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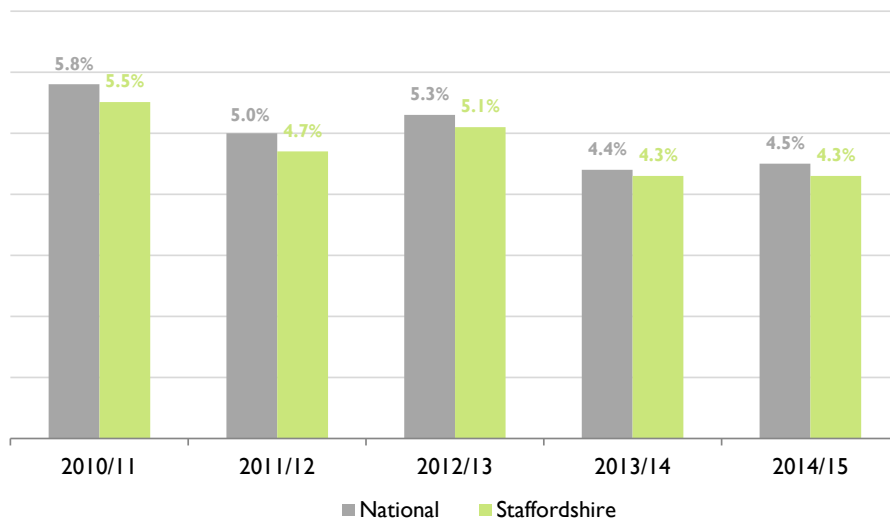
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Overall Absence in Staffordshire

Staffordshire's absence percentage has been broadly in line with national annual absence rates. Both Staffordshire and the national average have improved by over 1pp between 2010/11 and 2014/15.

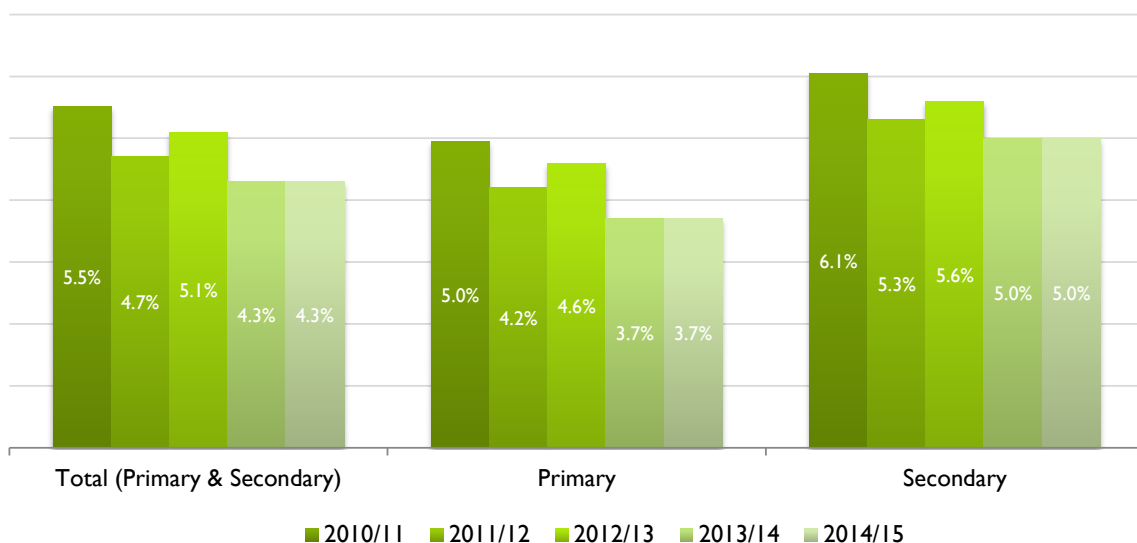
Overall Absence % in Staffordshire Schools



Overall Absence by Phase

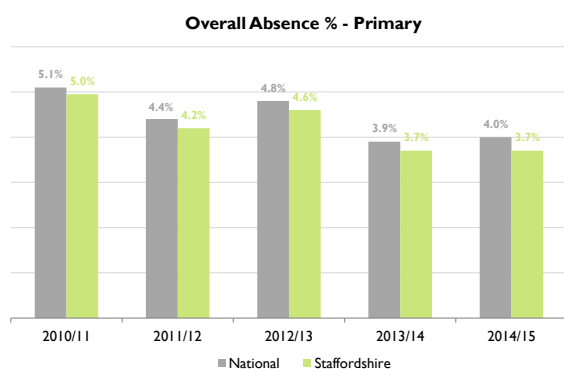
2014/15 absence rates in Staffordshire primary and secondary, and primary/secondary combined were in line with the previous year. Pupils in secondary schools have higher absence rates to those in primary schools.

Staffordshire Overall % Absence by phase



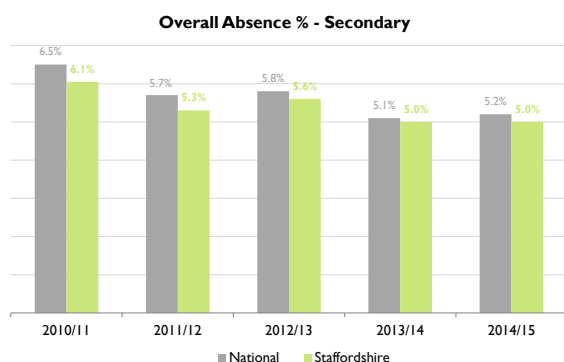
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Overall Absence by Phase – National Comparisons



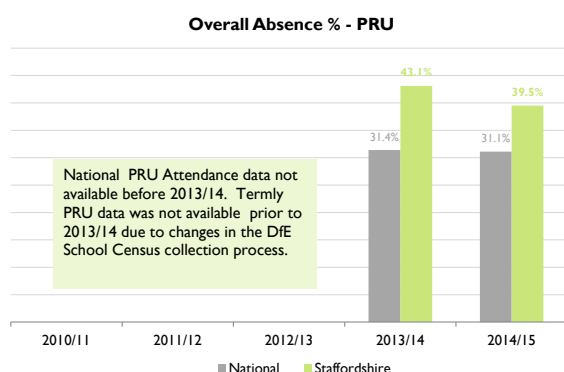
Primary Schools

- ⇒ Staffordshire Primary absence rates have remained slightly better than national over the past five academic years.
- ⇒ National Primary absence rates increased slightly whilst Staffordshire 2014/15 absence rates remained static in comparison to the previous year.



Secondary Schools

- ⇒ Staffordshire secondary absence has been lower than the national average in each year since 2010/11.
- ⇒ There has been a slight increase in national absence percentage in from the previous year. Staffordshire's Secondary 2014/15 absence percentage is the same as the previous year.



Pupil Referral Units Schools

- ⇒ Pupil Referral Units in Staffordshire had an absence rate of 39.5%; this is a 3.6pp improvement on the previous year (43.1%).
- ⇒ Staffordshire PRU attendance percentage is 8.4pp higher than national in 2014/15; this gap has reduced from 11.7pp in 2013/14.

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Vulnerable groups' data relates to Primary and Secondary combined. Special School Attendance data is collected on an annual basis and therefore not included in two terms data

Overall Absence - Vulnerable Groups

Group	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Trend 2011 - 2015
FSM						
Staffordshire	8.3%	7.1%	7.7%	6.8%	6.9%	-1.4 pp ↓
National	8.4%	7.3%	7.5%	6.6%	6.8%	-1.6 pp ↓
Difference	-0.1 pp	-0.2 pp	0.2 pp	0.2 pp	0.1 pp	0.2 pp ↑
Boys						
Staffordshire	5.3%	4.5%	5.0%	4.2%	4.3%	-1.0 pp ↓
National	5.7%	4.9%	5.2%	4.4%	4.5%	-1.2 pp ↓
Difference	-0.4 pp	-0.4 pp	-0.2 pp	-0.2 pp	-0.2 pp	0.2 pp ↑
SEN (Statement & EHCP)						
Staffordshire	7.3%	6.4%	6.7%	6.3%	6.4%	-0.9 pp ↓
National	8.1%	7.3%	7.5%	6.6%	6.9%	-1.2 pp ↓
Difference	-0.8 pp	-0.9 pp	-0.8 pp	-0.3 pp	-0.5 pp	0.3 pp ↑
Gypsy/Roma						
Staffordshire	18.5%	21.5%	22.0%	15.7%	15.9%	-2.6 pp ↓
National	17.2%	15.3%	14.9%	12.5%	12.5%	-4.7 pp ↓
Difference	1.3 pp	6.2 pp	7.1 pp	3.2 pp	3.4 pp	2.1 pp ↑
Traveller of Irish heritage						
Staffordshire	23.6%	22.9%	16.2%	12.1%	12.5%	-11.1 pp ↓
National	22.6%	21.1%	20.7%	17.9%	16.9%	-5.7 pp ↓
Difference	1.0 pp	1.8 pp	-4.5 pp	-5.8 pp	-4.4 pp	-5.4 pp ↓

Vulnerable groups' data does not include pupils on roll at PRUs

- ⇒ Attendance rates for pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) were in line with national for 2010/11 and 2011/12, and in the three most recent years, Staffordshire's FSM pupils have had worse absence rates than national.
- ⇒ The attendance rates of Boys and Statement of SEN cohorts have remained below national averages, although the gap has narrowed for each pupil group.
- ⇒ The Gypsy/Roma pupil groups had worse than national absence rates with an improving trend, whilst Traveller of Irish Heritage pupils' attendance improved and has been below national for the last three years.
- ⇒ The attendance reporting of Looked after Children is currently under review and to be included in future reports when arrangements have been agreed.

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District Performance - Overall Absence

Primary and Secondary Combined

District	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011-2015 change	2014-2015 change
Cannock Chase	6.1%	4.9%	5.6%	4.8%	4.7%	-1.5pp	-0.2pp
East Staffs	5.4%	4.8%	4.9%	4.1%	4.2%	-1.2pp	0.1pp
Lichfield	5.1%	4.3%	5.0%	4.1%	4.2%	-0.9pp	0.1pp
Newcastle	5.1%	4.6%	5.1%	4.3%	4.3%	-0.8pp	0.0pp
South Staffs	5.7%	4.6%	5.1%	4.3%	4.4%	-1.3pp	0.0pp
Stafford	5.4%	4.5%	5.0%	4.2%	4.3%	-1.1pp	0.0pp
Staffs Moorlands	5.4%	4.6%	5.0%	4.2%	4.3%	-1.1pp	0.1pp
Tamworth	5.9%	4.9%	5.0%	4.5%	4.5%	-1.4pp	0.0pp
Staffordshire	5.5%	4.7%	5.1%	4.3%	4.3%	-1.2pp	0.0pp

- ⇒ The Cannock Chase district has seen the highest overall absence percentage in four of the last five years; however this district has improved the most in the last five years.
- ⇒ Lichfield and East Staffordshire have had the lowest overall absence percentages in the last two years.

Primary

District	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011-2015 change	2014-2015 change
Cannock Chase	5.6%	4.6%	5.4%	4.1%	4.2%	-1.4pp	0.1pp
East Staffs	4.9%	4.4%	4.5%	3.8%	3.9%	-1.1pp	0.1pp
Lichfield	4.6%	4.1%	4.9%	3.7%	3.9%	-0.7pp	0.2pp
Newcastle	4.7%	4.1%	4.8%	3.8%	3.8%	-0.9pp	0.1pp
South Staffs	4.9%	3.9%	4.6%	3.8%	3.9%	-1.1pp	0.1pp
Stafford	4.7%	3.9%	4.7%	3.7%	3.7%	-1.0pp	0.0pp
Staffs Moorlands	4.9%	4.1%	4.7%	3.7%	3.7%	-1.2pp	0.0pp
Tamworth	5.3%	4.5%	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	-1.3pp	0.0pp
Staffordshire	5.0%	4.2%	4.6%	3.7%	3.7%	-1.3pp	0.0pp

- ⇒ The Cannock Chase district has seen the highest overall absence percentage for primary schools in each of the last five years.
- ⇒ Primary schools in the Stafford district have had the lowest overall absence percentage in 2013/14 and 2014/15.

Secondary

District	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011-2015 change	2014-2015 change
Cannock Chase	6.7%	5.6%	6.2%	5.9%	5.4%	-1.3pp	-0.4pp
East Staffs	6.1%	5.3%	5.5%	4.5%	4.6%	-1.5pp	0.1pp
Lichfield	5.7%	4.8%	5.2%	4.7%	4.8%	-1.0pp	0.0pp
Newcastle	5.4%	5.1%	5.5%	5.1%	5.0%	-0.4pp	-0.2pp
South Staffs	6.3%	5.2%	5.6%	4.9%	4.9%	-1.4pp	0.0pp
Stafford	6.0%	5.5%	5.6%	5.1%	5.1%	-0.9pp	0.0pp
Staffs Moorlands	5.8%	5.1%	5.3%	4.7%	4.8%	-1.0pp	0.2pp
Tamworth	6.7%	5.6%	-	5.3%	5.3%	-1.4pp	0.0pp
Staffordshire	6.1%	5.3%	5.6%	5.0%	5.0%	-1.1pp	0.0pp

- ⇒ The Cannock Chase district has the highest absence percentage for secondary schools between 2012/13 and 2014/15.
- ⇒ Secondary schools in East Staffordshire have had the lowest overall absence rates for the past two years, and also the largest improvement over the last 5 years.

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Attendance Codes Used

Primary

Year	% of possible sessions missed - absence rates			Auth / Unauth Split		Percentage of Absence codes used - Authorised										Percentage of Absence codes used - Unauthorised			
	Overall	Authorised	Unauthorised	Authorised total reasons	Unauthorised total reasons	Other (C)	Excluded (E)	Extended holiday (F)	Holiday (H)	Illness (I)	Medical /Dental Appointments (M)	Religious (R)	Study (S)	Traveller (T)	Holiday (G)	Not yet obtained (N)	Other (O)	Late (U)	
	2010/11	4.9%	4.7%	0.3%	94.4%	5.6%	4.6%	0.3%	0.3%	14.3%	69.2%	4.6%	0.8%	0.0%	0.2%	0.8%	0.4%	3.6%	0.8%
2011/12	4.2%	3.9%	0.3%	93.6%	6.4%	4.3%	0.5%	0.3%	17.1%	65.1%	5.5%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	1.3%	0.5%	3.8%	0.8%	
2012/13	4.6%	4.3%	0.3%	93.2%	6.8%	5.5%	0.4%	0.2%	14.8%	67.1%	4.7%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	1.5%	0.4%	4.1%	0.8%	
2013/14	3.7%	3.2%	0.5%	87.5%	12.5%	4.3%	0.6%	0.1%	6.5%	69.4%	5.7%	0.6%	0.0%	0.2%	5.7%	0.5%	5.2%	1.2%	
2014/15	3.7%	3.2%	0.5%	86.0%	14.0%	4.1%	0.5%	0.0%	2.0%	73.3%	5.5%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	6.8%	0.6%	5.3%	1.2%	
Trend	-1.2pp	-1.4pp	0.2pp	-8.4pp	8.4pp	-0.5pp	0.1pp	-0.3pp	-12.3pp	4.1pp	0.9pp	-0.4pp	0.0pp	0.0pp	6.0pp	0.2pp	1.7pp	0.4pp	

- ⇒ The proportion of unauthorised absence in Primary schools has increased by 8.4pp, with authorised attendance decreasing by the same amount.
- ⇒ Over the past five academic years authorised holidays have reduced and unauthorised holidays have increased.
- ⇒ The proportion of absences coded as 'Illness' and unauthorised 'Holiday' has increased by 4.1pp and 6.0pp respectively since 2010/11.

Secondary

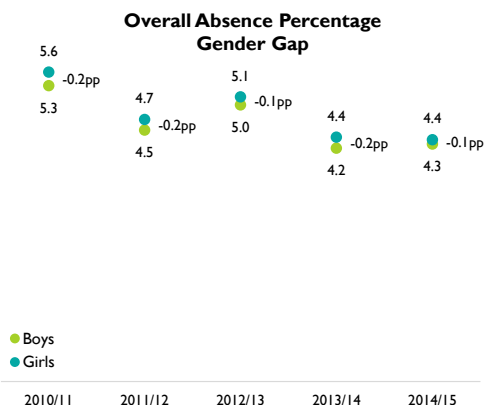
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	Overall	Authorised	Unauthorised	Authorised total reasons	Unauthorised total reasons	Other (C)	Excluded (E)	Extended holiday (F)	Holiday (H)	Illness (I)	Medical /Dental Appointments (M)	Religious (R)	Study (S)	Traveller (T)	Holiday (G)	Not yet obtained (N)	Other (O)	Late (U)	
	2010/11	6.1%	5.3%	0.8%	86.9%	13.1%	5.8%	1.6%	0.1%	6.4%	65.7%	6.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.1%	1.5%	2.1%	8.8%	0.8%
2011/12	5.3%	4.6%	0.7%	86.1%	13.9%	5.9%	1.4%	0.1%	6.6%	64.0%	7.5%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	2.2%	1.4%	9.5%	0.8%	
2012/13	5.6%	4.8%	0.8%	86.2%	13.8%	5.8%	1.3%	0.0%	5.6%	65.8%	7.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	2.5%	1.1%	9.5%	0.7%	
2013/14	5.0%	4.2%	0.8%	83.9%	16.1%	6.9%	1.6%	0.0%	1.8%	64.5%	8.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	3.6%	0.9%	10.8%	0.8%	
2014/15	5.0%	4.2%	0.8%	84.0%	16.0%	6.3%	1.6%	0.0%	0.7%	66.7%	8.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	3.1%	1.0%	11.0%	0.9%	
Trend	-1.1pp	-1.1pp	0.0pp	-2.8pp	2.8pp	0.5pp	0.1pp	-0.1pp	-5.6pp	1.0pp	1.9pp	-0.2pp	-0.5pp	0.1pp	1.6pp	-1.1pp	2.2pp	0.1pp	

- ⇒ The proportion of unauthorised absence in Secondary schools has increased by 2.8%, with authorised attendance decreasing by the same amount.
- ⇒ The proportion of absences coded as authorised holiday has reduced and unauthorised holiday has increased, this trend is similar to the Primary phase with reduced variations.
- ⇒ The proportion of absence sessions coded as 'Medical /Dental Appointments' and unauthorised 'Other' has increased by 1.9pp and 2.2pp respectively since 2010/11.

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Gender Gap



- ⇒ The gender gap for overall attendance has reduced with boys overall absence 0.1pp less than girls.
- ⇒ Boys overall absence has increased slightly by 0.1pp to 4.3%, whilst girls' absence has remained at 4.4%.
- ⇒ Similar trends can be seen looking at codes used in primary and secondary phases between girls and boys.
- ⇒ The main reason code used for absence is illness, with girls generally having a slightly higher proportion at primary and secondary age.
- ⇒ Authorised holiday has reduced for primary and secondary whilst unauthorised holiday has increased.

Primary Codes by Gender

Phase	Year	% of possible sessions missed - absence rates			Auth / Unauth Split		Percentage of Absence codes used - Authorised								Percentage of Absence codes used - Unauthorised				
		Overall	Authorised	Unauthorised	Authorised total reasons	Unauthorised total reasons	Other (C)	Excluded (E)	Extended holiday (F)	Holiday (H)	Illness (I)	Medical /Dental Appointments (M)	Religious (R)	Study (S)	Traveller (T)	Holiday (G)	Not yet obtained (N)	Other (O)	Late (U)
Boys	2010/11	4.9%	4.6%	0.3%	94.4%	5.6%	4.6%	0.6%	0.3%	14.2%	68.9%	4.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.2%	0.7%	0.4%	3.7%	0.8%
	2011/12	4.2%	3.9%	0.3%	93.5%	6.5%	4.4%	0.9%	0.3%	17.0%	64.3%	5.7%	0.4%	0.0%	0.5%	1.3%	0.5%	3.9%	0.8%
	2012/13	4.8%	4.5%	0.3%	93.3%	6.7%	5.3%	0.5%	0.2%	13.7%	68.1%	4.8%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	1.4%	0.4%	4.1%	0.8%
	2013/14	3.8%	3.3%	0.4%	88.2%	11.8%	4.3%	0.9%	0.1%	5.9%	70.5%	5.8%	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	5.3%	0.5%	4.9%	1.1%
	2014/15	3.9%	3.4%	0.5%	86.6%	13.4%	4.1%	0.8%	0.0%	1.9%	73.7%	5.7%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	6.2%	0.7%	5.2%	1.2%
	Trend	-1.0%	-1.2%	0.2%	-7.8%	7.8%	-0.5%	0.2%	-0.3%	-12.3%	4.8%	0.9%	-0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	5.5%	0.3%	1.6%	0.4%
Girls	2010/11	5.0%	4.7%	0.3%	94.5%	5.5%	4.4%	0.1%	0.4%	14.5%	69.8%	4.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.2%	0.9%	0.4%	3.4%	0.8%
	2011/12	4.2%	3.9%	0.3%	93.6%	6.4%	4.1%	0.1%	0.3%	17.3%	65.9%	5.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	1.4%	0.4%	3.7%	0.9%
	2012/13	4.8%	4.5%	0.3%	93.1%	6.9%	5.2%	0.1%	0.2%	14.6%	68.1%	4.4%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	1.4%	0.4%	4.2%	0.9%
	2013/14	3.9%	3.4%	0.5%	87.9%	12.1%	4.2%	0.1%	0.1%	6.4%	71.0%	5.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%	5.3%	0.5%	5.2%	1.2%
	2014/15	3.8%	3.3%	0.5%	86.1%	13.9%	3.8%	0.1%	0.0%	2.1%	74.3%	5.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	6.9%	0.6%	5.1%	1.2%
	Trend	-1.1%	-1.4%	0.3%	-8.4%	8.4%	-0.6%	0.0%	-0.4%	-12.4%	4.4%	0.9%	-0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	6.0%	0.2%	1.8%	0.4%

Secondary (Including Middle Schools) Codes by Gender

Phase	Year	% of possible sessions missed - absence rates			Auth / Unauth Split		Percentage of Absence codes used - Authorised								Percentage of Absence codes used - Unauthorised				
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Boys	2010/11	5.8%	5.1%	0.8%	87.0%	13.0%	6.0%	2.2%	0.1%	6.5%	65.3%	6.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0.1%	1.5%	1.8%	9.0%	0.7%
	2011/12	5.0%	4.4%	0.7%	86.8%	13.2%	6.3%	2.0%	0.1%	7.1%	63.5%	7.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.1%	2.1%	1.3%	9.0%	0.8%
	2012/13	5.4%	4.6%	0.8%	85.5%	14.5%	5.7%	1.6%	0.0%	5.6%	65.0%	6.8%	0.2%	0.4%	0.1%	2.5%	1.3%	10.0%	0.8%
	2013/14	4.8%	4.0%	0.8%	83.4%	16.6%	6.7%	2.4%	0.0%	1.8%	64.0%	7.8%	0.3%	0.4%	0.1%	3.6%	0.9%	11.1%	0.9%
	2014/15	4.8%	4.1%	0.8%	84.1%	15.9%	6.3%	2.6%	0.0%	0.7%	66.5%	7.7%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	3.1%	1.0%	11.0%	0.9%
	Trend	-1.0%	-1.0%	0.0%	-2.9%	2.9%	0.3%	0.3%	-0.1%	-5.8%	1.2%	1.7%	-0.1%	-0.5%	0.0%	1.6%	-0.9%	2.0%	0.2%
Girls	2010/11	6.2%	5.5%	0.8%	87.9%	12.1%	5.6%	0.6%	0.1%	6.5%	67.5%	6.8%	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	1.5%	1.6%	8.4%	0.6%
	2011/12	5.4%	4.7%	0.7%	87.3%	12.7%	6.3%	0.6%	0.1%	6.9%	64.9%	8.1%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	2.0%	1.2%	8.7%	0.8%
	2012/13	5.7%	4.9%	0.7%	87.0%	13.0%	5.7%	0.6%	0.0%	5.8%	66.7%	7.8%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	2.5%	1.2%	8.4%	0.8%
	2013/14	5.2%	4.4%	0.8%	84.4%	15.6%	7.1%	0.8%	0.0%	1.8%	65.1%	8.9%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	3.6%	0.9%	10.4%	0.7%
	2014/15	5.1%	4.3%	0.8%	84.0%	16.0%	6.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.8%	67.0%	8.9%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	3.0%	1.0%	11.1%	0.9%
	Trend	-1.1%	-1.2%	0.1%	-3.9%	3.9%	0.7%	0.2%	-0.1%	-5.7%	-0.5%	2.1%	0.0%	-0.5%	0.1%	1.5%	-0.6%	2.7%	0.3%

Source: DfE Nationally Published data where available, otherwise school census data. Prior to 2013/14 Academy data was not available as part of the School Census and is therefore not included.

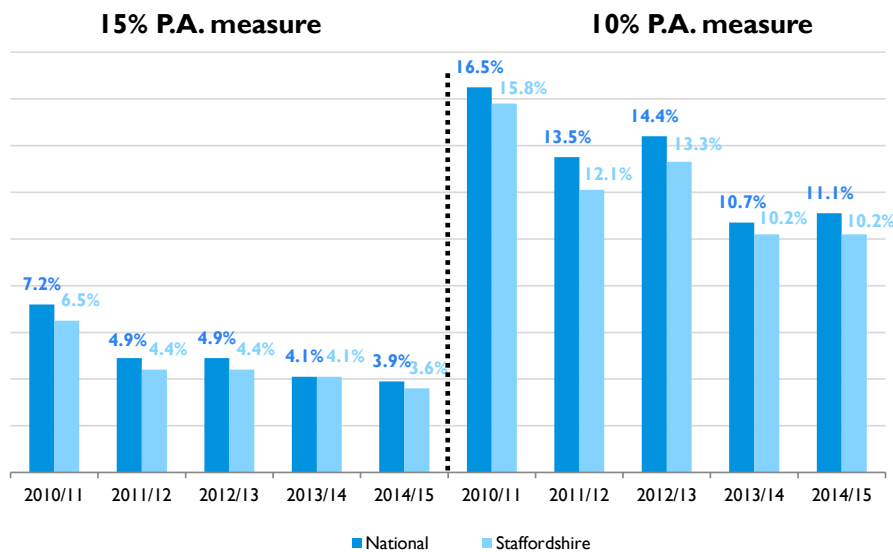
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Pupils Classed as Persistent Absentees in Staffordshire

A pupil is classed as being persistently absent if they miss over 15% of sessions (10% of sessions from 2015/16). Staffordshire has experienced improving performance from 2010/11 to 2014/15 for both 15% and 10% measures. Staffordshire has performed better than national in 2014/15 and the majority of the academic years from 2010/11 for both measures.

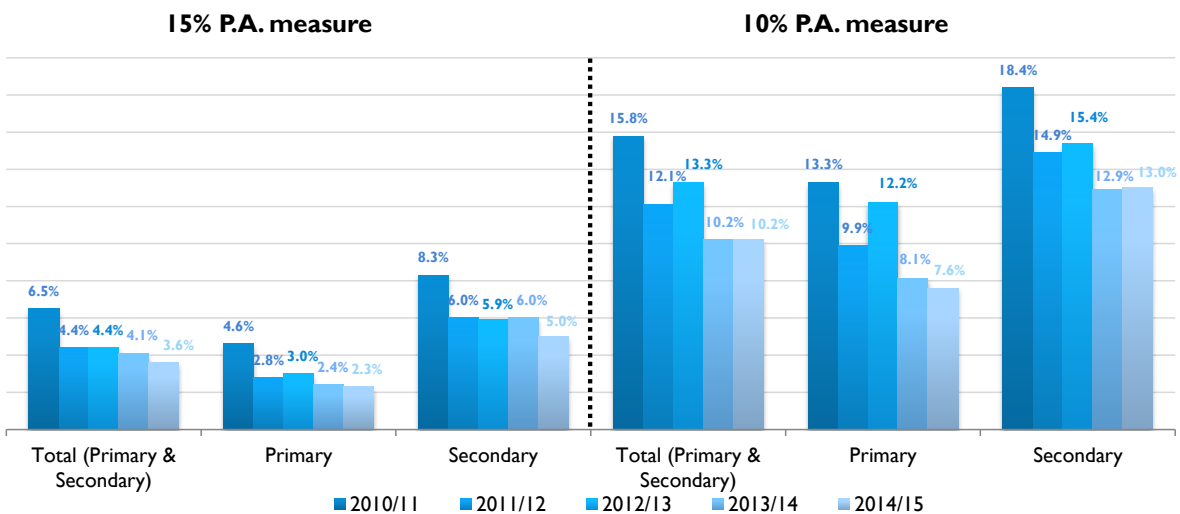


New Arrangements

From September 2015 (start of the 2015/16 academic year) schools will be judged against a persistent absence rate of 10 per cent rather than 15 per cent. The 10 per cent measure will be published alongside the 15 per cent measure for the 2014/15 “Pupil absence in schools in England” releases for information purposes only. (DfE)

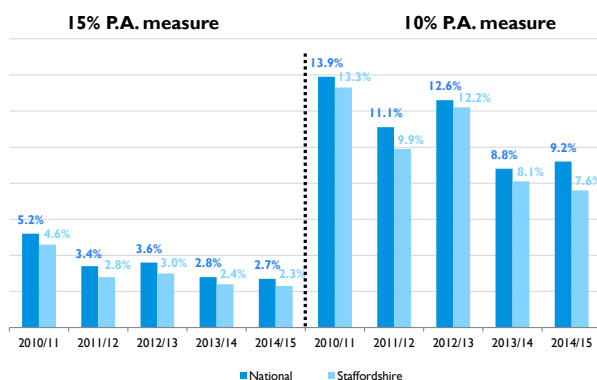
Percentage of Pupils Classed as Persistent Absentees by Phase

Persistent Absence rates in Staffordshire primary and secondary schools followed a similar improving trend to Staffordshire and national average from 2010/11 to 2014/15. Pupils in secondary schools are more likely to be classed as persistent absentees than those in primary schools. Secondary schools have seen a slight increase in the 10% P.A. measure in 2014/15.



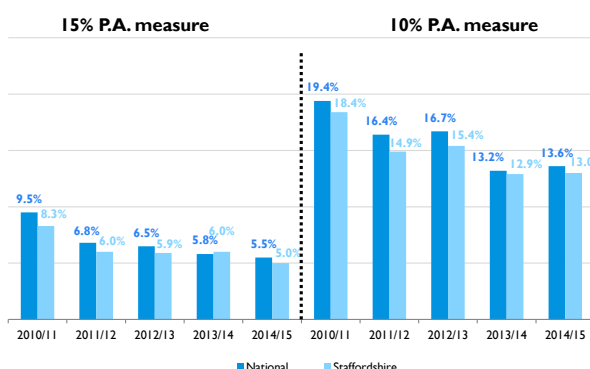
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Pupils Classified as Persistent Absentees National Comparisons by Phase



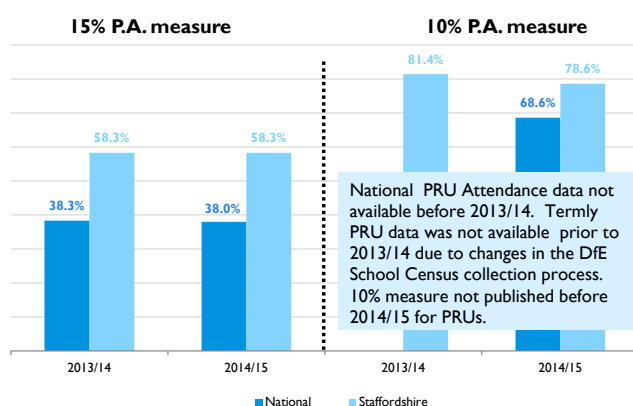
Primary Schools

- ⇒ Staffordshire Primary persistent absence rates have reduced from 2010/11 to 2014/15 and remained below the national average.
- ⇒ The gap between Staffordshire Primary schools and the national Primary School average remained static for the 15% P.A. measure and improved for the 10% P.A. measure.



Secondary Schools

- ⇒ Staffordshire secondary persistent absence percentage was lower than the national average in both 15% and 10% measures for 2014/15.
- ⇒ The gap between Staffordshire and national has improved in both measures for 2014/15 in comparison to the previous year.



Pupil Referral Units Schools

- ⇒ Due to changes in the national data collection, 2012/13 PRU attendance data was not collected. Comparable LA/national data is only available from 2013/14 for the 15% measure and 2014/15 for the 10% measure.
- ⇒ The percentage of pupils in Pupil Referral Units classified as P.A. for the 15% measure was 58.3% in 2014/15, 20.3pp higher than the national PRU rate of 38.0%.
- ⇒ In 2014/15 78.6% of Staffordshire's PRUs' pupils were classified as P.A. for the 10% measure, 10pp higher than national.

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District Performance - Pupils Classed as Persistent Absentees

Primary and Secondary Combined

District	15% of sessions missed							10% of sessions missed						
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011-2015 change	2014-2015 change	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011-2015 change	2014-2015 change
Cannock Chase	7.7%	4.5%	5.2%	5.1%	4.1%	-3.5pp	-1.0pp	19.3%	12.9%	15.9%	11.4%	11.5%	-7.9pp	0.1pp
East Staffs	6.3%	4.6%	4.1%	3.9%	3.7%	-2.6pp	-0.2pp	15.4%	12.6%	12.5%	9.5%	9.8%	-5.5pp	0.3pp
Lichfield	5.1%	3.3%	4.0%	3.4%	3.2%	-2.0pp	-0.2pp	14.0%	10.7%	12.6%	9.1%	9.6%	-4.4pp	0.4pp
Newcastle	5.4%	4.0%	4.3%	4.1%	3.7%	-1.7pp	-0.4pp	14.1%	11.8%	13.5%	10.6%	10.6%	-3.6pp	0.0pp
South Staffs	7.1%	4.2%	4.5%	4.2%	3.3%	-3.7pp	-0.9pp	16.3%	12.1%	13.5%	10.3%	10.9%	-5.4pp	0.7pp
Stafford	6.0%	3.7%	3.9%	3.9%	3.5%	-2.5pp	-0.5pp	14.9%	11.6%	13.0%	9.6%	9.6%	-5.2pp	0.0pp
Staffs Moorlands	6.2%	4.1%	4.0%	4.1%	3.5%	-2.6pp	-0.6pp	14.9%	11.8%	12.8%	10.2%	9.9%	-4.9pp	-0.2pp
Tamworth	8.0%	4.7%	3.7%	4.6%	4.0%	-4.0pp	-0.6pp	18.1%	13.5%	13.3%	11.0%	10.7%	-7.4pp	-0.2pp
Staffordshire	6.5%	4.4%	4.4%	4.1%	3.6%	-2.9pp	-0.5pp	15.8%	12.1%	13.3%	10.2%	10.2%	-5.6pp	0.0pp

⇒ The Cannock Chase district had the highest Persistent Absence rates percentages in the last three years in both measures. This district did see the highest improvement in the 10% measure and a notable improvement in the 15% measure.

⇒ Lichfield had the lowest percentage of pupils classed as persistent absentees in 2013/14 and 2014/15 for each of the 10% and 15% measures.

Primary

District	15% of sessions missed							10% of sessions missed						
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011-2015 change	2014-2015 change	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011-2015 change	2014-2015 change
Cannock Chase	5.8%	3.5%	4.3%	3.3%	3.0%	-2.9pp	-0.4pp	16.8%	11.8%	15.2%	9.1%	9.4%	-7.4pp	0.3pp
East Staffs	4.8%	3.3%	2.9%	2.7%	2.7%	-2.1pp	0.0pp	13.4%	10.8%	10.8%	8.0%	8.4%	-5.1pp	0.4pp
Lichfield	4.0%	2.6%	3.6%	2.4%	2.4%	-1.7pp	-0.1pp	11.7%	9.1%	12.0%	7.7%	8.3%	-3.3pp	0.6pp
Newcastle	4.3%	2.8%	3.4%	2.6%	2.7%	-1.6pp	0.1pp	13.0%	9.6%	12.0%	8.2%	8.6%	-4.4pp	0.4pp
South Staffs	4.6%	2.4%	3.2%	3.2%	2.9%	-1.7pp	-0.3pp	12.5%	8.6%	11.3%	8.3%	8.0%	-4.5pp	-0.2pp
Stafford	4.0%	2.5%	3.2%	2.5%	2.3%	-1.7pp	-0.2pp	11.9%	8.9%	11.6%	7.5%	7.5%	-4.5pp	0.0pp
Staffs Moorlands	4.2%	2.5%	3.1%	2.8%	2.2%	-2.1pp	-0.6pp	12.3%	9.1%	11.2%	7.9%	7.1%	-5.3pp	-0.8pp
Tamworth	5.2%	3.2%	3.7%	3.0%	2.6%	-2.6pp	-0.4pp	15.2%	11.5%	13.3%	8.6%	8.8%	-6.4pp	0.2pp
Staffordshire	4.6%	2.8%	3.0%	2.4%	2.3%	-2.3pp	-0.1pp	16.5%	13.5%	14.4%	10.7%	11.1%	-5.4pp	0.4pp

⇒ Primary schools in the Cannock Chase district had the highest Persistent Absence percentages in each of the last five years in both 10% and 15% measures. This district experienced the highest improvement between 2010/11 and 2014/15.

⇒ Staffordshire Moorlands had the lowest Persistent Absence rates in 2014/15 for both measures, and has also seen the most improvement in comparison to the previous year for both measures.

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District Performance - Pupils Classed as Persistent Absentees continued

Secondary

District	15% of sessions missed							10% of sessions missed						
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011-2015 change	2014-2015 change	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011-2015 change	2014-2015 change
Cannock Chase	9.6%	6.9%	7.7%	7.8%	6.0%	-3.6pp	-1.9pp	22.0%	15.6%	18.1%	14.8%	14.8%	-7.2pp	0.0pp
East Staffs	8.6%	6.4%	6.1%	5.3%	4.9%	-3.6pp	-0.4pp	18.2%	15.2%	15.2%	11.4%	11.6%	-6.6pp	0.2pp
Lichfield	6.7%	4.5%	4.8%	5.0%	4.6%	-2.0pp	-0.4pp	17.2%	13.5%	13.7%	11.8%	11.8%	-5.4pp	0.0pp
Newcastle	6.6%	5.3%	5.6%	6.4%	5.3%	-1.3pp	-1.1pp	15.3%	14.3%	15.4%	14.1%	13.6%	-1.7pp	-0.5pp
South Staffs	9.1%	5.8%	5.9%	5.3%	3.8%	-5.4pp	-1.5pp	19.5%	15.1%	16.0%	12.5%	13.6%	-5.9pp	1.2pp
Stafford	8.1%	5.5%	5.3%	6.2%	5.3%	-2.8pp	-0.9pp	18.1%	15.5%	15.6%	13.0%	13.1%	-5.0pp	0.2pp
Staffs Moorlands	7.5%	5.5%	5.0%	5.3%	4.7%	-2.7pp	-0.6pp	16.6%	14.1%	14.8%	12.1%	12.5%	-4.1pp	0.3pp
Tamworth	11.9%	7.5%	-	6.9%	6.1%	-5.7pp	-0.7pp	22.2%	16.8%	-	14.4%	13.7%	-8.5pp	-0.7pp
Staffordshire	8.3%	6.0%	5.9%	6.0%	5.0%	-3.3pp	-1.0pp	19.4%	16.4%	16.7%	13.2%	13.6%	-5.8pp	0.4pp

Note: Tamworth Secondary schools all had Academy status in 2013/14 therefore the LA did not have access any secondary attendance data for this district.

- ⇒ The Tamworth and Cannock Chase districts had the highest percentage of Persistent Absentees for the 15% and 10% measures in 2014/15. Tamworth made the largest improvement over the last five years for the 15% measure, whilst Cannock Chase made the largest improvement in comparison to the previous year for the 15% measure.
- ⇒ Cannock Chase had the highest P.A. percentage for the new 10% measure in each of the last three years.
- ⇒ Tamworth had the highest percentage point improvements from 2010/11 to 2014/15 and in comparison to the previous year.

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Vulnerable groups' data relates to Primary and Secondary combined. Special School Attendance data is collected on an annual basis and therefore not included in two terms data

Pupils Classified as Persistent Absentees missing 15% of sessions - Vulnerable Groups

Group	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Trend 2012 - 2015*
FSM						
Staffordshire	15.0%	10.4%	10.4%	10.2%	9.6%	-0.8 pp ↓
National	N/A	10.6%	10.6%	9.3%	9.3%	-1.3 pp ↓
Difference	N/A	-0.2 pp	-0.2 pp	0.9 pp	0.3 pp	0.5 pp ↑
Boys						
Staffordshire	6.0%	3.9%	4.0%	3.9%	3.6%	-0.3 pp ↓
National	N/A	4.8%	4.8%	4.0%	3.9%	-0.9 pp ↓
Difference	N/A	-0.9 pp	-0.8 pp	-0.1 pp	-0.3 pp	0.6 pp ↑
SEN (Statement & EHCP)						
Staffordshire	12.5%	9.4%	8.9%	9.5%	8.9%	-0.5 pp ↓
National	N/A	11.1%	10.7%	9.8%	9.7%	-1.4 pp ↓
Difference	N/A	-1.7 pp	-1.8 pp	-0.3 pp	-0.8 pp	0.9 pp ↑
Gypsy/Roma						
Staffordshire	52.8%	58.1%	54.3%	42.0%	44.3%	-13.8 pp ↓
National	N/A	32.8%	30.1%	25.6%	21.9%	-10.9 pp ↓
Difference	N/A	25.3 pp	24.2 pp	16.4 pp	22.4 pp	-2.9 pp ↓
Traveller of Irish heritage						
Staffordshire	55.6%	56.5%	29.6%	30.0%	17.9%	-38.6 pp ↓
National	N/A	43.8%	41.9%	39.4%	33.2%	-10.6 pp ↓
Difference	N/A	12.7 pp	-12.3 pp	-9.4 pp	-15.3 pp	-28.0 pp ↓

*Trend column shows the difference between 2011/12 and 2014/15 as comparable national data not available for 2010/11
Vulnerable groups' data does not include pupils on roll at PRUs

- ⇒ Persistent absence rates for pupils eligible for Free School Meal were in line with national for 2010/11 to 2012/13. In 2013/14 and 2014/15 P.A. percentages of FSM eligible pupils in Staffordshire were worse than the national average.
- ⇒ The persistent absence rates of Boys and Statement of SEN are slightly better than national averages. The gap has narrowed for each pupil group.
- ⇒ The Gypsy/Roma pupil group have seen an increase in the percentage of Persistent Absentees whilst national has seen a reduction – Staffordshire is now 22.4pp worse than national.
- ⇒ The Traveller of Irish Heritage pupil group have had a lower proportion of pupils classed as persistent absentees in the last three years, and has improved at a faster rate than national.
- ⇒ The attendance reporting of Looked after Children is currently under review and to be included in future reports when arrangements have been agreed.

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Pupils Classified as Persistent Absentees missing 10% of sessions - Vulnerable Groups

Group	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Trend 2011 - 2015
FSM						
Staffordshire	30.9%	25.0%	26.6%	21.7%	23.0%	-7.9 pp ↓
National	Not published before 2014/15				21.6%	
Difference	-	-	-	-	1.4 pp	
Boys						
Staffordshire	14.8%	11.7%	13.0%	9.8%	10.3%	-4.5 pp ↓
National	Not published before 2014/15				11.1%	
Difference	-	-	-	-	-0.8 pp	
SEN (Statement & EHCP)						
Staffordshire	24.7%	19.9%	20.5%	20.4%	19.4%	-5.3 pp ↓
National	Not published before 2014/15				20.6%	
Difference	-	-	-	-	-1.2 pp	
Gypsy/Roma						
Staffordshire	66.7%	77.0%	71.3%	66.0%	63.1%	-3.6 pp ↓
National	Not published before 2014/15				44.7%	
Difference	-	-	-	-	18.4 pp	
Traveller of Irish heritage						
Staffordshire	81.5%	60.9%	48.1%	45.0%	48.2%	-33.3 pp ↓
National	Not published before 2014/15				58.4%	
Difference	-	-	-	-	-10.2 pp	

Vulnerable groups' data does not include pupils on roll at PRUs

- ⇒ Staffordshire has a higher rate of Persistent Absentees (10% measure) than national for the FSM and Gypsy/Roma groups.
- ⇒ The persistent absence rates of Boys, Statement of SEN, and Traveller of Irish Heritage cohorts are below national averages.
- ⇒ The attendance reporting of Looked after Children is currently under review and to be included in future reports when arrangements have been agreed.

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Academy / Maintained comparison

Overall Attendance

Phase	Status	2013/14	2014/15	Change
Primary	Staffordshire Total	3.8%	3.9%	0.1 pp
	Academy	4.0%	4.1%	0.1 pp
	Maintained	3.8%	3.8%	0.0pp
	Difference	-0.2 pp	-0.3 pp	-0.1 pp
Secondary	Staffordshire Total	5.0%	5.0%	0.0pp
	Academy	5.0%	5.0%	0.0pp
	Maintained	4.9%	5.0%	0.1 pp
	Difference	-0.1 pp	0.0 pp	0.1 pp

- ⇒ Overall absence in maintained primary schools is slightly lower than academy primary schools. Maintained schools had an overall absence rate of 3.8%; this is 0.3pp lower than academy primary schools at 4.1%.
- ⇒ Both maintained and academy secondary schools had an absence rate of 5.0% in 2014/15.

Persistent Absentees

Phase	Status	15% P.A. Measure			10% P.A. Measure		
		2013/14	2014/15	Change	2013/14	2014/15	Change
Primary	Staffordshire Total	2.8%	2.6%	-0.2pp	6.0%	5.9%	-0.1 pp
	Academy	3.6%	3.2%	-0.4pp	7.1%	7.2%	0.1 pp
	Maintained	2.7%	2.5%	-0.2pp	5.9%	5.7%	-0.2pp
	Difference	-0.9 pp	-0.7 pp	0.2pp	-1.2 pp	-1.5 pp	-0.3pp
Secondary	Staffordshire Total	6.0%	5.0%	-1.0pp	9.6%	9.4%	-0.2pp
	Academy	6.3%	5.1%	-1.2pp	9.7%	9.0%	-0.7pp
	Maintained	5.8%	4.9%	-0.9pp	9.6%	9.7%	0.1 pp
	Difference	-0.5 pp	-0.2 pp	0.3pp	-0.1 pp	0.7 pp	0.8pp

- ⇒ Primary academy schools had a persistent absence rate higher than those of maintained schools for the last two years for both the 15% and 10% measures.
- ⇒ Secondary academy schools had higher persistent absence percentages than maintained secondary schools in 2013/14 and 2014/15.
- ⇒ In 2014/15 maintained secondary schools had a persistent absence rate of 9.7% which was 0.7pp higher than academy secondary schools at 9.0%.