

2019 NSW Post-School Destinations and Experiences Survey

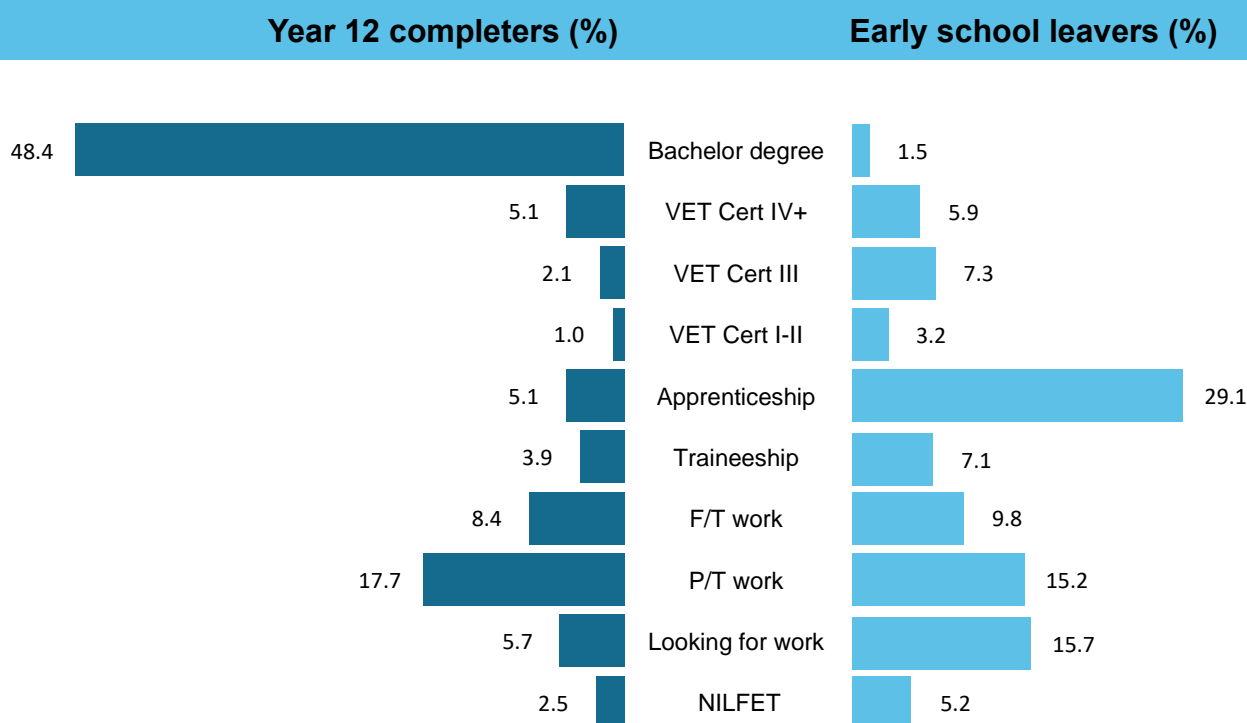


Comparison of Year 12 completers and early school leavers

The NSW Post-School Destinations and Experiences Survey collects information about students' main destination¹ in the year after completing Year 12 or leaving school. We spoke to 18,777 Year 12 completers and 6,135 early school leavers.

This fact sheet provides a brief overview of the differences between NSW Secondary School Students who completed Year 12 in 2018 and those who left school in 2018 before finishing Year 12 (known as early school leavers).

Main post-school destination



Year 12 completers were more likely than early school leavers to be in some form of education or training (65.7% compared with 54.2%). Close to half of Year 12 completers were undertaking a Bachelor degree, whereas this was the least common destination for early school leavers.

Early school leavers were more likely than Year 12 completers to be in the following destinations:

- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships
- VET Certificate I-II
- VET Certificate III
- Working full-time
- Looking for work
- Not in the labour force, education or training (NILFET)

1. A total of ten post-school destinations were defined from responses to a number of items relating to participation in further education and current employment. This classification system is a hierarchical classification system, which prioritises education related post-school destinations over participation in employment. As such, it represents a young person's main destination since leaving school.

Bachelor degree

Most common areas of study

Year 12 completers

Society and culture
22.6%



Management and commerce
20.0%



Health
18.9%



Early school leavers

Society and culture
19.9%



Health
19.6%



Creative arts
18.5%



VET certificate IV+

Most common areas of study

Year 12 completers

Creative arts
18.3%



Society and culture
15.4%



Health
15.1%



Early school leavers

Creative arts
22.4%



Society and culture
15.8%



Health
15.7%



VET certificate III

Most common areas of study

Year 12 completers

Society and culture
16.9%



Education
14.4%



Food, hospitality and personal services
9.2%



Early school leavers

Health
17.1%



Food, hospitality and personal services
16.6%



Management and commerce
16.0%



Most common areas of study

Year 12 completers

Early school leavers

Mixed field programmes
14.2%



Mixed field programmes
18.1%

Management and commerce
10.0%



Health
13.6%

Agriculture, environment and related
9.4%



Engineering and related technologies
13.4%

Apprenticeship

Most common apprenticeships

Year 12 completers

Early school leavers

Electricians
23.7%



Bricklayers, carpenters and joiners
21.7%

Bricklayers, carpenters and joiners
17.9%



Electricians
13.9%

Fabrication engineering trades workers
10.2%



Automotive electrician and mechanics
13.4%

Traineeship

Most common traineeships

Year 12 completers

Early school leavers

Child care workers
26.6%



Child care workers
25.7%

General clerks
13.6%



Sales assistants and salespersons
17.5%

Sales assistants and salespersons
10.5%



General clerks
7.7%

Full-time work

Most common occupations

Year 12 completers

Early school leavers

Community and personal service workers
22.3%



Labourers
33.8%

Labourers
17.6%



Community and personal service workers
15.1%

Clerical and administration workers
14.3%



Sales workers
13.5%

Part-time work

Most common occupations

Year 12 completers

Early school leavers

Community and personal service workers
28.3%



Sales workers
29.2%

Sales workers
27.4%



Labourers
25.3%

Labourers
11.7%



Community and personal service workers
20.1%

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

Most common reason

Year 12 completers

Early school leavers

Recreation (gap year)
37.8%



Recreation (gap year)
26.2%

Informal study or training
23.3%



Unable to work due to illness
19.5%

Unable to work due to illness
9.1%



Informal study or training
19.3%