



## **Northern Ireland GCSE Results 2025**

- **Summer 2025 outcomes are stable and are similar to those of 2024.**
- **31.6% of students achieved grade A/7 and above (31.0% in 2024).**
- **83.5% of students achieved grade C/4 and above (82.7% in 2024).**

Today, the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) has published the 2025 Northern Ireland provisional results for over 32,000 GCSE students.

### **GCSE**

The total number of GCSE entries in Northern Ireland have decreased by 1.1% from 175,555 in 2024 to 173,675 in 2025. This is in line with the school population decrease in Northern Ireland this year of 1.0%.

31.6% of students achieved grade A/7 and above in GCSE, compared to 31.0% in 2024. 83.5% received grades C/4 and above, an increase of 0.8 percentage points compared to 2024.

### **English Language & Mathematics**

In GCSE English Language, 25.1% of students achieved A/7 and above, compared to 24.7% in 2024. 84.0% of students were awarded grade C/4 and above, in comparison to 82.5% in 2024.

This year's figures for GCSE Mathematics show that 27.1% of students achieved A/7 grade and above, compared to 27.8% in 2024. 73.1% of students were awarded a grade C/4 or above, which is similar to the 73.0% in 2024.

### **Subject entries**

Overall, 41.4% of all GCSE entries are in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects.

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## **Notes to editors**

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2. Further statistical details on the results for the UK, Wales, England, and Northern Ireland are available at [www.jcq.org.uk](http://www.jcq.org.uk)
3. The data provided is for all Northern Ireland candidates, including those in schools and Further Education colleges.
4. Results are presented in provisional form. Results become final when the 'review of results' period ends.
5. There is an open qualifications market in Northern Ireland, which means that schools and colleges can choose to offer GCSEs from awarding organisations other than CCEA, such as AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC. Qualifications delivered in schools must comply with the Department of Education requirements.
6. Types of GCSE Awards: AQA, OCR and Pearson offer qualifications in Northern Ireland awarded in a 9 - 1 grading scale. A small percentage of students in Northern Ireland (3.3%) will receive a 9 - 1 grade, with the vast majority (96.7%) of students continuing to take A\* - G graded GCSEs. Further information on the GCSE grading is [available here](#).
7. About Qualification Regulators: All awarding organisations are answerable to the regulatory authorities. They are:
  - [Ofqual](#) (England)
  - [Qualifications Wales](#) (Wales)
  - [CCEA Regulation](#) (Northern Ireland).

The regulatory authorities monitor the awarding organisations' standards. In addition, the awarding organisations themselves conduct a number of comparability studies to compare standards. Maintaining standards within and across all qualifications to ensure fairness to all candidates is the paramount concern of the awarding organisations.
8. About JCQ: The Joint Council for Qualifications is a membership organisation comprising CCEA, AQA, City & Guilds, NCFE, OCR, Pearson, SQA and WJEC –

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the eight largest qualifications providers in the UK. JCQ enables member awarding bodies to act together in providing, where possible, common administrative arrangements for the schools and colleges and other providers which offer their qualifications; and responding to proposals and initiatives in assessment and the curriculum.

### **Data tables – Northern Ireland GCSE Provisional results 2025**

The statistics below represent the provisional Northern Ireland GCSE results from five JCQ awarding organisations: AQA, CCEA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC.

**Table 1: 2025 Northern Ireland GCSE provisional results compared to 2024**

	2025	2024
% A/7 and above	31.6	31.0
% C/4 and above	83.5	82.7
% G/1 and above	99.1	99.2

**Table 2: 2025 Northern Ireland GCSE provisional results segmented by males and females compared to 2024**

**(combined A\* - G / 9 - 1)**

2025 Provisional	Males			Females		
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change
% A/7 and above	26.9	25.7	<b>+1.2</b>	36.1	36.0	<b>+0.1</b>
% C/4 and above	81.2	80.0	<b>+1.2</b>	85.8	85.2	<b>+0.6</b>
% G/1 and above	98.9	99.0	<b>-0.1</b>	99.3	99.3	-

Detailed tabulations of the GCSE Full Course, GCSE Short Course, GCSE Double Award, Entry Level Certification, and Level 1 and Level 2 Project are published separately, also with the **STRICT EMBARGO of 09.30am Thursday 21 August 2025** and will be available on the JCQ website from 09.30am on 21 August 2025 [www.jcq.org.uk](http://www.jcq.org.uk).

These results are for qualifications taken by students across the UK but predominantly in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.