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PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING BY 16 AND 17 YEAR OLDS IN EACH LOCAL AREA IN ENGLAND: 2003 AND 2004

INTRODUCTION

1 This Statistical First Release (SFR) updates the local estimates of participation in education and training by 16 and 17 year olds published on 31 March 2005 (SFR 11/2005). It provides figures for end 2003 and provisional estimates for end 2004 by Local Education Authority (LEA), local Learning and Skills Council (LSC) area and government office (GO) region. This publication also contains a time series back to 1994. Local estimates supersede all previously released.

2 National figures on participation in education, training and employment of 16 to 18 year olds in England are published annually in a separate SFR. The latest was SFR 27/2005 published on 30 June 2005 (subsequently revised in December 2005). Because of the way figures are put together, there are differences between National and Local estimates. Those interested in the national position should use the figures in SFR 27/2005 as the definitive national figures. Figures presented here cover participation in education and LSC funded Work-based Learning (WBL) only; figures in the national-level SFR also include participation in Employer Funded Training and Other Education and Training. For other differences between the national-level SFR figures and those given here, see section C in the Notes to Editors.

3 Additional tables providing more detailed breakdowns, and the full time series back to 1985, will be available on the website.



KEY POINTS

4 The key points to be drawn from the estimates published in this SFR are given below.

Government Office Region (Table 1; Charts A and B)

- Full-time education participation rates were generally higher in the South of the country than in the North. For participation in LSC funded WBL, it was the other way around, with the North higher.
- Overall, taking full-time, part-time and WBL into account, participation rates don't vary too much – from 82 per cent of 16 year olds in the East Midlands to 86 per cent in the North East, London and the South East
- Participation in full-time education of 16 year olds ranged from 79 per cent in London to 67 per cent in Yorkshire and the Humber. For 17 year olds full-time participation ranged from 68 per cent in London to 53 per cent in the North East.
- One third or more 16 year olds in the East Midlands, the East of England and London were in full-time education in maintained schools against only 21 per cent in the North West.
- Participation by 16 year old females in full-time education was between 8 and 12 percentage points higher than males for all regions. Taking part-time education and LSC funded WBL into account, the gender gap narrows.

Learning and Skills Council (LSC) areas (Table 2)

- At end 2004, participation in full-time education by local LSC area ranged from 65 per cent in South Yorkshire to 84 per cent in London North for 16 year olds; and from 51 per cent in County Durham and South Yorkshire to 72 per cent in London West for 17 year olds. The local LSCs with the highest rates were in the South.
- Participation in education and LSC funded WBL combined was more uniform throughout the country than full-time education and WBL on their own, as local LSCs in the North with low rates in full-time education had high rates in WBL and in other part-time education. Participation in education and LSC funded WBL for 16 year olds ranged from 79 per cent in Birmingham and Solihull to 91 per cent in London North. For 17 year olds, participation ranged from 68 per cent in Essex to 81 per cent in Cumbria, Hertfordshire and London North.

Local Education Authority (LEA) (Tables 2, 3a and 3b)

- Participation in full-time education of 16 year olds at end 2004 ranged from 61 per cent in South Tyneside to 88 per cent in Redbridge and Waltham Forest. For 17 year olds, participation in full-time education ranged from 46 per cent in South Tyneside and Barnsley to 81 per cent in Harrow.
- Table 3 gives a time series for participation in full-time education, showing that around half of all LEAs have seen a 5 percentage point change in their rates over the decade, and around a quarter have seen over a 10 percentage point change.

NOTES TO EDITORS

5 The estimates of participation in education and training combine data from a number of sources, with procedures to identify young people in more than one form of provision, to give a view of the cohort as a whole.

6 The definitions used to produce the local level participation estimates are mainly the same as those used to produce the national level estimates. The differences are highlighted in the text and are presented in the box at section C.

A. DEFINITIONS

Academic Age

7 The age of a learner is measured at the beginning of the academic year, 31 August.

Reference Dates

8 The population, schools and work based learning (WBL) data described as end 2004 relate to January 2005; Further Education Institution (FEI) data relate to November 2004; and Higher Education Institution (HEI) data relate to December 2004.

9 The figures for end 2004 are provisional, all other figures are final and supersede all previously released. Final end 2004 estimates will be published in the next edition of this publication - alongside provisional estimates for end 2005 - due to be released in early 2007.

10 More recent data has been used for the end 2003 and end 2004 participation estimates than that used to produce the national level estimates, which may lead to some differences between the two publications. Sources are presented more fully under section B.

Education

11 The definition of full-time education varies according to institution type:

Schools: a full-time pupil is someone studying 10 sessions a week, where a session is 1/2 day. Prior to 2002, all pupils were recorded as full-time;

FEIs: full-time full-year learners are defined as those enrolled on programmes of at least 450 guided learning hours per year, or for at least 150 guided learning hours per tri-annual period or more than 16 guided learning hours per week for shorter courses. Full-time learners who are not classified as full-time full-year are classified as other full-time. See www.lsc.gov.uk for more information;

HEIs: full-time full-year students are defined as those studying 21 hours a week for 24 weeks. Full-time students who are not classified as full-time full-year are classified as other full-time. See www.hesa.ac.uk for more information.

12 Figures exclude learners studying overseas, and learners from overseas studying in FEIs and HEIs in England, as opposed to the national level participation estimates, where learners in FEIs from outside the UK are included.

13 Young people studying a FE course in addition to taking part in WBL in the same FEI, are included in both full-time education and WBL, but are also reported separately as the overlap group and are only counted once in the totals. Those doing WBL in FEIs are in the WBL information only.

Government Supported Work Based Learning for Young People (WBL)

14 WBL for young people comprises of Advanced Apprenticeships, Apprenticeships, Entry to Employment (E2E), and NVQ Learning. Since 26 March 2001, WBL has been funded through the Learning and Skills Council (LSC).

Labour market information

15 Local labour market data (i.e. the local Labour Force Survey (LFS)) are not currently available on a consistent basis to be used in this publication. As a result, local estimates are also not available for young people in Employer Funded Training (EFT) or in Other Education and Training (OET), as information on these young people is collected in the labour market data.

Numerators and denominators of participation rates

16 The numerators for participation in education and training are the sum of the five elements as follows.

- a.** the number of full-time maintained school pupils *resident* in the LEA/local LSC area wherever studying;
- b.** the number of pupils *attending* independent schools in the LEA/local LSC area;
- c.** the number of full-time students (studying further education courses in FEIs or HEIs) *resident* in the LEA/local LSC area wherever studying;
- d.** the number of young people on WBL, according to the LEA/local LSC area where they are *resident*. Trainees who are also in full-time education are included in both WBL and full-time education figures but counted once only in totals;
- e.** the number of students on part-time further education courses (in FEIs or HEIs), who are not on WBL, *resident* in the LEA/local LSC area wherever studying. These will include students supported by an employer or doing personal study.

17 The denominators are estimates of the resident population in each LEA/local LSC area in January of each year. The breakdown into academic years of age is calculated from mid-year estimates provided by the Office for National Statistics.

18 Due to the margin of error surrounding local level population estimates (as set out in Section B) and the use of school level data for independent schools, **participation rates at LEA level can be over 100 per cent**. For these LEAs, an asterisk is placed in the tables.

Regions and boundaries

LEAs

19 Participation estimates for individual **Inner London LEAs** are not given due to the high level of cross-boundary flows of independent school students between the LEAs. The introduction of pupil level schools data for maintained schools has not enabled the publication of participation rates for Inner London LEAs as independent schools still return school level data. See section B for further information about Pupil Level Annual Schools Census (PLASC) data.

Local LSC areas

20 Local LSC areas have the same boundaries as single LEAs or small groups of LEAs. Participation rates for LEAs and local LSC areas with similar names are not necessarily the same because the geographical areas covered may not be identical.

B. DATA SOURCES

Box A: Data Sources

Schools	<p>The Schools' Census provides data on school pupils in January of each year.</p> <p>For end 2001 onwards, the LEA area for pupils in maintained schools, city technology colleges (CTCs), Academies and special schools has been identified using the postcode of the pupils' home addresses. For the pupils whose postcodes are missing, the LEA of school has been used instead.</p> <p>Pupils in independent schools and pupil referral units (PRUs) are treated as if they live in the LEA in which their school is situated. This will lead to inaccuracies in participation rates by residence to some degree, as some pupils attend independent schools outside their LEA/local LSC area.</p> <p>Prior to end 2001, location information for all school pupils was collected by the LEA in which their school was situated. Therefore, there is a break in the time series at end 2001.</p> <p>All schools data are final.</p>
FE Institutions	<p>The Learning and Skills Council's Individualised Student/Learner Record (ISR/ILR) provides data on learners in FE sector colleges. Snapshot data as at 1 November has been used.</p> <p>In the ISR/ILR the LEA has been identified using the either the current postcode, or the postcode from which the learner applied to the FEI. For the learners whose postcodes are missing the LEA of institution has been used instead.</p>
HE Institutions	<p>Students in institutions of higher education on 1 December are included from data supplied by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA).</p> <p>The LEA has been identified using the postcode of the address from which the student applied to the HEI. Where this data is not available, the LEA of the institution has been used instead.</p> <p>All HEI data are final.</p>
WBL	<p>For end 2001 onwards, the Learning and Skills Council's ILR provides data on learners on WBL programmes. Snapshot data as at 1 January has been used.</p> <p>In the ILR the LEA has been identified using the either the current postcode, or the postcode from which the learner applied. For the learners whose postcodes are missing the LEA of the provider has been used instead.</p> <p>Prior to end 2001, WBL information was provided by the Training and Enterprise Council (TEC). Due to incomplete data, WBL figures are not available at LEA level before end 1997.</p>
Population estimates	<p>The population estimates for academic year ages in January of each year are derived by DfES from mid-year estimates provided by the Office for National Statistics. At local level, for individual ages, such estimates are subject to some uncertainty. This is particularly the case in small areas, where the margin of error surrounding a population estimate can be disproportionately high. Users should bear this in mind when making comparisons, for example year-on-year within a small area or between one small area and another.</p>

C. COMPARISONS WITH OTHER PARTICIPATION DATA

National SFR

21 National data on participation of young people in education and training are published annually in a Statistical First Release 'Participation in education, training and employment by 16-18 year olds in England'. The latest is SFR 27/2005.

22 Participation rates may not coincide exactly with the SFR. The differences between the two publications are set out in the following box:

Box B: Differences between National and Local level participation estimates	
The national SFR contains participation estimates for 16-18 year olds.	The local SFR does not contain participation estimates for 18 year olds. The information collected HESA on students in HEIs in the UK does not hold the term-time address of the students, and therefore can not be used accurately for local level analysis of participation by the LEA that a young person resides in. As the majority of 18 year olds in education are at an HEI, this means that we can not produce participation estimates for 18 year olds at a local level.
The national SFR estimates for young people in Employer Funded Training (EFT) and Other Education and Training (OET).	The local SFR does not contain estimates for EFT and OET participation. The participation estimates are produced as a snapshot of participation at the end of the calendar year. Information on EFT and OET participation is derived from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). Local LFS data is only available on a whole-year basis.
The national SFR estimates contain information on the employment status of young people	The local SFR does not contain labour market information. Labour market data is taken from the LFS, and therefore is not used at a local level for the reasons given above.
The national SFR estimates contain all young people in FEIs.	The local SFR contains those 16 and 17 year olds studying in FEIs, who apply from the UK. It does not include those from overseas.

Connexions

23 Another source of local participation rates is data from the Annual Activity Survey undertaken by Connexions Partnerships (equivalent to LSC areas). Data for 16 year olds are published as 'Moving On - Pathways Taken by Young People Beyond 16', and are available via the Connexions website (www.connexions.gov.uk/partnerships) under publications.

24 Connexions data have different definitions from those used in this publication. In particular, young people are included in the Partnership area in which they were educated pre-16, rather than where they are resident, and exclude a small proportion of young people who do not participate in the survey. However, 'Moving On' includes labour market information and an estimate of the proportion of school leavers who are not yet settled in work or learning.

D. FURTHER INFORMATION

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FURTHER INFORMATION

The following additional tables are available on the DfES website:

www.dfes.gov.uk/rsgateway

CONVENTIONS AND PRESENTATION

Symbols used in the tables as necessary to denote:

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Table 1: Participation in education and LSC funded WBL of 16 and 17 year olds by type of institution, region and gender in England, end 2004

	16 year olds								17 year olds								
	Full-time education					WBL	Part-time education	Total Education and WBL ⁴	Full-time education					WBL	Part-time education	Total Education and WBL ⁴	
	Maintained schools ¹	Independent schools ²	Sixth form college	Other FE ³	Total				Maintained schools ¹	Independent schools ²	Sixth form college	Other FE ³	Total				
Government Office regions																	
Males and females																	
North East	25	4	10	31	69	13	4	86	19	3	7	24	53	15	6	74	
North West	21	4	17	29	70	10	4	83	16	4	13	24	57	12	5	74	
Yorkshire and the Humber	27	3	11	26	67	11	5	84	21	3	8	22	54	11	7	72	
East Midlands	33	5	5	27	70	7	5	82	26	5	4	22	57	10	6	72	
West Midlands	27	5	10	29	71	8	5	84	21	5	9	23	57	10	6	73	
East of England	34	6	9	25	75	6	4	85	27	6	8	21	61	8	5	73	
London	35	9	10	26	79	3	3	86	26	8	8	25	68	5	5	77	
South East	29	9	14	25	77	4	4	86	24	8	12	20	64	7	5	76	
South West	31	8	2	34	75	6	4	85	24	7	2	28	61	10	5	76	
England⁵	29	6	10	28	73	7	4	84	23	6	8	23	60	9	5	74	
Males																	
North East	23	4	8	28	63	17	4	84	17	3	6	21	48	19	7	74	
North West	19	4	14	28	64	12	4	80	15	4	12	22	52	14	6	72	
Yorkshire and the Humber	25	3	9	25	62	15	6	82	19	3	7	21	49	14	8	71	
East Midlands	30	5	4	25	65	8	5	78	23	5	4	20	52	11	7	69	
West Midlands	25	5	9	28	67	9	5	81	19	5	8	22	53	11	7	71	
East of England	32	6	9	24	71	7	4	82	24	6	7	19	57	9	5	71	
London	32	9	9	25	75	4	3	82	23	8	7	25	63	5	5	73	
South East	28	9	13	24	73	5	4	82	22	8	11	20	60	9	5	75	
South West	29	8	2	31	70	8	4	81	21	7	2	25	55	12	6	73	
England⁵	27	6	9	26	68	9	4	81	20	6	7	22	55	11	6	72	
Females																	
North East	26	4	11	34	75	9	3	88	20	3	8	26	58	11	5	74	
North West	23	4	20	30	76	7	3	87	18	3	15	25	61	10	4	76	
Yorkshire and the Humber	30	3	12	28	73	7	4	85	23	3	9	24	59	9	6	73	
East Midlands	36	5	6	30	76	6	4	86	28	5	5	24	61	8	6	75	
West Midlands	29	5	11	31	76	7	5	88	23	5	10	25	62	9	6	77	
East of England	37	6	10	27	79	5	3	87	29	6	9	22	65	6	4	75	
London	38	9	11	26	84	3	3	90	30	8	9	26	73	4	4	82	
South East	31	9	16	26	82	4	3	89	26	8	13	21	68	6	4	78	
South West	34	8	2	37	81	5	3	89	26	8	2	31	66	7	5	78	
England⁵	32	6	12	29	79	6	4	88	25	6	9	25	64	7	5	77	

1 Includes all pupils in maintained schools and maintained special schools.

2 Includes all pupils in independent schools, non-maintained special schools, city technology colleges, academies and pupil referral units.

3 Includes all learners in General FE, tertiary and specialist colleges (e.g. agriculture colleges).

4 Total of all full-time and part-time education and WBL, less WBL provision in education institutions.

5 Definitive national figures for participation in education and training are published in SFR 27/2005, see section C in Notes to Editors.

Table 2: Participation in education and LSC funded WBL of 16 and 17 year olds by Learning and Skills Council area and LEAs in England, end 2004

	16 year olds								17 year olds							
	Full-time education					WBL	Part-time education	Total Education and WBL ⁴	Full-time education					WBL	Part-time education	Total Education and WBL ⁴
	Maintained schools ¹	Independent schools ²	Sixth form college	Other FE ³	Total				Maintained schools ¹	Independent schools ²	Sixth form college	Other FE ³	Total			
North East	25	4	10	31	69	13	4	86	19	3	7	24	53	15	6	74
County Durham	27	3	5	32	68	13	4	85	22	3	3	24	51	16	7	74
<i>Durham</i>	27	3	5	32	68	13	4	85	22	3	3	24	51	16	7	74
Northumberland	54	1	0	15	69	11	4	84	40	1	0	14	55	14	6	75
<i>Northumberland</i>	54	1	0	15	69	11	4	84	40	1	0	14	55	14	6	75
Tees Valley	6	4	28	33	71	13	3	87	6	3	21	24	54	16	5	75
<i>Darlington</i>	7	2	34	30	73	10	2	86	6	2	25	19	53	15	6	73
<i>Hartlepool</i>	10	0	26	34	70	15	3	88	9	0	19	23	51	21	3	75
<i>Middlesbrough</i>	2	10	20	39	70	12	3	86	2	6	14	31	53	13	6	72
<i>Redcar and Cleveland</i>	1	0	32	33	66	13	3	83	1	0	24	25	49	16	5	70
<i>Stockton-on-Tees</i>	11	6	29	27	73	14	3	91	10	5	24	20	60	15	6	81
Tyne and Wear	28	5	2	33	69	13	4	86	20	4	2	26	52	15	7	74
<i>Gateshead</i>	36	4	0	28	68	12	7	86	24	3	0	22	49	13	9	71
<i>Newcastle upon Tyne</i>	40	14	0	19	74	8	3	85	27	12	0	19	59	11	5	75
<i>North Tyneside</i>	35	3	12	20	71	11	3	85	26	3	10	16	55	13	6	75
<i>South Tyneside</i>	12	0	0	49	61	18	5	84	8	0	0	38	46	19	9	73
<i>Sunderland</i>	16	2	0	50	68	17	4	89	14	1	0	34	49	18	7	74
North West	21	4	17	29	70	10	4	83	16	4	13	24	57	12	5	74
Cheshire and Warrington	32	5	12	26	75	7	5	87	27	4	9	21	62	10	6	78
<i>Cheshire</i>	34	6	7	29	76	7	6	89	29	6	6	23	63	10	6	80
<i>Warrington</i>	26	0	27	17	71	7	3	80	21	0	20	16	57	10	4	71
Cumbria	37	5	6	22	70	13	5	88	30	4	5	15	54	19	8	81
<i>Cumbria</i>	37	5	6	22	70	13	5	88	30	4	5	15	54	19	8	81
Greater Manchester	11	4	25	29	70	9	3	82	9	4	21	23	57	11	4	72
<i>Bolton</i>	21	7	16	26	70	10	4	83	18	6	14	22	60	11	4	76
<i>Bury</i>	5	7	23	40	74	8	2	84	3	6	20	31	61	9	2	73
<i>Manchester</i>	7	11	23	33	75	7	3	85	6	10	17	28	61	7	4	72
<i>Oldham</i>	11	3	25	28	67	10	2	79	9	3	20	21	54	14	3	70
<i>Rochdale</i>	16	0	10	41	67	9	5	81	13	0	9	30	52	11	5	68
<i>Salford</i>	3	1	43	16	63	12	4	79	2	0	35	12	49	14	6	69
<i>Stockport</i>	4	8	45	15	72	8	2	82	3	7	40	12	62	9	4	75
<i>Tameside</i>	7	0	29	28	64	9	3	76	5	0	24	24	53	12	4	68
<i>Trafford</i>	31	1	12	32	77	7	4	88	27	1	9	26	63	8	5	76
<i>Wigan</i>	8	0	25	32	65	12	4	81	6	0	20	26	52	14	7	73
Greater Merseyside	31	3	11	23	68	11	4	83	23	2	9	21	55	13	5	73
<i>Halton</i>	12	0	31	31	73	9	3	85	9	0	21	24	54	12	4	71
<i>Knowsley</i>	18	0	11	38	68	11	4	83	13	0	10	31	53	14	5	73
<i>Liverpool</i>	42	3	1	23	68	11	5	85	27	2	1	21	51	13	6	71
<i>St Helens</i>	18	0	19	26	63	10	2	76	16	0	17	19	52	12	3	67
<i>Sefton</i>	26	5	13	21	66	8	3	78	20	5	11	23	60	13	5	78
<i>Wirral</i>	42	3	12	14	71	12	4	88	33	3	10	12	58	13	6	77
Lancashire	15	4	13	38	69	9	4	82	11	3	10	31	56	12	5	73
<i>Blackburn with Darwen</i>	10	10	12	41	73	8	5	86	8	9	9	37	62	11	6	80
<i>Blackpool</i>	6	5	20	35	66	9	3	79	6	4	15	27	51	13	5	69
<i>Lancashire</i>	16	3	12	38	69	10	3	82	13	2	10	31	56	12	5	73
Yorkshire and the Humber	27	3	11	26	67	11	5	84	21	3	8	22	54	11	7	72
Humberside	19	2	20	31	72	10	3	85	14	2	16	24	55	14	7	77
<i>East Riding of Yorkshire</i>	41	3	7	25	76	10	3	89	30	2	6	23	61	17	7	85
<i>Kingston Upon Hull, City of</i>	7	4	22	31	64	13	3	80	5	3	18	22	48	16	6	70
<i>North East Lincolnshire</i>	11	0	23	37	71	7	5	82	7	0	16	29	53	10	8	71
<i>North Lincolnshire</i>	6	0	36	34	76	8	2	87	5	0	31	25	61	12	5	78
North Yorkshire	31	7	5	25	68	21	4	93	26	6	4	23	59	11	6	75
<i>North Yorkshire</i>	33	6	7	20	67	24	5	96	26	6	6	20	57	11	6	75
<i>York</i>	23	10	0	41	74	9	2	85	22	8	0	34	64	9	5	78
South Yorkshire	24	1	8	32	65	11	4	80	19	1	4	27	51	12	6	69
<i>Barnsley</i>	8	0	2	53	62	11	3	76	7	0	1	37	46	13	5	63
<i>Doncaster</i>	41	0	2	19	63	10	6	79	28	0	2	18	49	11	7	68
<i>Rotherham</i>	23	1	17	25	67	10	5	81	20	0	11	19	51	11	8	70
<i>Sheffield</i>	20	3	10	34	67	12	3	82	19	3	2	31	54	13	6	73
West Yorkshire	31	4	10	22	67	8	7	81	22	4	8	18	53	10	8	70
<i>Bradford</i>	42	5	1	20	68	8	9	86	31	5	0	19	56	9	9	74
<i>Calderdale</i>	46	2	6	17	71	10	7	88	32	2	7	15	56	12	7	74
<i>Kirklees</i>	16	1	26	24	67	12	5	83	13	1	22	18	53	14	8	75
<i>Leeds</i>	33	4	6	21	64	6	7	78	24	3	5	18	50	8	8	66
<i>Wakefield</i>	18	6	19	23	66	8	3	77	11	7	13	20	52	10	4	67
East Midlands	33	5	5	27	70	7	5	82	26	5	4	22	57	10	6	72
Derbyshire	30	4	4	29	67	8	5	80	24	4	2	24	54	11	7	73
<i>Derby</i>	26	6	1	30	63	8	5	76	20	5	1	25	51	11	7	69
<i>Derbyshire</i>	31	4	5	29	69	8	5	82	26	4	3	23	55	11	7	74
Leicestershire	35	5	14	22	76	5	3	85	28	5	13	18	64	7	5	76
<i>Leicester</i>	15	4	36	25	79	4	3	86	12	5	32	18	67	5	5	77
<i>Leicestershire</i>	46	5	3	21	75	6	4	84	36	5	3	18	62	8	5	76
Lincolnshire and Rutland	33	6	2	30	71	7	4	82	27	6	2	22	56	9	6	71
<i>Lincolnshire</i>	36	3	2	30	71	7	4	82	29	3	1	22	55	10	6	71
<i>Rutland</i>	3	46	1	26	76	3	2	8								

Table 2: Participation in education and LSC funded WBL of 16 and 17 year olds by Learning and Skills Council area and LEAs in England, end 2004

	16 year olds								17 year olds							
	Full-time education				Total	WBL	Part-time education	Total Education and WBL ⁴	Full-time education				Total	WBL	Part-time education	Total Education and WBL ⁴
	Maintained schools ¹	Independent schools ²	Sixth form college	Other FE ³					Maintained schools ¹	Independent schools ²	Sixth form college	Other FE ³				
West Midlands	27	5	10	29	71	8	5	84	21	5	9	23	57	10	6	73
Birmingham and Solihull	24	4	15	26	69	5	5	79	19	4	13	22	57	7	6	70
<i>Birmingham</i>	26	3	13	26	68	6	5	79	20	3	11	22	57	7	7	70
<i>Solihull</i>	16	8	25	23	72	5	4	82	12	8	23	18	61	7	5	74
Coventry and Warwickshire	32	7	4	29	73	8	6	87	25	6	3	24	58	10	8	76
<i>Coventry</i>	38	6	0	27	71	8	6	86	27	5	0	22	55	11	7	72
<i>Warwickshire</i>	29	7	7	31	73	8	6	87	23	7	5	24	60	10	8	78
Herefordshire and Worcestershire	28	9	16	26	79	6	4	89	22	9	13	20	64	8	5	77
<i>Herefordshire</i>	14	4	32	23	73	9	4	86	9	4	27	21	61	14	7	81
<i>Worcestershire</i>	33	11	11	26	81	5	4	89	25	11	8	20	65	7	5	76
Shropshire	13	10	22	26	71	9	3	84	11	9	18	19	57	13	6	76
<i>Shropshire</i>	16	12	21	26	75	8	3	87	12	11	18	20	61	14	6	81
<i>Telford and Wrekin</i>	9	7	23	27	66	10	4	79	8	7	19	18	51	11	5	67
Staffordshire	31	2	6	32	71	10	5	86	25	2	5	25	56	12	6	75
<i>Staffordshire</i>	37	3	2	30	73	9	5	87	30	3	2	24	59	12	6	77
<i>Stoke-on-Trent</i>	10	0	18	36	64	13	5	82	7	0	14	27	48	13	6	67
The Black Country	28	2	4	35	69	9	5	83	20	2	4	28	54	10	6	71
<i>Dudley</i>	8	1	13	44	65	9	4	78	7	0	11	33	51	10	5	66
<i>Sandwell</i>	24	0	3	41	68	11	5	84	16	0	2	34	53	11	6	70
<i>Walsall</i>	42	1	0	24	68	8	5	81	30	1	0	23	55	10	6	71
<i>Wolverhampton</i>	41	8	1	27	77	8	6	91	31	7	1	21	60	9	7	77
East of England	34	6	9	25	75	6	4	85	27	6	8	21	61	8	5	73
Bedfordshire and Luton	34	6	12	27	78	5	5	89	25	6	9	23	63	6	8	78
<i>Bedfordshire</i>	47	9	0	23	79	6	5	90	35	9	1	20	65	7	8	79
<i>Luton</i>	8	0	33	36	77	3	6	87	7	0	23	30	60	6	9	75
Cambridgeshire	28	7	17	23	75	6	6	87	20	8	15	18	62	8	5	74
<i>Cambridgeshire</i>	22	9	22	23	76	6	5	87	17	10	19	18	64	7	5	76
<i>Peterborough</i>	45	1	0	23	69	8	9	86	32	1	0	20	53	9	6	68
Essex	30	2	14	26	72	6	3	81	23	2	12	20	57	8	3	68
<i>Essex</i>	31	3	12	26	72	6	3	82	24	2	10	21	58	8	3	69
<i>Southend-on-Sea</i>	39	0	10	26	74	6	2	82	28	0	9	20	56	9	2	66
<i>Thurrock</i>	4	0	36	27	66	5	3	74	4	0	28	21	53	7	4	63
Hertfordshire	48	12	1	22	83	4	3	90	39	11	1	19	70	7	4	81
<i>Hertfordshire</i>	48	12	1	22	83	4	3	90	39	11	1	19	70	7	4	81
Norfolk	30	4	8	28	70	7	4	81	22	4	7	23	55	10	5	70
<i>Norfolk</i>	30	4	8	28	70	7	4	81	22	4	7	23	55	10	5	70
Suffolk	39	6	3	26	75	6	3	84	31	6	3	21	60	9	4	73
<i>Suffolk</i>	39	6	3	26	75	6	3	84	31	6	3	21	60	9	4	73
London	35	9	10	26	79	3	3	86	26	8	8	25	68	5	5	77
Inner London⁵	24	12	12	27	75	3	3	82	18	10	9	27	65	4	4	73
Outer London	41	7	8	25	82	3	3	88	31	7	7	24	70	5	5	79
London Central	25	17	8	25	74	3	3	80	17	15	6	26	64	4	4	72
<i>Camden</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Islington</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Kensington and Chelsea</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Lambeth</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Southwark</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Wandsworth</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Westminster</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
London East	34	3	13	26	77	4	3	84	26	3	11	25	64	6	5	75
<i>City of London</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Hackney</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Lewisham</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Tower Hamlets</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Newham</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Barking and Dagenham</i>	43	0	4	25	73	5	4	82	27	0	5	24	56	7	6	69
<i>Bexley</i>	48	2	1	25	76	6	3	84	37	1	1	21	61	7	5	73
<i>Greenwich</i>	48	5	5	20	78	4	4	86	31	6	5	21	62	6	6	74
<i>Havering</i>	21	1	29	28	78	5	4	88	19	0	22	21	61	7	6	74
<i>Redbridge</i>	61	3	4	20	88	2	2	92	50	4	4	21	79	4	5	87
London North	40	7	11	25	84	3	4	91	29	6	10	26	71	5	6	81
<i>Haringey</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Barnet</i>	44	13	7	18	82	2	4	88	35	12	6	19	72	3	5	81
<i>Enfield</i>	53	1	4	25	83	3	5	90	38	0	4	30	73	6	7	85
<i>Waltham Forest</i>	23	5	31	28	88	4	4	95	17	4	26	25	72	5	6	83
London South	37	12	10	22	82	4	3	89	28	12	8	21	69	5	4	78
<i>Bromley</i>	58	8	2	17	84	4	2	90	42	7	1	15	65	6	3	74
<i>Croydon</i>	25	15	22	24	85	4	3	92	18	15	15	21	69	5	4	77
<i>Kingston upon Thames</i>	48	12	7	15	83	3	3	89	37	12	7	17	73	4	4	81
<i>Merton</i>	28	10	9	27	75	4	4	82	22	11	10	27	71	5	4	79
<i>Richmond upon Thames</i>	11	29	13	33	87	1	2	90	8	28	11	30	77	4	3	84
<i>Sutton</i>	51	3	3	20	77	6	5	88	41	3	3	19	67	8	7	81
London West	39	9	4	29	82	3	3	87	31	8	4	30	72	4	4	80
<i>Hammersmith and Fulham</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Brent</i>	46	4	5	26	81	2	3	86	39	2	4	30	75	3	5	83
<i>Ealing</i>	40	9	2	31	82	2	3	88	34	7	1	31	74	3	4	81
<i>Harrow</i>	23	14	8	38	83	2	2	87	20	15	8	38	81	4	5	89
<i>Hillingdon</i>	49	7	1	24	82	4	3	90	33	6	1	26	67	6	5	78
<i>Hounslow</i>	46	2	4	27	79	3	2	84	34	1	3	26	65	5	4	7

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	16 year olds								17 year olds							
	Full-time education					WBL	Part-time education	Total Education and WBL ⁴	Full-time education					WBL	Part-time education	Total Education and WBL ⁴
	Maintained schools ¹	Independent schools ²	Sixth form college	Other FE ³	Total				Maintained schools ¹	Independent schools ²	Sixth form college	Other FE ³	Total			
South East	29	9	14	25	77	4	4	86	24	8	12	20	64	7	5	76
Berkshire	40	13	4	18	75	4	5	84	33	12	3	16	64	10	7	80
<i>Bracknell Forest</i>	31	16	9	19	74	3	4	81	24	15	6	15	59	4	5	69
<i>Reading</i>	39	12	0	19	71	4	7	82	28	11	0	20	59	7	8	75
<i>Slough</i>	38	0	5	30	73	4	6	83	34	0	4	25	63	7	7	77
<i>West Berkshire</i>	45	16	2	13	76	5	5	86	34	14	1	12	61	7	6	74
<i>Windsor and Maidenhead</i>	37	23	2	12	75	3	3	81	34	22	2	12	71	4	5	80
<i>Wokingham</i>	48	9	6	17	79	5	5	90	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hampshire and the Isle of Wight	8	4	34	30	76	5	3	85	7	4	28	23	62	9	5	75
<i>Hampshire</i>	7	4	37	30	77	5	3	85	5	3	31	24	63	8	5	76
<i>Isle of Wight</i>	43	4	1	31	79	5	3	88	33	3	1	24	60	12	5	77
<i>Portsmouth</i>	1	8	22	45	76	5	3	84	1	8	21	32	62	8	5	75
<i>Southampton</i>	1	5	48	18	72	7	4	83	1	4	36	12	53	9	7	70
Kent and Medway	44	7	0	25	76	4	3	83	35	6	0	20	62	7	4	72
<i>Kent</i>	44	8	0	24	76	4	3	83	36	7	0	20	63	7	4	73
<i>Medway</i>	45	3	0	27	74	6	3	83	33	2	0	20	56	7	4	67
Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Buc	43	10	0	23	75	6	5	86	35	9	0	20	64	7	6	77
<i>Buckinghamshire</i>	51	6	0	19	75	6	4	85	44	5	0	17	66	8	5	78
<i>Milton Keynes</i>	49	1	0	26	76	5	2	84	35	1	0	22	58	7	5	70
<i>Oxfordshire</i>	34	17	0	25	75	6	7	88	27	16	0	21	64	7	7	78
Surrey	25	18	21	17	80	3	3	86	20	16	17	15	69	5	4	78
<i>Surrey</i>	25	18	21	17	80	3	3	86	20	16	17	15	69	5	4	78
Sussex	22	8	22	29	82	4	3	90	17	8	17	24	67	6	5	78
<i>Brighton and Hove</i>	15	13	33	19	80	7	4	92	11	15	24	16	66	8	6	80
<i>East Sussex</i>	20	8	18	40	86	4	3	93	16	7	14	32	68	6	4	79
<i>West Sussex</i>	26	7	22	25	80	4	4	87	20	7	18	21	66	6	5	76
South West	31	8	2	34	75	6	4	85	24	7	2	28	61	10	5	76
Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole	38	8	0	26	71	7	4	81	30	7	0	22	59	11	6	76
<i>Bournemouth</i>	29	3	0	37	69	7	4	80	24	3	0	32	59	10	7	75
<i>Dorset</i>	41	9	0	22	73	6	3	83	32	8	0	19	60	12	6	78
<i>Poole</i>	36	7	0	25	68	7	3	78	30	7	0	21	58	8	6	72
Devon and Cornwall	34	4	1	38	76	7	3	86	24	4	1	30	59	11	5	74
<i>Isles of Scilly</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Cornwall</i>	26	2	0	50	78	7	5	90	18	2	0	40	61	11	7	79
<i>Devon</i>	30	7	1	37	76	6	2	84	22	6	1	30	59	10	4	73
<i>Plymouth</i>	53	3	0	21	76	8	3	87	34	3	0	18	55	14	3	72
<i>Torbay</i>	43	1	0	25	69	6	3	78	32	0	0	18	51	10	5	66
Gloucestershire	39	8	0	28	75	6	3	84	31	8	0	24	62	8	4	74
<i>Gloucestershire</i>	39	8	0	28	75	6	3	84	31	8	0	24	62	8	4	74
Somerset	15	12	9	38	75	7	4	86	12	13	8	30	63	10	5	79
<i>Somerset</i>	15	12	9	38	75	7	4	86	12	13	8	30	63	10	5	79
West of England	28	11	4	32	76	6	5	87	22	11	3	25	61	8	7	77
<i>Bath and North East Somerset</i>	34	19	4	24	80	5	6	91	27	19	4	18	68	7	6	81
<i>Bristol, City of</i>	17	19	7	32	75	7	5	87	12	17	5	26	60	9	7	76
<i>North Somerset</i>	32	2	1	41	76	5	3	84	27	2	1	34	63	7	6	76
<i>South Gloucestershire</i>	39	2	4	28	73	7	5	85	31	2	3	23	58	10	8	76
Wiltshire and Swindon	27	6	2	41	76	5	3	84	22	6	1	34	63	9	5	77
<i>Swindon</i>	8	0	0	68	77	6	4	87	7	0	0	52	60	7	7	74
<i>Wiltshire</i>	35	9	2	30	76	5	2	83	28	9	1	27	65	9	4	78
England⁶	29	6	10	28	73	7	4	84	23	6	8	23	60	9	5	74

1 Includes all pupils in maintained schools and maintained special schools.

2 Includes all pupils in independent schools, non-maintained special schools, city technology colleges, academies and pupil referral units.

3 Includes all learners in General FE, tertiary and specialist colleges (e.g. agriculture colleges).

4 Total of all full-time and part-time education and WBL, less WBL provision in education institutions.

5 Figures for individual Inner London LEAs cannot be estimated reliably, therefore only a total is provided. See paragraph 19 of the SFR for further information.

6 Definitive national figures for participation in education and training are published in SFR 27/2005, see section C in Notes to Editors.

Note: Due to the margin of error surrounding local level population estimates and the use of school level data for independent schools, participation rates at LEA level can be over 100 per cent. For these LEAs, an asterisk is placed in the tables.

Table 3a: Participation in full-time education of 16 year olds by LEA in England, 1994 to 2004

	16 year olds											
	end 1994	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997	end 1998	end 1999	end 2000	end 2001 ¹ (a)	end 2001 ¹ (b)	end 2002	end 2003	end 2004
North East	62	62	62	61	62	65	66	67	67	66	67	69
Cleveland	65	63	64	62	63	68	67	65	65	64	68	70
<i>Hartlepool</i>	..	..	65	63	67	67	69	68	68	62	65	70
<i>Middlesbrough</i>	..	..	62	60	58	68	67	65	66	63	69	70
<i>Redcar and Cleveland</i>	..	..	60	60	62	64	62	60	60	61	62	66
<i>Stockton-on-Tees</i>	..	..	67	65	68	71	70	67	67	66	73	73
Durham	59	60	58	60	60	63	63	66	66	64	65	69
<i>Darlington</i>	..	..	..	60	60	67	68	65	65	66	69	73
<i>Durham</i>	..	..	..	60	60	62	62	66	67	64	64	68
Gateshead	53	60	59	59	62	63	69	68	68	67	66	68
Newcastle upon Tyne	70	67	69	66	67	67	73	71	72	70	73	74
North Tyneside	68	69	68	68	65	70	72	73	75	71	71	71
Northumberland	65	70	68	67	67	69	74	72	70	71	69	69
South Tyneside	53	55	55	52	54	58	58	61	61	64	61	61
Sunderland	57	56	52	52	54	58	57	61	63	62	64	68
North West	66	66	66	66	65	67	67	67	67	68	69	70
Bolton	69	72	68	69	68	75	70	69	68	68	70	70
Bury	70	71	70	69	70	73	69	73	75	71	72	74
Cheshire	73	72	71	73	71	74	72	72	71	74	72	75
<i>Cheshire</i>	..	..	..	..	76	78	75	76	74	74	73	76
<i>Halton</i>	..	..	..	..	54	61	60	61	65	75	74	73
<i>Warrington</i>	..	..	..	..	67	71	70	67	66	71	69	71
Cumbria	71	69	69	68	71	72	68	72	72	69	70	70
Knowsley	51	51	54	52	52	51	53	51	60	61	67	68
Lancashire	66	66	65	65	65	66	67	65	65	66	67	69
<i>Blackburn with Darwen</i>	..	..	..	..	71	67	71	72	72	73	70	73
<i>Blackpool</i>	..	..	..	..	65	65	64	58	58	60	64	66
<i>Lancashire</i>	..	..	..	..	64	66	66	65	65	66	66	69
Liverpool	63	62	62	63	62	63	66	66	64	66	66	68
Manchester	69	64	77	59	63	64	75	74	73	75	72	75
Oldham	63	64	62	64	66	69	70	69	65	67	65	67
Rochdale	53	54	54	57	57	61	56	55	58	63	60	67
St Helens	68	73	74	74	67	69	71	68	66	68	65	63
Salford	52	51	52	49	46	48	51	53	55	57	63	63
Sefton	78	76	76	74	79	80	77	70	69	77	73	66
Stockport	71	69	69	67	67	69	70	68	70	71	71	72
Tameside	56	59	63	59	56	63	64	66	67	65	67	64
Trafford	62	64	64	66	67	66	68	66	65	71	72	77
Wigan	59	59	58	60	58	63	62	63	63	64	63	65
Wirral	70	71	69	72	67	70	65	69	69	70	72	71
Yorkshire and the Humber	66	66	65	65	64	67	67	67	67	66	66	67
Barnsley	52	53	52	52	54	56	58	57	60	59	58	62
Bradford	62	62	63	61	59	64	65	63	67	69	69	68
Calderdale	66	67	70	67	71	70	70	70	69	68	67	71
Doncaster	60	58	57	59	59	65	63	63	64	63	62	63
Humberside	65	66	63	63	65	66	67	68	68	68	70	72
<i>East Riding of Yorkshire</i>	..	..	65	70	71	72	73	73	70	71	74	76
<i>Kingston Upon Hull, City of</i>	..	..	59	54	57	58	58	59	63	61	67	64
<i>North East Lincolnshire</i>	..	..	62	62	63	65	65	68	69	67	66	71
<i>North Lincolnshire</i>	..	..	67	66	69	71	71	70	72	72	75	76
Kirklees	65	67	68	68	67	66	69	67	68	66	64	67
Leeds	68	65	67	64	63	64	65	63	64	64	61	64
North Yorkshire	78	78	76	77	74	76	73	75	73	71	69	68
<i>North Yorkshire</i>	..	..	75	76	73	75	72	75	72	70	68	67
<i>York</i>	..	..	81	83	76	77	76	76	78	75	76	74
Rotherham	67	67	66	67	67	74	70	71	67	63	65	67
Sheffield	60	57	56	56	54	60	63	61	62	66	65	67
Wakefield	66	67	65	71	65	69	66	67	67	64	63	66

Table 3a: Participation in full-time education of 16 year olds by LEA in England, 1994 to 2004

	16 year olds											
	end 1994	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997	end 1998	end 1999	end 2000	end 2001 ¹ (a)	end 2001 ¹ (b)	end 2002	end 2003	end 2004
East Midlands	68	68	68	66	67	70	68	68	69	69	69	70
Derbyshire	67	65	65	60	60	67	63	64	65	67	65	67
<i>Derbyshire</i>	..	..	..	61	61	68	62	64	65	68	66	69
<i>Derby</i>	..	..	..	56	57	65	64	62	63	63	62	63
Leicestershire	71	71	71	72	73	74	77	75	75	76	76	76
<i>Leicester</i>	..	..	..	63	68	68	71	69	74	76	78	79
<i>Leicestershire</i>	..	..	..	74	73	75	78	75	74	74	74	75
<i>Rutland</i>	..	..	..	*	91	*	*	*	*	*	*	86
Lincolnshire	66	70	68	71	69	72	70	70	69	68	68	71
Northamptonshire	73	71	71	70	70	68	68	67	68	69	70	71
Nottinghamshire	64	64	64	63	64	67	63	66	67	67	65	66
<i>Nottingham</i>	..	..	..	..	58	63	62	66	68	69	64	66
<i>Nottinghamshire</i>	..	..	..	..	67	68	63	66	66	67	65	66
West Midlands	69	68	67	67	68	69	69	69	69	69	70	71
Birmingham	68	68	67	68	67	68	70	68	69	69	67	68
Coventry	69	67	68	65	68	65	70	69	69	69	68	71
Dudley	60	60	58	57	62	61	61	59	61	66	64	65
Hereford and Worcester	77	75	76	75	76	77	74	76	76	74	77	79
<i>Herefordshire</i>	..	..	..	..	68	70	67	73	74	67	72	73
<i>Worcestershire</i>	..	..	..	..	78	79	77	77	77	76	78	81
Sandwell	60	55	51	55	54	57	57	58	61	63	63	68
Shropshire	74	72	72	71	73	74	71	70	68	70	70	71
<i>Shropshire</i>	..	..	..	..	75	77	73	71	71	71	74	75
<i>Telford and Wrekin</i>	..	..	..	..	68	68	68	68	64	67	65	66
Solihull	79	81	77	76	81	79	72	75	71	73	70	72
Staffordshire	67	65	65	64	65	67	67	67	68	67	70	71
<i>Staffordshire</i>	..	..	..	68	69	70	68	69	70	69	72	73
<i>Stoke-on-Trent</i>	..	..	..	50	52	58	61	59	60	59	62	64
Walsall	60	60	58	58	65	69	71	71	69	66	67	68
Warwickshire	74	72	71	70	70	74	73	73	72	73	73	73
Wolverhampton	69	64	65	61	65	66	67	67	69	70	73	77
East of England	75	75	75	74	75	75	73	73	72	74	73	75
Bedfordshire	77	76	75	74	76	75	71	71	71	75	75	78
<i>Bedfordshire</i>	..	..	..	81	80	78	74	76	74	76	78	79
<i>Luton</i>	..	..	..	61	67	69	65	61	66	73	71	77
Cambridgeshire	75	75	78	72	72	77	75	74	75	74	72	75
<i>Cambridgeshire</i>	..	..	..	..	72	77	74	73	77	76	75	76
<i>Peterborough</i>	..	..	..	..	72	76	76	75	69	65	65	69
Essex	72	71	70	71	71	71	70	68	69	71	70	72
<i>Essex</i>	..	..	..	..	71	72	70	67	70	72	71	72
<i>Southend-on-Sea</i>	..	..	..	..	78	79	76	77	65	73	67	74
<i>Thurrock</i>	..	..	..	..	64	60	64	61	64	64	67	66
Hertfordshire	87	87	88	87	88	88	87	86	81	84	82	83
Norfolk	68	69	68	69	69	68	67	66	66	67	68	70
Suffolk	71	73	73	70	71	71	69	71	71	71	71	75
Greater London	76	76	75	75	75	76	74	73	75	77	78	79
Inner London²	72	72	71	70	72	72	72	71	73	76	74	75
Outer London	79	78	77	78	77	78	76	75	76	78	80	82
Barking and Dagenham	64	61	65	59	60	60	62	56	56	63	71	73
Barnet	81	81	80	84	80	86	85	85	77	80	79	82
Bexley	73	74	74	71	72	72	71	68	69	70	76	76
Brent	70	71	72	71	74	73	69	71	79	82	84	81
Bromley	80	83	81	86	88	89	83	85	78	81	76	84
Croydon	82	82	76	77	75	74	71	68	77	80	78	85
Ealing	74	69	71	73	70	71	69	66	76	76	82	82
Enfield	79	81	84	82	84	82	79	77	76	78	83	83
Greenwich	68	68	64	66	62	65	64	65	68	70	73	78
Harrow	74	70	70	68	69	69	66	64	85	86	86	83
Havering	77	74	70	74	71	73	70	70	71	73	78	78
Hillingdon	77	80	80	79	81	79	81	79	76	78	78	82
Hounslow	86	86	83	83	89	88	85	84	71	73	74	79
Kingston upon Thames	*	98	97	93	95	93	95	93	80	81	83	83
Merton	69	74	72	80	70	67	68	60	71	74	79	75
Redbridge	85	85	86	88	94	94	94	92	82	83	88	88
Richmond upon Thames	87	82	78	74	71	76	77	83	93	90	88	87
Sutton	86	84	93	93	89	93	92	93	77	79	78	77
Waltham Forest	78	77	75	74	73	72	69	71	79	83	84	88

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	16 year olds											
	end 1994	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997	end 1998	end 1999	end 2000	end 2001 ¹ (a)	end 2001 ¹ (b)	end 2002	end 2003	end 2004
South East	78	76	76	75	75	76	74	74	74	76	77	77
Berkshire	80	77	77	76	75	78	78	77	77	78	78	75
<i>Bracknell Forest</i>	..	..	..	..	75	76	74	72	75	76	73	74
<i>Reading</i>	..	..	..	..	69	67	73	69	73	76	79	71
<i>Slough</i>	..	..	..	..	71	74	67	67	69	70	73	73
<i>West Berkshire</i>	..	..	..	..	79	83	85	87	77	76	75	76
<i>Windsor and Maidenhead</i>	..	..	..	..	78	87	85	85	83	85	82	75
<i>Wokingham</i>	..	..	..	..	77	76	78	78	80	82	84	79
Buckinghamshire	73	72	71	72	71	72	66	69	71	73	75	76
<i>Buckinghamshire</i>	..	..	..	78	76	78	74	76	75	75	76	75
<i>Milton Keynes</i>	..	..	..	58	61	60	51	57	63	68	74	76
East Sussex	80	76	76	75	73	76	75	77	78	76	77	85
<i>Brighton and Hove</i>	..	..	..	74	71	77	80	82	80	80	78	80
<i>East Sussex</i>	..	..	..	76	75	76	73	75	77	74	76	86
Hampshire	75	74	73	72	71	72	69	71	72	73	75	76
<i>Hampshire</i>	..	..	..	72	71	72	70	72	73	74	77	77
<i>Portsmouth</i>	..	..	..	72	72	68	70	66	67	73	73	76
<i>Southampton</i>	..	..	..	68	68	71	65	70	69	66	66	72
Isle of Wight	80	80	82	78	81	83	78	73	74	71	73	79
Kent	77	77	77	77	77	77	74	73	72	75	75	76
<i>Kent</i>	..	..	..	..	78	75	74	73	73	76	76	76
<i>Medway</i>	..	..	..	..	73	83	70	72	71	72	70	74
Oxfordshire	79	77	76	76	72	73	75	75	74	74	75	75
Surrey	81	79	78	80	79	82	83	81	81	81	81	80
West Sussex	81	79	78	78	77	76	75	73	73	78	78	80
South West	74	75	75	74	74	75	74	74	74	75	74	75
Avon	75	75	75	74	72	75	75	73	74	74	74	76
<i>Bath and North East Somerset</i>	..	..	92	94	91	96	91	89	83	84	81	80
<i>Bristol, City of</i>	..	..	67	66	62	67	68	67	73	71	74	75
<i>North Somerset</i>	..	..	80	73	73	72	73	75	74	73	73	76
<i>South Gloucestershire</i>	..	..	74	73	73	74	75	69	69	70	69	73
Cornwall	..	..	77	76	77	80	75	76	77	77	75	78
Isles of Scilly	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	94
Devon	76	73	73	72	71	73	72	72	72	73	72	75
<i>Devon</i>	..	..	..	..	70	71	69	70	73	74	73	76
<i>Plymouth</i>	..	..	..	..	73	75	79	79	75	72	72	76
<i>Torbay</i>	..	..	..	..	74	76	71	71	64	68	67	69
Dorset	76	76	78	78	77	78	75	77	76	78	73	71
<i>Bournemouth</i>	..	..	..	85	81	79	76	78	73	75	71	69
<i>Dorset</i>	..	..	..	74	74	76	72	75	78	79	74	73
<i>Poole</i>	..	..	..	80	83	81	84	81	73	76	70	68
Gloucestershire	77	78	75	74	77	76	75	75	73	75	76	75
Somerset	67	75	77	72	73	73	73	71	72	75	76	75
Wiltshire	70	73	72	69	72	73	76	76	76	74	78	76
<i>Swindon</i>	..	..	..	62	66	70	70	69	70	71	76	77
<i>Wiltshire</i>	..	..	..	72	74	75	78	78	79	76	78	76
England³	71	71	71	70	70	72	71	71	71	72	72	73

1 The break in the time series is due to changes in the schools data, see section B in Notes to Editors.

2 Figures for individual Inner London LEAs cannot be estimated reliably, therefore only a total is provided. See paragraph 19 of the SFR for further information.

3 Definitive national figures for participation in education and training are published in SFR 27/2005, see section C in Notes to Editors.

Notes: Between 1996 and 1998 new unitary authorities were created. The figures given in the table are on based on the LEAs in existence in each year.

Due to the margin of error surrounding local level population estimates and the use of school level data for independent schools, participation rates at LEA level can be over 100 per cent. For these LEAs, an asterisk is placed in the tables.

Table 3b: Participation in full-time education of 17 year olds by LEA in England, 1994 to 2004

	17 year olds											
	end 1994	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997	end 1998	end 1999	end 2000	end 2001 ¹	end 2001 ¹	end 2002	end 2003	end 2004
								(a)	(b)			
North East	51	50	51	51	50	51	54	53	53	53	52	53
Cleveland	53	51	53	51	53	55	57	52	52	51	52	54
<i>Hartlepool</i>	..	..	50	55	49	52	55	50	50	48	48	51
<i>Middlesbrough</i>	..	..	49	47	50	51	57	51	52	52	51	53
<i>Redcar and Cleveland</i>	..	..	52	48	51	52	53	48	48	47	51	49
<i>Stockton-on-Tees</i>	..	..	58	56	58	61	60	57	57	56	55	60
Durham	49	48	48	50	50	49	53	52	53	53	52	52
<i>Darlington</i>	..	..	..	53	51	51	55	55	55	54	55	53
<i>Durham</i>	..	..	..	49	50	49	52	51	53	53	51	51
Gateshead	42	44	48	45	46	51	51	56	55	53	52	49
Newcastle upon Tyne	61	58	57	58	55	56	58	61	62	59	57	59
North Tyneside	56	53	56	54	53	55	56	56	57	58	55	55
Northumberland	53	54	56	55	53	54	57	57	55	57	55	55
South Tyneside	45	48	46	47	43	46	47	49	50	53	50	46
Sunderland	45	47	44	41	42	43	46	45	45	47	46	49
North West	55	55	56	55	54	55	56	55	55	55	56	57
Bolton	57	60	62	60	60	58	66	58	57	57	57	60
Bury	60	61	60	59	60	58	59	57	59	63	58	61
Cheshire	60	61	60	60	61	62	62	61	59	61	62	61
<i>Cheshire</i>	..	..	..	..	66	68	67	65	62	64	63	63
<i>Halton</i>	..	..	..	..	44	42	45	44	48	51	60	54
<i>Warrington</i>	..	..	..	..	59	56	58	58	58	56	59	57
Cumbria	59	58	57	59	58	62	58	57	57	56	57	54
Knowsley	38	36	38	39	37	38	37	38	44	45	46	53
Lancashire	56	55	56	55	55	57	56	56	56	55	55	56
<i>Blackburn with Darwen</i>	..	..	..	..	62	62	60	63	64	60	62	62
<i>Blackpool</i>	..	..	..	..	52	52	47	51	53	45	48	51
<i>Lancashire</i>	..	..	..	..	55	56	56	55	55	55	55	56
Liverpool	46	44	45	45	48	48	48	50	49	50	51	51
Manchester	57	56	68	53	50	53	55	60	60	62	62	61
Oldham	55	53	50	52	54	56	60	59	56	53	55	54
Rochdale	44	43	46	45	46	48	49	46	49	48	53	52
St Helens	59	59	58	58	54	54	57	53	51	54	55	52
Salford	45	42	38	40	38	35	37	41	43	45	44	49
Sefton	63	65	65	62	63	67	68	63	61	59	64	60
Stockport	62	61	58	61	55	59	61	58	61	61	61	62
Tameside	46	46	49	48	46	47	50	50	51	51	50	53
Trafford	55	52	55	54	55	60	59	57	56	57	61	63
Wigan	53	55	50	51	51	50	52	50	50	51	50	52
Wirral	55	57	57	58	54	55	57	53	54	55	57	58
Yorkshire and the Humber	54	53	54	52	52	53	54	53	53	53	54	54
Barnsley	37	44	41	40	41	41	43	43	45	44	46	46
Bradford	49	49	51	48	50	48	53	51	55	55	56	56
Calderdale	55	54	53	55	57	58	55	55	54	57	56	56
Doncaster	49	47	46	46	46	47	52	47	48	48	49	49
Humberside	53	51	54	51	51	53	54	52	53	55	55	55
<i>East Riding of Yorkshire</i>	..	..	60	55	58	60	61	60	59	61	60	61
<i>Kingston Upon Hull, City of</i>	..	..	45	45	42	44	43	44	46	47	47	48
<i>North East Lincolnshire</i>	..	..	51	52	48	50	52	48	49	56	53	53
<i>North Lincolnshire</i>	..	..	57	53	55	57	58	57	58	57	59	61
Kirklees	55	55	56	57	56	57	55	55	55	54	54	53
Leeds	54	55	52	51	50	50	52	51	51	50	52	50
North Yorkshire	68	65	67	63	61	61	63	63	61	59	58	59
<i>North Yorkshire</i>	..	..	65	62	59	60	62	62	60	57	57	57
<i>York</i>	..	..	71	67	69	66	64	65	66	65	63	64
Rotherham	53	54	54	54	56	55	60	54	50	51	49	51
Sheffield	50	50	48	47	48	47	48	51	53	51	55	54
Wakefield	52	52	55	52	52	53	54	51	51	53	50	52

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	17 year olds											
	end 1994	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997	end 1998	end 1999	end 2000	end 2001 ¹ (a)	end 2001 ¹ (b)	end 2002	end 2003	end 2004
East Midlands	56	56	56	56	56	57	57	57	57	56	57	57
Derbyshire	55	55	54	54	50	55	54	52	53	53	55	54
<i>Derbyshire</i>	..	..	..	55	51	56	54	53	54	54	56	55
<i>Derby</i>	..	..	..	51	47	52	53	49	50	49	51	51
Leicestershire	62	59	62	61	61	63	63	64	65	63	64	64
<i>Leicester</i>	..	..	..	57	56	59	61	60	63	62	65	67
<i>Leicestershire</i>	..	..	..	61	62	64	63	65	64	62	63	62
<i>Rutland</i>	..	..	..	82	84	73	77	83	87	76	75	69
Lincolnshire	55	58	58	57	59	59	59	59	58	55	55	55
Northamptonshire	59	57	56	57	57	58	57	55	56	55	55	57
Nottinghamshire	51	53	52	52	52	53	54	53	53	53	53	52
<i>Nottingham</i>	..	..	..	..	48	48	52	55	56	54	54	53
<i>Nottinghamshire</i>	..	..	..	..	53	55	55	52	52	53	52	52
West Midlands	57	57	56	56	56	57	58	56	57	57	57	57
Birmingham	55	57	55	57	56	56	56	58	58	57	57	57
Coventry	61	54	54	57	56	55	56	55	55	56	57	55
Dudley	51	51	51	49	51	53	51	49	50	51	54	51
Hereford and Worcester	64	65	63	64	64	65	66	63	63	63	63	64
<i>Herefordshire</i>	..	..	..	..	58	57	60	56	56	59	54	61
<i>Worcestershire</i>	..	..	..	..	65	68	67	65	65	65	66	65
Sandwell	46	46	45	43	45	44	46	44	47	49	49	53
Shropshire	62	63	60	59	60	62	62	58	57	56	57	57
<i>Shropshire</i>	..	..	..	..	62	64	64	60	60	59	60	61
<i>Telford and Wrekin</i>	..	..	..	..	56	57	58	55	51	52	52	51
Solihull	65	69	69	68	64	71	69	64	60	61	61	61
Staffordshire	55	54	54	54	54	54	56	54	55	54	55	56
<i>Staffordshire</i>	..	..	..	58	58	58	59	56	58	57	58	59
<i>Stoke-on-Trent</i>	..	..	..	38	39	41	47	45	46	46	46	48
Walsall	48	50	46	47	48	53	54	56	54	53	52	55
Warwickshire	63	63	62	61	59	60	62	59	59	59	61	60
Wolverhampton	55	53	53	52	52	53	54	53	55	55	58	60
East of England	62	62	62	62	62	63	62	59	59	59	61	61
Bedfordshire	62	64	62	59	63	63	61	58	59	60	62	63
<i>Bedfordshire</i>	..	..	..	65	68	67	64	61	60	62	63	65
<i>Luton</i>	..	..	..	49	54	57	56	53	56	58	61	60
Cambridgeshire	63	62	62	63	59	60	62	61	62	61	60	62
<i>Cambridgeshire</i>	..	..	..	..	60	61	63	62	65	64	63	64
<i>Peterborough</i>	..	..	..	..	57	58	58	58	54	54	52	53
Essex	58	58	57	57	58	59	57	54	56	56	57	57
<i>Essex</i>	..	..	..	..	58	59	58	55	57	57	58	58
<i>Southeast-on-Sea</i>	..	..	..	..	64	64	65	60	52	54	59	56
<i>Thurrock</i>	..	..	..	..	45	48	45	47	50	47	47	53
Hertfordshire	73	74	73	75	73	76	75	72	68	69	71	70
Norfolk	55	58	56	55	59	57	56	51	52	53	54	55
Suffolk	58	58	60	61	59	60	58	58	58	58	59	60
Greater London	63	63	63	62	63	64	65	62	63	65	67	68
Inner London²	60	60	59	59	60	61	62	61	62	63	65	65
Outer London	65	65	65	64	65	66	66	63	64	66	68	70
Barking and Dagenham	40	42	43	43	43	44	45	43	45	43	50	56
Barnet	69	68	70	68	73	72	76	75	68	70	74	72
Bexley	54	56	59	58	55	55	56	55	55	56	58	61
Brent	60	62	63	61	64	64	62	60	65	69	74	75
Bromley	68	67	69	69	70	72	75	70	66	65	69	65
Croydon	68	68	69	66	65	66	61	55	61	67	70	69
Ealing	61	65	61	62	61	63	61	60	69	68	67	74
Enfield	67	67	69	70	70	71	72	65	65	65	68	73
Greenwich	50	51	53	47	50	50	51	52	55	55	59	62
Harrow	66	65	65	62	62	62	60	60	78	80	79	81
Havering	61	60	59	55	58	59	60	54	53	57	58	61
Hillingdon	60	62	65	66	68	66	66	69	66	67	66	67
Hounslow	61	68	68	66	67	74	74	67	57	61	63	65
Kingston upon Thames	*	83	84	83	82	84	84	79	70	68	71	73
Merton	60	63	63	61	64	61	57	56	65	63	66	71
Redbridge	71	72	73	72	77	83	83	85	78	73	73	79
Richmond upon Thames	71	79	71	69	64	65	67	70	76	81	79	77
Sutton	69	72	71	76	78	77	79	76	61	64	66	67
Waltham Forest	64	63	66	64	61	62	62	59	65	71	70	72

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	17 year olds											
	end 1994	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997	end 1998	end 1999	end 2000	end 2001 ¹ (a)	end 2001 ¹ (b)	end 2002	end 2003	end 2004
South East	65	64	64	62	63	63	64	61	61	61	63	64
Berkshire	68	67	66	64	65	66	67	66	65	65	66	64
<i>Bracknell Forest</i>	..	..	..	..	63	61	63	58	62	61	64	59
<i>Reading</i>	..	..	..	..	58	62	59	61	61	60	62	59
<i>Slough</i>	..	..	..	..	64	63	62	57	57	60	59	63
<i>West Berkshire</i>	..	..	..	..	64	67	73	71	66	62	63	61
<i>Windsor and Maidenhead</i>	..	..	..	..	70	72	77	73	73	74	74	71
<i>Wokingham</i>	..	..	..	..	71	65	65	69	72	70	73	69
Buckinghamshire	61	60	60	60	61	60	60	58	58	60	62	63
<i>Buckinghamshire</i>	..	..	..	66	68	66	68	66	64	65	65	66
<i>Milton Keynes</i>	..	..	..	47	45	47	43	41	47	50	54	58
East Sussex	67	66	63	61	62	63	65	62	63	64	62	68
<i>Brighton and Hove</i>	..	..	..	61	57	63	68	69	68	66	64	66
<i>East Sussex</i>	..	..	..	62	64	63	64	59	61	63	62	68
Hampshire	61	61	62	59	58	58	59	56	57	58	59	62
<i>Hampshire</i>	..	..	..	60	59	58	60	57	58	59	61	63
<i>Portsmouth</i>	..	..	..	55	56	56	56	54	54	53	58	62
<i>Southampton</i>	..	..	..	55	54	56	56	52	51	53	53	53
Isle of Wight	63	67	65	69	64	67	67	59	60	57	56	60
Kent	63	62	62	62	63	64	63	59	58	59	61	62
<i>Kent</i>	..	..	..	..	64	65	64	60	60	60	63	63
<i>Medway</i>	..	..	..	..	58	59	62	53	51	55	54	56
Oxfordshire	68	67	63	62	64	62	62	63	63	61	64	64
Surrey	70	69	69	66	66	67	70	69	69	68	68	69
West Sussex	70	68	69	65	66	67	65	62	61	62	66	66
South West	62	63	63	62	61	63	63	60	60	61	61	61
Avon	62	62	63	62	61	61	63	60	61	60	60	61
<i>Bath and North East Somerset</i>	..	..	85	77	81	81	83	77	72	70	70	68
<i>Bristol, City of</i>	..	..	54	55	53	51	54	55	59	57	58	60
<i>North Somerset</i>	..	..	67	66	60	64	64	60	60	61	62	63
<i>South Gloucestershire</i>	..	..	57	61	62	63	62	58	58	56	56	58
Cornwall	..	..	65	62	63	65	66	59	60	63	61	61
Isles of Scilly	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Devon	63	62	61	59	58	59	59	57	57	57	59	57
<i>Devon</i>	..	..	..	..	58	60	59	57	59	59	61	59
<i>Plymouth</i>	..	..	..	..	54	55	58	58	54	55	54	55
<i>Torbay</i>	..	..	..	..	63	60	59	60	54	53	57	51
Dorset	62	65	64	66	65	65	65	62	61	62	63	59
<i>Bournemouth</i>	..	..	..	72	73	65	66	62	58	61	59	59
<i>Dorset</i>	..	..	..	63	61	63	63	60	61	62	65	60
<i>Poole</i>	..	..	..	70	66	71	70	70	63	61	63	58
Gloucestershire	66	64	65	62	62	66	64	63	61	63	63	62
Somerset	57	66	62	64	61	64	63	61	62	61	62	63
Wiltshire	60	59	61	60	58	61	61	61	62	63	62	63
<i>Swindon</i>	..	..	..	52	50	51	55	54	54	55	58	60
<i>Wiltshire</i>	..	..	..	63	62	66	64	64	65	67	63	65
England³	59	59	59	58	58	59	60	58	58	58	59	60

1 The break in the time series is due to changes in the schools data, see section B in Notes to Editors.

2 Figures for individual Inner London LEAs cannot be estimated reliably, therefore only a total is provided. See paragraph 19 of the SFR for further information.

3 Definitive national figures for participation in education and training are published in SFR 27/2005, see section C in Notes to Editors.

Notes: Between 1996 and 1998 new unitary authorities were created. The figures given in the table are on based on the LEAs in existence in each year.

Due to the margin of error surrounding local level population estimates and the use of school level data for independent schools, participation rates at LEA level can be over 100 per cent. For these LEAs, an asterisk is placed in the tables.

Chart A: Participation of 16 year olds in education and WBL by region, end 2004

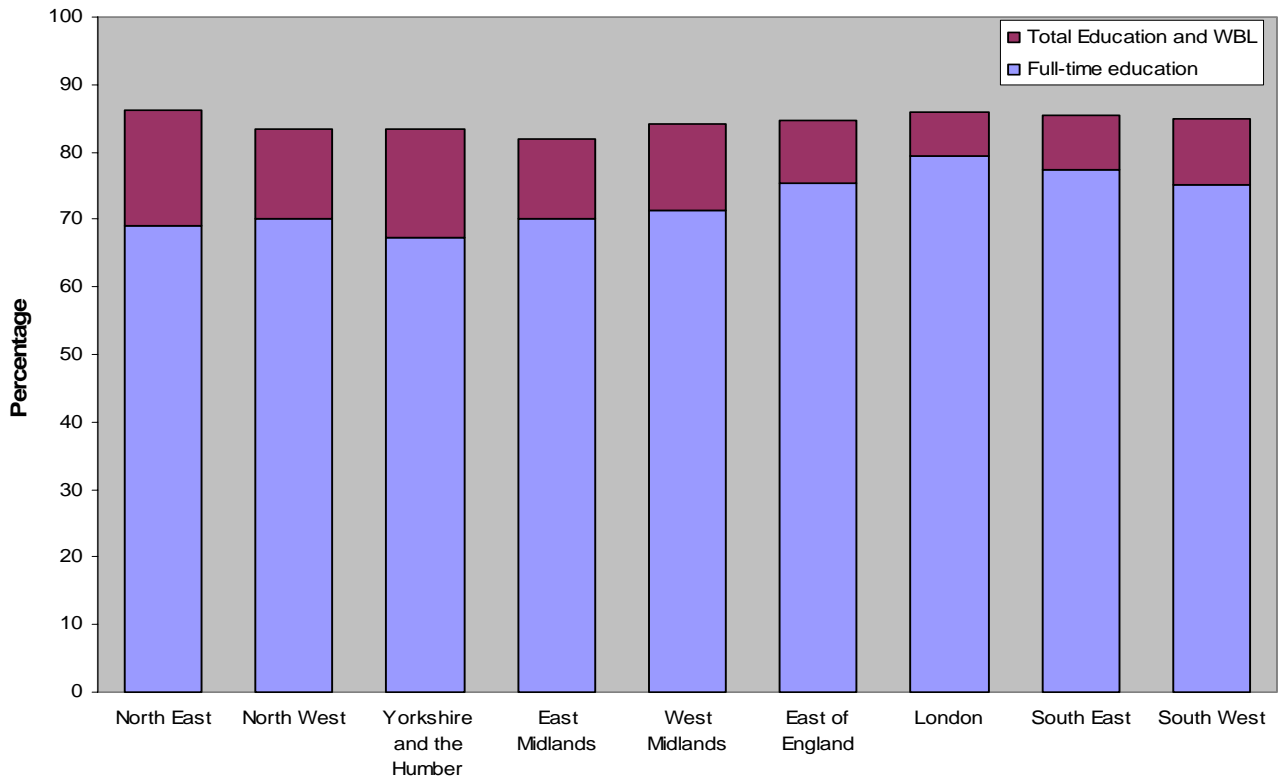


Chart B: Participation of 17 year olds in education and WBL by region, end 2004

