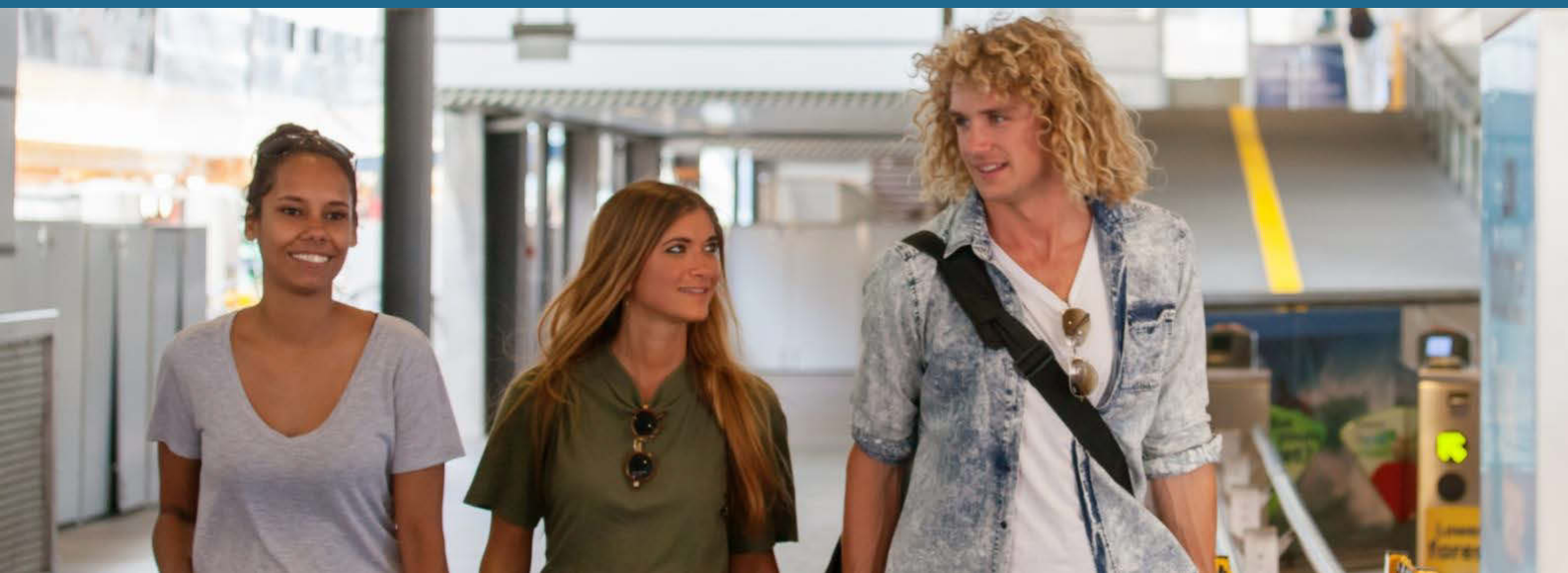


# NSW Secondary Students' Post-School Destinations and Expectations

## 2018 Main Destination findings



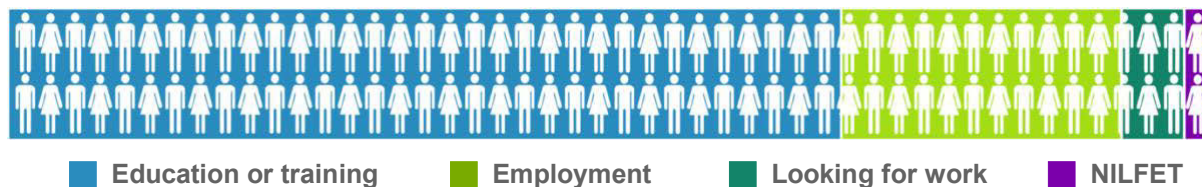
### About the study

Since 2010, the NSW Secondary Students' Post-School Destinations Survey has been collecting information about students' main destinations in the year after completing Year 12 or leaving school. The survey seeks to provide critical information on education pathways, attainments and destinations of young people in NSW and inform policy making related to students' post-school education, training and employment.

In 2018, 3,529 students who finished Year 12 and 4,470 students who left school before completing Year 12 (known as early school leavers) completed the survey. All Aboriginal and Torres Strait students, students who attended schools participating in the Connected Communities program and students who left school before the minimum leaving age were in scope for the survey. A sample of students who completed Year 12 or left school after the minimum leaving age were also in scope.

# Main destination

## Year 12 completers



In 2018, six months after finishing school, more than two-thirds (69.2%) of Year 12 completers were in some form of education or training. The main post-school destination among Year 12 completers continues to be a Bachelor degree (50.6%). The remaining four education and training categories combined make up less than 19 per cent of all other post-school destinations, with 5.5 per cent enrolled in a Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma; 3.6 per cent a Certificate I, II or III course; 5.7 per cent an apprenticeship; and 3.8 per cent a traineeship.

Close to one-quarter (23.1%) of Year 12 completers were employed, while few were looking for work (5.2%) or not in the labour force, education or training (NILFET; 2.5%). (Not in the labour force means that a person is not working and not looking for work) (refer to Table 1 in Appendix).

## Early school leavers

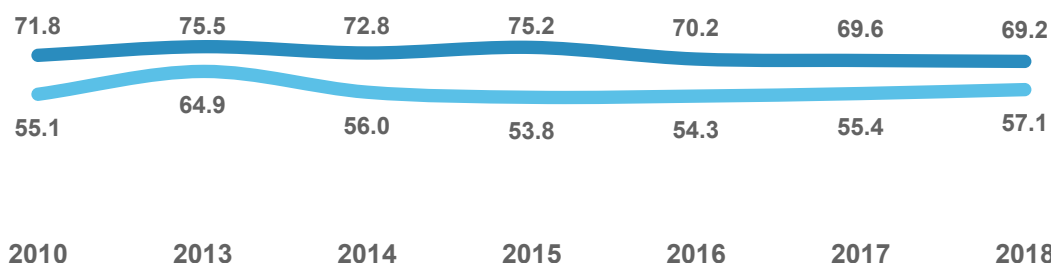
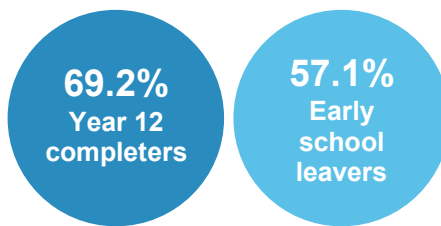


By comparison, more than half (57.1%) of early school leavers were in some form of education or training in 2018. The most common form of education and training was an apprenticeship, with around one-third (32.4%) of early leavers training at this level. The remaining four education and training categories were made up of less than ten per cent of early school leavers, with 1.1 per cent enrolled in a Bachelor degree; 8.0 per cent in a Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma; 8.7 per cent in a Certificate I, II or III course; and 6.9% in a traineeship.

Almost one-quarter (24.8%) of early school leavers were employed, while more than one-in-ten (12.9%) were looking for work and one-in-twenty (5.2%) were NILFET (refer to Table 2 in Appendix).

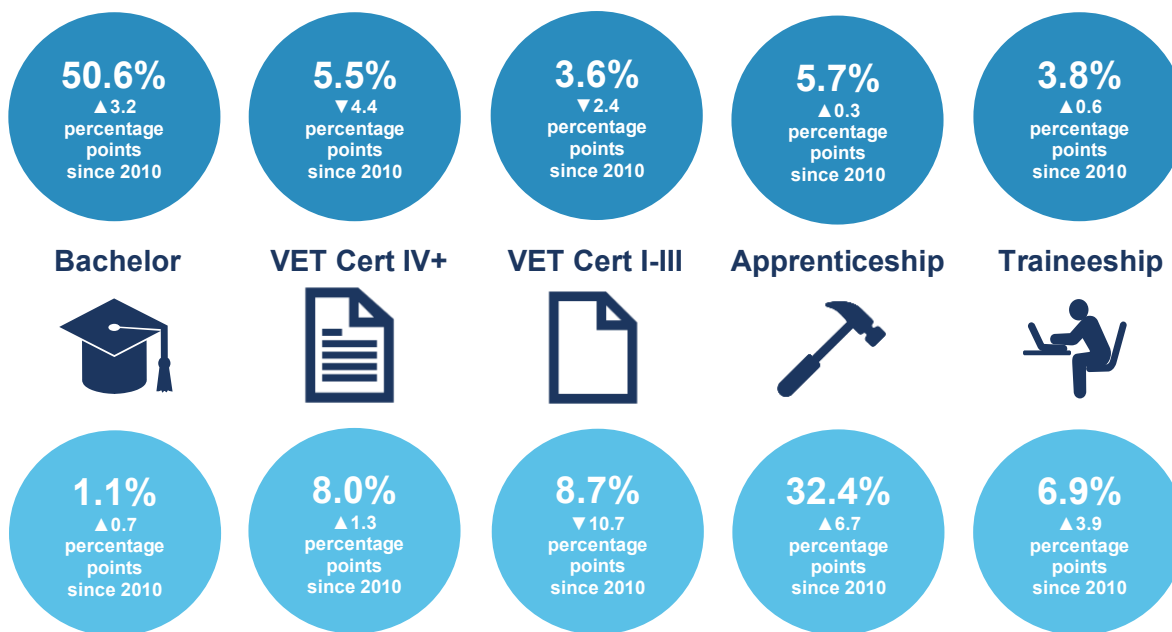
Overall, early school leavers were less likely to be in some form of education or training than Year 12 completers (57.1% vs. 69.2%) but more likely to be employed full-time (11.1% vs. 9.3%), looking for work (12.9% vs. 5.2%) or NILFET (5.2% vs. 2.5%) (refer to Table 3 in Appendix).

# Education and training



In 2018, six months after finishing school, 69.2 per cent of Year 12 completers were in some form of education or training (one of the five categories below). This is fewer than in 2015 (75.2%). Among early school leavers, 57.1 per cent were in education or training; an increase since 2015 (53.8%).

## Year 12 completers



## Early school leavers

The most common form of further education and training chosen by Year 12 completers was a Bachelor degree (50.6% of all Year 12 completers). In addition, 5.5 per cent of Year 12 completers enrolled in a Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma; 3.6 per cent in a Certificate I-III; 5.7 per cent in an apprenticeship; and 3.8 per cent in a traineeship. Overall, the proportion of Year 12 completers commencing a VET certificate has decreased since 2010 (refer to Table 1 in Appendix).

In comparison the most common form of further education and training chosen by early school leavers was an apprenticeship, with around one-third training at this level (32.4% of all early school leavers). 8.7 per cent had entered a Certificate I-III; 8.0 per cent a Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma; and 6.9 per cent a traineeship. There has been an increase in the proportion of early school leavers entering apprenticeships and traineeships since 2010. During the same time period, the proportion of early school leavers entering a Certificate I-III course decreased (refer to Table 2 in Appendix).

## Sociodemographic differences

Notable differences in the characteristics of Year 12 completers and early school leavers entering further education and training are as follows (refer to the tables in the Appendix for full details):

### Year 12 completers



**Females** more likely to be in a Bachelor degree or a traineeship

**Males** more likely to be in an apprenticeship



**Higher parental SES** more likely to be in a Bachelor degree

**Lower parental SES** more likely to be in an apprenticeship



**Non-government** school students more likely to be in a Bachelor degree



**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** students more likely to be in a VET Cert I-III course or a traineeship

**Non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** students more likely to be in a Bachelor degree



Students living in **Greater Sydney** more likely to be in a Bachelor degree

Students living in **Regional NSW** more likely to be in a VET Cert I-III course or an apprenticeship

### Early school leavers



**Females** more likely to be in a Bachelor degree, a VET Cert I-III course, a Cert IV+ course or a traineeship

**Males** more likely to be in an apprenticeship



**Higher parental SES** more likely to be in a Bachelor degree, a VET Cert IV+ course or an apprenticeship



**Non-government** school students more likely to be in a VET Cert IV+ course or an apprenticeship



**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** students more likely to be in a VET Cert I-III course

**Non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** students more likely to be in a VET Cert IV+ course or an apprenticeship



Students living in **Greater Sydney** more likely to be in a Bachelor degree, a VET Cert IV+ course or an apprenticeship

Students living in **Regional NSW** more likely to be in a traineeship

## Area of study

The main area of study chosen by Year 12 completers was society and culture which includes arts, humanities and law courses. The main area of study chosen by early school leavers was health.

### Year 12 completers



**19.7%**  
Society and culture  
▼3.8 percentage points since 2014



**19.3%**  
Health  
▲4.2 percentage points since 2014



**18.2%**  
Management and commerce  
▼3.9 percentage points since 2014

### Early school leavers



**15.3%**  
Health  
▲8.0 percentage points since 2014

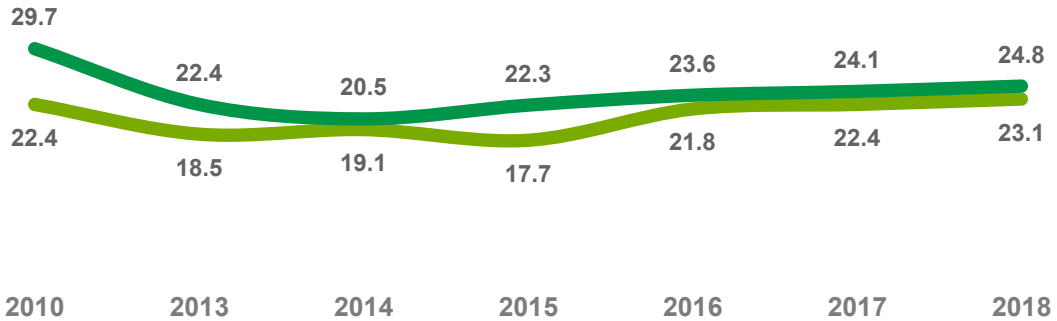


**14.6%**  
Creative arts  
▲5.5 percentage points since 2014

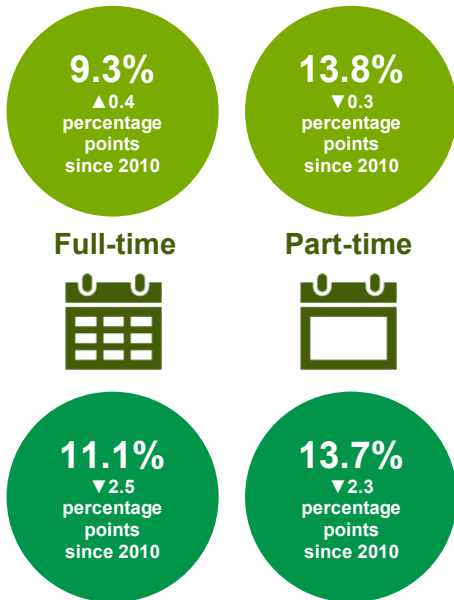


**12.6%**  
Food hospitality and personal services  
▼2.6 percentage points since 2014

# Employment



## Year 12 completers



Almost one-in-four (23.1%) Year 12 completers were employed; 9.3 per cent full-time and 13.8 per cent part-time. Since 2015 there has been an increase in both full-time (2.3 percentage points) and part-time (3.1 percentage points) employment for this cohort (refer to Table 1 in Appendix).

A similar proportion (24.8%) of early school leavers were also employed; 11.1 per cent full-time and 13.7 per cent part-time. Since 2014 there has been an increase in full-time employment (2.8 percentage points) for this cohort (refer to Table 2 in Appendix).

## Early school leavers

## Sociodemographic differences

Notable differences in the characteristics of Year 12 completers and early school leavers in employment are as follows (refer to the tables in the Appendix for full details):

### Year 12 completers

**Females** more likely to be in part-time employment

**Lower parental SES** more likely to be in full-time employment

### Early school leavers

**Males** more likely to be in full-time employment, **females** more likely to be in part-time employment

**Lower parental SES** more likely to be in full-time employment



**No differences** in full-time or part-time employment according to school sector



**Government school** students more likely to be in full-time and part-time employment



**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** students more likely to be in full-time and part-time employment



**No differences** in full-time or part-time employment according to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background



Students living in **Regional NSW** more likely to be in full-time and part-time employment



Students living in **Regional NSW** more likely to be in full-time employment

Among Year 12 completers, the most common apprenticeship was electrician, the most common traineeship was child care, and the most common occupation was sales person or assistant. Among early school leavers, the most common apprenticeship was bricklaying, carpentry and joinery, the most common traineeship was sales person or assistant, and the most common occupation was labourer.

## Areas of apprenticeship

### Year 12 completers



**24.8%**  
Electrician  
▲8.5 percentage points since 2014



**20.8%**  
Bricklaying, carpentry and joinery  
▼1.6 percentage points since 2014



**9.7%**  
Fabrication engineer trades workers  
▲8.1 percentage points since 2014

### Early school leavers



**25.1%**  
Bricklaying, carpentry and joinery  
▲6.6 percentage points since 2014



**14.5%**  
Automotive electrician or mechanic  
▼0.5 percentage points since 2014



**11.7%**  
Plumber  
▲2.2 percentage points since 2014

## Areas of traineeship

### Year 12 completers



**22.0%**  
Child carer  
▲5.1 percentage points since 2014



**16.2%**  
General clerk  
▲6.9 percentage points since 2014



**11.3%**  
Sales person or assistant  
▼13.3 percentage points since 2014

### Early school leavers



**27.1%**  
Sales person or assistant  
▲2.2 percentage points since 2014



**16.3%**  
Child carer  
▲1.1 percentage points since 2014



**11.0%**  
General clerk  
▲2.9 percentage points since 2014

## Areas of occupation

### Year 12 completers



**28.3%**  
Sales workers  
▼4.6 percentage points since 2014



**26.5%**  
Community and personal service workers  
▼1.5 percentage points since 2014



**12.0%**  
Labourers  
▼2.9 percentage points since 2014

### Early school leavers



**29.5%**  
Labourers  
▲1.9 percentage points since 2014

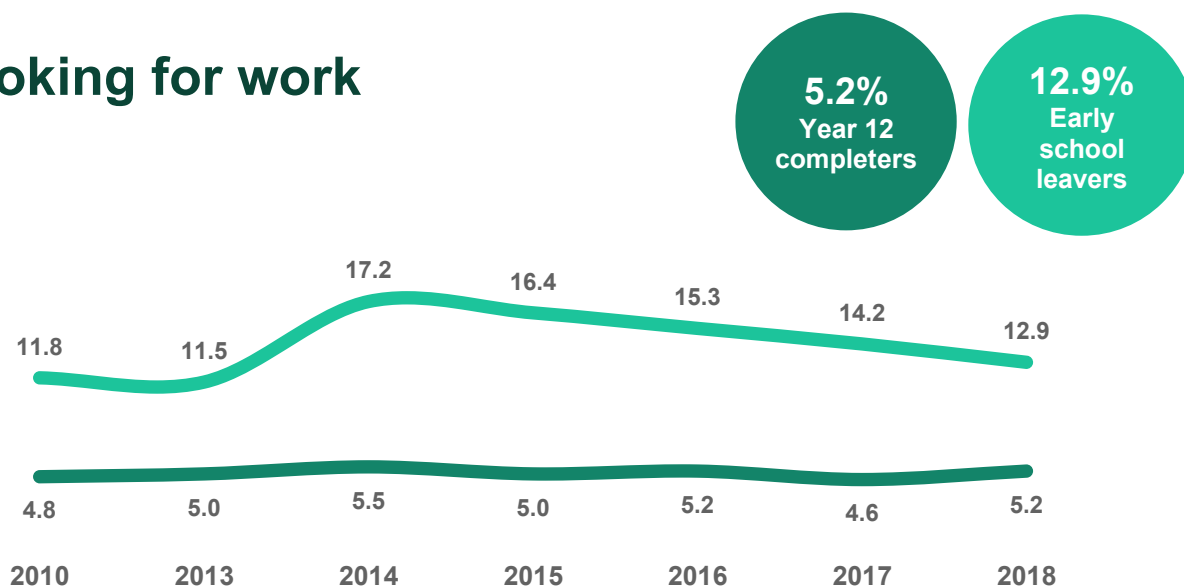


**23.6%**  
Sales workers  
▼8.1 percentage points since 2014



**21.0%**  
Community and personal service workers  
▲4.7 percentage points since 2014

## Looking for work



One-in-twenty (5.2%) Year 12 completers and more than one-in-ten (12.9%) early school leavers were looking for work. The proportion of Year 12 completers looking for work has remained relatively stable over time, while the proportion of early school leavers looking for work has decreased since 2014. (refer to Tables 1 and 2 in Appendix).

## Sociodemographic differences

Notable differences in the characteristics of Year 12 completers and early school leavers looking for work are as follows (refer to the tables in the Appendix for full details):

### Year 12 completers

More likely to:

- be **male**
- have attended a **government school**
- be of **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander** background

### Early school leavers

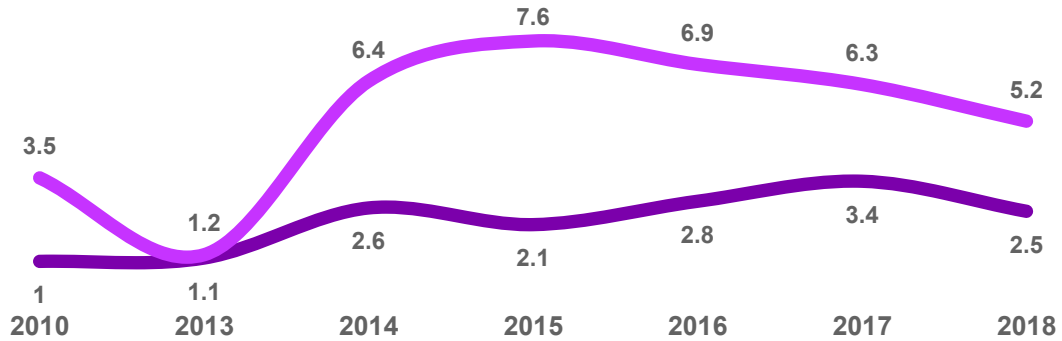
More likely to:

- be **female**
- be from a **lower parental SES**
- have attended a **government school**
- be of **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander** background

# Not in labour force, education or training (NILFET)

2.5%  
Year 12  
completers

5.2%  
Early  
school  
leavers



Very few Year 12 completers (2.5%) or early school leavers (5.2%) were NILFET. The proportion of Year 12 completers who were NILFET was higher than in 2010 and 2013 but similar to 2017. The proportion of early school leavers who were NILFET was also similar to 2017 but lower than in 2014, 2015 and 2016 (refer to Tables 1 and 2 in Appendix).

## Sociodemographic differences

There were no notable differences in the characteristics of Year 12 completers who are NILFET. Notable differences in the characteristics of early school leavers who are NILFET are as follows (refer to the tables in the Appendix for full details):

### Early school leavers

More likely to:

- have left school when **aged 17 years or older**
- be **female**
- have attended a **government school**
- be of **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander** background

## Main activity

Year 12 completers and early school leavers who were NILFET were asked about their main activity. For both cohorts the main activity was recreation.

### Year 12 completers



**48.8%**  
Recreation (inc. gap year, nothing)  
▲3.3 percentage points since 2014



**28.8%**  
Informal study or training  
▲7.8 percentage points since 2014



**4.5%**  
Looking after children/preparing for birth  
▲2.6 percentage points since 2014

### Early school leavers



**29.1%**  
Recreation (inc. gap year, nothing)  
▲0.7 percentage points since 2014



**20.1%**  
Unable to work due to illness  
▲11.1 percentage points since 2014



**12.7%**  
Looking after children/preparing for birth  
▼6.3 percentage points since 2014



## **Deferring further education**

Almost one-in-five (19.0%) Year 12 completers who were NILFET indicated they were enrolled in a course of study but had deferred it. This was lower than in 2014 (43.0%). However, other groups deferred education at similar rates. For example, 27.9 per cent of those in full-time employment, 27.9 per cent of those in part-time employment and 14.4 per cent of those looking for work had deferred a place in further education in 2018.

Early school leavers who were NILFET deferred further education at a rate of 2.9%.

# Methodology

This report provides a brief overview of the main findings of 2018 NSW Secondary Students' Post-School Destinations Survey. Several points should be kept in mind when considering the findings.

All data are weighted to match relevant population parameters. Bases (n) are unweighted. Survey weighted t-tests have been conducted to assess differences between subgroups and between survey waves. Analyses were conducted in R (R Core, 2017) using the survey package (Lumley, 2017). Results reported as "different" implies that a statistically significant difference at a 99 per cent confidence level has been established.

Where appropriate, comparisons have been made to previous waves of this survey. For completeness, comparisons for main destination include studies conducted in 2010 and 2013. These studies, however, surveyed small numbers of early leavers due to a different sampling methodology. This limits the potential for meaningful comparisons. All other findings are therefore compared with studies conducted since 2014.

Field of education was coded using Australian Standard Classification of Education (Australian Bureau of Statistics catalogue number 1272.0). Occupation was coded to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (Version 1.2, Australian Bureau of Statistics catalogue number 1220.0).

For further information about the survey background and methodology please refer to the 2018 technical report or contact the NSW Department of Education.

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# Appendix Main destinations tables

**Table 1 Main post-school destination of Year 12 completers by year (2010 – 2018)**

Main destination	2010 %	2013 %	2014 %	2015 %	2016 %	2017 %	2018 %
Base (n): All Year 12 completers	2,087	1,945	3,581	3,490	3,287	3,529	3,529
Bachelor degree	47.4	51.9	52.5	53.2	51.2	50.1	50.6
VET Cert IV+	9.9*	9.3*	7.3	8.9*	6.5	6	5.5
VET Cert I-III	6.0*	6.7*	3.7	4.8	2.7	3.4	3.6
Apprenticeship	5.4	4.6	4.9	4.7	5.5	5.8	5.7
Traineeship	3.2	3	4.4	3.6	4.3	4.3	3.8
F/T Work	8.9	6.4*	6.6*	7.0*	8.6	8.5	9.3
P/T Work	13.5	12.1	12.5	10.7*	13.2	13.8	13.8
Looking for work	4.8	5	5.5	5	5.2	4.6	5.2
NILFET	1.0*	1.1*	2.6	2.1	2.8	3.4	2.5

\* Indicates result is significantly different to 2018 (p<.01).

**Table 2 Main post-school destination of early school leavers by year (2010 – 2018)**

Main destination	2010 %	2013 %	2014 %	2015 %	2016 %	2017 %	2018 %
Base (n): All early school leavers	311	193	7,000	3,135	3,700	3,466	4,470
Bachelor degree	0.4	0.0	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.1
VET Cert IV+	6.7	7.7	7.8	9.6	9.1	7.3	8.0
VET Cert I-III	19.4*	22.8*	14.6*	11.3*	9.6	8.2	8.7
Apprenticeship	25.7*	28.6	26.2*	26.0*	27.8*	30.0	32.4
Traineeship	3.0*	5.8	6.5	5.8	6.5	8.1	6.9
F/T Work	13.6	10.4	8.3*	9.7	10.1	9.9	11.1
P/T Work	16.0	12.0	12.2	12.6	13.5	14.2	13.7
Looking for work	11.8	11.5	17.2*	16.4*	15.3*	14.2	12.9
NILFET	3.5	1.2	6.4*	7.6*	6.9*	6.3	5.2

\* Indicates result is significantly different to 2018 (p<.01).

**Table 3** Main post-school destination of Year 12 completers and early school leavers (2018)

Main destination	Year 12 completers %	Early school leavers %
Base (n): All	3,529	4,470
Bachelor degree	50.6	1.1*
VET Cert IV+	5.5	8.0*
VET Cert I-III	3.6	8.7*
Apprenticeship	5.7	32.4*
Traineeship	3.8	6.9*
F/T Work	9.3	11.1*
P/T Work	13.8	13.7
Looking for work	5.2	12.9*
NILFET	2.5	5.2*

\* Indicates a significant difference (p<.01).

**Table 4 Main post-school destination in 2018 of Year 12 completers by gender**

Main destination	Female %	Male %
Base (n): All Year 12 completers	1,972	1,557
Bachelor degree	54.3	46.6*
VET Cert IV+	5.7	5.4
VET Cert I-III	3.8	3.3
Apprenticeship	0.8	11.0*
Traineeship	5.3	2.2*
F/T Work	8.1	10.5
P/T Work	15.7	11.7*
Looking for work	3.9	6.7*
NILFET	2.4	2.7

\* Indicates a significant difference (p<.01).

**Table 5 Main post-school destination in 2018 of early school leavers by gender**

Main destination	Female %	Male %
Base (n): All early school leavers	1,613	2,857
Bachelor degree	2.2	0.4*
VET Cert IV+	13.5	4.5*
VET Cert I-III	14.4	5.1*
Apprenticeship	8.3	47.6*
Traineeship	11.1	4.3*
F/T Work	9.5	12.1*
P/T Work	19.2	10.3*
Looking for work	14.9	11.6*
NILFET	6.8	4.2*

\* Indicates a significant difference (p<.01).

**Table 6 Main post-school destination in 2018 of Year 12 completers by socio-economic status quartile**

Main destination	Higher parental SES			Lower parental SES		
	Highest %	Upper Middle %	Sub- total %	Lower Middle %	Lowest %	Sub-total %
Base (n): All Year 12 completers <sup>^</sup>	1,210	847	2,057	748	648	1,396
Bachelor degree	62.3	47.2*	56.6	43.3*	36.1*	40.1**
VET Cert IV+	4.9	6.4	5.4	6.0	5.9	5.9
VET Cert I-III	2.5	3.5	2.9	6.0	4.2	5.2
Apprenticeship	2.7	6.8*	4.2	7.2*	9.3*	8.2**
Traineeship	2.5	4.1	3.1	3.5	7.6*	5.3
F/T Work	5.8	10.5*	7.5	14.4*	10.6*	12.7**
P/T Work	13.4	13.5	13.4	15.0	13.2	14.2
Looking for work	3.7	5.1	4.2	3.1	10.3*	6.2
NILFET	2.3	3.0	2.6	1.5	2.9	2.1

\* Indicates result is significantly different to highest parental SES quartile (p<.01).

\*\* Indicates result is significantly different to the sub-total of higher parental SES (p<.01).

<sup>^</sup>Excluding respondents for whom socio-economic status quartile could not be calculated (n=76).

**Table 7 Main post-school destination in 2018 of early school leavers by socio-economic status quartile**

Main destination	Higher parental SES			Lower parental SES		
	Highest %	Upper Middle %	Sub-total %	Lower Middle %	Lowest %	Sub-total %
Base (n): All early school leavers <sup>^</sup>	694	1,089	1,783	1,243	1,309	2,552
Bachelor degree	4.0	1.0*	2.2	0.2	0.5*	0.3**
VET Cert IV+	13.9	9.9	11.5	7.3*	4.1*	5.6**
VET Cert I-III	9.3	8.1	8.6	9.3	7.8	8.5
Apprenticeship	30.3	37.9*	34.9	34.0	28.3	31.0**
Traineeship	6.6	6.1	6.3	7.5	7.6	7.5
F/T Work	7.9	10.1	9.3	10.9	14.3*	12.6**
P/T Work	13.0	12.3	12.6	14.2	14.8	14.5
Looking for work	9.9	9.8	9.9	11.9	17.2*	14.6**
NILFET	5.1	4.7	4.8	4.8	5.5	5.2

\* Indicates result is significantly different to highest parental SES quartile (p<.01).

\*\* Indicates result is significantly different to the sub-total of higher parental SES (p<.01).

<sup>^</sup>Excluding respondents for whom socio-economic status quartile could not be calculated (n=135).

**Table 8 Main post-school destination in 2018 of Year 12 completers by school sector**

Main destination	Government	Non-government		Sub-total
	%	Catholic %	Independent %	
Base (n): All Year 12 completers	1,816	915	798	1,713
Bachelor degree	46.9	54.2*	57.4*	55.4*
VET Cert IV+	5.4	5.7	5.8	5.7
VET Cert I-III	4.3	2.9	2.1*	2.6
Apprenticeship	5.2	7.3	4.3	6.2
Traineeship	4.3	3.3	3.1	3.2
F/T Work	9.0	9.4	9.8	9.5
P/T Work	15.0	12.3	12.0	12.2
Looking for work	6.7	3.6*	2.8*	3.3*
NILFET	3.1	1.2*	2.7	1.7

\* Indicates result is significantly different to Government sector (p<.01).

**Table 9 Main post-school destination in 2018 of early school leavers by school sector**

Main destination	Government	Non-government		Sub-total
	%	Catholic %	Independent %	
Base (n): All early school leavers	3,460	663	347	1,010
Bachelor degree	0.9	1.3	3.1	2.0
VET Cert IV+	5.8	13.2*	18.3*	15.2*
VET Cert I-III	8.4	7.7	12.5	9.5
Apprenticeship	30.6	41.8*	32.5	38.2*
Traineeship	6.9	7.6	6.1	7.0
F/T Work	11.8	10.7	5.8*	8.8*
P/T Work	14.5	11.0*	11.2	11.1*
Looking for work	14.8	5.7*	8.2*	6.6*
NILFET	6.3	1.0*	2.4*	1.6*

\* Indicates result is significantly different to Government sector (p<.01).

**Table 10** Main post-school destination in 2018 of Year 12 completers by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status

Main destination	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	
	Yes %	No %
Base (n): All Year 12 completers	930	2,599
Bachelor degree	24.5	51.6*
VET Cert IV+	5.5	5.5
VET Cert I-III	8.6	3.4*
Apprenticeship	7.4	5.6
Traineeship	6.4	3.7*
F/T Work	12.8	9.1*
P/T Work	18.6	13.6*
Looking for work	12.3	4.9*
NILFET	4.0	2.5

\* Indicates a significant difference (p<.01).

**Table 11** Main post-school destination in 2018 of early school leavers by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status

Main destination	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	
	Yes %	No %
Base (n): All early school leavers	509	3,961
Bachelor degree	0.0	1.3
VET Cert IV+	4.1	8.5*
VET Cert I-III	11.8	8.3*
Apprenticeship	17.4	34.3*
Traineeship	6.4	7.0
F/T Work	12.5	10.9
P/T Work	13.5	13.8
Looking for work	26.1	11.2*
NILFET	8.3	4.8*

\* Indicates a significant difference (p<.01).



**Table 12 Main post-school destination in 2018 of Year 12 completers by NSW region (SA4 cluster)**

Main destination	NSW Total %	Greater Sydney							Regional NSW					Sub-total %
		Sydney Inner %	Sydney North %	Sydney North West %	Sydney South %	Sydney South West %	Sydney West %	Sub-total %	Central Coast Hunter %	North East NSW %	North West NSW %	South East NSW %	South West NSW %	
Base (n): All early school leavers	3,529	275	244	284	245	340	275	1,663	379	416	345	352	374	1,866
Bachelor degree	50.6	57.5	61.7*	55.1	66.4*	51.5	52.1	57.6	44.1	38.3*	22.8*	42.0*	30.2*	38.1**
VET Cert IV+	5.5	4.8	3.8	6.7	5.5	8.2	8.7	6.1	2.5*	4.5	5.3	7.2	4.0	4.4
VET Cert I-III	3.6	2.7	0.1*	0.6	2.3	3.8	4.3	2.2	8.1	5.2	5.8	4.4	5.2	6.0**
Apprenticeship	5.7	4.2	3.6	3.9	3.5	7.5	5.4	4.7	8.1	3.6	11.4	7.2	9.3	7.4**
Traineeship	3.8	2.6	1.6	4.4	1.3	5.1	5.7	3.4	4.5	4.9	5.2	3.7	5.5	4.7
F/T Work	9.3	5.1*	7.9	9.1	4.1*	8.1	8.4	7.1	8.6	13	19.7*	14.9*	15.9*	13.1**
P/T Work	13.8	14.3	12.9	14.3	11.3	9.8	8.2*	11.8	15.6	21.5*	20.6	9.5	24.1*	17.4**
Looking for work	5.2	4.7	4.7	4.6	3.3	5.0	4.9	4.6	5.8	6.7	6.3	8.2	4.6	6.3
NILFET	2.5	4.1	3.7	1.5	2.3	1.2	2.2	2.6	2.7	2.3	3.0	2.9	1.1	2.4

\* Indicates result is significantly different to the average of all other sub-regions (p<.01).

\*\* Indicates result is significantly different to the sub-total of the Greater Sydney region (p<.01).

**Table 13 Main post-school destination in 2018 of early school leavers by NSW region (SA4 cluster)**

Main destination	NSW Total %	Greater Sydney							Regional NSW					Sub-total %
		Sydney Inner %	Sydney North %	Sydney North West %	Sydney South %	Sydney South West %	Sydney West %	Central Coast Hunter %	North East NSW %	North West NSW %	South East NSW %	South West NSW %		
Base (n): All early school leavers	4,470	203	221	464	285	449	344	1,966	719	522	315	506	442	2,504
Bachelor degree	1.1	5.2*	5.2*	0.5	2.5	0.2	1.0	2.0	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.5**
VET Cert IV+	8.0	18.0*	13.8*	12.6*	9.0	7.2	9.8	11.1	7.5	4.8*	2.5*	6.9	3.3*	5.6**
VET Cert I-III	8.7	9.6	5.1*	8.4	7.6	5.9*	10.8	7.9	8.3	13.8*	7.1	8.7	7.6	9.3
Apprenticeship	32.4	22.9*	33.0	41.5*	41.1*	36.7	29.3	34.8	29.3	23.5*	27.4	36.3	37.3	30.5**
Traineeship	6.9	3.5*	6.4	5.9	4.6	7.7	4.9	5.7	7.5	8.9	5.5	8.7	7.9	7.9**
F/T Work	11.1	7.5	7.4	8.4	9.9	11.2	11.5	9.6	13.0	10.3	15.3	11.9	11.7	12.3**
P/T Work	13.7	13.4	13.6	11.7	12.7	12.7	13.9	12.9	16.1	15.3	12.1	12.1	14.1	14.4
Looking for work	12.9	9.2	11.5	8.0*	10.5	14.6	13.8	11.5	13.1	15.0	21.8*	10.4	12.9	14.0
NILFET	5.2	10.7*	3.9	3.0*	2.1*	3.8	5.1	4.5	4.6	7.9	7.7	4.5	5.0	5.7

\* Indicates result is significantly different to the average of all other sub-regions (p<.01).

\*\* Indicates result is significantly different to the sub-total of the Greater Sydney region (p<.01).

**Table 14** Main post-school destination in 2018 of Year 12 completers by participation in VET while at school

Main destination	Participated in VET	Did not participate in VET
	%	%
Base (n): All Year 12 completers	1,281	2,248
Bachelor degree	28.8	61.2*
VET Cert IV+	7.8	4.4*
VET Cert I-III	6.4	2.2*
Apprenticeship	11.5	2.9*
Traineeship	6.2	2.7*
F/T Work	13.3	7.3*
P/T Work	14.6	13.4
Looking for work	9.1	3.3*
NILFET	2.3	2.6

\* Indicates a significant difference (p<.01).

**Table 15** Main post-school destination in 2018 of early school leavers by participation in VET while at school

Main destination	Participated in VET	Did not participate in VET
	%	%
Base (n): All early school leavers	1,659	2,811
Bachelor degree	0.7	1.4
VET Cert IV+	6.1	9.3*
VET Cert I-III	6.2	10.4*
Apprenticeship	35.3	30.4*
Traineeship	7.2	6.7
F/T Work	13.2	9.6*
P/T Work	14.7	13.1
Looking for work	12.3	13.3
NILFET	4.4	5.7

\* Indicates a significant difference (p<.01).

**Table 16** Main post-school destination in 2018 of early school leavers by minimum school leaving age

Main destination	Aged under 17 years	Aged 17 years and over
	%	%
Base (n): All early school leavers	2,895	1,575
Bachelor degree	1.10	1.10
VET Cert IV+	8.1	7.8
VET Cert I-III	8.8	8.5
Apprenticeship	38.7	24.1*
Traineeship	8.1	5.3*
F/T Work	9.4	13.4*
P/T Work	12	16.1*
Looking for work	10	16.7*
NILFET	3.8	7.0*

\* Indicates result is significantly different to having left school aged under 17 years ( $p < .01$ ).