

Outcome: All people in Newry Mourne and Down get a good start in life and fulfil their lifelong potential

Indicator: Level of Educational Wellbeing

Education is a basic need and an important aspiration of people. It has a strong influence on their well-being. Better educated individuals earn higher wages and have a higher probability of having a job. They live longer lives; report a better health status and a lower occurrence of chronic diseases and disabilities. Better educated individuals also participate more actively in politics and in the community where they live, they commit fewer crimes and rely less on social assistance. At the level of the society as a whole, better education leads to higher GDP growth, higher tax revenues and lower social expenditures.

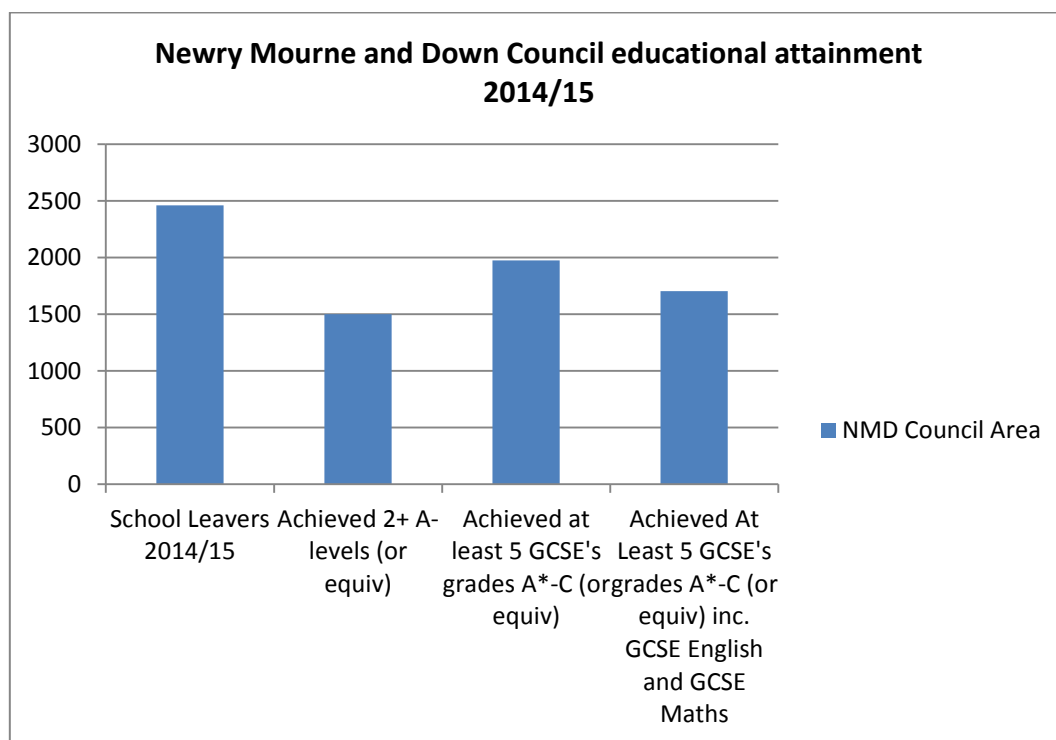
Measures: Level of Educational Attainment
Level of Literacy

Level of Educational Attainment – Results of School Leavers (2014/2015)

The table below shows the total number of school leavers for the years 2014/15 for the Newry Mourne and Down District Council area. We can see that those achieving at least 5 GCSE's grades A*-C or Equivalent was the highest number of qualifications attained in the council area with 1974

A total of 1702 people achieved 5 GCSE's A*-C or equivalent including English and Maths.

	School Leavers 2014/15	Achieved 2+ A-levels (or equiv)	Achieved at least 5 GCSE's grades A*-C (or equiv)	Achieved At Least 5 GCSE's grades A*-C (or equiv) inc. GCSE English and GCSE Maths
NMD Council	2460	1501	1974	1702



The table below shows how the DEA's performed against each other with regards to school leavers attaining qualifications in 2014/15.

From the table and graph below we can see that the DEA with the highest attainment level for Achieving 2+ A levels was Crotlieve. It also had the highest number of persons achieving 5 GCSE's at grade A*-C and those achieving at least 5 GCSE's grades A-C including Maths and English

DEAS	School Leavers 2014/15	Achieved 2+ A-levels (or equiv)	Achieved at least 5 GCSE's grades A*-C (or equiv)	Achieved At Least 5 GCSE's grades A*-C (or equiv) inc. GCSE English and GCSE Maths
Crotlieve	419	275	354	314
Downpatrick	275	161	209	184
Newry	365	211	299	230
Slieve Gullion	427	262	347	290
Slieve Croob	327	196	256	231
The Mournes	369	236	291	261
Rowallane	278	160	218	192

Level of Literacy – Qualifications of School Leavers

Qualifications of school leavers by 2014 district council of pupil residence⁽³⁾
2013/2014⁽¹⁾

District Council	2+ A-levels A*-E ⁽²⁾		5+ GCSEs A*-C ⁽²⁾		5+ GCSEs A*-C ⁽²⁾ inc. GCSE English and maths		Total Leavers
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN	1338	56.8	1820	77.2	1535	65.1	2357

In 2013/14, 56.8% of school leavers achieved 2+ A-Levels. 77.2% achieved 5+ GCSE's (A*-C) with 65.1% achieving 5+ GCSE's including English and Maths.

Essential Skills qualifications are intended for anyone over the age of 16 in Northern Ireland who wants to improve their literacy, numeracy or ICT **skills**.

The table below looks at the number of people from old council wards (including Ballyward) that have enrolled in essential skills courses in 2014.

Ballymote ward had the highest number of enrolments with 134, followed by Kilkeel Central (130) and Daisy Hill (126).

Saintfield ward had the lowest number of enrolments with 36.

Ward	2014
	Enrolments
Northern Ireland	40589
Annalong	94
Ardglass	79
Audley's Acre	47
Ballybot	61
Ballymaglave	108
Ballymote	134
Ballynahinch East	58
Ballyward	49
Bessbrook	72
Binnian	86
Burren and Kilbroney	48
Camlough	84
Castlewellan	105
Cathedral	116
Clonallan	85

Creggan	94
Crossgar	53
Crossmaglen	54
Daisy Hill	126
Derryboy	43
Derryleckagh	78
Derrymore	82
Donaghmore (Newry and Mourne LGD)	71
Donard	61
Drumalane	82
Drumaness	90
Drumgullion	75
Dundrum	73
Dunmore	62
Fathom	64
Forkhill	108
Kilkeel Central	130
Kilkeel South	84
Killough	72
Killyleagh	84
Kilmore	63
Lisnacree	66
Mayobridge	42
Murlough	102
Newtownhamilton	54
Quoile	69
Rostrevor	41
Saintfield	39
Seaforde	98
Seaview	47
Shimna	69
Silver Bridge	75
Spelga	109
Strangford	40
St Mary's	55
St Patrick's	107
Tollymore	112
Tullyhappy	67
Windsor Hill	49