

DfE: A Level and Equivalent Results in England, 2016/17 (Revised)

The DfE issued a revised Statistical Release on 25/01/2018, which follows the provisional Statistical Release on 12/10/2017, and reflects the amendments made during the school and college performance tables checking exercise. The revised Statistical Release coincides with the publication of the KS4 and KS5 Performance Tables. The coverage of this release is the overall achievements of 16 to 18 year-olds who were at the end of 16 to 18 study by the end of the 2016 to 2017 academic year, including:

- A levels and other academic level 3 qualifications
- Technical and applied level 3 qualifications
- Progress in English and maths qualifications (for students without an A* to C grade at key stage 4)
- Level 2 vocational qualifications and technical certificate qualifications
- Level 3 maths qualifications (for students with an A* to C grade in maths at key stage 4)

This release also covers exam results taken during the 2016 to 2017 academic year by all 16 to 18 year-olds.

The National and Southampton average reported within this briefing note is the state funded schools and college average which includes state-funded mainstream schools, academies, free schools, city technology colleges (CTCs), state-funded special schools and FE sector colleges but excludes independent sector schools, pupil referral units (PRUs), alternative provision (AP), hospital schools, non-maintained special schools and other government department funded colleges.

In 2016, the DfE have introduced new accountability measures and changes to the methodology for calculating 16-18 results, therefore direct comparisons with 2015 data are not available. A new average points indicator has been introduced which uses a points scale of 10-60 where a grade A* is given 60 points and a grade E is given 10 points.

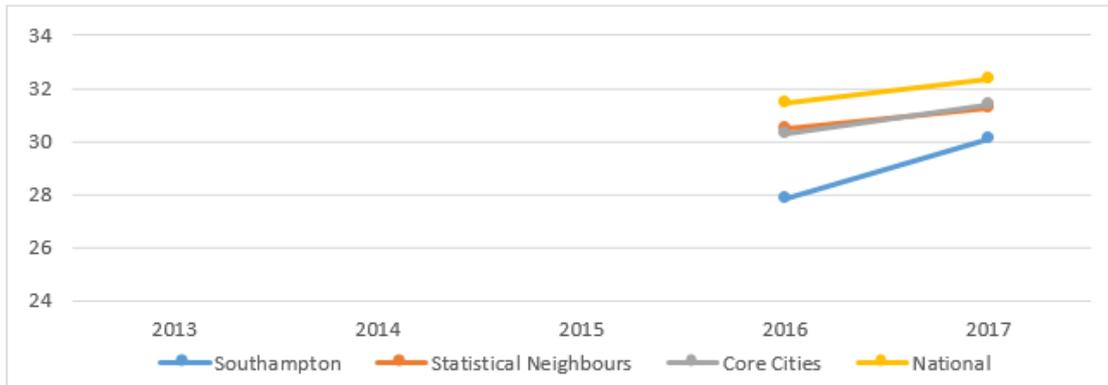
Headlines

- **Southampton's Average Point Score per entry for all Level 3 students was 30.08 and the National average was 32.33, a gap of 2.25 points. This earned Southampton a ranking of 136th out of a possible 150 Local Authorities.**
- **Southampton's Average Point Score per entry for all A-Level students was 26.96 (equivalent of a C- grade) and the National average was 31.13 (equivalent of a C grade), a gap of 4.17 points. This earned Southampton a ranking of 141st out of a possible 150 Local Authorities.**
- **The percentage of students achieving grades AAB or better at A Level in Southampton (8.1%) is 11.2% below National (19.3%), ranking Southampton 144th out of 150 Local Authorities.**
- **4.3% of Southampton's of students achieved 3 A*-A grades or better at A level, 6.8% below the National average of 11.1%, earning Southampton a rank of 141st out of 150 Local Authorities.**
- **Southampton's Tech Level students achieved an average points score per entry of 30.68 (equivalent of Distinction-), -1.57 points below the National average of 32.25 (equivalent of Distinction-). Southampton achieved a ranking of 115th out of 149 Local Authorities for this indicator.**
- **The average points score for Southampton pupils entering at least one Applied General qualification was 37.68 (equivalent of Distinction+), a gap of 1.99 above the National average (35.69, equivalent of Distinction) which ranks Southampton 35th out of 150 Local Authorities.**

- The average points score for Southampton pupils entering Level 2 Vocational Qualifications was 5.71 (equivalent of Level 2 Merit-), a gap of 0.02 above the National average (5.69) which ranks Southampton 68th out of 149 Local Authorities.
- The average points score for Southampton pupils entering Level 2 Technical Certificate was 5.96 (equivalent of Level 2 Merit), a gap of 0.21 above the National average (5.75) which ranks Southampton 9th out of 145 Local Authorities.

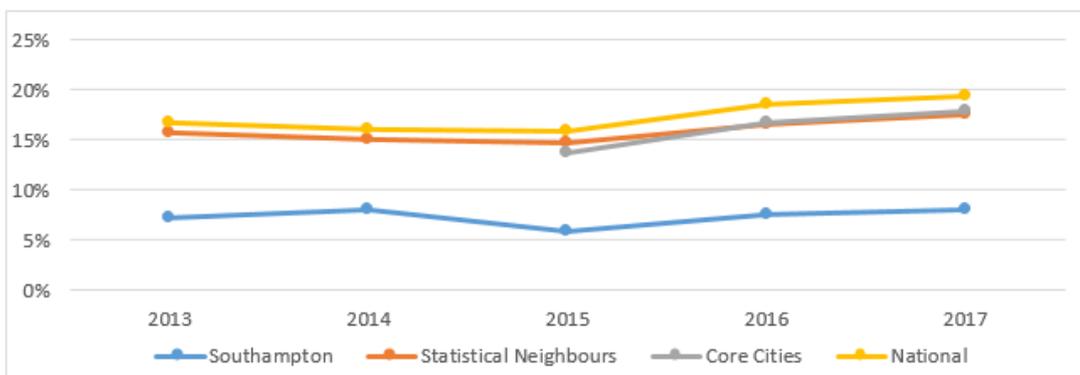
Average Points Score Per Entry (All Level 3)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Southampton				27.87	30.08
Statistical Neighbours				30.49	31.28
Core Cities				30.27	31.36
National				31.42	32.33
Gap Southampton vs Statistical Neighbours				-2.62	-1.20
Gap Southampton vs Core Cities				-2.40	-1.28
Gap Southampton vs National				-3.55	-2.25



KS5 Achievement of AAB

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Southampton	7.2%	8.1%	5.9%	7.6%	8.1%
Statistical Neighbours	15.7%	15.0%	14.7%	16.5%	17.6%
Core Cities			13.7%	16.7%	17.9%
National	16.7%	16.1%	15.9%	18.5%	19.3%
Gap Southampton vs Statistical Neighbours	-8.5%	-6.9%	-8.8%	-8.9%	-9.5%
Gap Southampton vs Core Cities			-7.8%	-9.1%	-9.8%
Gap Southampton vs National	-9.5%	-8.0%	-10.0%	-10.9%	-11.2%



Good News

- The average points score for Southampton students entering at least one Applied General qualification was 1.99 points above the National average (Southampton APS per entry – 37.68, National APS per entry – 35.69). Southampton's performance improved by 5.44 points between 2016 (32.24) and 2017 (37.68). This compares to a National improvement of 1.03 points from 34.66 in 2016 to 35.69 in 2017. Southampton's rank has improved from 128th in 2016 to 35th in 2017.
- Southampton's Average Point Score per entry for all female Tech Level students was 34.73, which was 1.90 above the National average (32.83) and 3.82 above the Statistical Neighbour average (30.91) and 3.17 above the Core City average (31.56). Southampton's rank position for this indicator was 38th out of 149 Local Authorities.
- 122 Southampton students achieved a Level 2 Technical Certificate average points score of 5.96 achieving a top 10 ranking.

Areas to Improve on

- Southampton Local Authority is ranked in at least the bottom 10 of all Local Authorities for the key Level 3 performance indicators namely;
 - APS per entry for A Level students – a ranking of 141
 - APS per entry for A Level students best 3 – a ranking of 144
 - Percentage of students achieving at least 2 A levels – a ranking of 145
 - Percentage of students achieving 3 A*-A grades or better at A level – a ranking of 141
 - Percentage of students achieving grades AAB or better at A level – a ranking of 144
 - Percentage of students achieving grades AAB or better at A level in at least 2 facilitating subjects – a ranking of 143
- Southampton were below the Statistical Neighbour and Core City average for the following performance indicators:
 - APS per entry for Level 3 students
 - Percentage of Level 3 students achieving at least level 3 qualifications
 - APS per entry for A Level students
 - Percentage of A Level students achieving at least 2 A levels
 - APS per entry, best 3 for A Level students
 - Percentage of A Level students achieving 3 A*-A grades or better at A level
 - Percentage of A Level students achieving grades AAB or better at A level
 - Percentage of A Level students achieving grades AAB or better at A level, of which at least two are in facilitating subjects
 - APS per entry for Academic students
 - Percentage of academic students achieving at least 2 substantial level 3 academic qualifications
 - APS per entry for Tech Level students

The only all pupil Level 3 performance indicator for which Southampton was above Statistical Neighbour and Core City averages was for the average points score per entry for students on Applied General Studies courses.

- The percentage of male students who entered a technical certificate, whose highest attainment was level 2, was 28.4%, 18.7% below the National average of 47.1%, 16.9% below the Statistical Neighbour average of 45.3% and 12.3% below the Core City average of 40.7%.

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