

Child Poverty Summer 2025 Information for Professionals

Government information on Child Poverty and the Child Poverty Task Force:

In Summer 2024 the government announced the formation of the Child Poverty Task Force, with plans to publish a new strategy set for later in 2025.

A government spokesperson said:

"We've already expanded free breakfast clubs, introduced a cap on the cost of school uniforms, increased the national minimum wage for those on the lowest incomes, uprated benefits in April and supported 700,000 of the poorest families by introducing a Fair Repayment Rate on Universal Credit deductions.

"We will publish an ambitious child poverty strategy later this year to ensure we deliver fully-funded measures that tackle the structural and root causes of child poverty across the country."

Further information:

- [Child Poverty Strategy Launch Publication.pdf](#)
- [Department for Education Child Poverty Taskforce Terms of Reference August 2024](#)
- [Free school meals](#)
- [Cost of school uniforms - GOV.UK](#)
- [Breakfast clubs early adopters offer 2024 to 2025: guidance for completing the digital form - GOV.UK](#)
- The House of Commons Library provides an interactive tool to consider and compare the constituencies of Members of Parliament, however care should be taken when comparing with the district and boroughs information above, as they are not coterminous [Constituency data: Child poverty](#)
- [The Child Poverty Act 2010](#)
- [Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill \(23rd January 2025\)](#)
- [Child poverty: Statistics, causes and the UK's policy response - House of Lords Library](#)
- [Which children are most likely to be in poverty in the UK?](#)

Information from charities:

The Child Poverty Action Group brings together various organisations to consider the level and effect of child poverty. [CPAG | We are the trusted voice on child poverty](#)

Action for Children estimate that between 2022/23 and 2023/24, the number of children living in poverty increased by 100,000 to 4.5 million children.

Many charities undertake their own research, links to some of this is included below:

- [UNICEF-UK-Parliamentary-Briefing-Held-Back-from-the-Start-June-2025.pdf](#)
- [Child Poverty in the UK: 2024 Facts & Figures - UNICEF UK](#)

- [Child poverty: the crisis we can't keep ignoring \(Children's Commissioner for England\)](#)
- [Where is child poverty increasing in the UK? | Action For Children](#)
- [Child Poverty UK | Supporting Children | Save the Children UK](#)
- [Child Poverty Action Group](#)
- [Building Blocks: delivering a child poverty strategy | CPAG](#)
- [End Child Poverty](#)
- [Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#)
- [Three policies to reduce child poverty this parliament | Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#)
- [Tackling the greatest barrier to opportunity - what young people need from the Government's Child Poverty Strategy 0.pdf](#)
- [Child poverty – National Children's Bureau](#)
- [Why 2025 is a big year for tackling hunger and hardship | Trussell](#)

Information for schools:

In a class of 30 children, it is estimated that almost 10 of them will be living in a family experiencing poverty and according to research carried out by CPAG

- 79 per cent of school staff say they and their colleagues increasingly have less time and capacity for other parts of their roles because of the effects of child poverty.
- 74 per cent of school staff say there is evidence that children in poverty are falling further behind than previously at school.

['There is only so much we can do' - school staff in England | CPAG](#)

- [Education for Disadvantaged Children](#)
- [Nine things you can do to start Poverty Proofing your school](#)
- [Tackling child poverty- a guide for schools.pdf](#)
- [Taking a whole school approach to child poverty: a teachers guide | OnLineTraining](#)
- [In Schools | Save the Children UK](#)

Information on free school meals expansion:

[Free school meals](#)

[Free school meal rule change to make 500,000 more pupils eligible - BBC News](#)