

The West Midlands faces a high level of challenge but has sufficient capacity in the short term to manage. It has a large number of high-performing SATs who could provide additional future capacity.

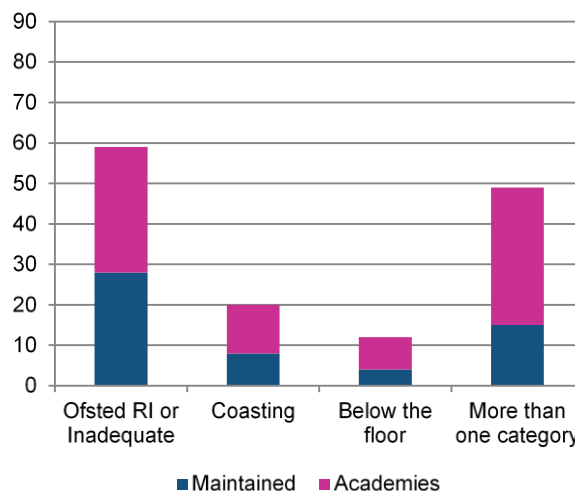
1. The West Midlands has 488 underperforming schools in its region, the third largest of all RSC regions.
2. The region has a high proportion of underperforming primary schools due to poor Ofsted outcomes and coasting schools, but a moderate proportion of underperforming schools across the other dimensions and phases.
3. The region has 84 underperforming schools identified as having an immediate need, which the RSC may need to find new sponsors for in the near future.
4. There are 90 MATs that are ready for expansion with capacity to take on 126 underperforming schools. The ratio of available capacity to immediate need in the region is 1.5 to 1.

**Key facts:**

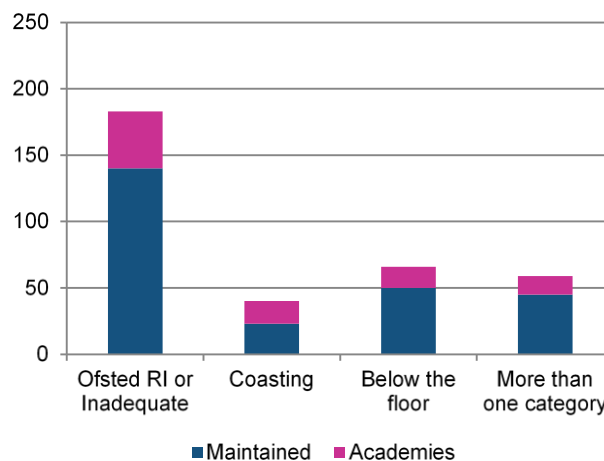
**19.6%** of schools are underperforming → **3.4%** Schools need immediate help

**394** Trusts operating in the region → **90** MATs have available capacity

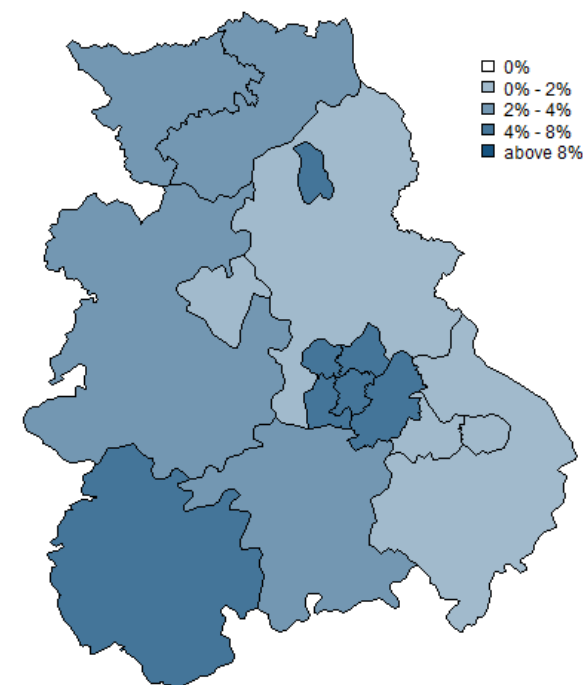
The region, with 140 underperforming secondary schools, has a relatively high number compared to most other regions.



The region also has the joint second highest number of underperforming primary schools.



All of the LAs in the West Midlands have schools with an immediate need, with most LAs with the high proportions clustered around Birmingham.



The region has more available capacity than immediate need. There are 178 high-performing SATs that the RSC could approach if they want to find more capacity.

