

MFL Public Exams, Summer 2009 [NATIONAL Picture: Provisional at August 09]

A LEVEL

Headlines: MFL entries down as proportion of all A levels at 4.2% - (4.4 in 08; 4.3 in 07; 4.3 in 06; 4.2 in 05, 4.4 in 04). Standards improved slightly again. Male:Female ratio little changed at 1:1.8 - (1:1.8 in 08, 07, 06; and 1:2.2 in 00).

	entries (change) ('08) ('07)	A/B as % of entry ('08) ('07) ('06)	Av Pts Score ('08) ('07) ('06) ('05)
French	14333 (↓3.7%) (14885) (14477)	66.2 (65.0) (64.3) (62.1)	234 (232) (231) (230) (228)
German	5765 (↓7.7%) (6245) (6303)	65.4 (64.7) (61.9) (63.5)	234 (233) (232) (231) (228)
Spanish	7334 (↑4.0%) (7055) (6951)	67.0 (67.0) (66.6) (65.3)	235 (235) (233) (233) (232)
Other ML	7932 (↑7.5%) (7377) (6752)	78.4 (77.0) (77.1) (73.9)	240 (239) (239) (235) (232)
All Subjs	846977 (↑2.3%) (827737) (805657)	52.0 (50.8) (49.7) (48.1)	220 (218) (216) (214) (212)

AS LEVEL

Headlines: Participation down - 3.7% of all entries (3.9 in '08; 4.1 in 07; 4.2 in 06. 4.3 in 05, 4.2 in 04). Standards steady, above average. Male:Female ratio little changed at 1:2.01 (1:1.97 in '08; 1:2.03 in 07; 1:1.96 in 06, 1:2.0 in 05, 1:2.1 in 04)

	entries (change) ('08) ('07)	A/B as % of entry ('08) ('07) ('06)	Av Pts Score ('08) ('07) ('06) ('05)
French	19122 (↓0.2%) (19167) (20747)	51.5 (50.6) (49.1) (48.3)	105 (104) (103) (103) (102)
German	7415 (↓1.6%) (7533) (8179)	48.9 (50.2) (49.9) (49.2)	104 (104) (104) (104) (104)
Spanish	9694 (↑4.8%) (9247) (9131)	50.2 (48.7) (49.3) (49.1)	104 (104) (104) (104) (103)
Other ML	7822 (↑0.5%) (7782) (7858)	76.3 (75.7) (74.9) (74.1)	119 (119) (118) (117) (116)
All Subjs	1177347 (↑4.4%) (1128150) (1114424)	38.3 (37.8) (37.2) (36.9)	95 (95) (94) (94) (93)

GCSE FULL

Headlines: Standards up a bit. Entries down a bit. (MFL 6.5% of all entries: 6.6 in 08; 7.3 in 06; 9.6 in 03; 10.1 in 00). Relative %ages of MFL entries ('08)('07): Fr 51.6(53.6)(55.2); Gm 20.3(20.4)(20.7); Sp 18.5(17.8)(16.3). Boy-girl ratio (08,07 in brackets): MFLs 1:1.068(1:1.277)(1:1.251). All subjs 1:1.027(1:1.024)(1:1.025)

	entries (change)	A*-C/entry ('08)('07)('06)	A* ('08)('07)	U ('08)('07)	APS ('08)('07)	resid
Fr	188688 (↓6.6%)	73.5 (68.3)(66.5)(64.7)	11.2 (10.3) (9.7)	0.3 (0.3) (0.5)	42.0 (41.6) (40.8)	-
Gm	73469 (↓4.2%)	74.3 (72.0)(71.4)(69.3)	9.2 (9.3) (8.9)	0.3 (0.3) (0.3)	42.2 (41.9) (41.6)	-
Sp	67070 (=)	74.4 (72.3)(70.6)(69.2)	15.7 (16.5) (16.2)	0.3 (0.4) (0.5)	43.1 (43.3) (42.7)	-
Other ML	33111 (↑4.5%)	85.0 (84.3)(82.9)(82.1)	35.3 (33.5) (32.2)	0.7 (0.9) (0.8)	48.2 (47.8) (47.5)	
All subjs	5469260 (↓3.5%)	67.1 (65.7)(63.3)(62.4)	7.1 (6.8) (6.4)	1.4 (1.6) (2.0)	40.4 (40.0) (38.9)	
(Eng)		62.7 (62.9)(62.2)(61.6)			39.2 (41.1) (39.0)	
(Ma)		57.2 (56.3)(55.2)(54.3)			37.6 (37.2) (37.0)	

COHORT APPROXIMATIONS

45.2% of 16yr olds entered for a MFL Full GCSE in 2009 (48.0 in 08;48.6 in 07; 60.7 in 05; 72.3 in 03; 78.1 in 99) [as approx 4% of pupils take two MFLs at GCSE, we calculate that 347,84516-yr olds, ie 96% of the total MFL subject entries, took **at least one** GCSE Full MFL in 2009]

33.8% of 16yr olds achieved **at least one** MFL higher grade GCSE in 09 (34.2 in 08; 33.8 in 07; 38.7 in 05; 40.6 in 01) [this assumes that approx 4% of all the MFL A*-C grades scored were actually the *second* MFL entry by dual-linguists]

GCSE SHORT

Headline: Big drop in MFL entries again this year, and still below average performance in MFL (Gm better)

	entries (change) ('08) ('07)	A*-C/entry ('08) ('07) ('06)	U grade ('08) ('07) ('06)
French	(↓24.0%) (1627) (2142)	(23.4) (20.8) (19.8)	(4.7) (4.0) (3.2)
German	(↓47.4%) (297) (565)	(52.5) (37.9) (32.2)	(1.0) (2.3) (1.7)
Spanish	(↓49.8%) (520) (1035)	(35.0) (29.1) (28.4)	(3.1) (2.4) (5.4)
All Subjs	(↑0.7%) (528325) (524427)	(53.0) (52.1) (51.5)	(4.0) (4.5) (4.5)

COHORT APPROXIMATIONS

0.3% of 16yr olds entered a MFL GCSE Short Course in 09 (0.3 in 08; 0.5 in 07; 0.6 in 06; 0.7 in 05; 1.5 in 03) [assuming that all the short course entries in MFL were the *only* MFL exam taken by those pupils concerned]

ENTRY LEVEL formerly CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Headline: Overall MFL entries down again this year. MFL standards above average. Approx 1.5% of all 16-yr-old cohort took an entry level in MFL (1.8 in 08; 1.9 in 07; 1.8 in 06; 2.4 % in 04)

	entries (change) ('08) ('07)	%age of entry graded ('08) ('07)			
		level 3 ('08)('07)	level 2 ('08)('07)	level 1 ('08)('07)	ungraded ('08)('07)
French	6042 (↓19.1%) (7465) (8658)	65.9 (65.5)(70.7)	20.7 (19.8)(18.5)	12.0 (12.0)(9.5)	1.4 (2.7)(1.3)
German	1936 (↓16.1%) (2306) (2362)	78.8 (72.2)(73.0)	12.6 (14.8)(15.5)	7.2 (9.9)(10.4)	1.4 (3.1)(1.1)
Spanish	3103 (↓14.7%) (3639) (3365)	69.5 (74.3)(70.7)	18.5 (15.4)(18.5)	10.8 (9.5)(9.8)	1.2 (0.8)(1.0)
Other ML	397 (↑136.1%) (168) (79)	65.5 (89.9)(74.7)	25.4 (9.5)(2.5)	8.1 (0.6)(21.5)	1.0 (0.0)(1.3)
All Subjs	115206 (↓4.6%) (120762) (125620)	49.8 (48.5)(49.5)	33.8 (33.6)(33.2)	13.9 (15.0)(14.2)	2.5 (2.9)(3.1)