

EDUCATION

Introduction

Good education will contribute to quality of life, promoting active citizenship and combating social exclusion. It will also be good for the economy.

Hertfordshire's General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) performance figures are prepared by the Local Education Authority (LEA) for the Department for Education and Employment (DfEE) each year.

Indicator ED1: GCSE performance

2000 Performance for Hertfordshire:

- 55.4% of 15 year-olds gained 5 or more grades A* to C –the standard normally needed to prepare them for A/AS level examinations or more advanced vocational qualifications.
- 91.2% of 15 year-olds gained 5 or more A* to G passes.
- 4.2% of 15 year-olds reached school leaving age with no GCSE or General National Vocational Qualifications (GNVQ) passes.

These figures are an average of all the state schools in the LEA area, including special schools. Results are shown for all the pupils who were aged 15 at the start of the 99/00 school year. There are 8 GCSE pass grades ranging from A* to G. The starred A recognises outstanding achievement and was first awarded in 1994. National performance figures also include data from independent schools.

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The graph shows information on the percentages of Hertfordshire pupils achieving 5 or more A* to C grades, and those with no passes, compared to the percentages for England. The local, regional and national performance tables are available on the DfEE website: www.dfes.gov.uk/perform

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