

DfE: A Level and Equivalent Results in England, 2014/15 (Revised)

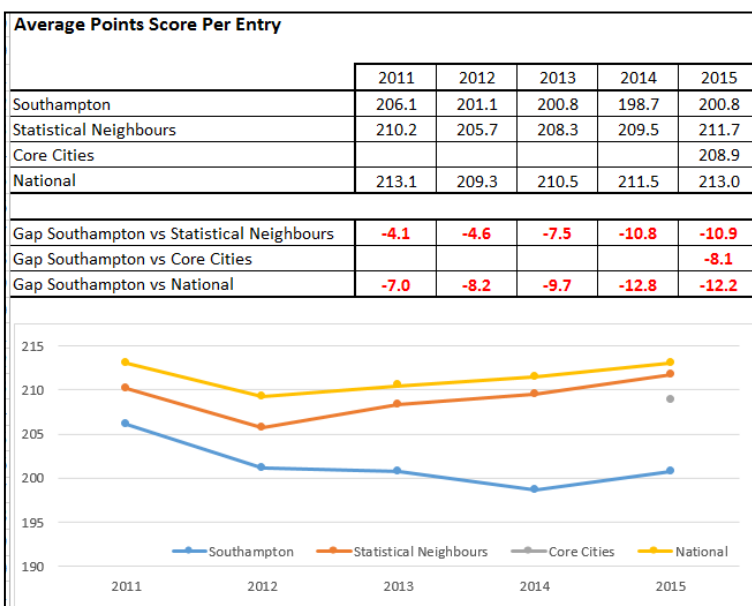
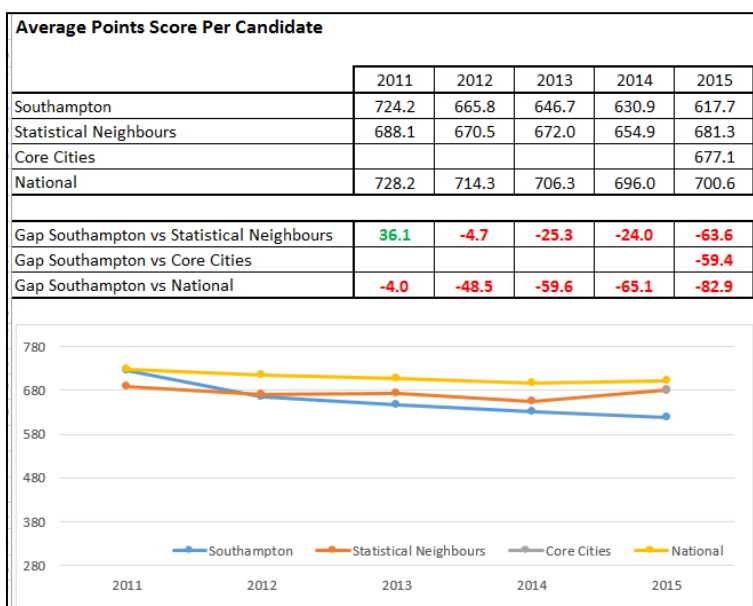
The DfE issued a revised Statistical Release on 21/01/2016 to coincide with the publication of the Key Stage 5 School and College Performance Tables. The coverage of this release is 16 to 18 year old students at the start of their final year of post-16 study in schools and colleges in England. The information is based on data collated for the 2015 School and College Performance Tables and covers achievements in all Level 3 qualifications.

The National and Southampton average reported on within this briefing note is the state funded schools and college average which includes state-funded mainstream schools, academies, free schools, maintained special schools and FE sector colleges but excludes independent sector schools and pupil referral units.

Headlines

- **Southampton's Level 3 Average Point Score per student in 2015 was 617.8, a decrease of 13.1 from 630.9 in 2014. Nationally, the Level 3 Average Point Score per student increased 4.6 to 700.6 in 2015 from 2014 (696.0). The gap between Southampton and National has increased and is now 82.8 points, an increase of 17.7 points from 2014 where the gap was 65.1 points. Southampton's Level 3 Average Point Score per student in 2015 achieved a National rank of 144th out of 150 Local Authorities.**
- **For Southampton, the Level 3 Average Point Score per entry was 200.8 in 2015, a 2.1 increase from 2014 (198.7). National average point score per entry was 213.0 in 2015, an increase of 1.5 from the 211.5 achieved in 2014. Where National average increased by 1.5 in 2015 and Southampton average increased by 2.1 in 2015, the gap between Southampton and National has decreased and Southampton is now 12.2 points below the National average, a closing of the gap by 0.6 points from 2014 (12.8). Southampton ranks as 149th out of 150 Local Authorities for Level 3 Average Point Score.**
- **The percentage of students achieving grades AAB or better at A level or Applied single/double award A level in Southampton (5.9%) is 10.0% below National (15.9%), ranking Southampton 148th out of 150 Local Authorities.**
- **The percentage of students achieving grades AAB or better at A level, of which at least two are in facilitating subjects is 3.7%, 8.1% below National at 11.8%. Facilitating subjects include: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Geography, History, English Literature, Modern and Classical Languages.**

KS5 Key Indicator Trends 2011 – 2015



Good news

- The Southampton gap to National for Level 3 Average Points Score per entry has narrowed by 0.6 from 12.8 in 2014 (Southampton – 198.7, National – 211.5) to 12.2 in 2015 (Southampton – 200.8, National – 213.0).

Areas to Improve on

- Southampton's performance at GCE A level and Level 3 results of all state-funded students aged 16 to 18 is lower than National across all areas.
- The gap between Southampton and National has widened in 2015 for the Level 3 Average Points Score per student and is the largest it has been in five years.
- Compared to the other 152 Local Authorities, the best ranking overall achieved by Southampton was 135th in the "Percentage of students achieving grades AAB or better at A level, all of which are in facilitating subjects".
- Southampton's Level 3 Average Point Score per student of 617.8 is 63.5 below the Statistical Neighbour average of 681.3. Southampton's Level 3 Average Points Score per entry (200.8) is 10.9 below the average of its Statistical Neighbours (211.7), which ranks Southampton last against its Statistical Neighbours.
- Southampton has ranked last against Core Cities in all key indicators measures.

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