PRIMARY SCHOOL
LEAVING EXAMINATIONS

BOTSWANA
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COUNCIL

2016 PROVISIONAL
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

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The Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) is a criterion referenced examination that is administered to all learners who have completed the Ministry of Education and Skills Development (MoESD) 7-year primary school programme. PSLE candidates sit examinations in seven subjects, namely: Setswana, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Agriculture and Religious and Moral Education. PSLE results provide feedback across different levels of the education system in terms of the learner's achievement of important knowledge and skills within the primary education programme. This report presents a summary of the 2016 PSLE results. It reports performance at national, district, and city/town council levels and by subject and gender. The report is structured as follows:

1.0 Candidature

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1.0 CANDIDATURE

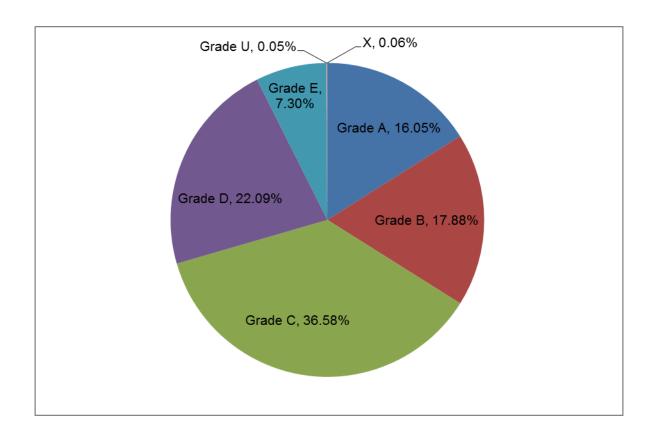| Table 1.1: PSLE CANDIDATURE IN 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 BY SUBJECT					
SUBJECTS	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**	**2016**
Setswana	42863	43086	42160	41905	41 911
English	43583	43775	42797	42553	42 517
Mathematics	43583	43775	42797	42553	42 517
Science	43583	43775	42797	42553	42 517
Social Studies	43583	43775	42797	42553	42 517
Agriculture	43583	43775	42795	42553	42 517
Religious and Moral Education	43538	43723	42754	42508	42 470
Total Candidature	**43583**	**43775**	**42797**	**42553**	**42 517**

- A total of 42517 candidates sat for the 2016 Primary School Leaving Examination. Of this number, 21408**(50.35%)** were females 21109**(49.65%)** were males.

- The candidature decreased from 42553 in 2015 to 42517in 2016, which represents a decrease of 36 **(0.08%).**

2.0 OVERALL PERFORMANCE

TABLE 2.1: 2016 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION RESULTS

Grade	Candidature	Percentage
A	6823	16.05
B	7601	17.88
C	15554	36.58
D	9391	22.09
E	3104	7.30
U	20	0.05
X	24	0.06
Total	**42517**	**100%**

FIGURE 2.1: 2016 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION RESULTS

Grade U, 0.05%
X, 0.06%
Grade E, 7.30%
Grade A, 16.05%
Grade D, 22.09%
Grade B, 17.88%
Grade C, 36.58%

The majority of students obtained a Grade C (36.58%) as shown in the pie chart. 22.09% obtained a Grade D while 7.3% obtained Grade E.

Figure 2.2: Camparison of PSLE Overall performance in 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012

	A	B	C	D	E
2016	16.05	17.88	36.58	22.09	7.30
2015	14.65	17.84	37.25	23.27	6.81
2014	14.18	17.35	37.61	25.35	5.22
2013	12.74	17.57	37.28	26.08	5.81
2012	13.20	15.20	36.60	34.40	0.70

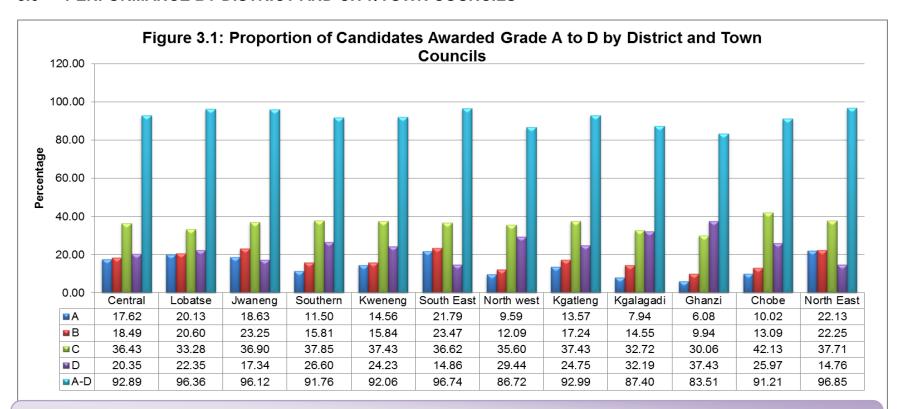Performance grades by year

Performance in the 2016 PSLE results has increased by 1.40%, from 14.65% in 2015 to 16.05% in 2016 for Grade A.
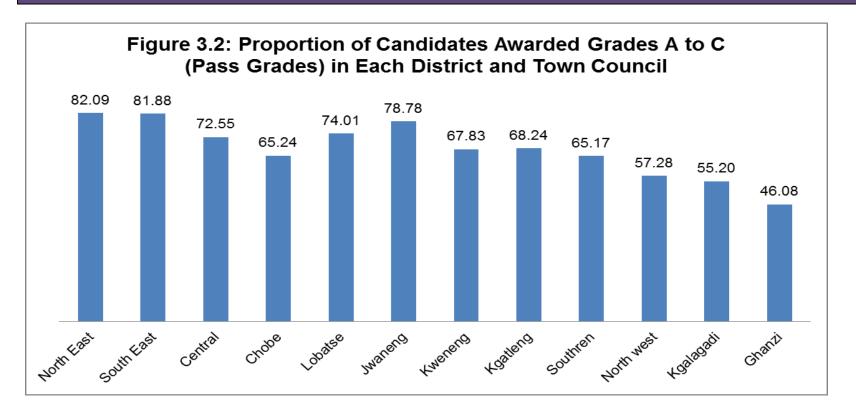
Percentage of candidates obtaining grade B has improved slightly by 0.04%, from 17.84 in 2015 to 17.88% in 2016. Candidates at Grade C declined by 0.67% from 37.25% in 2015 to 36.58% in 2016.

The proportion of candidates at grade D has decreased by 1.18% from 23.27% (2015) to 22.09% (2016). Grade E had an increase of 0.49% from 6.81% (2015) to 7.30% in (2016).

3.0 PERFORMANCE BY DISTRICT AND CITY/TOWN COUNCILS

Figure 3.1: Proportion of Candidates Awarded Grade A to D by District and Town Councils

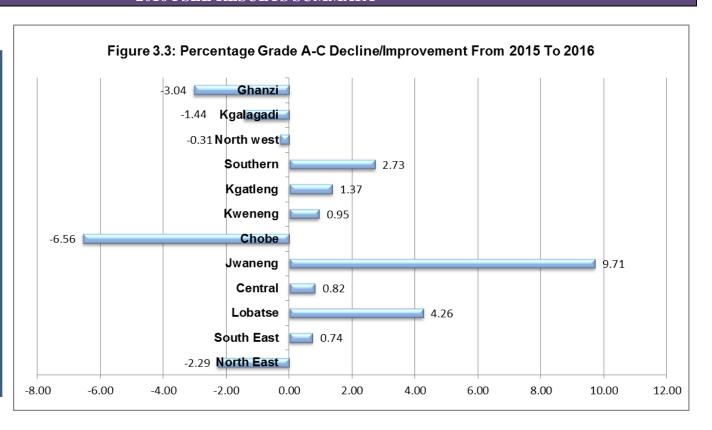|	Central	Lobatse	Jwaneng	Southern	Kweneng	South East	North west	Kgatleng	Kgalagadi	Ghanzi	Chobe	North East
A	17.62	20.13	18.63	11.50	14.56	21.79	9.59	13.57	7.94	6.08	10.02	22.13
B	18.49	20.60	23.25	15.81	15.84	23.47	12.09	17.24	14.55	9.94	13.09	22.25
C	36.43	33.28	36.90	37.85	37.43	36.62	35.60	37.43	32.72	30.06	42.13	37.71
D	20.35	22.35	17.34	26.60	24.23	14.86	29.44	24.75	32.19	37.43	25.97	14.76
A-D	92.89	96.36	96.12	91.76	92.06	96.74	86.72	92.99	87.40	83.51	91.21	96.85

North East has the highest proportion of Grade A (22.13%) while Ghanzi has the least Grade A (6.08%).
Ghanzi has the largest proportion of Grade D (37.43%).

Figure 3.2: Proportion of Candidates Awarded Grades A to C (Pass Grades) in Each District and Town Council

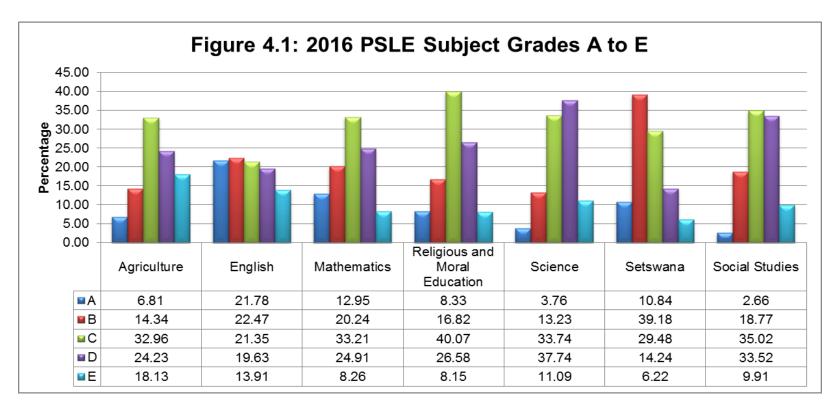| District/Town Council	Proportion
North East	82.09
South East	81.88
Central	72.55
Chobe	65.24
Lobatse	74.01
Jwaneng	78.78
Kweneng	67.83
Kgatleng	68.24
Southren	65.17
North west	57.28
Kgalagadi	55.20
Ghanzi	46.08

North East District with 82.09% and South East District with 81.88% performed significantly higher than other districts. The least performing district is Ghanzi at 46.08%.

District/ Town Council	Decline/ Improvement
North East	-2.29
South East	0.74
Lobatse	4.26
Central	0.82
Jwaneng	9.71
Chobe	-6.56
Kweneng	0.95
Kgatleng	1.37
Southern	2.73
North west	-0.31
Kgalagadi	-1.44
Ghanzi	-3.04

Figure 3.3: Percentage Grade A-C Decline/Improvement From 2015 To 2016

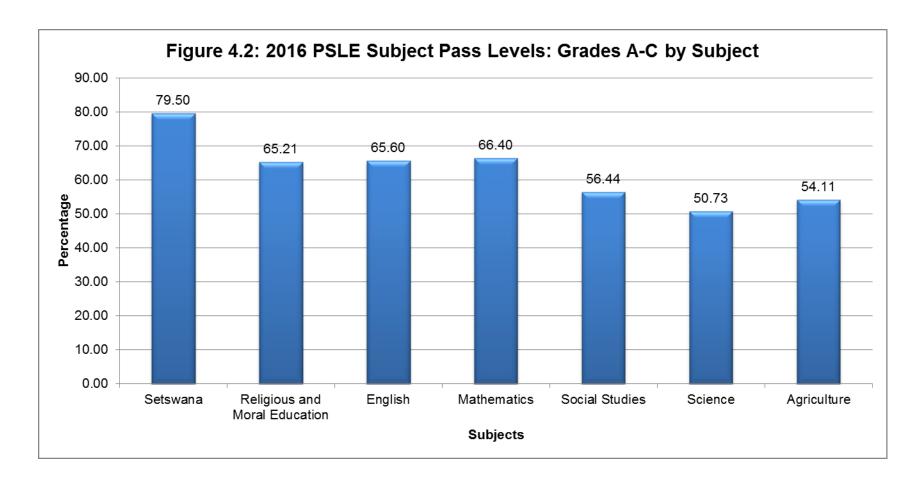| District	Value
Ghanzi	-3.04
Kgalagadi	-1.44
North west	-0.31
Southern	2.73
Kgatleng	1.37
Kweneng	0.95
Chobe	-6.56
Jwaneng	9.71
Central	0.82
Lobatse	4.26
South East	0.74
North East	-2.29

Compared to 2015, the proportion of candidates earning pass grades (A to C) increased in seven (7) districts with exception of Chobe with the greatest decline of 6.56%, followed by Ghanzi with a decline of 3.04% and North East (decline of 2.29%). Jwaneng has the greatest improvement of 9.71%, while South East is at only 0.74% of improvement followed by Lobatse at 4.26% and Southern at 2.73%
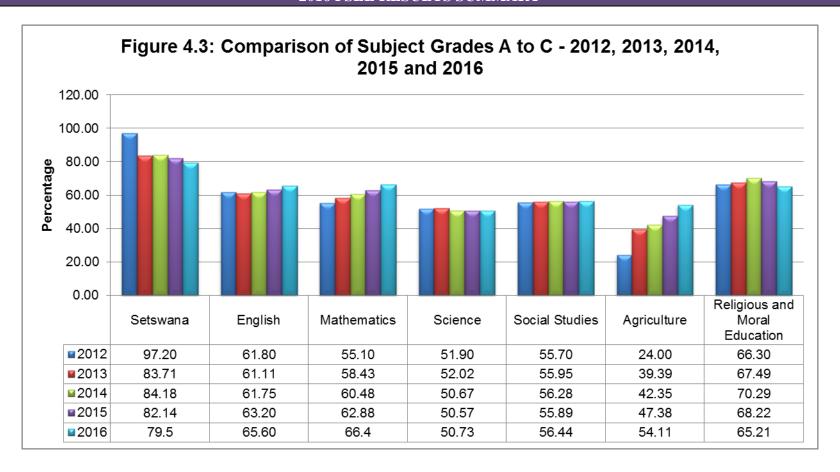
4.0 PERFORMANCE BY SUBJECT

Figure 4.1: 2016 PSLE Subject Grades A to E

	Agriculture	English	Mathematics	Religious and Moral Education	Science	Setswana	Social Studies
A	6.81	21.78	12.95	8.33	3.76	10.84	2.66
B	14.34	22.47	20.24	16.82	13.23	39.18	18.77
C	32.96	21.35	33.21	40.07	33.74	29.48	35.02
D	24.23	19.63	24.91	26.58	37.74	14.24	33.52
E	18.13	13.91	8.26	8.15	11.09	6.22	9.91

- The results show the highest proportion of candidates awarded grade A in English, at 21.78%.

- The lowest proportion of candidates awarded grade A is in Social Studies at 2.66%.

- Setswana has the highest proportion of candidates at grade B with 39.18% compared to other subjects.

- Religious and Moral Education also has the highest proportion of candidates awarded grade C at 40.07% compared to other subjects.

- Science has the highest proportion of candidates awarded grade D at 37.74% when compared to other subjects.

- Agriculture has the highest proportion of candidates awarded grade E with 18.13%.
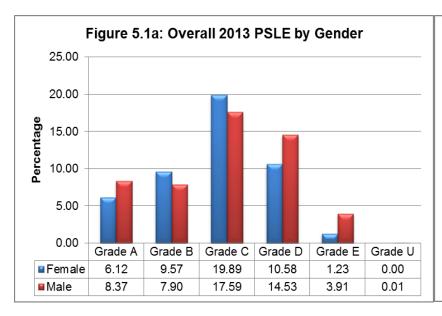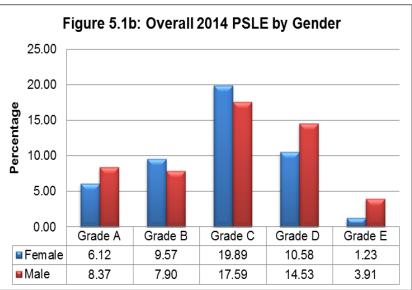
Figure 4.2: 2016 PSLE Subject Pass Levels: Grades A-C by Subject

- Setswana registered the highest A to C grades at 79.50% followed by Mathematics at 66.40%.
- Science has the lowest A to C grades at 50.73%.

Figure 4.3: Comparison of Subject Grades A to C - 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016

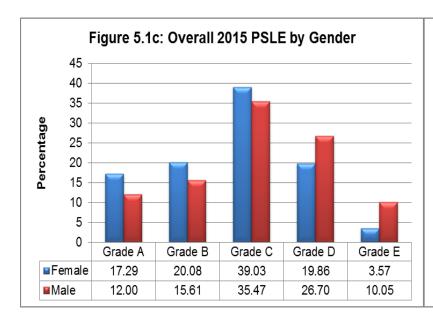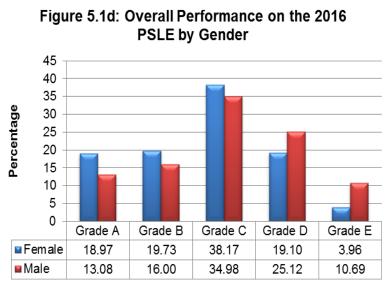|	Setswana	English	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	Agriculture	Religious and Moral Education
2012	97.20	61.80	55.10	51.90	55.70	24.00	66.30
2013	83.71	61.11	58.43	52.02	55.95	39.39	67.49
2014	84.18	61.75	60.48	50.67	56.28	42.35	70.29
2015	82.14	63.20	62.88	50.57	55.89	47.38	68.22
2016	79.5	65.60	66.4	50.73	56.44	54.11	65.21

Compared to 2015, there has been an improvement in performance in the following subjects: English, Mathematics and Agriculture. Compared to 2015 Agriculture has shown a significant improvement of 6.73%. A decline was noted in Setswana and Moral and Religious Education.

5.0   OVERALL PERFORMANCE BY GENDER

Figure 5.1a: Overall 2013 PSLE by Gender

	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E	Grade U
Female	6.12	9.57	19.89	10.58	1.23	0.00
Male	8.37	7.90	17.59	14.53	3.91	0.01

Figure 5.1b: Overall 2014 PSLE by Gender

	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E
Female	6.12	9.57	19.89	10.58	1.23
Male	8.37	7.90	17.59	14.53	3.91

Figure 5.1c: Overall 2015 PSLE by Gender

	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E
Female	17.29	20.08	39.03	19.86	3.57
Male	12.00	15.61	35.47	26.70	10.05

Figure 5.1d: Overall Performance on the 2016 PSLE by Gender

	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E
Female	18.97	19.73	38.17	19.10	3.96
Male	13.08	16.00	34.98	25.12	10.69

Figure 5.2: 2016 PSLE Subject Grades A - C by Gender

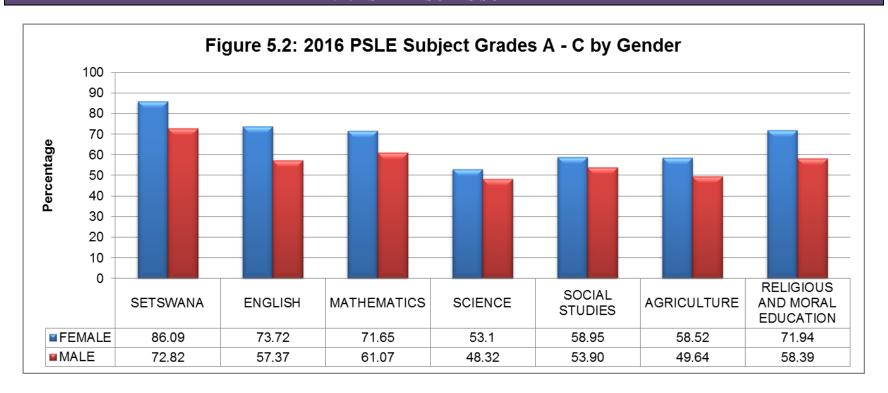|	SETSWANA	ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	AGRICULTURE	RELIGIOUS AND MORAL EDUCATION
FEMALE	86.09	73.72	71.65	53.1	58.95	58.52	71.94
MALE	72.82	57.37	61.07	48.32	53.90	49.64	58.39

- Generally, females are performing better than the males across all the four (4) years; 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 results as shown in Figure 5.1.
- For the year 2016 at subject level, females outperformed their male counterparts in all subjects.

6.0   SUMMARY OF THE 2016 PSLE RESULTS

- A total of 42517 candidates sat the 2016 PSLE compared to 42553 in 2015 and 42797 in 2014, representing a decrease of 0.08% in candidature between 2016 and 2015, and a decrease of 0.57% in candidature between 2015 and 2014.
- Overall, there is a slight increase of 0.8% in the candidates awarded grades A to C, in 2016 compared to 2015 which is not that significant.
- Agriculture had the most significant improvement at 6.73%.
- Females performed better than males across all subjects.