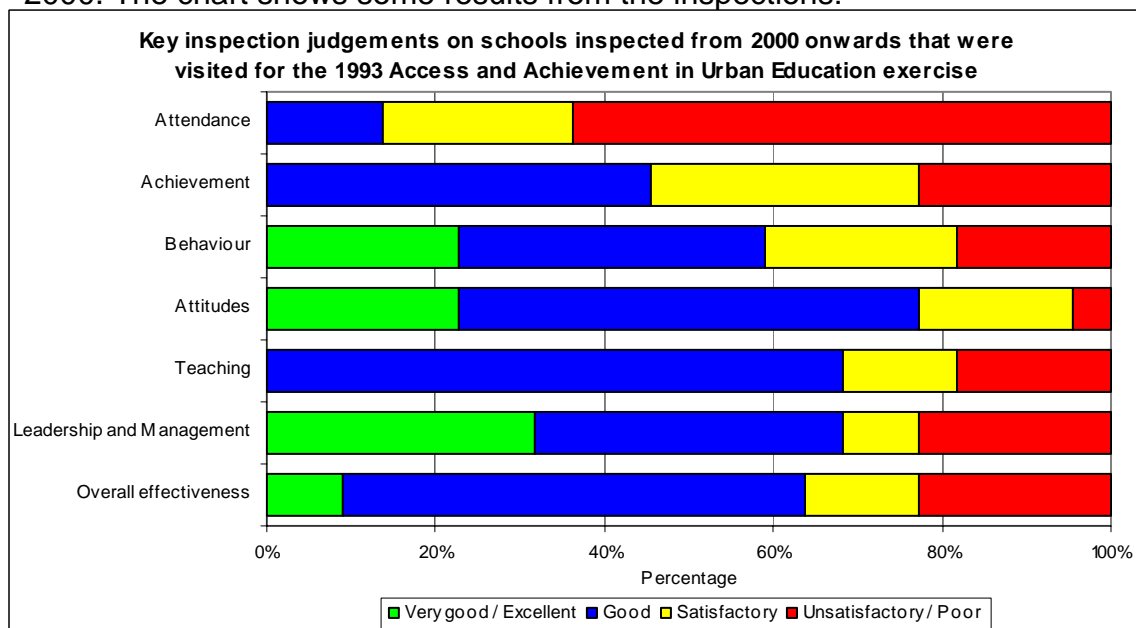




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The Access and Achievement in Urban Education schools, 10 years on

1. Of the 63 schools inspected in 1993, 54 could be matched with confidence to school details available now. Of these 54 schools, 17 have closed, leaving 27 primary schools, 7 secondary schools, 1 nursery school, 1 special school and 1 post-16 college from the original exercise still open.
2. 35% or more pupils are eligible for free school meals at 3 of the 7 secondary schools, and 13 of the 27 primary schools.
3. The exam results of the 27 primary schools are poor compared with schools nationwide. Roughly half the primary schools are in the bottom 25% of schools, based on Key Stage 1 and 2 results, while just two are in the top 25%. However, the results of these primary schools are broadly in line with schools with similar levels of free school meal eligibility.
4. The exam results of the 7 secondary schools are also relatively poor. Five of the seven schools are in the bottom 25% of secondary schools nationwide and just one is in the top 25%, based on KS3 and GCSE results. Four are in the bottom 25% of schools with a similar proportion of pupils eligible for free school meals.
5. Five of the 37 schools still open are currently in special measures. None of the schools is currently designated as having serious weaknesses or underachieving.
6. Of the 37 open schools, 22 have been inspected at least once since January 2000. The chart shows some results from the inspections:



Please note that the number of schools included in the graph above is small, and includes different phases of education.

Five of the 22 schools (23%) were considered to be ineffective in their last inspection. Four of these five schools (and one other) were placed in special measures as a result. The number judged unsatisfactory is similar for most of the other judgements above, though the actual schools vary from judgement to judgement. However, pupil behaviour was unsatisfactory in only one school, while attendance was unsatisfactory in 14 schools.