



Attainment of the basics at age 16

Impact Indicator 2: Percentage of pupils achieving A*-C GCSE in English and mathematics at age 16.

About the indicator

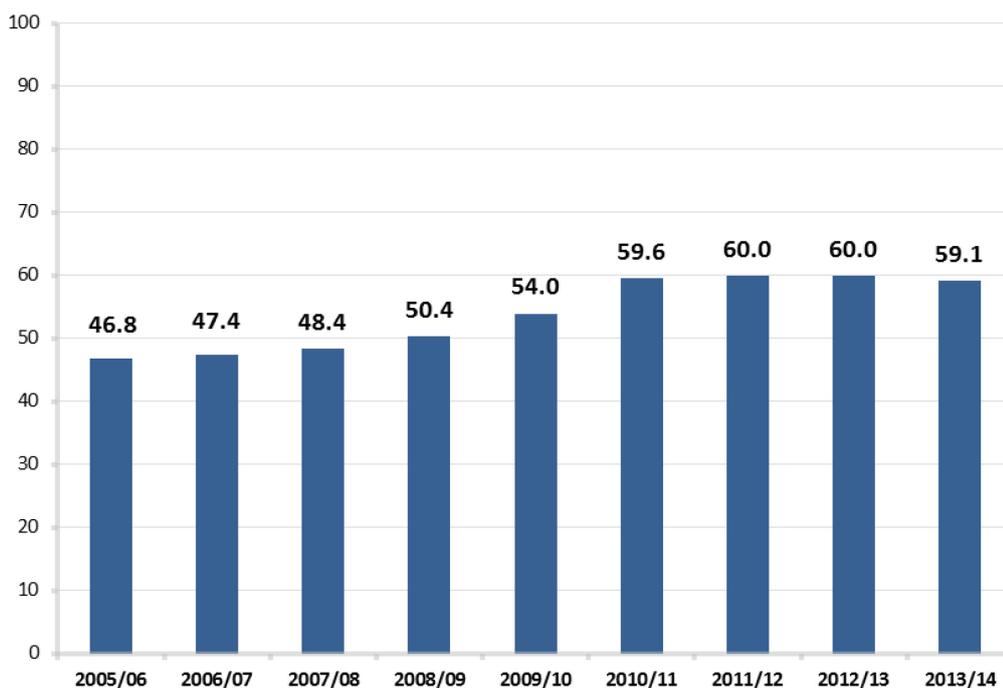
This indicator measures the percentage of all pupils at the end of key stage 4 (typically age 16) who achieved grades A* to C in both English and mathematics GCSEs (or iGCSEs from 2009/10).

Why we measure it

The Government sees it as a priority for all pupils to reach acceptable standards of numeracy and literacy. Ministers expect the majority of pupils to achieve C grade or better in English and in mathematics by the end of key stage 4, and this measure shows the proportion who have achieved that level in both subjects.

The data

The percentage of pupils achieving A*-C GCSEs in English and mathematics at the end of key stage 4 in England.



Year	% achieving English and mathematics GCSEs at grades A* to C
2005/06	46.8
2006/07	47.4
2007/08	48.4
2008/09	50.4
2009/10	54.0
2010/11	59.6
2011/12	60.0
2012/13	60.0
2013/14	59.1

Figures for 2013/14 are revised, all other figures are final. Figure for 2013/14 are based on the new 2014 methodology, further information on these changes can be found within the SFR main text (available from further information link below).

Further information

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