

# DC5602EW - Highest level of qualification by economic activity of full-time students

## Overview

Table population	All full-time students aged 16 to 64
Reference	DC5602EW
Source	Census 2011
Keywords	Highest level of qualification, Economic activity, Economically active, Economically inactive, Employed (in employment), Full-time working, Part-time working, Self-employed, Unemployed
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## Dataset metadata

This dataset provides 2011 Census estimates that classify full-time students aged 16 to 64 in England and Wales by highest level of qualification and by economic activity. The estimates are as at census day, 27 March 2011.

### Statistical Disclosure Control

In order to protect against disclosure of personal information from the 2011 Census, there has been swapping of records in the Census database between different geographic areas, and so some counts will be affected. In the main, the greatest effects will be at the lowest geographies, since the record swapping is targeted towards those households with unusual characteristics in small areas.

More details on the ONS Census disclosure control strategy may be found on the [Statistical Disclosure Control](#) page on the ONS web site.

## Variables

### geography

The following types of geography are available:

2011 census merged wards, 2011 super output areas - middle layer, local enterprise partnerships (as of April 2021), former metropolitan counties, local authorities: county / unitary (prior to April 2015), local authorities: district / unitary (prior to April 2015), regions, countries

## Highest Level of Qualification

The highest level of qualification is derived from the question asking people to indicate all types of qualifications held. People were also asked if they held foreign qualifications and to indicate the closest equivalent. There were 12 response options (plus 'no qualifications') covering professional and vocational qualifications, and a range of academic qualifications. These are combined into five categories for the highest level of qualification, plus a category for no qualifications and one for other qualifications (which includes vocational or work-related qualifications, and for foreign

qualifications where an equivalent qualification was not indicated).

'Highest level of qualification' has been split into four levels, plus categories for 'Apprenticeship' 'Other' and 'None':

- | No qualifications;
- | Level 1: 1-4 O Levels/CSE/GCSEs (any grades), Entry Level, Foundation Diploma, NVQ Level 1, Foundation GNVQ, Basic/Essential Skills;
- | Level 2: 5+ O Level (Passes)/CSEs (Grade 1)/GCSEs (Grades A\*-C), School Certificate, 1 A Level/ 2-3 AS Levels/VCEs, Intermediate/Higher Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Intermediate Diploma, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ, City and Guilds Craft, BTEC First/General Diploma, RSA Diploma;
- | Apprenticeship;
- | Level 3: 2+ A Levels/VCEs, 4+ AS Levels, Higher School Certificate, Progression/Advanced Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma, NVQ Level 3; Advanced GNVQ, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, ONC, OND, BTEC National, RSA Advanced Diploma;
- | Level 4 and above: Degree (for example BA, BSc), Higher Degree (for example MA, PhD, PGCE), NVQ Level 4-5, HNC, HND, RSA Higher Diploma, BTEC Higher level, Foundation degree (NI), Professional qualifications (for example teaching, nursing, accountancy);
- | Other qualifications: Vocational/Work-related Qualifications, Foreign Qualifications (not stated/level unknown).

The following Highest Level of Qualification are available:

- | All categories: Highest level of qualification
- | No qualifications
- | Level 1 qualifications
- | Level 2 qualifications
- | Apprenticeship
- | Level 3 qualifications
- | Level 4 qualifications and above
- | Other qualifications

## Economic Activity

Economic activity relates to whether or not a person who was working or looking for work in the week before census.

Rather than a simple indicator of whether or not someone was currently in employment, it provides a measure of whether or not a person was an active participant in the labour market.

A person's economic activity is derived from their 'Activity last week'. This is an indicator of their status or availability for employment - whether employed, actively looking for work, waiting to start a new job, available to start a new job, or their status if not employed or not seeking employment. Additional information included in the economic activity classification is also derived from information about the number of hours a person works and their type of employment - whether employed or self-employed.

The census concept of economic activity is compatible with the standard for economic status defined by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). It is one of a number of definitions used internationally to produce accurate and comparable statistics on employment, unemployment and economic status.

The following Economic Activity are available:

- | All categories: Economic activity
- | Economically active: Total
- | Economically active: In employment: Total
- | Economically active: In employment: Employee: Total
- | Economically active: In employment: Employee: Part-time
- | Economically active: In employment: Employee: Full-time
- | Economically active: In employment: Self-employed: Total
- | Economically active: In employment: Self-employed: Part-time
- | Economically active: In employment: Self-employed: Full-time
- | Economically active: Unemployed
- | Economically inactive