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AoC Attendance Survey – analysis

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About a third of the sector responded

Q2. College type	Number of responses	Number of colleges in England	Percent
General further education college	65	183	36%
Sixth form college	10	64	16%
Specialist college (land-based, art & design, specialist designated)	11	26	42%
Total	86	273	32%

- Good response as it was sent out close to half term
- Low response rate in North West which is unusual.
- 60% did not include authorised absences in their attendance rates.

Q3. Region	Number of responses	Number of colleges in England	Percent
Eastern region	8	29	28%
East Midlands	6	18	33%
London	12	38	32%
North East	9	16	56%
North West	9	46	20%
South East	12	45	27%
South West	8	24	33%
West Midlands	11	29	38%
Yorkshire and the Humber	11	28	39%
Total	86	273	32%

Ofsted's perception of college attendance at last inspection

Q12. At your last Ofsted monitoring visit, did Ofsted deem your attendance rate to be above average, average or below average?	Number of responses	Percent
Above average	16	25%
Average	36	55%
Below average	13	20%
Total	65	100%

- Most colleges had been inspected under the current framework.
- College size and complexity will always draw many colleges towards being average.
- Many commented in relation to this question that 90% overall attendance or better was expected by Ofsted. 85% was reported as a floor target / the lowest possible benchmark from an Ofsted point of view.
- A few respondents would like a national definition and set of rules for recording attendance, others thought this was not possible or desirable . Similarly some would like national benchmark data.
- Some commented that English and maths attendance significantly (and unfairly) distorted overall attendance.

Overall attendance rates

Q4. What was the overall headline (end of year) attendance rate for students (of all ages) at your college in each of the last four years?				Q5. What was the overall headline (end of year) attendance rate for 16 to 18-year-old students at your college in each of the last four years?				Q6. What was the overall headline (end of year) attendance rate for adults at your college in each of the last four years?			
Overall headline (end of year) attendance rate 2014/15:	Overall headline (end of year) attendance rate 2015/16:	Overall headline (end of year) attendance rate 2016/17:	Overall current attendance rate (2017/18 so far):	16-18 headline (end of year) attendance rate 2014/15:	16-18 headline (end of year) attendance rate 2015/16:	16-18 headline (end of year) attendance rate 2016/17:	16-18 current attendance rate (2017/18 so far):	Adult headline (end of year) attendance rate 2014/15:	Adult headline (end of year) attendance rate 2015/16:	Adult headline (end of year) attendance rate 2016/17:	Adult current attendance rate (2017/18 so far):
87.0	86.0	85.0	86.0	87.0	85.0	85.0	88.0	84.0	85.0	86.0	87.0

- Using mode:
 - Most college rates are around 85%, the reported minimum expectation for 16-18 year olds.
 - In 16/17, 15 were over 90% (7 GFE, 6 SFC, 2 SC)

English and maths attendance rates

Q8. What was the headline (end of year) attendance rate for students (of all ages) on English and maths (at level 2 and below) at your college in each of the last four years?				Q9. What was the headline (end of year) attendance rate for 16 to 18-year old students on English and maths (at level 2 and below) at your college in each of the last four years?				Q10. What was the headline (end of year) attendance rate for Adults on English and maths (at level 2 and below) at your college in each of the last four years?			
Headline (end of year) attendance rate for English and maths 2014/15:	Headline (end of year) attendance rate for English and maths 2015/16:	Headline (end of year) attendance rate for English and maths 2016/17:	Current attendance rate for English and maths (2017/18 so far):	16-18 headline (end of year) attendance rate for English and maths 2014/15:	16-18 headline (end of year) attendance rate for English and maths 2015/16:	16-18 headline (end of year) attendance rate for English and maths 2016/17:	16-18 current attendance rate for English and maths (2017/18 so far):	Adult headline (end of year) attendance rate for English and maths 2014/15:	Adult headline (end of year) attendance rate for English and maths 2015/16:	Adult headline (end of year) attendance rate for English and maths 2016/17:	Adult current attendance rate for English and maths (2017/18 so far):
80.0	81.0	80.0	80.0	70.0	73.0	80.0	81.0	72.0	78.0	79.0	80.0

- Using mode:
 - Attendance rates are often 5% (or more) lower for English and maths when compared to the overall attendance rate.

Any Questions?