



Attainment gap at age 19 between Free School Meals pupils and the rest

Impact Indicator 9: Attainment gap at age 19 between Free School Meals pupils and the rest

About the indicator

The measure compares the attainment of pupils who were known to be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) at academic age 15 with those who were not. The comparison groups only include those who were in state-funded education at age 15.

Comparisons are based on the percentage of young people who attain a Level 3 qualification by the end of the academic year in which they turn 19.

For each of the overall Level 3 measure, and the breakdowns a) and b), the KPI is provided as three figures showing:

- (i) the gap
- (ii) the attainment figure for the non-FSM pupils
- (iii) the attainment figure for the FSM pupils.

This is to mitigate the risk of a closing gap being achieved through a reduction in attainment in either the non-FSM group or in both groups.

Why we measure it

The KPI is a measure of the deprivation gap. This is a key priority for Ministers. We know that deprivation has the greatest impact on attainment over and above e.g. gender, ethnicity etc.

The data

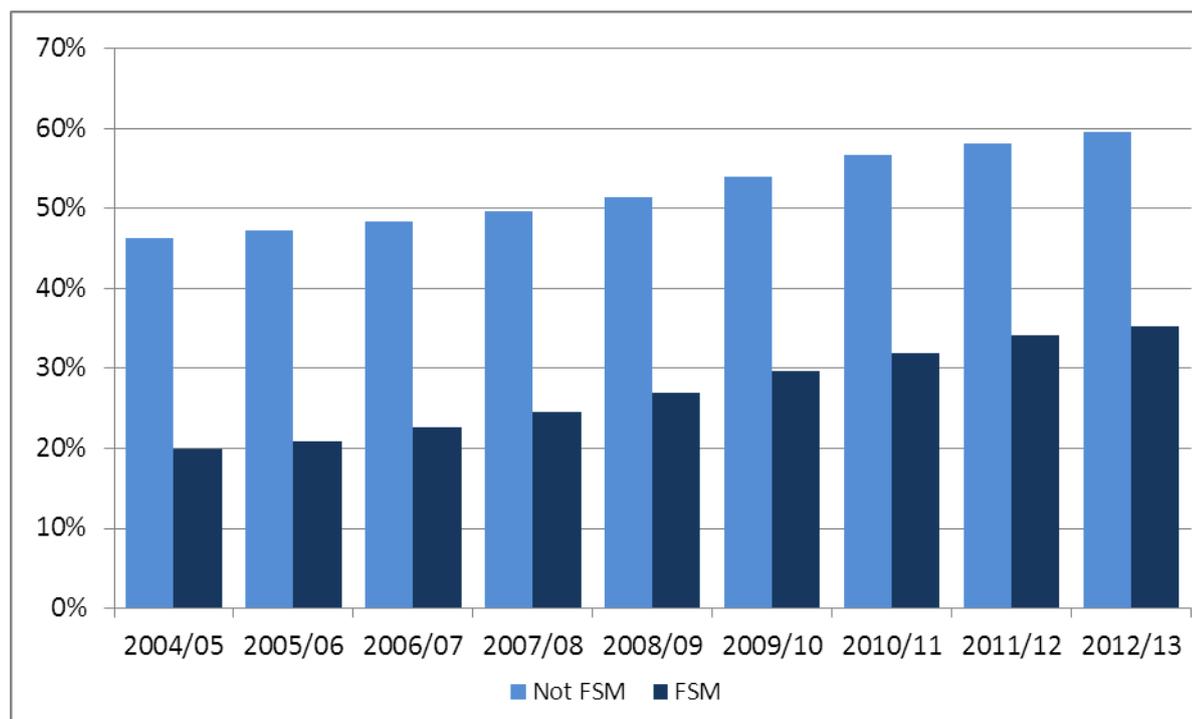


Figure 1 – Attainment of Level 3 at 19 by FSM status at age 15

Source: Young Person's Matched Administrative Dataset

Percentage attaining Level 3 by age 19 by FSM status at age 15

| Level 3 at 19 in.... | Not FSM | FSM | gap |
|----------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| 2004/05 | 46.3% | 19.9% | 26.4% |
| 2005/06 | 47.2% | 20.9% | 26.3% |
| 2006/07 | 48.4% | 22.7% | 25.6% |
| 2007/08 | 49.7% | 24.5% | 25.2% |
| 2008/09 | 51.4% | 26.9% | 24.5% |
| 2009/10 | 53.9% | 29.7% | 24.2% |
| 2010/11 | 56.7% | 31.9% | 24.7% |
| 2011/12 | 58.2% | 34.1% | 24.2% |
| 2012/13 | 59.5% | 35.2% | 24.3% |

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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