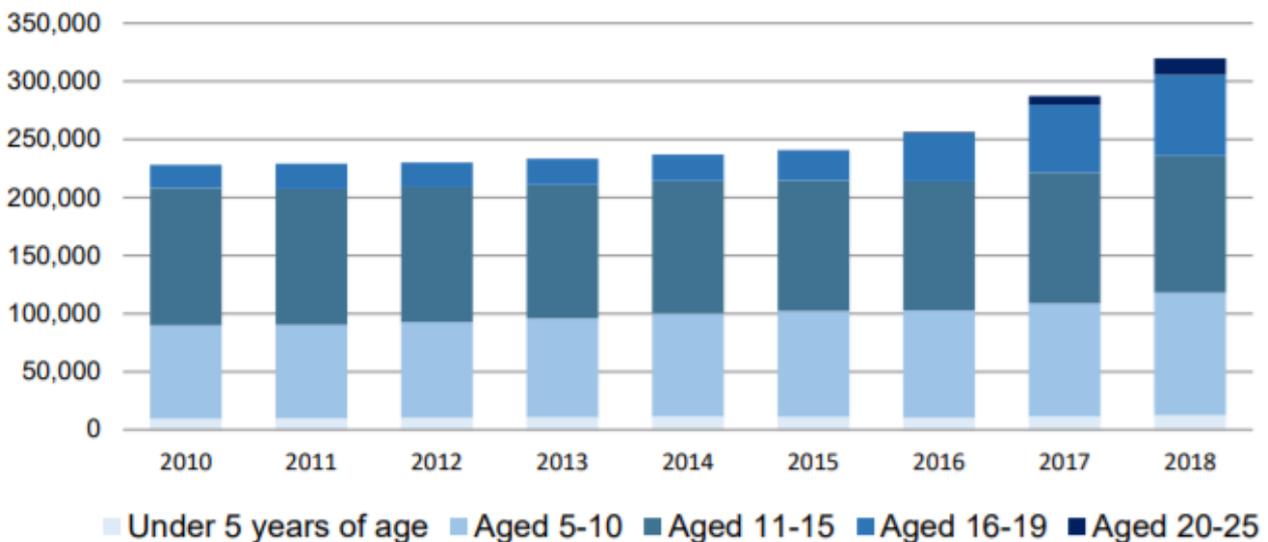


SEND in FE: Key Facts

16 to 25-year-olds and high needs provision in colleges

1. Education, Health and Care Plans

At January 2018, there were a total of 319,819 children with EHCPs or statements, an increase of 32,529 (11.3%) from 287,290 in January 2017. This is driven by large increases in the 16-19 and 20-25 age groups, which represent 26% of all EHCPs.



Source: SEN2 2010-2018

16-19 yr olds with EHCPs

+13%

16-19 year olds with EHCPs

2017: 58,034
2018: 65,521

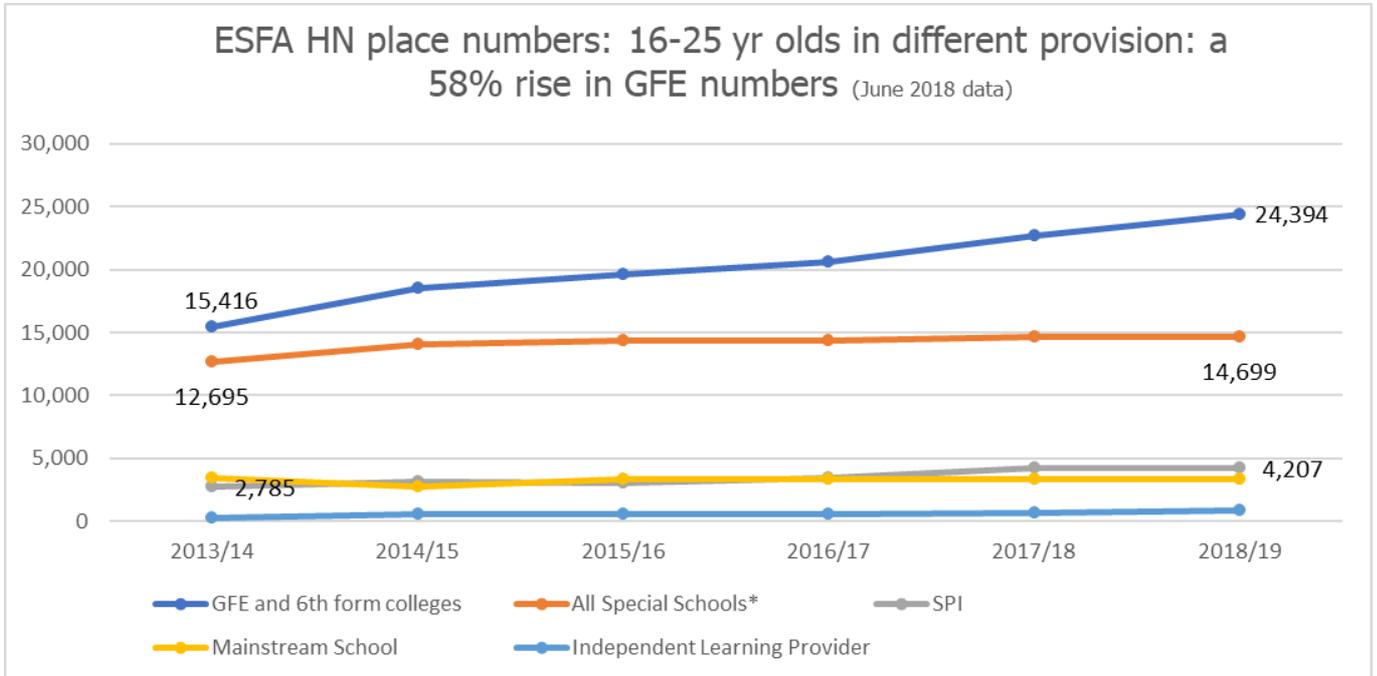
20-25 yr olds with EHCPs

+84%

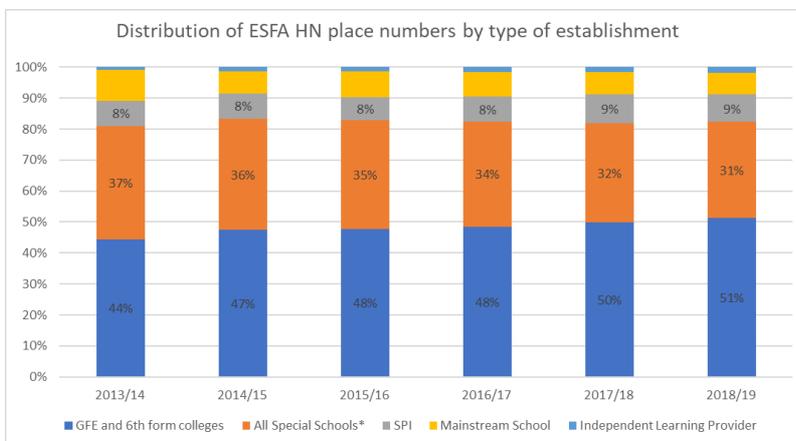
20-25 year olds with EHCPs

2017: 7,708
2018: 14,176

2. ESFA high needs place numbers



- There are over 47,000 aged 16 to 25 high needs funded students - over 29,000 of these are now educated in the FE sector (colleges, SPIs and ILPs).
- The number of high needs funded students in General FE colleges has risen from 15,000 in 2013 to nearly 24,394 in 2018.
- However, a different data set ([Statements of SEN and EHC plans: England, 2018](#)) reported by LAs, shows a much larger total of 42,584 in GFE and sixth form colleges



The largest proportion of high needs funded 16 to 25-year olds are educated in GFE or 6th form colleges (51%).

The proportion educated in special schools is declining (from 37% in 2013 to 31% in 2017).

Specialist colleges educate around 4,200 young people (9% of the total ESFA HN place numbers).

3. FE sector participation data

In 2016/17, there were **563,100** students across the FE sector with a self-declared learning difficulty or disability. (17.9% of the total). Of these:

- 194,210 students were aged 16 to 19 (21.2% of total students aged 16 to 19)
- 368,890 students were aged 19+ (16.5% of total adult students)
- 88,780 were on Level 2 programmes and 126,790 were on Level 3 programmes

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-data-library-further-education-and-skills>

4. Natspec Colleges and other SPIs

- There are 107 Specialist Post 16 Institutions (SPIs) in England (DfE June 2018 <https://get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/>)
 - 101 SPIs were funded by ESFA in 2018 to 2019 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/16-to-19-allocation-data-2018-to-2019-academic-year>)
 - There are 83 Natspec full member colleges (2018), providing for over 4,000 learners
 - 69 Natspec members have been inspected (9 are awaiting their first inspection)
 - 7 of are outstanding (Grade 1 or equivalent: Coleg Elidyr, National Star, David Lewis, Foxes, Orchard Hill, Derwen, Treloar); 51 are good; 12 require improvement
 - 91% of students in Natspec colleges are in Good or Outstanding colleges
 - Other SPIs: there are 28 SPIs who are not yet Natspec members who were approved by ESFA in 2017 or 2018. Only five of these have been inspected by Ofsted (2 Good, 3 Requires Improvement).
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5. High needs budget and amounts per head of 2-18 population

- In the high needs budget, there is £121 of place funding per head of 2-18 population in England
- LA top up funding amounts to £217 per head of 2-18 population (for maintained schools, academies, free schools and colleges), of which £15 is post school
- LA top up funding for non-maintained and independent schools and colleges is £92 per head of 2-18 population, of which £19 is post school
- Download the LA high needs benchmarking tool for further LA breakdowns and comparisons: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/high-needs-strategic-planning-fund>