

Social Mobility vs School Funding

- There are 154 local authorities ranked 1 (most per pupil funding) to 154 (worst per pupil funding)
- The mobility index ranges from 1 (best) to 324 (worst) in terms of the Social Mobility Commissions ranking system.

The best performing local authorities for social mobility:

Social Mobility Rank Position	Local Authority	Region	School Funding Position	Average per pupil funding Secondary
1 (best)	Westminster	London	9	£6756
2	Wandsworth	London	13	£6325
3	Redbridge	London	25	£5281
4	Tower Hamlets	London	2	£7806
5	Islington	London	5	£7130
6	Hackney	London	1	£7840
7	Kensington and Chelsea	London	10	£6721
8	Ealing	London	19	£6017
9	Barnet	London	25	£5700
10	Hammersmith and Fulham	London	6	£6998
11	Southwark	London	3	£7746

- 18 of the 20 best performing social mobility “hotspots” are in London

The worst performing local authorities for social mobility:

Social Mobility Rank Position	Local Authority	Region	School Funding Position	Average per pupil funding Secondary
324 (worst)	West Somerset	South West	146	£4755
323	Norwich	East of England	106	£4968
322	Wychavon	West Midlands	84	£5054
321	Corby (Northamptonshire)	East Midlands	86	£5027
320	Wellingborough (Northamptonshire)	East Midlands	86	£5027
319	Fenland (Cambridgeshire)	East of England	137	£4853
318	Waveney (Suffolk)	East of England	108	£4928
317	Mansfield	East Midlands	96	£4985
316	Blackpool	North West	60	£5270
308	Crawley	West Sussex	144	£4756
300	Barnsley	Yorkshire	149	£4729

- The difference in school funding between the best (Westminster) and worst (West Somerset) performing social mobility hotspots is £2000 per pupil.
- An average secondary school of 1000 pupils would generate an additional **£2 million** each year for a school in Westminster.
- **£2million** would purchase:
 - **68 teachers** at an average salary (including on-costs) of £30,000
 - **126 teaching assistants** at an average salary (including on-costs) of £16,000
 - **4000 computers** at an average cost of £500
 - **80,000 text books** at an average cost of £25
- Opportunities for expenditure on 1-2-1 tuition, breakfast clubs and a vast array of extra-curricular opportunities in music, sports and the arts could also be adequately funded.

4) Geographical Variation in the Social Mobility Index

Figure 1 – Map of performance against the Social Mobility Index

