

Students entering FE colleges in Year 13 after spending Year 12 in another type of institution

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Data

To identify the movement of students between institutions in the 16-19 phase of education, analysis is conducted on matched National Pupil Database and Individualised Learner Records data, sourced from the DfE and ONS. The type of institution a student is based in is identified using the Department for Education's Get information about schools service.¹

Findings refer to students who were in year 12 in the year 2016.

Due to the methods associated with obtaining the data, the number of students associated with being in FE and not being in FE differ to some extent from official statistics. The category *schools* includes LA maintained schools, free schools and academies, and the category *other* includes sixth form colleges, special schools, independent schools and higher education institutions, as well as other institution types and people who aren't in education.

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Findings

The key findings from the analysis are:

- 40,375 students moved into a FE college in year 13 after not being based in one in year 12, of whom 18,720 came from schools.
- 23,055 students completed two years of education in FE colleges in years 13 and 14, after not being based in one in year 12, of whom 12,520 came from schools.
- 19,830 students completed two years of education in the same FE college in years 13 and 14, after not being based in one in year 12, of whom 10,980 came from schools.

The category of *other* includes students based in other educational institutions (such as higher education and sixth form colleges) and students who are not in education.

Figure 1 illustrates the flow of students between different institution types in each year. Figure 2 expands upon figure 1 by also identifying students who change between specific institutions but remain based with institutions of the same type.

Tables 1 and 2 provide the underlying numbers for figures 1 and 2.

¹ <https://www.get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/>

Figure 1: Flow of students between types of institution

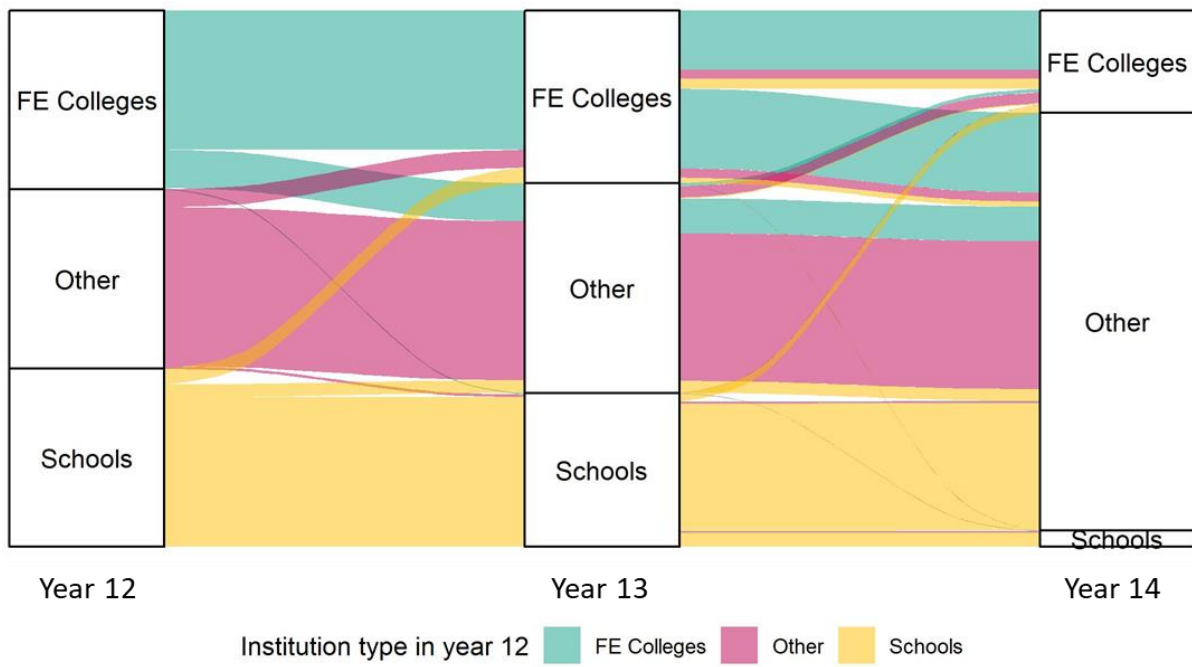


Figure 2: Flow of students between institutions and institution types

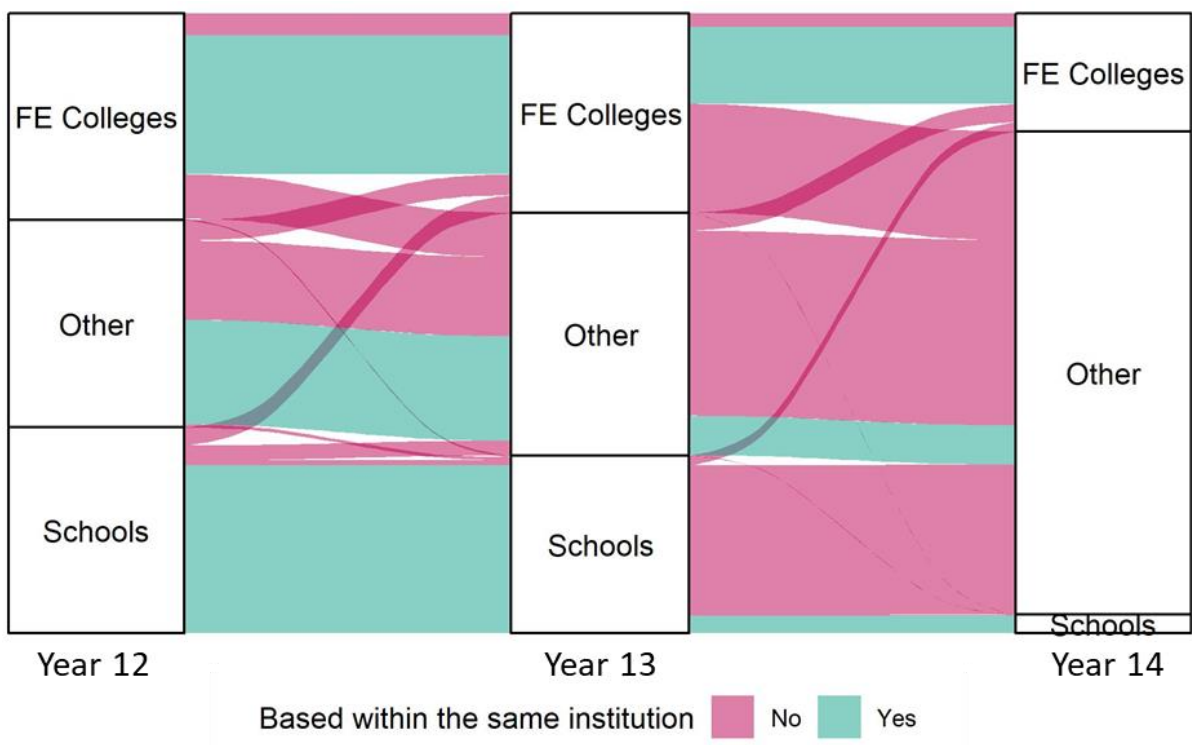


Table 1: Numbers of students who are based within FE colleges or alternative institution types in different years

Institution in year 12	Institution in year 13	Institution in year 14	Count
FE Colleges	FE Colleges	FE Colleges	71,600
FE Colleges	FE Colleges	Other	96,585
FE Colleges	FE Colleges	Schools	265
FE Colleges	Other	FE Colleges	4,285
FE Colleges	Other	Other	42,005
FE Colleges	Other	Schools	20
FE Colleges	Schools	FE Colleges	200
FE Colleges	Schools	Other	650
FE Colleges	Schools	Schools	775
Other	FE Colleges	FE Colleges	10,535
Other	FE Colleges	Other	11,105
Other	FE Colleges	Schools	15
Other	Other	FE Colleges	13,245
Other	Other	Other	178,945
Other	Other	Schools	395
Other	Schools	FE Colleges	130
Other	Schools	Other	1,770
Other	Schools	Schools	1,275
Schools	FE Colleges	FE Colleges	12,520
Schools	FE Colleges	Other	6,155
Schools	FE Colleges	Schools	45
Schools	Other	FE Colleges	1,250
Schools	Other	Other	14,335
Schools	Other	Schools	45
Schools	Schools	FE Colleges	9,870
Schools	Schools	Other	154,560
Schools	Schools	Schools	16,835

Table 2: Numbers of students who are based within FE colleges or alternative institution types in different years, including whether they have changed institutions

Institution in year 12	Institution in year 13	Institution in year 14	Same Institution in years 12 and 13	Same Institution in years 13 and 14	Total Count
FE Colleges	FE Colleges	FE Colleges	No	No	2,445
FE Colleges	FE Colleges	FE Colleges	No	Yes	9,135
FE Colleges	FE Colleges	FE Colleges	Yes	No	8,040
FE Colleges	FE Colleges	FE Colleges	Yes	Yes	51,980
FE Colleges	FE Colleges	Other	No	No	11,295
FE Colleges	FE Colleges	Other	Yes	No	85,290
FE Colleges	FE Colleges	Schools	No	No	25
FE Colleges	FE Colleges	Schools	Yes	No	240
FE Colleges	Other	FE Colleges	No	No	4,285
FE Colleges	Other	Other	No	No	33,665
FE Colleges	Other	Other	No	Yes	8,340
FE Colleges	Other	Schools	No	No	20
FE Colleges	Schools	FE Colleges	No	No	200
FE Colleges	Schools	Other	No	No	650
FE Colleges	Schools	Schools	No	Yes	775
Other	FE Colleges	FE Colleges	No	No	1,685
Other	FE Colleges	FE Colleges	No	Yes	8,850
Other	FE Colleges	Other	No	No	11,105
Other	FE Colleges	Schools	No	No	15
Other	Other	FE Colleges	No	No	6,605
Other	Other	FE Colleges	Yes	No	6,640
Other	Other	Other	No	No	70,680
Other	Other	Other	No	Yes	5,520
Other	Other	Other	Yes	No	80,265
Other	Other	Other	Yes	Yes	22,480
Other	Other	Schools	No	No	170
Other	Other	Schools	Yes	No	225
Other	Schools	FE Colleges	No	No	130
Other	Schools	Other	No	No	1,770
Other	Schools	Schools	No	Yes	1,275
Schools	FE Colleges	FE Colleges	No	No	1,540
Schools	FE Colleges	FE Colleges	No	Yes	10,980
Schools	FE Colleges	Other	No	No	6,155
Schools	FE Colleges	Schools	No	No	45
Schools	Other	FE Colleges	No	No	1,250
Schools	Other	Other	No	No	9,380
Schools	Other	Other	No	Yes	4,955
Schools	Other	Schools	No	No	45
Schools	Schools	FE Colleges	No	No	310
Schools	Schools	FE Colleges	Yes	No	9,560
Schools	Schools	Other	No	No	2,425
Schools	Schools	Other	Yes	No	152,135
Schools	Schools	Schools	No	No	40
Schools	Schools	Schools	No	Yes	2,480
Schools	Schools	Schools	Yes	No	775
Schools	Schools	Schools	Yes	Yes	13,540

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