



# AoC/SFCA enrolment survey results

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## Background

1. Survey completed between 14 and 21st October 2016 by 60 FE colleges and 9 specialist colleges. Sample is about 29% of FE and specialist colleges.
2. Survey carried out in parallel to SFCA survey of sixth form colleges. 9 Sixth form colleges returned survey forms to AoC. These were passed on to SFCA for analysis. The regional pattern of responses was variable

Region	Number of responses (excludes SFCs)	Number of FE and Specialist Colleges in England	Percent within region
Eastern region	1	25	4%
East Midlands	6	16	38%
Greater London	12	35	34%
North East	4	16	25%
North West	8	36	22%
South East	10	38	26%
South West	13	21	62%
West Midlands	7	26	27%
Yorkshire and the Humber	8	22	36%
<b>Total FE and Specialist Colleges</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>29%</b>

## 16-18 enrolments

3. The survey asked several questions about 16-18 enrolments. Survey respondents accounted for 29% of funded FE college numbers in total and the question was asked several weeks before the 2016-17 census date. Nevertheless the key findings were:
  - An average 0.3% rise in 16-18 enrolments expected at 1 November 2016 compared to 1 November 2015. Average funded 16-18 numbers are 2,337 for the sample so this amounts to an average rise of 7 students.



- A shortfall at this point of 3.2% in 16-18 enrolments against the full year target. It is possible that colleges will make this up via spring 2017 enrolments. Average funded 16-18 numbers are 2,337 for the sample so this amounts to an average shortfall of 74 students.

	<b>This year vs last year</b>	<b>This year vs target</b>
More than 10%	4	15
5% to 10%	6	10
0% to 5%	23	31
-5% to 0%	21	17
-10% to -5%	9	2
Less than - 10%	4	2

4. There were some variations for the colleges in the three regions with more than 10 respondents:

	<b>This year vs last year</b>
South East (10 respondents)	2.70%
London (12)	0.40%
South West (13)	-2.40%

## Other enrolments

5. Colleges were asked to report whether enrolments in six different areas have increased, decreased or remained about the same. The evidence is that apprenticeship enrolments are seeing increases in the most areas.

	<b>Increase</b>	<b>About the same</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Adult education budget	9	45	14	0
16-18 apprenticeships	38	21	6	4
Adult apprenticeships	40	23	3	3
Higher education	24	22	18	5
People who are unemployed	20	34	13	2
FE loan supported courses	44	20	4	1