

The City and County of Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan



PUPIL DESTINATIONS 2009





2009 Pupil Destinations Cardiff and Vale

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 2008-09.

Young people face a complex range of choices and decisions in the context of an increasingly competitive labour market. 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.

Mark Freeman
Chief Executive

Introduction

This report is based on the destinations of over 10000 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 2009. 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/prof.

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, learning 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:

Full time education - those in education 16 hours or more per week.

Part time education - those in education less than 16 hours per week. (Note: in previous years these have been counted in the NEET category).

WBT – Work Based Training - Government sponsored training programmes. This includes Skillbuild, Foundation Apprenticeships and Apprenticeships (formerly known as 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 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 eg pregnant, carer, in custody, ill health.

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.

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YEAR 11 5390 pupils

- There were approximately 300 fewer pupils in the 2009 statutory school leaver cohort compared to 2008. We have established a destination for all but 134. Males accounted for 51% of the cohort.

	Male	Female	Total
Full-time education - school	1274	1357	2631
Full-time education - college	904	845	1749
Part-time education	9	0	9
WBT non employed status	123	91	214
WBT employed status	41	10	51
Employed	55	45	100
Not in education, employment or training	227	197	424
No response	78	56	134
Left the area	47	31	78
Total	2758	2632	5390

Education

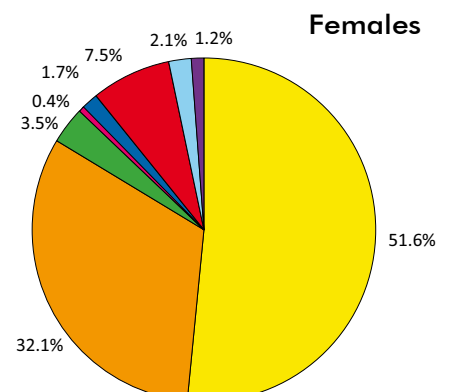
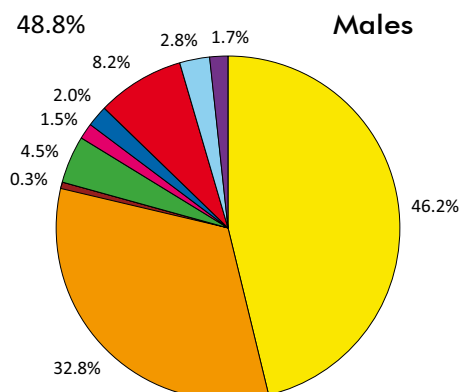
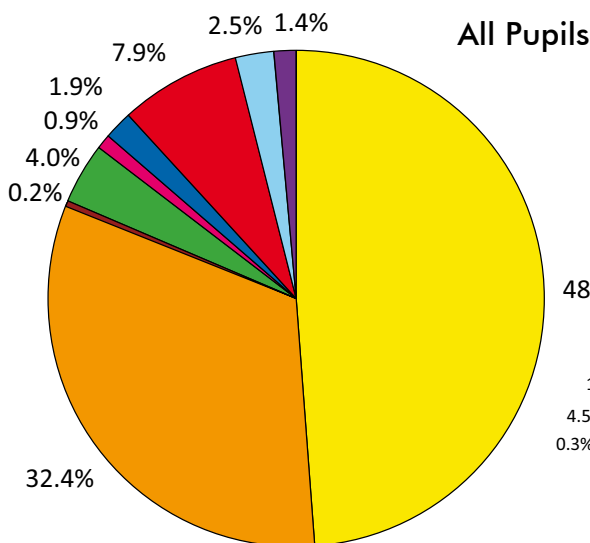
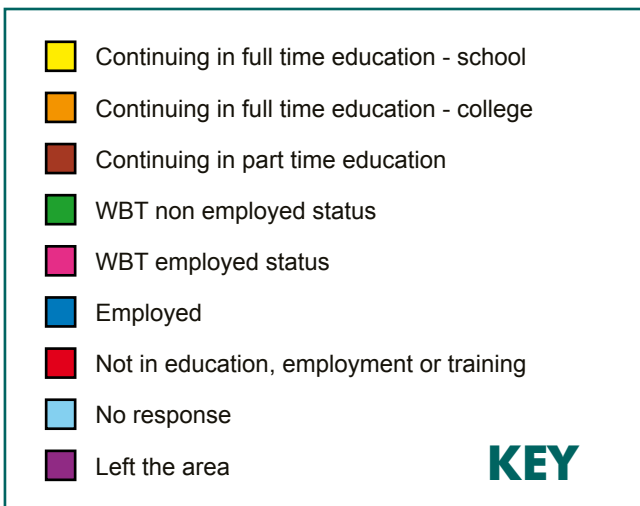
- 81.2% remained in full time education, 1.9% more than 2008.
- 83.7% of females remained in education compared to 79.3% of males. The staying on rate has increased for both genders but more so for males (2.8% higher than last year).
- Of those remaining in full time education, 60% entered a school sixth form and 40% went to college.

Work and Training

- 1.9% entered employment compared to 3.6% last year. Slightly more males chose this option.
- The number of school leavers entering work based training (WBT) has remained the same as last year at 4.9% but with fewer entering employed status training and more going into non employed opportunities. Males accounted for two thirds of those in training.
- Over 50% of those entering training undertook preparatory training i.e. at NVQ level 1 or below.
- Construction, engineering and hairdressing apprenticeships accounted for two thirds of the employed status training opportunities.
- Males predominated in engineering, motor vehicle and construction and females in clerical, hairdressing and childcare. Similar numbers of males and females entered retail/sales work which accounted for 35% of the employment opportunities.

NEET / Unknown

- 7.9% were not in education, employment or training (NEET) at the time of the survey (9.2% in 2008). It should be noted that in previous years those in part time education were counted in the NEET group but are now counted separately. Taking this into account there has been a 1.1% decrease in NEETs.
- Just over half of the NEETs were registered with Careers Wales and actively seeking employment or training.
- 31 individuals were unable to enter employment, education or training due to illness, custody, pregnancy etc.
- 2.5% did not respond to the survey, and their destinations therefore remain unknown.
- Males are slightly more likely to be NEET or unknown than females.

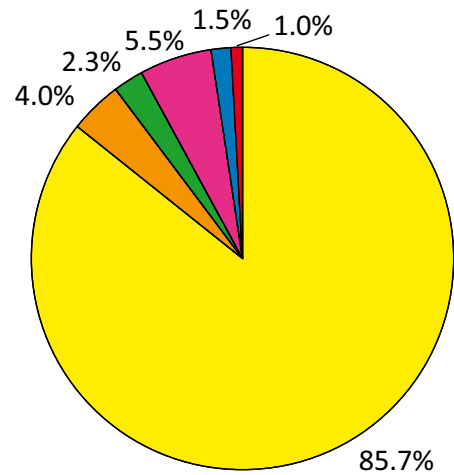




Ethnicity

■	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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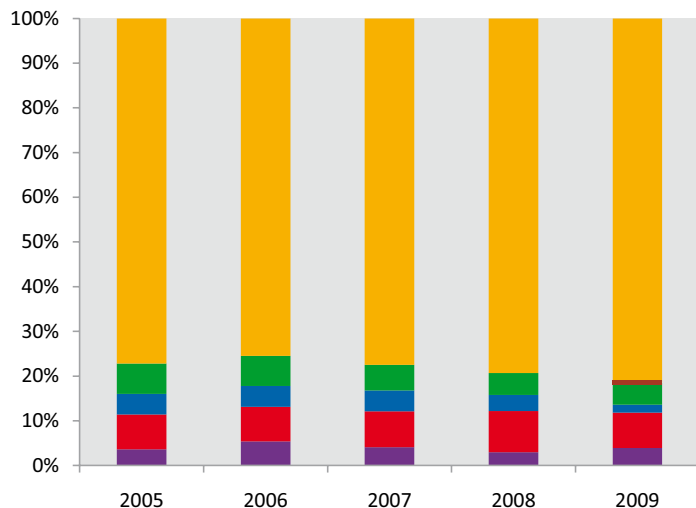


- 85.7% of statutory school leavers were white, 13.3% from a minority ethnic group, with the ethnicity of the remaining 1% unknown. The proportion of the cohort from minority ethnic groups has increased by nearly 2% compared to last year. They are a significantly greater part of the population in Cardiff (16.5%) than the Vale (6.4%).
- Overall more minority ethnic school leavers opted to remain in full time education than their white counterparts (85% compared to 80%). The rate varied between different minority groups however, ranging from 95% of Mixed White and Asian to 73% of Mixed Other. (Note: these percentages should be treated with caution due to the low numbers in some minority ethnic groups.)

5 Year Trends %

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number in Cohort	5389	5385	5394	5664	5390
Full time education	77.2	75.4	77.5	79.3	81.2
Part time education*					0.2
Work Based Training	6.8	6.7	5.7	4.9	4.9
Employed	4.6	4.7	4.7	3.6	1.9
Not in education, employment or training	7.8	7.7	8.0	9.2	7.9
No response/Left the area	3.6	5.4	4.1	3.0	3.9

* Data on those entering p/t education has only been collected since 2009



- The school leaver population peaked in 2008 at 5664 but has been around 5390 in every other year.
- The percentage of young people remaining in education has increased by approximately 2 percentage points each year since 2006. The 2009 figure 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.
- The percentage entering work based training is under 5% for the second year running and has decreased steadily over the last five years.
- The last five years has seen a downward trend in school leavers entering employment, from just under 5% in 2005 to less than 2% in 2009.
- 2009 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
■	Continuing in part time education
■	Work Based Training
■	Employed
■	Not in education, employment or training
■	No response/Left the area

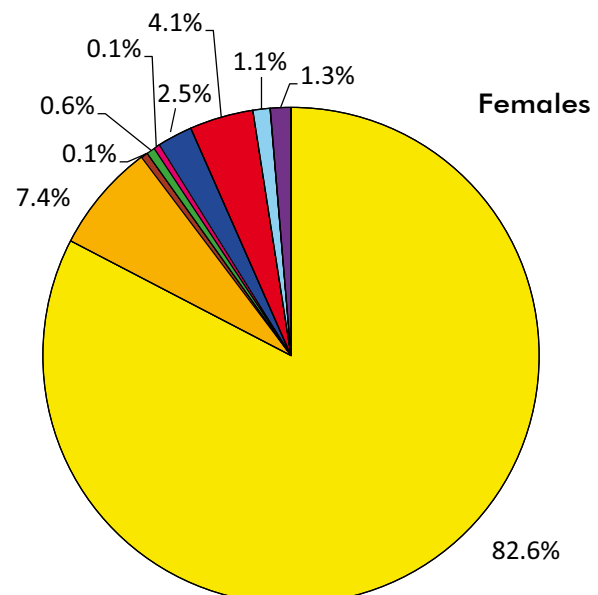
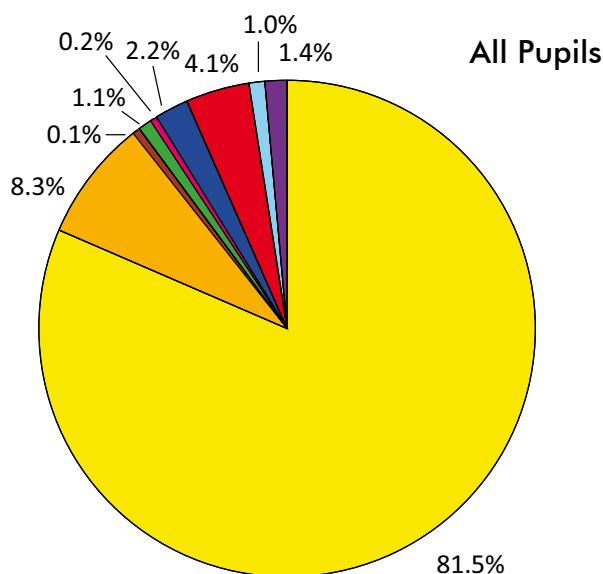
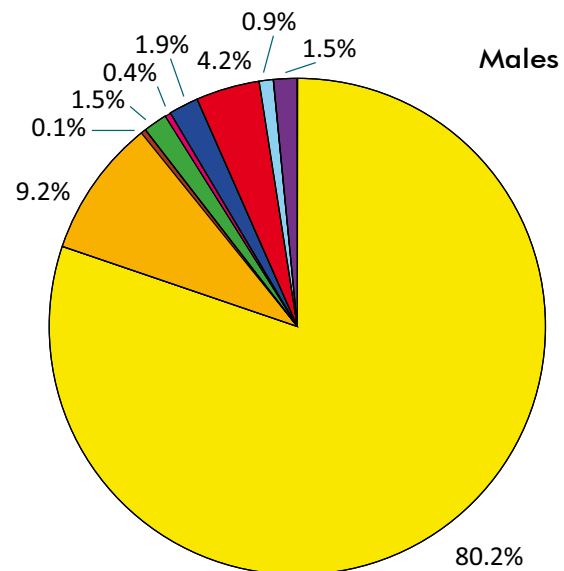
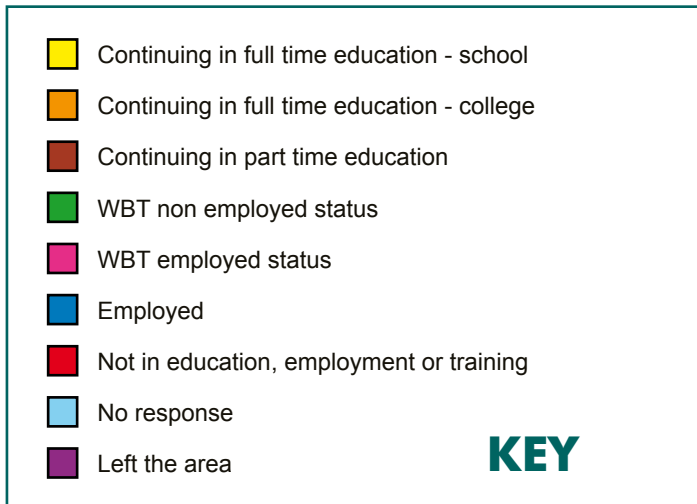
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YEAR 12 2723 Pupils

	Male	Female	Total
Full-time education - school	1043	1176	2219
Full-time education - college	120	106	226
Part-time education	1	1	2
WBT non employed status	20	9	29
WBT employed status	5	2	7
Employed	25	35	60
Not in education, employment or training	54	59	113
No response	12	16	28
Left the area	20	19	39
Total	1300	1423	2723

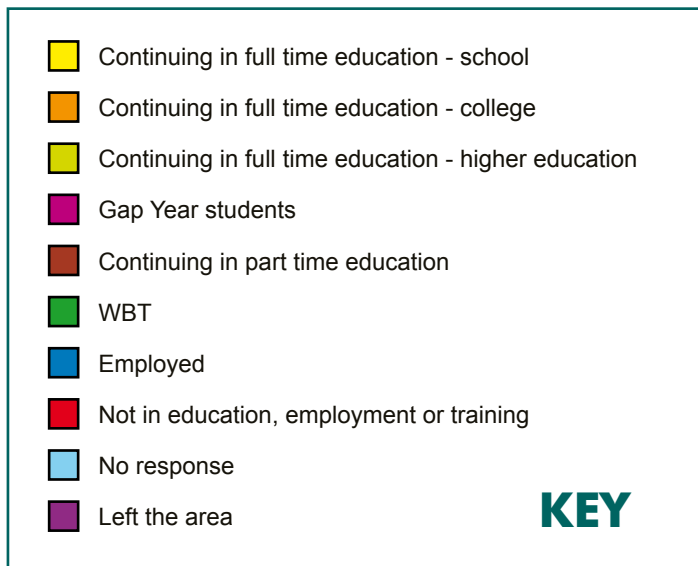
- There were over 200 more pupils in the Y12 population compared to 2008. Females accounted for 52% of the cohort.
- The vast majority (81.5%) chose to remain in school at the end of Year 12. In 2008 it was 83.6%.
- A further 8.3% went to college to continue their education (6.5% in 2008).
- Of the remainder, 1.3% entered work based training, 2.2% found employment and 4.1% 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 slight decrease in those entering employment and a corresponding increase in those who were NEET.
- 67 students had moved away from the area or did not respond to the survey.





YEAR 13/14 2006 Pupils

	Male	Female	Total
Full-time education - school	97	102	199
Full-time education - college	74	117	191
Full time education - HE	524	647	1171
Gap Year students	29	38	67
Part-time education	0	1	1
WBT	8	3	11
Employed	92	97	189
Not in education, employment or training	54	64	118
No response	20	15	35
Left the area	10	14	24
Total	908	1098	2006



- There were 9 more pupils in the cohort compared to 2008. Females made up 55% of the cohort.
- 77.9% remained in full time education with the majority progressing onto higher education (HE): 58.4% of the cohort. This compares to 76% and 61.7% in 2008. There were no significant gender differences for those entering HE.
- 10% of the cohort returned to school and 9.5% went to a college of further education (6.7% and 7.7% respectively in 2008).
- A further 67 pupils (3.3%) were taking a gap year and will be entering HE in 2010. This compares to 7% last year, however the definition for this category has been refined and now includes only those who have already secured a deferred place for 2010, and excludes those intending to apply.
- 10% entered the labour market, with the vast majority going into employment rather than training. This is a similar picture to last year.
- 5.9% were known not to be in education, employment or training at the time of the survey; one percentage point higher than last year.
- 2.9% had moved away or did not respond to the survey.

