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Colleges Scotland comment on record number of FE students successfully completing their course in 2013-14

Today the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) published the 2013-14 College Performance Indicators. A key highlight is that 66% of 51,025 full-time further education students successfully completed their course in 2013-14. This is a record high as the 33,676 students is the greatest number of FE graduates of all time.

The figures show a steady rise from a 60% success rate five years ago in 2009-10. (data and graph attached below).

Shona Struthers, chief executive of Colleges Scotland, said: "This record success rate is very good news for colleges and students.

"A high proportion of people studying in colleges start with no qualifications at all, so the rising level of those successfully completing their courses is most welcome.

"The figures underline the vital role of colleges in contributing to the strength of the Scottish economy.

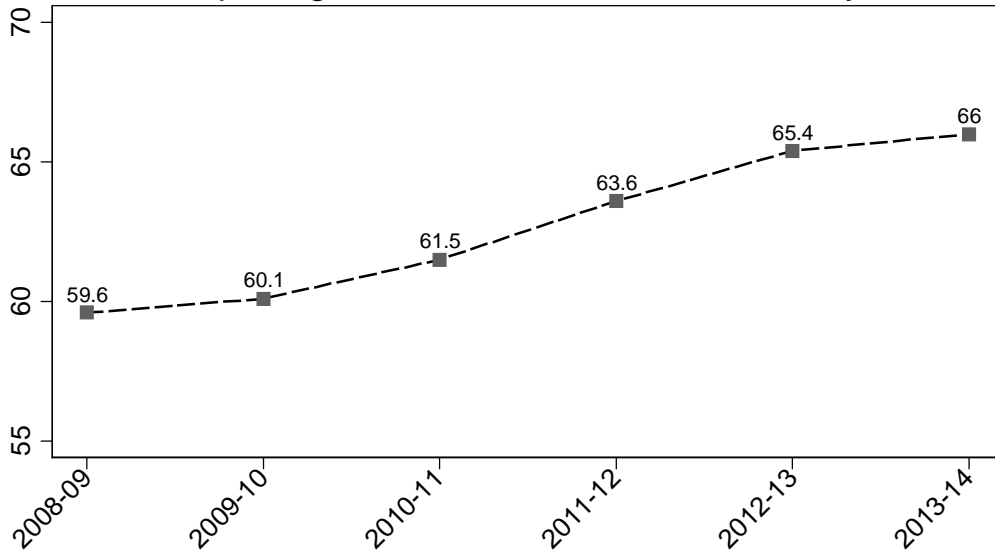
"It also shows that colleges continue to punch above their weight and deliver, even in the midst of major reform and financial pressures."

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Percentage of further education students successfully completing their course in each academic year



Source: College Performance Indicators, SFC Statistical Publications, ref: SFC/ST/02/2015
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Year	Percentage
2013-14	66
2012-13	65
2011-12	64
2010-11	62
2009-10	60
2008-9	60

Source: College Performance Indicators, SFC Statistical Publications, www.sfc.ac.uk, SFC/ST/02/2015
 percentages rounded to nearest whole number