

HIGHEST QUALIFICATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS⁽¹⁾

	2003/04		2004/05		2005/06		2006/07		2007/08	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
ALL										
A levels										
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	9542	37.2	9971	39.4	10159	39.8	9680	39.0	10595	44.0
2 (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	1302	5.1	1241	4.9	1254	4.9	1378	5.6	653	2.7
1	491	1.9	476	1.9	466	1.8	642	2.6	527	2.2
GCSEs										
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	4231	16.5	4248	16.8	4515	17.7	4349	17.5	4332	18.0
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	5064	19.7	4789	18.9	4889	19.2	4936	19.9	4764	19.8
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁴⁾	3581	14.0	3316	13.1	3093	12.1	2845	11.5	2343	9.7
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	10683	41.6	10176	40.2	10463	41.0	10306	41.6	9838	40.8
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	2193	8.5	2177	8.6	2033	8.0	1824	7.4	1601	6.6
No GCSEs ⁽⁶⁾	1439	5.6	1257	5.0	1152	4.5	973	3.9	877	3.6
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁷⁾	1268	4.9	873	3.5	817	3.2	744	3.0	671	2.8
TOTAL LEAVERS	25650	100	25298	100	25528	100	24803	100	24091	100

NOTES

1. Excludes special and independent schools.
2. Includes GNVQ Advanced qualifications.
3. Includes Grades A*-C only and GNVQ Intermediate qualifications.
4. Includes Grades D - G only and GNVQ Foundation qualifications.
5. Includes GNVQ Intermediate and GNVQ Foundation qualifications.
6. Includes those who undertook no GCSE examinations or obtained no graded results but who obtained other qualifications such as RSA, Pitman, City and Guilds etc.
7. Includes only those with no qualifications of any kind.

NB The non shaded rows sum to the total. Figures in the shaded rows overlap with other rows.