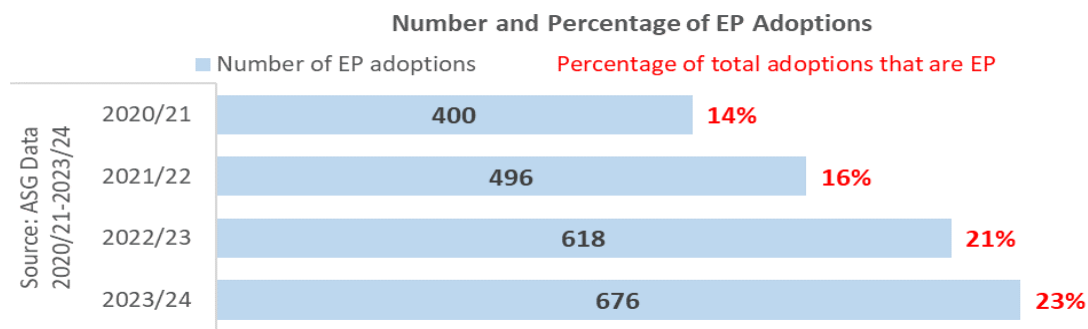
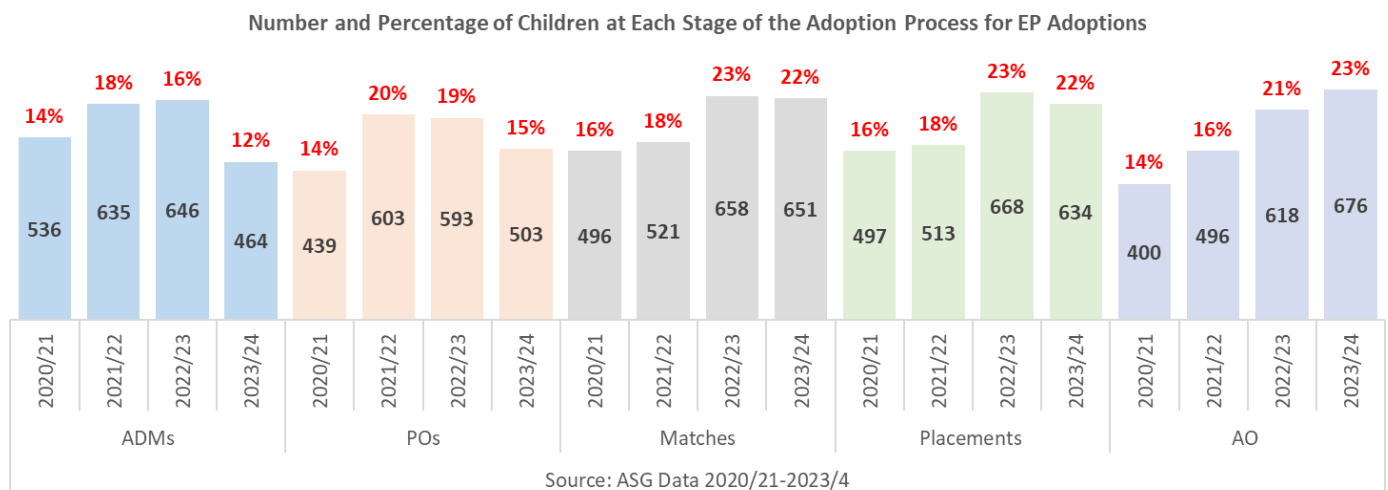


EARLY PERMANENCE: 2020/21- 2023/24

The number and proportion of EP adoptions have increased from **14% (400n)** in 2020/21 to **23% (676n)** in 2023/24.



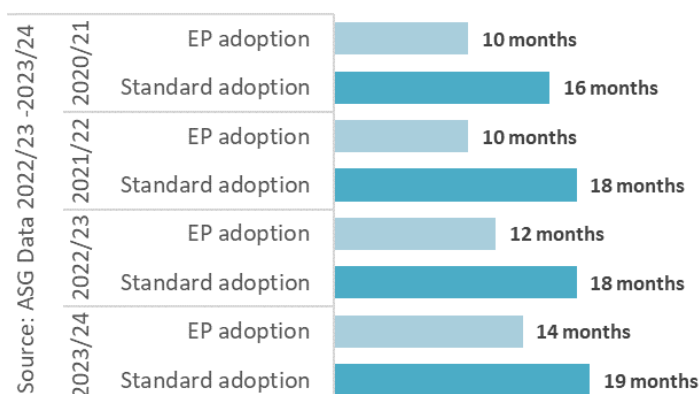
The number and proportion of ADMS, POs, Matches and Placements for children in an EP Placement have started to decline. In 2023/24, the proportion of ADMs granted for children in an EP placement decreased by **4 percentage points (182n)**, an early indication that the number of EP adoptions is likely to decline.



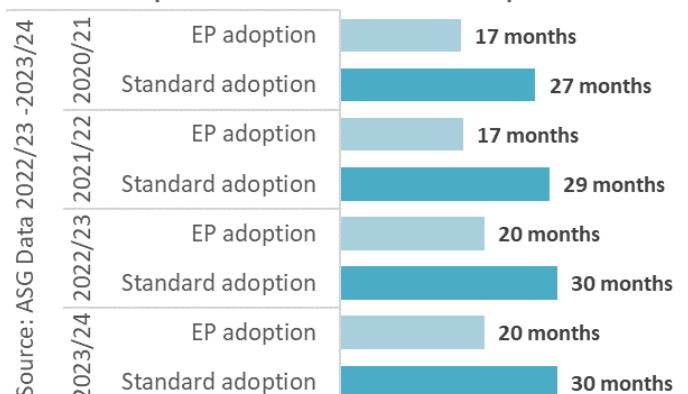
In 2023/24 for a child in an EP Placement:

- the average time from entry into care to matched was **14 months, 5 months** quicker for a child in an EP Placement, and **4 months** slower when compared to 2020/21
- the average time from entry into care to adoption was **20 months, 10 months** quicker for a child in an EP Placement, and **3 months** slower when compared to 2020/21

Average time (m) from Entry into Care to Match for EP and Standard Adoptions



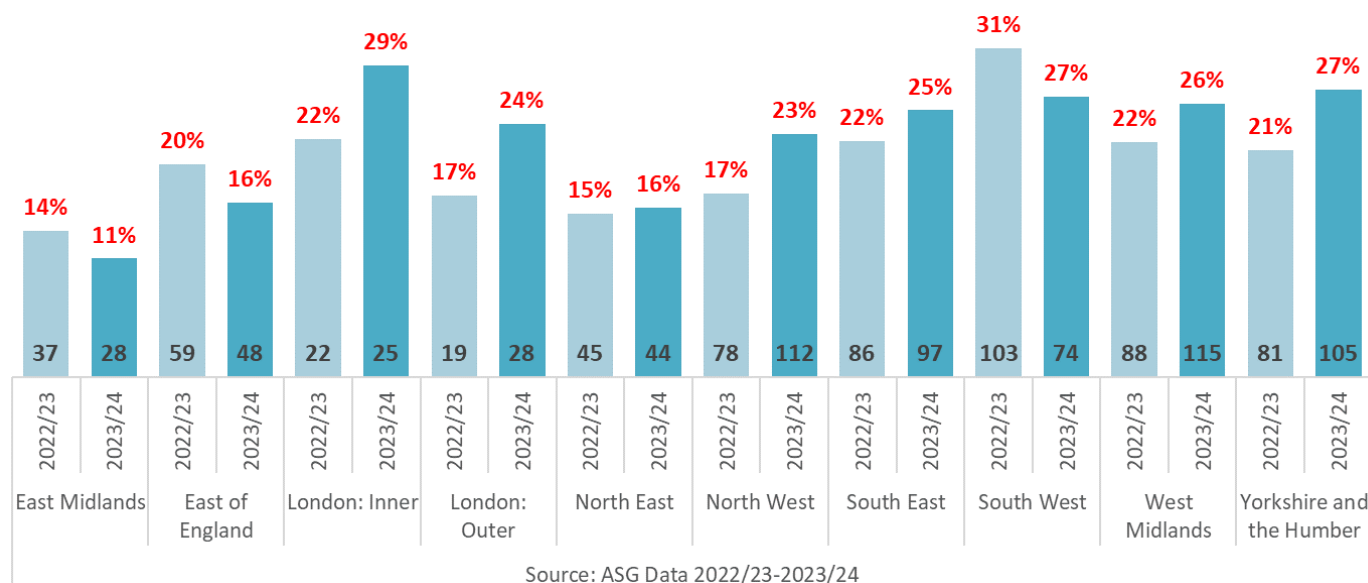
Average time (m) from Entry into Care to Adoption for EP and Standard Adoptions



The chart below shows the number and proportion of EP adoptions by Region.

In 2023/24, the South West had the highest proportion of EP adoptions at **31%**, and East Midlands had the lowest at **11%**.

Number and Percentage of EP Adoptions by Region



The chart below shows the average time from entry into care to adoption for EP adoptions.

In 2023/24, the North East, South East and South West had the shortest average time from entry into care to adoption at **19 months**, and the West Midlands had the longest average time from entry into care to adoption at **24 months**.

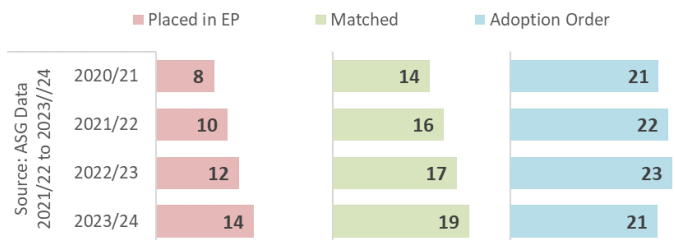
Average time (m) from Entry in Care to Adoption for EP Adoptions by Region



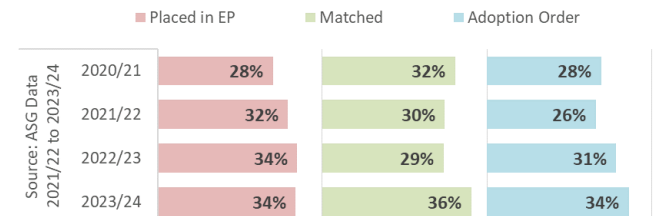
The charts below show the breakdown of EP Adoptions by children’s characteristics at placed in an EP placement, matched, and at adoption order. Since 2020/21:

- The average age of a child placed in, and matched in an EP Placement has increased
- The proportion of children with a harder to place characteristics has increased
- The proportion of children in a sibling group has increased
- The proportion of children with a disability has decreased
- The proportion of ethnic minority children with an EP adoption has increased

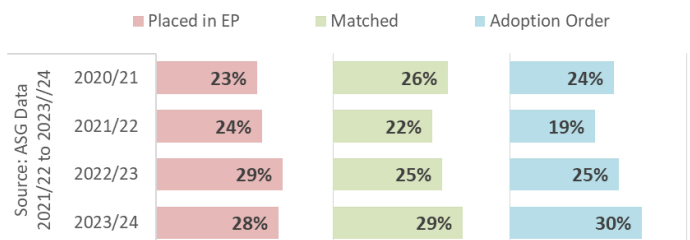
Average Age (months) of Children in EP Placements



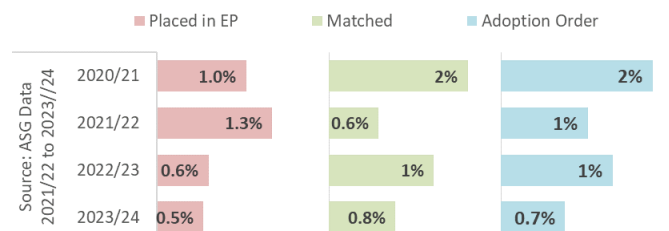
Children with HTP Characteristic in EP Placements



Children in a Sibling Group in EP Placements



Percentage of Children with a Disability in EP Placements



Ethnic Minority of Children in an EP Placement

