

Post-16 Performance and Outcomes in Staffordshire

2023



Aims

- Developed the **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 County Deal work programme**
- **Produced once a year and based on final published datasets only** – no in-year or provisional data analysis will be conducted

Evidence Base Walk Through

- **DfE data caveats** are wide ranging – limitations on trend and 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 jump between summary slides if you wish
 - **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 and opportunities from the 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 parts of post 16 education, skills and training.
- Complex datasets which have significant DfE caveats around them.
- Data issues due to pandemic with issues comparing to previous years so mainly comparative area performance – use 2018/19 & 2021/22 or 2022/23 (Throughout this release, comparisons are made with both 2022 or 2023, the most recent year, and 2019, because it is most meaningful to compare to the last year summer exams were sat. Given the unprecedented change in how A level and vocational and VTQ grades were awarded in 2020 and 2021, as well as changes to the grade boundaries and methods of assessment for 2021/22, users need to exercise caution when considering 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 recommend:**
 - **Not making direct comparisons with data from previous years or between schools/colleges or MATs.**
 - **Discussing with the 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

- Increasing number of **NEETs and activity not known**, but better than the national average
- Decline in proportion of 16-17 year olds **participating in education or training** and below the national average
- Decline in proportion of 16-17 year olds **offered an education or training place**, but better than the national average

Post-school Pathways and Achievements

- Improvement in average **A Level results** but below the national average
- Improvement in average **applied general results** and above the national average
- Improvement in average **tech level results** and above the national average

Apprenticeships

- Long-term decline in **apprenticeship starts** – main fall at intermediate level but positive increase at higher level – advanced apprenticeships account for nearly half of total

Achievements by Age 19

- Increasing proportion of **19 year olds with Level 3 qualifications** but lower than the national average
- Increasing proportion of **19 year olds with Level 2 in English and Maths** but lower than the national average
- Declining proportion of **19 year olds with Level 2 qualifications** and lower than the national average
- Wide variation across Staffordshire districts

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Destinations and Progression Pathways

- Increase in those at the end of 16 to 18 study **entering sustained education, apprenticeships or employment** and above the national average
- Increase in those at the end of 16 to 18 study **entering sustained education** but below the national average
- Following long-term decline, recent increase in those at the end of 16 to 18 study **entering an apprenticeship** and above the national average
- Increase in those at the end of 16 to 18 study **entering sustained employment** and above the national average

Adult 19+ FE and Skills Participation

- Increase in **adult (19+) further education and skills participation** but seen a long-term decline
- Increase in **adult (19+) education and training participation** but seen a long-term decline
- Increase in **adult (19+) community learning participation** but seen a long-term decline
- Lower overall participation rate than regionally and nationally
- Higher level participation has increased

Adult 19+ FE and Skills Achievements

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Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Participation and Achievements

- Recent decline in **Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Participation** but seen a long-term increase
- Significant recent increase in **Adult 19+ Apprenticeship Achievements** and seen a long-term increase
- Advanced apprenticeships are the most common but higher apprenticeships have seen the largest increase with main decline at intermediate level

Education and Training Outcomes:

Adult Skills - Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQFs)

- Seen improvement over recent years, with:
 - The proportion of **adults with Level 4+ qualifications** is now just below the national average
 - The proportion of **adults with Level 3+ qualifications** is now above the national average
 - The proportion of **adults with no qualifications** is now below the national average
 - Staffordshire now ranked one of the best for adult skills levels compared to other transition areas
 - Wide variations across Staffordshire districts

Economic Activity

- Long-term increase and now back to pre-pandemic levels and well above national average
- Staffordshire now ranked the best for economic activity rate compared to other transition areas
- Wide variations across Staffordshire districts

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Employment

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

Unemployment

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

Economic Inactivity

- Long-term improvement and now lower than pre-pandemic levels and well below the national average
- Staffordshire now ranked the 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 the pandemic but lower growth than seen nationally
- Main growth in jobs seen in logistics, real estate, public admin and education
- Main decline in jobs seen in hospitality followed by wholesale and retail

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Economic Growth

- Staffordshire economy has grown over recent years with the rate of growth above regional but below national
- 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, however this has been slower improvement than seen nationally with each hour worked in Staffordshire nearly a fifth 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 and Cohort Data

Demographic and Cohort Change Summary

ONS Data

- Staffordshire 16-17 population is estimated to have increased by 4.9% or 891 between 2019-22 – this is lower than the 7.0% increase seen nationally.
- Based on the latest ONS 2019 mid-year population projections, Staffordshire is projected to see a further increase of 17.1% or 3,118 16-17 year olds between 2019 and the peak in 2029 – this is lower than the 24.0% increase projected for England.

CCIS Data

- CCIS data shows that the 16-17 cohort in Staffordshire has seen a 9.3% or 1,535 increase between 2019-23, but 1.5% or 269 decline over the last year.
- The total number of 16-17 year-olds in education and training has increased by 4.5% or 716 between 2019-23, but seen a 4.0% or 684 decline over the last year.

DfE Provider Data

- The largest increases in 16-18 student numbers between 2019-2022 were seen in Newcastle and Stafford College Group (+547) and South Staffordshire College (+316).
- By far the largest decline in 16-18 student numbers between 2019-2022 was seen in Landau Forte Academy Tamworth Sixth Form (-197).

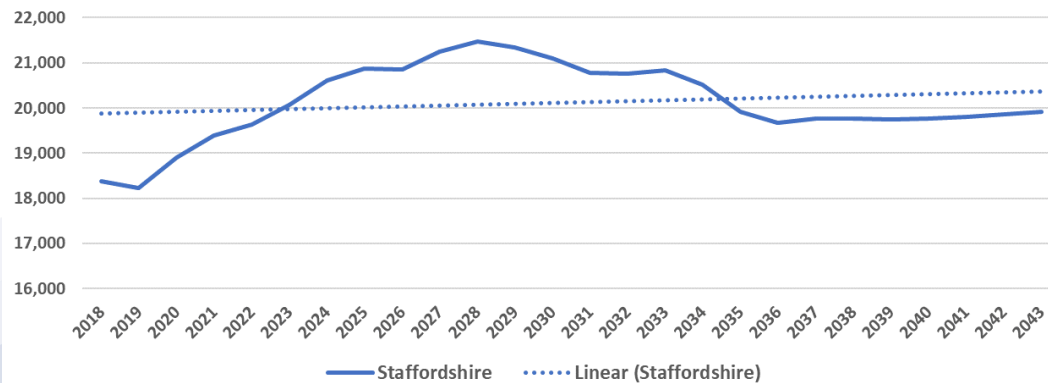
16-17 ONS Population Estimates

Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019-2022	2019-2022 %
Cannock Chase	2,060	2,111	2,153	2,235	175	8.5%
East Staffordshire	2,790	2,826	2,945	2,937	147	5.3%
Lichfield	2,203	2,270	2,338	2,316	113	5.1%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	2,541	2,604	2,707	2,693	152	6.0%
South Staffordshire	2,244	2,221	2,269	2,209	-35	-1.6%
Stafford	2,610	2,707	2,815	2,916	306	11.7%
Staffordshire Moorlands	2,095	2,065	2,118	2,030	-65	-3.1%
Tamworth	1,666	1,806	1,831	1,764	98	5.9%
Staffordshire	18,209	18,610	19,176	19,100	891	4.9%
Stoke-on-Trent	5,251	5,637	6,110	6,249	998	19.0%
West Midlands	134,582	139,427	144,241	145,368	10,786	8.0%
England	1,225,784	1,263,463	1,295,062	1,311,586	85,802	7.0%

16-17 ONS Population Projections

Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2019-2029	2019-2029 %
Cannock Chase	2,087	2,183	2,190	2,227	2,331	2,351	2,383	2,381	2,381	2,363	2,415	328	15.7%
East Staffordshire	2,708	2,727	2,787	2,798	2,797	2,883	2,996	3,046	3,090	3,178	3,194	486	17.9%
Lichfield	2,233	2,291	2,269	2,362	2,456	2,425	2,419	2,469	2,580	2,615	2,552	319	14.3%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	2,538	2,666	2,813	2,868	2,812	2,900	2,983	2,928	3,010	3,075	2,984	446	17.6%
South Staffordshire	2,245	2,290	2,358	2,398	2,480	2,473	2,386	2,430	2,547	2,615	2,615	370	16.5%
Stafford	2,662	2,827	2,948	3,062	3,213	3,409	3,398	3,288	3,346	3,422	3,443	781	29.3%
Staffordshire Moorlands	2,111	2,136	2,226	2,216	2,193	2,300	2,363	2,369	2,417	2,356	2,301	190	9.0%
Tamworth	1,640	1,777	1,794	1,713	1,779	1,871	1,939	1,935	1,872	1,856	1,838	198	12.1%
Staffordshire	18,224	18,897	19,385	19,644	20,061	20,612	20,867	20,846	21,243	21,480	21,342	3,118	17.1%
Stoke-on-Trent	5,321	5,587	5,838	6,024	6,069	6,391	6,488	6,302	6,548	6,852	6,890	1,569	29.5%
West Midlands	131,938	135,830	140,388	144,382	148,045	152,264	154,744	154,826	157,543	161,971	163,043	31,105	23.6%
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	1,496,839	289,790	24.0%

Staffordshire 16-17 ONS Mid-year Population Projections





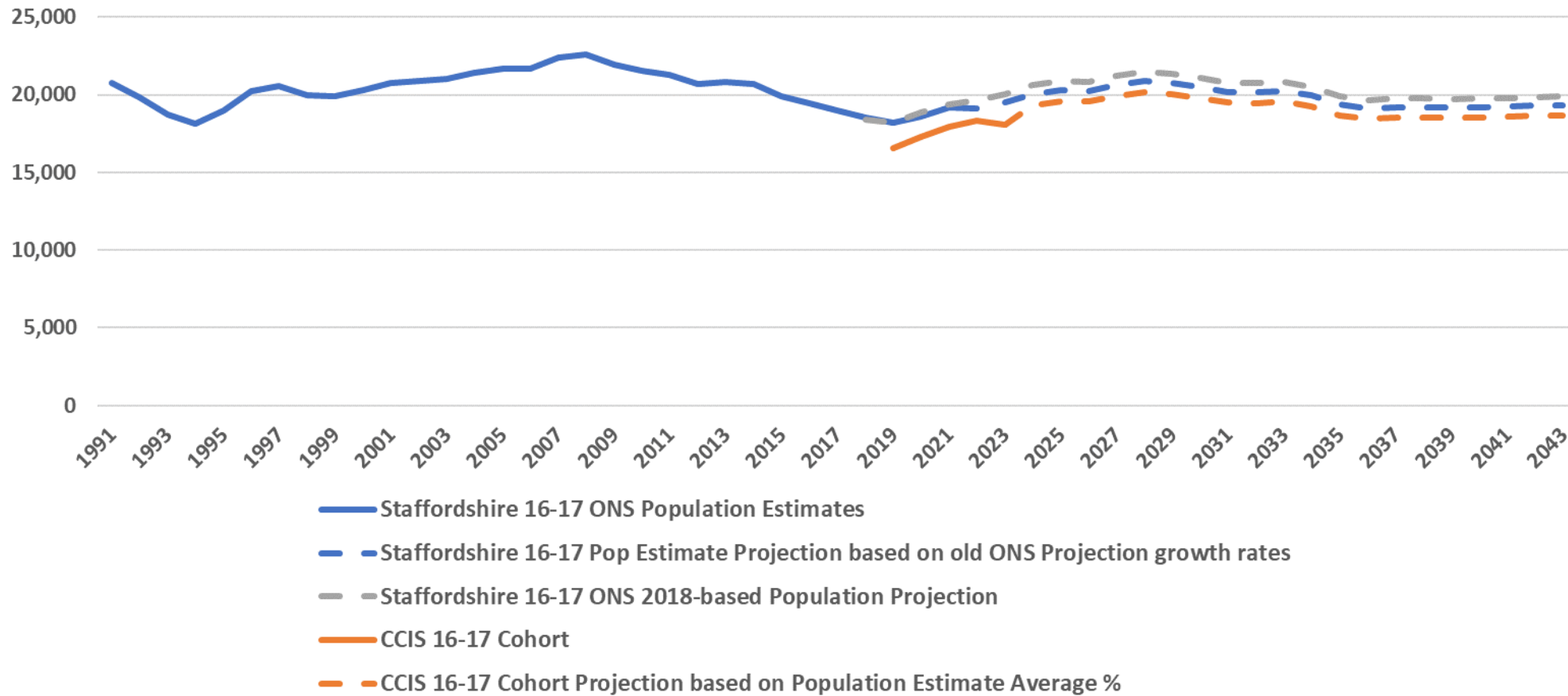
CCIS 16-17 Cohort Staffordshire Trend

Measure	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change	Annual Change	Annual % Change
Cohort number	16,547	17,293	17,950	18,351	18,082	1,535	9.3%	-269	-1.5%
Number in education and training	15,811	16,357	16,979	17,211	16,527	716	4.5%	-684	-4.0%
Proportion in education and training	95.6%	94.6%	94.6%	93.8%	91.4%		-4.2pp		-2.4pp
Annual change in proportion in education and training	z	-1.0pp	0.0pp	-0.8pp	-2.4pp				



16-17 Population Projections

Staffordshire 16-17 Populations and Projections



16-18 FE Numbers and Sixth Form Census

CHANGE IN STUDENT NUMBERS	URN	PCON_NAME	PROVIDER	2021-22 STUDENTS						2018-19 STUDENTS						2018-19 to 2021-22 STUDENT CHANGE					
				Total Students 1618	Number of Students at end of 16-18 study	A Level	Academic	Applied General	Tech Level	Total Students 1618	Number of Students at end of 16-18 study	A Level	Academic	Applied General	Tech Level	Total Students 1618	Number of Students at end of 16-18 study	A Level	Academic	Applied General	Tech Level
Top 10 Increase	130812	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group	5,844	3,062	424	424	745	163	5,297	2,501	419	420	6	33	547	561	5	4	739	130
	135658	Stafford	South Staffordshire College	2,415	1,224	NE	1	25	208	2,099	1,414	NE	NE	48	166	316	-190	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	-23	42
	136414	Burton	The de Ferrers Academy	467	274	205	205	119	NE	359	175	158	158	59	NE	108	99	47	47	60	#VALUE!
	124408	Lichfield	King Edward VI School	364	170	161	163	25	5	300	173	159	159	25	16	64	-3	2	4	0	-11
	141343	South Staffordshire	Wombourne High School	156	32	24	24	13	1	93	53	48	48	20	7	63	-21	-24	-24	-7	-6
	146907	Lichfield	The Friary School	200	117	103	103	69	NE	138	69	65	66	26	NE	62	48	38	37	43	#VALUE!
	136886	Lichfield	Erasmus Darwin Academy	190	90	90	90	34	NE	141	79	78	78	18	NE	49	11	12	12	16	#VALUE!
	148402	Stoke-on-Trent North	The King's CoFE Academy	52	25	6	6	17	NE	5	3	NE	NE	NE	NE	47	22	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
	142987	Stafford	Walton High School	291	133	125	125	17	NE	253	148	140	140	9	NE	38	-15	-15	-15	8	#VALUE!
	140802	Newcastle-under-Lyme	St John Fisher Catholic College	142	68	57	60	17	5	105	53	49	50	2	NE	37	15	8	10	15	#VALUE!
Top 10 Decrease	124392	Burton	Paget High School	159	83	68	69	43	16	168	80	40	40	13	8	-9	3	28	29	30	8
	138729	Stone	Painsley Catholic College	227	120	100	110	34	NE	239	126	112	119	31	NE	-12	-6	-12	-9	3	#VALUE!
	143899	Lichfield	Chase Terrace Academy	154	87	80	80	35	NE	167	106	95	95	44	NE	-13	-19	-15	-15	-9	#VALUE!
	124467	Stafford	Stafford Manor High School	1	1	NE	NE	NE	NE	15	22	7	8	13	NE	-14	-21	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
	136959	Stone	The Cheadle Academy	35	18	18	18	14	NE	51	27	24	24	8	NE	-16	-9	-6	-6	6	#VALUE!
	137356	Staffordshire Moorlands	Biddulph High School	163	99	62	62	36	5	179	132	67	70	NE	NE	-16	-33	-5	-8	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
	124396	Stone	Blythe Bridge High School	116	71	43	44	31	NE	138	84	51	51	22	NE	-22	-13	-8	-7	9	#VALUE!
	124395	Cannock Chase	Norton Canes High School	50	30	22	22	11	5	79	37	19	19	14	6	-29	-7	3	3	-3	-1
	137384	Cannock Chase	Cannock Chase High School	83	39	26	26	23	NE	113	64	50	50	32	NE	-30	-25	-24	-24	-9	#VALUE!
	141491	Tamworth	Landau Forte Academy Tamworth Sixth Form	328	178	101	106	79	8	525	303	161	170	112	17	-197	-125	-60	-64	-33	-9
STAFFORDSHIRE				17,045	8,426	2,930	2,963	2,116	556	15,704	8,299	3,002	3,063	1,013	333	1,341	127	-72	-100	1,103	223

SEE KS5 Final Trend Data Spreadsheet for full workings – 2022/23 final figures to be published by DfE in Feb 2024

16-17 Participation



16-17 Participation Summary

NEET and activity not known

- At the end of 2022 of the 18,090 16-17 cohort in Staffordshire 5.0% were NEET or activity not known, up 1.7pp compared to the end of 2021 – this is below the national average of 5.2% but shows a greater increase than the 0.5pp increase seen nationally.

NEET

- At the end of 2022 of the 18,090 16-17 cohort in Staffordshire 3.0% were NEET, up 1.2pp compared to the end of 2021 – this is above the national average of 2.8% and has seen a greater increase than the 0.3pp increase seen nationally.

Activity not known

- At the end of 2022 of the 18,090 16-17 cohort in Staffordshire 2.1% were activity not known, up 0.5pp compared to the end of 2021 – this is below the national average of 2.4% but shows a greater increase than the 0.3pp increase seen nationally.

Participation

- In March 2023 91.4% of 16-17 year olds were participating in education or training, down -2.4pp since March 2022 – this is below the average for England of 92.3% and a greater decline than the -0.7pp decrease seen nationally.

September Guarantee

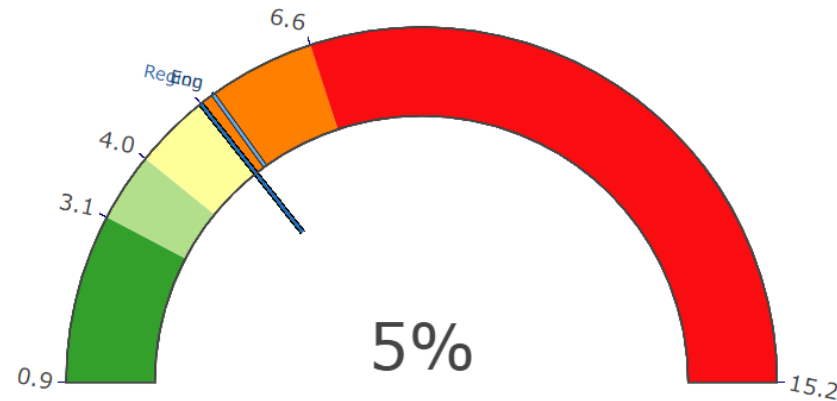
- In September 2022 97.6% were offered an education or training place, down -0.9pp since September 2021 – this is above the England average of 94.6% and in-line with the -0.9pp decline seen nationally.



NEET and Activity not known

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16-17 year olds at end 2022 (average of December, January and February)



5.0%, up 1.7 pts

West Midlands: 5.2%, up 0.2 pts.
England: 5.2%, up 0.5 pts.
Annual changes are since end 2021.

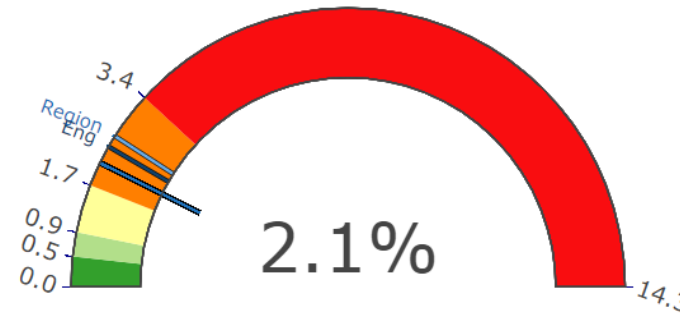
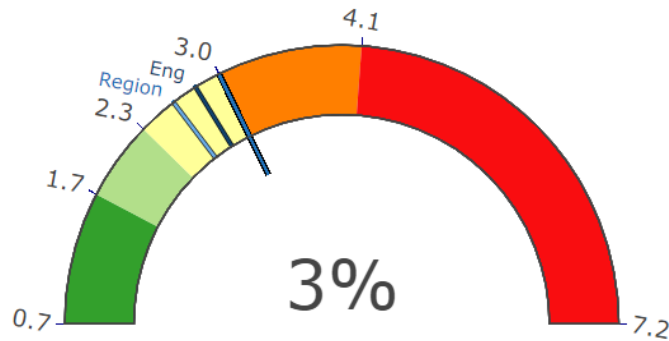




NEET and Activity not known


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Activity not known



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2.1%, up 0.5 pts

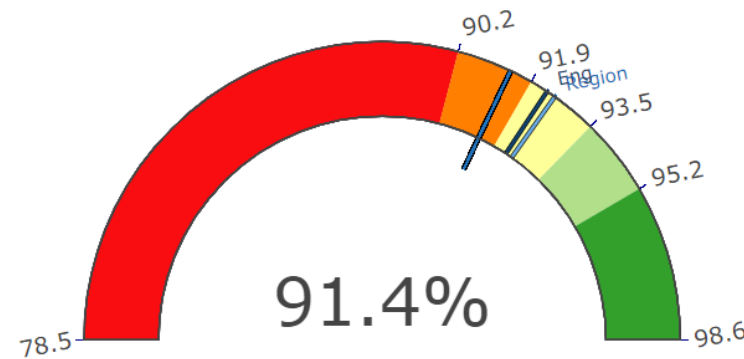
West Midlands: 2.6%, down -0.1 pts.
 England: 2.4%, up 0.3 pts.
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Participation

Participating in education and training

16-17 year olds March 2023

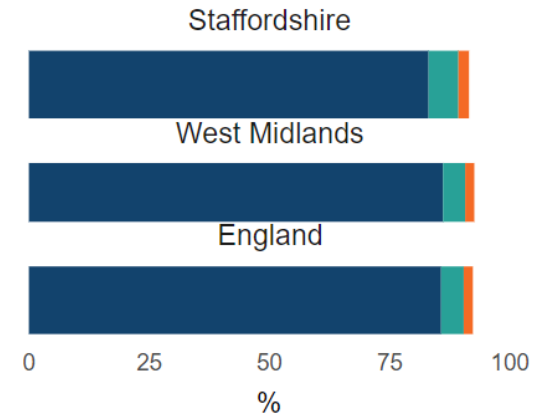


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Type of education or training

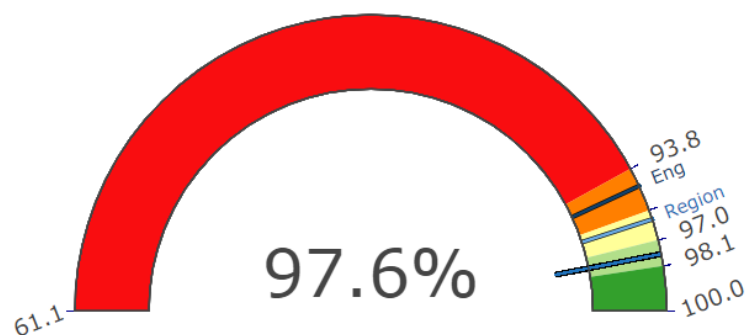


- Full-time education
- Apprenticeship
- Other



Participation – September Guarantee

September Guarantee: % offered an education or training place



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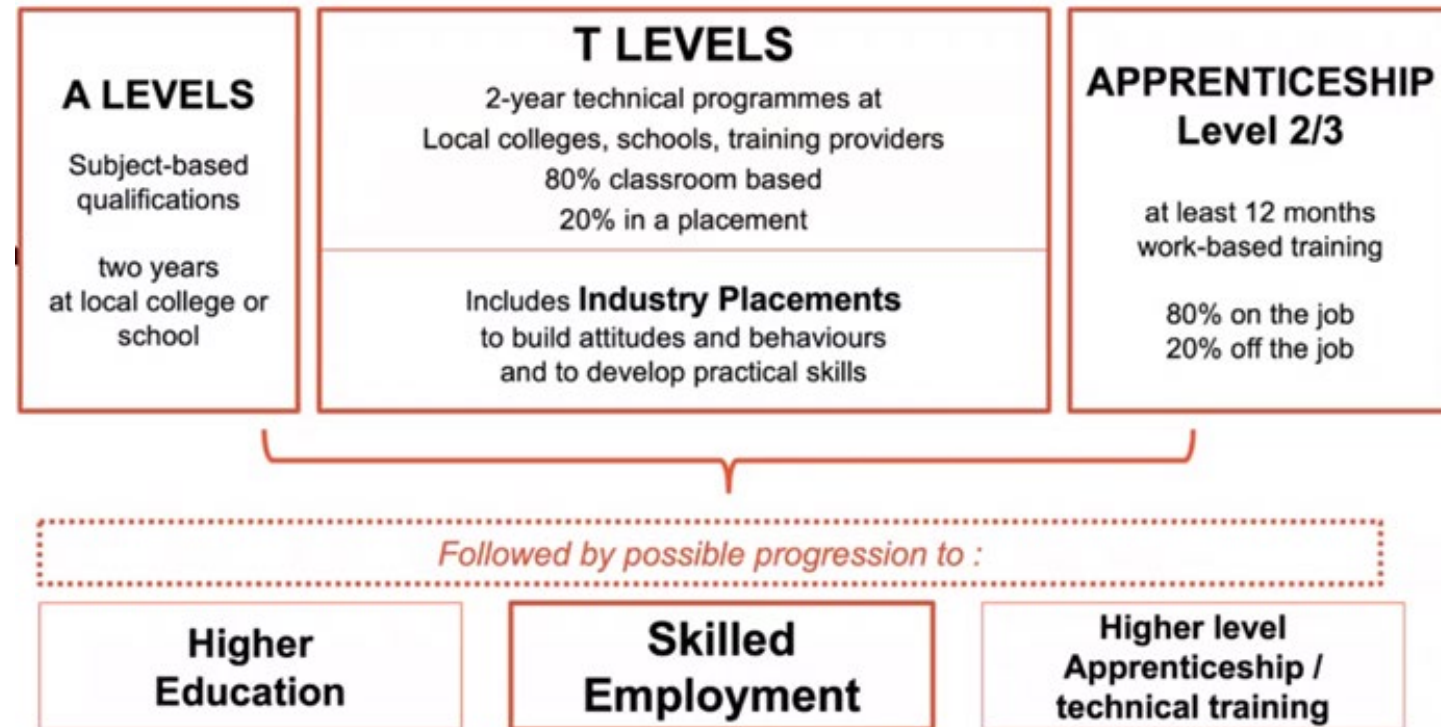
In some instances, a local authority may have slightly over 100% offers made. This is due to additional young people being added after the September Guarantee cohort is fixed.

Post-school Pathways and Achievements

Post-school Choices

- Previously, young people in England could choose between three types of Level 3 qualification at the age of 16: academic qualifications such as A levels, technical qualifications that lead to a specific occupation, and applied general qualifications such as BTECs that combine the development of practical skills with academic learning.
- In July 2021, the Department for Education confirmed plans to replace this three-route model with a two-route model of A levels and T levels (a new suite of technical qualifications), where “most” young people pursue one of these qualifications at the age of 16.
- Alongside this there is the option of entering an apprenticeship to gain on the job technical training.

THREE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPTIONS, POST-GCSE





A Level and other 16 to 18 results – Headline summary – 2022/23 Latest data (All state-funded schools and colleges)

Average A level result

C

No change from C in 2018/19. (But an increase from 29.87 points to 31.47 points).

Below the national average of 35.16 points.

Average applied general result

Dist-

An increase from Merit+ in 2018/19. (29.69 points to 31.24 points).

Above the national average of 29.56 points.

Average tech level result

Merit+

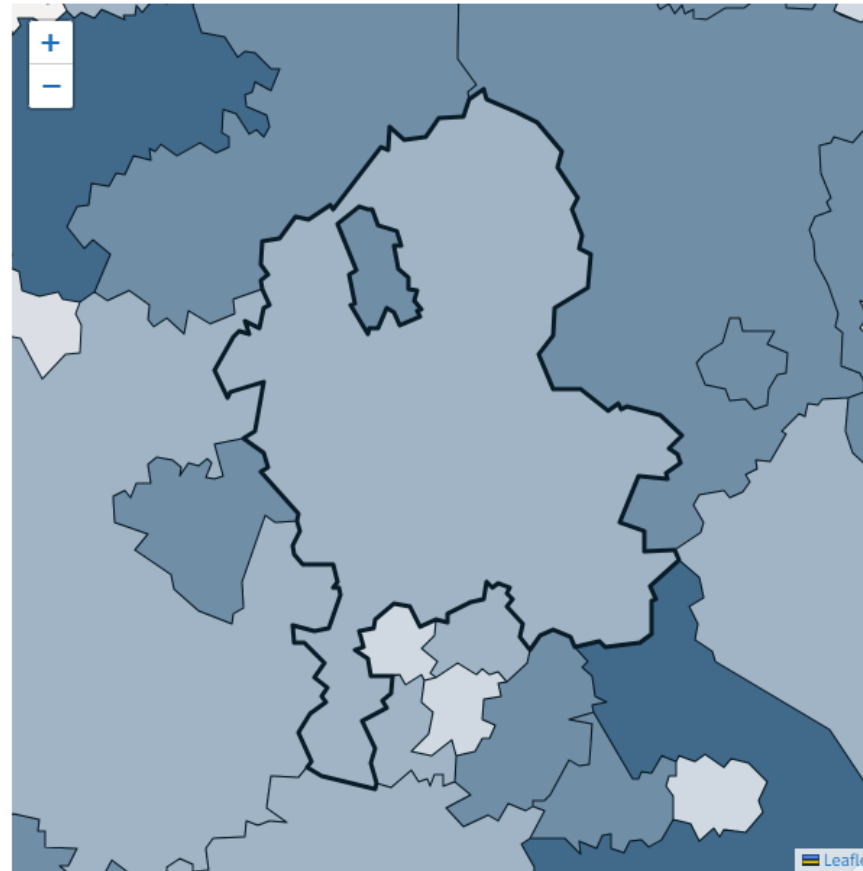
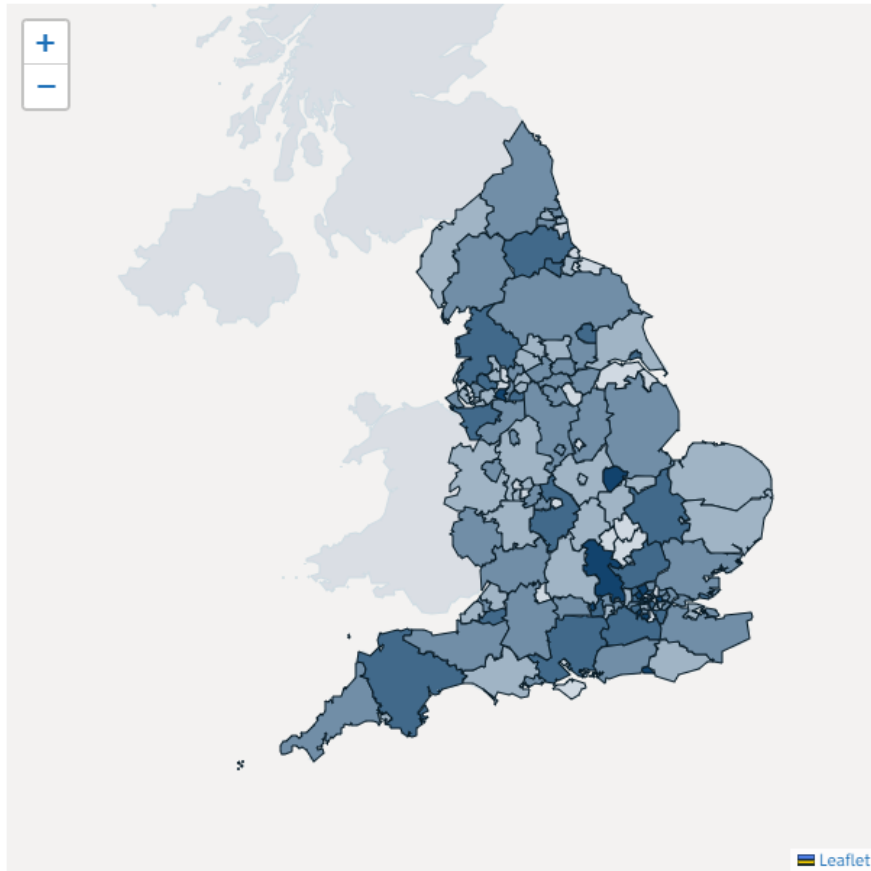
No change from Merit+ in 2018/19. (But an increase from 27.37 points to 28.70 points).

Above the national average of 28.51 points.

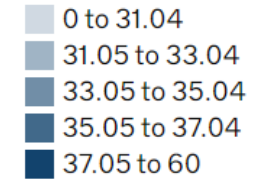
- Average point score per entry (APS) is lower than 2021/22, across all cohorts. DfE state that this is as expected with the return to pre-pandemic grading.
- The decrease in APS this year has affected all institution types. However, all major institution types remain slightly higher than in 2018/19.



APS per A Level entry (All state-funded students, All state-funded schools and colleges, 2022/23)



Key to APS per A level entry



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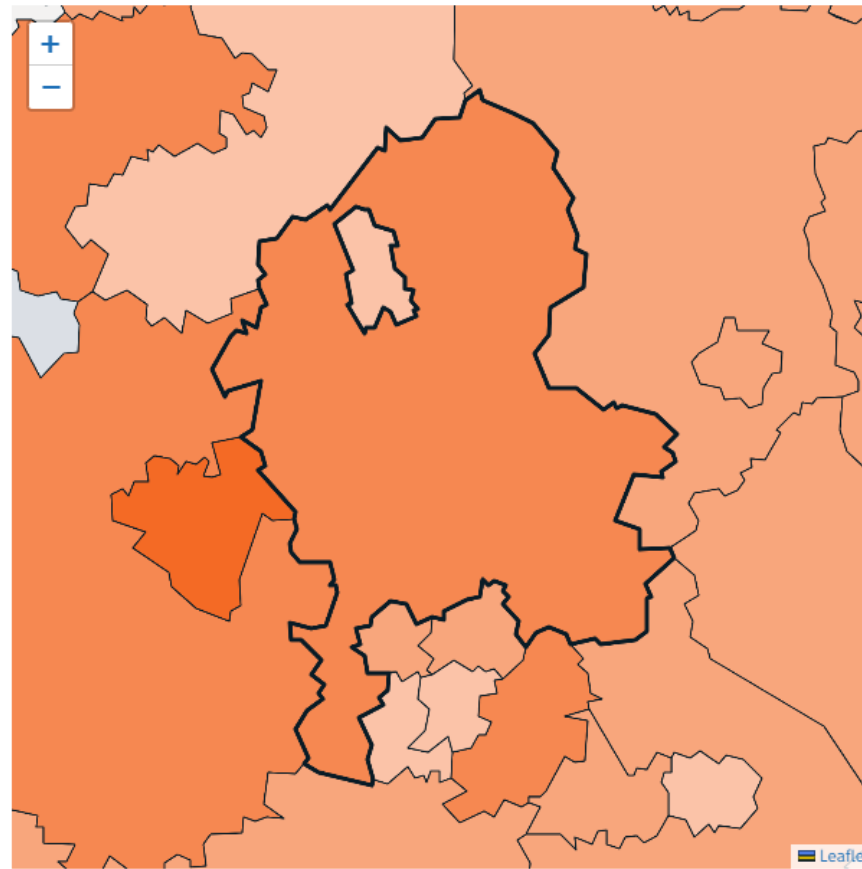
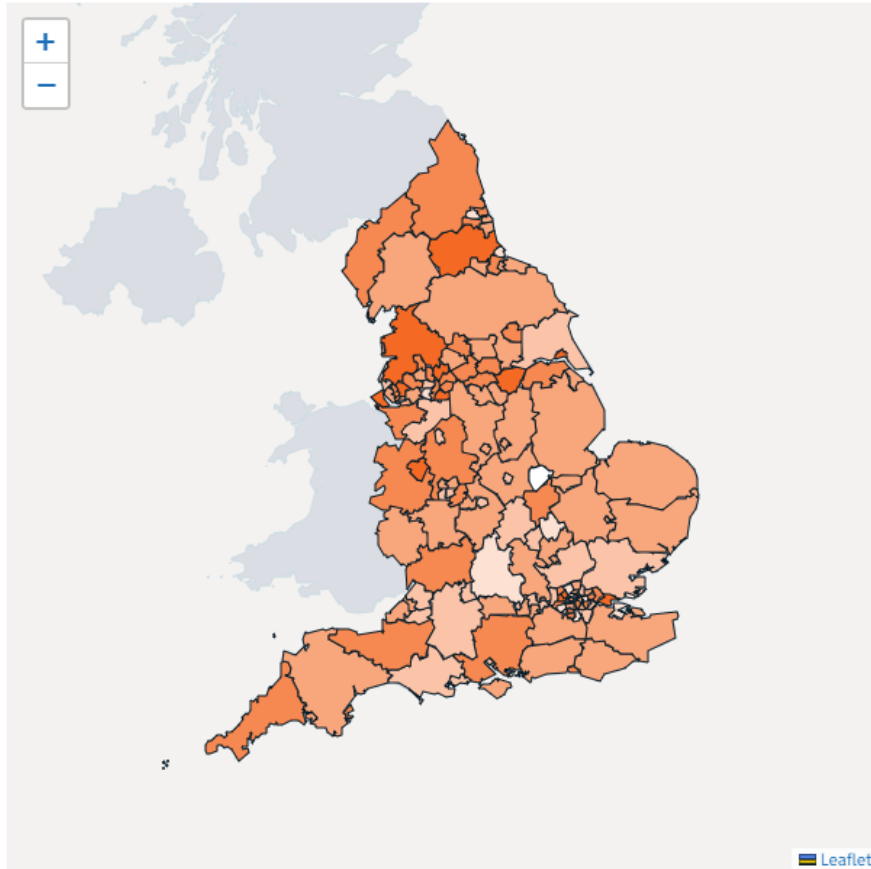
APS per A level entry
31.47

Footnotes

1. A maximum of 60 points are available for A level, 50 points for applied general and tech level and 8 points for technical certificates. More information on points, APS bands and grade boundaries can be found in the [technical guide for 16 to 18 accountability measures](#).
2. This map uses the boundary data Counties and Unitary Authorities (May 2023) Boundaries UK BUC



APS per Applied General entry (All state-funded students, All state-funded schools and colleges, 2022/23)



Key to APS per applied general entry

- 0 to 26.5
- 26.51 to 28.5
- 28.51 to 30.5
- 30.51 to 32.5
- 32.51 to 50

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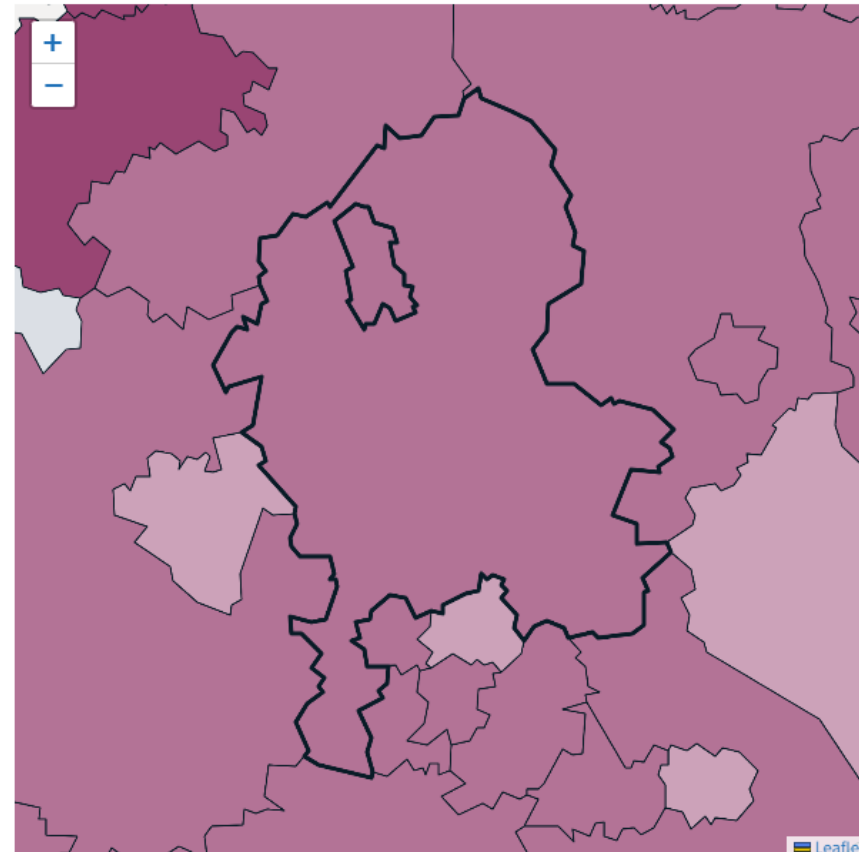
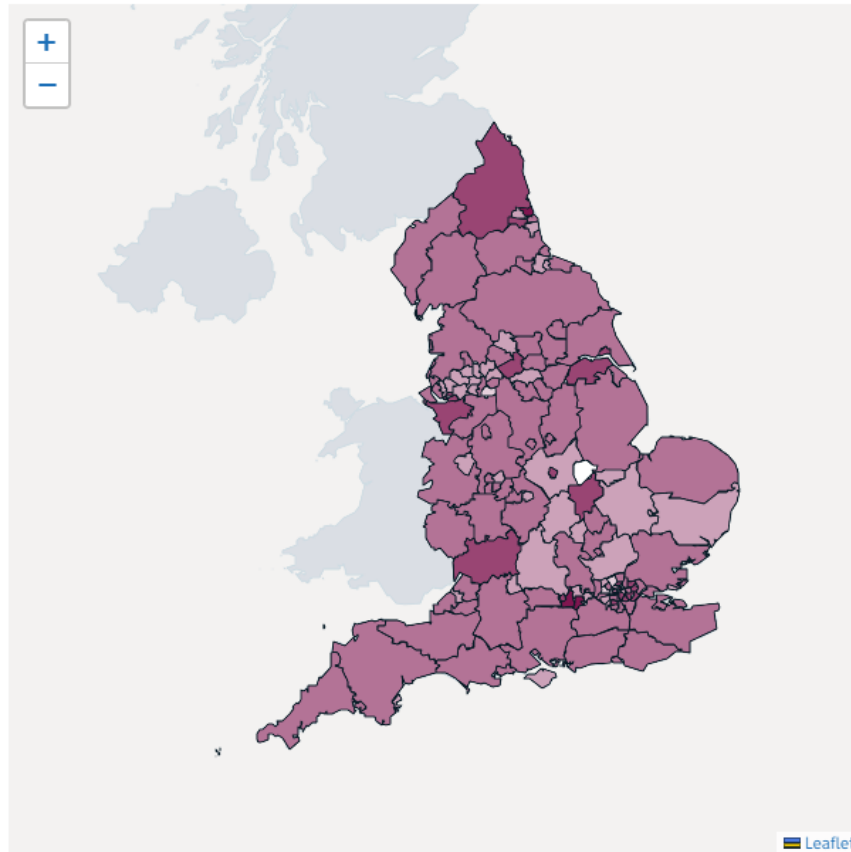
APS per applied general entry
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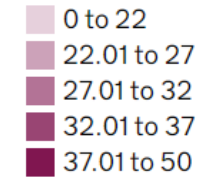
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[A Level and other 16 to 18 results](#)

APS per Tech Level entry (All state-funded students, All state-funded schools and colleges, 2022/23)



Key to APS per tech level entry



Staffordshire

APS per tech level entry

28.7

Footnotes

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A Levels and other 16 to 18 results – Staffordshire

Trend Data

Qualification	Measure	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Change 2018/19 to 2022/23	Change 2021/22 to 2022/23
Total Students	Number of students at end of 16-18 study	8,620	8,375	6,469	8,126	8,380	-240	254
	A Levels							
A Levels	Number of A level students	3,025	2,731	2,663	2,933	2,951	-74	18
	APS per A level entry	29.87	37.24	38.75	35.99	31.47	1.6	-4.52
	Average A level result	C	B-	B	B-	C	Unchanged	Decrease
Academic	Number of academic students	3,087	2,800	2,704	2,966	2,986	-101	20
	APS per academic entry	29.99	37.32	38.85	36.04	31.52	1.53	-4.52
	Average academic result	C	B-	B	B-	C	Unchanged	Decrease
Applied General	Number of applied general students	833	1,104	1,235	1,959	2,162	1329	203
	APS per applied general entry	29.69	33.35	35.54	33.37	31.24	1.55	-2.13
	Average applied general result	Merit+	Dist	Dist	Dist	Dist-	Increase	Decrease
Tech Level	Number of tech level students	297	414	345	532	512	215	-20
	APS per tech level entry	27.37	32.89	34.30	30.05	28.70	1.33	-1.35
	Average tech level result	Merit+	Dist-	Dist	Dist-	Merit+	Unchanged	Decrease

A Levels – Students By Subject 2022/23

Subject	Number of students	% A*	% A	% B	% C	% D	% E	% A* - C
Total subjects	2,940	7.4%	17.3%	28.7%	25.6%	13.0%	6.0%	79.0%
Total facilitating subjects	2,049	5.8%	15.2%	22.8%	23.8%	17.7%	11.0%	67.6%
Total STEM subjects	1,251	6.4%	14.7%	17.1%	21.9%	18.2%	15.1%	60.1%
Total Psychology	868	3.7%	10.1%	24.7%	23.5%	19.6%	12.8%	62.0%
Total Maths	675	8.0%	19.0%	17.6%	21.0%	16.0%	13.0%	65.6%
Total Biology	638	4.1%	11.1%	18.2%	20.5%	21.2%	17.6%	53.9%
Total English	587	3.6%	11.1%	29.6%	33.0%	14.7%	7.8%	77.3%
Total Sociology	584	4.3%	12.3%	26.4%	27.7%	19.5%	7.0%	70.7%
Total Business Studies	521	3.8%	12.7%	27.1%	33.6%	14.8%	6.3%	77.2%
Total History	513	3.1%	12.1%	28.8%	28.5%	20.1%	6.8%	72.5%
Total Chemistry	449	3.3%	12.9%	22.7%	19.8%	19.8%	16.5%	58.8%
Total Geography	395	4.1%	14.9%	29.1%	27.1%	15.4%	6.1%	75.2%
Total Physics	332	4.5%	15.4%	19.3%	17.2%	16.6%	18.1%	56.3%
Total Arts	222	1.8%	9.5%	37.8%	30.6%	13.5%	4.5%	79.7%
Total Computer Science	155	1.3%	11.6%	20.0%	23.9%	27.1%	11.6%	56.8%
Total Economics	146	3.4%	13.0%	37.7%	28.1%	13.7%	3.4%	82.2%
Total Law	129	1.6%	5.4%	30.2%	26.4%	20.9%	8.5%	63.6%
Total Physical Education	128	2.3%	11.7%	23.4%	26.6%	21.1%	10.9%	64.1%
Total D&T	124	1.6%	12.9%	24.2%	29.8%	14.5%	11.3%	68.5%

A Levels – Entries By Subject 2022/23

Subject	Exam entries	% A*	% A	% B	% C	% D	% E	% A* - C
Total subjects	7,436	4.4%	12.5%	25.7%	25.8%	17.2%	10.1%	68.4%
Total facilitating subjects	3,574	5.0%	14.2%	22.5%	22.9%	18.0%	12.3%	64.6%
Total STEM subjects	2,377	5.4%	14.6%	19.1%	20.2%	18.6%	15.0%	59.3%
Total Psychology	874	3.7%	10.1%	24.5%	23.5%	19.6%	12.8%	61.7%
Total Maths	689	7.4%	18.0%	17.3%	20.9%	15.7%	12.8%	63.6%
Total Biology	645	4.0%	11.3%	18.0%	20.5%	21.2%	17.5%	53.8%
Total English	607	3.6%	10.7%	30.1%	32.6%	14.8%	7.7%	77.1%
Total Sociology	586	4.3%	12.3%	26.3%	27.8%	19.1%	7.0%	70.6%
Total Business Studies	523	3.8%	12.4%	27.2%	33.5%	14.7%	6.3%	76.9%
Total History	517	3.1%	12.4%	29.0%	28.2%	19.9%	6.8%	72.7%
Total Chemistry	460	3.3%	13.3%	22.6%	20.0%	19.3%	16.1%	59.1%
Total Geography	398	4.0%	14.8%	28.9%	26.9%	15.8%	6.0%	74.6%
Total Art & Design	376	9.8%	11.2%	37.2%	28.5%	8.8%	3.5%	86.7%
Total Physics	335	4.8%	15.2%	19.1%	17.6%	16.4%	17.9%	56.7%
Total Arts	245	1.6%	9.0%	38.8%	30.2%	13.9%	4.1%	79.6%
Total Religious Studies	197	4.6%	13.2%	30.5%	28.9%	10.7%	9.6%	77.2%
Total Computer Science	156	1.3%	11.5%	19.9%	24.4%	26.9%	11.5%	57.1%
Total Economics	147	3.4%	12.9%	37.4%	28.6%	13.6%	3.4%	82.3%
Total Law	130	1.5%	5.4%	30.0%	26.2%	20.8%	8.5%	63.1%
Total Physical Education	130	2.3%	11.5%	23.1%	26.9%	20.8%	10.8%	63.8%
Total D&T	127	1.6%	12.6%	23.6%	29.9%	14.2%	11.0%	67.7%

Staffordshire A Level Students entering Maths or Science Subjects Trend

Subject	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Total Students	2,787	2,655	2,624	2,929	2,940
Zero Maths/Science subjects	54.9%	56.9%	53.8%	57.6%	57.4%
One Maths/Science subject	45.1%	43.1%	46.2%	42.4%	42.6%
Biology	23.2%	21.7%	23.4%	21.7%	21.7%
Chemistry	18.0%	15.3%	16.1%	14.7%	15.3%
Computer Science	3.6%	3.4%	4.8%	4.8%	5.3%
Further Maths	2.7%	3.4%	3.0%	2.3%	3.1%
Maths	23.7%	24.9%	25.4%	23.4%	23.0%
Physics	13.7%	12.7%	13.8%	11.4%	11.3%

A Levels and Academic results – College Latest 2021/22

	A Level				Academic qualifications (inc A Levels)			
	Students	APS	Average result	Retention	Students	APS	Average result	Retention
Newcastle and Stafford College Group	424	38.36	B	89.7%	424	38.41	B	89.7%
South Staffordshire College	NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA	NO DATA	1	SUPP	SUPP	NO DATA
Burton and South Derbyshire College	1	SUPP	SUPP	No DATA	1	SUPP	SUPP	NO DATA
Staffordshire state-funded schools / colleges	2,930	36.04	B-	93.9%	2,963	36.09	B-	93.9%
England all schools /colleges	284,380	38.87	B	95.1%	290,345	39.04	B	95.0%



Applied General and Tech Level results – College Latest 2021/22

	Applied general qualifications				Tech Levels			
	Students	APS	Average result	Retention	Students	APS	Average result	Retention
Newcastle and Stafford College Group	745	32.59	Dist-	95.2%	163	29.4	Merit+	84.9%
South Staffordshire College	25	27.48	Merit+	96.7%	208	28.1	Merit+	88.5%
Burton and South Derbyshire College	120	29.54	Merit+	94.2%	50	31.48	Dist-	87.7%
Staffordshire state-funded schools / colleges	2,116	33.55	Dist	91.3%	556	30.08	Dist-	87.5%
England all schools /colleges	119,853	31.98	Dist-	91.7%	28,535	30.56	Dist-	91.1%

All Providers Latest Performance – 2021/22

PCON_NAME	SCHNAME	TPUP1618	TALLPUP_1618	A Level			A Level RANK	TALLPUP_ACA_D_1618	Academic			Academic RANK	Applied General			Applied General RANK	Tech Level			Tech Level RANK	RANK SUM	Average RANK
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Newcastle-under-Lyme	Newcastle-under-Lyme School	149	71	71	46.47	A-	1	71	46.68	A-	1	NE	NE	NE	0	NE	NE	NE	0	0	1	
Stafford	Stafford Grammar School	80	40	36	43.84	B+	2	36	43.86	B+	2	NE	NE	NE	0	NE	NE	NE	0	1	2	
Burton	Denstone College	195	95	94	41.37	B	5	94	41.42	B	5	13	45.77	Dist*-	1	10	38	Dist+	2	3	3	
Lichfield	Lichfield Cathedral School	55	28	26	40.15	B	6	26	40.15	B	6	8	42.09	Dist*-	3	NE	NE	NE	0	3	4	
Stafford	Wolgarston High School	186	85	79	41.95	B+	3	79	42	B+	3	42	39.87	Dist+	7	NE	NE	NE	0	3	5	
Stafford	The Weston Road Academy	88	46	42	37.8	B-	14	42	37.85	B-	14	5	SUPP	SUPP	0	NE	NE	NE	0	5	6	
Lichfield	The Friary School	200	117	103	39.23	B	10	103	39.49	B	9	69	39.08	Dist+	10	NE	NE	NE	0	7	7	
South Staffordshire	Cheslyn Hay Academy	158	78	54	34.07	C+	24	54	34.1	C+	24	45	43.63	Dist*-	2	NE	NE	NE	0	9	8	
Lichfield	Chase Terrace Academy	154	87	80	35.26	B-	21	80	35.26	B-	21	35	40.07	Dist+	5	NE	NE	NE	0	9	8	
Cannock Chase	Kingsmead School	165	80	38	39.47	B	9	38	39.47	B	10	60	38.4	Dist+	11	12	30	Dist-	6	9	8	
Burton	Paulet High School	138	60	49	32.18	C+	32	50	32.14	C+	32	31	31.34	Dist-	33	NE	NE	NE	0	22	39	
Cannock Chase	Norton Canes High School	50	30	22	23.46	D+	45	22	23.5	D+	45	11	34.45	Dist	23	5	SUPP	SUPP	0	23	40	
Newcastle-under-Lyme	St John Fisher Catholic College	142	68	57	32.77	C+	29	60	33.36	C+	27	17	28.04	Merit+	39	5	SUPP	SUPP	0	23	40	
Stone	The Cheadle Academy	35	18	18	30.53	C	37	18	30.53	C	37	14	29.67	Merit+	34	NE	NE	NE	0	24	42	
Stafford	South Staffordshire College	2415	1224	NE	NE	NE	#VALUE!	1	SUPP	SUPP	#VALUE!	25	27.48	Merit+	40	208	28.1	Merit+	8	24	43	
Staffordshire Moorlands	Biddulph High School	163	99	62	31.15	C	36	62	31.15	C	36	36	28.44	Merit+	37	5	SUPP	SUPP	0	24	44	
Burton	Abbot Beyne School	92	45	37	31.83	C+	34	37	31.83	C+	34	17	27.19	Merit+	42	NE	NE	NE	0	25	45	
Cannock Chase	Staffordshire University Academy	78	21	16	26.05	C-	43	16	25.99	C-	44	10	27.41	Merit+	41	NE	NE	NE	0	28	46	
Staffordshire Moorlands	Leek High School	60	39	31	22.5	D+	46	31	22.64	D+	46	18	28.2	Merit+	38	1	SUPP	SUPP	0	28	46	
Burton	Paget High School	159	83	68	26.38	C-	42	69	26.07	C-	43	43	29.61	Merit+	35	16	26.56	Merit	9	29	48	
	STAFFORDSHIRE	17045	8426	2930	36.04	B-	#N/A	2963	36.09	B-	#N/A	2116	33.55	Dist	#N/A	556	30.08	Dist-	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	

SEE Staffordshire KS5 Final Data 2021/22 Spreadsheet for full workings – 2022/23 final figures to be published by DfE in Feb 2024



T Levels

- T levels are two-year courses, broadly equivalent to three A levels, which offer students practical and knowledge-based learning at a school or college and on-the-job experience through an industry placement.
- Introduced in September 2020, the first cohort of students achieved a 92% pass rate in August 2022. The 2023 pass rate was 90.5%, according to provisional data published by DfE. By September 2023, DfE had launched 18 T levels and its aim is for there to be 24 available.
- The Infrastructure and Projects Authority reported the delivery confidence of the T level programme as ‘red’ in 2022-23, meaning that successful delivery of the project appears to be unachievable. Ofsted also reported in July 23 that “There remains considerable work to do to improve the quality and effectiveness of T-level courses, to make sure that they fulfil their potential and can be offered at scale.”
- In October 2023, the government announced long-term proposals to replace A levels and T levels with a single new qualification.

T Levels – national results 2022/23

Students in receipt of T Level results

3,448

Students awarded Pass or above for their overall T Level

90.5%

Students awarded E or above in core component

98.7%

Students awarded Pass or above in occupational specialism

94.9%

Students who completed an industry placement

94.9%

There are 3,448 students with an overall T Level result over 10 pathways. 991 were awarded last year (revised data for 2021/22), where the first cohort of T Levels just covered 3 pathways.

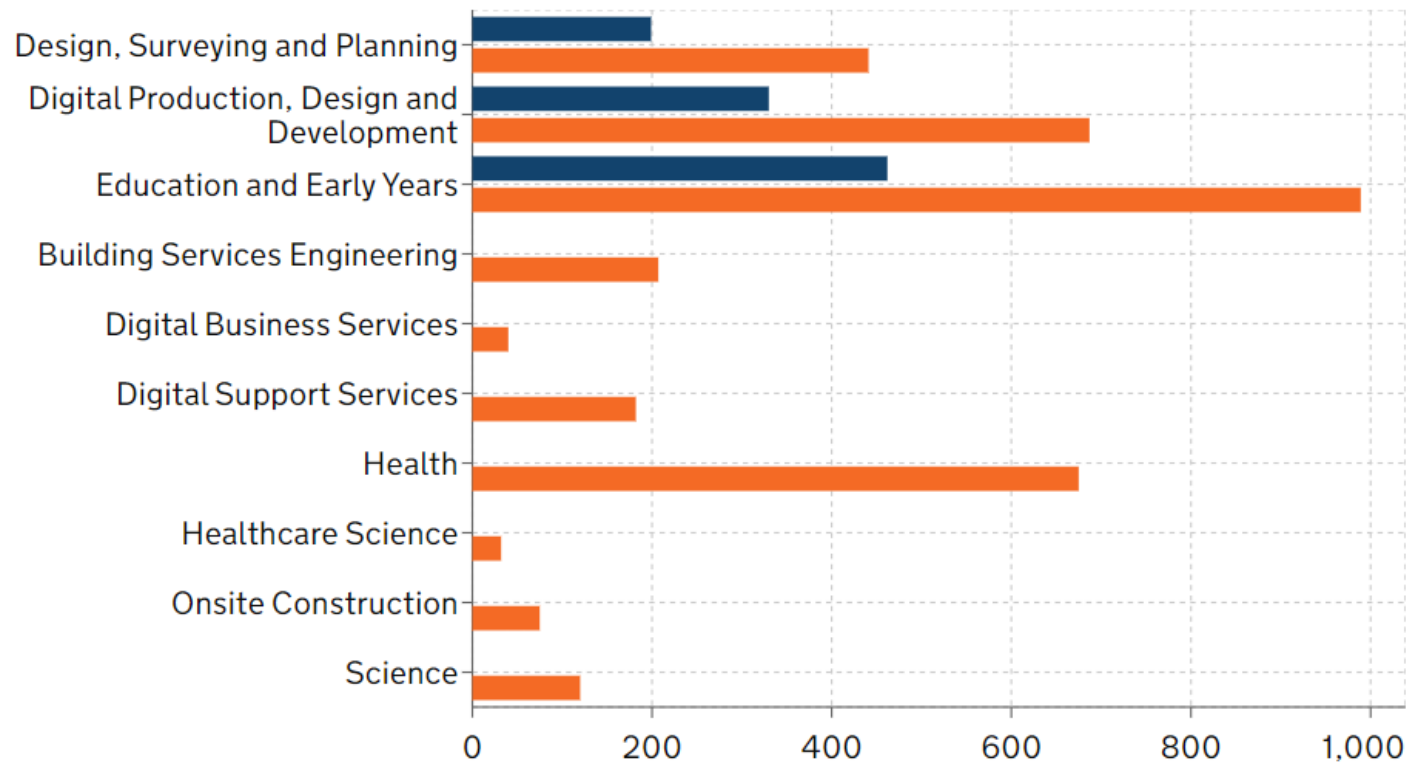
3,119 students (90.5%) achieved a Pass or above in their overall T level results across all T Level pathways For female students this is 1,684 (94.9%) and for male students 1,416 (85.8%).

Of the 3,448 students with an overall result in 2022/23: 98.7% of students achieved a grade E or above in the core component; 94.9% achieved a Pass or above in their Occupational Specialism; 94.9% completed their Industry Placement.

The pass rate in the 10 pathways awarded this year ranged from 96.0% (Health) to 70.0% (Digital Business Services).

T Levels – national results by subject

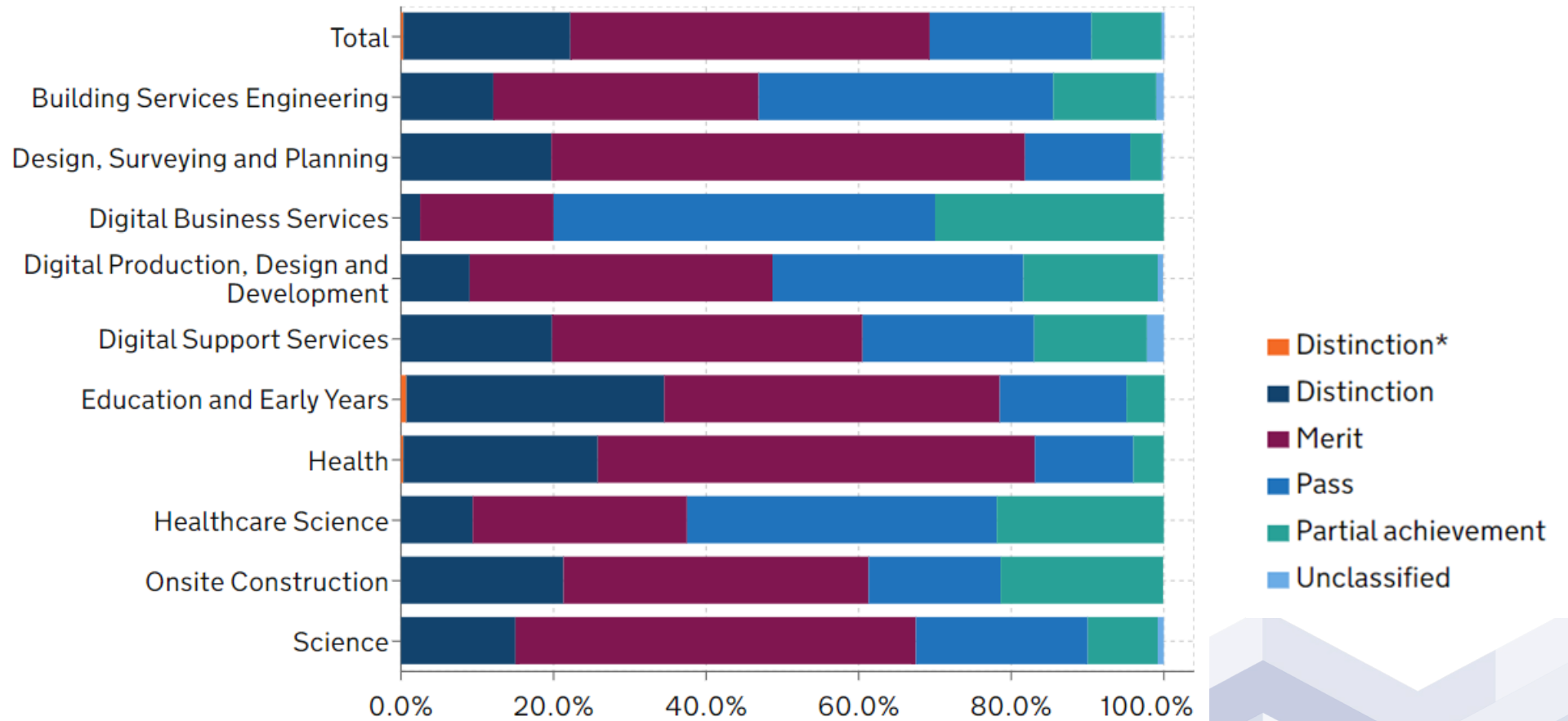
T Level results by each T Level pathway in England between 2021/22 and 2022/23



■ 2021/22
■ 2022/23

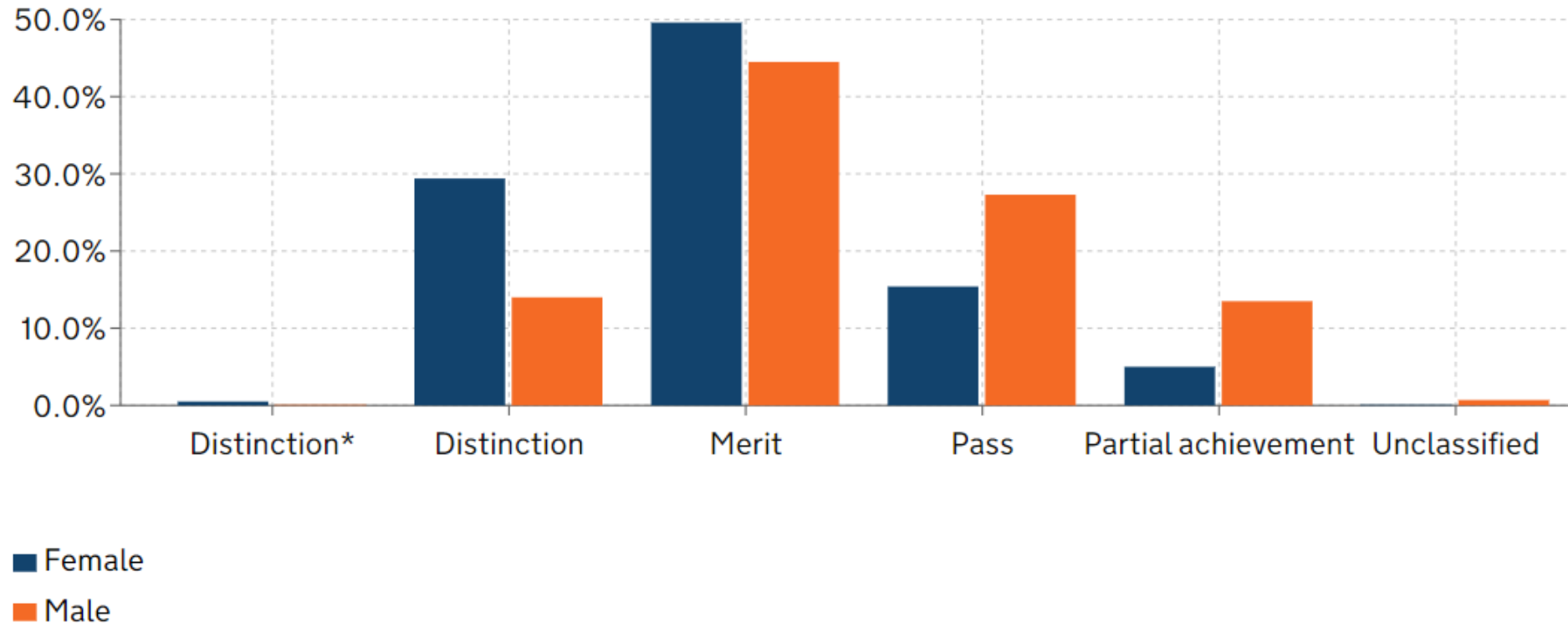
T Levels – national grade breakdown by subject

Overall T Level grade breakdown by T Level pathway for students awarded a T Level in 2022/23



T Levels – national grade breakdown by gender

Overall T Level grade breakdown by gender for students awarded a T Level in 2022/23





T Levels – numbers by region 2022/23

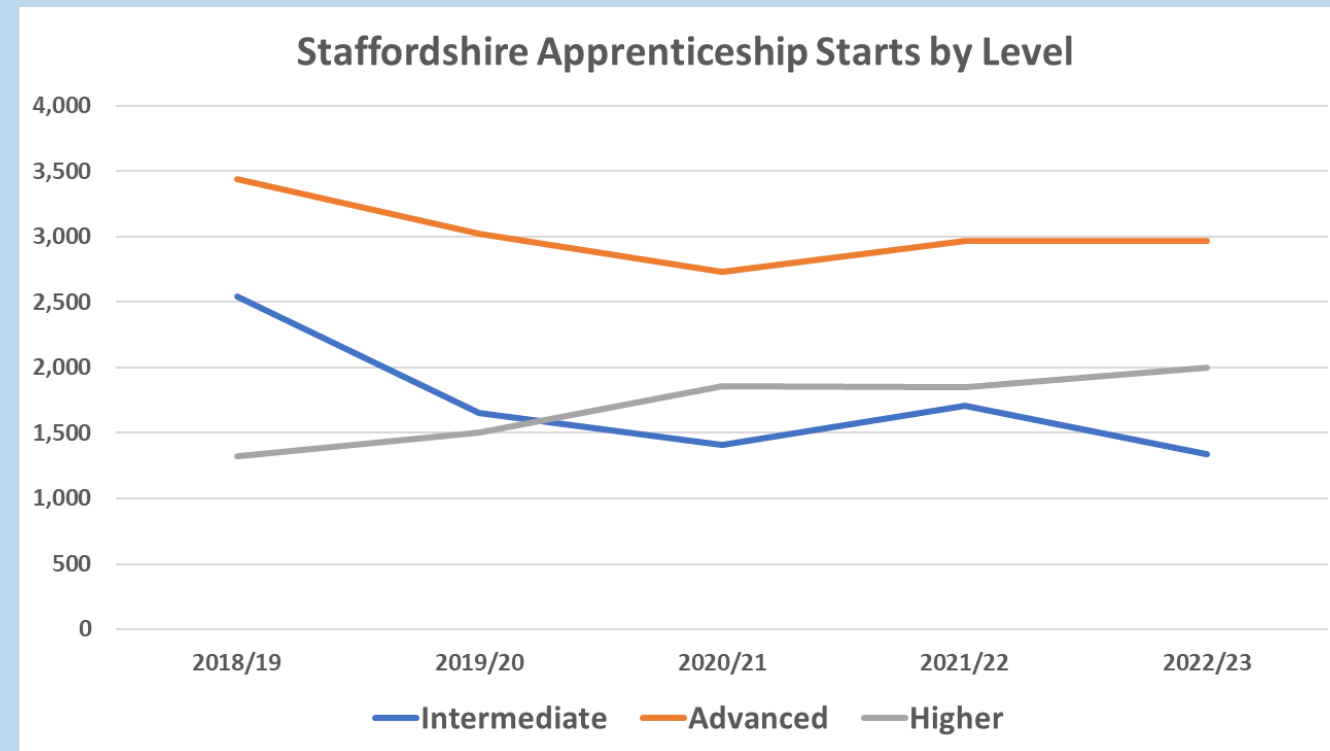
	2022/23
North East	174
North West	687
Yorkshire and The Humber	409
East Midlands	276
West Midlands	287
East of England	221
London	197
South East	611
South West	586

Footnotes

1. Covers students who attempted both the core component and occupational specialism, not including pending results.
2. Figures for 2021/22 are Revised, figures for 2022/23 are Provisional.

Apprenticeships – Summary – Overall and Levels

- As seen nationally, Staffordshire has seen a gradual long-term decline in the overall number of apprenticeship starts, with a 13.4% reduction from 7,300 in 2018/19 to 6,320 in 2022/23.
- Main fall in apprenticeships has been seen at the intermediate level with a 47.2% decline between 2018/19 and 2022/23, while it is positive that higher apprenticeships have increased by 51.5%.
- In 2022/23 advanced apprenticeships accounted for nearly half of starts (47% or 2,970), while higher apprenticeships accounted for 32% or 2,000 and intermediate apprenticeships accounted for 21% or 1,340.



Source: DfE/Individualised Learner Record



Apprenticeships – Summary - Sectors

- In 2022/23 **Health, Public Services and Care** accounted for the largest number of apprenticeships with 2,010 (32% of total starts) followed by **Business, Administration and Law** with 1,730 (27%). The next largest sector subject areas were **Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies** (960 or 15%), **Retail and Commercial Enterprise** (580 or 9%) and **Construction, Planning and the Built Environment and Information and Communication Technology** both with (370 or 6%).
- Increasing higher apprenticeships in our priority sector areas will be vital to ensure that we have the technical skills needed to grow those sectors and increase productivity and pay levels.

Apprenticeships – Starts by Local Authority

Area	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change	Latest Year Change	Latest Year % Change
Cannock Chase	1,030	770	790	830	810	-220	-21.4%	-20	-2.4%
East Staffordshire	870	830	710	920	890	20	2.3%	-30	-3.3%
Lichfield	1,150	1,110	980	920	970	-180	-15.7%	50	5.4%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	960	790	830	980	840	-120	-12.5%	-140	-14.3%
South Staffordshire	850	740	760	730	690	-160	-18.8%	-40	-5.5%
Stafford	1,000	780	850	920	970	-30	-3.0%	50	5.4%
Staffordshire Moorlands	760	590	550	650	600	-160	-21.1%	-50	-7.7%
Tamworth	690	560	550	560	550	-140	-20.3%	-10	-1.8%
Staffordshire	7,300	6,170	6,010	6,520	6,320	-980	-13.4%	-200	-3.1%
West Midlands	45,670	36,920	36,130	38,860	37,970	-7700	-16.9%	-890	-2.3%
England	393,380	322,530	321,440	349,190	337,140	-56240	-14.3%	-12050	-3.5%

Apprenticeships – Achievements by Local Authority

Area	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change	Latest Year Change	Latest Year % Change
Cannock Chase	440	330	390	350	390	-50	-11.4%	40	11.4%
East Staffordshire	470	390	340	360	400	-70	-14.9%	40	11.1%
Lichfield	460	270	340	460	500	40	8.7%	40	8.7%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	510	400	390	320	430	-80	-15.7%	110	34.4%
South Staffordshire	430	370	350	350	370	-60	-14.0%	20	5.7%
Stafford	500	370	400	350	450	-50	-10.0%	100	28.6%
Staffordshire Moorlands	410	300	290	260	350	-60	-14.6%	90	34.6%
Tamworth	300	220	250	200	290	-10	-3.3%	90	45.0%
Staffordshire	3,520	2,640	2,750	2,660	3,180	-340	-9.7%	520	19.5%
West Midlands	21,800	17,130	17,290	15,190	17,920	-3880	-17.8%	2730	18.0%
England	185,150	146,900	156,530	137,220	162,320	-22830	-12.3%	25100	18.3%

Apprenticeships – Starts by Level

Staffordshire

Level	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change	Latest Year Change	Latest Year % Change
Intermediate	2,540	1,650	1,410	1,710	1,340	-1,200	-47.2%	-370	-21.6%
Advanced	3,440	3,020	2,730	2,970	2,970	-470	-13.7%	0	0.0%
Higher	1,320	1,500	1,860	1,850	2,000	680	51.5%	150	8.1%
Total	7,300	6,170	6,010	6,520	6,320	-980	-13.4%	-200	-3.1%

England

Level	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change	Latest Year Change	Latest Year % Change
Intermediate	143,590	99,220	84,150	91,520	76,280	-67,310	-46.9%	-15,240	-16.7%
Advanced	174,730	140,840	138,490	151,310	147,930	-26,800	-15.3%	-3,380	-2.2%
Higher	75,060	82,460	98,810	106,360	112,930	37,870	50.5%	6,570	6.2%
Total	393,380	322,530	321,440	349,190	337,140	-56,240	-14.3%	-12,050	-3.5%

Apprenticeships – Achievements by Level

Staffordshire

Level	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change	Latest Year Change	Latest Year % Change
Intermediate	1,570	1,190	940	690	790	-780	-49.7%	100	14.5%
Advanced	1,670	1,170	1,350	1,360	1,490	-180	-10.8%	130	9.6%
Higher	280	280	470	620	890	610	217.9%	270	43.5%
Total	3,520	2,640	2,750	2,660	3,180	-340	-9.7%	520	19.5%

England

Level	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change	Latest Year Change	Latest Year % Change
Intermediate	86,150	61,630	53,380	37,270	43,270	-42,880	-49.8%	6,000	16.1%
Advanced	85,100	67,460	72,610	65,290	72,560	-12,540	-14.7%	7,270	11.1%
Higher	13,900	17,810	30,540	34,660	46,490	32,590	234.5%	11,830	34.1%
Total	185,150	146,900	156,530	137,220	162,320	-22,830	-12.3%	25,100	18.3%

Apprenticeships – Starts by Sector Subject Area

Staffordshire

SSA Tier 1	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change	Latest Year Change	Latest Year % Change
Health, Public Services and Care	1,850	1,840	1,970	1,900	2,010	160	8.6%	110	5.8%
Business, Administration and Law	2,240	1,780	1,780	1,750	1,730	-510	-22.8%	-20	-1.1%
Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	1,260	1,040	720	1,070	960	-300	-23.8%	-110	-10.3%
Retail and Commercial Enterprise	870	500	540	670	580	-290	-33.3%	-90	-13.4%
Construction, Planning and the Built Environment	400	400	370	420	370	-30	-7.5%	-50	-11.9%
Information and Communication Technology	250	210	260	340	370	120	48.0%	30	8.8%
Education and Training	180	220	190	170	190	10	5.6%	20	11.8%
Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	130	130	110	150	100	-30	-23.1%	-50	-33.3%
Leisure, Travel and Tourism	80	50	30	70	60	-20	-25.0%	-10	-14.3%
Arts, Media and Publishing	10	20	30	20	10	0	0.0%	-10	-50.0%
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Science and Mathematics	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!
Social Sciences	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!
Total	7,270	6,190	6,000	6,560	6,320	-950	-13.1%	-240	-3.7%

Apprenticeships – Achievements by Sector Subject Area

Staffordshire

SSA Tier 1	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change	Latest Year Change	Latest Year % Change
Business, Administration and Law	950	830	910	770	870	-80	-8.4%	100	13.0%
Health, Public Services and Care	860	470	610	770	950	90	10.5%	180	23.4%
Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	760	530	470	420	490	-270	-35.5%	70	16.7%
Retail and Commercial Enterprise	390	290	290	270	290	-100	-25.6%	20	7.4%
Construction, Planning and the Built Environment	160	190	150	180	120	-40	-25.0%	-60	-33.3%
Information and Communication Technology	110	110	120	110	130	20	18.2%	20	18.2%
Education and Training	70	70	110	100	140	70	100.0%	40	40.0%
Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	90	70	70	50	100	10	11.1%	50	100.0%
Arts, Media and Publishing	0	0	0	10	0	0	#DIV/0!	-10	-100.0%
Leisure, Travel and Tourism	110	70	30	10	50	-60	-54.5%	40	400.0%
History, Philosophy and Theology	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!
Science and Mathematics	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!
Social Sciences	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!
Total	3,500	2,630	2,760	2,690	3,180	-320	-9.1%	490	18.2%

Apprenticeships – Starts by Age

Staffordshire

Age	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change	Latest Year Change	Latest Year % Change
Under 19	1,970	1,610	1,410	1,650	1,590	-380	-19.3%	-60	-3.6%
19-24	2,140	1,900	1,750	1,930	1,790	-350	-16.4%	-140	-7.3%
25+	3,190	2,670	2,850	2,950	2,950	-240	-7.5%	0	0.0%
Total	7,300	6,170	6,010	6,520	6,320	-980	-13.4%	-200	-3.1%

England

Age	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change	Latest Year Change	Latest Year % Change
Under 19	97,700	76,270	65,150	77,520	77,720	-19,980	-20.5%	200	0.3%
19-24	116,000	95,290	94,610	106,330	98,800	-17,200	-14.8%	-7,530	-7.1%
25+	179,670	150,960	161,690	165,340	160,620	-19,050	-10.6%	-4,720	-2.9%
Total	393,380	322,530	321,440	349,190	337,140	-56,240	-14.3%	-12,050	-3.5%

Apprenticeships – Achievements by Age

Staffordshire

Age	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change	Latest Year Change	Latest Year % Change
Under 19	1,140	880	740	710	770	-370	-32.5%	60	8.5%
19-24	1,130	770	900	890	1,080	-50	-4.4%	190	21.3%
25+	1,250	980	1,120	1,060	1,330	80	6.4%	270	25.5%
Total	3,520	2,640	2,750	2,660	3,180	-340	-9.7%	520	19.5%

England

Age	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	5 Year Change	5 Year % Change	Latest Year Change	Latest Year % Change
Under 19	57,730	43,420	38,260	31,410	36,510	-21,220	-36.8%	5,100	16.2%
19-24	58,550	47,820	51,200	44,960	52,170	-6,380	-10.9%	7,210	16.0%
25+	68,860	55,660	67,070	60,850	73,630	4,770	6.9%	12,780	21.0%
Total	185,150	146,900	156,530	137,220	162,320	-22,830	-12.3%	25,100	18.3%

Apprenticeships – Starts by SSA and Gender

Staffordshire

SSA Tier 1	2022/23			2022/23%	
	Female	Male	Total	Female %	Male %
Health, Public Services and Care	1,510	480	2,010	75%	24%
Business, Administration and Law	1,000	750	1,730	58%	43%
Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	100	860	960	10%	90%
Retail and Commercial Enterprise	340	230	580	59%	40%
Construction, Planning and the Built Environment	40	320	370	11%	86%
Information and Communication Technology	130	250	370	35%	68%
Education and Training	140	#VALUE!	190	74%	#VALUE!
Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	80	#VALUE!	100	80%	#VALUE!
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Leisure, Travel and Tourism	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Science and Mathematics	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Social Sciences	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Total	3,350	2,980	6,320	53%	47%

Apprenticeships – Achievements by SSA and Gender

Staffordshire

SSA Tier 1	2022/23			2022/23%	
	Female	Male	Total	Female %	Male %
Health, Public Services and Care	730	220	950	76.8%	23.2%
Business, Administration and Law	520	380	870	59.8%	43.7%
Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	#VALUE!	450	490	#VALUE!	91.8%
Retail and Commercial Enterprise	180	130	290	62.1%	44.8%
Education and Training	110	#VALUE!	140	78.6%	#VALUE!
Information and Communication Technology	#VALUE!	110	130	#VALUE!	84.6%
Construction, Planning and the Built Environment	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	120	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	100	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Arts, Media and Publishing	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
History, Philosophy and Theology	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Leisure, Travel and Tourism	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Science and Mathematics	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Social Sciences	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Total	1,720	1,470	3,180	54.1%	46.2%

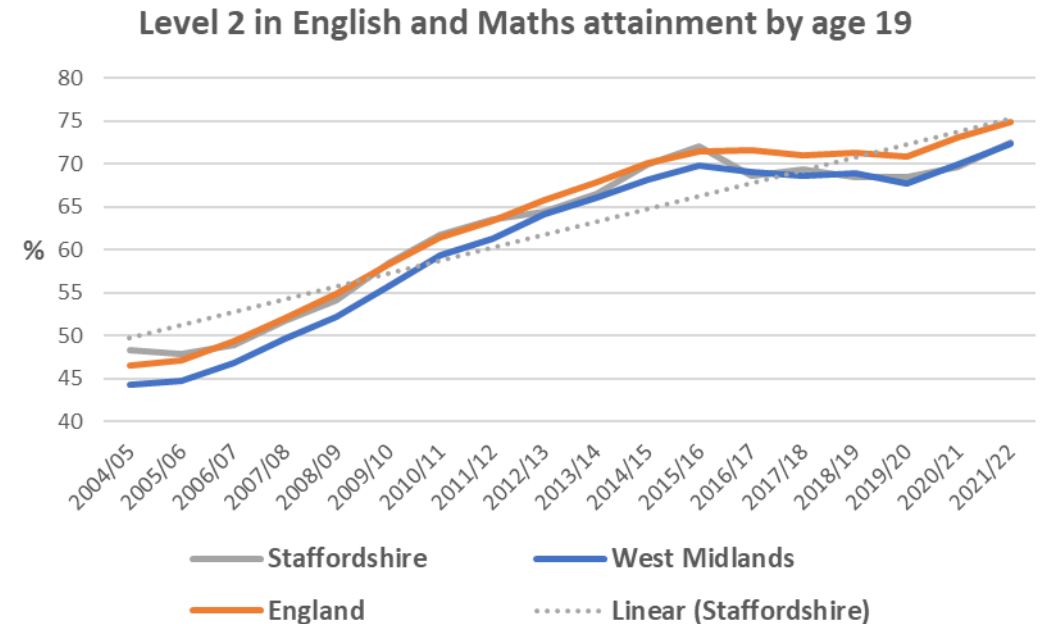
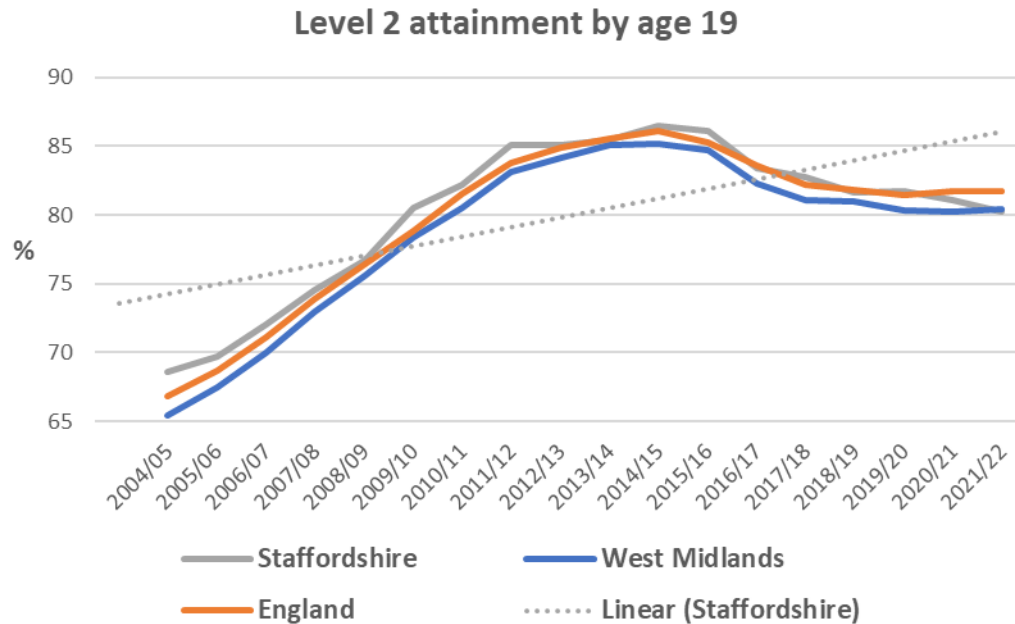
Apprenticeship results – College Latest 2021/22

	Level 2 Apprenticeships		Level 3 Apprenticeship	
	Students	Achievement rate	Students	Achievement rate
Burton and South Derbyshire College	90	48.8%	40	76.3%
South Staffordshire College	60	44.4%	30	64.3%
Newcastle and Stafford College Group	60	63.9%	60	59.6%
General FE College incl Tertiary	13,030	52.4%	10,240	57.5%
England all schools / colleges	29,030	51.1%	27,030	58.4%

Achievement by Age 19 Summary

- In Staffordshire 57.6% of **19-year-olds achieved level 3** in 2020/21, this was above the regional average of 57.4% but below the national average of 59.8%.
- The proportion of **19-year-olds achieving GCSE 9-4 standard pass in English and maths (or equivalent) between ages 16 and 19, for those who had not achieved this level by 16** stood at 31.0% in 2020/21, which was below the regional average of 31.4% and national average of 32.7%.
- It will be important to **ensure that more young people have the skills needed to access better paid jobs in priority sectors.**
- A key aspect of this is **raising school educational performance** where Staffordshire currently lags behind nationally for GCSE attainment with a lower average attainment 8 score per pupil and for the proportion of pupils achieving 9-4 standard pass in English and maths GCSEs.

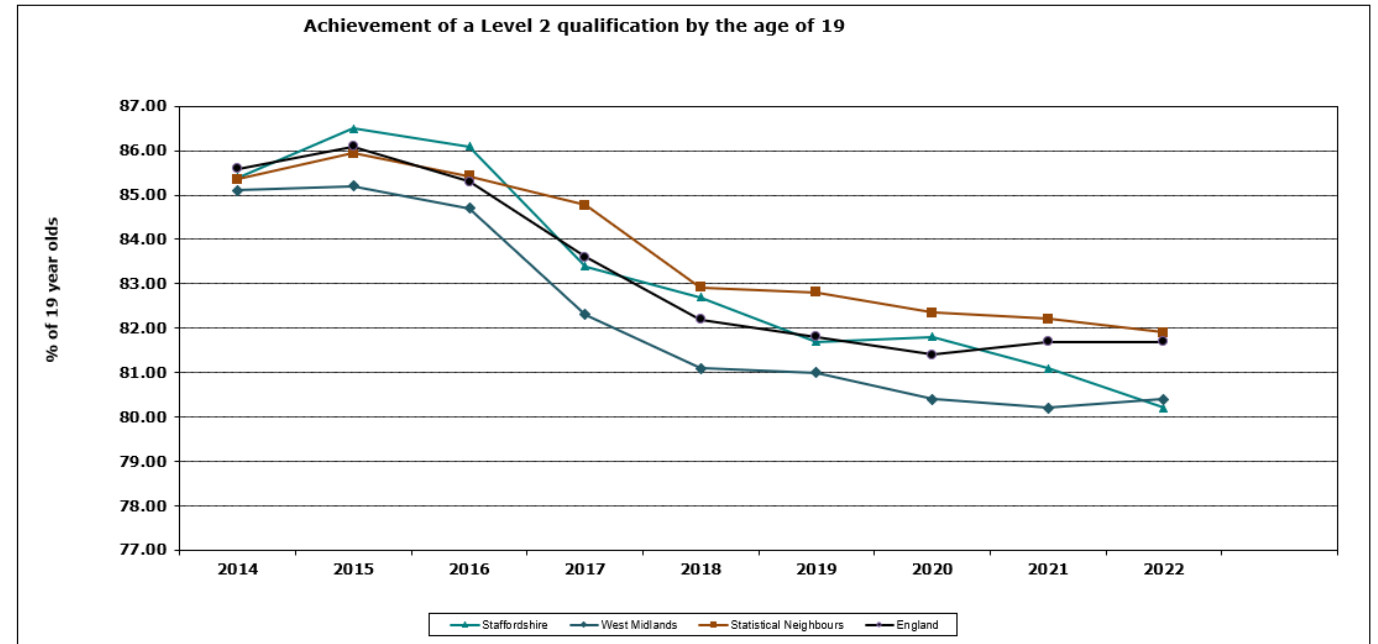
Level 2 Attainment by Age 19



In 2021/22:

- 80.3% of 19 year olds were qualified to Level 2, continuing decline over recent years. Lower than national average of 81.7%.
- 72.5% of 19 year olds achieved Level 2 in English and maths, the highest on record. Lower than national average of 74.9%.

Level 2 Attainment by Age 19 – Stats Neighbours Comparison

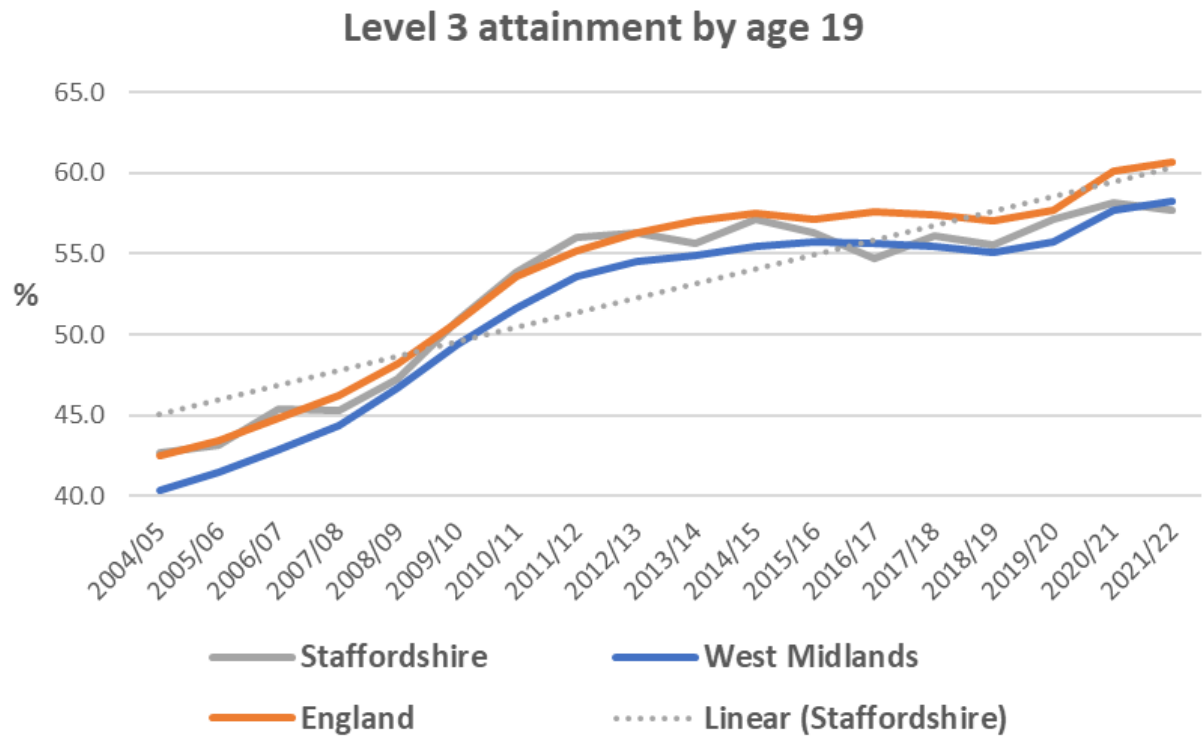


Statistical Neighbours

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	-	Change from previous year
896 Cheshire West and Chester	84.20	85.70	83.60	84.90	83.00	82.90	82.40	83.80	85.40	-	1.60
937 Warwickshire	85.30	84.90	85.20	84.90	83.40	83.90	83.30	83.40	84.00	-	0.60
811 East Riding of Yorkshire	89.30	89.70	88.20	87.40	86.20	86.90	86.20	86.10	83.90	-	-2.20
881 Essex	84.70	85.60	84.60	84.10	83.80	82.80	82.80	81.50	81.70	-	0.20
885 Worcestershire	86.50	85.70	86.00	84.10	84.10	84.00	82.50	81.70	81.50	-	-0.20
940 North Northamptonshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82.10	81.40	-	-0.70
891 Nottinghamshire	81.70	83.30	83.20	81.60	79.60	80.70	80.10	80.80	80.80	-	0.00
888 Lancashire	87.80	88.20	87.50	85.70	82.50	81.60	81.70	81.80	80.50	-	-1.30
860 Staffordshire	85.40	86.50	86.10	83.40	82.70	81.70	81.80	81.10	80.20	-	-0.90
909 Cumbria	84.50	85.10	84.90	85.80	83.10	82.60	82.10	82.20	80.00	-	-2.20
830 Derbyshire	84.20	85.30	85.60	84.40	80.60	79.90	80.00	78.70	79.80	-	1.10
Statistical Neighbours	85.36	85.94	85.42	84.77	82.92	82.81	82.34	82.21	81.90	-	-0.31
984 West Midlands	-	85.20	84.70	82.30	81.10	81.00	80.40	80.20	80.40	-	0.20
970 England	85.60	86.10	85.30	83.60	82.20	81.80	81.40	81.70	81.70	-	0.00



Level 3 Attainment by Age 19

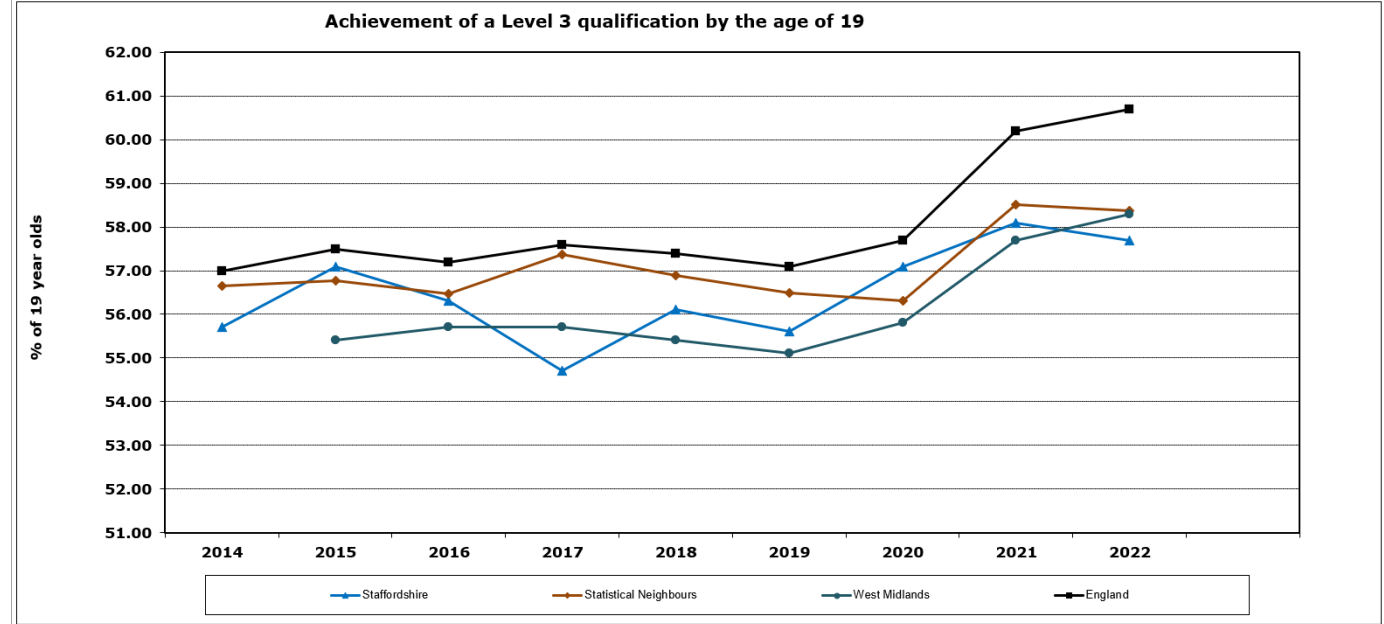


In 2021/22:

- 57.7% of 19 year olds were qualified to Level 3, a slight decline on the previous year which was the highest on record. Lower than national average of 60.7%.



Level 3 Attainment by Age 19 – Stats Neighbours Comparison

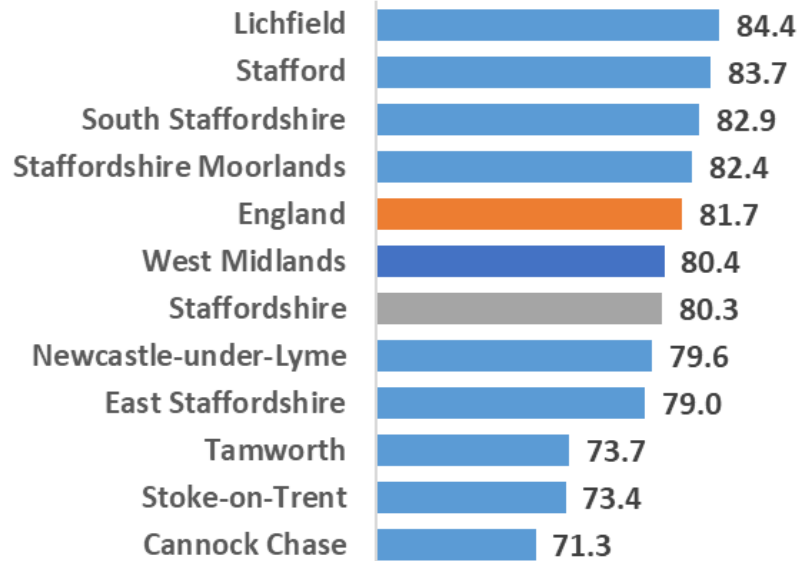


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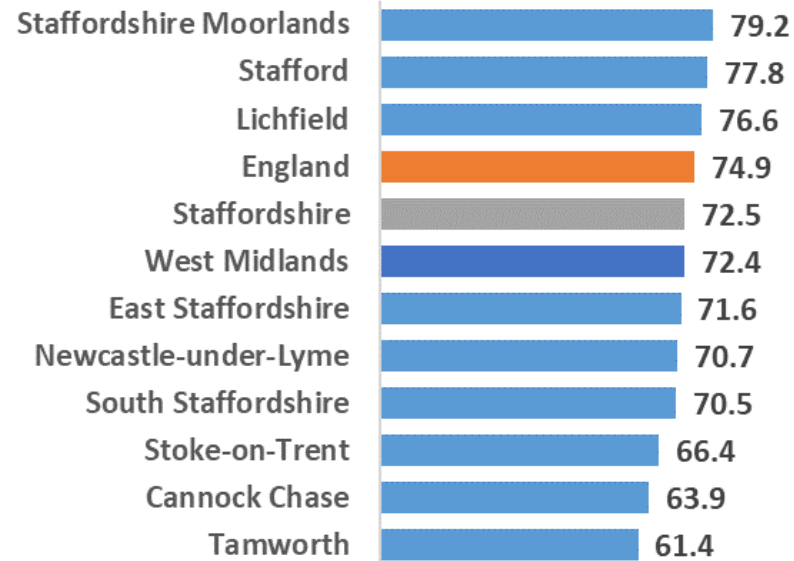
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	-	Change from previous year
937 Warwickshire	58.50	59.00	58.10	60.00	58.00	59.30	59.00	62.30	62.30	-	0.00
896 Cheshire West and Chester	58.70	60.20	57.70	60.60	59.60	58.90	56.40	58.30	61.40	-	3.10
881 Essex	56.00	56.60	55.80	56.10	57.70	56.60	58.50	60.30	60.90	-	0.60
888 Lancashire	60.60	60.60	59.50	60.80	59.70	59.00	59.50	61.10	60.60	-	-0.50
830 Derbyshire	55.60	54.10	54.50	55.20	53.60	53.00	54.20	56.90	58.10	-	1.20
885 Worcestershire	57.00	56.60	57.40	58.10	58.20	56.40	55.20	57.20	57.90	-	0.70
811 East Riding of Yorkshire	58.90	58.60	60.00	59.20	59.60	60.80	58.40	61.00	57.90	-	-3.10
860 Staffordshire	55.70	57.10	56.30	54.70	56.10	55.60	57.10	58.10	57.70	-	-0.40
891 Nottinghamshire	51.10	50.50	52.10	51.80	51.90	52.30	54.20	56.70	56.40	-	-0.30
940 North Northamptonshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56.40	55.70	-	-0.70
909 Cumbria	53.50	54.70	53.20	54.50	53.80	52.10	51.40	55.00	52.50	-	-2.50
Statistical Neighbours	56.66	56.77	56.48	57.37	56.90	56.49	56.31	58.52	58.37	-	-0.15
984 West Midlands	-	55.40	55.70	55.70	55.40	55.10	55.80	57.70	58.30	-	0.60
970 England	57.00	57.50	57.20	57.60	57.40	57.10	57.70	60.20	60.70	-	0.50

Attainment by Age 19 – District Breakdown

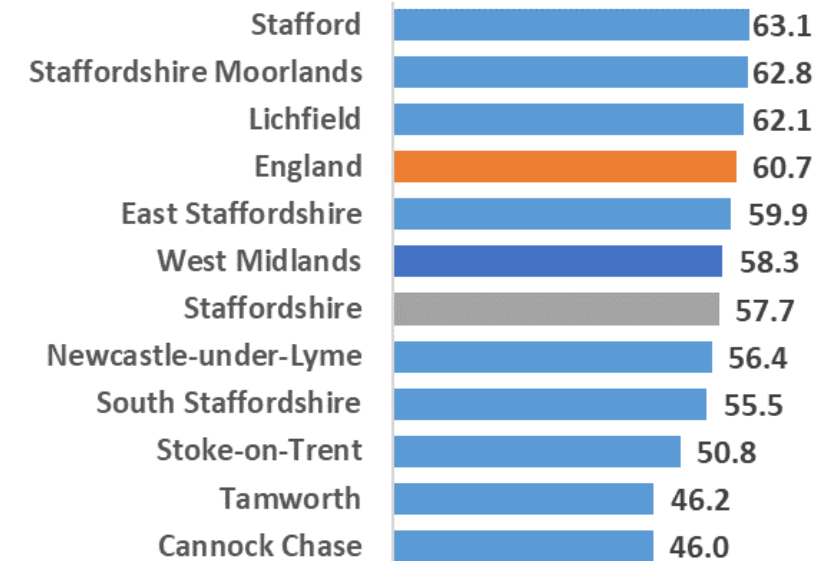
Level 2 in attainment by age 19 in
2021/22



Level 2 in English and Maths
attainment by age 19 in 2021/22



Level 3 attainment by age 19 in
2021/22



Destinations and Progression Pathways

16 to 18 Destinations – 2021 leavers (All state-funded schools and

Sustained education, apprenticeship or employment

85.8%

3.3 percentage point increase since previous year.

Above the national average of 82.6%.

Sustained education destination

48.6%

0.1 percentage point decrease since previous year.

Below the national average of 51.2%.

Sustained apprenticeships

10.0%

1.0 percentage point increase since previous year.

Above the national average of 7.2%.

Sustained employment destination

27.3%

2.5 percentage point increase since previous year.

Above the national average of 24.2%.

Some of this change will be because of the change in the make up of the overall 16-18 cohort this year as well as the impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

16 to 18 Destination – 2021 leavers (All state-funded schools and colleges)

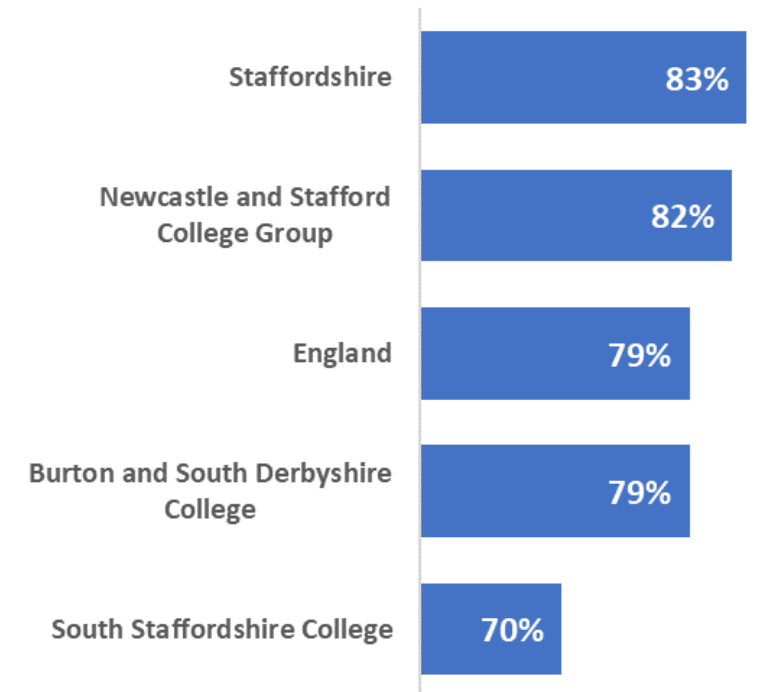
Destination	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	5-Year Change	1-Year Change
Number of pupils completing 16-18 study	7,901	7,561	7,461	7,583	6,250	-1,651	-1,333
Sustained education, apprenticeship or employment	84.6	83.9	83.1	82.5	85.8	1.2	3.3
Sustained education destination	44.6	44.8	43.8	48.7	48.6	4.0	-0.1
UK higher education institution	32.9	33.4	32.0	34.0	39.6	6.7	5.6
Sustained employment destination	27.3	27.7	27.6	24.8	27.3	0.0	2.5
Not recorded as a sustained destination	11.5	12.0	12.6	13.8	11.1	-0.4	-2.7
Sustained apprenticeships	12.8	11.4	11.6	9.0	10.0	-2.8	1.0
Further education	9.5	9.5	9.8	13.5	8.3	-1.2	-5.2
FE Level 3	4.7	6.0	5.8	8.5	6.4	1.7	-2.1
Advanced apprenticeships (level 3)	5.9	5.1	6.1	4.7	4.9	-1.0	0.2
Intermediate apprenticeships (level 2)	6.1	5.3	4.5	3.3	3.4	-2.7	0.1
Activity not captured	3.9	4.2	4.3	3.7	3.1	-0.8	-0.6
Higher and degree apprenticeships (level 4 and above)	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.7	0.9	0.7
FE Level 2	3.5	2.4	3.3	4.3	1.5	-2.0	-2.8
Other education destinations	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.2	0.6	-1.5	-0.6
FE entry level and no identified level	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.5	-0.8	-0.1

Some of this change will be because of the change in the make-up of the overall 16-18 cohort this year as well as the impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

16 to 18 Destination – 2020 leavers

	Newcastle and Stafford College Group	South Staffordshire College	Burton and South Derbyshire College	Staffordshire	England
Number of students	2,535	1,026	1,019	7,583	542,787
Students progressing to education or employment	82%	70%	79%	83%	79%
Students staying in education	48%	33%	38%	49%	52%
Students entering apprenticeships	8%	9%	11%	9%	6%
Students entering employment	26%	28%	29%	25%	21%
Students not in education or employment for at least two terms after study	15%	23%	16%	14%	15%
Destination unknown	4%	7%	5%	4%	5%

Students progressing to education or employment (2020 leavers)

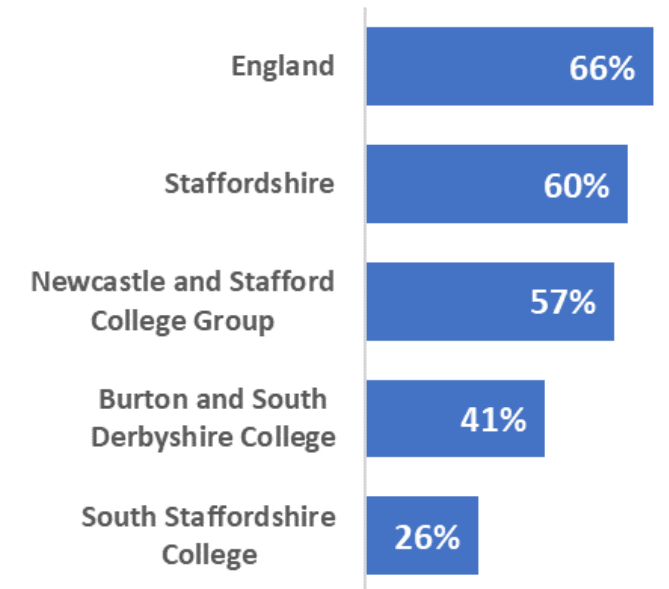


Higher Education or Training Progression – 2019

leavers

	Newcastle and Stafford College Group	South Staffordshire College	Burton and South Derbyshire College	Staffordshire	England
Students progressing to higher education or training	57%	26%	41%	60%	66%
Higher apprenticeships	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%
Degrees	48%	20%	29%	54%	62%
of which are top third higher education institutions	4%	1%	2%	10%	17%
of which are Russell Group institutions	3%	SUPP	1%	9%	15%
of which are Oxford or Cambridge	SUPP	0%	0%	SUPP	1%
Other study at level 4 or 5	6%	6%	12%	4%	3%

Students progressing to higher education or training



Adult 19+ FE and Skills Participation and Achievements

Section Overview

- **Further Education and Skills Participation and Achievements**– figures for **adult (19+)** Further education and skills, 19+ Education and training, Community Learning, and 19+ apprenticeships - Adult (19+) Government-funded further education and skills (including apprenticeships) participation and achievements in England for the 2022/23 academic year.
 - **Education and Training** - Adult (19+) education and training participation and achievements for the 2022/23 academic year. This includes classroom, distance and e-learning, traineeships and learning funded by advanced learner loans.
 - **Community Learning** - Community learning participation and achievements for the 2022/23 academic year. This includes a range of non-formal courses to promote civic engagement and community development.
 - **Apprenticeships** - Adult (19+) starts and achievements for the 2022/23 academic year.
- 5-year trend
- Breakdowns by geography, level and SSA
- District and provider data

Adult 19+ FE and Skills Participation



Adult 19+ FE and Skills Participation – Headline summary – 2022/23 Latest full and final data

Adult (19+) further education and skills participation

25,480

Up 5.8% from 2021/22 – In-line with the national increase.

Seen a 9.6% decline over the last 5 years compared to a 12.1% drop nationally.

Adult (19+) education and training participation

11,420

Up 12.4% from 2021/22 – Above the national increase of 8.6%.

Seen a 13.2% decline over the last 5 years compared to a 12.0% drop nationally.

Community learning participation

3,410

Up 8.9% from 2021/22 – Above the national increase of 8.0%.

Seen a 37.1% decline over the last 5 years compared to a 33.0% drop nationally.

- Overall participation rate was 5,051 per 100,000 working age population (16-64) in 2022/23 which was lower than the West Midlands rate of 5,577 and national rate of 5,401.
- Higher level (level 4 or above) participation increased by 8.0%, to 4,730 from 4,380 in 2021/22. In-line with the increase seen nationally. Seen 110.2% increase over last 5 years above the 98.9% national increase.

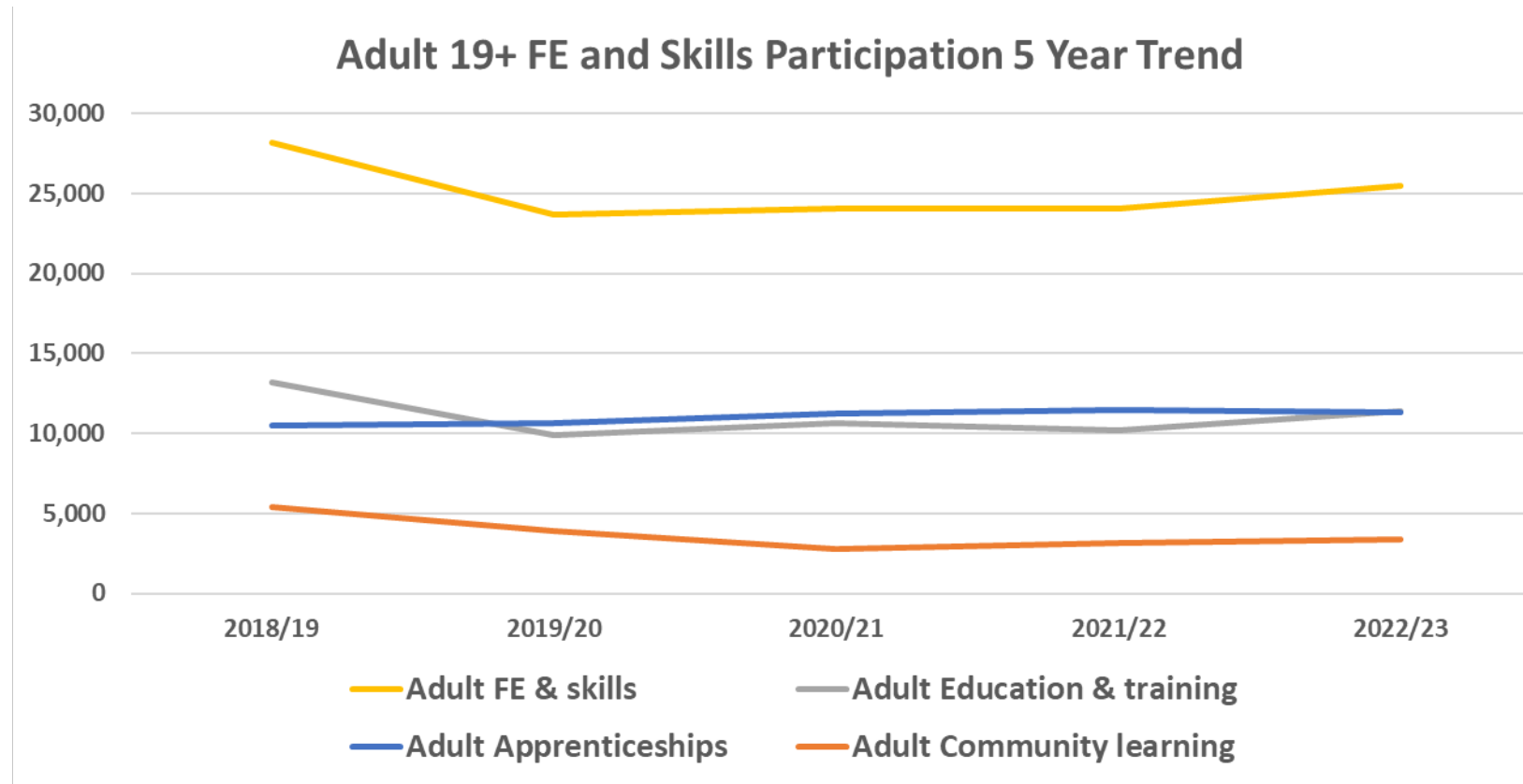
Adult 19+ FE and Skills Participation

Year	Adult Apprenticeships	Adult Community learning	Adult Education & training	Adult FE & skills
2018/19	10,490	5,420	13,160	28,200
2019/20	10,640	3,910	9,910	23,690
2020/21	11,210	2,760	10,640	24,060
2021/22	11,480	3,130	10,160	24,080
2022/23	11,340	3,410	11,420	25,480
5 Year Change	850	-2,010	-1,740	-2,720
5 Year % Change	8.1%	-37.1%	-13.2%	-9.6%
Latest Year Change	-140	280	1,260	1,400
Latest Year & Change	-1.2%	8.9%	12.4%	5.8%
National 5 Year Change	39,600	-161,610	-129,880	-249,720
National 5 Year % Change	6.8%	-33.0%	-12.0%	-12.1%
National Latest Year Change	7,090	24,270	75,320	98,890
National Latest Year & Change	1.2%	8.0%	8.6%	5.8%

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Adult 19+ FE and Skills Participation



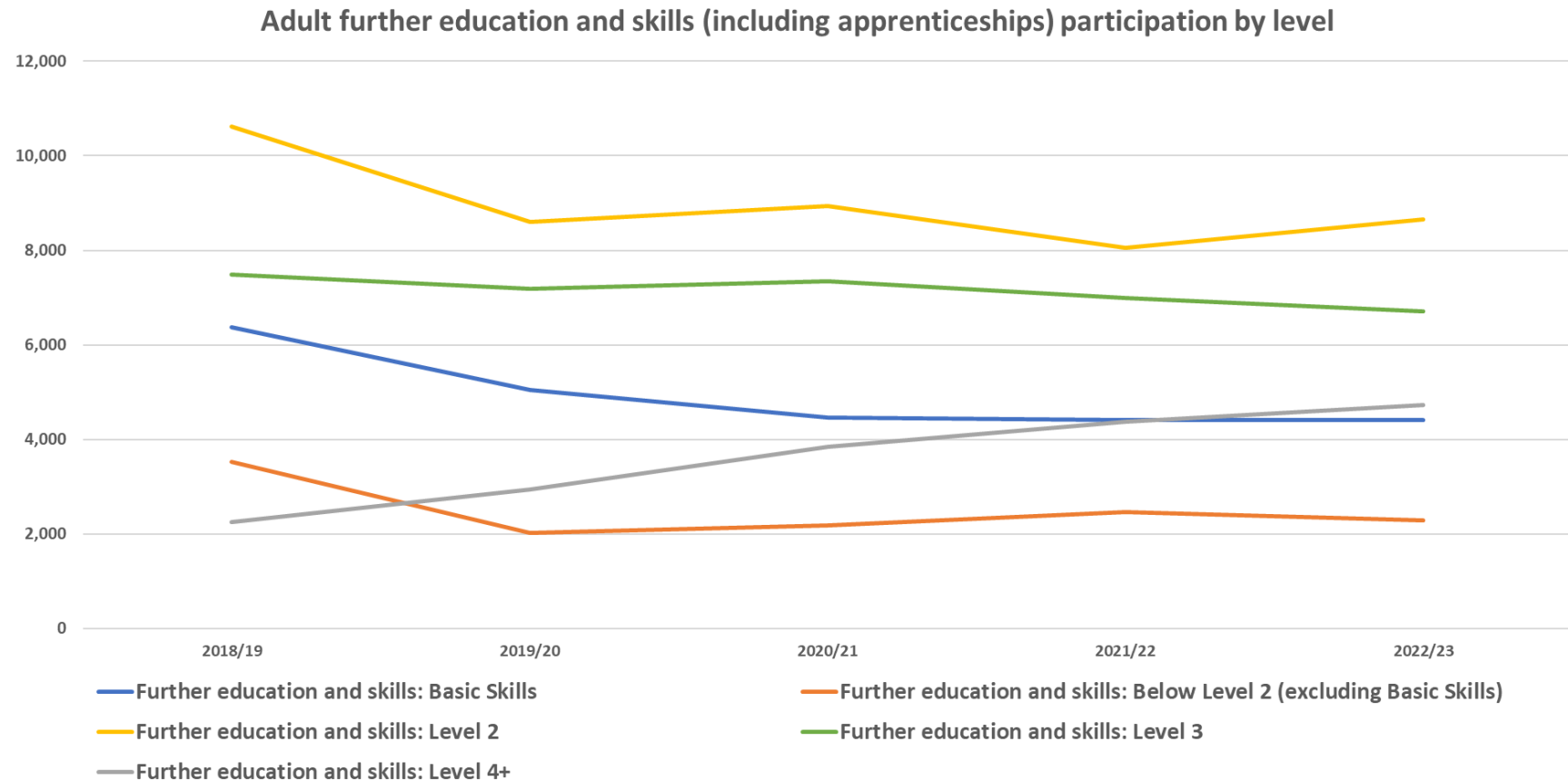
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Adult 19+ FE and Skills Participation by Level

Of the 25,480 adult learners participating in 2022/23:

- The number on below Level 2 courses (excluding Basic skills) was 2,280.
- The number on a Basic skills course was 4,400.
- The number on Level 2 courses was 8,650 (on Full Level 2, there were 1,880 learners).
- On Level 3 there were 6,710 learners (on Full Level 3, there were 5,670 learners).
- The number on Level 4 or above courses was 4,730.



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Adult 19+ FE and Skills Participation by Level

Year	Basic Skills	Below Level 2 (excluding Basic Skills)	Full Level 2	Full Level 3	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4+	No Level Assigned	Total
2018/19	6,380	3,520	3,560	6,460	10,620	7,480	2,250	5,550	28,200
2019/20	5,050	2,020	2,740	6,310	8,600	7,190	2,940	4,060	23,680
2020/21	4,470	2,180	2,210	6,500	8,940	7,350	3,840	2,910	24,060
2021/22	4,410	2,470	2,130	6,160	8,060	6,990	4,380	3,320	24,080
2022/23	4,400	2,280	1,880	5,670	8,650	6,710	4,730	4,350	25,490
5 Year Change	-1,980	-1,240	-1,680	-790	-1,970	-770	2,480	-1,200	-2,710
5 Year % Change	-31.0%	-35.2%	-47.2%	-12.2%	-18.5%	-10.3%	110.2%	-21.6%	-9.6%
Latest Year Change	-10	-190	-250	-490	590	-280	350	1,030	1,410
Latest Year & Change	-0.2%	-7.7%	-11.7%	-8.0%	7.3%	-4.0%	8.0%	31.0%	5.9%

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Adult 19+ FE and Skills Achievements



Adult 19+ FE and Skills Achievements – Headline summary – 2022/23 Latest full and final data

Adult (19+) further education and skills achievements

15,300

Up 12.5% from 2021/22 – Above the national increase of 10.2%.

Seen a 19.0% decline over the last 5 years compared to a 17.8% drop nationally.

Adult (19+) education and training achievements

8,460

Up 11.0% from 2021/22 – Above the national increase of 9.2%.

Seen a 18.4% decline over the last 5 years compared to a 15.7% drop nationally.

Community learning achievements

3,100

Up 5.4% from 2021/22 – Below the national increase of 8.3%.

Seen a 37.8% decline over the last 5 years compared to a 27.7% drop nationally.

- Achievements rate was 3,032 per 100,000 working age population (16-64) in 2022/23 which was lower than the West Midlands rate of 3,580 and national rate of 3,582.
- Higher level (level 4 or above) achievements increased by 40.0%, to 980 from 700 in 2021/22. Above the 28.7% increase seen nationally. Seen 180.0% increase over last 5 years above the 160.4% national increase.

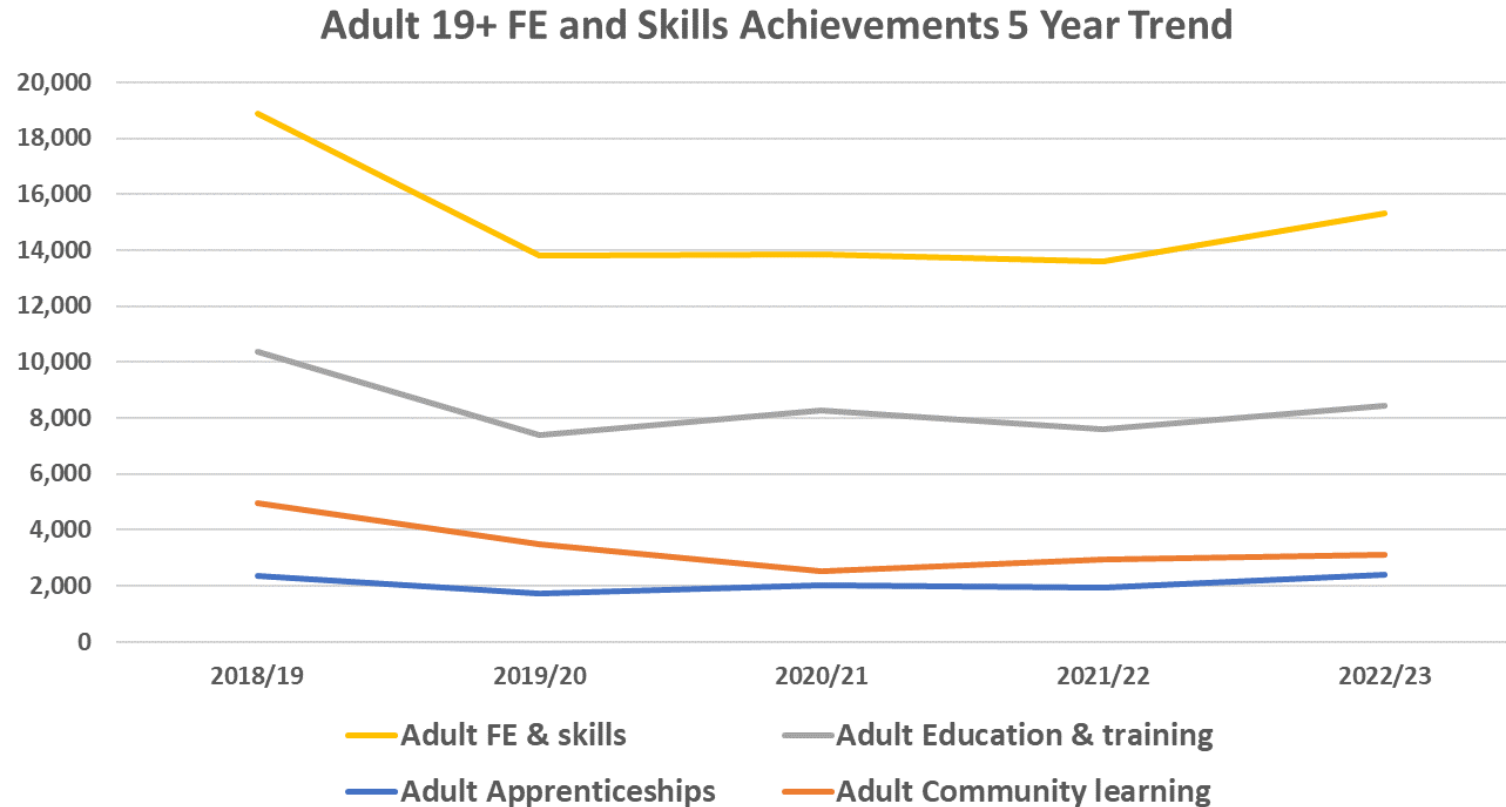
Adult 19+ FE and Skills Achievements

Year	Adult Apprenticeships	Adult Community learning	Adult Education & training	Adult FE & skills
2018/19	2,380	4,980	10,370	18,890
2019/20	1,750	3,480	7,390	13,810
2020/21	2,020	2,540	8,280	13,840
2021/22	1,950	2,940	7,620	13,600
2022/23	2,410	3,100	8,460	15,300
5 Year Change	30	-1,880	-1,910	-3,590
5 Year % Change	1.3%	-37.8%	-18.4%	-19.0%
Latest Year Change	460	160	840	1,700
Latest Year & Change	23.6%	5.4%	11.0%	12.5%
National 5 Year Change	-1,610	-117,060	-138,920	-261,430
National 5 Year % Change	-1.3%	-27.7%	-15.7%	-17.8%
National Latest Year Change	19,990	23,440	63,040	112,050
National Latest Year & Change	18.9%	8.3%	9.2%	10.2%

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Adult 19+ FE and Skills Achievements



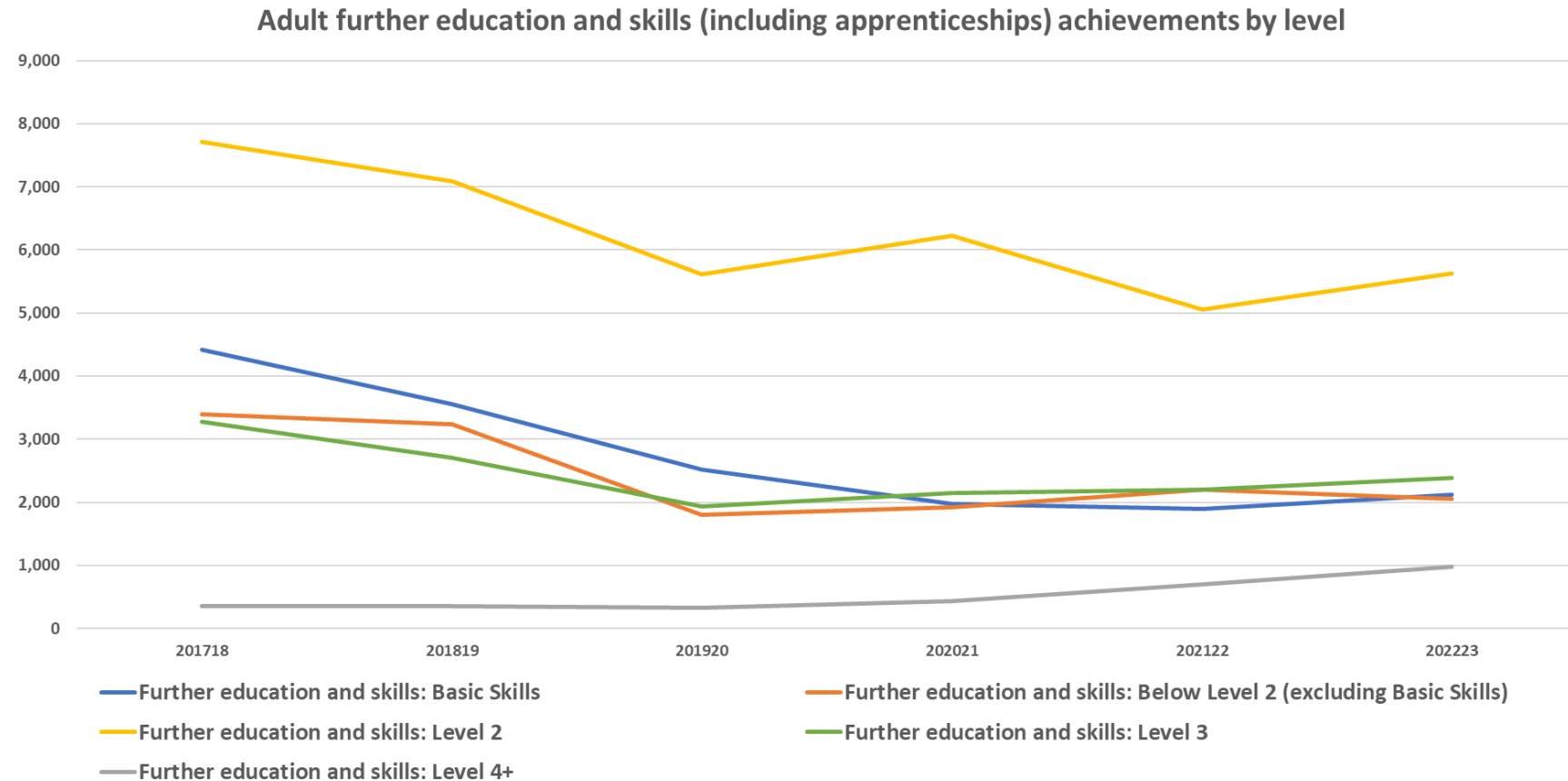
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Adult 19+ FE and Skills Achievements by Level

Of the 15,300 adult learner achievements in 2022/23:

- The number of below Level 2 courses (excluding Basic skills) achievements was 2,050.
- The number of Basic skills achievements was 2,120.
- The number on Level 2 courses was 5,630 (Full Level 2, there were 710).
- The number of Level 3 achievements was 2,380 (Full Level 3, there were 1,780).
- The number of Level 4 or above achievements was 980.



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Adult 19+ FE and Skills Achievements by Level

Year	Basic Skills	Below Level 2 (excluding Basic Skills)	Full Level 2	Full Level 3	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4+	No Level Assigned	Total
2018/19	3,550	3,240	1,510	2,130	7,090	2,700	350	5,070	18,880
2019/20	2,520	1,800	1,080	1,550	5,610	1,930	330	3,590	13,810
2020/21	1,970	1,920	880	1,750	6,230	2,150	440	2,630	13,840
2021/22	1,900	2,200	730	1,760	5,060	2,200	700	3,090	13,600
2022/23	2,120	2,050	710	1,780	5,630	2,380	980	3,810	15,300
5 Year Change	-1,430	-1,190	-800	-350	-1,460	-320	630	-1,260	-3,580
5 Year % Change	-40.3%	-36.7%	-53.0%	-16.4%	-20.6%	-11.9%	180.0%	-24.9%	-19.0%
Latest Year Change	220	-150	-20	20	570	180	280	720	1,700
Latest Year & Change	11.6%	-6.8%	-2.7%	1.1%	11.3%	8.2%	40.0%	23.3%	12.5%

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Adult 19+ FE and Skills Participation and Achievement Rates 2022/23

Area	Participation	Participation rate per 100,000 population	Achievements	Achievements rate per 100,000 population
England	1,818,480	5,401	1,206,150	3,582
West Midlands	193,470	5,577	124,190	3,580
Tamworth	2,610	5,630	1,650	3,556
East Staffordshire	3,880	5,281	2,430	3,315
Lichfield	3,430	5,723	1,980	3,303
Cannock Chase	3,260	5,457	1,920	3,213
Newcastle-under-Lyme	3,690	5,126	2,250	3,122
Staffordshire	25,480	5,051	15,300	3,032
Staffordshire Moorlands	2,390	4,533	1,470	2,798
Stafford	3,680	4,705	2,120	2,715
South Staffordshire	2,560	4,104	1,480	2,370

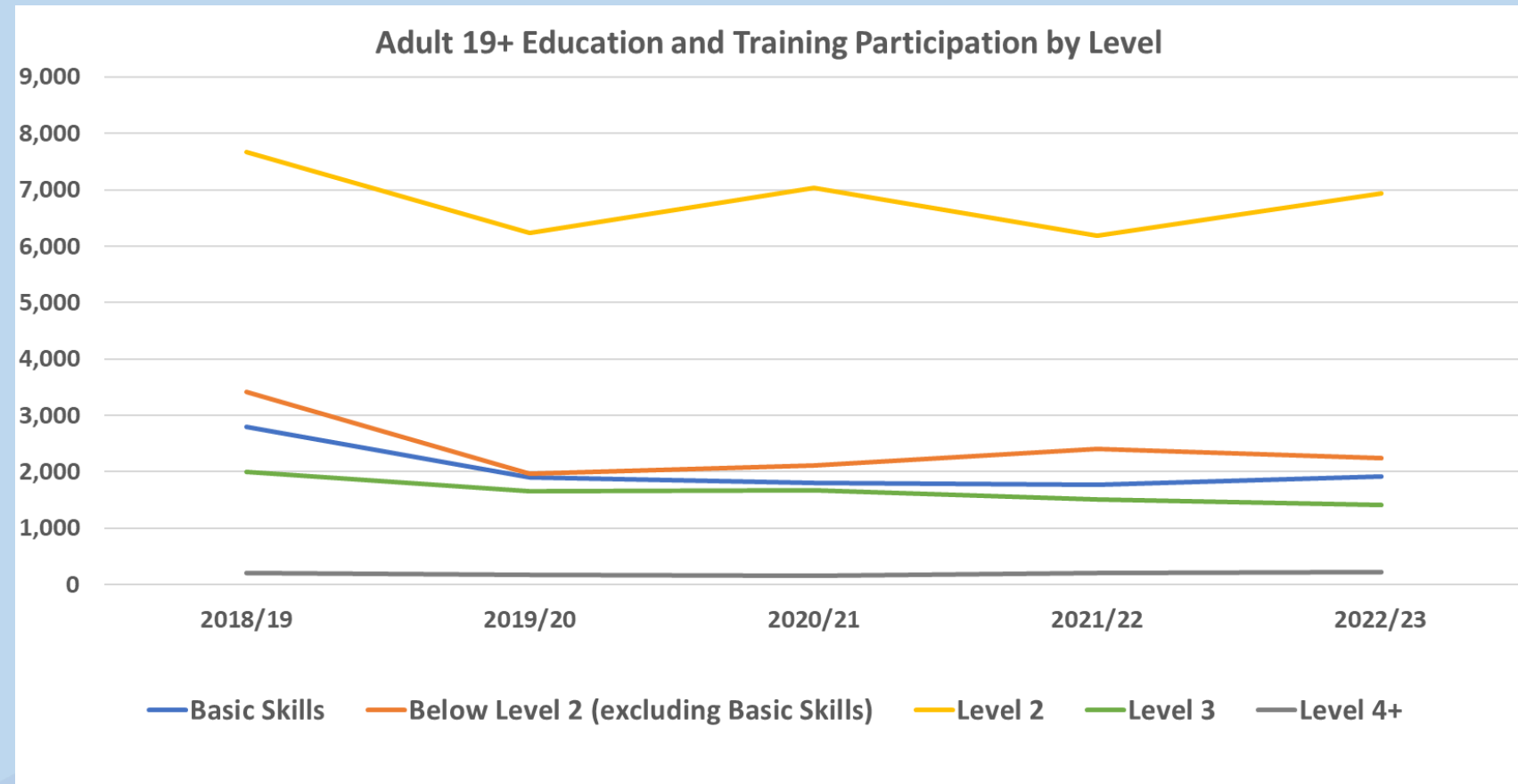
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Adult 19+ Education and Training Participation and Achievements

Adult 19+ Education and Training Participation

- Adult participation in Education and Training increased by 12.4% to 11,420, compared to 2021/22 – higher than the 8.6% increase nationally.
- However, Staffordshire has seen a fall of 13.2% since 2018/19 compared to a fall of 12.0% nationally.
- Level 2 courses were the most popular (6,940 learners participating), followed by below Level 2 (excluding basic skills) (2,250).



Adult 19+ Education and Training Participation

Year	Basic Skills	Below Level 2 (excluding Basic Skills)	Full Level 2	Level 2	Full Level 3	Level 3	Level 4+	No Level Assigned	Total
2018/19	2,800	3,420	470	7,670	930	2,000	200	240	13,160
2019/20	1,900	1,970	310	6,240	720	1,650	180	180	9,910
2020/21	1,810	2,110	320	7,040	800	1,680	160	210	10,640
2021/22	1,770	2,410	290	6,180	660	1,510	200	320	10,160
2022/23	1,910	2,250	180	6,940	510	1,420	220	1,130	11,420
5 Year Change	-890	-1,170	-290	-730	-420	-580	20	890	-1,740
5 Year % Change	-31.8%	-34.2%	-61.7%	-9.5%	-45.2%	-29.0%	10.0%	370.8%	-13.2%
Latest Year Change	140	-160	-110	760	-150	-90	20	810	1,260
Latest Year & Change	7.9%	-6.6%	-37.9%	12.3%	-22.7%	-6.0%	10.0%	253.1%	12.4%

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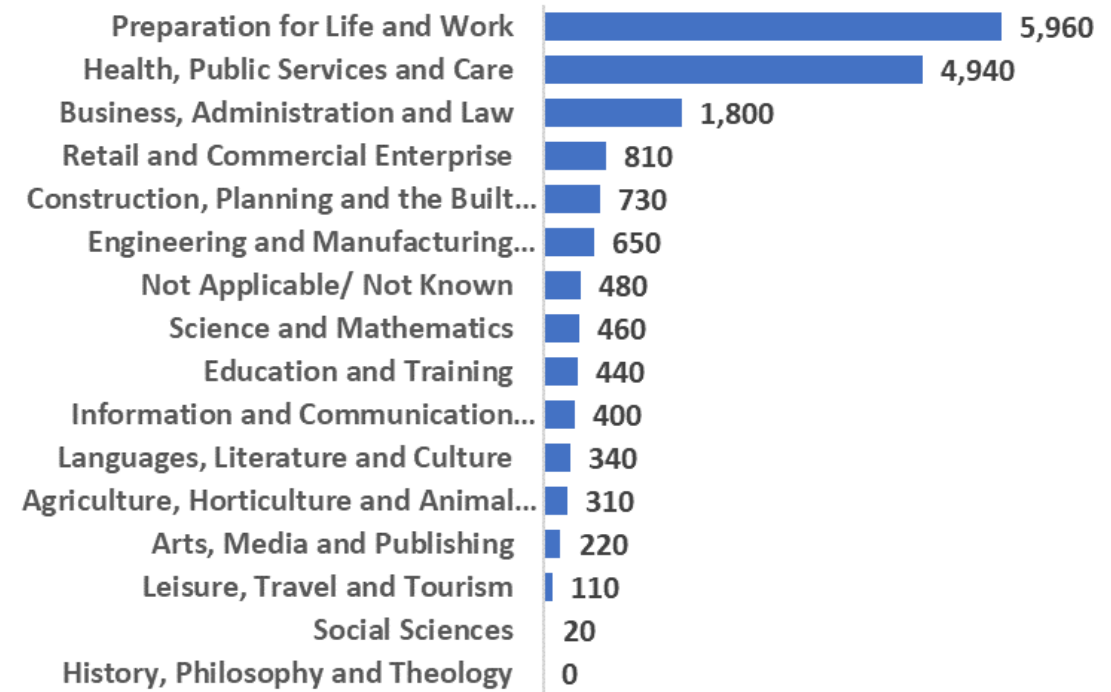
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Adult 19+ Education and Training Learning Aim Enrolments 2022/23

Out of 17,620 education and training learning aim enrolments in 2022/23:

- Science, technology engineering and maths (STEM) subjects represent 8.6% of enrolments (1,510).
- Preparation for life and work was the sector subject area with the most enrolments (5,960 or 33.8%), followed closely by health, public services and care (4,940 or 28.0%).
- Entry and Level 1 courses together make up 33.1% of enrolments – 5,840 enrolments in total. The majority of these are in preparation for life (67.3%).
- Level 2 courses account for 48.1% overall (8,470) – over two fifths (45.6%) of which are in health, public services and care (3,860).
- At Level 3 or above, the largest proportion of enrolments are in health, public services and care (37.8% or 730) followed by retail and commercial enterprise (9.8% or 190).

Adult Education and Training Enrolments by Sector Subject Area (teir 1) 2022/23

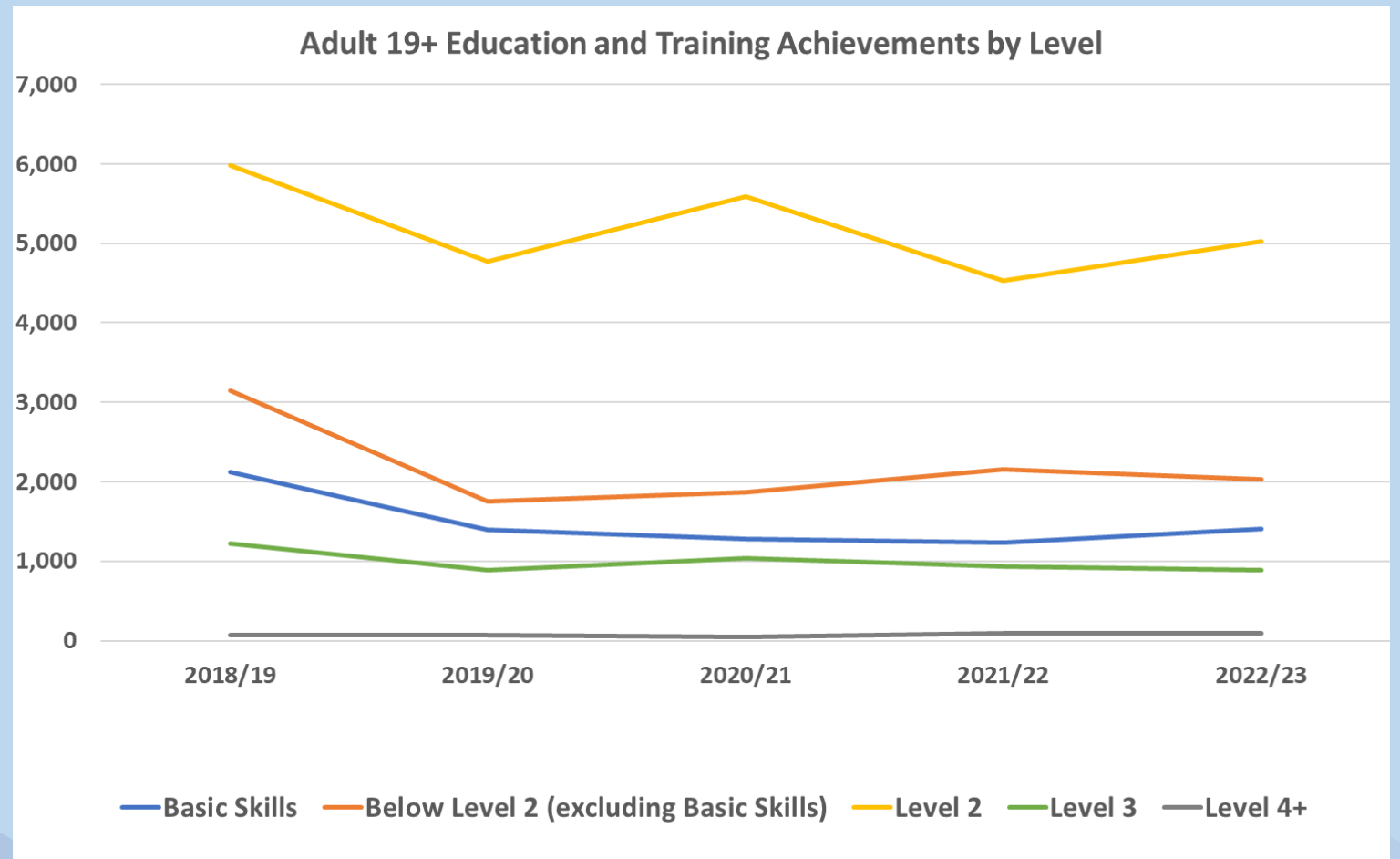


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Adult 19+ Education and Training Achievements

- Achievements in Education and Training increased by 11.3% to 8,470, compared to 2021/22 – higher than the 9.2% increase nationally.
- However, Staffordshire has seen a fall of 18.3% since 2018/19 compared to a fall of 15.7% nationally.
- Achievements at Level 2 were the highest at 5,020 followed by below Level 2 (excluding basic skills) accounting for 2,030.



Adult 19+ Education and Training Achievements

Year	Basic Skills	Below Level 2 (excluding Basic Skills)	Full Level 2	Full Level 3	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4+	No Level Assigned	Total
2018/19	2,120	3,150	380	640	5,980	1,220	70	190	10,370
2019/20	1,390	1,750	200	480	4,770	890	70	110	7,390
2020/21	1,280	1,870	230	570	5,590	1,040	50	130	8,280
2021/22	1,230	2,160	210	450	4,530	930	90	240	7,610
2022/23	1,410	2,030	140	350	5,020	890	90	820	8,470
5 Year Change	-710	-1,120	-240	-290	-960	-330	20	630	-1,900
5 Year % Change	-33.5%	-35.6%	-63.2%	-45.3%	-16.1%	-27.0%	28.6%	331.6%	-18.3%
Latest Year Change	180	-130	-70	-100	490	-40	0	580	860
Latest Year & Change	14.6%	-6.0%	-33.3%	-22.2%	10.8%	-4.3%	0.0%	241.7%	11.3%

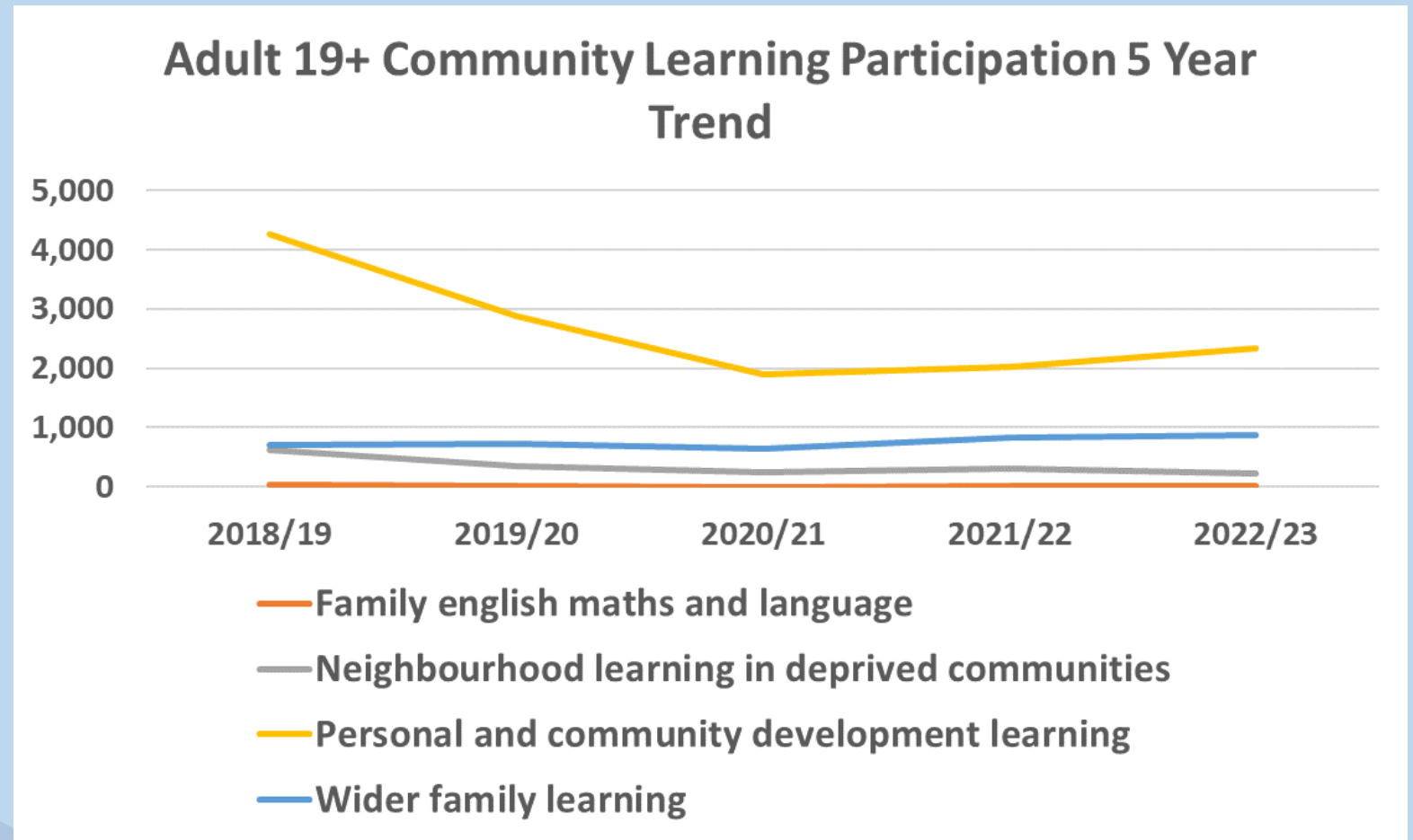
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Adult 19+ Community Learning Participation and Achievements

Adult 19+ Community Learning Participation

- Adult participation in Community Learning increased by 8.9% to 3,410, compared to 2021/22 - higher than the 8.0% increase nationally.
- However, Staffordshire has seen a fall of 37.1% since 2018/19 compared to a fall of 33.0% nationally.
- Personal and community development learning courses were the most popular (2,330 learners participating), followed by Wider family learning (870).
- However, Personal and community development learning has seen a 45.4% drop over the last 5 years.



Adult 19+ Community Learning Participation

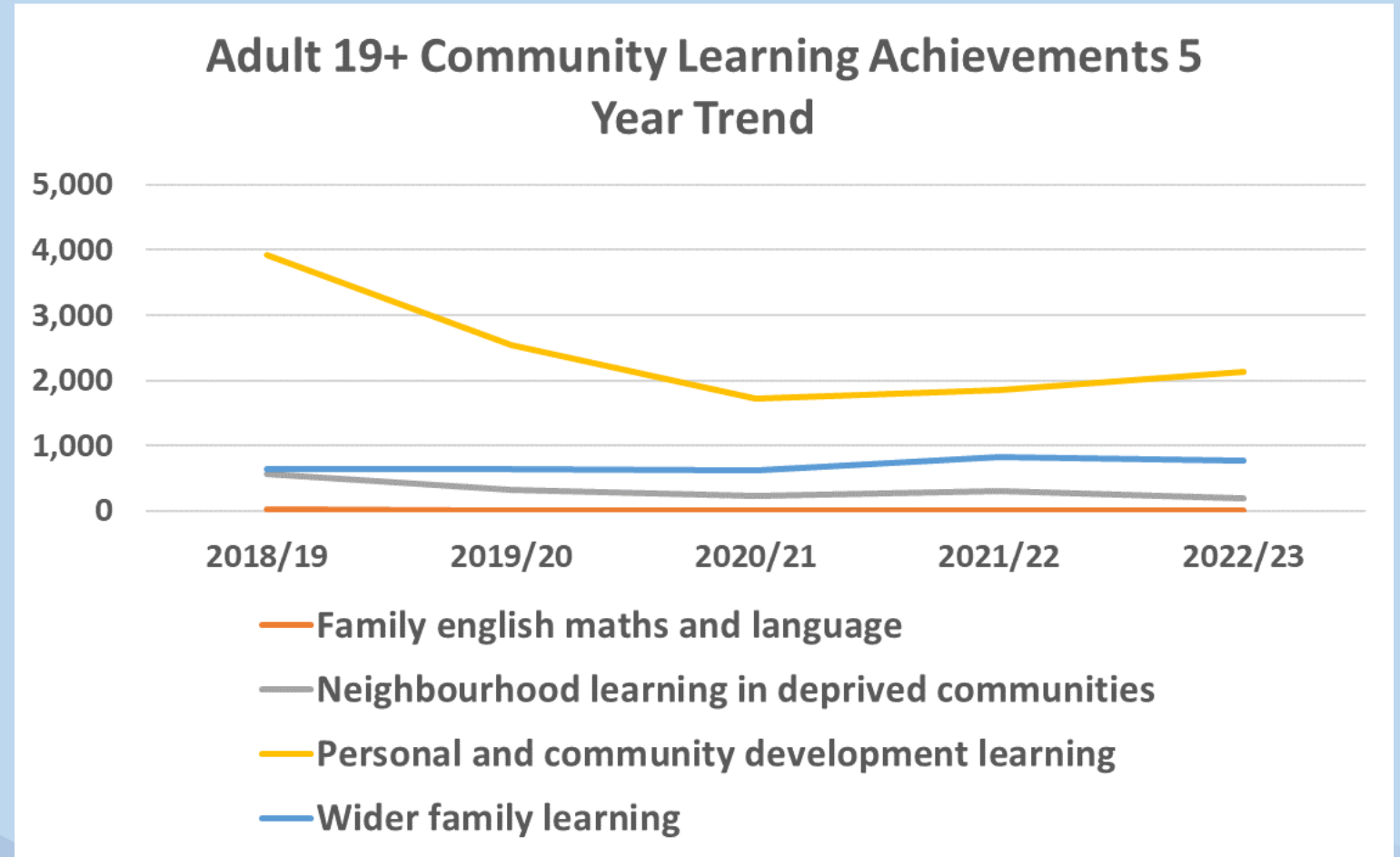
Year	Family english maths and language	Neighbourhood learning in deprived communities	Personal and community development learning	Wider family learning	Total
2018/19	30	620	4,270	700	5,400
2019/20	10	350	2,870	720	3,910
2020/21	0	240	1,900	650	2,760
2021/22	10	310	2,020	840	3,130
2022/23	20	230	2,330	870	3,400
5 Year Change	-10	-390	-1,940	170	-2,000
5 Year % Change	-33.3%	-62.9%	-45.4%	24.3%	-37.0%
Latest Year Change	10	-80	310	30	270
Latest Year & Change	100.0%	-25.8%	15.3%	3.6%	8.6%

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Adult 19+ Community Learning Achievements

- Adult achievements in Community Learning increased by 5.4% to 3,100, compared to 2021/22 - lower than the 8.3% increase nationally.
- However, Staffordshire has seen a fall of 37.8% since 2018/19 compared to a fall of 27.7% nationally.
- Personal and community development learning achievements were the highest (2,130), followed by Wider family learning achievements (770).



Adult 19+ Community Learning Achievements

Year	Family english maths and language	Neighbourhood learning in deprived communities	Personal and community development learning	Wider family learning	Total
2018/19	30	560	3,930	650	4,970
2019/20	10	330	2,540	640	3,480
2020/21	0	230	1,720	630	2,540
2021/22	10	300	1,850	820	2,930
2022/23	10	200	2,130	770	3,090
5 Year Change	-20	-360	-1,800	120	-1,880
5 Year % Change	-66.7%	-64.3%	-45.8%	18.5%	-37.8%
Latest Year Change	0	-100	280	-50	160
Latest Year & Change	0.0%	-33.3%	15.1%	-6.1%	5.5%

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Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Participation and Achievements



Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Participation

Adult (19+) Apprenticeships participation

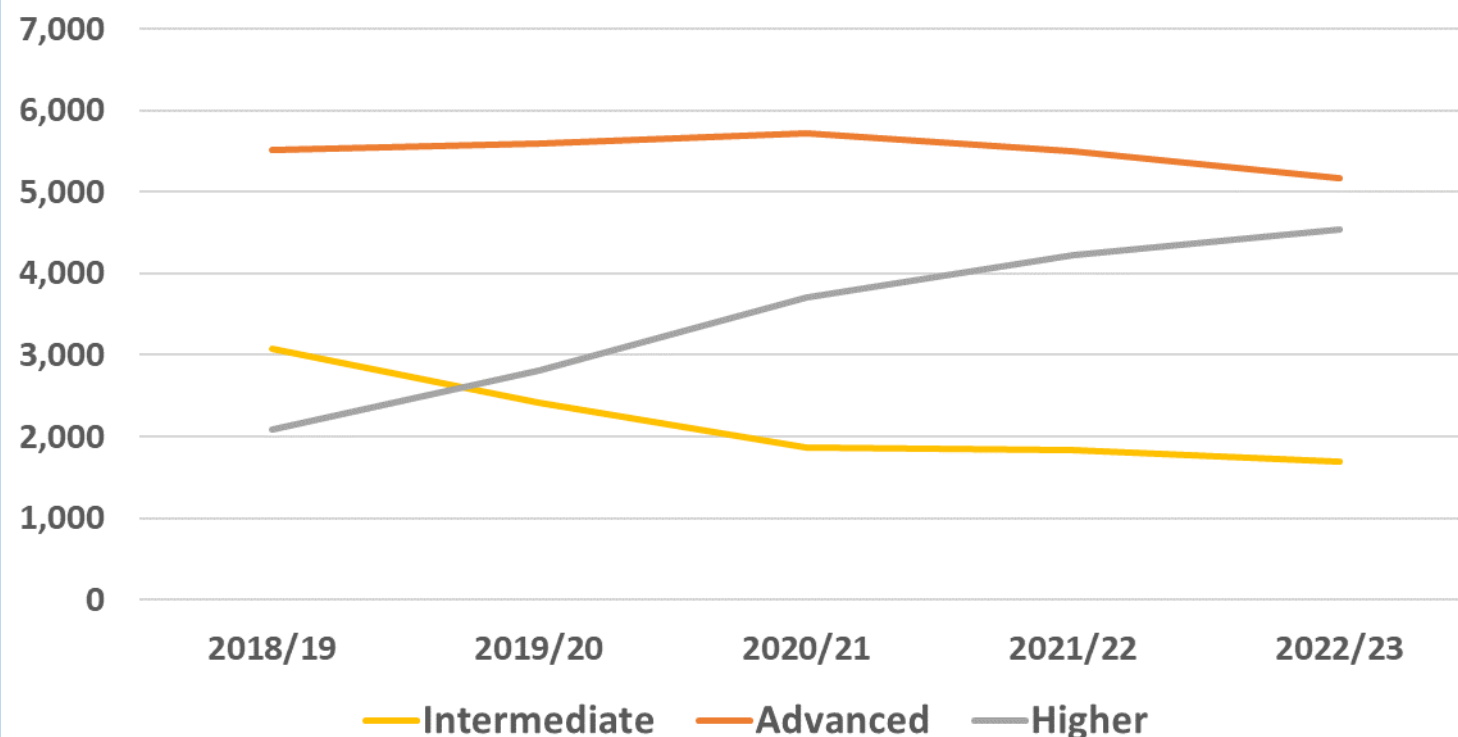
11,340

Down 1.2% from 2021/22 – In contrast to the national increase of 1.2%.

Seen an 8.1% increase over the last 5 years - higher than the 6.8% rise nationally.

- Advanced apprenticeships were the most common (5,170 learners participating).
- Higher level (level 4 or above) apprenticeships increased by 7.6%, to 4,540 from 4,220 in 2021/22. Seen 118.3% increase over last 5 years above the 112.9% national increase.

Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Participation by Level



Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Participation

Year	Intermediate	Advanced	Higher	Total
2018/19	3,070	5,520	2,080	10,490
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
5 Year Change	-1,370	-350	2,460	850
5 Year % Change	-44.6%	-6.3%	118.3%	8.1%
Latest Year Change	-140	-330	320	-140
Latest Year & Change	-7.6%	-6.0%	7.6%	-1.2%

Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Achievements

Adult (19+) Apprenticeships achievements

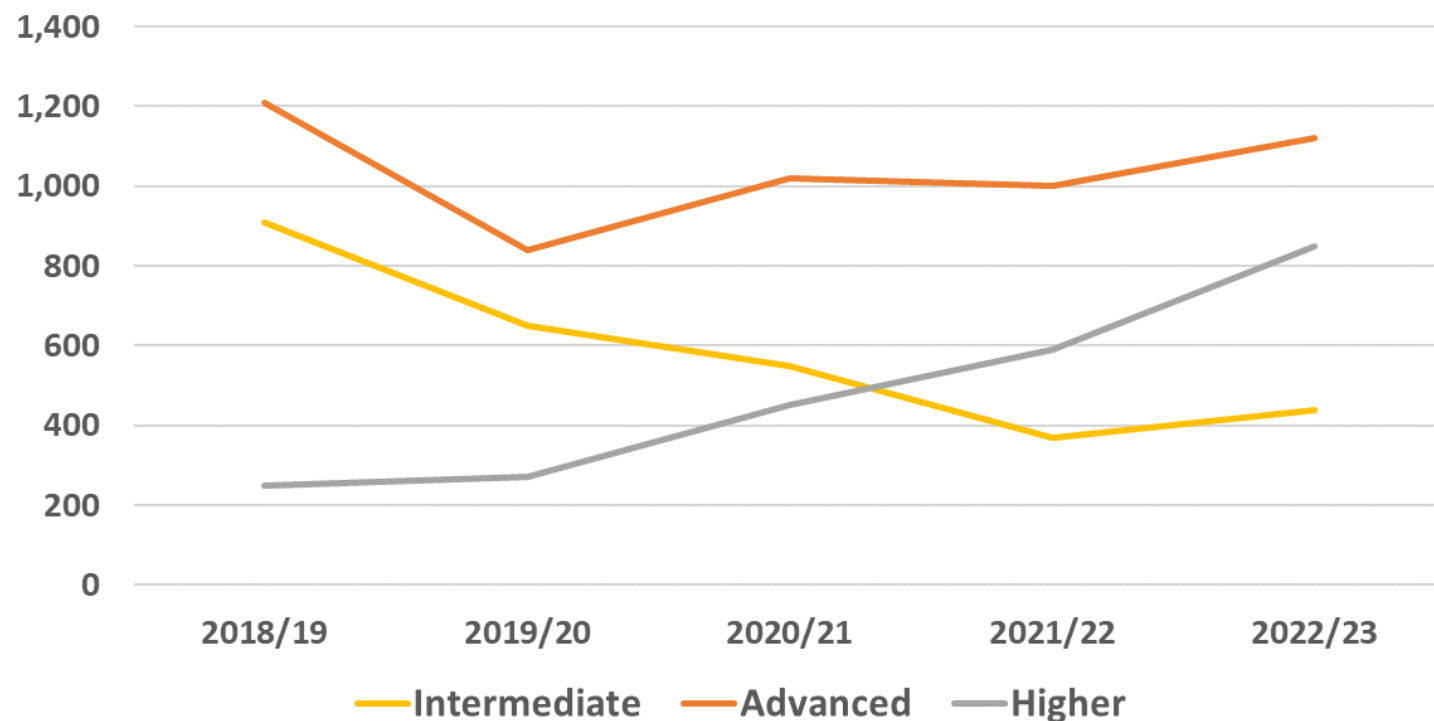
2,410

Up 23.6% from 2021/22 – Higher than the 18.9% rise seen nationally.

Seen a 1.3% increase over the last 5 years in contrast to 1.3% drop nationally.

- Advanced apprenticeships were the most common (1,120 achievements).
- Higher level (level 4 or above) apprenticeships increased by 44.1%, to 850 from 590 in 2021/22. Seen 240.0% increase over last 5 years just below the 244.3% national increase.

Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Achievements by Level



Adult 19+ Apprenticeships Achievements

Year	Intermediate	Advanced	Higher	Total
2018/19	910	1,210	250	2,380
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
5 Year Change	-470	-90	600	30
5 Year % Change	-51.6%	-7.4%	240.0%	1.3%
Latest Year Change	70	120	260	460
Latest Year & Change	18.9%	12.0%	44.1%	23.6%



Adult 19+ FE and Skills Participation and Achievements by district and 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 and Training Outcomes



Adult Skills – Latest Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQFs) – Headlines Summary

Level 4+

- In 2022 there were 44.1% or 222,500 of working age residents with Level 4+ RQF qualifications which was **just below the national rate** of 45.1% - Staffordshire would require a further 4,800 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 that we have the local skilled workforce to remain competitive and increase local productivity and economic growth.**

Level 3+

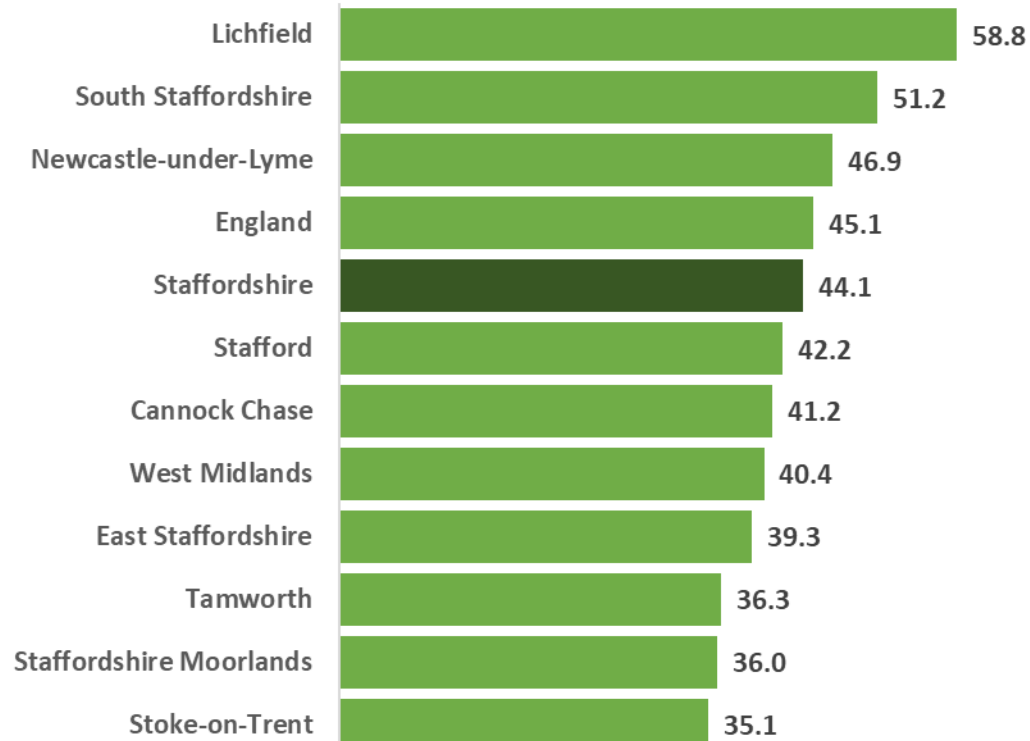
- In 2022 there were 67.8% or 342,000 of working age residents with Level 3+ RQF qualifications which was **above the national rate** of 66.4%.
- **We will look to further increase those residents achieving Level 3+ RQF qualifications to ensure that they have the skills needed in the local economy.**

No Qualifications

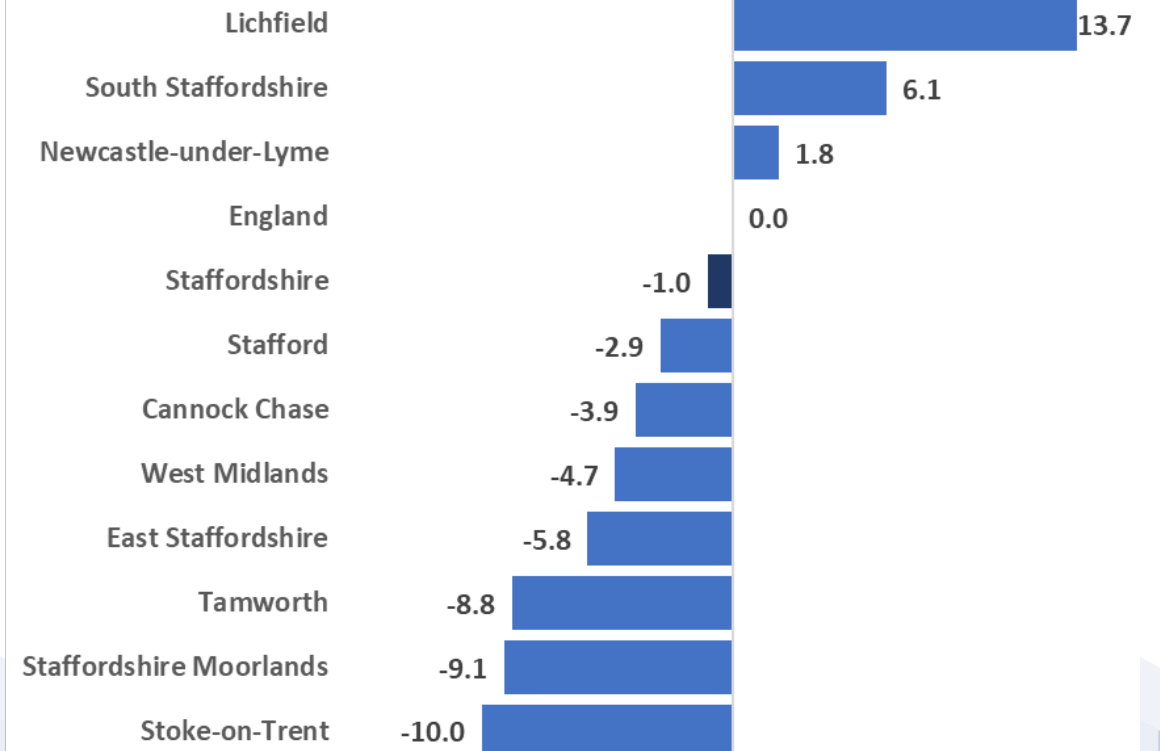
- In 2022 there were 4.9% of working age residents with no qualifications which was **below the national rate** of 6.6%.
- **Still remain an estimated 24,600 Staffordshire residents with no qualifications which we will look to reduce further.**

Adult Skills – Latest Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQFs) – Level 4+

% with RQF4+ - aged 16-64

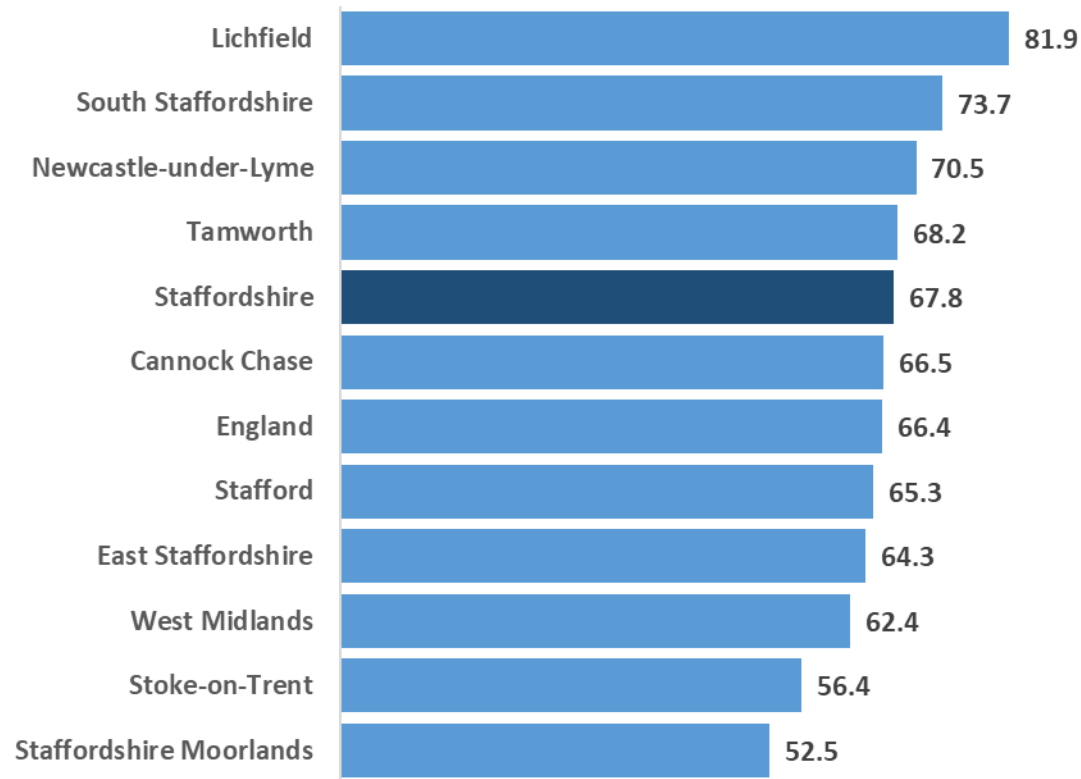


% with RQF4+ - aged 16-64 national comparison

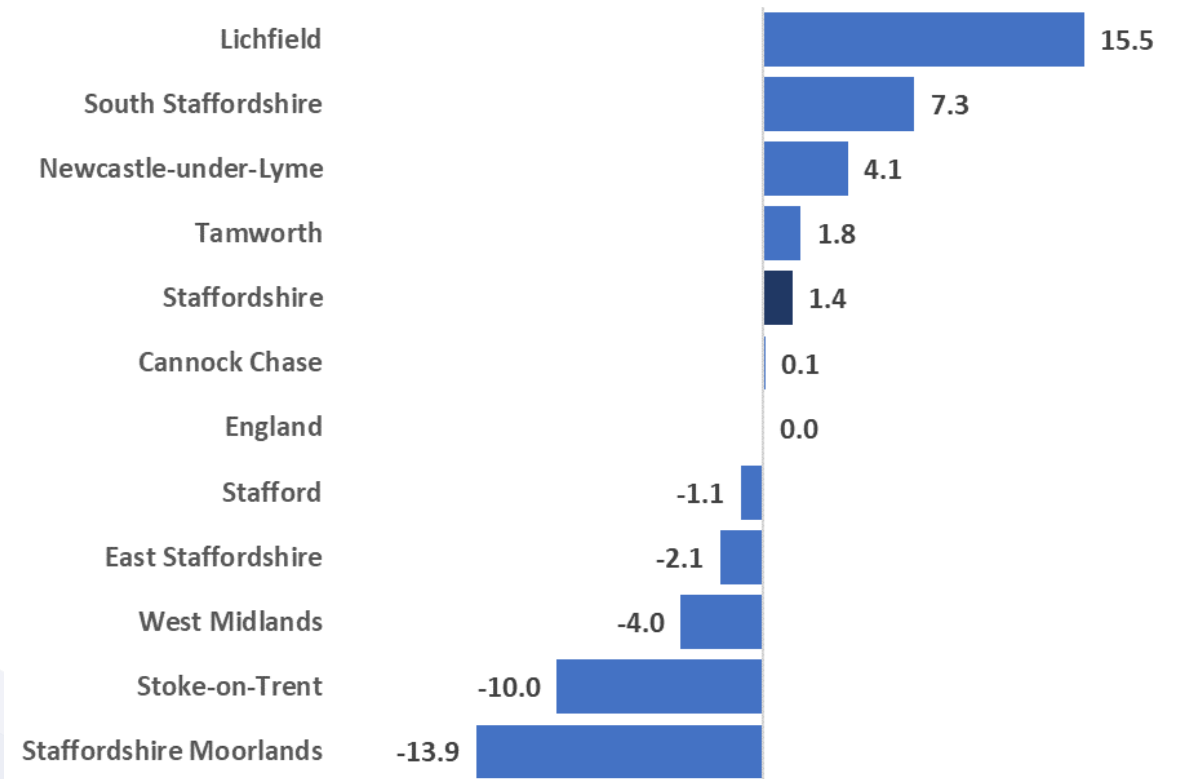


Adult Skills – Latest Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQFs) – Level 3+

% with RQF3+ - aged 16-64

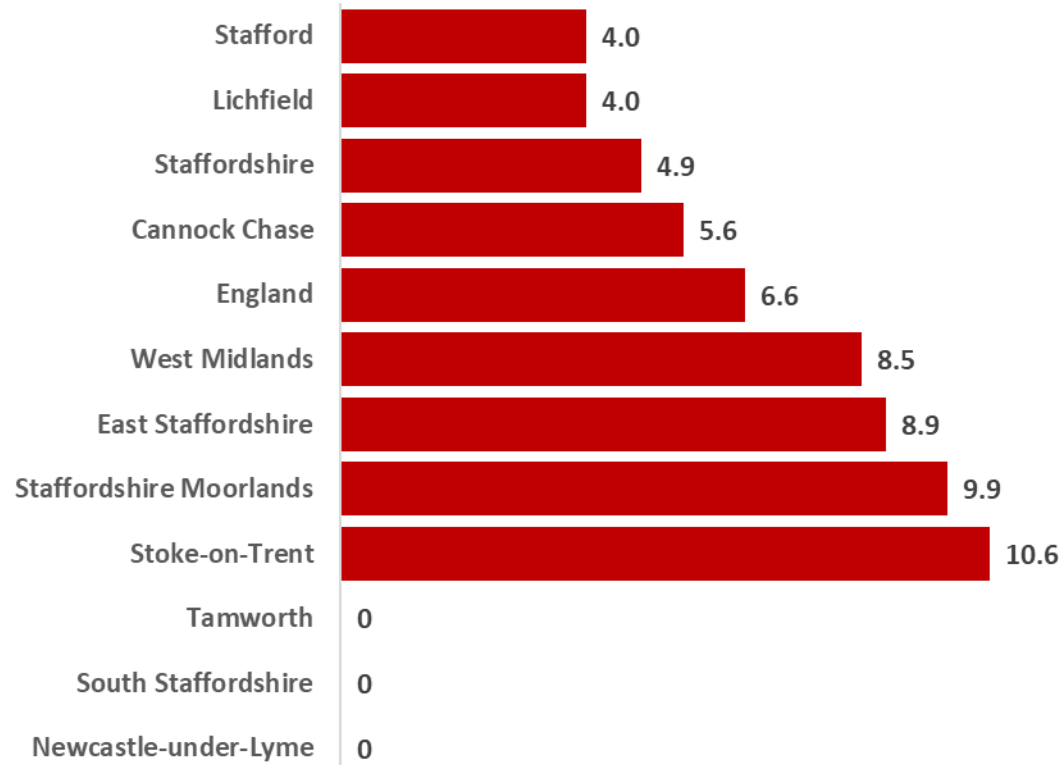


% with RQF3+ - aged 16-64 national comparison

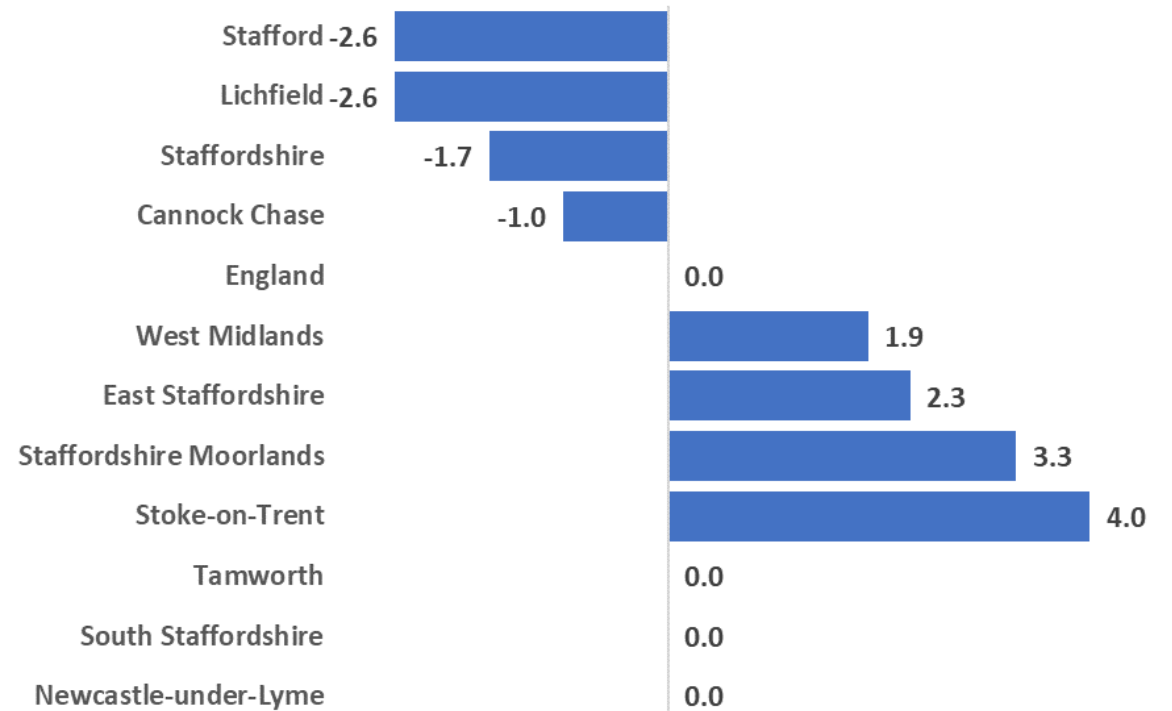


Adult Skills – Latest Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQFs) – No Quals

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

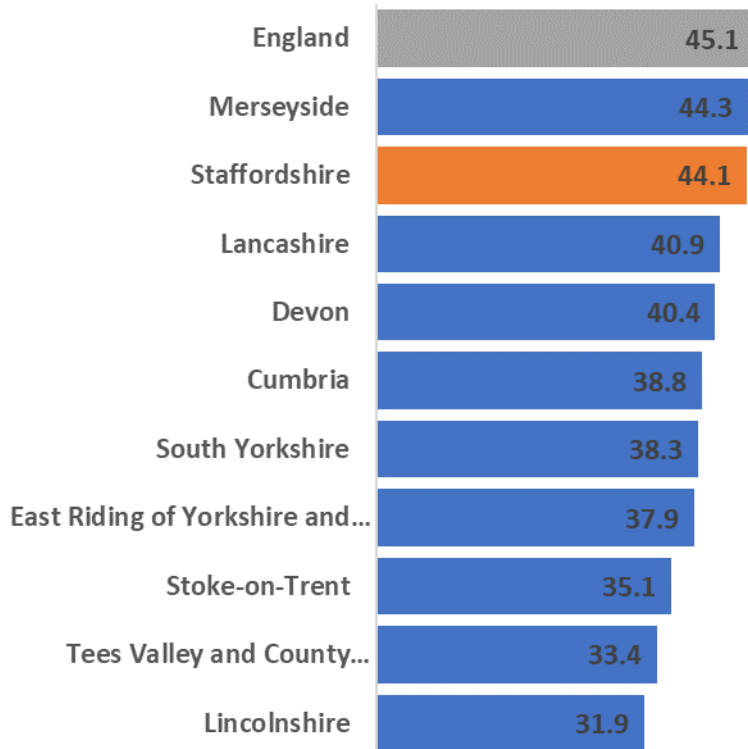


% with no qualifications (RQF) - aged 16-64 national comparison

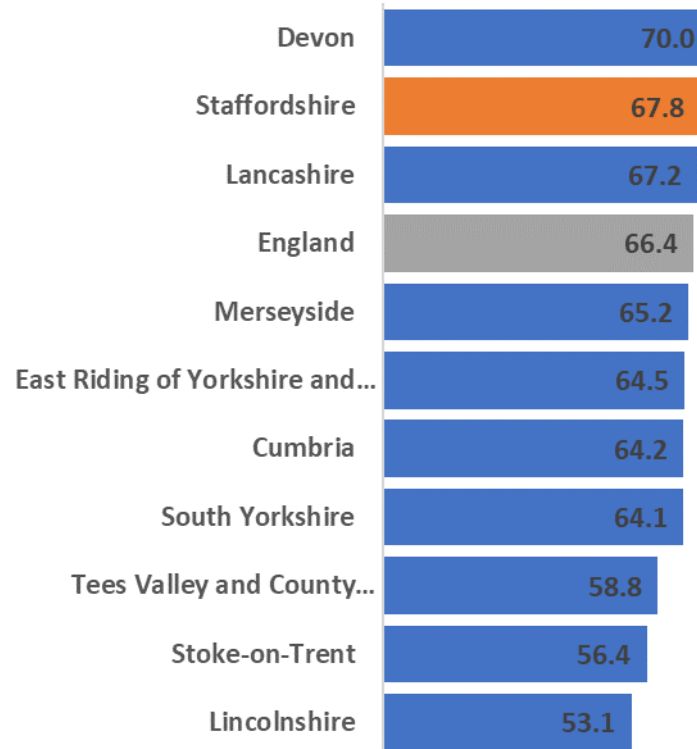


Staffordshire now ranked one of the best for adult skills levels compared to other transition areas

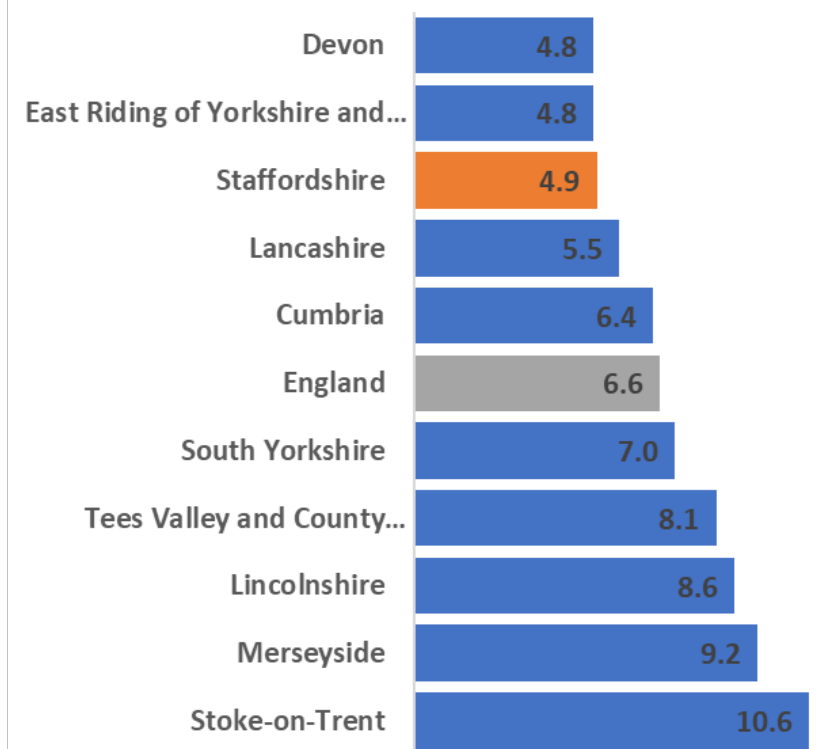
% with RQF4+ (aged 16-64) - 2022



% with RQF3+ (aged 16-64) - 2022

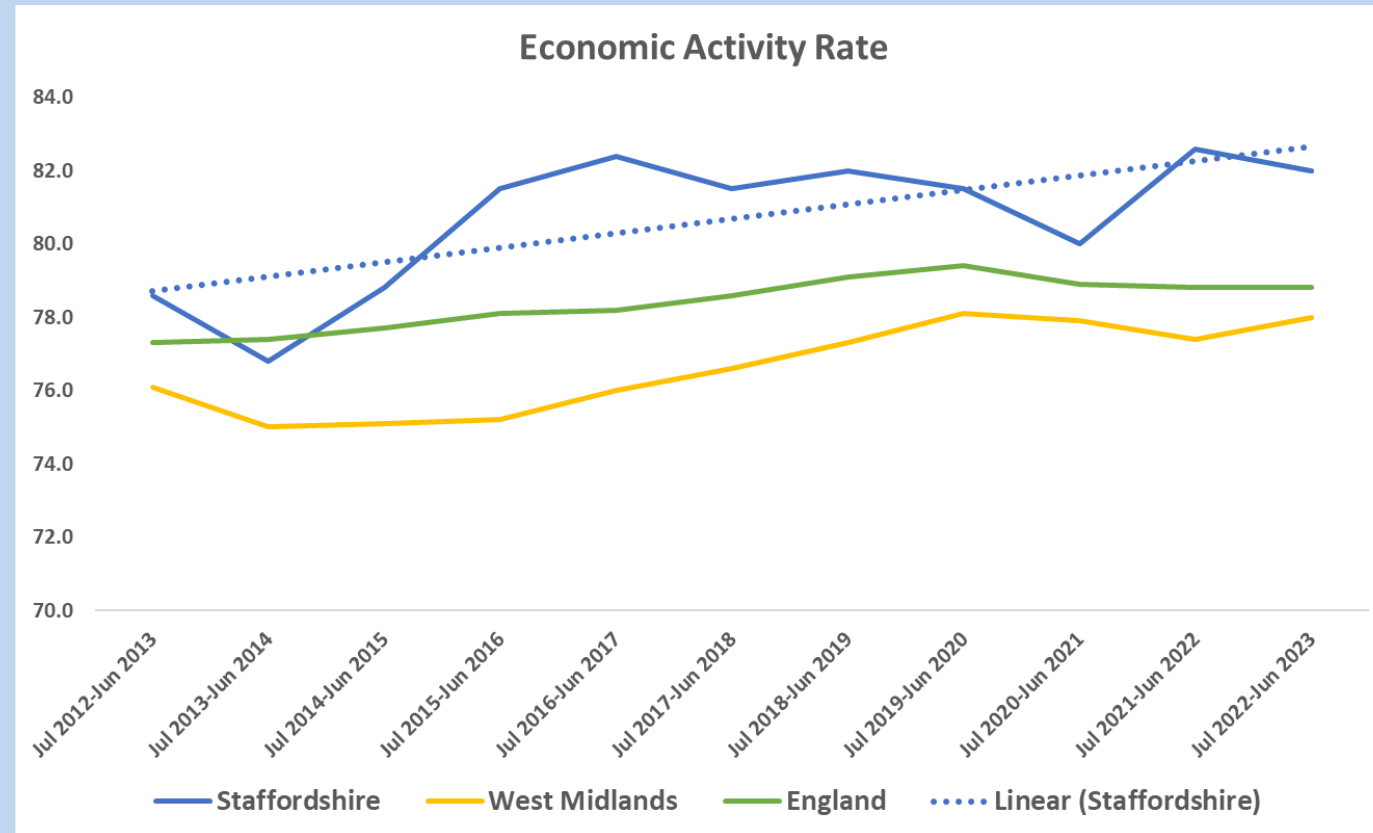


% with No Qualifications (RFQ) (aged 16-64) - 2022



Economic Activity – Headlines Summary

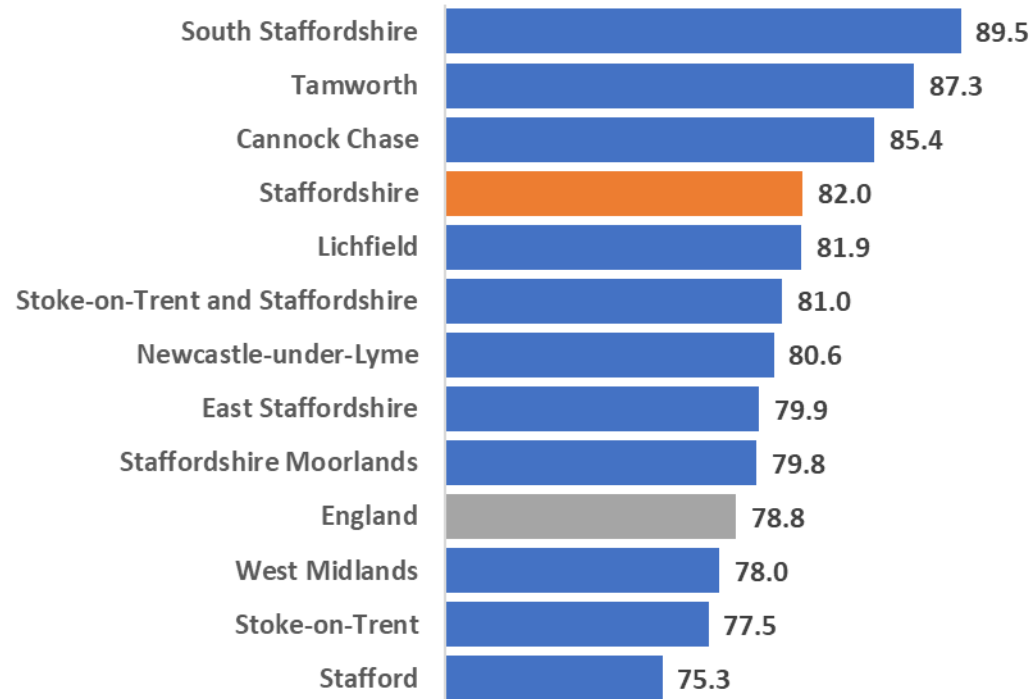
- Latest economic activity figures for the period Jul 2022-Jun 2023 show that in Staffordshire there were an estimated 430,400 working age (aged 16-64) residents economically active, with an **economic activity rate of 82.0% above the national average of 78.8%**.
- The economic activity rate in Staffordshire has seen a long-term increase and is now back to pre-pandemic levels, whereas nationally the rate still lags behind pre-pandemic.
- **By continuing to support our residents to remain economically active we can ensure that the Staffordshire economy has access to a larger labour pool and skills base to support continued economic growth.**



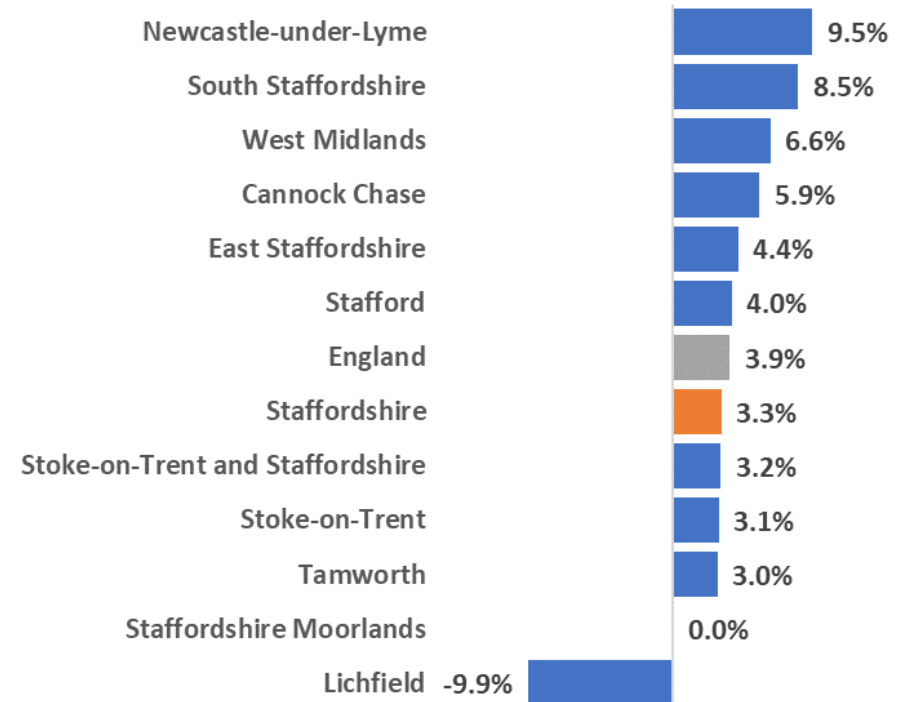
Source: Annual Population Survey

Economic Activity - Districts

Economic activity rate (aged 16-64) - Jul 2022-
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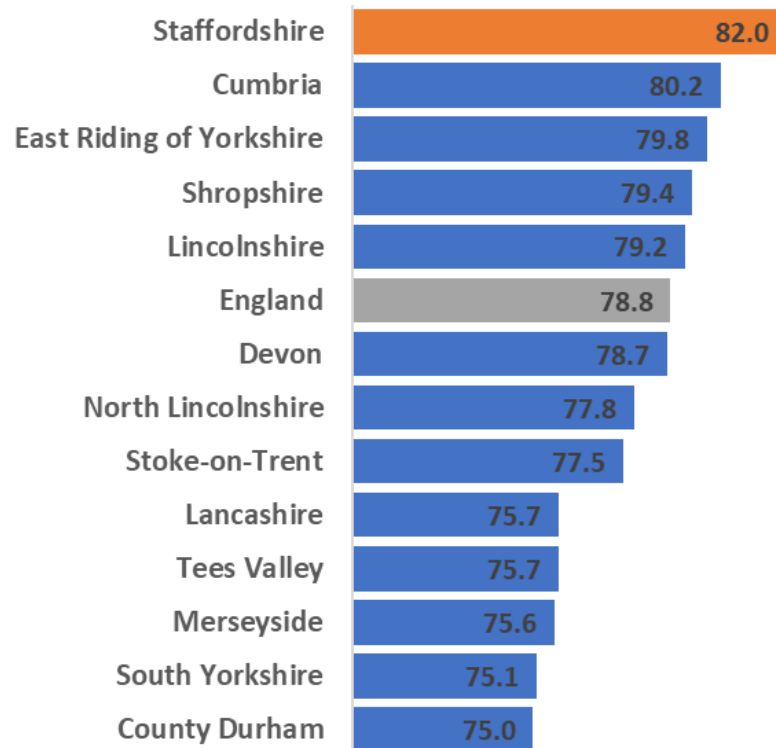
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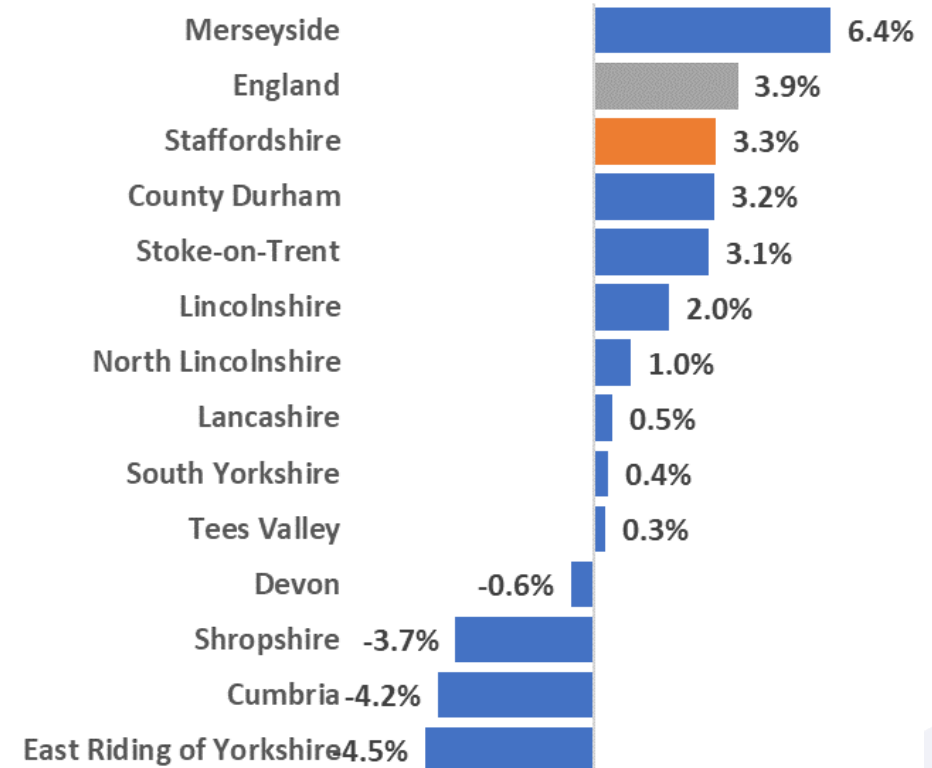
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Economic Activity – Transition Areas

Economic activity rate (aged 16-64) -
Jul 2022-Jun 2023



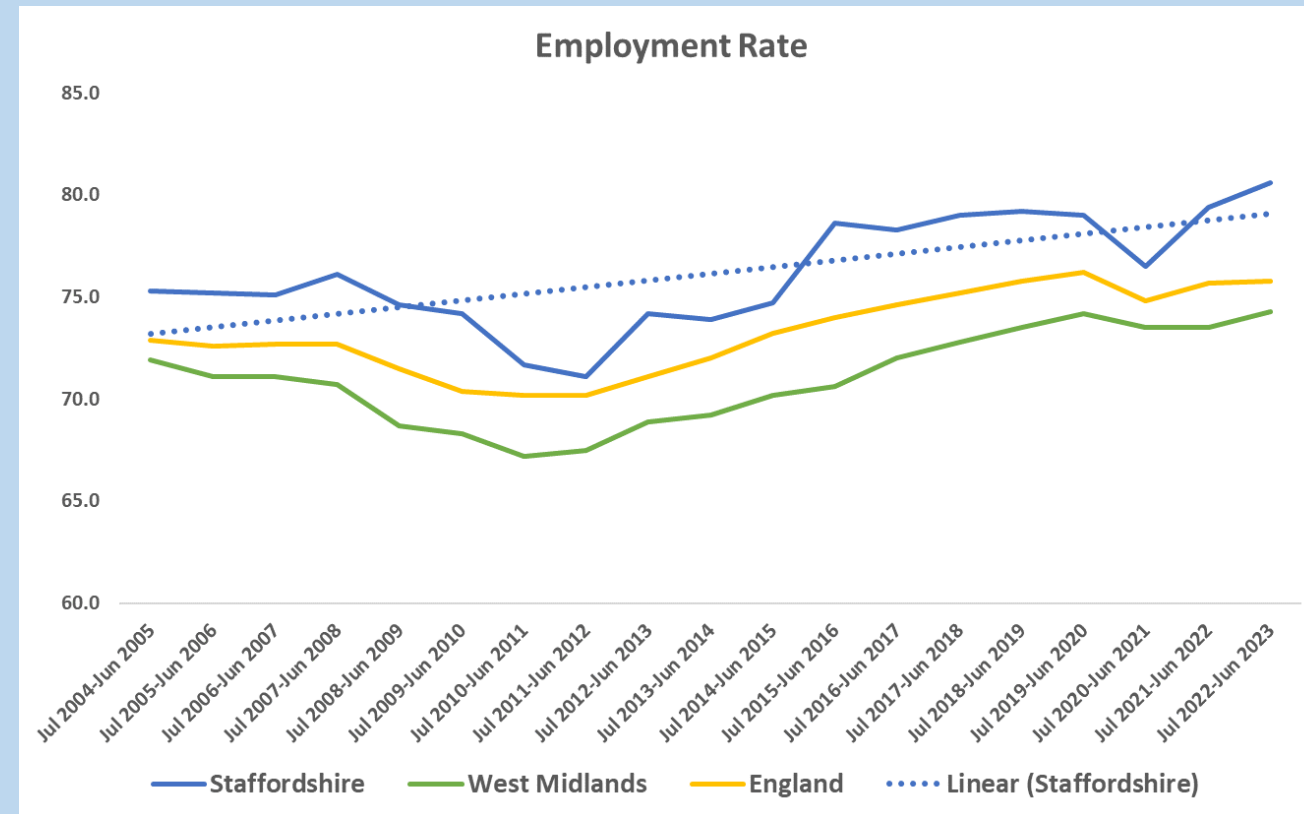
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Employment – Headlines Summary

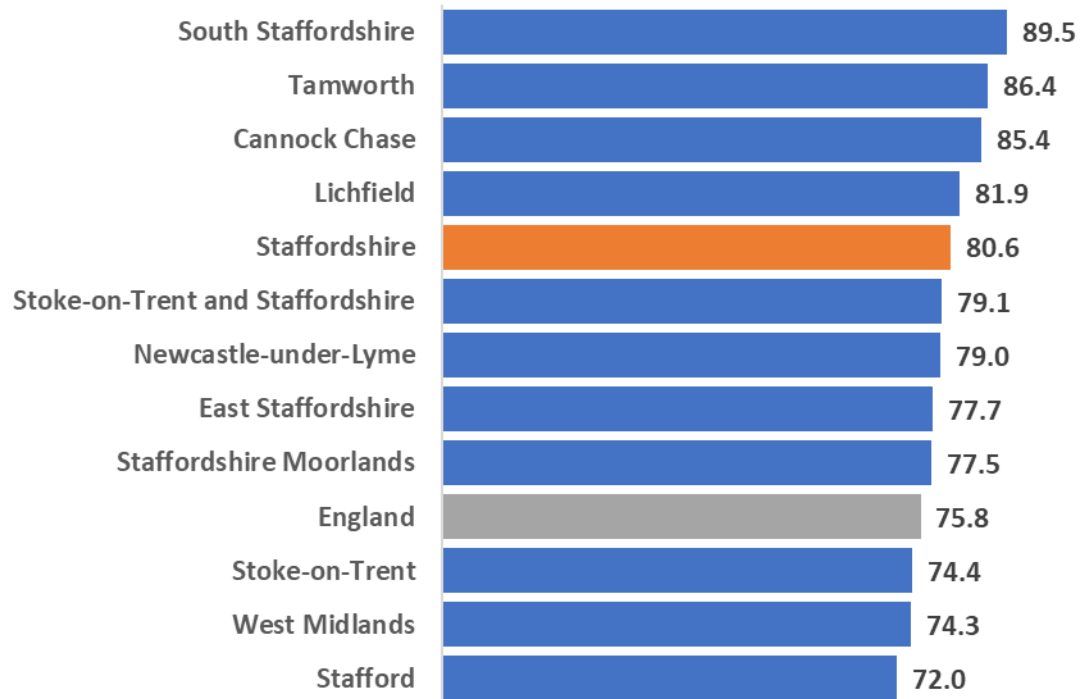
- Latest employment figures for the period Jul 2022-Jun 2023 show that in Staffordshire there were an estimated 422,900 working age (aged 16-64) residents employed, with an **employment rate of 80.6% well above the national average of 75.8%.**
- It is a real positive for the County that since the impact of the pandemic the number of residents employed has significantly increased and is now 18,000 or 4.4% higher than pre-COVID which is far better than the less than 1% growth seen nationally.
- **By continuing to support our residents to reskill 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.**



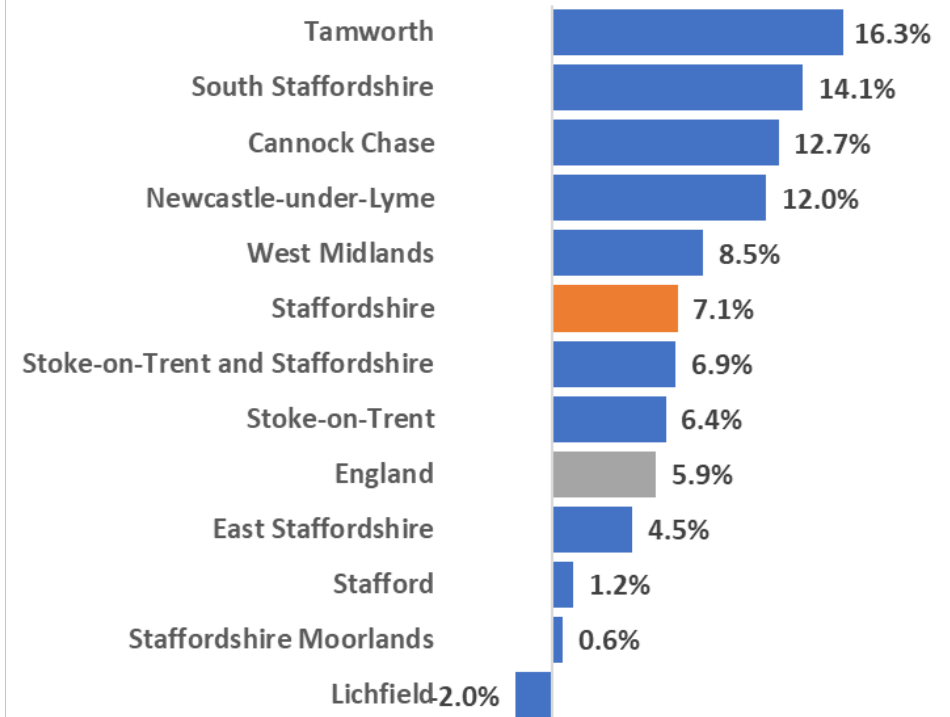
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Employment - Districts

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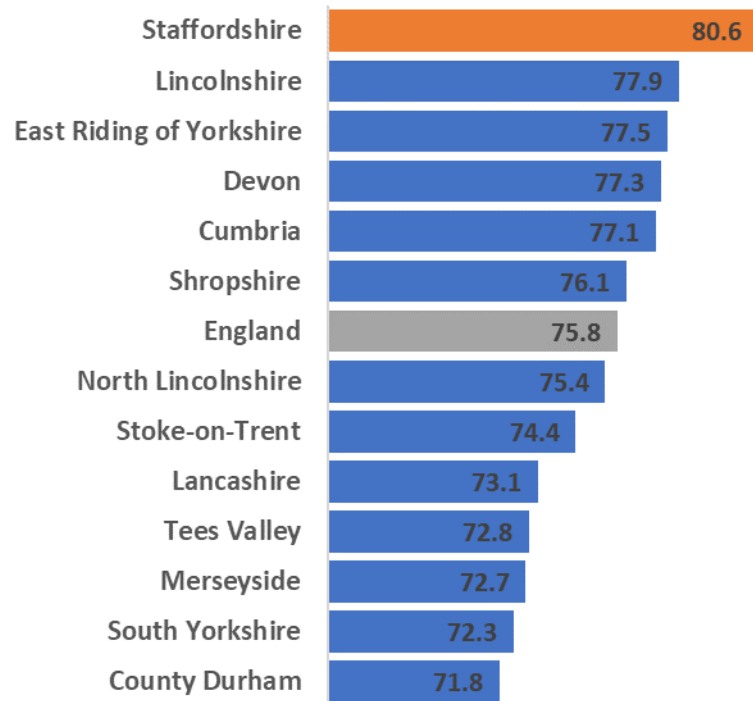
% change in adults in employment (aged 16-64) - 2014-2023



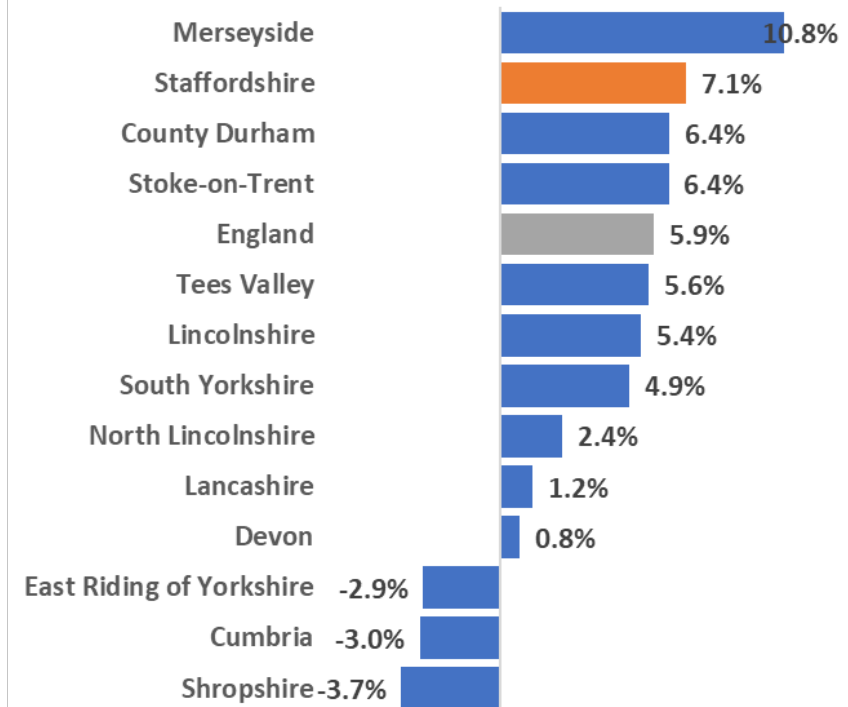
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Employment – Transition Areas

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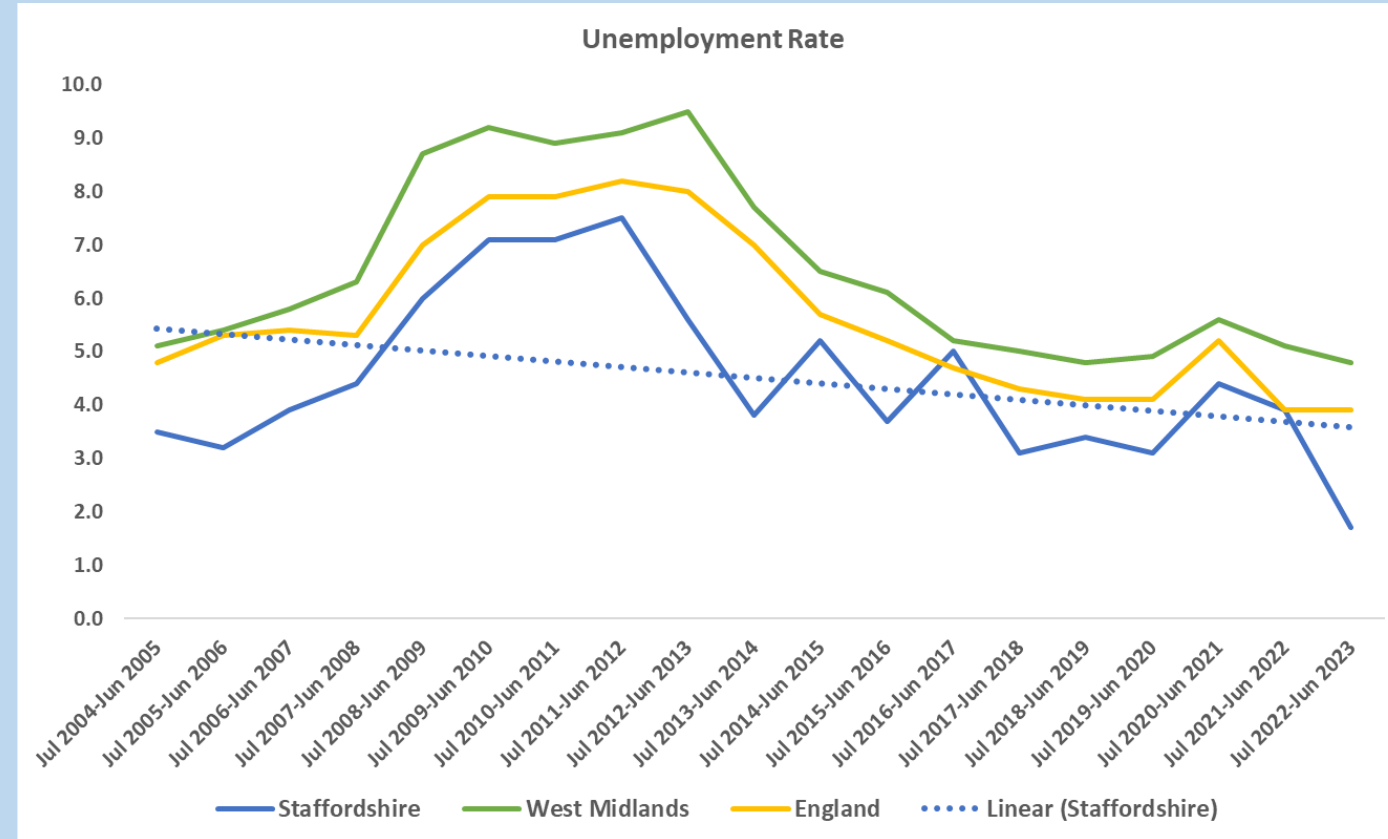
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Unemployment – Headlines Summary

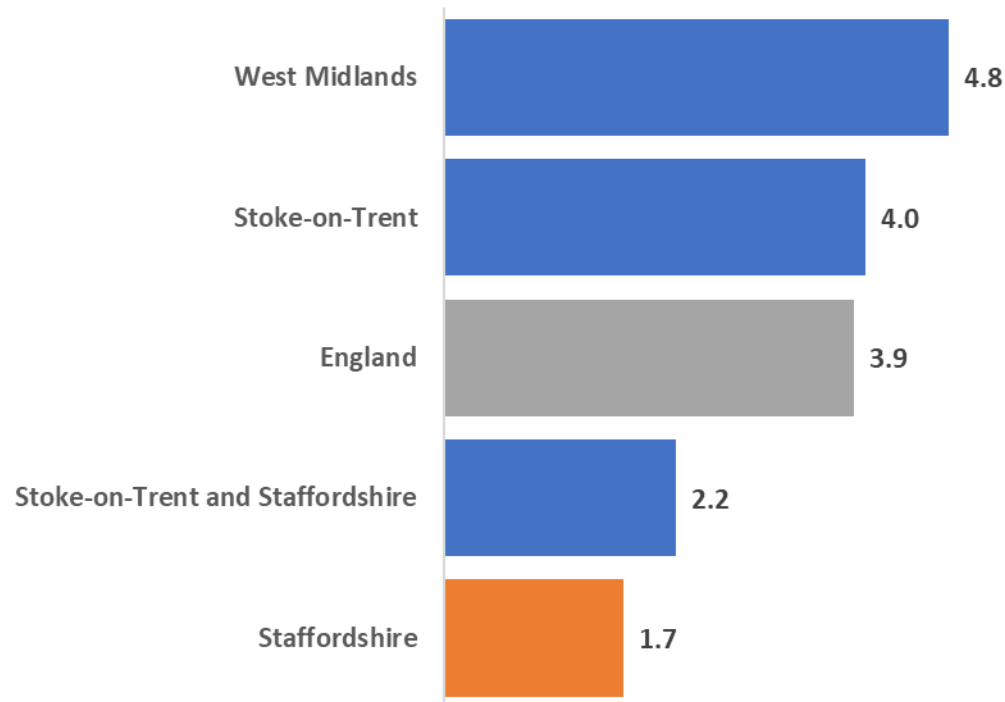
- Following the increase in unemployment seen due to the pandemic effectively closing most parts of the economy, Staffordshire has seen unemployment levels decline to below those seen prior to COVID.
- Staffordshire’s unemployment rate for the latest available period of Jul 2022-Jun 2023 was estimated at 1.7%, which was below the national rate of 3.9% and significantly below the regional rate of 4.8%.
- However, there still remains an estimated 7,400 unemployed residents of working age (aged 16-64) during Jul 2022-Jun 2023 and we will remain focused on ensuring that more residents that find themselves unemployed are able to progress into work.



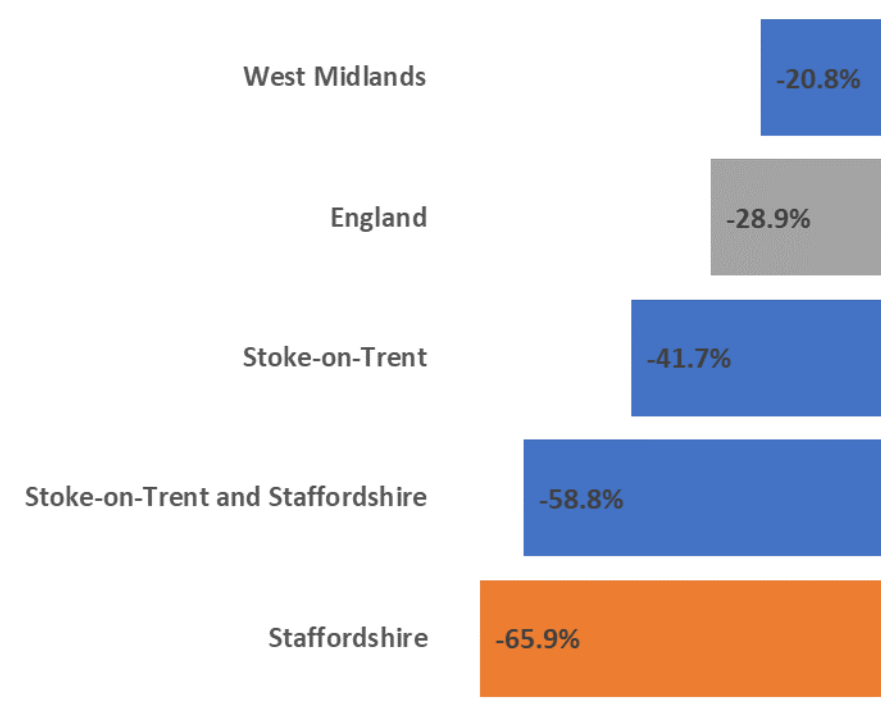
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Unemployment - Districts

Unemployment rate (aged 16-64) - Jul 2022-Jun 2023



% change in adults unemployed (aged 16-64) - 2014-2023

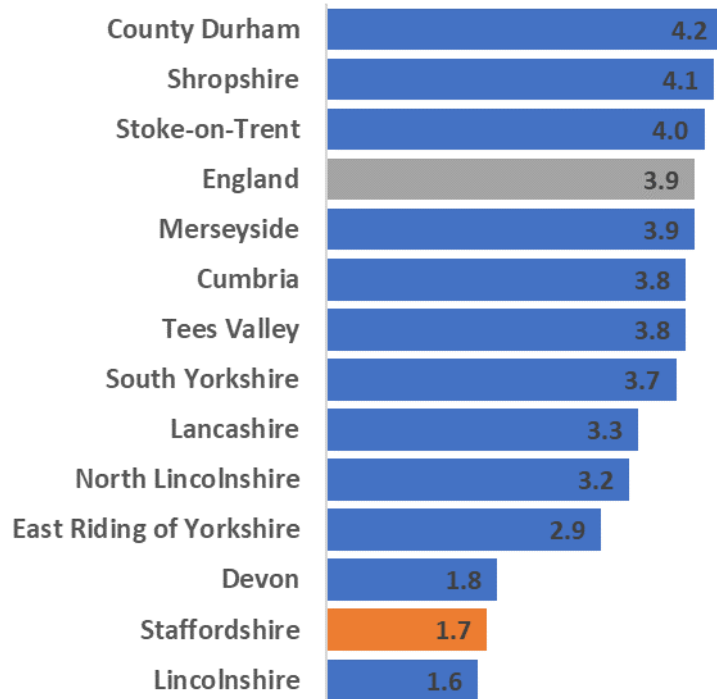


District level data unavailable for most districts due to small sample size – refer to Economic Bulletin for latest Claimant Count figures [here](#).

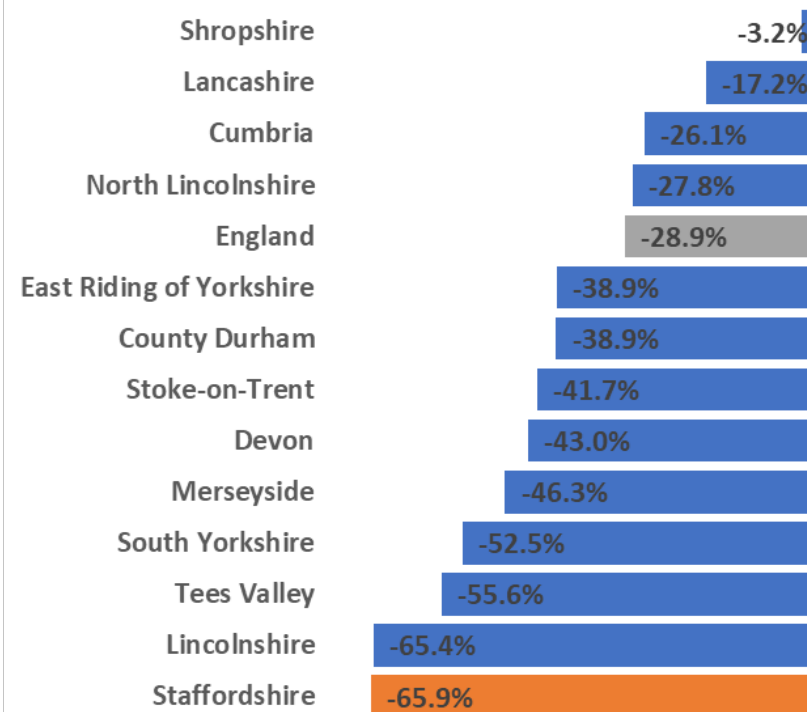
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Unemployment – Transition Areas

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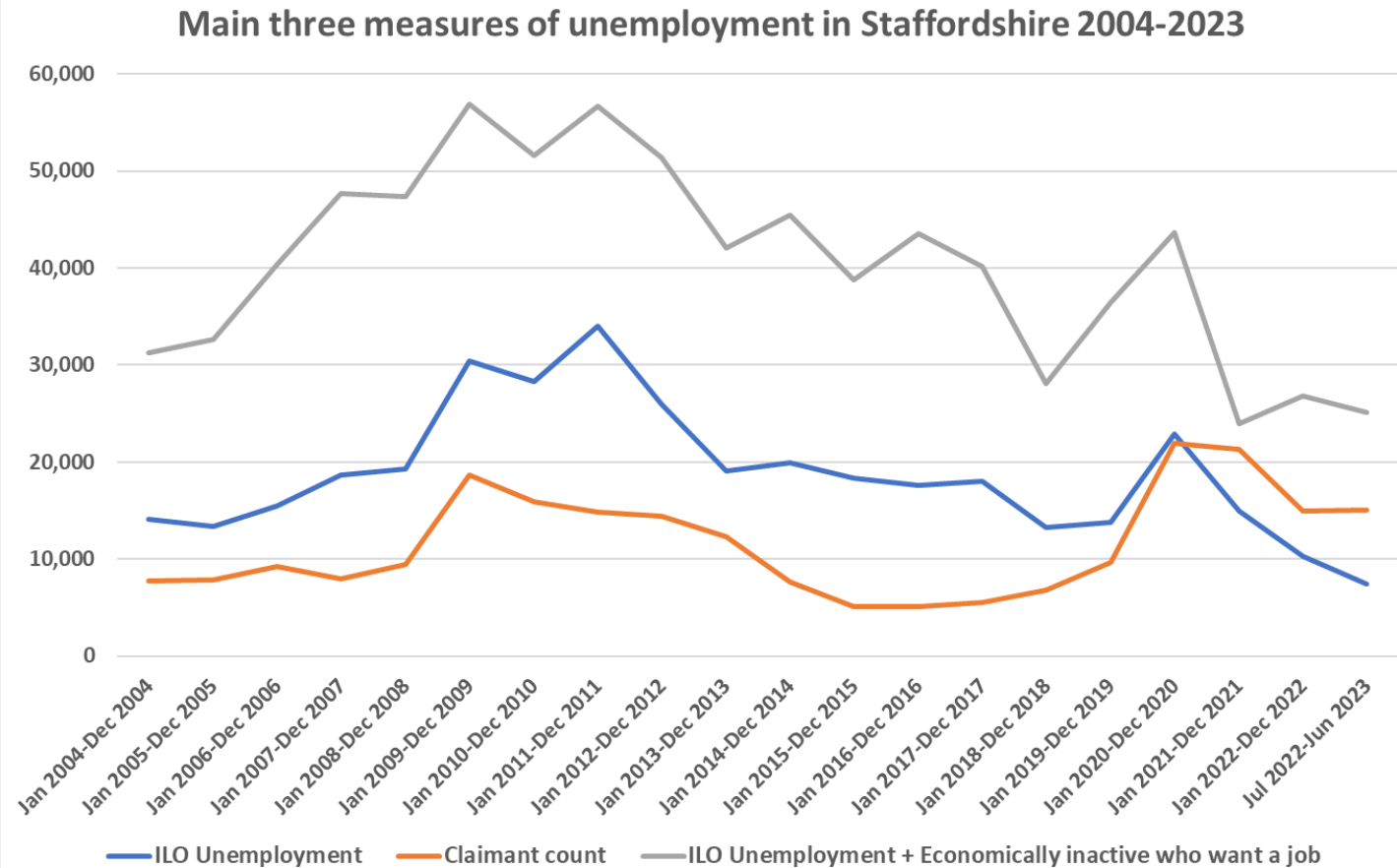
% change in adults unemployed
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Unemployment – Comparison of measures

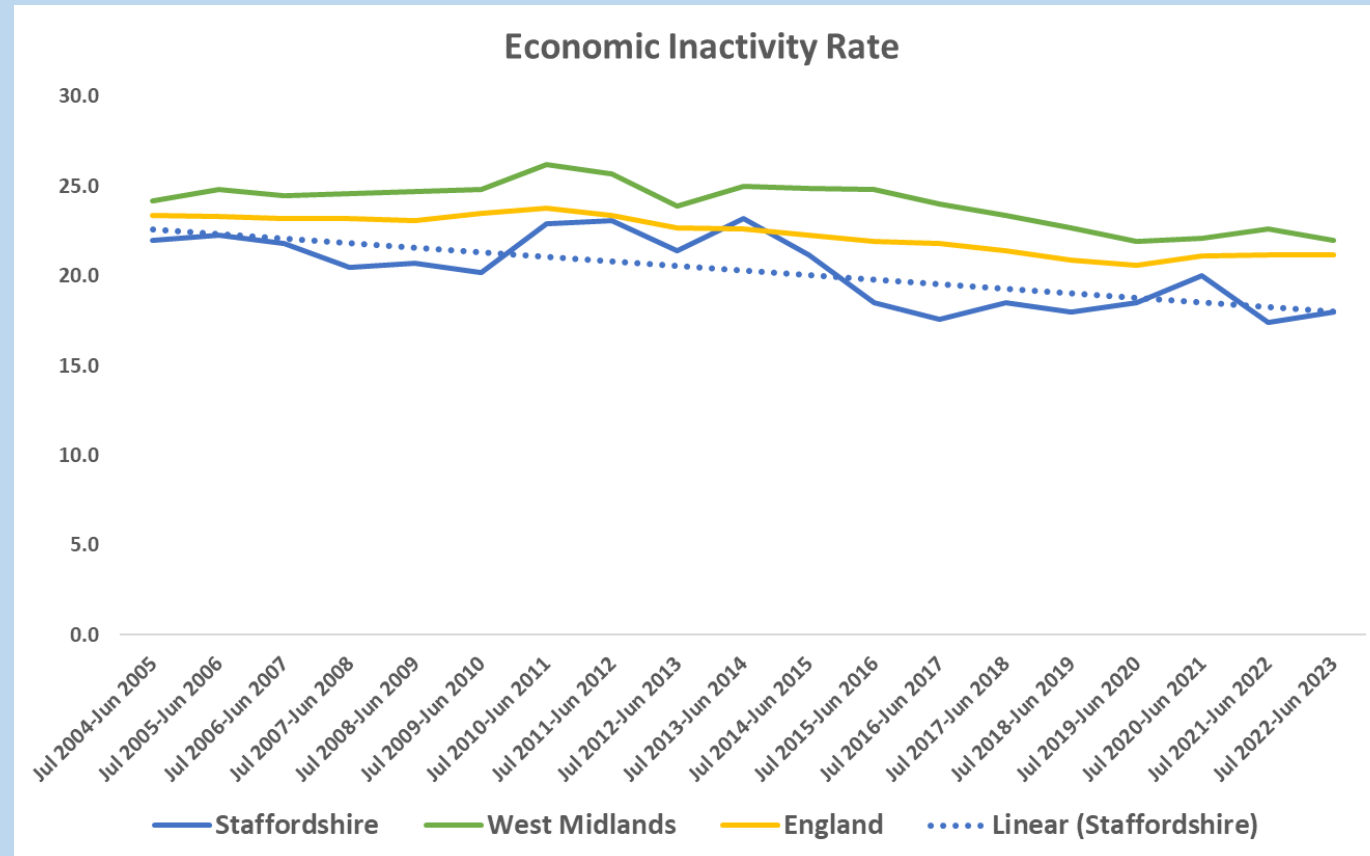
- Staffordshire’s ILO unemployment stands at 7,400, representing 1.7% of the economically active population.
- Claimant unemployment is somewhat higher at 14,955 or 2.8%.
- ILO unemployment + economically inactive who want a job stands at 25,100 or 4.0% of the active workforce plus the inactive who say they want a job.
- Depending on which of the above three measures is used, unemployment in Staffordshire is in the range of 7,000-25,000 people, representing around 2-4% 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

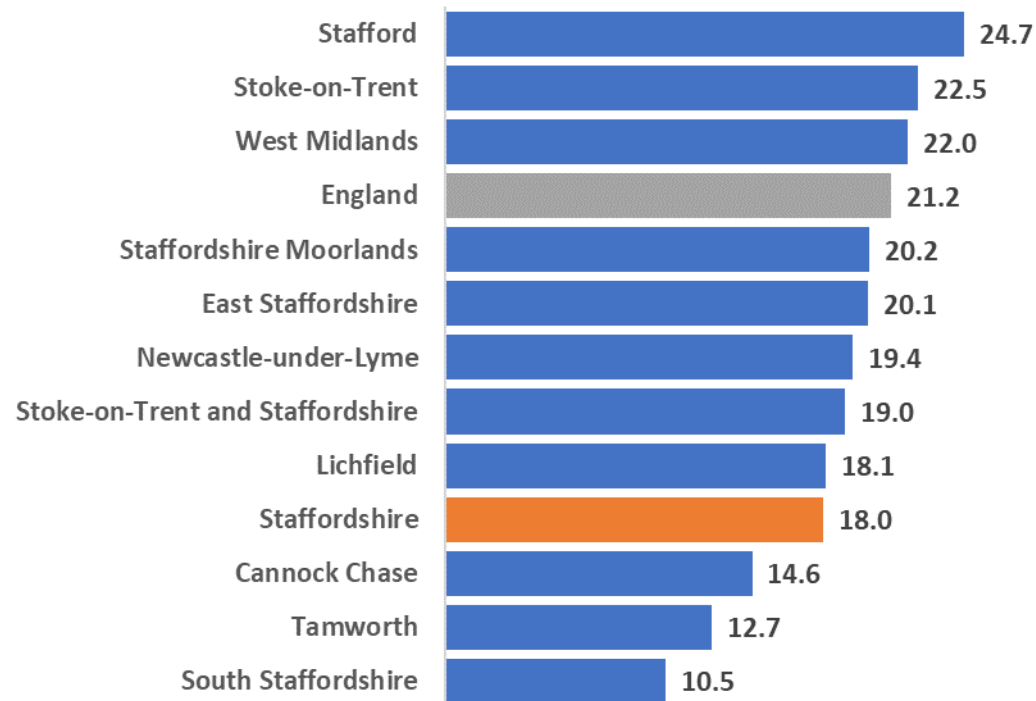
- Staffordshire has seen the estimated number of economically inactive working age (aged 16-64) residents recover to below pre-pandemic levels following an increase caused by COVID. This is in contrast to the national picture where those economically inactive still remain well above pre-pandemic levels.
- Staffordshire’s economic inactivity rate for the latest available period of Jul 2022-Jun 2023 was estimated at 18.0% equivalent to 94,500, which was significantly below the national rate of 21.2% and regional rate of 22.0%.
- We will look to support those that are economically inactive and who want a job to find work and help to address current labour shortages and skills gaps.



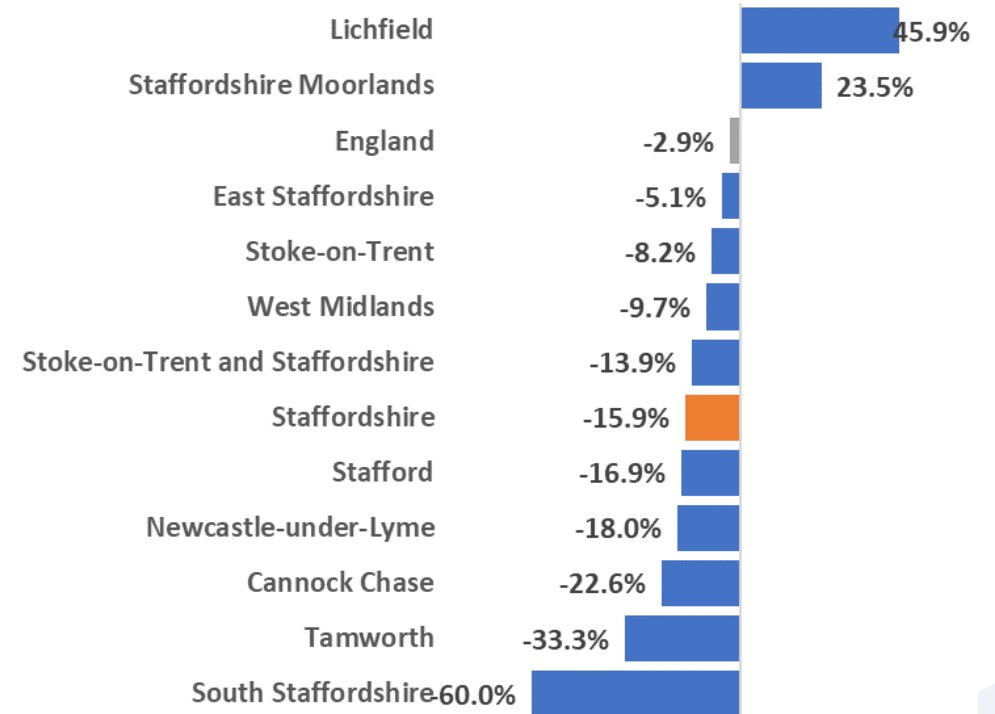
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Economic Inactivity - Districts

Economic Inactivity rate (aged 16-64) - Jul 2022- Jun 2023



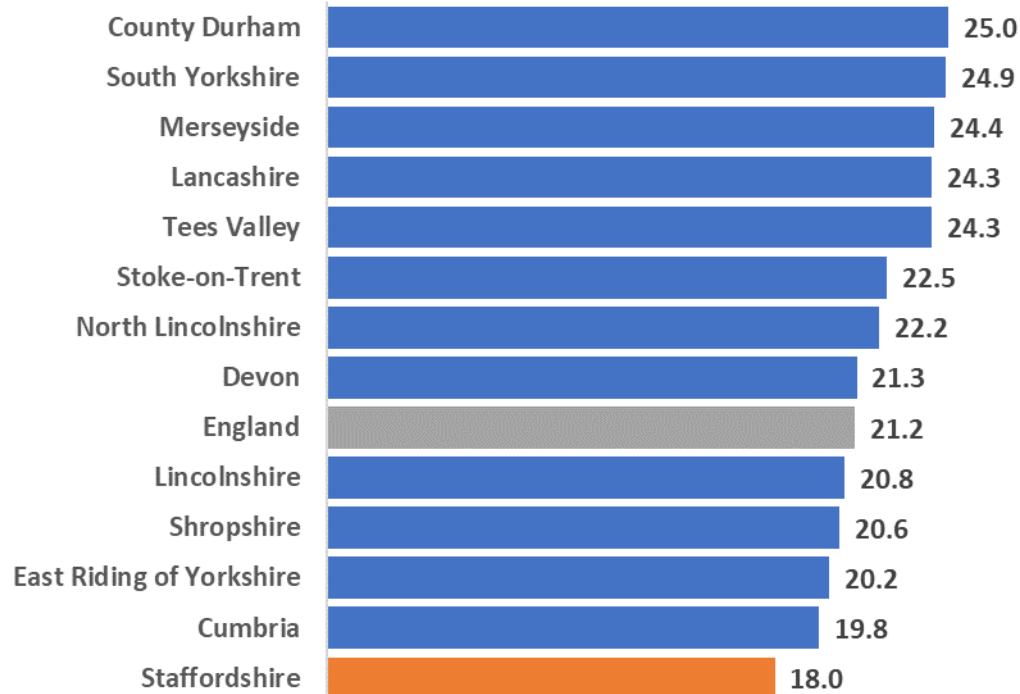
% change in adults who are economically inactive (aged 16-64) - 2014-2023



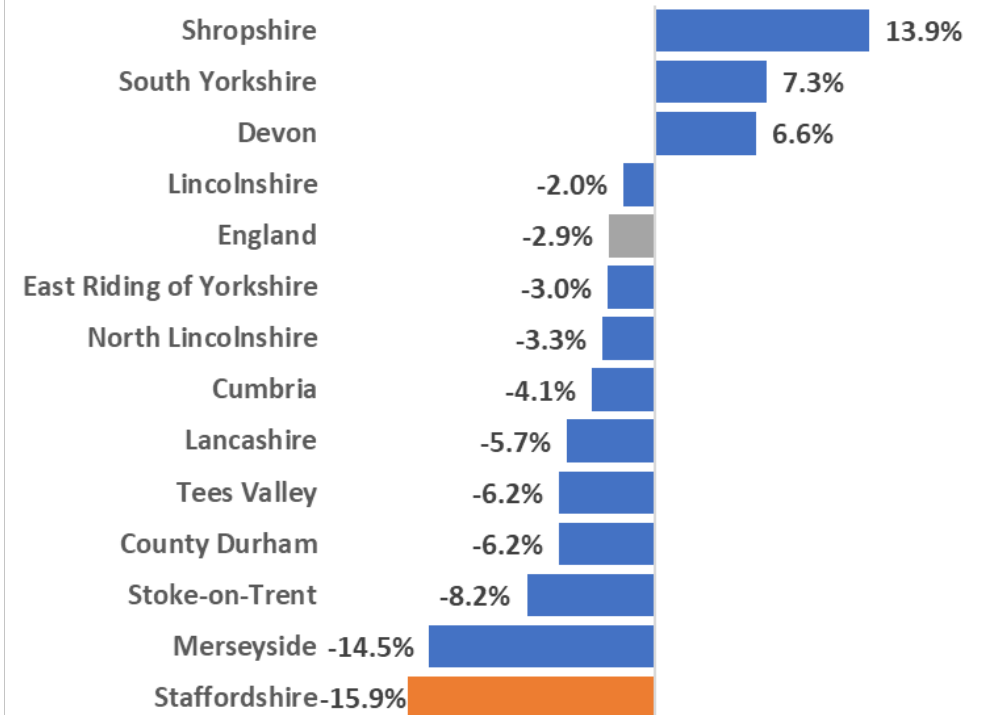
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Economic Inactivity – Transition Areas

Economic Inactivity rate (aged 16-64) - Jul 2022-
Jun 2023



% change in adults who are economically
inactive (aged 16-64) - 2014-2023



Source: Annual Population Survey

Staffordshire now ranked one of the best for key employment and skills indicators compared to most transition areas

2014 RANK

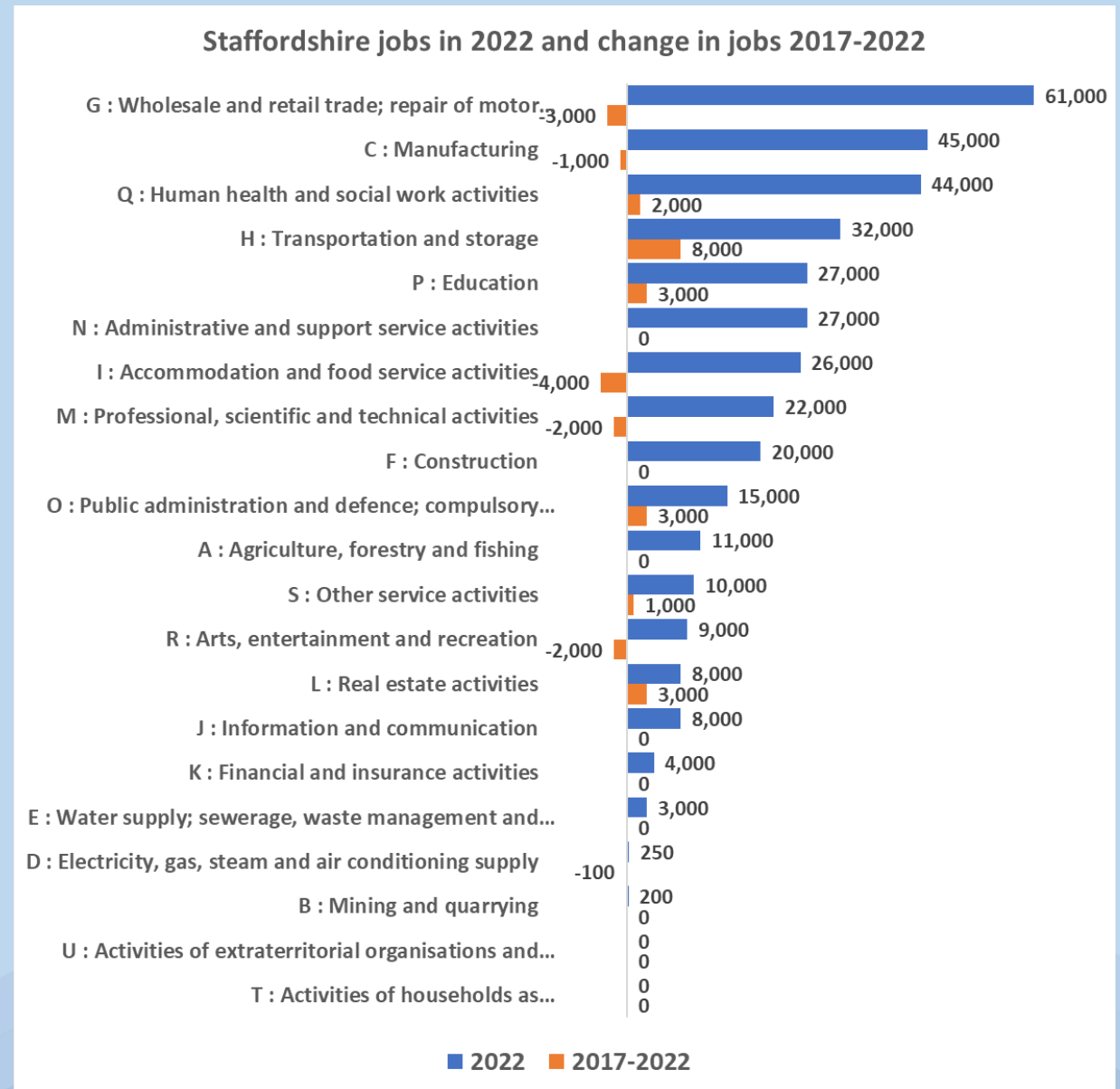
	Economic activity rate - aged 16-64	Employment rate - aged 16-64	% with NVQ4+ - aged 16-64	% with NVQ3+ - aged 16-64	% with NVQ2+ - aged 16-64	% with NVQ1+ - aged 16-64	% with other qualifications (NVQ) - aged 16-64	% with no qualifications (NVQ) - aged 16-64	Average Rank
Devon	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	2
East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire	3	2	3	4	5	3	5	2	3
England	5	6	2	2	4	4	3	3	4
Cumbria	2	3	5	3	2	2	10	4	4
Lancashire	10	8	4	6	6	7	2	5	6
Lincolnshire	4	3	10	9	9	5	6	6	7
Staffordshire	7	5	6	5	3	8	9	9	7
South Yorkshire (Met County)	6	7	6	8	8	8	3	8	7
Tees Valley and County Durham	8	10	9	7	7	6	7	7	8
Stoke-on-Trent	9	9	11	11	11	11	1	11	9
Merseyside (Met County)	11	11	8	10	10	10	8	10	10

2022 RANK (RQF skills measures) / Jul 2022-Jun 2023 RANK (Labour measures)

Area	Economic activity rate - aged 16-64	Employment rate - aged 16-64	Unemployment rate - aged 16-64	% who are economically inactive - aged 16-64	% with RQF4+ - aged 16-64	% with RQF3+ - aged 16-64	% with RQF2+ - aged 16-64	% with RQF1+ - aged 16-64	% with no qualifications (RQF) - aged 16-64	AVERAGE RANK
Staffordshire	1	1	10	11	3	2	1	2	9	1
Devon	6	3	9	6	5	1	2	1	10	2
England	5	6	3	7	1	4	6	7	6	3
Cumbria	2	4	5	10	6	7	5	4	7	4
Lancashire	8	8	7	4	4	3	4	5	8	4
East Riding of Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire	4	5	8	8	8	6	3	3	11	6
Merseyside	9	9	3	3	2	5	8	9	2	7
South Yorkshire	11	11	6	1	7	8	7	6	5	8
Tees Valley and County Durham	10	10	2	2	10	9	9	8	4	9
Stoke-on-Trent	7	7	1	5	9	10	11	11	1	10
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Jobs Growth

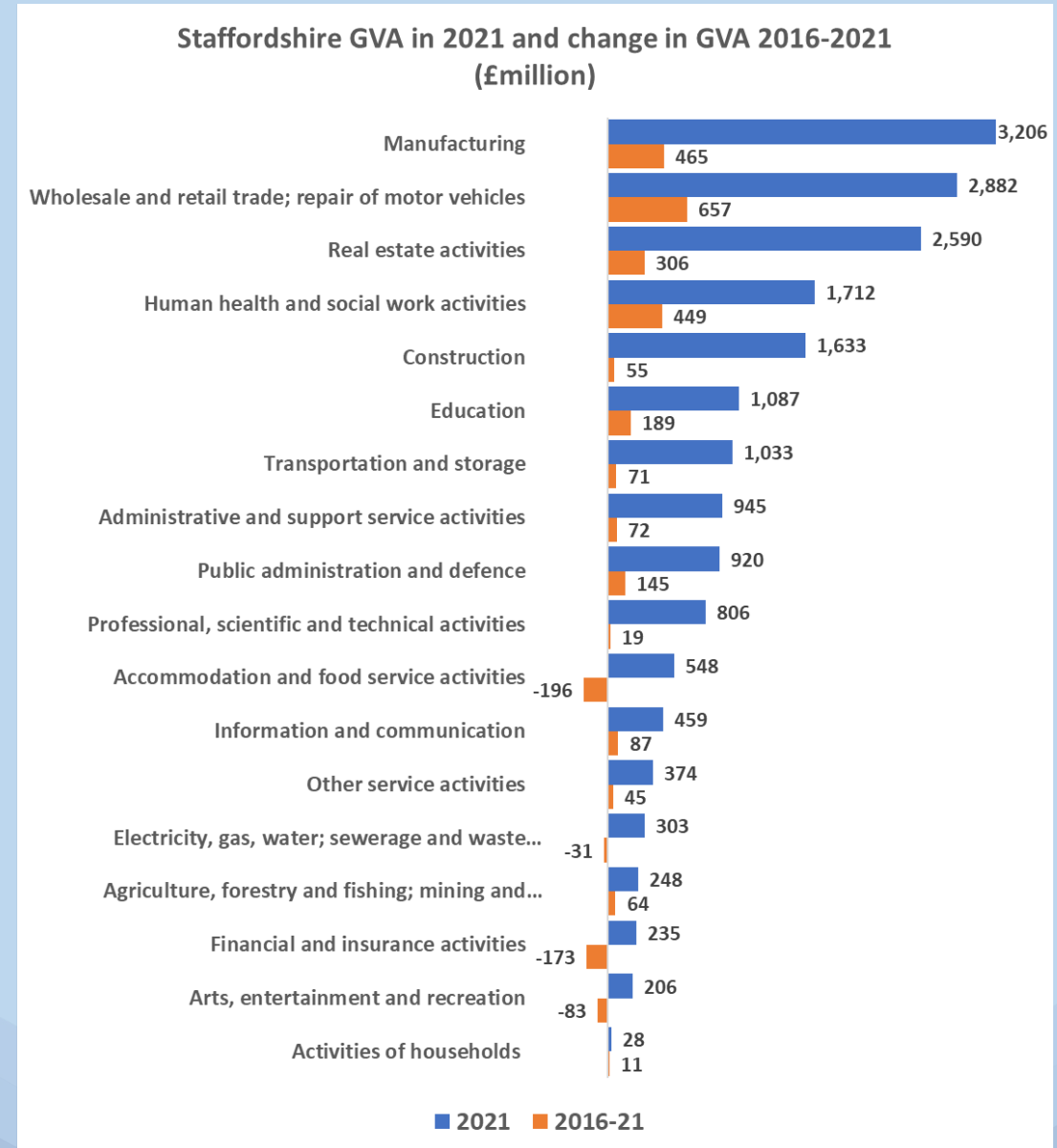
- Between 2017-22 total jobs in Staffordshire increased by 2.2% or 7,900 to a total of 372,450, this is lower than the 4.7% growth seen for England as a whole but shows recovery in 2021 and 2022 following the decline seen early in the pandemic.
- The **main sector growth** has been seen in logistics(+8,000 jobs) followed by real estate, public admin and education all seeing a 3,000 increase during the period.
- The **biggest decline** has been seen in hospitality (-4,000) followed by wholesale and retail with a -3,000 decline in jobs.
- We will look to generate more high value better paid jobs for our skilled residents to access.



Source: Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES)

Economic Growth (GVA)

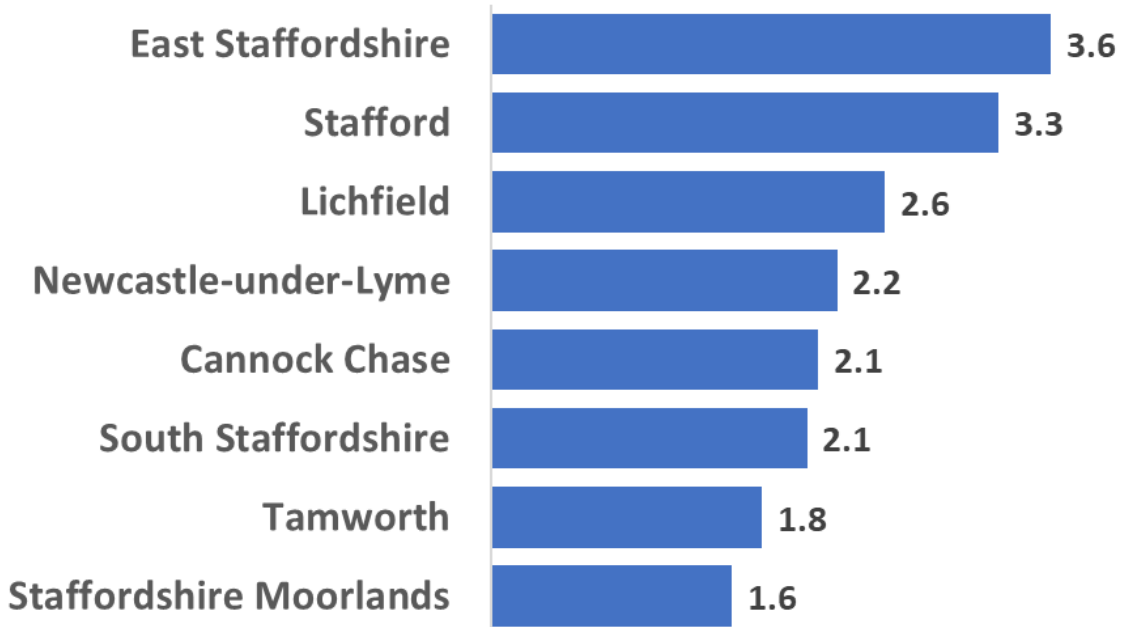
- In 2021 the Staffordshire economy was worth £19.2bn showing an increase of over £2.1bn between 2016-2021, equivalent to a 12.6% growth just above the growth seen for WM (12.5%) but lower than the growth seen for the UK (14.5%)
- The economy shrunk by over £1.1 billion between 2019-20 early in the pandemic, a -5.9% decline which was larger than the decline seen for the WM -4.9% and UK -4.8% - reflective of more businesses and jobs in sectors hardest hit by COVID.
- We will look to support further economic growth, particularly in our priority high value growth sectors.



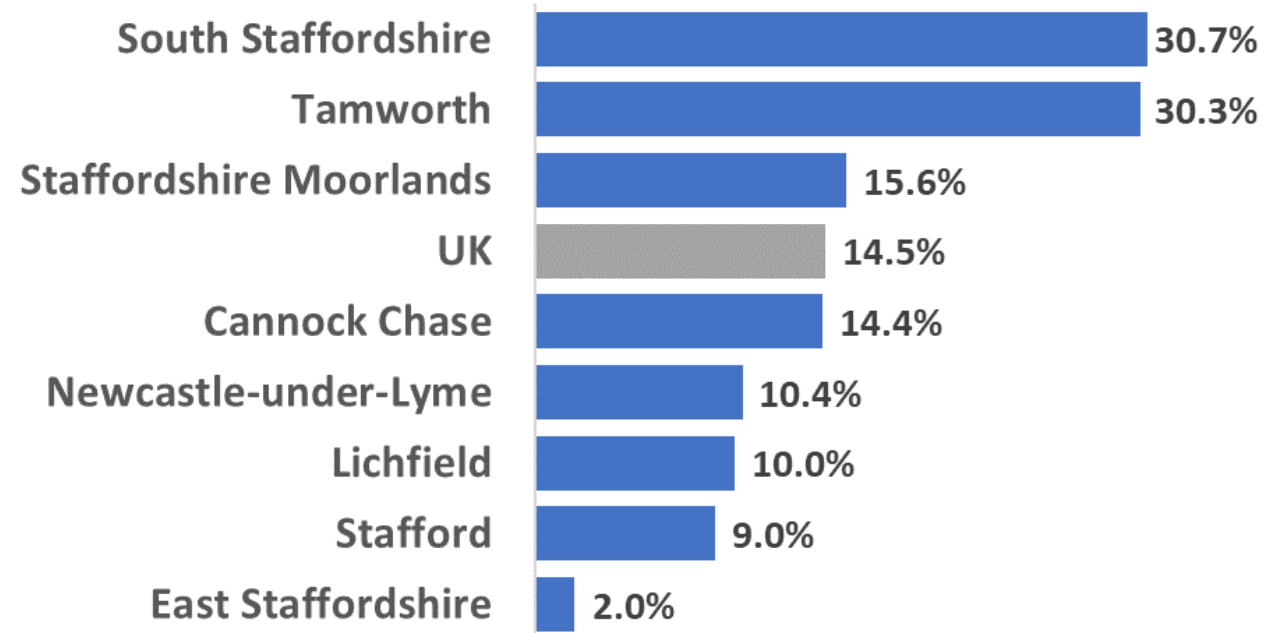
Source: ONS Gross Value Added (GVA)

Economic Growth (GVA) - Districts

Total GVA (£billion) 2021

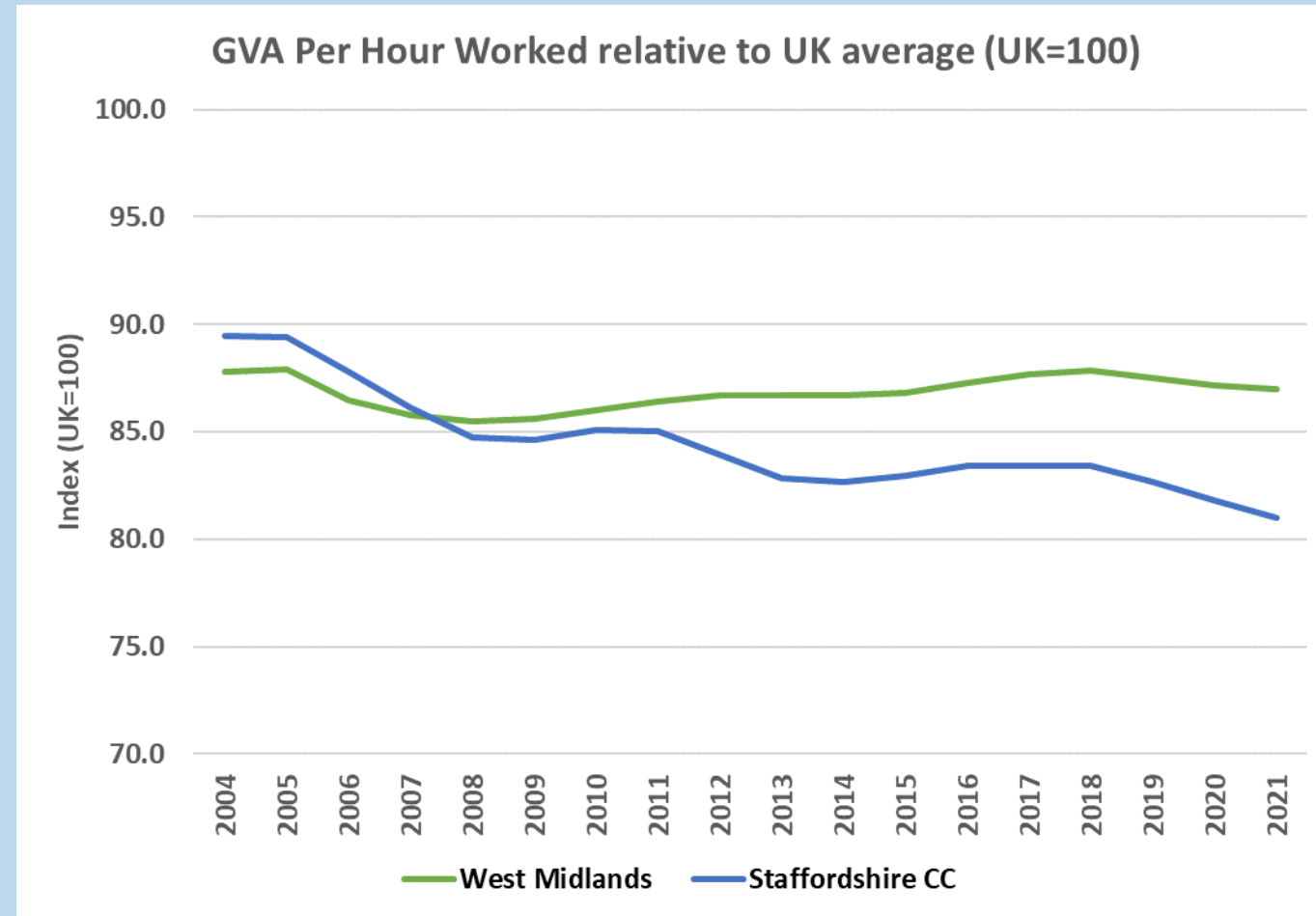


Growth in Total GVA (%) 2016-21



Productivity

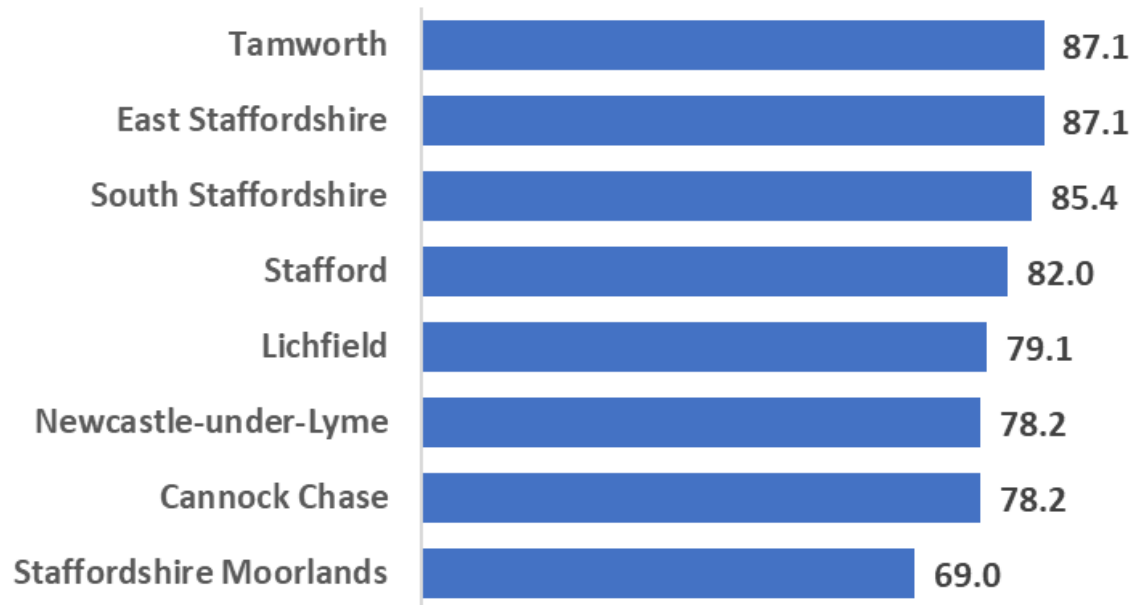
- In terms of GVA per hour worked Staffordshire has seen continued improvement with GVA per hour worked increasing by 11.0% between 2016-21 to £31.1.
- However, this is slower improvement than seen nationally (14.3% growth) and each hour worked in Staffordshire is 19% less productive than the national average.
- We recognise that in order 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.



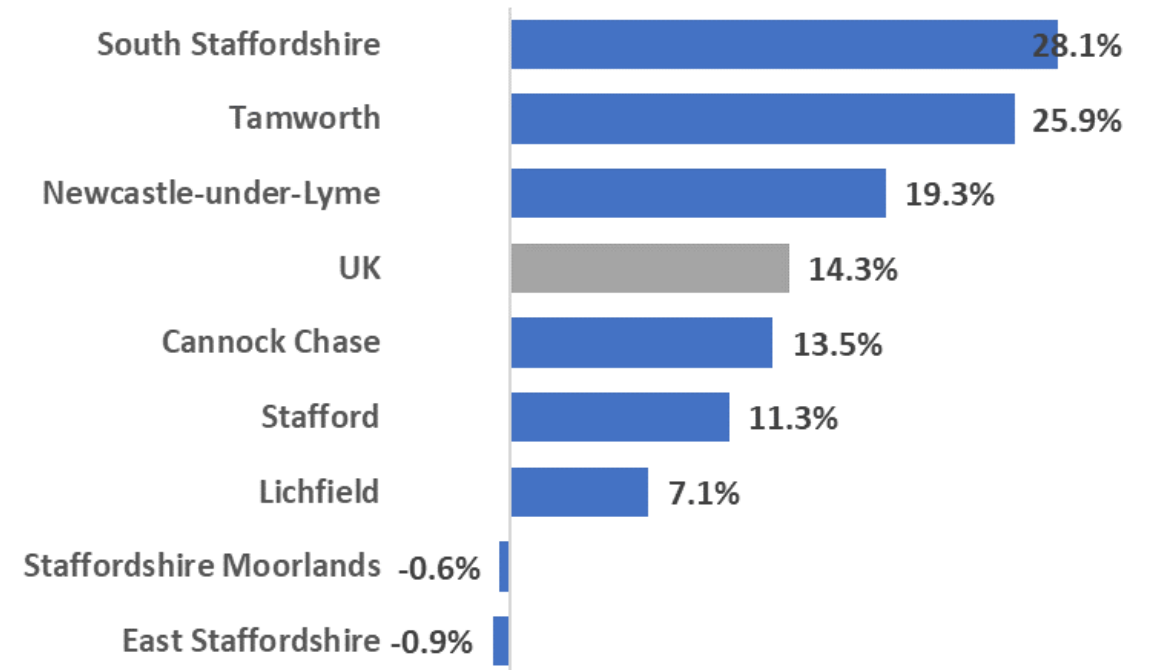
Source: ONS Gross Value Added (GVA) Per Hour Worked

Productivity

GVA per hour worked relative to UK average
(UK=100) 2021



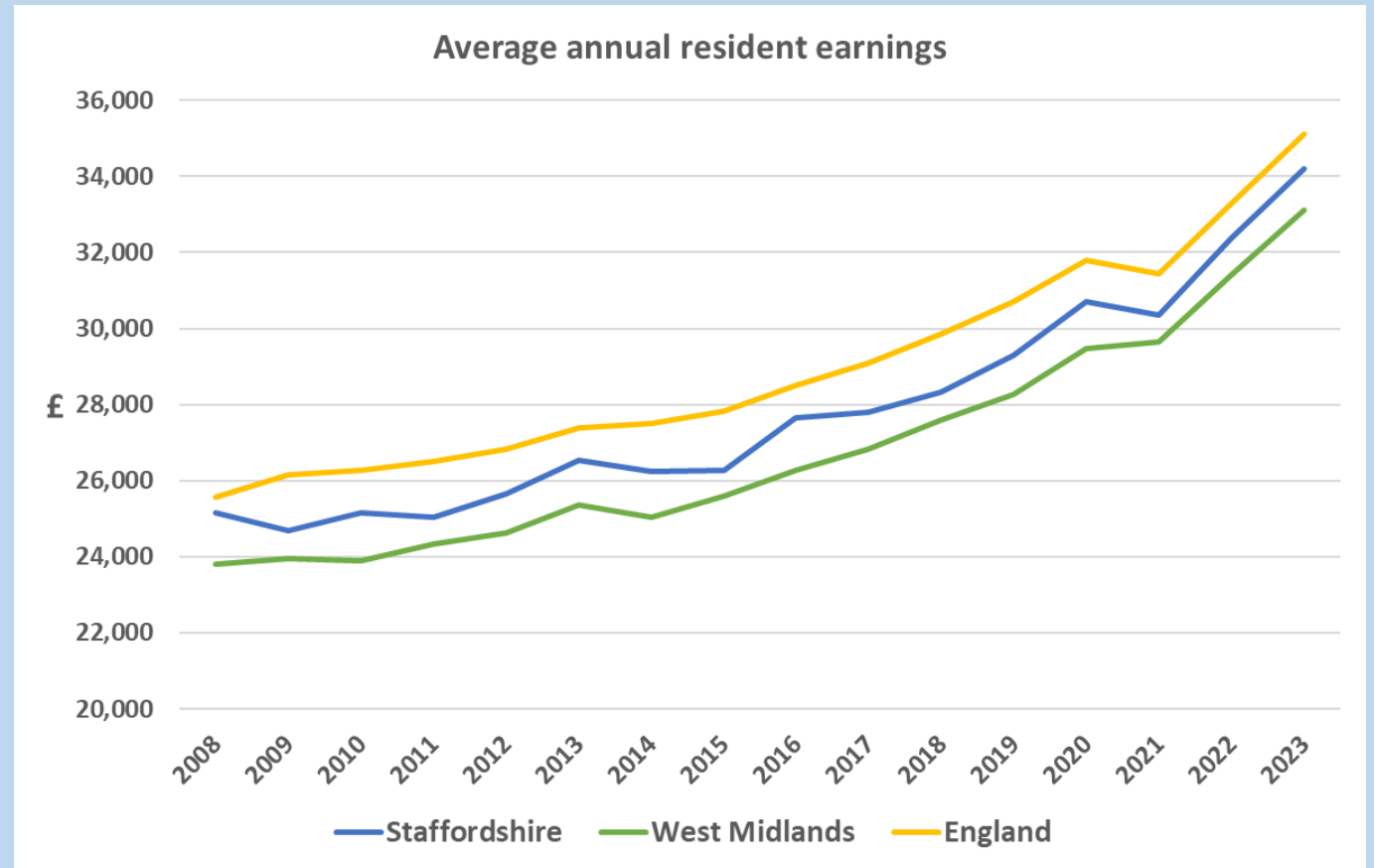
GVA per hour worked % change 2016-21



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

Resident Earnings

- In 2023 average annual resident earnings in Staffordshire stood at an estimated £34,204 which was just below the UK average of £35,100.
- **Between 2018-23 Staffordshire saw faster improvement in resident earnings than nationally, with 20.7% growth compared to 17.6% for England.**



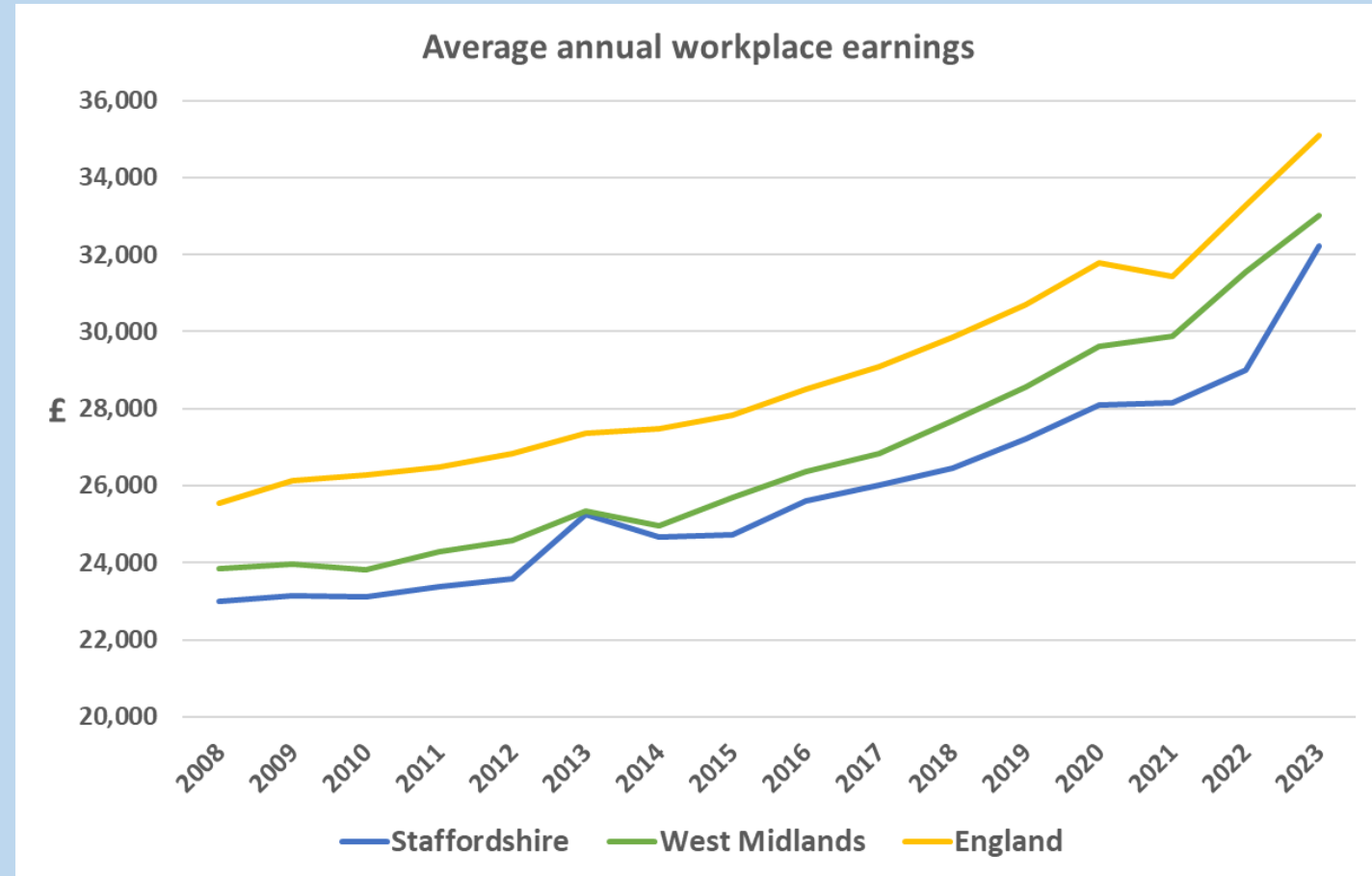
Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE)

[Nomis - Official Census and Labour Market Statistics - Nomis - Official Census and Labour Market Statistics \(nomisweb.co.uk\)](https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/)

[Link to Workplace Earnings Summary](#)

Workplace Earnings

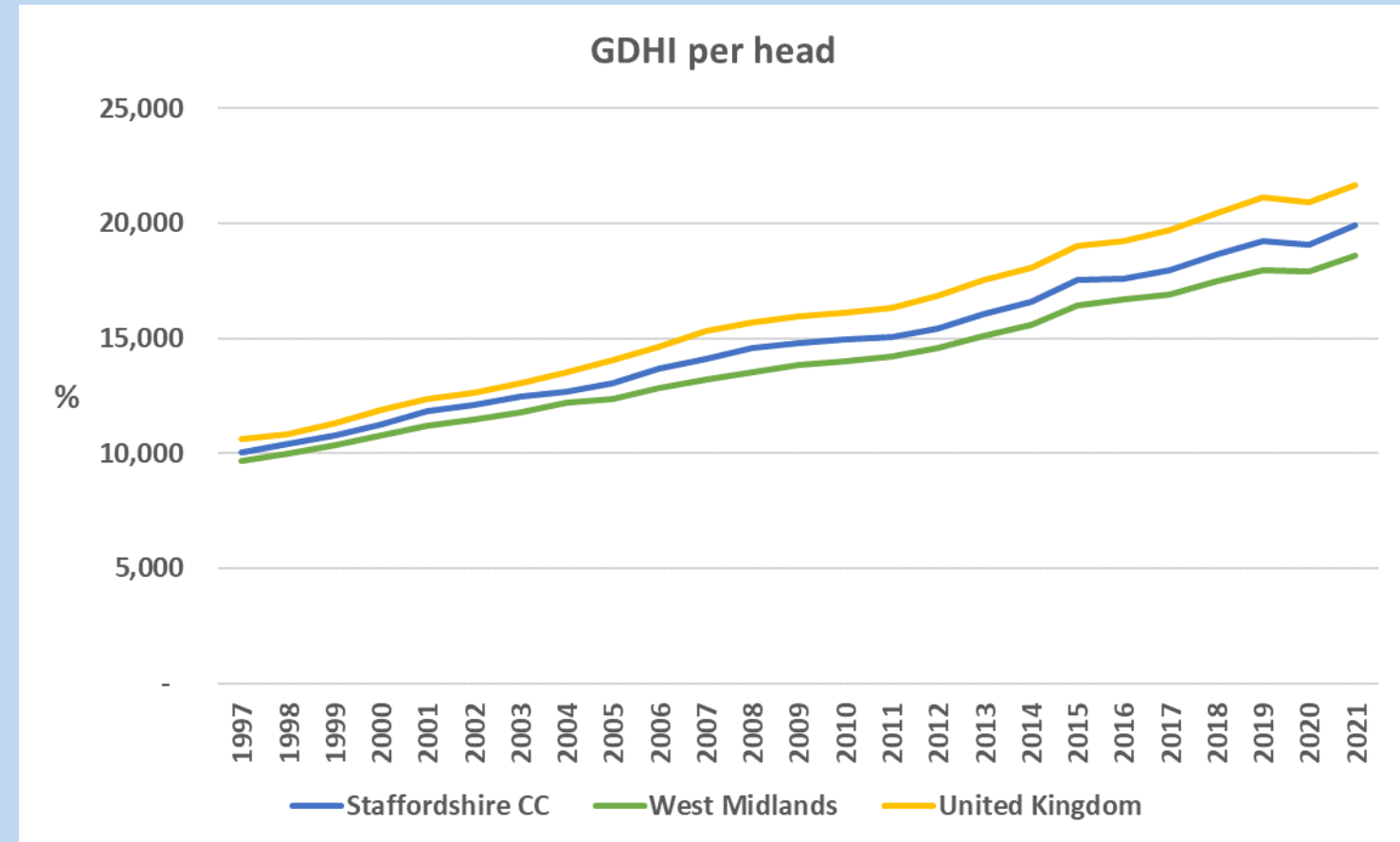
- In 2023 average annual workplace earnings in Staffordshire stood at £32,223 which was below the UK average of £35,106.
- **Between 2018-23 Staffordshire saw faster improvement in workplace earnings than nationally, with 21.9% growth compared to 17.6% for England.**
- **By raising education and skills levels across Staffordshire we can ensure that 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 2016-21 Staffordshire saw faster improvement in Gross Disposable Household Income (GDHI) than nationally, with 13.5% growth compared to 12.6% for the UK.**
- **In 2021 average annual GDHI per head in Staffordshire stood at £19,932 which was below the UK average of £21,679.**
- **We will look to further close the gap to the national average through further improvement in skill levels helping to generate more higher value better paid jobs.**



DfE Interactive Resources

Signposting to DfE resources

Most DfE performance data is no longer in static reports and instead 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 – [Statistics: national achievement rates tables - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- School/College Performance - [Search for schools, colleges and multi-academy trusts - Find school and college performance data in England - GOV.UK \(find-school-performance-data.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- Participation and learner outcomes in the further education and skills sector, including apprenticeships - [Statistics: further education and skills - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) – Create your own tables - [Create your own tables, Table Tool – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- Unit for Future Skills - [department-for-education.shinyapps.io/local-skills-dashboard/](#)
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Signposting to other 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 \(local.gov.uk\)](#)

