

# ON TRACK 2016 SURVEY RESULTS



DESTINATION OF STUDENTS WHO EXITED SCHOOL  
IN 2015

Ararat (RC)



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### About On Track

On Track is a large-scale survey designed to monitor the destination outcomes of Year 12 or equivalent completers and early school leavers six months after leaving school. This information provides insights into post-school destinations and pathways, and highlights the diversity of pathways young people pursue after leaving secondary school. The On Track survey involves students from all Victorian school sectors.

Data obtained through the On Track survey is used to publish post school education, training and employment destinations. Those not studying or in part-time work are offered career pathway advice and assistance via a referral service.

This LGA report provides local level information on the post-school education, training and employment destinations of students who attended schools in Bass Coast, to support post compulsory education planning and to assist with youth support services. The report draws on data obtained through the 2016 On Track survey.

Some data presented has not been released due to the small numbers of respondents. These data will either be presented as "np" (not published) or appear blank (in figures and charts) where the number of respondents are less than 5.

### Other On Track Reports

In addition to LGA reports, the following reports are produced annually from the On Track survey:

#### Statewide report

The On Track statewide summary provides a comprehensive analysis of destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers and early school leavers across Victoria, six months after they leave school.

#### School reports

On Track destination data is provided to schools to assist in the development of curriculum options and careers advice for students, to assist them in achieving their post-school education and employment goals.

On Track destination data of school leavers for each Victorian school are available for download in the Victorian Assessment Software System (VASS).

The statewide report and LGA reports are available to the public on the On Track website:  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/ontrack](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/ontrack)

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## 1. On Track survey response rates

Consent to participate in the On Track survey is required to enable the Department to contact school leavers. Consent is sought via a question on the students' Victorian Curriculum Assessment and Authority (VCAA) enrolment form completed when a student enrolls in a senior secondary unit.

Students who consent to participate in the survey are contacted six months after leaving school. Participation in the survey is voluntary and school leavers may opt-out of completing the survey when contacted.

### 1.1 Participation of Year 12 or equivalent completers in the 2016 On Track survey

Year 12 or equivalent completers are defined as those who completed a Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL, Senior or Intermediate). The sample includes those who completed such qualifications in schools, or in TAFE institutions or Adult and Community Education providers.

**Table 1: 2016 On Track participation, Year 12 or equivalent completers in Ararat (RC) who exited school in 2015**

On Track participation	Year 12 or equivalent completers		
	Males	Females	All Total
School leavers in cohort	52	69	121
Consented to participate	48	64	112
Responded to survey	34	40	74
Participation rate (per cent)	65.4	58.0	61.2

**Note:** Participation rate = On Track respondents as a proportion of school leavers in cohort

### 1.2 Participation of early school leavers in the 2016 On Track survey

For On Track, early school leavers are defined as students who had registered their details with the VCAA by enrolling in an IB program or a VCE or VCAL unit, and who left school without completing one of the following certificates: VCE; IB; VCAL Senior or VCAL Intermediate. In general, early school leavers had been in Year 10, 11 or 12 when they left school. As such the sample does not represent all early leavers from Victorian schools.

Findings based on the early school leavers' data should be treated with caution due to the relatively low participation rate.

**Table 2: 2016 On Track participation, early school leavers in Ararat (RC) who exited school in 2015**

On Track participation	Early school leavers		
	Males	Females	All Total
School leavers in cohort	38	13	51
Consented to participate	19	4	23
Responded to survey	4		4
Participation rate (per cent)	10.5	0.0	7.8

**Notes:**

Participation rate = On Track respondents as a proportion of school leavers in cohort

\* The early school leaver response rate is affected by a number of factors:

- Early school leavers who had not attended school in 2015 or had returned to school in 2016 were scoped out of the survey but were included in the cohort file.
- A proportion of early school leavers could not be contacted or had unusable or incorrect contact information.

## 2. Destinations of 2015 Year 12 or equivalent completers: Ararat (RC) and Victoria

**Table 3: Destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers who exited school in 2015, Ararat (RC) and Victoria**

Post-school destination	Ararat (RC)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
In Education or Training	40	54.1	22800	76.8
Bachelor degree	27	36.5	16081	54.2
Certificates/diplomas	7	9.5	4327	14.6
Certificate I-III	np	np	756	2.5
Certificate IV or higher	6	8.1	3571	12.0
Apprenticeship/traineeship	6	8.1	2392	8.1
Apprenticeship	5	6.8	1645	5.5
Traineeship	np	np	747	2.5
Not in Education or Training	34	45.9	6871	23.2
Employed	27	36.5	5256	17.7
Employed full-time	19	25.7	1793	6.0
Employed part-time	8	10.8	3463	11.7
Looking for work	7	9.5	1346	4.5
NILFET			269	0.9
Unknown			8	0.0
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>29679</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Note:** NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training

**Table 4: Destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers six months after leaving school, Ararat (RC) and Victoria, 2012 to 2016**

Post-school destination	Ararat (RC)					Victoria				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Bachelor degree	34.9	28.6	28.8	32.0	36.5	52.0	53.2	54.3	53.2	54.2
Certificates/diplomas	10.5	11.4	13.6	12.0	9.5	17.5	15.8	16.1	16.3	14.6
Apprenticeship/traineeship	5.8	10.0	7.6	12.0	8.1	8.0	7.1	7.0	7.5	8.1
Employed	41.9	38.6	42.4	40.0	36.5	17.5	17.9	16.7	17.0	17.7
Looking for work	5.8	10.0	7.6	np	9.5	4.1	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.5
NILFET	np	np				0.9	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.9
Unknown							0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

**Note:** NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training

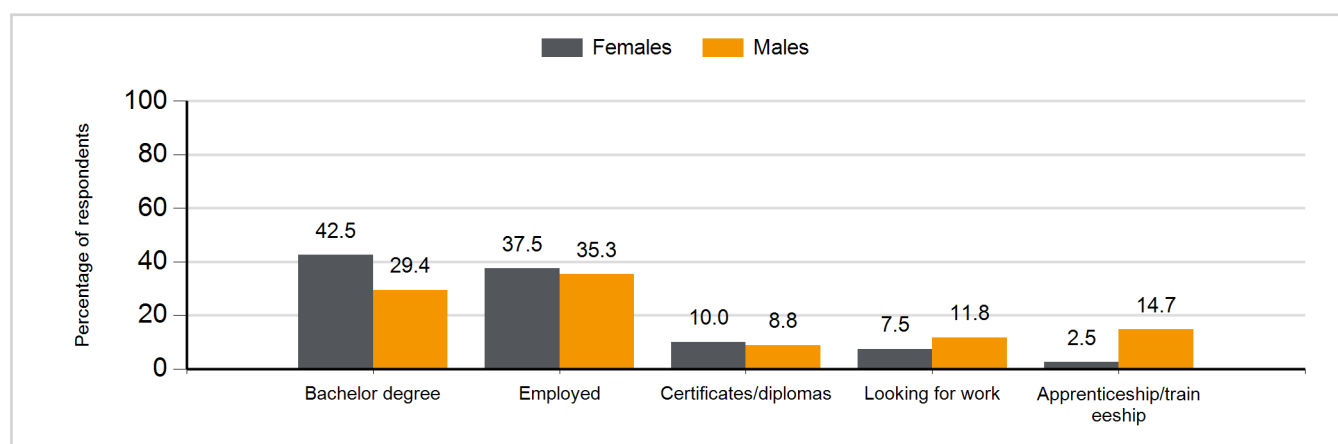
## 2. Destinations of 2015 Year 12 or equivalent completers: Ararat (RC) and Victoria

**Table 5: Post-school destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers in Ararat (RC), by certificate and study strand completed in 2015**

Post-school destination	Study strand completed				
	VCAL Only	VCE non-VET	VCE VCAL	VCE VET	IB
Bachelor degree		46.5		29.2	
Certificates/diplomas	np	np		np	
Apprenticeship/traineeship	np	np		np	
Employed	np	34.9		45.8	
Looking for work	np	np		np	
NILFET					
Unknown					
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Note:** NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training

**Figure 1: Post school destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers in Ararat (RC), by gender, 2016**



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**Table 6: Post-school destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers in Ararat (RC), by SES in 2015**

Post-school destination	SES quartile of student residence			
	Lowest	Low - Medium	Medium	High
Bachelor degree	33.8	np	np	
Certificates/diplomas	7.7	np		
Apprenticeship/traineeship	9.2			
Employed	38.5	np		
Looking for work	10.8			
NILFET				
Unknown				
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Note:** NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training

## 2. Destinations of 2015 Year 12 or equivalent completers: Ararat (RC) and Victoria

**Table 7: School destination results of Year 12 or equivalent completers, On Track survey data 2016, Ararat (RC), by school**

School Name	Year 12 or equiv. completers	Respondents	In Education and Training - 2016			Not in Education and Training - 2016
			Bachelor enrolled	Tafe/Vet Enrolled	Apprentice / Trainee	Total not in Education and Training
	Number	Number	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Ararat Secondary College (01207)	35	20	25.0	np	np	45.0
Marian College (01105)	84	52	40.4	np	np	48.1
<b>Total respondents in LGA</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>72</b>				

**Note:**

(1) School that did not meet the following publication rules were not published in the table above:

- Schools with less than 10 Year 12 completers or less than 10 survey respondents.
- Schools with less than 50% consent rate, less than 50% response rate or less than 20% of the Year 12 cohort participating in the survey.

(2) This table presents the count of Year 12 or equivalent completers who attended a school located within Ararat (RC). Students who reside in Ararat (RC) but attended a school outside Ararat (RC) are not included in this table.

(3) Not in Education and Training include Deferred, Employed, Looking for work and NILFET

NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training

## 2.1 Year 12 or equivalent completers in campus-based tertiary study

Campus-based tertiary education leads to the award of a certificate (level I through IV), diploma, advanced diploma, associate degree or bachelor degree. Study may be undertaken at a university, a TAFE institution or a private provider.

**Table 8: Institution of study of Year 12 or equivalent completers who attended a school in Ararat (RC) and were in campus-based tertiary study in 2016**

Institution of study	Year 12 or equivalent completers	
	Number	Per cent
University		
Australian Catholic University	np	np
Deakin University	7	25.0
Federation University (formerly Ballarat University)	7	25.0
La Trobe University	np	np
Melbourne University	np	np
Monash University	np	np
RMIT University	np	np
Swinburne University	np	np
Other Universities	np	np
TAFE / VET		
Federation University - TAFE Division (formerly Ballarat University - TAFE Division)	np	np
<b>Total respondents in campus-based study</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>100.0</b>



## 2.1 Year 12 or equivalent completers in campus-based tertiary study

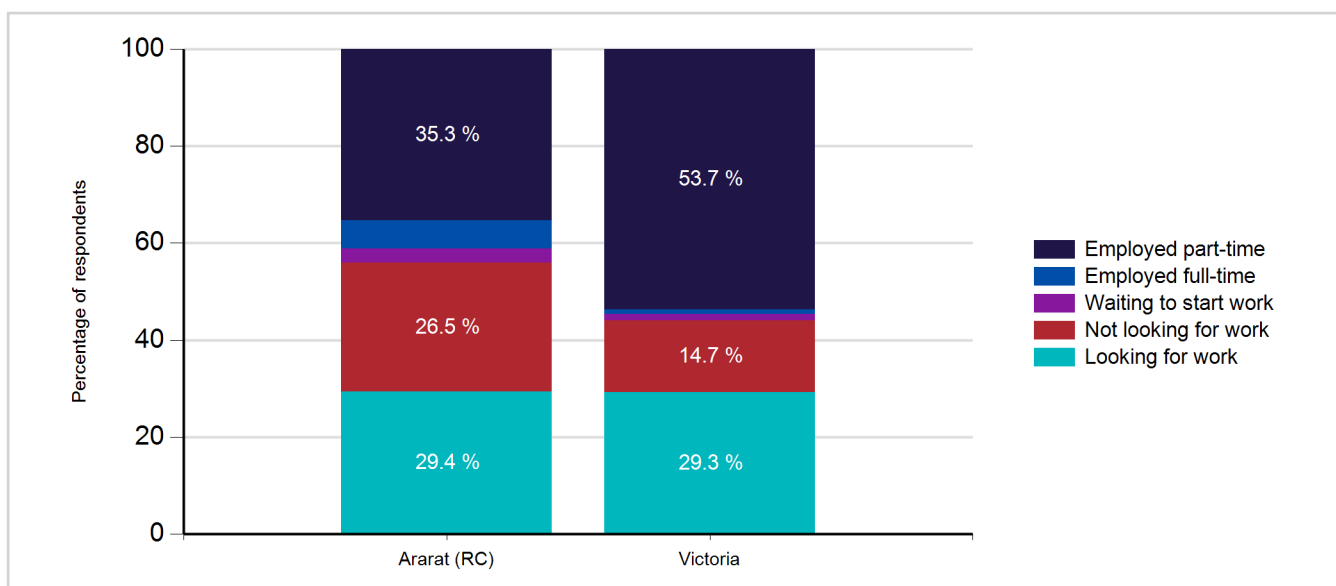
**Table 9: Main field of study of Year 12 or equivalent completers in campus-based study, Ararat (RC) and Victoria 2016**

Main field of study	Ararat (RC)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Agriculture, Environmental and Related studies	np	np	299	1.5
Architecture and Building	np	np	551	2.7
Creative Arts	np	np	2938	14.4
Education	6	17.6	1341	6.6
Engineering and Related Technologies	np	np	1442	7.1
Food, Hospitality & Personal Services	np	np	352	1.7
General degree	np	np	32	0.2
Health	7	20.6	3436	16.8
Information Technology	np	np	757	3.7
Management and Commerce	np	np	3572	17.5
Mixed Field Programmes	np	np	111	0.5
Natural and Physical Sciences	np	np	2785	13.7
Other	np	np	44	0.2
Society and Culture	np	np	2734	13.4
<b>Total respondents in campus-based study</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20,394</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Note:**

Year 12 or equivalent completers who deferred a place in a tertiary-level program were allocated to their destination at the time of the survey and are not included in the data presented.

**Figure 2: Labour force status of Year 12 or equivalent completers in campus-based tertiary study, Ararat (RC) and Victoria, 2016**

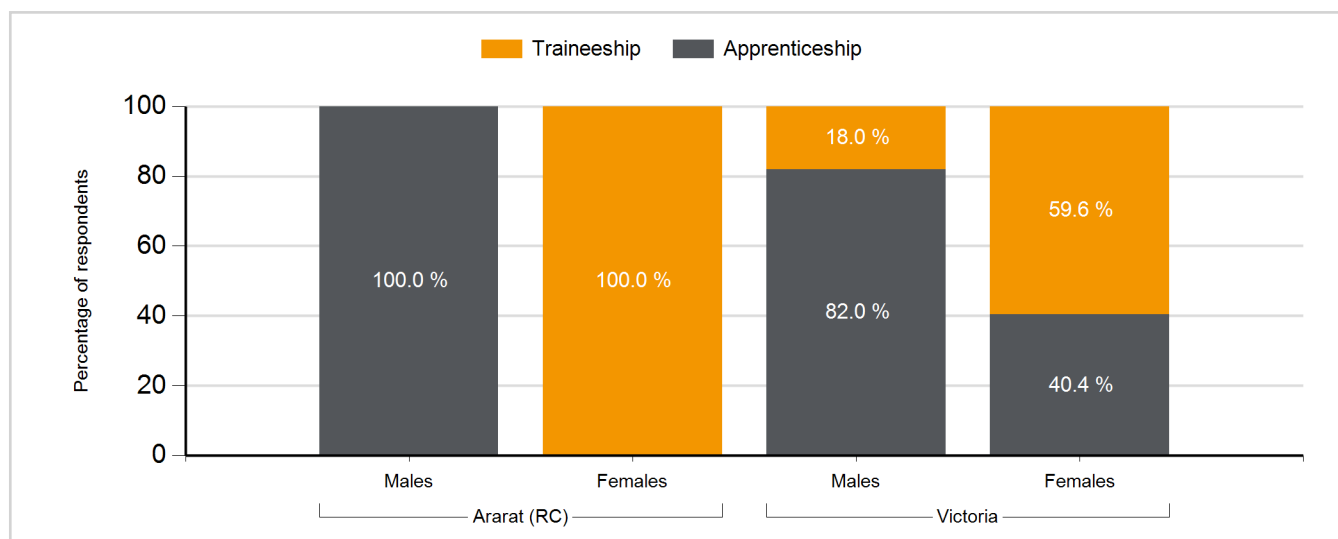


**Note:**

Year 12 or equivalent completers who deferred a place in a tertiary-level program were allocated to their destination at the time of the survey and are not included in the data presented.

## 2.2 Year 12 or equivalent completers in apprenticeships and traineeships

**Figure 3: Proportion of Year 12 or equivalent completers in an apprenticeship or traineeship, by gender, Ararat (RC) and Victoria, 2016**



**Table 10: Occupation groups of Year 12 or equivalent completers in an apprenticeship or traineeship, Ararat (RC) and Victoria 2016**

Occupation group	Ararat (RC)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Accounting, Finance & Management			56	2.4
Building & Construction	np	np	563	24.1
Cleaning			7	0.3
Clerks, Receptionists & Secretaries	np	np	112	4.8
Computing & IT			29	1.2
Drivers & Transport			6	0.3
Electrical & Electronics Trades			285	12.2
Engineering, Science & the Environment			30	1.3
Food, Hospitality & Tourism	np	np	282	12.1
Gardening, Farming & Fishing			91	3.9
Government & Defence			14	0.6
Health, Fitness, Hair & Beauty			202	8.6
Labourers, Factory & Machine Workers			40	1.7
Marketing & Sales Representatives			24	1.0
Media, the Arts & Printing			22	0.9
Metal & Engineering Trades	np	np	60	2.6
Motor Vehicle Service & Repair			162	6.9
Other			65	2.8
Sales Assistants & Storepersons			123	5.3
Social, Welfare & Security			20	0.9
Teaching, Childcare & Library			145	6.2
<b>Total - all occupation groups</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,338</b>	<b>100.0</b>

2.3 Year 12 or equivalent completers not continuing in education or training

Table 11: Reasons for not continuing study: Year 12 or equivalent completers in Ararat (RC) not in education or training at the time of the survey, 2012 to 2016

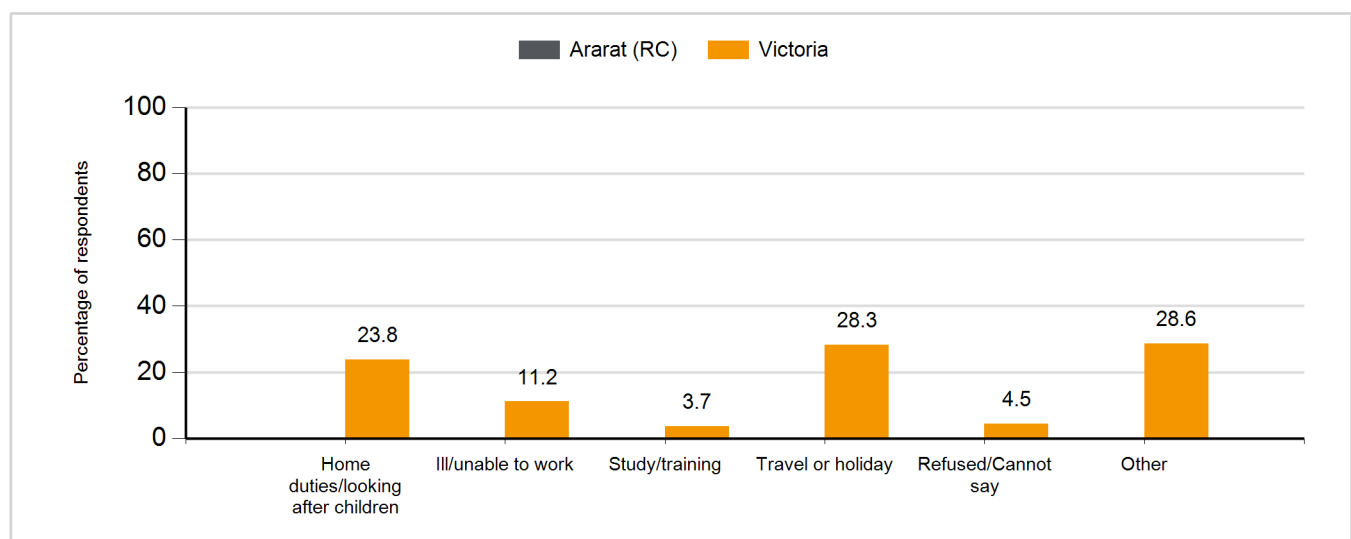
Survey Year	You wanted to start working / earning your own money	You just needed a break from study	You never planned or intended to study	The courses you were interested in were not available locally
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
2012	91.7	91.7	25.0	29.2
2013	85.7	81.0	33.3	33.3
2014	94.7	73.7	21.1	15.8
2015	81.3	81.3	31.3	6.3
2016	73.3	60.0	40.0	46.7

**Note:**  
Respondents may have agreed to more than one statement.

Table 12: Likelihood of study in the next two years that would lead to a qualification, reported by Year 12 or equivalent completers not in education or training in, Ararat (RC) and Victoria 2016

Likelihood of future study	Ararat (RC)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Extremely likely	np	np	1680	43.5
Somewhat likely	6	40.0	1525	39.5
Not very likely	np	np	397	10.3
Not at all likely	np	np	149	3.9
Cannot say / refused			110	2.8
<b>Total - all occupation groups</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,861</b>	<b>100.0</b>

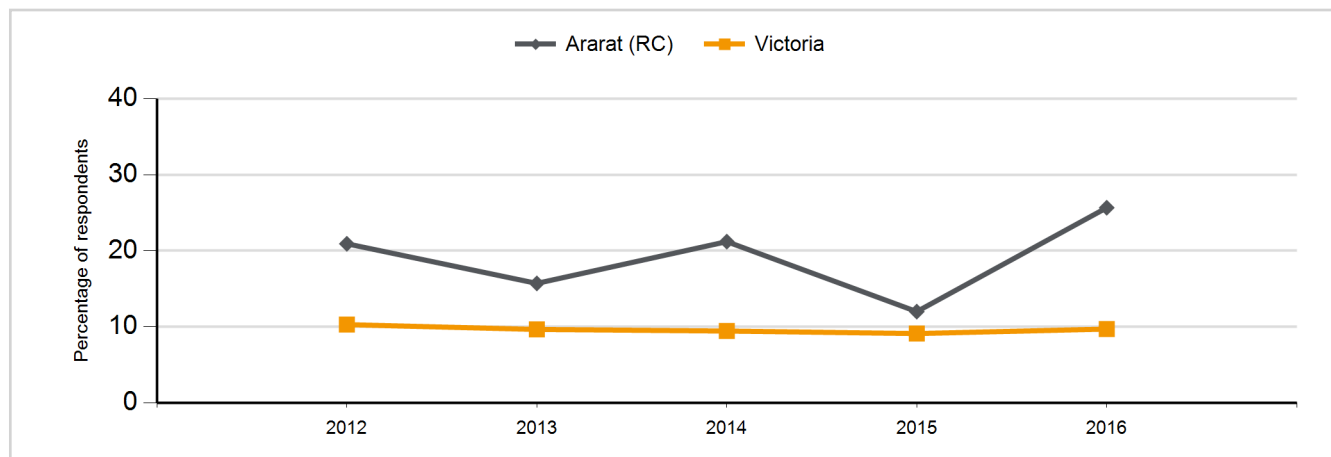
Figure 4: Main activity reported by Year 12 or equivalent completers Not in the Labour Force, Education or Training (NILFET), Ararat (RC) and Victoria, 2016



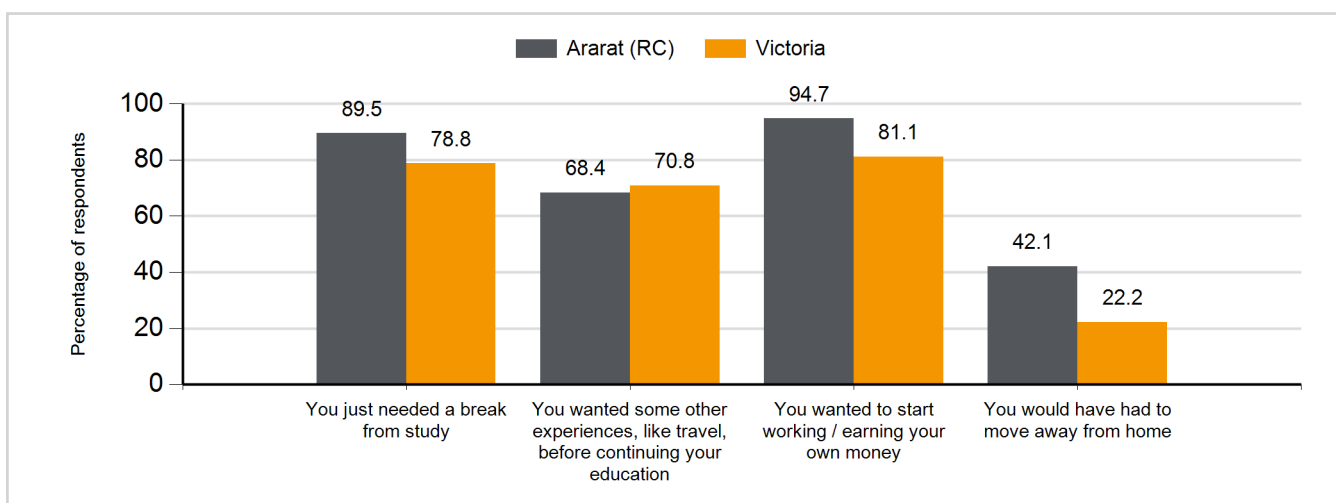
## 2.4 Year 12 or equivalent completers who deferred tertiary study

Deferred students are those who had been offered a place at university, TAFE or other tertiary institution, but had chosen to defer taking up the offer.

**Figure 5: Proportion of Year 12 or equivalent completers who deferred tertiary study in Ararat (RC) and Victoria, 2012 to 2016**



**Figure 6: Reasons provided by Year 12 or equivalent completers for deferring tertiary study, Ararat (RC) and Victoria, 2016**



**Note:** Respondents may have agreed to more than one statement.

**Table 13: Destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers who deferred tertiary study, Ararat (RC) and Victoria, 2014 to 2016**

Post-school destination of deferred students	Ararat (RC)			Victoria		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Employed full-time	35.7	50.0	63.2	26.2	26.4	28.3
Employed part-time	64.3	33.3	21.1	54.3	54.0	55.0
Looking for work		16.7	15.8	14.7	14.1	12.4
NILFET				4.6	5.3	4.1
Unknown				0.2	0.1	0.1
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Note:** NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training

## 2.5 Year 12 or equivalent completers who were employed

**Table 14: Top 10 occupations of Year 12 or equivalent completers who were employed at the time of the On Track survey, Ararat (RC) and Victoria 2016**

Occupation	Ararat (RC)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Sales Assistants	np	np	707	14.0
Checkout Operators & Cashiers	np	np	512	10.2
Waiters	np	np	579	11.5
Storepersons	np	np	312	6.2
Counter Hands at Food Outlets			304	6.0
Kitchenhands	np	np	248	4.9
Receptionists	np	np	126	2.5
Bar Attendants	np	np	190	3.8
Teachers, Tutors & Teacher Aides			130	2.6
Factory Workers & Packers	np	np	157	3.1
All other occupations	11	42.3	1,769	35.1
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,034</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 15: Average hours worked per week, Year 12 or equivalent completers who were employed at the time of the On Track survey, Ararat (RC) and Victoria 2016**

Average hours worked per week	Ararat (RC)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Less than 5 hours			70	1.4
5 - 9 hours			263	5.4
10 - 14 hours			439	9.0
15 - 19 hours	np	np	513	10.5
20 - 24 hours	np	np	711	14.6
25 - 29 hours	np	np	539	11.1
30 - 34 hours	np	np	593	12.2
35 - 39 hours	6	24.0	704	14.5
40 - 44 hours	7	28.0	613	12.6
45 - 49 hours	np	np	169	3.5
Greater than or equal to 50 hours	np	np	254	5.2
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,868</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 16: Preference to be working full-time, Year 12 or equivalent completers who were employed at the time of the On Track survey, Ararat (RC) and Victoria 2016**

Prefer to be working full-time	Ararat (RC)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Yes	np	np	1,964	61.3
No	np	np	1,092	34.1
Cannot say			148	4.6
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Note:** Part-time employment = less than 35 hours per week

### 3. Post-school destinations of early school leavers

**Table 17: Post-school destinations of early school leavers who exited school in 2015, Ararat (RC) and Victoria**

Post-school destination	Ararat (RC)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
In Education or Training	np	np	1,378	54.0
Bachelor degree			19	0.7
Certificates/diplomas			604	23.6
Certificate I-III			327	12.8
Certificate IV or higher			277	10.8
Apprenticeship/traineeship	np	np	755	29.6
Apprenticeship	np	np	659	25.8
Traineeship			96	3.8
Not in Education or Training	np	np	1,169	45.8
Employed	np	np	613	24.0
Employed full-time	np	np	234	9.2
Employed part-time	np	np	379	14.8
Looking for work			406	15.9
NILFET			150	5.9
Unknown			7	0.3
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>2,554</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Note:** NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training

**Table 18: Post-school destinations of early school leavers in Ararat (RC) and Victoria, 2012 to 2016**

Post-school destination	Ararat (RC)					Victoria				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Bachelor degree						0.4	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.7
Certificates/diplomas		np	np			21.4	23.2	28.1	25.8	23.6
Apprenticeship/traineeship	np	np	np	58.3	np	34.6	27.5	25.1	28.2	29.6
Employed	np	np	np	np	np	23.3	24.8	23.9	23.7	24.0
Looking for work	np		np	np		15.0	17.4	16.9	15.6	15.9
NILFET				np		5.2	6.0	5.1	5.5	5.9
Unknown						0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3

**Note:** NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training. The percentage of early school leavers by post-school destination is sensitive to changes in respondent numbers and fluctuates year to year due to the small sample size in each cohort.

Figure 7: Reasons given by early school leavers in Ararat (RC) and Victoria for leaving school, 2016

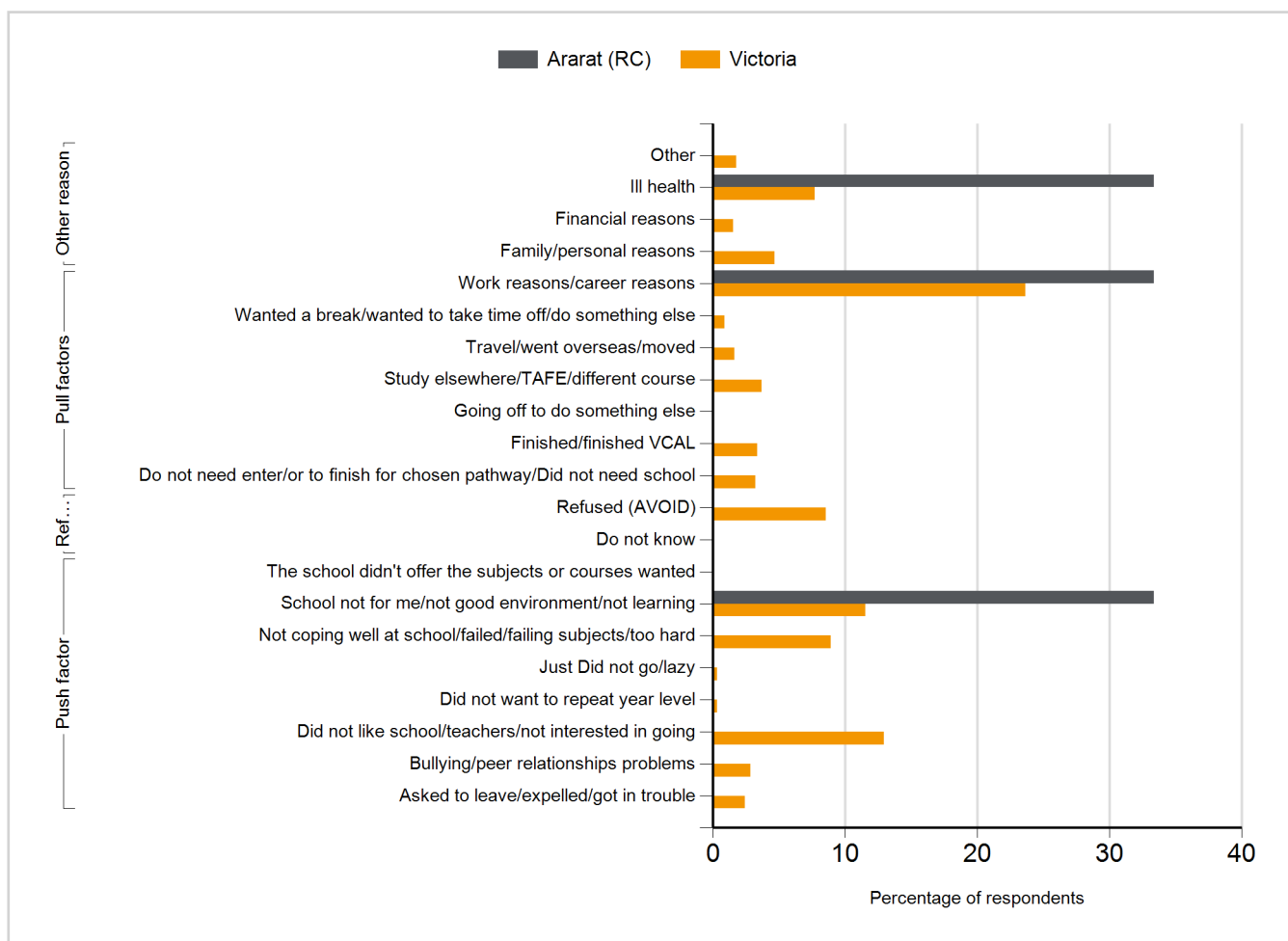


Table 19: Factors that would have motivated early school leavers to stay in school, Ararat (RC) and Victoria, 2012 to 2016

Motivation factors for staying in schools		The school had a wider range of subjects	There were vocational programs or VET subjects in areas that interested you	There was more flexible scheduling of classes	You could have studied part-time while working
		Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Ararat (RC)	2012	70.0	60.0	70.0	90.0
	2013	60.0	80.0	80.0	80.0
	2014	37.5	62.5	62.5	50.0
	2015	58.3	41.7	58.3	33.3
	2016	33.3	66.7		66.7
Victoria	2012	49.5	50.7	51.3	58.4
	2013	49.7	49.4	48.7	55.4
	2014	48.6	47.6	48.4	52.3
	2015	47.5	47.9	46.8	50.5
	2016	48.5	46.2	47.9	50.6

Note: Respondents may have agreed to more than one statement.



Figure 8: Year level studying when left school, early school leavers in Ararat (RC) and Victoria, 2012 to 2016

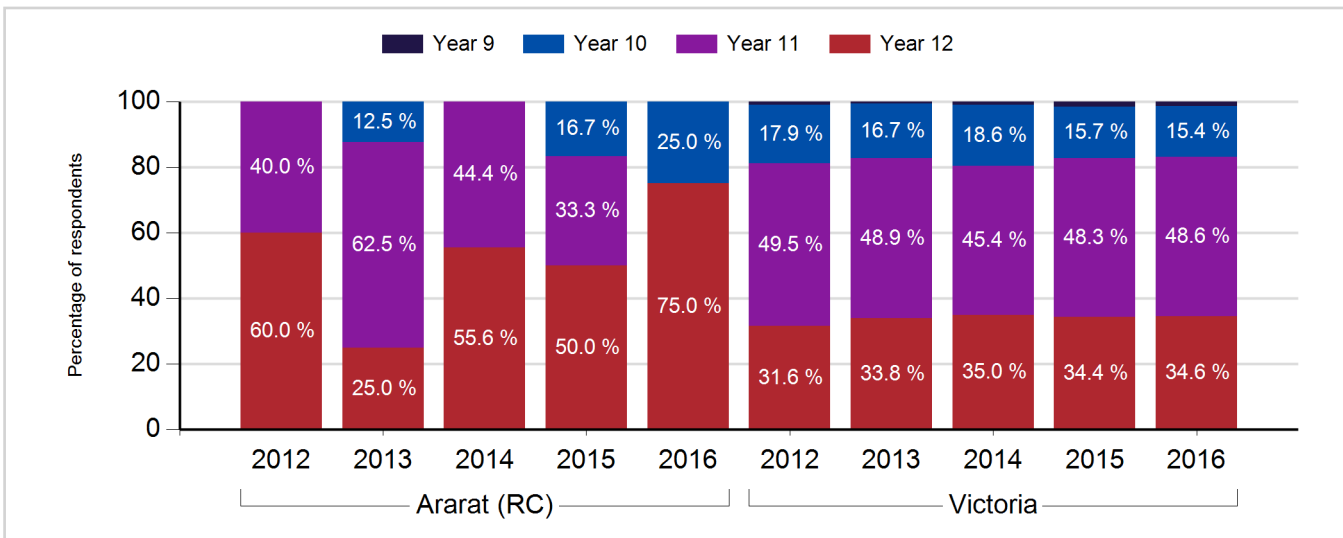


Figure 9: Reasons for not continuing education or training: early school leavers in Ararat (RC) and Victoria, 2016

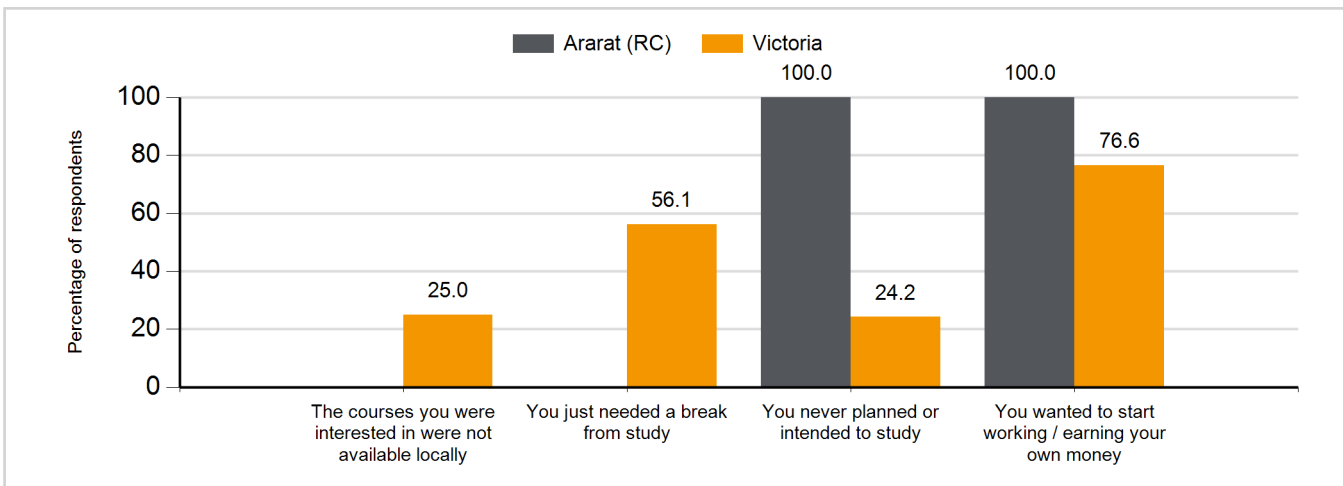


Table 20: Top 5 occupations of early school leavers not in education or training who were employed at the time of the On Track survey, Ararat (RC) and Victoria 2016

Occupation group	Ararat (RC)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Sales Assistants			53	9.1
Counter Hands at Food Outlets			25	4.3
Checkout Operators & Cashiers			34	5.8
Storepersons			20	3.4
Kitchenhands			44	7.5
All other occupations	np	np	409	69.9
<b>Total working and not in education or training</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>100.0</b>

#### 4. Career advice activities participated in while at school

Figure 10: Career advice activities participated in while at school, by school leavers in Ararat (RC), 2016

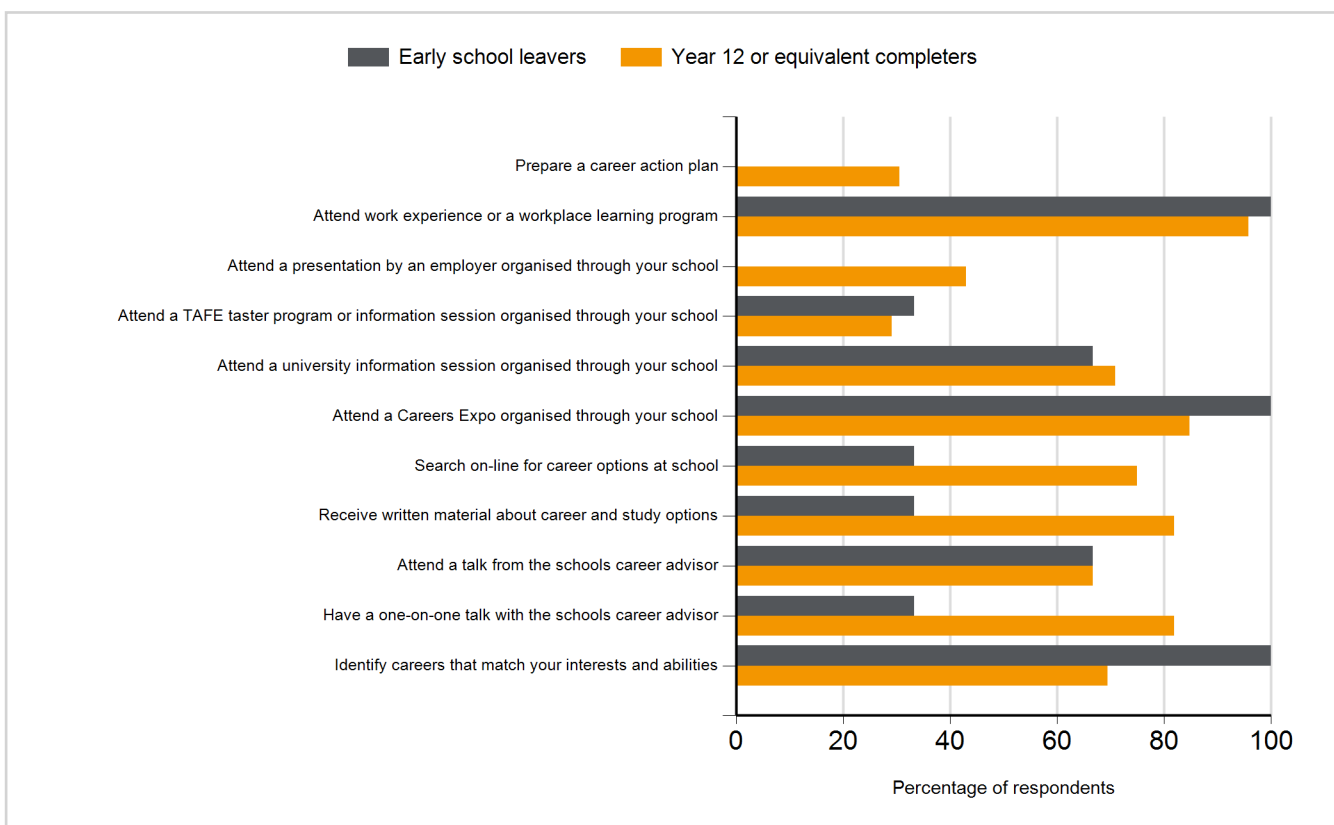


Table 21: Perceived usefulness of career advice received while at school, school leavers in Ararat (RC) and Victoria, 2016

Perceived usefulness of career advice received	Ararat (RC)		Victoria	
	Year 12 or equivalent completers (Per cent)	Early school leavers (Per cent)	Year 12 or equivalent completers (Per cent)	Early school leavers (Per cent)
Very useful	47.2		28.7	20.1
Somewhat useful	36.1	np	50.9	41.8
Not very useful	11.1	np	13.8	18.0
Not at all useful	np		5.5	15.3
Did not receive any advice / Cannot say			1.1	4.8
<b>Total respondents (Number)</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>29,029</b>	<b>2,334</b>

Table 22: Follow-up action taken on career action plans by early school leavers in Ararat (RC), 2016

Career action plan follow-up	Year 12 or equivalent completers		Early school leavers	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
<b>Total respondents</b>	72		np	
Prepared a career action plan while at school	22	30.6		
(Of those who prepared a plan) - Had a copy of this plan when they left school	10	45.5		
(Of those that had a copy of their plan when they left school) - Followed up on actions in their plan	6	60.0		