

DfE: A Level and Equivalent Results in England, 2017/18 (Revised)

The DfE issued a revised Statistical Release on 24/01/2019, which follows the provisional Statistical Release on 16/10/2018, and reflects the amendments made during the school and college performance tables checking exercise. The revised Statistical Release coincides with the publication of the 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 2017 to 2018 academic year, including:

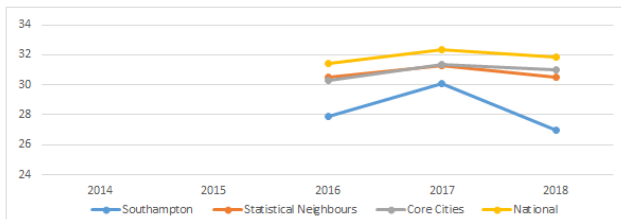
- A levels and other academic level 3 qualifications
- technical and applied general level 3 qualifications
- progress in English and maths qualifications (for students without an A* to C grade at key stage 4)
- level 2 vocational qualifications and technical certificate qualifications
- level 3 maths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

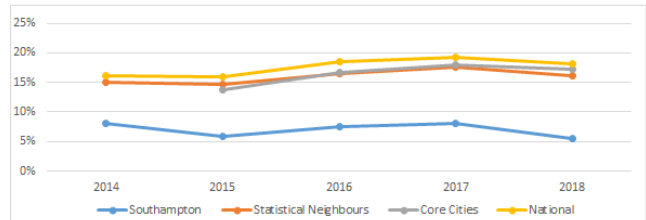
Average Points Score Per Entry (All Level 3)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Southampton			27.87	30.08	27.00
Statistical Neighbours			30.49	31.28	30.53
Core Cities			30.27	31.36	31.00
National			31.42	32.33	31.84
Gap Southampton vs Statistical Neighbours			-2.62	-1.20	-3.53
Gap Southampton vs Core Cities			-2.40	-1.28	-4.00
Gap Southampton vs National			-3.55	-2.25	-4.84



KS5 Achievement of AAB

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Southampton	8.1%	5.9%	7.6%	8.1%	5.5%
Statistical Neighbours	15.0%	14.7%	16.5%	17.6%	16.2%
Core Cities		13.7%	16.7%	17.9%	17.3%
National	16.1%	15.9%	18.5%	19.3%	18.2%
Gap Southampton vs Statistical Neighbours	-6.9%	-8.8%	-8.9%	-9.5%	-10.7%
Gap Southampton vs Core Cities		-7.8%	-9.1%	-9.8%	-11.8%
Gap Southampton vs National	-8.0%	-10.0%	-10.9%	-11.2%	-12.7%



Headlines

- The DfE introduced a minimum standard for the Level 3 academic value added indicator of **-0.56**. Nationally, **5.0%** of providers failed to reach this standard. In Southampton all 4 providers assessed against this measure were above the threshold.
- The DfE introduced a minimum standard for the Level 3 applied general qualification value added indicator of **-0.58**. Nationally, **5.6%** of providers failed to reach this standard. In Southampton all 3 providers assessed against this measure were above the threshold.
- Southampton's Average Point Score per entry for all Level 3 students was **27.00** and the National average was **31.84**, a gap of **4.84** points. This earned Southampton a ranking of **144th** out of a possible **150** Local Authorities.
- Southampton's Average Point Score per entry for all A-Level students was **27.19** (equivalent of a **C-** grade) and the National average was **32.12** (equivalent of a **C+** grade),

a gap of 4.93 points. This earned Southampton a ranking of 142nd out of a possible 150 Local Authorities.

- The percentage of students achieving grades AAB or better at A Level in Southampton (5.5%) is 12.7% below National (18.2%), ranking Southampton 149th out of 149 Local Authorities.
- 2.6% of Southampton's of students achieved 3 A*-A grades or better at A level, 8.1% below the National average of 10.7%, earning Southampton a rank of 147th out of 150 Local Authorities.
- The average points score for Southampton pupils entering at least one Applied General qualification was 23.52 (equivalent of Merit), a gap of 4.91 below the National average (28.45, equivalent of Merit+) which ranks Southampton 141st out of 148 Local Authorities.
- The average points score for Southampton pupils entering Level 2 Vocational Qualifications was 5.91 (equivalent of Level 2 Merit), a gap of 0.20 above the National average (5.71) which ranks Southampton 8th out of 148 Local Authorities.
- The average points score for Southampton pupils entering Level 2 Technical Certificate was 5.94 (equivalent of Level 2 Merit), a gap of 0.17 above the National average (5.77) which ranks Southampton 15th out of 144 Local Authorities.

Good News

- Southampton's Average Point Score per entry for students entering Level 2 Vocational Qualifications was 5.91 in 2018, an improvement of 0.20 points from the 2017 achievement of 5.71. The National average improved by 0.02 points between 2017 (5.69) and 2018 (5.71). Southampton have therefore improved on performance by 0.18 points relative to National, from being 0.02 points above National in 2017 to being 0.20 points above National in 2018. Southampton's rank position improved from 68th in 2017 to 8th in 2018.
- 138 Southampton students achieved a Level 2 Technical Certificate average points score of 5.94, 0.17 above the National average (5.77), 0.72 above the Statistical Neighbour average (5.22) and 0.19 above the Core City average (5.75).

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 Level 3 students – a ranking of 144
 - APS per entry for A Level students – a ranking of 142
 - APS per entry for A Level students best 3 – a ranking of 149
 - APS per entry for Academic students – a ranking of 142
 - APS per entry for student entering at least one Applied General qualification – a ranking of 141
 - Percentage of students achieving at least 2 substantial level 3 qualifications – a ranking of 141
 - Percentage of students achieving at least 2 A levels – a ranking of 141
 - Percentage of students achieving 3 A*-A grades or better at A level – a ranking of 147
 - Percentage of students achieving grades AAB or better at A level – a ranking of 149
 - Percentage of students achieving grades AAB or better at A level in at least 2 facilitating subjects – a ranking of 149
- Southampton were below the Statistical Neighbour and Core City average for the following performance indicators:
 - APS per entry for Level 3 students
 - APS per entry for A Level students

- APS per entry for A Level students best 3
- APS per entry for Academic students
- APS per entry for student entering at least one Applied General qualification
- Percentage of students achieving at least 2 substantial level 3 qualifications
- Percentage of students achieving at least 2 A levels
- Percentage of students achieving 3 A*-A grades or better at A level
- Percentage of students achieving grades AAB or better at A level
- Percentage of students achieving grades AAB or better at A level in at least 2 facilitating subjects
- Percentage of students achieving at least 2 substantial level 3 academic qualifications

The only 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 entering Tech Level qualifications.

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