

## Participation in education and training: 16-18 year olds in England

- The proportion of 16-18 year olds in full-time education rose by 15 points to 72% between 1997 and 2016. The latest figure is the highest on the current series.
- Between 1997 and 2016 the full-time education rate increased for each single age group, the rise was smaller for 18 year olds (10 points) than those for 16 year olds (17 points) or 17 year olds (19 points).
- Changes to the collection of data on further and higher education means there is a series break in 1994. Figures in the chart incorporate both points. Data in the table use the revised method.
- At the end of 2016 an estimated 13% of 16-18 year olds were not in any education or training – the lowest rate in this series. The proportion who were also not in employment fell from the recent high of 10.4% in 2008 to 9.2% in 2012 and 6.0% at the end of 2016.
- Data from the end of 2013 was the first to be affected by raising the participation age. This effect is likely to increase in the future as it is extended to more young people.
- According to international data 63% of UK 18 year olds were in some form of education in 2012- below all other EU states apart from Malta and Cyprus. The UK rate was lower due to a combination of lower school leaving age, lower post-compulsory participation and differences in how age is defined.

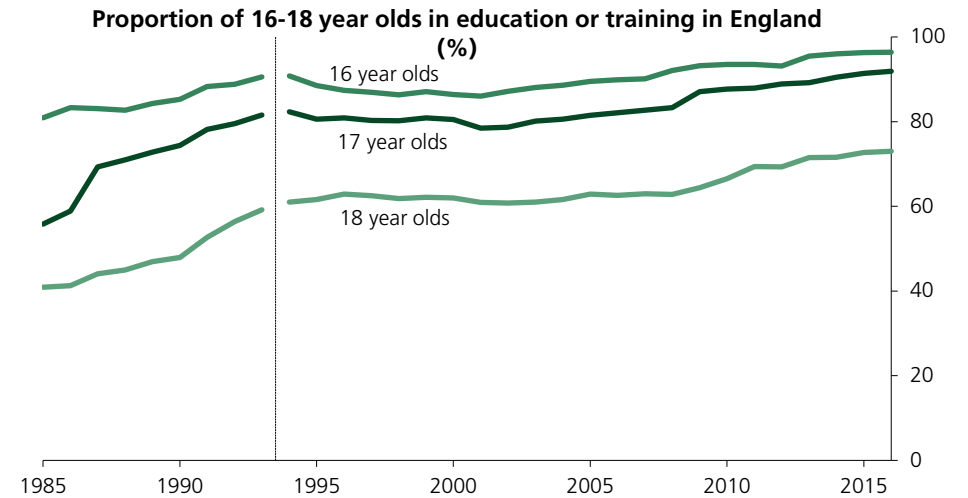
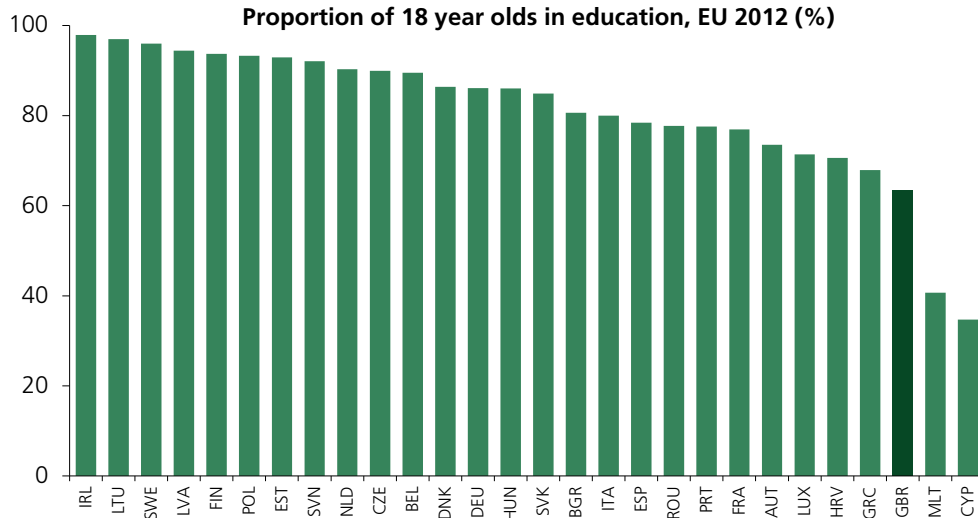
### 16, 17 and 18 year olds in education and training in England

Percentages at the end of the year

	Full time education				All education and training			
	16	17	18	16-18	16	17	18	16-18
1997	70.2	58.7	40.0	<b>56.4</b>	86.9	80.3	62.5	<b>76.8</b>
2000	71.0	60.0	39.3	<b>57.0</b>	86.4	80.5	62.0	<b>76.6</b>
2005	76.7	64.0	41.7	<b>60.8</b>	89.5	81.5	62.9	<b>78.0</b>
2010	84.4	73.8	48.6	<b>68.6</b>	93.5	87.7	66.5	<b>82.3</b>
2012	83.5	74.6	48.4	<b>68.6</b>	93.1	88.9	69.3	<b>83.6</b>
2013	85.9	74.0	49.9	<b>69.9</b>	95.5	89.2	71.5	<b>85.4</b>
2014	87.4	76.5	50.0	<b>71.1</b>	96.0	90.5	71.6	<b>85.9</b>
2015	87.1	76.9	50.4	<b>71.2</b>	96.3	91.4	72.7	<b>86.6</b>
2016	87.5	77.4	50.4	<b>71.5</b>	96.4	91.9	73.0	<b>86.9</b>

Ages at 31 August

Source: *Participation in education, training and employment by 16-18 year olds in England, DfE*



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