

SEN in England: 2024 stats and EHCPs



Up from 4.3% in 2023

4.8% of all Pupils have an EHCP
434,354

138,200 initial requests in 2023, up 20% from 2022

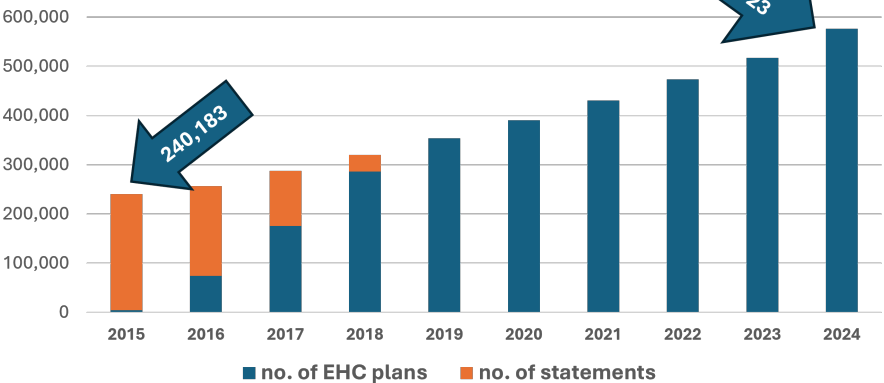
13.6% of all pupils have SEN Support
1,238, 851

Up from 13.0% in 2023

392 schools with SEN units, up from **373** in 2023

1168 schools with a resourced provision, Increase from **1125** in 2023

No. of EHCPs and statements 2015 - 2024



Most common type of need for SEN support is **Speech, language and communication needs**
291,742 pupils

The number of pupils with an EHC plan have increased across all school types except state-funded nurseries:

Primary: 3.0% of pupils (EHCP) and 14.1% (SEN support)
Secondary: 2.7% of pupils (EHCP) and 12.9% (SEN support)

SEN support peaks at **16.3%** of pupils at age 9

SEN support declines through secondary to **12.9%** at age 15

SEN is most prevalent at age 9

1 in 3 (33.0%) Of all pupils with an EHCP have a primary need of **Autism Spectrum Disorder**
132,249 pupils

42.2% of all pupils with an EHCP and **38.3%** of pupils with SEN support are eligible for free school meals

Rising every year



Number of EHCPs and SEN Statements combined, by age band, 2015-2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Under 5	11,250	10,513	11,629	12,516	14,094	15,398	16,536	18,054	21,087	26,527
Age 5 to 10	91,045	92,213	97,379	105,689	117,222	128,764	142,342	154,940	168,694	187,165
Age 11 to 15	112,340	111,225	112,540	117,354	126,332	137,639	151,572	167,305	186,093	208,609
Age 16 to 19	25,538	41,300	58,034	70,084	77,587	83,095	90,715	98,647	105,900	115,002
Age 20 to 25	10	1,064	7,708	14,176	18,760	25,213	29,532	34,309	35,275	35,526
Total	240,183	256,315	287,290	319,819	353,995	390,109	430,697	473,255	517,049	575,963



72.0% Of all pupils with an EHCP are male
Continuous decrease from 2020

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15.8% for SEN support and **15.8%** for EHCP

SEN is more prevalent in the Traveller or Irish heritage ethnic group