

Sufficiency of Nursery Education Funded provision for eligible 0- to 4-year-olds by age bracket

Worcester - Summer Term 2025

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Definitions

School Run:	Early Years provision operated by a school including Academy, Free, LA Maintained, and Independent Schools.
Childminder:	Early Years provision delivered by a registered childminder.
Group Based:	Early Years provision delivered by private, independent and voluntary organisations.
Insufficient:	The estimated supply of funded early years provision is less than the estimated demand for funded early years provision.
Sufficient:	The estimated supply of funded early years provision is greater than the estimated demand for funded early years provision.
Within local community:	Supply and demand takes into account levels within surrounding wards.
Low Income Families:	Families in low income Before Housing Costs in the reference year (2024). A family must have claimed Child Benefit and at least one other household benefit (Universal Credit, tax credits, or Housing Benefit) at any point in the year to be classed as low income.

Sources

Population data from NOMIS website www.nomisweb.co.uk - Population estimates - local authority based by single year of age – accessed 02/10/2025
Deprivation data from [Worcestershire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Summary 2024-](#) Children in Poverty - Relative and Absolute (p.8)

Worcester District

Worcester is the smallest district of Worcestershire located in the centre of the county.

The district is enveloped by Malvern Hills district to the west and Wychavon district to the east.

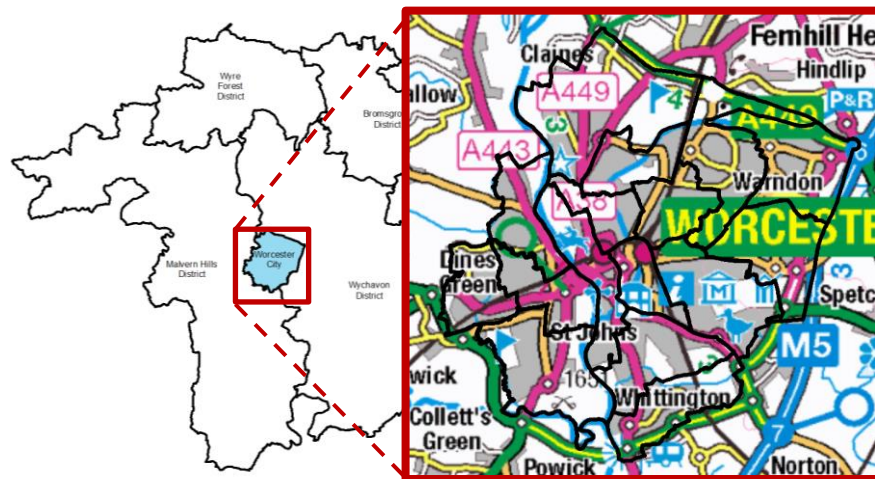
The district comprises sixteen wards which cover the built-up areas of Worcester City and its suburbs.

Worcester had a population of 106,671 mid-2023 (NOMIS,2024). In Summer 2025 there were 3,868 known 0- to 4-year-old children living in the Worcester district registered with a Worcestershire GP.

Known Children data Summer 2025

Under 2s	2-year-olds	3- to 4-year-olds
1,230	1,026	1,612

In 2023, 22.6% of children in Worcester were living in relative low-income families (Worcestershire JSNA Summary, 2024). In the 2025 Summer Term, of the 1,026 2-year-olds living in the district, 20% are eligible for funded places for 2-year-old entitlement for disadvantaged children in Worcester.

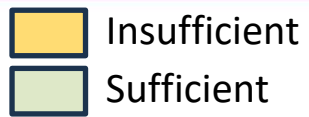


Within the district there are 70 Nursery Education Funded Early Years providers.

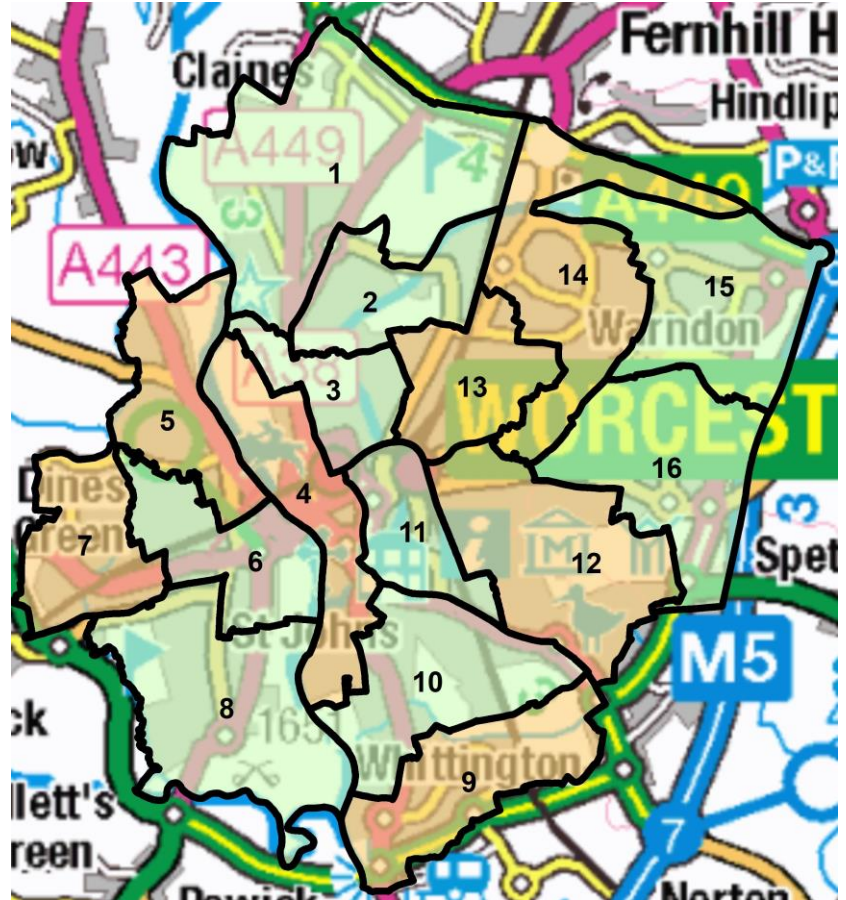
Number of providers by type:

Provider Type	Total
School Run	14
Childminder	34
Group-based	22
Total	70

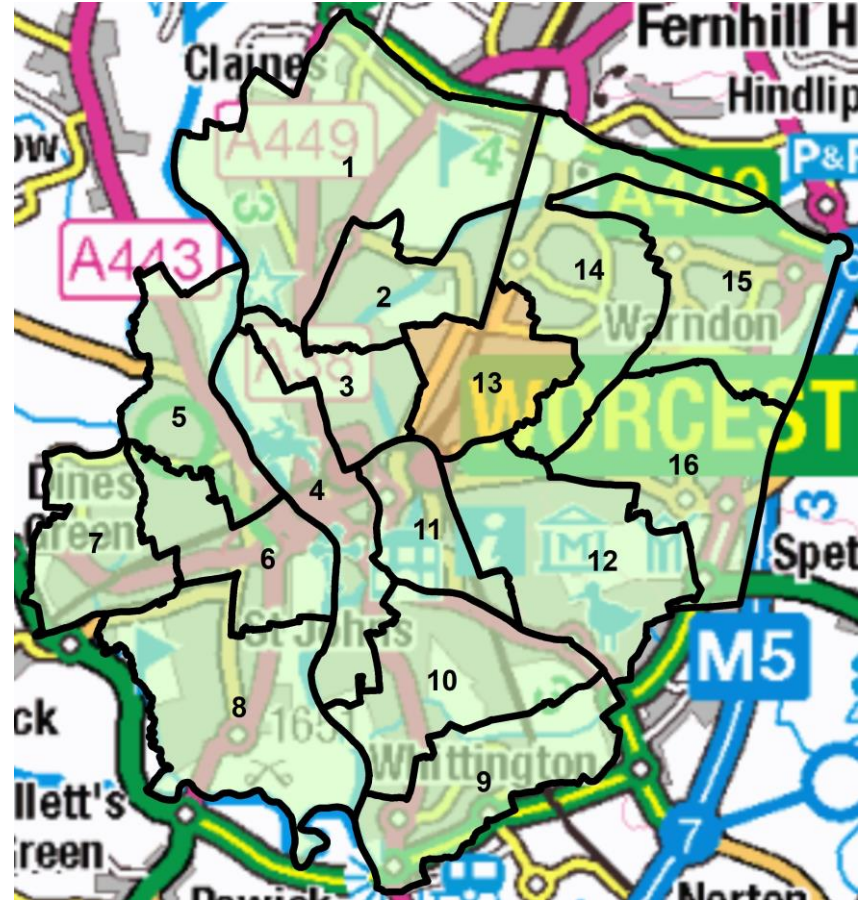
Worcester – Sufficiency of funded provision for under 2-year-olds



Sufficiency within each ward



Sufficiency within the local community

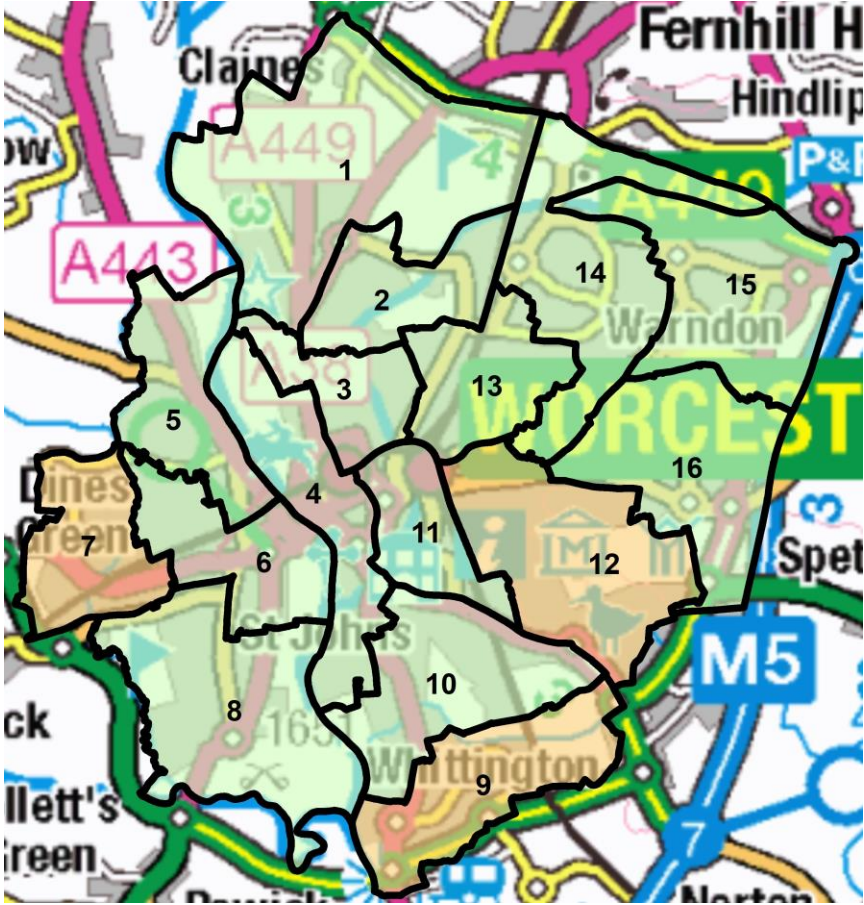


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	13	Rainbow Hill	14	Warndon and Elbury Park	15	St Nicholas	16	Leopard Hill				

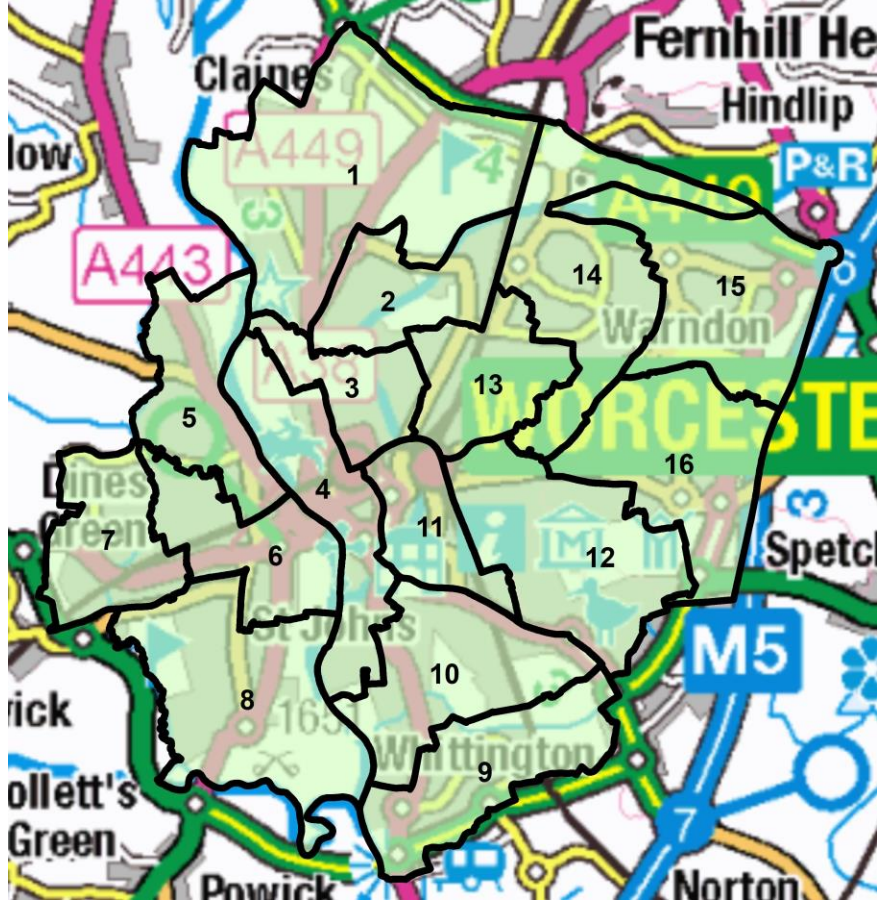
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Insufficient
 Sufficient

Sufficiency within each ward



Sufficiency within the local community

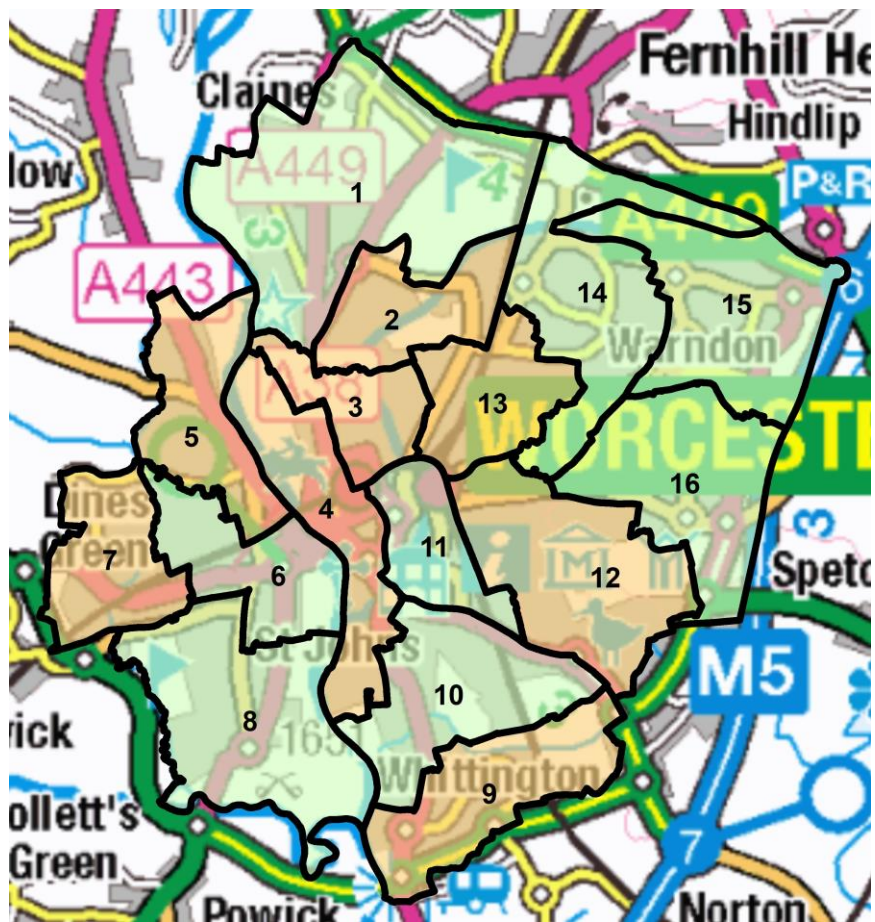


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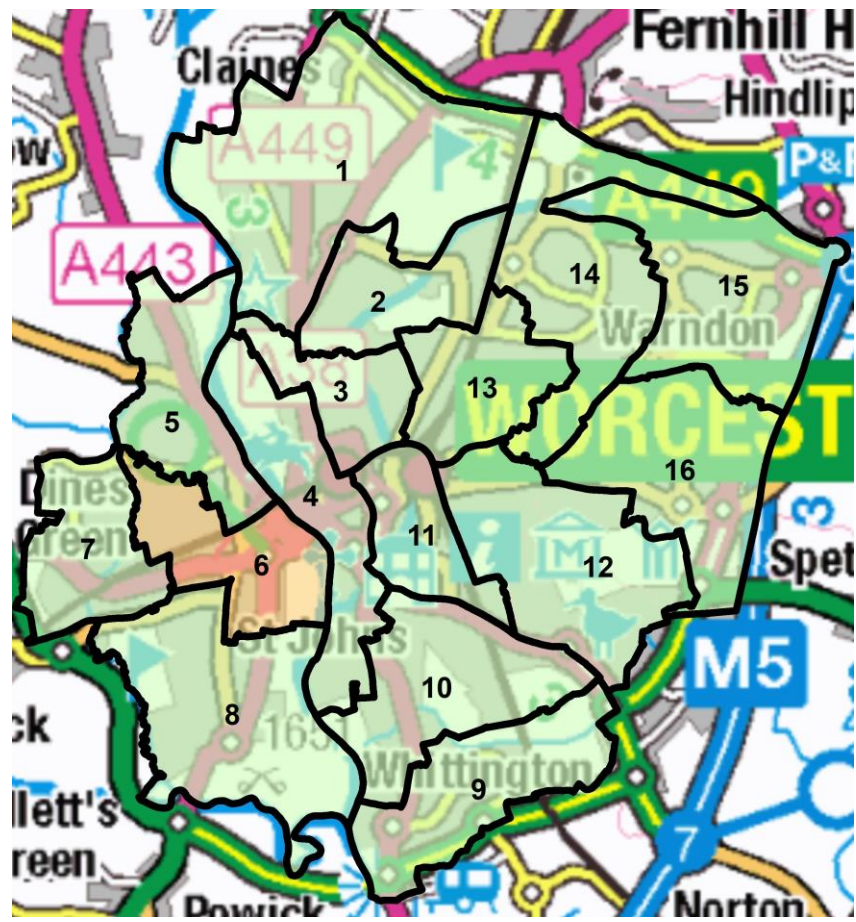
Worcester – Sufficiency of funded provision for 3- to 4-year-olds

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