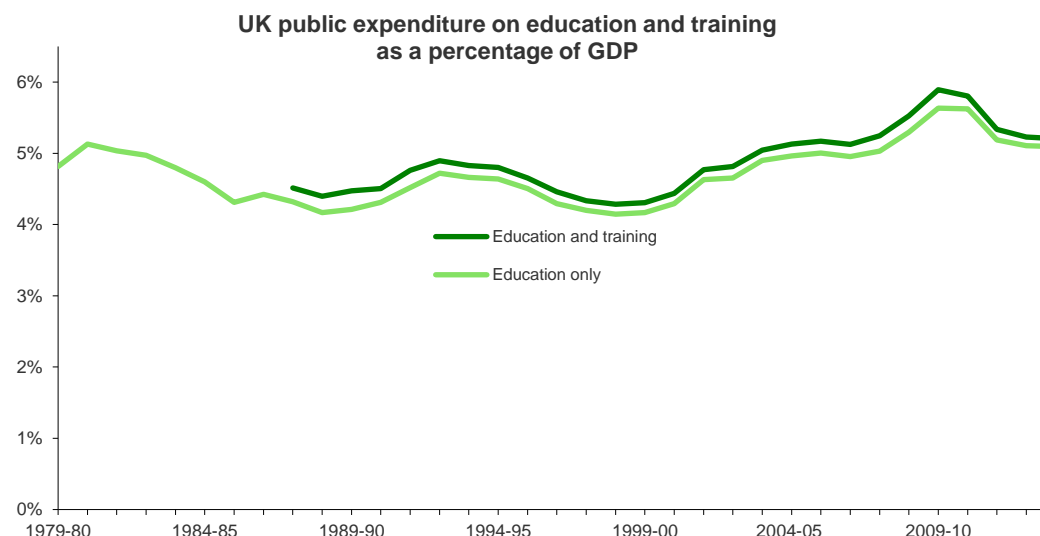


Education expenditure

- UK education expenditure increased consistently from the late 1990s to reach 5.6% in 2009-10 and 2010-11; the highest rates since the mid 1970s.
- Substantial increases in education spending as a proportion of GDP occurred in the early 1990s and the decade from 1999-00.
- Spending has increased in real terms in most years since 1979-80. The only periods where it fell for two or more consecutive years were in the mid-1980s, mid-1990s and early 2010s.
- Education *and* training expenditure was 5.9% of GDP in 2009-10. Real terms cuts 2012-13 took it back to 5.2%.
- Spending on both measures increased in real terms in 2013-14, but fell, slightly, as a proportion of GDP.
- The OECD ranked the UK 11th highest out of 29 states on total education expenditure as a percentage of GDP in 2011.
- At 6.4% of GDP (on the OECD measure), total public *and* private UK expenditure on education was just above the OECD weighted average of 6.2%.



UK Expenditure on education and training

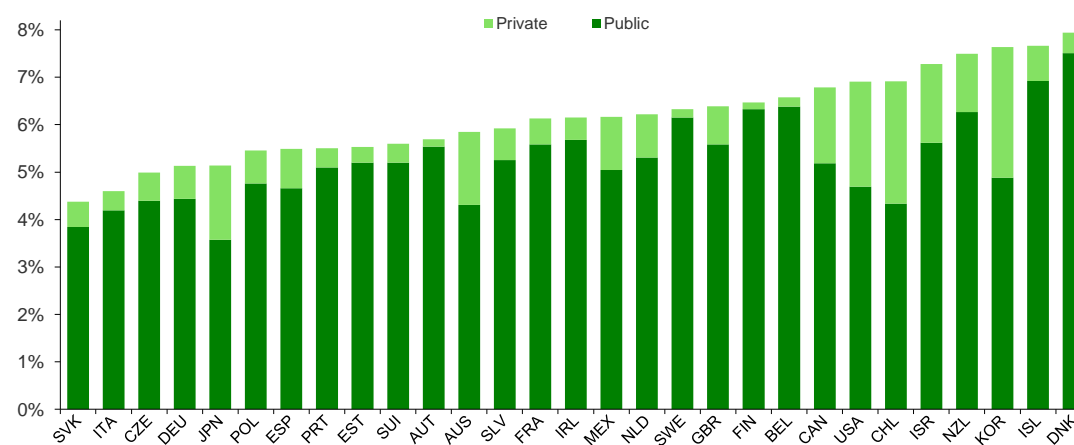
Financial years

	£ billion	£ billion at 2013-14 prices ^a	Annual % increase in real terms	Percent of GDP
1997-98	38.6	55.0	+0.3%	4.3%
2001-02	51.2	68.5	+9.9%	4.8%
2007-08	78.7	89.6	+4.7%	5.2%
2008-09	83.0	92.2	+2.9%	5.5%
2009-10	88.5	95.8	+3.9%	5.9%
2010-11	91.5	96.4	+0.6%	5.8%
2011-12	86.9	90.0	-6.7%	5.3%
2012-13	87.0	88.6	-1.5%	5.2%
2013-14	90.2	90.2	+1.8%	5.2%

(a) Adjusted using September 2014 HM Treasury GDP deflators

Source: PESA 2014, and earlier, HM Treasury

Education expenditure as a percentage of GDP, 2011



Source: Education at a Glance 2014, OECD

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