

Education and skills data sheet

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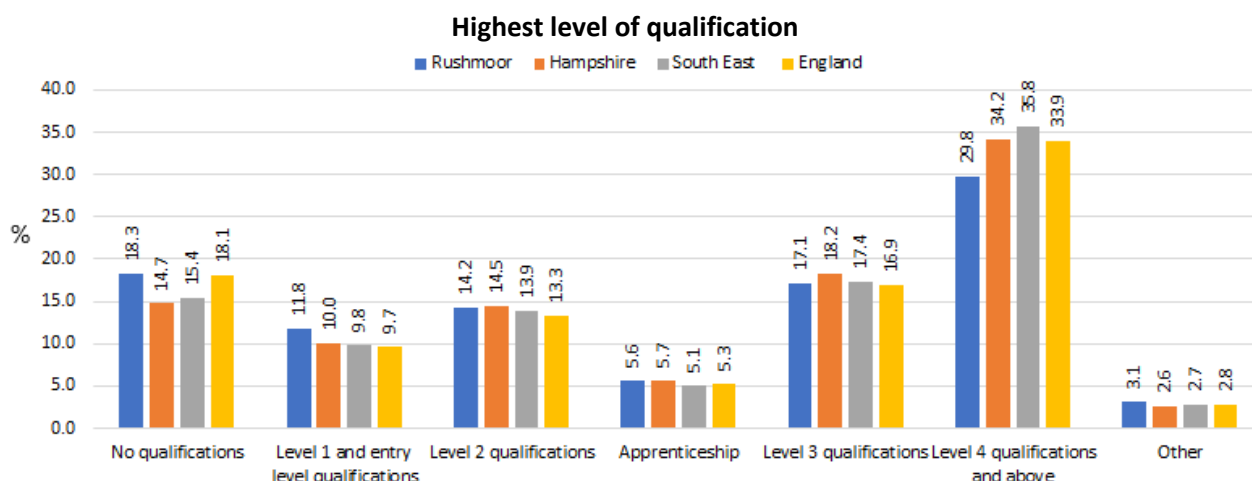
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Summary – Data from the 2021 Census shows that compared to Hampshire, the South East and England, Rushmoor has a lower percentage of residents with the highest level of qualifications. Primary school results vary and 42.1% of the schools have Key Stage 2 results above the England average. The majority of the state funded secondary schools in Rushmoor have Key Stage 4 results below the Hampshire and England averages. The results by school location are low in comparison to other local authorities and lower than the results by pupil residence.

Education levels

Data from the 2021 Census shows that in comparison to Hampshire, the South East and England, Rushmoor has a lower percentage of residents qualified to level 4 and above and a higher percentage of residents with no qualifications.



Data is for all those over 16 years of age

(Source: Office for National Statistics 2021 Census [Education, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk))

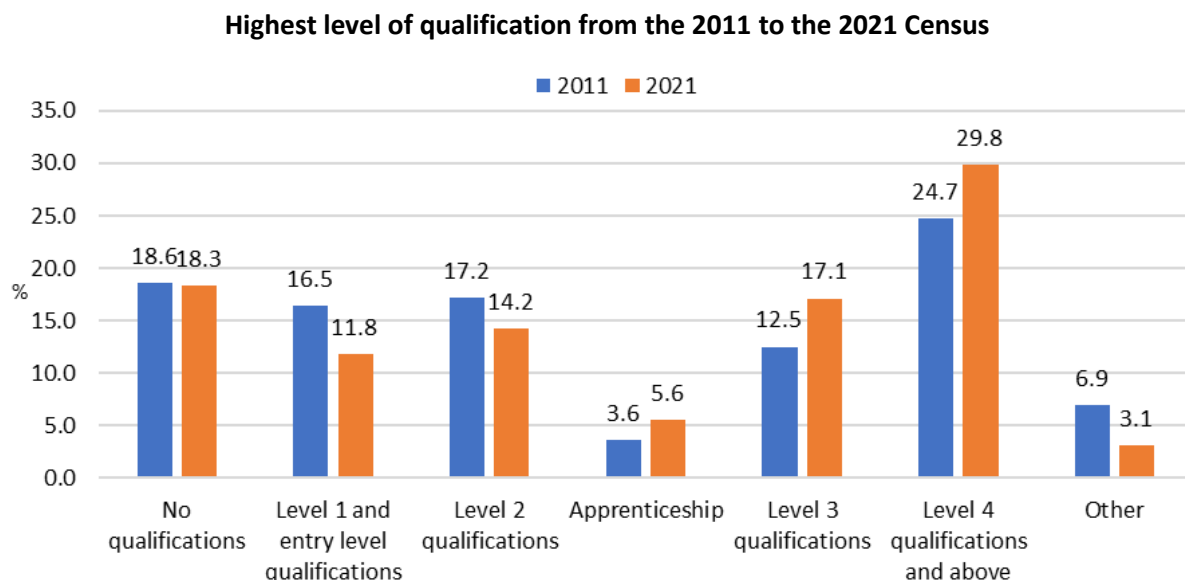
Education levels

- No qualifications
- Level 1 and entry level qualifications: 1 to 4 GCSEs grade A* to C, Any GCSEs at other grades, O levels or CSEs (any grades), 1 AS level, NVQ level 1, Foundation GNVQ, Basic or Essential Skills
- Level 2 qualifications: 5 or more GCSEs (A* to C or 9 to 4), O levels (passes), CSEs (grade 1), School Certification, 1 A level, 2 to 3 AS levels, VCEs, Intermediate or Higher Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Intermediate Diploma, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ, City and Guilds Craft, BTEC First or General Diploma, RSA Diploma

- Apprenticeship
- Level 3 qualifications: 2 or more A levels or VCEs, 4 or more AS levels, Higher School Certificate, Progression or Advanced Diploma, Welsh Bacalaureate Advance Diploma, NVQ level 3; Advanced GNVQ, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, ONC, OND, BTEC National, RSA Advanced Diploma
- Level 4 qualifications and above: degree (BA, BSc), higher degree (MA, PhD, PGCE), NVQ level 4 to 5, HNC, HND, RSA Higher Diploma, BTEC Higher level, professional qualifications (for example, teaching, nursing, accountancy)
- Other: vocational or work-related qualifications, other qualifications achieved in England or Wales, qualifications achieved outside England or Wales (equivalent not stated or unknown)

Education levels over the past 10 years

Over the past 10 years there has been an improvement in the percentage of residents qualified to level 4 and level 3. Also, a lower percentage of residents had level 1 and level 2 as their highest level of qualification.



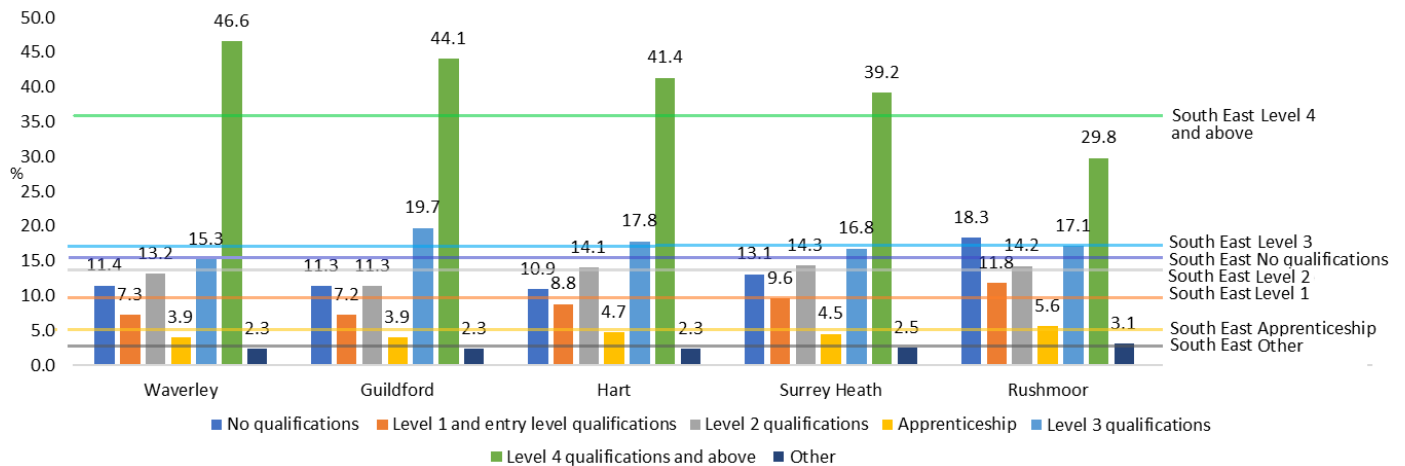
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Education levels compared to geographical neighbours and Hampshire authorities

The following chart shows the highest level of qualification for residents in Rushmoor's neighbouring geographical districts. In comparison, Rushmoor has the lowest percentage for residents educated to level 4 and the highest percentage of residents with no qualifications.

Highest level of qualification for residents in Rushmoor's neighbouring geographical districts – 2021 Census

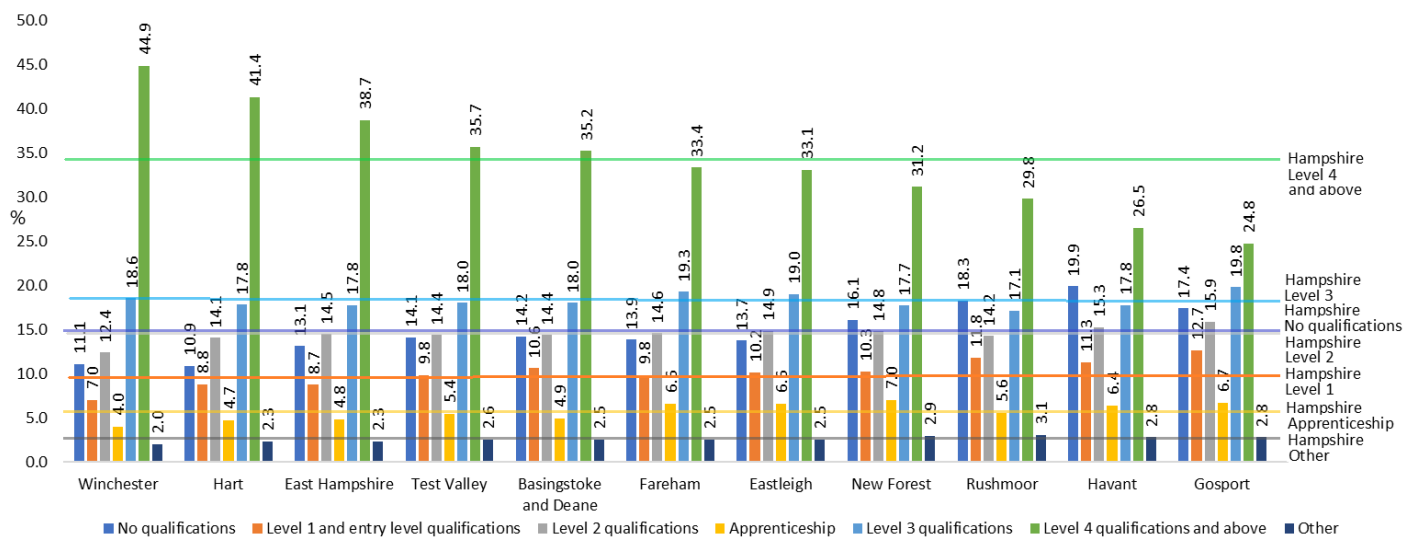


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The following chart shows information for all the Hampshire districts. The 2021 Census data shows that Rushmoor the third lowest percentage of residents educated to level 4 and above in Hampshire. Rushmoor also has the second highest percentage of residents with no qualifications.

Highest level of qualification for residents in Hampshire districts – 2021 Census



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(Source: Office for National Statistics 2021 Census [Education, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk))

Primary schools in Rushmoor

Rushmoor has 30 primary schools that cater for infant school age (year R [reception] to year 2) or junior school age children (years 4 to 6) or both (years R to 6), and one through school which caters for year R to 11, Alderwood (in Aldershot). There are 10 primary schools in Aldershot (including Stanhope Primary which opened in September 2025) and 20 in

Farnborough. More details can be found on the Department for Education web site:
<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/>.

The Key Stage 2 results for primary schools were last published in December 2025. The Department for Education states: School performance data should be considered alongside a range of other information about the school, which could include looking at school websites, reading Ofsted reports, and speaking to the school directly. Conclusions should not be drawn on a single piece of data alone.

The following table shows the percentage of children at the end of year 6 (in 2025) meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, in the 19 schools with Key Stage 2 children (Stanhope Primary School did not have any pupils at the end of Key Stage 2 in 2025).

Percentage of pupils meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths. Green text indicates the result are above the England average	
School	2025
Alderwood School	70%
Cherrywood Primary*	44%
Cove Junior	54%
Grange Community Junior	72%
Guillemont Junior	61%
Manor Junior	52%
Park Primary*	67%
South Farnborough Junior	67%
St Bernadette's Primary*	50%
St Joseph's Primary	88%
St Mark's CE Primary*	65%
St Michael's CE Junior	46%
St Patrick's Primary*	55%
St Peter's CE Junior*	58%
Talavera Junior	77%
The Cambridge Primary	43%
The Ferns Primary Academy*	55%
Tower Hill Primary	75%
Wellington Community Primary	61%
Hampshire average	63%
England average	62%

(Source: Department for Education <http://www.education.gov.uk/>)

*35 pupils or less at the end of Key Stage 2

The school results vary and 42.1% of schools (8 schools) have results above the England average for the percentage of pupils meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths (this is lower than in 2024 when it was 55.6% - 10 schools). It should be noted that some schools had very small numbers of pupils at the end of Key Stage 2.

Secondary schools in Rushmoor

There are four state funded schools in Rushmoor which cater for secondary education:

- Alderwood (Aldershot)
- Cove School (Farnborough)
- Fernhill School (Farnborough but catchment area also covers part of Hart) – This school closed on the 31 December 2023 and Bohunt Farnborough open on 1 January 2024
- The Wavell School (Farnborough)

There is also a local voluntary aided Catholic school (All Hallows) which Rushmoor children attend, which is in Farnham.

Some children who live in Rushmoor also attend other schools not in the Borough, for example some of the schools are: Ash Manor School (Ash), Farnham Heath End (Farnham), Frogmore Community College (Yateley), Yateley School (Yateley) and Kings International College (Camberley).

More details about local schools can be found on the Department for Education web site: <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/>

The borough also contains two independent Catholic schools that cater for secondary education. These are Farnborough Hill and Salesian College (both have sixth forms).

GCSE results

Department for Education publishes the following performance information for schools:

Note: the Department for Education are not able to calculate Progress 8 scores for academic years 2024/25 and 2025/26. This is because there is no KS2 assessment data available to calculate the baseline for Progress 8 for these years due to Covid-19 disruption

- **Progress 8** - This score shows how much progress pupils at a school made between the end of key stage 2 and the end of key stage 4, compared to pupils across England who got similar results at the end of key stage 2. This is based on results in up to 8 qualifications, which include English and maths.
- **English and maths GCSEs** – This the percentage of pupils at a school getting a Grade 4 (a standard pass) and above and Grade 5 (a good pass) and above.
- **Attainment 8** - Schools get a score based on how well pupils have performed in up to 8 qualifications, which include English, maths, 3 English Baccalaureate qualifications including sciences, computer science, history, geography and languages, and 3 other additional approved qualifications.
- **Pupils 'entering for' the 'English Baccalaureate'** - A pupil is considered to have entered for the English Baccalaureate if they entered for qualifications in English,

maths, sciences, a language and either history or geography. The English Baccalaureate (EBacc) is not a test or qualification; it is a measure used to provide information about a particular range of qualifications.

- **'English Baccalaureate' average point score** - The EBacc average point score calculates a pupil's average point scores across the 5 pillars of the English Baccalaureate, allocating points to a pupil's best grades and dividing by 6 (the science grades count in 2 pillars, meaning a total of 6 pillars) to create an average point score per pupil. This measure is an average across the subjects (i.e. divide the total by 6) and so is on a different scale to Attainment 8 which is calculated by simply awarding points score across 8 qualifications (without dividing the total)

School results

The majority of the state funded secondary schools in Rushmoor have results below the Hampshire and England average.

State funded schools in Rushmoor	Grade 4 or above in English & maths GCSEs*	Grade 5 or above in English & maths GCSEs	Attainment 8 score	Entering EBacc	EBacc average point score
Wavell School	65.5%	35.0%	43.9	39.4%	3.95
Alderwood School	64.6%	38.5%	42.1	22.4%	3.6
Bohunt Farnborough	57.8%	32.8%	38.7	32.0%	3.54
Cove School	53.8%	35.5%	42.6	36.0%	3.75
Hampshire	64.8%	44.6%	45.4	33.6%	4.01
England average	64.5%	45.2%	45.9	40.5%	4.08
Key	Above the 2025 England average		Below the 2025 England average		

*schools in order of the % of pupils achieving grade 4 and above in maths and English

(Source: [Find and check the performance of schools and colleges in England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/find-and-check-the-performance-of-schools-and-colleges-in-england))

GCSE results by school location and pupil residence

The latest data which compares the GCSE results by school location and pupil residence is the provisional 2025 GCSE results, which were published in October 2025. This included data for Rushmoor with results by school location and by pupils' residence.

The data shows that results by school location are low in comparison to other local authorities and lower than the results by pupil residence.

2025 provisional GCSE results	Number of pupils at the end of key stage 4 (number of schools)	Average Attainment 8 score per pupil	Percentage of pupils who achieved grade 9-5 in English and maths	Percentage of pupils who achieved grade 9-4 in English and maths	English Baccalaureate Percentage of pupils entered for all components	Average Point Score per pupil English Baccalaureate
Rushmoor by school location	719 (6 schools)	40.1	33.5%	57.4%	31.2%	3.55
Rushmoor by pupil residence	1,043 (36 schools)	43.7	39.7%	64.7%	29.6%	3.83
Hampshire	-	45.4	44.6%	64.8%	33.6%	4.01
England	-	45.9	45.2%	64.5%	40.5%	4.08

Key:

In the bottom 20% of results for the 298 local authorities in England	In the bottom 10% of results for the 298 local authorities in England
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(Source: [Key stage 4 performance, Academic year 2022/23 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/explore-education-statistics/service/gov-uk))

Ofsted

Ofsted has changed their judgement for inspections of state-funded schools. There are five grades exceptional, strong standard, expected standard, needs attention and urgent improvement.

Grade	Grade explained
Exceptional	Practice is exceptional: of the highest standard nationally. Other schools can learn from it.
Strong standard	The school reaches a strong standard. Leaders are working above the standard expected of them.
Expected standard	The school is fulfilling the expected standard of education and/or care. This means they are following the standard set out in statutory and non-statutory legislation and the professional standards expected of them
Needs attention	The expected standards are not met but leaders are likely able to make the necessary improvements.
Urgent improvement	The school needs to make urgent improvements to provide the expected standard of education and/or care.

Under these grades there are further headings, including achievement, attendance and behaviour, curriculum and teaching, inclusion, leadership and governance and personal development and wellbeing. In addition, whether safeguarding standards are met.

Since the change only one school has been inspected.

Schools and report date	Grade
The Wavell School -January 2026	Expected standard

For further information visit Ofsted website: [Find an Ofsted inspection report](#)

Special schools

Rushmoor has two Community Special Schools, both located in Farnborough. Henry Tyndale School which caters for children aged 2-19 and Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College which caters for primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years old).

Further education in Rushmoor

Farnborough Sixth Form and Farnborough College of Technology cater for secondary school leavers. In addition, the technical college also offers Higher Education courses and adult learning courses.