ^b	40.1	55	52	94.5	u	28.0	22	11	50.0	-
Bexley	31.5	65	65	100.0	+	37.7	16	16	100.0	+
Birmingham	51.3	339	332	97.9	-	43.9	76	54	71.1	+
Blackburn with Darwen	47.3	58	58	100.0	+	45.5	10	10	100.0	+
Blackpool	42.4	32	32	100.0	+	48.2	8	7	87.5	-
Bolton	53.3	101	99	98.0	+	57.8	18	15	83.3	+
Bournemouth	23.2	28	28	100.0	+	33.2	11	10	90.9	-
Bracknell Forest	30.7	31	31	100.0	+	32.8	6	6	100.0	+
Bradford	55.4	168	167	99.4	+	38.0	29	16	55.2	+
Brent	49.8	65	63	96.9	-	36.6	14	13	92.9	-
Brighton and Hove	34.2	60	60	100.0	+	23.3	9	5	55.6	+
Bristol, City of	37.6	117	112	95.7	-	37.9	20	17	85.0	+
Bromley	41.4	78	77	98.7	+	43.2	17	17	100.0	-
Buckinghamshire	14.0	193	191	99.0	+	31.8	34	32	94.1	-
Bury	50.8	66	66	100.0	+	49.7	14	14	100.0	+
Calderdale	52.1	87	87	100.0	+	41.5	14	14	100.0	-
Cambridgeshire	39.0	207	206	99.5	+	32.6	30	27	90.0	+
Camden	70.2	45	44	97.8	+	32.4	9	5	55.6	+
Central Bedfordshire ^b	36.9	102	92	90.2	u	24.1	34	22	64.7	u
Cheshire East ^c	47.2	129	128	99.2	u	44.6	21	20	95.2	u
Cheshire West and Chester ^c	48.6	139	137	98.6	u	41.9	20	16	80.0	u
City of London	90.0	1	1	100.0	-	No secondary schools				
Cornwall	30.6	241	241	100.0	+	11.0	31	31	100.0	-
Coventry	39.7	93	93	100.0	+	30.3	19	19	100.0	+
Croydon	41.6	95	85	89.5	+	20.1	19	6	31.6	-
Cumbria	48.7	280	240	85.7	-	46.9	39	28	71.8	u
Darlington	50.1	30	27	90.0	+	62.0	7	5	71.4	+
Derby	41.0	81	79	97.5	+	35.8	13	7	53.8	-
Derbyshire	44.1	361	361	100.0	+	39.7	47	47	100.0	+
Devon	35.7	325	314	96.6	+	35.5	37	32	86.5	+
Doncaster	60.8	108	108	100.0	+	46.6	19	19	100.0	-
Dorset	19.0	139	139	100.0	+	22.4	34	31	91.2	+
Dudley	38.8	85	85	100.0	+	30.8	21	17	81.0	+
Durham ^b	72.2	237	237	100.0	+	47.8	36	36	100.0	+
Ealing	44.4	71	71	100.0	+	49.1	13	10	76.9	-
East Riding of Yorkshire	35.2	129	127	98.4	+	26.5	18	18	100.0	+
East Sussex	32.4	164	162	98.8	+	32.1	27	27	100.0	+
Enfield	38.5	69	60	87.0	-	36.4	17	7	41.2	+
Essex	43.1	485	355	73.2	+	37.8	72	68	94.4	-
Gateshead	50.7	77	76	98.7	+	33.5	11	10	90.9	-
Gloucestershire	28.1	257	257	100.0	+	31.2	41	41	100.0	+
Greenwich	50.2	68	68	100.0	-	39.3	11	11	100.0	-
Hackney	62.7	61	40	65.6	u	54.2	13	4	30.8	u
Halton	46.4	56	56	100.0	+	52.4	8	7	87.5	+
Hammersmith & Fulham	65.6	39	39	100.0	-	No data provided				u
Hampshire	34.0	452	449	99.3	+	26.1	71	59	83.1	+
Haringey	59.6	68	64	94.1	+	52.9	11	5	45.5	+
Harrow	23.1	54	50	92.6	-	43.8	10	10	100.0	u
Hartlepool	61.7	32	31	96.9	-	55.3	5	4	80.0	+
Havering	37.5	62	61	98.4	-	40.2	18	13	72.2	+
Herefordshire	64.4	85	30	35.3	+	56.1	14	8	57.1	+
Hertfordshire	44.5	425	406	95.5	+	36.7	80	62	77.5	-
Hillingdon	32.4	71	71	100.0	+	50.5	18	15	83.3	+
Hounslow	45.3	62	62	100.0	+	No data provided				u
Isle of Wight	36.7	48	48	100.0	+	19.9	19	19	100.0	-
Isles of Scilly	50.6	1	1	100.0	+	No secondary schools				
Islington	63.1	50	43	86.0	+	No data provided				u

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Local authority	Primary ^a					Secondary				
	% take up	Number of schools		% coverage	Change in take up ^d	% take up	Number of schools		% coverage	Change in take up ^d
		Total in LA	Total reported on				Total in LA	Total reported on		
Kensington and Chelsea	63.5	27	27	100.0	+	46.8	5	5	100.0	+
Kent	31.1	469	463	98.7	-	30.9	100	92	92.0	+
Kingston Upon Hull, City of	49.8	78	78	100.0	+	25.8	14	12	85.7	+
Kingston upon Thames	25.9	37	37	100.0	+	32.9	10	6	60.0	+
Kirklees	52.8	159	159	100.0	+	49.9	27	26	96.3	+
Knowsley	45.8	59	59	100.0	+	45.6	7	7	100.0	+
Lambeth	69.5	66	62	93.9	+	44.2	12	8	66.7	+
Lancashire	44.0	515	449	87.2	u	35.4	80	70	87.5	+
Leeds	44.8	225	225	100.0	+	34.6	37	36	97.3	+
Leicester	39.5	85	84	98.8	+	35.4	20	19	95.0	+
Leicestershire	31.7	231	224	97.0	+	31.5	54	45	83.3	+
Lewisham	59.8	76	76	100.0	+	33.3	10	10	100.0	-
Lincolnshire	27.5	300	292	97.3	-	29.6	61	61	100.0	-
Liverpool	44.7	142	120	84.5	+	49.9	31	22	71.0	-
Luton	46.3	53	51	96.2	-	40.2	10	6	60.0	+
Manchester	56.4	144	144	100.0	+	55.9	20	7	35.0	+
Medway	32.2	90	90	100.0	+	34.0	18	14	77.8	+
Merton	35.2	46	46	100.0	+	46.9	8	7	87.5	+
Middlesbrough	57.9	46	46	100.0	-	29.2	9	6	66.7	-
Milton Keynes	19.5	95	95	100.0	+	33.1	12	11	91.7	-
Newcastle upon Tyne	52.3	79	76	96.2	+	42.4	14	9	64.3	=
Newham ^e	60.3	68	68	100.0	+	41.3	15	14	93.3	+
Norfolk	36.1	376	376	100.0	+	32.5	52	50	96.2	+
North East Lincolnshire	31.2	49	49	100.0	+	38.4	11	11	100.0	-
North Lincolnshire	48.6	68	68	100.0	+	34.9	13	13	100.0	+
North Somerset	32.8	66	66	100.0	+	23.1	10	7	70.0	+
North Tyneside	47.7	65	65	100.0	+	38.0	11	11	100.0	+
North Yorkshire	44.3	334	329	98.5	+	43.7	47	27	57.4	+
Northamptonshire	17.4	272	64	23.5	u	19.7	43	7	16.3	u
Northumberland	43.4	141	132	93.6	+	43.7	55	51	92.7	+
Nottingham	42.9	84	81	96.4	+	31.6	16	7	43.8	=
Nottinghamshire	40.3	298	298	100.0	+	28.6	44	37	84.1	+
Oldham	51.9	94	94	100.0	+	No data provided				u
Oxfordshire	31.3	245	183	74.7	+	No data provided				u
Peterborough	35.2	61	57	93.4	+	32.8	9	5	55.6	+
Plymouth	35.9	77	77	100.0	+	30.2	16	16	100.0	-
Poole	16.8	31	31	100.0	u	27.2	8	5	62.5	-
Portsmouth	29.5	57	53	93.0	-	Partial data				u
Reading	34.0	40	40	100.0	u	29.4	7	7	100.0	-
Redbridge	31.9	56	56	100.0	+	43.5	17	17	100.0	+
Redcar and Cleveland	54.2	48	48	100.0	-	50.5	11	9	81.8	-
Richmond upon Thames	37.2	43	38	88.4	+	Partial data				u
Rochdale	53.1	76	59	77.6	+	55.8	14	5	35.7	+
Rotherham	44.6	101	101	100.0	+	33.2	16	14	87.5	-
Rutland	39.0	18	18	100.0	+	43.2	3	3	100.0	+
Salford	55.7	82	78	95.1	+	50.2	14	6	42.9	+
Sandwell	38.4	97	96	99.0	+	24.5	18	14	77.8	+
Sefton	42.5	81	81	100.0	+	44.8	20	16	80.0	+
Sheffield	35.3	141	141	100.0	+	29.1	26	26	100.0	+
Shropshire	45.1	136	136	100.0	-	38.5	22	22	100.0	+
Slough	28.2	30	30	100.0	+	35.9	11	9	81.8	+
Solihull	44.0	69	69	100.0	+	47.5	14	14	100.0	+
Somerset	22.6	229	197	86.0	+	23.1	39	37	94.9	-
South Gloucestershire	41.6	96	96	100.0	+	31.6	15	14	93.3	+
South Tyneside	64.5	55	55	100.0	-	38.8	9	8	88.9	-
Southampton	36.6	66	65	98.5	+	32.6	12	11	91.7	+
Southend-on-Sea	35.3	43	41	95.3	+	35.1	11	11	100.0	-
Southwark	66.0	80	60	75.0	+	47.8	15	5	33.3	u
St. Helens	46.0	57	57	100.0	+	35.3	10	10	100.0	-
Staffordshire	41.9	318	316	99.4	+	32.9	68	65	95.6	-
Stockport	44.8	94	94	100.0	+	50.2	14	14	100.0	-
Stockton-on-Tees	46.4	63	62	98.4	-	39.4	14	3	21.4	+
Stoke-on-Trent	59.9	76	76	100.0	+	36.2	17	17	100.0	-
Suffolk	34.6	265	265	100.0	-	29.8	38	36	94.7	+

Table 4. Percent take up of school lunches, percent coverage, and change in take up compared with 2008-2009, primary ^a and secondary schools, by local authority, England, 2009-2010										
Local authority	Primary ^a					Secondary				
	% take up	Number of schools		% coverage	Change in take up ^d	% take up	Number of schools		% coverage	Change in take up ^d
		Total in LA	Total reported on				Total in LA	Total reported on		
Sunderland	52.9	90	89	98.9	+	43.5	17	13	76.5	+
Surrey	37.6	329	327	99.4	+	39.0	53	52	98.1	-
Sutton	39.8	44	44	100.0	+	33.2	14	14	100.0	-
Swindon	26.9	67	67	100.0	+	27.5	10	10	100.0	-
Tameside	47.2	79	79	100.0	+	49.0	16	14	87.5	+
Telford and Wrekin	42.7	60	59	98.3	+	32.9	13	7	53.8	-
Thurrock	38.6	45	45	100.0	+	45.9	10	8	80.0	+
Torbay	31.4	34	34	100.0	+	32.8	8	7	87.5	-
Tower Hamlets	65.1	74	74	100.0	+	50.9	15	12	80.0	+
Trafford	43.6	75	75	100.0	+	43.9	18	8	44.4	+
Wakefield	49.9	130	130	100.0	-	49.3	18	16	88.9	+
Walsall	36.5	92	84	91.3	+	46.5	19	7	36.8	+
Waltham Forest	48.8	59	56	94.9	+	40.9	17	11	64.7	-
Wandsworth	49.4	65	61	93.8	+	34.1	10	5	50.0	-
Warrington	45.8	73	73	100.0	+	45.3	12	12	100.0	+
Warwickshire	36.8	204	198	97.1	+	27.3	36	25	69.4	-
West Berkshire	26.6	68	65	95.6	+	22.2	10	9	90.0	-
West Sussex	14.0	246	245	99.6	+	22.8	40	40	100.0	-
Westminster	64.8	42	40	95.2	-	42.7	9	4	44.4	u
Wigan	36.9	111	111	100.0	+	42.2	20	20	100.0	-
Wiltshire	30.2	206	100	48.5	-	28.9	29	18	62.1	+
Windsor and Maidenhead	38.6	46	46	100.0	+	30.9	13	12	92.3	+
Wirral	42.4	104	100	96.2	+	35.9	22	10	45.5	-
Wokingham	27.2	51	51	100.0	+	25.4	9	9	100.0	+
Wolverhampton ^e	43.5	87	87	100.0	+	38.6	18	17	94.4	+
Worcestershire	32.8	192	154	80.2	-	32.8	44	44	100.0	-
York	33.2	56	56	100.0	+	27.7	10	10	100.0	-

^a Primary plus special

^b In 2008-2009 Bedford and Central Bedfordshire were one LA (Bedfordshire)

^c In 2008-2009 Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester were one LA (Cheshire)

^d "+" denotes an increase in take up compared with 2008-2009, "-" a decrease, "=" no change, and "u" unable to compare (either LA did not report in 2008-2009, LA did not report in 2009-2010, or LA changed)

^e LA participating in DfE pilot to expand FSM provision

Table 5. Take up comparison, 2008-2009 – 2009-2010

	2008-2009		2009-2010		Change in take up (%) ^b : 2008-2009 to 2009-2010
	% take up	% coverage	% take up	% coverage	
Primary ^a	39.3	92.9	41.4	94.2	+2.1
Secondary	35.0	73.9	35.8	80.3	+0.8

Base: 2008-2009 145 LAs for primary, 139 LAs for secondary; 2009-2010 152 LAs for primary, 143 LAs for secondary

Analysis: weighted by number of pupils attending schools reported on

^a Primary plus special

^b Percentage point change

Annex 1

NI 52: Take up of school lunches			
Is the data provided by the LA or a local partner?	Y	Is this an existing indicator?	N
Rationale	<p>To assess the increase in healthy eating among children and young people by measuring school lunch take up, particularly those children entitled to a Free School Meal. Nationally, 43% of primary and 38% of secondary pupils have a school lunch. 16% of primary and 13% of secondary pupils have known entitlement to FSM and 13% of primary pupils (81% of those registered) of primary and 9.5% of secondary pupils (73% of those registered) of secondary pupils take up that entitlement. All school lunches are now required to meet tough nutritional standards that ensure that all the food provided by schools and local authorities in a school lunch is healthy and of good quality. Packed lunches provided by parents are not regulated and there are no mechanisms for establishing whether packed lunches meet the nutritional standards required for school lunches.</p>		
Definition	<p>School lunch take up refers to the number or percentage of full-time pupils on roll at maintained primary, secondary or special schools, academies and city technology colleges who have a lunch at school that is provided either by the school or the local authority during the previous financial year.</p> <p>In primary schools (includes special schools), the percentage take up is calculated using the formula:</p> $\left[\frac{\text{Reported number of meals served (paid plus free)}}{\text{Number of full time pupils on roll}} \right] \times 100$ <p>where the 'Reported number of meals served (paid plus free)' is based on the numbers reported by catering staff in the school.</p> <p>In secondary schools, the percentage take up is calculated using the formula:</p> $\left[\frac{\left[\frac{\text{Total income from lunchtime sales}}{\text{FSM equivalent price}} \right] + \text{total FSM provided}}{\text{Number of full-time pupils on roll}} \right] \times 100$ <p>where the 'Total income for lunchtime sales' is based on the till receipts for all sales of food provided for lunch during the period to which school lunch standards (including nutrient-based standards from 2009) have been applied, and 'FSM equivalent price' is the monetary value in the dining room of a free school meal.</p>		

	<p>Free school meals are available to all children in non-working families, i.e. those where the adults do not work, or work for less than 16 hours per week. These families are reliant on 'welfare support payments' and are not able to claim the additional 'Working Tax Credit' that is available to low income working families (adults working 16+ hours per week).</p>		
	<p>The average for the year will be calculated as follows:</p> <p>Primary – divide the number of meals served over the period by the number of trading days in the period</p> <p>Secondary – divide the result of the numerator calculation by the number of trading days in the period.</p>		
Formula	<p>Average percentage point figures are calculated from returns made by all local authorities in an annual survey carried out by the School Food Trust. The data relate to one financial year, from April to March.</p> <p>Take the percentage take up in each of the schools in the authority which are subject to the nutritional standards for school food (all maintained schools, academies and city technology colleges) provided to one decimal place, and calculate the weighted average to one decimal place.</p> <p>Figures for primary and secondary school take up of lunches are reported on separately.</p>		
Worked example	See the Download document here: www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk/faqs/ni52#workedexample	Good performance	Higher numbers
Collection interval	Annual (Financial year)	Data Source	An annual survey of local authorities carried out by the School Food Trust. To include information on catering provision from local authority, private and in-house (school) catering providers
Return Format	Percentage	Decimal Places	One
Reporting organisation	The School Food Trust		
Spatial level	School and single tier and county council		
Further Guidance	Further information is available on the Trust's website at www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk/calculatingtakeup and detailed guidance is sent out with the Annual Survey		

	School Food Trust Annual Survey reports, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08: www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk/surveysandmonitoring#annualsurvey
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