

Factsheet

Education

(England, 31 August 2014)



GCSE

Two in five pupils not achieving 5 A*-C at GCSE

- 39.4% of pupils do not achieve 5 GCSEs at A*-C including English and Maths
- Girls perform better than boys: 34.3% compared with 44.4%

Disadvantaged pupils perform worse

- 62% of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) do not achieve 5 GCSEs above grade C
- 59.1 % of other disadvantaged pupils do not achieve 5 grades at C or above
- 32.2% of all other pupils do not achieve these grades
- The attainment gap between advantaged and disadvantaged pupils is 26.9%
- The attainment gap between schools with the most and fewest disadvantaged pupils is 36.9%

Regional Variation

- 65% of pupils achieving five A*-C in London and the South East
- The average for England (excluding London) is 59%
 - In the North East the level was 59.3%
 - In the North West it was 59.9%
 - In Yorkshire and the Humber- 59.5%
 - In the East Midlands- 59.3%
 - In the West Midlands- 59.9%
 - In the East of England- 59.8
 - In London- 65.1%
 - In the South East- 62.5%
 - In The South West- 59.5%
- The difference is more marked amongst disadvantaged pupils; of those eligible for FSM
 - In London, 51% achieved five A*-C grades at GCSE
 - In the rest of the country this was just 34%
 - In the North East the level was 34.6%
 - In the North West it was 35.5%
 - In Yorkshire and the Humber- 33.6%
 - In the East Midlands- 33.1%
 - In the West Midlands- 39.6%
 - In the East of England- 32.2%
 - In the South East- 33%
 - In The South West- 32.2%

Ethnicity

- Just 18% of Irish Travellers and 13% of Gypsy/Roma pupils achieve 5 good GCSEs
- Black-Caribbean boys and girls perform below average with just 47% and 60% achieving a minimum of 5 GCSEs at A* to C compared to a national average of 66%
- Chinese pupils achieve the highest rates of achievement with 82% of girls and 74% of boys achieving these grades

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References

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