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Participation in Education and Work Based Learning of 16 & 17 year olds in England, end 2012 (sub-national data)

These additional tables to Statistical First Release (SFR) 22/2013 provide local and regional estimates of participation in education and work based learning for 16 and 17 year olds in England for 2012.

Headlines

16 and 17 year olds, regional

Full-time education is highest in the south...	Participation in full-time education ranges from 75% in the North East and East Midlands to 82% in London.
...but work based learning is more common in the north	Participation in work based learning ranges from 2% in London to 7% in the North East and Yorkshire and the Humber.
Part-time education is less variable	Participation in part-time education is highest in the North East and West Midlands (6%) and lowest in London and East of England (4%).
Overall participation in education and work based learning is similar across regions, but...	...in 2012 overall participation was slightly lower in the East Midlands compared to other regions in England. Participation ranges from 85% in the East Midlands to 89% in the South West, London, and the North West.

The key regional statistics based on the end 2012 data are shown below:

Age 16/17	Full-time education (%)	Work Based Learning (%)	Part-time education (%)	Education and WBL ¹ (%)
South West	80	5	5	89
London	82	2	4	89
North West	78	6	5	89
South East	80	4	5	88
Yorkshire & Humber	76	7	5	88
East of England	80	4	4	88
North East	75	7	6	88
West Midlands	77	5	6	87
East Midlands	75	5	5	85
England	79	5	5	88

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

Background

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.

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.

Differences between the local and national estimates:

Age range	The local participation estimates only relate to 16 and 17 year olds; whereas the national figures cover all 16-18 year olds.
NEET estimates	The local figures do not show NEET because employment cannot be accurately estimated at a local level; whereas the national estimates include information on employment allowing estimation of NEET.
England estimate differs	The mechanism for calculating the local and national estimates of participation differ slightly because of data availability. This leads to small discrepancies between the aggregate of the local estimates and the national figure

Technical information

Note that it is possible to see local authority participation rates of 100% or higher. This is because participation is based on the residency of the learner. However, independent schools do not collect residence data, 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 22/2013](#) 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 numbers and percentages are available in the [additional tables](#) on the DfE website:

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 2012

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 2012

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

Map 1: Full Time Education of 16 year olds by LA: England, end 2012

Map 2: Full Time Education of 17 year olds by LA: England, end 2012

Map 3: Education and Work Based Learning of 16 year olds by LA: England, end 2012

Map 4: Education and Work Based Learning of 17 year olds by LA: England, end 2012

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