

Policy paper

Evidence of improvement in the teaching profession

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1.

Ofsted judgements

Ofsted judgements show that the quality of school leadership in England has improved since the 2009 to 2010 academic year. They found that:

- 85% of primary schools had good or outstanding leadership in the 2014 to 2015 academic year, compared to 71% in 2009 to 2010
- 79% of secondary schools had good or outstanding leadership in the 2014 to 2015 academic year, compared to 75% in 2009 to 2010

Ofsted judgements of teaching quality also show improvement since the 2009 to 2010 academic year. They found that:

- 84% of primary schools had good or outstanding teaching in the 2014 to 2015 academic year, up from 69% in 2009 to 2010
- 74% of secondary schools had good or outstanding teaching in the 2014 to 2015 academic year, up from 65% in 2009 to 2010

According to Ofsted's ['data view' statistics](#) from 10 September 2015, good or outstanding schools make up 82% of all the schools they inspected in England.

2.

Increase in teacher numbers

Figures from the [school workforce census](#) show that there was an increase in full-time teachers of 1.2% between November 2013 and November 2014.

2.1 Teach First



[Teach First](#) has more than doubled in size since 2010, with 1,387 participants starting the 2014 to 2015 programme in England.

The number of Teach First participants teaching science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects has increased from 42% in

the 2010 to 2011 academic year to 46% in the 2014 to 2015 year (this data comes from the [Teach First website](#)).

2.2 School Direct

[School Direct](#) has also grown. There were 9,232 new entrants to School Direct programmes in the academic year 2014 to 2015, compared with 6,667 the year before (2013 to 2014).

3.

Increase in initial teacher training (ITT)



Figures from the [initial teacher training: trainee number census 2014 to 2015](#) show that more top graduates are training to be teachers.

In the 2014 to 2015 academic year, 73% of new postgraduate entrants have a first-class or 2:1 university degree, compared with 72% in the 2012 to 2013 academic year and 66% in 2011 to 2012.

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