



Craft, Creative Arts and Design vocational qualification completions 2011/12 to 2014/15

There has been a dramatic decline in the volume of Craft, Creative Arts and Design (9.2) vocational qualification completions between 2010/11 and 2014/15. The decline for both level 2 and 3 Craft, Creative Arts and Design vocational completions, has *not* followed the more positive growth trends evidenced across all other sectors.

Craft, Creative Arts and Design level 2 vocational qualification completions have fallen faster than the decline in all other sectors (combined). The decline in level 3 Craft, Creative Arts and Design vocational completions contrasts with growth in level 3 completions (for all sectors combined).

Summarised below are key changes to Craft, Creative Arts and Design vocational qualification volume completions for 2010/11 and 2014/15 (see tables 1-3 and figs A-C).

- Completions of Craft, Creative Arts and Design vocational qualifications, **across all levels**, have **declined**: Between 2013/14 and 2014/15 completions fell from 141k to 118k, representing a 21% decline. This compares to a 7% overall volume decline across all sectors (table 1).
- Between 2011-2015 there was a *dramatic* decline in the volume of level 2 Craft, Creative Arts and Design vocational qualification completions (**-24,712 a 43% reduction**).
- Between 2012/13 and 2013/14 there was a **significant decline** in completions for Craft, Creative Arts and Design vocational level 2 qualifications of **82K to 52K (37%)**. This compares to a 7% decline across all other sectors (table 2).
- In the two-year period, 2012/13 and 2014/15, there was a **very significant** volume decline of 49,703 level 2 qualifications taken in Craft, Creative Arts and Design (fig. 2). This represents a **61% reduction**.
- In the three-year period, 2011/12 and 2014/15, there was a volume decline of 24,712 level 2 vocational qualifications in Craft, Creative Arts and Design (Fig 2). This represents a **43% reduction**.
- The Craft, Creative Arts and Design decline in completions has continued at level 3, albeit the decline is less severe (table 3). In 2014/15 there was a **5% volume decline** of Craft, Creative Arts and Design. However, this contrasts with a **5% growth** across all sectors at level 3.
- The decline in completions for level 3 Craft, Creative Arts and Design vocational qualifications is less (fig. 3) than for level 2 qualifications. In the last **four years** there has been an **11% decline in level 3 completions** (-4,910 between 2010/11 and 2014/15, fig. 3). This compares to a **43% reduction of level 2 completions** (-24,712 between 2010/11 and 2014/15, fig. 2).

Data: The tables and graphs noted below use data published by Ofqual and drawn from certificates awarded (completions) for all vocational qualifications (excluding GCSEs, A levels and the Diploma). Figures include England, Wales and Northern Ireland www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/vocational-qualifications-dataset

Craft, Creative Arts and Design level 2 and 3 qualification completions (2010-15) and changes to all sector qualification completions (2011-15)

Table 1 Craft, Creative Arts and Design vocational qualifications completions at all levels

Level 2 + or –	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
CCA&D growth/decline	-1%	24%	-21%	-16%
All sector growth/decline	6%	11%	-5%	-7%

Table 2 Craft, Creative Arts and Design vocational qualifications completions at level 2

Level 2 + or –	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
CCA&D growth/decline	11%	30%	-37%	-37%
All sector growth/decline	3%	-12%	-7%	-10%

Table 3 Craft, Creative Arts and Design vocational qualifications completions at level 3

Level 3 + or –	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
CCA&D growth/decline	-22%	33%	-10%	-5%
All sector growth/decline	-3%	18%	5%	5%

Craft, Creative Arts and Design vocational qualifications candidate volumes for all levels combined, Level 2 and Level 3:

Fig 1. Craft, Creative Arts and Design vocational qualifications completions at all levels

In 2012/13: 179,238 completions

In 2014/15: 118,391 completions =

60,847 fewer completions, this represents a **34% decline** in completions in two years

In 2010/11: 146,607 completions

In 2014/15: 118,391 completions =

28,216 fewer completions, this represents a **19% decline** in completions in four years

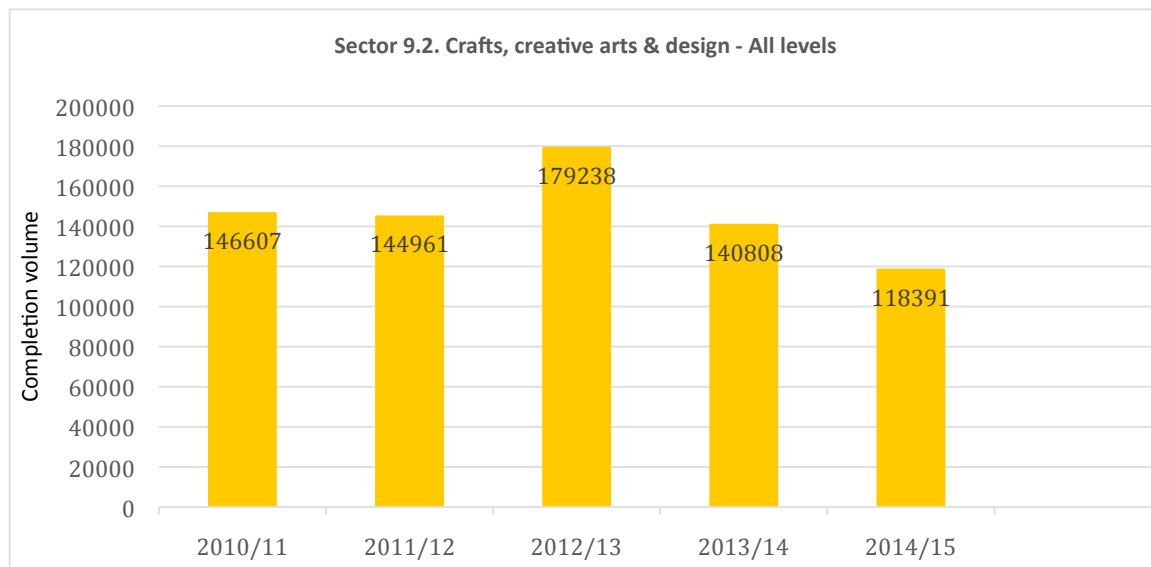


Fig 2. Craft, Creative Arts and Design vocational qualifications completions at Level 2

In 2012/13: 82,136 completions

In 2014/15: 32,433 completions =

49,703 fewer completions, this represents a 61% decline in completions in two years

In 2010/11: 57,145 completions

In 2014/15: 32,433 completions =

24,712 fewer completions, this represents a 43% decline in completions in four years

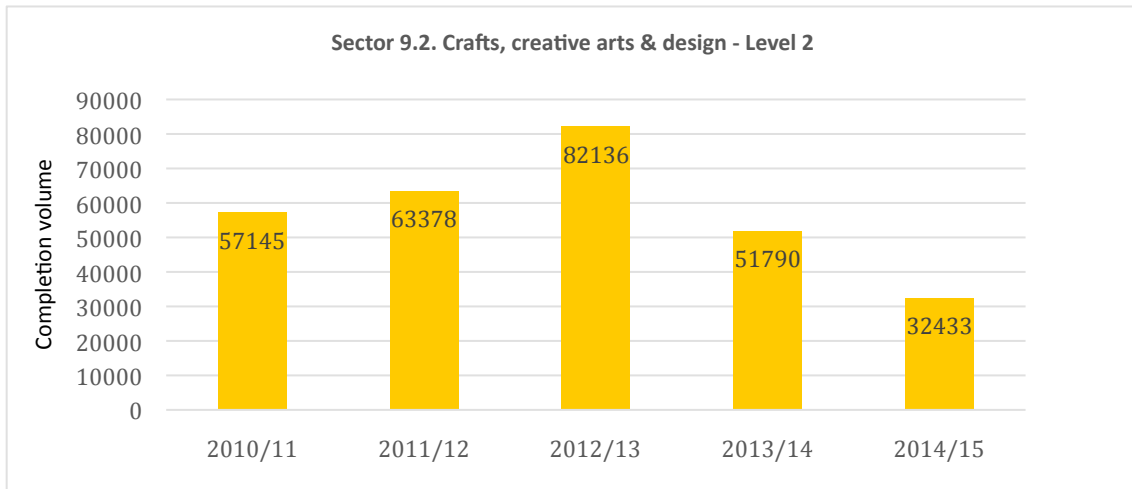


Fig 3. Craft, Creative Arts and Design vocational qualifications completions at level 3

In 2012/13: 45,080 completions

In 2014/15: 38,665 completions =

6,415 fewer completions, this represents a 14% decline in completions in two years

In 2010/11: 43,575 completions

In 2014/15: 38,665 completions =

4,910 fewer completions, this represents an 11% decline in completions in four years

