

## Special educational needs: England

### The number of pupils with special needs:

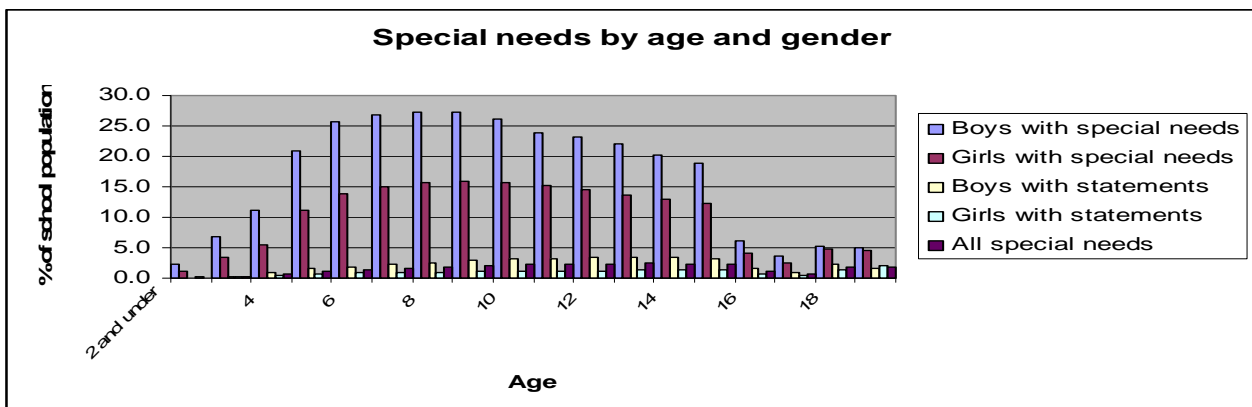
Overall, in England the proportion of pupils with special needs with a statement has been falling - from 3% of the school population in 2003 to 2.8% in 2007. However, the number and proportion with special needs without a statement has increased - from 14% (1,169,780 pupils) to 16.4% (1,333,430 pupils) during the same period. The majority (53.5%) of those pupils with a statement are aged 11-15 years.

Age	No of pupils with statements	% of pupils with statements
Under 5 years of age	8,300	3.5%
Aged 5-10	84,830	35.9%
Aged 11-15	126,440	53.5%
Aged 16-19	16,930	7.1%
Total	236,510	100.0%

More than half of all pupils with statements in England were placed in mainstream schools. A third (35%) were in special schools, but less than 3% either educated in Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) or educated other than in schools (EOTA).

### Special needs by age and gender:

The incidence of special needs increases through primary school, and then declined from the age of 10, but throughout is higher for boys than for girls.



### Type of special needs:

