

This report summarises the outputs from the *Indexing phase for the school attendance and absence data ingest 2023-2025*

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NRS Indexing provides a trusted third party indexing service for linkage projects in Scotland. You can find more information about the team on our website (<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/nrs-indexing/>).

Datasets previously matched to the spine

Dataset	Matching Process
Education Datasets	Pupil census matched to the spine via Gender, Date of Birth, and Postcode Other datasets matched thorough internal EAS links to Pupil Census

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Input: Attendance and Absence (AttAbs) 2007-22 and 2023-25

Records for previously recorded pupils in 2007-22 data	103,707,307		
Records for previously recorded pupils in 2023-25 data	14,740,077	<i>number of previously recorded pupils in 2023-25 data</i>	656,645
Records for new pupils in 2023-25 data	1,946,413		
Total records 2007-25	120,393,797		
Previously recorded pupils 2007-22	1,655,884		
New pupils 2023-25	123,708		
Total pupils 2007-25	1,779,592		
Demographic keys for previously recorded pupils 2007-22	103,707,307		
Demographic keys for previously recorded pupils 2023-25	14,740,077		
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Storage keys for previously recorded pupils 2007-22	103,707,307		
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Output: AttAbs 2007-22

		% match*
Records that matched to the spine in AttAbs dataset	98,551,036	95.0%
Individuals matched to the spine in AttAbs dataset	1,543,371	93.2%

Output: AttAbs 2023-25

Records matched to the spine in AttAbs dataset	15,452,244	92.6%
Individuals matched to the spine in AttAbs dataset	717,851	92.0%

Output: AttAbs 2007-25

All records	120,393,797	
All persons	1,779,592	
Records matched to the spine in AttAbs dataset	114,185,186	94.8%
Individuals matched to the spine in AttAbs dataset	1,651,925	92.8%

*These figures correspond to Unique Exact Matches (i.e., the most stringent category of matches that is provided by default in research projects)