

Coasting Schools

A school will fall within the coasting definition if data shows that over time, it has not supported its pupils to fulfil their potential. Details of the coasting definition can be found in the [Technical Guide](#). A school must be below the coasting thresholds for 2014, 2015 and 2016 to fall within the overall coasting definition in 2016.

Schools will be excluded from the coasting definition if for any of the qualifying years:

They have fewer than 11 eligible pupils at the end of key stage 2; or

less than 50% of pupils have key stage 1 assessments that can be used to establish prior attainment; or

the school closes within the academic year (and did not re-open as a converter academy)

This note updates the information on coasting schools published in the key stage 2 revised statistical first release (SFR) on 15 December 2016; where we pre-announced that we would publish additional information on coasting once the final regulations have been made and published.

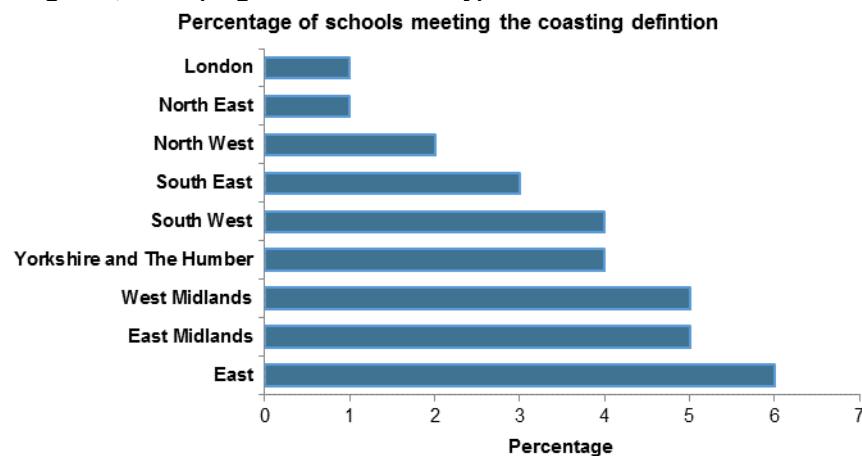
The regulations came into force on Wednesday 11 January 2017, and we are now providing an additional SFR table¹ showing the number and percentage of schools that meet the key stage 2 coasting definition, by each local authority area and region, based on the revised 2016 results.

477 schools have been identified as meeting the coasting definition in 2016. This represents 3 percent of schools included in the coasting calculation.

There is some overlap between the number of schools below the floor standard and the number falling within the coasting definition in 2016: Of the 665 schools that were below the primary floor standard, 109 also met the coasting definition.

The figure below shows the percentage of schools meeting the coasting definition by region. The East of England had the highest proportion of schools at 6%. London and the North East had the lowest proportion of schools at 1%.

**Percentage of schools meeting the coasting definition by region
England, 2016 (eligible² schools only)**



¹ Table SFR62/2016 Additional statistics on coasting schools: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/national-curriculum-assessments-key-stage-2-2016-revised>

² The coasting definition applies to all state-funded mainstream schools with the relevant key stage 2 data. It excludes schools with fewer than 11 eligible pupils at the end of key stage 2. Schools where less than 50% of pupils have key stage 1 assessments that can be used to establish prior attainment and schools that closed within the academic year (and did not re-open as a converter academy)