

# What effect does family wealth have on achievement?

COME FROM A RICH FAMILY  
AND YOU ARE...

**40%**  
more likely  
to get



*5 A-C at  
GCSEs*

**2x**  
as likely  
to get



*1 or more  
A LEVELS*

**3x**  
more likely  
to participate in



*HIGHER  
EDUCATION*

## What does this mean?

Children from the richest families are twice as likely as those from the poorest to get 1 or more A-levels, and are 3 times more likely to participate in higher education.

### Explaining the data

This information comes from a 2013 study by Blanden and Macmillan (2013). A-level data came from the Longitudinal Survey of Young People in England (LSYPE). The comparison was between children from the most and least deprived fifths of the population based on family income at age 14. Higher education participation data came from a 2012 study by Crawford, linking data from the National Pupil Database and the Higher Education Standards Authority. The comparison was between children from the most and least deprived fifths of the population based on their Free School Meal status and neighbourhood deprivation.