

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 21st OCTOBER 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister state the number of children taking GCSEs in the five most popular foreign language subjects for each of the last five years, together with details of the pass rates achieved for each language in those years?”

Answer

The data provided below summarises GCSE results for pupils in Government provided schools. 2024 results are provisional, pending the outcome of any appeals. The tables represent the results for all pupils completing Year 11 in each year, and may include results for exams that were completed by those pupils in earlier years. If a pupil obtains multiple results in a subject, only their best result is included below.

Comparisons between academic years should be avoided as there have been significant changes in assessment methodology due to Covid-19, which included Centre Assessed Grades, Teacher Assessed Grades and transition arrangements.

In the table below, the pass rate indicates a result of 4 and above. Statistical disclosure controls have been applied to the pass rate where those calculations would contain identifiable information (where the number of pupils who did not pass was fewer than 5). These are represented as a ~.

2020		
Language	Pupils	Pass Rate %
French	291	96
Spanish	174	86
Portuguese	79	86
Italian	17	~
German	7	~

2021		
Language	Pupils	Pass Rate %
French	327	91
Spanish	190	88
Portuguese	65	~
Italian	21	100
Polish	7	100

2022		
Language	Pupils	Pass Rate %
French	308	91
Spanish	172	87
Portuguese	54	~
Polish	10	~
Italian	6	100

2023		
Language	Pupils	Pass Rate %
French	258	86
Spanish	189	77
Portuguese	66	~
Polish	15	100
Italian	11	100

2024 (provisional)		
Language	Pupils	Pass Rate %
French	271	92
Spanish	169	85
Portuguese	76	92
Polish	17	~
Italian	16	100

Some pupils take GCSEs in more than one subject. For completeness, the total cohort size for Government schools, number and % of pupils taking any language (including those that aren't in the "top 5" tables above) are shown below:

Year	Cohort size (spring census)	Number taking a language GCSE	%
2020	834	467	56
2021	819	483	59
2022	817	477	58
2023	820	454	55
2024	877	451	51