



## Response to Request for Information

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### *Home Schooling*

**Request:**

I'd like to put in a Freedom of Information Request for the number of students who were in schools AND the number who were home-schooled as of the January Census for the last 5 years, broken down by ethnicity.

I have used ethnicity as used by the ONS - broken up into 5 distinct categories: 1. White; 2. Mixed/Multiple; 3. Asian/Asian British; 4. Black/African/Caribbean; and 5. Other. Further details are on the attached spreadsheet, or see the [ONS website](#).

Where possible, if the number is 0, please use 0. If the number is less than 5, but more than 0, and cannot be specified due to potential identifying information, please use "<5".

[In response to your request please find our response below:](#)

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City of Wolverhampton Council	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
<b>Ethnicity</b>	homeschooled	In Schools	homeschooled	In schools	homeschooled	in schools	homeschooled	in schools	homeschooled	in schools
White (inc. White; English/Schottish/Northern Irish/British; Irish; Gypsy/Irish Traveller; any other White background)	79		110		135		173		169	
Mixed/Multiple (White and Black Caribbean; White and Black African; White and Asian; Any other mixed/multiple)	16		29		32		41		35	
Asian/Asian British (Indian; Pakistani; Bangladeshi; Chinese; Any other Asian Background)	7		7		8		16		8	
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British (African; Caribbean; Black Scottish/Black Welsh/Black Irish/Black Northern Irish; any other Black/African/Caribbean background)	10		12		20		17		29	
Other	0		0		<5		7		6	
Note: where possible, if number is 0, please put 0. If number is less than 5 but not 0 and cannot be revealed due to confidentiality - please put "<5"										

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following link:

The data for Numbers of pupils in Wolverhampton schools by ethnicity is already in the public domain and is found on the DfE SFR website

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-school-and-pupil-numbers>

the tables needed for each year are: Schools, pupils and their characteristics – LA Tables

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>