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Pupil Destinations 2008

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Foreword

The Annual Destinations Survey provides statistical information and analysis of the destinations of school leavers who were in Years 11, 12 and 13/14 during the academic year 2007-2008.

Today's young people are faced with an increasingly complex range of choices and decisions and for this reason high quality, impartial careers guidance has never been more important.

We hope this report will assist all those involved in the planning and delivery of education, training and employment opportunities, as well as informing future school leavers of the choices available to them.



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Introduction

This report is based on the destinations of over 10,000 pupils attending secondary schools in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. Pupils from special schools are included in the survey but those from colleges and independent schools are not. It is a snapshot of their destinations on the 31st October 2008. The survey is conducted by Careers Wales on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government. National and other Careers Wales company reports can be found at www.careerswales.com

Every effort is made to establish the destination of all pupils included in the survey. This includes phone calls, letters, emails and home visits. We are grateful to all our staff involved in the gathering and recording of data. We also wish to acknowledge the assistance given by local partners including schools, colleges, training providers and other agencies, as well as young people themselves.

Definitions

Headings used in the following pages are largely self explanatory though the following may assist:

WBT – Work Based Training - Government sponsored training programmes. This includes Skillbuild, Foundation Modern Apprenticeships and Modern Apprenticeships.

WBT non employed status - Young people on the above programmes who are in receipt of a training allowance.

WBT employed status - Young people on the above programmes who also have a contract of employment. Includes all those on Modern Apprenticeships.

Employed - In employment with no involvement in government sponsored training (but may include informal or in-house training.)

Not in education, employment or training

Includes:

- those registered with Careers Wales for support to find a placement in education, employment or training.
- those available for work, training or education but who are not registered with Careers Wales.
- those not available for work, training or education e.g. pregnant, carer, in custody, ill health.
- those undertaking part time study

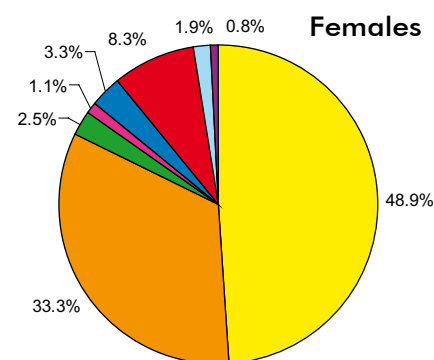
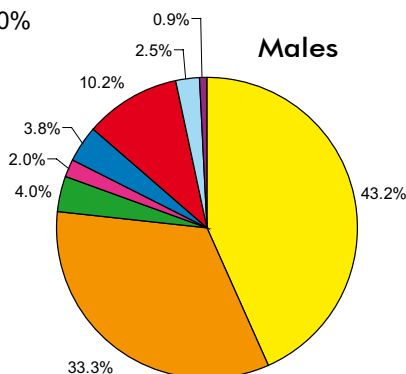
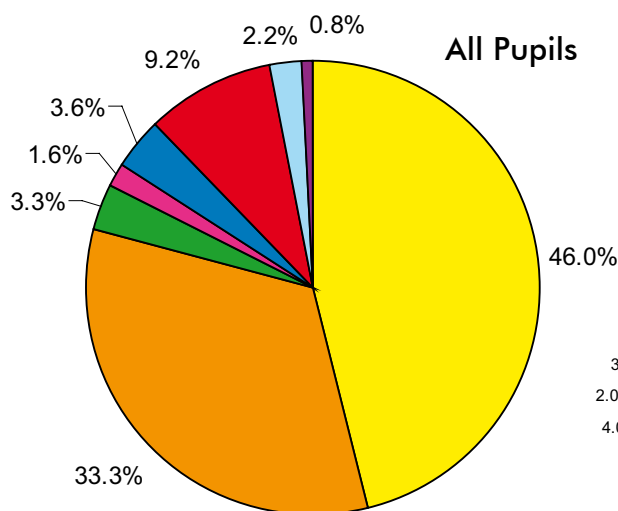
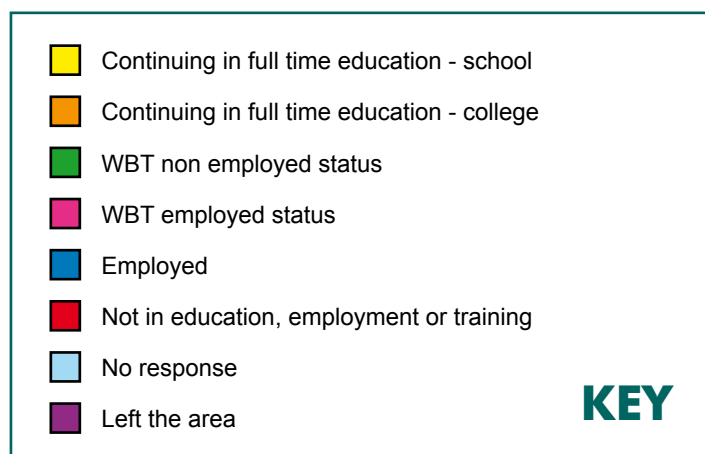
Left the area – known to have left the local area, but not necessarily Wales.

No response - Did not respond to our enquiries.

Figures may not always total exactly 100% due to rounding up/down.

YEAR 11

	Male	Female	Total
Full-time education - school	1249	1356	2605
Full-time education - college	963	923	1886
WBT non employed status	116	69	185
WBT employed status	59	31	90
Employed	111	92	203
Not in education, employment or training	294	230	524
No response	72	52	124
Left the area	26	21	47
Total	2890	2774	5664



- There were nearly 300 more pupils in the 2008 statutory school leaver cohort compared to 2007. We have established a destination for all but 124 of them. There were slightly more males, accounting for 51% of the cohort

Education

- 79.3% remained in full time education. This was 1.8% more than 2007.
- 82% of females remained in education compared to 76.5% of males. The staying on rate has increased for both genders but more so for males (2.5% higher than last year).
- Of those remaining in full time education, 58% entered a school sixth form and 42% went to college.

Work and Training






- 3.6% entered employment, which is a decrease of 1% compared to 2007. Slightly more males than females chose this option.
- Overall the number of school leavers entering work based training (WBT) decreased by just under 1% to 4.9%. Males accounted for two thirds of those in training.
- 78% of those entering training without employed status undertook preparatory training i.e. at NVQ level 1 or below. These also accounted for over 50% of all those entering training.
- Occupational choices remain largely stereotypical with males accounting for all those known to be working or training in the engineering, motor vehicle and construction sectors and girls predominating in sales and personal services occupations which include hairdressing, childcare and other caring work.

NEET / Unknown

- 9.2% were not in education, employment or training (NEET) at the time of the survey (8% in 2007). Of these, over 60% were registered with Careers Wales and actively seeking employment or training – 15% more than in 2007.
- 42 individuals were unable to enter employment, education, or training due to illness, custody, pregnancy etc.
- 2.2% did not respond to the survey, and their destinations therefore remain unknown. This is a slight decrease on last year.
- Males make up 56% of the NEET group and are similarly over represented in the 'not knows'.

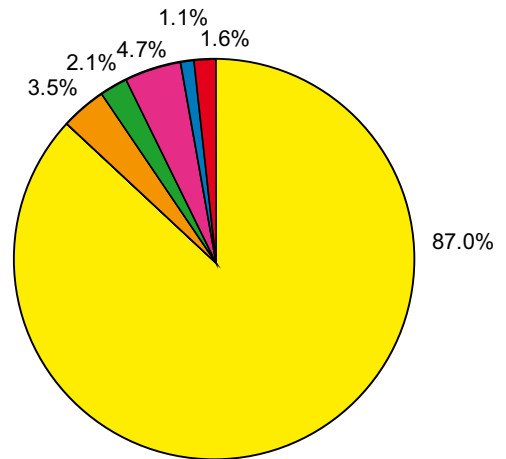
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Ethnicity

	White (White British, White Irish, White Other)
	Mixed (Mixed White & Black Caribbean, Mixed White & Black African, Mixed White and Asian, Mixed Other)
	Black (Caribbean, African, Black Other)
	Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Asian Other)
	Other Ethnic Group
	No information on Ethnicity

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- 87% of statutory school leavers were white, 11.4% from a minority ethnic group, with the ethnicity of the remaining 1.6% unknown. Young people from minority ethnic groups are a significantly greater part of the population in Cardiff (14.5%) than the Vale (4.3%).

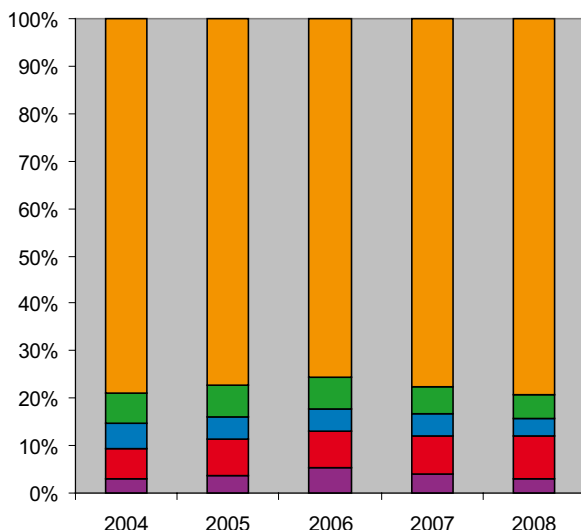







- Overall more minority ethnic school leavers opted to remain in education than their white counterparts (84.4% compared to 78.7%). The rate varied between different minority groups however, ranging from 96% of Other Asian to 72% of Caribbean and Mixed Other (Note: these percentages should be treated with some caution due to the low numbers in some minority ethnic groups.)

5 Year Trends %

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number in Cohort	5153	5389	5385	5394	5664
Continuing in full time education	78.8	77.2	75.4	77.5	79.3
Work Based Training	6.5	6.8	6.7	5.7	4.9
Employed	5.4	4.6	4.7	4.7	3.6
Not in education, employment or training	6.4	7.8	7.7	8.0	9.2
No response/Left the area	2.9	3.6	5.4	4.1	3.0

- Over the last five years the school leaver population has increased from 5153 to 5664.
- The percentage of young people remaining in education in 2008 is the highest over the five year period. The staying on rate for girls has been consistently higher than for boys. Rates are also consistently higher in the Vale compared to Cardiff.
- This year the percentage entering work based training dropped to under 5% for the first time and continued a decrease over the last three years.
- The last five years has seen a downward trend in school leavers entering employment, from 5.4% in 2004 to 3.6% in 2008.
- 2008 continued the pattern of recent years with the percentage of boys entering the labour market (employment and work based training) significantly higher than for girls.



	Continuing in full time education
	Work Based Training
	Employed
	Not in education, employment or training
	No response/Left the area

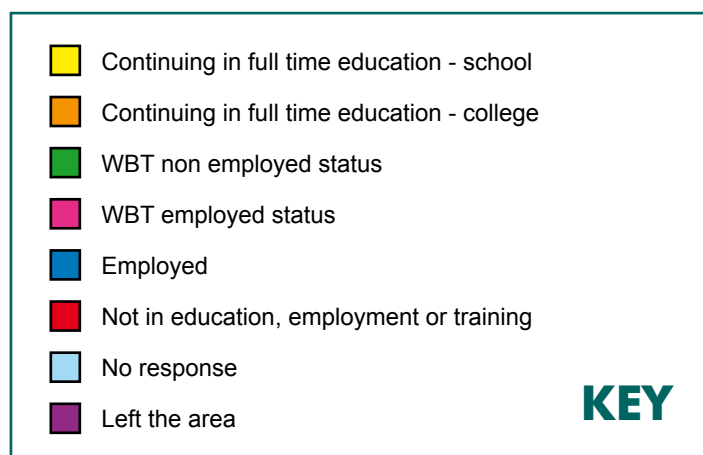
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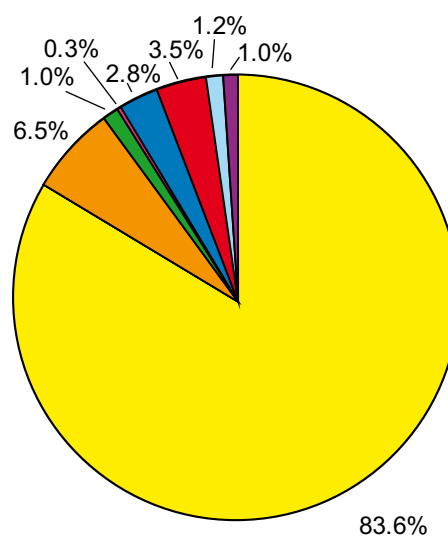
YEAR 12

	Male	Female	Total
Full-time education - school	979	1109	2088
Full-time education - college	88	75	163
WBT non employed status	9	16	25
WBT employed status	6	2	8
Employed	36	35	71
Not in education, employment or training	40	47	87
No response	13	18	31
Left the area	6	19	25
Total	1177	1321	2498

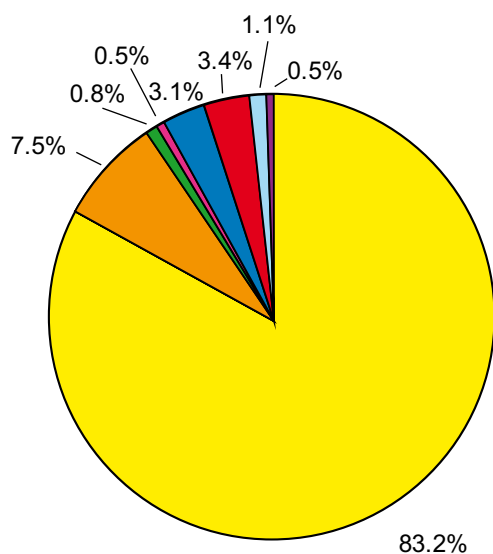
- There were 19 fewer pupils in the Y12 population compared to 2007. Females accounted for 53% of the cohort.
- The vast majority (83.6%) chose to remain in school at the end of Year 12. In 2007 it was 81.7%.
- A further 6.5% went to college to continue their education (7.3% in 2007).
- Of the remainder, 1.3% entered work based training, 2.8% found employment and 3.5% were known not to be in education, employment or training at the time of the survey. These figures are similar to last year with a 1% decrease in those entering employment.
- 56 students had moved away from the area or did not respond to the survey.



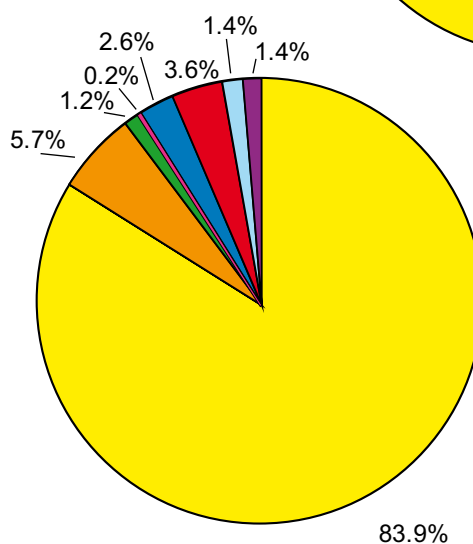
All Pupils



Males



Females



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Year 13/14

	Male	Female	Total
Full-time education - school	56	77	133
Full-time education - college	65	89	154
Full-time education - HE	564	669	1233
Gap Year students	68	72	140
WBT	4	2	6
Employed	79	97	176
Not in education, employment or training	50	46	96
No response	17	25	42
Left the area	11	6	17
Total	914	1083	1997

- There were 8 more pupils in the cohort compared to 2007. Females made up 54% of the cohort.
- 76% remained in full time education with the majority progressing onto higher education (HE): 61.7% of the cohort. This compares to 72.6% and 64.8% in 2007. There were no significant gender differences for those entering HE.
- 6.7% of the cohort returned to school and 7.7% went to a college of further education.
- A further 140 pupils (7%) were taking a gap year with the intention of entering HE in 2009. This is 1% less than last year and reverses the upward trend recorded since collection of this data began in 2005.
- 9% entered the labour market, with the vast majority going into employment rather than training. 11% entered this destination in 2007.
- 4.8% were known not to be in education, employment or training at the time of the survey; over one percentage point more than last year.

