

Although the gaps are less than a decade ago, GCSE results are still strongly linked with deprivation

Proportion of 16-year-olds without Level 1 qualifications (effectively without 5+ GCSEs or equivalent)

40%
35%
30%
25%
20%
15%
10%
5%
0%

- The tenth of schools with the highest concentrations of free school meals
- The second and third tenths
- The fourth to eighth tenths
- The fifth schools with the lowest concentrations of free school meals

1999/00 2000/01 2001/02 2002/03 2003/04 2004/05 2005/06 2006/07 2007/08 2008/09 2009/10

Source: calculations using school-level data on free school meals and GCSE results, National Assembly for Wales; updated Feb 2010

