

Trends in A-level MFL Take-up in England and the rest of the UK (1975-2003)

<i>REST OF UK A-LEVELS</i>	1975	1985	1995	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	% Increase/Decrease (1975-2003)
<i>French</i>	24,421	22,140 (-10.3%)	27,563 (+24.5%)	26,488 (-3.9%)	23,625 (-10.8%)	21,072 (-10.8%)	18,228 (-13.5%)	17,939 (-15.9%)	15,615 (-13.0%)	15531 (-0.5%)	Decrease 36.4%
<i>German</i>	7,810	7,949 (+1.7%)	10,634 (+33.8%)	10,708 (+0.7%)	10,189 (-4.8%)	9,551 (-10.3%)	8,694 (-9.0%)	8,466 (-2.6%)	7,013 (-17.2%)	6950 (0.9%)	Decrease 11.0%
<i>Spanish</i>	2,581	2,615 (+1.3%)	4,837 (+85.0%)	5,331 (+10.2%)	5,649 (+6.0%)	5,782 (+2.4%)	5,636 (-2.5%)	5,530 (-1.9%)	5,573 (+0.8%)	5781 (+3.7%)	Increase 124.0%

(Eric Hawkins, *30 Years of language Teaching*, p.388, CILT, 1996; *CILT Direct Languages Yearbooks 2001*, p.46 and *2002*, p.50; Joint Council for General Qualifications website: <http://jcgq.or.uk>; *Independent*, 14th Aug 2003, p8)