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BTEC Nationals
(2016 - RQF)
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BTEC L3 qualifications

BTECs are rigorous, future-focused, and globally recognised qualifications that equip learners of all ages with the knowledge, skills, behaviours, and confidence to succeed in a modern, skills-based economy. One in five UK working age adults have one or more BTECs, and 6 million learners have achieved a BTEC in the last decade.

The courses are developed hand-in-glove with employers. This approach ensures that not only are the learners set up for a successful transition into the workplace, but they will go into jobs that will help satisfy the UK economy's widening skills gaps. Included in the class of 2023 are many future healthcare professionals, engineers and construction workers who are so vital to the UK's economy.

Level 3 BTECs are globally recognised and continue to be the most popular vocational qualification to support progress to university - approximately 50% of Level 3 BTEC graduates will continue into Higher Education with the rest going into employment, an apprenticeship or further study.

BTEC Nationals (2016): Supporting Student Progression to HE, Career & Lifelong Learning

Designed with educators, employers and professional groups to provide relevant career-based learning

- Min. 40-60% mandatory content, developed in consultation with over 5,000 stakeholders
- Designed to be 'Applied Generals' (primary progression is Higher Education), and 'Tech Levels' (primary progression is to employment)
- Two sectors included in new Trailblazer apprenticeships (Construction, Engineering)

Develops knowledge, skills and understanding – theory and practical application

- Features employability skills aligned to those identified in 'Future of Skills and Employment' report
- Min. 30-40% externally assessed (via a mix of exams and tasks)
- Contains internal assessment to develop and assess learners' practical skills
- Learners must obtain a minimum points threshold across units to achieve the qualification

Modular design – progression at learner's own speed from one level to another

- Supports social mobility – access and progression
- Designed to be part of 16-19 curriculum, builds on Level 2, aids progression to Level 4
- Different sizes for different learner profiles
- Supports and is largely funded for learners aged 19-23 years

Context of the 2022/23 academic year

This academic year in line with the regulatory guidance from Ofqual the aim was to return to pre-pandemic performance standards and we had checks and balances in place to allow us to be sensitive to the disruption learners have faced.

BTEC courses have a different structure and design to academic qualifications – BTECs are modular qualifications (with assessments taking place throughout the course) compared to GCSEs and A levels which are linear (assessed and awarded at the same time at the end of the year).

The aim of all awarding bodies has been to ensure fairness for learners by neither advantaging or disadvantaging any one group of students compared to their peers. [Further information can be found here.](#)

When making comparisons to historical years we need to be mindful, as the context and aim of last academic year was to see it as a transition year before a return to pre-pandemic standards this academic year. There have also been significant changes in the cohort make-up and size from historical years.

As in every year, there was an appeals process in place.



BTEC Nationals (2016)*: Key Headlines

The Extended Certificate (360 size) remains the most popular size.

Overall, the number of entries across all qualification sizes has remained relatively stable compared to 2022.

Business, Health & Social Care , Applied Science, Sport and Information Technology remain the five most popular sectors.

Overall, outcomes have generally returned to pre-pandemic standards and therefore are lower than 2022 in courses typically delivered over two years. Courses delivered over one year had returned to pre-pandemic standards last year.

** New reformed [BTEC qualification](#) first taught from 2016, containing external assessment*

Introduction: Understanding the BTEC Nationals (2016)

BTEC Nationals (2016 - RQF) Overview

The development of the new BTEC specifications (launched in 2016) was informed by talking to over 5,000 stakeholders, including teachers, students, universities and employers, and underpinned by research on the best education systems in the world.

These qualifications retain their essential BTEC character - learning by doing - and have evolved to meet changing needs by including:

- some externally assessed units (practical tasks and written tests) which better prepare learners for university-level courses and taking professional qualifications in the future.
- a larger foundation of mandatory content studied by all learners, so employers and universities know what to expect from a BTEC-qualified candidate.
- The new BTEC specifications were developed to meet the requirements set by Department for Education (DfE) to be counted as Applied General and Tech Level qualifications, for example by including the required proportion of external assessment.
- Certain BTEC Nationals Specifications have been available for teaching since 2019 which are not Applied Generals or Tech Levels, but which are highly practical and progression focused. They feature large, flexible teaching modules and are 100% internally assessed.
- The information contained here gives some top-line indications of performance in what is the second or third year for some qualifications and the first year for others. Where this is the first year, and possibly also where this is the second, the patterns of registration and performance are likely to be atypical and not representative of future years.

Introduction: Understanding BTEC Nationals (2016) Results

Data definitions

The results publication for the BTEC Nationals (2016) only reports outcomes for completed qualifications. This means these results for the BTEC Nationals (2016) refer to those people claiming this academic year. Results from learners in all locations are included. This includes England, Wales, Northern Ireland, and all jurisdictions where we have a result for these qualifications in the academic years reported.

What is a completion? - In these results, a completion refers to qualifications where a learner has been awarded a grade for the qualification, which can include U (unclassified).

What is a Pass? – These results also show figures for learners who have passed the qualification (achieved a Pass grade or above). Learners who have completed but not passed are awarded U. To pass, learners must have completed the qualification, passed the externally assessed units and achieved the required number of points on the mandatory units and the qualification as a whole.

Rounding Numbers in these slides are generally rounded to the nearest multiple of 100. Smaller numbers may be rounded to the nearest 10.



Introduction: Understanding BTEC Nationals (2016) Results

The 2022-23 academic year

The academic year for the purpose of this results publication is normally from 1 September to 31 August; results are grouped according to the academic year in which they complete the qualification.



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2023 Learner completions – BTEC Nationals (2016)

**BTEC National specifications
for first teaching 2016**



Interest in Reformed BTEC is strong

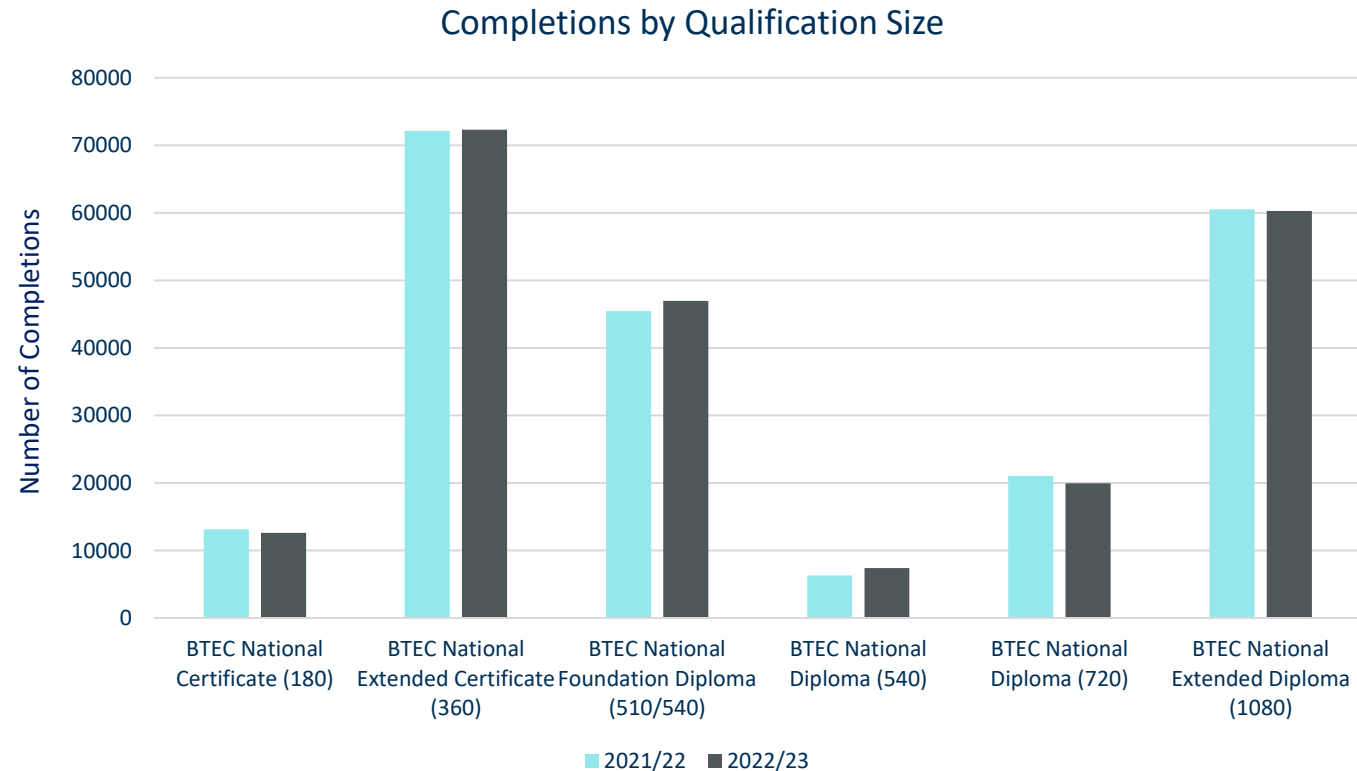
Learners prefer the BTEC National Extended Certificate as part of a broader curriculum

Cohort Overview

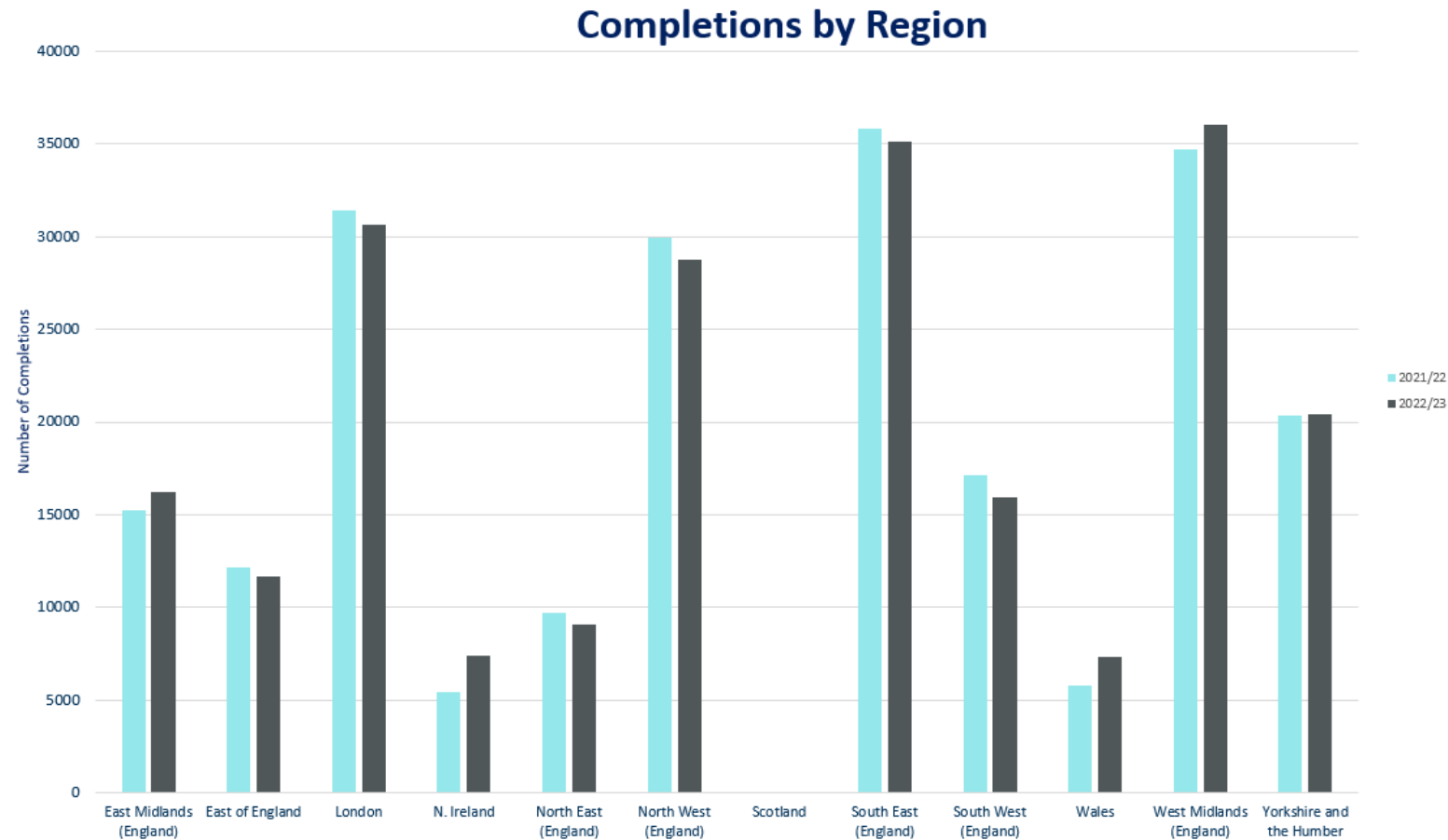
This graph shows the number of learners completing each of the qualification sizes in 2022/23.

The cohorts are stable, with very similar numbers for 2022/23 compared to 2021/22.

The Extended Certificate is the most popular size qualification for the BTEC Nationals (2016). Most learners take it as a two year course. These qualifications are often taken alongside A levels to provide a broader curriculum, developing learners' employability and soft skills.



The BTEC Nationals (2016) appeal to learners nationwide



Completions by region

West Midlands has the highest number of learners completing the BTEC Nationals (2016) in 2023, narrowly overtaking South East England which had the most in 2021/22.

On the whole, the distribution across regions remains similar from year to year.

Learners choose to complete sectors with employability growth

Business, Technology & Health and Social Care among top five sectors of interest

BTEC Nationals (2016): completion – top 5 sectors in 2022/23

Sector	Completions		Change from previous year
	2021/22	2022/23	
Business	36,900	35,200	-5%
Health And Social Care	27,700	24,700	-11%
Applied Science	18,900	18,500	-2%
Sport	16,800	16,300	-3%
Information Technology	13,800	13,800	+0%

The five most popular subjects for the BTEC Nationals (2016) are the same this year as in the previous year.

Students prepare for a wide range of careers

Completions by sector

The five most popular BTEC Nationals (2016) in 2022/23 are shown in the previous slide. This table shows how the number of learners has also grown in the 32 other sectors which had more than 250 learners completing courses in 2022/23.

Sector	Completion		Change from previous year
	2021/22	2022/23	
Engineering	10,200	10,700	+5%
Uniformed Protective Services	5,800	9,000	+55%
Sports Coaching And Development	8,600	8,400	-2%
Applied Law	7,900	7,800	-1%
Art And Design Practice	6,800	7,700	+13%
Applied Psychology	6,100	6,300	+3%
Creative Media Practice	5,300	6,300	+19%
Sport And Exercise Science	5,300	5,400	+2%
Animal Management	5,200	5,000	-4%
Creative Digital Media Production	4,600	4,600	+0%
Travel And Tourism	4,700	4,400	-6%
Computing	4,100	4,100	+0%
Performing Arts Practice	4,000	4,000	+0%
Music	3,500	3,600	+3%
Performing Arts	3,800	3,300	-13%
Construction And The Built Environment	2,600	2,700	+4%
Forensic And Criminal Investigation	2,300	2,500	+9%
Esports	800	1,800	+125%
Children's Play, Learning And Development	1,700	1,700	+0%
Applied Human Biology	1,600	1,700	+6%

Sector	Completion		Change from previous year
	2021/22	2022/23	
Art And Design	1,800	1,500	-17%
Sports Coaching	1,100	1,400	+27%
Enterprise And Entrepreneurship	1,000	1,200	+20%
Sporting Excellence And Performance	800	900	+13%
Agriculture	600	800	+33%
Music Technology	900	800	-11%
Sport And Fitness	600	600	+0%
Marketing	300	500	+67%
Equine Management	600	500	-17%
Production Arts Practice	500	500	+0%
Sport, Fitness And Personal Training	400	500	+25%
Sport And Outdoor Activities	400	300	-25%

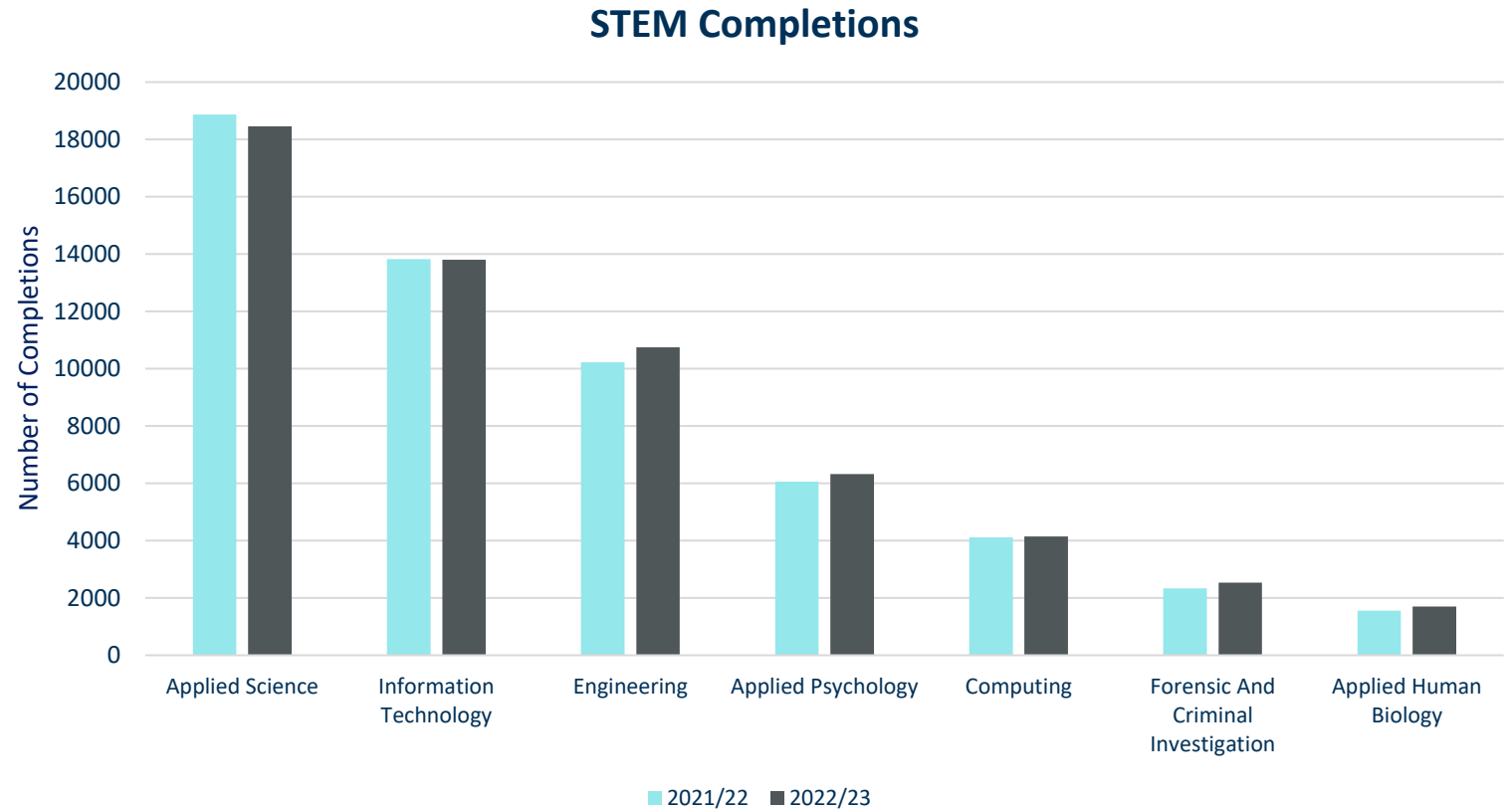
Students continue to complete a BTEC to pursue careers in STEM

Completions in STEM sectors

The most popular STEM subjects for completion in 2022/23 were Applied Science and IT.

Other STEM subjects, including Engineering and Applied Psychology, have continued seeing increases in the number of completions.

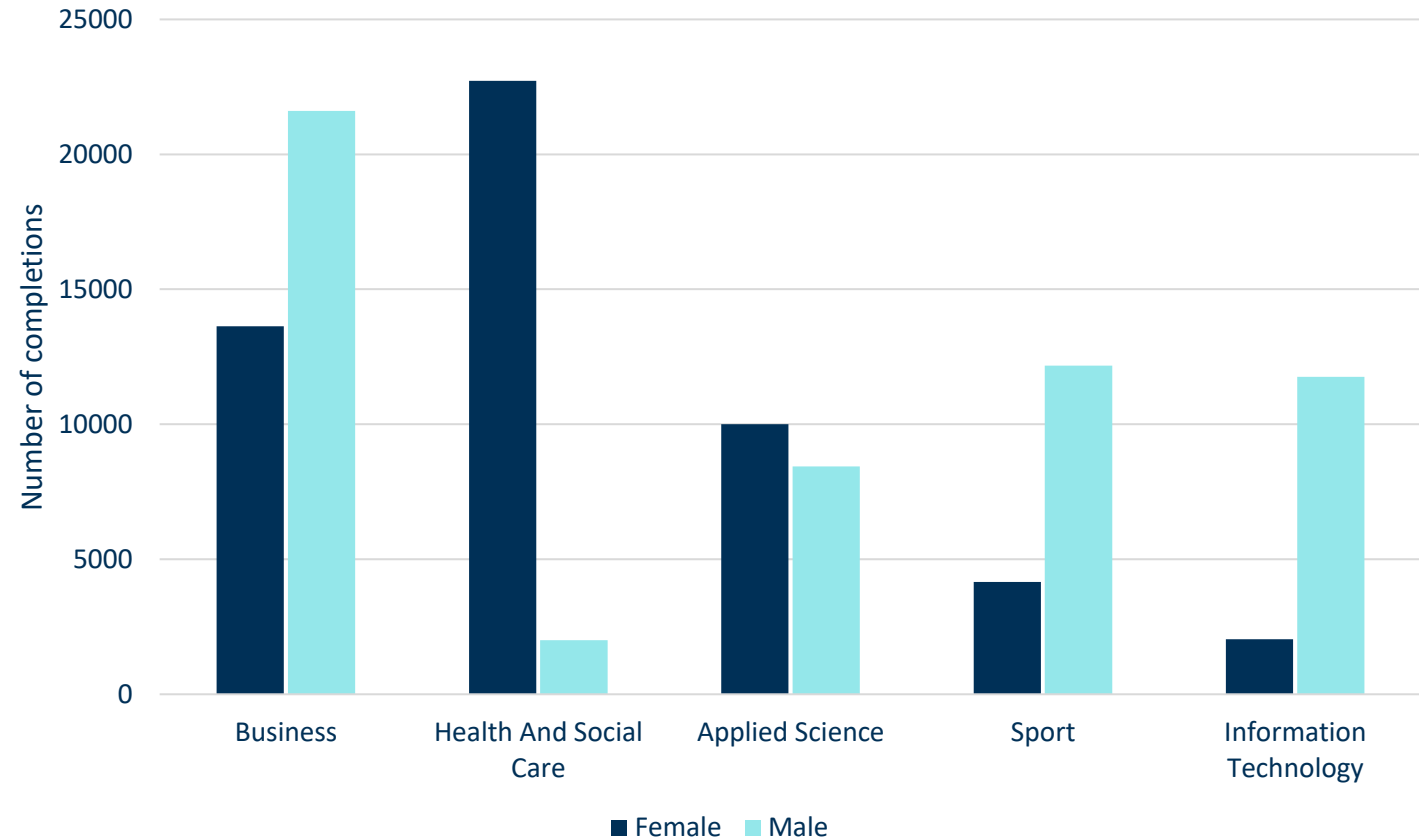
Completions are mostly stable across STEM subjects.



Gender differences exist among subject choice

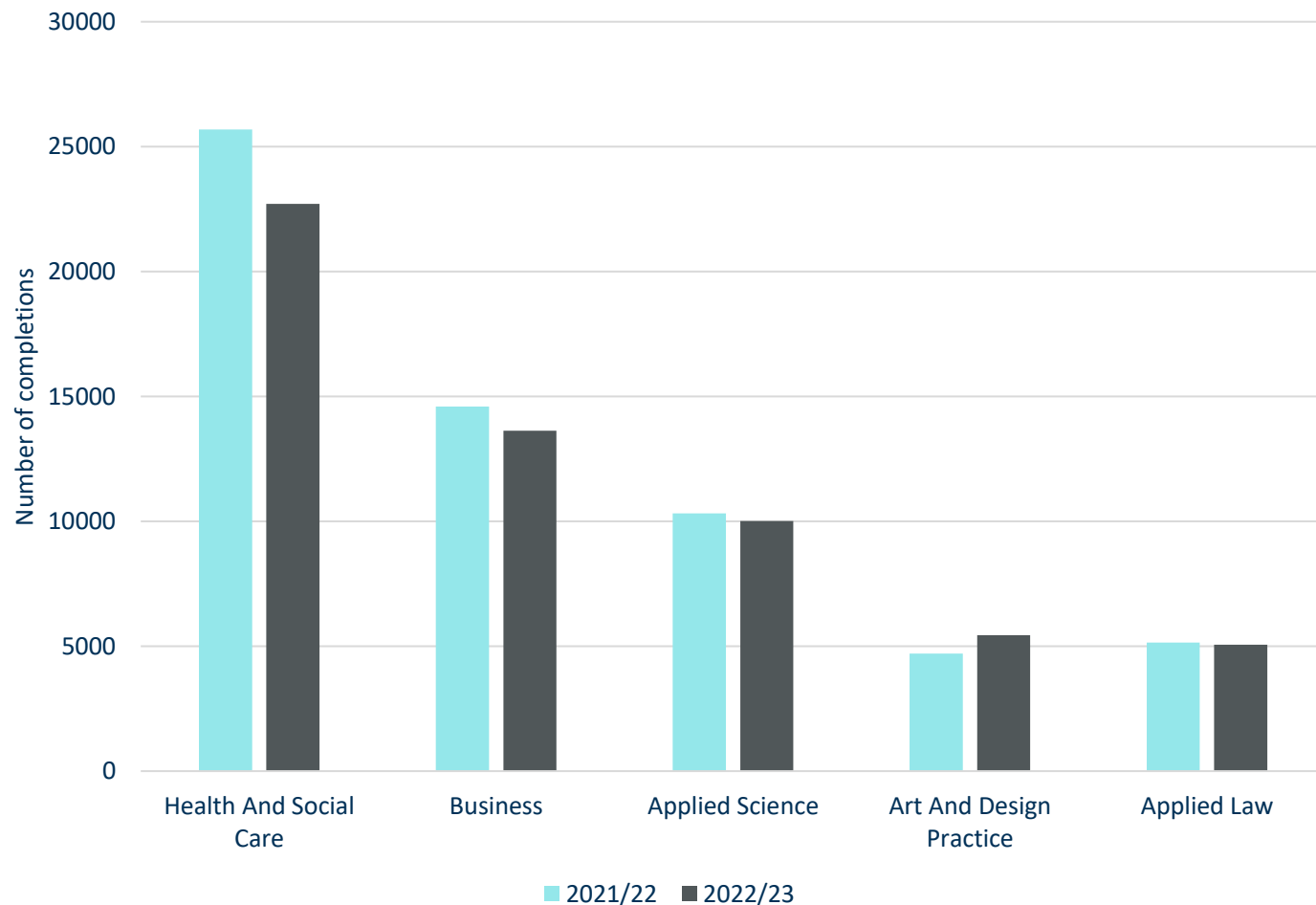
BTEC Nationals
(2016): 2022/23 most
popular five sectors by
volume and gender

Students taking Health
and Social Care and
Applied Science are more
likely to be female, while
learners taking Business,
IT and Sport are more likely
to be male.



Number of completions: female students

BTEC Nationals (2016): most popular 5 sectors for female learners by completion volume

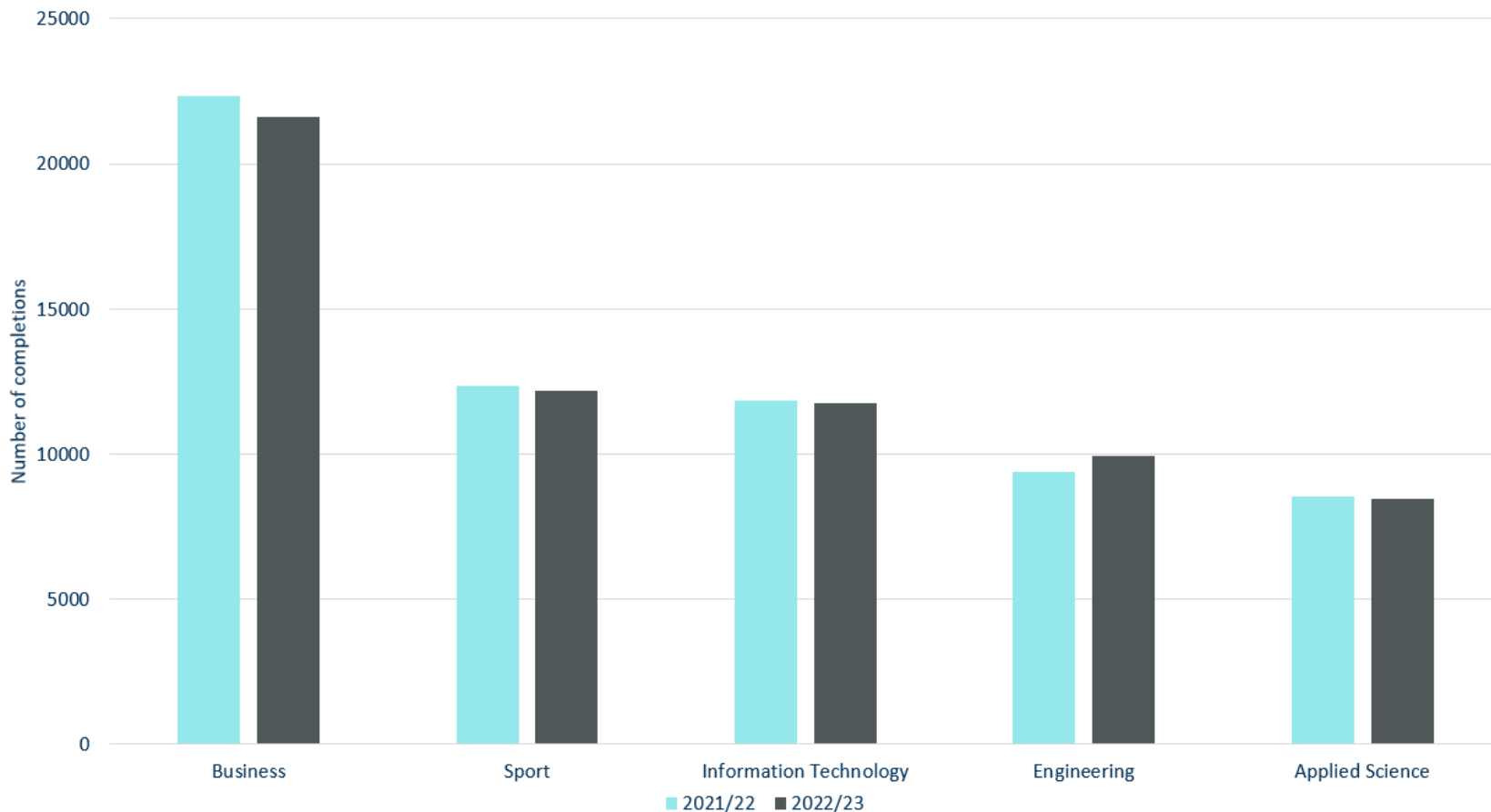


The number of students completing qualifications in each sector in 2022/23 was typically similar to the previous year.

The sector with the most female students in 2022/23 was Health and Social Care, the same as in the previous year.

Number of completions: male students

BTEC Nationals (2016): most popular 5 sectors for male students by completion volume



The number of students completing qualifications in each sector in 2022/23 was typically similar to the previous year.

The sector with the most male students in 2022/23 was Business, the same as in the previous year.

2023
Learner achievement

BTEC Nationals
(2016)

Reformed BTEC National
specifications for first
teaching 2016



BTEC Nationals (2016) Results 2023 Achievement across sectors

Qualification Grade	Grade name
D*	Distinction Star
D	Distinction
M	Merit
P	Pass
U	Unclassified

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grades explained

Learners who pass the BTEC Nationals (2016) are awarded grades using the range from Pass (P), the lowest qualifying grade, up to Distinction Star (D*) the highest.

Learners passing the Certificate (180GLH), Extended Certificate (360 GLH) and Foundation Diploma (510/540 GLH) are awarded single grades, e.g. D.

Learners passing the Diploma (720 GLH) are awarded double grades,

e.g. DM. Those passing the Extended Diploma (1080 GLH) are awarded triple grades, e.g. DDM.

Learners who have not met the standard for Pass are graded U (Unclassified) on all sizes of the qualification.

NB a reminder we introduced the Near Pass (N grade) for most BTEC Nationals (RQF, first teaching from 2016) external assessments, meaning learners can pass the qualification without passing the external assessment as long as they achieve the N grade and meet all other eligibility requirements (which remain unchanged).

BTEC Nationals (2016) Results 2023 Achievement across sectors

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview

The table below shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome for the Certificate (180 GLH), Extended Certificate (360 GLH), Foundation Diploma (510/540 GLH) and Diploma (540 GLH) in 2022/23.

Grades at pass and above for these qualifications are awarded as a single grade, e.g. D

Qualification	Size	Completions	D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Certificate	180	12,300	7.6%	10.6%	43.8%	28.2%	9.7%
BTEC National Extended Certificate	360	72,300	13.0%	30.3%	35.1%	18.5%	3.1%
BTEC National Foundation Diploma	510/540	46,900	5.1%	20.2%	30.1%	37.5%	7.0%
BTEC National Diploma	540	7,400	13.3%	22.1%	29.3%	34.4%	0.9%

BTEC Nationals (2016) Results 2023 Achievement across sectors

Learners for the Diploma (720 GLH, equivalent to two A levels) and Extended Diploma (1080 GLH, equivalent to three A levels) take these qualifications as two year courses. The tables below show the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome, of those who completed their qualifications in 2021/22.

Grades at pass and above for the Diploma (720 GLH) are awarded as two grades, e.g. "DM". Grades at pass and above for the Diploma (1080 GLH) appear as three grades , e.g. "DDM".

Qualification	Size	Completions	D*D*	D*D	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP	U
BTEC National Diploma	720	19,900	7.5%	16.7%	18.8%	15.3%	14.7%	11.3%	12.3%	3.5%

Qualification	Size	Completions	D*D*D*	D*D*D	D*DD	DDD	DDM	DMM	MMM	MMP	MPP	PPP	U
BTEC National Extended Diploma	1080	60,300	7.5%	7.8%	10.0%	10.5%	11.0%	11.2%	10.9%	9.0%	9.4%	8.5%	4.2%

The following tables show the 2021/22, as well as the 2022/23 outcomes, by qualification size, for comparison.

BTEC National Certificate (2016) Results 2023

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview: Certificate (180 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome, displaying 2022/23 with the previous academic year.

Qualification	Year	Completions	D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Certificate (180 GLH)	2021/22	13,100	8.6%	10.9%	42.5%	26.9%	11.1%
	2022/23	12,600	7.6%	10.6%	43.8%	28.2%	9.7%

The context and aim of awarding and grading in 2021/22 was to see it as a transition year with a stepped return to pre-pandemic standards. This academic year (2022/23) the aim has been to return to pre-pandemic standards, therefore comparisons to historical years should be viewed with caution.

BTEC National Extended Certificate (2016) Results 2023

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview

Extended Certificate (360 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome, displaying 2022/23 with the previous academic year.

Qualification	Year	Completions	D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Extended Certificate (360 GLH)	2021/22	72,100	19.5%	31.5%	31.5%	15.3%	2.2%
	2022/23	72,300	13.0%	30.3%	35.1%	18.5%	3.1%

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BTEC National Foundation Diploma (2016) Results 2023

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview

Foundation Diploma (510/540 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome, displaying 2022/23 with the previous academic year.

Qualification	Year	Completions	D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Foundation Diploma (510/540 GLH)	2021/22	45,400	5.2%	20.2%	29.7%	38.2%	6.7%
	2022/23	46,900	5.1%	20.2%	30.1%	37.5%	7.0%

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BTEC National Diploma (2016) Results 2023

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview

Diploma (540 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome, displaying 2022/23 with the previous academic year.

Qualification	Year	Completions	D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Diploma (540 GLH)	2021/22	6,300	12.1%	21.5%	30.8%	35.0%	0.6%
	2022/23	7,400	13.3%	22.1%	29.3%	34.4%	0.9%

The context and aim of awarding and grading in 2021/22 was to see it as a transition year with a stepped return to pre-pandemic standards. This academic year (2022/23) the aim has been to return to pre-pandemic standards, therefore comparisons to historical years should be viewed with caution.

BTEC National Diploma (2016) Results 2023

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview

Diploma (720 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome, displaying 2022/23 with the previous academic year.

Qualification	Year	Completions	D*D*	D*D	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP	U
BTEC National Diploma (720)	2021/22	21,100	12.5%	19.5%	16.4%	14.7%	13.8%	10.6%	10.3%	2.3%
	2022/23	19,900	7.5%	16.7%	18.8%	15.3%	14.7%	11.3%	12.3%	3.5%

The context and aim of awarding and grading in 2021/22 was to see it as a transition year with a stepped return to pre-pandemic standards. This academic year (2022/23) the aim has been to return to pre-pandemic standards, therefore comparisons to historical years should be viewed with caution.

BTEC National Extended Diploma (2016) Results 2023

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview

Extended Diploma (1080 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome, displaying 2022/23 with the previous academic year.

Qualification	Year	Completions	D*D*D*	D*D*D	D*DD	DDD	DDM	DMM	MMM	MMP	MPP	PPP	U
BTEC National Extended Diploma (1080)	2021/22	60,500	10.3%	10.3%	10.7%	10.1%	11.1%	11.1%	10.8%	8.6%	7.8%	6.1%	3.1%
	2022/23	60,300	7.5%	7.8%	10.0%	10.5%	11.0%	11.2%	10.9%	9.0%	9.4%	8.5%	4.2%

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BTEC National Certificate (2016) Results 2023 by gender

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview by gender: Certificate (180 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome, split by gender, displaying 2022/23 with the previous academic year.

Qualification	Academic Year	Gender	Learners in the gender cohort	Gender cohort as a percentage of annual cohort	Percentage of gender cohort with each outcome				
					D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Certificate (180 GLH)	2021/22	Female	7,500	57.3%	9.7%	12.0%	43.4%	25.2%	9.7%
		Male	5,600	42.7%	7.0%	9.5%	41.4%	29.1%	12.9%
	2022/23	Female	7,500	59.5%	8.5%	12.2%	44.7%	26.0%	8.6%
		Male	5,100	40.5%	6.4%	8.4%	42.5%	31.5%	11.3%

BTEC National Extended Certificate (2016) Results 2023 by gender

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview by gender: Extended Certificate (360 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome, split by gender, displaying 2022/23 with the previous academic year.

Qualification	Academic Year	Gender	Learners in the gender cohort	Gender cohort as a percentage of annual cohort	Percentage of gender cohort with each outcome				
					D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Extended Certificate (360 GLH)	2021/22	Female	36,600	50.7%	22.9%	34.0%	29.3%	12.1%	1.7%
		Male	35,600	49.3%	15.9%	28.9%	33.8%	18.6%	2.7%
	2022/23	Female	35,900	49.6%	15.9%	33.0%	33.4%	14.9%	2.7%
		Male	36,500	50.4%	10.1%	27.5%	36.8%	21.9%	3.6%

BTEC National Foundation Diploma (2016) Results 2023 by gender

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview by gender: Foundation Diploma (510/540 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome, split by gender, displaying 2022/23 with the previous academic year.

Qualification	Academic Year	Gender	Learners in the gender cohort	Gender cohort as a percentage of annual cohort	Percentage of gender cohort with each outcome				
					D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Foundation Diploma (510/540 GLH)	2021/22	Female	19,800	43.6%	6.5%	24.6%	30.6%	32.6%	5.6%
		Male	25,600	56.4%	4.2%	16.8%	28.9%	42.6%	7.5%
	2022/23	Female	20,300	43.3%	6.7%	25.4%	31.8%	30.3%	5.8%
		Male	26,600	56.7%	4.0%	16.3%	28.9%	43.0%	7.9%

BTEC National Diploma (2016) Results 2023 by gender

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview by gender: Diploma (540 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome, split by gender, displaying 2022/23 with the previous academic year.

Qualification	Academic Year	Gender	Learners in the gender cohort	Gender cohort as a percentage of annual cohort	Percentage of gender cohort with each outcome				
					D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Diploma (540 GLH)	2021/22	Female	3,300	52.4%	15.7%	23.7%	28.9%	31.2%	0.5%
		Male	3,000	47.6%	8.1%	19.2%	32.8%	39.1%	0.8%
	2022/23	Female	4,000	54.8%	17.6%	24.1%	28.2%	29.4%	0.7%
		Male	3,300	45.2%	8.1%	19.6%	30.5%	40.5%	1.2%

BTEC National Diploma (2016) Results 2023 by gender

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview by gender: Diploma (720 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome, split by gender, displaying 2022/23 with the previous academic year.

Qualification	Academic Year	Gender	Learners in the gender cohort	Gender cohort as a percentage of annual cohort	Percentage of gender cohort with each outcome							
					D*D*	D*D	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP	U
BTEC National Diploma (720 GLH)	2021/22	Female	9,400	44.5%	15.1%	24.0%	18.0%	13.7%	12.1%	8.1%	6.4%	2.7%
		Male	11,700	55.5%	10.5%	15.8%	15.0%	15.4%	15.1%	12.6%	13.5%	2.1%
	2022/23	Female	8,200	41.2%	9.8%	20.0%	21.3%	15.3%	13.3%	9.1%	7.8%	3.3%
		Male	11,700	58.8%	5.9%	14.3%	17.1%	15.3%	15.6%	12.8%	15.4%	3.6%

BTEC National Extended Diploma (2016) Results 2023 by gender

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview by gender: Extended Diploma (1080 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome, split by gender, displaying 2022/23 with the previous academic year.

Qualification	Academic Year	Gender	Learners in the gender cohort	Gender cohort as a percentage of annual cohort	Percentage of gender cohort with each outcome										
					D*D*D+	D*D*D	D*DD	DDD	DDM	DMM	MMM	MMP	MPP	PPP	U
BTEC National Extended Diploma (1080 GLH)	2021/22	Female	27,800	46.0%	13.3%	12.4%	12.3%	10.7%	11.2%	10.2%	9.7%	7.1%	6.0%	4.2%	3.0%
		Male	32,700	54.0%	7.7%	8.5%	9.3%	9.7%	11.0%	11.9%	11.7%	9.9%	9.3%	7.8%	3.2%
	2022/23	Female	26,500	44.0%	9.8%	9.6%	11.9%	11.5%	11.6%	10.7%	9.8%	7.5%	7.3%	6.1%	4.2%
		Male	33,700	56.0%	5.7%	6.3%	8.6%	9.6%	10.5%	11.6%	11.8%	10.2%	11.1%	10.4%	4.2%

BTEC National Certificate (2016) Results 2023 - most popular sectors

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: 5 most popular subjects - grade distribution overview: Certificate (180 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome.

Qualification	Sector	Completions	D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Certificate (180 GLH)	Applied law	2,600	16.6%	10.8%	41.9%	21.3%	9.4%
	Applied Psychology	2,000	4.1%	7.2%	36.6%	34.9%	17.2%
	Business	1,800	1.5%	10.7%	49.2%	29.1%	9.4%
	Health and Social Care	1,400	4.7%	16.6%	47.0%	27.3%	4.3%
	Applied Science	1,000	3.6%	10.8%	47.2%	32.4%	5.9%

Applied Law is the most popular subject in the 180 GLH size.

As with A levels, we do not necessarily expect outcomes to be similar across sectors.

The Certificate is equivalent to half an A level and may therefore be combined with a variety of different programmes. These are relatively small cohorts so the proportion of different centre types may vary. Different sectors can therefore attract different groups of learners.

BTEC National Extended Certificate (2016) Results 2023 - most popular sectors

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview: Extended Certificate (360 GLH)

Qualification	Sector	Completions	D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Extended Certificate (360 GLH)	Business	12,700	9.5%	34.8%	36.3%	16.6%	2.8%
	Health And Social Care	8,800	16.1%	36.1%	31.2%	14.1%	2.5%
	Sport	6,900	14.0%	31.8%	35.4%	15.7%	3.1%
	Applied Science	6,500	9.9%	27.9%	41.1%	18.9%	2.2%
	Information Technology	6,100	13.4%	30.6%	36.2%	15.7%	4.1%

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome.

Business is the most popular subject in the 360 GLH size. There is some variation across sectors at each grade but, as with A levels, there is no reason to expect outcomes to be similar across sectors.

BTEC National Foundation Diploma (2016) Results 2023 - most popular sectors

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview: Foundation Diploma (510/540 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome.

Qualification	Sector	Completions	D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Foundation Diploma (510/540 GLH)	Business	7,600	1.9%	20.6%	29.9%	39.7%	7.8%
	Health And Social Care	4,600	3.0%	27.3%	32.8%	30.9%	6.0%
	Applied Science	4,000	3.9%	21.6%	32.4%	35.9%	6.2%
	Sports Coaching And Development	3,700	12.3%	14.0%	23.7%	49.1%	1.0%
	Uniformed Protective Services	3,300	6.5%	16.1%	27.7%	41.5%	8.1%

Business is the most popular subject in the 510/540 sizes. There is some variation across sectors at each grade but, as with A levels, there is no reason to expect outcomes to be similar across sectors.

BTEC National Diploma (2016) Results 2023

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: grade distribution overview

National Diploma (540 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome.

Qualification	Sector	Completions	D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Diploma (540 GLH)	Art and Design Practice	4,100	14.4%	21.3%	28.0%	35.6%	0.8%
	Creative Media Practice	3,300	12.0%	23.2%	30.9%	32.8%	1.2%

The BTEC National Diploma (540 GLH) is available for two sectors.

BTEC National Diploma (2016) Results 2023 - most popular sectors

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: 5 most popular subjects - grade distribution overview

National Diploma (720 GLH)

Grades at pass level and above for these qualifications are awarded as two grades, e.g. DM. This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome.

Qualification	Sector	Completions	D*D*	D*D	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP	U
BTEC National Diploma (720 GLH)	Business	4,700	3.7%	19.8%	25.0%	17.4%	14.4%	10.0%	7.4%	2.2%
	Health And Social Care	3,100	7.5%	21.9%	23.6%	14.8%	12.9%	8.9%	7.2%	3.2%
	Sport	2,500	9.7%	19.4%	19.2%	14.3%	13.3%	10.2%	10.4%	3.5%
	Applied Science	1,700	9.9%	15.0%	18.1%	17.5%	16.6%	11.2%	8.8%	2.7%
	Engineering	1,100	6.5%	12.8%	13.1%	16.0%	17.5%	16.2%	14.7%	3.3%

Business is the most popular subject in the 720 GLH size. There is some variation across sectors at each grade but, as with A levels, there is no reason to expect outcomes to be similar across sectors.

BTEC National Extended Diploma (2016) Results 2023 - most popular sectors

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: 5 most popular subjects - grade distribution overview

Extended Diploma (1080 GLH)

Grades at pass level and above for these qualifications are awarded as three grades, e.g. DDM. This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome.

Qualification	Sector	Completions	D*D*D*	D*D*D	D*DD	DDD	DDM	DMM	MMM	MMP	MPP	PPP	U
BTEC National Extended Diploma (1080 GLH)	Business	8,400	2.1%	7.3%	13.0%	14.1%	12.1%	11.7%	11.4%	9.0%	10.1%	6.0%	3.3%
	Health And Social Care	6,800	4.0%	8.2%	11.5%	13.9%	13.1%	11.9%	9.2%	7.4%	7.6%	6.0%	7.3%
	Applied Science	5,200	6.6%	9.1%	11.3%	12.4%	12.5%	12.4%	10.9%	8.7%	8.2%	5.4%	2.6%
	Sports Coaching And Development	3,900	14.6%	5.2%	6.2%	7.8%	8.8%	11.2%	9.1%	7.7%	8.6%	19.2%	1.6%
	Engineering	3,900	3.3%	6.6%	8.9%	9.3%	11.4%	11.9%	13.3%	11.3%	10.4%	7.6%	6.0%

Business is the most popular subject in the 1080 GLH size. There is some variation across sectors at each grade but, as with A levels, there is no reason to expect outcomes to be similar across sectors.

BTEC National Certificate (2016) Results 2023 - most popular sectors by gender

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: 5 most popular subjects - grade distribution overview by gender: Certificate (180 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome.

Qualification	Sector	Gender	Learners in the gender cohort	Gender cohort as a percentage of annual cohort	Percentage of gender cohort with each outcome				
					D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Certificate (180 GLH)	Applied Law	Female	1,700	68.0%	17.1%	10.4%	43.0%	20.1%	9.4%
		Male	800	32.0%	15.5%	11.6%	39.8%	23.7%	9.4%
	Business	Female	800	44.4%	1.8%	12.9%	54.3%	23.1%	7.9%
		Male	1,000	55.6%	1.3%	9.1%	45.3%	33.7%	10.6%
	Applied Psychology	Female	1,600	80.0%	4.4%	8.3%	37.6%	34.4%	15.2%
		Male	400	20.0%	3.0%	3.4%	32.7%	36.6%	24.3%
	Health and Social Care	Female	1,300	92.9%	5.2%	18.1%	47.2%	25.7%	3.8%
		Male	100	7.1%	0.0%	2.9%	45.3%	42.4%	9.4%
	Applied Science	Female	500	50.0%	4.1%	12.6%	49.1%	29.1%	5.1%
		Male	500	50.0%	3.0%	8.9%	45.3%	36.0%	6.9%

BTEC National Extended Certificate (2016) Results 2023 - most popular sectors by gender

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: 5 most popular subjects - grade distribution overview by gender: Extended Certificate (360 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome.

Qualification	Sector	Gender	Learners in the gender cohort	Gender cohort as a percentage of annual cohort	Percentage of gender cohort with each outcome				
					D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Extended Certificate (360 GLH)	Business	Female	5,000	39.4%	11.3%	37.5%	34.1%	14.2%	2.9%
		Male	7,700	60.6%	8.3%	33.0%	37.7%	18.2%	2.8%
	Health and Social Care	Female	7,900	89.8%	17.5%	37.7%	30.1%	12.5%	2.3%
		Male	900	10.2%	4.6%	22.6%	40.9%	27.7%	4.2%
	Sport	Female	2,100	30.4%	24.6%	34.8%	28.4%	9.6%	2.6%
		Male	4,800	69.6%	9.3%	30.5%	38.5%	18.4%	3.4%
	Applied Science	Female	3,400	52.3%	10.4%	30.0%	41.4%	16.4%	1.8%
		Male	3,100	47.7%	9.3%	25.7%	40.9%	21.5%	2.6%
	Information Technology	Female	1,100	18.0%	17.5%	35.9%	33.3%	10.0%	3.3%
		Male	5,000	82.0%	12.5%	29.4%	36.8%	17.0%	4.2%

BTEC National Foundation Diploma (2016) Results 2023 - most popular sectors by gender

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: 5 most popular subjects - grade distribution overview by gender: Foundational Diploma (510/540 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome.

Qualification	Sector	Gender	Learners in the gender cohort	Gender cohort as a percentage of annual cohort	Percentage of gender cohort with each outcome					
					D*	D	M	P	U	
BTEC National Foundation Diploma (510/540 GLH)	Business	Female	3,000	39.5%	2.7%	25.0%	30.1%	34.5%	7.8%	
		Male	4,600	60.5%	1.4%	17.7%	29.8%	43.2%	7.9%	
	Health and Social Care	Female	4,300	93.5%	3.1%	27.9%	33.1%	30.1%	5.9%	
		Male	300	6.5%	1.3%	18.9%	28.5%	43.0%	8.3%	
	Applied Science	Female	2,300	56.1%	5.0%	24.7%	32.1%	32.6%	5.6%	
		Male	1,800	43.9%	2.5%	17.7%	32.7%	40.1%	7.0%	
	Sports Coaching and Development	Female	600	16.2%	16.2%	24.4%	17.6%	22.6%	35.1%	0.3%
		Male	3,100	83.8%	83.8%	9.9%	13.2%	23.9%	51.9%	1.1%
	Uniformed Protective Services	Female	1,300	40.6%	40.6%	9.7%	20.8%	28.4%	34.2%	6.8%
		Male	1,900	59.4%	59.4%	4.4%	12.9%	27.2%	46.5%	9.0%

BTEC National Diploma (2016) Results 2023 - most popular sectors by gender

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: 5 most popular subjects - grade distribution overview by gender: Diploma (540 GLH)

This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome.

Qualification	Sector	Gender	Learners in the gender cohort	Gender cohort as a percentage of annual cohort	Percentage of gender cohort with each outcome				
					D*	D	M	P	U
BTEC National Diploma (540 GLH)	Art and Design Practice	Female	2,900	70.7%	16.7%	22.3%	27.6%	32.7%	0.7%
		Male	1,200	29.3%	8.7%	18.6%	28.9%	42.8%	1.1%
	Creative Media Practice	Female	1,100	34.4%	19.8%	28.7%	29.9%	20.8%	0.9%
		Male	2,100	65.6%	7.7%	20.2%	31.5%	39.3%	1.3%

BTEC National Diploma (2016) Results 2023 - most popular sectors by gender

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: 5 most popular subjects - grade distribution overview by gender: Diploma (720 GLH)

Grades at pass level and above for these qualifications are awarded as two grades, e.g. DM. This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome.

Qualification	Sector	Gender	Learners in the gender cohort	Gender cohort as a percentage of annual cohort	Percentage of gender cohort with each outcome							
					D*D*	D*D	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP	U
BTEC National Diploma (720 GLH)	Business	Female	1,600	34.0%	5.4%	22.7%	25.2%	17.3%	13.0%	7.4%	6.4%	2.7%
		Male	3,100	66.0%	2.9%	18.3%	25.0%	17.5%	15.1%	11.4%	8.0%	1.9%
	Health and Social Care	Female	2,900	93.5%	7.8%	22.7%	23.8%	14.8%	12.6%	8.5%	6.8%	3.1%
		Male	200	6.5%	2.8%	11.2%	20.1%	15.9%	17.8%	15.0%	12.6%	4.7%
	Sport	Female	500	20.0%	21.1%	26.0%	22.1%	10.2%	9.0%	5.9%	3.7%	2.0%
		Male	2,000	80.0%	6.7%	17.7%	18.5%	15.4%	14.4%	11.4%	12.1%	3.9%
	Applied Science	Female	900	52.9%	11.2%	15.9%	19.7%	18.4%	14.7%	9.9%	8.0%	2.2%
		Male	800	47.1%	8.4%	13.9%	16.3%	16.6%	18.8%	12.7%	9.8%	3.4%
	Engineering	Female	100	9.1%	14.0%	18.0%	13.0%	18.0%	17.0%	10.0%	7.0%	3.0%
		Male	1,000	90.9%	5.8%	12.2%	13.1%	15.8%	17.5%	16.8%	15.4%	3.3%

BTEC National Extended Diploma (2016) Results 2023 - most popular sectors by gender

BTEC Nationals (2016) achievement: 5 most popular subjects - grade distribution overview by gender: Extended Diploma (1080 GLH)

Grades at pass level and above for these qualifications are awarded as three grades, e.g. DDM. This table shows the percentage of learners on each grade, or with each outcome.

Qualification	Sector	Gender	Learners in the gender cohort	Gender cohort as a percentage of annual cohort	Percentage of gender cohort with each outcome										
					D*D*D*	D*D*D	D*DD	DDD	DDM	DMM	MMM	MMP	MPP	PPP	U
BTEC National Extended Diploma (1080 GLH)	Business	Female	3,200	38.1%	2.7%	8.3%	14.7%	14.8%	12.3%	12.1%	10.0%	8.7%	8.3%	4.8%	3.3%
		Male	5,200	61.9%	1.8%	6.7%	11.9%	13.7%	11.9%	11.5%	12.2%	9.2%	11.2%	6.7%	3.3%
	Health and Social Care	Female	6,400	94.1%	4.1%	8.4%	11.5%	14.1%	13.1%	12.0%	9.1%	7.2%	7.5%	5.8%	7.2%
		Male	400	5.9%	2.4%	4.5%	11.8%	11.1%	12.7%	11.3%	10.4%	9.6%	9.9%	8.9%	7.5%
	Applied Science	Female	2,900	55.8%	7.9%	11.0%	12.7%	13.3%	13.1%	11.9%	9.7%	7.0%	6.4%	4.3%	2.5%
		Male	2,300	44.2%	4.8%	6.6%	9.3%	11.3%	11.7%	12.9%	12.4%	10.9%	10.6%	6.9%	2.7%
	Sports Coaching and Development	Female	600	15.4%	27.2%	7.3%	9.1%	8.9%	10.9%	8.9%	7.5%	4.2%	4.7%	9.7%	1.6%
		Male	3,300	84.6%	12.1%	4.8%	5.6%	7.6%	8.3%	11.7%	9.3%	8.4%	9.4%	21.1%	1.7%
	Engineering	Female	300	7.7%	5.5%	12.5%	13.3%	8.5%	12.9%	10.7%	12.5%	11.8%	4.4%	1.8%	5.9%
		Male	3,600	92.3%	3.1%	6.1%	8.5%	9.4%	11.3%	12.0%	13.3%	11.2%	10.8%	8.1%	6.0%



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