

Post-16 Performance and Outcomes in Staffordshire 2025

Aims

- Development of **Post-16 Performance and Outcomes Evidence Base** for several reasons:
 - To identify and understand **what data and intelligence is currently available** to assess Employment and Skills in Staffordshire
 - To **address knowledge gaps** at senior strategic level
 - To **support business planning and development** within the Skills and Employability Team / Partners
 - To **inform Scrutiny and Cabinet reporting** around the delivery and outcomes of our new Staffordshire Employment and Skills Strategy
 - To **support the Economic Strategy Delivery Group**
 - To **form part of the development of our new Economic Growth Strategy and Local Government Reorganisation/Devolution work programme**
- **Produced once a year and based on final published datasets only** - no in-year or provisional data analysis will be conducted, with the exception of T Levels provisional data

Evidence Base

- **DfE data caveats** are wide ranging – limitations on trend & comparison analysis
- **Evidence summary** – high level key findings
- More **detailed analysis** for each key area of employment and skills performance and outcomes including:
 - **Summary slide** – these link together so can switch between summary slides
 - **Key datasets, analysis and visualisations**
 - Identified **sources**
 - Notes including **caveats** of the data
- **Signposting to DfE resources** many of which are interactive
- **Things to consider:**
 - Delivery leads to consider the issues, challenges & opportunities from analysis
 - reasons for decline and how to address?
 - reasons for improvement and how to continue?

DfE Guidance Notes

- Content and structure dependent on data accessibility - different levels and release dates for different levels of post 16 education, skills and training.
- Complex datasets which have significant DfE caveats.
- Data issues due to pandemic when comparing to previous years, so mainly comparative area performance - use 2018/19 & 2021/22 or 2022/23.
(Throughout this release, comparisons are made with 2022 or 2023, the most recent year, and 2019, because it is most meaningful to compare to the last year when summer exams were sat. Given the unprecedented change in how A level, vocational and VTQ grades were awarded in 2020 and 2021, as well as changes to grade boundaries and methods of assessment for 2021/22, users should exercise caution when using comparisons over time, as they may not reflect changes in student performance alone).
- Uneven impact of the pandemic on 2021/22 and 2022/23 school, college and multi-academy trust performance data.

DfE Guidance Notes continued

- **DfE recommend:**
 - **Not making direct comparisons with data from previous years or between schools/colleges or MATs.**
 - **Discussing with schools/colleges or MATs factors that may have influenced these results and consider a range of information when forming a view on how well a school or college is doing, including pupil/student population information.**
- Further detail on data limitations and caveats can be found through the data sources links provided.

Evidence Summary

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Demographic and cohort change

- Significant increase in Staffordshire **16-17 population** impacting learner numbers, with wide variation between providers

16-17 Participation

- Decrease in number of **NEETs and activity not known** and better than national average
- Slight decline in 16-17 year olds **participating in education/training** and below the national average
- Decline in 16-17 year olds **offered education/training place** but better than national average

Post-school Pathways and Achievements

- Improvement in average **A Level results** but below national average
- Slight improvement in average **applied general results** and above national average
- Slight decrease in average **tech level results** and similar to national average

Apprenticeships

- Slight decline in **apprenticeship starts in past 5 years**, main fall at intermediate level but positive increase at higher level – advanced apprenticeships account for nearly half of total

Achievements by Age 19

- Slight increase in **19 year olds with Level 3 qualifications** and above region but below national average
- Increase in **19 year olds with Level 2 in English and Maths** but slightly below national average
- Increase in **19 year olds with Level 2 qualifications** but slightly below national average

Destinations and Progression Pathways

- Decrease in learners at end of 16-18 study **entering education, apprenticeships or employment** since previous year, but above the national average
- Decrease in learners **entering education** since previous year and below national average
- Following long-term decline, slight decrease in those at the end of 16 to 18 study **entering an apprenticeship** since previous year, but above the national average
- Increase in learners **entering employment** since previous year and above national average

Adult 19+ FE and Skills Participation

- Slight yearly decrease in **adult (19+) FE & skills participation** but long-term increase
- Yearly increase in **adult (19+) education & training participation** and long-term increase
- Yearly decrease in **adult (19+) community learning participation** and long-term decrease
- Lower overall participation rate than regionally and nationally
- Higher level participation has increased; in past 5 years increased above national average

Adult 19+ FE and Skills Achievements

- Yearly increase in **adult (19+) further education & skills achievements** and long-term increase
- Yearly increase in **adult (19+) education & training achievements** and long-term increase
- Yearly decrease in **adult (19+) community learning achievements** and long-term decrease
- Lower overall achievement rate than region and national rates
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Evidence Summary cont.

Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Participation and Achievements

- Yearly decrease in **Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Participation**, but slight increase in past 5 years but below national increase
- Significant yearly increase in **Adult 19+ Apprenticeship Achievements**, and 54% increase in past 5 years, above national increase
- Advanced apprenticeships are the most popular but higher apprenticeships have seen the largest increase since previous year

Education and Training Outcomes:

Adult Skills - Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQFs)

- The proportion of **adults with Level 4+ qualifications** is below the national average
- The proportion of **adults with Level 3+ qualifications** is below the national average
- The proportion of **adults with no qualifications** is better than the national average
- Staffordshire ranked one of the best for the lowest level of adults with no qualifications compared to other transition areas
- Wide variations across Staffordshire districts

Economic Activity

- Long-term increase and return to pre-pandemic levels, and well above national average
- Staffordshire ranked highest for economic activity rate compared to other transition areas
- Wide variations across Staffordshire districts

Evidence Summary cont.

Employment

- Long-term improvement - higher than pre-pandemic levels and well above national average
- Staffordshire ranked highest for employment rate compared to other transition areas
- Wide variations across Staffordshire districts

Unemployment

- Long-term improvement - lower than pre-pandemic levels and well below national average
- Staffordshire ranked one of the best for unemployment rate compared to other areas
- Wide variations across Staffordshire districts

Economic Inactivity

- Long-term improvement - lower than pre-pandemic levels & well below national average
- Staffordshire ranked best for economic inactivity rate compared to other transition areas
- Wide variations across Staffordshire districts

Jobs Growth

- Increase in jobs over recent years with recovery following pandemic - though lower growth than nationally
- Main growth in jobs seen in Hospitality, Professional Services, Logistics and Public Admin.
- Main decline in jobs seen in Other service activities and Wholesale & Retail

Evidence Summary cont.

Economic Growth

- Staffordshire economy has grown over recent years with a 27% rate of growth, above regional and national levels
- Staffordshire economy saw a larger decline than both regionally and nationally due to the pandemic - reflective of more businesses and jobs in sectors hardest hit by COVID
- Wide variation in growth rates between Staffordshire Districts

Productivity

- Staffordshire has seen continued improvement in productivity and at a faster rate than nationally, but each hour worked in Staffordshire remains nearly a sixth less productive than the national average
- Wide variation between Staffordshire Districts

Resident Earnings

- Staffordshire has seen faster improvement in resident earnings than nationally closing the gap to just below the national average

Workplace Earnings

- Staffordshire has seen faster improvement in workplace earnings than nationally but is still well below the national average

Gross Disposable Household Income (GDHI)

- Staffordshire has seen faster improvement in Gross Disposable Household Income (GDHI) than nationally but is still below the national average

Demographic & Cohort Data

Demographic & Cohort Change Summary

ONS Data

- Staffordshire 16-17 population is estimated to have increased by 6% or 1,151 between 2019-23 – this is lower than the 10% increase seen regionally and nationally.
- Based on the latest ONS mid-year population projections, Staffordshire is projected to have an increase of 18% or 3,256 for 16-17-year-olds between 2019-28. This is lower than the 23% increase projection regionally and the 24% increase projection for England.

CCIS Data

- CCIS data shows the 16-17 cohort in Staffordshire has seen a 5.1% or 878 increase between 2020-24, and a slight increase of 0.5% or 89 over the last year.
- The total number of 16-17-year-olds in education and training has increased 1.3% or 207 between 2020-24 and increased 0.2% or 37 over the last year.
- The percentage of 16-17-year-olds in education & training of the total 16-17 cohort has decreased by 3.4pp between 2020-24 and decreased 0.2pp over the last year.

DfE Provider Data

- The largest increase in 16-18 student numbers between 2018/19 – 2023/24 was at Newcastle & Stafford Colleges Group (+1,037, +20%) and South Staffordshire College (+826, +39%).
- The largest decline in 16-18 student numbers between 2018/19 – 2023/24 was in Landau Forte Academy Tamworth Sixth Form (-146, -28%).

[Link to 16-17 Participation Summary](#)

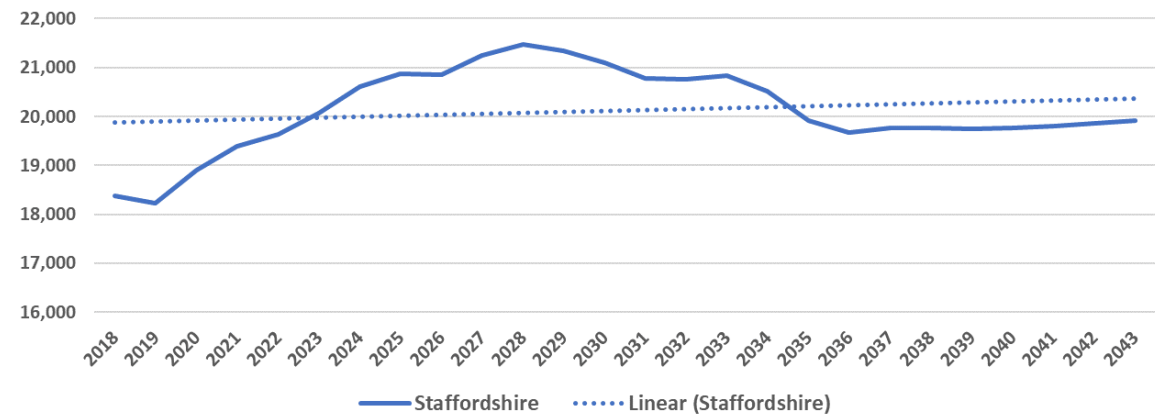
16-17 ONS Population Estimates

Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019-2023	2019-2023 %
Cannock Chase	2,060	2,111	2,153	2,241	2,331	271	13%
East Staffordshire	2,790	2,826	2,945	2,952	2,976	186	7%
Lichfield	2,203	2,270	2,338	2,312	2,332	129	6%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	2,541	2,604	2,707	2,704	2,640	99	4%
South Staffordshire	2,244	2,221	2,269	2,214	2,265	21	1%
Stafford	2,610	2,707	2,815	2,909	3,040	430	16%
Staffordshire Moorlands	2,095	2,065	2,118	2,034	1,952	-143	-7%
Tamworth	1,666	1,806	1,831	1,772	1,824	158	9%
Staffordshire	18,209	18,610	19,176	19,138	19,360	1,151	6%
Stoke-on-Trent	5,251	5,637	6,110	6,258	6,353	1,102	21%
Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent	23,460	24,247	25,286	25,396	25,713	2,253	10%
West Midlands	134,582	139,427	144,241	146,059	148,395	13,813	10%
England	1,225,784	1,263,463	1,295,062	1,318,154	1,350,296	124,512	10%

16-17 Population Projection to increase

Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2019-28	2019-28 %
Cannock Chase	2,087	2,183	2,190	2,227	2,331	2,351	2,383	2,381	2,381	2,363	276	13%
East Staffordshire	2,708	2,727	2,787	2,798	2,797	2,883	2,996	3,046	3,090	3,178	470	17%
Lichfield	2,233	2,291	2,269	2,362	2,456	2,425	2,419	2,469	2,580	2,615	382	17%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	2,538	2,666	2,813	2,868	2,812	2,900	2,983	2,928	3,010	3,075	537	21%
South Staffordshire	2,245	2,290	2,358	2,398	2,480	2,473	2,386	2,430	2,547	2,615	370	16%
Stafford	2,662	2,827	2,948	3,062	3,213	3,409	3,398	3,288	3,346	3,422	760	29%
Staffordshire Moorlands	2,111	2,136	2,226	2,216	2,193	2,300	2,363	2,369	2,417	2,356	245	12%
Tamworth	1,640	1,777	1,794	1,713	1,779	1,871	1,939	1,935	1,872	1,856	216	13%
Staffordshire	18,224	18,897	19,385	19,644	20,061	20,612	20,867	20,846	21,243	21,480	3,256	18%
Stoke-on-Trent	5,321	5,587	5,838	6,024	6,069	6,391	6,488	6,302	6,548	6,852	1,531	29%
Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent	23,545	24,484	25,223	25,668	26,130	27,003	27,355	27,148	27,791	28,332	4,787	20%
West Midlands	131,938	135,830	140,388	144,382	148,045	152,264	154,744	154,826	157,543	161,971	30,033	23%
England	1,207,049	1,241,924	1,276,125	1,319,736	1,365,902	1,406,357	1,427,517	1,437,124	1,464,991	1,497,698	290,649	24%

Staffordshire 16-17 ONS Mid-year Population Projections



16-18 ONS Population Estimates

Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019-23	2019-23 %
Cannock Chase	3,101	3,125	3,132	3,278	3,359	258	8%
East Staffordshire	4,157	4,208	4,256	4,375	4,403	246	6%
Lichfield	3,273	3,373	3,456	3,447	3,480	207	6%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	3,937	4,039	4,140	4,254	4,280	343	9%
South Staffordshire	3,394	3,354	3,316	3,314	3,369	-25	-1%
Stafford	4,017	3,922	4,130	4,243	4,402	385	10%
Staffordshire Moorlands	3,094	3,052	3,097	3,006	2,988	-106	-3%
Tamworth	2,561	2,621	2,647	2,715	2,685	124	5%
Staffordshire	27,534	27,694	28,174	28,632	28,966	1,432	5%
Stoke-on-Trent	7,943	8,289	8,955	9,267	9,634	1,691	21%
Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent	35,477	35,983	37,129	37,899	38,600	3,123	9%
West Midlands	202,480	207,553	214,498	219,568	222,959	20,479	10%
England	1,844,938	1,884,765	1,934,166	1,980,676	2,021,504	176,566	10%

16-18 ONS Population Projections

Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2019-29	2019-29%
Cannock Chase	3,152	3,205	3,218	3,340	3,369	3,500	3,522	3,550	3,551	3,532	3,590	438	14%
East Staffordshire	4,028	4,052	4,079	4,142	4,145	4,243	4,344	4,486	4,547	4,665	4,693	665	17%
Lichfield	3,365	3,384	3,404	3,512	3,574	3,656	3,627	3,678	3,784	3,865	3,856	491	15%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	3,938	4,031	4,270	4,366	4,415	4,466	4,550	4,590	4,662	4,689	4,721	783	20%
South Staffordshire	3,365	3,405	3,470	3,559	3,657	3,672	3,637	3,630	3,720	3,852	3,898	533	16%
Stafford	4,054	4,062	4,309	4,455	4,686	4,912	5,010	4,975	4,951	5,009	5,104	1,050	26%
Staffordshire Moorlands	3,121	3,135	3,204	3,239	3,257	3,318	3,406	3,489	3,520	3,479	3,451	330	11%
Tamworth	2,513	2,557	2,593	2,621	2,598	2,705	2,820	2,855	2,816	2,775	2,727	214	9%
Staffordshire	27,536	27,831	28,547	29,234	29,701	30,472	30,916	31,253	31,551	31,866	32,040	4,504	16%
Stoke-on-Trent	8,130	8,290	8,706	8,994	9,192	9,551	9,666	9,781	9,832	10,153	10,417	2,287	28%
Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent	35,666	36,121	37,253	38,228	38,893	40,023	40,582	41,034	41,383	42,019	42,457	6,791	19%
West Midlands	199,918	202,577	208,274	214,983	220,411	226,880	230,801	233,669	236,092	240,944	244,326	44,408	22%
England	1,825,636	1,847,146	1,894,979	1,959,148	2,018,382	2,088,787	2,125,580	2,159,659	2,184,206	2,229,824	2,243,928	418,292	23%

Staffordshire 16-18 ONS Mid-year Population Projections



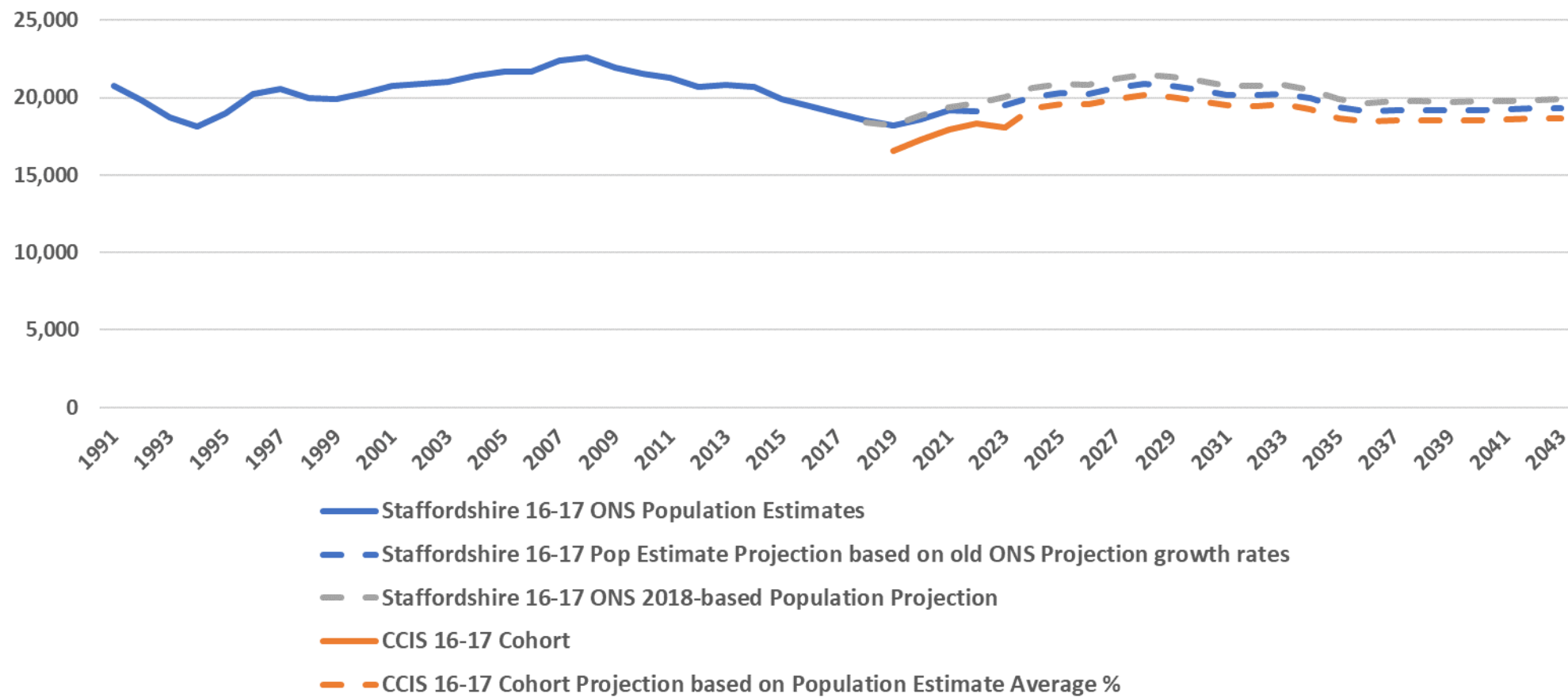
CCIS 16-17 Cohort Staffordshire Trend

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	5 Year Change	5 Year Change%	Annual Change	Annual Change%
Cohort Number	17,293	17,950	18,351	18,082	18,171	878	5.1%	89	0.5%
Total in education & training	16,357	16,979	17,211	16,527	16,564	207	1.3%	37	0.2%
Proportion in education & training	94.6%	94.6%	93.8%	91.4%	91.2%		-3.4pp		-0.2pp
Annual change participating in education & training		0.0pp	-0.8pp	-2.4pp	-0.2pp				

[Participation in education, training and NEET age 16 to 17 by local authority, Academic year 2023/24 - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK](#)

16-17 Population Projections

Staffordshire 16-17 Populations and Projections



16-18 FE Numbers & Sixth Form Census

Provider	2023-24 Student Numbers						2018/19 Student Numbers						2018/19 - 2023/24 Change in Student Numbers					
	Total Students	No Students at end of 16-18	Academic	Applied	Tech Level	No Students at end of 16-18	Academic	Applied	Tech Level	Total Students	No Students at end of 16-18	Academic	Applied	Tech Level				
	16-18	18 study A-Level	Qualification	General	Qualification	16-18	study A-Level	Qualification	Qualification	16-18	study A-Level	Qualification	Qualification	Qualification				
Top 10 Providers with Highest Increase in Student Numbers																		
Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group	6,334	3,090	478	479	837	106	5,297	2,501	419	420	6	33	1,037	589	59	59	831	73
South Staffordshire College	2,925	1,325	0	2	67	264	2,099	1,414	0	0	48	166	826	-89	0	2	19	98
Burton and South Derbyshire College	1,816	928	0	0	177	47	1,714	853	2	10	54	33	102	75	-2	-10	123	14
The de Ferrers Academy	455	230	201	201	92	0	359	175	158	158	59	0	96	55	43	43	33	0
King Edward VI School	378	186	176	176	28	5	300	173	159	159	25	16	78	13	17	17	3	-11
Wombourne High School	167	107	81	82	55	13	93	53	48	48	20	7	74	54	33	34	35	6
Kingsmead School	192	103	72	72	62	6	131	78	51	52	44	13	61	25	21	20	18	-7
The King's CofE Academy	55	18	3	3	11	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	50	15	3	3	11	0
The Friary School	181	99	89	89	50	0	138	69	65	66	26	0	43	30	24	23	24	0
Lichfield Cathedral School	88	39	37	37	6	0	50	20	17	18	11	0	38	19	20	19	-5	0
Lowest 10 Providers with Highest Decrease in Student Numbers																		
Codsall Community High School	280	127	59	59	25	3	304	157	70	70	0	0	-24	-30	-11	-11	25	3
Great Wyrley Academy	26	21	11	12	18	0	57	34	34	34	17	0	-31	-13	-23	-22	1	0
Painsley Catholic College	208	111	91	99	29	0	239	126	112	119	31	0	-31	-15	-21	-20	-2	0
Norton Canes High School	45	26	20	20	14	5	79	37	19	19	14	6	-34	-11	1	1	0	-1
Biddulph High School	144	83	48	49	42	2	179	132	67	70	0	0	-35	-49	-19	-21	42	2
Chase Terrace Academy	132	57	51	51	21	0	167	106	95	95	44	0	-35	-49	-44	-44	-23	0
Leek High School	29	28	25	25	3	2	64	37	26	26	6	3	-35	-9	-1	-1	-3	-1
The Cheadle Academy	10	12	11	11	6	0	51	27	24	24	8	0	-41	-15	-13	-13	-2	0
Walton High School	211	122	108	110	18	0	253	148	140	140	9	0	-42	-26	-32	-30	9	0
Landau Forte Academy Tamworth Sixth Form	379	227	146	151	121	0	525	303	161	170	112	17	-146	-76	-15	-19	9	-17
Total Staffordshire	17,710	8,639	3,009	3,044	2,361	502	15,704	8,299	3,002	3,063	1,013	333	2,006	340	7	-19	1,348	169

Key: Highest increase %
Average change %
Highest decrease %

College/School Performance

16-17 Participation

16-17 Participation Summary

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NEET & Activity not known

- At the end of 2023 of the 18,082 16-17 Staffordshire cohort 4.6% were NEET or activity not known, down 0.5pp compared to 2022. This is below the national average 5.4% and in positive contrast to the 0.2pp increase seen nationally.

NEET

- At the end of 2023, 3.3% of the 16-17 Staffordshire cohort were NEET, up 0.3pp from 2022. This is slightly above the national average 3.2% but a lower increase than 0.4pp nationally.

Activity not known

- At the end of 2023, 1.3% of the 16-17 Staffordshire cohort were activity not known, down 0.7pp from 2022. This is below the national average 2.2% and a higher decrease than 0.2pp nationally.

Participation

- In March 2024, 91.2% of 16-17-year-olds were participating in education & training, down 0.2pp from March 2023. This is below the national average 92.1% but in line with the 0.2pp decrease seen nationally.

September Guarantee

- In September 2023, 95.8% of 16-17-year-olds were offered an education or training place, down 1.8pp since September 2022. This is above the national average 94.6% but in negative contrast with the 0.1pp increase seen nationally.

[Link to A Level Summary](#)

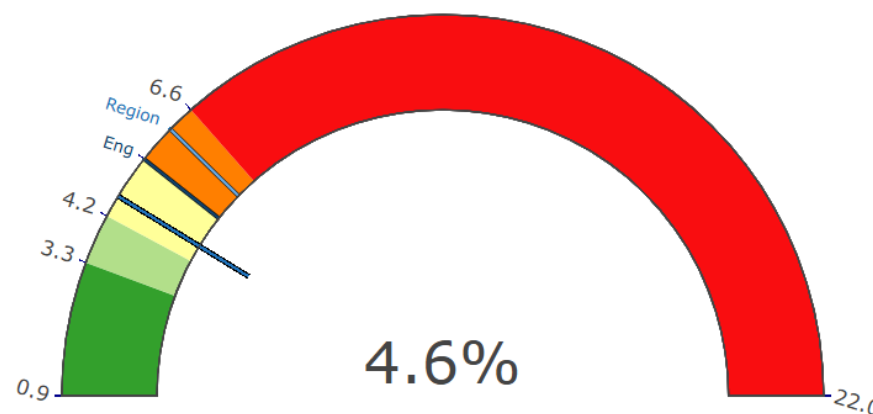
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NEET & Activity not known

NEET and activity not known

16-17 year olds at end 2023 (average of December, January and February)



4.6%, down -0.5 pts

West Midlands: 6.1%, up 0.9 pts.

England: 5.4%, up 0.2 pts.

Annual changes are since end 2022.

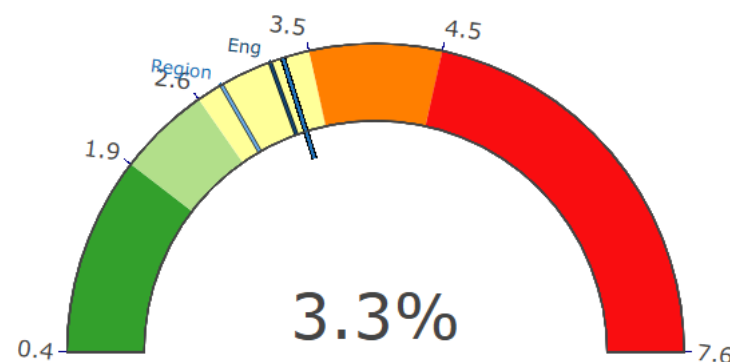


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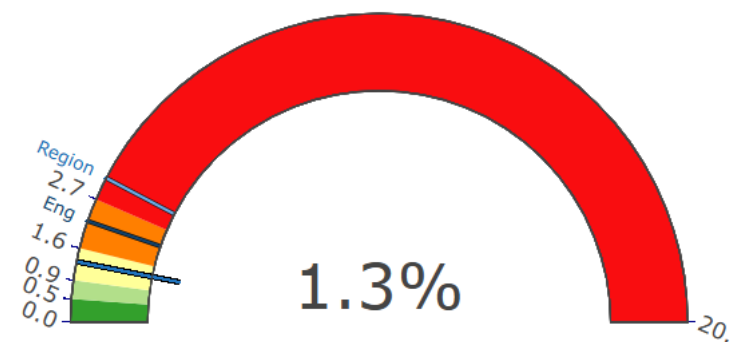


3.3%, up 0.3 ppts

West Midlands: 2.8%, up 0.2 ppts.
England: 3.2%, up 0.4 ppts.
Annual changes are since end 2022.



Activity not known



1.3%, down -0.7 ppts

West Midlands: 3.2%, up 0.6 ppts.
England: 2.2%, down -0.2 ppts.
Annual changes are since end 2022.



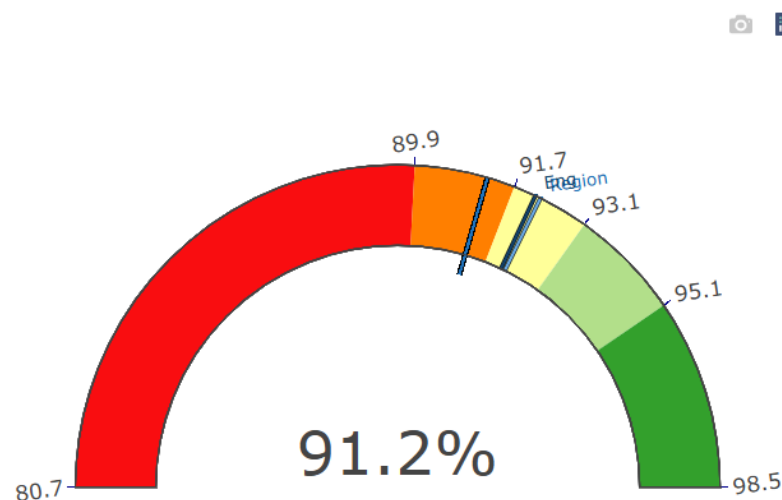
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Participation

Participating in education and training

16-17 year olds March 2024



91.2%, down -0.2 ppts

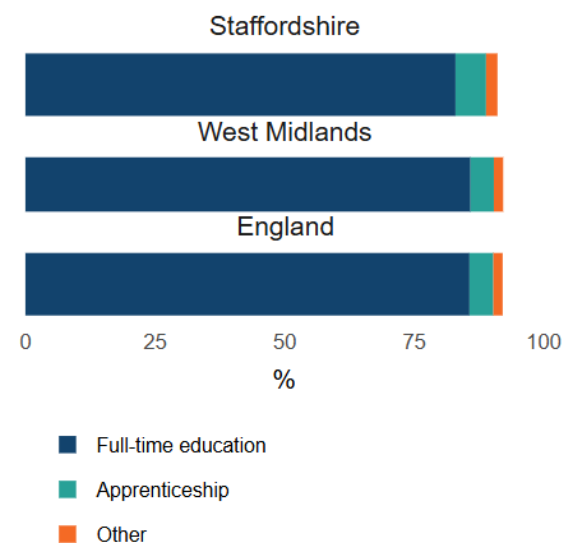
West Midlands: 92.2%, down -0.3 ppts.

England: 92.1%, down -0.2 ppts.

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Type of education or training



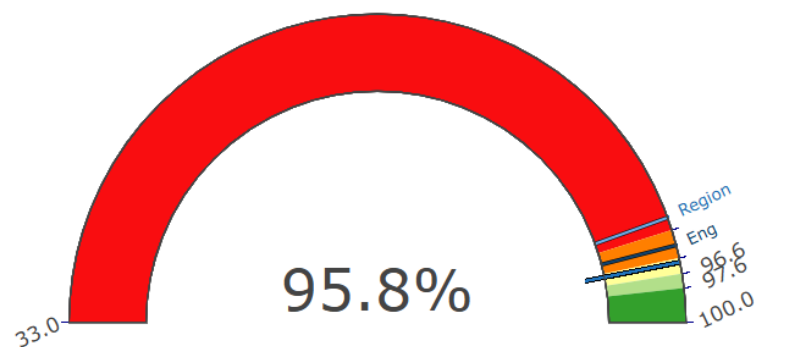
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September Guarantee

September Guarantee: % offered an education or training place

16-17 year olds September 2023



95.8%, down -1.8 ppts

West Midlands: 92.6%, down -3.5 ppts.

England: 94.6%, up 0.1 ppts.

Annual changes are since September 2022.



In some instances, a local authority may have slightly over 100% offers made. This is due to additional young people being added after the September Guarantee cohort is fixed.

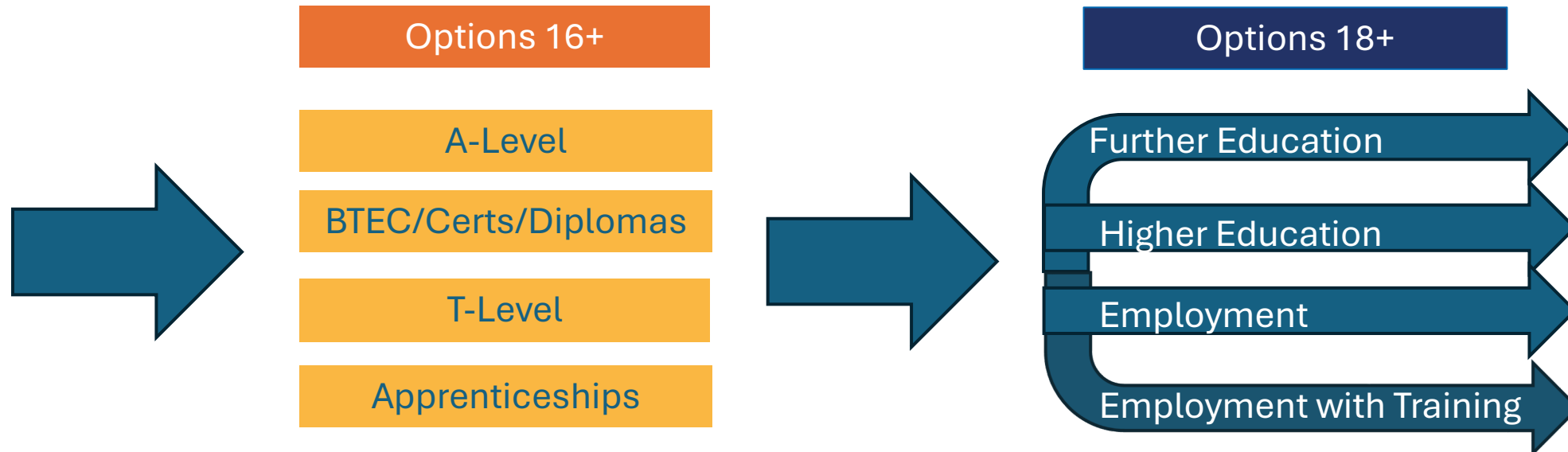
[DfE NEET and participation LA scorecard](#)

[Participation in education, training and NEET age 16 to 17 by local authority, Academic year 2023/24 - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK](#)

Post-school Pathways & Achievements

Post-16 Education & Career Choices

- Young people in England can choose between four types of Level 3 qualification at the age of 16:
 - academic qualifications - A levels
 - applied qualifications - BTECs cover a specific area of business including childcare, hospitality etc
 - technical qualifications - T levels cover sectors including business, engineering etc and include an industry placement
 - apprenticeships are available in various professions, provide a salary while earning a qualification and valuable work experience



A Level & other 16-18 results – Headline Summary 2023/24

(All state funded schools & colleges)

Average A level result:

C+

Improvement from C grade 2022/23. Increase from 31.55 points 2022/23 to 32.70
Below national result: B-, up from 35.29 in 2022/23 to 35.55

Average applied general result:

Distinction-

No change in grade from 2022/23. Increase from 31.27 points 2022/23 to 31.38
Above national result: Merit+, down from 29.56 in 2022/23 to 29.17

Average tech level result:

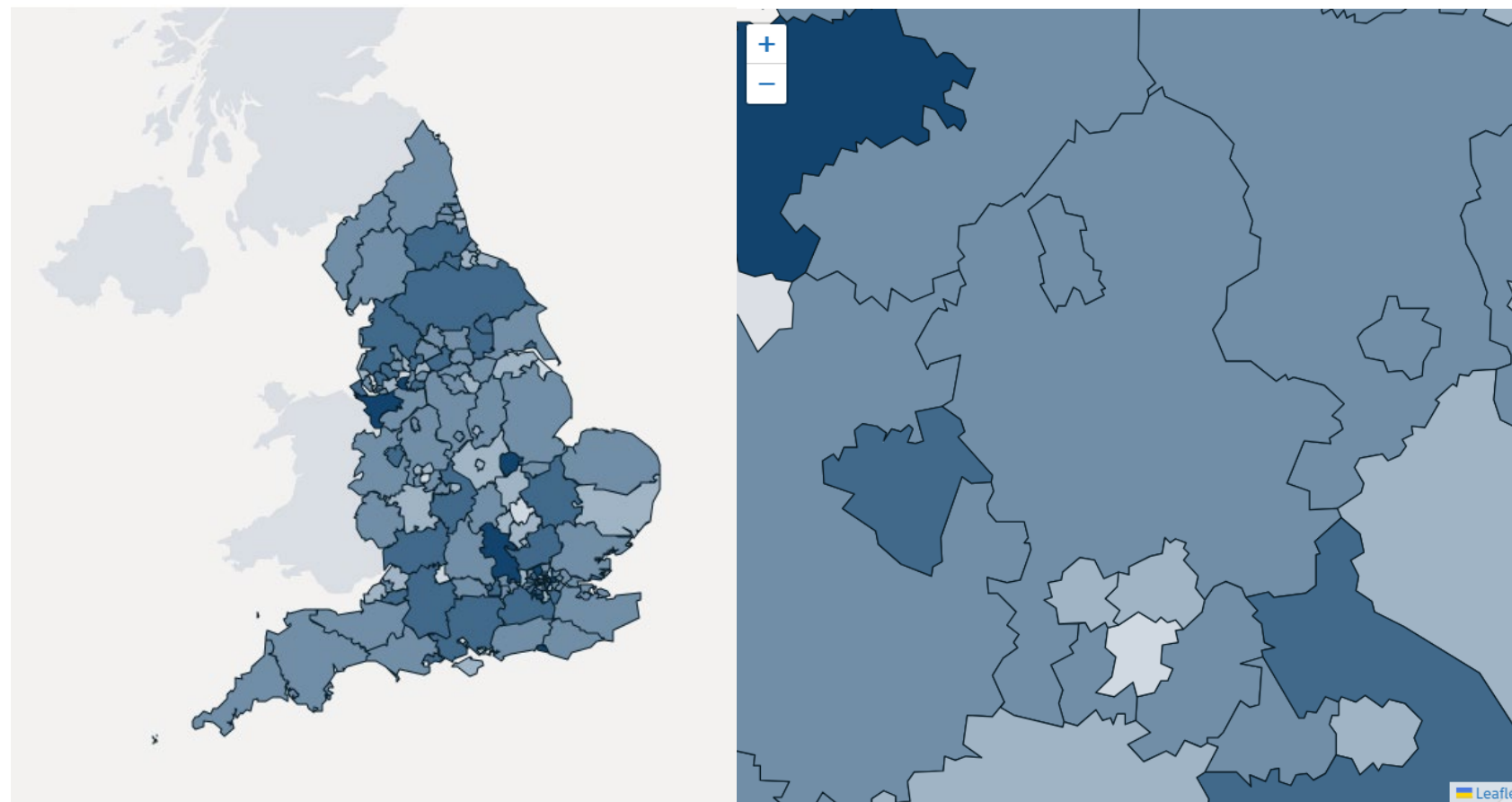
Merit+

No change in grade from 2022/23. Decrease from 28.61 points 2022/23 to 28.05.
Same as national: Merit+, down from 28.52 2022/23 to 28.14

- A level average point score per entry (APS) is higher than 2022/23 by +1.15 pts, and the average grade has improved from C to C+ in 2023/24
- The applied general APS is also slightly higher when compared to last year by +0.11 pts
- The tech level APS has however decreased slightly by -0.56 pts when compared to last year

APS per A Level entry

(All state-funded students; All state-funded schools & colleges 2023/24)



Key to APS per A level entry (All state-funded students, 2023/24)

- 26.57 to 29.38
- 29.39 to 32.20
- 32.21 to 35.02
- 35.03 to 37.84
- 37.85 to 40.65

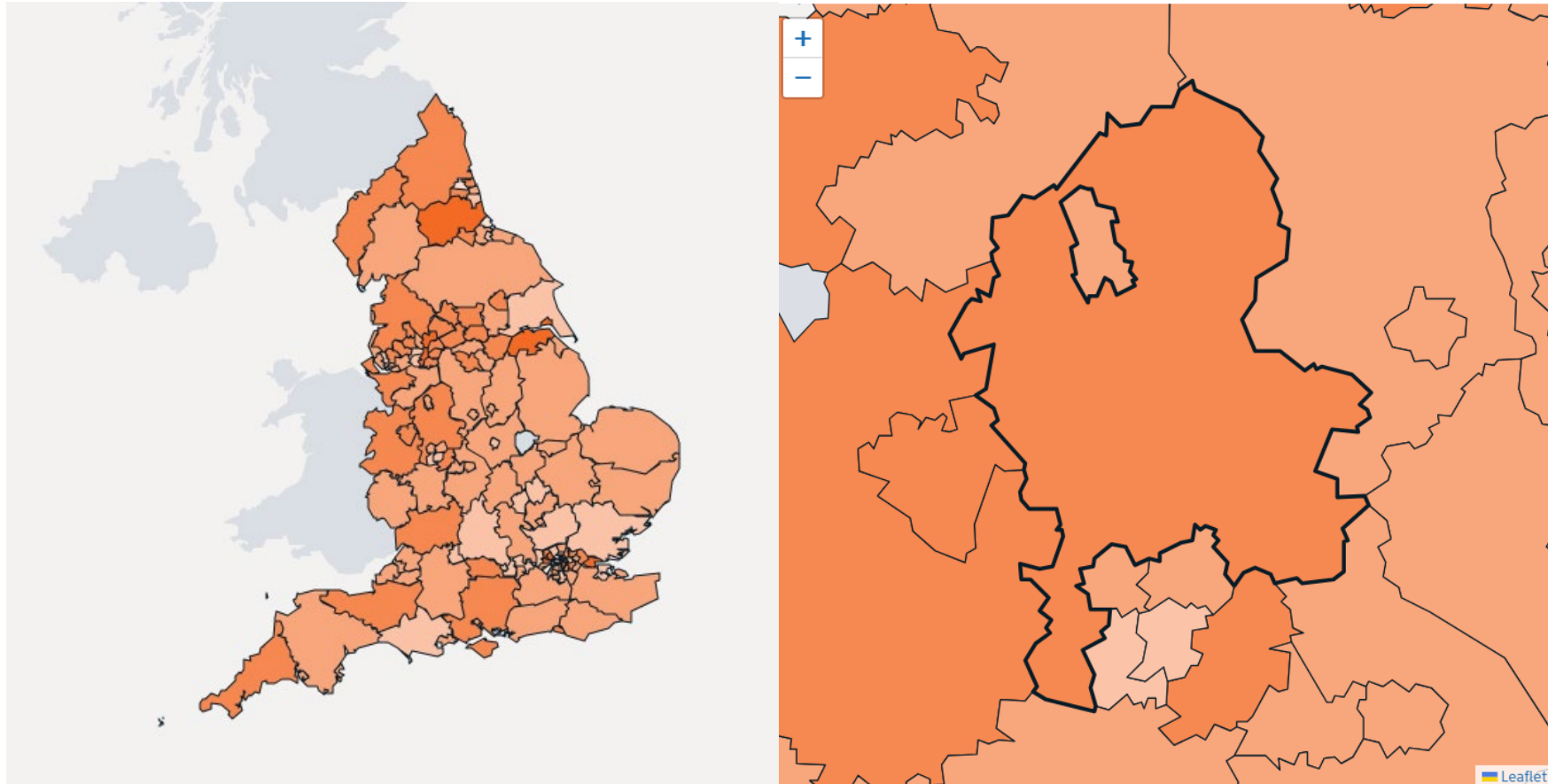
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APS per A level entry (All state-funded students, 2023/24)

32.7

APS per Applied General entry

(All state-funded students; All state-funded schools & colleges 2023/24)



Key to APS per applied general entry (All state-funded students, 2023/24)

- 22.53 to 25.02
- 25.03 to 27.52
- 27.53 to 30.02
- 30.03 to 32.52
- 32.53 to 35.00

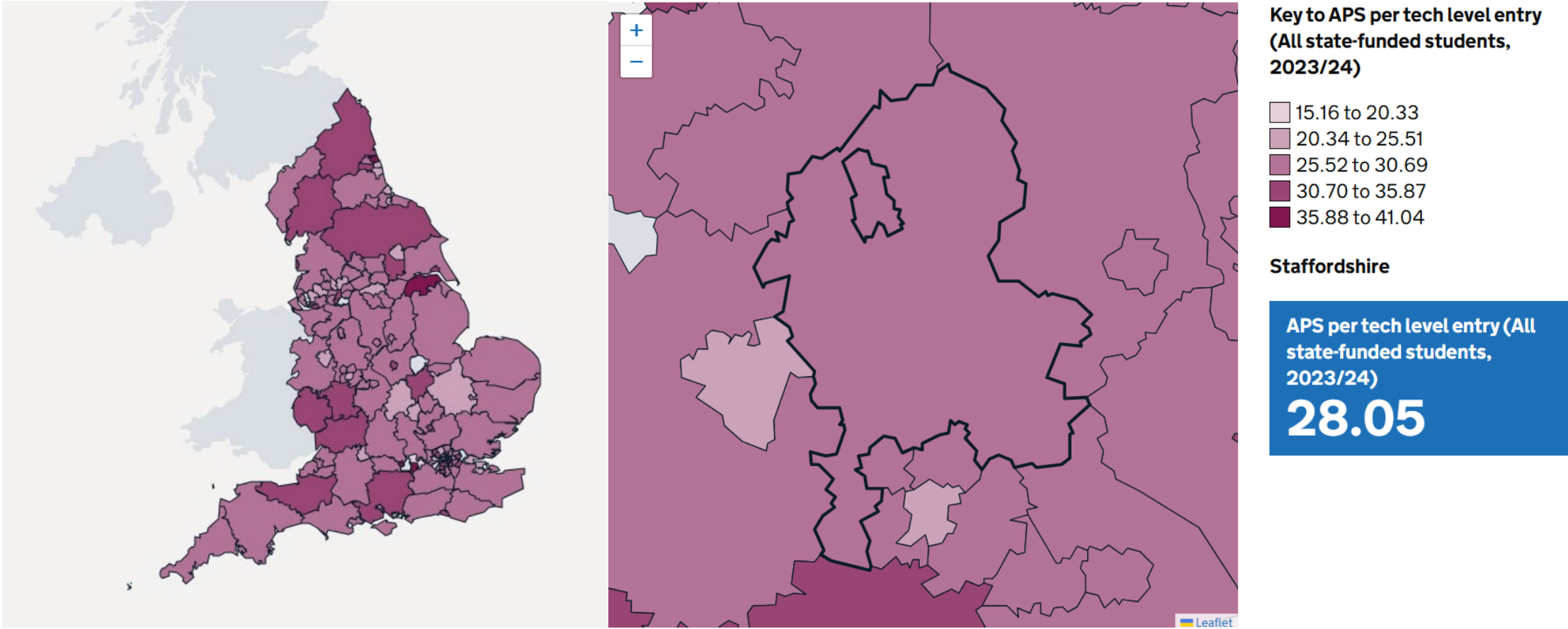
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APS per applied general entry (All state-funded students, 2023/24)

31.38

APS per Tech Level entry

(All state-funded students; All state-funded schools & colleges 2022/23)



A levels & other 16-18 results: Staffordshire Trend Data

Qualification	Measure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Change 2019/20- 2023/24	Change 2022/23- 2023/24
Total Students	No. Students at end of 16-18 study	8,382	6,728	8,426	8,368	8,639	257	271
A Levels	No. A Level students	2,732	2,665	2,930	2,947	3,009	277	62
	APS per A Level entry	37.30	38.77	36.04	31.55	32.70	-4.60	1.15
	Average A Level result	B-	B	B-	C	C+	↑	↑
Academic	No. Academic students	2,801	2,713	2,963	2,982	3,044	243	62
	APS per Academic entry	37.37	38.86	36.09	31.60	32.73	-4.64	1.13
	Average Academic result	B-	B	B-	C	C+	↑	↑
Applied General	No. Applied general students	1,115	1,477	2,116	2,158	2,361	1,246	203
	APS per Applied general entry	33.43	34.80	33.55	31.27	31.38	-2.05	0.11
	Average Applied general result	Distinction	Distinction	Distinction	Distinction-	Distinction-	↓	↔
Tech Level	No. Tech Level students	424	356	556	507	502	78	-5
	APS per Tech Level entry	32.93	34.04	30.08	28.61	28.05	-4.88	-0.56
	Average Tech Level result	Distinction-	Distinction	Distinction-	Merit+	Merit+	↓	↔

A Levels: Staffordshire Students by Subject 2023/24

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Subject	Total No.		%						
	Students	Students	%A*	%A	%B	%C	%D	%E	% A*-C
Total subjects	2,977	100.0%	8.9%	19.0%	29.8%	22.5%	12.5%	5.3%	80.3%
Total facilitating subjects	2,063	69.3%	6.8%	17.2%	24.3%	24.0%	16.6%	8.0%	72.3%
Total STEM subjects	1,268	42.6%	7.1%	18.3%	19.6%	19.1%	18.4%	12.0%	64.1%
Total Psychology	858	28.8%	2.9%	11.1%	25.8%	24.5%	20.3%	11.3%	64.2%
Total Maths	732	24.6%	8.9%	21.0%	19.3%	17.1%	16.1%	12.7%	66.3%
Total Biology	639	21.5%	4.7%	13.9%	21.9%	22.7%	19.6%	11.6%	63.2%
Total English	615	20.7%	4.9%	11.5%	32.0%	29.6%	18.0%	3.6%	78.0%
Total Sociology	550	18.5%	5.3%	9.8%	26.5%	30.2%	18.5%	7.8%	71.8%
Total History	540	18.1%	2.4%	14.1%	28.3%	32.8%	16.5%	4.6%	77.6%
Total Chemistry	421	14.1%	6.2%	18.8%	21.4%	20.9%	14.0%	12.8%	67.2%
Total Business Studies	411	13.8%	5.1%	12.7%	30.4%	27.7%	16.5%	5.4%	75.9%
Total Geography	396	13.3%	4.3%	15.9%	28.5%	28.0%	14.1%	7.1%	76.8%
Total Art & Design	347	11.7%	10.4%	14.1%	33.4%	25.9%	10.1%	5.5%	83.9%
Total Physics	327	11.0%	5.2%	18.7%	19.9%	19.9%	19.6%	12.2%	63.6%
Total Arts	237	8.0%	2.5%	10.5%	42.6%	29.1%	12.2%	3.0%	84.8%
Total Religious Studies	163	5.5%	3.1%	16.6%	29.4%	25.8%	16.6%	6.7%	74.8%
Total Computer Science	159	5.3%	1.3%	13.8%	27.7%	23.9%	19.5%	8.8%	66.7%
Total Economics	148	5.0%	2.7%	18.9%	25.0%	28.4%	20.9%	4.1%	75.0%
Total Physical Education	138	4.6%	4.3%	12.3%	21.0%	19.6%	29.7%	10.1%	57.2%
Total D&T	127	4.3%	2.4%	13.4%	33.9%	23.6%	14.2%	8.7%	73.2%
Total Law	118	4.0%	9.3%	14.4%	26.3%	26.3%	14.4%	5.9%	76.3%

Key:

Top %



Mid %



Low %





A Levels: Staffordshire Entries by Subject 2023/24


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Subject	Exam entries	% A*	%A	%B	%C	%D	%E	% A*-C
Total subjects	7,448	5.0%	14.6%	26.4%	25.2%	17.3%	8.3%	71.2%
Total facilitating subjects	3,688	5.6%	16.6%	24.1%	23.5%	16.8%	9.2%	69.8%
Total STEM subjects	2,435	6.2%	18.0%	21.1%	20.2%	17.3%	11.5%	65.5%
Total Psychology	869	2.9%	10.9%	25.4%	24.6%	20.3%	11.4%	63.9%
Total Maths	747	8.6%	20.9%	19.3%	16.9%	16.2%	12.6%	65.6%
Total Biology	655	4.6%	14.0%	21.8%	22.3%	19.5%	11.6%	62.7%
Total English	638	5.2%	11.1%	32.6%	29.2%	18.2%	3.4%	78.1%
Total Sociology	551	5.4%	9.8%	26.5%	30.1%	18.5%	7.8%	71.9%
Total History	544	2.4%	14.0%	28.1%	32.5%	16.4%	4.8%	77.0%
Total Chemistry	439	5.9%	18.7%	21.2%	21.2%	14.1%	12.5%	67.0%
Total Business Studies	411	5.1%	12.7%	30.4%	28.0%	16.8%	5.4%	76.2%
Total Geography	399	4.3%	16.0%	28.3%	28.1%	14.3%	7.3%	76.7%
Total Art & Design	393	9.7%	13.0%	33.6%	26.5%	11.2%	5.1%	82.7%
Total Physics	338	5.0%	18.6%	19.2%	19.8%	19.2%	11.8%	62.7%
Total Arts	268	2.6%	10.1%	44.0%	28.0%	12.3%	3.0%	84.7%
Total Religious Studies	168	3.0%	16.1%	28.6%	25.6%	16.1%	6.5%	73.2%
Total Computer Science	160	1.3%	13.8%	27.5%	23.8%	20.0%	8.8%	66.3%
Total Economics	148	2.7%	18.9%	25.0%	28.4%	20.9%	4.1%	75.0%
Total Physical Education	146	4.1%	11.6%	21.9%	19.9%	30.8%	9.6%	57.5%
Total D&T	125	2.4%	13.6%	35.2%	23.2%	13.6%	8.0%	74.4%
Total Law	120	9.2%	14.2%	26.7%	25.8%	15.0%	5.8%	75.8%

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Staffordshire A Level Students entering Maths or Science Subjects Trend

Subject	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	5 year Change
Total Students	2,656	2,625	2,926	2,936	2,977	+321
Zero Maths/Science subjects	56.9%	53.8%	57.6%	57.5%	57.4%	0.5pp
One Maths/Science subject	43.1%	46.2%	42.4%	42.5%	42.6%	-0.5pp
Biology	21.7%	23.4%	21.8%	21.7%	21.5%	-0.2pp
Chemistry	15.3%	16.1%	14.7%	15.3%	14.1%	-1.2pp
Computer Science	3.4%	4.8%	4.8%	5.3%	5.3%	1.9pp
Further Maths	3.4%	3.0%	2.3%	3.1%	3.1%	-0.3pp
Maths	24.8%	25.4%	23.3%	22.9%	24.6%	-0.2pp
Physics	12.7%	13.8%	11.4%	11.3%	11.0%	-1.7pp

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A level & Academic Results: College Data 2023/24

	A Level				Academic Qual. (inc. A Levels)			
	Students	APS	Average Result	Retention	Students	APS	Average Result	Retention
Newcastle & Stafford College Group	478	37.15	B-	86.9%	479	37.26	B-	86.9%
South Staffordshire College	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Burton & South Derbyshire College	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data
Staffordshire: state-funded schools & colleges	3,009	32.70	C+	92.2%	3,044	32.73	C+	92.2%
England: all schools & colleges	299,335	35.55	B-	92.3%	306,605	35.69	B-	92.2%

All Providers Latest Performance 2023/24: Top 20 A-Level & Academic

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School/College Name	No. Students 16-18	No. at end of 16-18 study	A-Level			School/College Name	Academic				
			No. at end of 16-18 study entered for ≥ 1 AS/A level	Average APS	Grade		No at end of 16-18 study entered for ≥ 1 advanced (Level 3) academic qual.	Average APS	Grade		
Top 20						Top 20					
Newcastle-under-Lyme School	142	71	70	41.37	B	Newcastle-under-Lyme School	70	41.51	B		
Stafford Grammar School	78	36	36	41.29	B	Stafford Grammar School	36	41.29	B		
John Taylor High School	320	173	139	39.59	B	John Taylor High School	139	39.63	B		
Lichfield Cathedral School	88	39	37	39.57	B	Lichfield Cathedral School	37	39.54	B		
Wolgarston High School	181	94	70	39.22	B	Wolgarston High School	70	39.22	B		
The Friary School	181	99	89	38.63	B	The Friary School	89	38.69	B		
St. Dominic's Grammar School	23	9	8	38.30	B-	St. Dominic's Grammar School	8	38.57	B		
The Weston Road Academy	84	47	45	37.45	B-	Denstone College	103	37.55	B-		
Denstone College	222	107	103	37.38	B-	The Weston Road Academy	45	37.45	B-		
Newcastle & Stafford Colleges Group	6334	3090	478	37.15	B-	Newcastle & Stafford Colleges Group	479	37.26	B-		
Kingsmead School	192	103	72	36.40	B-	Kingsmead School	72	36.45	B-		
Painsley Catholic College	208	111	91	34.62	C+	Painsley Catholic College	99	35.29	B-		
The de Ferrers Academy	455	230	201	34.54	C+	The de Ferrers Academy	201	34.62	C+		
King Edward VI School	378	186	176	34.23	C+	King Edward VI School	176	34.20	C+		
Blessed William Howard Catholic School	96	37	33	33.98	C+	Blessed William Howard Catholic School	33	33.98	C+		
Sir Graham Balfour High School	70	35	34	33.76	C+	Sir Graham Balfour High School	34	33.56	C+		
The Hart School	130	77	47	32.77	C+	Kinver High School and Sixth Form	29	32.59	C+		
Alleyne's Academy	163	82	59	32.51	C+	Alleyne's Academy	59	32.51	C+		
Kinver High School and Sixth Form	54	43	29	32.43	C+	The Hart School	49	32.36	C+		
Walton High School	211	122	108	31.64	C	Biddulph High School	49	31.76	C+		
Total Staffordshire	17,710	8,639	3,009	32.7	C+	Total Staffordshire	3,044	32.73	C+		

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T levels

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- T levels are two-year courses for 16-19-year-olds, equivalent to three A levels, which offer practical and knowledge-based learning at a school or college with on-the-job experience through an industry placement.
- The take up of T Levels has shot up as more subjects come on stream. There are now over 20 T Level subjects to choose from with three new T Levels in September 2024.
- Across the total 7,380 students studying T Levels in 2023/24, 88.7% achieved a pass or above. But figures show nearly 3,000 students - over one quarter dropped out since 2022.

The West Midlands region has seen the third highest growth in 2024

Total 2024 T Level results by region

Region	Total results	Growth from last year
North West	1458	108%
North East	480	161%
Yorkshire and The Humber	819	95%
West Midlands	727	150%
East Midlands	509	70%
East of England	588	160%
London	496	141%
South West	972	60%
South East	1331	114%

Source: Department for Education

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T-Levels: National Results 2023/24

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(provisional data)

Students in receipt of T Level results:

7,380

Students awarded Pass/above for overall T Level:

88.7%

Students awarded E/above in core component:

98.3%

Students awarded Pass/above in occupational specialism:

93%

Students who completed industry placement:

95.1%

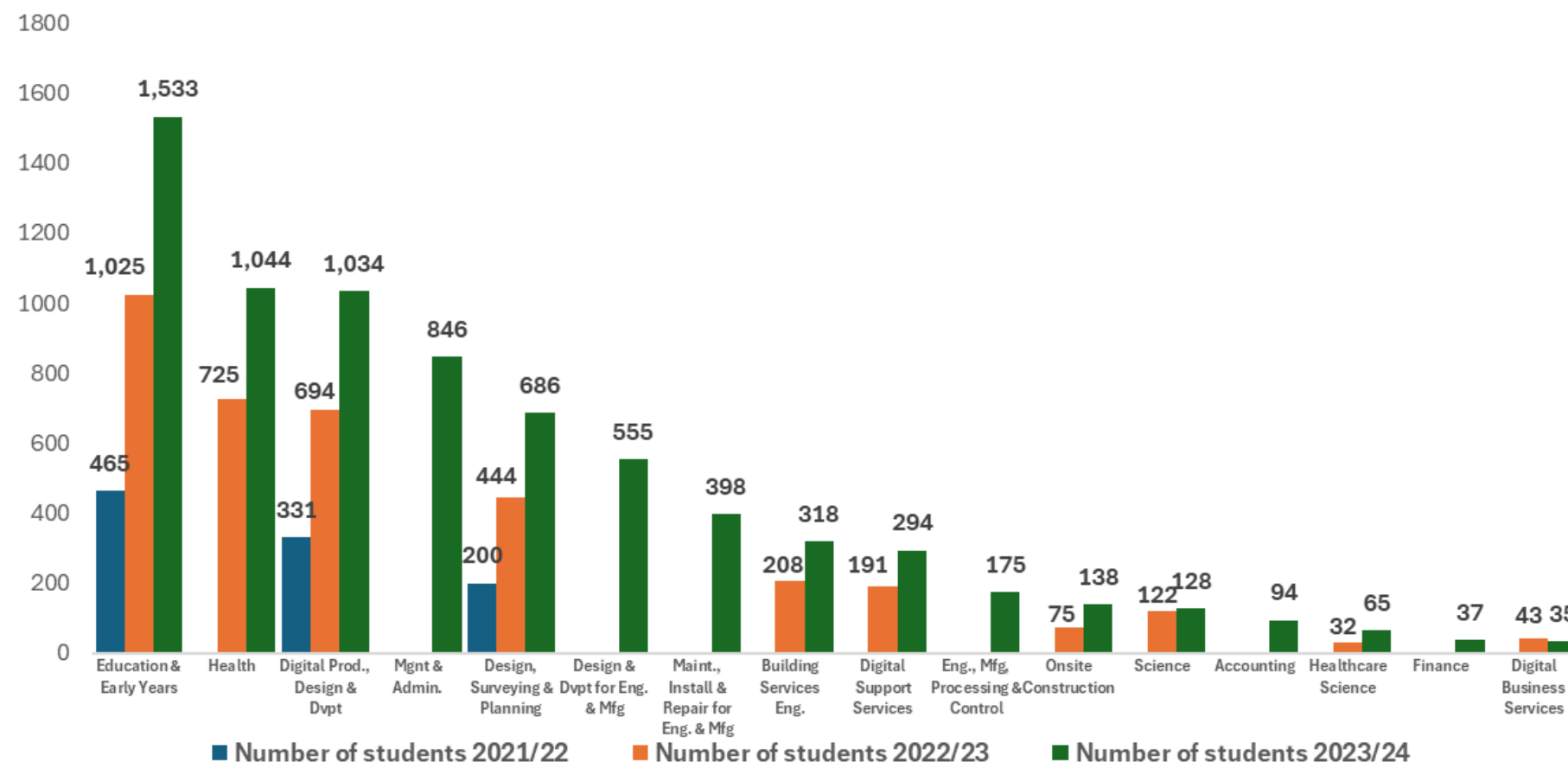
- There are 7,380 students with an overall T Level result across 16 pathways. 3,559 were awarded last year (revised data for 2022/23, covering 10 pathways) and 996 (final data for 2021/22) were awarded in the first cohort and covered just 3 pathways.
- 6,543 (88.7%) of the 7,380 students achieved a Pass or above in their overall T Level results across all T Level pathways. For female students this was 94.7% and for male students 83.9%.
- Of the 7,380 students with an overall result in 2023/24: 98.3% of students achieved a grade E or above in the core component; 93% achieved a Pass or above in their occupational specialism; 95.1% completed their industry placement (includes completed with special consideration).
- The pass rate in the 16 pathways awarded this year ranged from 96.2% (Early Education & Early Years) to 69.9% (Design and Development for Engineering & Manufacturing).

[Link to Apprenticeships Summary](#)

[T Level Results](#)

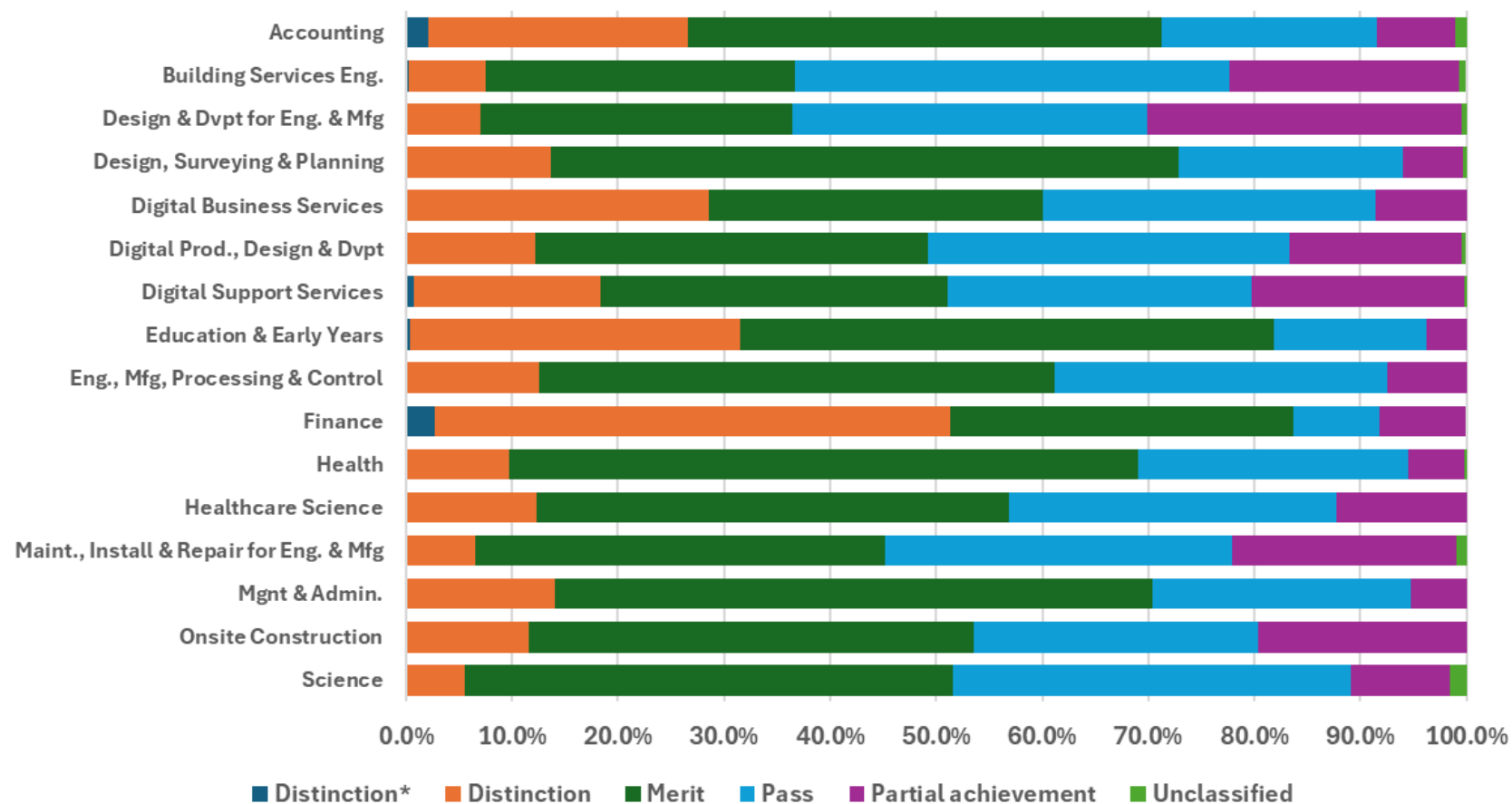
T Levels: National Results 2021/22-2023/24 (by Subject)

National Number Overall T-Level Results by Pathway 2021/22 - 2023/24



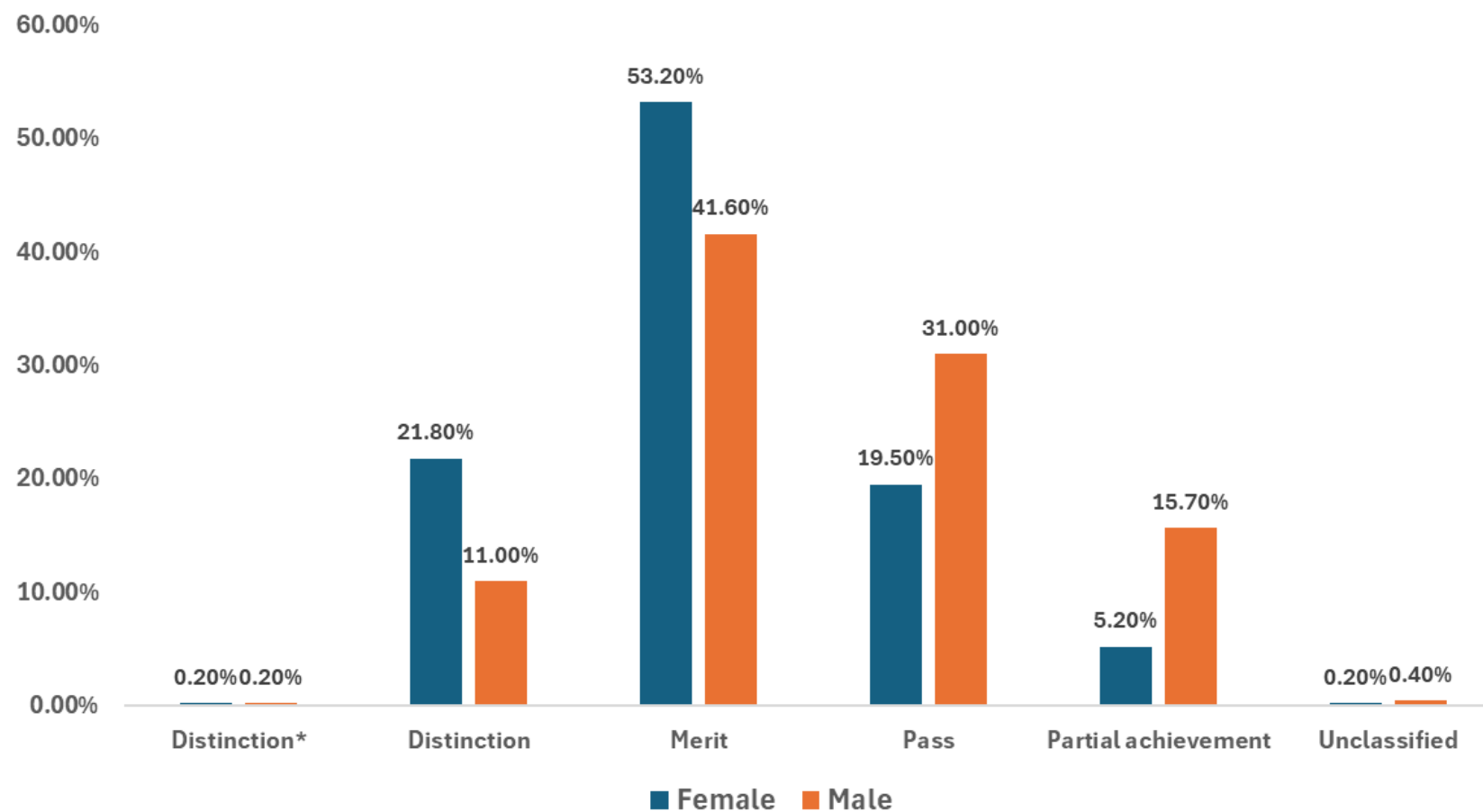
T Levels: National Grade Breakdown 2023/24 (by Subject)

National Overall T Level Results by Pathway and Grade 2023/24 (%)



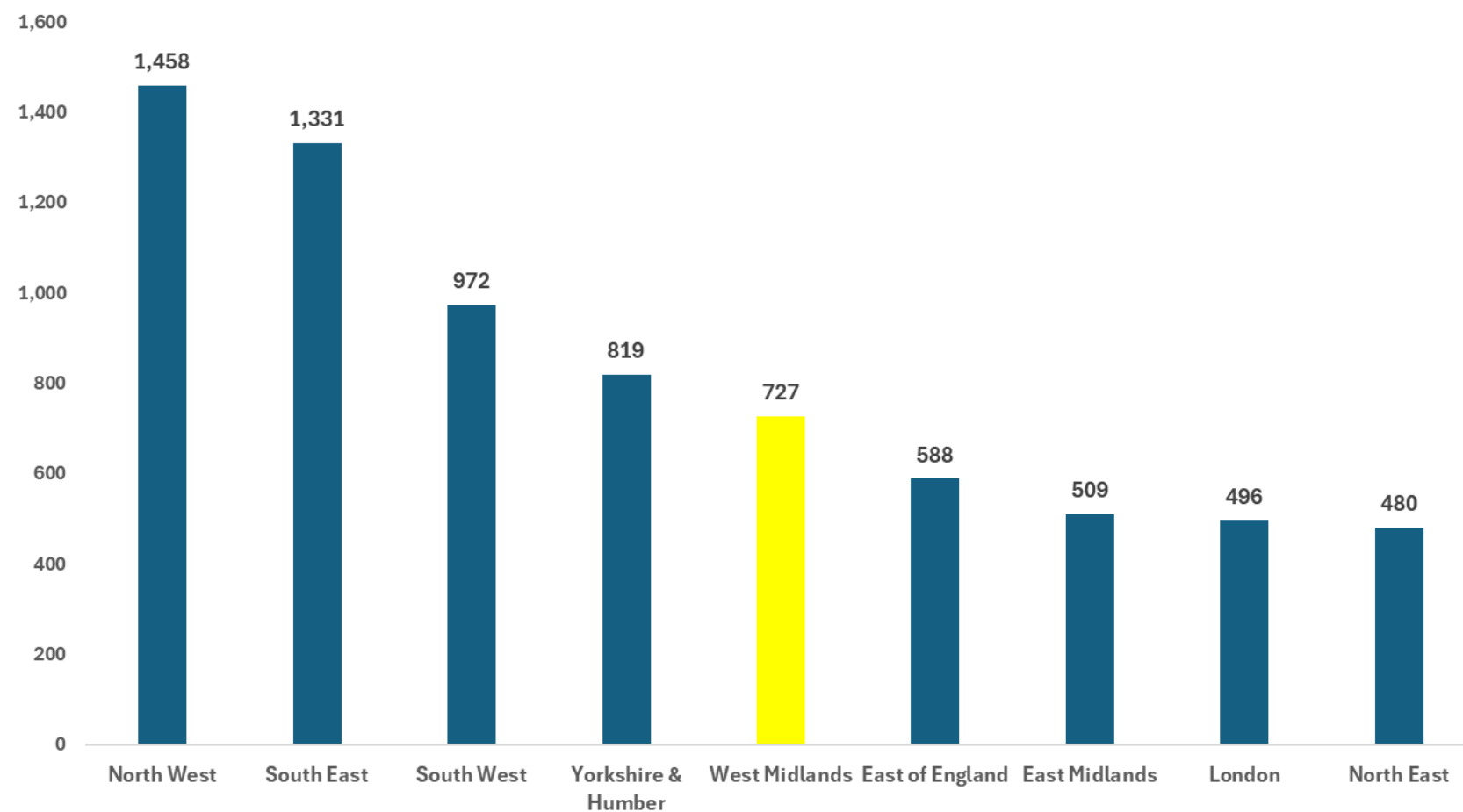
T Levels: National Grade Breakdown 2023/24 (by Gender)

National Overall T Level Results by Grade and Gender 2023-24 (%)



T Levels: Numbers by Region 2023/24

Regional Overall Number of T Level Results Students 2023/24



T Levels: Staffordshire Results

- No LA data currently published by DfE

Applied General & Tech Level Results: College Data 2023/24

	Average				Average			
	Students	APS	Result	Retention	Students	APS	Result	Retention
Newcastle & Stafford College Group	837	31.88	Distinction-	91.7%	106	31.18	Distinction-	87.6%
South Staffordshire College	67	21.12	Merit-	84.9%	264	25.48	Merit+	87.1%
Burton & South Derbyshire College	177	27.72	Merit+	93.2%	47	31.57	Distinction-	93.3%
Staffordshire: state-funded schools & colleges	2,361	31.38	Distinction-	85.5%	502	28.05	Merit+	85.1%
England: all schools & colleges	131,270	29.17	Merit+	85.3%	27,354	28.14	Merit+	87.2%

All Providers Latest Performance 2023/24: Top 20 Applied General & Tech

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School/College Name	No. Students 16-18	No. at end of 16-18 study	Applied General			School/College Name	Tech Level		
			No. at end of 16-18 study entered for ≥ 1 applied general qual.	Average APS	Grade		No. at end of 16-18 study entered for ≥ 1 tech level qual.	Average APS	Grade
Top 20						Top 20			
The Friary School	181	99	50	41.29	Dist+	The JCB Academy	23	41.96	Dist*-
Sir Graham Balfour High School	70	35	7	38.67	Dist+	Kingsmead School	6	33.33	Dist-
Thomas Alleyne's High School	232	138	34	37.67	Dist+	Burton and South Derbyshire College	47	31.57	Dist-
The JCB Academy	220	133	50	37.51	Dist+	Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group	106	31.18	Dist-
Cheslyn Hay Academy	184	86	52	36.16	Dist	Paget High School	8	28.75	Merit+
Wolgarston High School	181	94	45	36.03	Dist	South Staffordshire College	264	25.48	Merit
Denstone College	222	107	15	35.79	Dist	Wombourne High School	13	25.19	Merit
Painsley Catholic College	208	111	29	35.38	Dist	The Hart School	8	23.75	Merit
The de Ferrers Academy	455	230	92	34.77	Dist	St John Fisher Catholic College	NE	NE	NE
Cardinal Griffin Catholic College	115	72	32	34.63	Dist	The Cheadle Academy	NE	NE	NE
The King's CofE Academy	55	18	11	34.17	Dist	Blythe Bridge High School	NE	NE	NE
Paulet High School	137	75	39	33.82	Dist	Paulet High School	NE	NE	NE
The Cheadle Academy	10	12	6	33.57	Dist	Cannock Chase High School	NE	NE	NE
Chase Terrace Academy	132	57	21	33.48	Dist	Nether Stowe School	NE	NE	NE
King Edward VI School	378	186	28	33.23	Dist-	Great Wyrley Academy	NE	NE	NE
Kingsmead School	192	103	62	33.16	Dist-	Stafford Grammar School	NE	NE	NE
Nether Stowe School	68	40	16	33.06	Dist-	John Taylor High School	NE	NE	NE
Landau Forte Academy Tamworth Sixth Form	379	227	121	32.89	Dist-	Blessed William Howard Catholic School	NE	NE	NE
Walton High School	211	122	18	32	Dist-	Newcastle-under-Lyme School	NE	NE	NE
Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group	6334	3090	837	31.88	Dist-	Abbot Beyne School	NE	NE	NE
Total Staffordshire	17,710	8,639	2,361	31.38	Dist-	Total Staffordshire	502	28.05	Merit+

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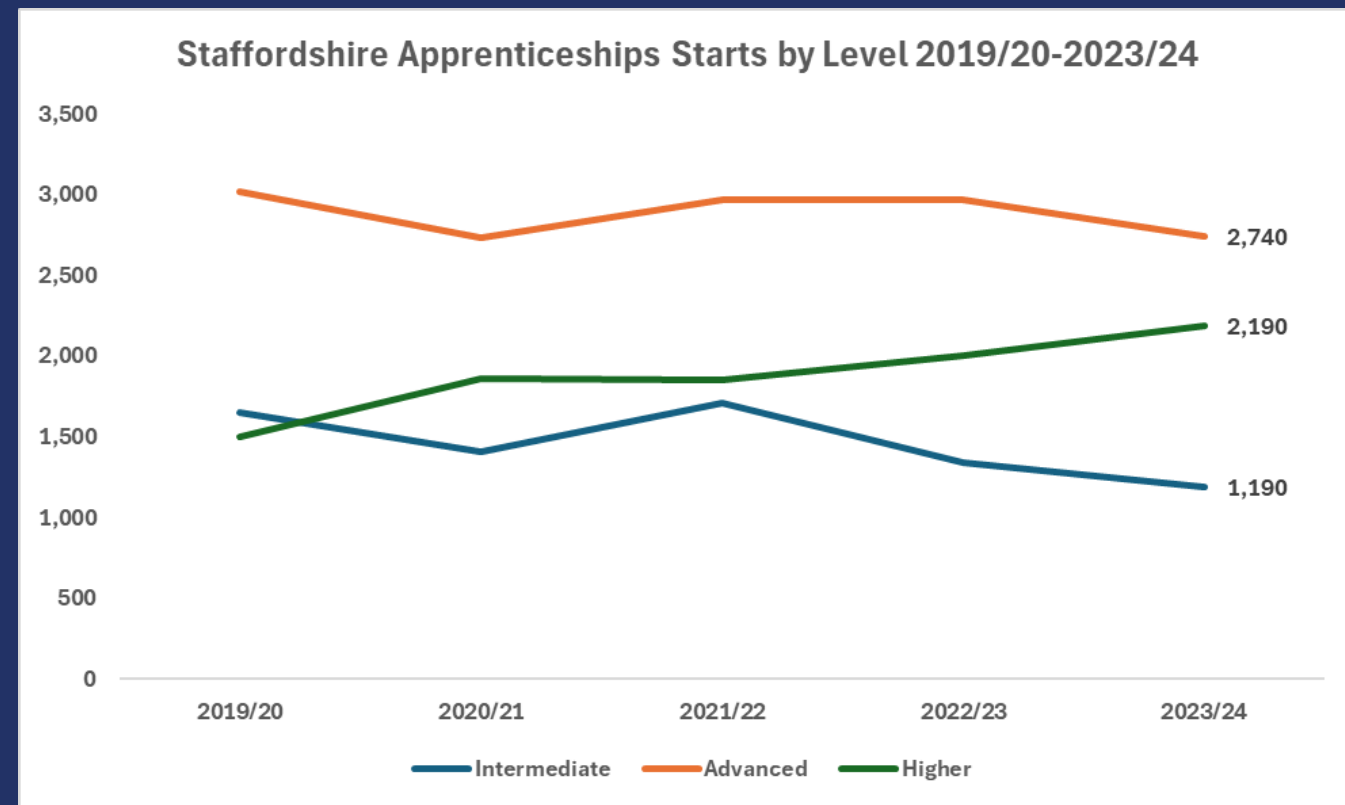


Low %



Apprenticeships Summary: Total & Levels

- **Staffordshire saw a slight decline in the total number of apprenticeship starts** - 0.8% decrease from 6,170 in 2019/20 to 6,120 in 2023/24, the region increased 1.6% and England increased 5.3%.
- **In 2023/24 Advanced apprenticeships were the most popular at 45% or 2,740**, Higher apprenticeships accounted for 36% or 2,190 and Intermediate apprenticeships for 20% or 1,190.
- **Higher apprenticeships have seen a 46% increase between 2019/20 and 2023/24** whereas **Intermediate apprenticeships have decreased 28%**.



Source: DfE/ Individual Learner Record

Apprenticeships Summary: Sectors 2023/24

Health, Public Services & Care:

1,830

Business, Administration & Law:

1,740

Engineering and Manufacturing Tech:

910

- In 2023/24 **Health, Public Services & Care** accounted for the largest number of apprenticeships with **30%** of total starts followed by **Business, Administration & Law** with **28%** and **Engineering & Manufacturing Technologies 15%**.
- Retail & Commercial Enterprise (9% of total starts); Construction, Planning & the Built Environment (6% of total starts); Information & Communication Technology (5% of total starts) were the next most popular subject areas.
- Increasing the number of higher apprenticeships in our priority sector areas will be vital to ensure that Staffordshire has the technical skills needed to grow those sectors and increase productivity and pay levels.

Apprenticeships Starts by Area (2019/20-2023/24)

Area	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	5 Year Change	5 Year Change %	Latest Year Change	Latest Year Change %
Cannock Chase	770	790	830	810	780	10	1.3%	-30	-3.7%
East Staffordshire	830	710	920	890	830	0	0.0%	-60	-6.7%
Lichfield	1,110	980	920	970	910	-200	-18.0%	-60	-6.2%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	790	830	980	840	840	50	6.3%	0	0.0%
South Staffordshire	740	760	730	690	730	-10	-1.4%	40	5.8%
Stafford	780	850	920	970	850	70	9.0%	-120	-12.4%
Staffordshire Moorlands	590	550	650	600	660	70	11.9%	60	10.0%
Tamworth	560	550	560	550	520	-40	-7.1%	-30	-5.5%
Staffordshire	6,170	6,020	6,510	6,320	6,120	-50	-0.8%	-200	-3.2%
West Midlands	36,920	36,130	38,860	37,970	37,520	600	1.6%	-450	-1.2%
England	322,530	321,440	349,190	337,140	339,580	17,050	5.3%	2,440	0.7%

Apprenticeships Achievements by Area (2019/20-2023/24)

Area	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	5 Year Change	5 Year Change %	Latest Year Change	Latest Year Change %
Cannock Chase	330	390	350	390	450	120	36.4%	60	15.4%
East Staffordshire	390	340	360	400	490	100	25.6%	90	22.5%
Lichfield	270	340	460	500	610	340	125.9%	110	22.0%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	400	390	320	430	480	80	20.0%	50	11.6%
South Staffordshire	370	350	350	370	400	30	8.1%	30	8.1%
Stafford	370	400	350	450	520	150	40.5%	70	15.6%
Staffordshire Moorlands	300	290	260	350	350	50	16.7%	0	0.0%
Tamworth	220	250	200	290	310	90	40.9%	20	6.9%
Staffordshire	2,650	2,750	2,650	3,180	3,610	960	36.2%	430	13.5%
West Midlands	17,130	17,290	15,190	17,920	19,910	2780	16.2%	1990	11.1%
England	146,900	156,530	137,220	162,320	178,220	31320	21.3%	15900	9.8%

Apprenticeships Starts by Level 2019/20-2023/24

Staffordshire

Level	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	5 Year Change	5 Year Change %	Latest Year Change	Latest Year Change %
Intermediate	1,650	1,410	1,710	1,340	1,190	-460	-27.9%	-150	-11.2%
Advanced	3,020	2,730	2,970	2,970	2,740	-280	-9.3%	-230	-7.7%
Higher	1,500	1,860	1,850	2,000	2,190	690	46.0%	190	9.5%
Total	6,170	6,010	6,520	6,320	6,120	-50	-0.8%	-200	-3.2%

England

Level	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	5 Year Change	5 Year Change %	Latest Year Change	Latest Year Change %
Intermediate	99,220	84,150	91,520	76,280	70,840	-28,380	-28.6%	-5,440	-7.1%
Advanced	140,840	138,490	151,310	147,930	146,520	5,680	4.0%	-1,410	-1.0%
Higher	82,460	98,810	106,360	112,930	122,230	39,770	48.2%	9,300	8.2%
Total	322,530	321,440	349,190	337,140	339,580	17,050	5.3%	2,440	0.7%

Apprenticeships Achievements by Level 2019/20-2023/24

Staffordshire

Level	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	5 Year Change	5 Year Change %	Latest Year Change	Latest Year Change %
Intermediate	1,190	940	690	790	860	-330	-27.7%	70	8.9%
Advanced	1,170	1,350	1,360	1,490	1,700	530	45.3%	210	14.1%
Higher	280	470	620	890	1,060	780	278.6%	170	19.1%
Total	2,640	2,750	2,660	3,180	3,610	970	36.7%	430	13.5%

England

Level	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	5 Year Change	5 Year Change %	Latest Year Change	Latest Year Change %
Intermediate	61,630	53,380	37,270	43,270	44,020	-17,610	-28.6%	750	1.7%
Advanced	67,460	72,610	65,290	72,560	76,990	9,530	14.1%	4,430	6.1%
Higher	17,810	30,540	34,660	46,490	57,220	39,410	221.3%	10,730	23.1%
Total	146,900	156,530	137,220	162,320	178,220	31,320	21.3%	15,900	9.8%

Apprenticeships Starts by Sector Subject

Staffordshire

SSA Tier 1	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	5 Year Change	5 Year Change %	Latest Year Change	Latest Year Change %
Health, Public Services & Care	1,850	1,960	1,900	2,010	1,830	-20	-1.1%	-180	-9.0%
Business, Administration & Law	1,760	1,760	1,750	1,730	1,740	-20	-1.1%	10	0.6%
Engineering & Manufacturing Tech	1,050	750	1,070	960	910	-140	-13.3%	-50	-5.2%
Retail and Commercial Enterprise	500	540	670	580	520	20	4.0%	-60	-10.3%
Construction, Planning & Built Env't	400	370	420	370	380	-20	-5.0%	10	2.7%
Information & Communication Tech	210	270	340	370	330	120	57.1%	-40	-10.8%
Education & Training	220	190	170	190	230	10	4.5%	40	21.1%
Agriculture, Horticulture & Animal Car	140	110	150	100	140	0	0.0%	40	40.0%
Leisure, Travel & Tourism	50	30	70	60	70	20	40.0%	10	16.7%
Arts, Media & Publishing	0	30	20	10	0	0	N/A	-10	-100.0%
History, Philosophy & Theology	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A
Science & Mathematics	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A
Social Sciences	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A
Total	6,170	6,020	6,510	6,320	6,120	-50	-0.8%	-200	-3.2%

Apprenticeships Achievements by Sector Subject

Staffordshire

SSA Tier 1	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	5 Year Change	5 Year Change %	Latest Year Change	Latest Year Change %
Health, Public Services & Care	480	620	770	950	1,100	620	129.2%	150	15.8%
Business, Administration & Law	830	890	770	870	990	160	19.3%	120	13.8%
Engineering & Manufacturing Tech	540	470	420	490	590	50	9.3%	100	20.4%
Retail & Commercial Enterprise	290	280	270	290	310	20	6.9%	20	6.9%
Construction, Planning & Built Env't	200	140	180	120	190	-10	-5.0%	70	58.3%
Information & Communication Tech	110	120	110	130	180	70	63.6%	50	38.5%
Education & Training	90	110	100	140	130	40	44.4%	-10	-7.1%
Agriculture, Horticulture & Animal Care	70	80	50	100	90	20	28.6%	-10	-10.0%
Leisure, Travel & Tourism	80	30	10	50	70	-10	-12.5%	20	40.0%
Arts, Media & Publishing	0	0	10	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A
History, Philosophy & Theology	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A
Science & Mathematics	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A
Social Sciences	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A
Total	2,650	2,750	2,650	3,180	3,610	960	36.2%	430	13.5%

Apprenticeship Starts by Age 2019/20 to 2023/24

Staffordshire

Age	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	5 Year Change	5 Year Change %	Latest Year Change	Latest Year Change %
Under 19	1,610	1,410	1,650	1,590	1,600	-10	-0.6%	10	0.6%
19-24	1,900	1,750	1,930	1,790	1,740	-160	-8.4%	-50	-2.8%
25+	2,670	2,850	2,950	2,950	2,780	110	4.1%	-170	-5.8%
Total	6,170	6,010	6,520	6,320	6,120	-50	-0.8%	-200	-3.2%

England

Age	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	5 Year Change	5 Year Change %	Latest Year Change	Latest Year Change %
Under 19	76,270	65,150	77,520	77,720	78,930	2,660	3.5%	1,210	1.6%
19-24	95,290	94,610	106,330	98,800	96,130	840	0.9%	-2,670	-2.7%
25+	150,960	161,690	165,340	160,620	164,520	13,560	9.0%	3,900	2.4%
Total	322,530	321,440	349,190	337,140	339,580	17,050	5.3%	2,440	0.7%

Apprenticeships Achievements by Age 2019/20-2023/24

Staffordshire

Age	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	5 Year Change	5 Year Change %	Latest Year Change	Latest Year Change %
Under 19	880	740	710	770	910	30	3.41%	140	18.2%
19-24	770	900	890	1,080	1,110	340	44.16%	30	2.8%
25+	980	1,120	1,060	1,330	1,590	610	62.24%	260	19.5%
Total	2,640	2,750	2,660	3,180	3,610	970	36.74%	430	13.5%

England

Age	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	5 Year Change	5 Year Change %	Latest Year Change	Latest Year Change %
Under 19	43,420	38,260	31,410	36,510	40,450	-2,970	-6.8%	3,940	10.8%
19-24	47,820	51,200	44,960	52,170	56,400	8,580	17.9%	4,230	8.1%
25+	55,660	67,070	60,850	73,630	81,380	25,720	46.2%	7,750	10.5%
Total	146,900	156,530	137,220	162,320	178,220	31,320	21.3%	15,900	9.8%

Apprenticeships Starts by SSA & Gender 2023/24

Staffordshire

Sector Subject Area	2023/24			2023/24 %	
	Total	Female	Male	Female	Male
Total Staffordshire	6120	3150	2990	51%	49%
Health, Public Services & Care	1830	1370	460	75%	25%
Business, Administration & Law	1740	970	770	56%	44%
Engineering & Manufacturing Tech.	910	80	830	9%	91%
Retail & Commercial Enterprise	520	310	220	60%	42%
Construction, Planning & the Built Env't.	380	50	340	13%	89%
Information & Communication Tech.	330	110	240	33%	73%
Education & Training	230	190	60	83%	26%
Agriculture, Horticulture & Animal Care	140	60	80	43%	57%
Leisure, Travel & Tourism	70	10	40	14%	57%
Arts, Media & Publishing	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
History, Philosophy & Theology	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Science & Mathematics	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Social Sciences	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data

Apprenticeships Achievements by SSA & Gender

2023/24

Staffordshire

Sector Subject area	2023/24			2023/24 %	
	Total	Female	Male	Female	Male
Total	3,610	1,830	1,790	51%	50%
Health, Public Services & Care	1,100	800	310	73%	28%
Business, Administration & Law	990	540	440	55%	44%
Engineering & Manufacturing Tech.	590	50	530	8%	90%
Retail & Commercial Enterprise	310	200	110	65%	35%
Construction, Planning & the Built Envnt	190	0	180	0%	95%
Information & Communication Tech.	180	80	130	44%	72%
Education & Training	130	100	0	77%	0%
Agriculture, Horticulture & Animal Care	90	20	50	22%	56%
Leisure, Travel & Tourism	70	10	20	14%	29%
Arts, Media & Publishing	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
History, Philosophy & Theology	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Science & Mathematics	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Social Sciences	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data

Apprenticeships Results: College 2022/23

Provider	Intermediate Apprenticeship		Advanced Apprenticeship		Higher Apprenticeship	
	Students	Achievement Rate	Students	Achievement Rate	Students	Achievement Rate
Burton & South Derbyshire College	60	56%	60	70%	No data	No data
Newcastle & Stafford College Group	170	67%	210	67%	20	88.5%
South Staffordshire College	50	46%	110	60%	10	83.3%
General FE Colleges inc. Tertiary	11,630	56%	17,730	60%	3,920	56%
England: all schools & colleges	41,720	54%	71,680	55%	46,730	54%

Note: 2022/23 is latest data available by Provider and Achievement Rate

Achievements by Age 19

Achievements by Age 19 Summary

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Achievement Level 3

2022/23:

56.6%  **0.08pp**

Achievement Level 2

2022/23:

83.9%  **3.5pp**

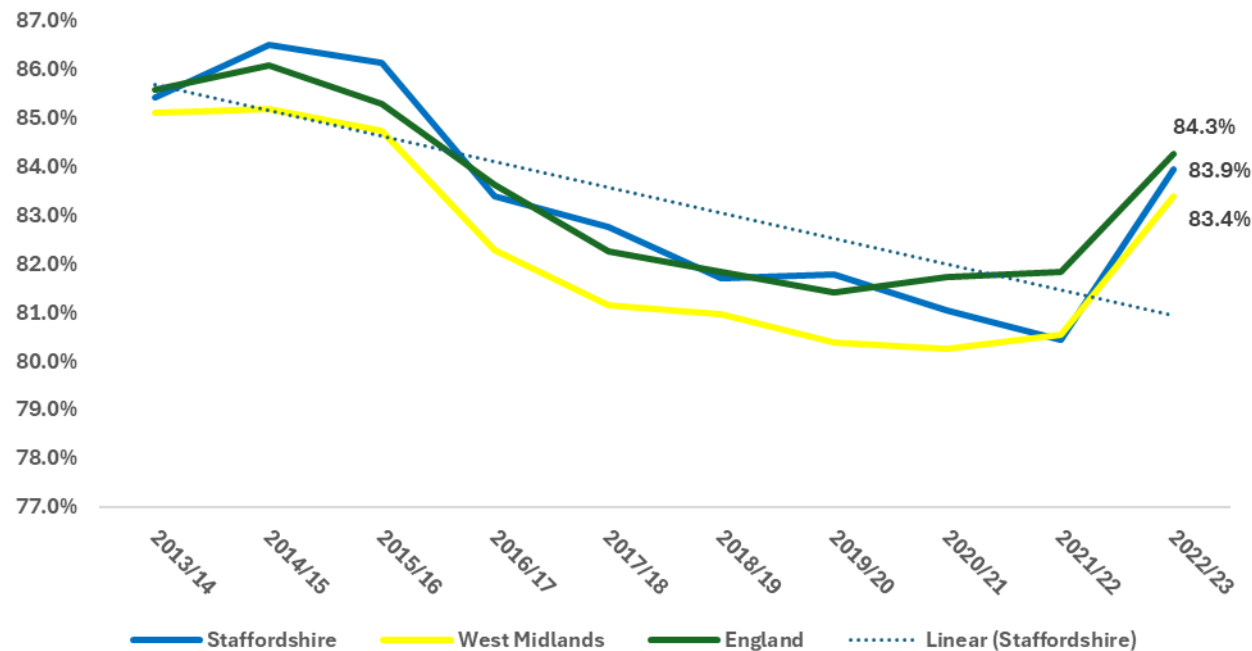
- In Staffordshire **56.6% of 19-year-olds achieved level 3** in 2022/23, this was above the regional average of 56.3% but below the national average of 58.8%.
- **Achievement of Level 3 in Staffordshire increased +0.08 pp since 2021/22** whereas it decreased in the West Midlands (-1.2pp) and England (-1.1pp).
- In Staffordshire **83.9% of 19-year-olds achieved level 2** in 2022/23, **+3.5 pp** on previous year. This was above the regional average of 83.4% but below the national average of 84.3%.
- The proportion of **19-year-olds achieving GCSE 9-4 standard pass in English and maths (or equivalent) between ages 16-19, for those who had not achieved this level by 16** stood at 29.6% in 2022/23. This was above the regional average of 27.1% and national average of 27.7%.
- It is important to **ensure more young people have the skills needed to access better paid jobs in priority sectors**. A key aspect of this is to **raise school educational performance**.

Level 2 Attainment by Age 19 (2013/14-2022/23)

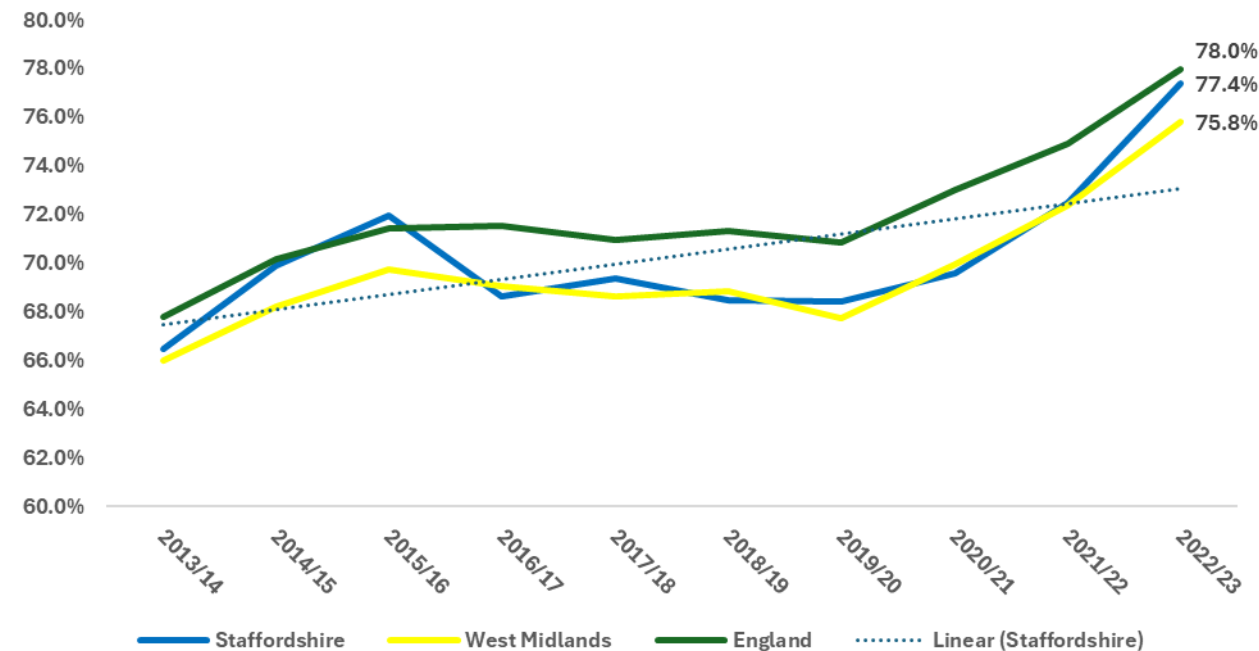
- In 2022/23, 84% of 19-year-olds in Staffordshire qualified to Level 2 (increase of 3.5% since previous year) - slightly higher than region (83%) and in line with the national average (84%)

- In 2022/23, 77% of 19-year-olds in Staffordshire achieved Level 2 English & Maths; highest % in 10 years - higher than region (76%) but slightly below the national average (78%)

Level 2 Attainment by Age 19 (2013/14-2022/23)

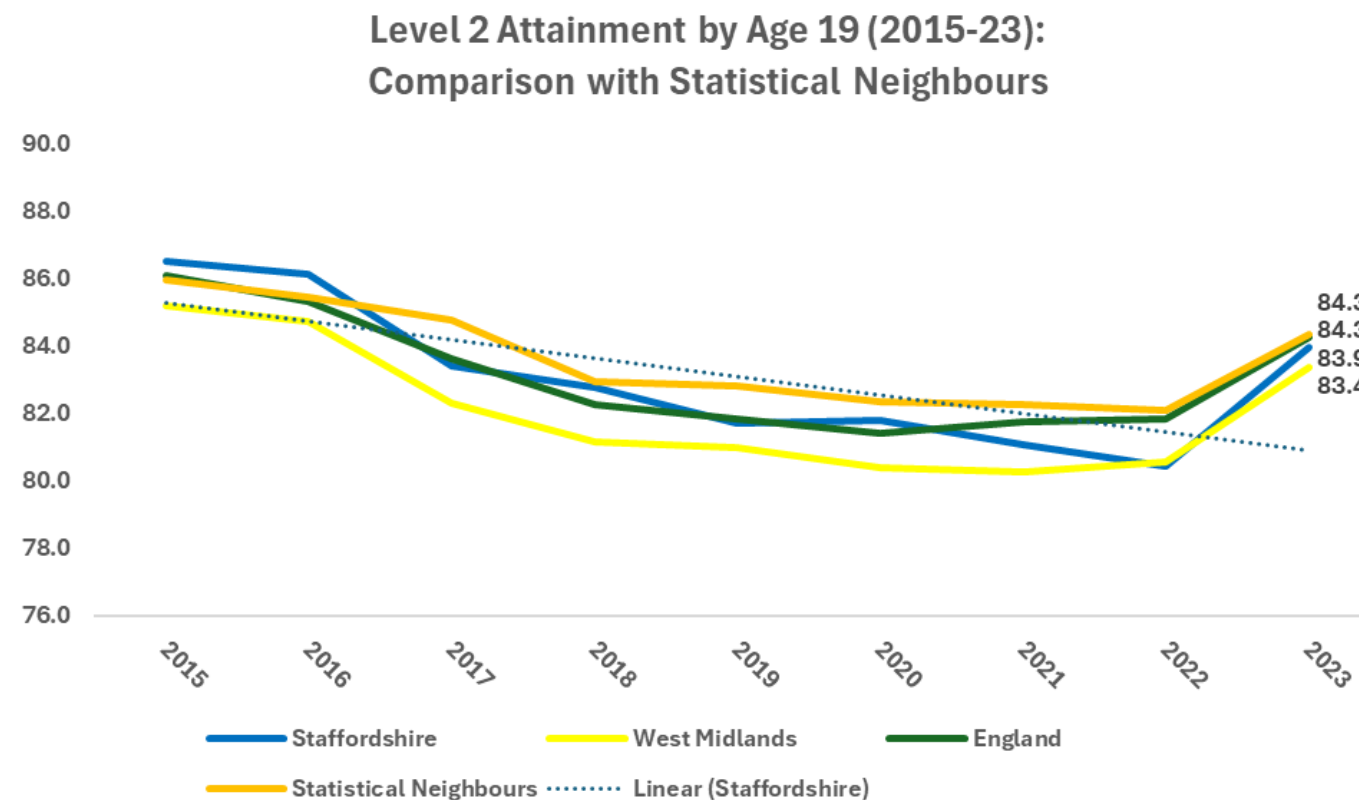


Level 2 English & Maths Attainment by Age 19 (2013/14-2022/23)



Level 2 Attainment by Age 19 (Comparison with Stats Neighbours)

	Trend	Change from previous year (2022-2023 %)
Staffordshire	↑	+3.51
West Midlands	↑	+2.83
England	↑	+2.43
Stats Neighbours	↑	+2.25

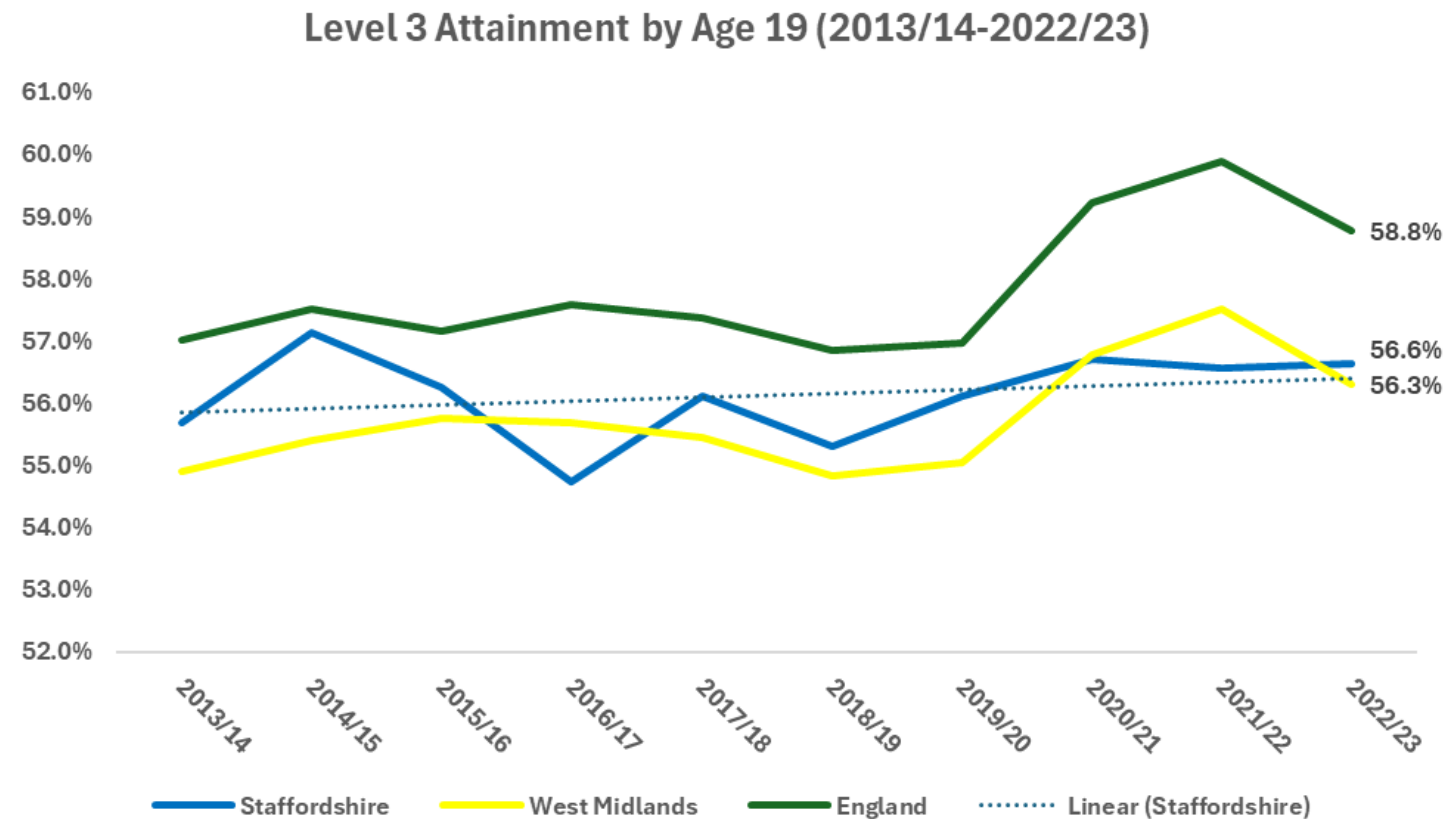


Level 2 Attainment by Age 19 (Comparison with Stats Neighbours)





LA	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Change from previous year
Cheshire West and Chester	85.7	83.6	84.9	83.0	82.9	82.4	83.8	85.5	86.8	1.3
Warwickshire	84.9	85.2	84.9	83.4	83.9	83.3	83.4	84.1	86.3	2.1
East Riding of Yorkshire	89.7	88.2	87.4	86.2	86.9	86.2	86.1	84.2	85.6	1.4
Worcestershire	85.8	86.0	84.1	84.1	84.0	82.5	81.8	81.6	84.6	3.0
Cumbria	85.1	84.9	85.9	83.1	82.6	82.1	82.3	80.3	84.4	4.1
Essex	85.6	84.6	84.1	83.8	82.8	82.8	81.5	81.8	84.3	2.5
Staffordshire	86.5	86.1	83.4	82.8	81.7	81.8	81.1	80.4	83.9	3.5
Staffordshire	86.5	86.1	83.4	82.8	81.7	81.8	81.1	80.4	83.9	3.5
Lancashire	88.2	87.5	85.7	82.5	81.6	81.7	81.8	80.7	83.8	3.1
Nottinghamshire	83.3	83.2	81.6	79.6	80.8	80.1	80.8	80.9	83.0	2.1
North Northamptonshire	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	82.1	81.7	82.7	1.0
Derbyshire	85.3	85.6	84.4	80.7	79.9	80.0	78.7	80.0	82.0	2.0
Statistical Neighbours	86.0	85.4	84.8	82.9	82.8	82.3	82.2	82.1	84.3	2.2
West Midlands	85.2	84.7	82.3	81.1	81.0	80.4	80.3	80.6	83.4	2.8
England	86.1	85.3	83.6	82.3	81.8	81.4	81.7	81.8	84.3	2.4

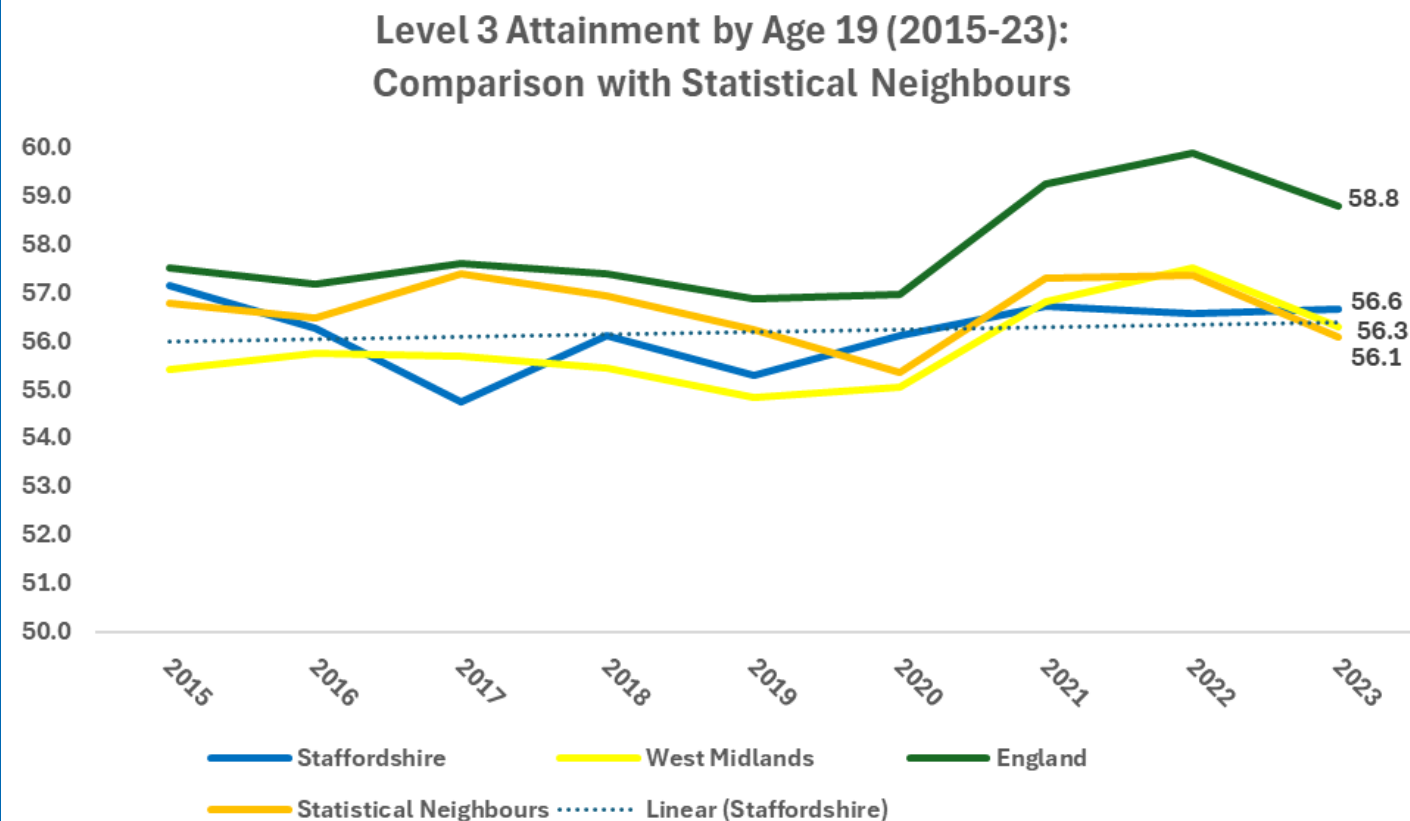
Level 3 Attainment by Age 19 (2013/14-2022/23)

- **In 2022/23, 57% of 19-year-olds in Staffordshire qualified to Level 3**, slightly higher than the region (56%) but lower than the national average (59%)
- **The percentage of 19-year-olds in Staffordshire qualified to Level 3 has increased slightly in the last ten years (0.9%)** and there has been no change since the previous year. In contrast both the West Midlands and England have seen a decline since the previous year.



Level 3 Attainment by Age 19 (Comparison with Stats Neighbours)

	Trend	Change from previous year (2022-2023 %)
Staffordshire		+0.08
West Midlands		-1.21
England		-1.10
Stats Neighbours		-1.27

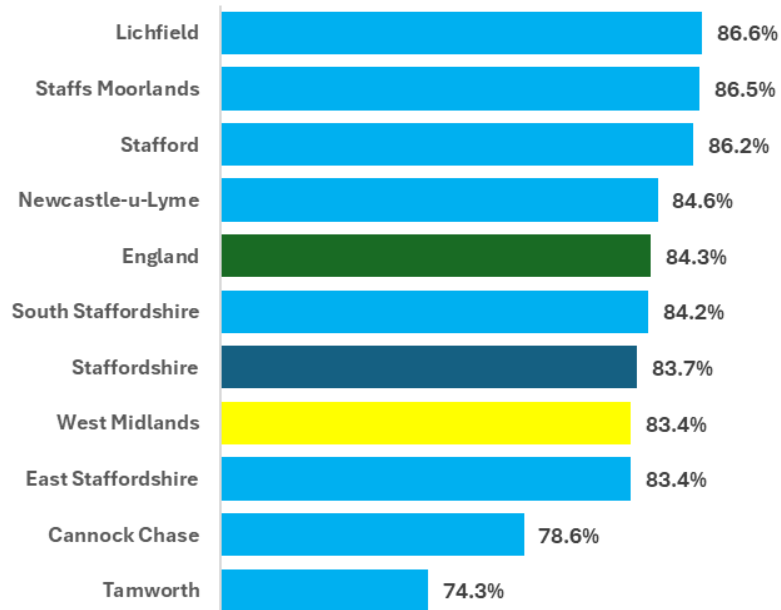


Level 3 Attainment by Age 19 (Comparison with Stats Neighbours)

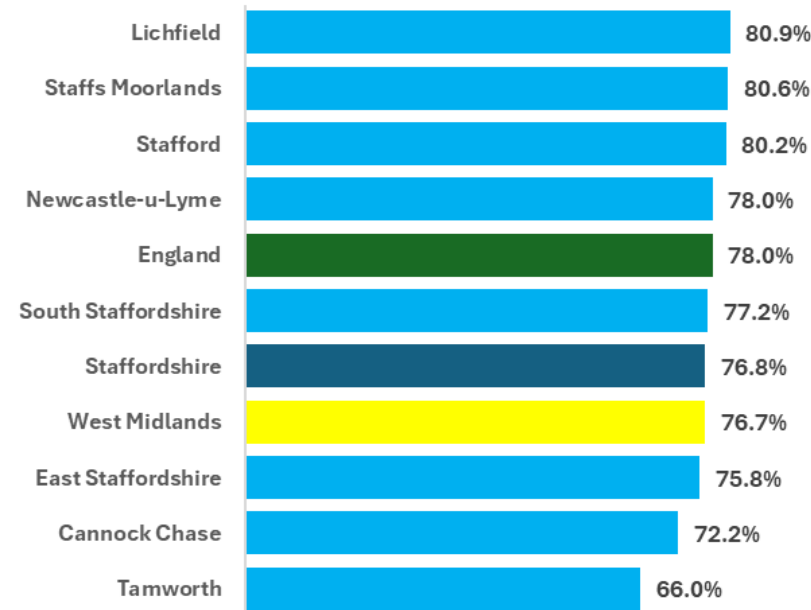
LA	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Change from previous year
Cheshire West and Chester	60.2	57.68	60.61	59.63	58.54	55.63	57.63	60.79	59.44	-1.35
Lancashire	60.61	59.54	60.8	59.65	58.85	58.9	60.07	59.52	59.4	-0.12
Warwickshire	58.96	58.05	60.01	57.95	59	58.27	61.19	61.4	58.99	-2.41
Essex	56.65	55.81	56.11	57.7	56.38	57.49	58.87	60.16	58.53	-1.63
Staffordshire	57.13	56.27	54.73	56.12	55.3	56.11	56.72	56.56	56.64	0.08
Staffordshire	57.1	56.3	54.7	56.1	55.3	56.1	56.7	56.6	56.6	0.08
Worcestershire	56.57	57.36	58.17	58.26	56.2	54.35	56.27	57.3	56.45	-0.85
Nottinghamshire	50.52	52.08	51.85	52.03	51.92	53	55.88	55.26	55.22	-0.04
Derbyshire	54.14	54.51	55.2	53.57	52.47	52.62	55.28	56.45	55.08	-1.37
East Riding of Yorkshire	58.58	60.03	59.15	59.59	60.69	57.48	59.83	56.68	54.84	-1.84
North Northamptonshire	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	55.03	54.88	52.27	-2.61
Cumbria	54.68	53.15	54.45	53.79	52.01	50.33	52.97	51	50.51	-0.49
Statistical Neighbours	56.8	56.5	57.4	56.9	56.2	55.3	57.3	57.3	56.1	-1.27
West Midlands	55.4	55.8	55.7	55.5	54.8	55.0	56.8	57.5	56.3	-1.21
England	57.5	57.2	57.6	57.4	56.9	57.0	59.2	59.9	58.8	-1.10

Attainment by Age 19: District Breakdown 2022/23

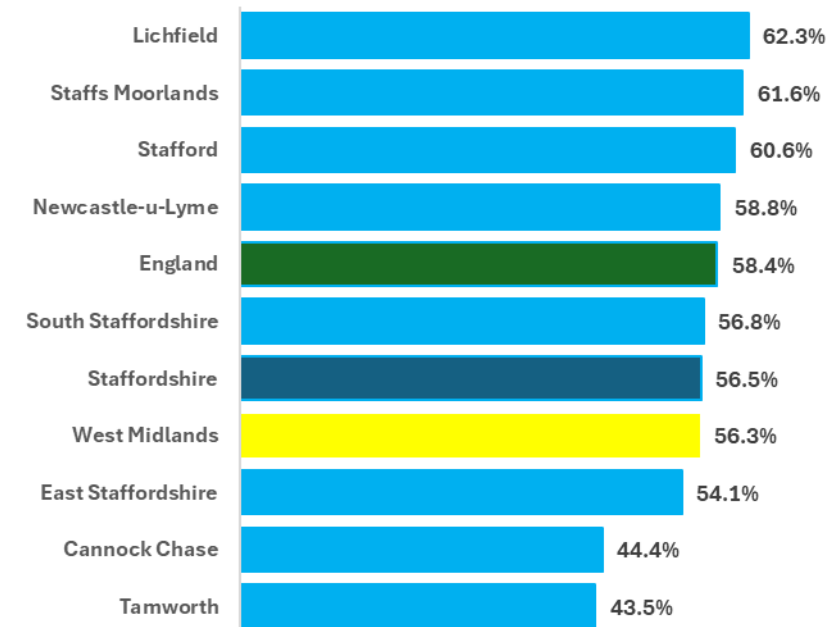
Level 2 Attainment by age 19 (2022/23)



Level 2 English & Maths attainment by age 19 (2022/23)



Level 3 Attainment by age 19 (2022/23)



Destinations & Progression Pathways

16-18 Destinations: 2022/23 Leavers

(All state-funded schools and colleges)

Sustained education, apprenticeship or employment:

82.7%

3.1% decrease since previous year
Above national average 79.6%

Sustained education destination:

40.6%

8.0% decrease since previous year
Below national average 45.0%

Sustained apprenticeships:

9.2%

0.8% decrease since previous year
Above national average 6.7%

Sustained employment destination:

32.9%

5.6% increase since previous year
Above national average 27.9%

16-18 Destinations: 2022/23 Leavers

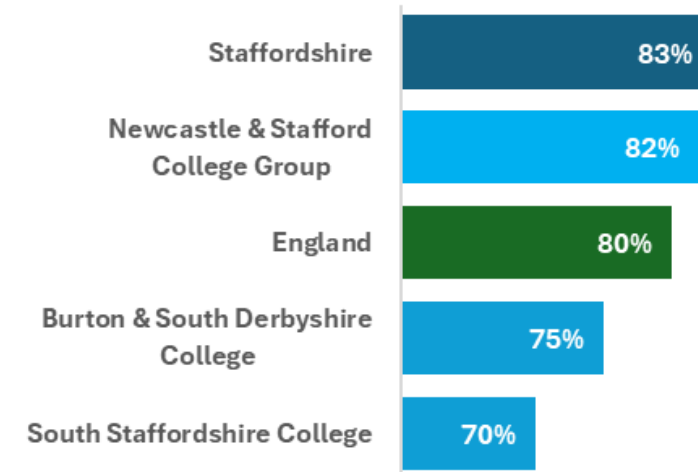
(All state-funded schools & colleges)

Destination	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	5 Year Change	Latest Year Change
Number of pupils completing 16-18 study	7,561	7,461	7,583	6,250	7,919	358	1,669
Sustained education, apprenticeship or employment	83.9%	83.1%	82.5%	85.8%	82.7%	-1.2pp	-3.1pp
Sustained education destination	44.8%	43.8%	48.7%	48.6%	40.6%	-4.2pp	-8.0pp
UK higher education institution	33.4%	32.0%	34.0%	39.6%	35.4%	2.0pp	-4.2pp
Sustained employment destination	27.7%	27.6%	24.8%	27.3%	32.9%	5.2pp	5.6pp
Not recorded as a sustained destination	12.0%	12.6%	13.8%	11.1%	13.4%	1.4pp	2.3pp
Sustained apprenticeships	11.4%	11.6%	9.0%	10.0%	9.2%	-2.2pp	-0.8pp
Further education	9.5%	9.8%	13.5%	8.3%	5.0%	-4.5pp	-3.3pp
Advanced apprenticeships (level 3)	5.1%	6.1%	4.7%	4.9%	4.7%	-0.4pp	-0.2pp
Activity not captured	4.2%	4.3%	3.7%	3.1%	3.9%	-0.3pp	0.8pp
FE Level 3	6.0%	5.8%	8.5%	6.4%	2.9%	-3.1pp	-3.5pp
Intermediate apprenticeships (level 2)	5.3%	4.5%	3.3%	3.4%	2.8%	-2.5pp	-0.6pp
Higher and degree apprenticeships (level 4 and above)	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.7%	1.6%	0.6pp	-0.1pp
FE Level 2	2.4%	3.3%	4.3%	1.5%	1.5%	-0.9pp	0.0pp
FE entry level and no identified level	1.1%	0.8%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	-0.5pp	0.1pp
Other education destinations	1.9%	2.0%	1.2%	0.6%	0.3%	-1.6pp	-0.3pp

16-18 Destinations: 2022 Leavers

	Newcastle & Stafford College Group	South Staffordshire College	Burton & South Derbyshire College	Staffordshire	England
Number of Students	2,831	1,111	824	7,919	536,200
Students progressing to education/employment	82%	70%	75%	83%	80%
Students staying in education	36%	19%	24%	41%	45%
Students entering apprenticeships	10%	10%	9%	9%	7%
Students entering employment	36%	41%	42%	33%	28%
Students not staying in education or employment	15%	25%	19%	13%	15%
Destination unknown	4%	5%	6%	4%	5%

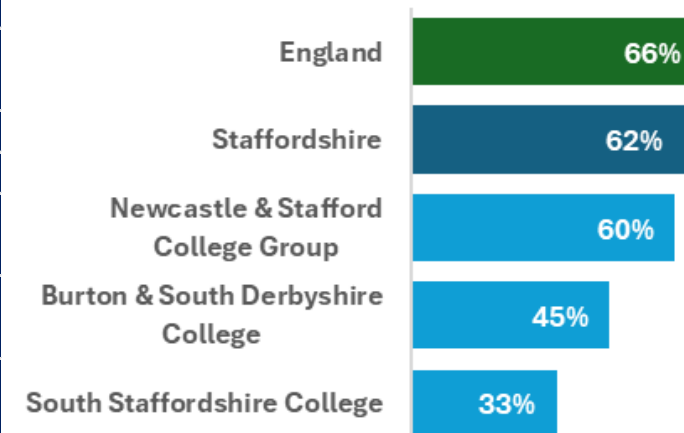
Students progressing to education/employment (2022 leavers)



HE or Training Progression: 2021 Leavers

	Newcastle & Stafford College Group	South Staffordshire College	Burton & South Derbyshire College	Staffordshire	England
Students progressing to HE or training	60%	33%	45%	62%	66%
Higher apprenticeships	2%	1%	N/A	2%	2%
Degrees	51%	26%	33%	56%	62%
of which are top third HE institutions	5%	1%	2%	10%	18%
of which are Russell Group institutions	4%	1%	1%	9%	16%
of which are Oxford or Cambridge	N/A	0%	0%	0%	1%
Other study at level 4 or 5	7%	6%	12%	4%	2%

Students progressing to HE or training (2021 leavers)



Adult 19+ FE & Skills Participation & Achievements

Section Overview

- **Further Education & Skills Participation and Achievements:** figures for **adult (19+)** Further education & skills, 19+ Education & Training, Community Learning, and 19+ Apprenticeships: Adult (19+) Government-funded FE & skills (including apprenticeships) participation & achievements in England for 2023/24 academic year.
 - **Education and Training:** Adult (19+) education & training, participation & achievements for 2023/24 academic year. This includes classroom, distance and e-learning, traineeships & learning funded by advanced learner loans.
 - **Community Learning:** Community learning participation & achievements for 2023/24 academic year. This includes a range of non-formal courses to promote civic engagement and community development.
 - **Apprenticeships:** Adult (19+) starts & achievements for 2023/24 academic year.
- 5-year trend
- Breakdowns by geography, level & SSA
- District and Provider data

Adult 19+ FE & Skills Participation

Adult 19+ FE & Skills Participation: Headline Summary 2023/24 Full & Final Data

Adult 19+ FE & Skills Participation:

25,430

-0.2% decrease since 2022/23, in
contrast to national increase of 1%

+7% increase over last 5 years,
higher than national increase of 5%

Adult 19+ Education & Training Participation:

12,180

+7% increase since 2022/23, higher
than national increase of 4%

+23% increase over last 5 years,
higher than national increase 13%

Community Learning Participation:

3,300

-3% decrease since 2022/23, above
the national decrease of 2%

-16% decrease over last 5 years,
above the national decrease of 10%

- Overall participation rate was 4,938 per 100,000 working age population (16-64) 2023/24. This was lower than the West Midlands rate of 5,420 and the national rate of 5,347.
- Higher level (Level 4+) participation increased 3% to 4,870 from 4,730 the previous year, below the national increase of 6%. However, over the last 5 years Staffordshire participation increased 66%, above the national increase of 61%.

Adult 19+ FE & Skills Participation:

2019/20-2023/24

Year	Apprenticeships	Community Learning	Education & Training	Adult FE & Skills
2019/20 (Staffordshire)	10,640	3,910	9,910	23,680
2020/21(Staffordshire)	11,210	2,760	10,640	24,060
2021/22 (Staffordshire)	11,480	3,130	10,160	24,080
2022/23 (Staffordshire)	11,340	3,400	11,420	25,490
2023/24 (Staffordshire)	10,770	3,300	12,180	25,430
5 Year Change (Staffordshire)	130	-610	2,270	1,750
5 Year Change % (Staffordshire)	1.2%	-15.6%	22.9%	7.4%
Latest Year Change (Staffordshire)	-570	-100	760	-60
Latest Year Change % (Staffordshire)	-5.0%	-2.9%	6.7%	-0.2%
5 Year Change (England)	-2,480	-35,030	116,920	85,090
5 Year Change % (England)	-1.0%	-9.8%	13.4%	4.9%
Latest Year Change (England)	-7,460	-5,420	38,170	12,180
Latest Year Change % (England)	-2.9%	-1.7%	4.0%	0.7%

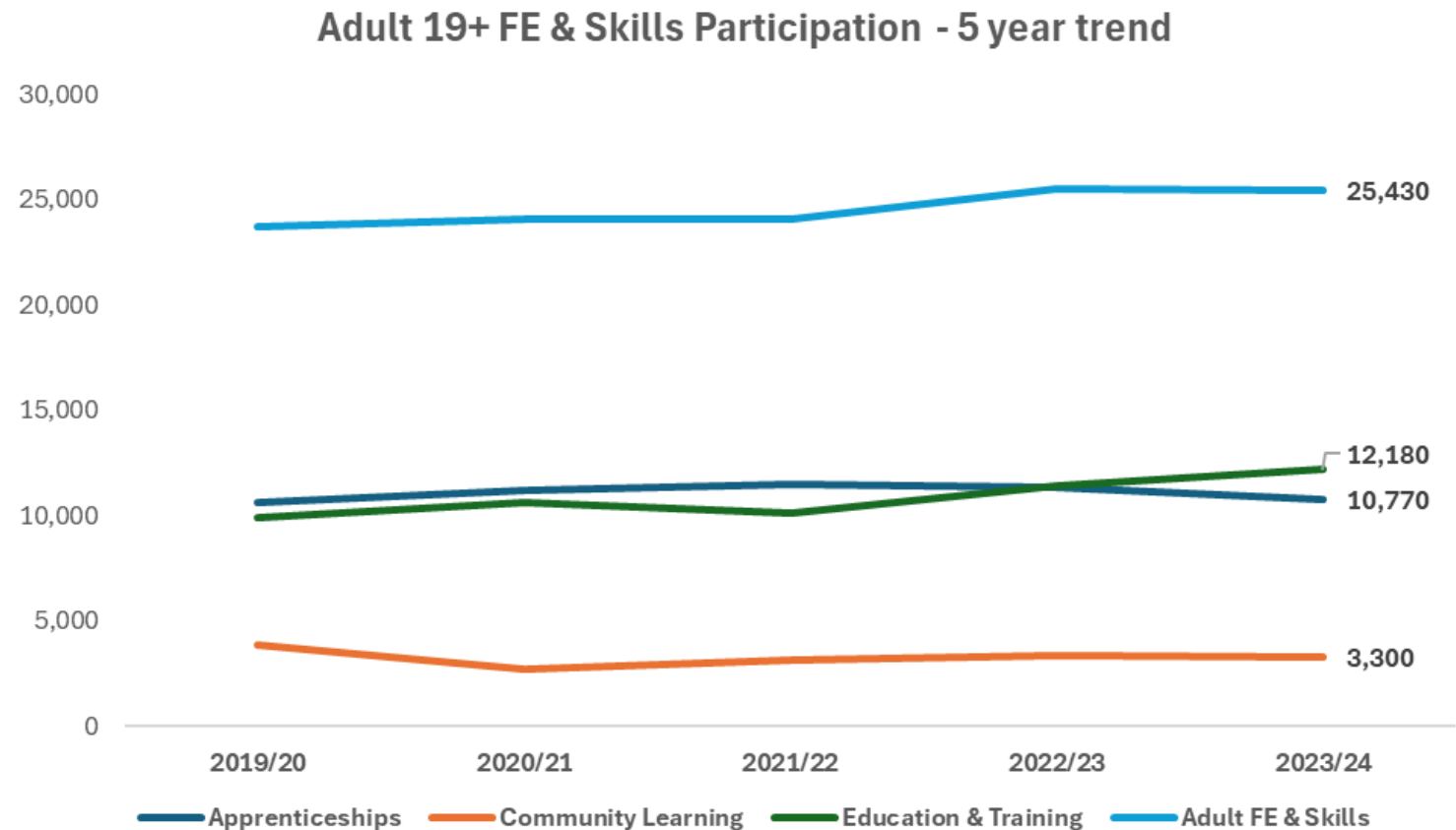
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Adult 19+ FE & Skills Participation

In 2023/24:

- Almost 50% of adult learners were undertaking Education & Training provision;
- The number of adult learners undertaking Education & Training has grown 23% in the last 5 years and 7% in the last year, higher than the national averages of 13% & 4%, respectively.



Adult 19+ FE & Skills Participation by Level

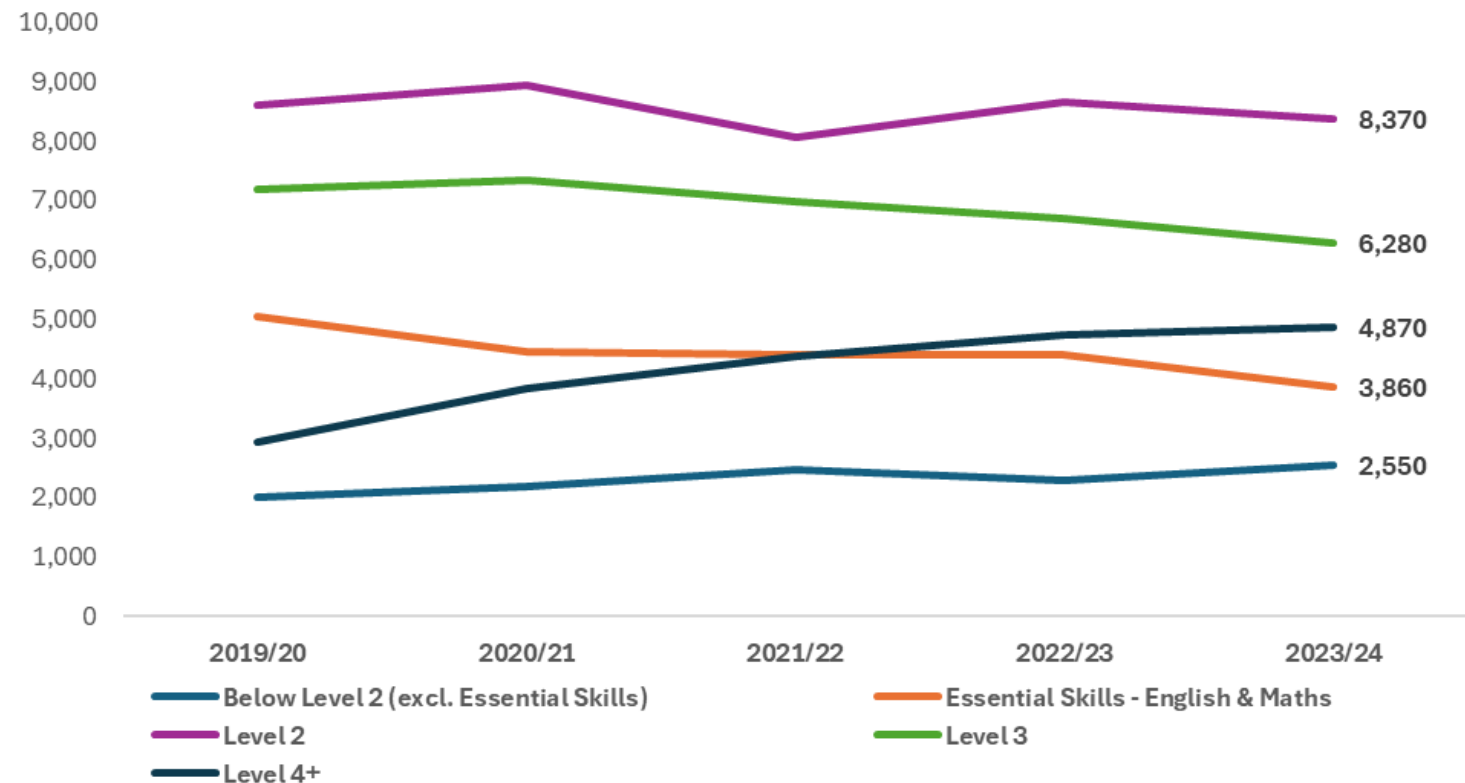
Year	Below Level 2 (excl. Essential Skills)	Essential Skills - English & Maths	Full Level 2	Full Level 3	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4+	No Level Assigned	FE & Skills Total
2019/20	2,020	5,050	2,740	6,310	8,600	7,190	2,940	4,060	23,680
2020/21	2,180	4,470	2,210	6,500	8,940	7,350	3,840	2,910	24,060
2021/22	2,470	4,400	2,130	6,160	8,060	6,990	4,380	3,320	24,080
2022/23	2,280	4,400	1,880	5,670	8,650	6,710	4,730	4,350	25,490
2023/24	2,550	3,860	1,510	5,200	8,370	6,280	4,870	4,680	25,430
5 Year Change	530	-1,190	-1,230	-1,110	-230	-910	1,930	620	1,750
5 Year Change %	26.2%	-23.6%	-44.9%	-17.6%	-2.7%	-12.7%	65.6%	15.3%	7.4%
Latest Year Change	270	-540	-370	-470	-280	-430	140	330	-60
Latest Year Change %	11.8%	-12.3%	-19.7%	-8.3%	-3.2%	-6.4%	3.0%	7.6%	-0.2%

Adult 19+ FE & Skills Participation by Level

In 2023/24 of the 25,430 adult learners:

- **4,870** undertook level 4+ provision, a **66% increase** over the 5 years;
- **6,280** undertook Level 3 provision, a **13% decrease** over the 5 years;
- **The highest number of adult learners, 8,370** undertook Level 2 provision, a **3% decrease** over the 5 years.

Adult 19+ FE & Skills (inc. Apprenticeships) Participation by Level



Adult 19+ FE & Skills Achievements

Adult 19+ FE & Skills Achievements: Headline Summary 2023/24 Full & Final Data

Adult 19+ FE & Skills Achievements:

16,150

5.6% increase since 2022/23, higher than national increase of 3.8%

+17% increase over last 5 years, higher than national increase of 9%

Adult 19+ Education & Training Achievements:

9,300

9.8% increase since 2022/23, higher than national increase of 5.1%

+26% increase over last 5 years, higher than national increase of 16%

Community Learning Achievements:

2,980

-3.6% decrease since 2022/23, above national decrease of -0.9%

-14% decrease over last 5 years, above national decrease of -7%

- Overall achievement rate was 3,137 per 100,000 working age population (16-64) 2023/24. This was lower than the West Midlands rate 3,586 and national rate 3,658.
- Higher level (Level 4+) achievement increased 16%, to 1,140 from 980 the previous year, below the national increase of 25%. However, over the last 5 years Staffordshire achievement increased 245%, above the national increase of 181%.

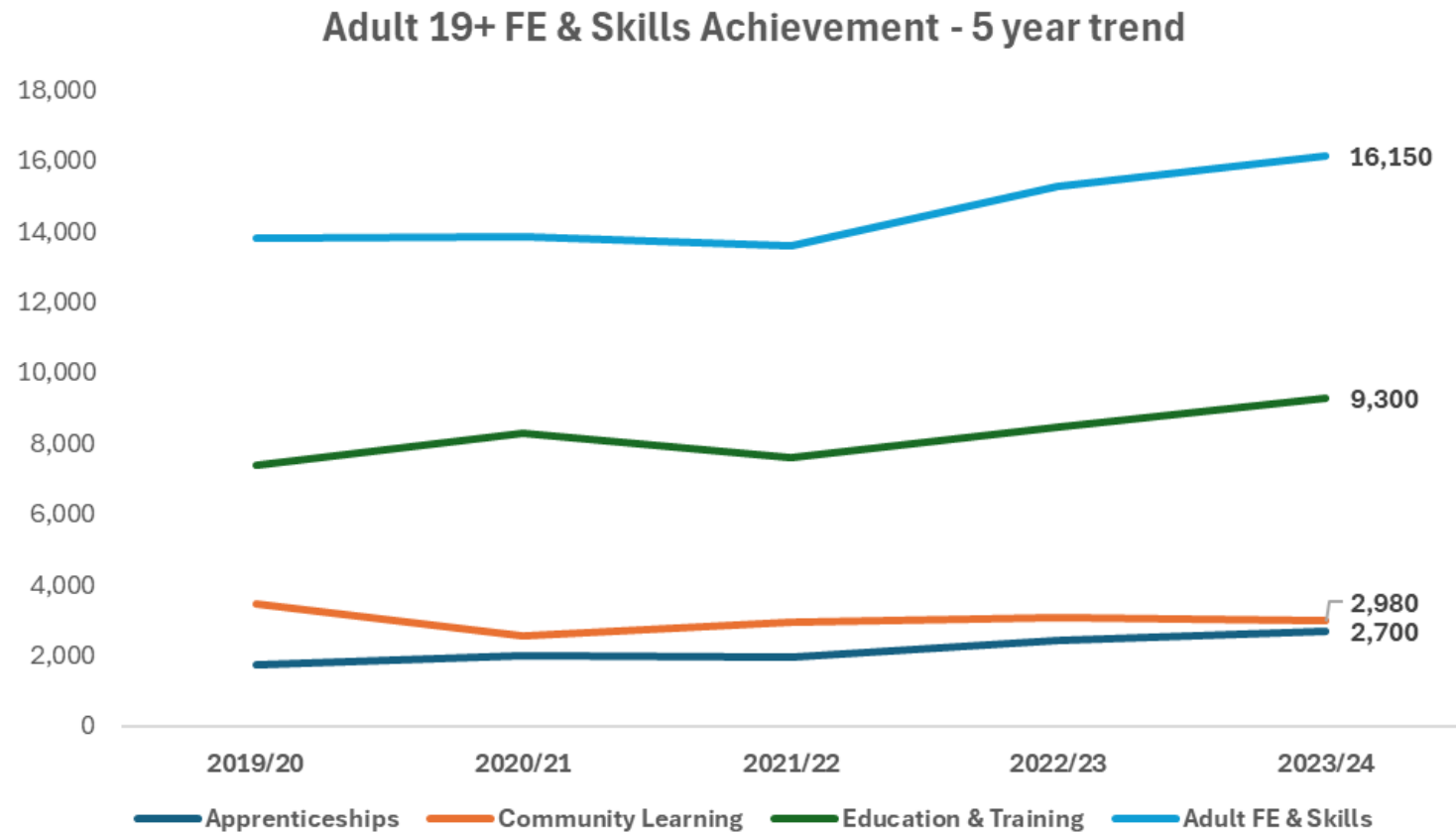
Adult 19+ FE & Skills Achievements

Year	Apprenticeships	Community Learning	Education & Training	Adult FE & Skills
2019/20	1,750	3,480	7,390	13,810
2020/21	2,020	2,540	8,280	13,840
2021/22	1,950	2,930	7,610	13,600
2022/23	2,410	3,090	8,470	15,300
2023/24	2,700	2,980	9,300	16,150
5 Year Change (Staffordshire)	950	-500	1,910	2,340
5 Year Change % (Staffordshire)	54.3%	-14.4%	25.8%	16.9%
Latest Year Change (Staffordshire)	290	-110	830	850
Latest Year Change % (Staffordshire)	12.0%	-3.6%	9.8%	5.6%
5 Year Change (England)	34,300	-24,040	109,250	103,030
5 Year Change % (England)	33.1%	-7.4%	16.2%	9.0%
Latest Year Change (England)	11,980	-2,690	37,830	46,390
Latest Year Change % (England)	9.5%	-0.9%	5.1%	3.8%

Adult 19+ FE & Skills Achievements

In 2023/24:

- **Over 50% of adult learners were achieved in Education & Training;**
- **The number of adult learners achieving Education & Training has grown 26% in the last 5 years and 10% in the last year, higher than the national averages of 16% & 5%, respectively.**



Adult 19+ FE & Skills Achievements by Level

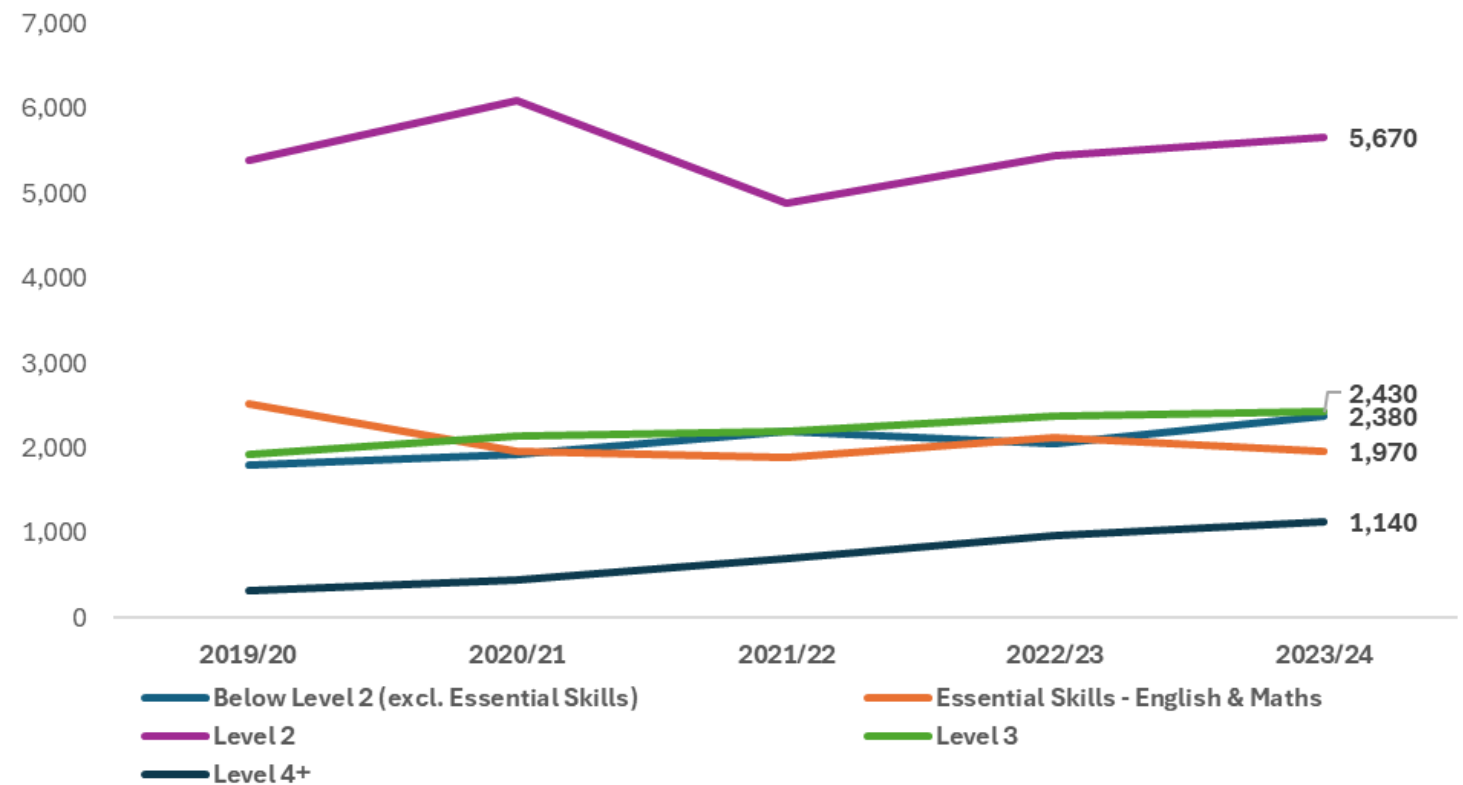
Year	Below Level 2 (excl. Essential Skills)	Essential Skills - English & Maths	Full Level 2	Full Level 3	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4+	No Level Assigned	FE & Skills Total
2019/20	1,800	2,520	1,080	1,550	5,390	1,930	330	3,590	13,810
2020/21	1,920	1,970	880	1,750	6,090	2,150	440	2,630	13,840
2021/22	2,200	1,900	730	1,760	4,880	2,200	700	3,090	13,600
2022/23	2,060	2,120	710	1,780	5,440	2,380	980	3,810	15,300
2023/24	2,380	1,970	760	1,850	5,670	2,430	1,140	4,180	16,150
5 Year Change	580	-550	-320	300	280	500	810	590	2,340
5 Year Change %	32.2%	-21.8%	-29.6%	19.4%	5.2%	25.9%	245.5%	16.4%	16.9%
Latest Year Change	320	-150	50	70	230	50	160	370	850
Latest Year Change %	15.5%	-7.1%	7.0%	3.9%	4.2%	2.1%	16.3%	9.7%	5.6%

Adult 19+ FE & Skills Achievements by Level

In 2023/24 of the 16,150 adult learners:

- **1,140** achieved level 4+, a **246%** increase over the 5 years;
- **2,430** achieved Level 3, a **26%** increase over the 5 years;
- **The highest proportion of 5,670** adult learners achieved Level 2, a **5%** increase over the 5 years.

Adult 19+ FE & Skills (inc. Apprenticeships) Achievement by Level



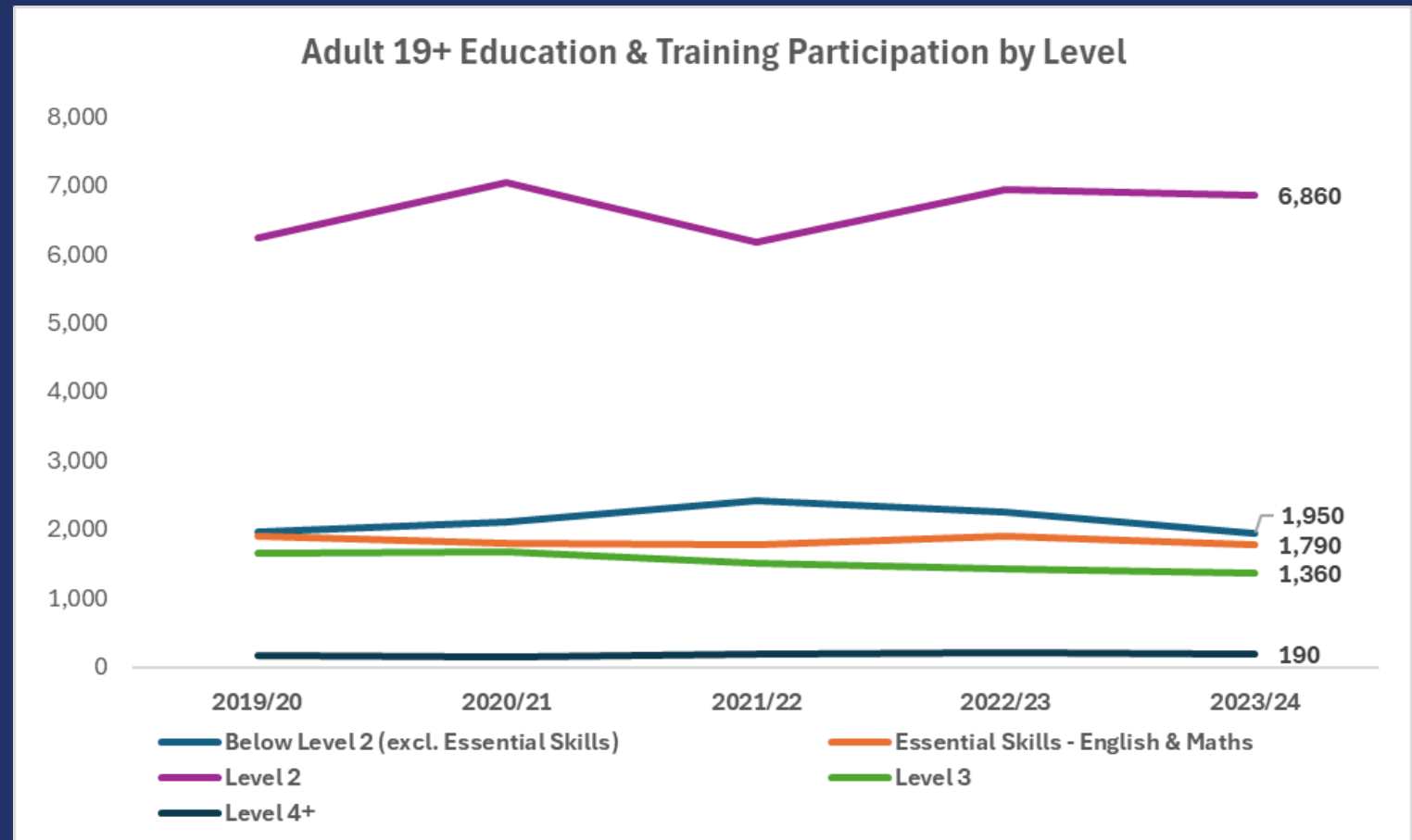
Adult 19+ FE & Skills Participation & Achievement Rates 2023/24

Area	Participation	Participation rate per 100,000 population	Achievements	Achievements rate per 100,000 population
England	1,830,650	5,347	1,252,510	3,658
West Midlands	191,600	5,420	126,750	3,586
Tamworth	2,590	5,537	1,650	3,519
East Staffordshire	3,900	5,253	2,530	3,413
Cannock Chase	3,250	5,335	2,080	3,409
Newcastle-u-Lyme	3,760	4,947	2,450	3,231
Staffordshire Moorlands	2,520	4,834	1,660	3,183
Staffordshire	25,430	4,938	16,150	3,137
Lichfield	3,140	5,085	1,940	3,134
Stafford	3,820	4,764	2,380	2,968
South Staffordshire	2,450	3,888	1,470	2,328

Adult 19+ Education & Training Participation & Achievements

Adult 19+ Education & Training Participation

- Adult participation in Education & Training increased 6.7% to 12,180, compared to 2022/23: higher than 4.0% national increase.
- Staffordshire has seen a 22.9% increase over the past 5 years, higher than the 13.4% increase nationally.
- Level 2 courses were the most popular: 6,860, followed by Below Level 2 courses (exc. essential skills): 1,950.



Adult 19+ Education & Training Participation

Year	Below Level 2 (excl. Essential Skills)	Essential Skills - English & Maths	Full Level 2	Full Level 3	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4+	No Level Assigned	Total
2019/20	1,960	1,900	320	720	6,240	1,650	180	180	9,910
2020/21	2,110	1,810	310	790	7,040	1,670	160	220	10,640
2021/22	2,410	1,770	280	660	6,180	1,510	190	330	10,160
2022/23	2,250	1,910	170	500	6,930	1,420	220	1,130	11,420
2023/24	1,950	1,790	160	390	6,860	1,360	190	2,300	12,180
5 Year Change	-10	-110	-160	-330	620	-290	10	2,120	2,270
5 Year Change %	-0.5%	-5.8%	-50.0%	-45.8%	9.9%	-17.6%	5.6%	1177.8%	22.9%
Latest Year Change	-300	-120	-10	-110	-70	-60	-30	1,170	760
Latest Year Change %	-13.3%	-6.3%	-5.9%	-22.0%	-1.0%	-4.2%	-13.6%	103.5%	6.7%

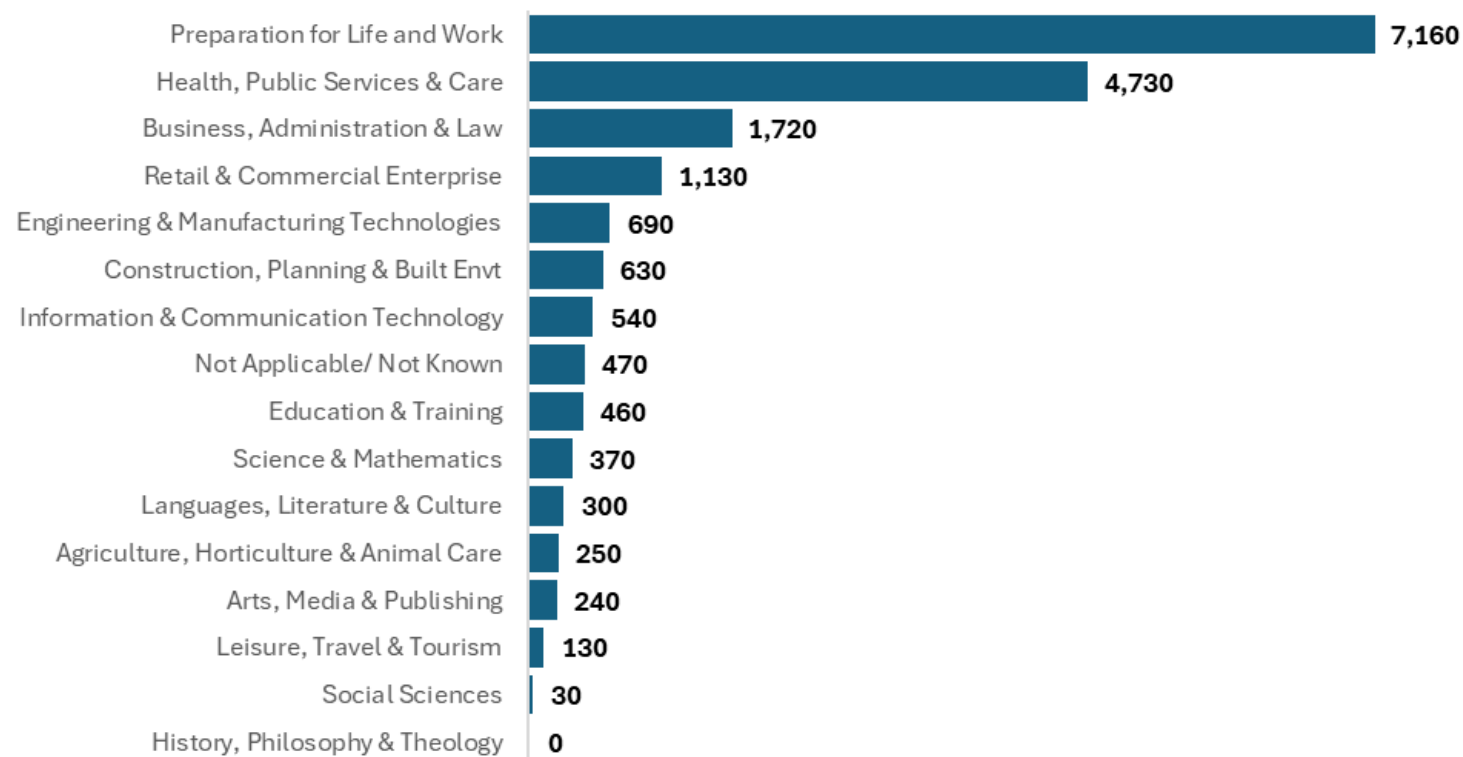
Adult 19+ Education & Training Learning Aim Enrolments 2023/24

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In 2023/24 of 18,750 enrolments:

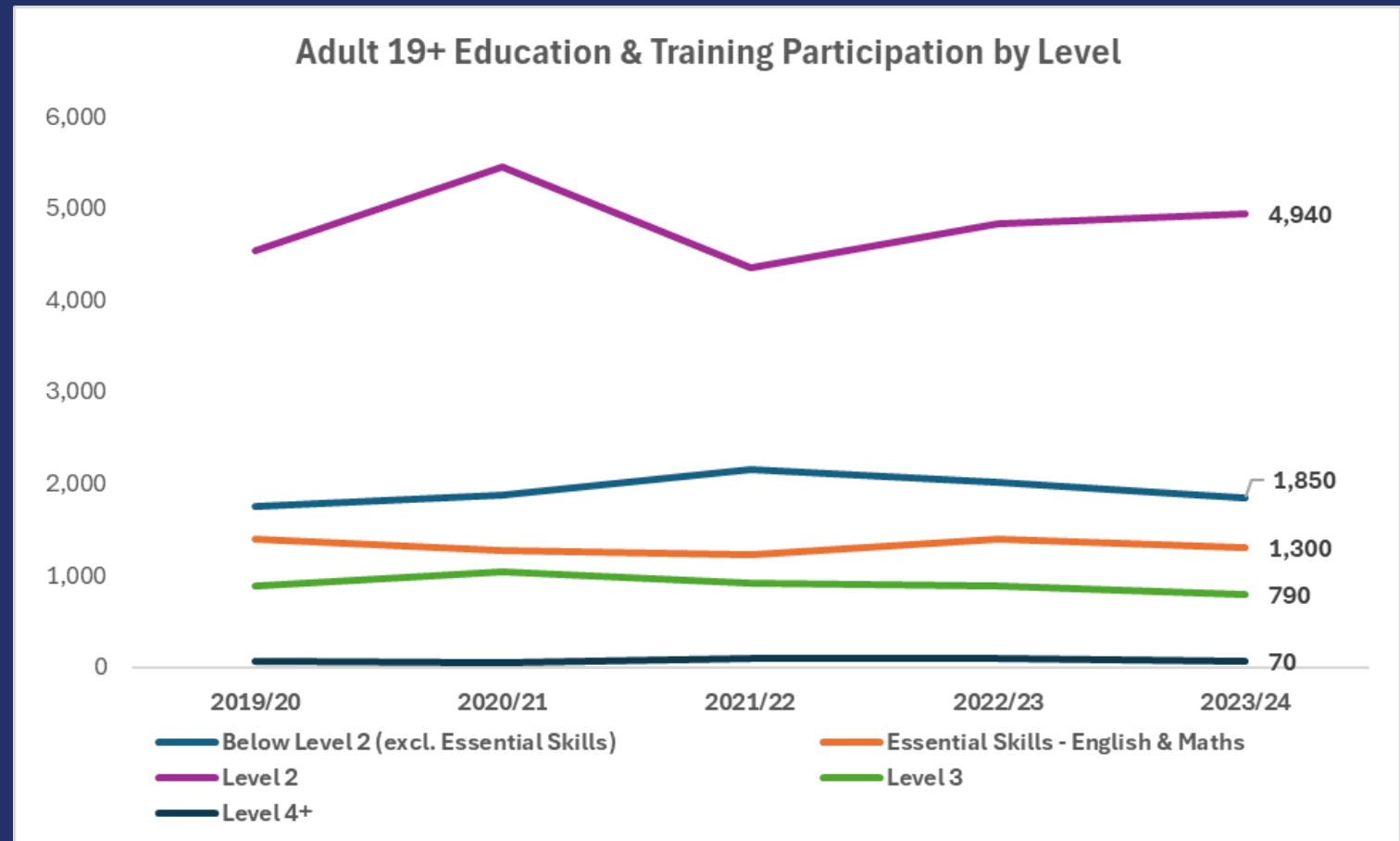
- **STEM subjects represented 9% of enrolments - 1,600**
- **Preparation for Life & Work was the most popular subject area - 7,160 (38%), followed by Health, Public Services & Care - 4,730 (25%)**
- **Entry & Level 1 courses represented 27% or 5,150 enrolments .**
- **Level 2 courses were the most popular and represented 46% or 8,540 enrolments.**
- **Level 3 & 4+ represented 9% or 1,780 enrolments.**

Staffordshire Enrolments by Sector Subject Area (Tier 1) 2023/24



Adult 19+ Education & Training Achievements

- Achievements in Education & Training increased 9.9% to 9,300, compared to 2022/23 – higher than the 5.1% national increase.
- Staffordshire has seen a 25.8% increase over the past 5 years, higher than the 16.2% increase nationally.
- Level 2 were the most popular: 4,940, followed by Below Level 2 (exc. essential skills): 1,850.



Adult 19+ Education & Training Achievements

Year	Below Level 2 (excl. Essential Skills)	Essential Skills - English & Maths	Full Level 2	Full Level 3	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4+	No Level Assigned	Total
2019/20	1,750	1,400	210	480	4,540	890	70	120	7,390
2020/21	1,870	1,280	230	570	5,450	1,040	50	130	8,280
2021/22	2,160	1,220	220	450	4,350	920	90	250	7,620
2022/23	2,020	1,400	130	350	4,830	890	90	820	8,460
2023/24	1,850	1,300	120	250	4,940	790	70	1,910	9,300
5 Year Change	100	-100	-90	-230	400	-100	0	1,790	1,910
5 Year Change %	5.7%	-7.1%	-42.9%	-47.9%	8.8%	-11.2%	0.0%	1491.7%	25.8%
Latest Year Change	-170	-100	-10	-100	110	-100	-20	1,090	840
Latest Year Change %	-8.4%	-7.1%	-7.7%	-28.6%	2.3%	-11.2%	-22.2%	132.9%	9.9%

Adult 19+ Community Learning Participation & Achievements

Adult 19+ Community Learning Participation

- Community Learning Participation decreased -3% to 3,310, compared to 2022/23, higher than the 2% decrease nationally.
- Staffordshire has also seen a decrease of -15% since 2019/20 compared to a 10% decrease nationally.
- Health & well-being courses were the most popular: 1,020, followed by Improving essential skills inc. English, ESOL, Maths & Digital: 740 and Equipping parents/carers to support children's learning: 700.



Adult 19+ Community Learning Participation

Year	Family English, Maths & language	Neighbourhood learning in deprived communities	Personal & community dvpt learning	Wider family learning	Developing stronger communities	Engaging and/or, building confidence	Equipping parents/ carers to support childrens learning	Health & well-being	Improving essential skills inc. English, ESOL, Maths & Digital	Preparation for employment	Preparation for further learning	Total
2019/20	10	360	2,870	720	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	3,910
2020/21	0	240	1,910	660	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	2,760
2021/22	10	310	2,020	840	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	3,130
2022/23	20	220	2,340	870	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	3,410
2023/24	no data	no data	no data	no data	120	230	700	1,020	740	560	250	3,310
5 Year Change												-600
5 Year Change %												-15%
Latest Year Change												-100
Latest Year Change %												-3%

Adult 19+ Community Learning Achievements

- Community Learning Achievements decreased -4% to 2,990, compared to 2022/23, higher than the 1% decrease nationally.
- Staffordshire has also seen a -14% decrease since 2019/20 compared to a 7% decrease nationally.
- Health & well-being courses were the most popular: 950, followed by Improving essential skills inc. English, ESOL, Maths & Digital: 660 and Equipping parents/carers to support children's learning: 600.



Adult 19+ Community Learning Achievements

Year	Family English, Maths & language	Neighbourhood learning in deprived communities	Personal & community dvpt learning	Wider family learning	Developing stronger communities	Engaging and/or, building confidence	Equipping parents/ carers to support childrens learning	Health & well-being	Improving essential skills inc. English, ESOL, Maths & Digital	Preparation for employment	Preparation for further learning	Total
2019/20	10	330	2,540	650	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	3,480
2020/21	0	230	1,720	640	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	2,540
2021/22	10	300	1,860	820	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	2,940
2022/23	10	210	2,130	770	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	3,100
2023/24	no data	no data	no data	no data	110	210	600	950	660	520	230	2,990
5 Year Change												-490
5 Year Change %												-14%
Latest Year Change												-110
Latest Year Change %												-4%

Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Participation & Achievements

Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Participation

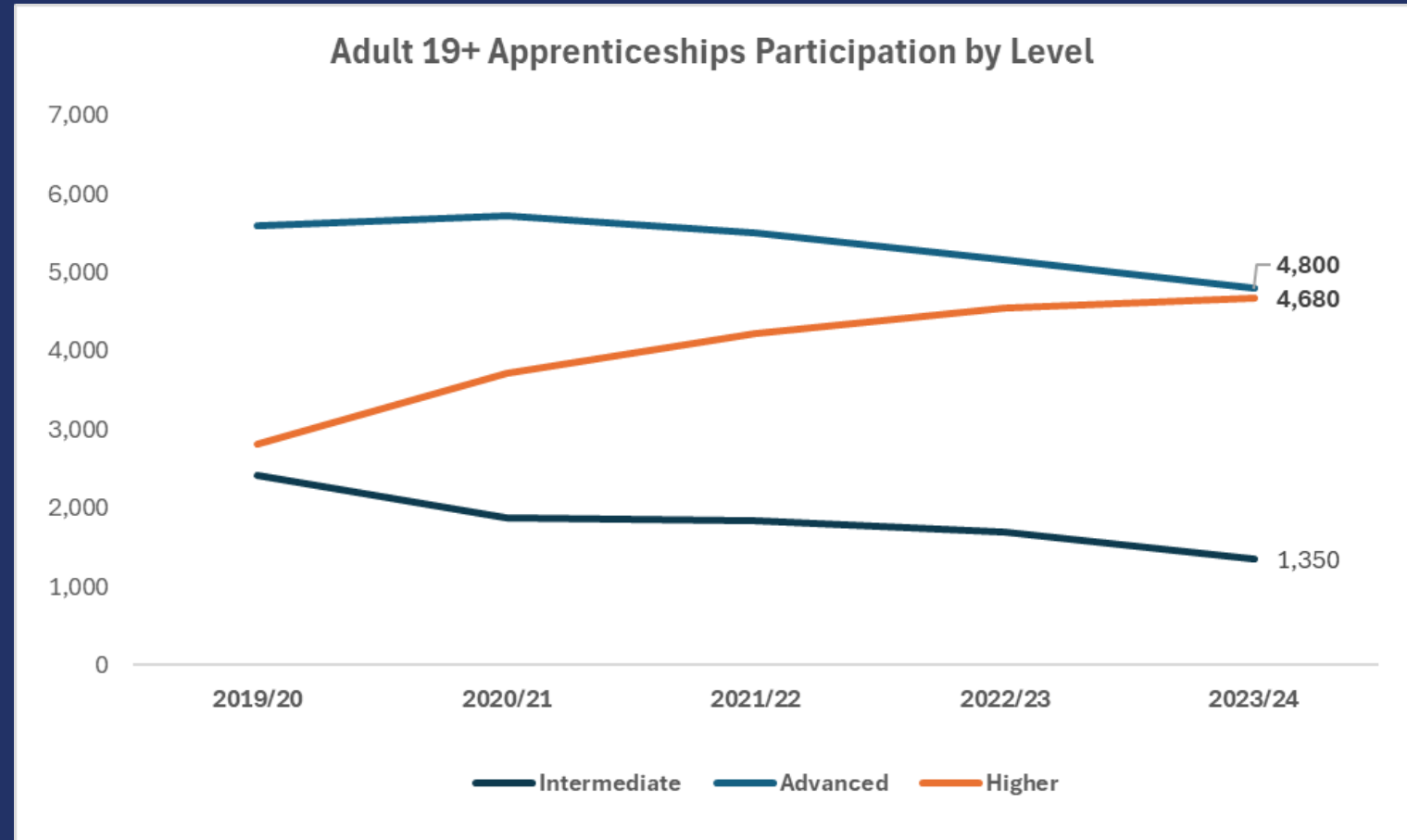
Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Participation:

10,770

-5% decrease since 2022/23, above the -3% decrease nationally

+1% increase over last 5 years, lower than national increase of 4%

- Advanced apprenticeships most popular: 4,800. However, -14% decrease in last year.
- Higher apprenticeships (Level 4+) increased 3% in last year and 67% in last 5 years: 4,680.



Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Participation

Year	Intermediate	Advanced	Higher	Total
2019/20	2,410	5,590	2,810	10,640
2020/21	1,870	5,720	3,710	11,210
2021/22	1,840	5,500	4,220	11,480
2022/23	1,700	5,170	4,540	11,340
2023/24	1,350	4,800	4,680	10,770
5 Year Change	-1,060	-790	1,870	130
5 Year Change %	-44%	-14%	67%	1%
Latest Year Change	-350	-370	140	-570
Latest Year Change %	-21%	-7%	3%	-5%

Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Achievements

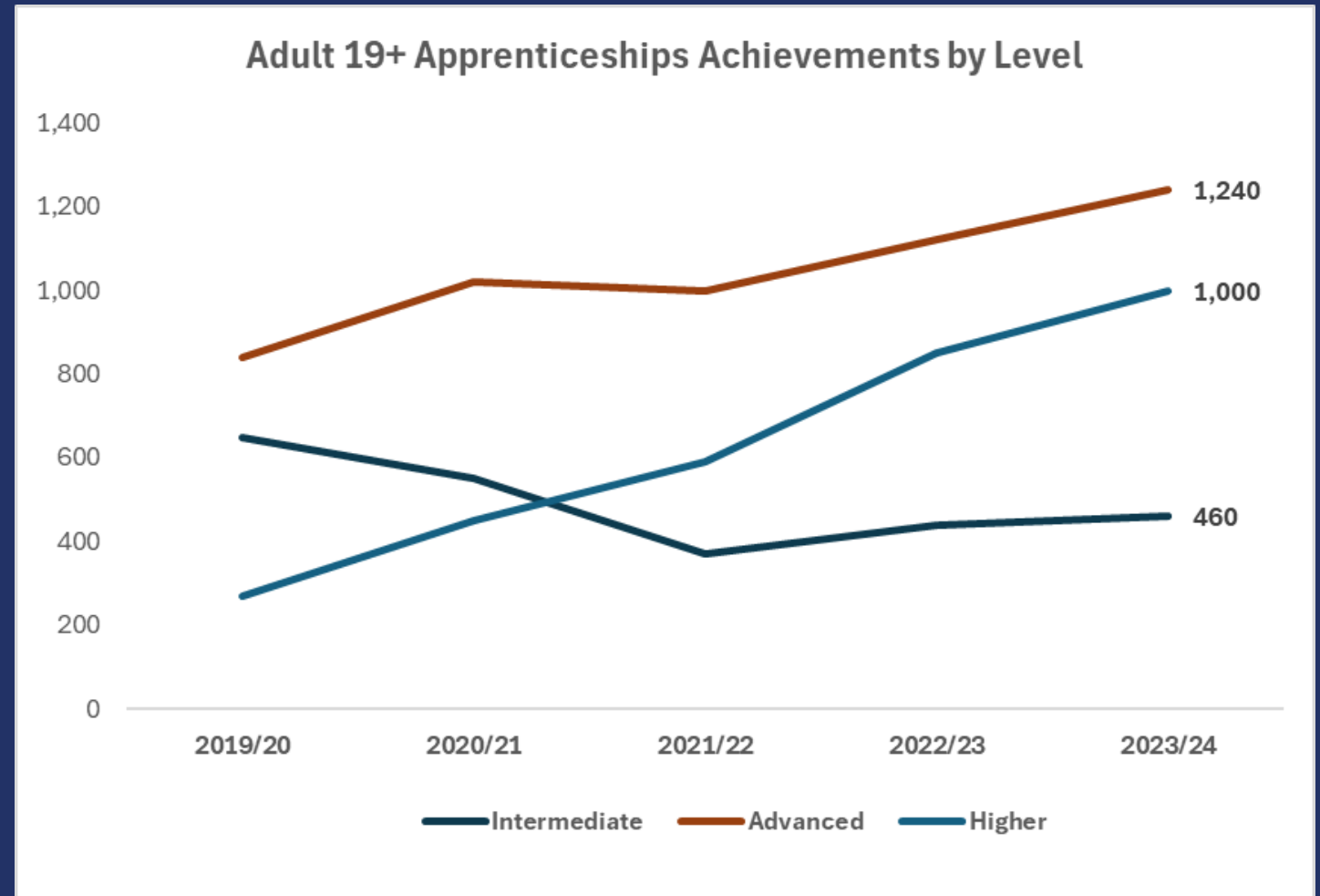
Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Achievements:

2,700

12% increase since 2022/23, higher than 10% increase nationally

54% increase over last 5 years, higher than 33% increase nationally

- Advanced apprenticeships most popular: 1,240, 11% increase in last year.
- Higher apprenticeships (Level 4+) increased 18% in last year and 270% in last 5 years: 1,000.



Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Achievements

Year	Intermediate	Advanced	Higher	Total
2019/20	650	840	270	1,750
2020/21	550	1,020	450	2,020
2021/22	370	1,000	590	1,950
2022/23	440	1,120	850	2,410
2023/24	460	1,240	1,000	2,700
5 Year Change	-190	400	730	950
5 Year Change %	-29%	48%	270%	54%
Latest Year Change	20	120	150	290
Latest Year Change %	5%	11%	18%	12%

Adult 19+ FE & Skills Participation & Achievements by District & Provider

- The DfE has developed an [interactive data visualisation tool](#) to complement the Further Education and Skills publication and data release.
- The tool provides a visual, interactive presentation of the data and gives users the capacity to investigate the different types of FE provision across geographical areas and providers.

Education & Training Outcomes

Adult Skills: RQFs Headline Summary

Level 4+

- In 2023 there were an estimated 38.8% or 200,600 working age residents with Level 4+ RQF qualifications which was **below the national rate** of 46.7% - Staffordshire would require a further 40,000 to reach the national average.
- **We will look to further increase those residents achieving higher Level 4+ RQF qualifications and close the gap to the national average to ensure we have the local skilled workforce to remain competitive and increase local productivity and economic growth.**

Level 3+

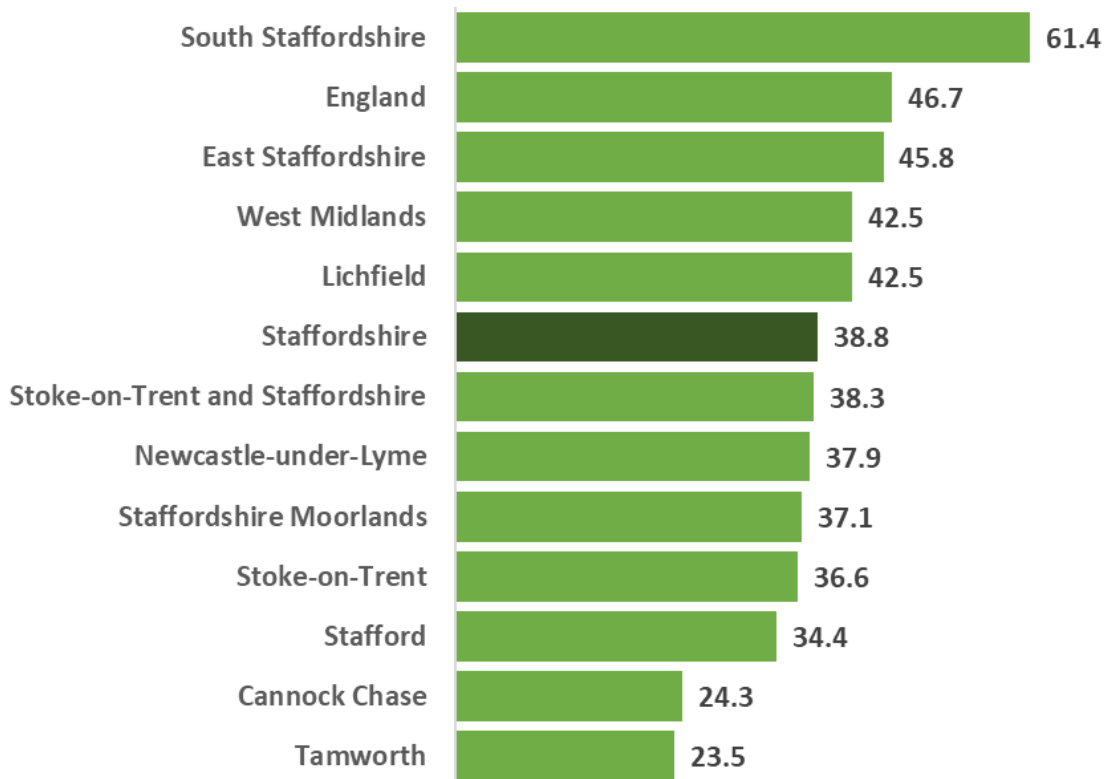
- In 2023 there were an estimated 62.9% or 325,000 working age residents with Level 3+ RQF qualifications which was **below the national rate** of 67.4%. - Staffordshire would require a further 23,000 to reach the national average.
- **We will look to further increase those residents achieving Level 3+ RQF qualifications to ensure they have the skills needed in the local economy.**

No Qualifications

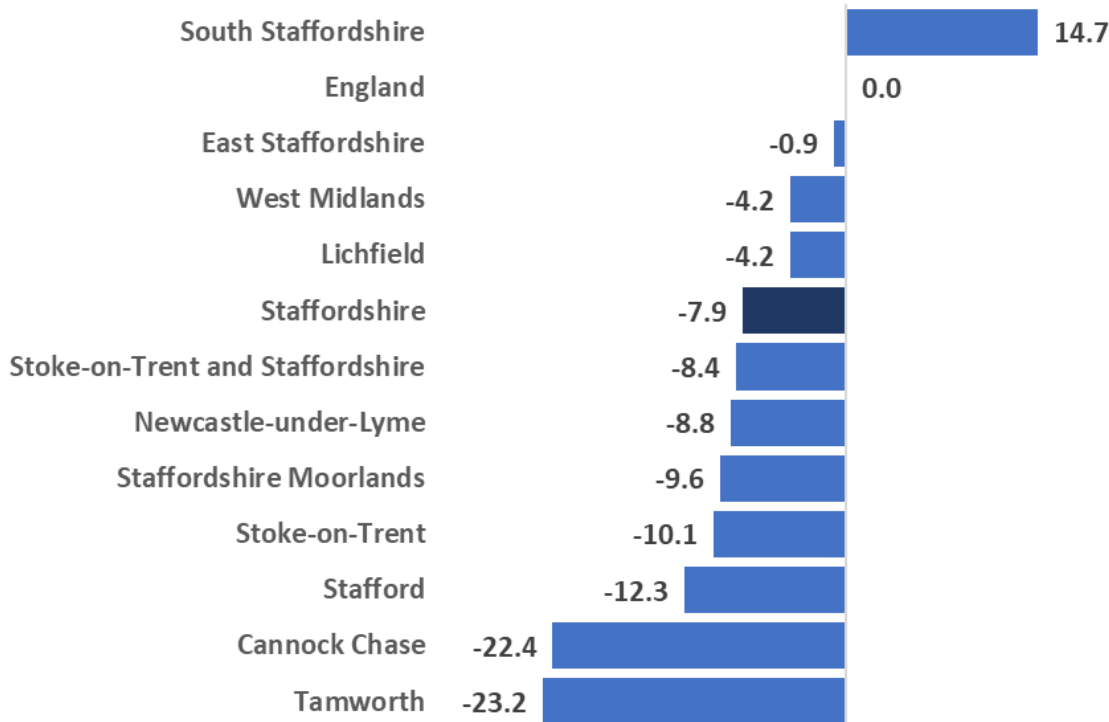
- In 2023 there were 3.9% working age residents with no qualifications which was **well below the national rate** of 6.2%.
- **There are an estimated 20,000 Staffordshire residents with no qualifications which we will look to further reduce.**

Adult Skills: RQFs Level 4+

% with RQF4+ - aged 16-64 in 2023



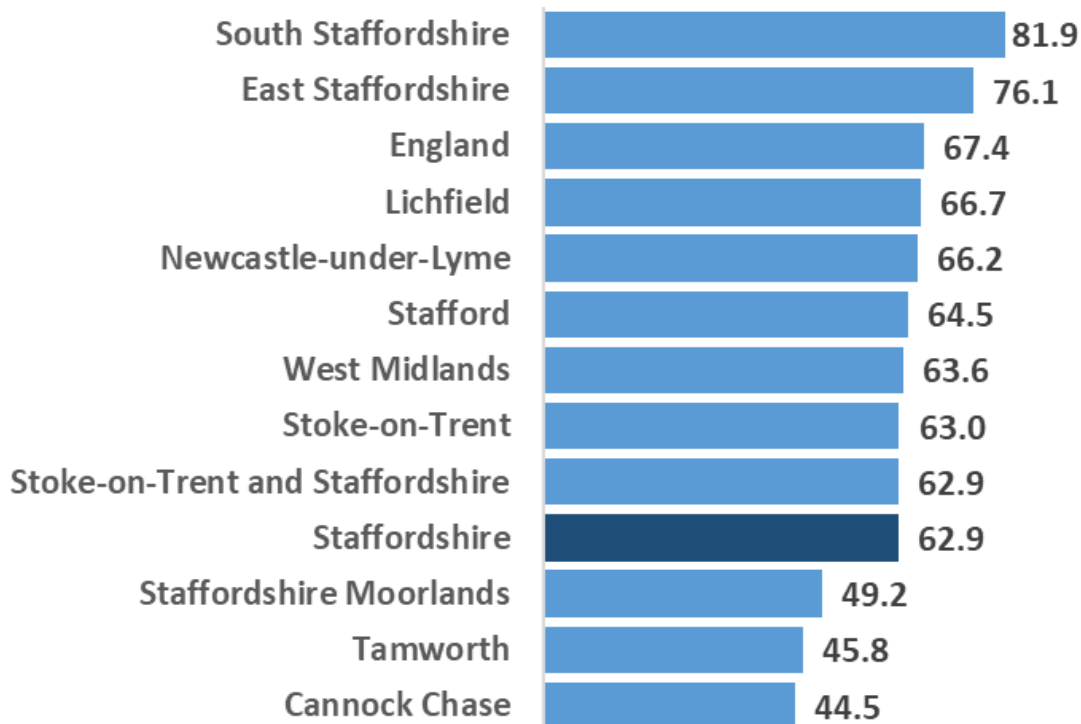
% with RQF4+ - aged 16-64 national comparison in 2023



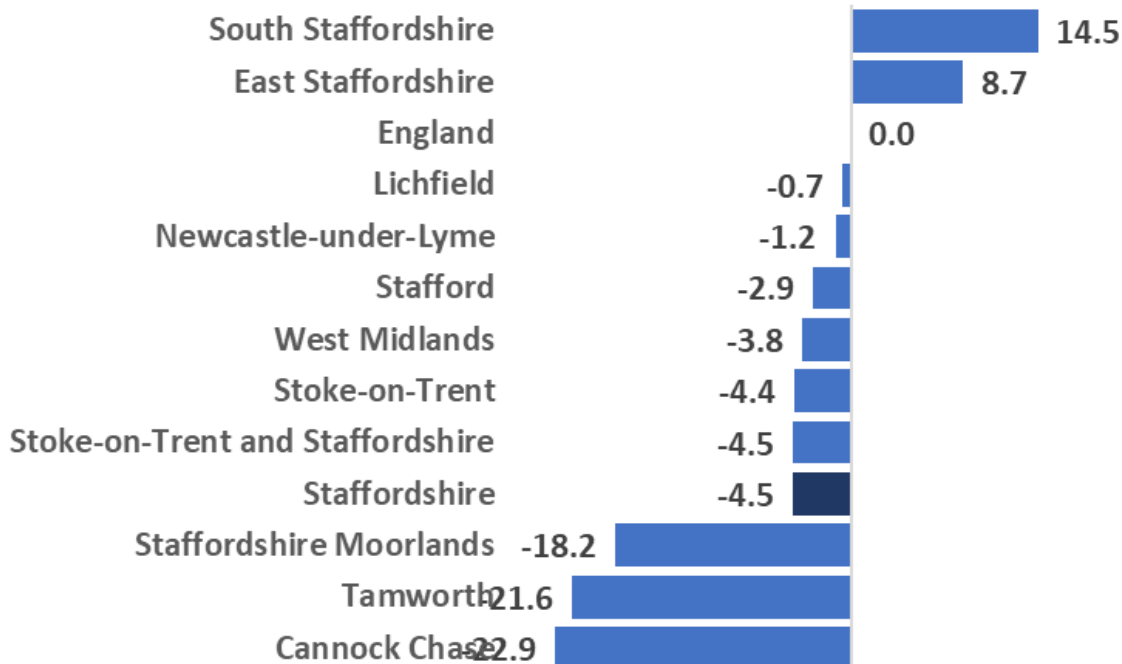
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Adult Skills: RQFs Level 3+

% with RQF3+ - aged 16-64 in 2023



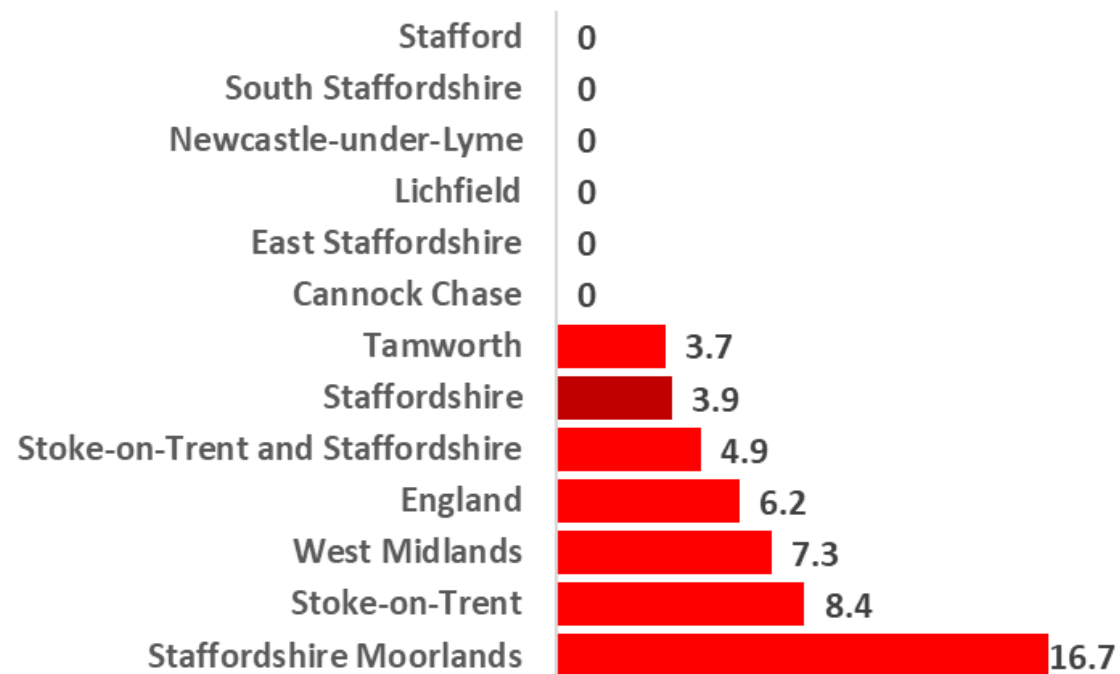
% with RQF3+ - aged 16-64 national comparison in 2023



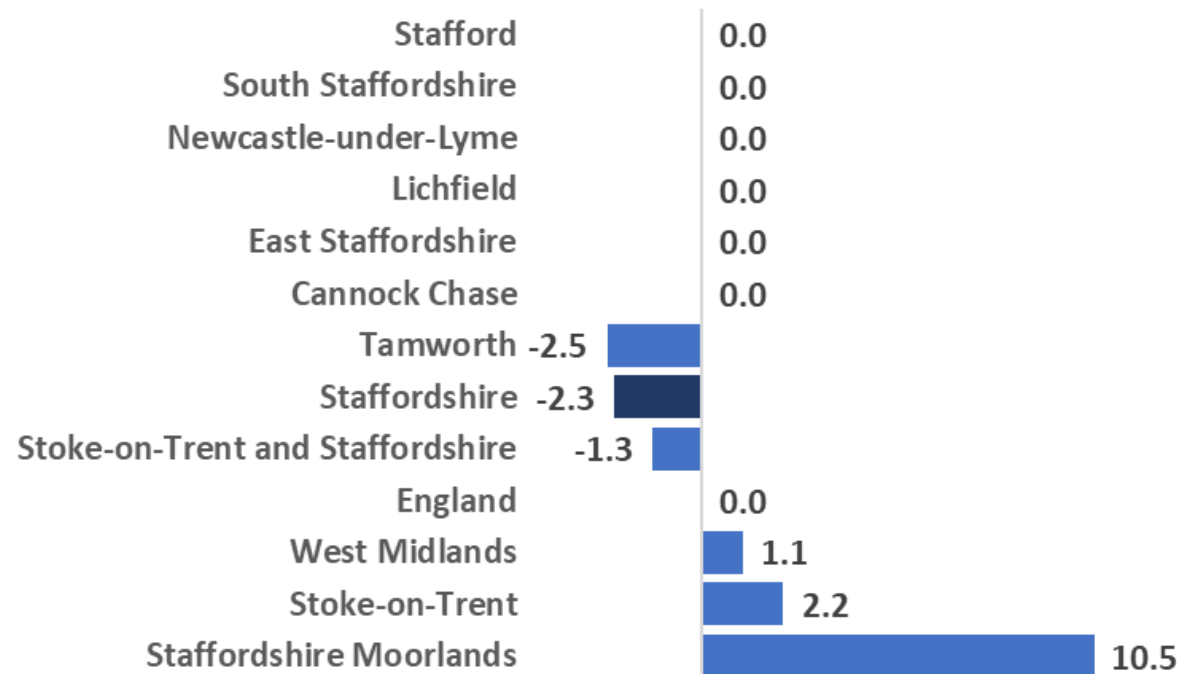
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Adult Skills: RQFs (No Qualifications)

% with no qualifications (RQF) - aged 16-64 in 2023



% with no qualifications (RQF) - aged 16-64 national comparison in 2023

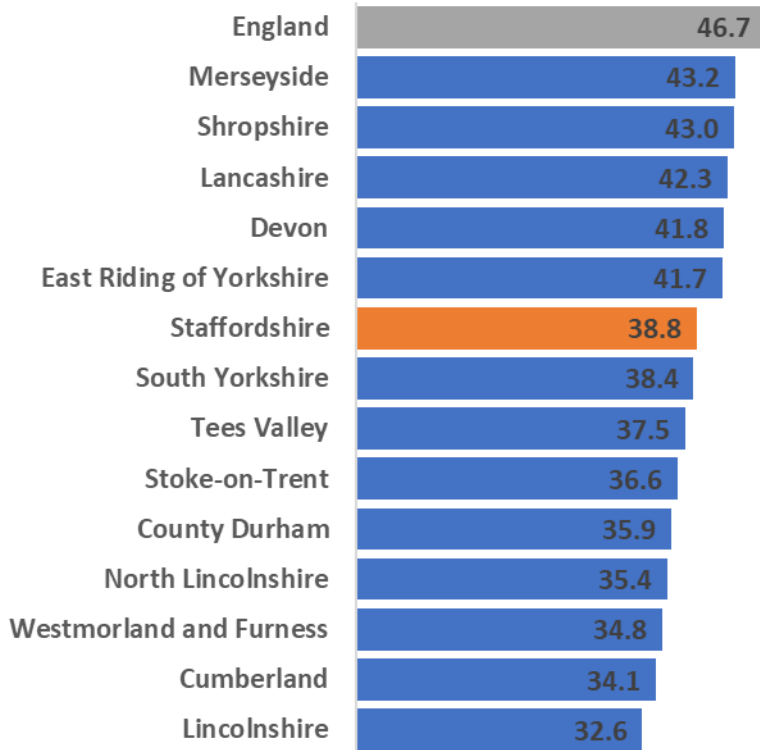


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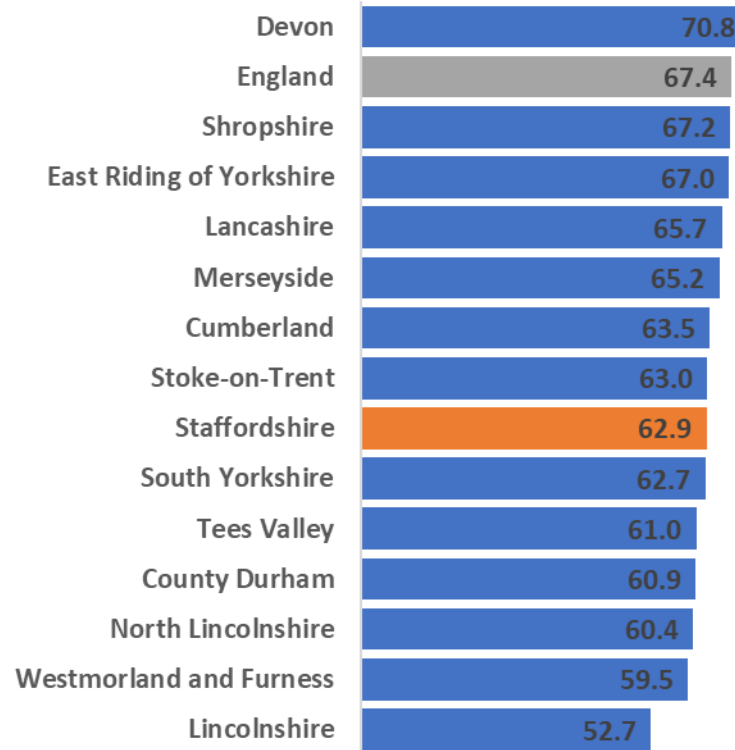
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Staffordshire ranked High for Adult Skills Levels compared to other areas

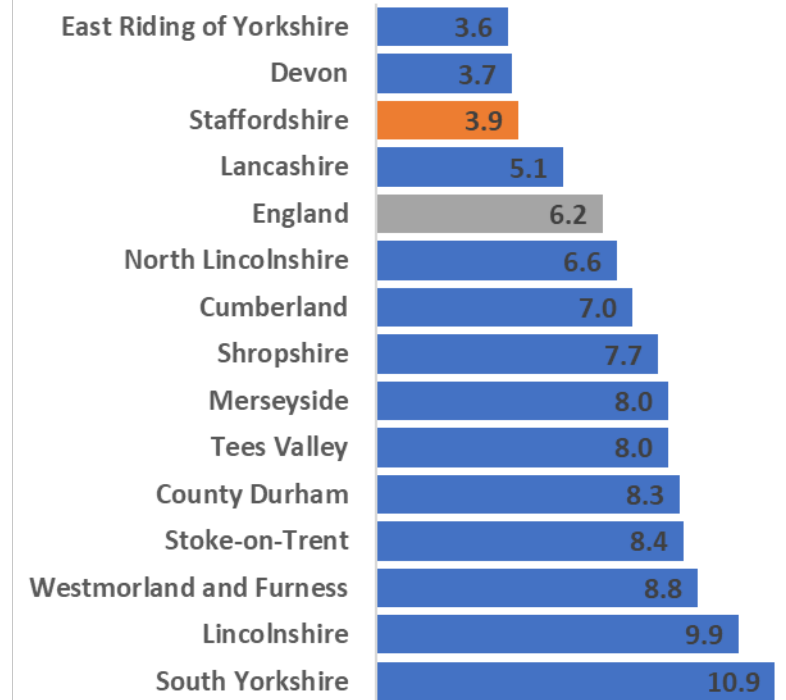
% with RQF4+ (aged 16-64) - 2023



% with RQF3+ (aged 16-64) - 2023



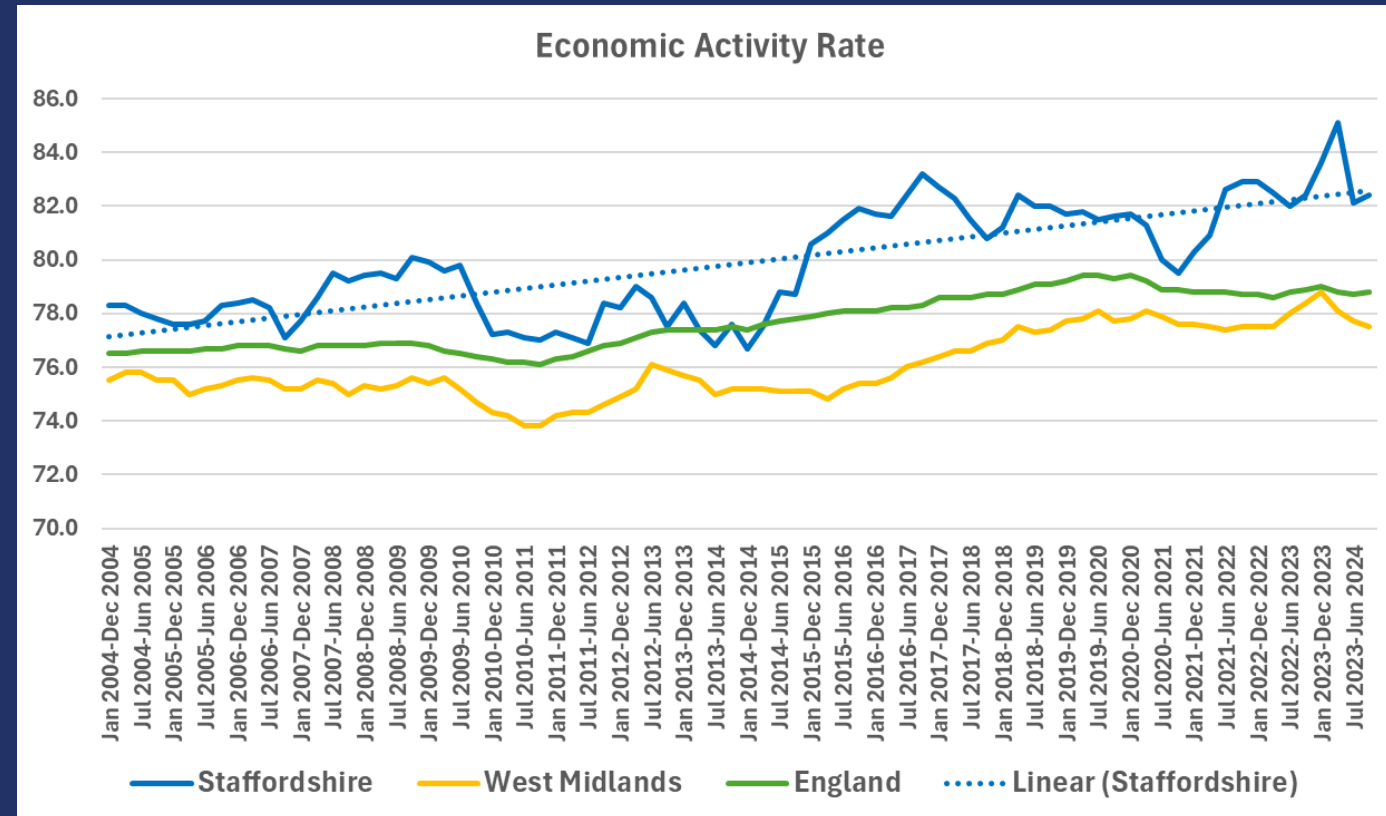
% with No Qualifications (RQF) (aged 16-64) - 2023



Source: Annual Population Survey

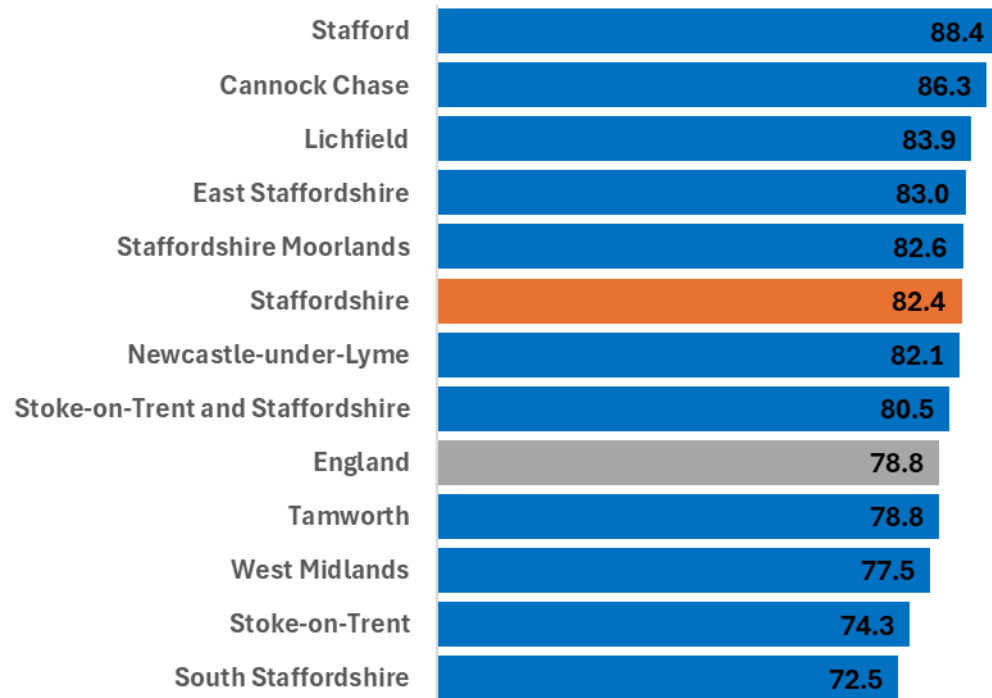
Economic Activity: Headlines Summary

- Latest economic activity figures for Oct 2023-Sep 2024 show in Staffordshire there were an estimated 435,100 working age (aged 16-64) residents economically active, with an **economic activity rate of 82.4% above the national average of 78.8%**.
- The economic activity rate in Staffordshire has seen a long-term increase and is back to pre-pandemic levels, whereas nationally the rate trails behind pre-pandemic levels.
- **Continuing to support our residents to remain economically active will ensure the Staffordshire economy has access to a large labour pool & skills base to support continued economic growth.**

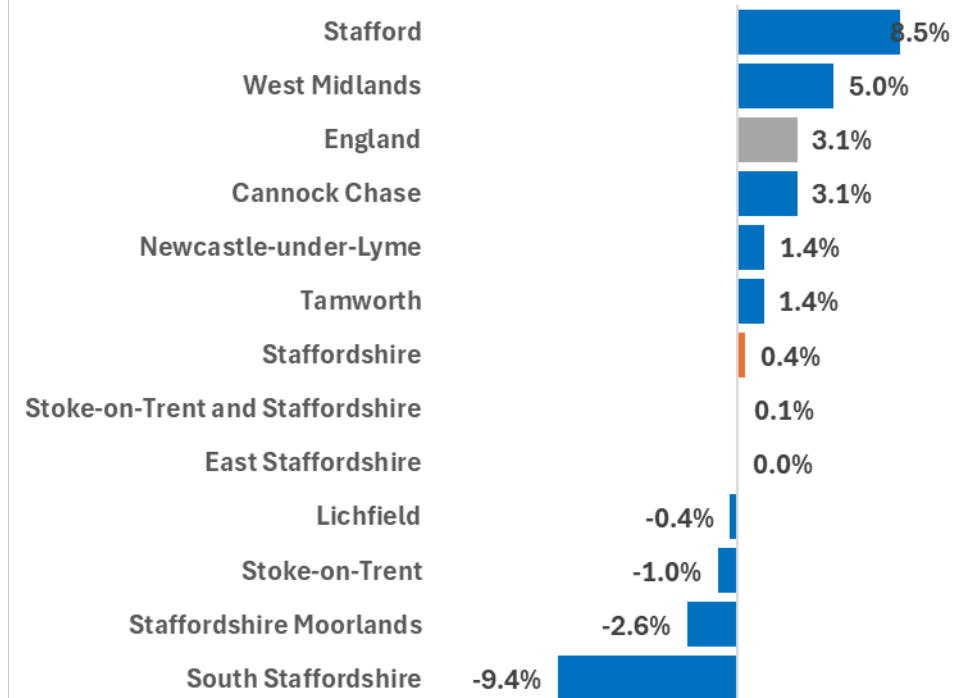


Economic Activity: Districts

Economic activity rate (aged 16-64) - Oct 2023-
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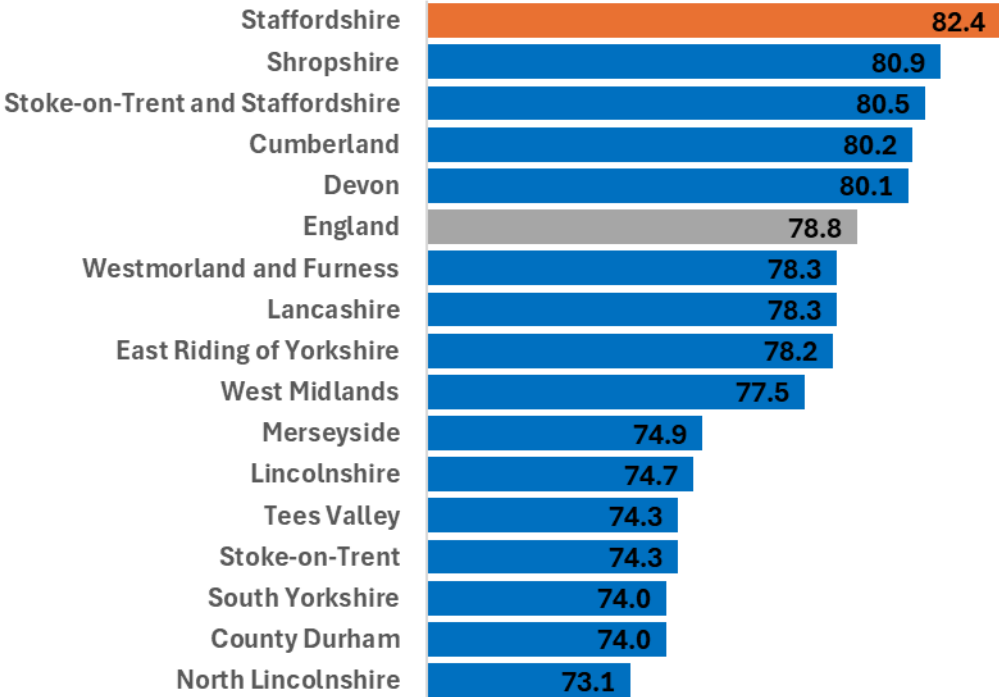
% change in adults who are economically
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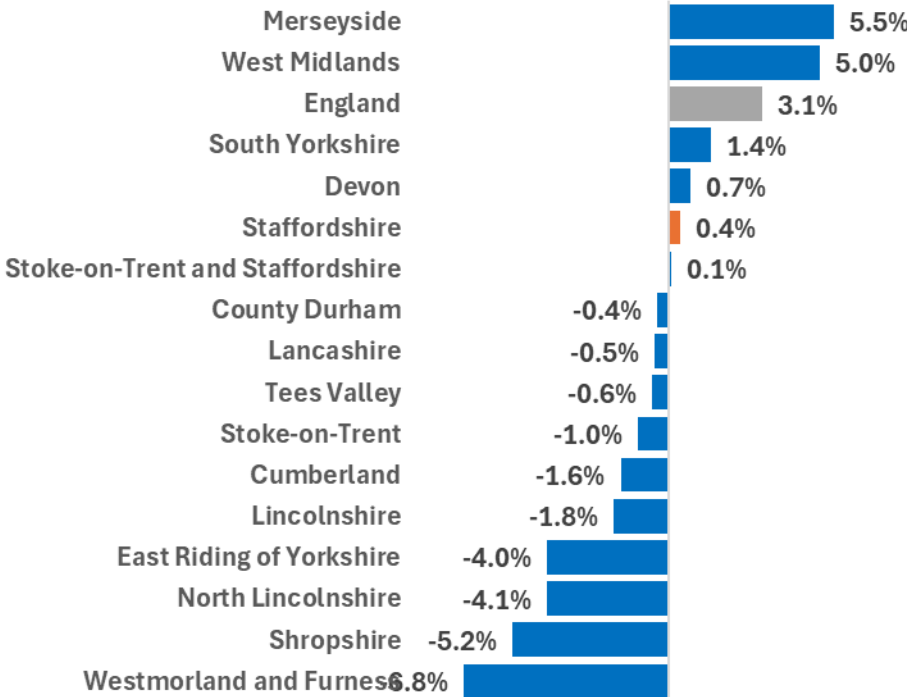
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Economic Activity: Transition Areas

Economic activity rate (aged 16-64) - Oct 2023-
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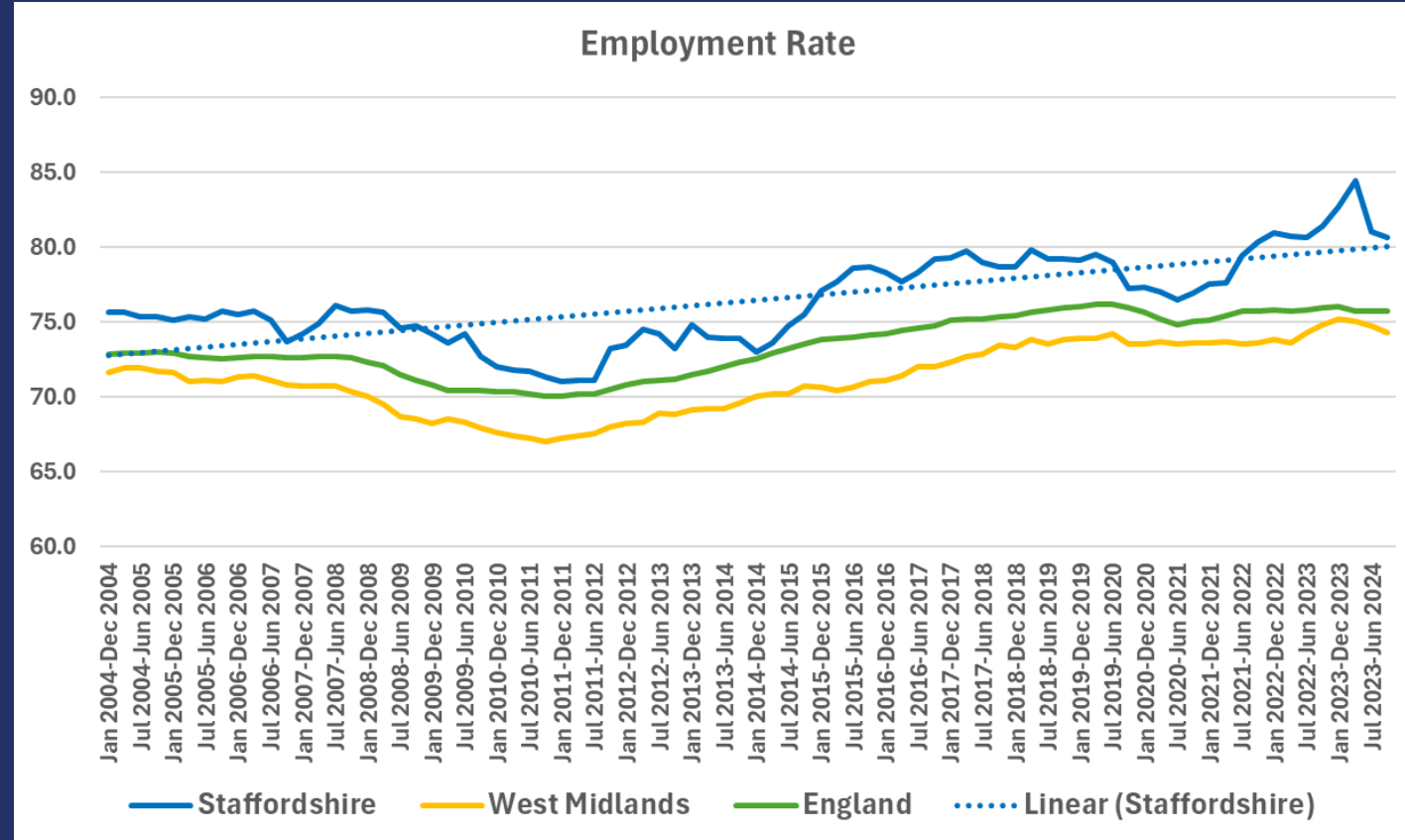


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Employment: Headlines Summary

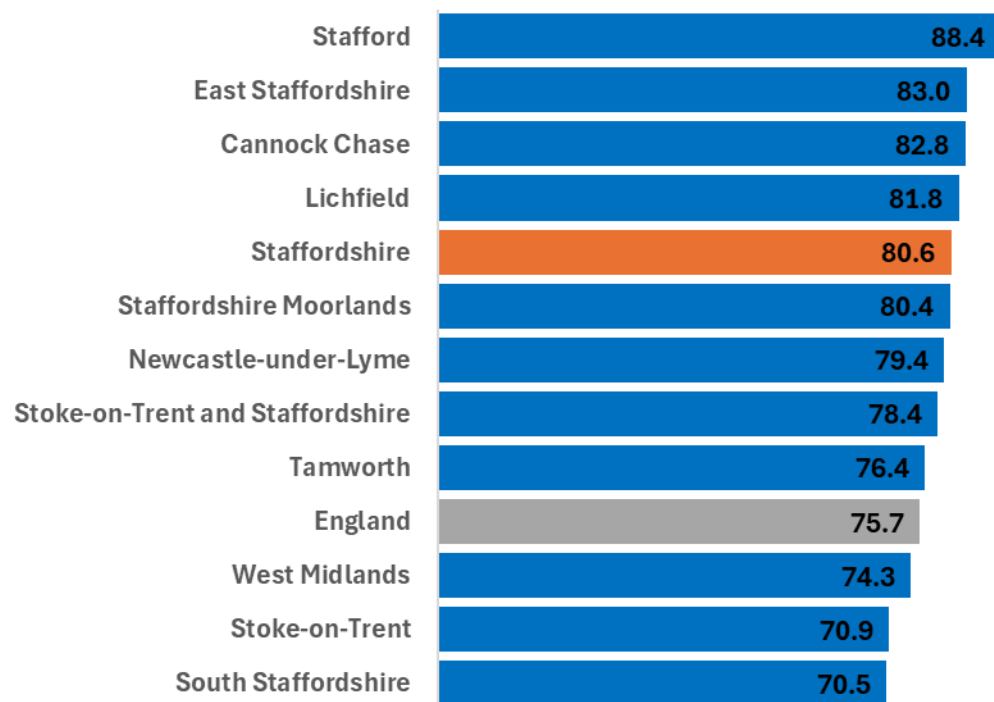
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- Latest employment figures for Oct 2023-Sep 2024 show in Staffordshire there were an estimated 425,700 working age (aged 16-64) residents employed - **employment rate of 80.6%, well above the national average of 75.7%.**
- It is a **real positive for the County, since the impact of the pandemic the number of residents employed has significantly increased** and is 9,300 or 2.2% higher than pre-COVID which is better than the 0.5% growth seen nationally.
- **By continuing to support our residents to retrain and upskill we can ensure that Staffordshire's employment rate continues to improve and remains well above the levels seen in most other areas of the country. This stronger local workforce can support businesses to grow and remain competitive while contributing to overall economic growth.**

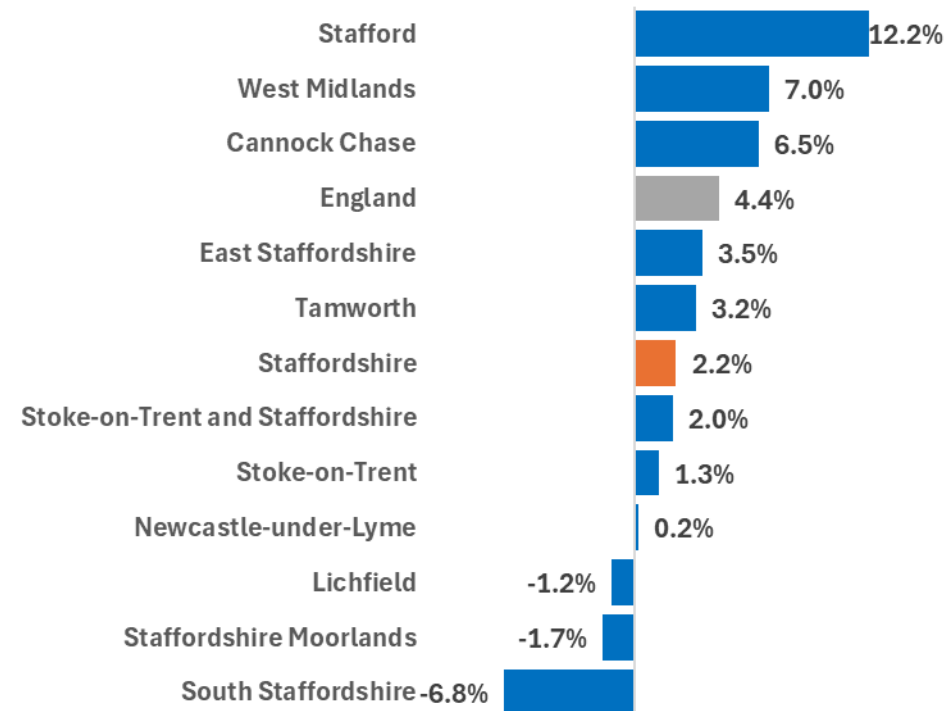


Employment: Districts

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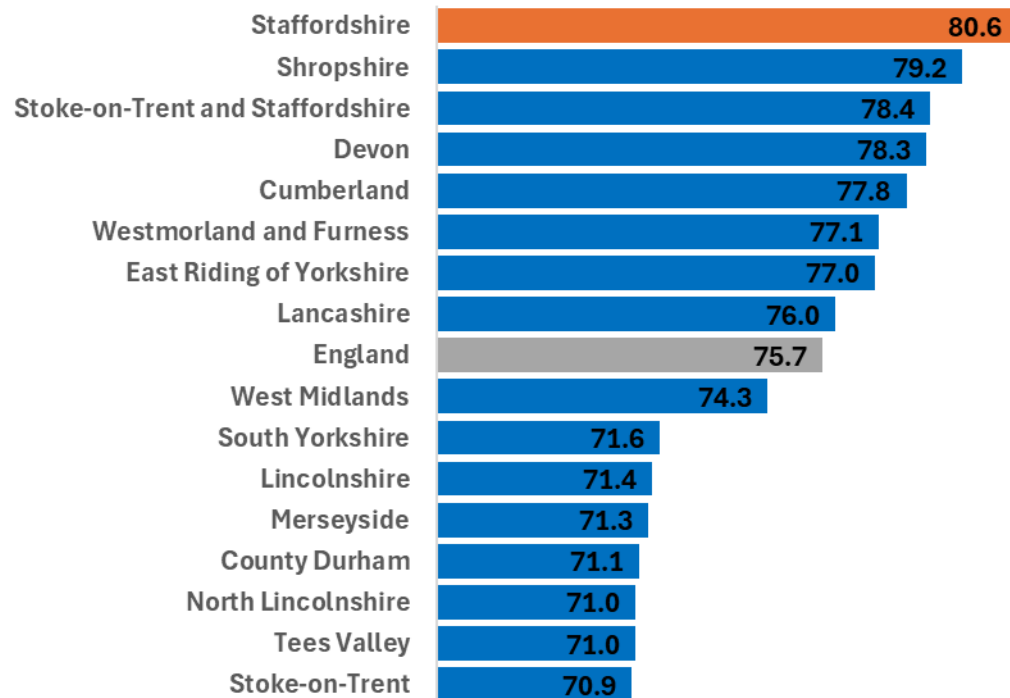
% change in adults who are in employment (aged 16-64) - 2015-2024



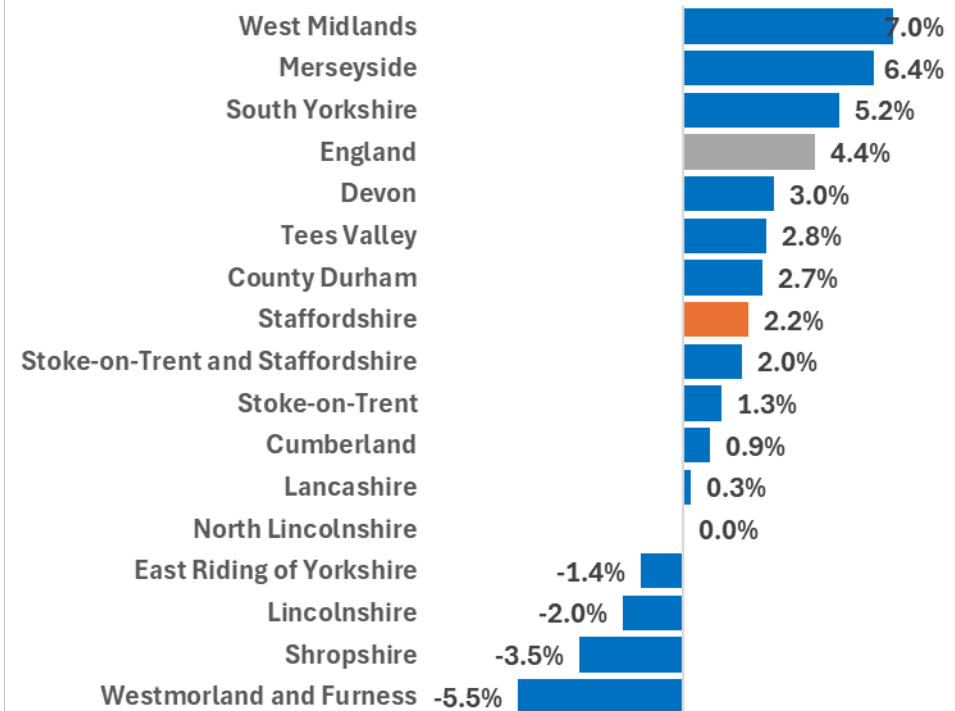
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Employment: Transition Areas

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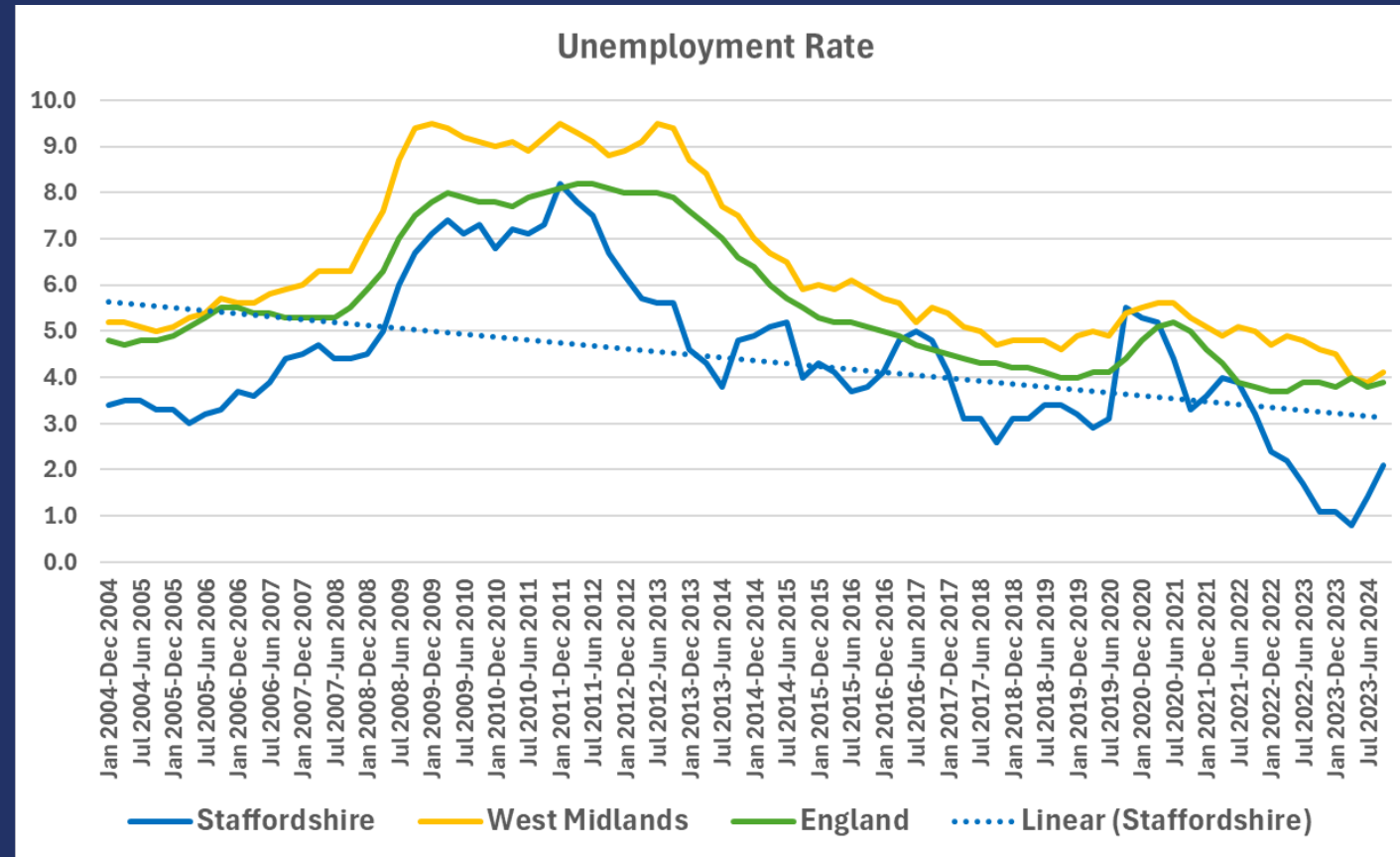
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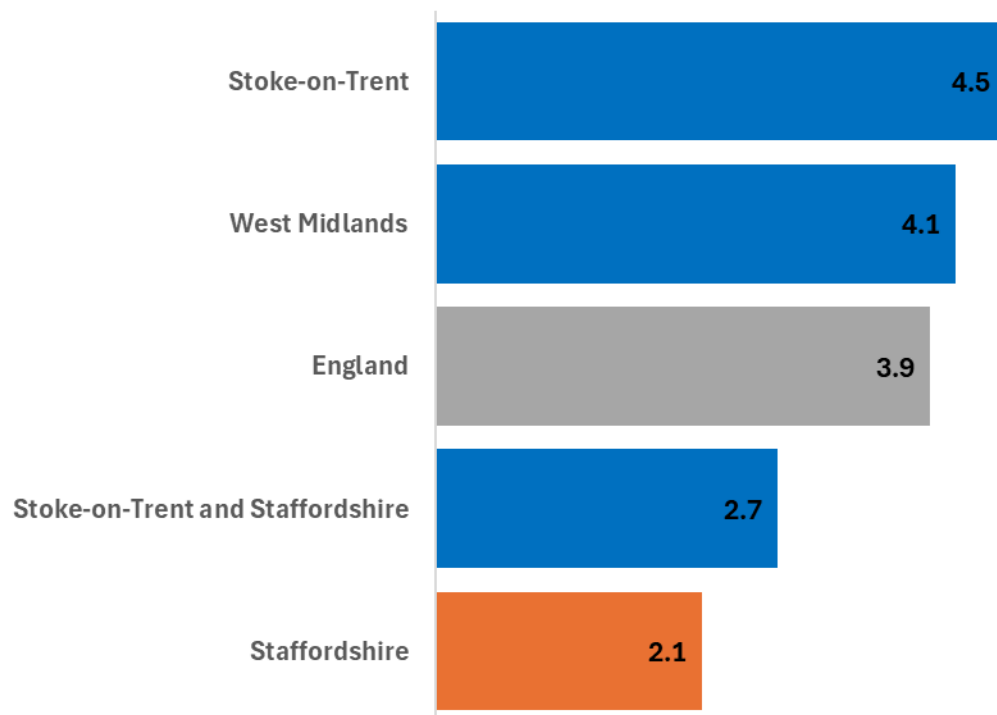
Unemployment Headlines Summary

- **Following an increase in unemployment due to the pandemic effectively closing most parts of the economy, Staffordshire has seen unemployment levels decrease to below those seen prior to COVID.**
- Staffordshire's unemployment rate for the latest available period of Oct 2023-Sep 2024 is estimated at 2.1%, which is below both the national rate of 3.9% and the regional rate of 4.1%.
- **There remains an estimated 9,400 unemployed residents of working age (aged 16-64) during Oct 2023-Sep 2024, and the County remains focused on ensuring more residents who find themselves unemployed can progress into work.**

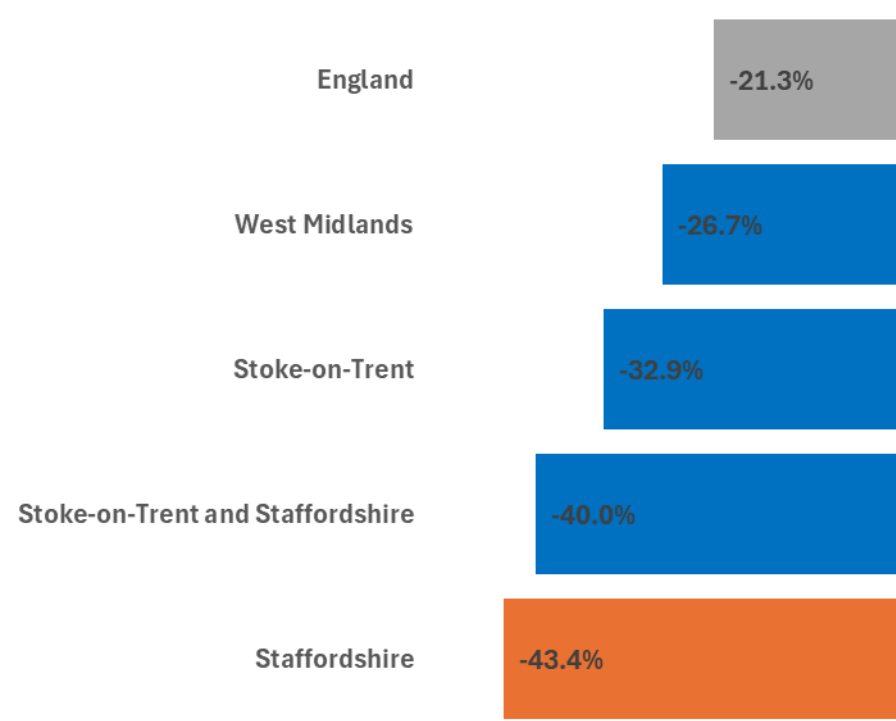


Unemployment: Districts

Unemployment rate (aged 16-64) - Oct 2023-Sep 2024



% change in adults who are unemployed (aged 16-64) - 2015-2024

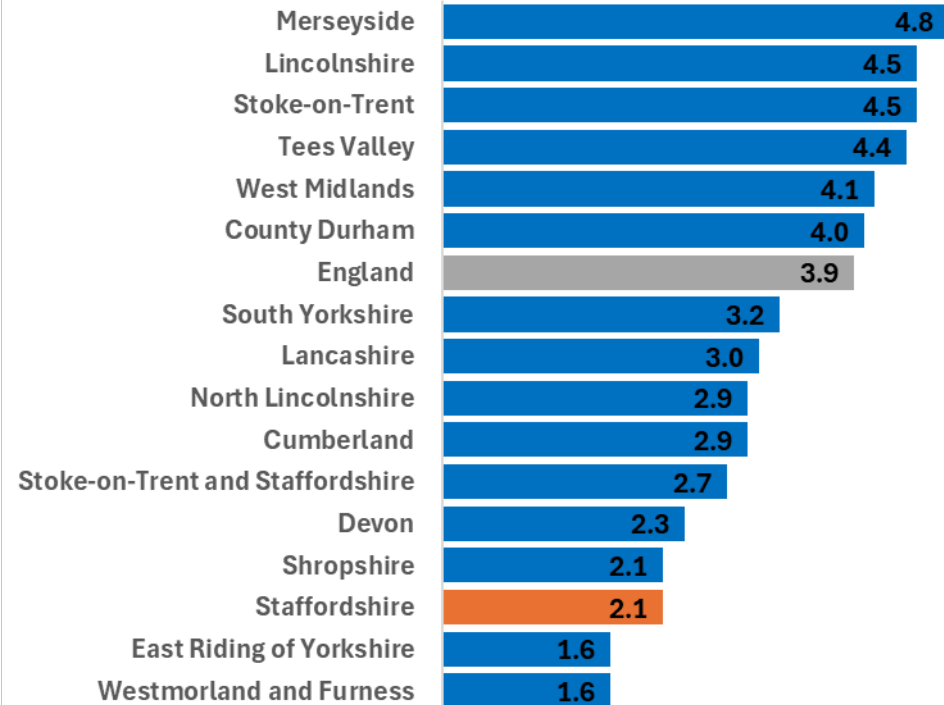


District level data unavailable for most districts due to small sample size – refer to Economic Bulletin for latest Claimant Count figures [here](#).

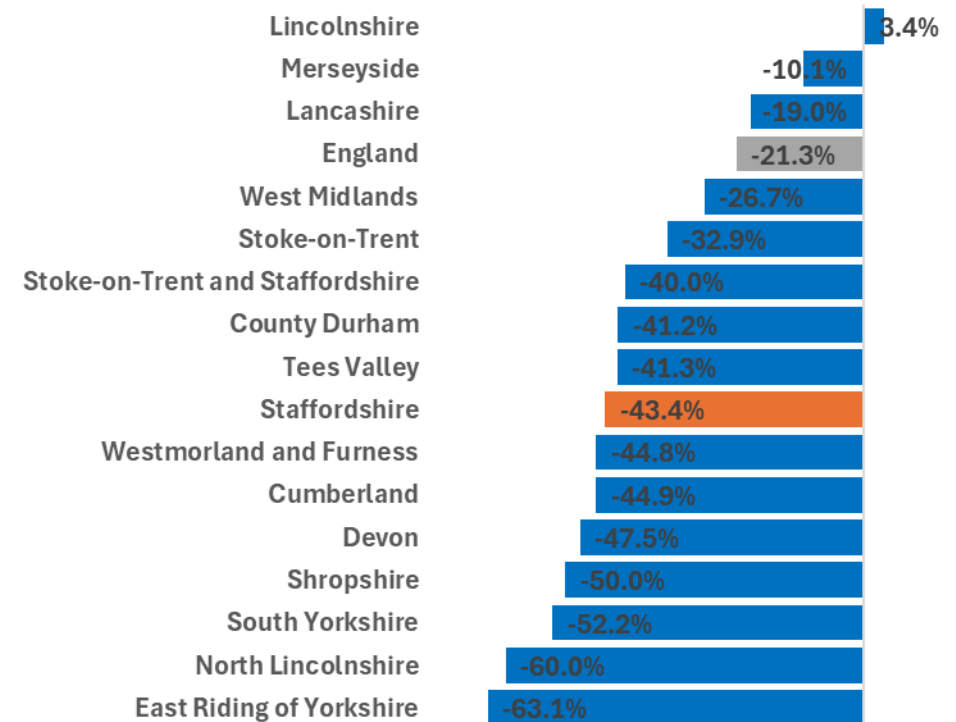
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Unemployment: Transition Areas

Unemployment rate (aged 16-64) - Oct 2023-Sep 2024



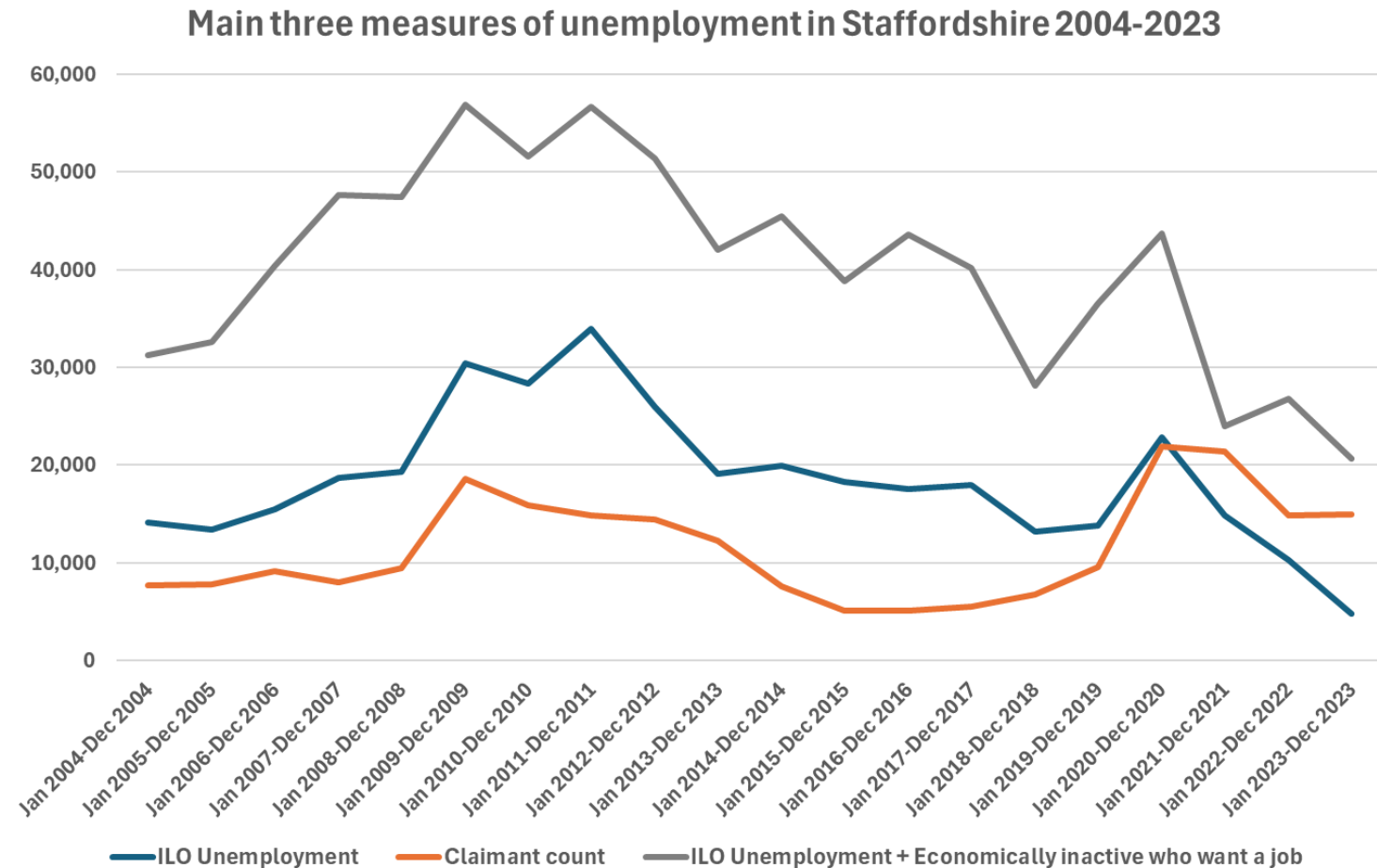
% change in adults who are unemployed (aged 16-64) - 2015-2024



Source: Annual Population Survey

Unemployment: Comparison of measures

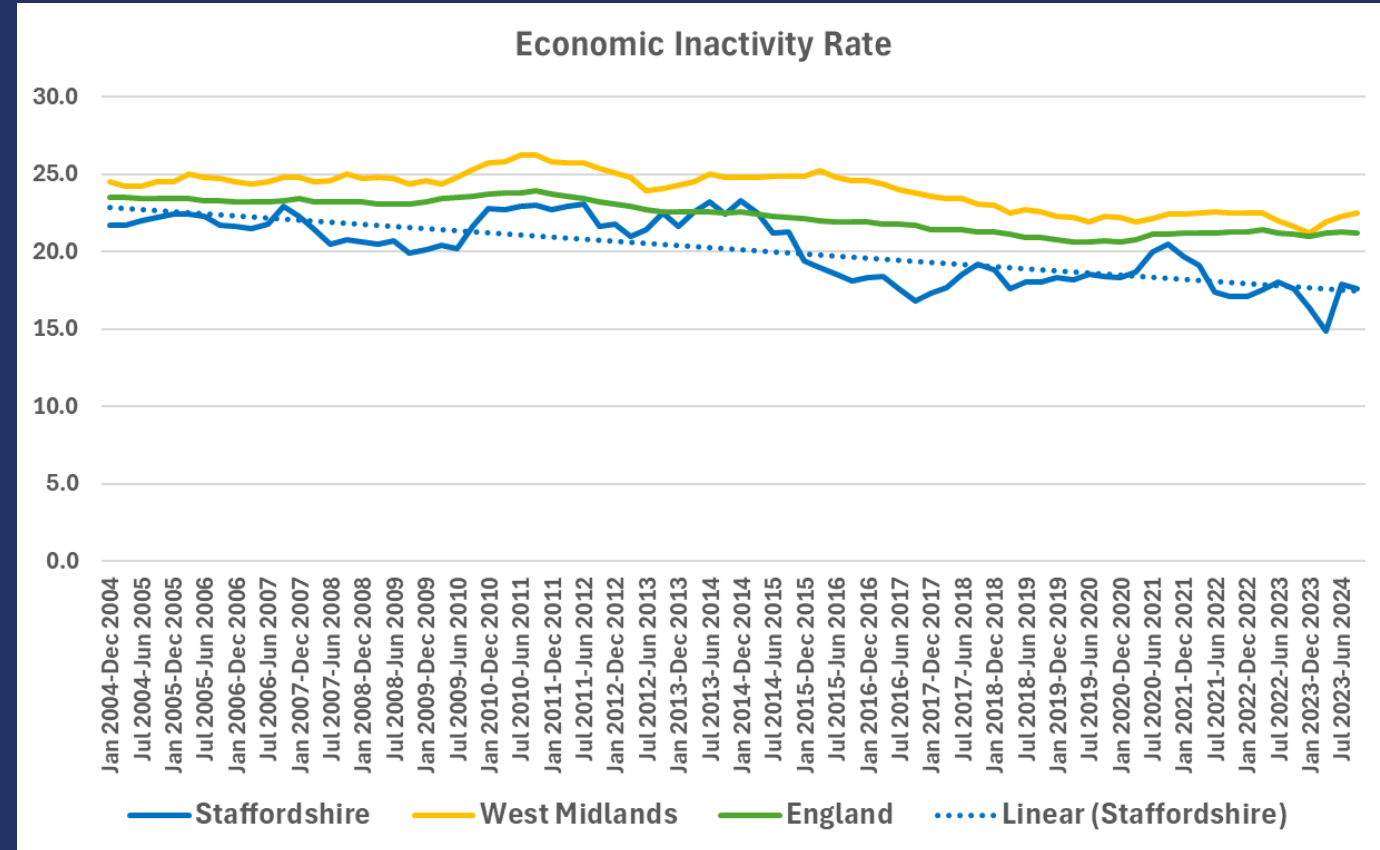
- Staffordshire's ILO unemployment stands at 4,800, representing 1.1% of the economically active population.
- Claimant unemployment is higher at 14,969 or 2.8%.
- ILO unemployment & economically inactive who want a job, stands at 20,700 (4.5%) of the active workforce, plus the inactive who say they want a job.
- Depending on which of the three measures above is used, unemployment in Staffordshire is in the range of around 5,000-21,000 people, representing 1-5% of the economically active population.



Sources: Office for National Statistics Annual Population Survey and Claimant Count for Staffordshire, accessed via Nomis. APS data are for 12-month calendar years; Claimant Count is for 12-month average per calendar year.

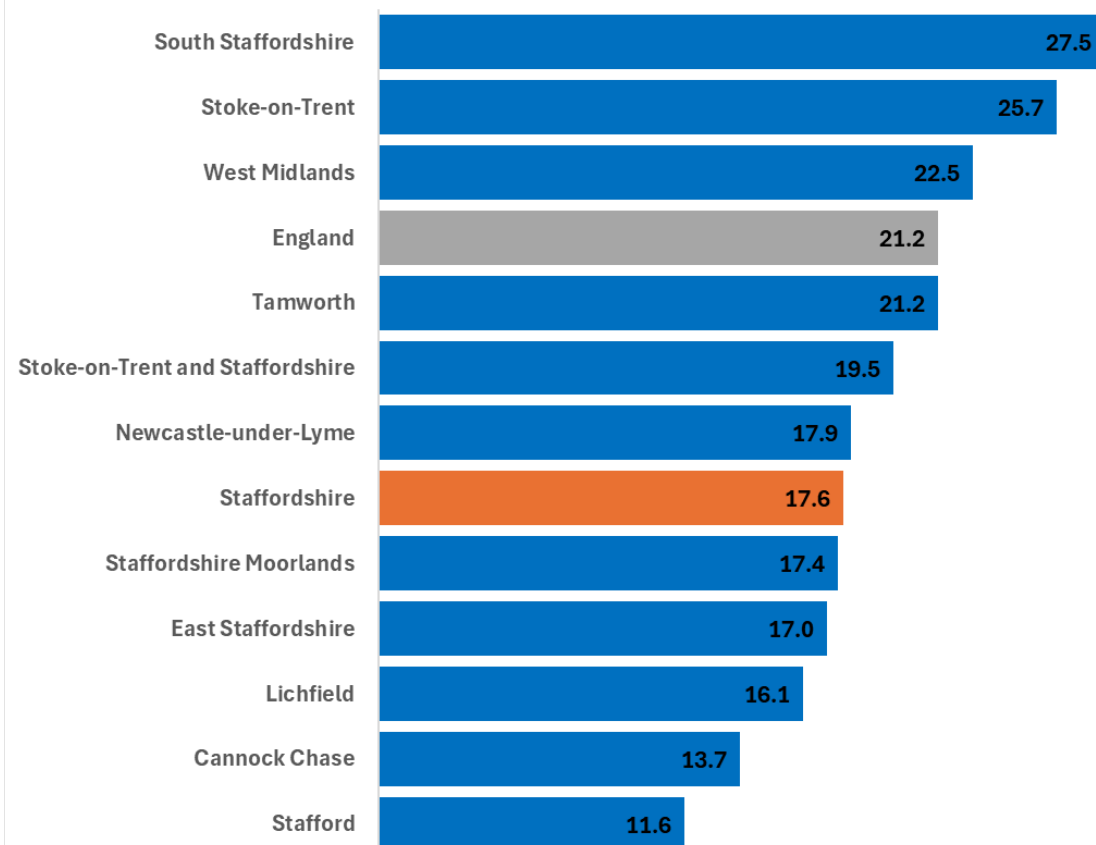
Economic Inactivity Headlines Summary

- **Staffordshire estimated number of economically inactive working age (aged 16-64) residents have recovered to below pre-pandemic levels following an increase caused by the COVID impact. This contrasts with the national picture where those economically inactive remain well above pre-pandemic levels.**
- Staffordshire's economic inactivity rate for Oct 2023-Sep 2024 is estimated at 17.6% equivalent to 93,100 - significantly below the national rate of 21.2% and regional rate of 22.5%.
- **The Council will look to support those that are economically inactive and who want a job to find work and help address current labour shortages and skills gaps.**

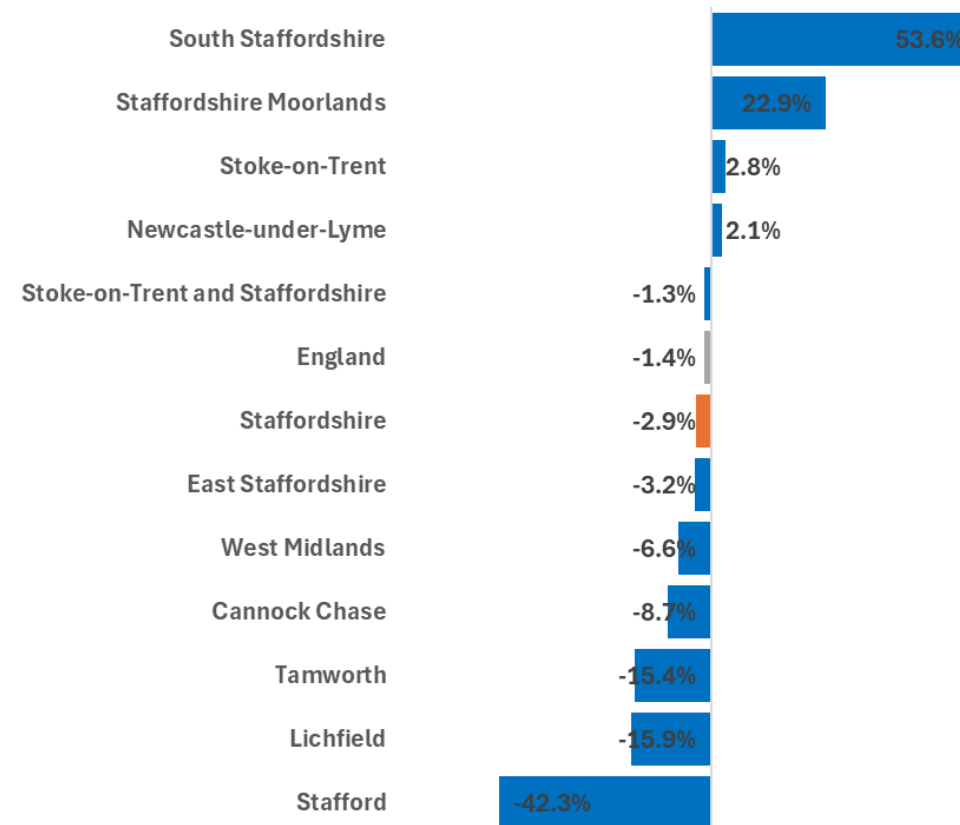


Economic Inactivity: Districts

Economic Inactivity rate (aged 16-64) - Oct 2023-Sep 2024



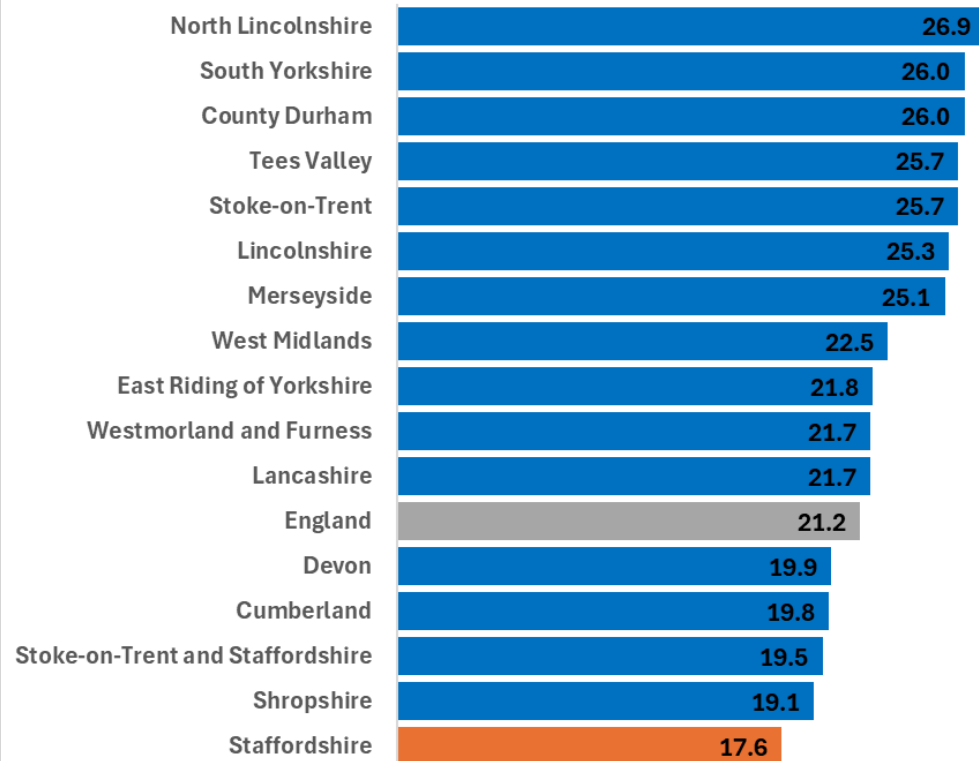
% change in adults who are economically inactive (aged 16-64) - 2015-2024



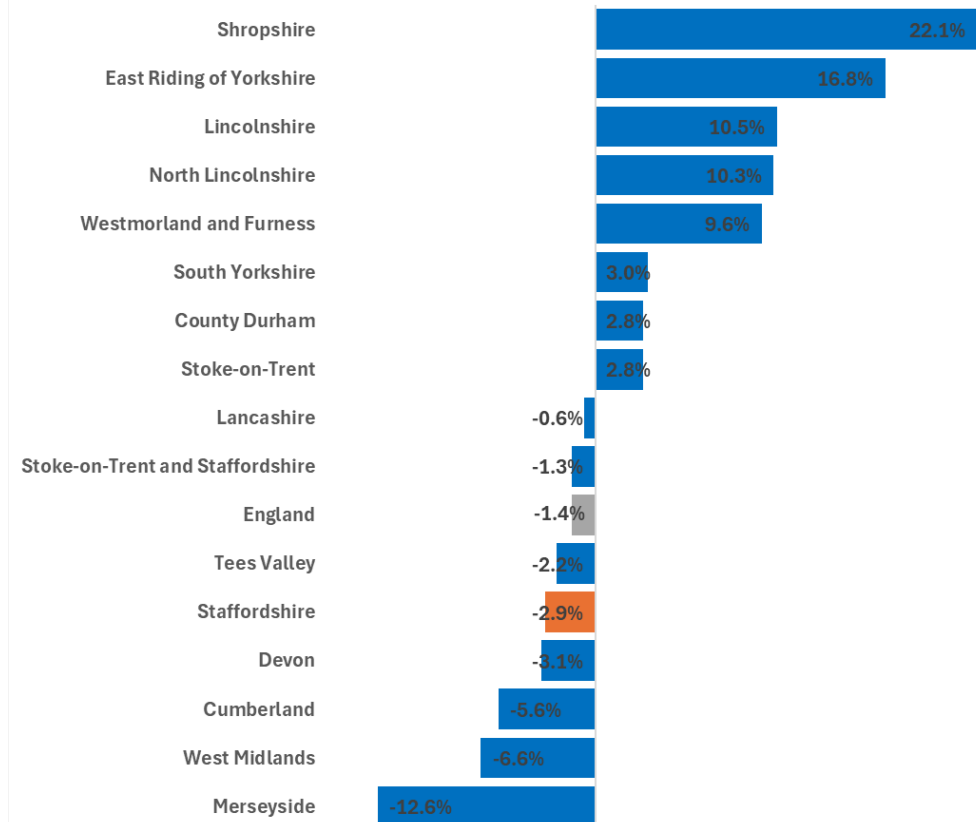
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Economic Inactivity: Transition Areas

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% change in adults who are economically inactive (aged 16-64) - 2015-2024

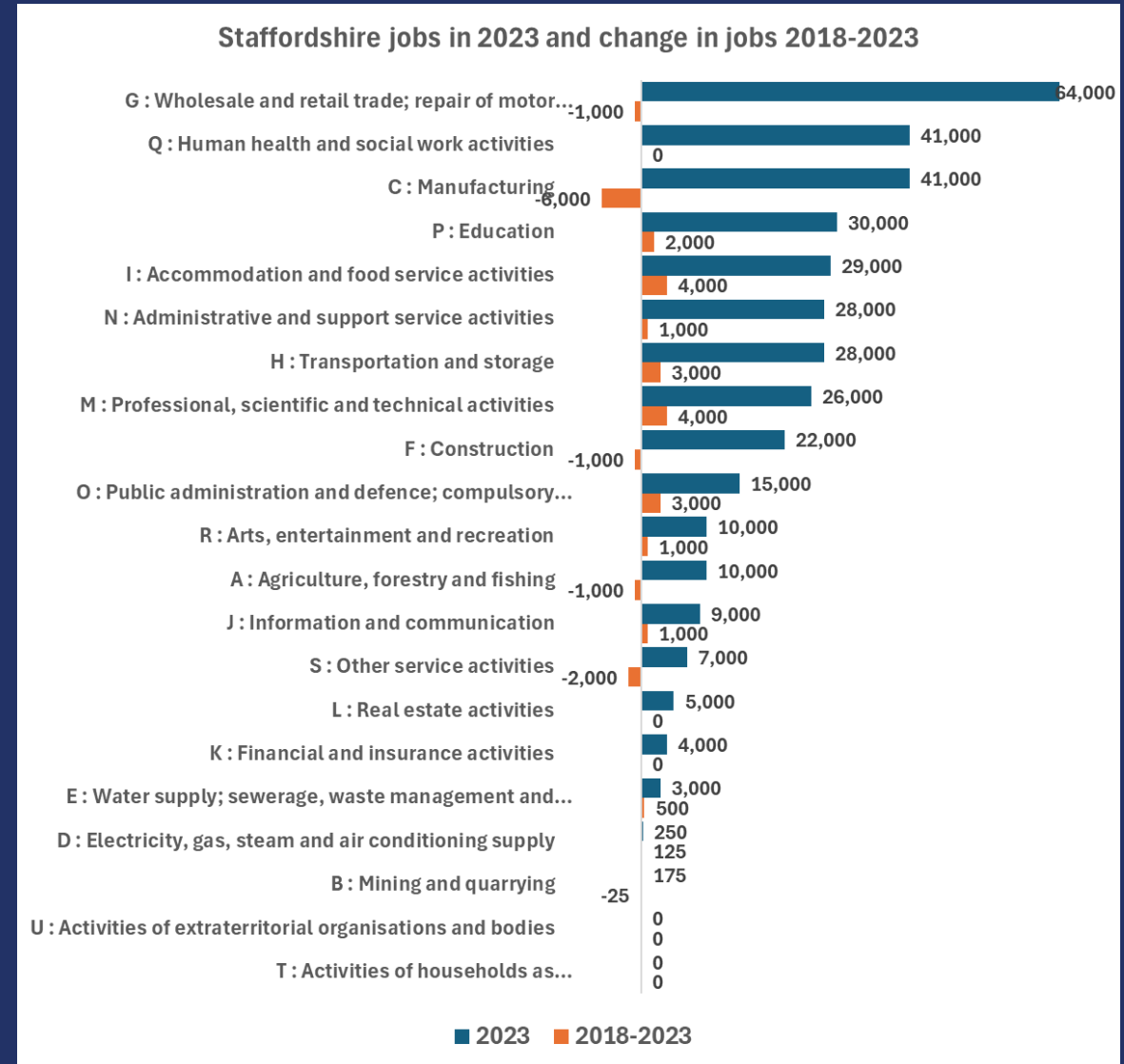


Source: Annual Population Survey

Jobs Growth

- **Between 2018-23 total jobs in Staffordshire increased by 2.4% (8,600) to a total of 372,425. This is lower than the 5.4% growth in England but shows recovery between 2021-23 following the decline seen early in the pandemic.**
- The **main sector growth** is in Hospitality and Professional services (both +4,000 jobs) followed by Logistics and Public admin both seeing a 3,000 increase.
- The **biggest decline** is in Other service activities (-6,000) followed by Wholesale and Retail with a -2,000 decline in jobs.
- **The Council will look to generate more high value better paid jobs for our skilled residents to access.**

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[Nomis - Official Census and Labour Market Statistics - Nomis - Official Census and Labour Market Statistics \(nomisweb.co.uk\)](#)

[Link to Economic Growth Summary](#)

Source: Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES)

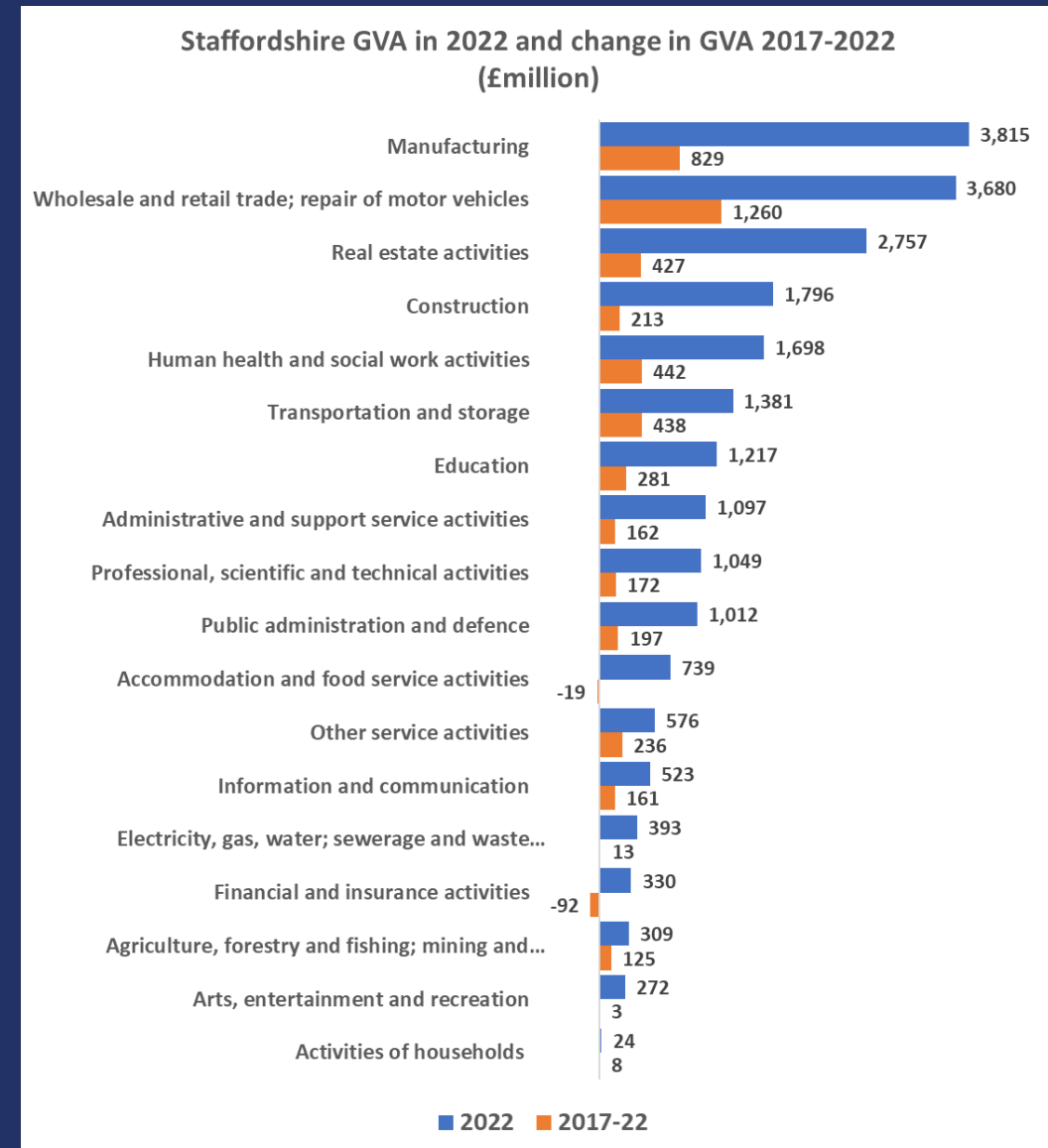
Economic Growth (GVA)

- **In 2022 the Staffordshire economy was worth £22.7bn showing an increase of over £4.8bn between 2017-2022**, equivalent to a 27.3% growth just above the growth for West Midland: 17.9% and for the UK: 21.0%.
- The largest sectors in terms of GVA are Manufacturing £3.8bn and Wholesale and Retail £3.7bn.
- These are also the sectors which have seen the largest growth between 2017-22, with Wholesale and Retail seeing growth of £1.26bn and Manufacturing seeing an increase of £829m.
- **The Council will look to support further economic growth, particularly in our priority high value growth sectors.**

[Regional gross value added \(balanced\) by industry: all ITL regions - Office for National Statistics](#)

[Link to Productivity Summary](#)

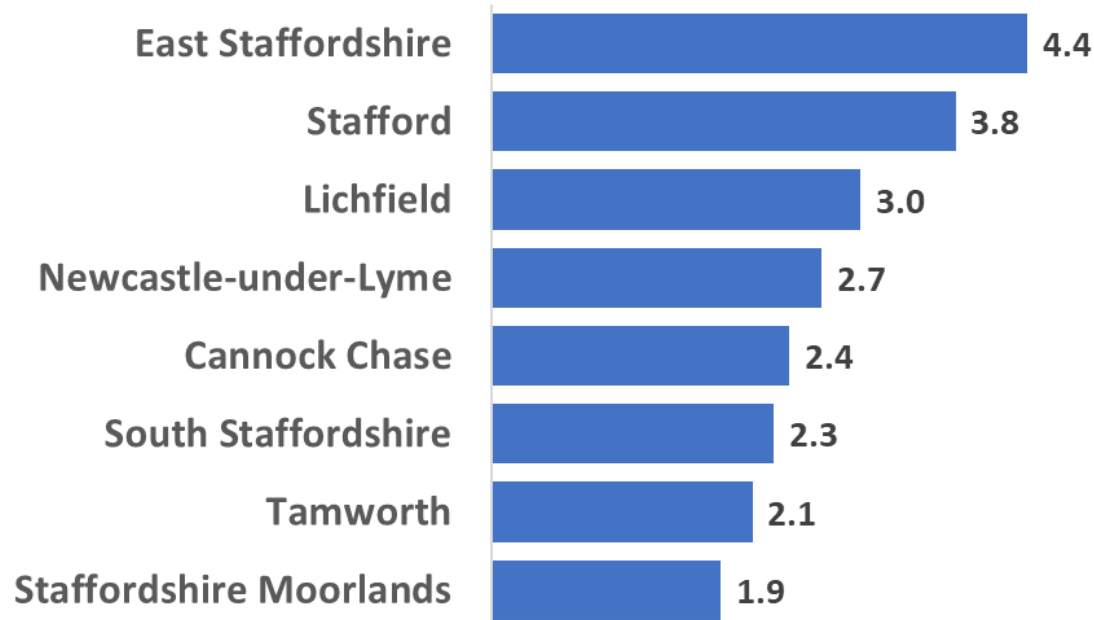
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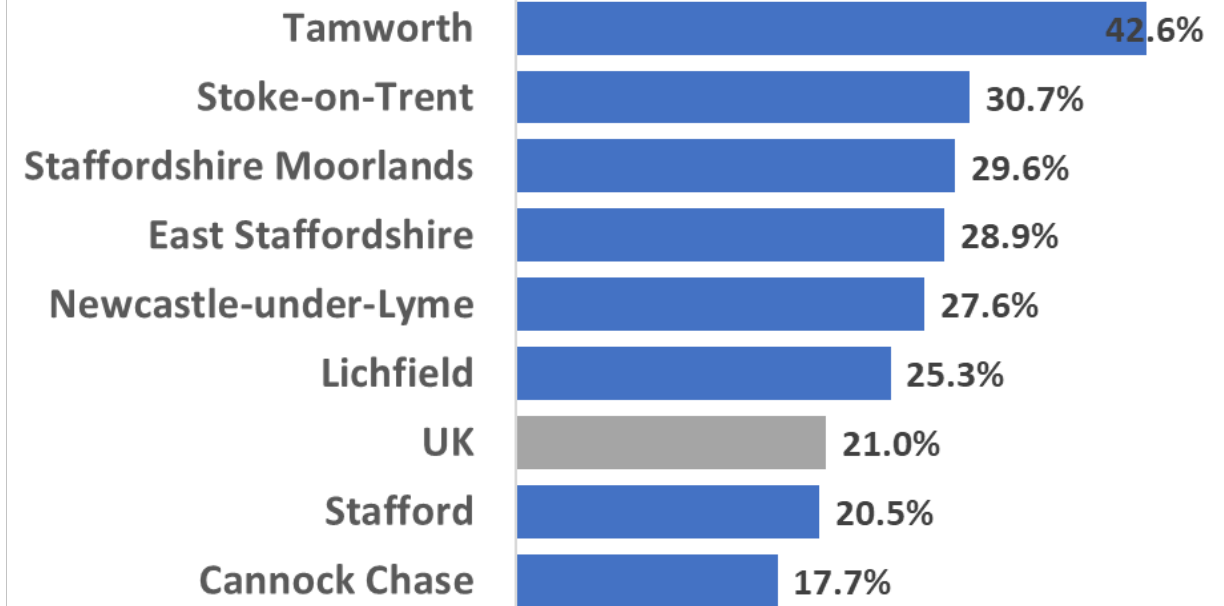
Source: ONS Gross Value Added (GVA)

Economic Growth (GVA): Districts

Total GVA (£billion) 2022



Growth in Total GVA (%) 2017-22

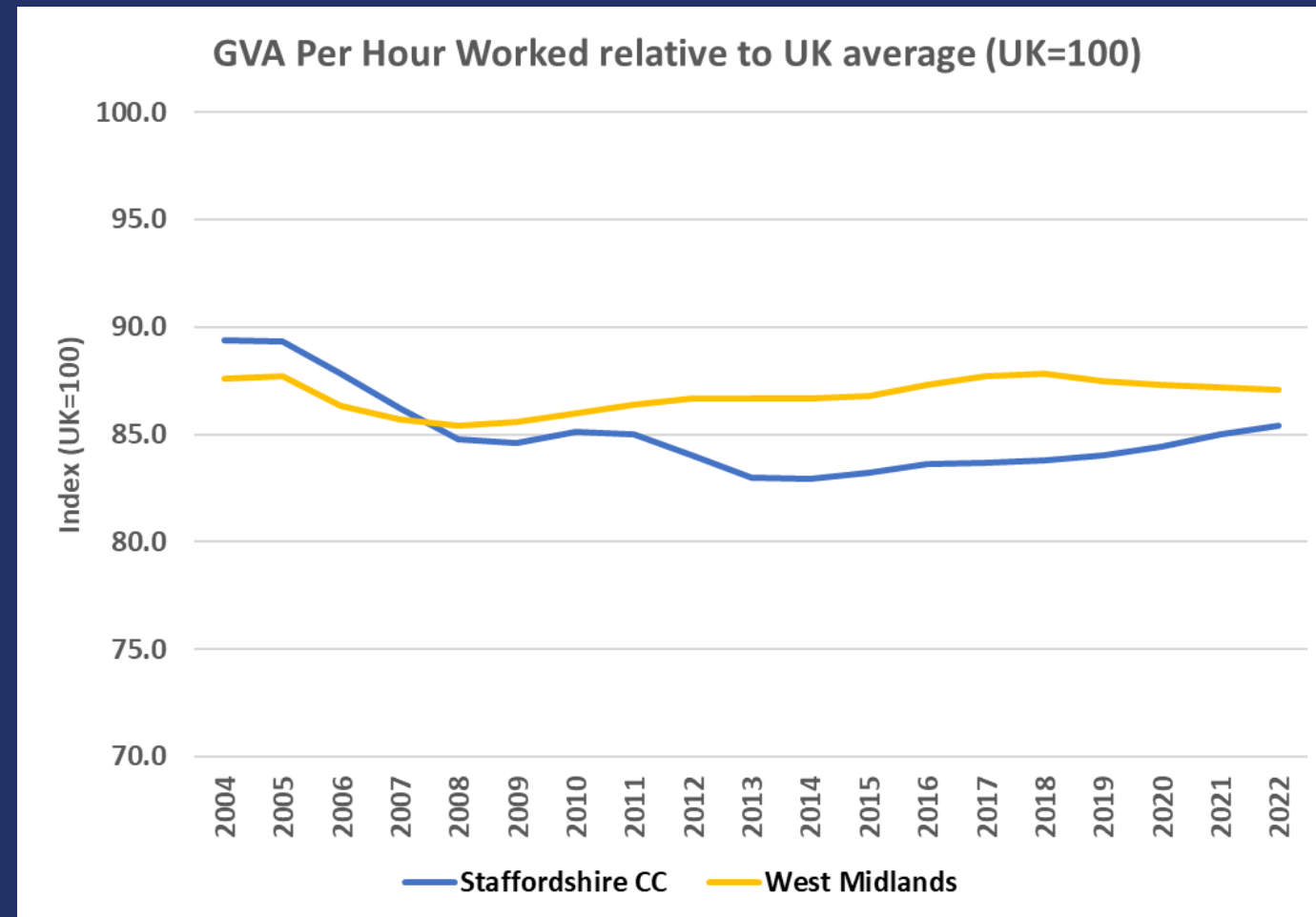


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Productivity

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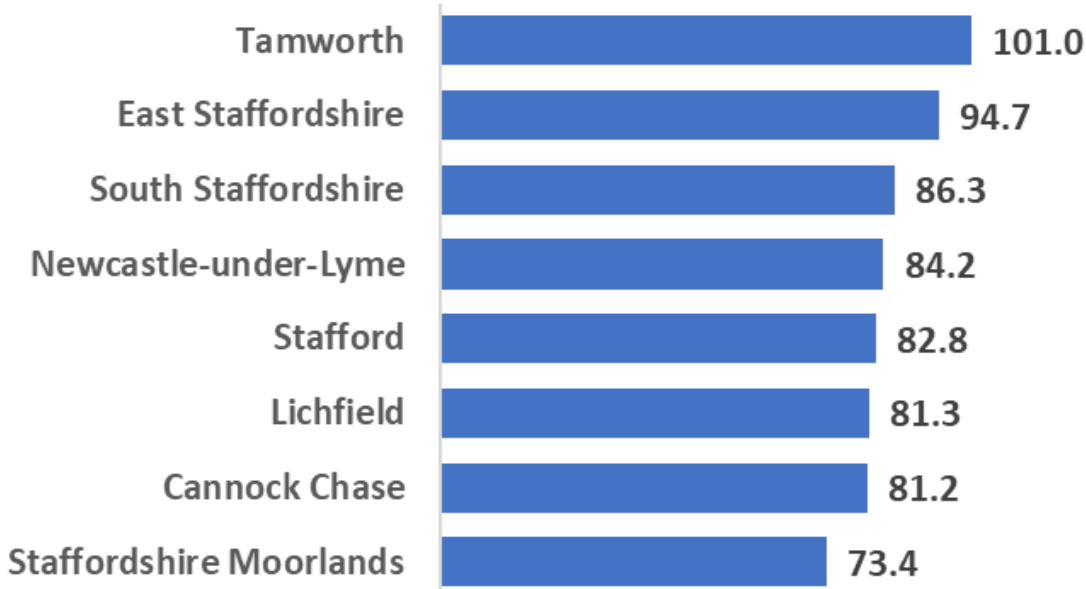
- **In terms of GVA per hour worked, Staffordshire has seen continued improvement** - GVA per hour worked increased 18.1% between 2017-22 to £33.9.
- This is **faster improvement than nationally** (15.7% growth) but **each hour worked in Staffordshire remains 14.6% less productive than the national average.**
- **We recognise to help raise productivity there is a need to further improve education and skills levels across Staffordshire, particularly raising the achievement of higher technical skills in our priority high value growth sectors.**



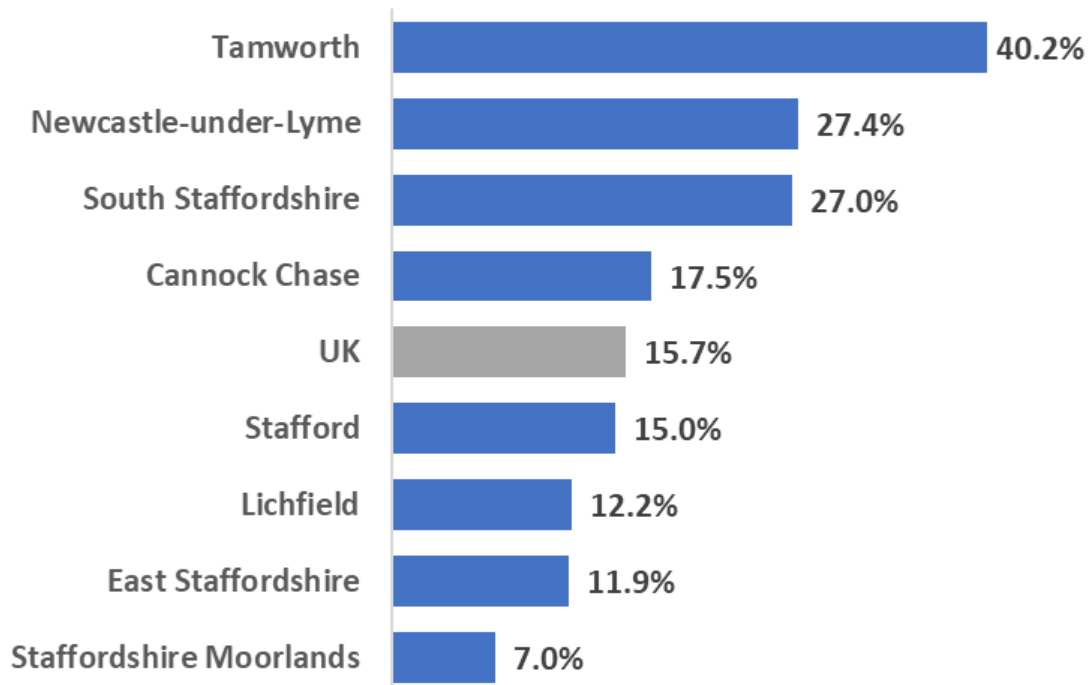
Source: ONS Gross Value Added (GVA) Per Hour Worked

Productivity

GVA per hour worked relative to UK average (UK=100) 2022



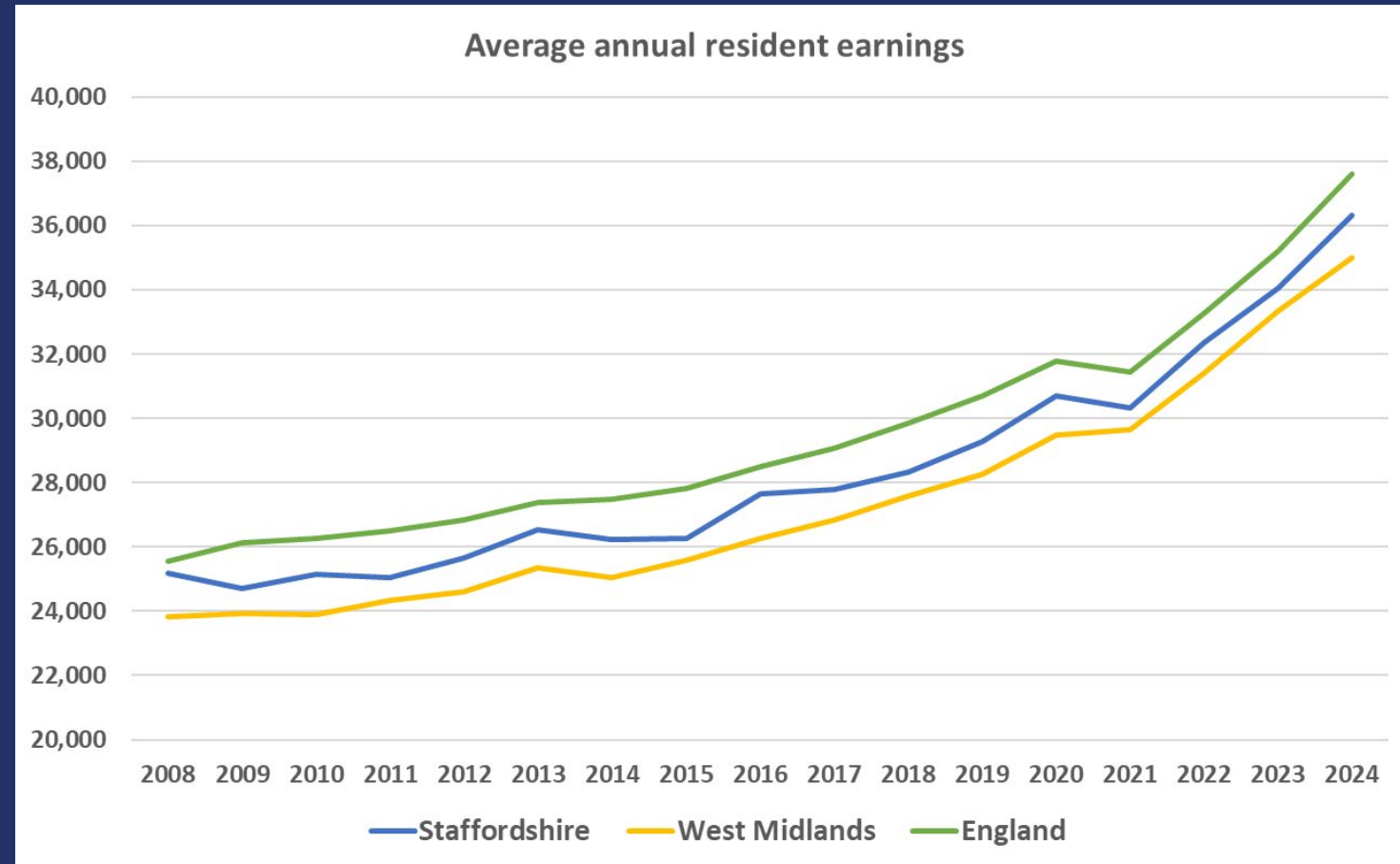
GVA per hour worked % change 2017-22



Source: ONS Gross Value Added (GVA) Per Hour Worked

Resident Earnings

- In 2024 average annual resident earnings in Staffordshire stood at an estimated £36,306 which was just below the national average of £37,617.
- **Between 2019-24 Staffordshire saw faster improvement in resident earnings than nationally**, with 23.9% growth compared to 22.6% for England.



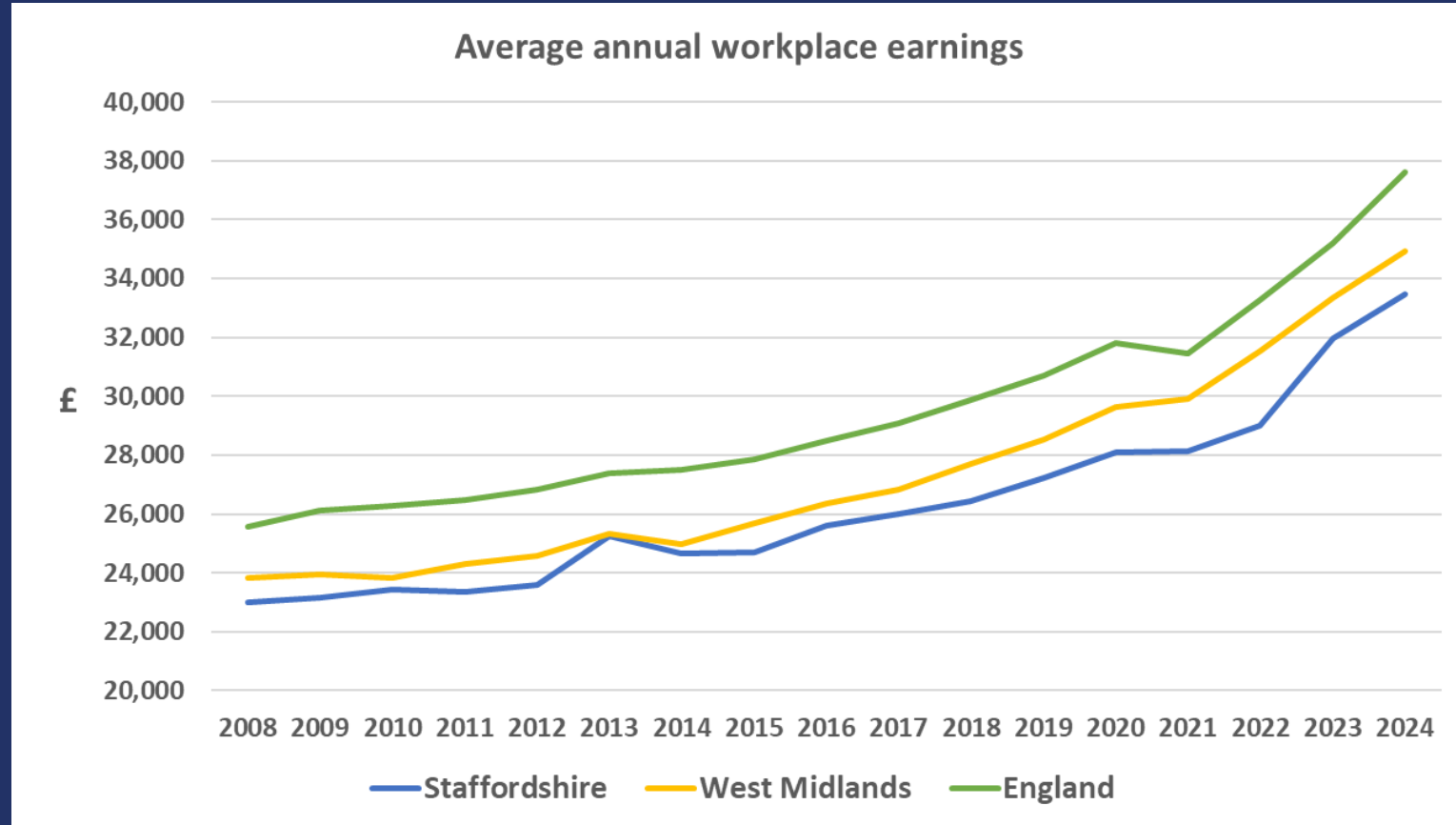
Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE)

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[Link to Workplace Earnings Summary](#)

Workplace Earnings

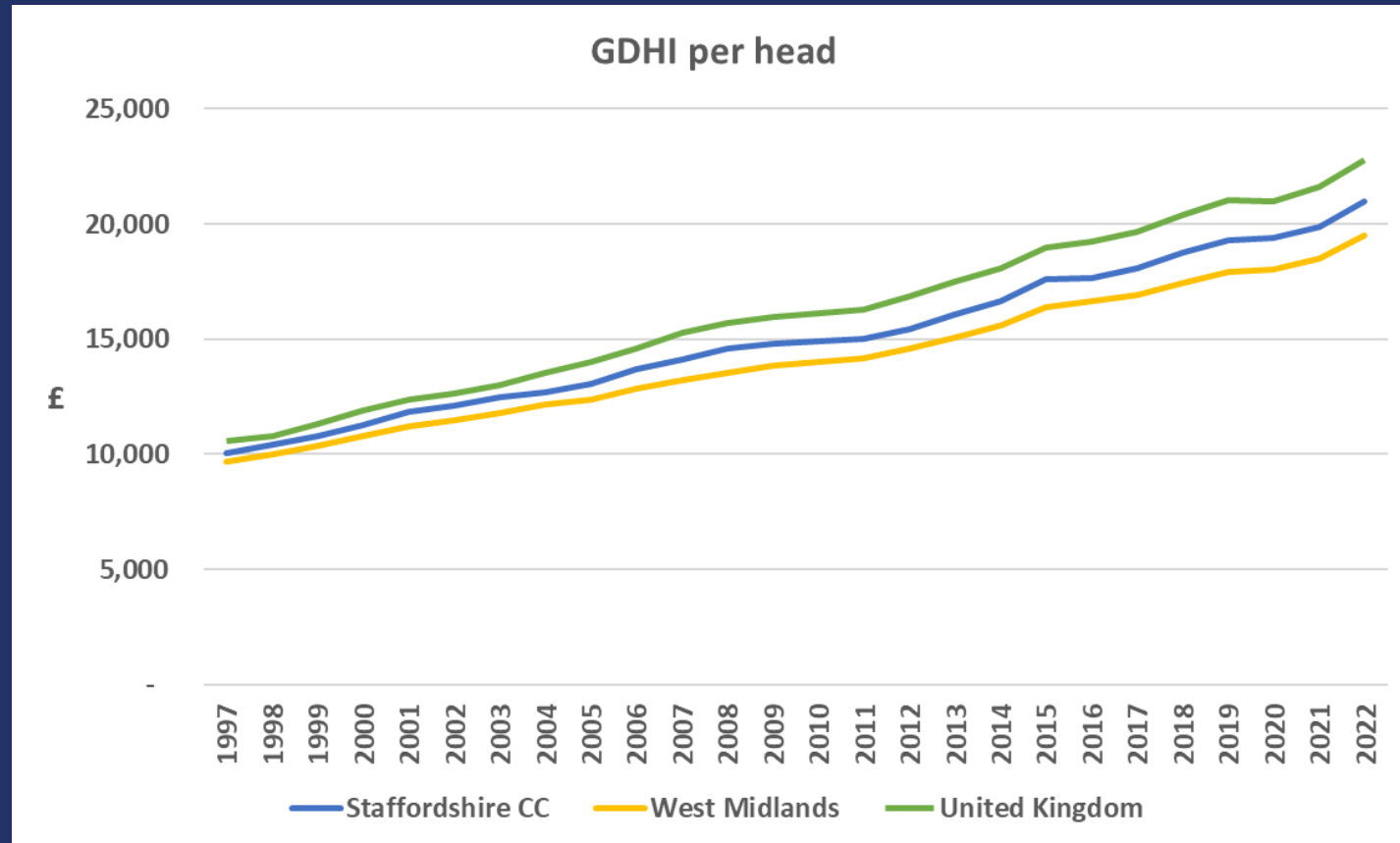
- In 2024 average annual workplace earnings in Staffordshire were £33,467 - below the national average of £37,630.
- **Between 2019-24 Staffordshire saw faster improvement in workplace earnings than nationally**, with 22.9% growth compared to 22.6% for England.
- **By raising education and skills levels across Staffordshire we can ensure more of our residents can access the better paid jobs being created in and around Staffordshire.**



Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE)

Gross Disposable Household Income (GDHI)

- **Between 2017-22 Staffordshire saw faster improvement in Gross Disposable Household Income (GDHI) than nationally** -16.0% growth compared to 15.8% for the UK.
- In 2022 average annual GDHI per head in Staffordshire stood at £20,986 - below the UK average of £22,798.
- **The Council will look to further close the gap to the national average through further improvement in skill levels helping more residents access existing higher paid jobs and attract more higher value better paid jobs.**



Source: Gross Disposable Household Income (GDHI)

DfE Interactive Resources

Signposting to DfE Resources

Most DfE performance data is available through various websites/dashboards including:

- IDAMS (SFA Information Management Services) - ask Leo for sign-up process [VYED - welcome \(education.gov.uk\)](#)
 - View Your Education Data - Data and MI Reports for providers and residency
 - View Your Education Data - Localism - see summary dashboard [Localism \(education.gov.uk\)](#)
- Ofsted - [Find an Ofsted inspection report](#)
- Achievement Rate Reports - [Further education and skills, Academic year 2024/25 - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK](#)
- School/College Performance - [Search for schools, colleges and multi-academy trusts - Find school and college performance data in England - GOV.UK \(find-school-performance-data.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- Unit for Future Skills - [department-for-education.shinyapps.io/local-skills-dashboard/](#)
- [Browse our open data, Data catalogue - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Signposting to additional resources

- ONS [explore how educational attainment in your nearest town compares to others in our interactive tool.](#)
- Local Government Inform (LG Inform), is managed by the LGA and funded by Government. It is an online service which pulls together different datasets and allows councils to access, compare and analyse data locally, regionally and nationally across all areas of England. This includes adult skills - [Adult skills in Staffordshire | LG Inform \(local.gov.uk\)](#)