



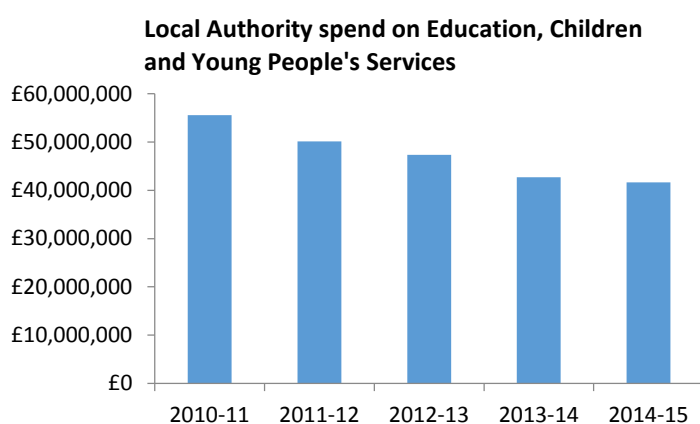
Expenditure by Local Authorities and Schools on Education, Children and Young People's Services in England, 2014-15

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This release contains information on expenditure by local authorities and local authority maintained schools only. It does not include information on expenditure by academies. Some areas of spend are therefore affected by the number of schools which have become academies.

All figures in this release are presented in cash terms and have not been adjusted for inflation.

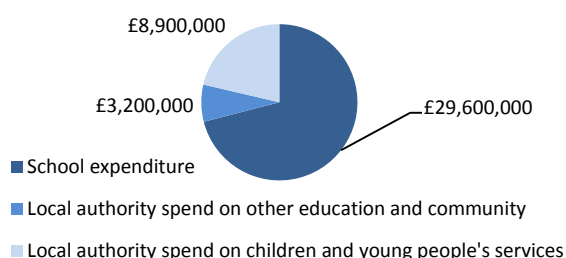
The total aggregate expenditure for education, children and young people's services for all local authorities and schools in England has decreased since 2013-14



Local Authority spend on schools, education and children and young people's services for 2014-15 is £41.7 billion, a decrease of £1.0 billion from 2013-14.

Total expenditure splits into 'Total School Expenditure', 'Other Education and Community' and expenditure on all 'Children's and Young People's Services'

Expenditure on 'Total School Expenditure', 'Other



£29.6 billion (gross) is the total expenditure on all local authority maintained schools.

£3.2 billion (gross) is local authority spending on other education and community budget.

£8.9 billion (gross) is the total spending on children's and young people's services.

82 % of the Total Schools Expenditure is made up of the individual schools budget

17,693 - the number of maintained schools in 2014-15

£120,000 - the average revenue balance across all local authority maintained schools

16,534 - the number of maintained schools with a surplus revenue balance. This equates to an average surplus in each school with a surplus of £134,000.

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About this release

This statistical release provides information on the income and expenditure of local authority maintained schools in England and the income and expenditure of local authorities on their education, children’s and young people’s services for the financial year April 2014 – March 2015, based on the data provided by local authorities in Section 251 Outturn returns and by local authority maintained schools in Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) returns.

The release contains finance data for local authorities and local authority maintained schools only. Academies are not included as they are not maintained by local authorities. Due to an increasing number of schools converting to academy status, total spending by maintained schools has decreased since last year and this should be taken into account when making year-on-year comparisons. This will particularly affect the school expenditure tables and some areas of local authority expenditure which are provided to maintained schools only.

In this publication

The following tables are included in the SR:

- National Tables (SR48_Tables.xls)
- Local Authority Level Tables (SR48_Tables.xls)

The accompanying quality and methodology information document, provides information on the data sources, their coverage and quality and explains the methodology used in producing the data.

Feedback

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1. Children and Young People's Services (Tables 1 & 2)

The following table provides a year on year comparison⁽¹⁾ of local authority expenditure (gross) on children and young people's services.

Children and Young People's Services England, 2013-14 and 2014-15

	2013-14	2014-15	Change between 2013-14 and 2014-15
Total Sure Start Children's Centres and Early Years ^{1,2}	£1.1 billion	£0.9 billion	a decrease of £108.3 million
Total Children Looked After	£3.7 billion	£3.8 billion	an increase of £107.2 million
Total Other Children and Family Services	£100.0 million	£87.0 million	a decrease of £13.0 million
Total Safeguarding Children's and Young People's Services	£2.0 billion	£2.1 billion	an increase of £96.0 million
Total Family Support Services	£1,043.7 million	£1,078.9 million	an increase of £35.1 million
Total Services for Young People	£712.8 million	£627.1 million	a decrease of £85.7 million
Total Youth Justice	£328.7 million	£303.8 million	a decrease of £25.0 million

Source: S251 Outturn

¹ This includes funding for individual Sure Start Children's Centres; for local authority provided or commissioned area wide services delivered through Sure Start Children's Centres; and on local authority management costs relating to Sure Start Children's Centres. Other early years funding is any other money (non-Dedicated Schools Grant) spent to support and develop early years provision (for 0-5s). Activities likely to be included are improvement/sustainability support, implementing the sufficiency action plan and local workforce development.

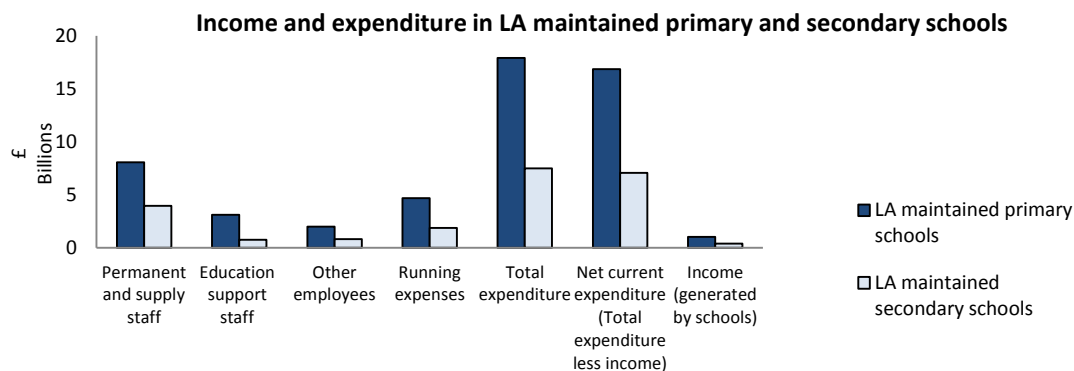
² This does not include funding on early education (including early education funding through the free entitlement).

2. School income and expenditure (Tables 3 & 4)

As part of the CFR survey, schools reported a total gross expenditure of £28.1 billion, of which £0.3 billion (1.0%) was spent by local authority maintained nursery schools, £17.9 billion (63.8%) was spent by primary schools, £7.5 billion (26.7%) was spent by secondary schools, £2.0 billion (7.0%) was spent by special schools and £0.4 billion (1.5%) was spent by pupil referral units.

Of the £28.1 billion total gross expenditure, £13.0 billion (46.4%) was spent on permanent and supply teaching staff (excluding agency supply teachers and supply teacher insurance costs); £4.7 billion (16.6%) on education support staff; £3.2 billion (11.2%) on other employee costs; and £7.2 billion (25.7%) on running expenses.

Of the £1.7 billion of total income, £1.0 billion (62.8%) was generated by primary schools and £0.4 billion (24.1%) was generated by secondary schools.



At national level, the average 'spend per pupil' figures for local authority maintained schools open through the 2014-15 financial year increased by £155 (from £5,057 in 2013-14). Within this, the 'spend per pupil' figure decreased by £354 for nursery schools (from £9,589 in 2013-14); increased by £196 for primary schools (from £4,343 in 2013-14); increased by £64 for secondary schools (from £5,731 in 2013-14); increased by £308 for special schools (from £21,442 in 2013-14) and increased by £614 for pupil referral units (from £33,216 in 2013-14).

3. School Revenue Balances (Table 5)

In 2014-15 the total revenue balance across all local authority maintained schools was £2.2 billion, a decrease of £64.8 million since 2013-14, equating to an average revenue balance in each local authority maintained school of just under £120,000.

The proportion of schools with a surplus has increased from 93.2% in 2013-14 to 93.4% in 2014-15. The proportion of schools with a deficit has decreased from 5.6% in 2013-14 to 5.4% in 2014-15.

School Revenue Balances: England, 2013-14 and 2014-15

		2013-14	2014-15	Change between 2013-14 and 2014-15
All local authority maintained schools	Average surplus (in each school with a surplus)	£130,000	£134,000	an increase of £5,000
	Average deficit (in each school with a deficit)	£72,000	£109,000	an increase of £37,000
Local authority maintained primary schools	Average surplus (in each school with a surplus)	£98,000	£109,000	an increase of £11,000
	Average deficit (in each school with a deficit)	£28,000	£35,000	an increase of £8,000
Local authority maintained secondary schools	Average surplus (in each school with a surplus)	£422,000	£378,000	a decrease of £43,000
	Average deficit (in each school with a deficit)	£248,000	£326,000	an increase of £78,000

4. Accompanying tables

The following tables are available in Excel format on the department's statistics [website](#).

National tables

- 1 Schools expenditure by sector
- 2 Detailed income and expenditure statistics for local authority spending on children and young people's services in England
- 3 Detailed school income and expenditure statistics for local authority maintained schools in England by phase of education
- 4 School income and expenditure and per capita statistics for local authority maintained schools in England by phase of education
- 5 Detailed school revenue balances statistics by phase of education

Local authority and regional tables

- 6 Expenditure statistics for all local authority education and children's services: local authority and region
- 7 Expenditure by local authority
- 8 Net expenditure of individual schools spend by local authority
- 9 Net expenditure on children's and young people's services by local authority
- 10 School income and expenditure statistics for local authority maintained schools in England by phase of education: local authority and region
- 11 School level revenue balances for all local authority maintained schools by local authority in England
- 12 School level revenue balances for all local authority maintained schools

When reviewing the tables, please note that:

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And adopt symbols to help identify this

Symbols are used in the tables as follows:
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5. Further information is available

Last year's figures are available [here](#).

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Once statistics have been designated as Official Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed.

The Department has a set of [statistical policies](#) in line with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

7. Technical information

A quality and methodology information document accompanies this SR. This provides further information on the data sources, their coverage and quality and explains the methodology used in producing the data, including how it is validated and processed.

8. Get in touch

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