

## T Level Results 2023

The first two-year T Level courses launched in 2020<sup>1</sup>, with the first results in August 2022. This year a total of 10 T Level courses reported results.<sup>2</sup> Five of these courses have engineering and tech-related career progressions.

It is worth noting that as of results day on 17 August 2023, there is some speculation about the decline in the number of young people starting courses in 2021 compared to the number getting their results 2 years later.<sup>3</sup> DfE reported that 5,210 students started T Levels in 2021, but only 3,448 students received results in August 2023. More is needed to understand what has happened here, and address the issues. This briefing focuses on those students who received their results.

### 2023 T Level courses career progression

The Department for Education provides a list of careers that each T Level can support a young person with progressing in to.<sup>4</sup> The table at Annex 1 outlines the 5 T Levels that can support someone into an engineering and tech-related career. These are:

- Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction
- Digital Production, Design and Development
- Building Services Engineering for Construction
- Digital Support and Services
- Onsite Construction

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<sup>1</sup> 3 T Level courses launched in 2020 with first results in 2022: Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction; Digital Production, Design and Development; and Education and Early Years.

<sup>2</sup> 7 additional courses launched in 2021 with first results in 2023: Building Services Engineering for Construction; Digital Business Services; Digital Support and Services; Health; Healthcare Science; Onsite Construction; and Science.

<sup>3</sup> <https://feweek.co.uk/t-levels-results-2023-1-in-3-students-dropped-out/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/subjects>

### Numbers of students who completed their T Level course in 2023

The number of institutions offering T Levels and the numbers enrolled on the courses remain quite small, though for courses where 2023 is the second year of results there have been good increases, with a doubling in the size of the cohort.

T Level Course	Number of learners 2022	Number of learners 2023
Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction	207	441
Digital Production, Design and Development	340	687
Building Services Engineering for Construction	-	207
Digital Support and Services	-	182
Onsite Construction	-	75
All Engineering related T Levels	547	1592
All T Levels	1029	3448

- Overall numbers completing T Levels has more than tripled with the introduction of new courses.
- Courses completing for the second time in 2023 saw increases in the numbers of students - more than doubling for both engineering and tech-related subjects.
- Just under half of all young people who completed their T Level course in 2023 studied an engineering and tech-related course (46%).

### Gender of students who completed their T Level course in 2023

T Level course	Number of learners 2023	Number of male learners	Number of female learners	% Female
Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction	441	371	65	15%
Digital Production, Design and Development	687	612	65	9%
Building Services Engineering for Construction	207	204	3	1%
Digital Support and Services	182	174	8	4%
Onsite Construction	75	74	1	1%
All engineering-related T Levels	1592	1435	142	9%
All T Levels	3448	1650	1775	51%

- Only 9% of those completing their engineering and tech-related T Levels were female.
- Numbers of female students taking engineering and tech-related T Levels is higher for the subjects in their second year of results, hopefully indicating a positive change going forward.
- Overall, about half (51%) of young people getting their T Level results were female. Subjects with strong female uptake included Education and Early Years, and Health.

## 2023 T Level - attainment

Course	Distinction/ Distinction* (%)	Merit or above (%)	Pass or above (%)
Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction	19.7	81.9	95.7
Digital Production, Design and Development	9	48.8	81.7
Building Services Engineering for Construction	12.1	46.9	85.5
Digital Support and Services	19.8	60.4	83
Onsite Construction	21.3	31.7	78.7
All T Levels	22.1	69.2	90.5

- The vast majority of young people who studied a T Level achieved a pass or above.
- Attainment rates vary across the engineering and tech-related subjects, ranging from 81.9% merit or above for Design, Surveying and Planning, to 31.7% merit or above for Onsite Construction.
- Very few Distinction\* grades were awarded in 2023, only 9 in total, with none achieved in any engineering or tech-related T Levels.
- A small proportion of young people received a partial achievement, which covers students who attempted both the core component and occupational specialism but achieved only one, and students who achieved neither but completed the industry placement. These are students who may complete their T Level in the coming months.

## Annex 1

T Level Course	Career Progression
Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction	Careers in construction, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil engineering technician</li> <li>• Technical surveyor</li> <li>• Building technician</li> <li>• Building control officer</li> <li>• Town planning assistant</li> <li>• Geospatial technician</li> </ul>
Digital Production, Design and Development	Careers in software production and design, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web developer</li> <li>• Web designer</li> <li>• Software developer</li> <li>• Computer games tester</li> <li>• Computer games developer</li> <li>• E-learning developer</li> <li>• User experience (UX) designer</li> </ul>
Building Services Engineering for Construction	Careers in construction, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engineering construction craftworker</li> <li>• Engineering construction technician</li> <li>• Engineering maintenance technician</li> <li>• Heating and ventilation engineer</li> <li>• Refrigeration and air conditioning installer</li> <li>• Building services engineer</li> <li>• Smart meter installer</li> <li>• Electrical engineering technician</li> <li>• Gas service technician</li> <li>• Electrician</li> <li>• Plumber</li> <li>• Pipe fitter</li> </ul>
Digital Support and Services	Careers in digital infrastructure and support, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure technician</li> <li>• IT security co-ordinator</li> <li>• IT support technician</li> </ul>
Onsite Construction	Careers in construction, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carpenter</li> <li>• Shopfitter</li> <li>• Bricklayer</li> <li>• Plasterer</li> <li>• Painter and decorator</li> </ul>