

Physical development during the Early Years foundation stage (5 year olds)

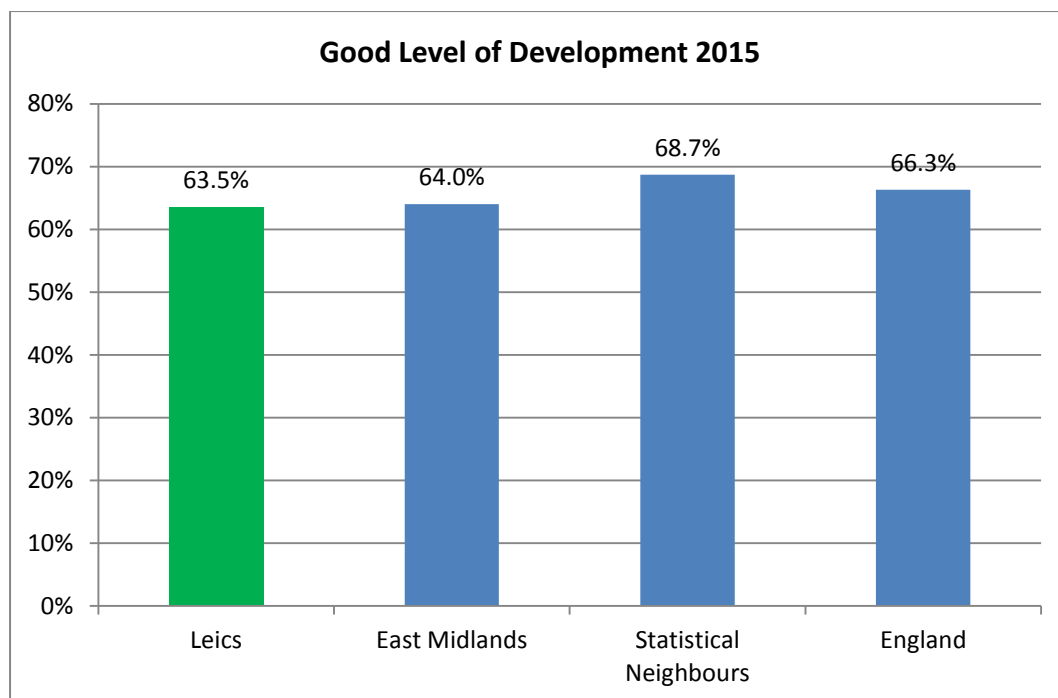
Introduction

Children are assessed towards the end of the reception year in school in a variety of areas. Children are judged to be 'emerging', 'expected' or 'exceeding' in relation to the expected levels for their age.

The percentage of children achieving a 'good level of development' is a national standard and requires children to achieve 'expected' or 'exceeding' levels in the following areas:

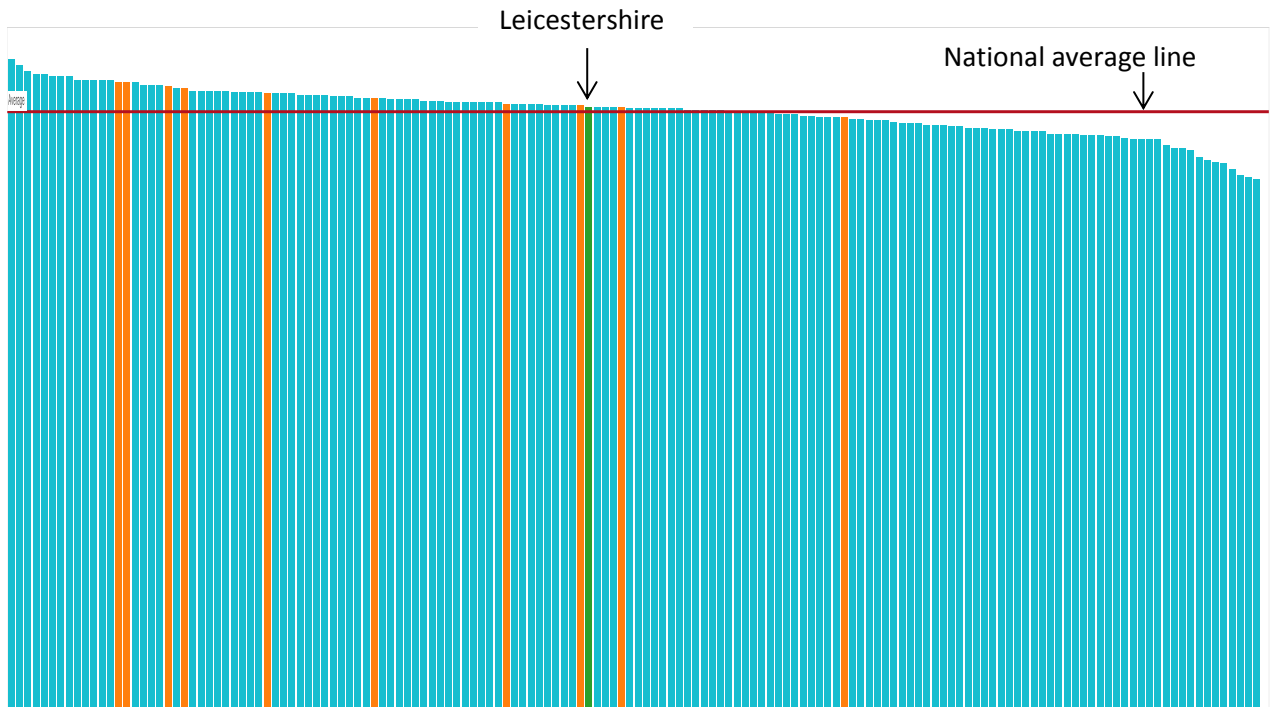
- Communication and Language
- Physical development
- Personal, Social and Emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics

In recent years, Leicestershire has been below national and other comparator levels for the headline measure of a Good Level of Development.

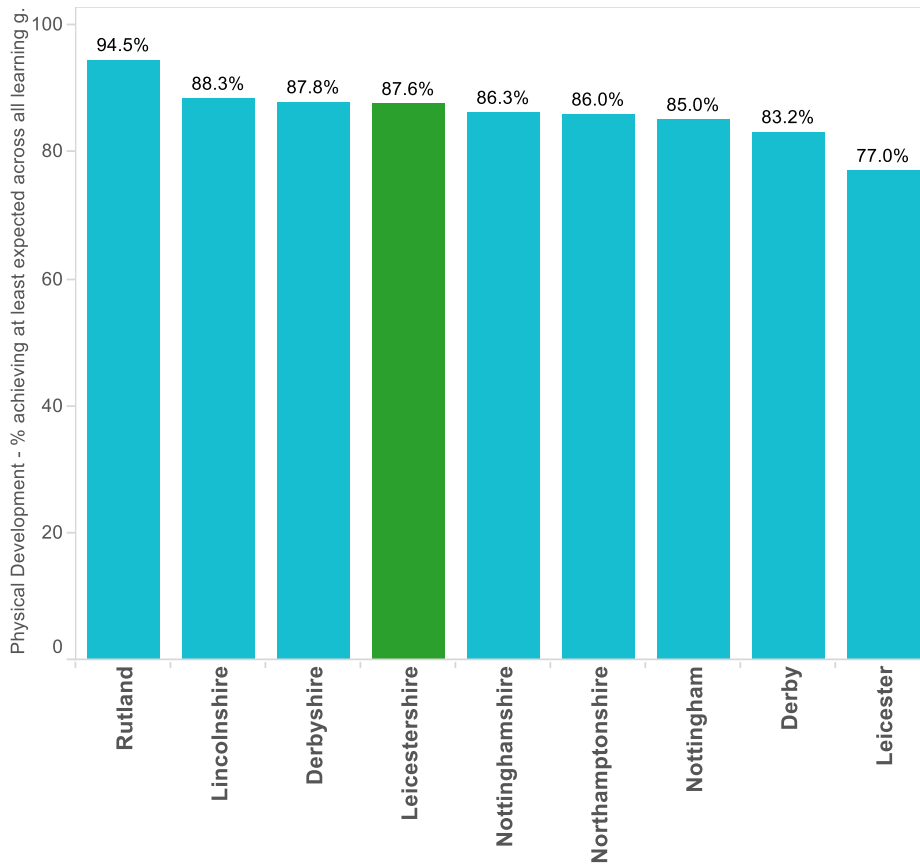


Physical development

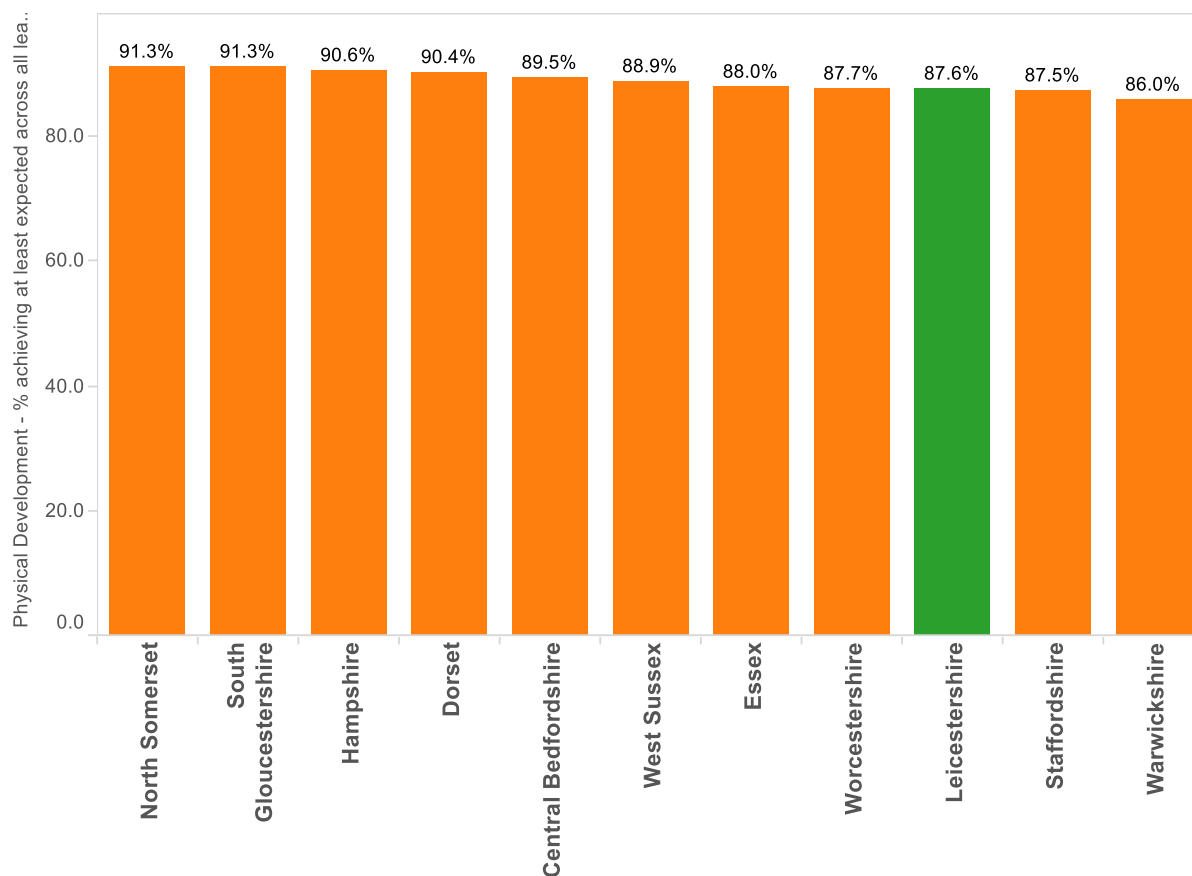
When considering the Physical Development of children at that age, Leicestershire is above the national average (87.6% Leics, 86.7% national):



Leicestershire is at the higher end of regional neighbours in the East Midlands...



...but at the lower end of statistical neighbour comparisons:



The learning area of Physical Development has two components: Moving and Handling; and Health and self-care. Leicestershire is the second highest in the East Midlands for achievement of Health and self-care.

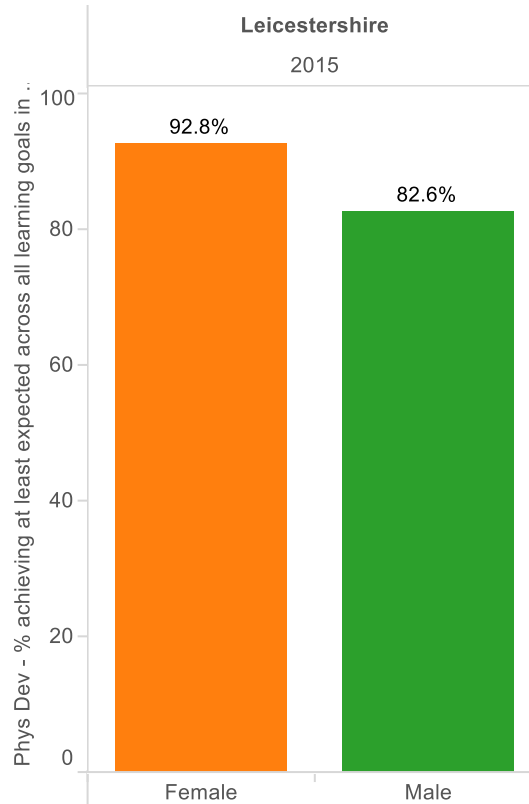
	Moving and handling % at least expected		Health and self-care % at least expected
Rutland	96.5	Rutland	96.5
Lincolnshire	90.4	Leicestershire	92.5
Derbyshire	89.8	Lincolnshire	92.4
Leicestershire	89.4	Derbyshire	92.0
Nottinghamshire	88.8	Northamptonshire	90.9
Northamptonshire	88.5	Nottinghamshire	90.3
Nottingham	88.8	Nottingham	88.7
Derby	86.6	Derby	87.5
Leicester	82.4	Leicester	82.2

When compared to statistical neighbours, Leicestershire is at the lower end for both measures.

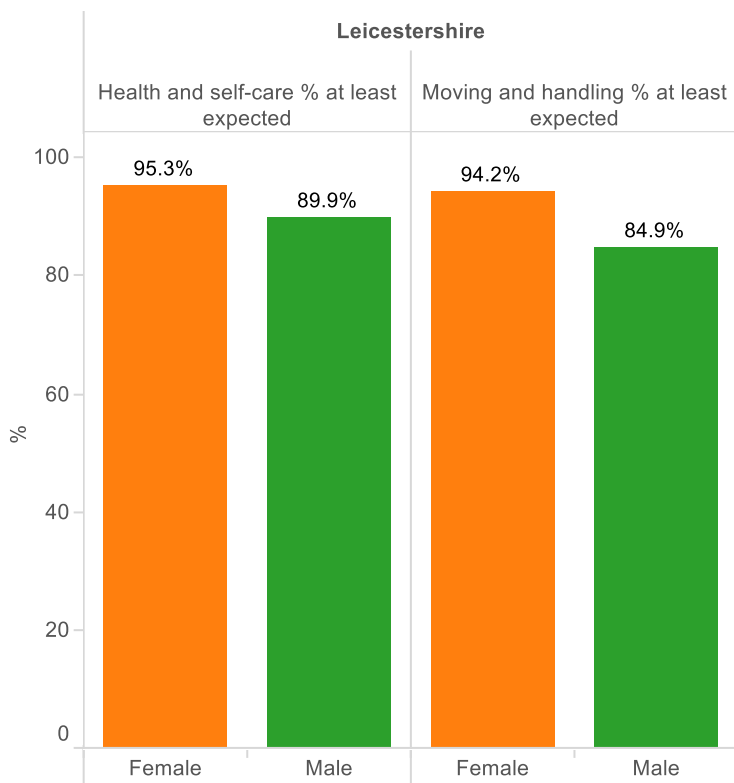
	Moving and handling % at least expected		Health and self-care % at least expected
North Somerset	92.2	North Somerset	94.9
South Gloucestershire	92.2	South Gloucestershire	94.6
Hampshire	92.2	Hampshire	94.2
Dorset	92.5	Dorset	93.7
Central Bedfordshire	92.4	Central Bedfordshire	93.1
West Sussex	91.2	West Sussex	93.1
Essex	90.3	Leicestershire	92.5
Worcestershire	89.8	Worcestershire	92.4
Leicestershire	89.4	Essex	92.1
Staffordshire	89.5	Staffordshire	91.7
Warwickshire	89.1	Warwickshire	90.2

Gender differences

There is a clear difference between the development of boys and girls at this age. The graph below shows the percentage of children achieving at least the expected level of Physical Development at reception, by gender. Girls are 10% ahead of boys in this area.

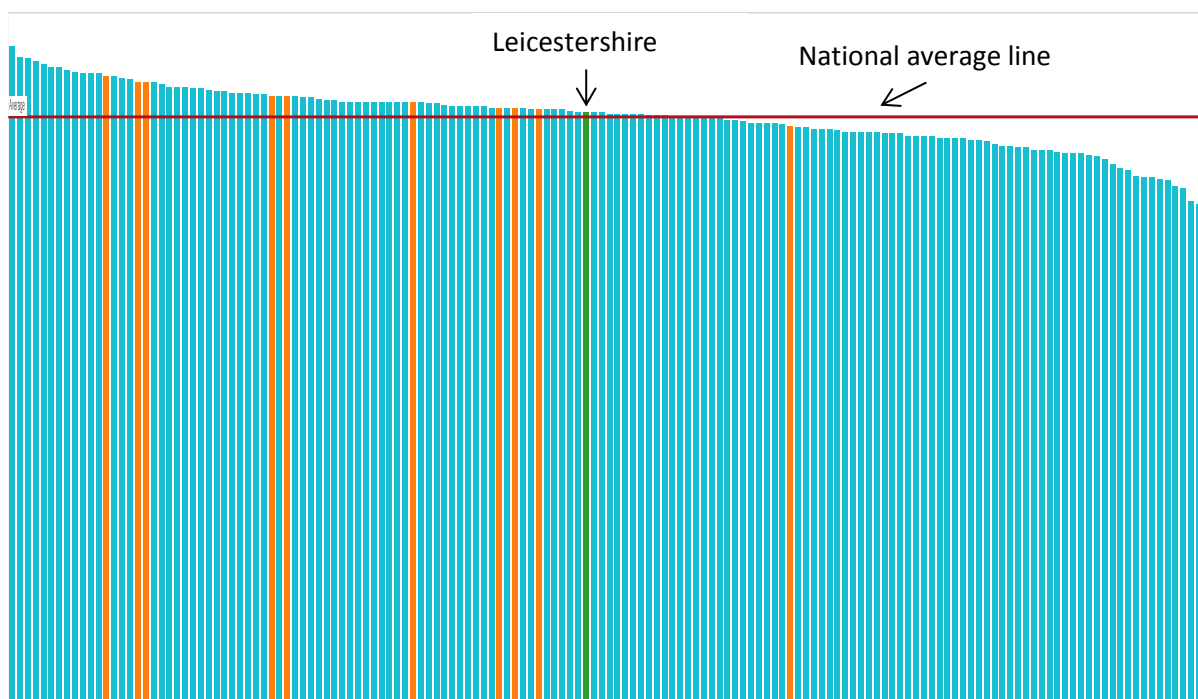


The graph below shows the difference in the two sub-categories. The largest difference, almost 10%, is in the category of 'moving and handling'.

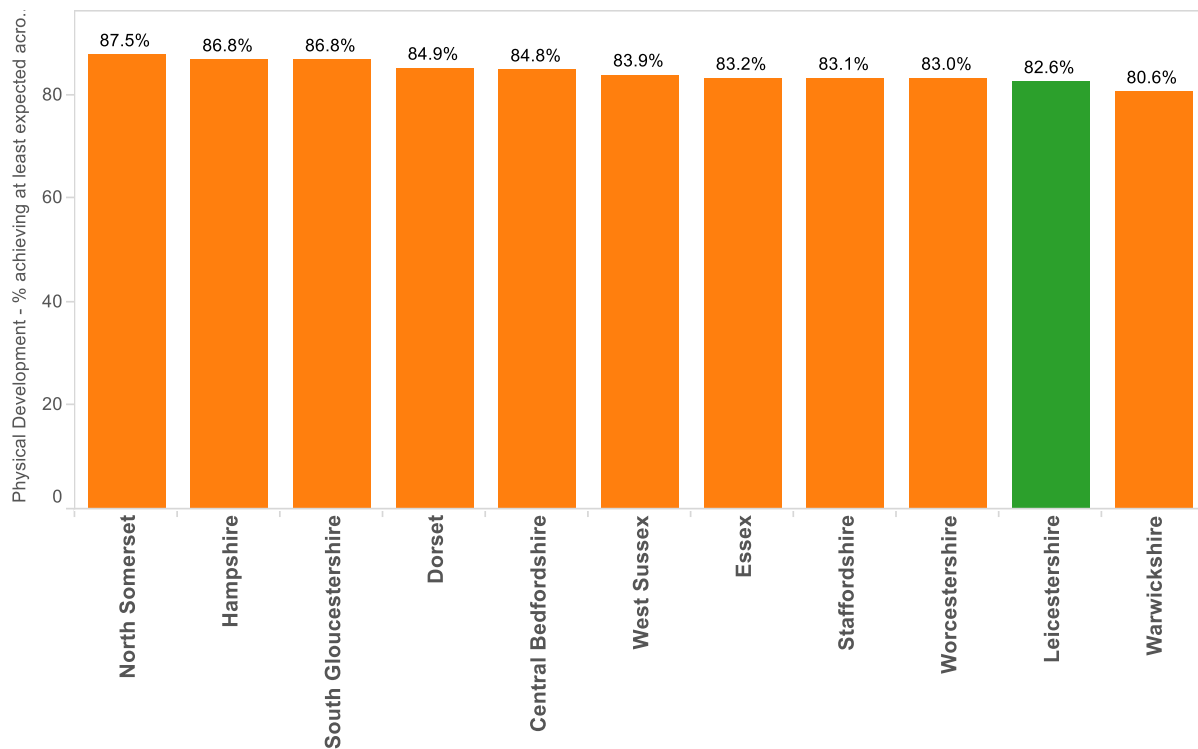


The difference is very similar for previous years of available data – 2013 and 2014.

The percentage of boys reaching expected levels for Physical Development in Leicestershire is slightly above the national average (Leics 82.6% national 81.95%)



Leicestershire is the second lowest amongst statistical neighbours for boys Physical development.



Leicestershire compares better within the East Midlands but it is worth noting that Leicester City is the lowest performing local authority in the country for boys Physical development.

