

Input: Attendance 2007-19 and 2020-22

Records for previously recorded pupils 2007-19 Records for previously recorded pupils 2020-22 Records for new pupils 2020-22 Total records 2007-22	86,931,406 12,753,694 4,065,306 103,750,406	
Previously recorded pupils 2007-19 Previously recorded pupils 2020-22 New pupils 2020-22 Total pupils 2007-22	1,401,239 590,276 254,646 1,655,885	
Demographic keys for previously recorded pupils 2007-19 Demographic keys for previously recorded pupils 2020-22 Demographic keys for new pupils 2020-22 Total demographic keys 2007-22	86,888,306 12,753,694 4,065,306 103,707,306	
Storage keys for previously recorded pupils 2007-19 Storage keys for previously recorded pupils 2020-22 Storage keys for new pupils 2020-22	86,888,306 12,753,694 4,065,306	
Total storage keys 2007-22	103,707,306	
Total storage keys 2007-22 Output: Attendance 2007-19*	103,707,306	<u>%Match Rate</u>
	103,707,306 82,758,780 1,311,913	<u>%Match Rate</u> 95.2% 93.6%
Output: Attendance 2007-19* Records matched to the spine in Attendance dataset	82,758,780	95.2%
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Output: Attendance 2007-19* Records matched to the spine in Attendance dataset Individuals matched to the spine in Attendance dataset Output: Attendance 2020-22* Records matched to the spine in Attendance dataset	82,758,780 1,311,913 3,652,140	95.2% 93.6% 89.8%

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



Degree of specificity for EAS datasets (ADR-S Project Request)

For Education datasets that are ADR-S ingested, **Exact / Safe / Minimum** are categories referring to the quality of the matches:

Unique Exact is the most stringent category, but with the highest precision. It only includes unique exact matches for sex, postcode, and date of birth (DEFAULT for projects). It excludes same sex twins.

Safe includes also high confidence matches: exact match for sex, exact match for date of birth, and partial match for postcode, this slightly increases the match rate, but also increases the risk of some incorrect matches

Minimum* matches are those which meet the minimal threshold: exact match for sex, exact match for postcode, and two out of three matches from the three fields of date of birth (dd/mm/yy) - this offers the highest match rate, but introduces many false positives.

Competing matches (e.g., same sex twins) are included only as minimum. NRS strongly advises against their inclusion because it introduces many duplicate matches, involving incorrect links, that in many cases will be impossible for the researcher to resolve.



If a match is **Exact**, it'll be included as **Safe** and **Minimum** too; if a match is **Safe**, it will also be considered **Minimum**

* *Minimum* matches have been called *Optimal* in the past. The name was changed as the word *Optimal* was misleading to represent the lowest quality of matches



The following figures correspond to a breakdown of the Unique Exact Matches (i.e., the stringent category of matches that is provided by default in research projects).

Attendance Absence A002 Summary tables

Sex			
		Total%	
Male	114,345	51%	
Female	108,729	49%	
Total:	223,074		