

Table 1:
Youth Cohort Study (YCS): survey details and coverage

Cohort Study	Born in	Age 15/16 (Key Stage 4 assessments) in	Surveyed in	Weighted Sample (Sweep 1)*
YCS 1	1967/68	1984	1985	8,064
YCS 2	1968/69	1985	1986	14,430
YCS 3	1969/70	1986	1987	16,208
YCS 4	1971/72	1988	1989	14,116
YCS 5	1973/74	1990	1991	14,511
YCS 6	1974/75	1991	1992	24,922
YCS 7	1976/77	1993	1994	18,020
YCS 8	1978/79	1995	1996	15,899
YCS 9	1980/81	1997	1998	14,662
YCS 10	1982/83	1999	2000	13,698
YCS 11	1984/85	2001	2002	16,707
YCS 12	1986/87	2003	2004	14,003

Note

* The YCS was a longitudinal (cohort) study that followed representative samples of pupils over three or four years following the completion of compulsory education in Year 11. Key Stage 4 attainment details were collected during the first survey (sweep 1) of these cohort studies.

Sources:

Courtenay, 1993, 1996 & 1997; Department for Education and Skills (2005).

Further refs for other cohorts and the data can be found at <http://discover.ukdataservice.ac.uk/series/?sn=2000061>

Table 2:
National Pupil Database (NPD): data sources relating to Key Stage 4 attainment and the academic years for which they are available (England, 2001/02 – 2012/13)

Data Source	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13
School Census/ Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) Census									✓	✓	✓	✓
Alternative Provision							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Key Stage 4 Awarding Body data	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Key Stage 4 Performance Tables (PT) data	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Key Stage 5 Awarding Body data	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Key Stage 5 Performance Tables (PT) data	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Post-16 Learning Aims (PLAMS)						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Individualised Learner Record (ILR)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
National Information System for Vocational Qualifications (NISVQ) data	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Overall Level 2/3 indicators	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) data				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Children Looked After					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Children In Need								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
National Client Caseload Information (NCCIS)										✓	✓	✓
Independent Specialist Providers (ISP)									✓	✓	✓	✓

Source: Adapted from Gov.uk (2014).

Table 3:
Ethnic Classifications in the Youth Cohort Study and National Pupil Database

Youth Cohort Study	National Pupil Database
White	White
	White British
	Irish
	Traveller of Irish Heritage
	Gypsy/Romany
	Any Other White Background
Asian	Asian
Indian (from YCS6)	Indian
Pakistani (from YCS6)	Pakistani
Bangladeshi (from YCS6)	Bangladeshi
Other Asian (from YCS6)	Any Other Asian Background
Black	Black
	Black African
	Black Caribbean
	Any Other Black background
Other Ethnic Group	Mixed
	White and Black Caribbean
	White and Black African
	White and Asian
	Any Other Mixed Background
	Chinese
	Any Other Ethnic Background