

England

- Overall GCSE entries in England have increased slightly by 1.2% (from 5013364 to 5075675).
- Overall results in England were up slightly at the 7/A and 4/C boundaries; 20.7% of entries in England were graded 7/A or above this year, compared to 20.3% last year, while 67.1% of entries received a grade 4/C or above compared to 66.6% last year.
 - Females continue to outperform males at both the 7/A boundary (23.8% vs. 17.5%) and the 4/C boundary (71.5% vs. 62.7%), although the gap has narrowed at the 4/C boundary since last year.
- Results for English and maths remained relatively stable across the board:
 - English Language decreased slightly at the 4/C boundary (down 0.2 percentage points to 61.8) but remained stable at the 7/A boundary (13.9%)
 - English Literature saw small increases at both boundaries (up 0.5 percentage points at 4/C and up 0.7 percentage points at 7/A).
 - There was a small increase in Maths at 7/A (up 0.2 percentage points) and a small decrease at 4/C (down 0.1 percentage points).
- Overall, entries in EBacc subjects are up 3.8%, to 4,132,068, while entries in non-EBacc subjects are down 8.7%, to less than a million – 943,607.
 - *However, many of the 'non-Ebacc' subjects have been discontinued (e.g. Health & Social Care & ICT).*
 - Some non-EBacc subjects have seen large drops in entries this year – design and technology down by 23.0%, media/film/tv studies down by 12.9% and PE down by 7.3% – but entries into some other non-EBacc subjects have increased; Art and design subjects are up by 9.5%, while business studies is up by 6.1%
 - *Some of these changes may reflect a switch to other types of qualifications e.g. a switch from GCSE PE to BTEC PE, which isn't reflected in this data*
- [Ofqual have looked](#) at the number of 16-year-old students in England taking 7 or more reformed 9 to 1 GCSEs who achieved a grade 9 in all of them. In total, there were 837 students that achieved this, 66% of whom were female and 34% of whom were male.