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This release presents data for England showing the offers made through the September Guarantee. The September Guarantee is a guarantee of an offer, made by the end of September, of an appropriate place in post-16 education or training for every young person completing compulsory education. This is particularly important as it helps young people make a seamless transition into post-16 learning or employment with training. Local authorities are responsible for leading the 'September Guarantee' process, working with schools and colleges across their area.

Data is collected using the National Client Caseload Information System (NCCIS), which draws together local databases used to support young people to engage in education and training and plan services that meet young people's needs.

Caution should be applied when using these figures due to the estimates being based on management information data. The quality of data and how well 16 and 17 year olds are tracked can vary at local authority level, and hence 'not recorded' proportions can impact on the estimates of young people with a suitable offer. A small number of local authorities have experienced technical or administrative issues which may have additionally affected the quality of their September Guarantee returns.

NCCIS figures showing the proportion participating in education and training and an estimate of those not in

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Headline facts and figures - 2025/26

Percentage of young people who received a suitable offer

94.1%

Down 0.5 percentage points compared to 2024

► Suitable offer

Percentage offer not appropriate

1.2%

Stable since 2024

► Offer not appropriate

Percentage no offer

1.5%

Up 0.3 percentage points compared to 2024

► No offer

Percentage not recorded

3.3%

Up 0.3 percentage points compared to 2024

► Not recorded

Out of 153 local authorities, 140 made suitable offers to at least 90.0% of young people in their area and 95 local authorities made suitable offers to at least 95.0% of young people in their area.

The percentage of suitable offers made in September 2025 ranged from 61.3% in Leicestershire to 100% in City of London and Thurrock. However, Leicestershire's figures may not reflect the actual proportion of young people receiving an offer due to technical issues affecting their returns.

In the latest year,

- 88 local authorities had relatively stable offers made rates when compared to the same period of the previous year (+/- 0.5 percentage points)
- 29 improved (>0.5 percentage points)
- 36 had lower proportions of offers made than in the previous year (> -0.5 percentage points)

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National statistics are published annually in the release '[Participation in Education, Training and Employment age 16 to 18](#)' and should be used for the most robust estimates of Participation and NEET in England at national level.

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September Guarantee: Percentage receiving a suitable offer by local authority in England 2025

2025

England		94.1%
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North East	North East	93.1%
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	County Durham	97.2%
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	Darlington	96.8%
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	Gateshead	95.4%
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	Hartlepool	97.7%
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	Middlesbrough	97.0%
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	Newcastle upon Tyne	94.2%
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	North Tyneside	98.2%
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	Northumberland	73.1%
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	Redcar and Cleveland	97.0%
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	South Tyneside	92.4%
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	Stockton-on-Tees	94.7%
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	Sunderland	93.0%
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North West	North West	95.1%
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	Blackburn with Darwen	97.5%
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	Blackpool	83.3%
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	Bolton	99.2%
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	Bury	97.7%
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	Cheshire East	96.9%
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Cheshire West and Chester	96.7%	
Cumberland	95.0%	
Halton	93.9%	
Knowsley	97.8%	
Lancashire	91.9%	
Liverpool	93.6%	
Manchester	92.7%	
Oldham	98.8%	
Rochdale	97.5%	
Salford	92.2%	
Sefton	96.3%	
St. Helens	92.3%	
Stockport	97.5%	
Tameside	96.8%	
Trafford	96.6%	
Warrington	99.0%	
Westmorland and Furness	96.7%	
Wigan	95.5%	
Wirral	95.0%	
Yorkshire and The Humber	Yorkshire and The Humber	94.1%
	Barnsley	99.6%

Bradford	93.1%
Calderdale	93.6%
Doncaster	99.0%
East Riding of Yorkshire	95.0%
Kingston upon Hull, City of	96.4%
Kirklees	94.8%
Leeds	93.6%
North East Lincolnshire	94.6%
North Lincolnshire	66.4%
North Yorkshire	96.4%
Rotherham	94.9%
Sheffield	91.1%
Wakefield	98.8%
York	97.6%
East Midlands	East Midlands
	88.1%
Derby	90.1%
Derbyshire	84.7%
Leicester	94.9%
Leicestershire	61.3%
Lincolnshire	89.6%
North Northamptonshire	98.8%

	Nottingham	93.9%
	Nottinghamshire	94.1%
	Rutland	98.7%
	West Northamptonshire	98.3%
West Midlands	West Midlands	95.9%
	Birmingham	96.3%
	Coventry	98.0%
	Dudley	84.2%
	Herefordshire, County of	95.7%
	Sandwell	99.7%
	Shropshire	94.9%
	Solihull	97.1%
	Staffordshire	95.2%
	Stoke-on-Trent	97.6%
	Telford and Wrekin	96.3%
	Walsall	98.9%
	Warwickshire	99.0%
	Wolverhampton	99.3%
	Worcestershire	90.6%
East of England	East of England	94.7%
	Bedford	97.8%

Cambridgeshire	95.1%
Central Bedfordshire	96.3%
Essex	92.8%
Hertfordshire	96.9%
Luton	96.4%
Norfolk	91.5%
Peterborough	94.9%
Southend-on-Sea	99.0%
Suffolk	93.0%
Thurrock	100.0%

London

London	97.7%
Barking and Dagenham	97.5%
Barnet	99.4%
Bexley	98.5%
Brent	97.7%
Bromley	97.9%
Camden	98.8%
City of London	100.0%
Croydon	94.5%
Ealing	98.9%
Enfield	97.7%

Greenwich	97.6%
Hackney	98.7%
Hammersmith and Fulham	97.1%
Haringey	95.6%
Harrow	98.5%
Havering	98.4%
Hillingdon	95.7%
Hounslow	98.0%
Islington	97.6%
Kensington and Chelsea	98.0%
Kingston upon Thames	98.2%
Lambeth	98.0%
Lewisham	98.1%
Merton	97.8%
Newham	96.3%
Redbridge	97.8%
Richmond upon Thames	97.7%
Southwark	99.7%
Sutton	96.6%
Tower Hamlets	97.0%
Waltham Forest	99.5%
Wandsworth	98.1%

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	Westminster	98.1%
South East	South East	93.6%
	Bracknell Forest	95.3%
	Brighton and Hove	94.1%
	Buckinghamshire	94.0%
	East Sussex	93.3%
	Hampshire	96.9%
	Isle of Wight	98.0%
	Kent	95.4%
	Medway	89.5%
	Milton Keynes	97.4%
	Oxfordshire	84.9%
	Portsmouth	91.0%
	Reading	95.1%
	Slough	91.1%
	Southampton	87.8%
	Surrey	94.0%
	West Berkshire	96.8%
	West Sussex	91.3%
	Windsor and Maidenhead	91.3%
	Wokingham	96.4%

South West	South West	90.6%
	Bath and North East Somerset	97.4%
	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	63.9%
	Bristol, City of	94.6%
	Cornwall	93.1%
	Devon	93.7%
	Dorset	93.5%
	Gloucestershire	94.1%
	Isles of Scilly	89.7%
	North Somerset	91.7%
	Plymouth	91.7%
	Somerset	82.4%
	South Gloucestershire	91.5%
	Swindon	90.5%
	Torbay	95.6%
	Wiltshire	98.1%

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1. Caution should be applied when using these figures as this is management

information data. The quality of data and how well 16 and 17 year olds are tracked can vary at local authority level. A small number of local authorities have experienced technical or administrative issues which may have additionally affected the quality of their September Guarantee returns.

2. Percentage of young people who received a suitable offer includes: education or training or continuing in education or training, continuing in employment with study (regulated qualification) and re-engagement activities.

Source: NCCIS

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Local authorities in England must report information to the Department for Education through the National Client Caseload Information System (NCCIS). The number of 16 and 17-year-olds known to the local authority and information about the young person's activity are recorded on the local authority client databases, extracts from which are used for this underlying data.

Local authorities are required to provide:

- basic information about young people in their area (such as name and address)
- their needs and characteristics (gender, ethnic group, disability, care leaver)
- their post-16 transition plans (intended destination, September Guarantee offers)

- their current activity and when this was last confirmed.

The age of the learner is measured at the beginning of the academic year, 31 August.

Further information can be found in the accompanying [methodology](#) and full details of the NCCIS collection in the [management information requirement \(opens in new tab\)](#).

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Raising the participation age policy

[Raising the participation age \(RPA\)](#) legislation was introduced in 2013/14, requiring 16-17 year olds in England to remain in education or training.

The government provides the framework and funding to increase participation and reduce the proportion of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET), however, responsibility and accountability for delivery lies with local authorities. Under Section 68 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 (ESA 2008) local authorities have a duty to encourage, enable or assist young people's participation in education or training.

The government publishes local authority participation data so that members of the public can make informed decisions about the performance of their own local authority.

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