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About these results

The results published this year represent achievement for learners in UK schools and further education establishments (FE) for the 2014/15 full academic year (from September 2014 to August 2015). They represent learners at a cohort level, i.e. those that were expected to complete in 2014/15.

This provides a comprehensive picture of the results for BTEC Firsts and Nationals over the year. Performance tables report on completion rates, so the inclusion of this data aligns these results closely with national reporting.

Learners' results may be reported as 'not completed' for a number of reasons: if they are still studying for their qualification, if a fallback Certificate of Unit Achievement was requested, or if they have withdrawn from the course.

In the last few years BTEC First qualifications, at Level 2, have undergone a significant change of structure and the new qualifications sit on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) rather than the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF). The NQF BTEC First qualifications include an additional Level 1 Pass grade which was not available in the QCF versions.

The BTEC National qualifications, at Level 3, currently include only one subject area, CPLD, on the NQF.

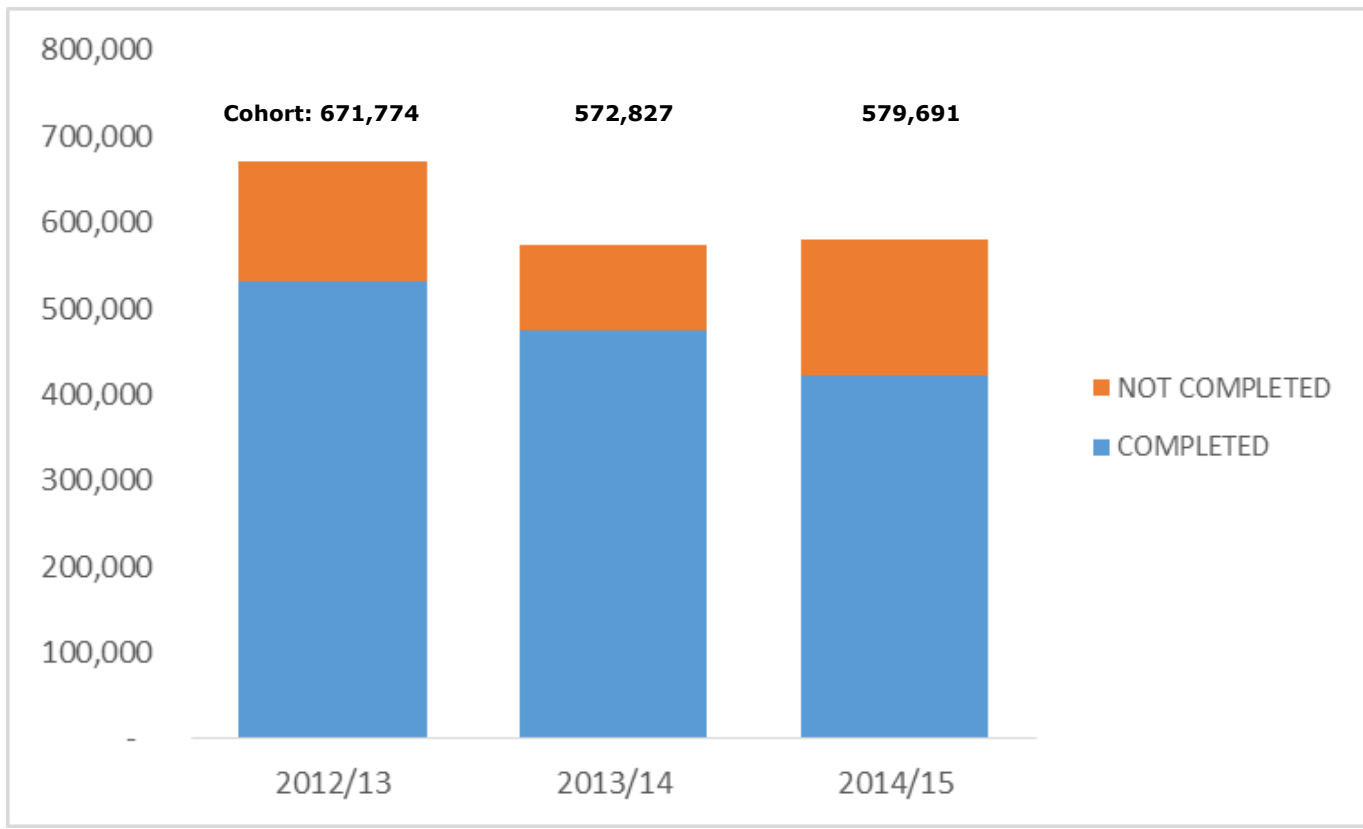
The data in this presentation combines results from the NQF and QCF qualifications at each level.

[View further details on the definition of the data.](#)

Learner completions - BTEC Firsts

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BTEC Firsts: cohort overview



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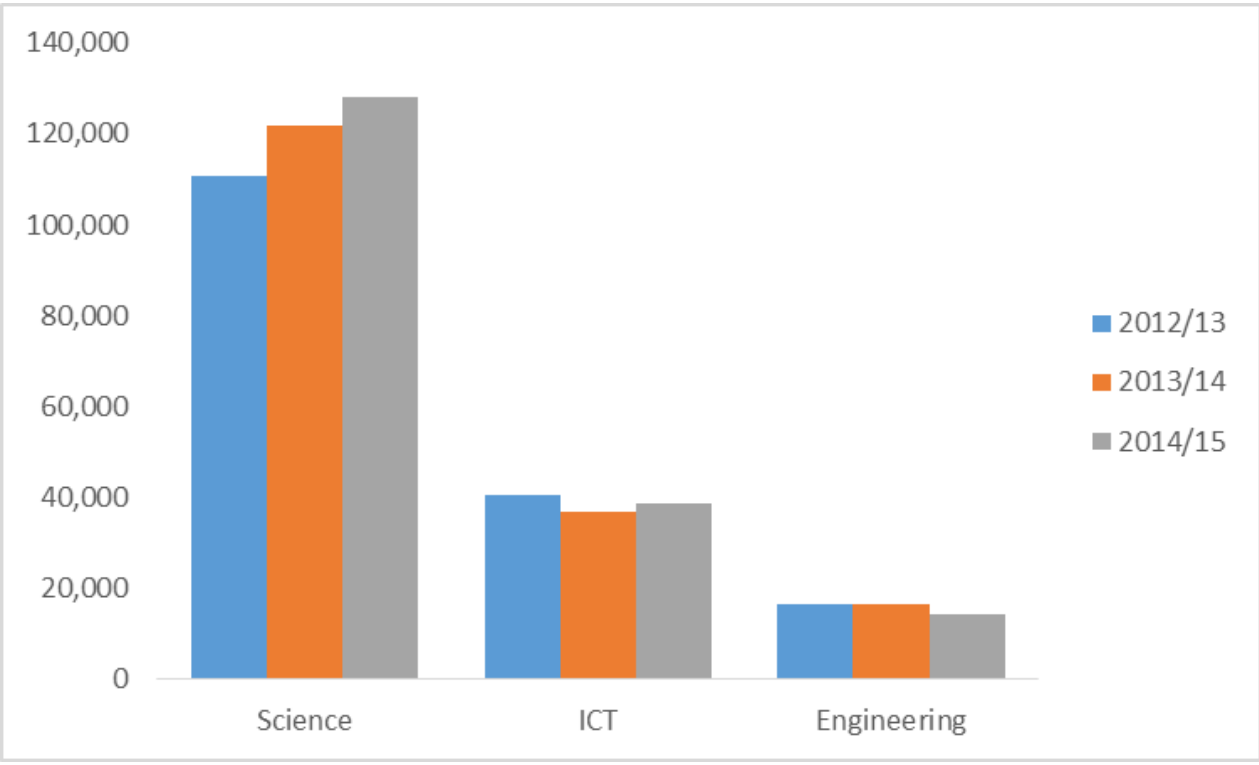
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BTEC Firsts: cohort and completion – top 5 subjects in 2014/15

Subject	Cohort			Completion		
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Applied Science	142,701	150,189	181,063	110,747	121,729	128,100
Sport Studies	144,640	104,246	95,053	113,151	89,596	69,141
ICT	51,389	43,829	55,138	40,476	36,873	38,634
Business	60,992	52,151	51,009	50,230	44,750	39,647
Health and Social Care	43,046	40,664	40,696	35,362	34,556	32,219

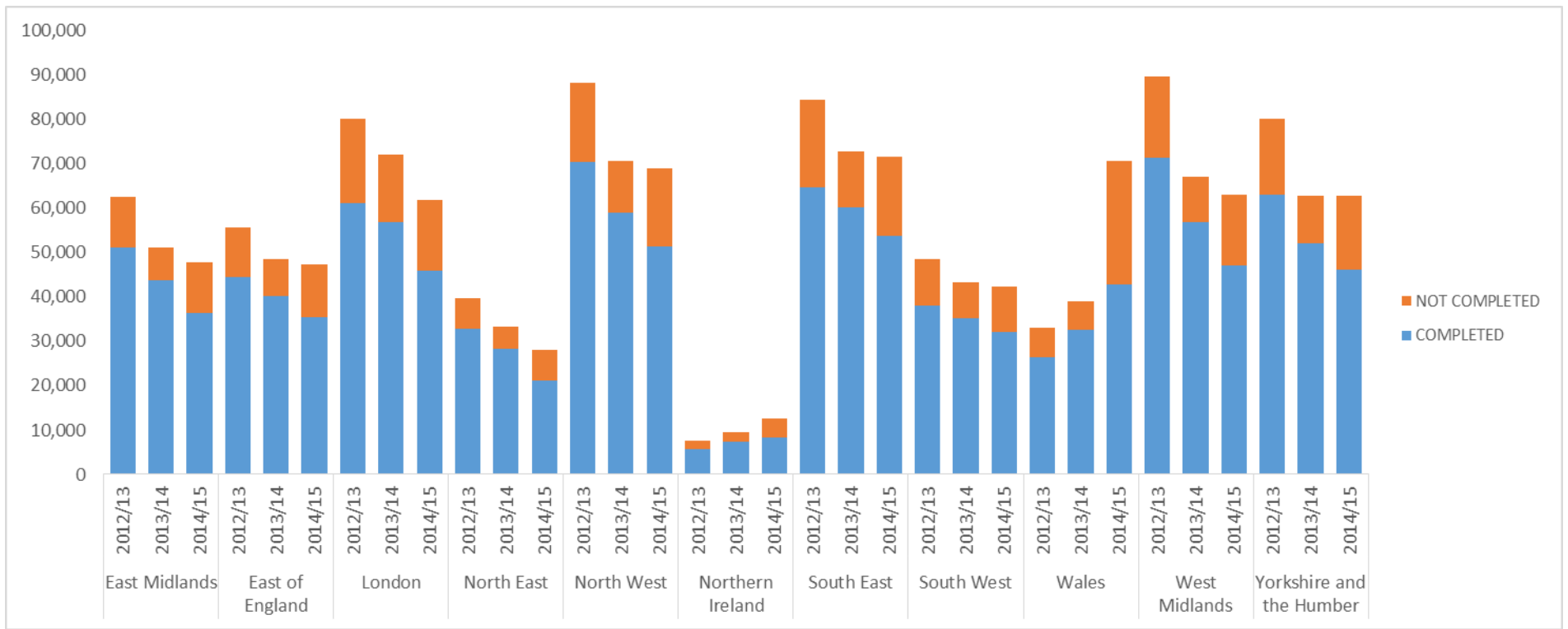
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BTEC Firsts: completion in STEM subjects



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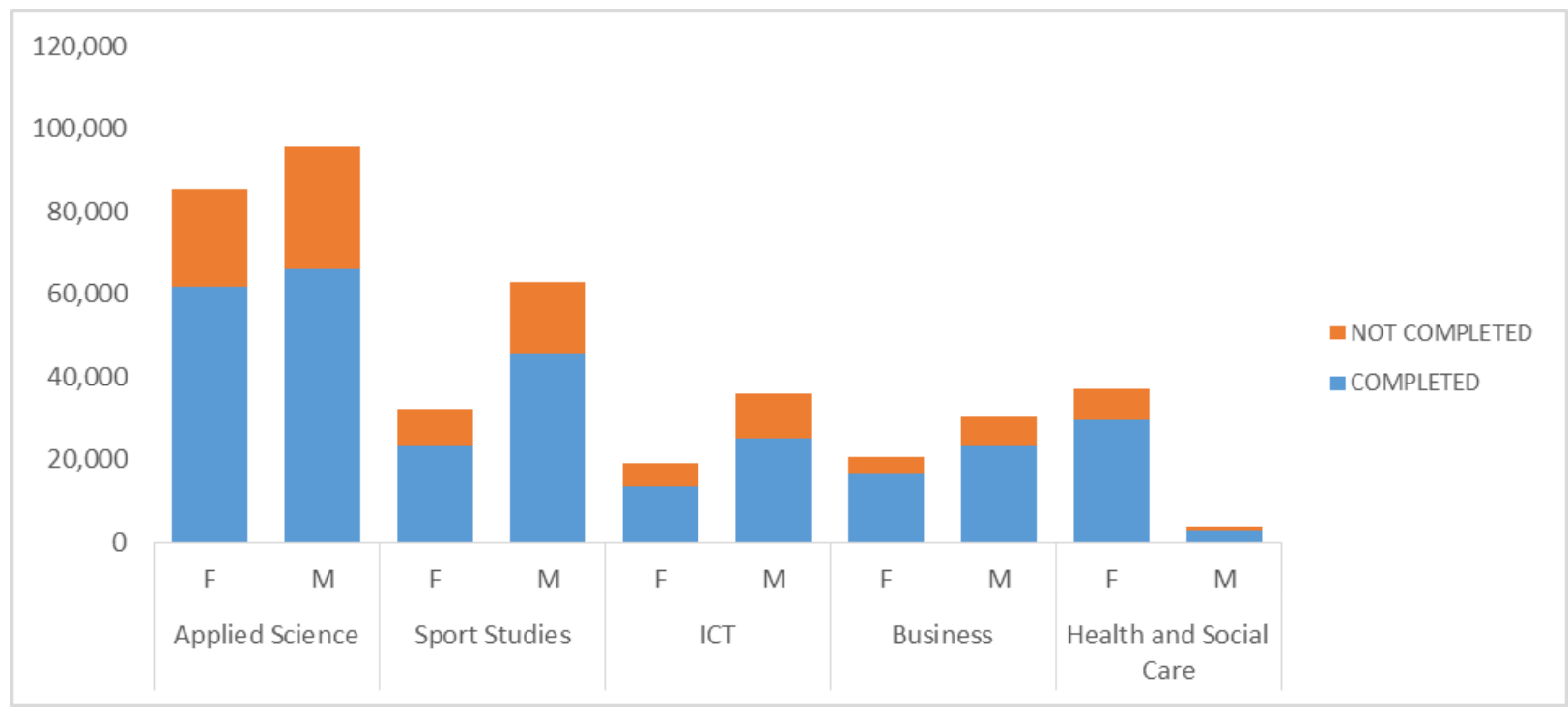
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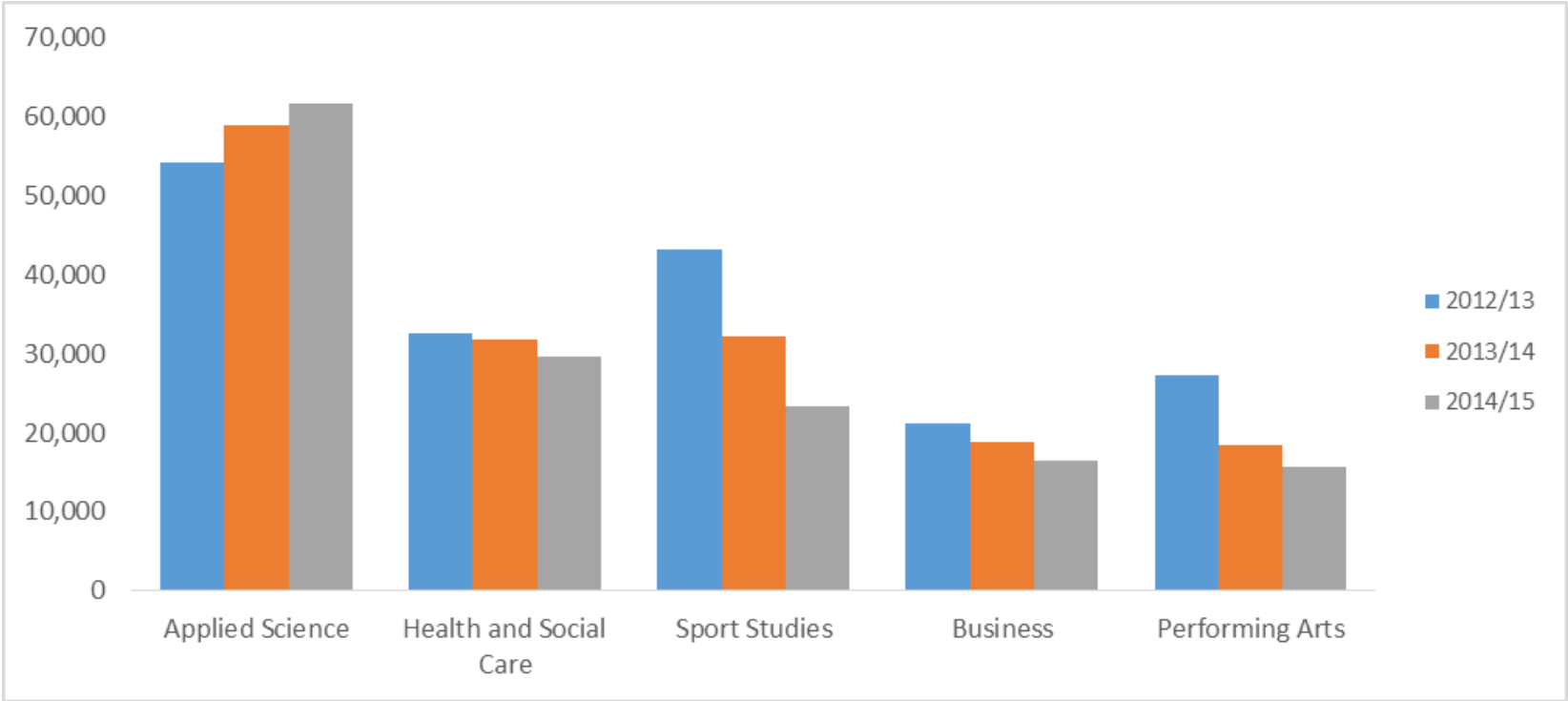
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BTEC Firsts: 2014-15 top 5 subjects by volume and gender

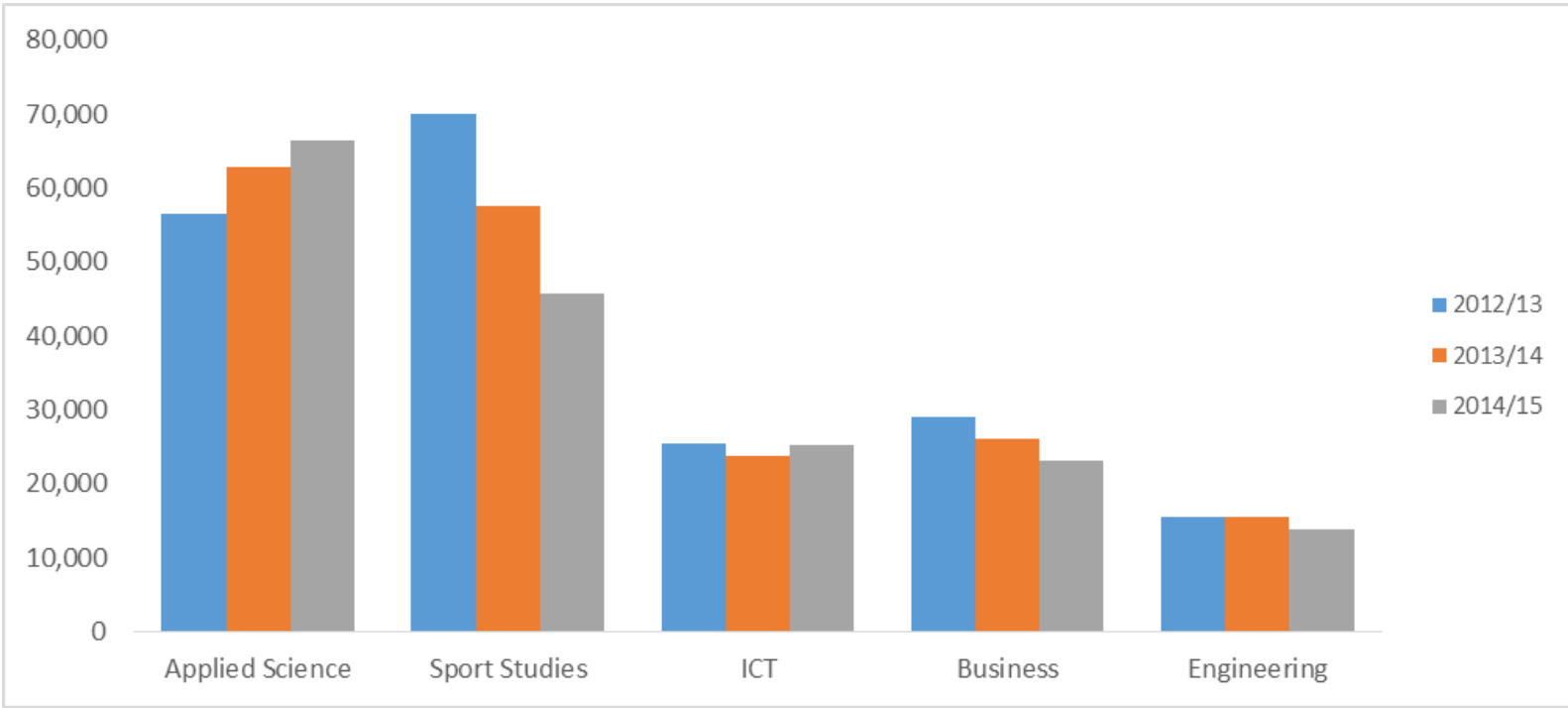


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BTEC Firsts: top 5 subjects for female learners by completion volume



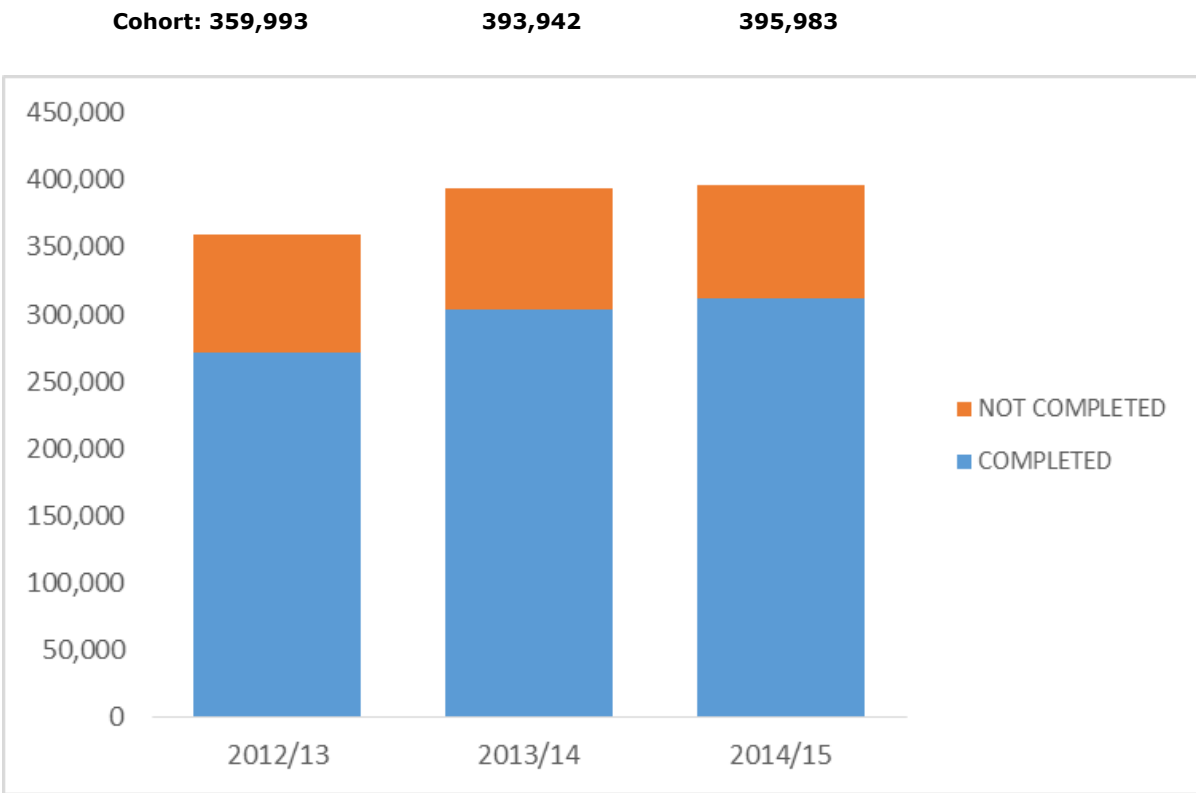
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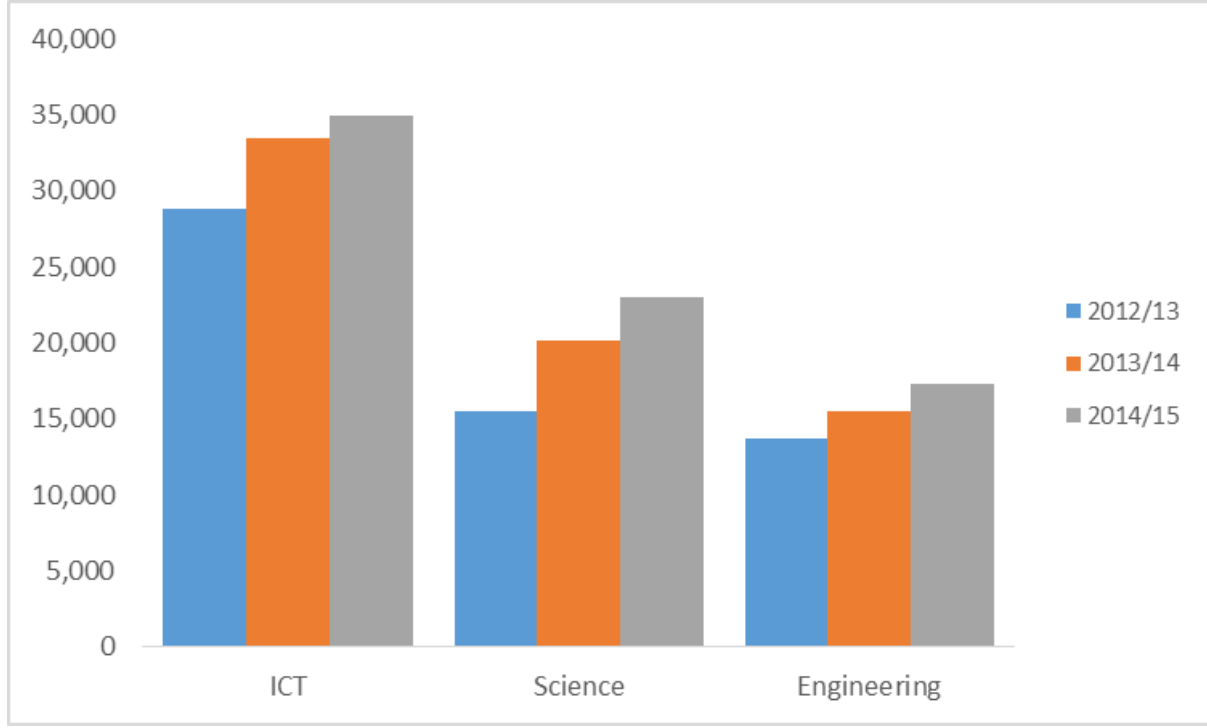


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BTEC Nationals: cohort and completion – top 5 subjects in 2014/15

Subject	Cohort			Completion		
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Sport Studies	48,757	53,582	54,940	37,472	42,179	43,300
Business	40,911	45,940	48,346	30,573	35,526	38,202
Health and Social Care	36,672	42,339	44,514	27,760	32,906	35,406
ICT	38,591	43,284	43,679	28,847	33,508	34,901
Applied Science	21,721	27,468	29,951	15,497	20,121	23,043

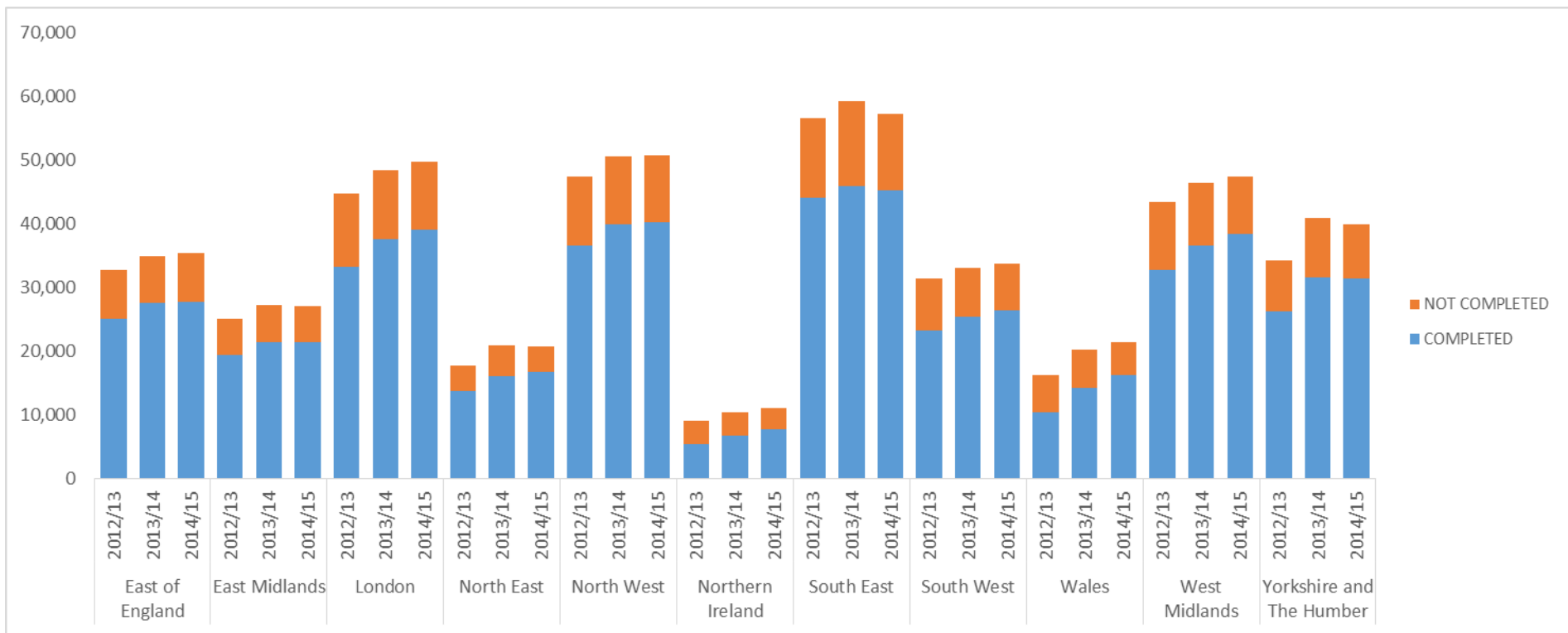
BTEC Nationals: completions in STEM subjects



- *In 2014/15, completion in STEM subjects saw an overall increase.*

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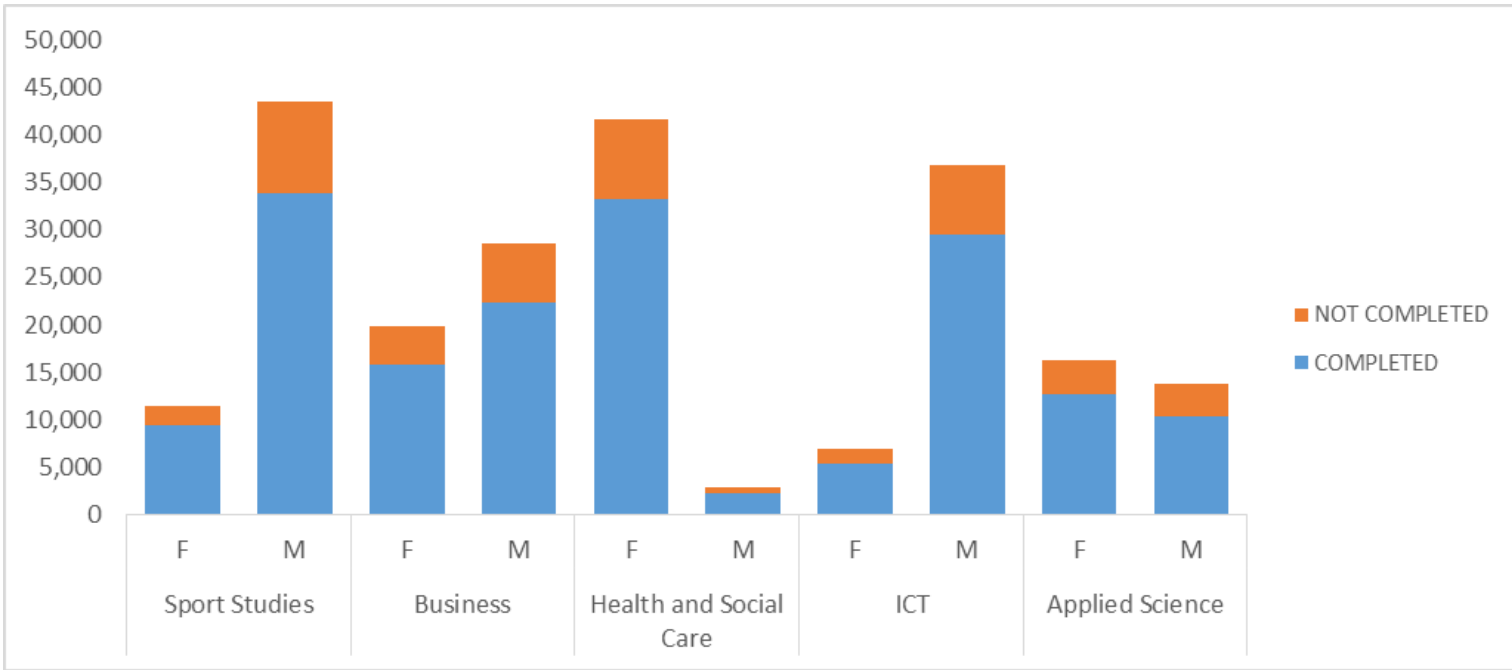
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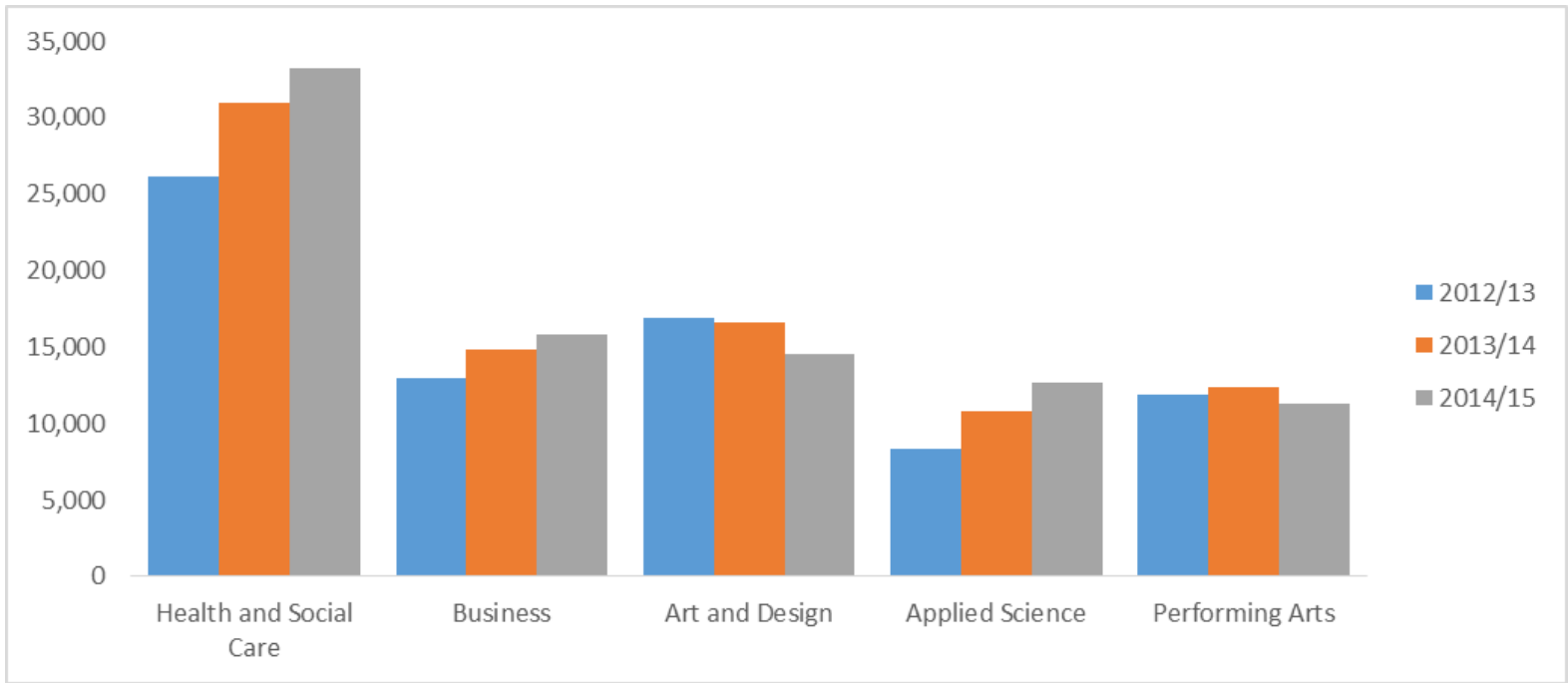
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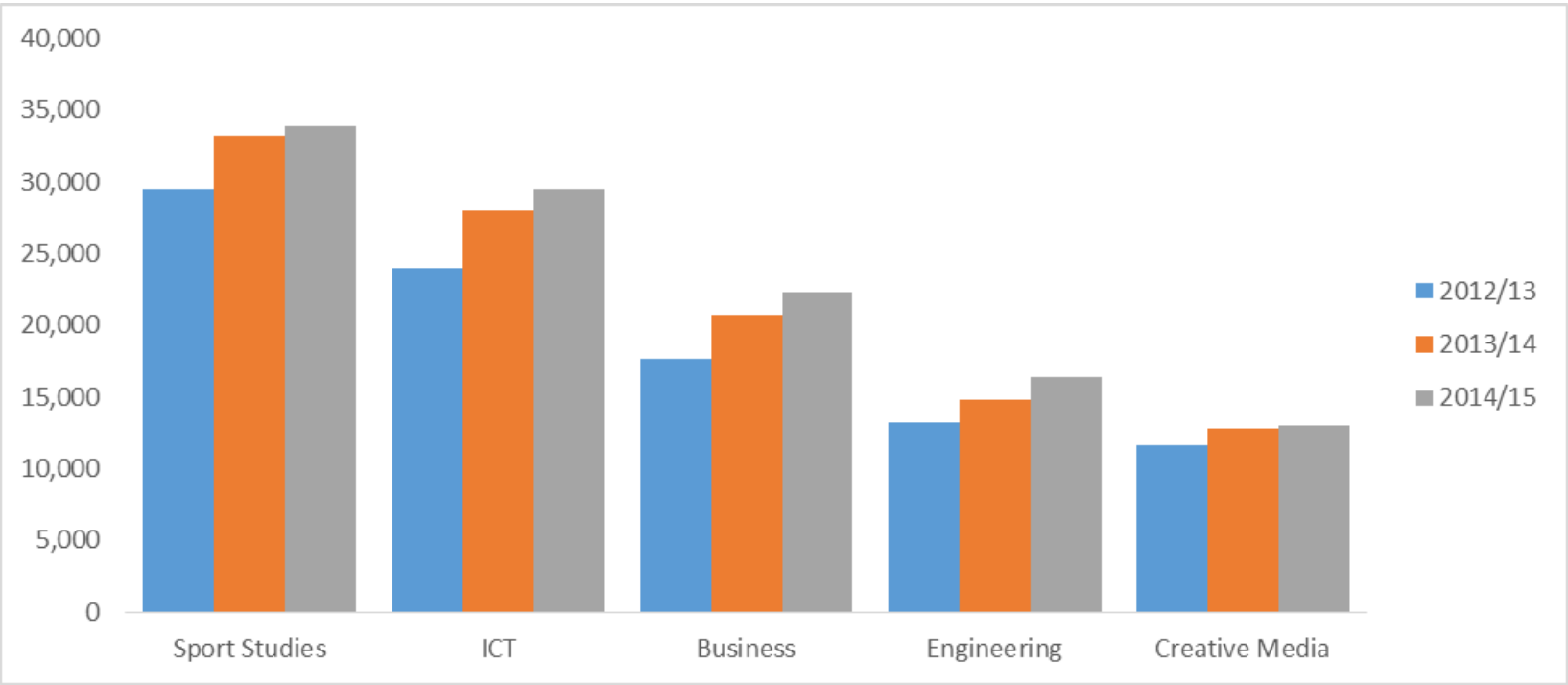
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BTEC Nationals: top 5 subjects for female learners by completion volume



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BTEC Nationals: top 5 subjects for male learners by completion volume



Learner achievement - BTEC Firsts

BTEC Firsts achievement: grade distribution overview

For these qualifications: Certificate (QCF), Extended Certificate (QCF), Diploma (QCF), Award (NQF)

	Cohort	D*	D	M	P	L1P	U	NOT COMPLETED
2012/13	671,650	13.5%	5.4%	18.9%	41.1%	0.0%	0.1%	21.0%
2013/14	567,159	13.1%	5.6%	19.3%	42.7%	2.0%	0.4%	16.9%
2014/15	537,522	4.9%	3.9%	15.0%	37.2%	10.8%	1.6%	26.6%

For these qualifications: Certificate (NQF), Extended Certificate (NQF), Diploma (NQF)

	Cohort	D*D*	D*D	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP	L1P	U	NOT COMPLETED
2012/13	124	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	2.4%	2.4%	23.4%	12.1%	0.0%	56.5%
2013/14	5,668	0.7%	0.4%	0.6%	4.1%	4.6%	7.6%	13.7%	14.8%	1.0%	52.5%
2014/15	42,169	1.3%	1.2%	1.7%	5.5%	8.5%	10.7%	19.7%	15.3%	1.0%	35.1%

- *L1P: these are only available on Level 2 NQF qualifications. These passes are deemed equivalent to Level 1.*
- *Not completed: learners who withdrew, claimed fallback, or were yet to complete at the end of the specified course duration.*

BTEC Firsts achievement: gender and grade overview

For these qualifications: Certificate (QCF), Extended Certificate (QCF), Diploma (QCF), Award (NQF)

	Gender	Cohort	D*	D	M	P	L1P	U	NOT COMPLETED
2012/13	F	312,267	17.7%	6.2%	20.2%	36.0%	0.0%	0.1%	19.8%
	M	359,382	10.0%	4.6%	17.8%	45.5%	0.0%	0.1%	22.0%
2013/14	F	257,759	17.4%	6.5%	20.4%	37.9%	2.0%	0.4%	15.5%
	M	309,396	9.4%	4.9%	18.4%	46.8%	2.0%	0.5%	18.1%
2014/15	F	242,982	6.8%	4.9%	17.1%	35.3%	9.8%	1.2%	25.0%
	M	294,536	3.3%	3.2%	13.3%	38.8%	11.7%	1.9%	27.9%

For these qualifications: Certificate (NQF), Extended Certificate (NQF), Diploma (NQF)

	Gender	Cohort	D*D*	D*D	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP	L1P	U	NOT COMPLETED
2012/13	F	29	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.4%	0.0%	0.0%	13.8%	24.1%	0.0%	58.6%
	M	95	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%	26.3%	8.4%	0.0%	55.8%
2013/14	F	2,303	1.4%	0.7%	1.2%	6.3%	7.1%	10.3%	15.3%	13.7%	1.1%	42.9%
	M	3,365	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	2.6%	2.9%	5.8%	12.7%	15.5%	0.9%	59.0%
2014/15	F	18,915	2.4%	1.9%	2.4%	7.5%	10.4%	11.6%	18.8%	13.1%	0.8%	31.0%
	M	23,253	0.5%	0.6%	1.1%	3.9%	6.9%	10.0%	20.4%	17.0%	1.2%	38.4%

- Generally, a higher percentage of female learners achieved the top grade than male learners.

Learner achievement - BTEC Nationals

BTEC Nationals achievement: grade distribution overview

For these qualifications: Certificate (QCF), Subsidiary Diploma (QCF), Subsidiary Award (NQF), Award (NQF)

	Cohort	D*	D	M	P	U	NOT COMPLETED
2012/13	144,327	19.4%	9.0%	17.7%	24.4%	0.1%	29.5%
2013/14	157,011	24.3%	10.1%	16.8%	19.7%	0.1%	28.9%
2014/15	157,533	28.2%	10.7%	16.8%	17.8%	0.3%	26.1%

For these qualifications: 90 Credit Diploma (QCF), Diploma (QCF), Subsidiary Certificate (NQF), Certificate (NQF)

	Cohort	D*D*	D*D	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP	U	NOT COMPLETED
2012/13	100,947	12.3%	6.2%	7.3%	9.6%	10.7%	11.1%	20.3%	0.1%	22.4%
2013/14	121,820	15.1%	6.7%	7.6%	10.1%	10.8%	10.6%	18.4%	0.0%	20.6%
2014/15	125,859	16.3%	7.4%	7.7%	10.3%	10.5%	10.3%	17.2%	0.3%	20.1%

For these qualifications: Extended Diploma (QCF), Diploma (NQF)

	Cohort	D*D*D*	D*D*D	D*DD	DDD	DDM	DMM	MMM	MMP	MPP	PPP	U	NOT COMPLETED
2012/13	114,719	11.5%	5.1%	5.5%	6.8%	8.3%	9.1%	8.5%	6.9%	7.2%	10.5%	0.0%	20.5%
2013/14	115,111	14.2%	6.0%	5.9%	7.3%	9.0%	9.3%	8.1%	6.8%	6.9%	9.6%	0.0%	16.8%
2014/15	112,591	16.2%	6.5%	6.4%	7.4%	9.0%	9.1%	7.9%	6.4%	6.5%	8.6%	0.0%	15.9%

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BTEC Nationals achievement: gender and grade overview in 2014-15

For these qualifications: Certificate (QCF), Subsidiary Diploma (QCF), Subsidiary Award (NQF), Award (NQF)

	Gender	Cohort	D*	D	M	P	U	NOT COMPLETED
2012/13	F	65,839	23.6%	9.8%	17.6%	20.8%	0.2%	28.1%
	M	78,485	15.9%	8.3%	17.7%	27.4%	0.0%	30.6%
2013/14	F	71,419	29.5%	10.4%	15.9%	16.1%	0.3%	27.8%
	M	85,588	20.0%	9.8%	17.6%	22.7%	0.0%	29.9%
2014/15	F	72,522	33.4%	11.0%	15.6%	14.4%	0.5%	25.1%
	M	85,010	23.8%	10.5%	17.9%	20.8%	0.1%	27.0%

- *In each year, a higher percentage of female learners achieved the top grade than male learners.*

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BTEC Nationals achievement: gender and grade overview in 2014-15

For these qualifications: 90 Credit Diploma (QCF), Diploma (QCF), Subsidiary Certificate (NQF), Certificate (NQF)

	Gender	Cohort	D*D*	D*D	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP	U	NOT COMPLETED
2012/13	F	41,260	15.3%	7.6%	8.2%	10.4%	10.9%	9.9%	16.5%	0.2%	21.1%
	M	59,684	10.2%	5.2%	6.7%	9.1%	10.7%	11.9%	23.0%	0.1%	23.3%
2013/14	F	51,029	19.0%	8.0%	8.4%	10.6%	10.4%	9.3%	14.5%	0.0%	19.6%
	M	70,779	12.2%	5.8%	7.0%	9.7%	11.0%	11.6%	21.3%	0.0%	21.4%
2014/15	F	53,406	20.7%	8.6%	8.3%	10.6%	9.9%	9.1%	13.4%	0.5%	18.9%
	M	72,449	13.1%	6.4%	7.2%	10.0%	11.0%	11.2%	20.0%	0.1%	21.0%

For these qualifications: Extended Diploma (QCF), Diploma (NQF)

	Gender	Cohort	D*D*D*	D*D*D	D*DD	DDD	DDM	DMM	MMM	MMP	MPP	PPP	U	NOT COMPLETED
2012/13	F	51,456	14.7%	6.6%	6.6%	7.6%	8.8%	9.2%	7.9%	6.0%	5.7%	7.5%	0.0%	19.4%
	M	63,256	8.8%	4.0%	4.6%	6.2%	8.0%	9.1%	8.9%	7.6%	8.4%	13.0%	0.0%	21.5%
2013/14	F	52,058	18.3%	7.5%	6.9%	7.9%	9.5%	9.0%	7.3%	5.8%	5.3%	6.7%	0.1%	15.7%
	M	63,052	10.8%	4.8%	5.1%	6.7%	8.5%	9.5%	8.8%	7.6%	8.3%	12.0%	0.0%	17.7%
2014/15	F	50,375	20.7%	7.9%	7.4%	7.8%	9.2%	8.6%	7.0%	5.3%	4.9%	5.7%	0.1%	15.3%
	M	62,209	12.6%	5.4%	5.6%	7.0%	8.8%	9.4%	8.5%	7.3%	7.8%	10.9%	0.0%	16.4%

- In each year, a higher percentage of female learners achieved the top grade than male learners.