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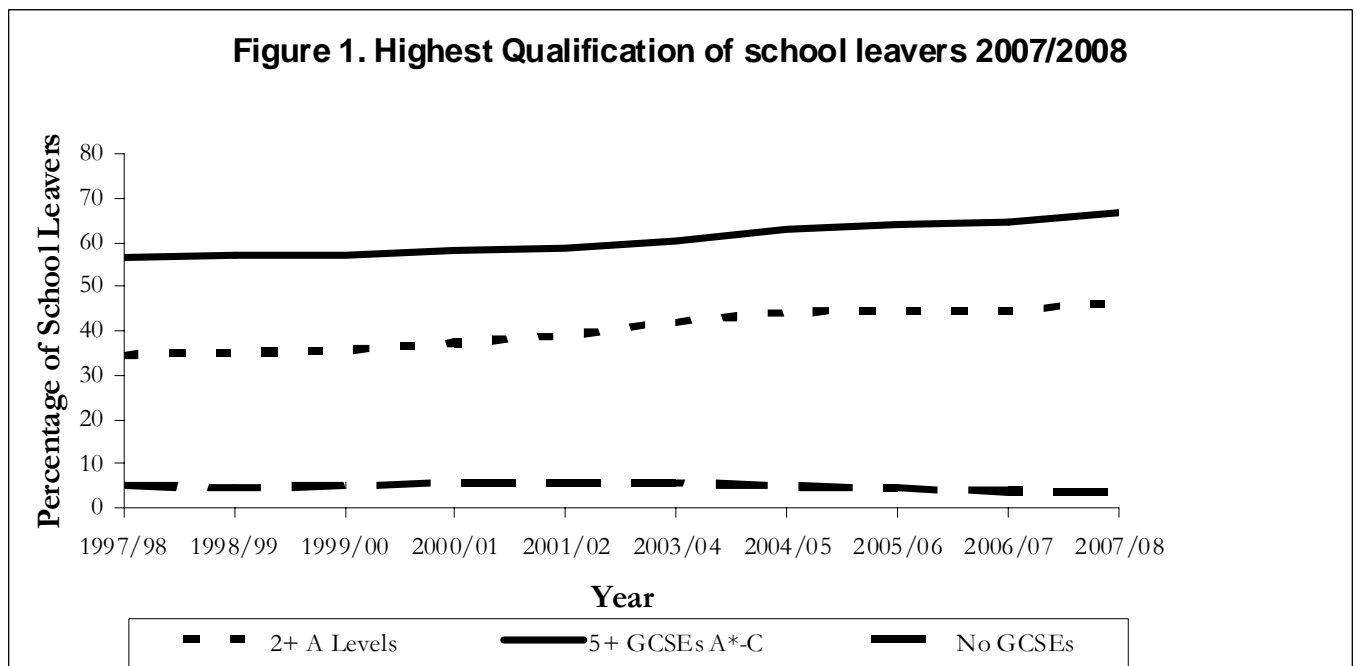
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Qualifications and Destinations of Northern Ireland School Leavers 2007/08

Key Points

- The proportion of school leavers achieving two or more A levels or equivalent was 46.7% in 2007/08, an increase of 4.4 percentage points from 42.3% in 2003/04 (Table 1).
- The proportion of school leavers achieving at least five GCSEs at grades A* - C or equivalent has increased by 6.2 percentage points from 60.7% in 2003/04 to 66.9% in 2007/08 (Table 1).
- The proportion of pupils leaving school with no GCSEs has decreased by 2 percentage points from 5.6% in 2003/04 to 3.6% in 2007/08 (Table 1).

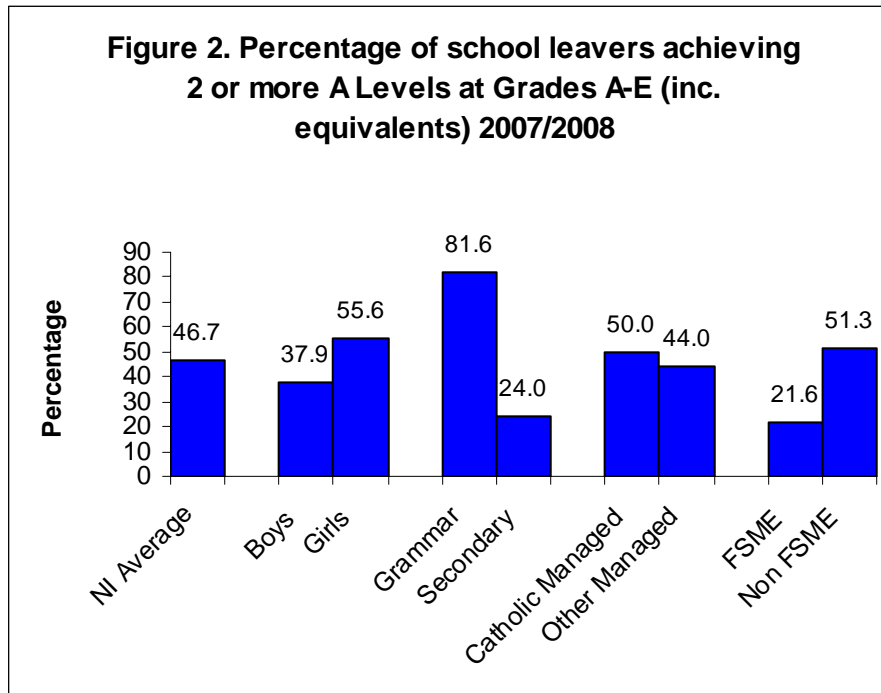


Notes: Data are missing for 2002/03. Please see note 4 of Notes to Editors. See Appendix Table C for details of the data 2003/04 to 2007/08.

- The proportion of school leavers continuing on to Institutions of Higher Education has increased by 3.9 percentage points from 36.0% in 2003/04 to 39.9% in 2007/08, whereas the proportion continuing on to Institutions of Further Education increased by 2.8 percentage points from 26.7% in 2003/04 to 29.5% in 2007/08 (Table 11).
- The proportion of pupils unemployed after leaving school decreased between 2003/04 and 2007/08 from 4.3% to 3.5% (Table 11).

Qualifications

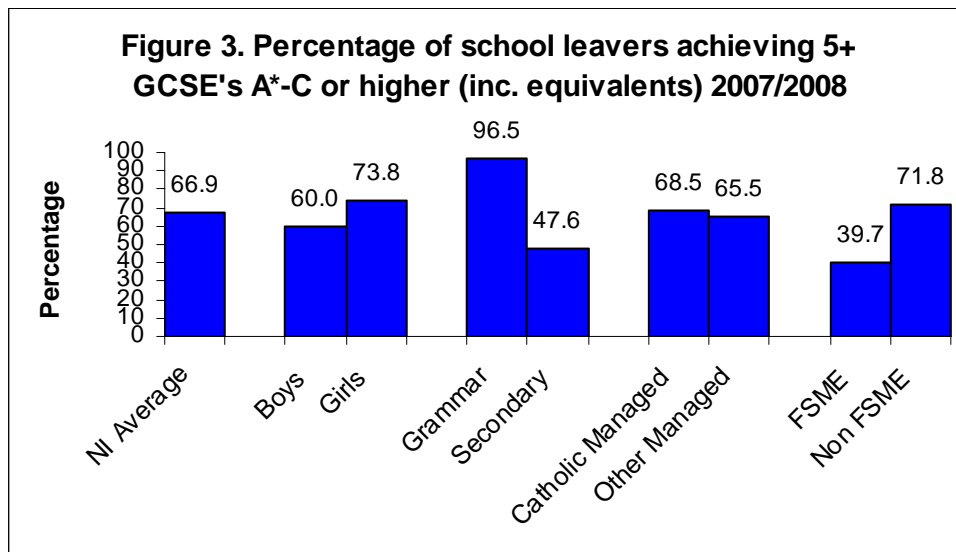
A Levels



- Girls continue to outperform boys in terms of the highest level of qualification achieved. By the time they leave school 55.6% of girls achieved at least two A levels or equivalent compared to 37.9% of boys, and 52.4% of girls achieved three or more A levels or equivalent in 2007/08 compared to 35.7% of boys (Table 1).
- The proportion of grammar school leavers achieving at least two A levels or equivalent has increased from 80.2% in 2003/04 to 81.6% in 2007/08. 87.3% of grammar school girls left school with two or more A levels or equivalent compared to 75.6% of grammar school boys. The corresponding proportions for secondary schools were 33.7% for girls and 14.9% for boys (Table 1).
- The proportion of secondary school leavers achieving at least two A levels or equivalent has increased from 18.3% in 2003/04 to 24.0% in 2007/08 (Table 1).
- The proportion of pupils at schools under Catholic management who achieved 2 or more A levels or equivalent was higher than the proportion of pupils at schools under Other management at 50.0% and 44.0% respectively (Table 2).
- When religion of pupil is considered, 49.9% of Catholic school leavers left with two or more A levels compared to 43.1% of Protestant school leavers (Table 4).

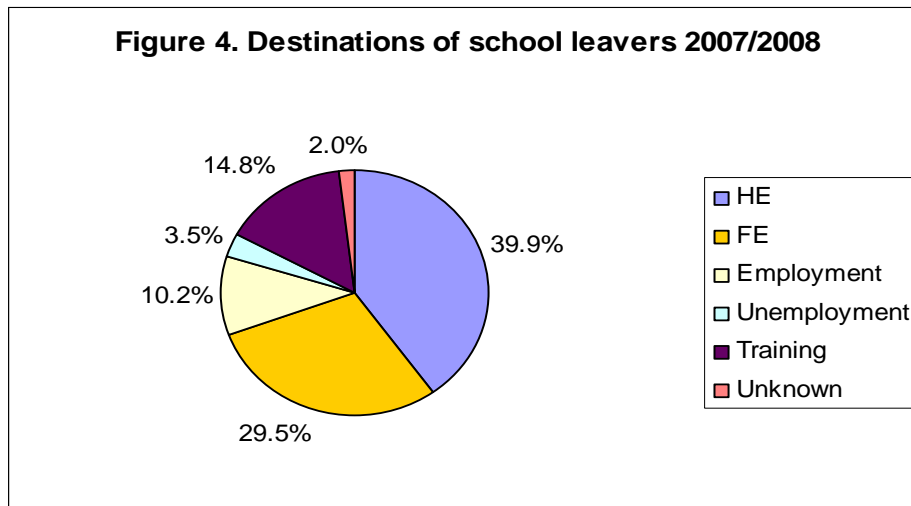
- At 51.3% the proportion of pupils not entitled to free school meals who achieved two or more A levels or equivalent was higher than those pupils entitled to free school meals (21.6%) (Table 6).

GCSEs

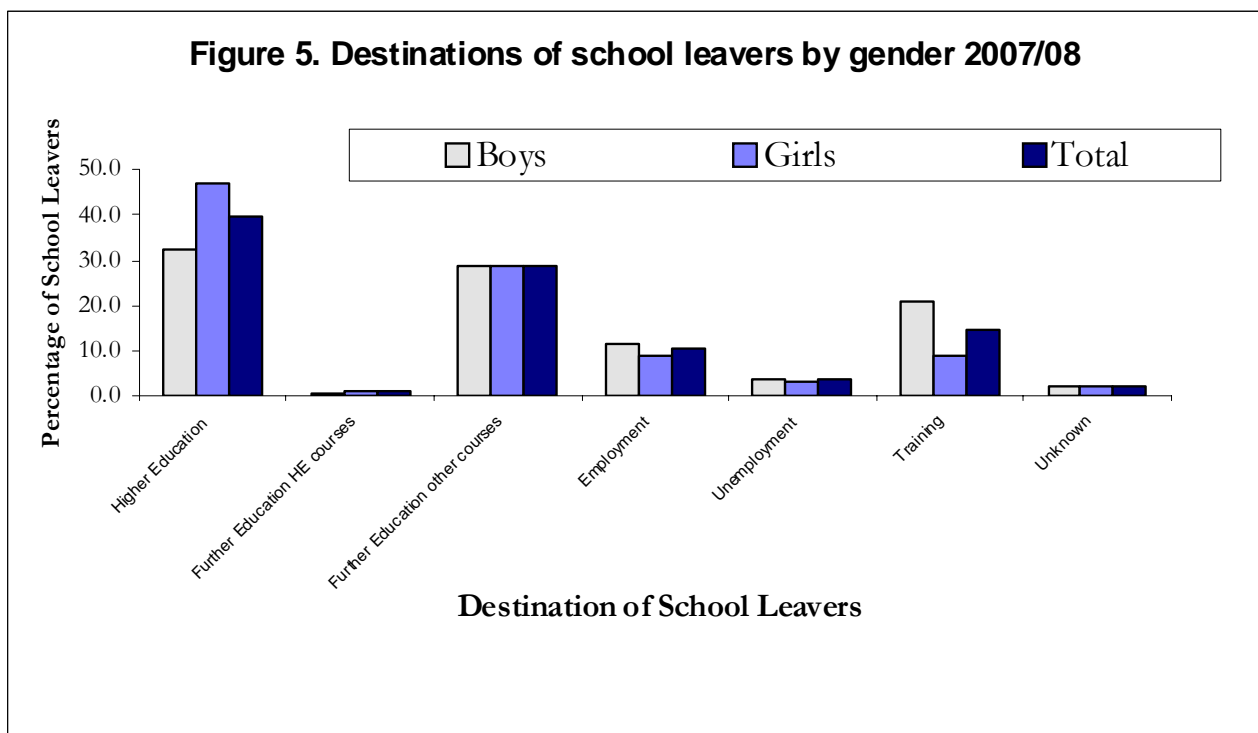


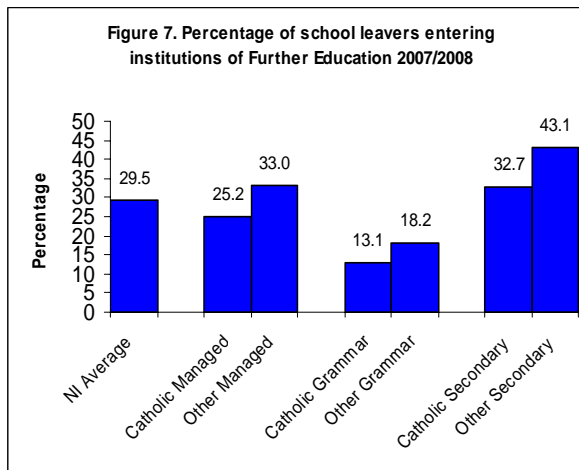
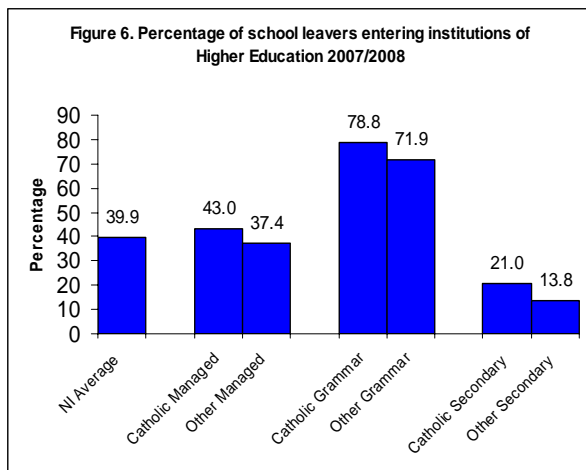
- The proportion of girls leaving school with at least five GCSEs or equivalent at grades A* - C remains higher than the proportion of boys; 73.8% of girls leaving school in 2007/08 achieved at least five GCSEs at grades A* - C or equivalent compared to 60.0% of boys (Table 1).
- The proportion of pupils leaving grammar schools achieving at least five GCSEs at grades A* - C or equivalent has increased from 95.8% in 2003/04 to 96.5% in 2007/08. The corresponding proportions for secondary schools were 38.5% and 47.6%, a percentage point increase of 9.1 (Table 1).
- 65.5% of pupils from schools under Other management left school having achieved at least 5+ GCSEs A* - C or equivalent in 2007/08; the corresponding figure for leavers from Catholic managed schools was 68.5% (Table 2).
- Twice as many boys (581) leave school with no GCSEs or equivalent compared to girls (296) (4.8% and 2.5% respectively) (Table 1).
- When free school meal entitlement is considered 7.5% of those entitled to free school meals leave without any GCSEs compared to 2.9% of those school leavers not entitled to free school meals (Table 6).
- Only 12.2% of Protestant boys entitled to free school meals achieve at least five GCSEs at grades A* - C or equivalent including English and maths compared with 26.0% of Protestant girls entitled to free school meals (Table 9).
- 62.6% of girls achieve at least five GCSEs at grades A* - C or equivalent including English and maths compared with 50.2% of boys, a difference of 12.4 percentage points. When religion of pupil is considered, 57.6% of Catholic school leavers left with at least five GCSEs at grades A* - C or equivalent including English and maths compared to 54.8% of Protestant school leavers (Table 10).

Destinations



- In total 39.9% of school leavers entered Institutions of Higher Education. The proportion of girls continuing on to Institutions of Higher Education is significantly higher than that for boys at 47.3% and 32.6% respectively (Table 11).
- In total 29.5% of school leavers entered Institutions of Further Education. The proportion of girls continuing on to Institutions of Further Education is larger than that for boys at 29.8% and 29.2% respectively (Table 11).
- Girls leaving school are more likely to continue their education with 77.1% of girls entering Institutions of Higher or Further Education compared to 61.8% of boys (Table 11).
- The proportion of boys entering Training was much greater than that for girls at 20.8% and 8.8% respectively (Table 11).





- A higher proportion of school leavers from schools under Catholic management continued on to Institutions of Higher Education (43.0%) than their counterparts from schools under Other management (37.4%). For those pupils entering Further Education, there was a higher proportion of school leavers from schools under Other management (33.0%) than from schools under Catholic management (25.2%) (Table 12).
- A higher proportion of pupils leaving grammar schools under Catholic management attend Institutions of Higher Education (78.8%) than pupils leaving grammar schools under Other management (71.9%). A similar trend emerges for secondary school leavers with 21.0% of pupils from secondary schools under Catholic management continuing on to Institutions of Higher Education compared to 13.8% of pupils from secondary schools under Other management (Table 12).
- A higher proportion of pupils leaving grammar schools under Other management attend Institutions of Further Education (18.2%) than pupils leaving grammar schools under Catholic management (13.1%). Similarly, there is a difference among pupils leaving secondary school with 43.1% from Other managed schools compared to 32.7% from Catholic managed schools continuing on to Institutions of Further Education (Table 12).
- School leavers not entitled to free school meals are more likely to continue their education with 72.8% entering institutions of Higher or Further Education compared to 50.9% of leavers who were entitled to free school meals (Table 15).

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5. All figures quoted are taken from the annual School Leavers' Survey of all secondary and grammar schools in Northern Ireland.
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TABLE 1

HIGHEST QUALIFICATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY GENDER AND SCHOOL TYPE⁽¹⁾

	2007/2008					
	BOYS		GIRLS		TOTAL	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
GRAMMAR						
A levels						
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	3410	74.0	4233	86.6	7643	80.5
2 (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	74	1.6	34	0.7	108	1.1
1 ⁽³⁾	113	2.5	85	1.7	198	2.1
GCSEs						
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	767	16.6	448	9.2	1215	12.8
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	214	4.6	74	1.5	288	3.0
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁵⁾	7	0.2	4	0.1	11	0.1
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	969	21.0	517	10.6	1486	15.6
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	19	0.4	9	0.2	28	0.3
No GCSEs ⁽⁷⁾	22	0.5	12	0.2	34	0.4
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁸⁾	21	0.5	12	0.2	33	0.3
TOTAL GRAMMAR	4607	100.0	4890	100.0	9497	100.0
SECONDARY						
A levels						
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	920	12.2	2032	28.8	2952	20.2
2 (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	199	2.6	346	4.9	545	3.7
1 ⁽³⁾	137	1.8	192	2.7	329	2.3
GCSEs						
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	1661	22.1	1456	20.6	3117	21.4
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	2587	34.4	1889	26.7	4476	30.7
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁵⁾	1466	19.5	866	12.3	2332	16.0
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	4718	62.7	3634	51.4	8352	57.2
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	996	13.2	577	8.2	1573	10.7
No GCSEs ⁽⁷⁾	559	7.4	284	4.0	843	5.8
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁸⁾	400	5.3	238	3.4	638	4.4
TOTAL SECONDARY	7529	100.0	7065	100.0	14594	100.0
TOTAL						
A levels						
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	4330	35.7	6265	52.4	10595	44.0
2 (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	273	2.2	380	3.2	653	2.7
1 ⁽³⁾	250	2.1	277	2.3	527	2.2
GCSEs						
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	2428	20.0	1904	15.9	4332	18.0
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	2801	23.1	1963	16.4	4764	19.8
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁵⁾	1473	12.1	870	7.3	2343	9.7
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	5687	46.9	4151	34.7	9838	40.8
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	1015	8.4	586	4.9	1601	6.6
No GCSEs ⁽⁷⁾	581	4.8	296	2.5	877	3.6
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁸⁾	421	3.5	250	2.1	671	2.8
TOTAL LEAVERS	12136	100.0	11955	100.0	24091	100.0

NOTES

1. Excludes special and independent schools.
2. Includes AVCE qualifications.
3. Includes Grades A*-C only and GNVQ Intermediate qualifications.
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7. Includes only those with no qualifications of any kind.

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TABLE 2

HIGHEST QUALIFICATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY SCHOOL TYPE AND MANAGEMENT TYPE⁽¹⁾

	2007/2008			
	Schools Under Catholic Management		Schools Under Other Management	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
GRAMMAR				
A levels				
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	3411	82.7	4232	78.8
2 (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	56	1.4	52	1.0
1 ⁽²⁾	80	1.9	118	2.2
GCSEs				
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	442	10.7	773	14.4
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	111	2.7	177	3.3
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁴⁾	7	0.2	4	0.1
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	554	13.4	932	17.3
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	6	0.1	22	0.4
No GCSEs ⁽⁶⁾	18	0.4	16	0.3
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁷⁾	17	0.4	16	0.3
TOTAL GRAMMAR	4125	100.0	5372	100.0
SECONDARY				
A levels				
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	1651	24.5	1301	16.5
2 (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	311	4.6	234	3.0
1 ⁽²⁾	169	2.5	160	2.0
GCSEs				
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	1315	19.5	1802	22.9
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	1952	29.0	2524	32.1
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁴⁾	969	14.4	1363	17.3
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	3587	53.3	4765	60.6
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	649	9.6	924	11.7
No GCSEs ⁽⁶⁾	360	5.4	483	6.1
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁷⁾	288	4.3	350	4.4
TOTAL SECONDARY	6727	100.0	7867	100.0
ALL				
A levels				
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	5062	46.6	5533	41.8
2 (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	367	3.4	286	2.2
1 ⁽²⁾	249	2.3	278	2.1
GCSEs				
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	1757	16.2	2575	19.5
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	2063	19.0	2701	20.4
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁴⁾	976	9.0	1367	10.3
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	4141	38.2	5697	43.0
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	655	6.0	946	7.1
No GCSEs ⁽⁶⁾	378	3.5	499	3.8
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁷⁾	305	2.8	366	2.8
TOTAL LEAVERS	10852	100.0	13239	100.0

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TABLE 3

HIGHEST QUALIFICATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY DESTINATIONS⁽¹⁾

	2007/2008											
	Institutions of Higher Education ⁽⁶⁾		Institutions of Further Education		Employment		Unemployment		Training ⁽⁷⁾		Unknown	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
A levels												
3+A levels (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	9273	96.5	653	9.2	530	21.5	59	7.0	33	0.9	47	9.6
2 (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	287	3.0	168	2.4	145	5.9	29	3.4	12	0.3	12	2.4
1 ⁽²⁾	42	0.4	262	3.7	122	4.9	44	5.2	33	0.9	24	4.9
GCSEs												
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	6	0.1	2875	40.5	544	22.0	141	16.7	639	17.9	127	25.8
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	0	0.0	2269	31.9	610	24.7	219	26.0	1561	43.7	105	21.3
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁴⁾	0	0.0	732	10.3	348	14.1	207	24.6	998	27.9	58	11.8
No GCSEs ⁽⁵⁾	0	0.0	148	2.1	169	6.8	143	17.0	298	8.3	119	24.2
TOTAL LEAVERS	9608	100.0	7107	100.0	2468	100.0	842	100.0	3574	100.0	492	100.0

NOTES

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3. Includes Grades A*-C only and GNVQ Intermediate qualifications.
4. Includes Grades D - G only and GNVQ Foundation qualifications.
5. 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.
6. Includes universities and teacher training colleges.
7. Numbers entering training include those entering the Jobskills programme, operated by the Department for Employment and Learning. Training on Jobskills is delivered by a range of training providers, including Further Education Colleges. Jobskills trainees who receive training at Further Education Colleges are recorded as being in training and not in Further Education. This convention avoids double counting of Jobskills trainees.

TABLE 4

HIGHEST QUALIFICATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY GENDER AND RELIGION OF PUPIL⁽¹⁾

	2007/2008					
	BOYS		GIRLS		TOTAL	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
PROTESTANT						
A levels						
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	1665	33.1	2418	48.9	4083	40.9
2 (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	93	1.8	121	2.4	214	2.1
1 ⁽³⁾	94	1.9	105	2.1	199	2.0
GCSEs						
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	1070	21.3	922	18.6	1992	20.0
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	1227	24.4	837	16.9	2064	20.7
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁵⁾	644	12.8	416	8.4	1060	10.6
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	2491	49.5	1896	38.3	4387	44.0
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	450	8.9	279	5.6	729	7.3
No GCSEs ⁽⁷⁾	240	4.8	129	2.6	369	3.7
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁸⁾	155	3.1	102	2.1	257	2.6
TOTAL PROTESTANT	5033	100.0	4948	100.0	9981	100.0
CATHOLIC						
A levels						
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	2206	37.2	3350	55.7	5556	46.5
2 (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	166	2.8	236	3.9	402	3.4
1 ⁽³⁾	130	2.2	150	2.5	280	2.3
GCSEs						
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	1130	19.0	821	13.6	1951	16.3
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	1337	22.5	955	15.9	2292	19.2
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁵⁾	689	11.6	368	6.1	1057	8.8
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	2687	45.3	1899	31.6	4586	38.4
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	469	7.9	245	4.1	714	6.0
No GCSEs ⁽⁷⁾	274	4.6	135	2.2	409	3.4
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁸⁾	213	3.6	121	2.0	334	2.8
TOTAL CATHOLIC	5932	100.0	6015	100.0	11947	100.0
OTHER⁽²⁾						
A levels						
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	459	39.2	497	50.1	956	44.2
2 (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	14	1.2	23	2.3	37	1.7
1 ⁽³⁾	26	2.2	22	2.2	48	2.2
GCSEs						
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	228	19.5	161	16.2	389	18.0
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	237	20.2	171	17.2	408	18.9
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁵⁾	140	12.0	86	8.7	226	10.4
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	509	43.5	356	35.9	865	40.0
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	96	8.2	62	6.3	158	7.3
No GCSEs ⁽⁷⁾	67	5.7	32	3.2	99	4.6
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁸⁾	53	4.5	27	2.7	80	3.7
TOTAL OTHER	1171	100.0	992	100.0	2163	100.0

NOTES

1. Excludes special and independent schools.
2. Other includes Other Christian, No religion and Non Christian.
3. Includes AVCE qualifications.
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TABLE 5

HIGHEST QUALIFICATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY ETHNIC ORIGIN⁽¹⁾

	2007/2008	
	TOTAL	
	Numbers	%
WHITE⁽²⁾		
A levels		
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	10426	43.8
2 (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	642	2.7
1 ⁽³⁾	520	2.2
GCSEs		
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	4302	18.1
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	4713	19.8
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁵⁾	2321	9.8
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	9758	41.0
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	1578	6.6
No GCSEs ⁽⁷⁾	858	3.6
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁸⁾	657	2.8
TOTAL WHITE	23782	100.0
MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS⁽²⁾		
A levels		
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	169	54.7
2 (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	11	3.6
1 ⁽³⁾	7	2.3
GCSEs		
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	30	9.7
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽⁴⁾	51	16.5
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁵⁾	22	7.1
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	80	25.9
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁶⁾	23	7.4
No GCSEs ⁽⁷⁾	19	6.1
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁸⁾	14	4.5
TOTAL MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS	309	100.0

NOTES

1. Excludes special and independent schools.
2. 'Minority Ethnic Groups' includes Irish Travellers. The 'White' figures do not include Irish Travellers.
3. Includes AVCE qualifications.
4. Includes Grades A*-C only and GNVQ Intermediate qualifications.
5. Includes Grades D - G only and GNVQ Foundation qualifications.
6. Includes GNVQ Intermediate and GNVQ Foundation qualifications.
7. 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.
8. 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. In addition there were 24 pupils for whom an Ethnic group was not given.

TABLE 6

HIGHEST QUALIFICATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY GENDER AND FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT⁽¹⁾

	2007/2008					
	BOYS		GIRLS		TOTAL	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
ENTITLED TO FSM						
A levels						
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	225	12.2	475	25.2	700	18.7
2 (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	30	1.6	78	4.1	108	2.9
1 ⁽²⁾	32	1.7	44	2.3	76	2.0
GCSEs						
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	295	15.9	305	16.2	600	16.1
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	600	32.4	542	28.8	1142	30.6
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁴⁾	479	25.9	348	18.5	827	22.1
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	1036	56.0	968	51.4	2004	53.7
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	338	18.3	227	12.0	565	15.1
No GCSEs ⁽⁶⁾	189	10.2	92	4.9	281	7.5
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁷⁾	122	6.6	76	4.0	198	5.3
TOTAL ENTITLED TO FSM	1850	100.0	1884	100.0	3734	100.0
NOT ENTITLED TO FSM						
A levels						
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	4105	39.9	5790	57.5	9895	48.6
2 (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	243	2.4	302	3.0	545	2.7
1 ⁽²⁾	218	2.1	233	2.3	451	2.2
GCSEs						
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	2133	20.7	1599	15.9	3732	18.3
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	2201	21.4	1421	14.1	3622	17.8
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁴⁾	994	9.7	522	5.2	1516	7.4
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	4651	45.2	3183	31.6	7834	38.5
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	677	6.6	359	3.6	1036	5.1
No GCSEs ⁽⁶⁾	392	3.8	204	2.0	596	2.9
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁷⁾	299	2.9	174	1.7	473	2.3
TOTAL NOT ENTITLED TO FSM	10286	100.0	10071	100.0	20357	100.0

NOTES

1. Excludes special and independent schools
2. Includes AVCE 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.

TABLE 7

**HIGHEST QUALIFICATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY COUNCIL AREA OF PUPIL RESIDENCE
2007/08⁽¹⁾**

Council Area	2 or more A Levels Grades A-E (inc. equivalents) ⁽²⁾		At least 5 GCSEs Grades A*-C (inc. equivalents) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		No GCSEs ⁽⁴⁾		Total Leavers
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Antrim	278	42.1	476	72.1	19	2.9	660
Ards	373	39.5	590	62.4	29	3.1	945
Armagh	333	38.8	603	70.2	23	2.7	859
Ballymena	365	48.5	489	65.0	19	2.5	752
Ballymoney	163	40.8	265	66.3	12	3.0	400
Banbridge	253	42.0	393	65.2	17	2.8	603
Belfast	1510	45.7	2012	60.9	140	4.2	3305
Carrickfergus	272	46.9	387	66.7	21	3.6	580
Castlereagh	478	55.9	609	71.2	12	1.4	855
Coleraine	300	42.4	477	67.4	23	3.2	708
Cookstown	248	46.9	361	68.2	39	7.4	529
Craigavon	510	40.4	846	67.1	44	3.5	1261
Londonderry	875	50.7	1110	64.3	91	5.3	1727
Down	477	48.0	707	71.2	44	4.4	993
Dungannon	364	47.4	542	70.6	29	3.8	768
Fermanagh	431	54.4	561	70.7	22	2.8	793
Larne	165	42.7	263	68.1	20	5.2	386
Limavady	190	41.4	279	60.8	10	2.2	459
Lisburn	769	48.5	1071	67.6	44	2.8	1585
Magherafelt	338	53.5	454	71.8	14	2.2	632
Moyle	120	48.0	172	68.8	9	3.6	250
Newry & Mourne	669	47.8	943	67.4	47	3.4	1400
Newtownabbey	469	45.9	695	68.0	33	3.2	1022
North Down	492	52.8	693	74.4	36	3.9	931
Omagh	389	54.2	527	73.4	24	3.3	718
Strabane	274	47.8	360	62.8	20	3.5	573
Invalid/Missing/Unknown Postcodes	143	36.0	222	55.9	36	9.1	397
Total Leavers	11248	46.7	16107	66.9	877	3.6	24091

NOTES

1. Excludes special and independent schools.
2. Includes AVCE qualifications.
3. Includes Grades A*-C only and GNVQ Intermediate qualifications.
4. 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.

TABLE 8

PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOL LEAVERS ***NOT ENTITLED*** TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS ACHIEVING AT LEAST 5 GCSEs ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ A*-C INC. ENGLISH AND MATHS BY GENDER AND RELIGION OF PUPIL 2007/08⁽¹⁾

	BOYS		GIRLS		TOTAL	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
PROTESTANT	2348	52.3	2924	66.0	5272	59.1
Total	4491		4433		8924	
CATHOLIC	2749	57.8	3357	70.6	6106	64.2
Total	4758		4754		9512	
OTHER ⁽⁵⁾	596	57.5	564	63.8	1160	60.4
Total	1037		884		1921	
ALL RELIGIONS	5693	55.3	6845	68.0	12538	61.6
Total	10286		10071		20357	

TABLE 9

PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOL LEAVERS ***ENTITLED*** TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS ACHIEVING AT LEAST 5 GCSEs ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ A*-C INC. ENGLISH AND MATHS BY GENDER AND RELIGION OF PUPIL 2007/08⁽¹⁾

	BOYS		GIRLS		TOTAL	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
PROTESTANT	66	12.2	134	26.0	200	18.9
Total	542		515		1057	
CATHOLIC	312	26.6	462	36.6	774	31.8
Total	1174		1261		2435	
OTHER ⁽⁵⁾	23	17.2	37	34.3	60	24.8
Total	134		108		242	
ALL RELIGIONS	401	21.7	633	33.6	1034	27.7
Total	1850		1884		3734	

TABLE 10

PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOL LEAVERS ACHIEVING AT LEAST 5 GCSEs ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ A*-C INC. ENGLISH AND MATHS BY GENDER AND RELIGION OF PUPIL 2007/08⁽¹⁾

	BOYS		GIRLS		TOTAL	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
PROTESTANT	2414	48.0	3058	61.8	5472	54.8
Total	5033		4948		9981	
CATHOLIC	3061	51.6	3819	63.5	6880	57.6
Total	5932		6015		11947	
OTHER ⁽⁵⁾	619	52.9	601	60.6	1220	56.4
Total	1171		992		2163	
ALL RELIGIONS	6094	50.2	7478	62.6	13572	56.3
Total	12136		11955		24091	

NOTES

1. Excludes special and independent schools.
2. Includes AVCE qualifications.
3. Includes Grades A*-C only and GNVQ Intermediate qualifications.
4. 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.
5. Other includes Other Christian, No religion and Non Christian.

TABLE 11

DESTINATIONS OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY SCHOOL TYPE AND GENDER ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

	2007/2008					
	BOYS		GIRLS		TOTAL	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
GRAMMAR						
Institutions of Higher Education ⁽³⁾	3138	68.1	3971	81.2	7109	74.9
Institutions of Further Education – Higher Education Courses	34	0.7	22	0.4	56	0.6
Institutions of Further Education – Other Courses	853	18.5	612	12.5	1465	15.4
Employment	297	6.4	192	3.9	489	5.1
Unemployment	36	0.8	34	0.7	70	0.7
Training ⁽⁴⁾	179	3.9	17	0.3	196	2.1
Destinations Unknown	70	1.5	42	0.9	112	1.2
TOTAL GRAMMAR	4607	100.0	4890	100.0	9497	100.0
SECONDARY						
Institutions of Higher Education ⁽³⁾	819	10.9	1680	23.8	2499	17.1
Institutions of Further Education – Higher Education Courses	50	0.7	104	1.5	154	1.1
Institutions of Further Education – Other Courses	2607	34.6	2825	40.0	5432	37.2
Employment	1101	14.6	878	12.4	1979	13.6
Unemployment	410	5.4	362	5.1	772	5.3
Training ⁽⁴⁾	2345	31.1	1033	14.6	3378	23.1
Destinations Unknown	197	2.6	183	2.6	380	2.6
TOTAL SECONDARY	7529	100.0	7065	100.0	14594	100.0
TOTAL						
Institutions of Higher Education ⁽³⁾	3957	32.6	5651	47.3	9608	39.9
Institutions of Further Education – Higher Education Courses	84	0.7	126	1.1	210	0.9
Institutions of Further Education – Other Courses	3460	28.5	3437	28.7	6897	28.6
Employment	1398	11.5	1070	9.0	2468	10.2
Unemployment	446	3.7	396	3.3	842	3.5
Training ⁽⁴⁾	2524	20.8	1050	8.8	3574	14.8
Destinations Unknown	267	2.2	225	1.9	492	2.0
TOTAL LEAVERS	12136	100.0	11955	100.0	24091	100.0

NOTES

1. Excludes special and independent schools.
2. Destination is defined by Institution. Institutions may provide courses at both Further and Higher Education levels.
3. Includes universities and teacher training colleges.
4. Numbers entering training include those entering the Jobskills programme, operated by the Department for Employment and Learning. Training on Jobskills is delivered by a range of training providers, including Further Education Colleges. Jobskills trainees who receive training at Further Education Colleges are recorded as being in training and not in Further Education. This convention avoids double counting of Jobskills trainees.

TABLE 12

DESTINATIONS OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY SCHOOL TYPE AND MANAGEMENT TYPE⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

	2007/2008			
	Schools Under Catholic Management		Schools Under Other Management	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
GRAMMAR				
Institutions of Higher Education ⁽³⁾	3249	78.8	3860	71.9
Institutions of Further Education – Higher Education Courses	38	0.9	18	0.3
Institutions of Further Education – Other Courses	503	12.2	962	17.9
Employment	173	4.2	316	5.9
Unemployment	23	0.6	47	0.9
Training ⁽⁴⁾	85	2.1	111	2.1
Destinations Unknown	54	1.3	58	1.1
TOTAL GRAMMAR	4125	100.0	5372	100.0
SECONDARY				
Institutions of Higher Education ⁽³⁾	1414	21.0	1085	13.8
Institutions of Further Education – Higher Education Courses	114	1.7	40	0.5
Institutions of Further Education – Other Courses	2084	31.0	3348	42.6
Employment	887	13.2	1092	13.9
Unemployment	330	4.9	442	5.6
Training ⁽⁴⁾	1695	25.2	1683	21.4
Destinations Unknown	203	3.0	177	2.2
TOTAL SECONDARY	6727	100.0	7867	100.0
ALL				
Institutions of Higher Education ⁽³⁾	4663	43.0	4945	37.4
Institutions of Further Education – Higher Education Courses	152	1.4	58	0.4
Institutions of Further Education – Other Courses	2587	23.8	4310	32.6
Employment	1060	9.8	1408	10.6
Unemployment	353	3.3	489	3.7
Training ⁽⁴⁾	1780	16.4	1794	13.6
Destinations Unknown	257	2.4	235	1.8
TOTAL LEAVERS	10852	100.0	13239	100.0

NOTES

1. Excludes special and independent schools.
2. Destination is defined by Institution. Institutions may provide courses at both Further and Higher Education levels.
3. Includes universities and teacher training colleges.
4. Numbers entering training include those entering the Jobskills programme, operated by the Department for Employment and Learning. Training on Jobskills is delivered by a range of training providers, including Further Education Colleges. Jobskills trainees who receive training at Further Education Colleges are recorded as being in training and not in Further Education. This convention avoids double counting of Jobskills trainees.

TABLE 13

DESTINATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY GENDER AND RELIGION OF PUPIL⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

	2007/2008					
	BOYS		GIRLS		TOTAL	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
PROTESTANT						
Institutions of Higher Education ⁽⁴⁾	1489	29.6	2158	43.6	3647	36.5
Institutions of Further Education	1623	32.2	1657	33.5	3280	32.9
Employment	627	12.5	450	9.1	1077	10.8
Unemployment	201	4.0	186	3.8	387	3.9
Training ⁽⁵⁾	1006	20.0	424	8.6	1430	14.3
Destinations Unknown	87	1.7	73	1.5	160	1.6
TOTAL PROTESTANT	5033	100.0	4948	100.0	9981	100.0
CATHOLIC						
Institutions of Higher Education ⁽⁴⁾	2060	34.7	3034	50.4	5094	42.6
Institutions of Further Education	1550	26.1	1579	26.3	3129	26.2
Employment	620	10.5	537	8.9	1157	9.7
Unemployment	200	3.4	179	3.0	379	3.2
Training ⁽⁵⁾	1355	22.8	551	9.2	1906	16.0
Destinations Unknown	147	2.5	135	2.2	282	2.4
TOTAL CATHOLIC	5932	100.0	6015	100.0	11947	100.0
Other⁽³⁾						
Institutions of Higher Education ⁽⁴⁾	408	34.8	459	46.3	867	40.1
Institutions of Further Education	371	31.7	327	33.0	698	32.3
Employment	151	12.9	83	8.4	234	10.8
Unemployment	45	3.8	31	3.1	76	3.5
Training ⁽⁵⁾	163	13.9	75	7.6	238	11.0
Destinations Unknown	33	2.8	17	1.7	50	2.3
TOTAL OTHER	1171	100.0	992	100.0	2163	100.0

NOTES

1. Excludes special and independent schools.
2. Destination is defined by Institution. Institution may provide courses at both Further and Higher Education Levels.
3. Other includes Other Christian, No religion and Non Christian.
4. Includes universities and teacher training colleges.
5. Numbers entering training include those entering the Jobskills programme, operated by the Department for Employment and Learning. Training on Jobskills is delivered by a range of training providers, including Further Education Colleges. Jobskills trainees who receive training at Further Education Colleges are recorded as being in training and not in Further Education. This convention avoids double counting of Jobskills trainees.

TABLE 14

DESTINATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY ETHNIC ORIGIN⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

	2007/2008	
	Total	
	Numbers	%
WHITE⁽³⁾		
Institutions of Higher Education ⁽⁴⁾	9454	39.8
Institutions of Further Education	7025	29.5
Employment	2431	10.2
Unemployment	834	3.5
Training ⁽⁵⁾	3552	14.9
Destinations Unknown	486	2.0
TOTAL WHITE	23782	100.0
MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS⁽³⁾		
Institutions of Higher Education ⁽⁴⁾	154	49.8
Institutions of Further Education	82	26.5
Employment	37	12.0
Unemployment	8	2.6
Training ⁽⁵⁾	22	7.1
Destinations Unknown	6	1.9
TOTAL MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS	309	100.0

NOTES

1. Excludes special and independent schools.
2. Destination is defined by Institution. Institution may provide courses at both Further and Higher Education Levels
3. 'Minority Ethnic Groups' includes Irish Travellers. The 'White' figures do not include Irish Travellers.
4. Includes universities and teacher training colleges.
5. Numbers entering training include those entering the Jobskills programme, operated by the Department for Employment and Learning. Training on Jobskills is delivered by a range of training providers, including Further Education Colleges. Jobskills trainees who receive training at Further Education Colleges are recorded as being in training and not in Further Education. This convention avoids double counting of Jobskills trainees.

TABLE 15

DESTINATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT AND GENDER OF PUPIL^{(1) (2)}

	2007/2008					
	BOYS		GIRLS		TOTAL	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
ENTITLED TO FSM						
Institutions of Higher Education ⁽³⁾	199	10.8	390	20.7	589	15.8
Institutions of Further Education – Higher Education Courses	6	0.3	24	1.3	30	0.8
Institutions of Further Education – Other Courses	552	29.8	731	38.8	1283	34.4
Employment	257	13.9	200	10.6	457	12.2
Unemployment	132	7.1	129	6.8	261	7.0
Training ⁽⁴⁾	651	35.2	352	18.7	1003	26.9
Destinations Unknown	53	2.9	58	3.1	111	3.0
TOTAL ENTITLED TO FSM	1850	100.0	1884	100.0	3734	100.0
NOT ENTITLED TO FSM						
Institutions of Higher Education ⁽³⁾	3758	36.5	5261	52.2	9019	44.3
Institutions of Further Education – Higher Education Courses	78	0.8	102	1.0	180	0.9
Institutions of Further Education – Other Courses	2908	28.3	2706	26.9	5614	27.6
Employment	1141	11.1	870	8.6	2011	9.9
Unemployment	314	3.1	267	2.7	581	2.9
Training ⁽⁴⁾	1873	18.2	698	6.9	2571	12.6
Destinations Unknown	214	2.1	167	1.7	381	1.9
TOTAL NOT ENTITLED TO FSM	10286	100.0	10071	100.0	20357	100.0

NOTES

1. Excludes special and independent schools.
2. Destination is defined by Institution. Institution may provide courses at both Further and Higher Education Levels
3. Includes universities and teacher training colleges.
4. Numbers entering training include those entering the Jobskills programme, operated by the Department for Employment and Learning. Training on Jobskills is delivered by a range of training providers, including Further Education Colleges. Jobskills trainees who receive training at Further Education Colleges are recorded as being in training and not in Further Education. This convention avoids double counting of Jobskills trainee

APPENDIX TABLE A

HIGHEST QUALIFICATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY GENDER AND SCHOOL TYPE⁽¹⁾

	2003/2004			
	BOYS		GIRLS	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
GRAMMAR				
A levels				
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	3286	67.9	4162	81.9
2 (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	289	6.0	223	4.4
1	122	2.5	93	1.8
GCSEs				
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	857	17.7	741	9.3
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	238	4.9	99	1.9
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁴⁾	16	0.3	4	0.1
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	1090	22.5	565	11.1
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	21	0.4	9	0.2
No GCSEs ⁽⁶⁾	34	0.7	28	0.6
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁷⁾	34	0.7	28	0.6
TOTAL GRAMMAR	4842	100.0	5080	100.0
SECONDARY				
A levels				
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	684	8.3	1410	18.8
2 (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	248	3.0	542	7.2
1	132	1.6	144	1.9
GCSEs				
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	1426	17.3	1477	19.7
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	2581	31.3	2146	28.6
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁴⁾	2246	27.3	1315	17.5
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	4838	58.8	4190	55.9
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	1415	17.2	748	10.0
No GCSEs ⁽⁶⁾	917	11.1	460	6.1
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁷⁾	804	9.8	402	5.4
TOTAL SECONDARY	8234	100.0	7494	100.0
ALL				
A levels				
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	3970	30.4	5572	44.3
2 (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	537	4.1	765	6.1
1	254	1.9	237	1.9
GCSEs				
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	2283	17.5	1948	15.5
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	2819	21.6	2245	17.9
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁴⁾	2262	17.3	1319	10.5
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	5928	45.3	4755	37.8
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	1436	11.0	757	6.0
No GCSEs ⁽⁶⁾	951	7.3	488	3.9
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁷⁾	838	6.4	430	3.4
TOTAL LEAVERS	13076	100.0	12574	100.0

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.

APPENDIX TABLE B

HIGHEST QUALIFICATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS BY SCHOOL TYPE AND MANAGEMENT TYPE⁽¹⁾

	2003/2004			
	Schools Under Catholic Management		Schools Under Other Management	
	Numbers	%	Numbers	%
GRAMMAR				
A levels				
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	3371	76.7	4077	73.8
2 (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	219	5.0	293	5.3
1	83	1.9	132	2.4
GCSEs				
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	551	12.5	777	14.1
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	135	3.1	202	3.7
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁴⁾	10	0.2	10	0.2
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	685	15.6	970	17.6
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	11	0.3	19	0.3
No GCSEs ⁽⁶⁾	27	0.6	35	0.6
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁷⁾	27	0.6	35	0.6
TOTAL GRAMMAR	4396	100.0	5526	100.0
SECONDARY				
A levels				
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	1248	16.4	846	10.5
2 (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	452	5.9	338	4.2
1	113	1.5	163	2.0
GCSEs				
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	1203	15.8	1700	21.0
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	2161	28.3	2566	31.7
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁴⁾	1682	22.0	1879	23.2
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	3913	51.3	5115	63.2
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	1133	14.8	1030	12.7
No GCSEs ⁽⁶⁾	774	10.0	603	7.4
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁷⁾	674	8.8	532	6.6
TOTAL SECONDARY	7633	100.0	8095	100.0
TOTAL				
A levels				
3 or more (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	4619	38.4	4923	36.1
2 (or equivalent) ⁽²⁾	671	5.6	631	4.6
1	196	1.6	295	2.2
GCSEs				
5+ A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	1754	14.6	2477	18.2
1-4 A*-C (or equivalent) ⁽³⁾	2296	19.1	2768	20.3
Other grades (1+ D-G) ⁽⁴⁾	1692	14.1	1889	13.9
5+ A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	4598	38.2	6085	44.7
1-4 A*-G (or equivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	1144	9.5	1049	7.7
No GCSEs ⁽⁶⁾	801	6.7	638	4.7
No Formal Qualifications ⁽⁷⁾	701	5.8	567	4.2
TOTAL LEAVERS	12029	100.0	13621	100.0

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

APPENDIX TABLE C**HIGHEST QUALIFICATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS 2003/2004 TO 2007/08⁽¹⁾**

Academic Year					
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
2 or more A Levels⁽²⁾	42.3%	44.3%	44.7%	44.6%	46.7%
5+ GCSEs A*-C (inc Equivalentents) or higher⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	60.7%	63.0%	64.2%	64.7%	66.9%
No GCSEs⁽⁴⁾	5.6%	5.0%	4.5%	3.9%	3.6%

NOTES

1. Excludes special and independent schools.
2. Includes GNVQ Advanced qualifications.
3. Includes Grades A*-C only and GNVQ Intermediate qualifications.
4. 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.