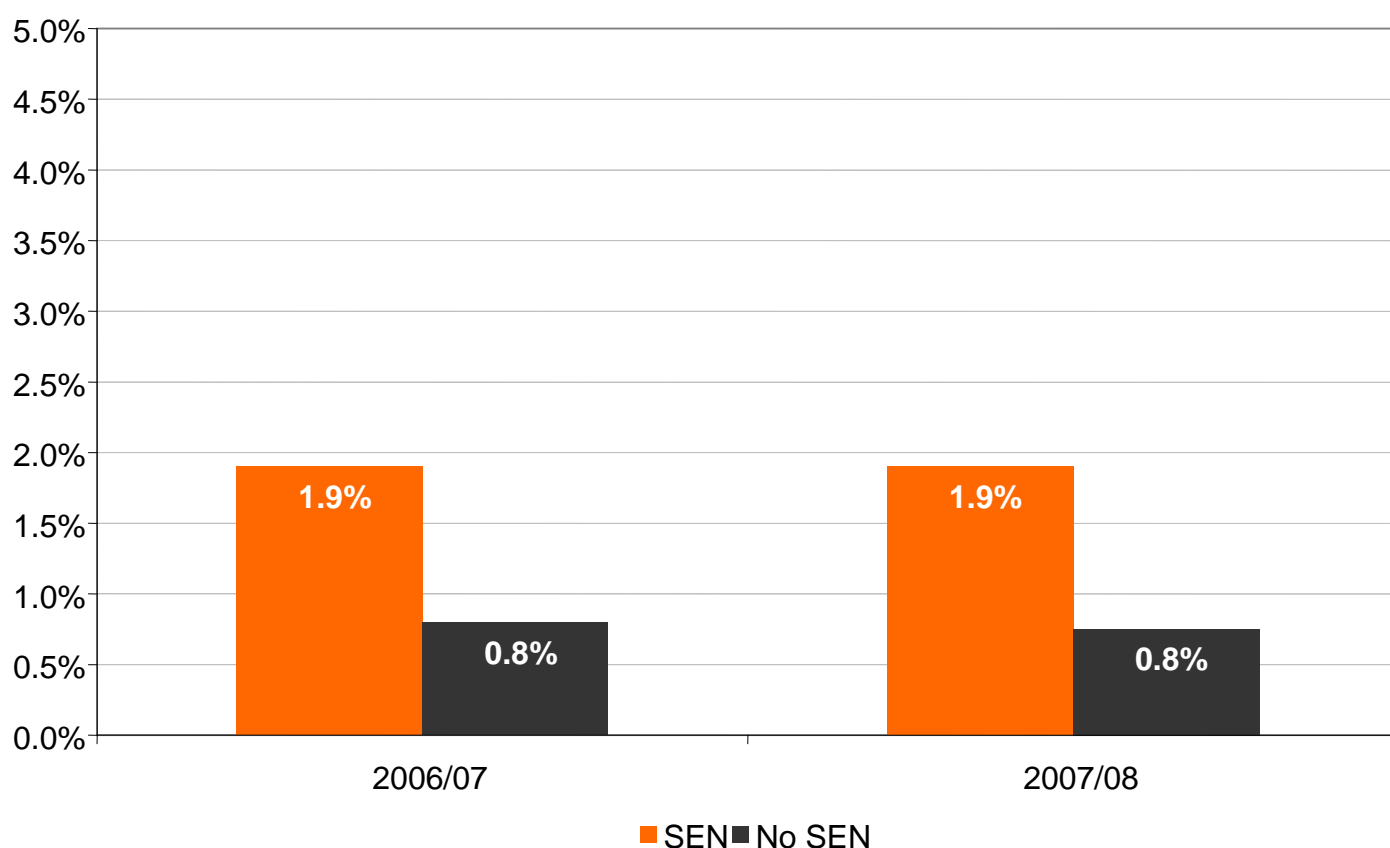


A2 – Unauthorised absence from school

Baseline and Trends: Baseline year – 2006/07. Figures from 2007/08 show that students with Special Educational Needs (SEN), both with and without a statement, missed 1.9% of half days of schooling compared to 0.8% half days of schooling missed by students without SEN.

Unauthorised absence from school



Definition: The absence rate is the number of sessions missed due to unauthorised absence as a proportion of total sessions of schooling. The assessment of child's Special Educational Needs by local authorities determines whether the local authority issues a statement of the child's needs or not. Data is not currently collected by disability, SEN provides a limited proxy (there are both disabled children who do not have SEN and non disabled children who do have SEN). Data covers England.

Data Source: School Census Data