

SCOTTISH HIGHER GRADES

(Note: the decreasing trend in entries for biology does not take into account the increasing number of students taking the new Human Biology course.)

Number of Higher Grade entries

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Chemistry	12,108	11,651	11,880	11,876	11,072	10,489	10,103	9,923	9,560	9,292	9,271	9,405	9,128	9,489
Physics	12,464	11,951	12,225	11,680	11,449	10,560	10,029	10,039	9,580	9,489	9,286	8,951	8,565	8,580
Biology	12,739	12,137	11,979	11,921	11,347	10,729	9,863	9,352	9,274	8,920	8,852	8,941	8,995	9,169
Maths	19,751	20,262	20,375	20,469	20,221	20,038	20,782	20,779	19,790	19,966	19,394	19,173	18,533	18,786
English*	34,271	33,955	34,441	34,989	34,160	33,551	32,535	28,950	29,379	29,624	28,873	28,678	27,004	27,750
Total entries in all subjects	160,602	160,925	164,701	167,233	163,807	160,908	163,239	161,074	164,473	166,885	165,575	164,053	158,053	160,988

* Title changed from 'English and Communications' to English in 2003.

The above figures have been translated into the following table showing the Higher entries as a percentage of the total number of entries.

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Chemistry	7.5	7.2	7.2	7.1	6.8	6.5	6.2	6.1	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9
Physics	7.8	7.4	7.4	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.1	6.2	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3
Biology	7.9	7.5	7.3	7.1	6.9	6.7	6.0	5.6	5.7	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.7	5.7
Maths	12.3	12.6	12.4	12.2	12.3	12.5	12.3	12.2	12.1	12.0	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7
English	21.3	21.1	20.9	20.9	20.9	20.9	19.9	18.1	17.6	17.8	17.4	17.5	17.1	17.2

Scottish Higher Passes

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Chemistry	8,732	8,399	8,544	8,481	7,947	7,562	7,383	7,222	6,871	6,812	6,831	7,169	6,858	7,239
Physics	8,358	8,169	8,393	8,059	8,102	7,426	7,048	7,518	7,008	7,050	6,856	6,685	6,284	6,264
Biology	8,225	7,981	7,898	7,742	7,250	7,066	6,412	6,217	6,157	6,194	6,725	6,385	6,198	6,218
Maths	13,292	13,574	13,692	13,888	13,809	13,781	14,796	14,559	13,055	13,473	13,284	13,229	12,706	13,154
English*	23,473	23,178	23,314	23,946	22,910	22,642	22,610	20,750	19,695	18,434	19,153	19,580	17,305	18,009
Total entries in all subjects	110,259	111,826	114,029	116,784	115,096	114,149	120,481	119,954	119,248	120,277	121,125	120,616	111,963	115,403

Scottish Higher Entries and Passes 1986-2006

	Number of entries	Number of passes	% of passes
1986	14,751	10,074	68.3
1987	13,902	9,567	68.8
1988	13,880	9,412	67.8
1989	13,524	9,249	68.4
1990	12,128	8,347	68.8
1991	11,650	8,135	69.8
1992	11,817	8,340	70.6
1993	12,092	8,488	70.2
1994	12,108	8,732	72.1
1995	11,651	8,399	72.1
1996	11,880	8,544	71.9
1997	11,876	8,481	71.4
1998	11,072	7,947	71.8
1999	10,489	7,562	72.1
2000	10,103	7,383	73.1
2001	9,923	7,222	72.8
2002	9,560	6,871	71.9
2003	9,292	6,812	73.3
2004	9,271	6,831	73.7
2005	9,405*	7,619	76.2
2006	9,128	6,858	75.1
2007	9,489	7,239	76.3

*this figure is not consistent across the statistics spreadsheets on the SQA website (in previous data it is shown as 9,411) however the % of passes is the same