

ON TRACK 2016 SURVEY RESULTS



DESTINATION OF STUDENTS WHO EXITED SCHOOL
IN 2015

Ballarat (C)



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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:
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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 Ballarat (C) who exited school in 2015

On Track participation	Year 12 or equivalent completers		
	Males	Females	All Total
School leavers in cohort	576	607	1183
Consented to participate	502	530	1032
Responded to survey	328	350	678
Participation rate (per cent)	56.9	57.7	57.3

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 Ballarat (C) who exited school in 2015

On Track participation	Early school leavers		
	Males	Females	All Total
School leavers in cohort	282	178	460
Consented to participate	221	130	351
Responded to survey	79	19	98
Participation rate (per cent)	28.0	10.7	21.3

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: Ballarat (C) and Victoria

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

Post-school destination	Ballarat (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
In Education or Training	470	69.3	22800	76.8
Bachelor degree	351	51.8	16081	54.2
Certificates/diplomas	55	8.1	4327	14.6
Certificate I-III	19	2.8	756	2.5
Certificate IV or higher	36	5.3	3571	12.0
Apprenticeship/traineeship	64	9.4	2392	8.1
Apprenticeship	45	6.6	1645	5.5
Traineeship	19	2.8	747	2.5
Not in Education or Training	207	30.5	6871	23.2
Employed	169	24.9	5256	17.7
Employed full-time	54	8.0	1793	6.0
Employed part-time	115	17.0	3463	11.7
Looking for work	35	5.2	1346	4.5
NILFET	np	np	269	0.9
Unknown	np	np	8	0.0
Total respondents	678	100.0	29679	100.0

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

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

Post-school destination	Ballarat (C)					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	49.4	46.4	51.4	48.0	51.8	52.0	53.2	54.3	53.2	54.2
Certificates/diplomas	12.6	9.9	9.6	11.7	8.1	17.5	15.8	16.1	16.3	14.6
Apprenticeship/traineeship	8.3	7.7	7.7	8.6	9.4	8.0	7.1	7.0	7.5	8.1
Employed	24.0	29.2	24.4	25.0	24.9	17.5	17.9	16.7	17.0	17.7
Looking for work	4.8	5.8	6.0	5.2	5.2	4.1	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.5
NILFET	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.3	np	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.9
Unknown				np	np		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

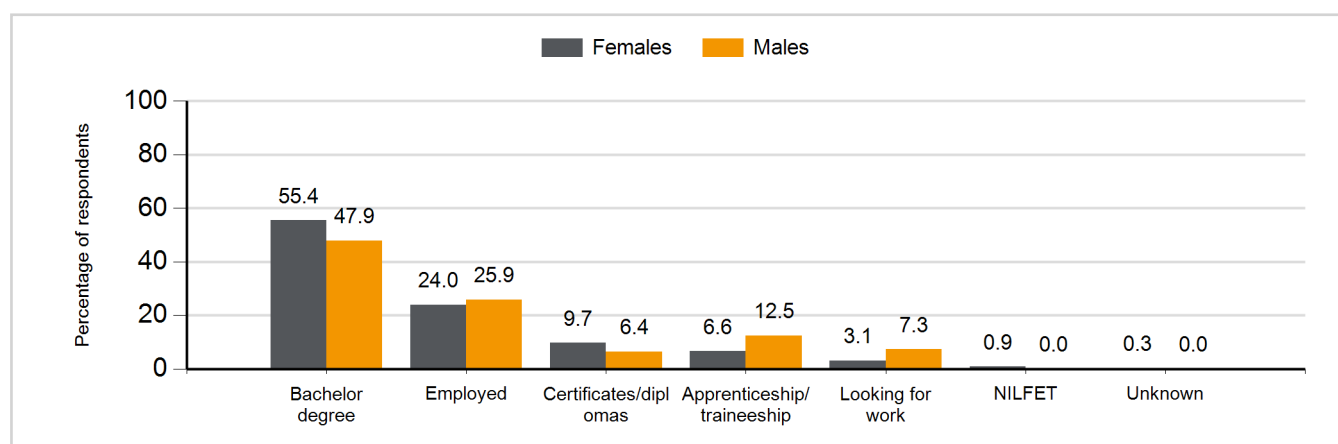
2. Destinations of 2015 Year 12 or equivalent completers: Ballarat (C) and Victoria

Table 5: Post-school destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers in Ballarat (C), 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	np	68.2		42.4	
Certificates/diplomas	23.9	3.5		10.3	
Apprenticeship/traineeship	13.0	4.8		13.4	
Employed	26.1	20.3		29.3	
Looking for work	28.3	2.9		4.0	
NILFET	np			np	
Unknown		np			
Total respondents	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

Figure 1: Post school destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers in Ballarat (C), by gender, 2016



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

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

Post-school destination	SES quartile of student residence			
	Lowest	Low - Medium	Medium	High
Bachelor degree	42.0	55.1	51.3	50.0
Certificates/diplomas	12.3	7.5	4.3	np
Apprenticeship/traineeship	9.4	9.0	12.0	np
Employed	26.8	23.1	28.2	31.8
Looking for work	8.0	4.8	4.3	
NILFET	np	np		
Unknown		np		
Total respondents	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

2. Destinations of 2015 Year 12 or equivalent completers: Ballarat (C) and Victoria

Table 7: School destination results of Year 12 or equivalent completers, On Track survey data 2016, Ballarat (C), 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
Ballarat Christian College (11959)	28	18	38.9	np	np	38.9
Ballarat Clarendon College (01010)	137	75	85.3	np	np	9.3
Ballarat Grammar (01480)	146	94	64.9	6.4	6.4	22.3
Ballarat High School (01060)	169	102	41.2	7.8	10.8	40.2
Ballarat Secondary College (01111)	74	39	38.5	15.4	np	35.9
Loreto College (01426)	130	78	60.3	np	np	34.6
Mount Clear College (01531)	124	70	38.6	12.9	12.9	35.7
Phoenix P-12 Community College (01581)	87	61	42.6	13.1	11.5	32.8
St Patrick's College Ballarat (01321)	171	110	41.8	5.5	20.0	32.7
Total respondents in LGA	1066	647				

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 Ballarat (C). Students who reside in Ballarat (C) but attended a school outside Ballarat (C) 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 Ballarat (C) and were in campus-based tertiary study in 2016

Institution of study	Year 12 or equivalent completers	
	Number	Per cent
University		
Australian Catholic University	47	12.2
Charles Sturt University	np	np
Deakin University	61	15.8
Federation University (formerly Ballarat University)	95	24.7
La Trobe University	25	6.5
Melbourne University	41	10.6
Monash University	30	7.8
RMIT University	26	6.8
Swinburne University	16	4.2
Victoria University	np	np
Interstate Universities	15	3.9
TAFE / VET		
Chisholm Institute of TAFE	np	np
Federation Training (formerly Central Gippsland TAFE)	np	np
Federation University - TAFE Division (formerly Ballarat University - TAFE Division)	14	3.6
Gordon Institute	np	np
Melbourne Polytechnic	np	np
RMIT (TAFE Division)	np	np
Victoria University (TAFE Division)	np	np
William Angliss Institute of TAFE	np	np
Total respondents in campus-based study	385	100.0

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

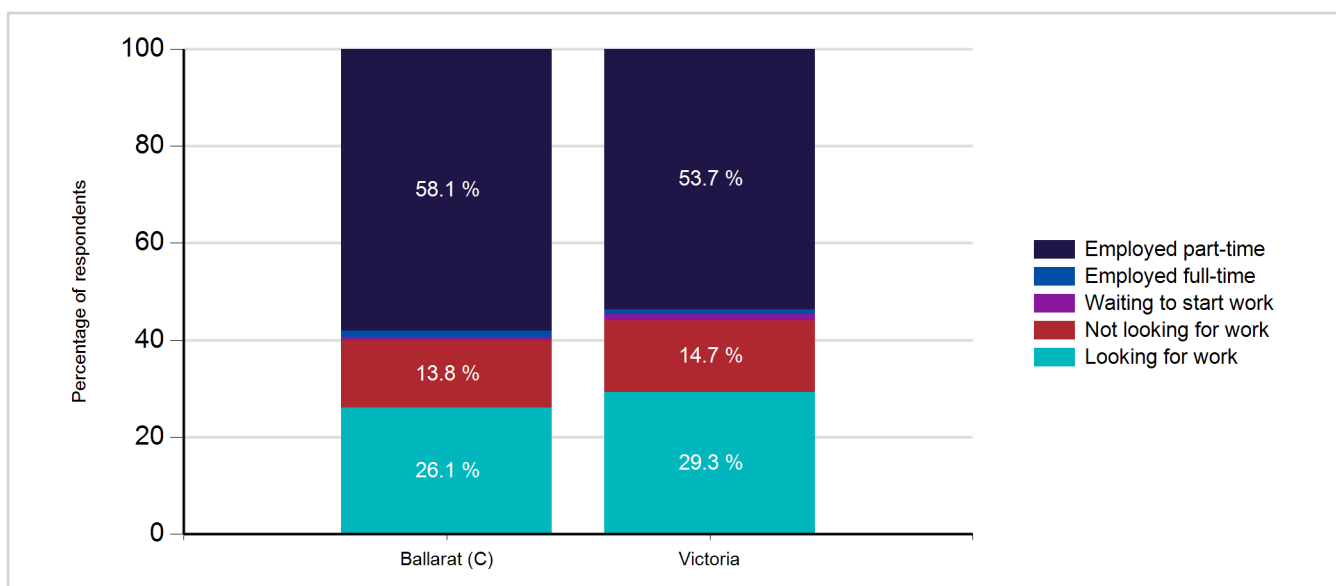
Table 9: Main field of study of Year 12 or equivalent completers in campus-based study, Ballarat (C) and Victoria 2016

Main field of study	Ballarat (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Agriculture, Environmental and Related studies	12	3.0	299	1.5
Architecture and Building	11	2.7	551	2.7
Creative Arts	55	13.6	2938	14.4
Education	34	8.4	1341	6.6
Engineering and Related Technologies	26	6.4	1442	7.1
Food, Hospitality & Personal Services	np	np	352	1.7
General degree	np	np	32	0.2
Health	88	21.7	3436	16.8
Information Technology	14	3.5	757	3.7
Management and Commerce	47	11.6	3572	17.5
Mixed Field Programmes	np	np	111	0.5
Natural and Physical Sciences	52	12.8	2785	13.7
Other	np	np	44	0.2
Society and Culture	58	14.3	2734	13.4
Total respondents in campus-based study	405	100.0	20,394	100.0

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, Ballarat (C) 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, Ballarat (C) and Victoria, 2016

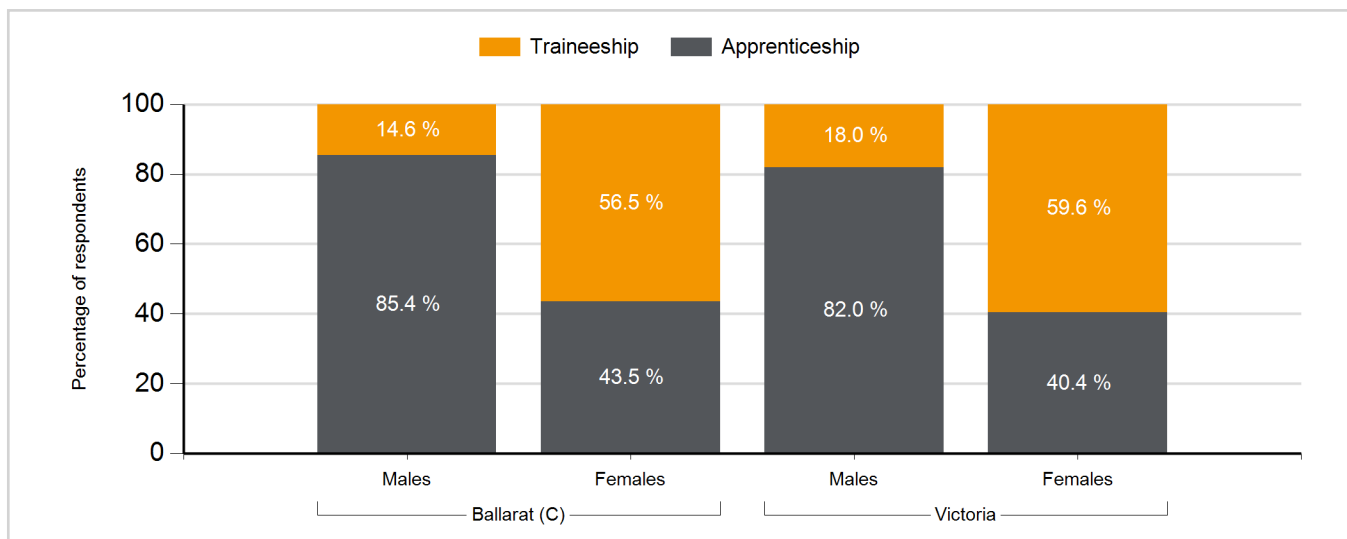


Table 10: Occupation groups of Year 12 or equivalent completers in an apprenticeship or traineeship, Ballarat (C) and Victoria 2016

Occupation group	Ballarat (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Accounting, Finance & Management			56	2.4
Building & Construction	19	29.7	563	24.1
Cleaning			7	0.3
Clerks, Receptionists & Secretaries	5	7.8	112	4.8
Computing & IT			29	1.2
Drivers & Transport			6	0.3
Electrical & Electronics Trades	6	9.4	285	12.2
Engineering, Science & the Environment			30	1.3
Food, Hospitality & Tourism	8	12.5	282	12.1
Gardening, Farming & Fishing	np	np	91	3.9
Government & Defence			14	0.6
Health, Fitness, Hair & Beauty	7	10.9	202	8.6
Labourers, Factory & Machine Workers	np	np	40	1.7
Marketing & Sales Representatives	np	np	24	1.0
Media, the Arts & Printing			22	0.9
Metal & Engineering Trades	np	np	60	2.6
Motor Vehicle Service & Repair	np	np	162	6.9
Other			65	2.8
Sales Assistants & Storepersons	np	np	123	5.3
Social, Welfare & Security			20	0.9
Teaching, Childcare & Library	np	np	145	6.2
Total - all occupation groups	64	100.0	2,338	100.0

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 Ballarat (C) 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	83.3	66.7	32.5	13.5
2013	92.3	78.1	29.7	16.8
2014	82.5	74.6	32.5	19.8
2015	86.5	70.3	36.0	18.9
2016	84.1	75.2	36.3	15.0

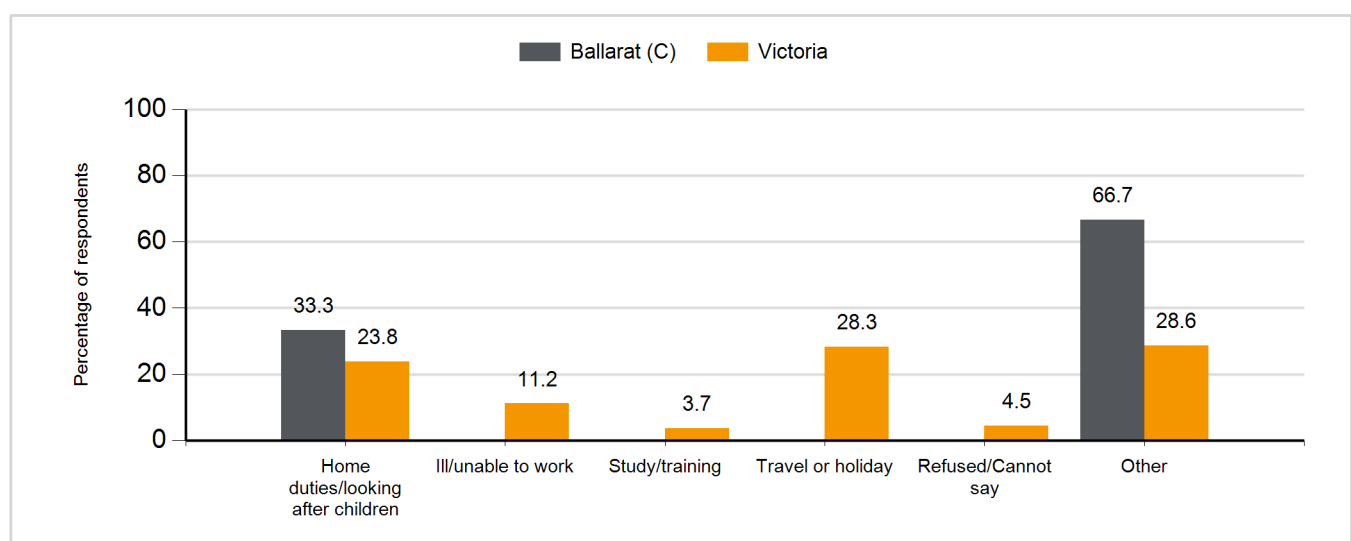
Note:

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, Ballarat (C) and Victoria 2016

Likelihood of future study	Ballarat (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Extremely likely	46	41.1	1680	43.5
Somewhat likely	40	35.7	1525	39.5
Not very likely	21	18.8	397	10.3
Not at all likely	np	np	149	3.9
Cannot say / refused	np	np	110	2.8
Total - all occupation groups	112	100.0	3,861	100.0

Figure 4: Main activity reported by Year 12 or equivalent completers Not in the Labour Force, Education or Training (NILFET), Ballarat (C) 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 Ballarat (C) and Victoria, 2012 to 2016

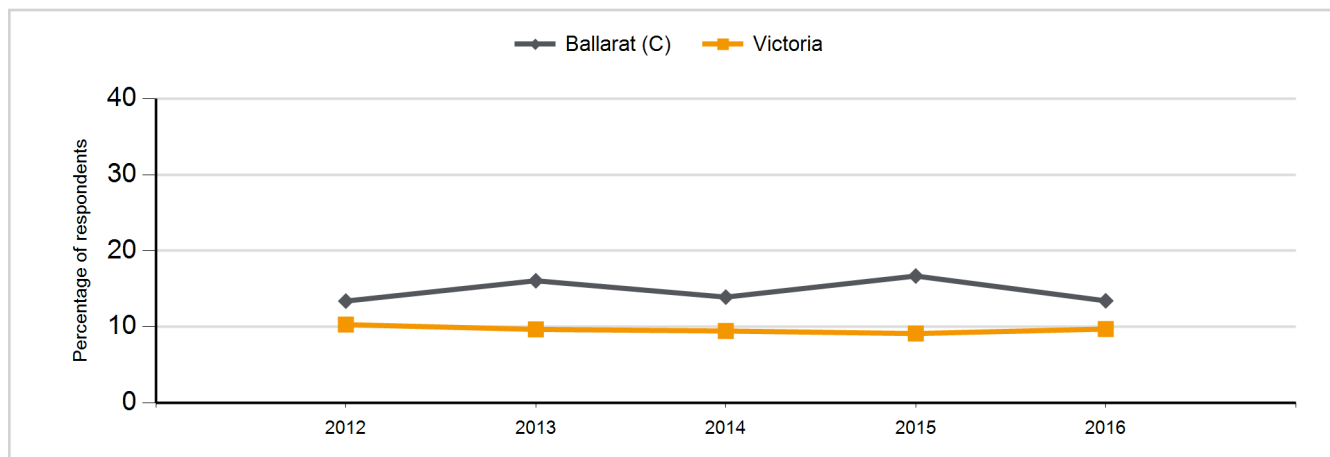
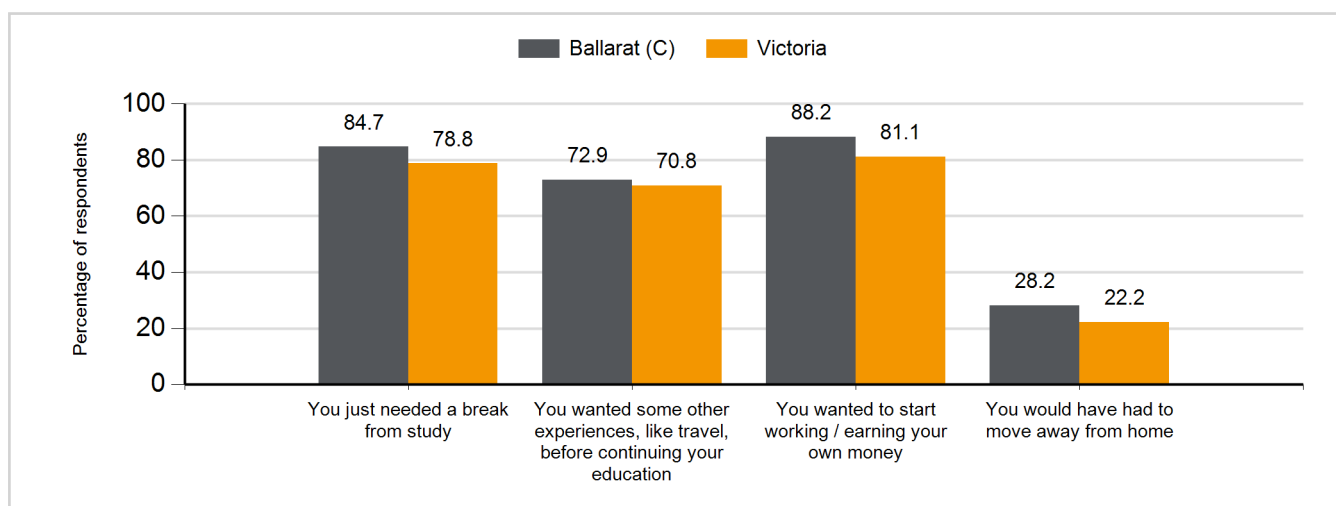


Figure 6: Reasons provided by Year 12 or equivalent completers for deferring tertiary study, Ballarat (C) and Victoria, 2016



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

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

Post-school destination of deferred students	Ballarat (C)			Victoria		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Employed full-time	28.3	32.1	24.2	26.2	26.4	28.3
Employed part-time	56.6	54.0	61.5	54.3	54.0	55.0
Looking for work	14.2	8.0	13.2	14.7	14.1	12.4
NILFET	0.9	5.1		4.6	5.3	4.1
Unknown		0.7	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Total respondents	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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, Ballarat (C) and Victoria 2016

Occupation	Ballarat (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Sales Assistants	20	12.3	707	14.0
Checkout Operators & Cashiers	16	9.8	512	10.2
Waiters	14	8.6	579	11.5
Storepersons	11	6.7	312	6.2
Counter Hands at Food Outlets	18	11.0	304	6.0
Kitchenhands	9	5.5	248	4.9
Receptionists	np	np	126	2.5
Bar Attendants	11	6.7	190	3.8
Teachers, Tutors & Teacher Aides	5	3.1	130	2.6
Factory Workers & Packers	np	np	157	3.1
All other occupations	51	31.3	1,769	35.1
Total respondents	163	100.0	5,034	100.0

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

Average hours worked per week	Ballarat (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Less than 5 hours	np	np	70	1.4
5 - 9 hours	5	3.3	263	5.4
10 - 14 hours	10	6.6	439	9.0
15 - 19 hours	15	9.9	513	10.5
20 - 24 hours	28	18.4	711	14.6
25 - 29 hours	17	11.2	539	11.1
30 - 34 hours	23	15.1	593	12.2
35 - 39 hours	21	13.8	704	14.5
40 - 44 hours	19	12.5	613	12.6
45 - 49 hours	np	np	169	3.5
Greater than or equal to 50 hours	8	5.3	254	5.2
Total respondents	152	100.0	4,868	100.0

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

Prefer to be working full-time	Ballarat (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Yes	73	70.9	1,964	61.3
No	27	26.2	1,092	34.1
Cannot say	np	np	148	4.6
Total respondents	103	100.0	3,204	100.0

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, Ballarat (C) and Victoria

Post-school destination	Ballarat (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
In Education or Training	60	61.2	1,378	54.0
Bachelor degree	np	np	19	0.7
Certificates/diplomas	15	15.3	604	23.6
Certificate I-III	10	10.2	327	12.8
Certificate IV or higher	5	5.1	277	10.8
Apprenticeship/traineeship	43	43.9	755	29.6
Apprenticeship	43	43.9	659	25.8
Traineeship			96	3.8
Not in Education or Training	38	38.8	1,169	45.8
Employed	18	18.4	613	24.0
Employed full-time	6	6.1	234	9.2
Employed part-time	12	12.2	379	14.8
Looking for work	18	18.4	406	15.9
NILFET	np	np	150	5.9
Unknown			7	0.3
Total respondents	98	100.0	2,554	100.0

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

Table 18: Post-school destinations of early school leavers in Ballarat (C) and Victoria, 2012 to 2016

Post-school destination	Ballarat (C)					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			np	np	np	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.7
Certificates/diplomas	25.0	14.1	20.2	23.7	15.3	21.4	23.2	28.1	25.8	23.6
Apprenticeship/traineeship	47.1	31.3	23.3	30.2	43.9	34.6	27.5	25.1	28.2	29.6
Employed	18.3	28.9	24.8	19.4	18.4	23.3	24.8	23.9	23.7	24.0
Looking for work	6.7	19.5	27.1	19.4	18.4	15.0	17.4	16.9	15.6	15.9
NILFET	np	6.3	3.9	6.5	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 Ballarat (C) and Victoria for leaving school, 2016

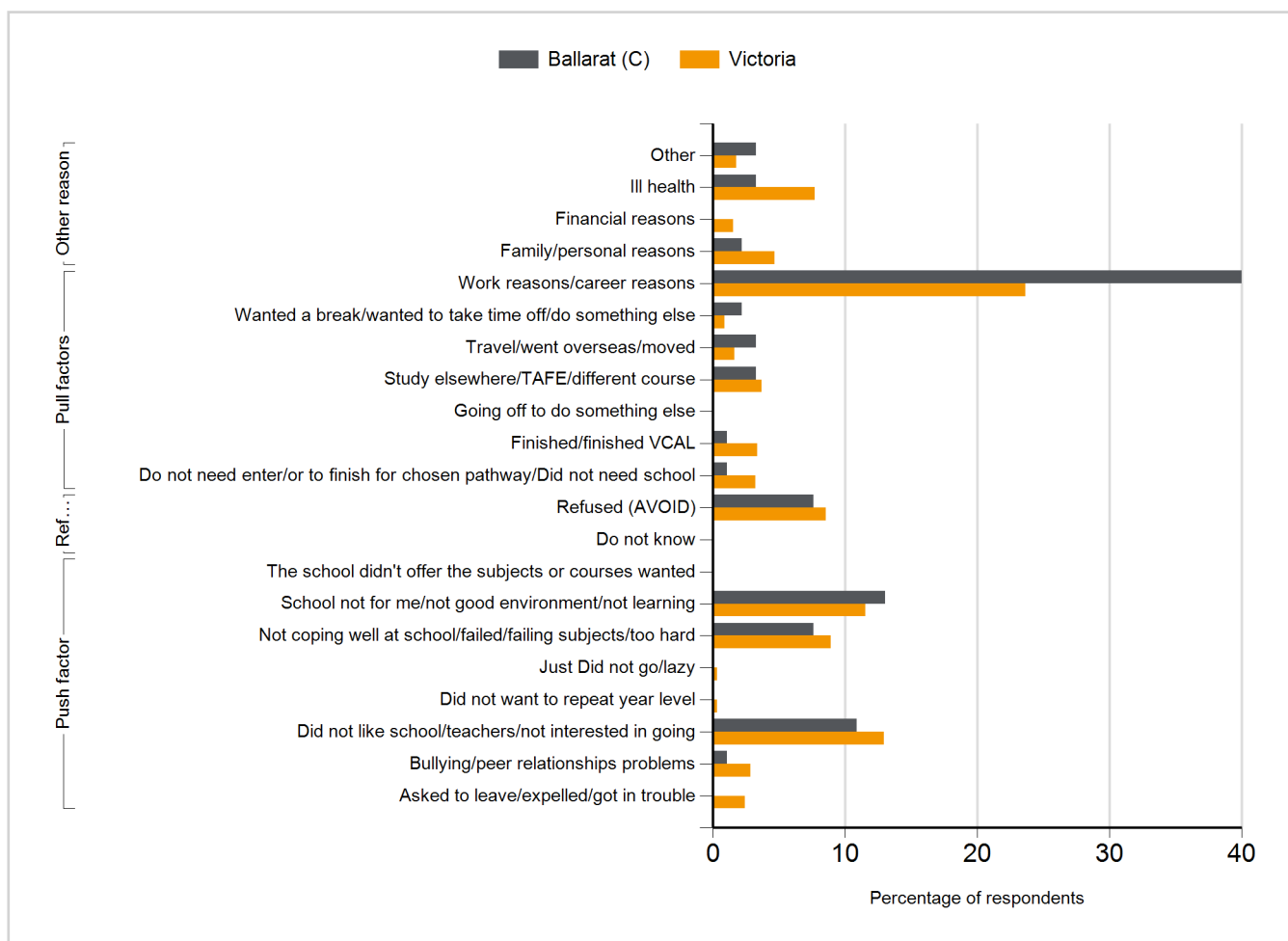


Table 19: Factors that would have motivated early school leavers to stay in school, Ballarat (C) and Victoria, 2012 to 2016

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
Ballarat (C)	2012	51.1	47.9	45.7	55.3
	2013	48.3	45.7	56.9	56.9
	2014	40.9	45.2	45.2	48.7
	2015	37.7	44.6	41.5	50.8
	2016	42.4	51.1	48.9	48.9
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 Ballarat (C) and Victoria, 2012 to 2016

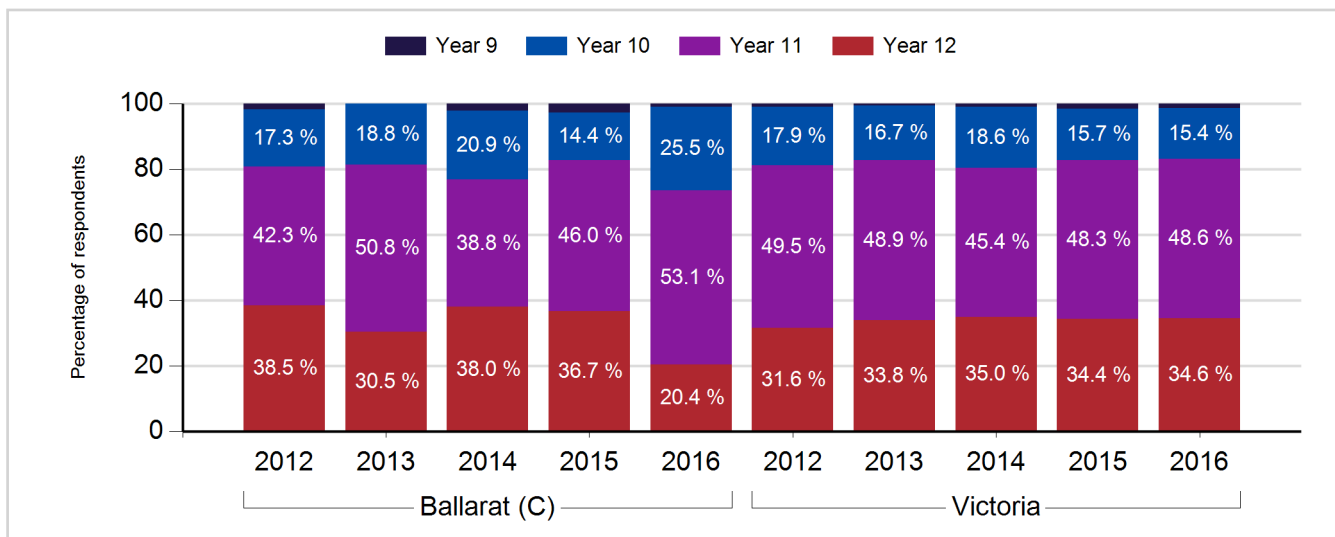


Figure 9: Reasons for not continuing education or training: early school leavers in Ballarat (C) and Victoria, 2016

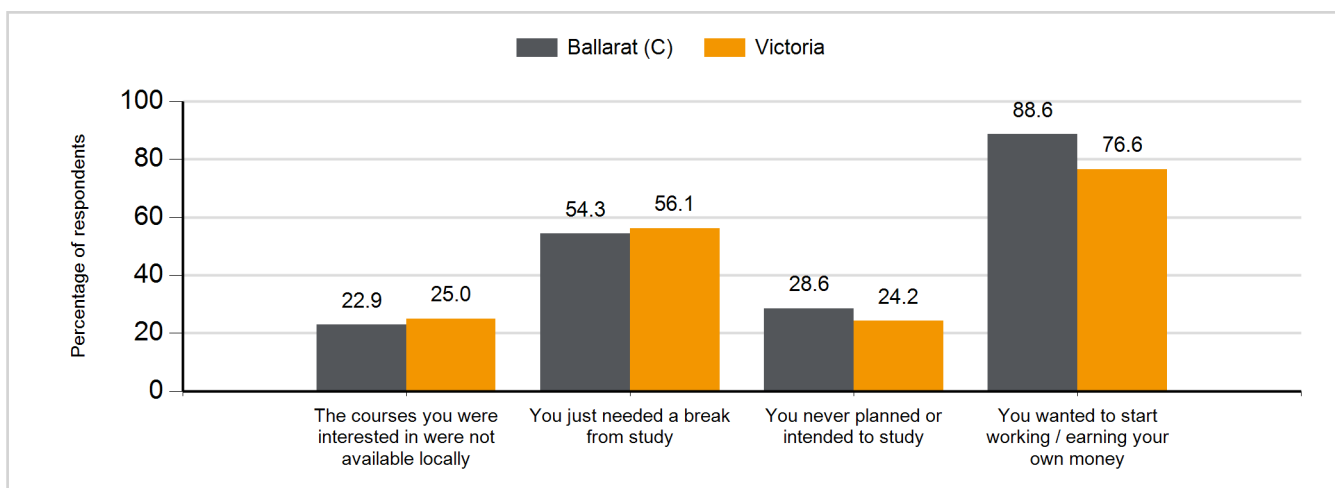


Table 20: Top 5 occupations of early school leavers not in education or training who were employed at the time of the On Track survey, Ballarat (C) and Victoria 2016

Occupation group	Ballarat (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Sales Assistants			53	9.1
Counter Hands at Food Outlets	np	np	25	4.3
Checkout Operators & Cashiers			34	5.8
Storepersons	np	np	20	3.4
Kitchenhands			44	7.5
All other occupations	16	88.9	409	69.9
Total working and not in education or training	18	100.0	585	100.0

4. Career advice activities participated in while at school

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

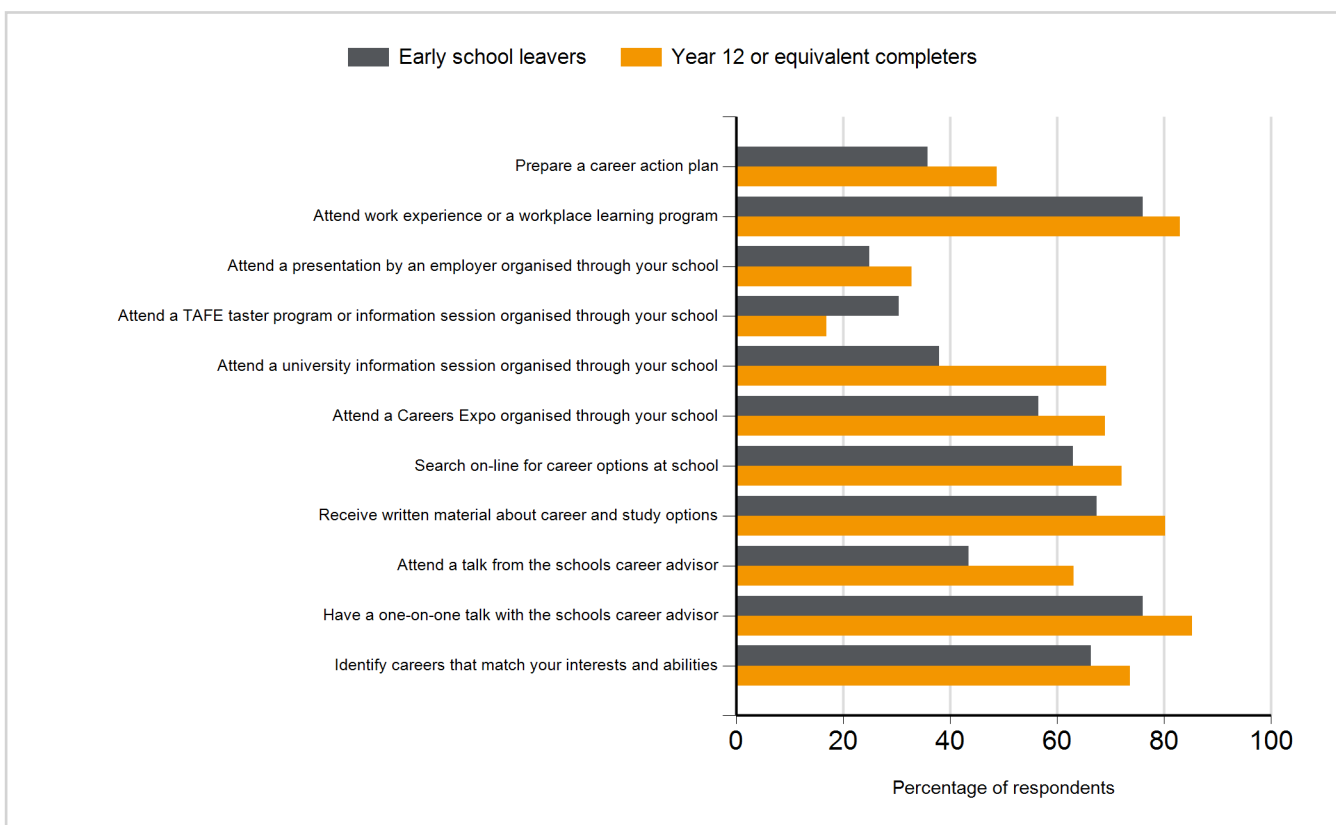


Table 21: Perceived usefulness of career advice received while at school, school leavers in Ballarat (C) and Victoria, 2016

Perceived usefulness of career advice received	Ballarat (C)		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	29.8	21.7	28.7	20.1
Somewhat useful	49.8	42.4	50.9	41.8
Not very useful	14.6	18.5	13.8	18.0
Not at all useful	4.6	12.0	5.5	15.3
Did not receive any advice / Cannot say	1.2	5.4	1.1	4.8
Total respondents (Number)	657	92	29,029	2,334

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

Career action plan follow-up	Year 12 or equivalent completers		Early school leavers	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Total respondents	657		92	
Prepared a career action plan while at school	320	48.7	33	35.9
(Of those who prepared a plan) - Had a copy of this plan when they left school	126	39.4	9	27.3
(Of those that had a copy of their plan when they left school) - Followed up on actions in their plan	88	69.8	5	55.6