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PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION AND WORK BASED LEARNING OF 16 & 17 YEAR OLDS IN ENGLAND, END 2011 (SUB-NATIONAL DATA)

INTRODUCTION

These additional tables to Statistical First Release (SFR) 12/2012 provide local and regional estimates of participation in education and work based learning for 16 and 17 year olds in England for 2011.

As with the revised national data published in February 2013, these data reflect the 2011-based mid-year population estimates the Office for National Statistics published following the release of the 2011 Census. Further information on the ONS population revisions and the impact on the previously published national participation data can be found in the "Headlines" and section F of [SFR 12/2012](#).

The historical sub-national participation rates have been withdrawn following the revision of the mid-year population estimates. The revised 2002 to 2010 sub-national population estimates are due to be released in summer 2013 and the local and regional participation rates will be published once these are available.

All estimates relate to a snapshot of activities at the end of the calendar year, and are based on academic age, defined as age at the start of the academic year, 31st August.

Information from the different post-16 learning options (schools, Further Education (FE) colleges, Work Based Learning (WBL), Higher Education, etc) have been drawn together to give a coherent and comprehensive picture of the participation of 16 and 17 year olds.

HEADLINES

The key regional statistics based on the end 2011 data are shown below:

Age 16/17	Full time Education	Work Based Learning	Part-time education	Education and WBL¹
North East	72	8	8	88
North West	78	6	5	89
Yorkshire and the Humber	74	7	6	88
East Midlands	75	5	5	85
West Midlands	76	5	6	87
East of England	78	4	5	87
London	81	2	5	88
South East	79	4	5	88
South West	80	5	5	90
England	78	5	5	88

1: Cells may not sum to the total, due to rounding.

The main headlines for 16 and 17 year olds at end 2011 are:

- Overall, participation in Education and Work Based Learning ranges from 85% in the East Midlands to 90% in the South West.
- Participation in full-time education ranges from 72% in the North East to 81% in London.
- Conversely, participation in work based learning (WBL) ranges from 2% in London to 8% in the North East.
- The North East has the highest level of participation in part-time education (8%).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

There are a number of differences between the national and local estimates:

- The national participation estimates cover all 16-18 year olds; whereas the local figures only relate to 16 and 17 year olds.
- The national estimates include information on employment to allow estimation of NEET; whereas the local figures do not show employment, which cannot be accurately estimated at a local level. So, the local figures do not show NEET – they only show participation in education and work based learning.
- The mechanism for calculating the national and local estimates of participation differ slightly because of data availability which leads to small discrepancies between the national estimate and an aggregate of the local estimates.
- Note that it is possible to see local authority and regional participation rates of 100% or higher. This is because participation is based on the residency of the learner, but for young people in independent schools residence data is not collected, so an assumption is made that young people participating in independent schools live in the local authority where the school is located. This will tend to inflate participation estimates for local authorities and regions with both an untypically high number of independent schools and where cross border flows are common.
- See the Technical Notes of [SFR 12/2012](#) for more information on the definitions, data sources, the differences between local and national estimates and revisions to previously published data.

ADDITIONAL TABLES AND MAPS

The following additional tables, giving numbers and percentages, are available on the DfE website at: [DfE: Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England, end 2011](#)

Additional Table 1: Participation in education and work based learning of 16 & 17 year olds by type of institution, region and gender in England, end of 2011

Additional Table 2: Participation in education and work based learning of 16 & 17 year olds by type of institution and LA in England, end of 2011

There are also four maps available showing the following participation rates:

Map 1: Participation in Full Time Education of 16 year olds by LA: England, end 2011

Map 2: Participation in Full Time Education of 17 year olds by LA: England, end 2011

Map 3: Participation in Education and Work Based Learning of 16 year olds by LA: England, end 2011

Map 4: Participation in Education and Work Based Learning of 17 year olds by LA: England, end 2011

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