

# Geography A-level and AS results 2011

## A-level Changes between 2007 and 2011

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	Change 2009-2010	Change 2010-2011	% of entry	% change in A* grades	A* Grades
A Male	16739	17333	17531	17195	17343	-198	-594	53%	+0.4	5.5
A Female	14487	14730	14696	14519	14310	34	-243	47%	+0.2	9.0
A total	31226	32063	32227	31714	31653	-164	-873	100%	+0.3	7.1

- Entries for geography A-level have decreased for boys and girls down by 873 from 2010 to 2011
- These changes have had little effect on the gender balance of entries taking geography with only a 1% change up for girls and a corresponding 1% fall for boys (53% Males / 47% Females)
- Percentage obtaining an A\* grade has increased for both boys and girls. Females performed much better (9.0%) against 5.5% of Males. Overall percentage 7.1% compared to 8.3% for all subjects
- As a proportion of the total entry for A-levels geography is holding its own – again no change this year.
- Geography retains its 10<sup>th</sup> position in entries for A-levels
- 85% of those who sat AS level in 2010 continued to do A-level. This is relatively similar to the past few years
- History increased A-level entry by 1675

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**CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGES of Subject Results by Grade and by Gender**

The figures in brackets are the equivalent provisional figures for 2010.

Subject	Gender	Number Sat	% of Total No. Sat	CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGES by Grade						
				A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
French	Male	4107 (4303)	1.0 (1.1)	8.2 (7.5)	42.1 (39.6)	70.1 (68.1)	88.3 (86.1)	96.3 (95.2)	99.1 (99.2)	100.0 (100.0)
	Female	9089 (9547)	2.0 (2.1)	7.5 (7.7)	39.1 (38.8)	69.0 (67.3)	87.0 (85.6)	96.0 (95.5)	99.0 (99.0)	100.0 (100.0)
	Male & Female	13196 (13850)	1.5 (1.6)	7.7 (7.7)	40.1 (39.1)	69.4 (67.6)	87.4 (85.8)	96.1 (95.4)	99.1 (99.1)	100.0 (100.0)
General Studies	Male	19341 (21821)	4.8 (5.5)	3.5 (4.0)	11.4 (11.9)	28.6 (29.0)	52.1 (51.7)	75.2 (75.1)	91.5 (91.2)	100.0 (100.0)
	Female	21643 (24949)	4.6 (5.4)	4.4 (4.8)	14.1 (13.9)	34.0 (33.1)	58.9 (57.3)	80.9 (79.9)	94.2 (93.9)	100.0 (100.0)
	Male & Female	40984 (46770)	4.7 (5.5)	4.0 (4.4)	12.8 (13.0)	31.4 (31.2)	55.7 (54.7)	78.2 (77.7)	92.9 (92.6)	100.0 (100.0)
Geography	Male	16739 (17333)	4.2 (4.4)	5.5 (5.1)	25.3 (25.8)	53.2 (53.0)	78.5 (77.9)	93.8 (93.2)	98.8 (98.6)	100.0 (100.0)
	Female	14487 (14730)	3.1 (3.2)	9.0 (8.8)	35.5 (35.4)	63.6 (63.5)	85.3 (84.5)	96.2 (95.6)	99.4 (99.2)	100.0 (100.0)
	Male & Female	31226 (32063)	3.6 (3.8)	7.1 (6.8)	30.1 (30.2)	58.0 (57.8)	81.6 (80.9)	94.9 (94.3)	99.0 (98.8)	100.0 (100.0)
German	Male	2145 (2235)	0.5 (0.6)	9.7 (9.7)	43.5 (42.5)	69.0 (68.2)	87.1 (84.8)	95.7 (94.7)	99.2 (98.8)	100.0 (100.0)
	Female	3021 (3131)	0.6 (0.7)	8.7 (10.0)	40.9 (39.6)	68.2 (65.3)	87.3 (83.9)	96.3 (94.6)	99.4 (99.1)	100.0 (100.0)
	Male & Female	5166 (5548)	0.6 (0.6)	9.1 (9.9)	42.0 (40.8)	68.5 (66.5)	87.2 (84.3)	96.1 (94.6)	99.3 (99.0)	100.0 (100.0)
History	Male	24955 (24268)	6.2 (6.2)	6.6 (6.7)	25.5 (26.3)	54.0 (54.1)	79.7 (79.0)	94.3 (93.8)	99.0 (98.9)	100.0 (100.0)
	Female	25942 (24954)	5.6 (5.4)	7.8 (7.4)	29.1 (29.1)	58.5 (58.3)	83.2 (81.8)	95.5 (95.0)	99.1 (99.1)	100.0 (100.0)
	Male & Female	50897 (49222)	5.9 (5.8)	7.2 (7.0)	27.4 (27.7)	56.3 (56.2)	81.5 (80.4)	94.9 (94.4)	99.0 (99.0)	100.0 (100.0)

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## AS results

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	Change 2010-2011	% change in A grades	% of entry for geog
AS Males	24332	19842	20814	20362	19982	4485	-1.4%	54%
AS Females	20970	16978	17439	17051	16795	3993	+0.2%	46%
AS Total	45302	36819	38253	37413	36777	8483	-0.7%	100%

- Overall increase in entries for geography AS level - up by 8483 candidates from 2010 to 2011.
- 14<sup>th</sup> largest increase in subject numbers
- Again proportions of entries stay roughly the same 54% males 46% females
- % obtaining A grades at AS has decreased by 0.7%. Females perform better than males. Performance gap is 9.6%) Males (19.3% - Females 28.9%) Average figure for A grade for all subjects (males and Females) is 19.3%
- Geography in 13<sup>th</sup> position in entries for AS levels
- Overall increase in all subject entries – up by 214429
- History entries increased by 12421

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**PERCENTAGES of Subject Results by Grade and by Gender**

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Subject	Gender	Number Sst	% of Total No. Sst	PERCENTAGES by Grade					
				A	B	C	D	E	U
French	Male	5177	0.9	31.1	19.6	17.8	14.1	9.7	7.7
	(5404)	(1.0)	(31.5)	(20.8)	(17.2)	(13.5)	(9.5)	(7.5)	
	Female	14402	1.9	29.0	20.0	17.9	14.3	10.6	8.2
	(12692)	(2.0)	(28.8)	(20.7)	(18.4)	(14.0)	(9.9)	(8.2)	
General Studies	Male & Female	20679	1.5	29.6	19.9	17.9	14.2	10.4	8.0
	(18096)	(1.5)	(29.6)	(20.7)	(18.1)	(13.8)	(9.8)	(8.0)	
	Male	35667	5.4	10.3	14.4	19.2	19.4	16.6	20.1
	(32194)	(5.8)	(10.1)	(13.7)	(19.2)	(20.1)	(17.1)	(19.8)	
Geography	Female	39742	5.3	12.0	15.9	20.1	20.0	16.4	15.6
	(34642)	(5.4)	(11.3)	(14.8)	(19.8)	(19.8)	(17.4)	(16.9)	
	Male & Female	75609	5.4	11.2	15.2	19.7	19.7	16.5	17.7
	(66836)	(5.6)	(10.7)	(14.3)	(19.0)	(19.9)	(17.3)	(18.3)	
German	Male	24332	3.7	19.3	18.6	20.7	17.7	12.0	11.7
	(19041)	(3.6)	(20.7)	(18.4)	(20.5)	(17.5)	(12.2)	(10.7)	
	Female	20970	2.8	26.9	20.5	19.1	14.3	8.9	8.3
	(16978)	(2.7)	(28.7)	(20.4)	(19.2)	(14.6)	(9.5)	(7.6)	
History	Male & Female	45302	3.2	23.7	19.5	20.0	16.1	10.6	10.1
	(36819)	(3.1)	(24.4)	(19.3)	(19.8)	(16.1)	(11.1)	(9.2)	
	Male	3001	0.5	32.5	18.3	19.0	14.5	10.2	5.5
	(2511)	(0.5)	(32.3)	(19.9)	(17.0)	(15.0)	(9.2)	(6.6)	
History	Female	4888	0.6	28.9	18.7	18.9	15.5	11.2	6.8
	(4390)	(0.7)	(27.8)	(19.7)	(20.4)	(15.0)	(10.2)	(6.9)	
	Male & Female	7889	0.6	30.3	18.5	19.0	15.1	10.8	6.3
	(7001)	(0.6)	(29.5)	(19.8)	(19.1)	(15.0)	(9.8)	(6.8)	
History	Male	34038	5.2	18.7	22.7	25.2	17.8	9.6	6.0
	(28102)	(5.0)	(19.0)	(21.9)	(24.8)	(18.3)	(9.9)	(6.1)	
	Female	3760	0.5	20.4	23.7	24.5	16.9	9.0	5.8
	(31125)	(4.9)	(21.1)	(24.1)	(23.3)	(16.8)	(8.9)	(5.8)	
History	Male & Female	71678	5.1	19.6	23.2	24.8	17.4	9.2	5.8
	(59257)	(4.8)	(20.1)	(23.1)	(23.8)	(17.5)	(9.5)	(5.9)	

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The overall pass rate rose for the 29th successive year to hit 97.8 percent, while around one in 12 exams achieved the top A\* grade. There was a 7.4 percent rise in the numbers sitting a maths A-level and broadly similar increases across the sciences. Modern languages including Spanish, French and German all saw declines.