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Introduction

The annual survey of school leavers undertaken by Careers Wales on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government, continues to provide a useful snapshot of pupil destinations which informs careers staff in their work with clients, parents, teachers and employers. The data collected also proves an invaluable aid to partners and colleagues involved in planning learning, training and employment opportunities.

- Destinations data was collected as at 31 October 2008.

- Definitions. Most headings on the tables are self-explanatory. However, the following may assist readers:

- **“Work Based Training – non employed status”:**

This includes all Government supported work based training without employed status.

- **“Work Based Training – employed status”:**

This includes Modern Apprenticeships and other Government supported training of employees.

- **“WBTP”:** Work Based Training for Young People.

- **“Known not to be in education, training or employment”(NEET):** This includes those unavailable and those registered with Careers Companies as unemployed.

- **“Left the area”:** Those who are known to have left the area but not necessarily Wales.

- In some instances percentages may have been rounded up or down and may not always total 100%.

- National figures may mask variances at careers company, local authority and institution level across all cohorts.

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Year 11

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	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
Continuing in full time education	15087	75.6	15851	83.0	30938	79.2
Work based training - non employed status	1143	5.7	853	4.5	1996	5.1
Work based training - employed status	497	2.5	139	0.7	636	1.6
Employed other (with and without planned training)	878	4.4	420	2.2	1298	3.3
Known not to be in education, training or employment (NEET)	1581	7.9	1207	6.3	2788	7.1
No response to survey	383	1.9	246	1.3	629	1.6
Left the area	389	1.9	375	2.0	764	2.0
Total number in cohort	19958	100	19091	100	39049	100
Continuing in full time education total	15087	100	15851	100	30938	100
Continuing to Year 12 in school sixth form	7737	51.3	8741	55.1	16478	53.3
Continuing to Year 12 in further education / tertiary college	7350	48.7	7110	44.9	14460	46.7

Year 11 overall figures

Year 11 breakdown of those continuing in education

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Year 11

	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
Able to enter employment, education or WBTYP and registered with Careers Wales	1050	66.4	711	58.9	1761	63.2
Able to enter employment, education or WBTYP and not registered with Careers Wales	432	27.3	307	25.4	739	26.5
Unable to enter employment, education or WBTYP due to illness, pregnancy etc	99	6.3	189	15.7	288	10.3
Total	1581	100	1207	100	2788	100

Analysis of those known not to be in Employment (NEET), Full Time Education or WBTYP

Year 11 Summary

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- 39,049 Year 11 pupils completed statutory education in 2008.
- 51.1% (19,958) were male and 48.9% (19,091) were female.
- The majority of the cohort 86.0 % (33,570 individuals) went into some form of continued learning in full-time education or work-based training, representing 83.8 % of the male and 88.2% of the female pupils.
- The greatest number, 79.2% of the cohort (30,938 individuals), continued in full time education. A higher percentage of females (over 7 percentage points more) chose this route than males.
- 53.3% of those continuing in full-time education (16,478 individuals), continued their education in a school sixth form and 46.7% continued at a further education college (14,460 individuals).
- 10.1% of the cohort (3,930 individuals) entered the labour market either going into employment or work based training. A larger proportion males (over 5 percentage points more) than females entered the labour market.
- 5.1% (1,996 individuals) entered work based training non-employed status. A higher percentage of males (just over one percentage points more) than females chose this route.
- 1.6% (636 individuals) entered work based training with employed status. This route was the least popular for both genders but proved more popular with boys, with 2.5% of males and 0.7% of females choosing this route.
- 3.3% (1,298 individuals) entered employment outside Government supported training. Just over twice as many boys than girls chose this route.
- On the survey date 7.1% of the cohort (2,788 individuals) were known not to be in any form of education, training or employment (NEET). A higher percentage of males than females fell into this category.
- 63.2% of the total figures of those known not to be in any form of education, training or employment (NEET) were registered with Careers Wales and 26.5% were not. There was a higher percentage of males than females in both instances. 288 individuals were unable to enter employment, education or WBTPY due to illness, pregnancy etc. Considerably more females than males fell into this category (over 9 percentage points more).
- There was no response from 1.6% of the cohort (629 individuals).
- 2.0% (764 individuals) were shown to have left their local area – but not necessarily Wales.

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Year 11

	White	%	Minority Ethnic Groups	%	No Information on Ethnicity	%	Total Entering this Route	%
Continuing in full time education	27761	79.2	1161	85.0	2016	76.7	30938	79.2
Work based training - non employed status	1900	5.4	40	2.9	56	2.1	1996	5.1
Work based training - employed status	620	1.8	5	0.4	11	0.4	636	1.6
Employed other (with and without planned training)	1201	3.4	20	1.5	77	2.9	1298	3.3
Known not be in education training or employment (NEET)	2574	7.3	83	6.1	131	5.0	2788	7.1
No response to survey or left area	999	2.8	57	4.2	337	12.8	1393	3.6
Total ethnic cohort	35055	100	1366	100	2628	100	39049	100
% of total cohort		89.8		3.5		6.7		

Year 11 destinations by ethnicity

Year 11 Summary by ethnicity

- Ethnic data and analysis may be slightly skewed by the fact that 6.7 % of the Year 11 cohort did not supply information on ethnicity.
- Of those returning information on ethnicity:
 - The most popular choice of route across all groups was continuing in full time education.
 - A higher percentage of those in minority ethnic groups (almost 6 percentage points more) continued in full time education than those who are white.
 - A smaller percentage of those in minority ethnic groups entered work based training than those who are white.
 - A higher percentage (almost 2 percentage points) of those who are white entered employment other.
 - The least popular route for all groups was work based training employed status.
 - For further data and analysis on ethnic minority destinations please refer to information held on www.careerswales.com under local Careers Wales companies and Local Authorities.

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Year 12

Figures are for students in the first year of a school sixth form, normally aged 16 or 17.

	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
Continuing in full time education	6615	87.3	7788	88.4	14403	87.9
Work based training - non employed status	124	1.6	149	1.7	273	1.7
Work based training - employed status	95	1.3	31	0.4	126	0.8
Employed other (with and without planned training)	297	3.9	323	3.7	620	3.8
Known not to be in education, training or employment (NEET)	252	3.3	290	3.3	542	3.3
No response to survey	148	2.0	143	1.6	291	1.8
Left the area	42	0.6	90	1.0	132	0.8
Total number in cohort	7573	100	8814	100	16387	100
Continuing in full time education total	6615	100	7788	100	14403	100
Continuing to Year 13 in school sixth form	5783	87.4	6816	87.5	12599	87.5
Continuing to further education / tertiary college	832	12.6	972	12.5	1804	12.5

Year 12 overall figures

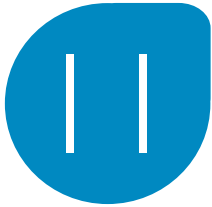
Year 12 breakdown of those continuing in education

Year 12



	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
Able to enter employment, education or WBTYP and registered with Careers Wales	99	39.3	80	27.6	179	33.0
Able to enter employment, education or WBTYP and not registered with Careers Wales	143	56.7	155	53.4	298	55.0
Unable to enter employment, education or WBTYP due to illness, pregnancy etc	10	4.0	55	19.0	65	12.0
Total	252	100	290	100	542	100

Analysis of those known not to be in Employment (NEET), Full Time Education or WBTYP



Year 12 Summary

- There were 16,387 pupils in the Year 12 cohort in 2008.
- 46.2% (7,573 individuals) were male and 53.8% (8,814 individuals) were female.
- The majority of the cohort 90.3% (14,802 individuals) went into some form of continued learning in full-time education or work-based training, representing 90.2% of the male and 90.4% of the female pupils.
- The greatest proportion, 87.9% of the cohort (14,403 individuals), continued in full time education.
- 87.5% of those continuing in full-time education (12,599 individuals), continued their education in a school sixth form and 12.5% continued at a further education college (1,804 individuals).
- 6.2% of the cohort (1,019 individuals) entered the labour market, either going into employment or work based training; a slightly higher percentage of males than females chose to enter the labour market.
- 1.7% (273 individuals) entered work based training non-employed status. Similar percentages of males and females chose this route.

Year 12 Summary (continued)

- 0.8% (126 individuals) entered work based training with employed status. This route was the least popular for both genders but proved slightly more popular with boys.
- 3.8% (620 individuals) entered employment outside Government supported training. Similar percentage of males than females chose this route.
- On the survey date 3.3% of the cohort (542 individuals) were known not to be in any form of education, training or employment (NEET). The same percentage of males and females followed this route.
- 33.0% of the total figures of those known not to be in any form of education, training or employment (NEET) were registered with Careers Wales and 55.0% were not. There was a higher percentage of males than females in both instances. 65 individuals were unable to enter employment, education or WBTYP due to illness, pregnancy etc. Considerably more females (15 percentage points more) than males fell into this category.
- There was no response from 1.8% of the cohort (291 individuals).
- 0.8% (132 individuals) were shown to have left their local area – but not necessarily Wales.

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Year 12

	White	%	Minority Ethnic Groups	%	No Information on Ethnicity	%	Total Entering this Route	%
Continuing in full time education	12801	87.9	685	89.8	917	87.1	14403	87.9
Work based training - non employed status	250	1.7	15	2.0	8	0.8	273	1.7
Work based training - employed status	121	0.8	0	0	5	0.5	126	0.8
Employed other (with and without planned training)	570	3.9	14	1.8	36	3.4	620	3.8
Known not be in education training or employment (NEET)	489	3.4	23	3.0	30	2.8	542	3.3
No response to survey or left area	340	2.3	26	3.4	57	5.4	423	2.6
Total number in cohort	14571	100	763	100	1053	100	16387	100
% of total cohort		88.9	4.7	6.4				

Year 12 destinations by ethnicity

Year 12 Summary by ethnicity

- Ethnic data and analysis may be slightly skewed by the fact that 6.4% of the Year 12 cohort did not supply information on ethnicity.
- Of those returning information on ethnicity:
 - The most popular choice of route across all groups was continuing in full time education.
 - The least popular route for those from all groups was work based training employed status.
 - For further data and analysis on ethnic minority destinations please refer to information held on www.careerswales.com under local Careers Wales companies and Local Authorities.

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Year 13

	Male %	Female %	Total %
Continuing in full time education	4282 77.2	5604 81.8	9886 79.7
Work based training - non employed status	15 0.3	10 0.1	25 0.2
Work based training - employed status	63 1.1	26 0.4	89 0.7
Employed other (with and without planned training)	519 9.4	584 8.5	1103 8.9
Known not to be in education, training or employment (NEET)	388 7.0	310 4.5	698 5.6
No response to survey	226 4.1	265 3.9	491 4.0
Left the area	52 0.9	56 0.8	108 0.9
Total number in cohort	5545	6855	12400

Year 13

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	Male %	Female %	Total %	
Continuing in full time education total	4282	5604	9886	Year 13 breakdown of those continuing in education
Continuing to Year 14 in school sixth form	428	452	880	
Continuing to further education / tertiary college	434	558	992	
Continuing in institutes of higher education	3128	4240	7368	
Taking gap year with intention of going to higher education	292	354	646	
Financial to fund probable entry to HE the following year	75	108	183	Year 13 reasons for taking a gap year
Personal development (travel, skill development, volunteering etc) intend to go to HE following year	73	87	160	
Combination of both reason	144	159	303	
Total	292	354	646	

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Year 13

	Male %	Female %	Total %
Able to enter employment, education or WBTYP and registered with Careers Wales	31 8.0	13 4.2	44 6.3
Able to enter employment, education or WBTYP and not registered with Careers Wales	328 84.5	257 82.9	585 83.8
Unable to enter employment, education or WBTYP due to illness, pregnancy etc	29 7.5	40 12.9	69 9.9
Total	388 100	310 100	698 100

Analysis of those known not to be in Employment (NEET), Full Time Education or WBTYP

Year 13 Summary

Figures are for students in the second year of a school sixth form, normally aged 17 or 18.

- 12,400 pupils completed Year 13 in 2008.
- 44.7% (5,545) were male and 55.3% (6,855) were female.
- The majority, 80.6% of the cohort (10,000 individuals) went into some form of continued learning in education or work-based training. A larger percentage of females (82.3%) than males (78.6%) took this option.
- 79.7% (9,886 individuals) continued in full-time education. A higher percentage (more than four percentage points) of females than males were in this category.
- The majority of those continuing in education, 74.5% (7,368 individuals) progressed on to higher education this represents 59.4% of the total cohort.
- Of those continuing in education, a higher percentage (almost 3 percentage points more) of females progressed to higher education than males; representing 61.9% of the total female cohort and 56.4% of the total male cohort.
- Of those continuing in education 8.9% (880 individuals) continued their education in a school sixth form and 10.0% (992 individuals) continued at a further education college. A higher percentage of boys (almost two percentage points more) than girls continued to Year 14 in a sixth form.
- 6.5% of those continuing in education (646 individuals) stated they were taking a gap year with the intention of going on to higher education the following year. 24.8% of these individuals stated they were doing this for reasons of personal development, 28.3% stating the reason as financial to fund probable entry to HE the following year and the remaining 46.9% stating a combination of both reasons.



Year 13 Summary (continued)

- 9.8% of the cohort (1,217 individuals) entered the labour market either going into employment or work based training.
- A small number, 0.2% of the cohort, (25 individuals) entered work-based training without employed status. This route was the least popular for both girls and boys.
- 0.7% (89 individuals) entered work-based training with employed status. A slightly higher percentage of males are in this category.
- 8.9% (1,103 individuals) entered employment outside Government supported training. A slightly higher percentage of males than females are in this category.
- 5.6% of the cohort (698 individuals) were known not to be in any form of education, training or employment (NEET). A higher percentage of males than females fell into this category.
- 6.3% of the total figures of those known not to be in any form of education (NEET), training or employment were registered with Careers Wales and 83.8% were not. There was a higher percentage of males than females in both instances. 69 individuals were unable to enter employment, education or WBTYE due to illness, pregnancy etc. More females than males fell into this category (over 5 percentage points more).
- There was no response from 4.0% of the cohort (491 individuals).
- 0.9% (108 individuals) were shown to have left their local area – but not necessarily Wales.

Year 13

	White	%	Minority Ethnic Groups	%	No Information on Ethnicity	%	Total Entering this Route	%
Continuing in full time education	8933	79.4	450	86.9	503	79.1	9886	79.7
Work based training - non employed status	25	0.2	0	0	0	0	25	0.2
Work based training - employed status	86	0.8	0	0.0	3	0.5	89	0.7
Employed other (with and without planned training)	1050	9.3	22	4.2	31	4.9	1103	8.9
Known not be in education training or employment	650	5.8	18	3.5	30	4.7	698	5.6
No response to survey or left area	502	4.5	28	5.4	69	10.8	599	4.8
Total number in cohort	11246	100	518	100	636	100	12400	100
% of total cohort		90.7		4.2		5.1		

Year 13 destinations by ethnicity



Year 13 Summary by ethnicity

- Ethnic data and analysis may be slightly skewed by the fact that 5.1% of the Year 13 cohort did not supply information on ethnicity.
- Of those returning information on ethnicity:
 - The most popular choice of route across all groups was continuing in full time education.
 - A higher percentage of those from minority ethnic groups (over 7 percentage points more) than those who are white continued in full time education.
 - A higher percentage of those from minority ethnic groups did not respond to the survey or had left the area.
 - The least popular route for all ethnic groups was work based training non employed status, but work based training employed status showed no returns for ethnic minority groups either.
 - For further data and analysis on ethnic minority destinations please refer to information held on www.careerswales.com under local Careers Wales companies and Local Authorities.

Trends

- For the whole of the five year period recorded here, the most popular destination for the majority of young people in all three cohorts is to continue with their education full time.
- The percentage of the Year 13 cohort continuing in full time education is maintained this year, while the percentage for the Year 11 and 12 cohorts has increased from 2007 (2 percentage points for Year 11 and almost 1 percentage point for Year 12). The percentage going into full time education has risen steadily in the last five years for Year 11 pupils.
- There has been a slight fall this year again in the percentage of young people expected to go from Year 13 to higher education, 64.6% of the total cohort, compared with 66.2% in 2007 (figures include those taking a gap year).
- The percentage of those taking a gap year is over 1 percentage point down on last year.
- The percentage of young people entering employment outside government supported training programmes has dropped this year for the Year 11, 12 and 13 cohorts.
- The percentage of pupils falling into the known not to be in education, training or employment (NEET) category has risen by 1 percentage point for the Year 13 cohort and risen fractionally for the Year 11 cohort this year. The percentage is exactly the same for Year 12 as 2007.
- Gender differences continue to follow a similar pattern over the five year period recorded here:
 - The percentage of boys entering the labour market, either work based training or employment, continues to be higher than the number of girls across the three cohorts.
 - As in previous years, a larger proportion of girls than boys choose to continue in full time education (over 7 percentage points more for Year 11). Over the last five years, a slight rise has been recorded every year in the percentage of girls choosing this route in Year 11. The percentage for boys has risen in years 11 and 12, while it went down slightly in Year 13 compared with 2007.
 - There continues to be a higher percentage of boys than girls in the known not to be in education, training or employment (NEET) category in years 11 and 13. The difference continues to be most marked in the Year 13 cohort with over 2 percentage points more boys in this category.
- The percentage of pupils recorded as having left their local area is similar to 2007. These young people have not necessarily left Wales. The percentage of pupils responding to the survey has increased for Year 11 and 12 compared with 2007. However Year 13 non-response has increased. Boys are less likely to respond than girls.

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Year 11 trends 2004-2008

		Continuing Full Time Education	Work Based Training - non employed status	Work Based Training - employed status	Employment - other	Known not be in Education, Training or Employment	No response to survey	Left the area	Total number in cohort
Male	2008	75.6	5.7	2.5	4.4	7.9	1.9	1.9	19958
	2007	72.4	6.3	3.1	5.8	7.7	2.8	1.9	20108
	2006	71.2	8.3	3.1	5.7	7.1	2.6	2.1	19916
	2005	70.0	8.2	2.9	6.7	7.9	2.1	2.2	19761
	2004	69.4	6.7	3.2	8.3	7.7	2.8	2.0	19934
Female	2008	83.0	4.5	0.7	2.2	6.3	1.3	2.0	19091
	2007	82.1	4.1	1.0	2.9	6.0	1.9	1.9	19288
	2006	80.5	5.5	1.0	3.1	5.7	2.2	2.0	18881
	2005	81.4	4.8	1.0	3.4	5.7	1.7	2.0	18749
	2004	79.6	4.2	1.2	4.5	6.3	2.4	1.8	19170
All Pupils	2008	79.2	5.1	1.6	3.3	7.1	1.6	2.0	39049
	2007	77.2	5.2	2.0	4.4	6.9	2.4	1.9	39396
	2006	75.7	6.9	2.1	4.4	6.4	2.4	2.1	38797
	2005	75.6	6.6	2.0	5.1	6.8	1.8	2.1	38510
	2004	74.4	5.4	2.2	6.5	7.0	2.6	1.9	39104

Year 12 trends 2004-2008

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		Continuing Full Time Education	Work Based Training - non employed status	Work Based Training - employed status	Employment - other	Known not be in Education, Training or Employment	No response to survey	Left the area	Total number in cohort
Male	2008	87.3	1.6	1.3	3.9	3.3	2.0	0.6	7573
	2007	85.1	1.9	1.1	5.3	3.5	2.4	0.7	7477
	2006	85.8	2.6	1.3	4.4	3.2	2.1	0.6	7254
	2005	85.7	1.9	1.5	5.5	3.0	1.5	0.9	7400
	2004	86.0	1.4	1.2	5.8	2.5	2.3	0.8	6921
Female	2008	88.4	1.7	0.4	3.7	3.3	1.6	1.0	8814
	2007	88.7	1.5	0.5	3.8	3.0	1.9	0.6	8637
	2006	87.2	2.1	0.5	4.2	2.9	2.2	0.8	8407
	2005	87.8	1.5	0.5	4.3	3.1	1.7	1.1	8474
	2004	88.3	1.4	0.6	4.8	2.0	2.0	0.9	8183
All Pupils	2008	87.9	1.7	0.8	3.8	3.3	1.8	0.8	16387
	2007	87.0	1.7	0.8	4.5	3.3	2.1	0.6	16114
	2006	86.6	2.3	0.9	4.3	3.0	2.2	0.7	15661
	2005	86.8	1.7	1.0	4.8	3.1	1.6	1.0	15874
	2004	87.2	1.4	0.9	5.3	2.3	2.2	0.8	15104

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Year 13 trends 2004-2008

		Continuing Full Time Education	Entering higher education (including those taking a gap year)	Work Based Training - non employed status	Work Based Training - employed status	Employment - other	Known not be in Education, Training or Employment (NEET)	No response to survey	Left the area	Total number in cohort
Male	2008	77.2	61.7	0.3	1.1	9.4	7.0	4.1	0.9	5545
	2007	78.0	63.8	0.3	1.4	10.9	5.3	3.2	0.8	5482
	2006	76.5	63.5	0.4	1.7	11.5	5.6	3.6	0.8	5670
	2005	76.7	63.5	0.4	1.4	11.7	5.8	3.2	0.7	5345
	2004	73.1	57.2	0.3	1.6	14.0	7.2	2.8	1.0	5342
Female	2008	81.8	67.0	0.1	0.4	8.5	4.5	3.9	0.8	6855
	2007	81.1	68.2	0.2	0.5	10.2	4.0	2.9	1.1	6468
	2006	82.4	70.1	0.2	0.8	9.1	4.2	2.7	0.7	6576
	2005	80.5	68.7	0.3	0.6	10.3	5.0	2.3	1.0	6499
	2004	78.2	64.4	0.3	0.4	10.9	6.3	3.1	0.8	6291
All Pupils	2008	79.7	64.6	0.2	0.7	8.9	5.6	4.0	0.9	12400
	2007	79.7	66.2	0.3	0.9	10.5	4.6	3.0	0.9	11950
	2006	79.6	67.1	0.3	1.2	10.2	4.8	3.1	0.8	12246
	2005	78.8	66.4	0.4	1.0	11.0	5.4	2.7	0.8	11844
	2004	75.9	61.1	0.3	1.0	12.3	6.7	2.9	0.9	11633