

Education

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As a devolved matter education statistics on school funding, teachers, pupil numbers and performance are available for each constituent country of the UK. A range of detailed international surveys and comparisons are available, together with data on higher and further education in the UK.

From the Library

Schools

- [Free school statistics](#)
- [Converter academies: statistics](#)
- [Education expenditure: social indicators page](#)
- [Teachers: social indicators page](#)

Further Education

- [Participation in education and training: 16-18 year olds: social indicator page](#)

Higher Education – participation

- [Participation in higher education: social indicator page](#)
- [Applicants and entrants to higher education: social indicators page](#)
- [HE in England from 2012: student numbers](#)

Higher Education – finances

- [Tuition fee statistics](#)
- [Student loan statistics](#)
- [HE in England from 2012: funding and finance](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics \(an introduction to constituency profiles & data\)](#)
- [Sources of Statistics \(the complete series\)](#)

General

The Department for Education publishes a range of statistical series for education in England, including data on school and pupil numbers, primary, secondary and post-16 attainment and the destination of key stage 4 & 5 pupils. Data is available within each series for a range of geographies.

- [School and pupil numbers](#)
(Department of Education; by local authority & region; annual release)
- [Performance tables on attainment of primary, secondary and post-16 pupils](#)
(Department of Education; England)
- [16 to 19 attainment](#)
(Department of Education; England)
- [Destination of key stage 4 & 5 pupils](#)
(Department for Education; by school, constituency and local authority; England)

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Education finance

School/service level expenditure data is available per local authority in England via the Department of Education's local authority school expenditure tables. Grants received by local authorities from central government are detailed within Dedicated Schools Grant releases; planned expenditure benchmarks offer projections for local authority funding. Similar releases are available for Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

England

- [Local authority & school expenditure](#)
(Department of Education; by school & local authority; annual release by financial year; from 1999)
- [Dedicated Schools Grant](#)
(Department of Education; by local authority; annual release by financial year)
- [Open academies and academy projects in development](#)
(Department of Education; by academy school; monthly release)
- [Planned expenditure on schools, education, children & young people's services](#)
(Department of Education; by local authority; annual release; benchmarking from 2010-11)

Wales

- [Finance data: delegated school budgets, outturn and reserves](#)
(StatsWales; by school & local authority & per pupil; annual update by financial year)

Northern Ireland

- [Schools finance: common funding, grant maintained schools & voluntary grammar income](#)
(Department for Education; by school & local authority; annual release; from 2005)

International data: how does the UK compare?

The OECD's annual Education at a Glance publication collates data on the education structure, finance and performance from governments around the world. UNESCO's Institute for Statistics similarly provides data on education in over 200 countries. The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) surveys the educational performance of resources available to 15 years olds in 65 economies. The TIMSS (Trends in International Mathematics and Science study) has measured trends in mathematics and science for the past twenty years. The PIRLS (Progress in International Reading Literacy Study) has measured reading comprehension for the past 15.

- [Education at a glance](#)
(OECD; by each of 34 member countries; annual publication; 2014)
- [Programme for International Student Assessment \(PISA\)](#)
(Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development; 60-70 countries; triennial; since 2000)
- [Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study \(TIMSS\)](#)
(International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement; every 4 years; since 1995)
- [Progress in International Reading Literacy Study \(PIRLS\)](#)
(International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement; every 5 years; since 2001)
- [UNESCO education data centre](#)
(UNESCO Institute for Statistics; covering around 200 countries & territories)

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Teachers

Workforce

Statistics on the number, qualifications and sickness absences of teachers are available for each constituent country of the UK.

- [Statistics: school workforce in England](#)
(Department of Education; England; annual release, November; since 2010)
- [Teachers and school workforce in England \(historic\)](#)
(Department of Education; England; annual releases; 1997 – 2011)
- [Teacher Census Results in Scotland](#)
(The Scottish Government; Scotland; annual releases; from 2004)
- [Schools census in Wales](#)
(StatsWales; Wales; 1974 – 2005 & from 2005)
- [Teacher numbers in Northern Ireland](#)
(Department for Education; Northern Ireland; annual releases; since 2004)

Pay

The School Teachers Review Body makes recommendations for and reviews the conditions of teacher's pay in England and Wales.

- [School Teacher's Review Body \(STRB\)](#)
(Department of Education; England & Wales; annual reports; since 2012)

Training

Teacher training performance data is available from the Department of Education for England and the Welsh Government for Wales.

- [Initial teacher training performance profiles & census data \(England\)](#)
(Department for Education; England; annual reports; from 2010)
- [Initial teacher training census \(Wales\)](#)
(The Welsh Government; Wales; annual releases; from 2004)

Further education

The Education Funding Agency gathers funding statistics for England while the Skills Funding Agency provides data on course up take and qualifications. The gov.uk Further Education data library provides an ample collections of Further Education statistics from the Skills Funding Agency and Department for Business, Innovation & Skills.

- [Further Education data library](#)
(Skills Funding Agency & Department for Business, Innovation and Skills)
- [Education Funding Agency](#)
(Education Funding Agency; England)
- [Skills Funding Agency](#)
(Skills Funding Agency; England)

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Higher education

UCAS provide an array of higher education statistics on applications, acceptances, acceptances according to applicant characteristics and a number of other issues. The UCAS statistical enquiry tool allows first hand analysis of historic data (note this data is not up-to-date). The UK wide Higher Education Statistics Agency provides further analysis of higher education enrolments, courses studied and the characteristics of students. HESA performance indicators provide comparative indicators on efforts to widen participation in education and retain students and graduates' employment prospects. Official statistics on student loans are available from the Student Loans Company.

- [UCAS data & analysis](#)
(Universities & Colleges Admissions Service; United Kingdom)
- [UCAS statistical enquiry tool](#)
(Universities & Colleges Admissions Service; United Kingdom; years 1996 - 2011)
- [Higher education summary statistics](#)
(Higher Education Statistics Agency; United Kingdom; 2012/13 summary)
- [Higher education statistics: students, staff, destination of leavers and finance](#)
(Higher Education Statistics Agency; United Kingdom)
- [UK performance indicators in Higher Education](#)
(Higher Education Statistics Authority; United Kingdom)
- [Student Loans Company official statistics](#)
(Student Loans Company; United Kingdom)