



Computer Science 2026

Analysis of data from CCEA, Department for Education, JCQ, UCAS, and WJEC

UCAS admissions data

All ages, all genders, all domiciles

Computing acceptances in UK higher education have fallen by 7% from the previous year compared with an overall rise of 2% for all subjects.

Computing acceptances have fallen by 4% for female applicants in Computing and 8% for males.

Ratio of male:female acceptances (all ages, all domiciles) in Computing has fallen from 3.7:1 to 3.5:1.

24,980 students are currently accepted onto UK undergraduate Computing courses.

Applications from international students (all ages, non-UK) have declined too.

18-year-old UK applicants (school leavers)

Females: change in female acceptances for Computing is down 3% from 2024/25

Males: Down 8% for males.

All: Down by 7%

Ratio of male:female acceptances has also fallen to 3.7:1 – lowest yet.

Popularity: ninth most popular subject.

13,590 18-year-old UK domiciled students are currently accepted onto UK undergraduate Computing courses.

England: 11,760 students accepted, 3.9:1 ratio M:F

Northern Ireland: 510 students accepted, 2.6:1 ratio M:F

Scotland: 920 students accepted, 2.8:1 ratio M:F

Wales: 400 students accepted, 4.4:1 ratio M:F

A level data – Computer Science

Across England, Northern Ireland and Wales, female Computer Science students continue to outperform their male counterparts at grades A*-C.

JCQ data (England)

Entries (all): 19,105, up by 2%

Female: 3,632, up by 3%

Male: 15,473, up by 1%

Ratio: 4:1 – same as previous year.

JCQ data (Northern Ireland)

Entries (all): 406, down by 3%

Female: 72, down by 5%

Male: 334, down by 2%

Ratio: 4.6:1

JCQ data (Wales)

Entries (all): 420, down by 14%

Female: 71, down by 4%

Male: 349, down by 16%

Ratio: 5:1

Other subjects - CCEA (Northern Ireland)

Software Systems Development A level has reduced by 6%, but female participation is up by 27%.

Digital Technology has grown by 3%, with female participation is up by 18%.

The proportion of female students taking Digital Technology A level is about 35%

Other subjects - WJEC (Wales)

Digital Technology A Level saw 26% growth from the previous year (401 students). Female participation grew by 32% and the proportion taking the subject is 22%.

DfE T-level data

In 2025/26, the following achievements have been reported.

Pathway	Students with a pass or better	Change - 2025/26 (pass or better)	M:F ratio
Digital Business Services	57	+8%	5
Digital Production, Design and Development	1,606	+16%	7
Digital Support Services	573	+56%	11

Data sources

UCAS: <https://www.ucas.com/data-and-analysis/undergraduate-statistics-and-reports/statistical-releases-daily-clearing-analysis-2026>

DfE: <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/provisional-t-level-results/2025-26-provisional>

JCQ: <https://www.jcq.org.uk/exam-results-data/>

CCEA: <https://ccea.org.uk/examiner-centre-support/qualification-reports-and-results-statistics/202526-results-statistics>

WJEC: <https://www.wjec.co.uk/media/we2gzyjn/gce-a-level-provisional-results-june-2026.pdf>