

# Pupil Destinations – 2010

## Merthyr Tydfil



## Map of Careers Wales Companies



## 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 2009-2010.

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 outlines the destinations of pupils from the **Merthyr Tydfil County** Borough for the year 2010.

Careers Wales Mid Glamorgan and Powys covers a large and extremely diverse area. Where combined figures from the whole company area are of some value, we have provided comparative information which you should find useful.

In addition, you may wish to consult [careerswales.com](http://careerswales.com) for similar reports from neighbouring Careers Wales companies.

### Company Area

The Mid Glamorgan part of the company covers a significant area with Caerphilly in the east, Rhondda Cynon Taff wrapping around Cardiff and the Vale in the south and Bridgend in the west. The farthest point north is Merthyr Tydfil.

Much of Mid Glamorgan was traditionally made up of industrial, valley communities which have suffered from the decline in manufacturing and heavy industry over many years.

Powys, the largest county in Wales stretching from the borders of Wrexham and Gwynedd in the north to the Swansea Valley and Monmouthshire in the south, is a primarily rural area with all the associated benefits and difficulties.

We have analysed data on pupils who attended years 11, 12 and 13/14, including special schools. The data does not, however, include those attending college or independent schools.

It is based on a snap shot of the pupils' destinations on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.

The survey is conducted by all Careers Wales companies on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government.

Destination information is collected through a variety of methods. Many young people register at their local careers centres but we also follow up significant numbers by phone, email and letters. In addition, information is provided by our partners in schools, colleges and learning providers as well as other agencies dealing with young people and their families.

We are grateful to all those who have assisted in the gathering of this information.

Headings used in the following pages are largely self-explanatory though the definitions at the end of the report may assist:

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

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# Year 11 Merthyr Tydfil Pupil Destinations 2010

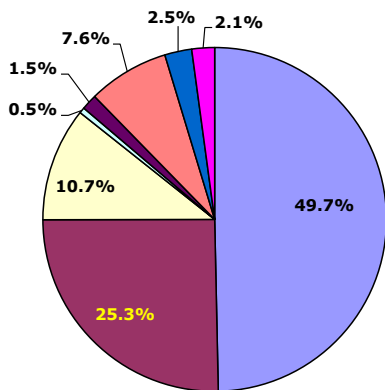
- 747 in the cohort
- The population of Year 11 is down 20 from last year.
- The cohort is made up of 52% males and 48% females, the same as in 2009.

## Education

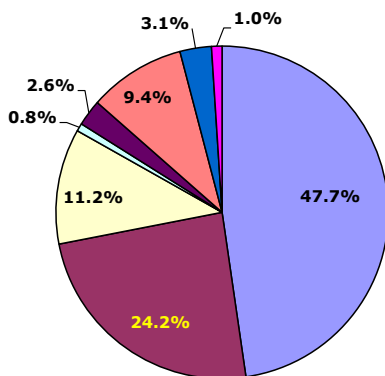
- The majority of school leavers – 75% – remained in full time education; it is worth noting this is a significant drop on last year’s high of 80.6%. (See also **5 Year Trends**.)
- Females in the cohort represent a higher percentage of those continuing in education than males. 78.3% of girls continued, compared to 71.9% of boys.
- Of those who continued in full-time education, 66.3% continued in school with 33.7% attending full-time college courses. The latter figure has fallen from 35% in 2009, against the general trend.

### YEAR 11 MERTHYR TYDFIL PUPIL DESTINATIONS

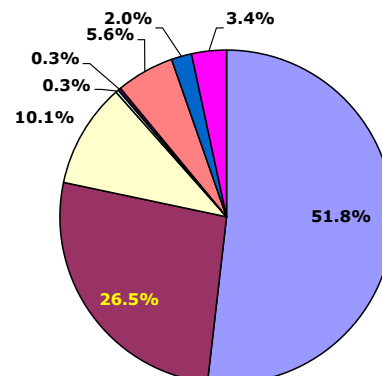
	Male	Female	Total
Full-Time Education - School	187	184	371
Full-Time Education - College	95	94	189
WBT - Non Employed Status	44	36	80
WBT - Employed Status	3	1	4
Employed	10	1	11
Not in Education, Employment, or Training	37	20	57
No Response To Survey	12	7	19
Left The Area	4	12	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>747</b>



## Total



## Males



## Females

## Year 11 Merthyr Tydfil Pupil Destinations 2010

### **Work and Training**

- 10.7% of the cohort entered non-employed WBT, a small increase from 9.1% last year
- Only 0.5% (4 pupils) entered WBT with employed status (including Apprenticeships), unchanged from the previous year
- There was an increase in the numbers entering employment from 7 young people in 2009 to 15 in 2010. It is worth noting that nine Year 12 pupils entered employment this year putting the total number of 16 and 17 year olds entering the labour market in Merthyr Tydfil at 24, four more than last year. (See also **5 Year Trends**)
- Boys made up the majority of those entering WBT and employment, representing 60% of the total overall.
- At the time of the survey, 7.6% were not in education, employment or training (NEET), a deterioration from 4.6% in 2009 but close to the 7.8% in 2008.
- Overall, 2.5% did not respond to the survey.

### **Ethnicity (All Company Data)**

- Figures for Year 11 clients selecting an ethnic group show: 87.9% (78.3% in 2009) consider themselves White British, White Irish or White Other; 10.6% (20.7% in 2009) selected no ethnic group, and 1.5% (1.0% in 2009) selected other minority ethnic groups.

# Year 11 Merthyr Tydfil Pupil Destinations 2010

## 5 YEAR TRENDS

- The total Year 11 cohort is 747, a drop of 8% since 2006.
- The percentage of young people staying in education has increased from a low of 72% in 2006 to 75% this year. However, there is considerable fall from 80.6% last year

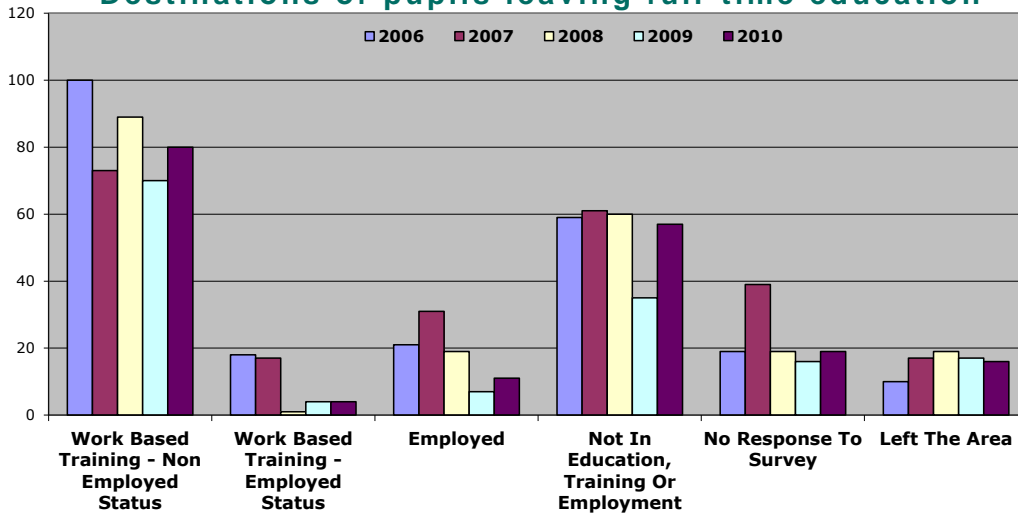
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
72.0%	69.3%	73.0%	80.6%	75.0%

- The Education Maintenance Allowance was introduced in 2004/2005 and may have influenced staying-on rates over the

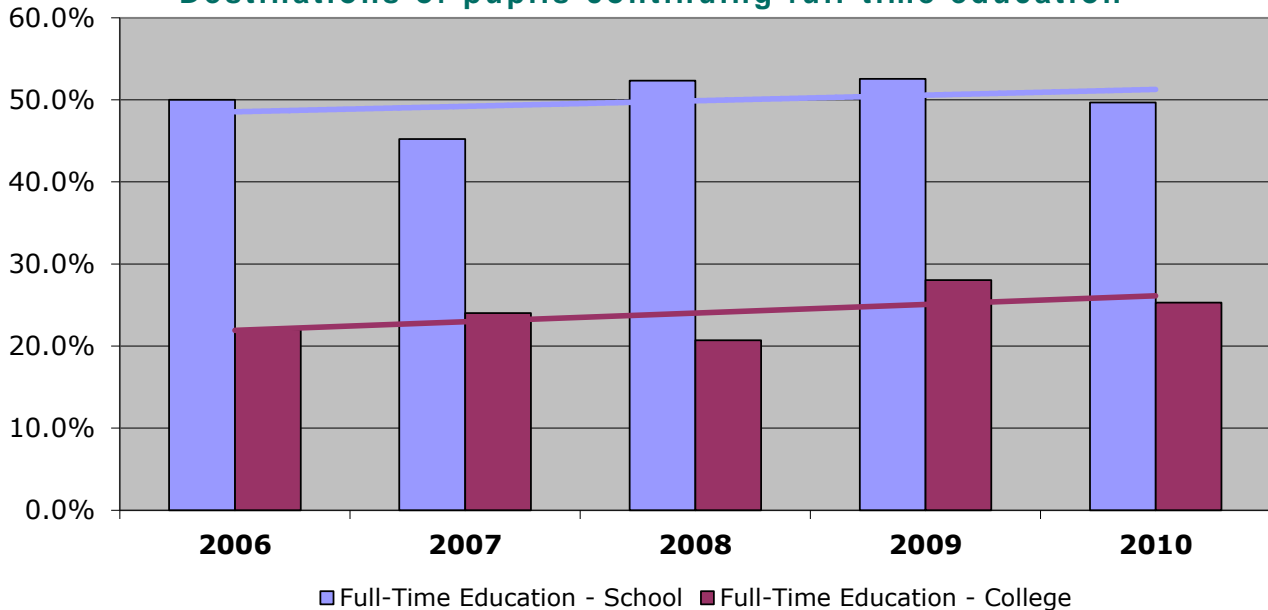
last few years.

- Following a peak in 2006 of 118, the number entering WBT has fallen to 84; this is, however, 10 more than last year.
- The number entering employment has steadily decreased from a high of 60 in 2004 to this year's figure of 11, *four* more than in 2009.
- Girls consistently represent the greatest percentage of those continuing in full time education and conversely boys continue to be more likely to enter work or training.

**Destinations of pupils leaving full-time education**



**Destinations of pupils continuing full-time education**



# Year 12 Merthyr Tydfil Pupil Destinations 2010

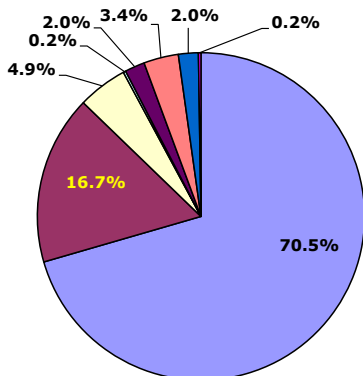
- 407 in the cohort
- The majority – 87.2% of pupils - continued in full-time education following Year 12. Of those that continued, 49% were female and 51% male.
- Most pupils who continue in full-time education beyond Year 11 will continue for at least two years.
- 16.7% left school after Year 12 to continue their education in college. This

figure will reflect to some extent the nature of the Year 12 course studied.

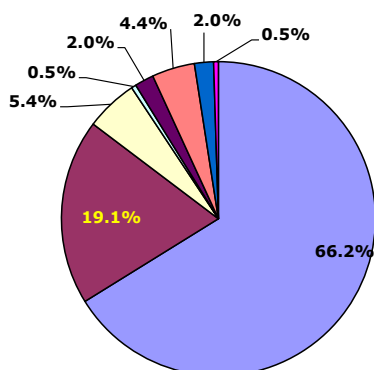
- There was a slightly higher percentage of Year 12 leavers entering employment than Year 11 – 2.2% compared to 2.0%.
- Of the remainder, 4.9% entered WBT, 3.4% were known not to be in employment, training or education (NEET) and a further 2.2% had not responded to the survey or had left the area.

## YEAR 12 MERTHYR TYDFIL PUPIL DESTINATIONS

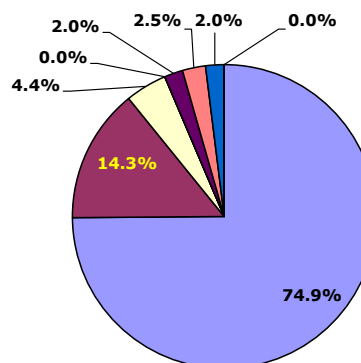
	Male	Female	Total
Full-Time Education - School	135	152	287
Full-Time Education - College	39	29	68
WBT - Non Employed Status	11	9	20
WBT - Employment Status	1	0	1
Employed	4	4	8
Not in Education, Employment, or Training	9	5	14
No Response To Survey	4	4	8
Left The Area	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>407</b>



### Total



### Males



### Females

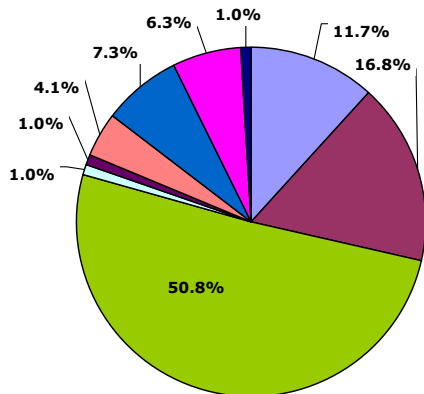


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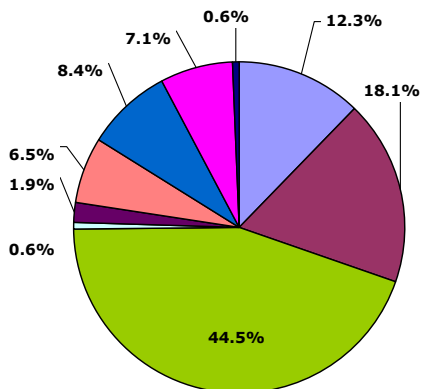
- 315 in the cohort.
- 79.4% of these students continued in some form of full-time education.
- 56.9% of the female cohort progressed to higher education compared to 44.5% of the male cohort. (See Page 10 for some comparative tables)
- Of those attending higher education, 57% were female and 43% male.
- 28.6% of the total cohort continued in school or college education. This percentage is considerably higher than in 2009 (19.7%).
- 4.1% of the group were employed and 1.9% entered WBT.
- Of the remainder, 7.3% were known not to be in education, work or training and 7.3% did not respond at the time of the survey or are known to have left the area (1.2% in 2009).

## YEAR 13/14 MERTHYR TYDFIL PUPIL DESTINATIONS

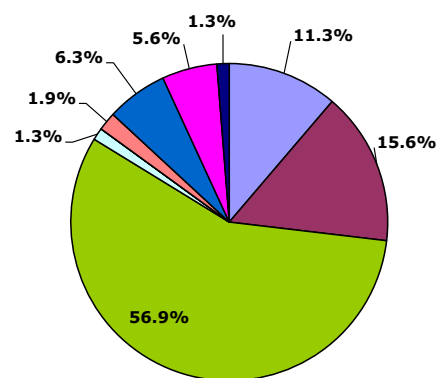
	Male	Female	Total
Full-Time Education - School	19	18	37
Full-Time Education - College	28	25	53
Full-Time Education - HE including Gap Year	69	91	160
WBT - Non Employed Status	1	2	3
WBT - Employment Status	3	0	3
Employed	10	3	13
Not in Education, Employment, or Training	13	10	23
No Response To Survey	11	9	20
Left The Area	1	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>315</b>



### Total



### Males



### Females

## All Company Data Destinations 2010

### Employment

- Just under 3% of young people surveyed **across the unitary authorities (including Caerphilly East) covered by the company** entered employment or employed status WBT. This compares with 3.03% in 2009. In all, 556 school leavers went into employment this year, almost the same as in 2009 (554).
- In the 16-18 age group, 4.02% of boys entered employment compared with only 2% of girls; in 2009 the respective figures were 3.71% and 2.38%.
- Boys made up 66.6% of the total employed.

### Progression into Higher Education

The following table shows the 2010 Year 13/14 pupils who progressed to Higher Education through school as a percentage of the **2009 Year 11** cohort. While this table does not include all those entering HE (college/mature entrants are not included), it does show some significant differences between progression rates from different unitary authorities.

	HE including Gap Year		
	Male	Female	Total
Bridgend	20.8%	28.4%	24.4%
Caerphilly West	17.5%	28.9%	23.3%
Merthyr	17.9%	23.9%	20.9%
Powys	25.6%	31.9%	28.6%
RCT	21.9%	30.2%	25.8%
<b>Company</b>	<b>21.4%</b>	<b>29.4%</b>	<b>25.2%</b>

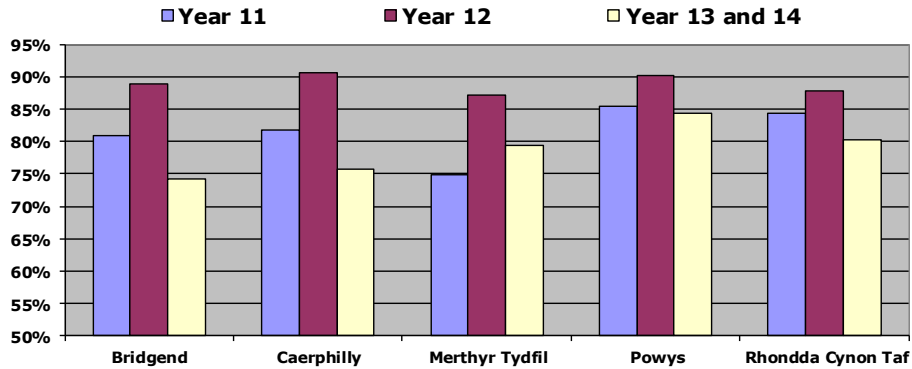
- The differentiated experience between male and females is marked.
- Girls consistently outnumber boys in those who continue in to Higher Education. They represent a significantly higher percentage of HE entrants than boys but the percentage difference is less slightly than in 2009.
- On average the percentage of girls entering HE is 8% more than boys.

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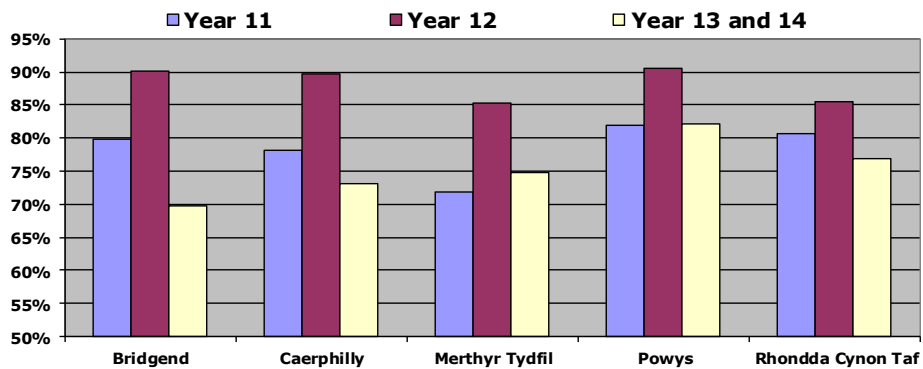
## Continuing Education

The following charts show the **percentage** of pupils in each cohort who continued in any type of full-time education i.e. school, college or university. Figures are from across all company unitary authority areas.

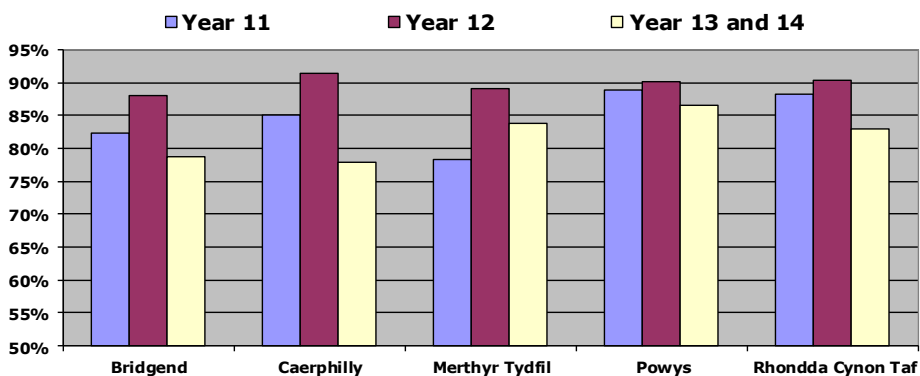
### Total



### Male



### Female



We hope you have found this analysis useful.

Should you require any more detailed information, please contact Information & Marketing ([information&marketing@cwmqp.co.uk](mailto:information&marketing@cwmqp.co.uk)).

## DEFINITIONS

### **WBT – Work Based Training**

*Government sponsored training programmes.*

*This includes Skillbuild, Foundation Apprenticeships and 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.*

*It 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**

*Those registered with Careers Wales for support to find a placement in education, employment or training.*

*Those available for work, training or education but not registered with Careers Wales.*

*Those not available for work, training or education e.g. 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.*