



Department  
for Education

## Participation in education and work based learning at age 16/17

**Impact Indicator 15: Participation in education and work based learning at age 16/17**

### About the indicator

The indicator measures the proportion of young people in England of academic age 16/17 who are participating in education or work based learning.

Young people are deemed to be in education if they are enrolled in a course at a school, further education college, sixth form college, or higher education institution. Work Based Learning for young people comprises Apprenticeships, Advanced Apprenticeships and historically included Entry to Employment

### Why we measure it

Ensuring young people are prepared for adult life is a key priority of the government outlined in the Department for Education Business Plan. In the Schools White Paper 'The Importance of Teaching', the Government also made clear its continued commitment to raising the participation age to 17 in 2013 and to 18 by 2015. This indicator will be relevant to assessing progress against these aims.

## The data

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2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
80.3%	81.0%	82.1%	82.8%	83.1%	84.7%	87.7%	88.0%	88.0%	88.3%	89.6%

### Further information

Further information on this indicator and associated data can be found within our statistical first release:

[SFR: Participation in education, training and employment by 16-18 year olds in England, 2013](#)

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