



College **Key Facts** !
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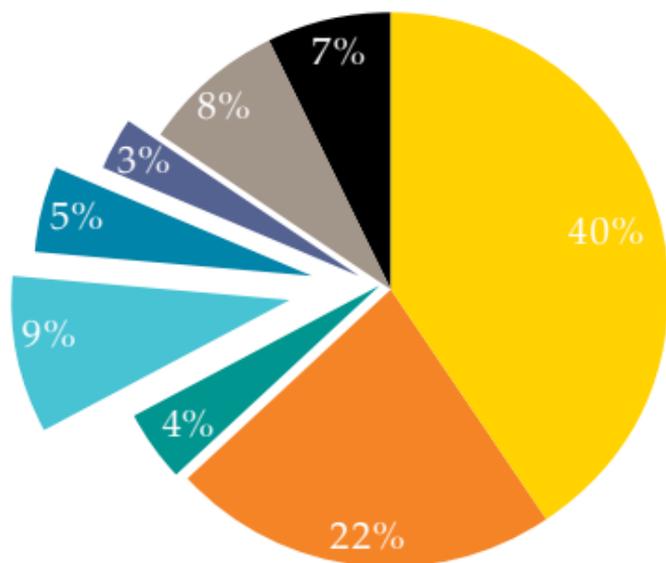
Strength

- ▶ Every year Colleges* educate and train over **3.3 million** people
- ▶ **861,000** 16 to 18-year-olds choose to study in Colleges (compared with **434,000** in maintained schools, academies and city technology colleges)
- ▶ Another **56,000** 16 to 18-year-olds study an apprenticeship through their local College
- ▶ **2.4 million** adults study or train at Colleges
- ▶ **63,000** 14 to 15-year-olds are enrolled at a College: **3,500** full-time and **59,500** part-time
- ▶ Colleges provide **35%** of entrants to higher education

- ▶ **Half** of all Foundation Degree students are taught in Colleges
- ▶ **67%** of Colleges teach Foundation Degrees
- ▶ Colleges deliver **81%** of HNCs and **59%** of HNDs
- ▶ **171,000** students study higher education in a College
- ▶ **266** Colleges provide undergraduate and postgraduate level courses
- ▶ Colleges educate **45,000** students from outside the UK; **21,000** other EU and **24,000** non-EU students



Where are 16 to 18-year olds studying or working?



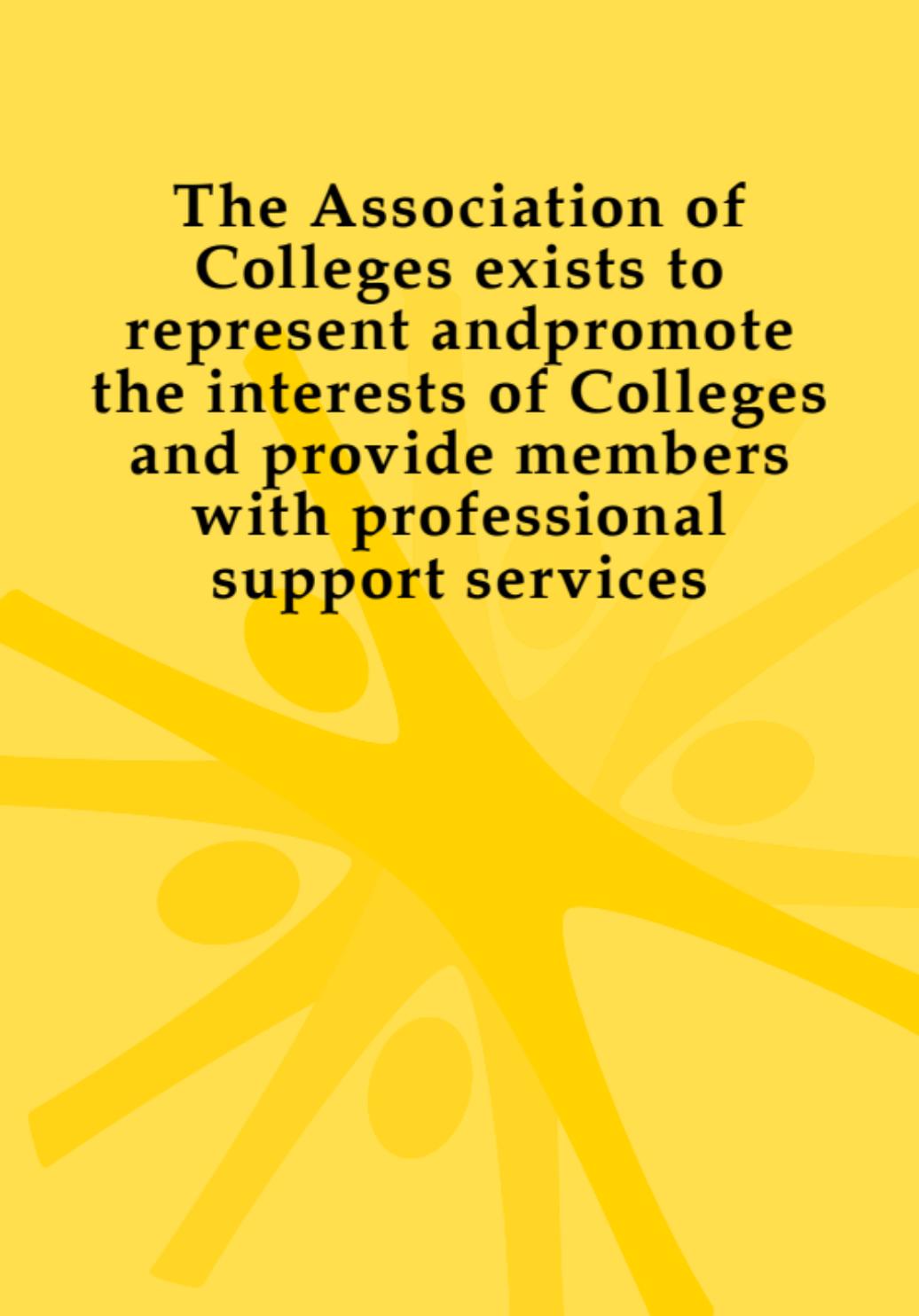
- Colleges 40%
- School Sixth Forms, Academies and City Technology Colleges 22%
- Independent Schools 4%
- Higher Education Institutions 9%
- Apprenticeships/Entry to Employment 5%
- Other Education and Training 3%
- Employment 8%
- Not in any education, employment or training (NEET) 7%

Success

- ▶ FE success rates in Colleges are **81%**
- ▶ Apprenticeship success rates in Colleges have increased to **73%**
- ▶ The average A-level or equivalent point score for Sixth Form Colleges is **804.8** (compared with **773.4** for maintained school sixth forms)
- ▶ **One-third** of A-level students aged 16 to 18 study at a College
- ▶ **English** is the most popular A-level undertaken at Colleges, with over **26,000** 16 to 18-year-olds entered for the exam
- ▶ **Over 1 million** courses in STEM subjects are undertaken by students at Colleges

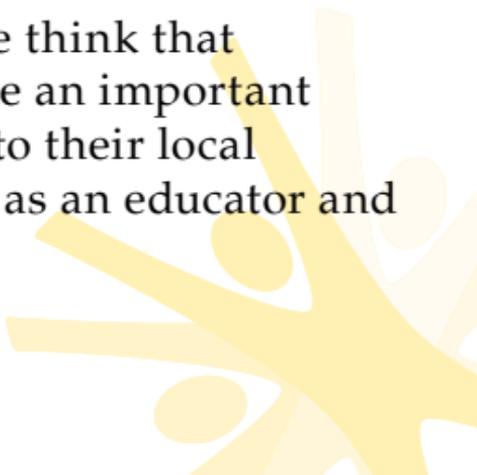
- ▶ **45%** of those achieving a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19 do so at a College
- ▶ **36%** of all vocational qualifications are awarded via Colleges; **8%** are awarded through employers



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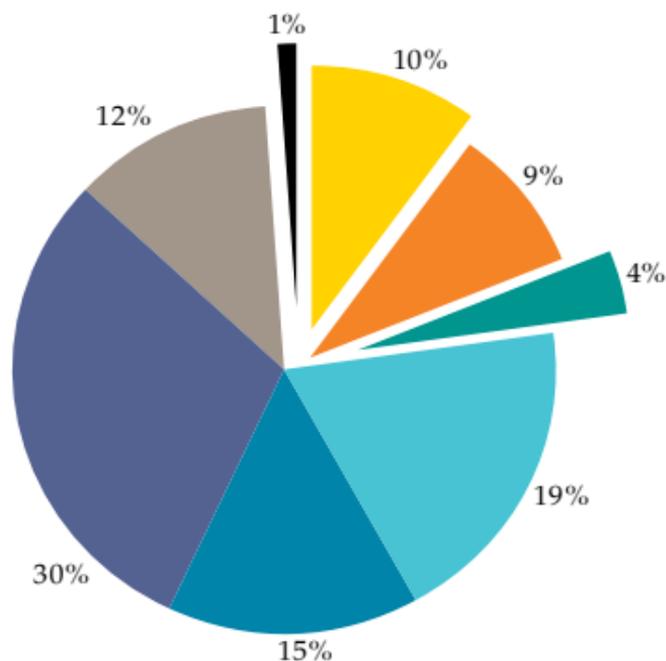
Satisfaction/Standards

- ▶ **100%** of Colleges inspected are judged satisfactory or better by Ofsted for the quality of their provision; in **61%** of Colleges provision is good or outstanding
 - ▶ **95%** of Colleges are judged satisfactory or better for their overall effectiveness; in **56%** of Colleges it is good or outstanding
 - ▶ **Two-thirds** of people say their local College has a good reputation for the quality and range of courses it provides
 - ▶ **83%** of people think that Colleges make an important contribution to their local communities as an educator and employer
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- ▶ **89%** of students are fairly, very or extremely satisfied with the quality of teaching in Colleges
- ▶ **59%** of large employers who train their staff do so through a College
- ▶ **84%** of employers who train through a College are satisfied with the service provided



Mission group share of HE students below postgraduate level

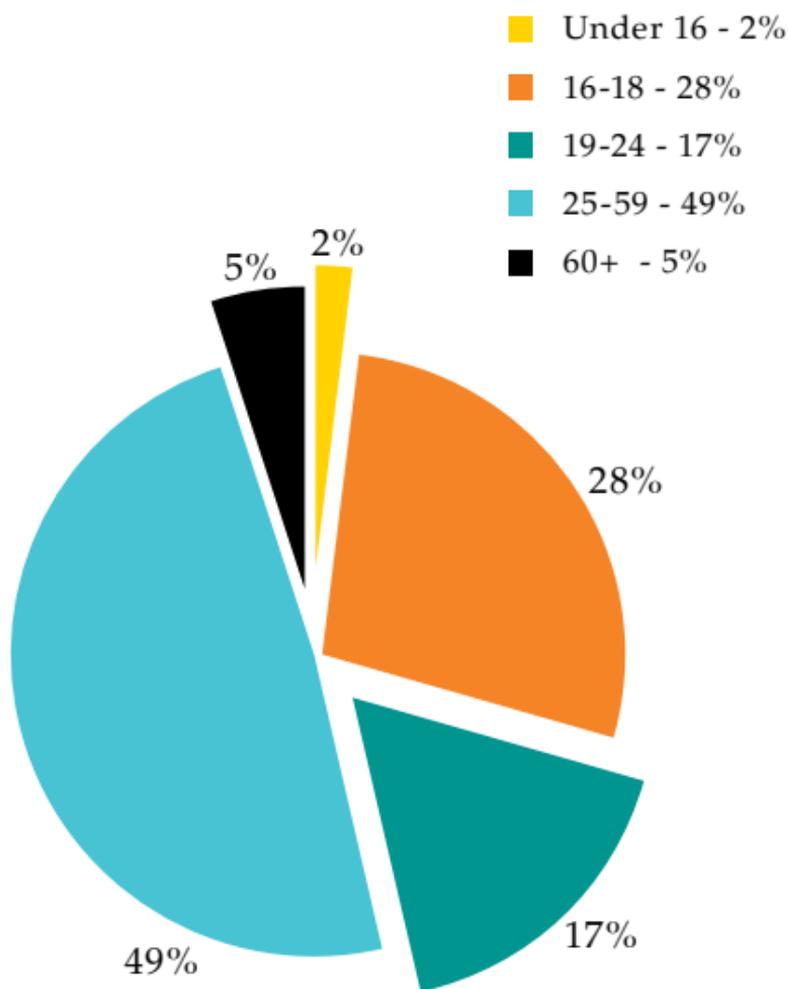


- AoC (FE Colleges) 10%
- 1994 Group 9%
- Guild HE (and associate members) 4%
- Million + 19%
- Russell Group 15%
- University Alliance 30%
- HEIs and other HEFCE funded providers (not included in the above) 12%
- Private providers 1%

Social mobility

- ▶ Ethnic minority students make up **20%** of students in Colleges, compared with **13%** of the general population
- ▶ **13.3%** of 16 to 18-year-olds in Colleges are from a disadvantaged background, compared with **8.3%** in maintained school sixth forms and academies
- ▶ **105,000** College students are aged over 60
- ▶ **67%** of those receiving the £30 Education Maintenance Allowance in 2009/10 studied in a College
- ▶ **81%** of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) students study at a College

Students in Colleges by age



Sound investment

- ▶ The total College income in England is **£7.7 billion**
- ▶ Colleges employ **245,000** people, **128,000** of whom are teachers and lecturers
- ▶ Staff costs (excluding restructuring) total **£5 billion**, accounting for **65%** of total College spending
- ▶ Students aged 19+ in Further Education generate an additional **£75 billion** for the economy over their lifetimes **
- ▶ Post-19 Apprenticeships generate **£40** for each **£1** of Government investment ***



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* This document refers to Further Education and Sixth Form Colleges established under the Further and Higher Education Act 1992

** All Government funded post-19 Further Education provision

*** All Government funded post-19 Apprenticeship provision

Percentages shown in pie charts may not add up to 100% due to rounding

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