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About these results

The results published this year represent achievement for students in UK Schools and FE Colleges ("FE") for the 2013/14 full academic year (from September 2013 to August 2014).

In previous years the published results have shown all achievements between June and May. This change has been brought about for two main reasons:

- •The phased introduction of external assessment into BTEC First and National qualifications means that increasing numbers of students are completing their qualifications in the summer at a similar time to A level and GCSE students.
- •Moving the reporting period brings publication of BTEC results into line with the time period used for reporting of results for GCSE and A level qualifications.

A second significant change in the presentation of this year's results is that they are now based on the overall cohort. This means we report on the 2012/13 cohort of registrations expected to finish a two year course in 2013/14 and on the 2013/14 cohort expected to complete a one year course in the same academic year. In previous years we reported on all completions in the year, irrespective of start date, and did not include non completions as part of the data set.

This provides a more complete picture of the results for BTEC Firsts and Nationals over the year. Performance tables will report on completion rates, so it is important to include this data to align these results more closely with national reporting.

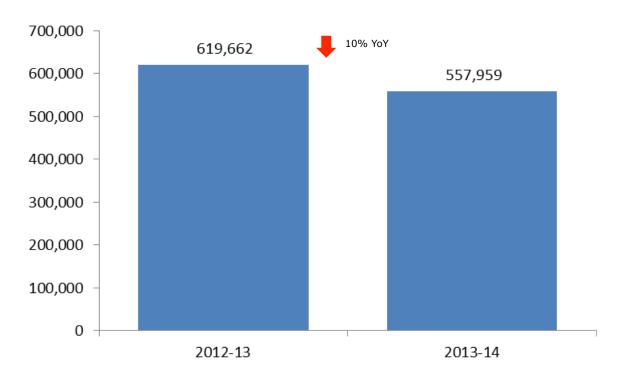
Please note that, within the data, there are some students who are listed as 'unclassified'. Students may be reported as unclassified for a number of reasons:

- •They are still studying for their qualification: results for these learners will be included in next year's results.
- •They have completed the course but did not reach the required standard in a sufficient number of units to achieve a Pass grade for the qualification as a whole.
- •They started the course but did not complete all the units.
- •They have withdrawn from the course.

BTEC Level 2 First qualifications have recently undergone a significant change of structure and the new qualifications sit on the National Qualifications Framework rather than the Qualifications and Credit Framework. The new NQF qualifications include an additional Level 1 Pass grade which was not available in the QCF versions. The new NQF qualifications are currently being phased in and the majority of results for this year in all subjects are from the QCF versions. The two sets of results have therefore been presented as a single set of outcomes at Level 2.

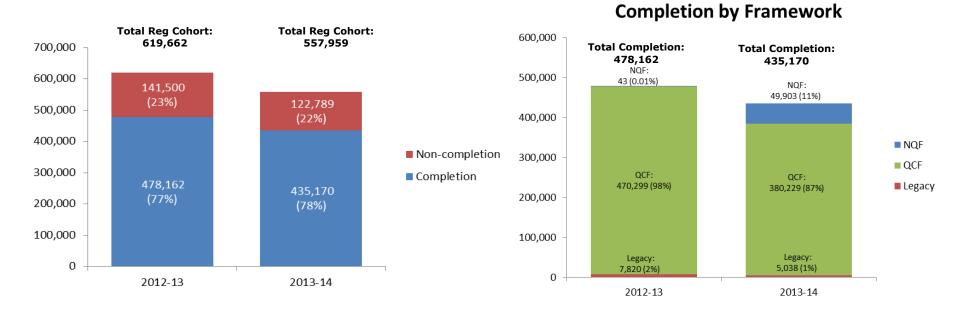
Learner Completions - BTEC Firsts

BTEC FIRSTS: Registration cohort over time



BTEC Firsts registrations in Schools and FE 2013/14 vs 2012/13: fell by 61,703 or 10%

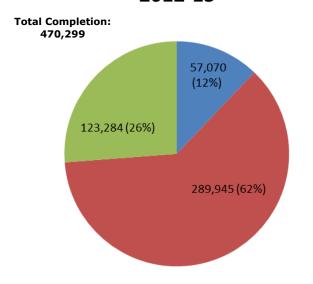
BTEC Firsts: Learner completions



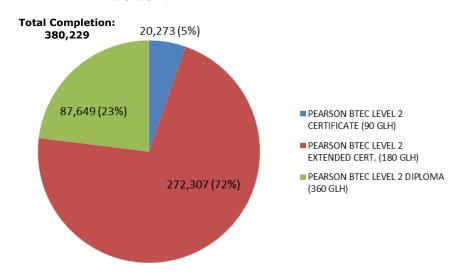
- Completion volume fell by 9% in 2013-14, compared to prior year.
- 2013/14 has also seen the introduction of a new 'Next Generation' Firsts, now accounting for over 10% of total Completions.
- With the withdrawal of BTEC Firsts QCF qualifications from Sept 2014 (except Diplomas), we expect volumes and completions of the Next Generation First qualifications will continue to grow in 2015.
- Completion: Students who completed at the end of the specified course duration.
- Non-completion: Students who withdrew, did not meet the required standard or yet to complete.

BTEC Firsts: QCF completions by size





2013-14



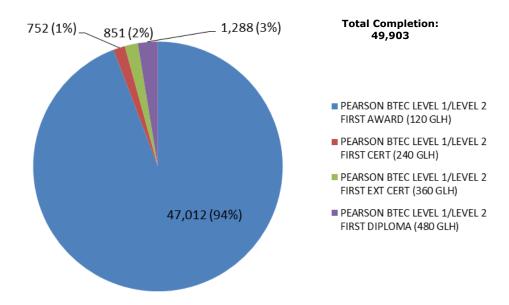
- QCF BTEC Firsts completions fell by 19% YoY. This is due to the introduction of BTEC Firsts Next Generation in 2012.
- We have also seen a shift in the completion volume from Level 2 Certificate to Extended Certificate

QCF Size	GLH
PEARSON BTEC LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE	90
PEARSON BTEC LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERT	180
PEARSON BTEC LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA	360

	2012-13	2013-14	YoY Change
PEARSON BTEC LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE (90 GLH)	12%	5%	-7%
PEARSON BTEC LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERT. (180 GLH)	62%	72%	10%
PEARSON BTEC LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA (360 GLH)	26%	23%	-3%

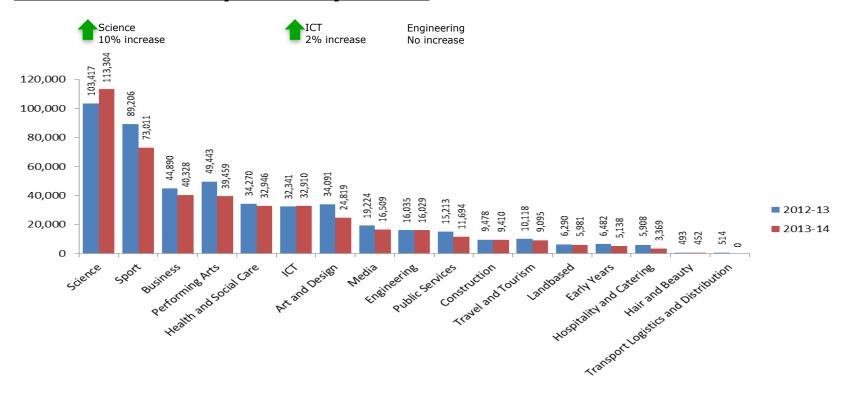
BTEC Firsts: NQF completion by size - 2013-14

2013-14



For BTEC Firsts NQF, the overwhelming majority of students take the Level 1/Level 2 Award.

BTEC Firsts: Completion by sector



- Overall YoY increase of 7% in STEM Subjects (Science, ICT and Engineering).
- Top 6 sectors by volume are Science, Sport and Leisure, Business and Management, Performing Arts, Health and Social Care and ICT.
- Sport and Leisure, and Performing Arts declined most YoY in volume: -16,195 (-18%) and -9,984 (-20%) respectively.

• Data is for all frameworks, where sector information is available.

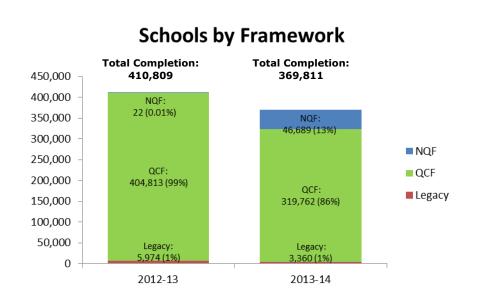
BTEC Firsts: Completion in Schools compared to FE

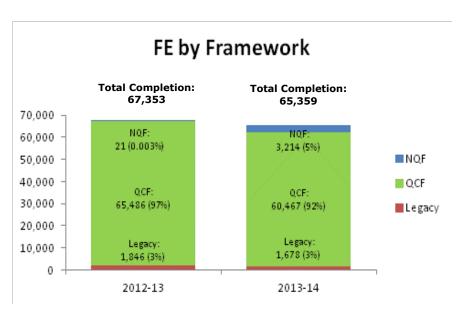


	2012-13	2013-14	Change	Change %
FE	67,353	65,359	-1,994	-3%
Schools	410,809	369,811	-40,998	-10%
Total	478,162	435,170	-42,992	-9%

- Schools account for 85% of BTEC Firsts Completion.
- Schools YoY Completion has fallen by 10%.

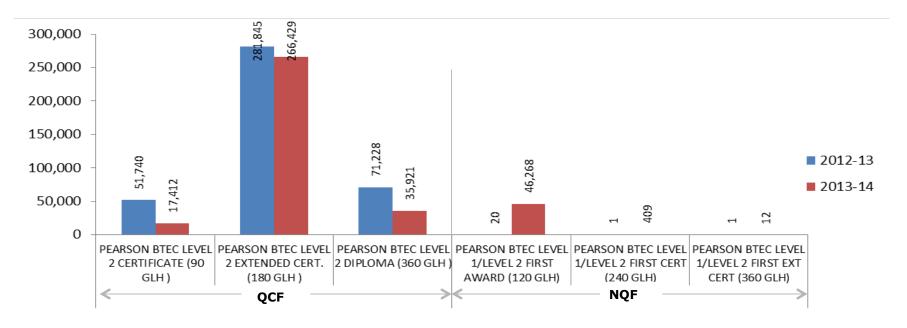
BTEC Firsts: Schools and FE - by framework





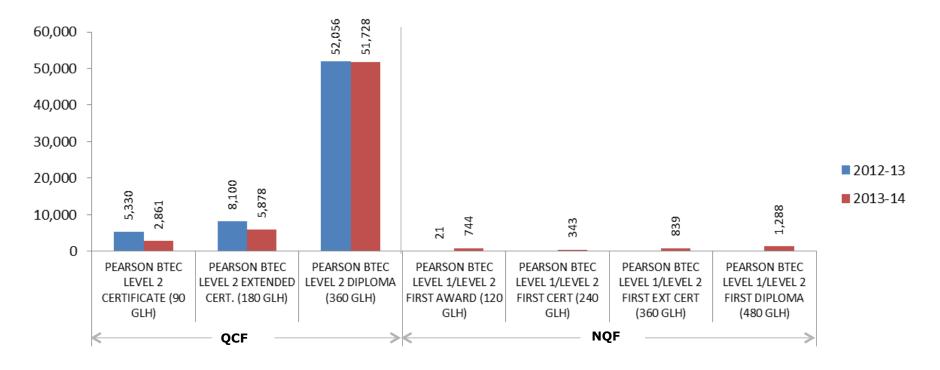
- 94% of BTEC Next Generation Firsts completions were delivered in Schools.
- 'Legacy': for example Early Years qualifications such as BTEC Children's Care, Learning and Development.

BTEC Firsts: Completion in Schools – by size and framework (QCF vs NQF)



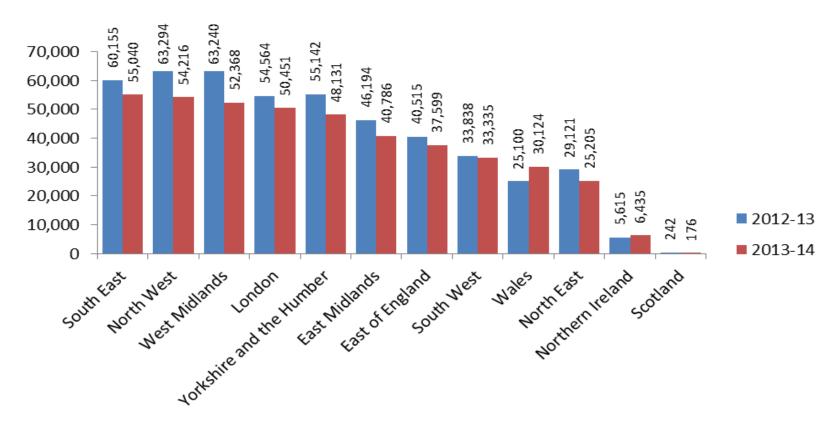
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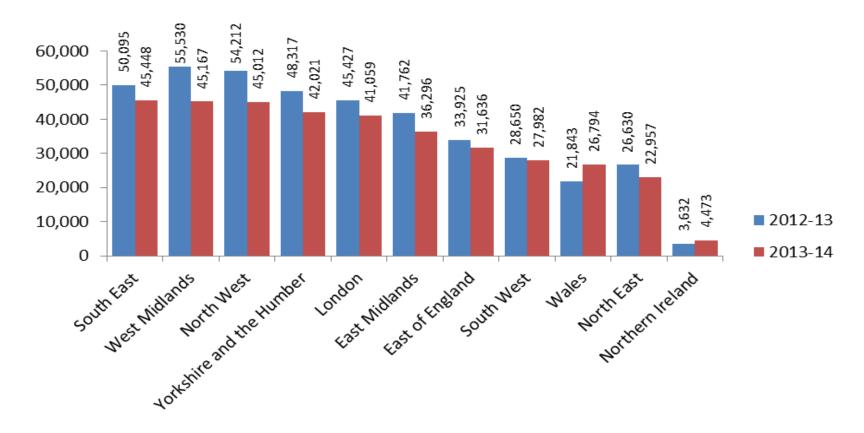
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BTEC Firsts: An overview of completions by region



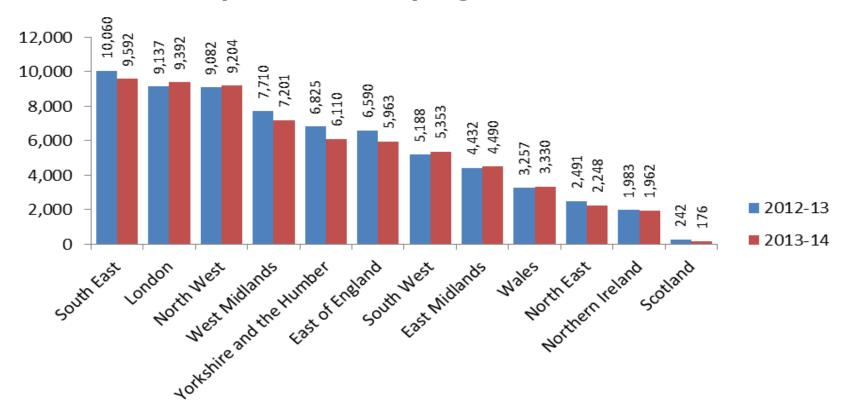
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BTEC Firsts: Completions in Schools by region



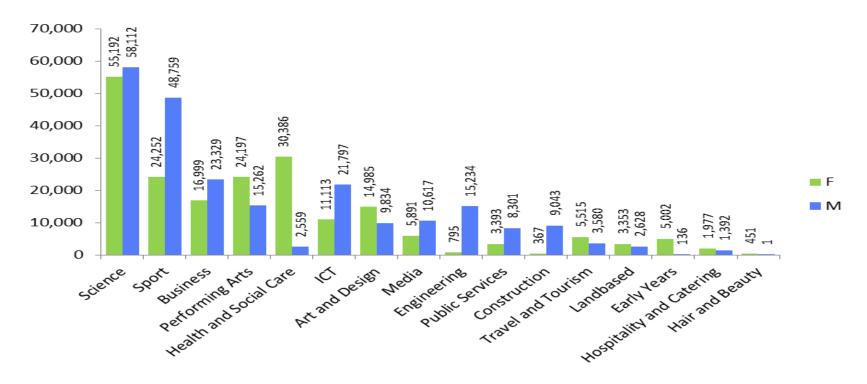
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BTEC Firsts: Completions in FE by region



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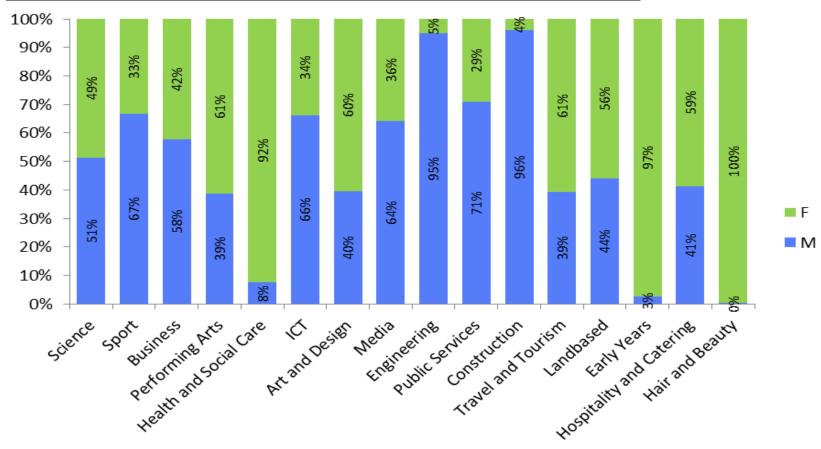
BTEC Firsts: 2013-14 Completions by gender and sector



- Top 5 BTEC Firsts sectors for girls are: Science, Health and Social Care, Sport, Performing Arts, Business, accounting for 74% of the total completions.
- Top 5 BTEC Firsts sectors for boys are: Science, Sport, Business, ICT and Performing Arts, accounting for 73% of the total completions.

Results are based on data where sex of learner and sector is known.

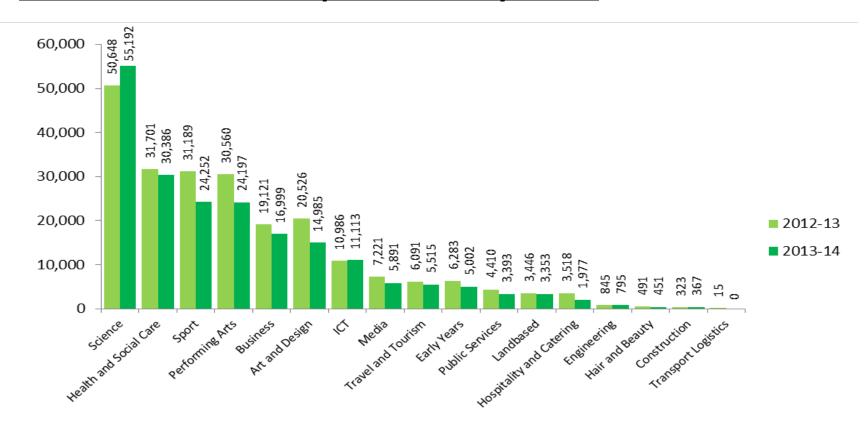
BTEC Firsts: Completions by gender and sector (%)



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BTEC Firsts: Female completions YoY by Sector

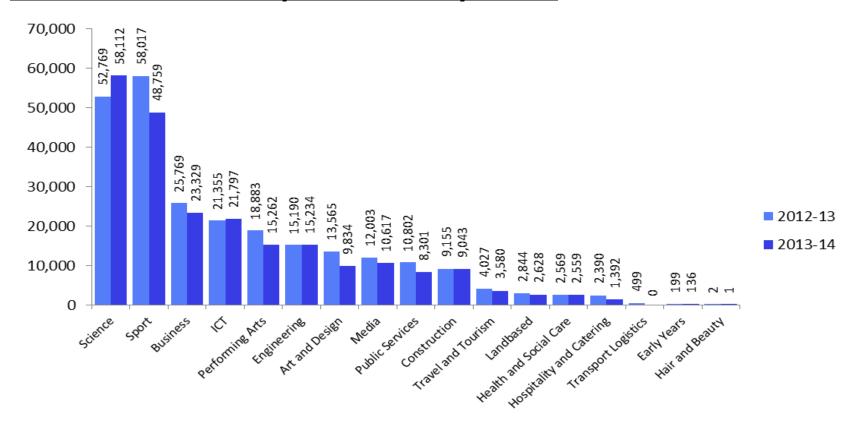


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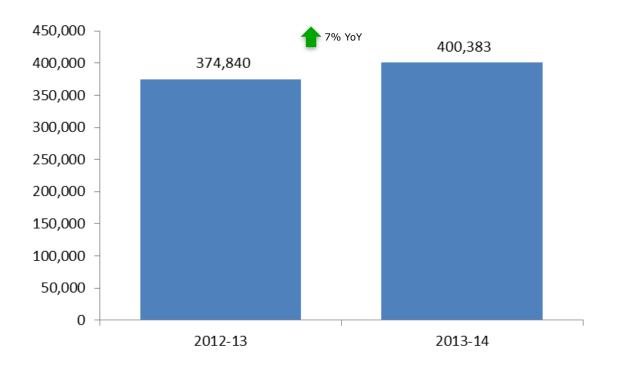
BTEC Firsts: Male completions YoY by Sector



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Learner Completions - BTEC Nationals

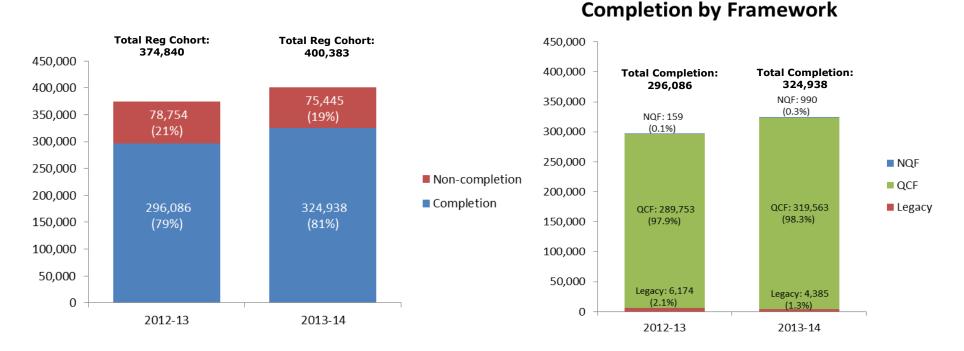
BTEC NATIONALS Registration Cohort Over Time



BTEC Nationals registrations in Schools and FE increased by 7% (25,543) YoY.

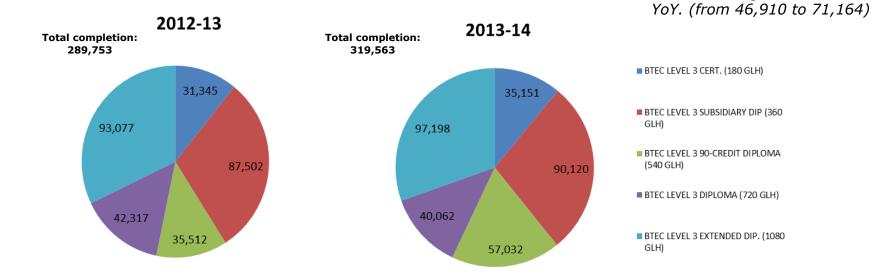
BTEC Nationals: Overview

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- Registration volumes increased by 7% YoY, completion volume increased by 10% YoY.
- The completion rate was 81% for 2013-14 registration cohort.
- BTEC Nationals NQF: Registrations made only in BTEC Children's Play, Learning and Development

BTEC Nationals: QCF Completions by size



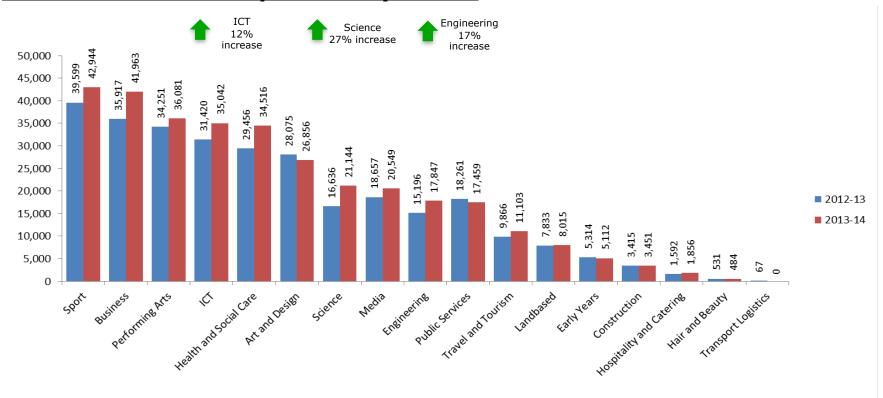
• The biggest change in completion

(61%) YoY. This is due to a 52% increase in registration volume

is related to the recently introduced Level 3 90 Credit Diploma – increase of 21,520

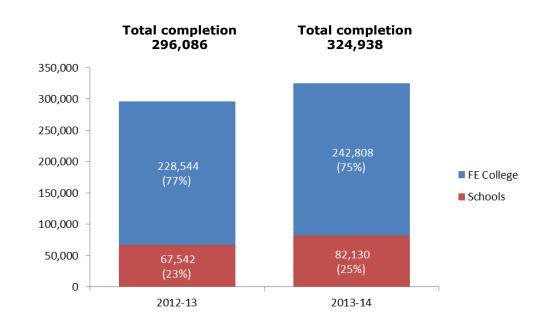
	BTEC LEVEL 3 CERT. (180 GLH)	BTEC LEVEL 3 SUBSIDIARY DIP (360 GLH)	BTEC LEVEL 3 90-CREDIT DIPLOMA (540 GLH)	BTEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA (720 GLH)	BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIP. (1080 GLH)	Total
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2012-13	31,345	87,502	35,512	42,317	93,077	289,753
2013-14	35,151	90,120	57,032	40,062	97,198	319,563
YoY Change	3,806	2,618	21,520	-2,255	4,121	29,810
YoY Change %	12%	3%	61%	-5%	4%	10%

BTEC Nationals: Completions by sector



- 2014 top 6 sectors for BTEC Nationals are: Sport, Business, Performing Arts, ICT, Health and Social Care, and Art and Design.
- Biggest YoY volume increase in Business (6,046, 17%); Biggest YoY percentage increase in Science (27%).
- Overall of 17% YoY increase in STEM subjects (Science, ICT and Engineering)
- Data is for all frameworks, where sector information are available.

BTEC Nationals: Completions in Schools and FE



 FE Colleges still account for more than 75% of completions. However annual increase in schools has been faster at 22% compared to 6% in FE.

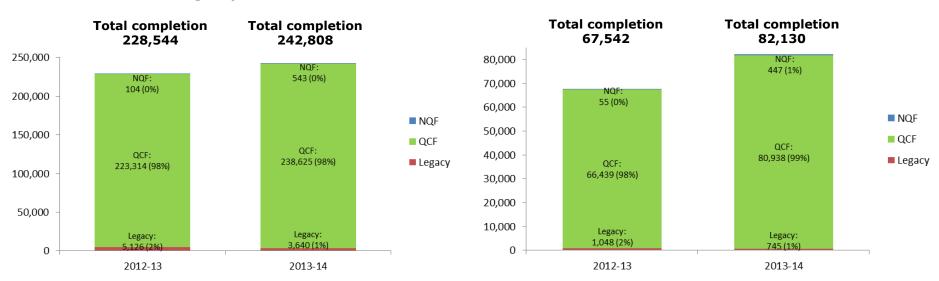
	FE College	Schook	Total
2012-13	228,544	67,542	296,086
2013-14	242,808	82,130	324,938
YoY Change	14,264	14,588	28,852
YoY Change %	6%	22%	10%



BTEC Nationals: Completions in Schools and FE - by framework

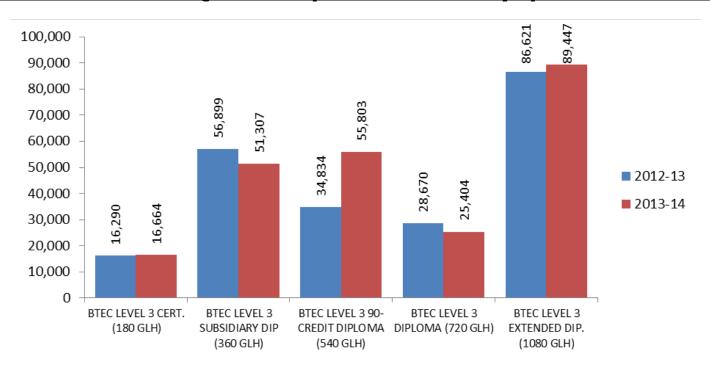
FE College by framework

Schools by framework



- QCF accounts for more than 98% of the completions in 2013-14, in both Schools and FE.
- Percentages rounded to nearest 1%.

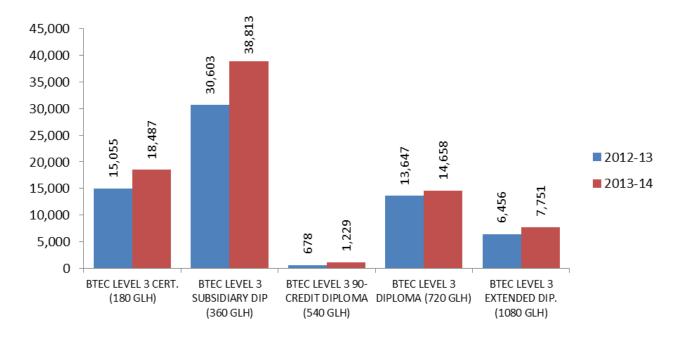
BTEC Nationals QCF: Completions in FE by qualification size



- In FE Colleges, completion volume increased significantly in 90 credit diploma YoY (20,969, 60%)
- Completion volume dropped circa 10% in two sizes (Subsidiary Diploma and Diploma).

QCF Size	GLH
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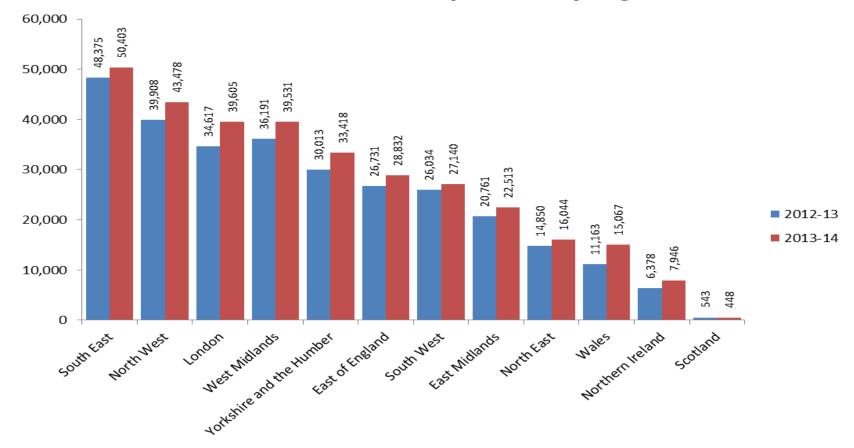
BTEC Nationals QCF: Completions in Schools by qualification size



In Schools, Completion volumes go up in all qualification sizes.

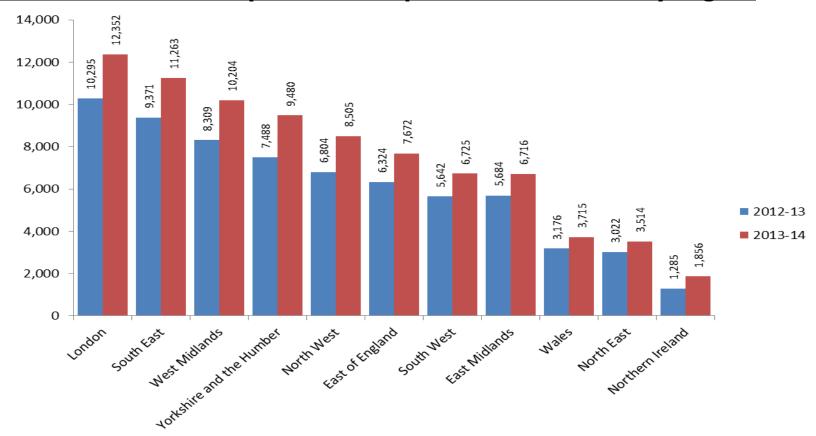
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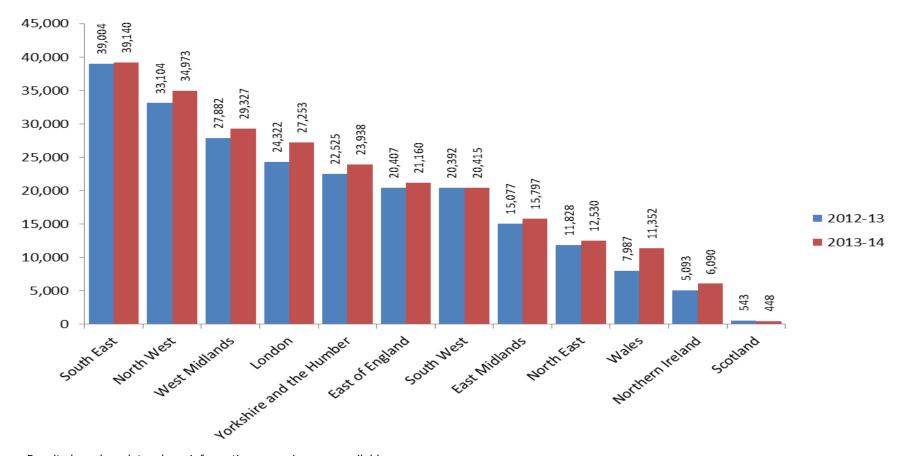
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BTEC Nationals: Completion: Completions in schools by region



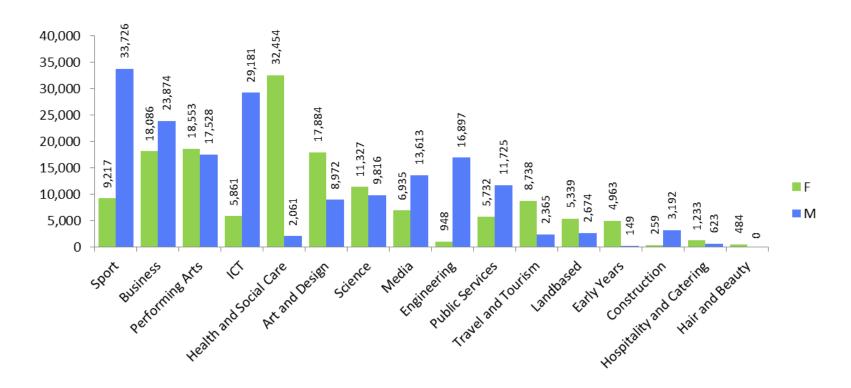
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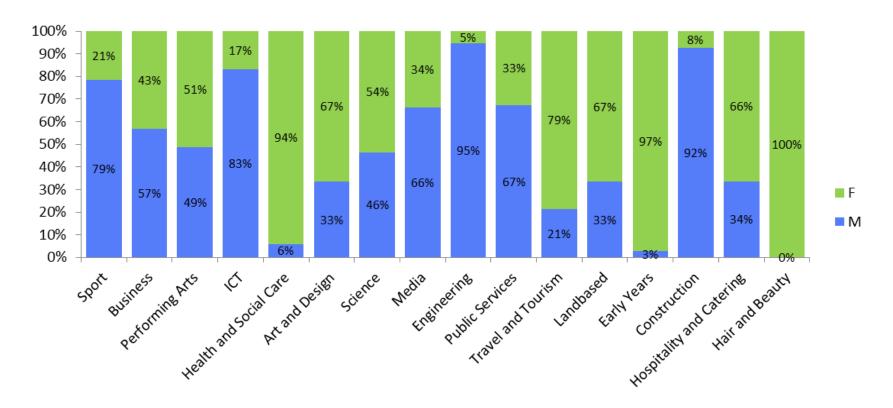
BTEC Nationals 2013-14: Completions by gender and sector



- Health and Social Care completions were predominantly achieved by girls (94%), with no change from last year.
- Engineering completions were still predominantly achieved by boys, but girls make 5% of the total completion, up from 4% last year.

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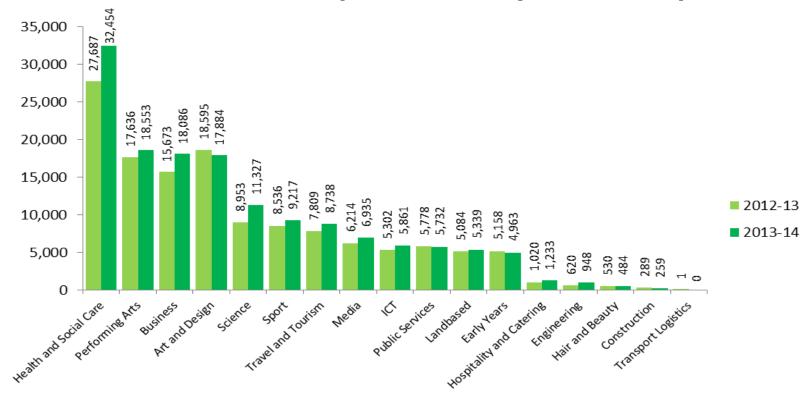
BTEC Nationals 2013-14: Completion by gender and sector (%)



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BTEC Nationals: Female completions YoY by Sector Completion

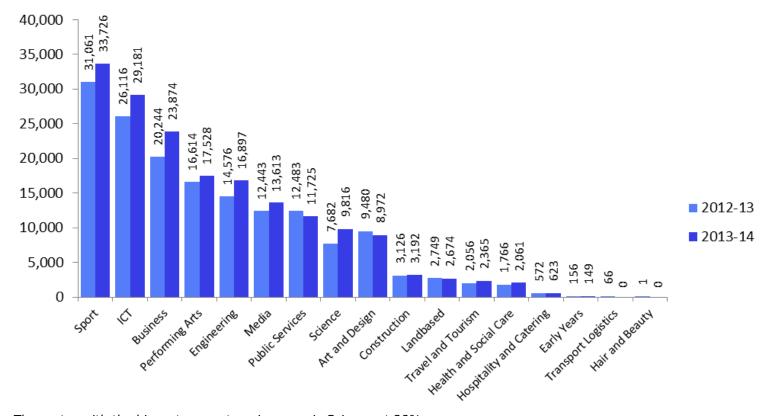


- The sector with the biggest percentage increase is Engineering at 53%.
- The sector with the biggest volume increase is Health and Social Care at 4,767.
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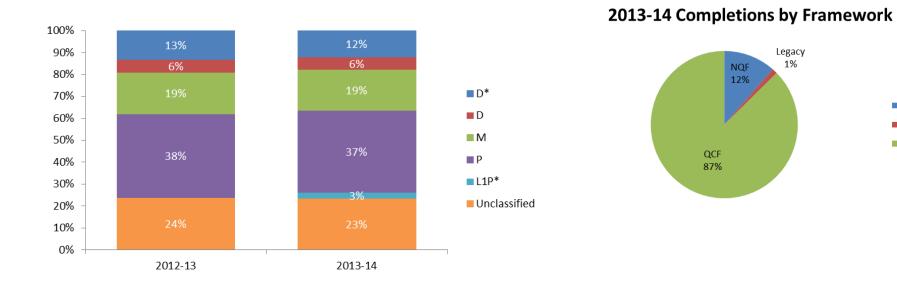
BTEC Nationals: Male completions YoY by Sector



- The sector with the biggest percentage increase is Science at 28%.
- The sector with the biggest volume increase is Business at 3,630.
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Learner Achievement – BTEC Firsts

BTEC Firsts Achievement: Grade Distribution Overview



- •*L1P: these are only available on Level 2 NQF qualifications. These passes are deemed equivalent to Level 1.
- •Volume doesn't include Year 9 NQF learners who haven't completed, as they are following a three year key stage 4 programme with projection of completion in 2014/15.
- •Unclassified includes ungraded, withdrawn, and students who either fail to complete or have not completed yet.

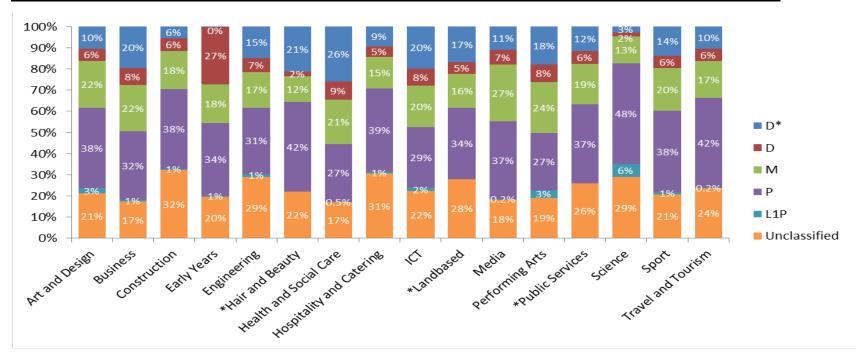
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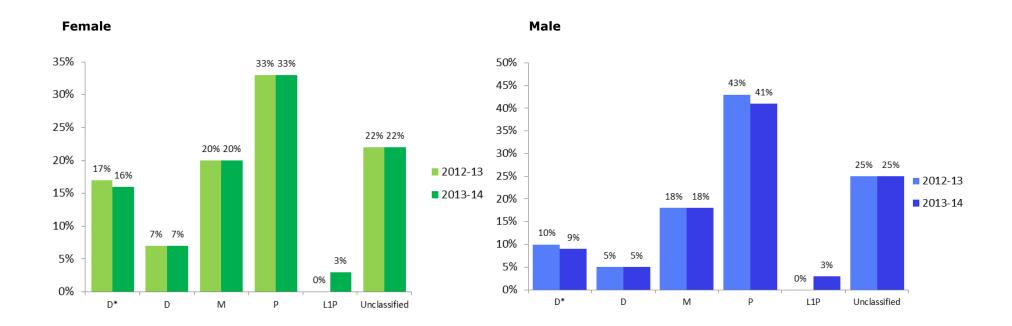
^{•*}Three sectors (Landbased, Public Services, Hair and Beauty) with no L1P grade are yet to migrate to NQF suite.

 $[\]bullet$ A D* grade is not available in the Early Years qualification.

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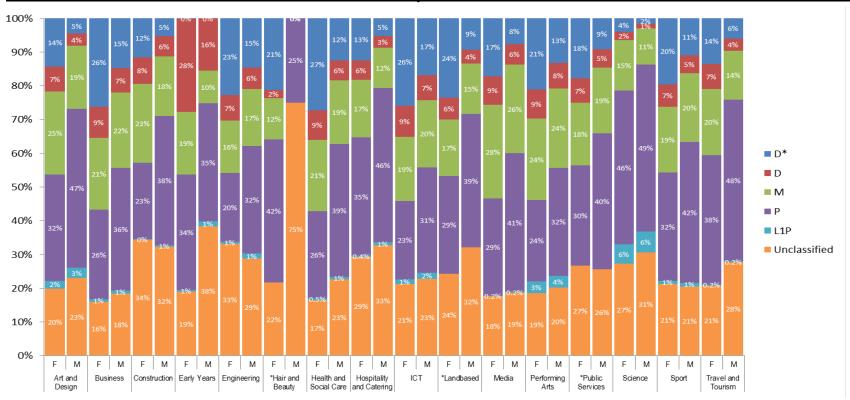


BTEC Firsts Achievement: Gender & Grade Overview



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BTEC Firsts Achievement: Gender, Sector & Grade Overview 2013-14

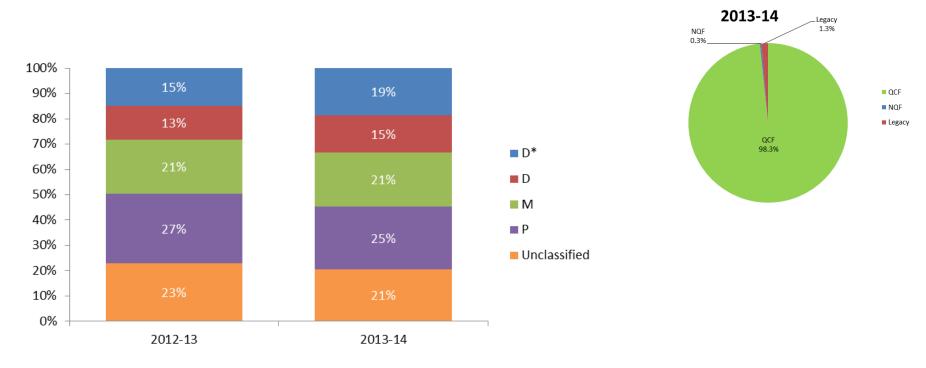


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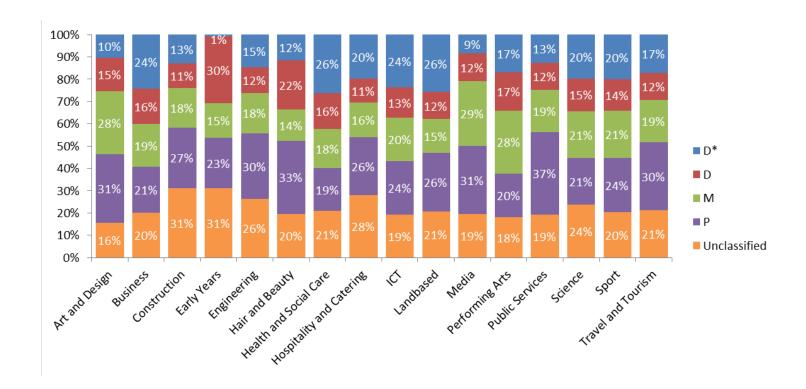
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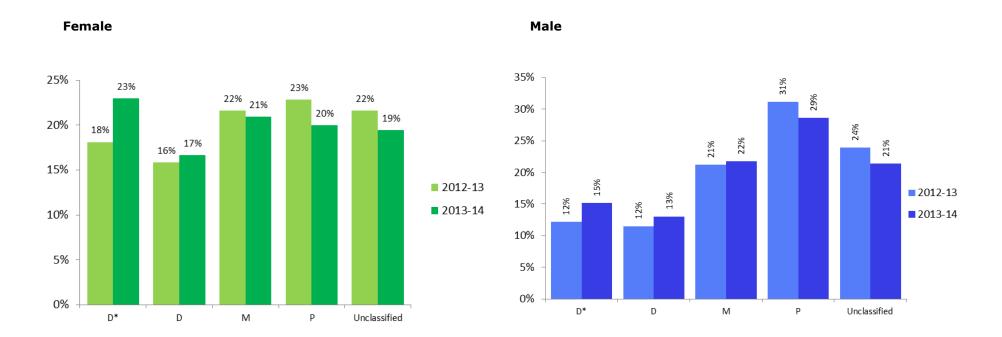
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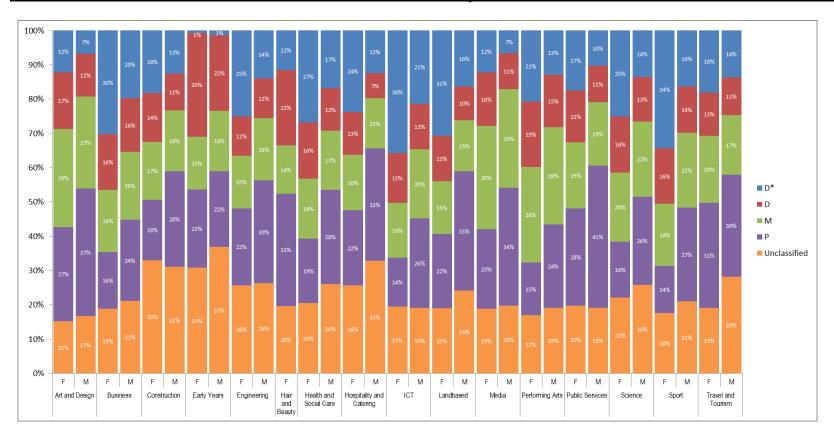


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