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**Participation in Education  
and Training by Young People  
Aged 16 and 17 in Each Local  
Area and Region, England,  
1995/96 to 1999/00**



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# PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING BY YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16 AND 17 IN EACH LOCAL AREA AND REGION, ENGLAND, 1995/96 TO 1999/00

## Introduction

1 Figures on participation in education and training of 16 to 18 year olds in England are published annually in a Statistical First Release (SFR). The latest was SFR 30/2001 published in June 2001. The figures in the SFR are the definitive national figures. For differences between the SFR figures and those given here, see paragraph 58. The England totals in this bulletin should be used solely as a point of comparison for the local and regional participation rates.

2 The bulletin updates Statistical Bulletin 11/00, updating to 1999/00 the figures on participation in education by Local Education Authority (LEA) and in education and training by local Learning and Skills Council (LSC) area. The local area results are summarised by government office (GO) region.

3 The bulletin includes tables showing participation in education and training by local Learning and Skills Councils, which from April 2001 were responsible for the planning and funding of post-16 learning in England. Although the data are for 1998/99 and 1999/00, before the establishment of local LSCs, the data can be used as a baseline for future years.

4 Education covers pupils in maintained and independent schools in England, and all English domiciled full- and part-time students taking further education courses in institutions of further or higher education (other than independent further and higher education institutions). Students in adult education centres are excluded, as are the small number of 16 and 17 year olds in higher education.

5 The figures for education and training together include full-time education, Government Supported Training (GST) and part-time education outside GST. **This is a slightly different definition from that used in SFR 30/2001 which includes employer funded training and other education and training outside publicly funded institutions.** A small number of GST participants are also in full-time education; these are included in both categories, but count only once in the total.

6 The data on school pupils, further education students and trainees are taken as a snapshot picture at a date near the end of the calendar year. For school pupils and trainees this is the following January, for students in further education (including sixth form colleges) in November and for students in higher education institutions in December. Population estimates by LEA or local LSC area are for January. In all cases, age is measured at the beginning of the academic year, 31 August.

7 Participation in education is only shown for Inner London as a whole in tables 3 and 6. Figures for individual Inner London boroughs cannot be estimated reliably because of the considerable number of pupils who attend schools in a borough other than the one in which they reside. This will also affect, to a lesser extent, the local LSC areas covering Inner London.

## Summary

- a Participation in education and training of 16 year olds was 83 per cent in England in 1999/00. For 17 year olds the rate was 74 per cent. The rates differed little by GO region for both 16 and 17 year olds.
- b By region, participation in full-time education and GST separately showed greater variation for 16 and 17 year olds in 1999/00 than education and training together. Full-time education participation rates were generally higher in the South than in the North, with the reverse trend for participation in GST and part-time education outside GST.
- c For 16 and 17 year olds, participation in education and training by region was higher for females than for males in 1999/00. Nationally, for 16 year olds, participation in education and training was 5 percentage points higher for females, 86 per cent compared with 81 per cent for males. National participation in education and training by 17 year olds was 5 percentage points higher for females than males, 77 per cent compared with 72 per cent. Participation by 16 year old females in full-time education was between 6 and 10 percentage points higher than males for all regions. For 17 year old females, participation in full-time education was between 6 and 9 percentage points higher than for males for all regions.
- d In 1999/00, participation in full-time education was 71 per cent for 16 year olds in England. The rates ranged from around 90 per cent to just under 50 per cent by LEA, and from around 80 per cent to just over 60 per cent by local LSC area.
- e For 17 year olds, participation in full-time education was 58 per cent in England in 1999/00. The rates ranged from just over 80 per cent to just over 30 per cent by LEA, and around 70 per cent to around 50 per cent for most local LSCs.

## Participation in education and training of 16 year olds by region and by sex, England, 1999/00 – Table 1

8 Table 1 shows participation in full-time education by type of institution, in GST, in non-GST part-time education and in education and training combined for 16 year olds in 1999/00. The rates are given by region for males and females, separately and combined.

9 Nationally, 83 per cent of 16 year olds participated in education and training in 1999/00. The majority, 71

per cent, were in full-time education. Around half of the 16 year olds in full-time education remained at school, 29 per cent in maintained schools and 6 per cent in independent schools. Of the rest of those in full-time education, 9 per cent went on to a sixth form college and 27 per cent to 'other FE' colleges. A further 8 per cent of the age group were on GST schemes, while 5 per cent were in other part-time education outside GST.

**10** Participation in education and training differed only a little between regions. However, participation in full-time education and GST on their own showed much greater variation, with higher rates for full-time education in the South and lower rates in the North. Participation in GST showed the reverse trend with rates higher in the North and lower in the South.

**11** The highest participation rates in full-time education were 75 per cent in the East of England, London and the South East, with the North East the lowest at 64 per cent. Participation in GST was highest in the North. The southern regions had GST rates of less than 10 per cent, with London the lowest at 4 per cent.

**12** The proportion of 16 year olds in full-time education who continued in school was higher in the South than in the North, while the opposite was true for the proportion going on to further education colleges. Participation in independent schools was highest in the South, with the South East at 10 per cent and London and the South West at 8 per cent. Rates in the North were lower with the North East the lowest at 3 per cent.

**13** Participation rates in full-time education and in education and training were consistently higher for females than for males in each region. In full-time education, participation by 16 year old females was 75 per cent nationally, 8 percentage points higher than for males at 67 per cent. The difference was smaller, 5 percentage points for education and training, where the rate for females was 86 per cent and 81 per cent for males. This was mainly because males had higher participation in GST than females, 10 per cent compared with 7 per cent.

**14** Nationally, participation in full-time education in maintained schools by females was 4 percentage points higher than males, 31 per cent for females and 27 per cent for males. The difference in further education was smaller at 2 percentage points, 28 per cent for females and 26 per cent for males in further education colleges, and 10 per cent for females and 8 per cent for males in sixth form colleges. The rates for independent schools were the same for males and females at 6 per cent, as was participation in non-GST part-time education at 5 per cent.

**15** The difference between male and female participation in full-time education by 16 year olds was highest in the North East, a difference of 10 percentage points, and lowest in the East of England, a difference of 6 percentage points.

## **Participation in education and training of 16 year olds by local LSC area, England, 1998/99 and 1999/00 – Table 2, Chart 1 and Map 1**

**16** Table 2 shows participation of 16 year olds in full-time education by type of institution, in GST, in non-GST part-time education and in education and training combined by local LSC area in 1998/99 and 1999/00. Chart 1 shows the variation in education and training participation rates between local LSCs in 1999/00. Map 1 shows the 1999/00 education and training rates from table 2, with shading for four bands of the rates.

**17** In 1999/00, participation in full-time education by local LSC area for 16 year olds ranged from around 80 per cent to just over 60 per cent. The local LSCs with the highest rates were in the South, with Hertfordshire at 87 per cent, London South at 81 per cent and London North at 80 per cent. The lowest rates were found in the North and the Midlands, with County Durham at 61 per cent and Tyne and Wear, South Yorkshire and The Black Country at 62 per cent. These compare with a national rate of 71 per cent.

**18** About 20 per cent of local LSCs, mostly in the South, had participation in independent schools of 10 per cent or higher compared with 6 per cent nationally. The local LSCs with the high rates in the schools sector of around 50 per cent of 16 year olds, had lower rates in further education, usually around 20 per cent, and similarly the local LSCs with low rates in the schools sector had higher rates in further education. The local LSC with the highest participation in sixth form colleges was Hampshire and the Isle of Wight at 26 per cent, followed by Tees Valley at 24 per cent and Greater Manchester at 23 per cent.

**19** Participation in GST was generally higher in local LSC areas in the North and lower in the South. The same was true of participation in other part-time education outside GST.

**20** Referring to map 1; participation in education and training combined was more uniform throughout the country than full-time education and GST on their own, as local LSCs in the North with low rates in full-time education had high rates in GST and in other part-time education. Participation in education and training ranged from 95 per cent in Hertfordshire to 77 per cent in London Central, Norfolk and Northamptonshire.

**21** In comparison with 1998/99, participation in education and training in 1999/00 by 16 year olds either remained the same, or changed by 1 percentage point for about 65 per cent of local LSCs.

**22** For over 55 per cent of local LSCs, participation in full-time education changed by no more than 1 percentage point between 1998/99 and 1999/00. For around 65 per cent of local LSCs, participation in GST changed by no more than 1 percentage point between 1998/99 and 1999/00. For over 85 per cent of local LSCs, participation in other part-time education remained the

same or changed by no more than 1 percentage point between 1998/99 and 1999/00.

**23** Nationally, participation in full-time education increased by 1 percentage point between 1998/99 and 1999/00. There was no increase in other part-time education over the same period. Participation in GST decreased by 1 percentage point from 1998/99 to 1999/00. This resulted in participation in education and training remaining constant at 83 per cent between 1998/99 and 1999/00.

**Participation in education of 16 year olds by LEA, England, 1995/96 to 1999/00 – Table 3, Chart 2 and Map 2**

**24** Table 3 shows the variation in participation in full- and part-time education for 16 year olds by LEA from 1995/96 to 1999/00. Chart 2 shows the variation in full-time education participation between LEAs in 1999/00. Map 2 shows the 1999/00 full-time education participation rates from table 3, with shading for six bands of the rates.

**25** Full-time participation stayed at the same level between 1995/96 and 1998/99, and then increased by 1 percentage point to a rate of 71 per cent in 1999/00.

Part-time participation remained constant between 1995/96 and 1998/99 and then fell by 1 percentage point to a rate of 6 per cent in 1999/00.

**26** For around 65 per cent of LEAs, participation in full-time education changed by no more than 2 percentage points between 1998/99 and 1999/00. For over 75 per cent of LEAs, participation in part-time education changed by no more than 1 percentage point between 1998/99 and 1999/00.

**27** Participation in full-time education of 16 year olds in 1999/00 ranged from over 90 per cent to around 50 per cent by LEA. The highest rate, 94 per cent, was held by Rutland, followed by Kingston upon Thames and Redbridge with a rate of 93 per cent. Participation in full-time education was lowest in Salford, with a rate of 48 per cent. Map 2 shows that in general the higher rates were in the South and the lower rates in the North and the Midlands.

**28** Participation in part-time education ranged from 21 per cent in Bradford to 2 per cent for the Isle of Wight, Rutland and Southend-on-Sea. The higher rates were generally found in the North and Midlands, in LEAs with full-time participation rates lower than average, while the South had the lower part-time participation rates.

**TABLE 1:**  
Participation in education and training of 16 year olds by type of institution by region and by sex, England, 1999/00

percentage of age group

	Full-time education				Total	GST	Other part-time education <sup>1</sup>	Total education and training (less overlap)
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Sixth form college	Other FE				
<b>Government Office regions</b>								
<b>Males and females</b>								
North East	23	3	8	29	64	*	8	*
North West	20	4	15	28	67	11	5	82
Yorkshire and the Humber	27	4	8	27	66	12	7	84
East Midlands	33	5	5	27	69	9	7	85
West Midlands	27	5	10	27	69	9	5	82
East of England	35	6	9	25	75	6	3	84
London	32	8	9	25	75	4	4	83
South East	30	10	12	24	75	5	3	83
South West	31	8	2	33	74	7	4	84
<b>England</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Males</b>								
North East	21	3	7	28	59	*	7	*
North West	19	4	13	27	63	13	5	79
Yorkshire and the Humber	25	4	7	26	62	14	7	81
East Midlands	30	5	4	25	65	11	7	81
West Midlands	25	5	9	25	65	10	6	79
East of England	33	7	8	24	72	7	4	81
London	29	8	8	26	71	5	4	80
South East	28	10	11	23	72	6	3	81
South West	28	8	2	32	70	8	4	82
<b>England</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Females</b>								
North East	25	3	10	31	69	*	8	*
North West	22	4	16	29	71	9	4	84
Yorkshire and the Humber	30	4	9	27	70	9	8	87
East Midlands	35	5	5	29	74	8	7	88
West Midlands	29	5	11	28	73	7	5	85
East of England	37	6	9	26	78	5	3	86
London	35	9	10	25	79	4	4	86
South East	32	9	13	24	79	4	3	86
South West	33	9	2	34	78	6	3	87
<b>England</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>86</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes the overlap with GST.  
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\* GST figures for Tees Valley are not shown because they reveal an unusually large rise and are currently being checked with data providers. This naturally also affects the North East region. Once these figures have been finalised the website will be updated.

**TABLE 2:**

Participation in education and training of 16 year olds by local Learning and Skills Council area, England, 1998/99 and 1999/00

*percentage of age group*

	1998/99					GST	Other part-time education <sup>1</sup>	Total education and training (less overlap)
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Full-time education Sixth form college	Other FE	Total			
<b>North East</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>*</b>
County Durham	24	2	3	29	59	15	8	81
Northumberland	50	0	1	15	66	12	5	83
Tees Valley	6	3	23	30	63	*	7	*
Tyne and Wear	24	5	3	28	60	15	7	82
<b>North West</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>82</b>
Cheshire and Warrington	34	5	10	24	73	9	6	87
Cumbria	37	4	6	22	69	15	7	90
Greater Manchester	10	5	22	24	62	13	5	79
Greater Merseyside	32	3	9	22	65	13	6	82
Lancashire	13	4	10	38	65	14	7	85
<b>Yorkshire and the Humber</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>83</b>
Humberside	17	2	17	28	65	15	5	83
North Yorkshire	35	8	11	20	73	16	7	94
South Yorkshire	21	1	4	32	58	14	6	77
West Yorkshire	30	4	8	21	63	10	10	83
<b>East Midlands</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>82</b>
Derbyshire	27	5	2	26	60	13	5	77
Leicestershire	34	4	13	22	73	8	6	87
Lincolnshire and Rutland	34	7	3	24	68	11	3	81
Northamptonshire	40	7	0	24	70	8	4	82
Nottinghamshire	29	3	5	26	64	11	8	82
<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>83</b>
Birmingham and Solihull	26	4	15	24	69	8	6	82
Coventry and Warwickshire	30	6	4	28	69	9	5	82
Herefordshire and Worcestershire	27	10	13	25	75	8	4	87
Shropshire	15	12	21	23	72	10	5	87
Staffordshire	28	2	6	28	65	12	7	82
The Black Country	25	2	5	29	61	12	8	81
<b>East of England</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>83</b>
Bedfordshire and Luton	35	7	12	22	76	7	4	86
Cambridgeshire	28	7	15	21	71	6	4	81
Essex	28	2	13	28	71	6	2	79
Hertfordshire	51	12	1	23	87	5	3	95
Norfolk	30	4	6	28	68	7	3	78
Suffolk	40	7	2	21	71	8	4	81
<b>London</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>82</b>
London Central	24	14	7	25	70	4	4	78
London East	29	3	11	26	69	6	4	78
London North	38	5	9	26	78	4	5	87
London South	32	14	13	21	80	5	2	87
London West	35	7	4	30	77	4	4	84
<b>South East</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>83</b>
Berkshire	39	15	2	19	75	6	4	85
Hampshire and the Isle of Wight	8	5	27	31	71	7	4	81
Kent and Medway	45	8	0	24	77	6	2	85
Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire	41	10	0	20	71	7	4	81
Surrey	25	18	18	17	78	3	3	84
Sussex	25	9	19	22	75	5	3	83
<b>South West</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>84</b>
Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole	38	8	0	31	77	7	3	86
Devon and Cornwall	32	5	0	35	72	9	5	85
Gloucestershire	39	10	0	28	77	8	3	86
Somerset	14	15	8	35	73	10	4	86
West of England	32	11	4	24	72	8	5	84
Wiltshire and Swindon	25	7	1	37	71	6	3	79
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percentage of age group

	1999/00							
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<b>North East</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>*</b>
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Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole	39	9	0	30	77	7	3	86
Devon and Cornwall	31	5	0	37	74	7	4	85
Gloucestershire	38	9	0	28	75	7	3	84
Somerset	14	13	9	38	74	10	3	86
West of England	32	12	4	26	74	6	4	84
Wiltshire and Swindon	26	7	1	38	71	6	4	80
<b>England</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>83</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes the overlap with GST.

Part-time education is almost entirely in other colleges of further education.

\* GST figures for Tees Valley are not shown because they reveal an unusually large rise and are currently being checked with data providers. This naturally also affects the North East region. Once these figures have been finalised the website will be updated.



**TABLE 3:**  
Participation in education of 16 year olds by LEA, England, 1995/96 to 1999/00

percentage of age group

	Full-time education					Part-time education				
	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00
<b>North East</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Cleveland	62	63	62	63	67	9	9	7	8	9
Hartlepool	..	64	63	66	67	..	8	6	8	9
Middlesbrough	..	61	59	58	68	..	10	7	6	6
Redcar and Cleveland	..	60	59	61	64	..	7	5	7	6
Stockton-on-Tees	..	67	65	67	69	..	11	8	10	13
Durham	60	59	59	59	62	9	11	9	9	9
Durham	..	..	59	59	61	..	..	9	10	10
Darlington	..	..	59	59	65	..	..	7	7	6
Northumberland	69	68	67	66	68	7	5	5	5	5
Gateshead	60	59	58	62	61	8	9	8	10	19
Newcastle upon Tyne	68	70	65	67	67	6	7	8	7	8
North Tyneside	68	67	67	64	68	5	7	7	6	9
South Tyneside	54	55	52	53	57	9	9	8	7	7
Sunderland	56	52	53	53	56	12	9	7	7	7
<b>North West</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
Cheshire	71	70	72	70	74	10	10	8	8	7
Cheshire	..	..	..	75	77	..	..	..	8	6
Halton	..	..	..	53	60	..	..	..	9	8
Warrington	..	..	..	67	72	..	..	..	8	7
Cumbria	68	68	68	69	70	8	10	9	7	6
Bolton	72	68	68	67	74	7	7	6	5	5
Bury	75	74	71	69	72	5	6	5	4	4
Manchester	65	60	60	63	62	20	20	14	12	5
Oldham	64	63	63	66	69	7	10	6	7	5
Rochdale	55	55	57	56	60	7	9	8	6	8
Salford	48	50	49	46	48	4	6	7	6	8
Stockport	68	69	66	67	68	7	9	6	6	8
Tameside	60	63	58	56	62	9	9	7	8	6
Trafford	64	63	65	67	65	10	9	8	8	6
Wigan	58	58	59	58	63	13	12	9	8	9
Lancashire	65	64	65	65	66	9	9	10	11	8
Lancashire	..	..	..	64	66	..	..	..	11	8
Blackburn with Darwen	..	..	..	71	66	..	..	..	11	10
Blackpool	..	..	..	64	64	..	..	..	8	8
Knowsley	51	54	51	50	52	5	6	7	7	6
Liverpool	62	59	63	63	64	5	4	6	6	6
St Helens	73	75	73	72	73	9	8	7	11	7
Sefton	76	77	74	78	80	6	6	6	6	4
Wirral	70	68	71	67	70	10	10	11	11	8
<b>Yorkshire and the Humber</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>
Humberside	66	63	63	65	66	8	9	8	8	6
City of Kingston upon Hull	..	58	52	56	57	..	9	7	7	6
East Riding of Yorkshire	..	66	70	71	72	..	10	9	8	7
North East Lincolnshire	..	63	61	63	65	..	8	7	8	5
North Lincolnshire	..	67	68	69	71	..	7	9	7	7
North Yorkshire pre Apr 1996	77	75	77	73	74	9	12	9	9	8
North Yorkshire post Apr 1996	..	74	75	72	73	..	13	10	11	9
York	..	81	81	76	76	..	8	6	5	6
Barnsley	52	52	52	53	55	8	9	13	7	5
Doncaster	57	57	58	59	64	6	8	9	10	15
Rotherham	67	66	66	66	73	9	7	10	6	6
Sheffield	57	56	56	54	57	12	10	8	9	7
Bradford	62	62	61	59	63	12	13	16	24	21
Calderdale	66	69	67	70	69	10	8	10	8	8
Kirklees	66	68	67	67	66	9	8	6	7	6
Leeds	65	66	64	63	65	11	14	9	9	9
Wakefield	66	64	70	64	69	5	4	3	4	5

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percentage of age group

	Full-time education					Part-time education				
	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00
<b>East Midlands</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
Derbyshire	64	64	62	60	68	9	8	8	8	15
Derbyshire	..	..	64	61	68	..	..	8	7	17
Derby	..	..	56	58	66	..	..	8	10	9
Leicestershire	70	72	73	74	76	9	10	9	7	7
Leicestershire	..	..	74	72	74	..	..	9	7	8
Leicester	..	..	70	74	75	..	..	11	8	7
Rutland	..	..	94	90	94	..	..	2	3	2
Lincolnshire	66	65	67	66	70	6	5	5	6	5
Northamptonshire	71	71	69	70	67	6	6	6	5	6
Nottinghamshire	63	63	62	64	67	10	10	9	9	9
Nottinghamshire	..	..	..	66	67	..	..	..	10	10
Nottingham	..	..	..	57	66	..	..	..	6	7
<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
Hereford and Worcester	74	75	73	75	76	7	7	7	7	6
Herefordshire	..	..	..	65	67	..	..	..	7	6
Worcestershire	..	..	..	78	78	..	..	..	6	6
Shropshire	70	71	71	72	73	10	9	8	8	9
Shropshire	..	..	..	74	75	..	..	..	8	10
Telford and Wrekin	..	..	..	68	68	..	..	..	7	7
Staffordshire	64	65	63	65	67	10	10	10	10	9
Staffordshire	..	..	67	68	70	..	..	10	10	9
Stoke-on-Trent	..	..	49	52	58	..	..	9	8	7
Warwickshire	72	70	70	70	72	9	10	9	7	7
Birmingham	68	67	68	67	69	6	7	6	6	6
Coventry	67	67	65	68	66	10	10	8	8	7
Dudley	60	59	57	62	61	13	17	10	9	9
Sandwell	55	51	54	54	57	7	8	9	9	10
Solihull	81	77	74	80	79	9	9	7	7	6
Walsall	59	57	61	64	67	8	7	9	7	9
Wolverhampton	64	64	61	65	65	11	14	12	13	7
<b>East of England</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
Bedfordshire	75	75	74	76	76	7	8	10	5	6
Bedfordshire	..	..	81	80	78	..	..	9	6	6
Luton	..	..	61	68	71	..	..	11	5	8
Cambridgeshire	74	77	71	71	75	6	6	7	7	6
Cambridgeshire	..	..	..	71	75	..	..	..	6	6
Peterborough	..	..	..	71	74	..	..	..	7	5
Essex	72	72	70	71	71	3	5	3	3	3
Essex	..	..	..	71	71	..	..	..	3	4
Southend-on-Sea	..	..	..	76	75	..	..	..	1	2
Thurrock	..	..	..	64	61	..	..	..	4	4
Hertfordshire	86	86	85	87	87	8	9	6	5	6
Norfolk	69	67	69	68	69	6	6	6	5	6
Suffolk	71	71	69	71	70	7	7	7	7	6
<b>Greater London</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Inner London</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Outer London</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Barking and Dagenham	63	70	59	60	61	4	5	4	4	4
Barnet	82	81	84	78	83	5	4	4	4	5
Bexley	73	73	70	71	71	5	5	6	5	5
Brent	72	72	76	73	75	3	4	4	5	4
Bromley	82	80	84	86	88	3	3	3	3	3
Croydon	82	76	77	75	77	3	3	3	3	3
Ealing	68	66	74	69	70	5	5	5	5	8
Enfield	84	84	82	85	85	8	8	5	6	6
Greenwich	69	63	65	62	63	3	5	5	5	7
Harrow	71	70	67	69	69	3	5	3	4	3
Havering	74	71	73	71	72	5	4	10	4	4
Hillingdon	80	80	78	80	80	4	5	5	4	5
Hounslow	85	83	83	88	90	2	4	3	3	3
Kingston upon Thames	93	93	93	93	93	3	4	3	3	4
Merton	77	76	80	70	68	3	4	3	4	3
Redbridge	85	86	88	94	93	4	3	4	3	3
Richmond upon Thames	90	87	73	70	70	4	4	3	3	3
Sutton	84	93	93	89	92	4	3	3	3	4
Waltham Forest	77	80	78	72	74	6	6	4	6	5

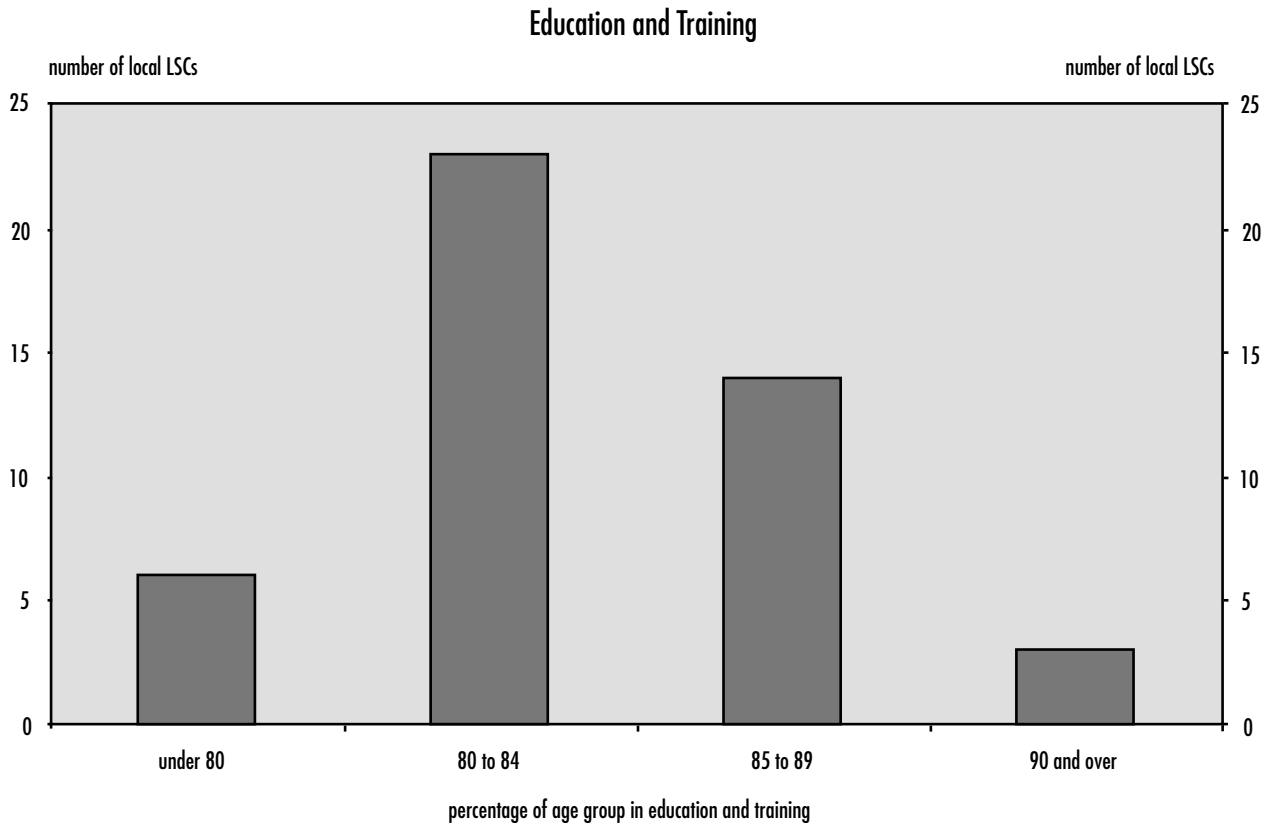
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Participation in education of 16 year olds by LEA, England, 1995/96 to 1999/00

*percentage of age group*

	Full-time education					Part-time education				
	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00
<b>South East</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Berkshire	76	76	76	75	76	6	6	6	5	5
Bracknell Forest	..	..	..	75	75	..	..	..	6	5
Windsor and Maidenhead	..	..	..	77	81	..	..	..	4	4
West Berkshire	..	..	..	78	80	..	..	..	5	6
Reading	..	..	..	69	67	..	..	..	6	5
Slough	..	..	..	72	78	..	..	..	6	6
Wokingham	..	..	..	77	76	..	..	..	5	5
Buckinghamshire	71	70	71	71	72	5	6	5	5	5
Buckinghamshire	..	..	78	75	77	..	..	5	5	5
Milton Keynes	..	..	58	60	60	..	..	4	3	3
East Sussex	76	75	75	73	75	4	4	4	5	5
East Sussex	..	..	76	74	76	..	..	5	5	5
Brighton and Hove	..	..	74	72	75	..	..	4	4	4
Hampshire	74	72	71	70	71	7	7	5	5	5
Hampshire	..	..	71	70	72	..	..	5	5	4
Portsmouth	..	..	73	73	70	..	..	6	4	6
Southampton	..	..	68	68	72	..	..	7	8	7
Isle of Wight	79	81	77	80	83	5	5	3	3	2
Kent	76	76	76	77	77	4	4	4	3	3
Kent	..	..	..	78	76	..	..	..	3	3
Medway	..	..	..	73	80	..	..	..	4	3
Oxfordshire	76	75	75	71	72	7	6	6	5	6
Surrey	79	78	79	78	79	3	4	3	4	3
West Sussex	78	77	77	77	77	4	4	4	4	4
<b>South West</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Avon	75	76	74	72	74	6	5	6	6	5
Bath and NE Somerset	..	90	87	90	91	..	6	6	6	6
City of Bristol	..	67	67	62	67	..	4	6	6	4
North Somerset	..	80	74	73	71	..	3	4	5	5
South Gloucestershire	..	75	74	73	75	..	5	8	7	6
Cornwall (incl Isles of Scilly)	76	77	75	76	78	6	5	6	4	4
Devon	72	72	72	70	72	7	7	8	8	7
Devon	..	..	..	69	71	..	..	..	8	7
Plymouth	..	..	..	71	73	..	..	..	6	6
Torbay	..	..	..	73	75	..	..	..	12	11
Dorset	76	78	77	77	77	7	6	5	4	4
Dorset	..	..	74	74	75	..	..	5	4	4
Poole	..	..	77	82	79	..	..	5	5	5
Bournemouth	..	..	87	82	81	..	..	5	4	6
Gloucestershire	78	74	74	77	75	7	8	6	6	7
Somerset	74	76	71	73	74	7	9	6	5	5
Wiltshire	72	72	69	71	71	6	5	5	4	5
Wiltshire	..	..	72	73	73	..	..	5	4	4
Swindon	..	..	61	65	68	..	..	6	6	7
<b>England</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>

**CHART 1:**  
Distribution of local Learning and Skills Councils by participation rate of 16 year olds, 1999/00



**under 80**

Greater Manchester  
London Central  
London East  
Norfolk  
Northamptonshire  
The Black Country

**80 to 84**

Birmingham and Solihull  
Cambridgeshire  
County Durham  
Coventry and Warwickshire  
Essex  
Gloucestershire  
Greater Merseyside  
Hampshire and the Isle of Wight  
Humberside  
Kent and Medway  
Lancashire  
Lincolnshire and Rutland  
Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire  
Northumberland  
Nottinghamshire  
South Yorkshire  
Staffordshire  
Suffolk  
Surrey  
Sussex  
West of England  
West Yorkshire  
Wiltshire and Swindon

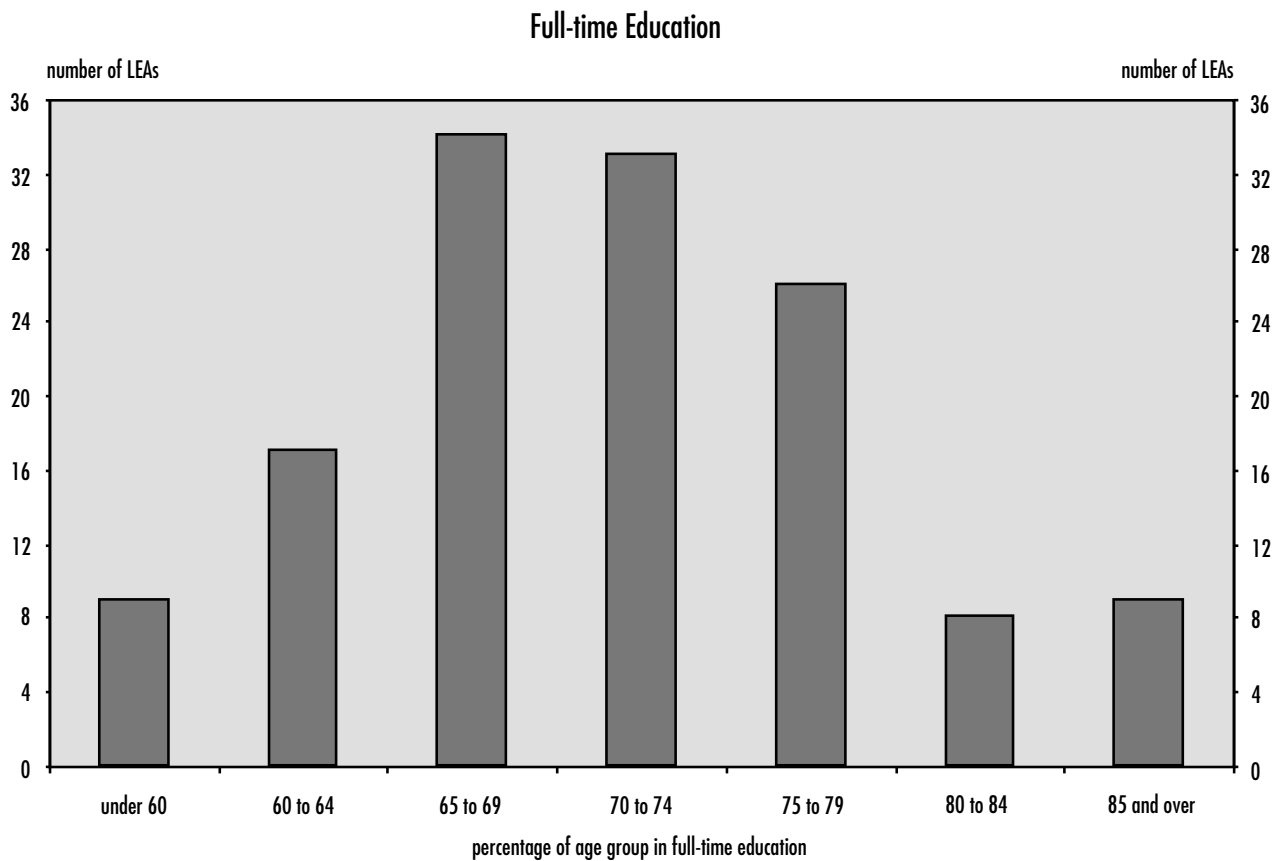
**85 to 89**

Bedfordshire and Luton  
Berkshire  
Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole  
Cheshire and Warrington  
Cumbria  
Devon and Cornwall  
Herefordshire and Worcestershire  
Leicestershire  
London North  
London South  
London West  
Shropshire  
Somerset  
Tyne and Wear

**90 and over**

Derbyshire  
Herefordshire  
North Yorkshire

**CHART 2:**  
Distribution of Local Education Authorities by participation rate of 16 year olds, 1999/00



under 60	60 to 64	65 to 69	70 to 74	75 to 79	80 to 84	85 and over
Barnsley	Barking and Dagenham	Birmingham	Bexley	Bedfordshire	Barnet	Bath and NE Somerset
City of Kingston upon Hull	Blackpool	Blackburn with Darwen	Bolton	Bracknell Forest	Bournemouth	Bromley
Knowsley	Bradford	Calderdale	Bury	Brent	Hillingdon	Enfield
Salford	Doncaster	City of Bristol	Cumbria	Brighton and Hove	Isle of Wight	Hertfordshire
Sandwell	Dudley	Coventry	Devon	Buckinghamshire	Medway	Hounslow
Sheffield	Durham	Darlington	Ealing	Cambridgeshire	Sefton	Kingston upon Thames
South Tyneside	Gateshead	Derby	East Riding of Yorkshire	Cheshire	West Berkshire	Redbridge
Stoke-on-Trent	Greenwich	Derbyshire	Essex	Cornwall	Windsor and Maidenhead	Rutland
Sunderland	Halton	Harrow	Hampshire	Croydon		Sutton
	Liverpool	Hartlepool	Havering	Dorset		
	Manchester	Herefordshire	Inner London	East Sussex		
	Milton Keynes	Kirklees	Leicestershire	Gloucestershire		
	Redcar and Cleveland	Lancashire	Lincolnshire	Kent		
	Rochdale	Leeds	Luton	Leicester		
	Tameside	Merton	North Lincolnshire	Poole		
	Thurrock	Middlesbrough	North Somerset	Shropshire		
	Wigan	Newcastle upon Tyne	North Yorkshire	Slough		
		Norfolk	Oxfordshire	Solihull		
		North East Lincolnshire	Peterborough	South Gloucestershire		
		North Tyneside	Plymouth	Southend-on-Sea		
		Northamptonshire	Portsmouth	Surrey		
		Northumberland	Richmond upon Thames	Torbay		
		Nottingham	Rotherham	West Sussex		
		Nottinghamshire	Somerset	Wokingham		
		Oldham	Southampton	Worcestershire		
		Reading	St Helens	York		
		Stockport	Staffordshire			
		Stockton-on-Tees	Suffolk			
		Swindon	Waltham Forest			
		Telford and Wrekin	Warrington			
		Trafford	Warwickshire			
		Wakefield	Wiltshire			
		Walsall	Wirral			
		Wolverhampton				

# Map 1: Participation in education and training of 16 year olds by local Learning and Skills Council area, England 1999/00

## NORTH EAST

- 1 County Durham
- 2 Northumberland
- 3 Tees Valley \*
- 4 Tyne and Wear

## NORTH WEST

- 5 Cheshire and Warrington
- 6 Cumbria
- 7 Greater Manchester
- 8 Lancashire
- 9 Greater Merseyside

## YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

- 10 Humberside
- 11 North Yorkshire
- 12 South Yorkshire
- 13 West Yorkshire

## EAST MIDLANDS

- 14 Derbyshire
- 15 Leicestershire
- 16 Lincolnshire and Rutland
- 17 Northamptonshire
- 18 Nottinghamshire

## WEST MIDLANDS

- 19 Birmingham and Solihull
- 20 Coventry and Warwickshire
- 21 Herefordshire and Worcestershire
- 22 Shropshire
- 23 Staffordshire
- 24 The Black Country

## EAST OF ENGLAND

- 25 Bedfordshire and Luton
- 26 Cambridgeshire
- 27 Essex
- 28 Hertfordshire
- 29 Norfolk
- 30 Suffolk

## LONDON

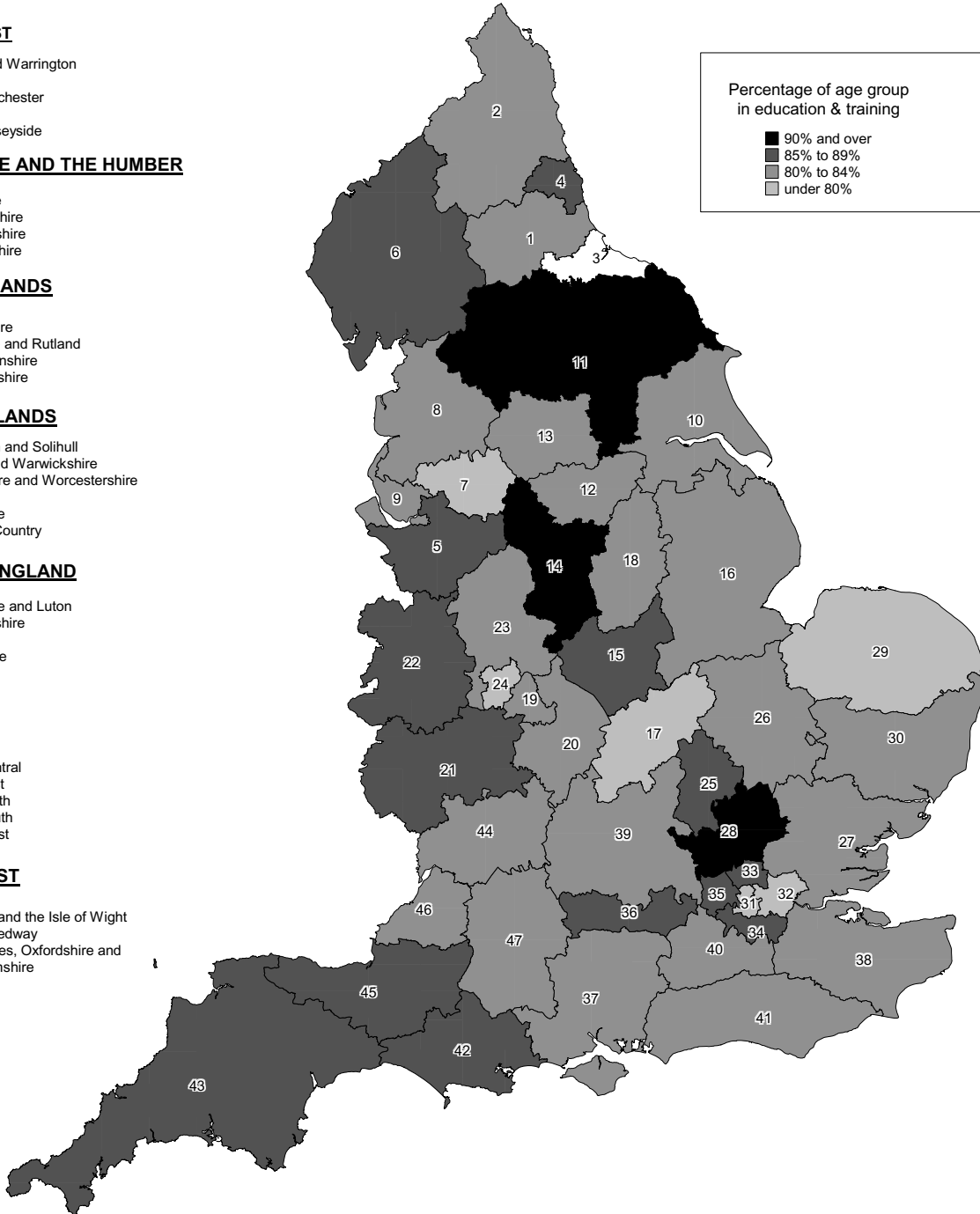
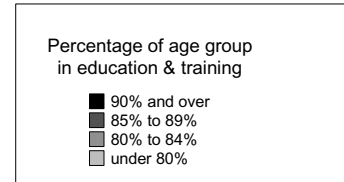
- 31 London Central
- 32 London East
- 33 London North
- 34 London South
- 35 London West

## SOUTH EAST

- 36 Berkshire
- 37 Hampshire and the Isle of Wight
- 38 Kent and Medway
- 39 Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire
- 40 Surrey
- 41 Sussex

## SOUTH WEST

- 42 Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole
- 43 Devon and Cornwall
- 44 Gloucestershire
- 45 Somerset
- 46 West of England
- 47 Wiltshire and Swindon

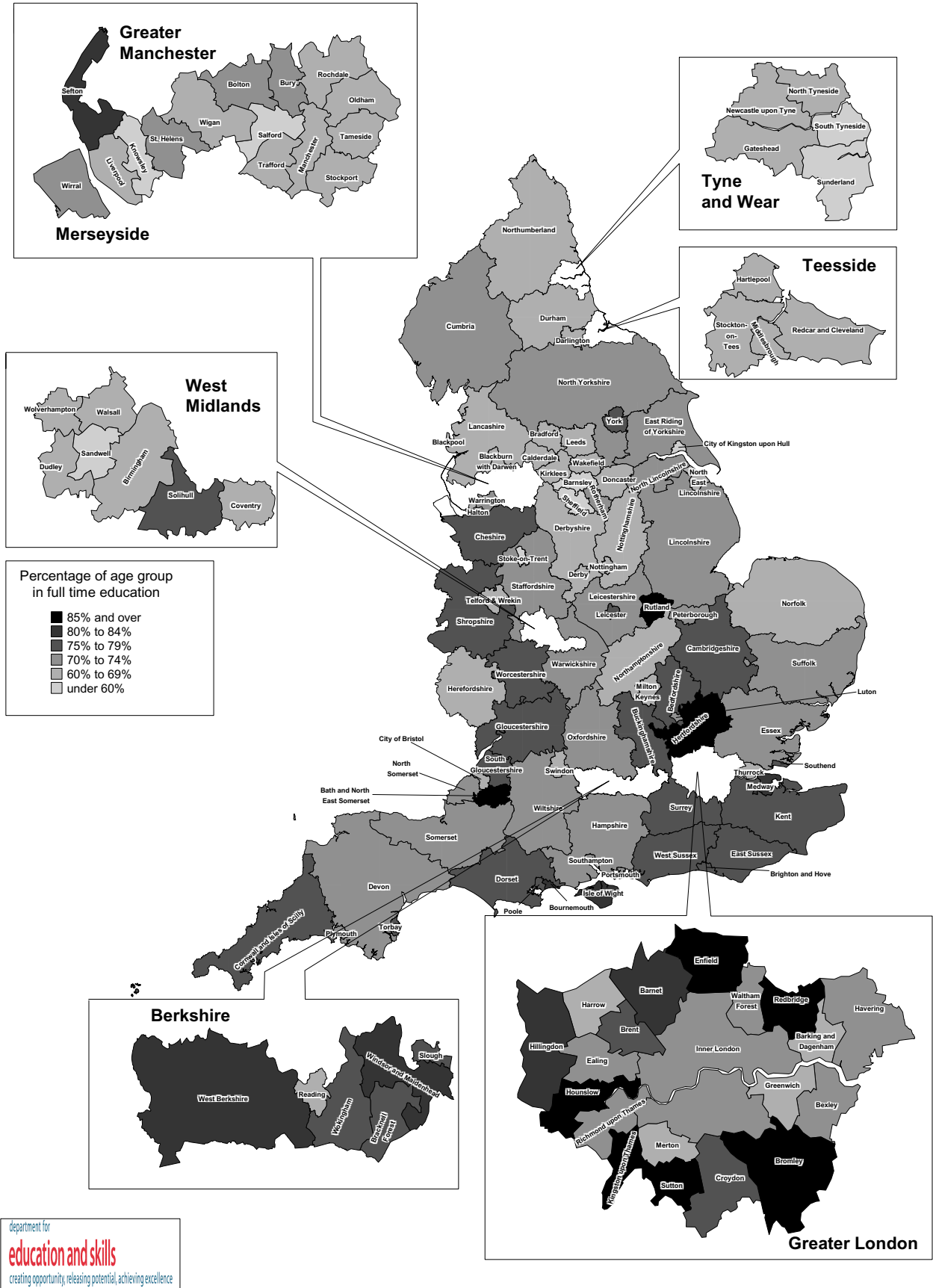


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**Map 2: Participation in full-time education of 16 year olds by Local Education Authority, England, 1999/00**



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### **Participation in education and training of 17 year olds by region and by sex, England, 1999/00 – Table 4**

**29** Table 4 shows participation in full-time education by type of institution, in GST, in non-GST part-time education and in education and training combined for 17 year olds in 1999/00. The rates are given by region for males and females, separately and combined.

**30** Nationally, 74 per cent of 17 year olds participated in education and training in 1999/00. The majority of these, 58 per cent of the age group, were in full-time education, 30 per cent in sixth form colleges and 'other FE' colleges and 28 per cent in school. A further 11 per cent were on GST schemes and 6 per cent were in other part-time education.

**31** As for 16 year olds, participation in education and training varied little between regions in 1999/00. Participation in full-time education and GST showed the same pattern as for 16 year olds – higher rates in full-time education in the South and for GST in the North. The East of England, London and South East had the highest rate of participation in full-time education, at 62 per cent. The North East had the lowest participation in full-time education, at 50 per cent.

**32** Nationally, participation in education and training was 5 percentage points higher for females than for males in 1999/00, 72 per cent for males and 77 per cent for females. The full-time education participation rate for females nationally was 62 per cent, 8 percentage points higher than for males at 54 per cent. London, the South West and West Midlands had the largest difference, 9 percentage points, in full-time education. To some degree this was balanced by differences in GST participation.

**33** Nationally, participation in full-time education in maintained schools by females was 4 percentage points higher than males, 24 per cent for females and 20 per cent for males. The difference in further education was smaller, 24 per cent for females and 21 per cent for males in further education colleges and 9 per cent for females and 7 per cent for males in sixth form colleges. The rates for independent schools were the same for both males and females at 6 per cent. Nationally, participation in non-GST part-time education was 6 per cent for females and 7 per cent for males.

### **Participation in education and training of 17 year olds by local LSC area, England, 1998/99 and 1999/00 – Table 5, Chart 3 and Map 3**

**34** Table 5 shows participation of 17 year olds in full-time education by type of institution, in GST, in non-GST part-time education and in education and training combined by local LSC area in 1998/99 and 1999/00. Chart 3 shows the variation in education and training participation rates between local LSCs in 1999/00. Map 3 shows the 1999/00 education and training rates from table 5, with shading for four bands of the rates.

**35** Table 5 shows that in 1999/00, participation in full-time education by local LSC area for 17 year olds ranged from a maximum of 75 per cent to just under 50 per cent. The local LSCs with the highest rates were in the South, with Hertfordshire at 75 per cent and London South at 68 per cent. The lowest rates were found in the North and the Midlands with South Yorkshire at 47 per cent and County Durham and Tyne and Wear at 48 per cent. These compare with a national rate of 58 per cent.

**36** As for 16 year olds, in 1999/00, participation in GST was generally higher in the North and lower in the South.

**37** Looking at map 3, as for 16 year olds, participation by 17 year olds in education and training combined was more uniform throughout the country than full-time education and GST on their own. Local LSCs in the North with low rates in full-time education had high rates in GST and in other part-time education. Participation in education and training ranged from 87 per cent in North Yorkshire to 69 per cent in Essex, London East, London Central, Norfolk and The Black Country.

**38** In comparison with 1998/99, participation in education and training in 1999/00 by 17 year olds remained the same, or changed by 1 percentage point, for most of the local LSCs. Nationally, the participation rates for 17 year olds by GST and other part-time education remained the same as in 1998/99, with participation in full-time education increasing by 1 per cent.

### **Participation in education of 17 year olds by LEA, England, 1995/96 to 1999/00 – Table 6, Chart 4 and Map 4**

**39** Table 6 shows the variation in participation in full- and part-time education of 17 year olds by LEA from 1995/96 to 1999/00. Chart 4 shows the variation in full-time education participation rates between LEAs in 1999/00. Map 4 shows the 1999/00 full-time education participation rates from table 6, with shading for six bands of the rates.

**40** Table 6 shows that in 1999/00 the participation rate for 17 year olds was 58 per cent for full-time education and 8 per cent for part-time education in England. Full-time education was at the same rate as in 1995/96 whereas part-time education had fallen 1 percentage point from 9 per cent.

**41** For around 50 per cent of LEAs, participation in full-time education changed by no more than 1 percentage point between 1998/99 and 1999/00. For around 75 per cent of LEAs, participation in part-time education changed by no more than 1 percentage point between 1998/99 and 1999/00.



**42** The LEAs with the highest participation in full-time education of 17 year olds in 1999/00 were Kingston upon Thames and Redbridge with 82 per cent, followed by Bath and North East Somerset with a rate of 79 per cent. From map 4, it can be seen that most of the LEAs with above average participation rates were in the South and the lower participation rates were found in the North and Midlands, with Salford the lowest at 34 per cent, followed by Knowsley at 38 per cent.

**43** Participation in part-time education at LEA level ranged from 2 per cent to 22 per cent. The LEAs with higher rates were in general found in the North and Midlands, where participation in full-time education is lower than average, while the lower part-time participation rates were in the South.

**TABLE 4:**  
Participation in education and training of 17 year olds by type of institution by region and by sex, England, 1999/00

*percentage of age group*

	Full-time education					GST	Other part-time education <sup>1</sup>	Total education and training (less overlap)
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Sixth form college	Other FE	Total			
<b>Government Office regions</b>								
<b>Males and females</b>								
North East	17	3	7	23	50	*	9	*
North West	16	4	12	22	54	15	6	74
Yorkshire and the Humber	20	3	7	21	52	15	9	74
East Midlands	26	5	4	22	56	13	7	75
West Midlands	20	5	9	22	56	12	7	74
East of England	28	6	7	21	62	8	5	74
London	23	8	7	25	62	6	5	73
South East	23	9	10	20	62	8	4	74
South West	24	8	2	27	61	11	5	77
<b>England</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Males</b>								
North East	16	3	6	21	46	*	9	*
North West	15	4	11	21	51	17	6	72
Yorkshire and the Humber	18	3	6	20	48	17	10	74
East Midlands	23	5	4	21	53	14	7	73
West Midlands	18	5	8	21	52	13	7	71
East of England	26	6	7	19	58	10	5	72
London	20	8	6	24	58	6	6	70
South East	22	9	9	19	59	9	5	73
South West	22	8	1	25	57	13	6	75
<b>England</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Females</b>								
North East	19	3	8	24	54	*	9	*
North West	18	4	14	23	58	12	6	76
Yorkshire and the Humber	22	3	8	22	56	12	8	75
East Midlands	28	4	4	24	60	11	8	78
West Midlands	23	5	10	24	61	10	7	77
East of England	30	5	8	23	65	7	4	77
London	26	8	8	25	67	5	5	77
South East	25	9	11	20	65	7	4	75
South West	27	8	2	30	66	8	4	79
<b>England</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>77</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes the overlap with GST.  
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**TABLE 5:**

Participation in education and training of 17 year olds by local Learning and Skills Council area, England, 1998/99 and 1999/00

percentage of age group

	1998/99						Other part-time education <sup>1</sup>	Total education and training (less overlap)
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Full-time education Sixth form college	Other FE	Total	GST		
<b>North East</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>*</b>
County Durham	21	2	3	23	49	17	9	74
Northumberland	36	1	1	15	52	16	6	74
Tees Valley	5	2	19	25	51	*	8	*
Tyne and Wear	17	4	2	23	46	19	10	75
<b>North West</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>74</b>
Cheshire and Warrington	29	5	9	20	63	11	7	80
Cumbria	29	4	4	19	57	21	10	86
Greater Manchester	8	5	18	20	50	14	7	70
Greater Merseyside	22	3	8	18	51	17	6	73
Lancashire	11	4	10	30	54	14	7	75
<b>Yorkshire and the Humber</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>74</b>
Humberside	14	2	14	21	51	19	7	74
North Yorkshire	28	7	9	15	60	12	12	83
South Yorkshire	17	1	3	26	48	17	8	71
West Yorkshire	22	4	6	18	51	13	9	72
<b>East Midlands</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>74</b>
Derbyshire	23	4	2	21	49	16	7	72
Leicestershire	26	4	11	20	61	11	7	78
Lincolnshire and Rutland	28	6	3	20	58	14	3	74
Northamptonshire	29	6	0	20	56	10	6	72
Nottinghamshire	23	3	5	20	51	14	8	73
<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>74</b>
Birmingham and Solihull	19	4	13	21	57	8	8	71
Coventry and Warwickshire	23	6	4	23	57	13	9	77
Herefordshire and Worcestershire	22	9	11	20	62	10	5	77
Shropshire	11	11	18	19	58	11	6	75
Staffordshire	23	2	5	22	53	15	8	76
The Black Country	17	1	5	24	48	13	9	70
<b>East of England</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>73</b>
Bedfordshire and Luton	26	6	9	21	63	10	6	78
Cambridgeshire	20	8	12	18	57	8	6	71
Essex	21	2	10	23	57	8	3	68
Hertfordshire	39	11	1	20	71	6	5	82
Norfolk	24	5	6	23	58	10	4	71
Suffolk	31	7	2	19	58	11	5	74
<b>London</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>72</b>
London Central	16	14	5	25	60	5	5	69
London East	20	3	8	23	55	7	5	67
London North	27	5	7	26	66	5	6	77
London South	24	13	9	22	68	6	4	77
London West	24	7	3	30	64	5	6	75
<b>South East</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>74</b>
Berkshire	32	13	2	17	64	8	4	76
Hampshire and the Isle of Wight	6	4	22	25	57	10	6	73
Kent and Medway	35	7	0	21	62	9	3	75
Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire	33	9	0	18	60	9	5	74
Surrey	18	15	15	16	64	5	4	72
Sussex	18	8	17	19	63	7	4	74
<b>South West</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>76</b>
Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole	29	8	0	27	64	12	4	79
Devon and Cornwall	23	4	0	31	58	14	5	77
Gloucestershire	29	9	0	23	61	10	4	74
Somerset	11	13	7	29	60	13	5	78
West of England	25	10	4	21	60	11	6	77
Wiltshire and Swindon	21	7	0	30	58	8	5	71
<b>England</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>74</b>

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*percentage of age group*

	1999/00							
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Full-time education Sixth form college	Other FE	Total	GST	Other part-time education <sup>1</sup>	Total education and training (less overlap)
<b>North East</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>*</b>
County Durham	20	2	3	23	48	19	9	75
Northumberland	39	0	1	13	53	13	6	72
Tees Valley	5	2	20	26	53	*	8	*
Tyne and Wear	18	5	2	23	48	17	10	75
<b>North West</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>74</b>
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Greater Merseyside	23	3	8	18	52	16	6	72
Lancashire	11	4	9	32	56	15	6	76
<b>Yorkshire and the Humber</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>74</b>
Humberside	14	2	15	22	53	18	6	75
North Yorkshire	28	7	4	20	60	12	16	87
South Yorkshire	17	1	3	25	47	17	8	71
West Yorkshire	22	4	7	19	51	13	8	72
<b>East Midlands</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>75</b>
Derbyshire	23	5	2	25	54	15	13	81
Leicestershire	27	4	11	20	62	10	7	78
Lincolnshire and Rutland	28	6	3	20	57	13	3	72
Northamptonshire	30	6	0	21	57	11	4	71
Nottinghamshire	23	3	2	24	52	14	7	72
<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>74</b>
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Shropshire	12	12	18	19	61	13	6	79
Staffordshire	23	2	6	23	54	14	8	75
The Black Country	19	1	5	25	50	13	7	69
<b>East of England</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>74</b>
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Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire	32	10	0	18	60	10	5	73
Surrey	19	15	15	15	65	4	3	73
Sussex	19	8	17	20	64	7	4	75
<b>South West</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>77</b>
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Gloucestershire	32	9	0	24	65	10	5	78
Somerset	11	14	8	31	63	13	5	80
West of England	24	10	3	22	61	10	6	77
Wiltshire and Swindon	22	7	1	31	60	9	7	75
<b>England</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>74</b>

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percentage of age group

	Full-time education					Part-time education				
	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00
<b>North East</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Cleveland	49	51	50	51	54	12	11	9	9	10
Hartlepool	..	49	54	48	52	..	12	8	10	9
Middlesbrough	..	46	45	48	50	..	12	9	10	8
Redcar and Cleveland	..	51	46	49	51	..	10	8	7	8
Stockton-on-Tees	..	57	56	57	60	..	11	10	10	14
Durham	47	48	48	49	48	12	14	11	10	11
Durham	..	..	48	49	48	..	..	11	11	11
Darlington	..	..	51	49	50	..	..	10	9	7
Northumberland	54	55	54	52	53	8	7	6	6	6
Gateshead	44	48	45	45	50	12	11	10	11	15
Newcastle upon Tyne	57	55	56	53	54	8	8	10	10	9
North Tyneside	52	54	53	52	53	10	9	10	9	8
South Tyneside	47	44	45	41	43	11	10	10	10	9
Sunderland	46	43	41	41	42	14	10	9	9	11
<b>North West</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>
Cheshire	60	59	59	60	61	11	11	10	9	8
Cheshire	..	..	..	64	66	..	..	..	9	8
Halton	..	..	..	44	41	..	..	..	9	10
Warrington	..	..	..	59	56	..	..	..	9	9
Cumbria	57	56	58	57	59	12	11	11	11	9
Bolton	59	61	58	58	57	10	7	8	8	7
Bury	64	63	58	60	57	7	8	9	7	7
Manchester	52	49	52	48	52	18	22	18	15	7
Oldham	52	51	52	53	55	10	12	8	7	7
Rochdale	43	45	44	45	46	9	8	11	8	8
Salford	43	36	39	36	34	6	7	10	8	9
Stockport	59	57	59	54	58	7	10	8	10	9
Tameside	46	49	47	45	46	12	12	11	11	9
Trafford	52	54	54	54	59	10	11	9	7	9
Wigan	50	50	50	51	49	11	12	11	10	9
Lancashire	54	55	54	54	56	11	11	10	12	10
Lancashire	..	..	..	54	56	..	..	..	12	10
Blackburn with Darwen	..	..	..	61	61	..	..	..	10	11
Blackpool	..	..	..	51	51	..	..	..	11	13
Knowsley	36	38	38	37	38	7	9	9	8	9
Liverpool	43	42	44	48	48	7	5	6	6	8
St Helens	59	57	56	56	57	14	14	13	14	13
Sefton	65	67	61	62	66	8	8	9	7	6
Wirral	56	55	57	53	54	10	10	11	11	9
<b>Yorkshire and the Humber</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
Humberside	51	53	50	51	53	11	10	11	10	10
City of Kingston upon Hull	..	43	43	41	43	..	10	9	9	9
East Riding of Yorkshire	..	60	55	57	60	..	11	12	11	9
North East Lincolnshire	..	51	51	47	50	..	9	9	10	10
North Lincolnshire	..	57	52	56	58	..	10	11	11	12
North Yorkshire pre Apr 1996	64	65	62	60	60	10	11	11	15	19
North Yorkshire post Apr 1996	..	64	61	58	58	..	11	11	17	22
York	..	71	64	66	65	..	10	10	9	9
Barnsley	43	40	39	41	40	10	15	12	10	10
Doncaster	46	45	45	46	46	7	10	9	10	13
Rotherham	54	54	53	55	54	11	11	9	9	8
Sheffield	48	47	46	47	47	13	11	10	11	10
Bradford	49	50	47	48	47	13	13	16	18	15
Calderdale	53	52	54	55	57	11	12	14	13	9
Kirklees	54	56	55	55	57	10	10	10	10	9
Leeds	53	51	50	49	50	10	15	11	10	10
Wakefield	51	53	50	51	51	6	6	6	7	8

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percentage of age group

	Full-time education					Part-time education				
	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00
<b>East Midlands</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Derbyshire	54	53	53	49	54	11	11	11	10	16
Derbyshire	..	..	54	50	55	..	..	11	10	18
Derby	..	..	50	47	51	..	..	11	11	12
Leicestershire	57	62	61	62	63	10	10	11	10	9
Leicestershire	..	..	60	61	62	..	..	10	10	9
Leicester	..	..	61	60	63	..	..	12	10	10
Rutland	..	..	81	84	72	..	..	3	3	3
Lincolnshire	55	55	54	56	56	7	7	7	7	8
Northamptonshire	57	56	56	56	57	8	7	8	7	7
Nottinghamshire	52	51	51	51	52	11	10	9	10	10
Nottinghamshire	..	..	..	53	53	..	..	..	11	10
Nottingham	..	..	..	47	48	..	..	..	8	8
<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Hereford and Worcester	63	62	62	62	64	9	10	10	9	8
Herefordshire	..	..	..	54	55	..	..	..	10	9
Worcestershire	..	..	..	64	66	..	..	..	9	8
Shropshire	60	59	57	58	61	10	11	11	10	9
Shropshire	..	..	..	60	62	..	..	..	10	10
Telford and Wrekin	..	..	..	56	57	..	..	..	9	8
Staffordshire	53	52	53	53	54	11	12	11	12	12
Staffordshire	..	..	57	57	57	..	..	12	12	12
Stoke-on-Trent	..	..	38	38	41	..	..	10	12	10
Warwickshire	62	61	60	58	59	10	12	11	11	10
Birmingham	56	55	56	56	56	8	8	9	8	8
Coventry	52	52	56	55	55	13	11	11	11	11
Dudley	50	51	48	50	52	15	16	12	10	10
Sandwell	45	44	42	44	44	9	9	10	11	12
Solihull	68	69	66	63	69	10	10	9	9	7
Walsall	48	46	48	46	52	9	9	9	8	9
Wolverhampton	52	51	51	52	52	13	15	12	14	10
<b>East of England</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
Bedfordshire	63	61	59	63	63	9	9	13	9	10
Bedfordshire	..	..	64	67	66	..	..	12	8	10
Luton	..	..	49	55	57	..	..	15	10	10
Cambridgeshire	60	61	62	57	59	8	8	8	8	7
Cambridgeshire	..	..	..	58	60	..	..	..	8	7
Peterborough	..	..	..	56	56	..	..	..	8	7
Essex	58	57	56	57	58	5	5	5	5	5
Essex	..	..	..	57	58	..	..	..	5	5
Southend-on-Sea	..	..	..	62	62	..	..	..	2	2
Thurrock	..	..	..	45	48	..	..	..	7	7
Hertfordshire	71	72	73	71	75	10	11	7	8	8
Norfolk	57	55	54	58	56	8	7	7	7	7
Suffolk	57	59	59	58	59	10	9	8	9	9
<b>Greater London</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Inner London</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Outer London</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Barking and Dagenham	42	47	42	42	44	8	8	7	5	6
Barnet	68	70	67	71	70	4	4	5	6	6
Bexley	54	57	56	54	54	7	7	6	8	6
Brent	61	62	65	63	63	5	6	6	8	7
Bromley	66	68	67	67	70	4	4	4	4	4
Croydon	67	68	65	64	65	5	4	4	4	5
Ealing	59	54	62	60	61	6	6	6	7	7
Enfield	69	66	69	69	70	10	9	7	7	8
Greenwich	50	52	46	48	49	6	6	6	7	8
Harrow	65	64	60	61	62	5	6	6	6	7
Havering	60	60	53	56	57	6	7	12	6	8
Hillingdon	62	64	64	65	65	6	6	6	7	7
Hounslow	68	66	65	66	73	4	5	4	5	4
Kingston upon Thames	82	83	81	80	82	3	5	5	4	5
Merton	63	62	60	63	60	4	4	6	5	6
Redbridge	71	72	72	77	82	6	5	5	6	5
Richmond upon Thames	76	78	67	62	62	4	4	4	5	4
Sutton	71	68	74	77	77	4	5	5	5	6
Waltham Forest	61	69	62	60	62	8	7	7	7	7

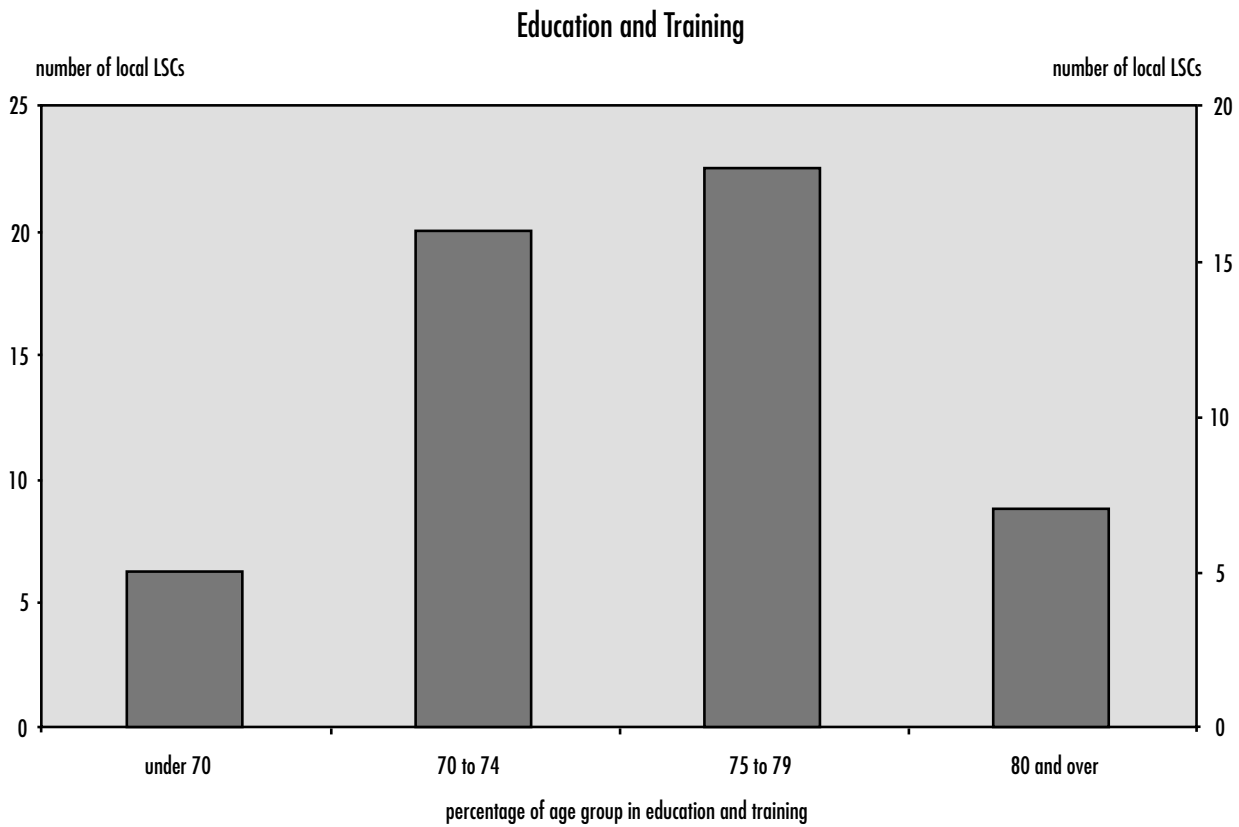
**TABLE 6: CONTINUED**

Participation in education of 17 year olds by LEA, England, 1995/96 to 1999/00

percentage of age group

	Full-time education					Part-time education				
	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00
<b>South East</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Berkshire	65	65	63	64	65	7	6	6	6	7
Bracknell Forest	..	..	..	62	61	..	..	..	8	9
Windsor and Maidenhead	..	..	..	69	70	..	..	..	5	5
West Berkshire	..	..	..	63	66	..	..	..	6	6
Reading	..	..	..	57	61	..	..	..	6	8
Slough	..	..	..	63	64	..	..	..	7	9
Wokingham	..	..	..	70	65	..	..	..	7	6
Buckinghamshire	59	58	59	59	59	7	7	6	6	6
Buckinghamshire	..	..	65	66	64	..	..	6	6	6
Milton Keynes	..	..	46	45	46	..	..	6	5	5
East Sussex	62	61	60	61	62	5	6	6	6	6
East Sussex	..	..	60	63	62	..	..	6	6	6
Brighton and Hove	..	..	60	57	63	..	..	6	6	6
Hampshire	60	60	58	57	56	9	9	8	7	7
Hampshire	..	..	59	58	57	..	..	7	7	6
Portsmouth	..	..	55	56	55	..	..	7	6	7
Southampton	..	..	54	53	55	..	..	10	12	10
Isle of Wight	65	64	67	62	65	6	6	5	6	5
Kent	60	60	61	62	64	5	5	5	5	5
Kent	..	..	..	64	65	..	..	..	5	5
Medway	..	..	..	56	56	..	..	..	6	4
Oxfordshire	64	61	60	62	61	8	9	8	8	8
Surrey	63	63	61	64	65	5	5	5	5	5
West Sussex	66	67	63	65	66	5	5	6	6	6
<b>South West</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
Avon	60	62	61	60	61	9	7	7	8	7
Bath and NE Somerset	..	82	75	78	79	..	9	7	9	7
City of Bristol	..	54	54	53	51	..	7	7	8	7
North Somerset	..	66	64	59	62	..	5	6	6	7
South Gloucestershire	..	57	60	60	62	..	8	10	9	10
Cornwall (incl Isles of Scilly)	63	64	61	61	63	6	8	7	7	8
Devon	60	59	58	57	57	7	9	9	9	8
Devon	..	..	..	57	59	..	..	..	10	8
Plymouth	..	..	..	53	53	..	..	..	8	9
Torbay	..	..	..	62	58	..	..	..	10	9
Dorset	64	63	65	64	64	7	6	6	6	5
Dorset	..	..	62	60	62	..	..	6	6	5
Poole	..	..	67	65	69	..	..	7	7	5
Bournemouth	..	..	73	72	65	..	..	6	6	7
Gloucestershire	62	63	60	61	65	8	10	9	8	9
Somerset	64	61	63	60	63	10	12	7	8	8
Wiltshire	58	60	59	58	60	9	7	7	7	9
Wiltshire	..	..	62	61	64	..	..	7	6	8
Swindon	..	..	50	49	49	..	..	8	9	11
<b>England</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>

**CHART 3:**  
Distribution of local Learning and Skills Councils by participation rate of 17 year olds, 1999/00



**under 70**

Essex  
London Central  
London East  
Norfolk  
The Black Country

**70 to 74**

Birmingham and Solihull  
Cambridgeshire  
Devon and Cornwall  
Greater Manchester  
Greater Merseyside  
Hampshire and the Isle of Wight  
Kent and Medway  
Lincolnshire and Rutland  
Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire  
Northamptonshire  
Northumberland  
Nottinghamshire  
South Yorkshire  
Suffolk  
Surrey  
West Yorkshire

**75 to 79**

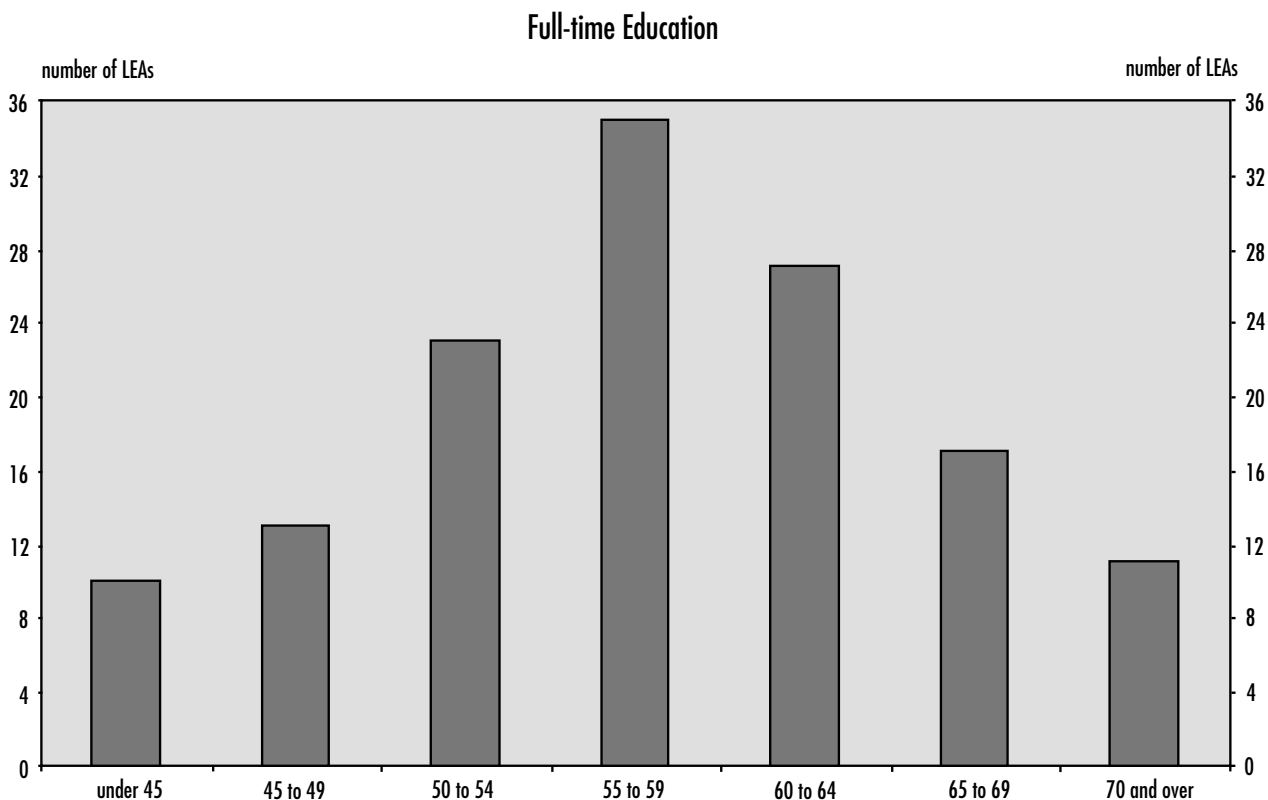
Berkshire  
Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole  
County Durham  
Coventry and Warwickshire  
Gloucestershire  
Herefordshire and Worcestershire  
Humberside  
Lancashire  
Leicestershire  
London North  
London South  
London West  
Shropshire  
Staffordshire  
Sussex  
Tyne and Wear  
West of England  
Wiltshire and Swindon

**80 and over**

Bedfordshire and Luton  
Cheshire and Warrington  
Cumbria  
Derbyshire  
Hertfordshire  
North Yorkshire  
Somerset



**CHART 4:**  
Distribution of Local Education Authorities by participation rate of 17 year olds, 1999/00



percentage of age group in full-time education

under 45	45 to 49	50 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64	65 to 69	70 and over
Barking and Dagenham	Bradford	Bexley	Birmingham	Blackburn with Darwen	Bedfordshire	Barnet
Barnsley	Doncaster	Blackpool	Bolton	Bracknell Forest	Bournemouth	Bath and NE Somerset
City of Kingston upon Hull	Durham	City of Bristol	Bury	Brent	Cheshire	Bromley
Halton	Greenwich	Darlington	Calderdale	Brighton and Hove	Croydon	Enfield
Knowsley	Liverpool	Derby	Coventry	Buckinghamshire	Gloucestershire	Hertfordshire
Salford	Milton Keynes	Dudley	Cumbria	Cambridgeshire	Hillingdon	Hounslow
Sandwell	Nottingham	Gateshead	Derbyshire	Cornwall	Isle of Wight	Kingston upon Thames
South Tyneside	Rochdale	Hartlepool	Devon	Dorset	Kent	Redbridge
Stoke-on-Trent	Sheffield	Leeds	Essex	Ealing	Poole	Rutland
Sunderland	Swindon	Manchester	Hampshire	East Riding of Yorkshire	Sefton	Sutton
	Tameside	Middlesbrough	Havering	East Sussex	Solihull	Windsor and Maidenhead
	Thurrock	Newcastle upon Tyne	Herefordshire	Harrow	Surrey	
	Wigan	North East Lincolnshire	Inner London	Leicester	West Berkshire	
		North Tyneside	Kirklees	Leicestershire	West Sussex	
		Northumberland	Lancashire	Merton	Wokingham	
		Nottinghamshire	Lincolnshire	North Somerset	Worcestershire	
		Plymouth	Luton	Oxfordshire	York	
		Redcar and Cleveland	Medway	Reading		
		Rotherham	Norfolk	Richmond upon Thames		
		Wakefield	North Lincolnshire	Shropshire		
		Walsall	North Yorkshire	Slough		
		Wirral	Northamptonshire	Somerset		
		Wolverhampton	Oldham	South Gloucestershire		
			Peterborough	Southend-on-Sea		
			Portsmouth	Stockton-on-Tees		
			Southampton	Waltham Forest		
			St Helens	Wiltshire		
			Staffordshire			
			Stockport			
			Suffolk			
			Telford and Wrekin			
			Torbay			
			Trafford			
			Warrington			
			Warwickshire			

# Map 3: Participation in education and training of 17 year olds by local Learning and Skills Council area, England, 1999/00

## NORTH EAST

- 1 County Durham
- 2 Northumberland
- 3 Tees Valley \*
- 4 Tyne and Wear

## NORTH WEST

- 5 Cheshire and Warrington
- 6 Cumbria
- 7 Greater Manchester
- 8 Lancashire
- 9 Greater Merseyside

## YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

- 10 Humberside
- 11 North Yorkshire
- 12 South Yorkshire
- 13 West Yorkshire

## EAST MIDLANDS

- 14 Derbyshire
- 15 Leicestershire
- 16 Lincolnshire and Rutland
- 17 Northamptonshire
- 18 Nottinghamshire

## WEST MIDLANDS

- 19 Birmingham and Solihull
- 20 Coventry and Warwickshire
- 21 Herefordshire and Worcestershire
- 22 Shropshire
- 23 Staffordshire
- 24 The Black Country

## EAST OF ENGLAND

- 25 Bedfordshire and Luton
- 26 Cambridgeshire
- 27 Essex
- 28 Hertfordshire
- 29 Norfolk
- 30 Suffolk

## LONDON

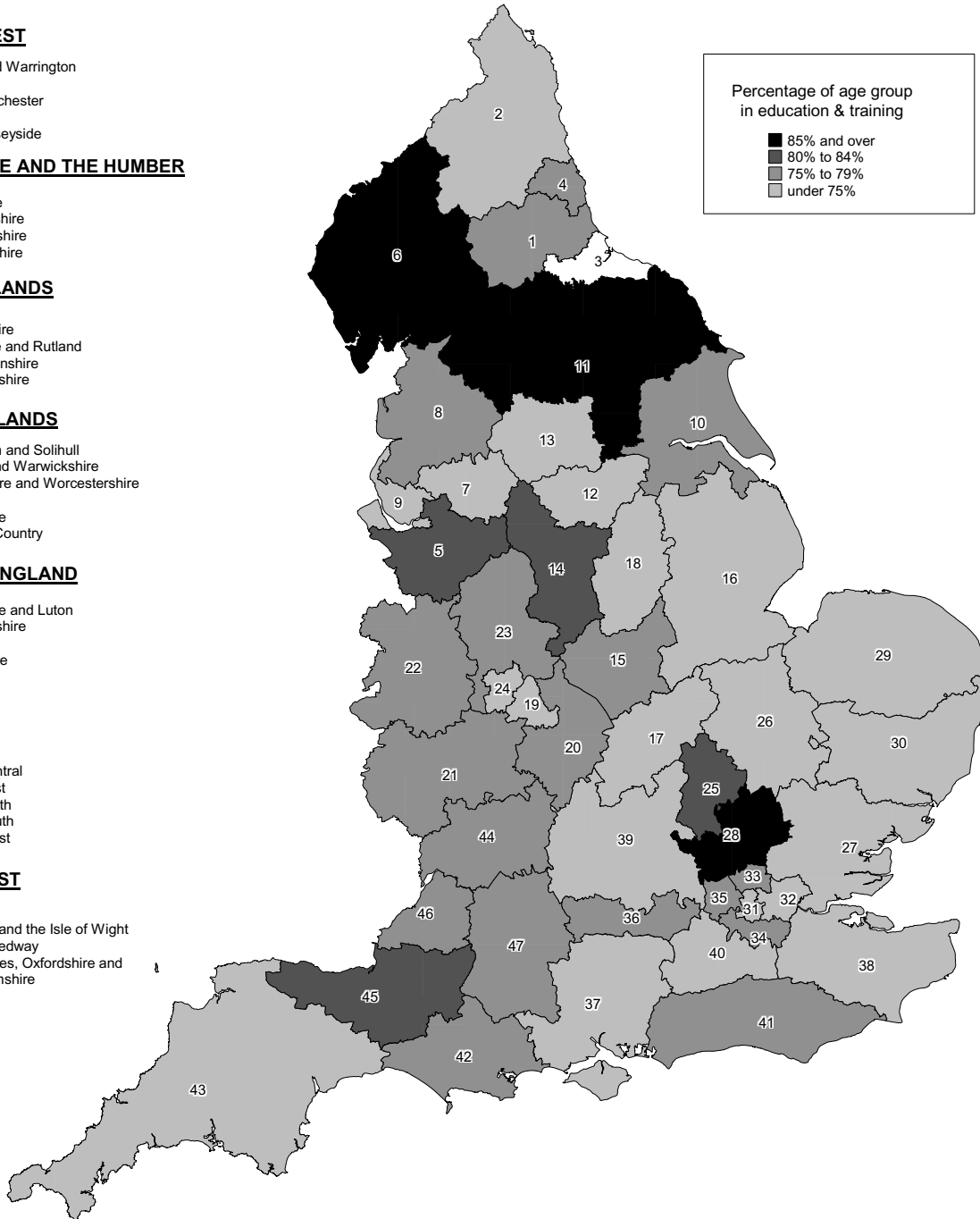
- 31 London Central
- 32 London East
- 33 London North
- 34 London South
- 35 London West

## SOUTH EAST

- 36 Berkshire
- 37 Hampshire and the Isle of Wight
- 38 Kent and Medway
- 39 Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire
- 40 Surrey
- 41 Sussex

## SOUTH WEST

- 42 Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole
- 43 Devon & Cornwall
- 44 Gloucestershire
- 45 Somerset
- 46 West of England
- 47 Wiltshire and Swindon

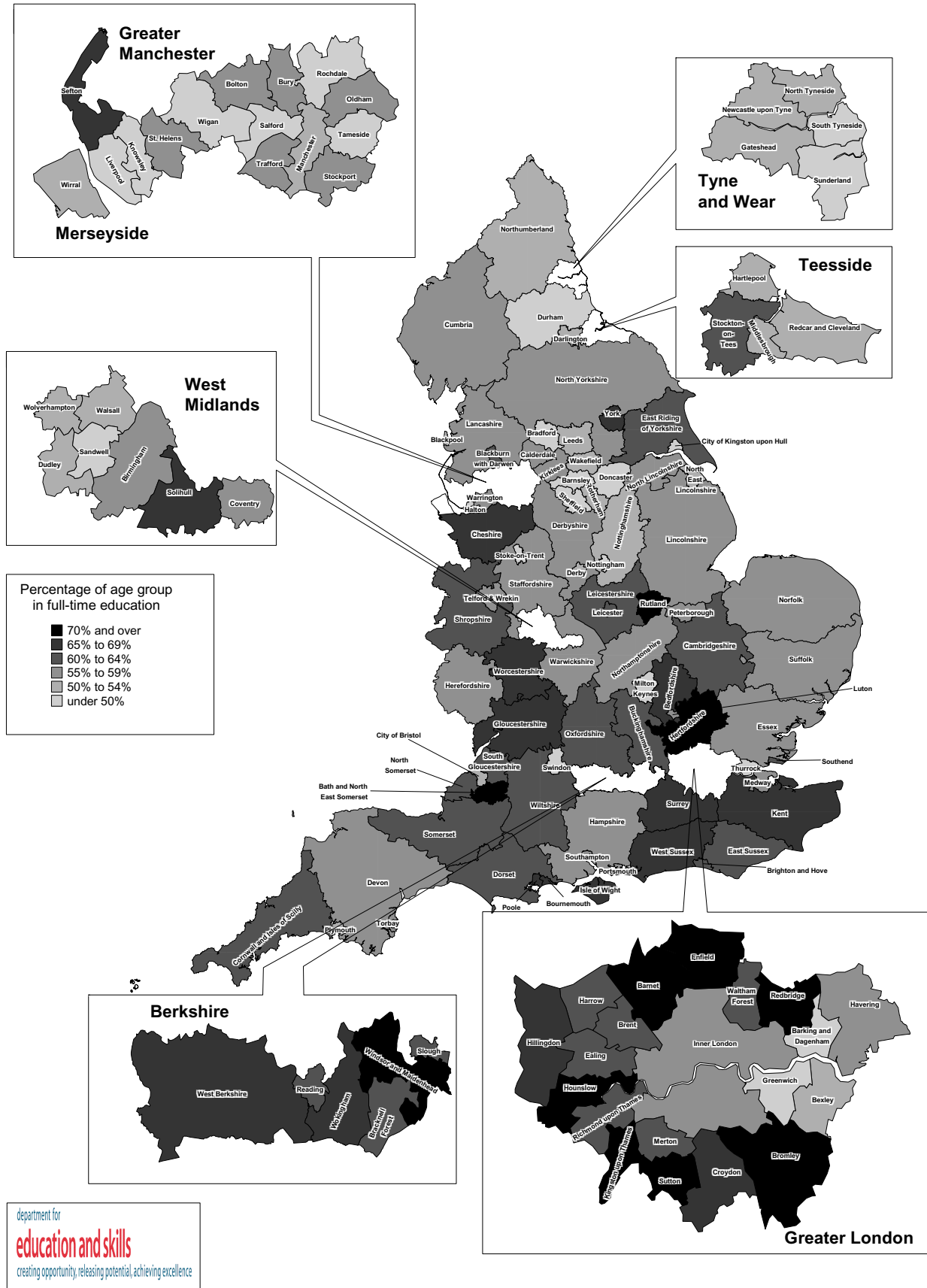


\*GST figures for Tees Valley are not shown because they reveal an unusually large rise and are currently being checked with data providers.



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**Map 4: Participation in full-time education of 17 year olds by Local Education Authority, England, 1999/00**



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## NOTES AND METHODOLOGY

### **Definitions – Regions and boundaries**

**44** The Learning and Skills Act 2000 created the new Learning and Skills Council (LSC), bringing together for the first time into a single national body, responsibility for planning and funding of post-16 learning (other than Higher Education) in England. The LSC became fully operational in April 2001 and will be the leading agent of change in realising the Government's objectives for a learning society in England. The local LSCs are responsible for ensuring that the needs of local communities, individuals and businesses are reflected and met through LSC-funded provision, and for delivering the national priorities and policies at local level.

**45** Local LSCs have the same boundaries as single LEAs or groups of LEAs. Participation rates for LEAs and local LSC areas with similar names are not necessarily the same because the geographical areas covered may not be identical.

### **Definitions – Numerators and denominators of participation rates**

**46** The numerators for participation in education and training by local LSC area are the sum of the four elements as follows:

- a** the number of pupils in maintained, special and independent schools *attending* schools in the local LSC area;
- b** the number of full-time further education students *resident* in the local LSC area wherever studying;
- c** the number of young people on GST, according to the local LSC area where they are *resident*. Trainees who are also in full-time education are included in both GST and full-time education figures but counted once only in totals;
- d** the number of students on part-time further education courses, who are not on GST, *resident* in the local LSC area wherever studying. These will include students supported by an employer or doing personal study.

**47** The numerators for participation in education by LEA are the sum of:

- a** the number of pupils in maintained, special and independent schools *attending* schools in that LEA;
- b** the number of full- or part-time further education students *resident* in that LEA wherever studying.

**48** The denominators are estimates of the resident population in each LEA or local LSC area in January of each year. The breakdown into academic years of age is calculated from mid-year estimates provided by the Office for National Statistics.

### **Sources for data on school pupils**

**49** The Schools' Census provides data on school pupils in January of each year. School pupils are treated as if they live in the LEA or local LSC area in which their school is situated. This will lead to inaccuracies in participation rates by residence to some degree, as some pupils attend schools outside their LEA/local LSC area. The calculated rates will overstate participation in some LEA/local LSC areas and understate it in others.

**50** An earlier Bulletin (7/95) reported the amendments made to LEA participation rates in 1994/95 from a special exercise in which state school pupils were analysed by LEA of residence. For most authorities outside Greater London the adjustments were small; within Greater London the adjustment was within 3 percentage points for about two thirds of the authorities. Data for this adjustment are not available for later years, nor for independent schools for any year.

### **Sources for data on further education students**

**51** The Further Education Funding Council's (FEFC) Individualised Student Record (ISR) was set up in 1994/95, and has provided data on students in FE sector colleges since then. Snapshot data as at 1 November have been used. The responsibilities of the FEFC have now been taken over by the LSC.

**52** Sixth form colleges were part of the schools sector until 1992/93 when they transferred to the further education sector.

**53** In the ISR the LEA/local LSC area has been identified using the postcode of students home addresses. For the students whose postcodes are missing the LEA/local LSC area of institution has been used instead. This applies to about 2 per cent for the ISR in 1999/00. For one institution with a high proportion of unknown postcodes, students have been apportioned between areas on the basis of those students for which a postcode was known.

**54** From 1994/95, students on further education courses in institutions of higher education are included from data supplied by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA). Data on their area of residence are incomplete for students in higher education institutions, so the area of the institution has been used instead. In one case where a large number of students were studying on further education courses in a higher education institution, additional data on their area of residence has been gathered and used to distribute across areas.

### **Sources for data on GST**

**55** TEC delivered GST consists of young people on Advanced Modern Apprenticeships, Foundation Modern Apprenticeships and Other Training for Young People. The Regional and Head Office Management Information (RHOMIS) Database provides numbers participating at the end of the calendar year; proportions by age are

estimated using the breakdown of trainees recorded on the Trainee Databases. Information on GST is published in quarterly Statistical First Releases. The responsibilities of the TEC have now been taken over by the LSC.

**56** The figures used here are estimates based on incomplete data with some areas affected more than others. The LEA/local LSC of trainees has been established using the trainees home addresses. In the 2 per cent of cases with an incomplete address, trainees have been prorated across LEAs/local LSCs. Some of the trainees are also in full- and part-time education; the overlap estimated from the ISR has been deducted from the total figures in the education and training totals.

### ***Sources for population data***

**57** The population estimates for academic year ages are derived from mid-year estimates and projections provided by the Office for National Statistics and the Government Actuary's Department. At local level, for individual ages, such estimates are subject to some uncertainty. This is particularly the case in small areas, where the margin of error surrounding a population estimate can be disproportionately high. Users should bear this in mind when making comparisons, for example year-on-year within a small area or between one small area and another.

### ***Comparisons with other participation data***

**58** National data on participation of young people in education and training are published annually in a Statistical First Release. The latest was SFR 30/2001 'Participation in education, training and employment by 16-18 year olds, England: 1999 and 2000'. Participation rates may not coincide exactly with the SFR due to the

use of the most recent ISR data and population estimates here, and to the exclusion of 16 and 17 year olds in higher education, and of those in further education not resident in an English LEA. The latest SFR gives national figures for a more recent year, end 2000, than this bulletin.

**59** Another source of local participation rates is the annual survey by Careers Service and Connexions Partnership area, although this has different definitions from those used here. The survey covers activities of young people in the autumn following completion of Year 11 in all maintained, and some independent, schools. From Autumn 1999, the survey also covers all 17 year olds, to cover the same two cohorts as this statistical bulletin. It is estimated that the 1999 survey covered about 97 per cent of 16 year olds. The results of the survey were published as 'Moving On 1999 – Pathways Taken by Young People Beyond 16', available from DfES Publications, PO Box 5050, Sherwood Park, Annesley, Nottingham, NG15 0DJ, Tel: 0845 6022260, quoting MO99. Data for 2000/01 are available as Moving On 2000, from the same source, quoting CXN MO 00.

### **Further information**

**60** All bulletin tables, along with an additional table showing participation by local LSC area for 16 and 17 year olds combined, are available on the DfES website: [www.dfes.gov.uk/statistics](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/statistics)

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