

South-West England has the highest level of academisation amongst RSC regions. It has seen the largest growth in primary academies since September 2015 but the lowest in the secondary sector.

1. Although the region has had the strongest growth in the last 12 months, this has mostly been in the primary sector, resulting in a narrowing of the gap between the two sectors.
2. The region has a large number of good and outstanding academies among SATs who could potentially expand and sponsor underperforming schools in the future.
3. The highest academised LAs have grown by 14 per cent in the primary sector and are mostly responsible for the growth seen across this region in the last 12 months.
4. Academisation varies widely between LAs in this region*, from 90 per cent in Bournemouth, the most academised LA in the country, to 22 per cent in South Gloucestershire.

*This excluded Isles of Scilly

Key facts: 38 per cent of state schools in the region are academised.

32%

of primary schools are academies

76%

of secondary schools are academies

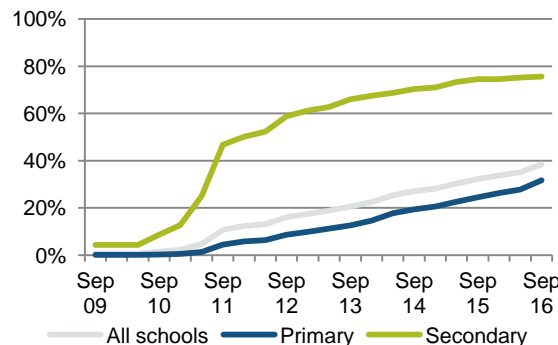
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percentage point increase since September 2015

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percentage point increase since September 2015

Growth in academisation was strongest among all RSC regions in the primary sector, but weakest in the secondary.



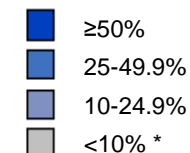
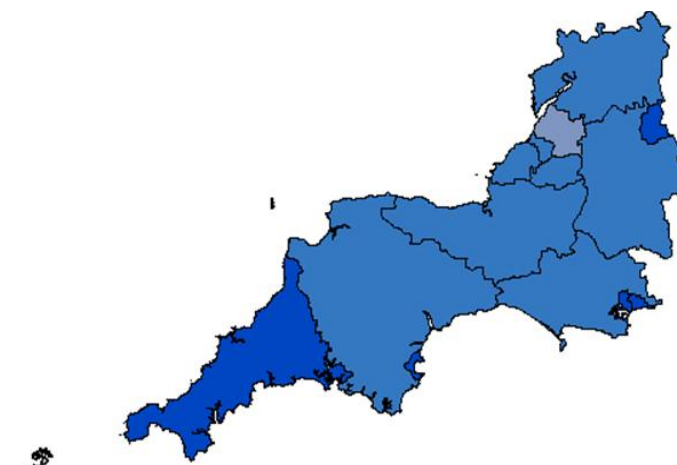
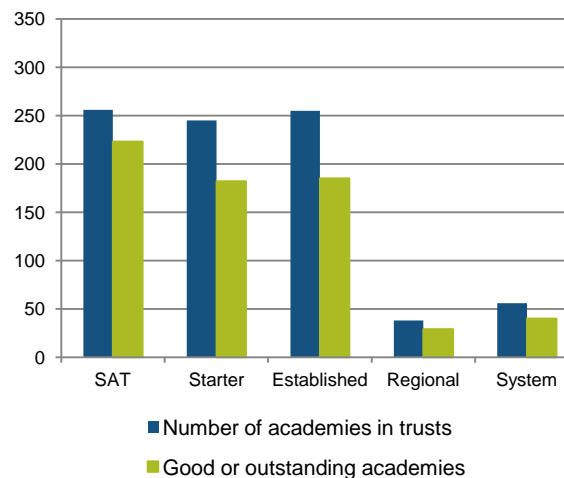
The highest academised LAs in the primary sector have grown very fast. Conversely there has been little growth in the secondary sector.

| | Primary | Secondary |
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| Top 5 academised LAs | 14.1% | -0.4%* |
| Bottom 5 academised LAs | 3.7% | 1.4% |

* The only change amongst the top 5 academised LAs in the last 12 months was the closure of a free school

The level of academisation varies by LA; over a third of the LAs in the region have more than 50 per cent of their schools academised.

South-West England has the highest number of academies in established trusts, three-quarters of which are good or outstanding.



* There are no LAs with <10 per cent academisation.