

**Outcomes for Children Looked After,**

**year ending**

**31 March 2019**

**Metadata guidance document**

**March 2020**

**Contents**

[Description 2](#_Toc5613552)

[Coverage 2](#_Toc5613553)

[Data availability and confidentiality 2](#_Toc5613554)

[Data files 3](#_Toc5613555)

[Annex A: Variable listing and descriptions 4](#_Toc5613556)

[Annex B: How to use the underlying data files 7](#_Toc5613557)

# Description

This document describes the data underlying the ‘Children Looked After by Outcomes: by local authority area: 31 March 2019’ csv data files.

# Coverage

The data is derived from the SSDA903 return collected from local authorities and matched to the attainment data, school census data and alternative provision census data:

* prevalence of special educational needs (SEN)
* attainment at key stage 1, key stage 2 and key stage 4 and progression between these key stages
* absence and exclusion rates

The term “looked after children” in this document relates to children who have been looked after continuously for at least 12 months at 31 March 2019.

# Data availability and confidentiality

The following conventions are used throughout the underlying data.

‘c’ Where the data is deemed to be sensitive all figures have been replaced with the letter c (confidential). In addition, secondary suppression may be applied to preserve confidentiality.

‘.’ Not applicable

# Data files

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

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **File name** | **Content** | **Geographical level** | **Year** | **National Table reference** |
| 2019\_CLA\_outcomes\_sen \_UD | SEN data for children looked after | national;  regional;  and  local authority | 2019 | Table 2a,2b |
| 2019\_CLA\_outcomes\_KS1 \_UD | Key Stage 1 eligibility and performance | national | 2019 | Table 3 |
| 2019\_CLA\_outcomes\_KS2\_UD1 | Key stage 2 eligibility, performance and progress of children looked after | national;  regional;  and  local authority | 2019 | Table 4a and 4b |
| 2019\_CLA\_outcomes\_KS4\_UD1 | Key stage 4 eligibility, performance and progress of children looked after | national;  regional;  and  local authority | 2019 | Table 5a,5b and 5c |
| 2019\_CLA\_outcomes\_absence\_UD | Absence data for children looked after | national;  regional;  and  local authority | 2019 | Table 7 |
| 2019\_CLA\_outcomes\_2018\_exclusions\_UD | Exclusions data for children looked after | national;  regional;  and  local authority | 2018 | Table 8 |

# 

# Annex A: Variable listing and descriptions

Variable names and descriptions for each underlying data file are provided below**.**

**2019\_CLA\_outcomes\_sen \_UD**

| **Variable name** | **Variable description** |
| --- | --- |
| time\_period | 2018/19 |
| time\_identifier | Year ending 31 March 2019 |
| geographic\_level | Geographical level: national, regional and local authority |
| country\_code | Country code – 9 digit code |
| country\_name | Country name |
| region\_code | Region code (Government Office Region) – 9 digit code |
| region\_name | Region name (Government Office Region) |
| old\_la\_code | Local authority code (old) |
| new\_la\_code | Local authority code (new) – 9 digit code |
| la\_name | Local authority name |
| characteristic | Special educational needs |
| sen\_category | Special educational need category: no identified SEN, SEN statement or EHC plan, SEN support |
| number | Number |
| percent | Percentage |

**2019\_CLA\_outcomes\_KS1\_UD**

| **Variable name** | **Variable description** |
| --- | --- |
| time\_period | 2018/19 |
| time\_identifier | Year ending 31 March 2019 |
| geographic\_level | Geographical level: national |
| country\_code | Country code – 9 digit code |
| country\_name | Country name |
| characteristic | Key stage 1 |
| la\_name | Local authority name |
| characteristic | Key stage 2 |
| ks1\_assessment\_measure | Performance type: key stage 1 attainment |
| gender | Gender: total, male, female |
| number\_eligible | Number of children looked after included in measure |
| percent\_achieving | Number of children looked after reaching expected standard in measure |

**2019\_CLA\_outcomes\_KS2\_UD**

The key stage 2 national level data excludes pupils with missing or lost test results and pupils where results are suppressed pending the outcome of a maladministration investigation. The local authority level data excludes pupils with lost results but includes those with missing results or pending maladministration. It also excludes children that have recently arrived from overseas. As a result, national level England figures don’t match national figures from local authority data.

| **Variable name** | **Variable description** |
| --- | --- |
| time\_period | 2018/19 |
| time\_identifier | Year ending 31 March 2019 |
| geographic\_level | Geographical level: national, regional and local authority |
| country\_code | Country code – 9 digit code |
| country\_name | Country name |
| region\_code | Region code (Government Office Region) – 9 digit code |
| region\_name | Region name (Government Office Region) |
| old\_la\_code | Local authority code (old) |
| new\_la\_code | Local authority code (new) – 9 digit code |
| la\_name | Local authority name |
| characteristic | Key stage 2 |
| ks2\_assessment\_measure | Performance type: key stage 2 attainment and progress |
| number\_eligible | Number of children looked after included in measure |
| number\_achieving | Number of children looked after reaching expected standard in measure |
| percent\_achieving | Percentage of children looked after reaching expected standard in measure |
| progress\_eligible | Number of children looked after included in progress subject measure |
| progress\_score | Total progress score for children looked after in subject measure |
| average\_progress\_score | Average progress score for children looked after in writing measure: Total progress score/ Number included in measure |

**2019\_CLA\_outcomes\_KS4\_UD**

The key stage 4 local authority attainment data has children recently arrived from overseas removed. As a result, national level England figures don’t match national figures from local authority data.

| **Variable name** | **Variable description** |
| --- | --- |
| time\_period | Year |
| time\_identifier | Year ending 31 March 2019 |
| geographic\_level | Geographical level: national, regional and local authority |
| country\_code | Country code – 9 digit code |
| country\_name | Country name |
| region\_code | Region code (Government Office Region) – 9 digit code |
| region\_name | Region name (Government Office Region) |
| old\_la\_code | Local authority code (old) |
| new\_la\_code | Local authority code (new) – 9 digit code |
| la\_name | Local authority name |
| performance\_type | Performance type: key stage 4 attainment and progress |
| cla\_ks4\_outcomes\_children\_total | Number of school aged children looked after at 31 March 2019, with matched KS4 data |
| cla\_ks4\_englishandmathsL4\_number\_achieving | Number of children looked after achieving grade 9-4 in English and maths GCSEs |
| cla\_ks4\_englishandmathsL4\_percent\_achieving | Percentage of children looked after achieving grade 9-4 in English and maths GCSEs |
| cla\_ks4\_englishandmathsL5\_number\_achieving | Number of children looked after achieving grade 9-5 in English and maths GCSEs |
| cla\_ks4\_englishandmathsL5\_percent\_achieving | Percentage of children looked after achieving grade 9-5 in English and maths GCSEs |
| cla\_ks4\_att8\_points\_total | Total attainment 8 points for children looked after |
| cla\_ks4\_att8\_average\_points | Average Attainment 8 score per pupil for children looked after |
| cla\_ks4\_progress8\_children\_eligible | Number of children looked after pupils included in progress 8 calculation |
| cla\_ks4\_progress8\_points\_total | Total Progress 8 score for children looked after |
| cla\_ks4\_progress8\_points\_average | Average Progress 8 score for children looked after |

**2019\_CLA\_outcomes\_absence\_UD**

| **Variable name** | **Variable description** |
| --- | --- |
| time\_period | 2018/19 |
| time\_identifier | Up to 31 March 2019 |
| geographic\_level | Geographical level: national, regional and local authority |
| country\_code | Country code – 9 digit code |
| country\_name | Country name |
| region\_code | Region code (Government Office Region) – 9 digit code |
| region\_name | Region name (Government Office Region) |
| old\_la\_code | Local authority code (old) |
| new\_la\_code | Local authority code (new) – 9 digit code |
| la\_name | Local authority name |
| characteristic | Absence |
| cla\_possible\_sessions | Total number of eligible sessions |
| cla\_authorised\_absence | Number of sessions for children looked after missed through authorised absence |
| cla\_authorised\_absence\_% | Percentage of sessions for children looked after missed through authorised absence |
| cla\_unauthorised\_absence | Number of sessions for children looked after missed through unauthorised absence |
| cla\_unauthorised\_absence\_% | Percentage of sessions for children looked after missed through unauthorised absence |
| cla\_overall\_absence | Number of sessions missed for children looked after through overall absence |
| cla\_overall\_absence\_% | Percentage of sessions for children looked after missed through overall absence |
| cla\_npd\_matched | Number of school age looked after children matched to national pupil database ( NPD) |
| cla\_persistent\_absentee | Number of looked after children who are persistent absentees |
| cla\_persistent\_absentee\_% | Percentage of looked after children who are persistent absentees |

**2019\_CLA\_outcomes\_2018\_exclusions\_UD**

| **Variable name** | **Variable description** |
| --- | --- |
| time\_period | 2017/18 |
| time\_identifier | Year ending 31 March 2018 |
| geographic\_level | Geographical level: national, regional and local authority |
| country\_code | Country code – 9 digit code |
| country\_name | Country name |
| region\_code | Region code (Government Office Region) – 9 digit code |
| region\_name | Region name (Government Office Region) |
| old\_la\_code | Local authority code (old) |
| new\_la\_code | Local authority code (new) – 9 digit code |
| la\_name | Local authority name |
| characteristic | Exclusions |
| school\_type | Type of schools (state funded etc) |
| number\_of\_children | Number of children looked after at 1 April 2018, with matched exclusions data |
| permanent\_exclusions | Number of children looked after with a permanent exclusion |
| permanent\_exclusions\_% | Percentage of children looked after with a permanent exclusion |
| fixed\_term\_exclusions | Number of children looked after with at least one fixed period exclusion |
| fixed\_term\_exclusions\_% | Percentage of children looked after with at least one fixed period exclusion |

# Annex B: How to use the underlying data files

Details on how to filter datasets is available online. Please see the [Microsoft Excel Office Support page](https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwjO35i6gY7TAhVBJsAKHRErDtwQFggcMAA&url=https%3A%2F%2Fsupport.office.com%2Fen-us%2Farticle%2FFilter-data-in-a-range-or-table-01832226-31b5-4568-8806-38c37dcc180e&usg=AFQjCNGto4V43yhC-Bu8W3RPBuWwRPnnhg) for instructions on how to filter data in a range or table.

****

© Crown copyright 2019

You may re-use this document/publication (not including logos) free of charge in any format or medium, under the terms of the Open Government Licence v2.0. Where we have identified any third party copyright information you will need to obtain permission from the copyright holders concerned.

To view this licence:

visit [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/2](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/2)

email [psi@nationalarchives.gov.uk](mailto:psi@nationalarchives.gov.uk)

About this publication:

enquiries [www.education.gov.uk/contactus](http://www.education.gov.uk/contactus)

download [www.gov.uk/government/publications](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications)

reference**:** Characteristics of children in need: 2018 to 2019 (outcomes), metadata guidance document

| Twitter logo | Follow us on Twitter: [@educationgovuk](http://twitter.com/educationgovuk) | Facebook | Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/educationgovuk](http://www.facebook.com/educationgovuk) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |