

Fact sheet

# All school leavers

## 2020 NSW Post-School Destinations and Experiences Survey

This fact sheet provides a high-level overview of findings from the 2020 NSW Post-School Destinations and Experiences Survey relating to all school leavers, including early school leavers and Year 12 completers.

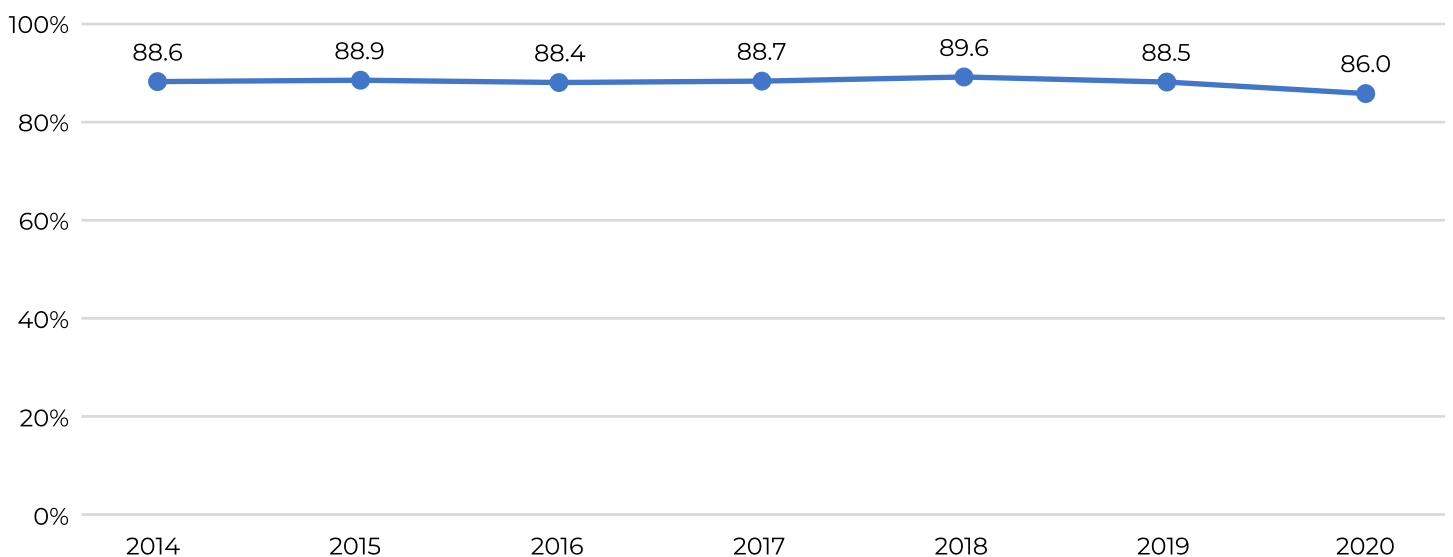
In 2020, a total of 24,843 school leavers completed the survey.

### Post-school destinations of all school leavers in 2020

In 2020, 86.0% of all school leavers were in education, training or employment. The remainder were either looking for work or not in the labour force, education or training.



The proportion of recent school leavers involved in higher education, training or employment has decreased since 2014.



\* NILFET means not in the labour force, education or training.

## Changes in all school leavers' post-school destinations over time



**34.2%**  
Bachelor

▼  
down 7.3  
percentage points  
since 2014



**5.4%**  
VET Cert IV+

▼  
down 2.1  
percentage points  
since 2014



**3.7%**  
VET Cert III

▲  
up 0.6  
percentage points  
since 2014



**1.4%**  
VET Cert I-II

▼  
down 1.5  
percentage points  
since 2014



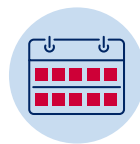
**10.4%**  
Apprenticeship

▲  
up 1.0  
percentage points  
since 2014



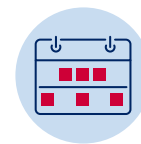
**4.4%**  
Traineeship

▼  
down 0.5  
percentage points  
since 2014



**8.0%**  
Full-time work

▲  
up 1.1  
percentage points  
since 2014



**18.5%**  
Part-time work

▲  
up 6.1  
percentage points  
since 2014



**10%**  
Looking for work

▲  
up 2.0  
percentage points  
since 2014



**4%**  
NILFET

▲  
up 0.6  
percentage points  
since 2014

**Top 3** areas of education school leavers enter post-school:






- Business and management (5.9%)
- Building (5.9%)
- Teacher education (5.6%)

**Top 3** post-school work roles for school leavers:

- Sales assistants and salespersons (18.3%)
- Hospitality workers (14.7%)
- Storepersons (8.2%)

# | What are the subgroup differences in destinations?

## Females more likely to be in a:

-  Bachelor degree
-  VET certificate IV+
-  VET certificate III
-  Traineeship
-  Part-time work







## Males more likely to be in an:

-  Apprenticeship
-  Full-time work
-  Looking for work

## Recent school leavers with **higher parental SES\*** more likely to be in a:

-  Bachelor degree







## Recent school leavers with **lower parental SES** more likely to be in a:

-  VET certificate III
-  Apprenticeship
-  Traineeship
-  Full-time work
-  Looking for work
-  NILFET



## Recent school leavers who **speak a language other than English** at home more likely to be in a:

-  Bachelor degree
-  VET certificate IV+
-  NILFET


## Recent school leavers who **do not speak a language other than English** at home more likely to be in a:

-  VET certificate III
-  VET certificate I-II
-  Apprenticeship
-  Traineeship
-  Full-time work
-  Part-time work





## Recent school leavers living in **Greater Sydney** more likely to be in a:

-  Bachelor degree
-  VET certificate IV+



## Recent school leavers living in the **Rest of NSW** more likely to be in a:

-  VET certificate III
-  VET certificate I-II
-  Apprenticeship
-  Traineeship
-  Full-time work
-  Part-time work
-  Looking for work

## Aboriginal recent school leavers more likely to be in a:

-  VET certificate III
-  Traineeship
-  Looking for work
-  NILFET

## Non-Aboriginal recent school leavers more likely to be in a:

-  Bachelor degree
-  VET certificate IV+

\* SES means socio-economic status.

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