



Attainment of Level 3 by age 19

Impact Indicator 3: Proportion of young people attaining Level 3 by age 19

About the indicator

The indicator is the percentage of young people in England who have attained a full Level 3 qualification by the end of the academic year in which they turn 19. A full Level 3 equates to 2 or more A-levels or an equivalent qualification

Why we measure it

Attainment of Level 3 is seen as the minimum requirement for entry into higher education, and has demonstrable returns in the labour market - it is estimated that the lifetime productivity gain associated with two or more A levels, compared with getting 5 GCSEs (including maths and English), is around £80,000 (in 2008 prices).

A key aim of the Department for Education is to raise attainment for all children and young people. By measuring overall levels of attainment at Level 3, this indicator should also help to focus on narrowing the L3 as disadvantaged young people are currently less likely to achieve this.

The data

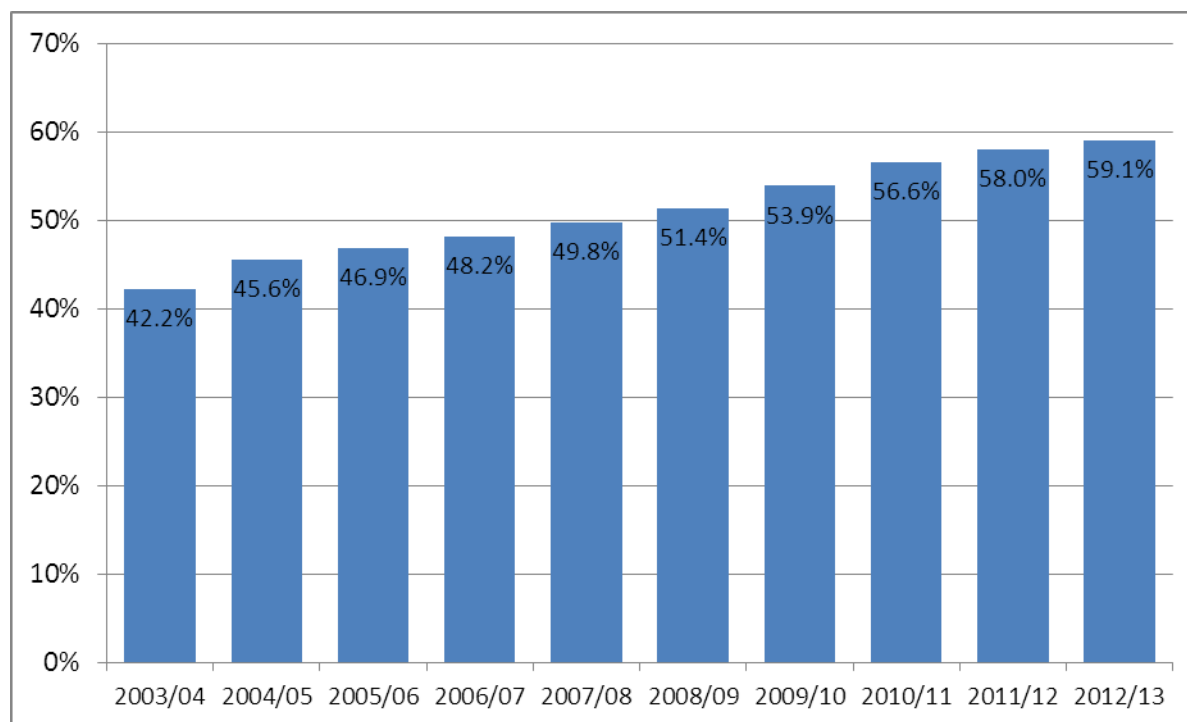


Figure 1 – Attainment of Level 3 at 19

Source: Young Person's Matched Administrative Dataset

Percentage attaining Level 3 by age 19

19 in...	2003/ 2004	2004/ 2005	2005/ 2006	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013
Level 3 at 19	42.2%	45.6%	46.9%	48.2%	49.8%	51.4%	53.9%	56.6%	58.0%	59.1%

Further information

Further information on this indicator and associated data can be found within our statistical first release:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/level-2-and-3-attainment-by-young-people-aged-19-in-2013

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