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Introduction

1 Figures on participation in education and training of 16 to 18 year olds in England are published annually in a Statistical First Release (SFR). The latest was SFR 28/2000 published in June 2000. The figures in the SFR are the definitive national figures. For differences between the SFR figures and those given here, see paragraph 68. The England totals in this bulletin should be used solely as a point of comparison for the local and regional participation rates.

2 The bulletin updates Statistical Bulletin 14/99, updating to 1998/99 the figures on participation in education by Local Education Authority (LEA) and in education and training by Learning Partnership (LP). The local area results are summarised by government office (GO) regions. The LEAs include the unitary authorities in existence on 1 April 1998.

3 The bulletin includes, for the first time, tables showing participation in education and training by local Learning and Skills Councils (local LSCs), which from April 2001 are responsible for the planning and funding of post-16 learning in England. Although the data are for 1997/98 and 1998/99, before the establishment of local LSCs, the data can be used as a baseline for future years.

4 Education covers pupils in maintained and independent schools in England, and all English domiciled full- and part-time students taking further education courses in institutions of further or higher education (other than independent further and higher education institutions). Students in adult education centres are excluded, as are the small numbers of 16 and 17 year olds in higher education.

5 The figures for education and training together include full-time education, Government Supported Training (GST) and part-time education outside GST. **This is a slightly different definition from that used in SFR 28/2000 which includes employer funded and other education and training outside publicly funded institutions.** A small number of GST participants are also in full-time education; these are included in both categories, but count only once in the total.

6 The data on school pupils, further education students and trainees are taken as a snapshot picture at a date near the end of the calendar year. For school pupils and trainees this is the following January, for students in further education (including sixth form colleges) in November, and for students in higher education institutions in December. Population

estimates by LP, LEA or local LSC area are for January. In all cases age is measured at the beginning of the academic year, 31 August.

7 Participation in education is only shown for Inner London as a whole in tables 4 and 8. Figures for individual Inner London boroughs cannot be estimated reliably because of the considerable numbers of pupils who attend schools in a borough other than the one in which they reside. This will also affect, to a lesser extent, the LPs and local LSC areas covering Inner London.

Summary

- a Participation in education and training of 16 year olds was 83 per cent in England in 1998/99. The rates differed little by GO region, only 3 percentage points between the highest and the lowest. For 17 year olds the rate was 74 per cent, with a 4 percentage point spread.
- b Participation by region in full-time education and GST separately showed greater variation for 16 and 17 year olds in 1998/99 than education and training together. Full-time education participation rates were generally higher in the South than in the North, with the reverse trend for participation in GST and part-time education outside GST.
- c For 16 and 17 year olds participation in education and training by region was in general higher for females than for males in 1998/99. Nationally for 16 year olds participation in education and training was 5 percentage points higher for females, 85 per cent compared with 80 per cent for males. National participation in education and training by 17 year olds was 4 percentage points higher for females than males, 76 per cent compared with 72 per cent. Participation by 16 year old females in full-time education was between 7 and 9 percentage points higher than males for all regions, except for the South East where females was 5 percentage points higher.
- d In 1998/99 participation in full-time education was 70 per cent in England for 16 year olds. The rates ranged from around 90 per cent to around 50 per cent by LP and by LEA, and from around 80 per cent to just under 60 per cent by local LSC area. Although nationally full-time participation remained unchanged in comparison with 1994/95 a few LEAs had an increase of 5 percentage points or more over the period, and a few a similar decrease.
- e For 17 year olds participation in full-time education was 57 per cent in England in 1998/99. The rates ranged between around 70 per cent and around 45 per cent by LP, around 75 and 45 per cent by LEA, and around 65 and 50 per cent for most local LSCs. In over half of LEAs full-time participation had changed by no more than 2 percentage points between 1994/95 and 1998/99.

Participation in education and training of 16 year olds by region and by sex, England, 1998/99 – Table 1

8 Table 1 shows participation by 16 year olds in full-time education by type of institution, in GST, in non-GST part-time education and in education and training combined in 1998/99. The rates are given by region for males and females separately and combined.

9 Nationally 83 per cent of 16 year olds participated in education and training in 1998/99. The majority, 70 per cent, were in full-time education. Less than half of the 16 year olds in full-time education remained at school, 28 per cent in maintained and 6 per cent in independent schools. Of the rest of those in full-time education, 9 per cent went on to a sixth form college and 26 per cent to 'other FE' colleges. A further 9 per cent of the age group were on GST schemes, and 5 per cent were in other part-time education outside GST.

10 Participation in education and training differed by only 3 percentage points by region, the highest being the South West at 84 per cent and the lowest the North East at 81 per cent. Participation in full-time education and GST on their own, however, showed much greater variation, with higher rates for education in the South and lower rates in the North. Participation in GST showed the reverse trend with rates higher in the North and lower in the South.

11 The highest participation rates in full-time education were 74 per cent in the East of England, the South East and London, and the lowest 61 per cent in the North East and 64 per cent in Yorkshire and the Humber. Participation in GST was highest in the North East at 14 per cent and Yorkshire and the Humber at 13 per cent. The southern regions had GST rates of less than 10 per cent, with London the lowest at 4 per cent.

12 The proportion of 16 year olds in full-time education who continued in school was higher in the South than in the North, while the opposite was true for the proportion going on to further education colleges. Participation in independent schools was highest in the South, with the South East at 10 per cent and the South West and London at 8 per cent. Rates in the North were lower, the North East the lowest at 3 per cent.

13 Participation rates in full-time education and in education and training were consistently higher for females than for males in each region. In full-time education, participation by 16 year old females was 73 per cent nationally, 7 percentage points higher than for males at 66 per cent. The difference was smaller, 5 percentage points for education and training, where the rate for females was 85 per cent and for males 80 per cent. This was mainly because males had higher participation rates in GST than females, 10 per cent compared with 8 per cent.

14 Female participation rates in full-time education were on average 4 percentage points higher than males in maintained schools, 30 per cent for females and 26

per cent for males. The difference in further education was smaller at 2 percentage points, 27 per cent for females and 25 per cent for males in further education colleges and 10 per cent for females and 8 per cent for males in sixth form colleges. The rates for independent schools were the same for both males and females at 6 per cent, as was participation in non-GST part-time education at 5 per cent.

15 The difference between male and female 16 year olds participation in full-time education was highest in the North East, the West Midlands and the South West, a difference of 9 percentage points, and lowest in the South East, a difference of 5 percentage points.

Participation in education and training of 16 year olds by local LSC area, England, 1997/98 and 1998/99 – Table 2, Chart 1 and Map 1

16 Table 2 shows participation in full-time education of 16 year olds by type of institution, in GST, in non-GST part-time education and in education and training combined by local LSC area in 1997/98 and 1998/99. Chart 1 shows the variation in education and training participation rates between local LSCs in 1998/99. Map 1 shows the 1998/99 education and training rates from table 2, with shading for four bands of the rates.

17 Referring to table 2; in 1998/99 participation in full-time education by local LSC area for 16 year olds ranged between around 80 per cent to just under 60 per cent. The local LSCs with the highest rates were in the south, Hertfordshire at 87 per cent and London South at 80 per cent. The lowest rates were found in the North and the Midlands, South Yorkshire at 58 per cent, and County Durham at 59 per cent. These compare with a national rate of 70 per cent.

18 About 20 per cent of local LSCs, mostly in the South, had participation in independent schools of 10 per cent or higher compared with 6 per cent nationally. Another fifth of local LSCs had no or few pupils in independent schools. The local LSCs with high rates in the schools sector of around 50 per cent of 16 year olds, had lower rates in further education, usually around 20 per cent, and similarly those local LSCs with low rates in the schools sector had higher rates in further education. The local LSCs with the highest participation rates in sixth form colleges were Hants/Isle of Wight/Portsmouth/Southampton at 27 per cent, Tees Valley at 23 per cent and Greater Manchester at 22 per cent.

19 Participation in GST ranged from around 16 per cent in some local LSCs in the North to less than 5 per cent in the South, with a couple of exceptions, Cheshire/Warrington in the North West with a rate of 9 per cent, and Somerset in the South West with 10 per cent.

20 Referring to map 1; participation in education and training combined was more uniform throughout the country than full-time education and GST on their own,

as local LSCs in the North with low rates in full-time education had high rates in GST and in other part-time education. The rates in education and training ranged from around 90 per cent to just below 80 per cent by local LSC area.

21 In comparison with 1997/98, participation in education and training in 1998/99 by 16 year olds either remained the same, or changed by 1 percentage point for about 40 per cent of the local LSCs. The largest decrease in participation of 6 percentage points from 84 per cent in 1997/98 to 78 per cent in 1998/99 was experienced by London Central. The largest increases in participation were experienced by Lancashire, a climb from 81 per cent to 84 per cent, and Gloucestershire a climb from 83 per cent to 86 per cent.

22 Participation rates for full-time education, GST and other part-time education also remained the same for most of the local LSCs in comparison with 1997/98. The largest year on year change in independent schools was experienced by Lincolnshire with an increase in participation of 7 percentage points.

23 Nationally the full-time participation rates by institution type and other part-time education remained the same in 1998/99. GST decreased by 1 percentage point resulting in a decrease of 1 percentage point in total education and training, from 84 per cent in 1997/98 to 83 per cent in 1998/99.

Participation in education and training of 16 year olds by LP area, 1998/99 – Table 3

24 Table 3 shows participation in full-time education of 16 year olds by type of institution, in GST, in non-GST part-time education and in education and training combined by LP in 1998/99.

25 Participation in full-time education ranged between around 80 per cent and around 55 per cent for most LP areas. The LPs with the highest rates were in the south with Bath and North East Somerset in the South West at 90 per cent, and the lowest were found in the North, Knowsley in the North West at 50 per cent. A few exceptions were Sefton in the North West at 78 per cent, York in Yorkshire and the Humber at 76 per cent, and Milton Keynes in the South East with a rate of 60 per cent.

26 The LPs with the highest GST participation rates were in the North, St Helens in the North West at 20 per cent, and Sheffield in Yorkshire and the Humber at 19 per cent. The lowest rates were in the south with Surrey, Royal Windsor/Maidenhead and West London at 3 per cent.

27 Participation in non-GST part-time education on the whole followed the same pattern as GST with higher rates in the North than in the South. However, the pattern was more uniform with most rates ranging between 10 and 4 per cent.

Participation in education of 16 year olds by LEA, England, 1994/95 to 1998/99 – Table 4, Chart 2 and Map 2

28 Table 4 shows the variation in participation in full- and part-time education for 16 year olds by LEA from 1994/95 to 1998/99. Chart 2 shows the variation in full-time education participation rates between LEAs in 1998/99. Map 2 shows the 1998/99 full-time education participation rates from table 4, with shading for six bands of the rates.

29 Table 4 shows that the national participation rate in 1998/99 for 16 year olds was 70 per cent for full-time and 7 per cent for part-time education. Full-time participation stayed at the same level from 1994/95 to 1998/99. Part-time participation fell by 2 percentage points from 9 per cent in 1994/95 to 7 per cent in 1995/96 but has remained steady ever since. A few LEAs saw an increase in full-time participation of 5 percentage points or more between 1994/95 and 1998/99, the highest being Gateshead which had an increase of 10 percentage points from 52 to 62 per cent in 1998/99. For around 40 per cent of LEAs the rate changed by less than 2 percentage points from 1994/95 to 1998/99.

30 Compared with 1997/98 in about half of the LEAs full- and part-time participation stayed the same or changed by 1 percentage point.

31 Participation in full-time education of 16 year olds in 1998/99 ranged from around 90 per cent to around 50 per cent by LEA. The highest rate, 95 per cent, was held by Kingston upon Thames in Outer London, closely followed by Redbridge at 94 per cent, the lowest being Salford in the North West with 46 per cent. Map 2 shows that in general the higher rates were in the South and the lower in the North and the Midlands.

32 Participation in part-time education ranged between 13 to around 4 per cent for most LEAs. The higher rates were found in the North and Midlands in LEAs with full-time participation rates lower than average, while the South had the lower part-time participation rates.

TABLE 1:
Participation in education and training of 16 year olds by type of institution by region and by sex, England, 1998/99

percentage of age group

	Full-time education					GST	Other part-time education ¹	Total education and training (less overlap)
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Sixth form college	Other FE	Total			
Government Office regions								
Males and females								
North East	22	3	8	27	61	14	7	81
North West	20	4	14	26	65	12	6	82
Yorkshire and the Humber	26	4	9	25	64	13	8	83
East Midlands	32	5	5	24	67	11	6	82
West Midlands	26	5	10	26	68	10	6	82
East of England	35	6	9	25	74	6	3	83
London	31	8	9	26	74	4	4	82
South East	30	10	12	23	74	6	3	83
South West	31	8	2	32	73	8	4	84
England	28	6	9	26	70	9	5	83
Males								
North East	21	3	7	26	57	16	7	78
North West	19	4	12	26	61	14	6	79
Yorkshire and the Humber	24	4	8	25	60	16	7	81
East Midlands	30	5	5	23	63	12	6	79
West Midlands	24	5	9	25	63	11	6	79
East of England	33	6	8	23	71	7	3	80
London	29	8	8	26	70	5	4	78
South East	28	10	11	23	72	7	3	81
South West	28	8	2	30	69	9	4	82
England	26	6	8	25	66	10	5	80
Females								
North East	24	3	9	29	66	12	7	84
North West	22	4	16	27	69	10	6	85
Yorkshire and the Humber	28	4	10	25	67	10	8	85
East Midlands	35	5	6	26	71	9	6	85
West Midlands	28	5	11	28	72	8	6	86
East of England	37	6	9	26	78	6	3	86
London	34	9	10	26	78	4	3	86
South East	31	9	13	24	77	5	3	85
South West	33	9	2	34	78	7	4	87
England	30	6	10	27	73	8	5	85

¹ Part-time education is almost entirely in other colleges of further education.

TABLE 2:

Participation in education and training of 16 year olds by local Learning and Skills Council area, England, 1997/98 and 1998/99

percentage of age group

	1997/98							Total education and training (less overlap)
	Full-time education					GST	Other part-time education ¹	
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Sixth form college	Other FE	Total			
North East	22	3	8	27	60	18	7	84
County Durham	25	2	3	28	59	18	7	83
Northumberland	48	1	1	17	67	14	5	85
Tees Valley	6	3	23	30	61	19	6	84
Tyne & Wear	24	5	3	28	59	19	8	85
North West	20	4	15	26	65	13	6	84
Cheshire/Warrington	35	5	10	24	74	11	7	91
Cumbria	36	4	5	23	68	17	9	93
Greater Manchester	9	5	23	24	62	13	6	80
Lancashire	13	4	11	37	65	12	5	81
Merseyside/Halton	32	3	10	22	66	15	7	86
Yorkshire and the Humber	27	4	9	25	65	13	8	84
Humberside	17	2	17	28	63	18	7	86
North Yorkshire	34	8	11	23	77	11	6	91
South Yorkshire	22	1	4	31	58	15	8	81
West Yorkshire	32	5	7	21	65	10	8	83
East Midlands	32	5	5	25	66	11	6	83
Derbyshire	27	5	2	28	62	14	5	80
Leicestershire	32	5	12	24	72	10	7	88
Lincolnshire (inc. Rutland)	34	7	4	25	69	12	3	83
Northamptonshire	40	7	0	22	69	7	5	81
Nottinghamshire	30	3	6	23	62	13	8	82
West Midlands	26	5	10	26	66	11	6	83
Birmingham & Solihull	25	5	15	25	69	7	6	81
Coventry & Warwickshire	29	7	4	28	68	13	6	85
Herefordshire & Worcestershire	28	10	12	23	73	10	5	87
Shropshire	15	11	22	23	71	11	7	89
Staffordshire	29	3	6	24	63	14	6	83
The Black Country	23	1	6	28	58	13	8	78
East of England	34	6	8	25	73	7	4	84
Bedfordshire	35	6	12	21	74	8	8	89
Cambridgeshire	26	7	14	24	71	5	5	81
Essex	26	2	12	29	70	7	2	79
Hertfordshire	50	13	1	23	85	5	5	95
Norfolk	30	5	7	27	69	9	3	80
Suffolk	39	7	2	21	69	10	5	84
London	31	9	9	26	75	5	4	84
London Central	24	15	7	25	71	9	4	84
London East	30	3	10	26	69	6	5	79
London North	38	5	9	26	79	3	4	87
London South	32	15	11	24	82	4	2	88
London West	34	8	4	30	77	4	4	84
South East	30	10	12	23	75	6	4	84
Bracknell Forest/W.Berks/Reading/etc	40	14	2	19	76	6	4	85
E.Sussex/W.Sussex/Brighton & Hove	24	9	20	22	76	5	3	84
Hants/IoW/Portsmouth/Southampton	8	5	26	32	72	7	4	82
Kent/Medway	45	8	0	23	76	7	3	86
Oxfordshire/Bucks/Milton Keynes	43	10	0	20	73	7	4	84
Surrey	24	18	19	19	79	3	2	84
South West	30	9	2	33	73	9	4	85
Former Avon	32	11	5	25	74	9	6	88
Bournemouth/Dorset/Poole	36	9	0	32	77	9	3	87
Devon/Cornwall	31	5	0	37	73	10	5	86
Gloucestershire	36	10	0	28	74	9	2	83
Somerset	13	14	8	35	71	10	4	84
Wiltshire/Swindon	25	7	0	36	69	6	3	78
England	28	6	9	26	70	10	5	84

¹ Part-time education is almost entirely in other colleges of further education.

TABLE 2: CONTINUED

Participation in education and training of 16 year olds by local Learning and Skills Council area, England, 1997/98 and 1998/99

percentage of age group

	1998/99							
	Full-time education					GST	Other part-time education ¹	Total education and training (less overlap)
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Sixth form college	Other FE	Total			
North East	22	3	8	27	61	14	7	81
County Durham	24	2	3	29	59	15	8	81
Northumberland	50	0	1	15	66	12	5	83
Tees Valley	6	3	23	30	63	16	7	84
Tyne & Wear	24	5	3	28	60	12	7	79
North West	20	4	14	26	65	12	6	82
Cheshire/Warrington	34	5	10	24	73	9	6	87
Cumbria	37	4	6	22	69	16	7	91
Greater Manchester	10	5	22	24	62	12	5	78
Lancashire	13	4	10	38	65	13	7	84
Merseyside/Halton	32	3	9	22	65	13	6	82
Yorkshire and the Humber	26	4	9	25	64	13	8	83
Humberside	17	2	17	28	65	16	5	83
North Yorkshire	35	8	11	20	73	15	7	93
South Yorkshire	21	1	4	32	58	14	6	78
West Yorkshire	30	4	8	21	63	10	10	83
East Midlands	32	5	5	24	67	11	6	82
Derbyshire	27	5	2	26	60	13	5	78
Leicestershire	34	4	13	22	73	8	6	87
Lincolnshire (inc. Rutland)	34	7	3	24	68	11	3	82
Northamptonshire	40	7	0	24	70	8	4	82
Nottinghamshire	29	3	5	26	64	12	8	83
West Midlands	26	5	10	26	68	10	6	82
Birmingham & Solihull	26	4	15	24	69	7	6	81
Coventry & Warwickshire	30	6	4	28	69	9	5	82
Herefordshire & Worcestershire	27	10	13	25	75	8	4	87
Shropshire	15	12	21	23	72	10	5	87
Staffordshire	28	2	6	28	65	13	7	82
The Black Country	25	2	5	29	61	12	8	80
East of England	35	6	9	25	74	6	3	83
Bedfordshire	35	7	12	22	76	7	4	86
Cambridgeshire	28	7	15	21	71	6	4	81
Essex	28	2	13	28	71	6	2	79
Hertfordshire	51	12	1	23	87	5	3	95
Norfolk	30	4	6	28	68	7	3	78
Suffolk	40	7	2	21	71	8	4	82
London	31	8	9	26	74	4	4	82
London Central	24	14	7	25	70	4	4	78
London East	29	3	11	26	69	5	4	78
London North	38	5	9	26	78	4	5	87
London South	32	14	13	21	80	4	2	86
London West	35	7	4	30	77	4	4	84
South East	30	10	12	23	74	6	3	83
Bracknell Forest/W.Berks/Reading/etc	39	15	2	19	75	6	4	84
E.Sussex/W.Sussex/Brighton & Hove	25	9	19	22	75	5	3	83
Hants/IoW/Portsmouth/Southampton	8	5	27	31	71	7	4	81
Kent/Medway	45	8	0	24	77	6	2	85
Oxfordshire/Bucks/Milton Keynes	41	10	0	20	71	6	4	80
Surrey	25	18	18	17	78	3	3	84
South West	31	8	2	32	73	8	4	84
Former Avon	32	11	4	24	72	8	5	84
Bournemouth/Dorset/Poole	38	8	0	31	77	7	3	86
Devon/Cornwall	32	5	0	35	72	9	5	85
Gloucestershire	39	10	0	28	77	8	3	86
Somerset	14	15	8	35	73	10	4	86
Wiltshire/Swindon	25	7	1	37	71	6	3	79
England	28	6	9	26	70	9	5	83

¹ Part-time education is almost entirely in other colleges of further education.

TABLE 3:
Participation in education and training of 16 year olds by Learning Partnership, England, 1998/99

	Full-time education					GST	Other part-time education ¹	Total education and training (less overlap)
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Sixth form college	Other FE	Total			
North East	22	3	8	27	61	14	7	81
County Durham	24	2	3	29	59	15	8	81
Northumberland	50	0	1	15	66	12	5	83
Sunderland	12	1	0	41	53	16	7	77
Tees Valley	6	3	23	30	63	16	7	84
Tyneside	29	7	3	23	62	11	7	80
North West	20	4	14	26	65	12	6	82
Bolton	20	8	18	21	67	12	3	80
Bury	1	9	21	38	69	9	2	80
Cheshire	36	7	7	25	75	8	6	88
Cumbria	37	4	6	22	69	16	7	91
East Lancashire	13	4	6	39	61	13	6	80
Halton	19	0	15	20	53	12	7	69
Knowsley	10	0	7	33	50	11	4	61
Liverpool	39	2	2	20	63	12	4	78
Manchester	9	5	22	22	59	12	8	78
Oldham	16	5	23	22	66	13	3	82
Rochdale	18	0	9	29	56	11	4	71
Sefton	30	7	12	29	78	9	6	92
St Helens	25	0	17	29	72	20	6	89
Stockport	1	7	44	14	67	11	4	81
Warrington	29	0	20	19	67	11	6	82
West Lancashire	13	3	13	37	67	13	7	87
Wigan	7	0	17	34	58	16	3	76
Wirral	42	4	12	9	67	14	9	89
Yorkshire and the Humber	26	4	9	25	64	13	8	83
Barnsley	4	0	1	48	53	16	5	75
Bradford	36	6	0	17	59	10	23	91
Calderdale	42	3	5	20	70	12	5	85
Doncaster	35	1	1	22	59	9	9	75
East Riding	37	3	7	24	71	13	6	89
Hull	4	4	20	28	56	18	4	76
Kirklees	18	2	22	26	67	13	4	82
Leeds	35	4	5	19	63	9	8	79
North East Lincolnshire	10	0	17	36	63	18	6	84
North Lincolnshire	5	0	33	31	69	15	3	85
North Yorkshire	38	7	8	18	72	17	8	96
Rotherham	27	0	16	22	66	12	5	82
Sheffield	16	2	1	36	54	19	6	79
Wakefield	16	7	14	27	64	12	4	80
York	22	10	19	26	76	8	2	84
East Midlands	32	5	5	24	67	11	6	82
Derbyshire	27	5	2	26	60	13	5	78
Greater Nottinghamshire	24	4	8	27	64	12	7	82
Leicester City and Leicestershire	34	4	13	22	73	8	6	87
Lincolnshire and Rutland	34	7	3	24	68	11	3	82
North Nottinghamshire	37	2	1	24	64	12	10	84
Northamptonshire	40	7	0	24	70	8	4	82

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Participation in education and training of 16 year olds by Learning Partnership, England, 1998/99

percentage of age group

	Full-time education					GST	Other part-time education ¹	Total education and training (less overlap)
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Sixth form college	Other FE	Total			
West Midlands	26	5	10	26	68	10	6	82
Birmingham	27	3	12	25	67	6	6	78
Coventry and Warwickshire	30	6	4	28	69	9	5	82
Dudley	6	1	13	43	62	15	7	83
Herefordshire	10	5	27	24	65	9	4	78
Sandwell	15	0	6	32	54	13	7	72
Shropshire	18	12	20	24	74	10	5	89
Solihull	16	13	31	20	80	8	7	94
Staffordshire and Stoke	28	2	6	28	65	13	7	82
Telford and Wrekin	10	11	24	22	68	10	5	83
Walsall	46	0	0	18	64	10	7	80
Wolverhampton	37	6	0	21	65	10	12	87
Worcestershire	32	12	9	25	78	8	4	89
East of England	35	6	9	25	74	6	3	83
Bedfordshire and Luton	35	7	12	22	76	7	4	86
Cambridgeshire	20	9	20	22	71	5	4	81
Hertfordshire	51	12	1	23	87	5	3	95
Norfolk	30	4	6	28	68	7	3	78
North Essex	32	3	9	29	73	6	2	80
Peterborough	51	1	0	20	71	7	4	82
South Essex	27	0	16	25	68	7	2	77
Suffolk	40	7	2	21	71	8	4	82
Thurrock	1	0	34	29	64	6	3	72
London	31	8	9	26	74	4	4	82
Central London	24	14	7	25	70	4	4	78
Cross River Learning	41	2	12	21	77	5	3	84
East Thames	25	4	11	25	65	6	4	75
North London	17	4	6	36	64	6	4	74
North West London	38	5	9	26	78	4	5	87
Partners for Learning	32	14	13	21	80	4	2	86
South London	43	8	3	27	80	4	3	88
West London	22	6	7	37	71	3	4	78
South East	30	10	12	23	74	6	3	83
Bracknell Forest	33	18	5	19	75	6	4	84
Brighton and Hove	19	13	25	15	72	6	2	80
Buckinghamshire	51	5	0	18	75	5	4	84
East Sussex	23	9	17	25	74	5	3	82
Hampshire and Portsmouth	6	5	27	33	70	7	3	80
Isle of Wight	41	5	0	34	80	6	2	87
Kent	44	9	0	25	78	6	2	86
Medway	48	2	0	22	73	8	3	84
Milton Keynes	40	2	0	19	60	8	2	70
Oxfordshire	32	17	0	22	71	7	4	82
Reading	32	15	0	21	69	4	4	77
Royal Windsor/Maidenhead	37	23	2	14	77	3	3	82
Slough	41	0	1	30	72	7	5	85
Southampton	4	7	39	18	68	9	7	85
Surrey	25	18	18	17	78	3	3	84
West Berkshire	44	20	0	14	78	5	3	86
West Sussex	28	8	19	22	77	5	3	85
Wokingham	47	9	2	20	77	8	4	89

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Participation in education and training of 16 year olds by Learning Partnership, England, 1998/99

percentage of age group

	Full-time education				Total	GST	Other part-time education ¹	Total education and training (less overlap)
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Sixth form college	Other FE				
South West	31	8	2	32	73	8	4	84
Bath and North East Somerset	43	21	3	22	90	5	4	99
Bristol and South Gloucestershire	26	12	6	23	66	8	6	80
Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly	25	3	0	48	76	9	2	86
Devon and Torbay	29	6	1	34	70	9	6	84
Dorset	38	8	0	31	77	7	3	86
Gloucestershire	39	10	0	28	77	8	3	86
North Somerset	40	2	1	30	73	7	5	84
Plymouth	53	3	0	15	71	10	5	85
Somerset	14	15	8	35	73	10	4	86
Wiltshire and Swindon	25	7	1	37	71	6	3	79
England	28	6	9	26	70	9	5	83

¹ Part-time education is almost entirely in other colleges of further education.

TABLE 4:
Participation in education of 16 year olds by LEA, England, 1994/95 to 1998/99

percentage of age group

	Full-time education					Part-time education				
	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
North East	60	62	62	60	61	11	8	9	7	8
Cleveland	63	62	63	62	63	11	9	9	7	8
Hartlepool	..	..	64	63	66	..	..	8	6	8
Middlesbrough	..	..	61	59	58	..	..	10	7	6
Redcar and Cleveland	..	..	60	59	61	..	..	7	5	7
Stockton-on-Tees	..	..	67	65	67	..	..	11	8	10
Durham	57	60	59	59	59	13	9	11	9	9
Durham	..	..	..	59	59	..	..	..	9	10
Darlington	..	..	..	59	59	..	..	..	7	7
Northumberland	63	69	68	67	66	11	7	5	5	5
Gateshead	52	60	59	58	62	13	8	9	8	10
Newcastle upon Tyne	67	68	70	65	67	8	6	7	8	7
North Tyneside	67	68	67	67	64	7	5	7	7	6
South Tyneside	55	54	55	52	53	11	9	9	8	7
Sunderland	56	56	52	53	53	14	12	9	7	7
North West	64	66	65	65	65	11	9	9	8	8
Cheshire	71	71	70	72	70	10	10	10	8	8
Cheshire	..	..	..	..	75	..	..	..	..	8
Halton	..	..	..	..	53	..	..	..	..	9
Warrington	..	..	..	..	67	..	..	..	..	8
Cumbria	69	68	68	68	69	13	8	10	9	7
Bolton	66	72	68	68	67	12	7	7	6	5
Bury	69	75	74	71	69	9	5	6	5	4
Manchester	64	65	60	60	63	7	20	20	14	12
Oldham	63	64	63	63	66	9	7	10	6	7
Rochdale	50	55	55	57	56	12	7	9	8	6
Salford	51	48	50	49	46	9	4	6	7	6
Stockport	70	68	69	66	67	6	7	9	6	6
Tameside	54	60	63	58	56	13	9	9	7	8
Trafford	61	64	63	65	67	11	10	9	8	8
Wigan	57	58	58	59	58	13	13	12	9	8
Lancashire	60	65	64	65	65	15	9	9	10	11
Lancashire	..	..	..	..	64	..	..	..	..	11
Blackburn	..	..	..	..	71	..	..	..	..	11
Blackpool	..	..	..	..	64	..	..	..	..	8
Knowsley	51	51	54	51	50	6	5	6	7	7
Liverpool	62	62	59	63	63	10	5	4	6	6
St Helens	68	73	75	73	72	15	9	8	7	11
Sefton	78	76	77	74	78	5	6	6	6	6
Wirral	69	70	68	71	67	11	10	10	11	11
Yorkshire and the Humber	64	65	64	65	64	10	9	10	9	10
Humberside	62	66	63	63	65	11	8	9	8	8
City of Kingston-upon-Hull	..	..	58	52	56	..	..	9	7	7
East Riding of Yorkshire	..	..	66	70	71	..	..	10	9	8
North East Lincolnshire	..	..	63	61	63	..	..	8	7	8
North Lincolnshire	..	..	67	68	69	..	..	7	9	7
North Yorkshire pre Apr 1996	76	77	75	77	73	9	9	12	9	9
North Yorkshire post Apr 1996	..	..	74	75	72	..	..	13	10	11
York	..	..	81	81	76	..	..	8	6	5
Barnsley	52	52	52	52	53	16	8	9	13	7
Doncaster	60	57	57	58	59	8	6	8	9	10
Rotherham	67	67	66	66	66	12	9	7	10	6
Sheffield	58	57	56	56	54	11	12	10	8	9
Bradford	60	62	62	61	59	11	12	13	16	24
Calderdale	70	66	69	67	70	7	10	8	10	8
Kirklees	63	66	68	67	67	8	9	8	6	7
Leeds	66	65	66	64	63	12	11	14	9	9
Wakefield	65	66	64	70	64	8	5	4	3	4

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Participation in education of 16 year olds by LEA, England, 1994/95 to 1998/99

percentage of age group

	Full-time education					Part-time education				
	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
East Midlands	65	67	67	67	67	11	8	8	8	7
Derbyshire	62	64	64	62	60	12	9	8	8	8
Derbyshire	..	..	..	64	61	..	..	..	8	7
Derby City	..	..	..	56	58	..	..	..	8	10
Leicestershire	68	70	72	73	74	12	9	10	9	7
Leicestershire	..	..	..	74	72	..	..	..	9	7
Leicester City	..	..	..	70	74	..	..	..	11	8
Rutland	..	..	..	94	90	..	..	..	2	3
Lincolnshire	66	66	65	67	66	6	6	5	5	6
Northamptonshire	72	71	71	69	70	7	6	6	6	5
Nottinghamshire	62	63	63	62	64	14	10	10	9	9
Nottinghamshire	..	..	..	..	66	..	..	..	..	10
Nottingham	..	..	..	..	57	..	..	..	..	6
West Midlands	68	67	67	66	68	10	9	9	8	8
Hereford and Worcester	75	74	75	73	75	8	7	7	7	7
Herefordshire	..	..	..	..	65	..	..	..	..	7
Worcestershire	..	..	..	..	78	..	..	..	..	6
Shropshire	73	70	71	71	72	11	10	9	8	8
Shropshire	..	..	..	..	74	..	..	..	..	8
Telford	..	..	..	..	68	..	..	..	..	7
Staffordshire	65	64	65	63	65	12	10	10	10	10
Staffordshire	..	..	..	67	68	..	..	..	10	10
Stoke on Trent	..	..	..	49	52	..	..	..	9	8
Warwickshire	71	72	70	70	70	10	9	10	9	7
Birmingham	66	68	67	68	67	9	6	7	6	6
Coventry	68	67	67	65	68	10	10	10	8	8
Dudley	61	60	59	57	62	13	13	17	10	9
Sandwell	60	55	51	54	54	8	7	8	9	9
Solihull	84	81	77	74	80	11	9	9	7	7
Walsall	60	59	57	61	64	11	8	7	9	7
Wolverhampton	68	64	64	61	65	12	11	14	12	13
East of England	74	75	75	73	74	7	6	7	6	5
Bedfordshire	75	75	75	74	76	8	7	8	10	5
Bedfordshire	..	..	..	81	80	..	..	..	9	6
Luton	..	..	..	61	68	..	..	..	11	5
Cambridgeshire	72	74	77	71	71	8	6	6	7	7
Cambridgeshire	..	..	..	..	71	..	..	..	..	6
Peterborough	..	..	..	..	71	..	..	..	..	7
Essex	72	72	72	70	71	5	3	5	3	3
Essex	..	..	..	..	71	..	..	..	..	3
Southend	..	..	..	..	76	..	..	..	..	1
Thurrock	..	..	..	..	64	..	..	..	..	4
Hertfordshire	85	86	86	85	87	8	8	9	6	5
Norfolk	67	69	67	69	68	10	6	6	6	5
Suffolk	70	71	71	69	71	9	7	7	7	7
Greater London	75	75	74	75	74	6	4	5	4	4
Inner London	69	68	68	70	70	7	5	5	5	4
Outer London	78	78	77	78	76	6	4	4	4	4
Barking and Dagenham	66	63	70	59	60	8	4	5	4	4
Barnet	83	82	81	84	78	4	5	4	4	4
Bexley	70	73	73	70	71	8	5	5	6	5
Brent	69	72	72	76	73	6	3	4	4	5
Bromley	80	82	80	84	86	4	3	3	3	3
Croydon	83	82	76	77	75	3	3	3	3	3
Ealing	74	68	66	74	69	7	5	5	5	5
Enfield	78	84	84	82	85	8	8	8	5	6
Greenwich	68	69	63	65	62	5	3	5	5	5
Harrow	73	71	70	67	69	6	3	5	3	4
Havering	76	74	71	73	71	6	5	4	10	4
Hillingdon	77	80	80	78	80	9	4	5	5	4
Hounslow	88	85	83	83	88	3	2	4	3	3
Kingston upon Thames	90	93	93	93	95	4	3	4	3	3
Merton	77	77	76	80	69	5	3	4	3	4
Redbridge	83	85	86	88	94	4	4	3	4	3
Richmond upon Thames	90	90	87	73	69	3	4	4	3	3
Sutton	88	84	93	93	89	4	4	3	3	3
Waltham Forest	76	77	80	78	72	8	6	6	4	6

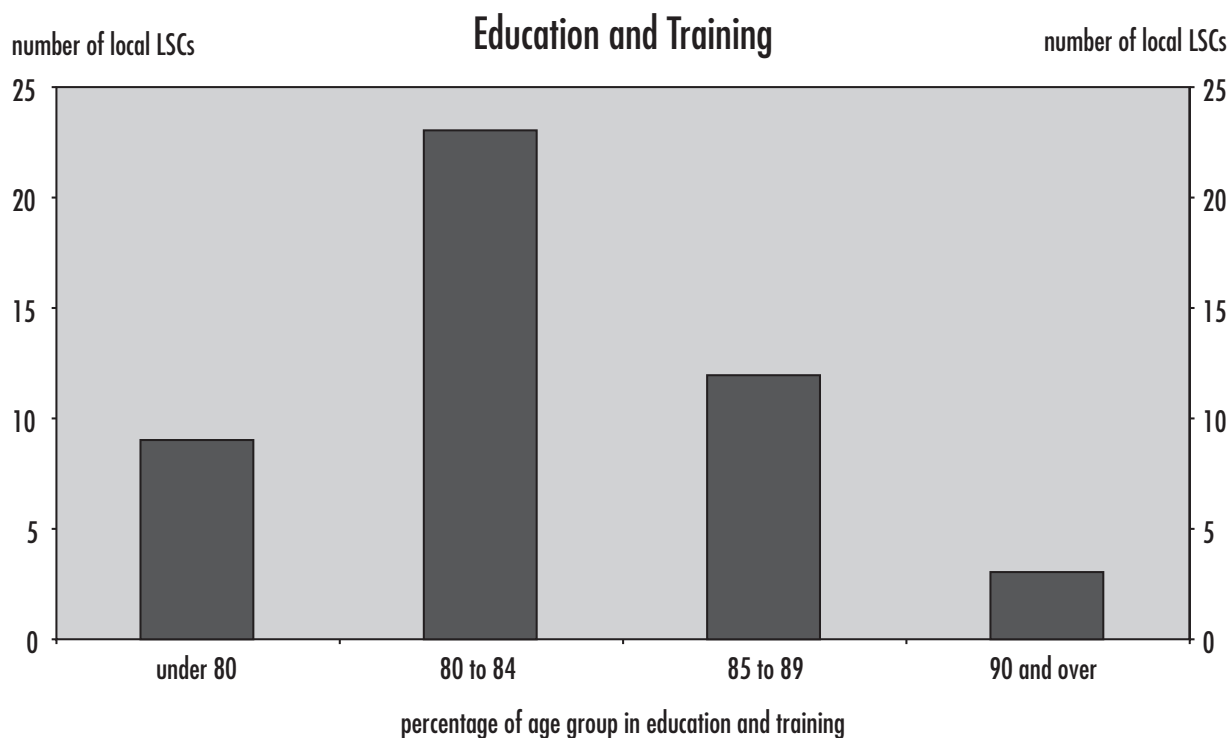
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Participation in education of 16 year olds by LEA, England, 1994/95 to 1998/99

percentage of age group

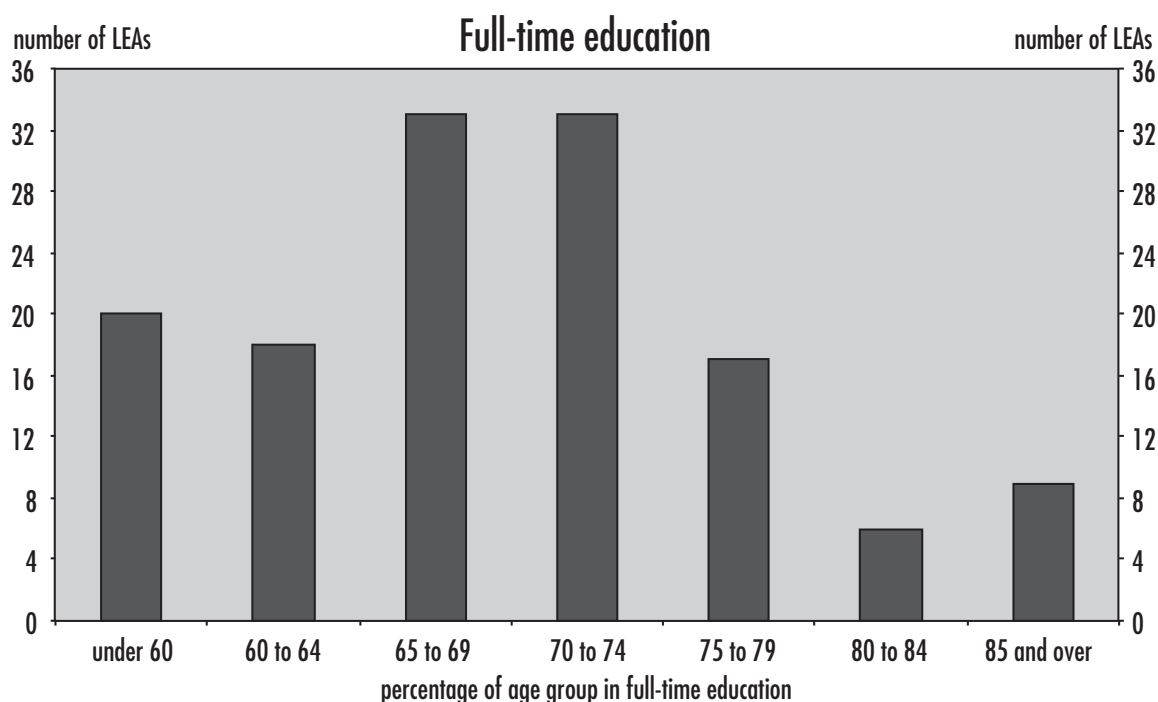
	Full-time education					Part-time education				
	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
South East	77	76	75	75	74	6	5	5	5	4
Berkshire	80	76	76	76	75	7	6	6	6	5
Bracknell	..	..	..	..	75	..	..	..	..	6
Windsor	..	..	..	..	77	..	..	..	..	4
Newbury	..	..	..	..	78	..	..	..	..	5
Reading	..	..	..	..	69	..	..	..	..	6
Slough	..	..	..	..	72	..	..	..	..	6
Wokingham	..	..	..	..	77	..	..	..	..	5
Buckinghamshire	72	71	70	71	71	8	5	6	5	5
Buckinghamshire	..	..	..	78	75	..	..	..	5	5
Milton Keynes	..	..	..	58	60	..	..	..	4	3
East Sussex	78	76	75	75	73	5	4	4	4	5
East Sussex	..	..	..	76	74	..	..	..	5	5
Brighton and Hove	..	..	..	74	72	..	..	..	4	4
Hampshire	72	74	72	71	70	9	7	7	5	5
Hampshire	..	..	..	71	70	..	..	..	5	5
Portsmouth	..	..	..	73	73	..	..	..	6	4
Southampton	..	..	..	68	68	..	..	..	7	8
Isle of Wight	79	79	81	77	80	5	5	5	3	3
Kent	77	76	76	76	77	5	4	4	4	3
Kent	..	..	..	..	78	..	..	..	..	3
Medway	..	..	..	..	73	..	..	..	..	4
Oxfordshire	76	76	75	75	71	7	7	6	6	5
Surrey	80	79	78	79	78	4	3	4	3	4
West Sussex	80	78	77	77	77	5	4	4	4	4
South West	75	74	75	73	73	8	7	6	6	6
Avon	74	75	76	74	72	9	6	5	6	6
Bath and NE Somerset	..	..	90	87	90	..	..	6	6	6
City of Bristol	..	..	67	67	62	..	..	4	6	6
North Somerset	..	..	80	74	73	..	..	3	4	5
South Gloucestershire	..	..	75	74	73	..	..	5	8	7
Cornwall (incl Isles of Scilly)	78	76	77	75	76	5	6	5	6	4
Devon	74	72	72	72	70	6	7	7	8	8
Devon	..	..	..	..	69	..	..	..	..	8
Plymouth	..	..	..	..	71	..	..	..	..	6
Torbay	..	..	..	..	73	..	..	..	..	12
Dorset	77	76	78	77	77	12	7	6	5	4
Dorset	..	..	..	74	74	..	..	..	5	4
Poole	..	..	..	77	82	..	..	..	5	5
Bournemouth	..	..	..	87	82	..	..	..	5	4
Gloucestershire	76	78	74	74	77	8	7	8	6	6
Somerset	76	74	76	71	73	8	7	9	6	5
Wiltshire	70	72	72	69	71	10	6	5	5	4
Wiltshire	..	..	..	72	73	..	..	..	5	4
Swindon	..	..	..	61	65	..	..	..	6	6
England	70	70	70	70	70	9	7	7	7	7

CHART 1:
Distribution of local Learning and Skills Councils by participation rate of 16 year olds, 1998/99



percentage of age group in education and training			
under 80	80 to 84	85 to 89	90 and over
Derbyshire	Birmingham & Solihull	Bedfordshire	Cumbria
Essex	Bracknell Forest/W.Berks/Reading/etc	Bournemouth/Dorset/Poole	Hertfordshire
Greater Manchester	Cambridgeshire	Cheshire/Warrington	North Yorkshire
London Central	County Durham	Devon/Cornwall	
London East	Coventry & Warwickshire	Gloucestershire	
Norfolk	E.Sussex/W.Sussex/Brighton & Hove	Herefordshire & Worcestershire	
South Yorkshire	Former Avon	Kent/Medway	
Tyne & Wear	Hants/IoW/Portsmouth/Southampton	Leicestershire	
Wiltshire/Swindon	Humberside	London North	
	Lancashire	London South	
	Lincolnshire (inc. Rutland)	Shropshire	
	London West	Somerset	
	Merseyside/Halton		
	Northamptonshire		
	Northumberland		
	Nottinghamshire		
	Oxfordshire/Bucks/Milton Keynes		
	Staffordshire		
	Suffolk		
	Surrey		
	Tees Valley		
	The Black Country		
	West Yorkshire		

CHART 2:
Distribution of Local Education Authorities by participation rate of 16 year olds, 1998/99



under 60	60 to 64	65 to 69	70 to 74	75 to 79	80 to 84	85 and over
Barnsley	Barking and Dagenham	Birmingham	Bexley	Barnet	Bedfordshire	Bath and NE Somerset
Bradford	Blackpool	Bolton	Blackburn	Bracknell	Bournemouth	Bromley
City of Kingston-upon-Hull	City of Bristol	Bury	Brent	Buckinghamshire	Hillingdon	Enfield
Darlington	Derbyshire	Coventry	Brighton and Hove	Cheshire	Isle of Wight	Hertfordshire
Derby City	Dudley	Cumbria	Calderdale	Cornwall	Poole	Hounslow
Doncaster	Gateshead	Devon	Cambridgeshire	Croydon	Solihull	Kingston upon Thames
Durham	Greenwich	Ealing	Dorset	Gloucestershire		Redbridge
Halton	Lancashire	Harrow	East Riding of Yorkshire	Kent		Rutland
Knowsley	Leeds	Hartlepool	East Sussex	Newbury		Sutton
Middlesbrough	Liverpool	Herefordshire	Essex	Sefton		
Nottingham	Manchester	Kirklees	Hampshire	Southend		
Rochdale	Milton Keynes	Lincolnshire	Havering	Surrey		
Salford	North East Lincolnshire	Luton	Inner London	West Sussex		
Sandwell	North Tyneside	Merton	Leicester City	Windsor		
Sheffield	Redcar and Cleveland	Newcastle upon Tyne	Leicestershire	Wokingham		
South Tyneside	Thurrock	Norfolk	Medway	Worcestershire		
Stoke on Trent	Wakefield	North Lincolnshire	North Somerset	York		
Sunderland	Walsall	Northumberland	North Yorkshire			
Tameside		Nottinghamshire	Northamptonshire			
Wigan		Oldham	Oxfordshire			
		Reading	Peterborough			
		Richmond upon Thames	Plymouth			
		Rotherham	Portsmouth			
		Southampton	Shropshire			
		Staffordshire	Slough			
		Stockport	Somerset			
		Stockton-on-Tees	South Gloucestershire			
		Swindon	St Helens			
		Telford	Suffolk			
		Trafford	Torbay			
		Warrington	Waltham Forest			
		Wirral	Warwickshire			
		Wolverhampton	Wiltshire			

Map 1: Participation in education and training of 16 year olds by local Learning and Skills Council area, England, 1998/99

NORTH EAST

- 1 County Durham
- 2 Northumberland
- 3 Tees Valley
- 4 Tyne & Wear

NORTH WEST

- 5 Cheshire/Warrington
- 6 Cumbria
- 7 Greater Manchester
- 8 Lancashire
- 9 Merseyside & Halton

YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

- 10 Humberside
- 11 North Yorkshire
- 12 South Yorkshire
- 13 West Yorkshire

EAST MIDLANDS

- 14 Derbyshire
- 15 Leicestershire
- 16 Lincolnshire (including Rutland)
- 17 Northamptonshire
- 18 Nottinghamshire

WEST MIDLANDS

- 19 Birmingham & Solihull
- 20 Coventry & Warwickshire
- 21 Herefordshire & Worcestershire
- 22 Shropshire
- 23 Staffordshire
- 24 The Black Country

EAST OF ENGLAND

- 25 Bedfordshire
- 26 Cambridgeshire
- 27 Essex
- 28 Hertfordshire
- 29 Norfolk
- 30 Suffolk

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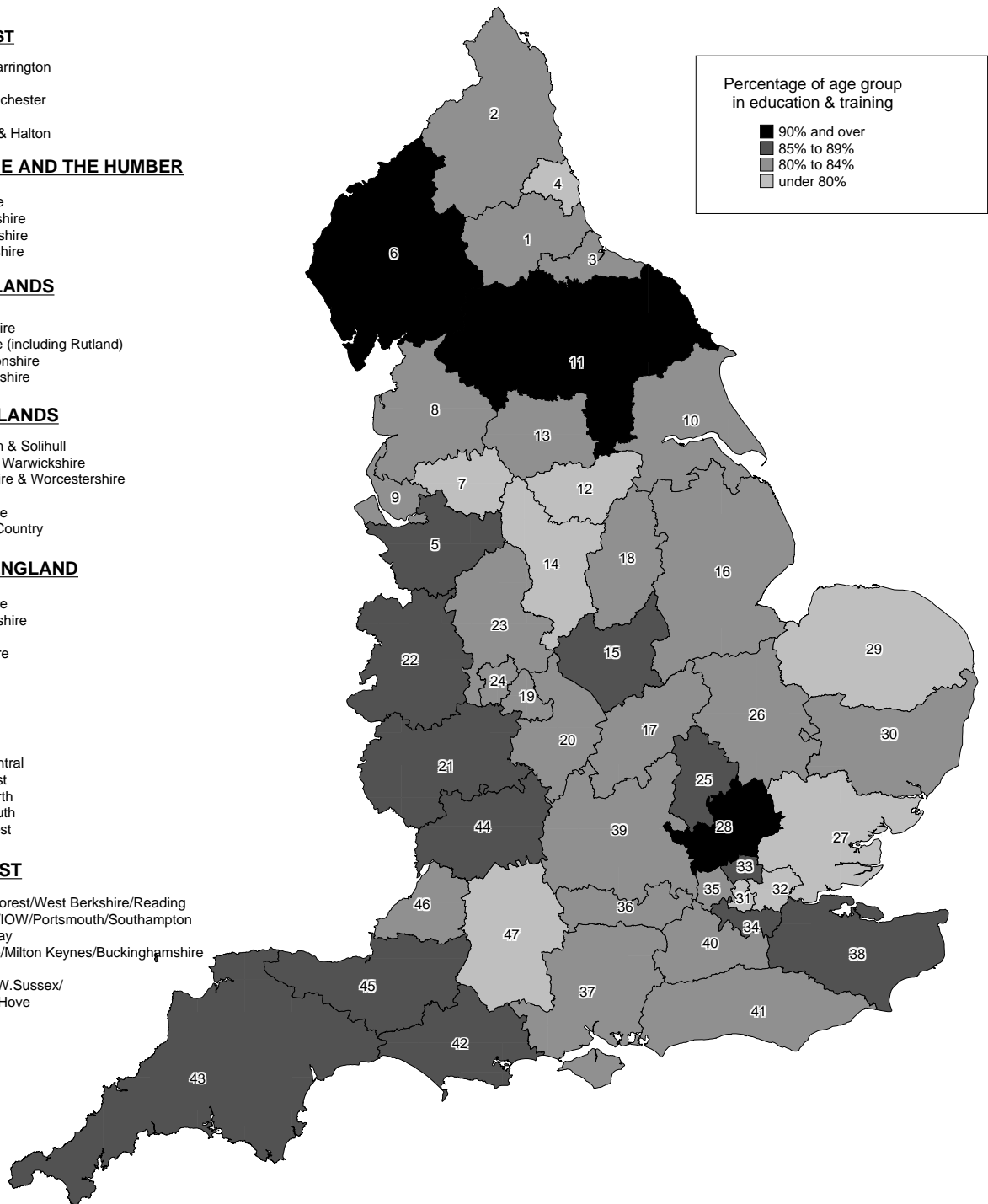
- 31 London Central
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- 34 London South
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SOUTH EAST

- 36 Bracknell Forest/West Berkshire/Reading
- 37 Hampshire/IOW/Portsmouth/Southampton
- 38 Kent/Medway
- 39 Oxfordshire/Milton Keynes/Buckinghamshire
- 40 Surrey
- 41 E. Sussex/W.Sussex/Brighton & Hove

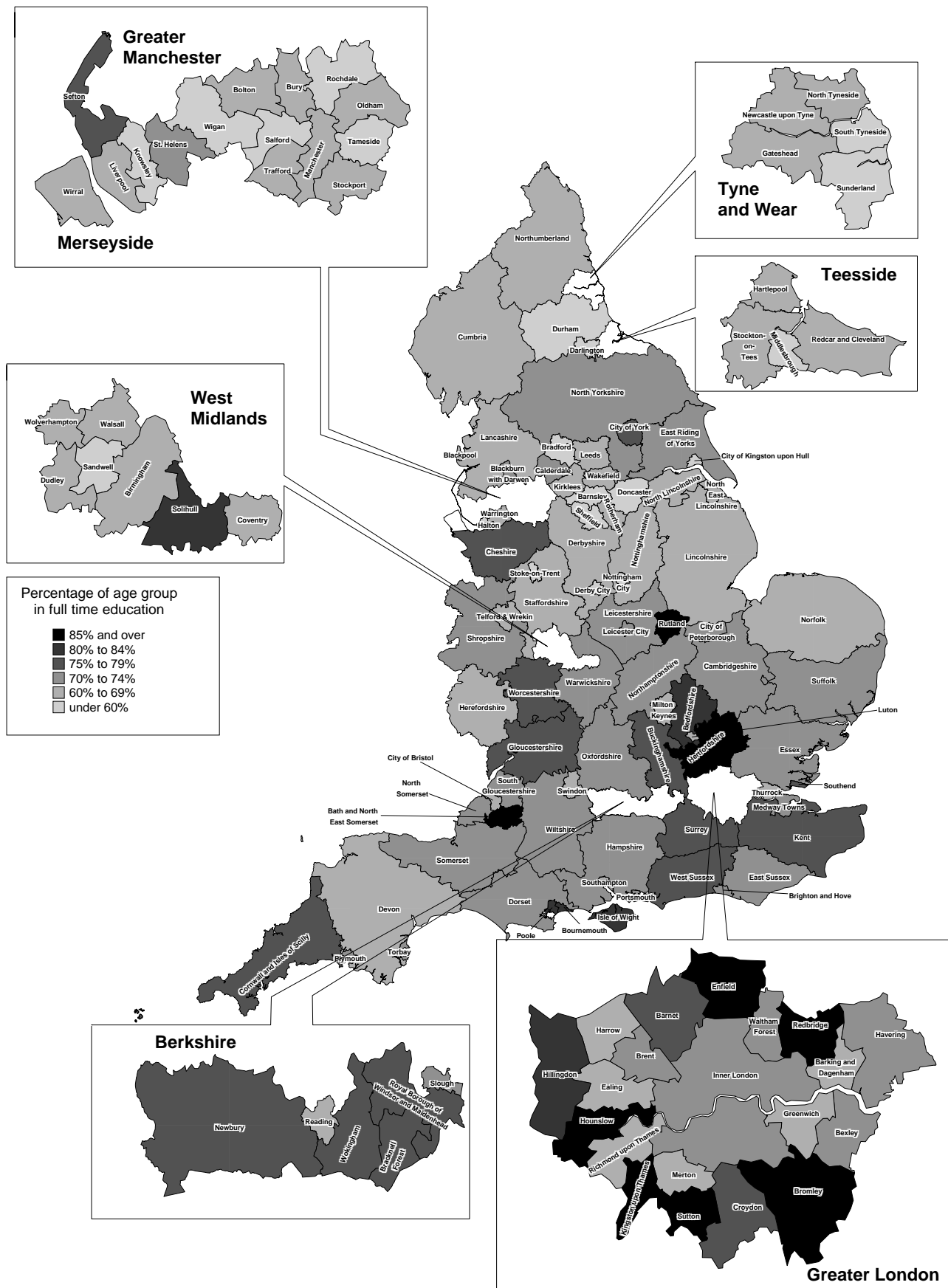
SOUTH WEST

- 42 Bournemouth/Dorset/Poole
- 43 Devon & Cornwall
- 44 Gloucestershire
- 45 Somerset
- 46 The Former Avon
- 47 Wiltshire & Swindon



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Map 2: Participation in full-time education of 16 year olds by Local Education Authority, England, 1998/99



Participation in education and training of 17 year olds by region and by sex, England, 1998/99 – Table 5

33 Table 5 shows participation by 17 year olds in full-time education by type of institution, in GST, in non-GST part-time education and in education and training combined in 1998/99. The rates are given by region for males and females separately and together.

34 Nationally 74 per cent of 17 year olds participated in education and training in 1998/99. The majority of these, 57 per cent of the age group, were in full-time education, 30 per cent in sixth form and other FE colleges and 27 per cent in school. A further 11 per cent were on GST schemes and 6 per cent were in other part-time education.

35 As for 16 year olds, participation in education and training varied little between regions in 1998/99. Participation was highest in the South West with 76 per cent, and five regions shared a rate of 74 per cent, the North West, Yorkshire and the Humber, East and West Midlands and the South East. London had the lowest rate of 72 per cent. Participation in full-time education and GST showed the same pattern as for 16 year olds – higher rates in full-time education in the South and in GST in the North. The South East had the highest rate of 62 per cent in full-time education, with London at 61 per cent, and the lowest rates were in the North East with 49 per cent and Yorkshire and the Humber with 51 per cent.

36 For participation by males and females in education and training the rates were closer than for 16 year olds, 72 per cent for males and 76 per cent for females. The full-time education participation rate for females nationally was 61 per cent, 7 percentage points higher than for males at 54 per cent. The South West had the largest difference, 9 percentage points, in full-time education with rates of 55 per cent for males and 64 for females. To some degree this was balanced by a 4 per cent difference in GST participation, 14 per cent for males and 10 for females.

37 The regions with the largest differences in participation in education and training were the North East, the West Midlands, London and the South West all with female rates 5 percentage points higher than for males. This was because of the higher rates of female participation in full-time education – for example in the South West, 64 per cent compared with 55 per cent for males. Participation in GST was the same in London, 6 per cent for both males and females, whereas participation rates for females in the North East, North West and Yorkshire and the Humber were 5 percentage points lower than for males. Part-time education rates for males and females were the same in London and the North West at 5 and 7 per cent respectively. These compare nationally with 6 per cent for both males and females.

Participation in education and training of 17 year olds by local LSC area, England, 1997/98 and 1998/99 - Table 6, Chart 3 and Map 3

38 Table 6 shows participation in full-time education of 17 year olds by type of institution, in GST, in non-GST part-time education and in education and training combined by local LSC area in 1997/98 and 1998/99. Chart 3 shows the variation in education and training participation rates between local LSCs in 1998/99. Map 3 shows the 1998/99 education and training rates from table 6, with shading for four bands of the rates.

39 Table 6 shows that in 1998/99 the participation in full-time education by local LSC area for 17 year olds ranged between around 65 per cent to just under 50 per cent. The local LSCs with the highest rates were in the South, Hertfordshire at 71 per cent and London South at 68 per cent. The lowest rates were found in the North and the Midlands with Tyne and Wear at 46 per cent and South Yorkshire and the Black Country at 48 per cent. These compare with a national rate of 57 per cent.

40 Participation in GST ranged from around 20 per cent in some local LSCs in the North to less than 5 per cent in the South. The lowest was in Surrey with a rate of 3 per cent. However, the difference between North and South was less marked than for 16 year olds.

41 Looking at map 3, as for 16 year olds, participation by 17 year olds in education and training combined was more uniform throughout the country than full-time education and GST on their own. Local LSCs in the North with low rates in full-time education had high rates in GST and in other part-time education. The rates in education and training ranged from around 80 per cent to just below 70 per cent; The highest was Cumbria at 88 per cent and the lowest in London East and Essex, both at 67 per cent.

42 In comparison with 1997/98, participation in education and training in 1998/99 by 17 year olds remained the same, or changed by 1 percentage point, for most of the local LSCs. Nationally, the participation rates for 17 year olds by full-time education, GST and other part-time education remained the same in 1998/99.

Participation in education and training of 17 year olds by LP area, 1998/99 – Table 7

43 Table 7 shows participation in full-time education of 17 year olds by type of institution, in GST, in non-GST part-time education and in education and training combined by LP in 1998/99.

44 Participation in full-time education ranged between around 70 per cent and around 45 per cent for most LP areas. Participation in full-time education was generally higher in the South and lower in the North. As for 16 year olds the LP with the highest rate was Bath and North East Somerset in the South West at 78 per cent, and the lowest was Knowsley in the North West, at 37 per cent.

45 The LPs with the highest GST participation rates were in the North, Sunderland at 23 per cent, and Cumbria, Barnsley and Hull at 22 per cent. The lowest rates were in the South with Surrey at 3 per cent and West London at 4 per cent. A few exceptions were Plymouth in the South West at 17 per cent, Medway in the South East at 16 per cent and York and North Yorkshire at 8 and 9 per cent respectively.

46 Participation in non-GST part-time education on the whole followed the same pattern to that of 16 year olds with the higher rates in the North and lower in the South, ranging from around 10 to around 4 per cent for most LPs.

Participation in education of 17 year olds by LEA, England, 1994/95 to 1998/99 – Table 8, Chart 4 and Map 4

47 Table 8 shows the variation in participation in full- and part-time education of 17 year olds by LEA from 1994/95 to 1998/99. Chart 4 shows the variation in full-time education participation rates between regions from 1994/95 to 1998/99. Map 4 shows the 1998/99 full-time education participation rates from table 8, with shading for six bands of the rates.

48 Table 8 shows that in 1998/99 the participation rate for 17 year olds was 57 per cent for full-time and 8 per cent for part-time education in England. Full-time education was at the same rate as in 1994/95 whereas part-time education had fallen 2 percentage points from 10 per cent. In over 40 per cent of LEAs full-time participation had changed by no more than 2 percentage points between 1994/95 and 1998/99. The LEA with the highest increase was Redbridge, from 68 per cent in 1994/95 to 77 per cent in 1998/99. There were also a handful of LEAs where full-time participation had fallen by 5 percentage points or more over the period. For just over 70 per cent of LEAs part-time education rates either remained the same or change by no more than 2 per cent between 1994/95 to 1998/99.

49 Compared with 1997/98 about half of LEAs had little change in their full-time education participation rates in 1998/99 but there were a small number with increases or decreases of around 5 percentage points. Part-time participation remained at the same level in most LEAs compared with the previous year. North Yorkshire experienced the largest increase of 6 percentage points from 11 to 17 per cent. Havering experienced the largest decrease of 6 percentage points from 12 to 6 per cent, although this was partly balanced by an increase of 3 percentage points in full-time education.

50 The LEAs with the highest participation in full-time education of 17 year olds in 1998/99 were Rutland at 84 per cent and Kingston upon Thames with 80 per cent followed by Bath and North East Somerset with a rate of 78 per cent. From map 4, most of the LEAs with above average participation rates were in the South and the lower participation rates were found in the Midlands and the North, with Salford the lowest at 36 per cent followed by Knowsley at 37 per cent. Milton Keynes in the South East and Thurrock in the East of England were two exceptions both with rates of 45 per cent.

51 Participation in part-time education ranged between around 6 and around 12 per cent for most LEAs. The LEAs with higher rates were in general found in the North and Midlands in LEAs with full-time participation rates lower than average, while the lower part-time participation rates were in the South.

TABLE 5:
Participation in education and training of 17 year olds by type of institution by region and by sex, England, 1998/99

	Full-time education					GST	Other part-time education ¹	Total education and training (less overlap)
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Sixth form college	Other FE	Total			
Government Office regions								
Males and females								
North East	17	3	7	22	49	16	9	73
North West	16	4	12	22	53	15	7	74
Yorkshire and the Humber	20	3	7	20	51	15	9	74
East Midlands	25	5	4	20	55	13	7	74
West Midlands	20	5	9	22	55	12	8	74
East of England	27	6	7	21	60	8	5	73
London	22	8	7	25	61	6	5	72
South East	23	9	10	20	62	8	5	74
South West	23	8	2	27	60	12	5	76
England	21	6	8	22	57	11	6	74
Males								
North East	15	3	6	21	45	18	9	70
North West	14	4	10	21	50	17	7	72
Yorkshire and the Humber	18	3	7	19	48	17	9	73
East Midlands	24	5	4	19	52	15	6	72
West Midlands	18	5	8	20	51	13	8	71
East of England	25	6	6	20	57	10	5	71
London	20	8	6	25	59	6	5	70
South East	21	9	9	19	59	10	5	72
South West	22	8	1	25	55	14	6	74
England	20	6	7	21	54	13	6	72
Females								
North East	19	3	8	24	53	13	8	75
North West	17	4	14	22	57	12	7	75
Yorkshire and the Humber	22	4	8	21	55	12	9	75
East Midlands	27	4	5	22	58	11	7	76
West Midlands	22	5	10	23	59	10	7	76
East of England	28	6	8	22	64	7	4	75
London	24	8	7	25	65	6	5	75
South East	25	8	11	21	65	7	4	75
South West	25	8	2	29	64	10	5	79
England	23	6	8	23	61	9	6	76

¹ Part-time education is almost entirely in other colleges of further education.

TABLE 6:

Participation in education and training of 17 year olds by local Learning and Skills Council area, England, 1997/98 and 1998/99

percentage of age group

	1997/98							
	Full-time education					GST	Other part-time education ¹	Total education and training (less overlap)
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Sixth form college	Other FE	Total			
North East	16	3	7	23	49	18	9	75
County Durham	19	3	3	24	48	19	9	75
Northumberland	37	1	0	16	54	14	5	73
Tees Valley	4	3	19	25	50	17	8	74
Tyne & Wear	17	4	2	24	48	19	10	76
North West	16	4	12	22	54	15	7	75
Cheshire/Warrington	28	4	10	20	62	13	8	83
Cumbria	29	4	5	20	58	20	10	88
Greater Manchester	8	5	19	20	52	15	8	73
Lancashire	11	4	9	31	55	13	5	72
Merseyside/Halton	23	3	8	17	50	16	7	72
Yorkshire and the Humber	20	4	7	20	51	15	9	74
Humberside	13	2	14	21	50	18	9	77
North Yorkshire	26	7	9	20	62	13	7	80
South Yorkshire	17	1	3	25	46	17	8	70
West Yorkshire	22	4	6	18	51	13	10	72
East Midlands	25	5	5	21	55	13	6	74
Derbyshire	22	4	2	25	53	15	6	74
Leicestershire	25	4	11	21	60	11	7	78
Lincolnshire (inc. Rutland)	27	6	3	19	56	15	3	73
Northamptonshire	29	7	0	20	56	9	7	72
Nottinghamshire	22	3	5	21	51	15	8	73
West Midlands	20	5	8	22	55	12	8	75
Birmingham & Solihull	19	4	12	23	58	7	8	73
Coventry & Warwickshire	25	7	4	24	59	13	8	78
Herefordshire & Worcestershire	21	9	12	20	62	12	7	81
Shropshire	11	11	17	18	57	13	10	80
Staffordshire	23	2	5	23	53	15	7	74
The Black Country	17	1	5	24	47	14	9	70
East of England	26	6	7	21	60	9	6	75
Bedfordshire	25	7	10	18	59	10	12	80
Cambridgeshire	21	8	13	20	62	8	6	76
Essex	20	2	10	23	55	9	4	67
Hertfordshire	38	11	0	23	73	7	6	86
Norfolk	23	4	5	22	54	11	4	69
Suffolk	30	7	2	20	59	13	5	77
London	21	8	7	26	61	6	5	72
London Central	14	15	5	26	59	7	6	72
London East	20	3	8	24	54	8	6	68
London North	26	5	8	25	64	5	6	75
London South	23	13	10	21	68	5	4	76
London West	23	7	3	31	64	5	5	74
South East	22	9	10	20	60	8	5	72
Bracknell Forest/W.Berks/Reading/etc	30	13	1	18	63	6	4	73
E.Sussex/W.Sussex/Brighton & Hove	18	8	17	19	62	7	4	72
Hants/IoW/Portsmouth/Southampton	6	4	23	25	58	9	6	73
Kent/Medway	33	7	0	21	61	9	4	73
Oxfordshire/Bucks/Milton Keynes	32	9	0	19	59	8	6	73
Surrey	17	15	12	17	61	4	4	68
South West	23	8	2	28	61	11	5	76
Former Avon	25	10	4	22	61	11	7	79
Bournemouth/Dorset/Poole	29	8	0	28	65	10	4	78
Devon/Cornwall	22	4	0	32	59	11	5	74
Gloucestershire	28	9	0	24	60	10	4	73
Somerset	11	13	7	31	63	12	4	79
Wiltshire/Swindon	22	6	0	30	59	8	5	71
England	21	6	8	23	57	11	6	74

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Table 6: CONTINUED

Participation in education and training of 17 year olds by local Learning and Skills Council area, England, 1997/98 and 1998/99

percentage of age group

	1998/99							Total education and training (less overlap)
	Full-time education					GST	Other part-time education ¹	
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Sixth form college	Other FE	Total			
North East	17	3	7	22	49	16	9	73
County Durham	21	2	3	23	49	17	9	73
Northumberland	36	1	1	15	52	15	6	73
Tees Valley	5	2	19	25	51	15	8	73
Tyne & Wear	17	4	2	23	46	16	10	72
North West	16	4	12	22	53	15	7	74
Cheshire/Warrington	29	5	9	20	63	11	7	80
Cumbria	29	4	4	19	57	22	10	88
Greater Manchester	8	5	18	20	50	13	7	70
Lancashire	11	4	10	30	54	14	7	74
Merseyside/Halton	22	3	8	18	51	17	6	73
Yorkshire and the Humber	20	3	7	20	51	15	9	74
Humberside	14	2	14	21	51	20	7	76
North Yorkshire	28	7	9	15	60	9	12	80
South Yorkshire	17	1	3	26	48	18	8	72
West Yorkshire	22	4	6	18	51	13	9	73
East Midlands	25	5	4	20	55	13	7	74
Derbyshire	23	4	2	21	49	16	7	72
Leicestershire	26	4	11	20	61	11	7	78
Lincolnshire (inc. Rutland)	28	6	3	20	58	14	3	75
Northamptonshire	29	6	0	20	56	11	6	73
Nottinghamshire	23	3	5	20	51	14	9	73
West Midlands	20	5	9	22	55	12	8	74
Birmingham & Solihull	19	4	13	21	57	7	8	71
Coventry & Warwickshire	23	6	4	23	57	13	9	77
Herefordshire & Worcestershire	22	9	11	20	62	10	5	78
Shropshire	11	11	18	19	58	12	6	76
Staffordshire	23	2	5	22	53	16	8	76
The Black Country	17	1	5	24	48	13	9	69
East of England	27	6	7	21	60	8	5	73
Bedfordshire	26	6	9	21	63	10	6	78
Cambridgeshire	20	8	12	18	57	6	6	69
Essex	21	2	10	23	57	8	4	67
Hertfordshire	39	11	1	20	71	6	5	81
Norfolk	24	5	6	23	58	10	4	71
Suffolk	31	7	2	19	58	12	5	74
London	22	8	7	25	61	6	5	72
London Central	16	14	5	25	60	5	5	70
London East	20	3	8	23	55	7	5	67
London North	27	5	7	26	66	6	6	78
London South	24	13	9	22	68	5	4	76
London West	24	7	3	30	64	5	6	75
South East	23	9	10	20	62	8	5	74
Bracknell Forest/W.Berks/Reading/etc	32	13	2	17	64	7	4	76
E.Sussex/W.Sussex/Brighton & Hove	18	8	17	19	63	8	4	75
Hants/IoW/Portsmouth/Southampton	6	4	22	25	57	10	6	73
Kent/Medway	35	7	0	21	62	10	3	76
Oxfordshire/Bucks/Milton Keynes	33	9	0	18	60	8	5	73
Surrey	18	15	15	16	64	3	4	71
South West	23	8	2	27	60	12	5	76
Former Avon	25	10	4	21	60	11	6	77
Bournemouth/Dorset/Poole	29	8	0	27	64	11	4	79
Devon/Cornwall	23	4	0	31	58	15	5	77
Gloucestershire	29	9	0	23	61	10	4	74
Somerset	11	13	7	29	60	13	5	78
Wiltshire/Swindon	21	7	0	30	58	9	5	71
England	21	6	8	22	57	11	6	74

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TABLE 7:
Participation in education and training of 17 year olds by Learning Partnership, England, 1998/99

percentage of age group

	Full-time education					GST	Other part-time education ¹	Total education and training (less overlap)
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Sixth form college	Other FE	Total			
North East	17	3	7	22	49	16	9	73
County Durham	21	2	3	23	49	17	9	73
Northumberland	36	1	1	15	52	15	6	73
Sunderland	9	1	0	31	41	23	9	73
Tees Valley	5	2	19	25	51	15	8	73
Tyneside	20	6	3	19	48	14	10	71
North West	16	4	12	22	53	15	7	74
Bolton	17	7	17	17	58	16	4	76
Bury	1	11	16	32	60	11	4	75
Cheshire	31	6	6	22	64	11	7	81
Cumbria	29	4	4	19	57	22	10	88
East Lancashire	11	4	6	32	53	14	7	72
Halton	12	0	15	17	44	16	6	64
Knowsley	6	0	5	26	37	20	5	57
Liverpool	26	3	1	18	48	18	5	70
Manchester	7	5	16	18	47	12	9	68
Oldham	12	4	19	18	53	13	4	69
Rochdale	13	0	8	24	45	13	4	62
Salford	23	7	11	22	62	15	6	82
St Helens	20	0	16	20	56	18	7	77
Stockport	0	7	36	11	54	12	6	71
Warrington	24	0	19	16	59	13	6	76
West Lancashire	11	3	12	29	55	14	7	75
Wigan	6	0	16	29	51	18	4	72
Wirral	31	4	10	9	53	16	9	79
Yorkshire and the Humber	20	3	7	20	51	15	9	74
Barnsley	4	0	0	37	41	22	8	70
Bradford	26	5	0	17	48	13	16	76
Calderdale	31	3	5	17	55	16	8	78
Doncaster	26	1	1	17	46	16	8	67
East Riding	30	2	6	19	57	19	8	83
Hull	3	4	15	19	41	22	6	66
Kirklees	15	1	17	21	55	14	5	74
Leeds	25	4	4	16	49	11	9	68
North East Lincolnshire	6	0	16	25	47	19	8	72
North Lincolnshire	7	0	26	23	56	19	7	80
North Yorkshire	31	6	7	14	58	9	14	80
Rotherham	23	0	13	19	55	15	8	77
Sheffield	14	2	1	30	47	18	8	72
Wakefield	12	7	11	22	51	14	5	70
York	18	9	18	21	66	8	5	78
East Midlands	25	5	4	20	55	13	7	74
Derbyshire	23	4	2	21	49	16	7	72
Greater Nottinghamshire	20	4	7	21	52	14	8	74
Leicester City and Leicestershire	26	4	11	20	61	11	7	78
Lincolnshire and Rutland	28	6	3	20	58	14	3	75
North Nottinghamshire	28	2	1	18	50	14	9	73
Northamptonshire	29	6	0	20	56	11	6	73

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TABLE 7: CONTINUED

Participation in education and training of 17 year olds by Learning Partnership, England, 1998/99

	Full-time education					GST	Other part-time education ¹	Total education and training (less overlap)
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Sixth form college	Other FE	Total			
West Midlands	20	5	9	22	55	12	8	74
Birmingham	20	3	10	22	56	7	7	69
Coventry and Warwickshire	23	6	4	23	57	13	9	77
Dudley	5	0	13	32	50	13	8	70
Herefordshire	8	4	23	19	54	15	6	75
Sandwell	11	0	6	27	44	13	9	65
Shropshire	13	11	16	19	60	11	6	77
Solihull	13	10	26	14	63	7	8	78
Staffordshire and Stoke	23	2	5	22	53	16	8	76
Telford and Wrekin	8	9	21	17	56	13	7	74
Walsall	29	0	0	17	46	12	7	65
Wolverhampton	27	5	1	19	52	12	13	76
Worcestershire	26	11	8	20	64	9	5	78
East of England	27	6	7	21	60	8	5	73
Bedfordshire and Luton	26	6	9	21	63	10	6	78
Cambridgeshire	14	10	16	17	58	7	6	70
Hertfordshire	39	11	1	20	71	6	5	81
Norfolk	24	5	6	23	58	10	4	71
North Essex	25	4	7	25	61	8	4	72
Peterborough	37	1	0	19	56	6	5	66
South Essex	20	0	11	21	51	7	3	61
Suffolk	31	7	2	19	58	12	5	74
Thurrock	0	0	24	21	45	8	5	58
London	22	8	7	25	61	6	5	72
Central London	16	14	5	25	60	5	5	70
Cross River Learning	31	2	9	18	61	7	5	72
East Thames	17	3	10	23	53	8	6	65
North London	11	4	4	31	50	7	5	62
North West London	27	5	7	26	66	6	6	78
Partners for Learning	24	13	9	22	68	5	4	76
South London	30	8	2	27	66	6	5	77
West London	15	6	5	35	62	4	7	72
South East	23	9	10	20	62	8	5	74
Bracknell Forest	25	17	5	14	62	8	6	75
Brighton and Hove	12	12	20	13	57	7	4	68
Buckinghamshire	45	5	0	16	66	8	5	77
East Sussex	17	8	16	22	63	8	4	74
Hampshire and Portsmouth	5	4	22	27	58	9	5	72
Isle of Wight	33	3	0	26	62	11	5	77
Kent	35	7	0	21	64	9	4	76
Medway	34	3	0	20	56	16	3	75
Milton Keynes	28	2	0	15	45	12	3	59
Oxfordshire	25	16	0	21	62	8	6	75
Reading	25	14	0	18	57	6	4	67
Royal Windsor/Maidenhead	32	22	2	13	69	5	4	78
Slough	33	0	1	29	63	7	6	76
Southampton	3	6	30	14	53	14	11	78
Surrey	18	15	15	16	64	3	4	71
West Berkshire	36	14	1	12	63	8	3	74
West Sussex	21	8	17	19	65	8	5	77
Wokingham	40	8	2	19	70	8	5	82

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TABLE 7: CONTINUED

Participation in education and training of 17 year olds by Learning Partnership, England, 1998/99

percentage of age group

	Full-time education					GST	Other part-time education ¹	Total education and training (less overlap)
	Maintained schools	Independent schools	Sixth form college	Other FE	Total			
South West	23	8	2	27	60	12	5	76
Bath and North East Somerset	38	19	5	17	78	8	6	93
Bristol and South Gloucestershire	20	11	5	20	55	12	7	74
Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly	18	3	0	41	61	13	3	76
Devon and Torbay	22	6	0	30	58	15	7	79
Dorset	29	8	0	27	64	11	4	79
Gloucestershire	29	9	0	23	61	10	4	74
North Somerset	30	2	1	26	59	8	5	73
Plymouth	36	3	0	15	53	17	6	76
Somerset	11	13	7	29	60	13	5	78
Wiltshire and Swindon	21	7	0	30	58	9	5	71
England	21	6	8	22	57	11	6	74

¹ Part-time education is almost entirely in other colleges of further education.

TABLE 8:
Participation in education of 17 year olds by LEA, England, 1994/95 to 1998/99

percentage of age group

	Full-time education					Part-time education				
	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
North East	48	49	50	49	49	12	11	11	9	9
Cleveland	51	49	51	50	51	14	12	11	9	9
Hartlepool	..	..	49	54	48	..	..	12	8	10
Middlesbrough	..	..	46	45	48	..	..	12	9	10
Redcar and Cleveland	..	..	51	46	49	..	..	10	8	7
Stockton-on-Tees	..	..	57	56	57	..	..	11	10	10
Durham	46	47	48	48	49	14	12	14	11	10
Durham	..	..	..	48	49	..	..	..	11	11
Darlington	..	..	..	51	49	..	..	..	10	9
Northumberland	53	54	55	54	52	12	8	7	6	6
Gateshead	43	44	48	45	45	14	12	11	10	11
Newcastle upon Tyne	45	57	55	56	53	8	8	8	10	10
North Tyneside	56	52	54	53	52	8	10	9	10	9
South Tyneside	49	47	44	45	41	13	11	10	10	10
Sunderland	43	46	43	41	41	11	14	10	9	9
North West	52	54	54	53	53	12	11	11	10	10
Cheshire	60	60	59	59	60	12	11	11	10	9
Cheshire	..	..	..	..	64	..	..	..	..	9
Halton	..	..	..	..	44	..	..	..	..	9
Warrington	..	..	..	..	59	..	..	..	..	9
Cumbria	58	57	56	58	57	15	12	11	11	11
Bolton	56	59	61	58	58	10	10	7	8	8
Bury	61	64	63	58	60	8	7	8	9	7
Manchester	43	52	49	52	48	7	18	22	18	15
Oldham	56	52	51	52	53	11	10	12	8	7
Rochdale	41	43	45	44	45	14	9	8	11	8
Salford	42	43	36	39	36	9	6	7	10	8
Stockport	63	59	57	59	54	8	7	10	8	10
Tameside	47	46	49	47	45	16	12	12	11	11
Trafford	55	52	54	54	54	13	10	11	9	7
Wigan	52	50	50	50	51	14	11	12	11	10
Lancashire	50	54	55	54	54	17	11	11	10	12
Lancashire	..	..	..	..	54	..	..	..	..	12
Blackburn	..	..	..	..	61	..	..	..	..	10
Blackpool	..	..	..	..	51	..	..	..	..	11
Knowsley	38	36	38	38	37	9	7	9	9	8
Liverpool	40	43	42	44	48	7	7	5	6	6
St Helens	60	59	57	56	56	18	14	14	13	14
Sefton	64	65	67	61	62	7	8	8	9	7
Wirral	56	56	55	57	53	14	10	10	11	11
Yorkshire and the Humber	51	52	53	51	51	11	11	11	11	12
Humberside	50	51	53	50	51	12	11	10	11	10
City of Kingston-upon-Hull	..	..	43	43	41	..	..	10	9	9
East Riding of Yorkshire	..	..	60	55	57	..	..	11	12	11
North East Lincolnshire	..	..	51	51	47	..	..	9	9	10
North Lincolnshire	..	..	57	52	56	..	..	10	11	11
North Yorkshire pre Apr 1996	66	64	65	62	60	10	10	11	11	15
North Yorkshire post Apr 1996	..	..	64	61	58	..	..	11	11	17
York	..	..	71	64	66	..	..	10	10	9
Barnsley	40	43	40	39	41	14	10	15	12	10
Doncaster	50	46	45	45	46	8	7	10	9	10
Rotherham	54	54	54	53	55	13	11	11	9	9
Sheffield	42	48	47	46	47	12	13	11	10	11
Bradford	45	49	50	47	48	14	13	13	16	18
Calderdale	61	53	52	54	55	8	11	12	14	13
Kirklees	50	54	56	55	55	9	10	10	10	10
Leeds	47	53	51	50	49	12	10	15	11	10
Wakefield	54	51	53	50	51	7	6	6	6	7

TABLE 8: CONTINUED

Participation in education of 17 year olds by LEA, England, 1994/95 to 1998/99

percentage of age group

	Full-time education					Part-time education				
	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
East Midlands	53	55	55	55	55	11	10	9	9	9
Derbyshire	52	54	53	53	49	17	11	11	11	10
Derbyshire	..	..	..	54	50	..	..	..	11	10
Derby City	..	..	..	50	47	..	..	..	11	11
Leicestershire	56	57	62	61	62	9	10	10	11	10
Leicestershire	..	..	..	60	61	..	..	..	10	10
Leicester City	..	..	..	61	60	..	..	..	12	10
Rutland	..	..	..	81	84	..	..	..	3	3
Lincolnshire	56	55	55	54	56	8	7	7	7	7
Northamptonshire	59	57	56	56	56	9	8	7	8	7
Nottinghamshire	47	52	51	51	51	12	11	10	9	10
Nottinghamshire	..	..	..	..	53	..	..	..	..	11
Nottingham	..	..	..	..	47	..	..	..	..	8
West Midlands	56	56	55	55	55	12	10	11	10	10
Hereford and Worcester	64	63	62	62	62	10	9	10	10	9
Herefordshire	..	..	..	..	54	..	..	..	..	10
Worcestershire	..	..	..	..	64	..	..	..	..	9
Shropshire	65	60	59	57	58	14	10	11	11	10
Shropshire	..	..	..	..	60	..	..	..	..	10
Telford	..	..	..	..	56	..	..	..	..	9
Staffordshire	54	53	52	53	53	13	11	12	11	12
Staffordshire	..	..	..	57	57	..	..	..	12	12
Stoke on Trent	..	..	..	38	38	..	..	..	10	12
Warwickshire	65	62	61	60	58	13	10	12	11	11
Birmingham	51	56	55	56	56	9	8	8	9	8
Coventry	49	52	52	56	55	13	13	11	11	11
Dudley	51	50	51	48	50	16	15	16	12	10
Sandwell	47	45	44	42	44	12	9	9	10	11
Solihull	71	68	69	66	63	12	10	10	9	9
Walsall	49	48	46	48	46	12	9	9	9	8
Wolverhampton	53	52	51	51	52	12	13	15	12	14
East of England	61	61	61	60	60	9	8	8	7	7
Bedfordshire	60	63	61	59	63	11	9	9	13	9
Bedfordshire	..	..	..	64	67	..	..	..	12	8
Luton	..	..	..	49	55	..	..	..	15	10
Cambridgeshire	58	60	61	62	57	10	8	8	8	8
Cambridgeshire	..	..	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	8
Peterborough	..	..	..	..	56	..	..	..	..	8
Essex	59	58	57	56	57	6	5	5	5	5
Essex	..	..	..	..	57	..	..	..	..	5
Southend	..	..	..	..	62	..	..	..	..	2
Thurrock	..	..	..	..	45	..	..	..	..	7
Hertfordshire	73	71	72	73	71	11	10	11	7	8
Norfolk	55	57	55	54	58	10	8	7	7	7
Suffolk	59	57	59	59	58	12	10	9	8	9
Greater London	61	61	61	61	61	8	6	6	6	6
Inner London	56	57	56	58	58	9	7	7	6	6
Outer London	63	64	64	63	64	8	5	6	6	6
Barking and Dagenham	42	42	47	42	42	10	8	8	7	5
Barnet	67	68	70	67	71	7	4	4	5	6
Bexley	53	54	57	56	54	9	7	7	6	8
Brent	60	61	62	65	63	12	5	6	6	8
Bromley	68	66	68	67	67	5	4	4	4	4
Croydon	69	67	68	65	64	5	5	4	4	4
Ealing	60	59	54	62	60	8	6	6	6	7
Enfield	65	69	66	69	69	11	10	9	7	7
Greenwich	46	50	52	46	48	7	6	6	6	7
Harrow	68	65	64	60	61	11	5	6	6	6
Havering	62	60	60	53	56	10	6	7	12	6
Hillingdon	59	62	64	64	65	11	6	6	6	7
Hounslow	62	68	66	65	66	6	4	5	4	5
Kingston upon Thames	74	82	83	81	80	6	3	5	5	4
Merton	67	63	62	60	63	9	4	4	6	5
Redbridge	68	71	72	72	77	7	6	5	5	6
Richmond upon Thames	72	76	78	67	62	6	4	4	4	5
Sutton	73	71	68	74	77	5	4	5	5	5
Waltham Forest	64	61	69	62	60	11	8	7	7	7

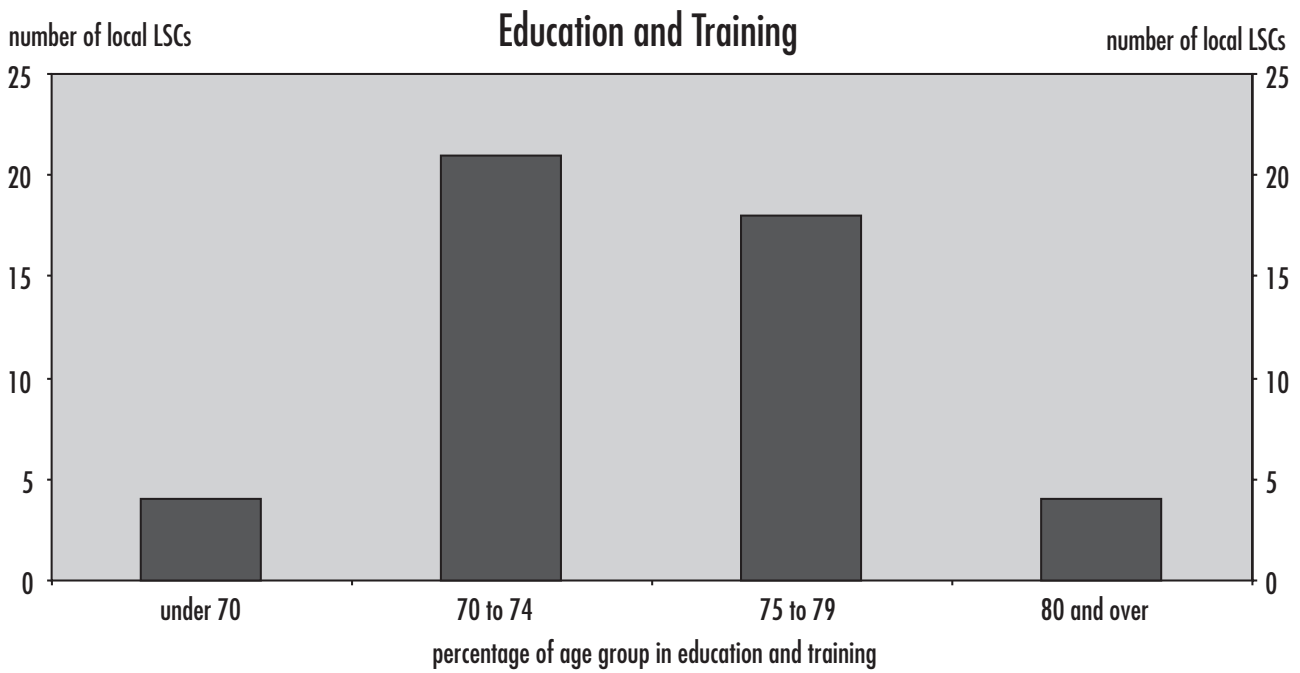
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Participation in education of 17 year olds by LEA, England, 1994/95 to 1998/99

percentage of age group

	Full-time education					Part-time education				
	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
South East	64	62	62	60	62	8	7	6	6	6
Berkshire	69	65	65	63	64	10	7	6	6	6
Bracknell	..	..	..	..	62	..	..	..	..	8
Windsor	..	..	..	..	69	..	..	..	..	5
Newbury	..	..	..	..	63	..	..	..	..	6
Reading	..	..	..	..	57	..	..	..	..	6
Slough	..	..	..	..	63	..	..	..	..	7
Wokingham	..	..	..	..	70	..	..	..	..	7
Buckinghamshire	61	59	58	59	59	10	7	7	6	6
Buckinghamshire	..	..	..	65	66	..	..	..	6	6
Milton Keynes	..	..	..	46	45	..	..	..	6	5
East Sussex	61	62	61	60	61	7	5	6	6	6
East Sussex	..	..	..	60	63	..	..	..	6	6
Brighton and Hove	..	..	..	60	57	..	..	..	6	6
Hampshire	60	60	60	58	57	11	9	9	8	7
Hampshire	..	..	..	59	58	..	..	..	7	7
Portsmouth	..	..	..	55	56	..	..	..	7	6
Southampton	..	..	..	54	53	..	..	..	10	12
Isle of Wight	62	65	64	67	62	7	6	6	5	6
Kent	64	60	60	61	62	6	5	5	5	5
Kent	..	..	..	..	64	..	..	..	..	5
Medway	..	..	..	..	56	..	..	..	..	6
Oxfordshire	59	64	61	60	62	8	8	9	8	8
Surrey	67	63	63	61	64	6	5	5	5	5
West Sussex	69	66	67	63	65	7	5	5	6	6
South West	62	61	61	61	60	10	8	8	8	8
Avon	57	60	62	61	60	10	9	7	7	8
Bath and NE Somerset	..	..	82	75	78	..	..	9	7	9
City of Bristol	..	..	54	54	53	..	..	7	7	8
North Somerset	..	..	66	64	59	..	..	5	6	6
South Gloucestershire	..	..	57	60	60	..	..	8	10	9
Cornwall (incl Isles of Scilly)	64	63	64	61	61	9	6	8	7	7
Devon	59	60	59	58	57	8	7	9	9	9
Devon	..	..	..	..	57	..	..	..	..	10
Plymouth	..	..	..	..	53	..	..	..	..	8
Torbay	..	..	..	..	62	..	..	..	..	10
Dorset	64	64	63	65	64	13	7	6	6	6
Dorset	..	..	..	62	60	..	..	..	6	6
Poole	..	..	..	67	65	..	..	..	7	7
Bournemouth	..	..	..	73	72	..	..	..	6	6
Gloucestershire	65	62	63	60	61	11	8	10	9	8
Somerset	67	64	61	63	60	11	10	12	7	8
Wiltshire	62	58	60	59	58	13	9	7	7	7
Wiltshire	..	..	..	62	61	..	..	..	7	6
Swindon	..	..	..	50	49	..	..	..	8	9
England	57	58	57	57	57	10	9	9	8	8

CHART 3:
Distribution of local Learning and Skills Councils by participation rate of 17 year olds, 1998/99



under 70

Cambridgeshire
Essex
London East
The Black Country

70 to 74

Birmingham & Solihull
County Durham
Derbyshire
Gloucestershire
Greater Manchester
Hants/loW/Portsmouth/Southampton
Lancashire
London Central
Merseyside/Halton
Norfolk
Northamptonshire
Northumberland
Nottinghamshire
Oxfordshire/Bucks/Milton Keynes
South Yorkshire
Suffolk
Surrey
Tees Valley
Tyne & Wear
West Yorkshire
Wiltshire/Swindon

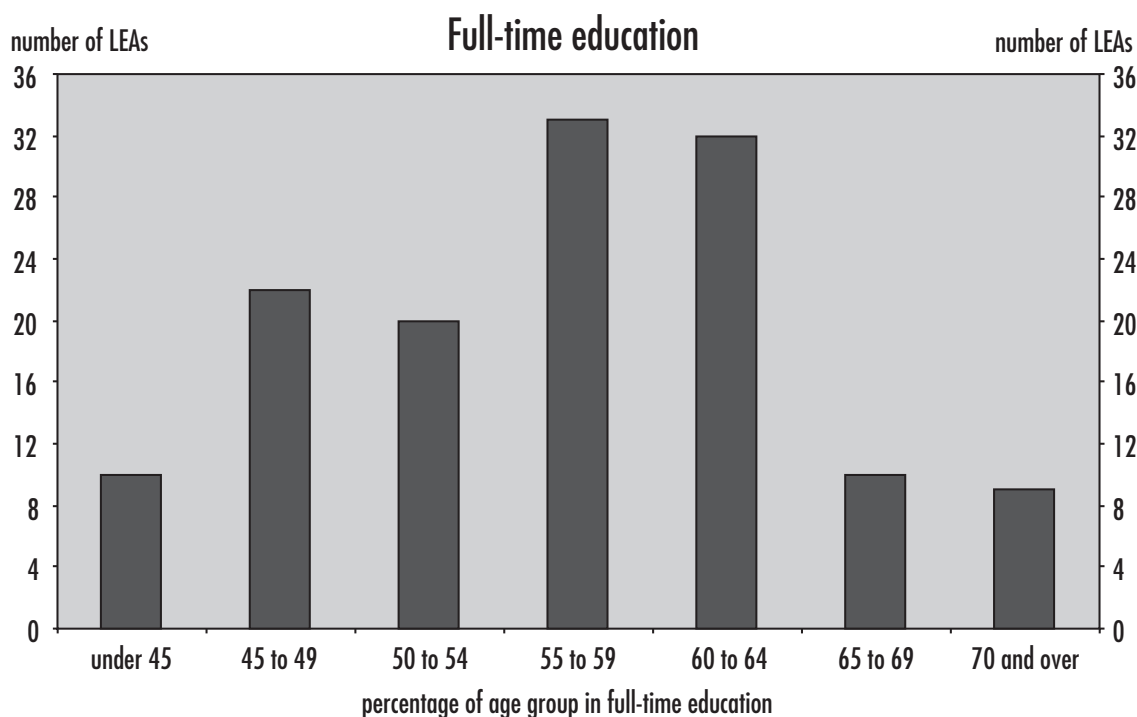
75 to 79

Bedfordshire
Bournemouth/Dorset/Poole
Bracknell Forest/W.Berks/Reading/etc
Coventry & Warwickshire
Devon/Cornwall
E.Sussex/W.Sussex/Brighton & Hove
Former Avon
Herefordshire & Worcestershire
Humberside
Kent/Medway
Leicestershire
Lincolnshire (inc. Rutland)
London North
London South
London West
Shropshire
Somerset
Staffordshire

80 and over

Cheshire/Warrington
Cumbria
Hertfordshire
North Yorkshire

CHART 4:
Distribution of Local Education Authorities by participation rate of 17 year olds, 1998/99



under 45	45 to 49	50 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64	65 to 69	70 and over
Barking and Dagenham	Bradford	Bexley	Birmingham	Blackburn	Bedfordshire	Barnet
Barnsley	Darlington	Blackpool	Bolton	Bracknell	Bromley	Bath and NE Somerset
City of Kingston-upon-Hull	Derby City	City of Bristol	Brighton and Hove	Brent	Buckinghamshire	Bournemouth
Halton	Doncaster	Derbyshire	Calderdale	Bury	Enfield	Hertfordshire
Knowsley	Durham	Dudley	Cambridgeshire	Cheshire	Hillingdon	Kingston upon Thames
Salford	Gateshead	Herefordshire	Coventry	Cornwall	Hounslow	Redbridge
Sandwell	Greenwich	Lancashire	Cumbria	Croydon	Poole	Rutland
South Tyneside	Hartlepool	Newcastle upon Tyne	Devon	Dorset	West Sussex	Sutton
Stoke on Trent	Leeds	North Tyneside	East Riding of Yorkshire	Ealing	Windsor	Wokingham
Sunderland	Liverpool	Northumberland	Essex	East Sussex	York	
	Manchester	Nottinghamshire	Hampshire	Gloucestershire		
	Middlesbrough	Oldham	Havering	Harrow		
	Milton Keynes	Plymouth	Inner London	Isle of Wight		
	North East Lincolnshire	Southampton	Kirklees	Kent		
	Nottingham	Stockport	Lincolnshire	Leicester City		
	Redcar and Cleveland	Trafford	Luton	Leicestershire		
	Rochdale	Wakefield	Medway	Merton		
	Sheffield	Wigan	Norfolk	Newbury		
	Swindon	Wirral	North Lincolnshire	Oxfordshire		
	Tameside	Wolverhampton	North Somerset	Richmond upon Thames		
	Thurrock		North Yorkshire	Sefton		
	Walsall		Northamptonshire	Shropshire		
			Peterborough	Slough		
			Portsmouth	Solihull		
			Reading	Somerset		
			Rotherham	South Gloucestershire		
			St Helens	Southend		
			Staffordshire	Surrey		
			Stockton-on-Tees	Torbay		
			Suffolk	Waltham Forest		
			Telford	Wiltshire		
			Warrington	Worcestershire		

Map 3: Participation in education and training of 17 year olds by local Learning and Skills Council area, England, 1998/99

NORTH EAST

- 1 County Durham
- 2 Northumberland
- 3 Tees Valley
- 4 Tyne & Wear

NORTH WEST

- 5 Cheshire/Warrington
- 6 Cumbria
- 7 Greater Manchester
- 8 Lancashire
- 9 Merseyside & Halton

YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

- 10 Humberside
- 11 North Yorkshire
- 12 South Yorkshire
- 13 West Yorkshire

EAST MIDLANDS

- 14 Derbyshire
- 15 Leicestershire
- 16 Lincolnshire (including Rutland)
- 17 Northamptonshire
- 18 Nottinghamshire

WEST MIDLANDS

- 19 Birmingham & Solihull
- 20 Coventry & Warwickshire
- 21 Herefordshire & Worcestershire
- 22 Shropshire
- 23 Staffordshire
- 24 The Black Country

EAST OF ENGLAND

- 25 Bedfordshire
- 26 Cambridgeshire
- 27 Essex
- 28 Hertfordshire
- 29 Norfolk
- 30 Suffolk

LONDON

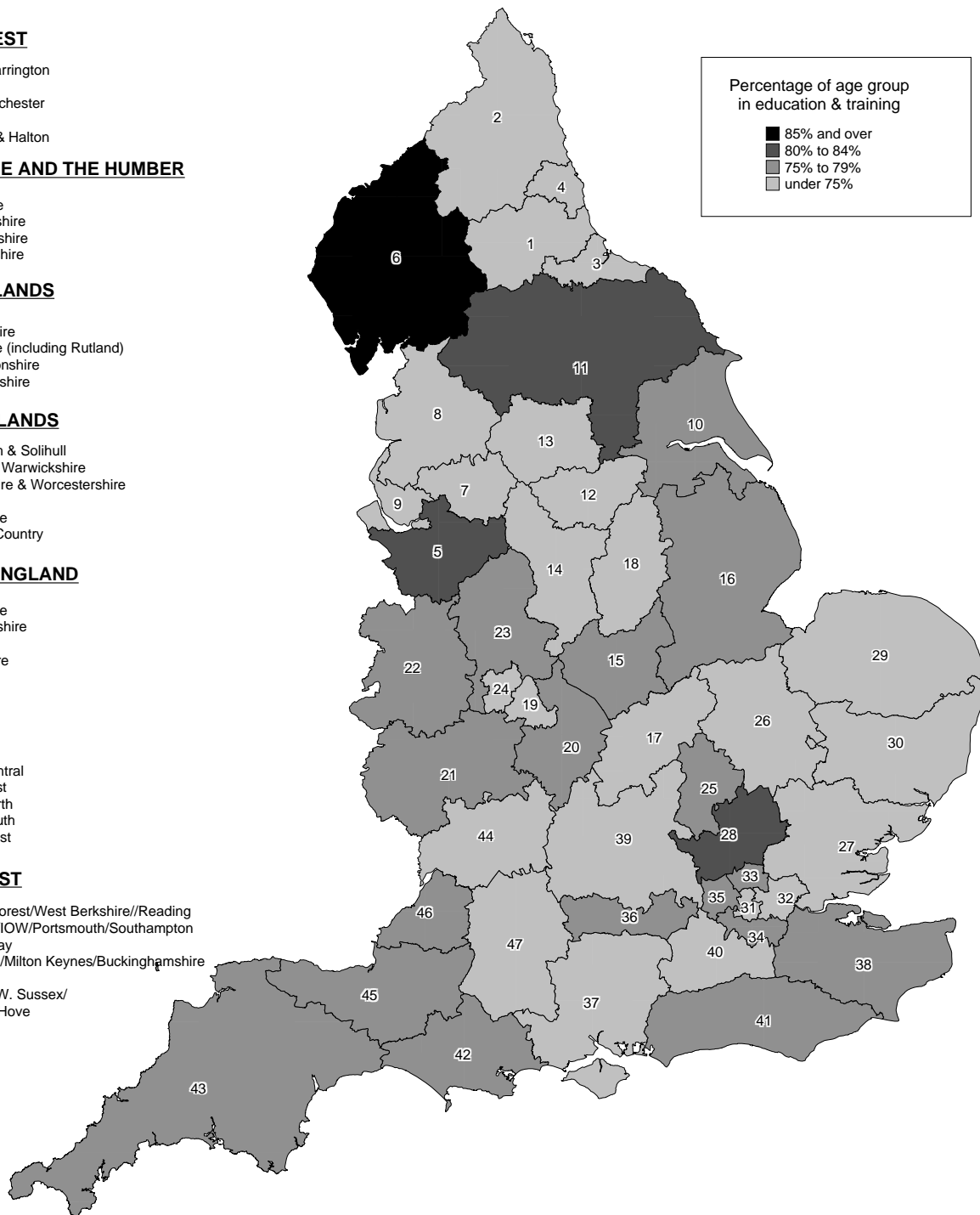
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SOUTH EAST

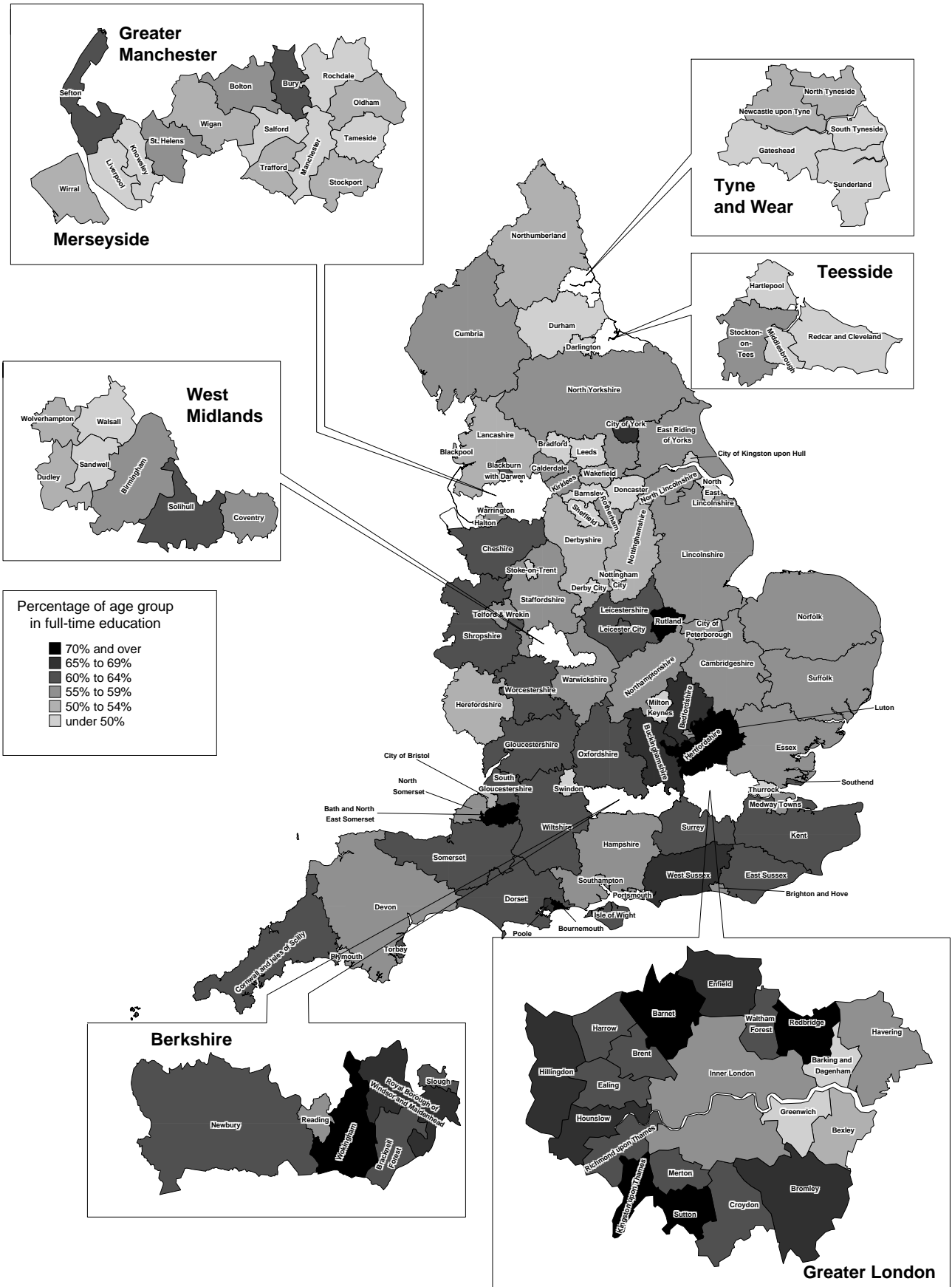
- 36 Bracknell Forest/West Berkshire//Reading
- 37 Hampshire/IOW/Portsmouth/Southampton
- 38 Kent/Medway
- 39 Oxfordshire/Milton Keynes/Buckinghamshire
- 40 Surrey
- 41 E. Sussex/W. Sussex/
Brighton & Hove

SOUTH WEST

- 42 Bournemouth/Dorset/Poole
- 43 Devon & Cornwall
- 44 Gloucestershire
- 45 Somerset
- 46 The Former Avon
- 47 Wiltshire & Swindon



Map 4: Participation in full-time education of 17 year olds by Local Education Authority, England, 1998/99



NOTES AND METHODOLOGY

Definitions

52 The Learning and Skills Act 2000 creates the new Learning and Skills Council (LSC), bringing together for the first time into a single national body, responsibility for planning and funding of post-16 learning (other than Higher Education) in England. It will also be the leading agent of change in realising the Government's objectives for a learning society in England. The local LSCs will be responsible for ensuring that the needs of local communities, businesses and individuals are reflected and met through LSC-funded provision, and for delivering the national priorities and policies at local level. The LSC will become fully operational from April 2001.

53 (Local) Learning Partnerships were established during 1999 to improve coherence and collaboration in the planning and delivery of post-16/lifelong learning. They all have numerical targets linked to the National Learning Targets and are co-ordinating local action to meet those targets. They are involved in a whole range of activities designed to widen participation, improve standards and increase attainment in their local areas. From April 2001 they will work closely with local LSCs providing local information and feedback on provision and need for the local LSC planning processes and agreeing the action needed to progress towards the targets.

54 The LEAs for 1998/99 include the new unitary authorities that were created on or before 1 April 1998.

55 Local LSCs have the same boundaries as single LPs or groups of LPs. Most LPs cover areas with the same boundaries as single LEAs or groups of LEAs while a small number of LPs cover areas smaller than an LEA. Participation rates for LPs, LEAs and local LSC areas with similar names are not necessarily the same because the geographical areas covered may not be identical. For instance South Essex LP area covers the whole of Southend LEA as well as a small part of Essex LEA. For a small number of areas where data were unavailable by LP, namely Greater and North Nottinghamshire and East and West Lancashire, data by TEC area were used.

56 The numerators for participation in education and training by LP and local LSC area are the sum of the four elements as follows:

- a** the number of pupils in maintained, special and independent schools *attending* schools in the LP or local LSC area;
- b** the number of full-time further education students *resident* in the LP or local LSC area wherever studying;

- c** the number of young people on GST, according to the LP where they are *resident* or the local LSC area with which their training is *contracted*;
- d** the number of students on part-time further education courses, who are not on GST, *resident* in the LP or local LSC area wherever studying. These will include students supported by an employer or doing personal study.

57 The numerators for participation in education by LEA are the sum of:

- a** the number of pupils in maintained, special and independent schools *attending* schools in that LEA;
- b** the number of full- or part-time further education students *resident* in that LEA wherever studying.

58 The denominators are estimates of the resident population in each LP, LEA or local LSC area in January of each year. The breakdown into academic years of age is calculated from mid-year estimates provided by the Office for National Statistics.

Sources for data on school pupils

59 The Schools' Census provides data on school pupils in January of each year. School pupils are treated as if they live in the LP/LEA/local LSC area in which their school is situated. This will lead to inaccuracies in participation rates by residence to some degree, as some pupils attend schools outside their LP/LEA/local LSC area. The calculated rates will overstate participation in some LP/LEA/local LSC areas and understate it in others.

60 An earlier Bulletin (7/95) reported the amendments made to LEA participation rates in 1994/95 from a special exercise in which state school pupils were analysed by LEA of residence. For most authorities outside Greater London the adjustments were small; within Greater London the adjustment was within 3 percentage points for about two thirds of the authorities. Data for this adjustment are not available for later years, nor for independent schools for any year.

Sources for data on further education students

61 The Further Education Funding Council's Individualised Student Record (ISR) was set up in 1994/95, and has provided data on students in FE sector colleges since then. Snapshot data as at 1 November have been used.

62 Sixth form colleges were part of the schools sector until 1992/93 when they transferred to the further education sector.

63 In the ISR the LP/LEA/local LSC area has been identified using the postcode of students' home

addresses. For the students whose postcodes are missing the LP/LEA/local LSC area of institution has been used instead. This applies to about two per cent for the ISR in 1998/99.

64 From 1994/95 students on further education courses in institutions of higher education are included from data supplied by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA). Data on their area of residence are incomplete for students in higher education institutions, so the area of the institution has been used instead.

Sources for data on GST

65 TEC delivered GST consists of young people on Advanced Modern Apprenticeships, Foundation Modern Apprenticeships, Other Training for Young People and Work Based Learning for Adults. The Regional and Head Office Management Information (RHOMIS) Database provides numbers participating at the end of the calendar year; proportions by age are estimated using the breakdown of trainees recorded on the Trainee Databases. Information on GST is published in quarterly Statistical First Releases.

66 The figures used here are estimates based on incomplete data with some TEC areas affected more than others. The LP of trainees has been established using the trainees' home address. In the 2% per cent of cases with an incomplete address, trainees have been proportionately allocated to an LP in the region in which their TEC is based. Some of the trainees are also in full-time education; the overlap estimated from the ISR has been deducted from the total figures in the education and training totals.

Sources for population data

67 The population estimates for academic year ages are derived from mid-year estimates and projections provided by the Office for National Statistics and the Government Actuary's Department. At local level, for individual ages, such estimates are subject to some uncertainty. This is particularly the case in small areas, where the margin of error surrounding a population estimate can be disproportionately high. Users should bear this in mind when making comparisons, for example year-on-year within a small area or between one small area and another.

Comparisons with other participation data

68 Participation of young people not in education and training are published annually in a Statistical First Release. The latest was SFR 28/2000 'Participation in education, training and employment by 16-18 year olds, England: 1998 and 1999'. Participation rates may not coincide exactly with the SFR due to the use of the most recent ISR data and population estimates here, and to the exclusion of 16 and 17 year olds in higher education, and of those in further education not resident in an English LEA. The latest SFR gives national figures for a more recent year, end 1999, than this bulletin.

69 Another source of local participation rates is the annual survey by Careers Service area, although this has different definitions from those used here. The survey covers activities of young people in the autumn following completion of Year 11 in all maintained, and some independent, schools. From Autumn 1999, the survey also covers all 17 year olds, to cover the same two cohorts as this statistical bulletin. It is estimated that the 1998 survey covered about 92 per cent of 16 year olds. The results of the survey were published as 'Moving On 1998- Pathways Taken by Young People Beyond 16', available from DfEE Publications, PO Box, Sherwood Park, Annesley, Nottingham, NG15 0DG, Tel: 0845 6022260, quoting MO98. Data for 1999/2000 are available as Moving On 1999, from the same source, quoting MO99.

Further information

70 All bulletin tables, along with an additional table showing participation by local LSC area for 16 and 17 year olds combined, are available on the DfEE website: www.dfee.gov.uk/statistics

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