

**Trends in Higher MFL Take-up in Scotland (1976-2002)**

<i>SCOTTISH HIGHERS</i>	1976	1986	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000 (Higher+ New Higher)	2001 (Higher+ New Higher)	2002- (New Higher)	% <b>Increase/ Decrease 1976-2001</b>
<i>French</i>	11,610	7,884 (-32.1%)	5,098 (-35.3%)	4,840 (-5.1%)	4,619 (-4.6%)	4,244 (-8.1%)	4194 (-1.2%)	4300 (+2.5)	4,771 (+11.0%)	<b>Decrease 58.9%</b>
<i>German</i>	3,130	2,137 (-31.7%)	2,240 (+4.8%)	2,078 (-7.2%)	1,962 (-5.9%)	1,891 (-3.6%)	2021 (+6.9%)	2036 (+0.7%)	2,206 (+8.3%)	<b>Decrease 29.5%</b>
<i>Spanish</i>	659	563 (-14.6%)	723 (+28.4%)	788 (+9.0%)	874 (+10.9%)	804 (-8.0%)	764 (-5.0%)	834 (+9.1%)	915 (+9.7%)	<b>Increase 38.8%</b>

(McPake et al, *Foreign languages in the upper secondary school: A study in the causes of decline*, SCRE, 1999, p.7 ; *Annual Statistical Reports 1998 and 1999*, 'Table HG2', *Annual Statistical Reports 2000 and 2001* "Tables HG1 & IA1", Scottish Qualifications Authority.)