

A Guide for Using School Census Data

There are 2 ways to access school census data.

1. YST website: <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/news-insight/knowledge-bank>
Scroll to the bottom of the page to access the YST Schools Database
2. Through the gov.uk website.

This guide takes you through how to download the data from the gov.uk website.

1. Follow this link to access the website:

<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/special-educational-needs-in-england>

2. Click download all data

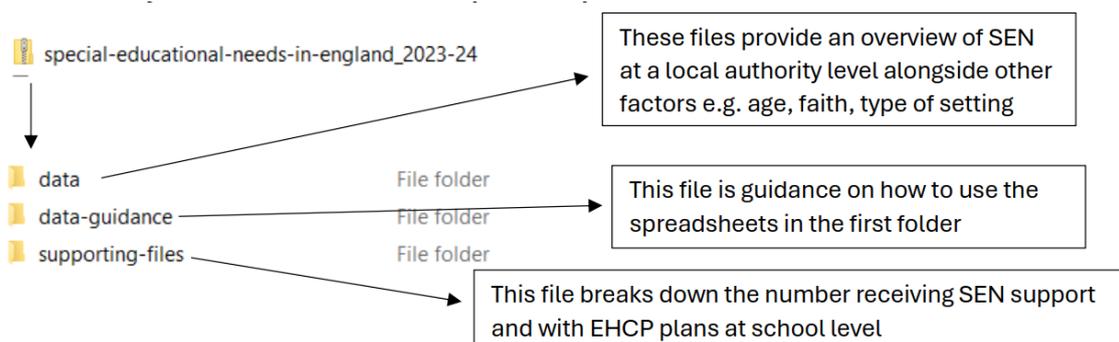
The screenshot shows the GOV.UK website interface. At the top, there's a black header with the GOV.UK logo and the text 'Explore education statistics'. Below this is a blue bar with 'Beta' and a message: 'This is a new service – your feedback will help us to improve it.' The breadcrumb trail reads: 'Home > Find statistics and data > Special educational needs in England'. The main heading is 'Academic year 2023/24' followed by 'Special educational needs in England'. On the left, there's a table with metadata: 'Published' (20 June 2024), 'Release type' (Accredited official statistics), and 'Receive updates' (Sign up for email alerts). On the right, there's a 'Quick links' section with a red-bordered button for 'Download all data (zip)' and links for 'Release contents', 'Explore data', and 'Help and support'. An 'Official Statistics Accredited' logo is also visible.

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3. Go to your downloads folder and open the zip folder



4. Go into 'supporting-files' and open the SEN_school_level_UD spreadsheet

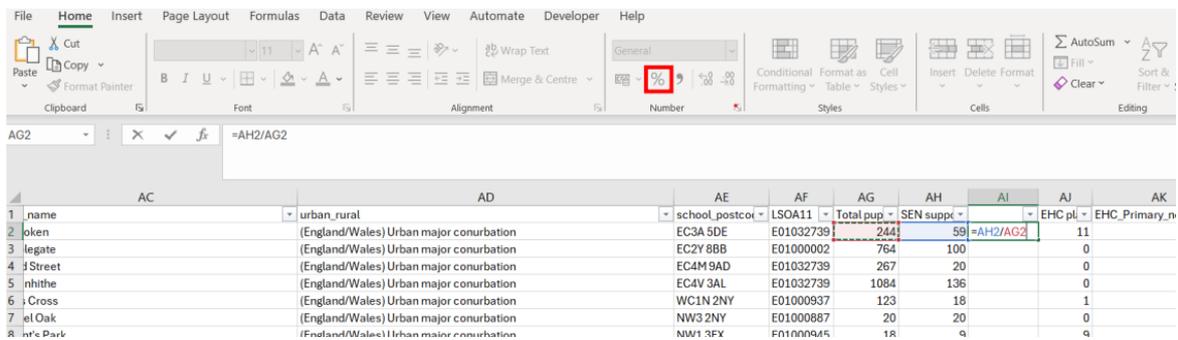
5.

You can then filter by region/local authority to bring up the schools in your area. You can also filter by phase type (e.g. if wanting to filter out nurseries).

Scroll across to see the number of pupils receiving SEN support and with EHCPs in each school. Also breaks down EHCPs by primary needs (see key for further details).

Can also insert another column and add in % formula to quickly see what percentage of students are receiving SEN support or on EHCPs. Formula for SEN support would be: = 'cell with SEN support' divided by 'cell with total number of students'

You would put the formula in like below then click enter. It will come up with a number with a decimal place. You would then click the percentage button as highlighted below and it would turn it into a percentage.



Things to be aware of:

- This data is from the previous academic year so it will give a rough idea, but will not be 100% reflective of the current landscape

- If you do add a percentage, consider the school's population size as well. Larger schools will likely look like they have a lower percentage of students receiving SEN Support, but the actual number could be quite high.

Key for EHCP primary need:

SPLD – specific learning difficulty

MLD – moderate learning difficulty

SLD – severe learning difficulty

PMLD – profound and multiple learning difficulty

SEMH – social, emotional and mental health

SLCN – speech, language and communication needs

HI – hearing impairment

VI – visual impairment

MSI – multi-sensory impairment

PD – physical disability

ASD – autism spectrum disorder

Oth – other difficulty or disability

NSA – SEN support but no specialist assessment of type of need