**North Somerset secondary National Offer Day statistics for on-time applications**

96.4% of North Somerset resident applicants have been offered their first preference secondary school for September 2021. A higher number of applications from North Somerset residents for 2021 secondary school places were received when compared to 2020 applications (2,439 in 2021 compared to 2,392 in 2020). There has been an increase in the percentage of North Somerset residents receiving their first preference (96.4% in 2021 compared to 94.8% in 2020). 99.0% of applicants have received one of their three preferences (98.4% in 2020).

North Somerset has been able to offer a higher percentage of applicants either their first or one of their three preferences than the South West or England averages ([2020 figures](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/secondary-and-primary-school-application-and-offers-2020)).

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| **Secondary School Place preference allocation** | **North Somerset 2021** | **England 2020** | **South West 2020** |
| % allocated 1st preference school | 96.4% | 82.2% | 88.8% |
| % allocated one of three preference schools | 99.0% | 95.6% | 96.5% |

As at National Offer Day (1 March 2021), 93.8% (2,533 out of 2,700 places), of the North Somerset Year 7 school places available for 2021 have been allocated to applicants.

All North Somerset applicants have been offered a school place on National Offer Day. 25 students out of 2,439 (1%), have not been offered any of their preference schools. 21 of the 25 only expressed one preference and none of them listed their local school as a preference. Applicants who did not list their area school as one of their preferences were unable to be considered for their local school where it was oversubscribed with people, including those from outside North Somerset who had listed it as one of their preferences. These applicants have instead been offered a place at the next nearest school with a place after all preferences of all applicants have been considered. In some cases, this is some distance from their home.

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|  | **2021** | **2020** | **2019** |
| Number of on-time applications from North Somerset residents | 2,439 | 2,392 | 2,368 |
| % allocated 1st preference school | 96.4% | 94.8% | 96.8% |
| % allocated one of three preference schools | 99.0% | 98.4% | 99.3% |
| Number of pupils not offered a preference school | 25 | 39 | 16 |
| % not offered one of their preferences | 1% | 1.6% | 0.7% |
| Number of North Somerset residents offered a preference school outside of North Somerset | 62 | 61 | 47 |
| Number of non-North Somerset residents expressing at least one preference for a North Somerset school | 356 | 302 | 353 |
| Number of non-North Somerset residents offered a North Somerset preference school | 155 | 133 | 140 |
| Number of places offered out of year group | Less than 5 | Less than 5 | Less than 5 |