

Education Outcomes Report 2024-25



Oldham
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Education Outcomes Report 2024-25 - Context and Key Findings

This report summarises educational outcomes in Oldham from the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) through to Key Stage 4 (GCSEs), drawing on the most recent available data. Outcomes are benchmarked against National, Regional and Statistical Neighbour averages for comparison purposes.

Ofsted have not yet produced graded outcomes under their new framework. In 2024 they reported 91% of Oldham primary schools graded as good and outstanding and 62% of secondaries. The National rates were 90% for primary and 81% for secondary.

Inclusion outcomes in Oldham are now amongst the strongest of our Statistical Neighbours, often above National Averages and are viewed as exemplary by other boroughs. This follows a sustained period of focus over years by the local system. Transparent data, partnership work and prioritisation have been essential components of this success.

Attendance has improved in both primary and secondary phases since the detrimental effect of the pandemic. The secondary rate is in the top 50 nationally and at best ever rank.

Persistent Absence is similarly improved in both phases. The primary rate has returned to the pandemic level, and the secondary rank is at its best ever.

Suspension rates in the primary phase continue to defy the odds because of collective system action by Kingsland School staff, Headteachers and Council Officers. This stellar work has provided a model for recent improvements in the secondary phase.

Exclusion rates in the primary phase are now the best in England for a second year. In the secondary phase the rates have increased, and the rank has declined.

Achievement outcomes are not so strong and there are gaps to most comparators. Key Stage outcomes are stabilising and whilst some rates have returned to pre-pandemic levels, challenges remain in regaining ground for some phases and groups.

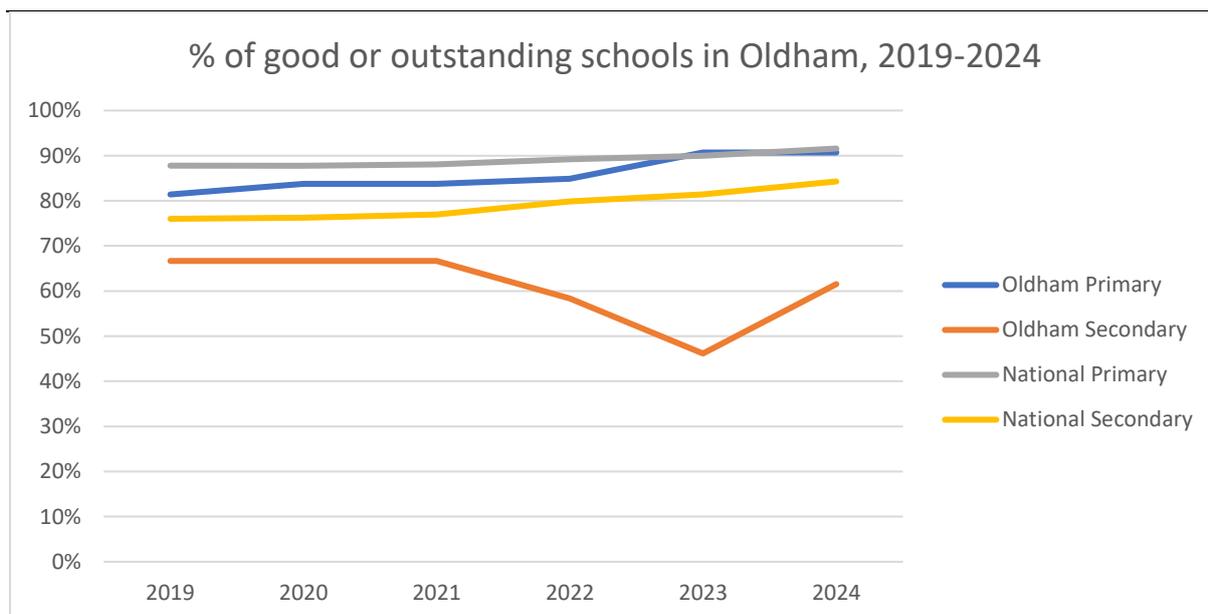
EYFS outcomes are steady over the last three years, with a marked gap to National. Disadvantaged children have stronger performance compared with benchmarks; non-disadvantaged outcomes are limiting. Performance has not returned to pre-pandemic levels.

Year 1 Phonics is stable for the last three years. Attainment remains slightly below national and regional comparators, but the local disadvantage gap is less pronounced than nationally, due to comparatively stronger outcomes for disadvantaged pupils.

Key Stage 2 trend shows some recovery without stability. Improvements in reading, writing and mathematics are still below the pre-pandemic and national levels. Benchmarks show that Mathematics is stronger, Reading is stalling and Writing remains a persistent challenge.

Key Stage 4 broader outcomes are stable, but English and maths performance is weaker. Whilst Attainment 8 is in line with the pre-pandemic position, the Basics vary year-on-year. Disadvantaged and SEND pupils achieve less, consistent with national patterns.

Section A: Ofsted Outcomes



The trend in Ofsted outcomes for schools and academies in Oldham is of continuous gradual improvement over time in the primary sector and of more rapid decline followed by rapid recovery in the secondary sector. The much larger number of primaries is a factor in the less rapid change in the primary sector.

Ofsted outcomes for the primary sector were well below the national average in 2019 but then improved to be above the national average. Comparable outcomes in the secondary sector have remained below the national average.

Year	Primary			Secondary		
	Outstanding/good	Total	%	Outstanding/good	Total	%
2018	69	85	81.2%	8	12	66.7%
2019	70	86	81.4%	8	12	66.7%
2020	72	86	83.7%	8	12	66.7%
2021	72	86	83.7%	8	12	66.7%
2022	73	86	84.9%	7	12	58.3%
2023	78	86	90.7%	6	13	46.2%
2024	78	86	90.7%	8	13	61.5%

From September 2024 Ofsted removed single headline grades and consequently there are no figures for 2025. Recently Ofsted has replaced single-word, four-point, overall effectiveness grades with detailed report cards. These new, more nuanced assessments provide separate evaluations for "Inclusion," alongside categories like "Expected Standard" and "Strong Standard."

Section B: Inclusion Outcomes:

1: Attendance and Persistent Absence

Primary and Secondary 2019-2025 and Against National, Statistical Neighbour and North-West

Attendance									Latest Benchmark 2024-25**				Rankings							
	2018-19	2019-20*	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25**	Trend	Oldham	National	Statistical Neighbour	Regional	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	
Primary School Attendance Full Academic Year																				
All Pupils	95.8	95.5	95.8	93.7	93.7	94.1	94.6		94.6	94.8	94.4	94.9	115	111	137	83	119	131	111	
National	96.0	95.7	96.4	93.7	94.1	94.5	94.8													
Boys	95.7	95.4	95.6	93.6	93.6	93.9	94.5		94.5	94.7	94.3	94.8	117	106	136	81	118	136	109	
Girls	95.9	95.5	95.9	93.8	93.9	94.3	94.8		94.8	95.0	94.6	95.1	108	117	137	86	119	128	108	
Free School Meals - eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	94.7	94.4	94.3	92.2	92.1	92.6	93.2		93.2	92.4	92.9	92.7	46	51	69	37	17	43	25	
Non Free School Meals - not eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	96.3	96.0	96.6	94.5	94.6	95.0	95.6		95.6	95.8	95.5	96.0	120	113	119	86	100	144	123	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	94.5	94.0	93.8	92.0	92.2	92.5	93.0		93.0	92.4	92.3	92.7	83	102	92	68	37	65	47	
Non SEND	96.0	95.8	96.2	94.0	94.0	94.5	95.1		95.1	95.4	95.0	95.5	114	111	120	91	103	144	127	
Secondary School Attendance Full Academic Year																				
All Pupils	94.4	94.4	93.1	90.9	90.7	91.4	92.5		92.5	91.9	91.6	91.7	99	79	140	80	100	62	45	
National	94.5	94.4	94.5	91.0	91.0	91.1	91.9													
Boys	94.4	94.2	93.1	91.2	91.2	91.8	92.8		92.8	92.2	91.8	92.1	97	90	144	81	92	59	47	
Girls	94.3	94.5	93.2	90.5	90.3	90.9	92.2		92.2	91.6	91.5	91.4	99	67	140	81	102	67	43	
Free School Meals - eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	92.3	92.5	89.9	87.8	87.1	88.0	89.8		89.8	87.3	88.6	87.1	42	39	58	40	37	35	26	
Non Free School Meals - not eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	95.5	95.5	94.9	92.5	92.8	93.4	94.3		94.3	93.9	93.9	94.0	88	73	125	79	56	56	40	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	91.6	91.2	88.0	87.1	86.9	86.0	87.4		87.4	86.5	86.8	86.3	99	102	122	76	57	79	58	
Non SEND	94.7	94.8	93.9	91.4	91.3	92.3	93.4		93.4	93.1	92.7	92.9	104	76	119	90	79	69	46	
Primary School Persistent Absence Full Academic Year																				
All Pupils	9.6	12.3	11.3	19.3	19.5	17.4	14.8		14.8	13.3	15.7	13.1	125	115	116	112	115	141	113	
National	8.2	11.2	8.8	17.7	16.2	14.6	13.3													
Boys	10.3	12.4	12.0	19.7	20.3	18.2	15.7		15.7	13.9	16.4	13.7	131	103	138	112	132	144	118	
Girls	8.9	12.3	10.7	18.8	18.6	16.6	14.0		14.0	12.7	15.0	12.6	118	116	138	111	124	137	108	
Free School Meals - eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	14.7	17.8	17.4	28.3	28.4	25.7	22.1		22.1	24.5	22.9	23.7	48	51	50	41	39	65	40	
Non Free School Meals - not eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	6.7	9.8	7.3	14.0	14.0	12.0	9.7		9.7	8.5	10.3	7.9	133	113	119	121	125	144	127	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	15.4	18.1	19.3	27.6	28.0	25.2	22.0		22.0	22.3	23.5	21.4	107	100	104	95	83	114	79	
Non SEND	8.3	10.9	9.4	17.4	17.4	15.3	12.7		12.7	10.7	13.1	10.7	131	109	121	116	123	145	126	
Secondary School Persistent Absence Full Academic Year																				
All Pupils	14.0	15.0	19.3	28.7	28.6	25.6	20.9		20.9	21.9	24.0	22.4	89	79	140	91	108	76	53	
National	13.7	15.0	14.8	27.7	26.5	25.6	21.9													
Boys	14.0	15.9	19.6	27.9	27.2	24.5	20.1		20.1	20.9	23.6	21.3	88	96	143	102	108	78	58	
Girls	14.0	14.1	19.0	29.6	29.9	26.8	21.6		21.6	22.9	24.3	23.4	87	61	134	81	113	69	51	
Free School Meals - eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	22.0	21.2	30.3	40.0	41.5	37.9	30.9		30.9	36.8	34.0	37.2	36	33	51	37	36	34	27	
Non Free School Meals - not eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	9.1	11.2	12.8	22.0	20.9	17.5	13.5		13.5	14.7	15.8	14.4	78	83	116	92	90	91	43	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	24.2	24.7	36.3	40.1	40.0	40.7	34.8		34.8	35.1	36.1	35.7	99	94	127	82	64	87	76	
Non SEND	12.3	13.4	16.6	26.6	26.4	22.6	17.9		17.9	18.4	20.6	18.9	95	81	116	94	99	81	54	

2: Suspension and Exclusion

Primary and Secondary 2019-2025 and Against National, Statistical Neighbour and North-West

Exclusions									Latest Benchmark 2024-25***				Ranking							
Primary School Suspension % Rate (Full Academic Year)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25***	Trend	Oldham	National	Statistical Neighbour	Regional	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	
All Pupils	0.66 (177)	0.43 (114)	0.49 (130)	0.61 (162)	0.65 (170)	0.86 (225)	0.37 (95)		0.37	0.89	0.77	0.72	23	20	27	12	10	11	19	
National	1.41	1.00	0.99	1.42	1.81	2.27	0.89													
Boys	1.21 (161)	0.83 (111)	0.87 (115)	1.04 (137)	1.11 (146)	1.5 (197)	0.65 (83)		0.65	1.46	1.26	1.17	25	26	31	13	9	11	21	
Girls	0.12 (16)	0.02 (3)	0.11 (15)	0.19 (25)	0.18 (24)	0.22 (28)	0.09 (12)		0.09	0.30	0.28	0.24	18	5	22	20	16	11	23	
Free School Meals (FSM)	1.65 (85)	1.14 (64)	0.89 (53)	1.23 (95)	1.44 (116)	2.07 (169)	0.67 (53)		0.67	2.16	1.55	1.75	16	18	40	9	9	9	11	
Non Free School Meals (Non FSM)	0.43 (92)	0.24 (50)	0.35 (67)	0.36 (67)	0.3 (54)	0.31 (56)	0.24 (42)		0.24	0.48	0.38	0.33	26	21	16	18	8	6	34	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	3.29 (130)	2.46 (97)	2.65 (103)	2.95 (119)	2.91 (128)	3.8 (170)	1.83 (80)		1.83	4.30	3.51	3.30	18	25	29	12	9	7	24	
Non SEND	0.21 (47)	0.07 (17)	0.12 (27)	0.19 (43)	0.19 (42)	0.25 (55)	0.07 (15)		0.07	0.17	0.18	0.15	33	12	21	32	20	29	23	
Secondary School Suspension % Rate (Full Academic Year)									Oldham	National	Statistical Neighbour	Regional	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	
All Pupils	10.84 (1784)	7.51 (1293)	6.63 (1199)	11.99 (2157)	15.11 (2779)	21.76 (4033)	6.73 (1250)		6.73	7.81	8.76	8.14	90	102	54	73	62	84	65	
National	10.7	7.4	6.48	13.95	18.90	22.61	7.81													
Boys	14.15 (1167)	11.05 (935)	9.27 (806)	14.31 (1269)	16.36 (1506)	24.3 (2232)	8.54 (791)		8.54	9.35	10.63	9.67	85	107	60	67	54	76	76	
Girls	7.53 (627)	4.03 (348)	4.44 (393)	9.74 (888)	13.89 (1272)	19.25 (1801)	4.93 (459)		4.93	6.26	6.87	6.60	104	69	54	83	76	88	63	
Free School Meals (FSM)	22.01 (700)	16.22 (578)	12.12 (540)	23.69 (1221)	28.79 (1630)	42.44 (2617)	12.15 (795)		12.15	18.67	15.99	17.95	55	61	33	43	47	57	46	
Non Free School Meals (Non FSM)	8.19 (1024)	5.2 (704)	5.03 (659)	7.3 (936)	9.02 (1148)	11.45 (1416)	3.78 (455)		3.78	4.11	4.72	4.21	91	85	66	60	59	77	71	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	27.74 (619)	17.65 (343)	17.35 (351)	31.23 (706)	36.2 (910)	55.37 (1523)	17.35 (476)		17.35	21.04	21.66	20.27	86	68	51	67	55	87	66	
Non SEND	8.12 (1452)	5.2 (940)	5.45 (848)	11.51 (1451)	9.23 (1868)	11.77 (2510)	4.89 (774)		4.89	5.24	6.22	5.63	100	112	73	77	70	86	75	
Primary School Permanent % Exclusion Rate (Full Academic Year)									Oldham	National	Statistical Neighbour	Regional	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	
All Pupils	0.007 (2)	0.011 (3)	0.008 (2)	0 (0)	0.004 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)		0.000	0.012	0.015	0.016	48	79	101	1	33	1	1	
National	0.023	0.016	0.008	0.016	0.026	0.032	0.012													
Boys	0.015 (2)	0.023 (3)	0.015 (2)	0 (0)	0.008 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)		0.000	0.020	0.027	0.028	52	85	104	1	37	1	1	
Girls	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)		0.000	0.003	0.002	0.003	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Free School Meals (FSM)	0.019 (1)	0 (0)	0.028 (2)	0 (0)	0.012 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)		0.000	0.032	0.028	0.043	45	1	109	1	41	1	1	
Non Free School Meals (Non FSM)	0.005 (1)	0.014 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)		0.000	0.005	0.008	0.006	51	116	1	1	1	1	1	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	0.051 (2)	0.051 (2)	0.026 (1)	0 (0)	0.023 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)		0.000	0.061	0.073	0.079	52	63	77	1	37	1	1	
Non SEND	0 (0)	0.0044 (1)	0.0045 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)		0.000	0.001	0.002	0.002	1	123	131	1	1	1	1	
Secondary School Permanent % Exclusion Rate (Full Academic Year)									Oldham	National	Statistical Neighbour	Regional	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	
All Pupils	0.33 (55)	0.22 (38)	0.15 (27)	0.2 (36)	0.22 (41)	0.31 (57)	0.12 (22)		0.118	0.085	0.106	0.136	118	125	112	93	76	90	108	
National	0.203	0.125	0.100	0.159	0.222	0.253	0.085													
Boys	0.474 (39)	0.331 (28)	0.218 (19)	0.338 (30)	0.297 (27)	0.403 (37)	0.194 (18)		0.194	0.116	0.147	0.182	119	129	113	115	76	91	123	
Girls	0.192 (16)	0.116 (10)	0.09 (8)	0.066 (6)	0.151 (14)	0.214 (20)	0.043 (4)		0.043	0.054	0.065	0.090	121	120	115	55	81	95	77	
Free School Meals (FSM)	0.692 (22)	0.393 (14)	0.314 (14)	0.427 (22)	0.477 (27)	0.632 (39)	0.244 (16)		0.244	0.219	0.210	0.307	87	87	91	74	53	66	97	
Non Free School Meals (Non FSM)	0.247 (33)	0.177 (24)	0.099 (13)	0.109 (14)	0.11 (14)	0.146 (18)	0.05 (6)		0.050	0.040	0.048	0.068	127	141	113	97	77	91	102	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	1.029 (19)	0.258 (5)	0.297 (6)	0.531 (12)	0.517 (13)	0.888 (24)	0.255 (7)		0.255	0.254	0.295	0.382	128	55	84	83	64	90	92	
Non SEND	0.245 (36)	0.218 (33)	0.135 (21)	0.153 (24)	0.176 (28)	0.208 (33)	0.095 (15)		0.095	0.052	0.069	0.085	117	141	131	105	92	100	126	

Section C: Achievement Outcomes

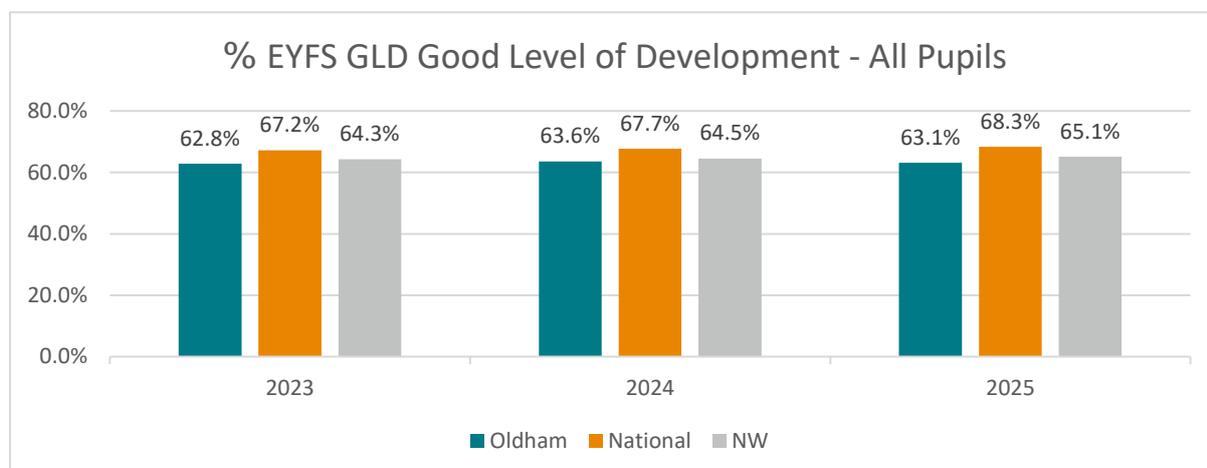
Key Stage Outcomes 2019-2025 and Against National, Statistical Neighbour and North-West

Outcomes									Latest Benchmark 2025				Rankings				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Trend	Oldham	National	Statistical Neighbour	Regional	2019	2022	2023	2024	2025
EYFSP - % achieving GLD																	
All Pupils	68.1			59.8	62.8	63.6	63.1		63.1	68.3	64.4	65.1	129	143	142	134	146
National	71.8			65.2	67.2	67.7	68.3										
Boys	60.4			52.7	56.1	54.4	55.9		55.9	61.6	57.5	58.1	137	142	132	143	145
Girls	75.6			67.3	69.9	72.7	70.6		70.6	75.3	71.4	72.2	126	137	143	120	143
Free School Meals (FSM)	57.0			47.1	56.0	52.8	48.2		48.2	51.3	54.8	49.1	65	101	32	56	100
Non Free School Meals (Non FSM)	70.3			64.1	65.7	68.5	68.7		68.7	72.5	68.5	69.6	137	139	150	128	137
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	22.7			15.5	16.1	14.6	12.9		12.9	20.6	18.0	18.0	97	122	125	136	149
Non SEND	73.4			66.3	70.6	73.4	73.2		73.2	76.5	73.6	73.5	126	138	134	122	138
KS1 -Phonics (Year 1)																	
All Pupils	79.1			72.4	75.6	76.9	76.9		76.9	79.8	78.1	78.1	138	128	136	141	131
National	81.9			75.5	78.9	80.2	79.8										
Boys	75.0			67.4	71.9	72.4	71.9		71.9	75.9	73.8	73.9	140	140	137	143	140
Girls	83.3			77.5	79.5	81.6	82.0		82.0	83.9	82.5	82.6	130	107	136	133	127
Disadvantaged	71.9			65.3	67.1	70.6	68.3		68.3	66.6	71.2	65.3	47	43	74	49	56
Other Pupils	81.5			75.2	79.2	79.7	80.7		80.7	83.6	81.3	82.6	145	141	142	145	141
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	40.6			36.8	35.5	38.5	37.0		37.0	43.4	41.7	40.6	104	92	144	138	144
Non SEND	85.5			78.9	85.0	86.0	86.3		86.3	88.1	87.3	87.0	123	134	105	125	124
KS2 - RWM EXS++																	
All Pupils	62.7			51.6	55.0	54.4	57.9		57.9	62.6	60.9	61.1	118	148	139	145	133
National	65.3			58.7	59.8	60.7	62.6										
Boys	58.4			47.1	48.3	50.5	55.3		55.3	59.5	57.7	58.1	109	145	149	146	127
Girls	67.2			56.1	61.7	59.9	60.3		60.3	65.9	64.2	64.1	122	146	99	134	140
Disadvantaged	53.8			40.0	43.6	44.1	48.0		48.0	47.7	51.0	46.4	58	96	79	80	69
Other Pupils	68.4			58.4	62.7	61.5	64.9		64.9	69.6	68.7	69.0	126	147	130	142	132
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	22.7			14.4	17.7	15.2	18.7		18.7	23.8	21.6	23.3	69	132	138	146	136
Non SEND	72.0			61.2	65.3	65.7	68.4		68.4	74.2	72.5	72.9	122	148	111	144	141

Outcomes									Latest Benchmark 2025				Rankings				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Trend	Oldham	National	Stat Neighbours	Regional	2019	2022	2023	2024	2025
KS4 Attainment 8																	
All Pupils	42.1	44.8	46.2	44.6	43.0	42.4	42.2		42.2	45.9	43.5	44.5	143	138	127	127	134
National (State Funded Schools)	46.7	50.2	50.9	48.8	46.3	45.9	45.9										
Boys	39.4	41.6	42.6	42.1	40.0	40.1	40.1		40.1	44.0	41.3	42.5	140	138	138	130	137
Girls	45.0	48.0	49.9	47.1	46.1	44.7	44.4		44.4	48.0	45.7	46.7	139	137	116	128	132
Disadvantaged	36.1	36.8	38.8	36.4	35.7	34.2	35.4		35.4	34.9	36.0	34.1	64	69	47	58	49
Other Pupils	45.6	48.9	50.0	49.2	47.0	47.0	46.4		46.4	50.3	48.4	49.4	143	134	131	119	136
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	22.8	24.1	26.0	22.7	25.4	21.5	21.8		21.8	28.1	25.6	27.0	142	151	118	149	148
Non SEND	44.7	47.7	49.2	48.1	46.1	46.6	46.7		46.7	50.1	47.6	48.7	147	143	132	122	132
KS4 (5 to 9) In English and Maths																	
All Pupils	35.3	38.8	42.9	43.2	38.0	40.0	36.4		36.4	45.2	39.8	41.8	135	128	131	119	141
National (State Funded Schools)	43.4	49.9		49.6	45.3	45.9	45.2										
Boys	32.0	36.3	37.5	40.3	36.1	37.8	34.6		34.6	43.7	36.9	40.5	136	131	128	117	143
Girls	38.8	41.3	48.5	46.4	40.4	42.2	38.2		38.2	46.7	40.8	43.1	132	126	133	123	137
Disadvantaged	23.4	22.7	29.2	28.4	24.2	24.3	23.9		23.9	25.6	26.9	23.4	69	58	59	68	74
Other Pupils	42.1	47.1	-	51.3	45.6	44.4	44.1		44.1	52.8	48.3	51.2	137	118	131	110	139
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	8.7	10.6	14.0	12.1	12.8	10.6	8.7		8.7	17.9	13.9	15.9	130	138	115	146	149
Non SEND				48.3	42.6	45.9	42.4		42.4	51.5	45.8	47.9		137	133	122	142

1 Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

1.1 Early Years Foundation Stage Against National and North-West

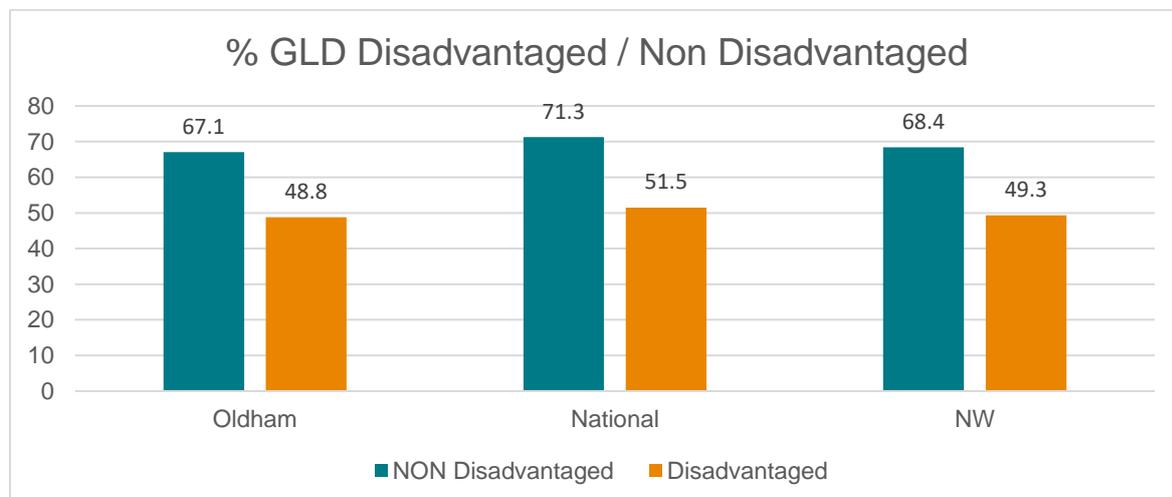


EYFS GLD Good Level of Development- All Pupils	2023	2024	2025	Change (2023-25)	Change (2024-25)
Oldham	62.8%	63.6%	63.1%	+0.3%	-0.5%
Gap to NW Region	-1.5%	-0.9%	-2.0%	-0.5%	-1.1%
Gap to National	-4.4%	-4.1%	-5.2%	-0.8%	-1.1%

EYFS outcomes have been broadly stable over the last three years, with modest movement.

In comparative terms, Oldham sits below both the North-West and National averages, and this relative position has weakened.

1.2 Early Years Foundation Stage Pupil Groups



EYFS GLD – Oldham (Pupil Groups)	2023	2024	2025	Change (2023-25)	Change (2024-25)
Disadvantaged	56.7%	52.9%	48.8%	-7.9%	-4.1%
Non-Disadvantaged	64.5%	67.0%	67.1%	+2.6%	+0.1%
Oldham Disadvantaged Gap	+7.8%	+14.1%	+18.3%	+10.5%	+4.2%
Disadvantaged Gap to NW Region	+6.2%	+3.4%	-0.5%	-6.7%	-3.9%
Non-Disadvantaged Gap to NW Region	-2.8%	-0.8%	-1.3%	+1.5%	-0.5%
Disadvantaged Gap to National	+4.7%	+1.2%	-2.7%	-7.4%	-3.9%
Non-Disadvantaged Gap to National	-5.4%	-3.6%	-4.2%	+1.2%	-0.6%

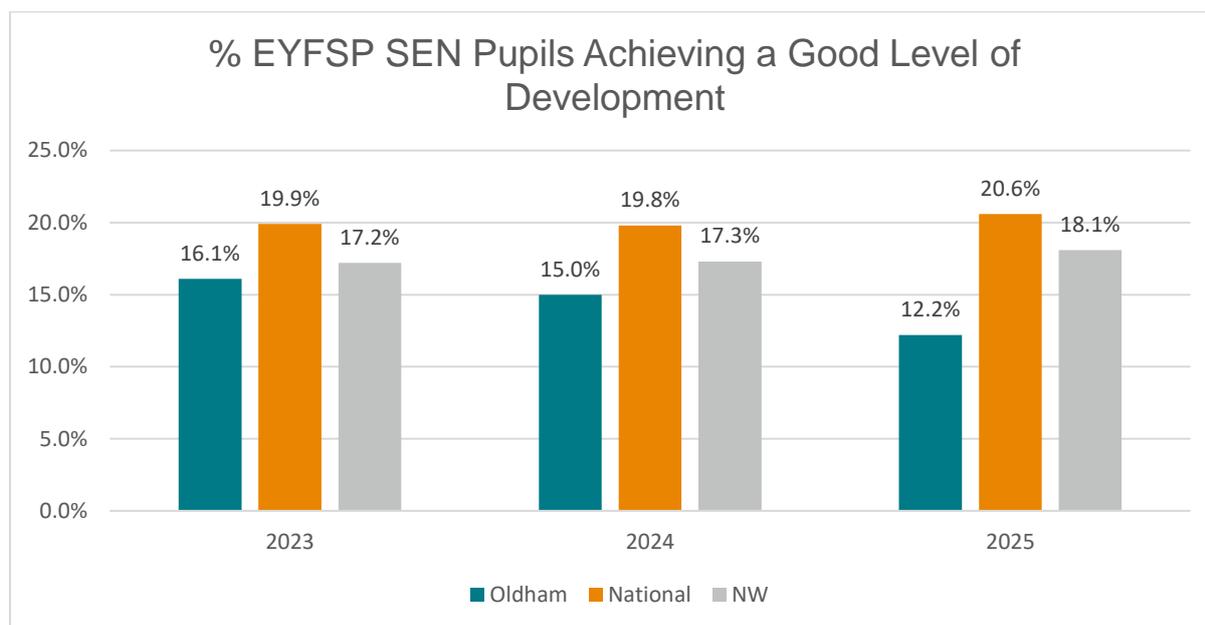
Over the last three years, a widening gap has developed between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged children. Non-disadvantaged attainment has been stable but disadvantaged attainment has declined.

Disadvantaged children's relative position has weakened significantly. Outcomes were ahead of both the North-West and National averages but are now below. This has shifted from being a comparative strength to becoming an area of concern.

Non-disadvantaged children's performance is consistently below national averages and slightly below the North-West.

Covid had a disproportionate effect on disadvantaged cohorts, and the last three years reflect an uneven recovery. The emerging pattern is that non-disadvantaged outcomes are stable, while disadvantaged outcomes are not.

1.3 Early Years Foundation Stage Pupil Groups SEN & EHCP



EYFS GLD SEN Support & EHCP	2023	2024	2025	Change (2023-25)	Change (2024-25)
Oldham	16.1%	15.0%	12.2%	-3.9%	-2.8%
Gap to NW Region	-1.1%	-2.3%	-5.9%	-4.8%	-3.6%
Gap to National	-3.8%	-4.8%	-8.4%	-4.6%	-3.6%

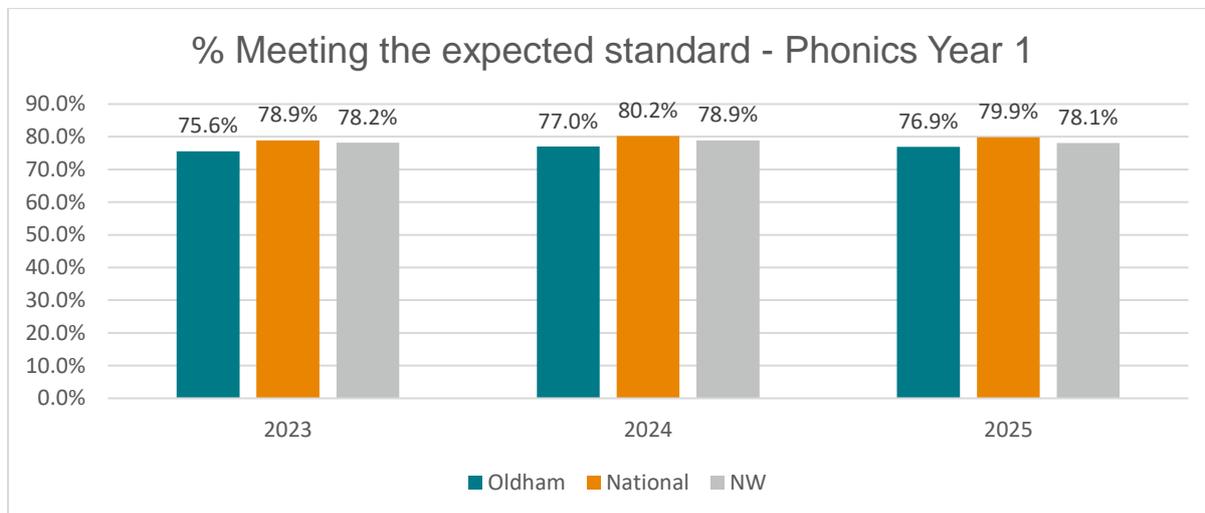
Outcomes for children identified as SEN Support and/or with an EHCP show a downward trend across the last three years, from a low baseline.

Oldham's position relative to comparators is worse. The gap to both the North-West and National averages has widened.

Recovery since 2019 has been weaker and less consistent than for the wider cohort.

2 - Year 1 Phonics

2.1 Year 1 Phonics - Meeting the Expected Standard



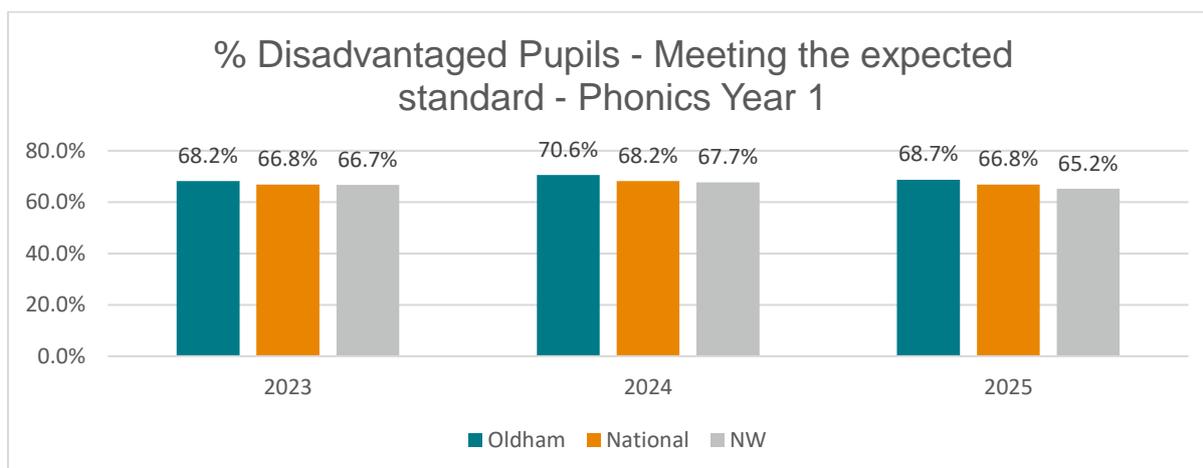
Year 1 Phonics Expected Standard	2023	2024	2025	Change (2023-25)	Change (2024-25)
Oldham	75.6%	77.0%	76.9%	+1.3%	-0.1%
Gap to NW Region	-2.6%	-1.9%	-1.2%	+1.4%	+0.7%
Gap to National	-3.3%	-3.2%	-3.0%	+0.3%	+0.2%

Year 1 Phonics outcomes in Oldham have been stable for the last three years.

Oldham remains below both the North-West and national averages, but the comparative picture has improved and the gap to the North-West has narrowed.

Phonics is one of the clearer areas of post-pandemic recovery locally.

2.2 Year 1 Phonics Pupil Groups



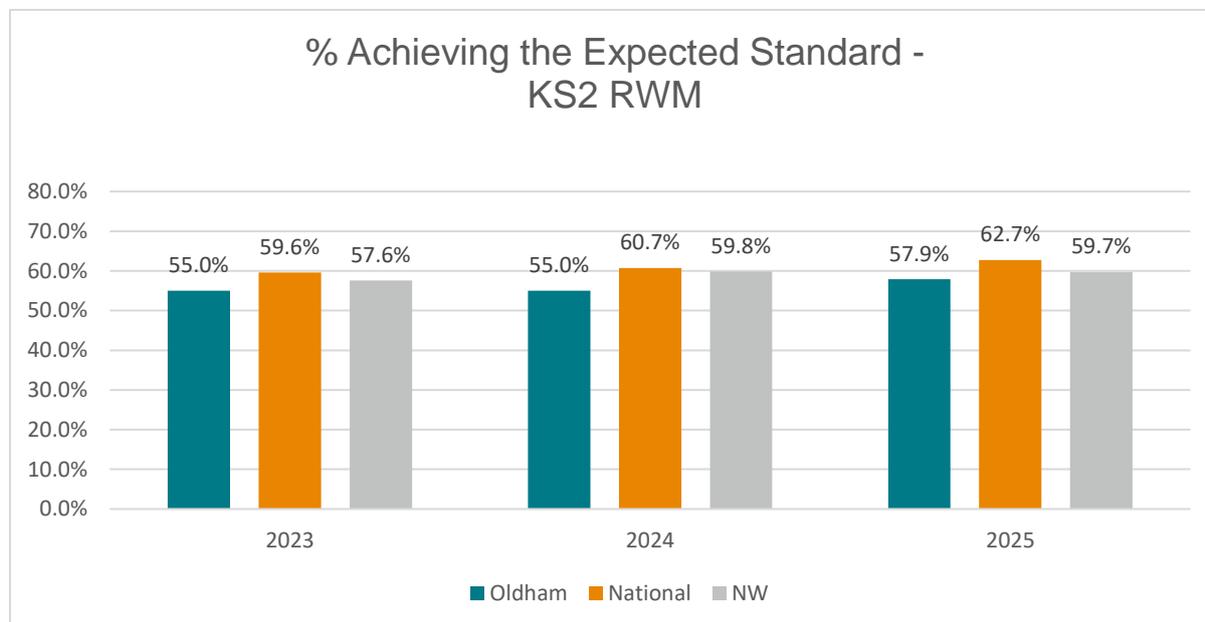
Year 1 Phonics – Oldham Meeting the Expected Standard (Pupil Groups)	2023	2024	2025	Change (2023-25)	Change (2024-25)
Disadvantaged	68.2%	70.6%	68.7%	+0.5%	-1.9%
Non-Disadvantaged	78.5%	79.8%	80.5%	+2.0%	+0.7%
Oldham Gap (Non-Disadv - Disadv)	+10.3%	+9.2%	+11.8%	+1.5%	+2.6%
Disadvantaged Gap to NW	+1.5%	+2.9%	+3.5%	+2.0%	+0.6%
Non-Disadvantaged Gap to NW	-3.4%	-2.8%	-1.7%	+1.7%	+1.1%
Disadvantaged Gap to Nat	+1.4%	+2.4%	+1.9%	+0.5%	-0.5%
Non-Disadvantaged Gap to Nat	-3.7%	-3.7%	-2.8%	+0.9%	+0.9%

Year 1 Phonics outcomes for pupil groups show a mixed picture. Performance for non-disadvantaged pupils has shown a steady upward trend, while outcomes for disadvantaged pupils have been more volatile and the local disadvantage gap has widened.

In comparative terms, disadvantaged pupils in Oldham continue to perform at, or above, regional and national levels. For non-disadvantaged pupils, Oldham remains below NW and National but the gap has narrowed, indicating gradual improvement.

3 - Key Stage 2 Attainment

3.1 Key Stage 2 Attainment Against National and North-West

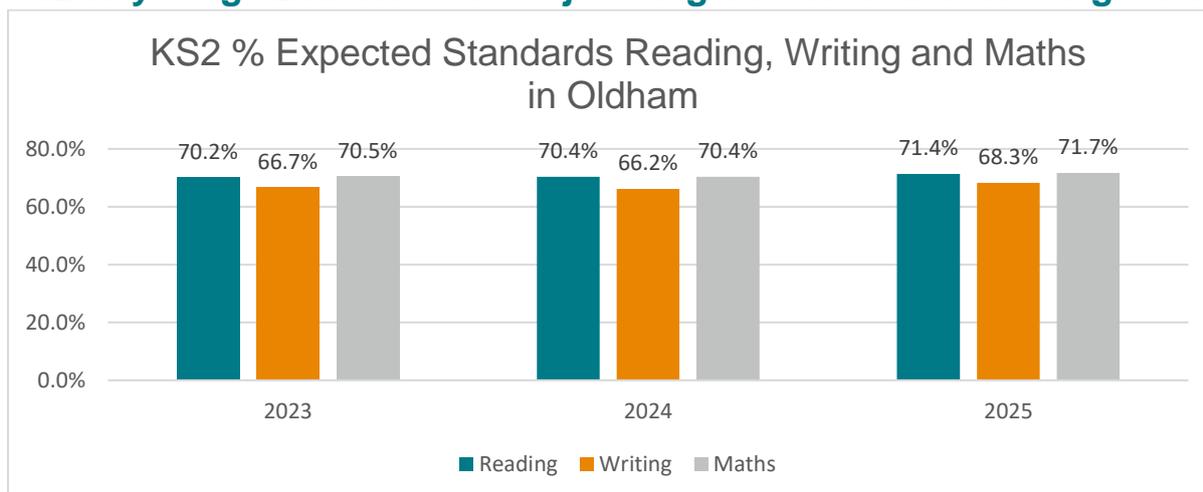


KS2 RWM Expected Standard - All Pupils	2023	2024	2025	Change (2023-25)	Change (2024-25)
Oldham	55.0%	55.0%	57.9%	+2.9%	+2.9%
Gap to NW Region	-3.8%	-4.8%	-3.0%	+0.8%	+1.8%
Gap to National	-4.6%	-5.7%	-4.8%	-0.2%	+0.9%

Key Stage 2 attainment in Reading, Writing and Maths combined has improved but the trend is not consistent.

In comparative terms, Oldham remains below both the North-West and National averages and the position is similar to that of 2023.

3.2 Key Stage 2 Individual Subjects Against National and Regional

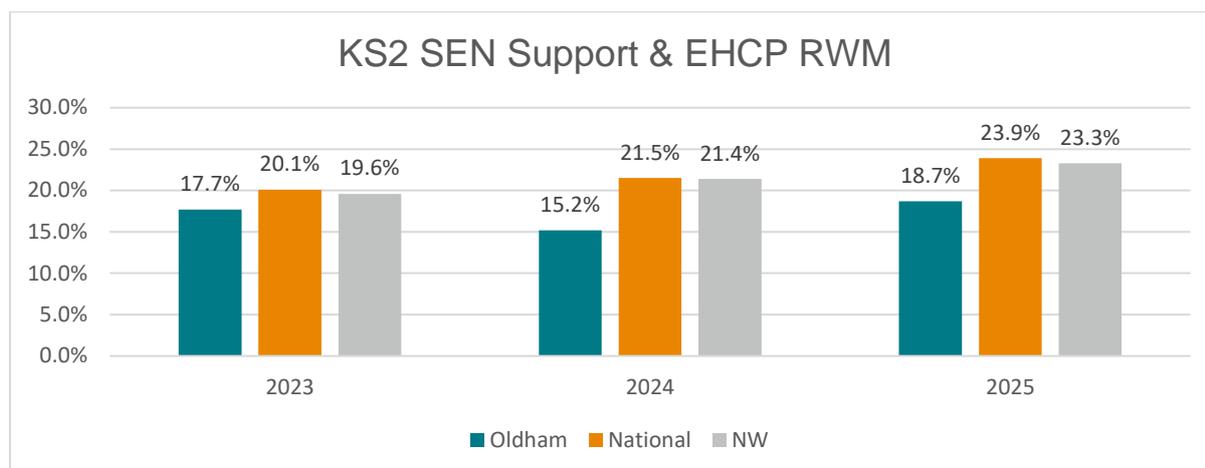


KS2 Individual Subjects - All Pupils	2023	2024	2025	Change (2023-25)	Change (2024-25)
Reading	70.2%	70.4%	71.4%	+1.2%	+1.0%
Writing	66.7%	66.2%	68.3%	+1.6%	+2.1%
Maths	70.5%	70.4%	71.7%	+1.2%	+1.3%
Gap to National Reading	-2.6%	-4.0%	-4.3%	-1.7%	-0.3%
Gap to National Writing	-4.8%	-5.5%	-4.4%	+0.4%	+1.1%
Gap to National Maths	-2.5%	-2.8%	-2.8%	-0.3%	+0.0%

Outcomes show gradual improvement across all three subjects. Reading has risen steadily and Writing shows the most noticeable improvement.

The comparative picture against national benchmarks is mixed. The Reading gap has widened over time; the Writing gap has narrowed, and the mathematics gap is stable.

3.3 Key Stage 2 Attainment SEN & EHCP – Combined RWM



KS2 SEN Support & EHCP RWM	2023	2024	2025
Oldham	17.7%	15.2%	18.7%
NW Region	19.6%	21.4%	23.3%
National	20.1%	21.5%	23.9%

KS2 SEN Support & EHCP RWM	2023	2024	2025	Change (2023-25)	Change (2024-25)
Oldham	17.7%	15.2%	18.7%	+1.0%	+3.5%
Gap to NW Region	-1.9%	-6.2%	-4.6%	-2.7%	+1.6%
Gap to National	-2.4%	-6.3%	-5.2%	-2.8%	+1.1%

Outcomes for pupils with SEN Support and/or an EHCP show a mixed pattern with combined Reading, Writing and Maths falling and then improving.

The position relative to comparators is weaker than pre-pandemic norms, and overall performance continues to sit below both the North West and national averages.

3.4 Key Stage 2 Attainment SEN & EHCP – Individual and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS)

KS2 SEN & EHCP Individual Subjects	2023	2024	2025	Change (2023-25)	Change (2024-25)
Reading					
Oldham	38.0%	33.5%	33.4%	-4.6%	-0.1%
Gap to NW Region	-1.8%	-7.5%	-9.1%	-7.3%	-1.6%
Gap to National	-0.7%	-7.4%	-9.2%	-8.5%	-1.8%
Writing					
Oldham	24.6%	23.4%	24.2%	-0.4%	+0.8%
Gap to NW Region	-3.2%	-6.2%	-7.3%	-4.1%	-1.1%
Gap to National	-4.3%	-6.9%	-8.1%	-3.8%	-1.2%
Maths					
Oldham	35.6%	33.2%	34.9%	-0.7%	+1.7%
Gap to NW Region	-0.7%	-4.9%	-5.0%	-4.3%	-0.1%
Gap to National	-0.7%	-4.3%	-4.9%	-4.2%	-0.6%

Across the individual subjects, Reading has declined and has persistent gaps to benchmarks. Writing and Mathematics remain below comparator levels.

3.5 Key Stage 2 Attainment of Disadvantaged Against Non-Disadvantaged Combined RWM

KS2 Disadvantaged RWM	2023	2024	2025	Change (2023-25)	Change (2024-25)
Disadvantaged	43.6%	44.1%	48.1%	+4.5%	+4.0%
Non-Disadvantaged	62.7%	62.6%	64.7%	+2.0%	+2.1%
Oldham (Non-Disadv -Disadv)	+19.1%	+18.5%	+16.6%	-2.5%	-1.9%
Disadvantaged Gap to NW	+0.1%	-1.2%	+1.8%	+1.7%	+3.0%
Non-Disadvantaged Gap to NW	-3.9%	-4.7%	-3.9%	+0.0%	+0.8%
Disadvantaged Gap to Nat	-0.4%	-1.4%	+0.3%	+0.7%	+1.7%
Non-Disadvantaged Gap to Nat	-3.6%	-4.8%	-4.9%	-1.3%	-0.1%

Disadvantaged pupils' Reading, Writing and Maths combined has an improving trend.

Non-disadvantaged outcomes have improved modestly.

The disadvantage gap narrowed.

In comparative terms, disadvantaged pupils in Oldham have a stronger position against both the North-West and national benchmarks.

Non-disadvantaged pupils in Oldham perform below the North-West and national averages, and that relative position has not improved meaningfully over the period.

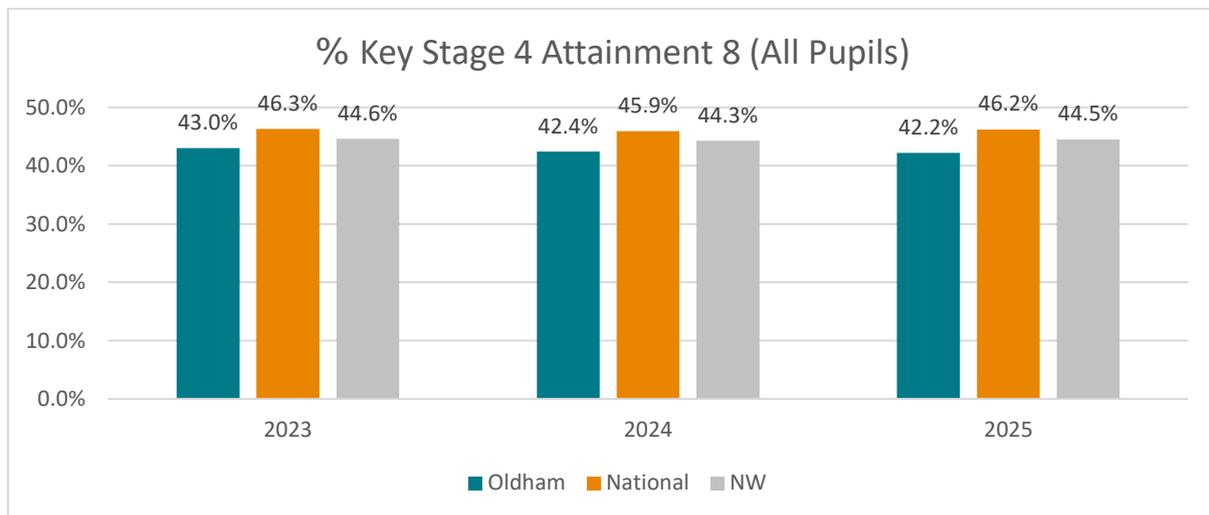
Key Stage 2 RWM (combined) by School

Establishment	2019	2023	2024	2025	Trend 19-25	Trend 24-25
Alexandra Park Junior School (2031)	34.9%	-	-	42.5%	▲	-
Alt Academy	45.5%	34.1%	44.2%	39.5%	▼	▼
Bare Trees Primary School	54.4%	38.0%	43.3%	45.5%	▼	▲
Beal Vale Primary School	48.4%	64.5%	60.0%	65.6%	▲	▲
Beever Primary School	65.5%	48.3%	25.0%	53.6%	▼	▲
Blackshaw Lane Primary & Nursery	71.0%	-	-	50.0%	▼	-
Broadfield Primary School	71.7%	61.2%	58.7%	43.2%	▼	▼
Buckstones Primary School	75.9%	77.8%	83.3%	76.7%	▲	▼
Burnley Brow Community School	61.7%	74.1%	65.0%	68.3%	▲	▲
Christ Church CofE Primary School (3011)	54.5%	41.7%	69.2%	70.0%	▲	▲
Christ Church CofE Primary School (3341)	90.0%	72.5%	92.5%	89.7%	▼	▼
Coppice Primary Academy	78.3%	50.0%	44.3%	58.0%	▼	▲
Corpus Christi RC Primary School	91.3%	79.5%	72.5%	73.5%	▼	▲
Crompton Primary School	61.3%	76.7%	36.7%	79.3%	▲	▲
Delph Primary School	76.7%	73.3%	75.0%	63.3%	▼	▼
Diggle School	73.1%	87.5%	76.2%	80.0%	▲	▲
East Crompton St George's CofE	67.7%	44.1%	44.0%	51.7%	▼	▲
East Crompton St James CofE Primary	51.6%	53.1%	66.7%	51.7%	▲	▼
Fir Bank Primary School	58.1%	61.3%	70.0%	73.3%	▲	▲
Freehold Community Academy	61.7%	56.3%	55.7%	54.7%	▼	▼
Friezland Primary School	88.2%	66.7%	46.7%	69.2%	▼	▲
Greenacres Primary Academy	64.3%	63.3%	63.6%	56.7%	▼	▼
Greenfield Primary School	71.0%	54.8%	63.3%	64.5%	▼	▲
Greenfield St Mary's CofE School	76.7%	53.6%	65.5%	66.7%	▼	▲
Greenhill Academy	68.3%	48.3%	50.0%	48.3%	▼	▼
Hey-with-Zion Primary School	87.8%	69.2%	65.9%	58.5%	▼	▼
Higher Failsworth Primary School	57.6%	49.1%	55.2%	40.0%	▼	▼
Hodge Clough Primary School	67.2%	52.5%	51.6%	55.2%	▼	▲
Holy Cross Ceva Primary School	72.4%	51.7%	63.3%	57.6%	▼	▼
Holy Family RC Primary School	28.6%	53.1%	48.3%	63.0%	▲	▲
Holy Rosary RC Junior Infant and Nursery	20.7%	37.0%	53.3%	33.3%	▲	▼
Holy Trinity CofE Dobcross Primary	90.9%	65.5%	72.0%	80.0%	▼	▲
Horton Mill Community Primary School	41.9%	35.5%	37.5%	46.7%	▲	▲
Knowsley Junior School	75.0%	77.2%	66.3%	63.5%	▼	▼
Limehurst Community Primary School	72.7%	71.1%	71.4%	70.0%	▼	▼
Littlemoor Primary School	64.3%	46.3%	40.0%	55.8%	▼	▲
Lyndhurst Primary and Nursery School	55.9%	39.3%	43.3%	42.6%	▼	▼
Mather Street Primary School	73.1%	57.1%	48.1%	44.8%	▼	▼
Mayfield Primary School	46.9%	25.8%	39.4%	53.1%	▲	▲
Medlock Valley Primary School	41.3%	55.0%	54.5%	47.6%	▲	▼
Mills Hill Primary School	78.0%	55.2%	39.1%	64.8%	▼	▲
Northmoor Academy	60.9%	44.6%	43.6%	52.7%	▼	▲

Key Stage 2 RWM (combined) by School Continued	2019	2023	2024	2025	Trend 19-25	Trend 24-25
Oasis Academy Clarksfield	-	39.0%	44.1%	56.7%	-	▲
Oasis Academy Limeside	76.5%	37.9%	51.7%	36.2%	▼	▼
Propps Hall Junior Infant and Nursery	94.7%	73.3%	60.0%	79.3%	▼	▲
Richmond Academy	50.0%	61.0%	50.0%	58.2%	▲	▲
Roundthorn Primary Academy	60.0%	59.4%	66.7%	73.3%	▲	▲
Royton Hall Primary School	54.3%	62.2%	57.8%	62.5%	▲	▲
Rushcroft Primary School	60.0%	76.7%	76.0%	80.0%	▲	▲
South Failsworth Community Primary	64.4%	64.9%	56.7%	51.7%	▼	▼
Ss Aidan and Oswald's RC Primary	53.3%	58.5%	63.9%	74.5%	▲	▲
St Agnes CofE Primary School	66.7%	66.7%	68.8%	73.3%	▲	▲
St Anne's CofE (Aided) Primary School	71.8%	60.5%	37.5%	62.5%	▼	▲
St Anne's CofE Lydgate Primary School	83.3%	76.7%	86.7%	87.1%	▲	▲
St Anne's RC Primary School	60.0%	30.0%	54.8%	60.0%	→	▲
St Chad's Church of England Primary School	80.0%	57.9%	59.0%	64.4%	▼	▲
St Edwards Roman Catholic Primary	65.7%	58.8%	67.6%	67.6%	▲	→
St Herbert's RC School	68.3%	74.4%	82.2%	63.0%	▼	▼
St Hilda's CofE Primary School	38.6%	47.5%	48.3%	50.8%	▲	▲
St Hugh's CofE Primary School	53.8%	46.4%	26.7%	50.0%	▼	▲
St John's Church of England Primary School	55.3%	47.5%	69.4%	50.0%	▼	▼
St Joseph's RC Junior Infant and Nursery	60.0%	50.0%	64.3%	56.7%	▼	▼
St Luke's CofE Primary School	55.2%	37.0%	55.2%	41.4%	▼	▼
St Margaret's CofE Junior Infant and Nursery	68.3%	52.3%	54.8%	65.1%	▼	▲
St Martin's CofE Junior Infant and Nursery	71.9%	64.7%	88.6%	75.9%	▲	▼
St Mary's CofE Primary School High Crompton	87.1%	83.3%	82.1%	76.7%	▼	▼
St Mary's RC Primary School	83.1%	83.6%	78.2%	78.3%	▼	▲
St Matthew's CofE Primary School	85.7%	66.7%	60.7%	68.3%	▼	▲
St Patrick's RC Primary and Nursery School	60.7%	51.6%	37.9%	70.0%	▲	▲
St Paul's CofE Primary School	69.0%	47.1%	56.3%	58.8%	▼	▲
St Thomas CofE Primary School	63.3%	42.6%	50.8%	62.3%	▼	▲
St Thomas Moorside CofE (VA) Primary	78.6%	53.6%	38.7%	36.7%	▼	▼
St Thomas' Leesfield CofE Primary School	73.3%	77.8%	64.5%	71.9%	▼	▲
St. Theresa's RC Primary School	89.3%	58.6%	54.8%	64.0%	▼	▲
Stanley Road Primary School	55.7%	54.2%	70.0%	52.5%	▼	▼
Thornham St James CofE Primary School	60.0%	67.7%	70.0%	80.0%	▲	▲
Thorp Primary School	60.0%	53.6%	53.6%	53.3%	▼	▼
Werneth Primary School	50.0%	53.3%	62.9%	59.6%	▲	▼
Westwood Academy	73.3%	81.5%	70.4%	73.3%	→	▲
Whitegate End Primary and Nursery School	66.7%	33.3%	36.7%	39.3%	▼	▲
Willowpark Primary Academy	62.1%	61.9%	67.6%	59.4%	▼	▼
Woodhouses Voluntary Primary School	65.0%	57.9%	72.2%	66.7%	▲	▼
Woodlands Primary Academy	46.4%	55.9%	35.6%	40.0%	▼	▲
Yew Tree Community School	65.4%	57.5%	60.5%	60.0%	▼	▼

4 - Key Stage 4 Attainment

4.1 - Key Stage 4 Attainment Overall



Key Stage 4 Attainment 8 (All Pupils)	2023	2024	2025	Change (2023-25)	Change (2024-25)
Oldham	43.0	42.4	42.2	-0.8	-0.2
Gap to NW Region	-1.6	-1.9	-2.3	-0.7	-0.4
Gap to National	-3.3	-3.5	-4.0	-0.7	-0.5

Attainment 8 has declined slightly over the last three years.

Oldham remains below both the North-West and national averages, and its relative position has weakened.

4.2 - Key Stage 4 Attainment Overall - English & Mathematics 9-5

KS4 English & Mathematics 9-5	2023	2024	2025	Change (2023-25)	Change (2024-25)
Oldham	38.2%	40.0%	36.4%	-1.8%	-3.6%
Gap to NW Region	-3.5%	-2.5%	-5.4%	-1.9%	-2.9%
Gap to National	-7.1%	-5.9%	-9.2%	-2.1%	-3.3%

English and Mathematics basics performance at grades 9–5 threshold has been volatile. After improving, outcomes fell back sharply in the latest year, to below its starting position.

The gap to North-West and national averages is wider than in 2023.

4.3 Key Stage 4 Disadvantaged pupils

Key Stage 4 Attainment 8 – Disadvantaged %	2023	2024	2025	Change (2023-25)	Change (2024-25)
Oldham	35.7%	34.2%	35.4%	-0.3%	+1.2%
Gap to NW Region	+2.2%	+1.0%	+1.3%	-0.9%	+0.3%
Gap to National	+0.7%	-0.4%	+0.3%	-0.4%	+0.7%

Attainment 8 for disadvantaged pupils has been stable.

Oldham's disadvantaged pupils perform more strongly than both regional and national benchmarks.

4.4 Key Stage 4 SEN without EHCP

Key Stage 4 English & Mathematics 5+ - SEN Without EHCP	2023	2024	2025	Change (2023-25)	Change (2024-25)
Oldham	16.5%	15.4%	13.4%	-3.1%	-2.0%
Gap to NW Region	-2.5%	-3.9%	-6.9%	-4.4%	-3.0%
Gap to National	-4.2%	-6.2%	-9.0%	-4.8%	-2.8%

Outcomes for SEN pupils without an EHCP in English and Mathematics show a decline.

Oldham is below the North-West and national averages and its relative position is weaker.

4.5 Key Stage 4 Attainment 8 by School

Establishment	2019 Att8 %	2024 Att8 %	2025 Att8 %	2024/25 Att8 +/- %
Co-Op Academy Failsworth	40.4%	42.3%	42.8%	+0.5%
North Chadderton School	47.3%	44.2%	43.8%	-0.4%
Oasis Academy Leesbrook **		41.7%	41.4%	-0.3%
Oasis Academy Oldham	36.7%	38.7%	42.6%	+3.9%
Royton And Crompton School	33.1%	37.2%	38.4%	+1.2%
Saddleworth School	45.8%	49.3%	47.3%	-2.0%
Saint John Henry Newman RCC	43.6%	46.2%	43.7%	-2.5%
The Blue Coat CofE School	54.0%	56.1%	59.0%	+2.9%
The Crompton House CofE Academy	48.6%	48.6%	46.7%	-1.9%
The Hathershaw College	43.9%	41.0%	39.3%	-1.7%
The Hollinwood Academy *	11.2%	14.6%	18.2%	+3.6%
The Oldham Academy North	42.1%	46.8%	48.0%	+1.2%
The Radclyffe School	43.4%	44.2%	42.4%	-1.8%
Waterhead Academy	38.2%	33.9%	34.0%	+0.1%
** New school, no 2019 Data				

Attainment 8 performance across Oldham secondary schools is mixed and uneven when comparing the latest year with both the recent prior year and the pre-pandemic baseline.

Several schools have maintained stable performance or shown incremental improvement, but others have declined.

4.6 Key Stage 4 English & Maths Grade 9-5 by School

Establishment Name	2019	2024	2025	2024-25 +/- %
	E&M 9-5	E&M 9-5	E&M 9-5	
Local Authority - Oldham	35.3%	40.0%	36.4%	-3.6%
Co-Op Academy Failsworth	27.3%	33.8%	29.8%	-4.0%
New Bridge School *				
North Chadderton School	47.6%	44.1%	31.6%	-12.5%
Oasis Academy Leesbrook **		37.9%	33.6%	-4.3%
Oasis Academy Oldham	24.9%	27.9%	32.2%	+4.3%
Royton And Crompton School	21.6%	24.9%	29.1%	+4.2%
Saddleworth School	44.9%	53.6%	53.4%	-0.2%
Saint John Henry Newman	37.3%	44.4%	36.5%	-7.9%
The Blue Coat CofE School	62.5%	63.7%	73.6%	+9.9%
The Crompton House CofE Academy	44.9%	53.2%	41.9%	-11.3%
The Hathershaw College	34.6%	37.6%	26.8%	-10.8%
The Hollinwood Academy *				
The Oldham Academy North	29.4%	47.8%	43.4%	-4.4%
The Radclyffe School	31.9%	43.3%	36.6%	-6.7%
The Springboard Project *				
Waterhead Academy	27.7%	22.6%	22.0%	-0.6%
* Special School				
** New school, no 2019 Data				

GCSE performance in English and Mathematics is inconsistent. There was a borough-wide dip in 2025 after a stronger 2024, but the position remains above the 2019 baseline.

Most schools saw a decline, three of more than 10%. Two schools improved.

4.7 Data Information:

All figures are from DfE publications unless otherwise shown.

Achievement data from [Nexus](#) – National Consortium for Examination Results - Jan 2026

Data Description	Source	Data - Date
KS4	Nexus DfE (Revised)	Jan 2026
KS4 (2019)	Nexus DfE (Revised)	Jan 2026
KS2	Nexus DfE (Revised)	Jan 2026
KS2	Nexus DfE (Revised)	Jan 2026
EYFS	Nexus	Jan 2026
Phonics	Nexus	Jan 2026

*Attendance data for 2019/20 is Autumn term only, due to schools closing for COVID-19

**Attendance data for 2024/25 is for Autumn and Spring terms only

***Exclusion data for 2024-25 is for the autumn term only, which is the latest comparator data available

Headcount- PRU and special school not included in primary and secondary.

2020 and 2021 outcomes data greyed to reflect grade boundaries adjusted by government due to covid.

Ranking- number of local authorities in England varies slightly over time, currently 151.