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Update on secondary capacity delivered through the Free School and Targeted Basic Need programmes

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Introduction

Local authorities are responsible for ensuring that every child has access to a good school place, under section 14(1) of the 1996 Education Act. The Department for Education assists local authorities in this duty by providing basic need capital funding. It has committed to £7 billion in funding for new school places over this Parliament.

The Department also coordinates a number of additional programmes with a view to providing new school places and improving the condition of the school estate. The central programmes that are responsible for the greatest number of new school places are the Targeted Basic Need programme, and the Free Schools programme.

The Targeted Basic Need programme was introduced in 2013, with the aim of creating more than 70,000 new places across primary, secondary, special and nursery projects. Local authorities bid for funding and were responsible for the delivery of the projects.

The Free Schools programme was introduced in 2010. In May 2015, the government committed to open 500 new free schools over the course of this Parliament.

This ad hoc statistical release relates only to secondary places created through these two central programmes. Many more places are being created by local authorities.

Published data

For the Targeted Basic Need programme, based on data received from local authorities, projects that are creating a total capacity of 7,825 secondary mainstream places started to provide places in September 2015.

Through the Free Schools programme, total additional secondary capacity of 11,170 places was created in 16 new secondary mainstream and Alternative Provision free schools, as well as a University Training School (UTS).

All of these projects were delivered in September 2015.

Key points

The table below shows the total number of secondary places created through projects delivered under the Targeted Basic Need and Free School programmes in September 2015.

Programme	Total number of secondary places created in projects that delivered in September 2015
Targeted Basic Need ¹	7,825
Free Schools ²	11,170
Total ³	18,995

¹ Source: Management information provided to the Department from local authorities through returns received in August 2015. This figure is the final Y7-11 capacity of secondary mainstream TBN projects and the secondary provision within all-through TBN projects, which delivered in September 2015.

² Source: Management information for total capacity gathered by the Department from new school application forms, which may be updated in the pre-opening stage. In September 2015 a total capacity of 11,170 secondary places was created in 16 new schools (mainstream, alternative provision and a University Training School, UTS). This data includes Y7-Y14 capacity where applicable. This data does not include places in studio schools, University Technical Colleges (UTCs) and 16-19 mainstream free schools, or secondary places in mainstream all-through free schools.

³ Does not include places created by local authorities or by other central programmes.

Related information

The latest School Capacity (SCAP) data collection will be published shortly, and will include data on capacity and total places created by local authorities as at May 2015. Therefore the places created in September 2015 will be included from the SCAP 2016 data release.

Data from School Capacity collections between 2009 and 2014 is available [here](#).

Published information on open Free Schools is available [here](#).

Information on the Targeted Basic Need programme is available [here](#).



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