

ON TRACK 2017 SURVEY RESULTS



DESTINATION OF STUDENTS WHO EXITED SCHOOL
IN 2016

Whittlesea (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 report provides local level information on the post-school education, training and employment destinations of students who attended schools in this LGA to support post compulsory education planning and to assist with youth support services. The report draws on data obtained through the 2017 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 snapshot 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 On Track statewide snapshot and LGA reports are available to the public on the On Track website: 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 2017 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: 2017 On Track participation, Year 12 or equivalent completers in Whittlesea (C) who exited school in 2016

On Track participation	Year 12 or equivalent completers		
	Males	Females	All Total
School leavers in cohort	581	683	1264
Consented to participate	463	584	1047
Responded to survey	316	400	716
Participation rate (per cent)	54.4	58.6	56.6

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

1.2 Participation of early school leavers in the 2017 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: 2017 On Track participation, early school leavers in Whittlesea (C) who exited school in 2016

On Track participation	Early school leavers		
	Males	Females	All Total
School leavers in cohort	180	113	293
Consented to participate	123	92	215
Responded to survey	44	34	78
Participation rate (per cent)	24.4	30.1	26.6

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 2016 or had returned to school in 2017 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 2016 Year 12 or equivalent completers: Whittlesea (C) and Victoria

Table 3: Destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers who exited school in 2016, Whittlesea (C) and Victoria

Post-school destination	Whittlesea (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
In Education or Training	564	78.8	21071	74.8
Bachelor degree	363	50.7	15156	53.8
Certificates/diplomas	133	18.6	3643	12.9
Certificate I-III	15	2.1	566	2.0
Certificate IV or higher	118	16.5	3077	10.9
Apprenticeship/traineeship	68	9.5	2272	8.1
Apprenticeship	47	6.6	1603	5.7
Traineeship	21	2.9	669	2.4
Not in Education or Training	152	21.2	7073	25.1
Employed	107	14.9	5497	19.5
Employed full-time	31	4.3	1853	6.6
Employed part-time	76	10.6	3644	12.9
Looking for work	38	5.3	1297	4.6
NILFET	7	1.0	279	1.0
Unknown			18	0.1
Total respondents	716	100.0	28162	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, Whittlesea (C) and Victoria, 2013 to 2017

Post-school destination	Whittlesea (C)					Victoria				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Bachelor degree	47.9	47.9	43.3	46.5	50.7	53.2	54.3	53.2	54.2	53.8
Certificates/diplomas	26.1	27.0	25.4	21.1	18.6	15.8	16.1	16.3	14.6	12.9
Apprenticeship/traineeship	7.8	7.3	10.3	8.5	9.5	7.1	7.0	7.5	8.1	8.1
Employed	11.8	13.0	13.5	17.4	14.9	17.9	16.7	17.0	17.7	19.5
Looking for work	5.6	4.3	6.9	5.3	5.3	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.5	4.6
NILFET	0.8	np	0.6	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0
Unknown				np		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1

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

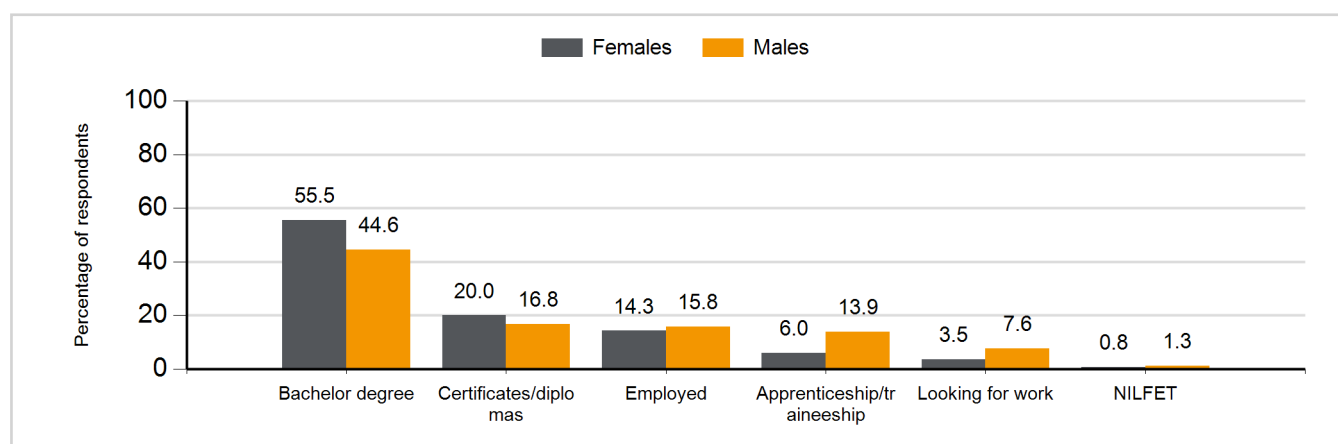
2. Destinations of 2016 Year 12 or equivalent completers: Whittlesea (C) and Victoria

Table 5: Post-school destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers in Whittlesea (C), by certificate and study strand completed in 2016

Post-school destination	Study strand completed			
	VCAL	VCE non-VET	VCE VET	IB
Bachelor degree		63.0	42.6	
Certificates/diplomas	25.3	16.5	20.7	
Apprenticeship/traineeship	31.6	4.7	11.7	
Employed	26.6	11.4	18.6	
Looking for work	13.9	3.8	5.3	
NILFET	np	np	np	
Unknown				
Total respondents	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 Whittlesea (C), by gender, 2017



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

Table 6: Post-school destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers in Whittlesea (C), by SES in 2016

Post-school destination	SES quartile of student residence			
	Lowest	Low - Medium	Medium	High
Bachelor degree	54.8	49.7	51.3	42.2
Certificates/diplomas	19.2	20.4	17.9	16.9
Apprenticeship/traineeship	9.0	9.5	7.1	19.3
Employed	9.0	16.3	16.2	19.3
Looking for work	7.3	np	6.2	np
NILFET	np	np	np	
Unknown				
Total respondents	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

2. Destinations of 2016 Year 12 or equivalent completers: Whittlesea (C) and Victoria

Table 7: School destination results of Year 12 or equivalent completers, On Track survey data 2017, Whittlesea (C), by school

School Name	Year 12 or equiv. completers	Respondents	In Education and Training - 2017			Not in Education and Training - 2017
			Bachelor enrolled	Tafe/Vet Enrolled	Apprentice / Trainee	Total not in Education and Training
	Number	Number	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Epping Secondary College (01098)	134	94	37.2	25.5	13.8	23.4
Ivanhoe Grammar School (01887)	44	28	82.1	np	np	np
Lalor North Secondary College (01163)	61	44	43.2	22.7	11.4	22.7
Lalor Secondary College (01217)	118	81	60.5	19.8	np	16.0
Marymede Catholic College (15008)	109	67	62.7	19.4	9.0	9.0
Mill Park Secondary College (01873)	278	140	47.1	14.3	12.1	26.4
St Monica's College (01393)	264	129	63.6	14.7	6.2	15.5
Thomastown Secondary College (01349)	81	51	39.2	23.5	9.8	27.5
Whittlesea Secondary College (01288)	103	68	26.5	20.6	13.2	39.7
Total	1192	702				

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 Whittlesea (C). Students who reside in Whittlesea (C) but attended a school outside Whittlesea (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 Whittlesea (C) and were in campus-based tertiary study in 2017

Institution of study	Year 12 or equivalent completers	
	Number	Per cent
University		
Australian Catholic University	18	3.9
Deakin University	7	1.5
La Trobe University	188	40.4
Melbourne University	25	5.4
Monash University	25	5.4
RMIT University	86	18.5
Swinburne University	20	4.3
Victoria University	21	4.5
Interstate Universities	np	np
Other Universities	np	np
TAFE / VET		
Box Hill Institute of TAFE	np	np
Chisholm Institute of TAFE	np	np
Holmesglen Institute	np	np
Kangan Batman Institute of TAFE	np	np
Melbourne Polytechnic	31	6.7
RMIT (TAFE Division)	11	2.4
Swinburne (TAFE Division)	11	2.4
Victoria University (TAFE Division)	np	np
William Angliss Institute of TAFE	6	1.3
Total respondents in campus-based study	465	100.0

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

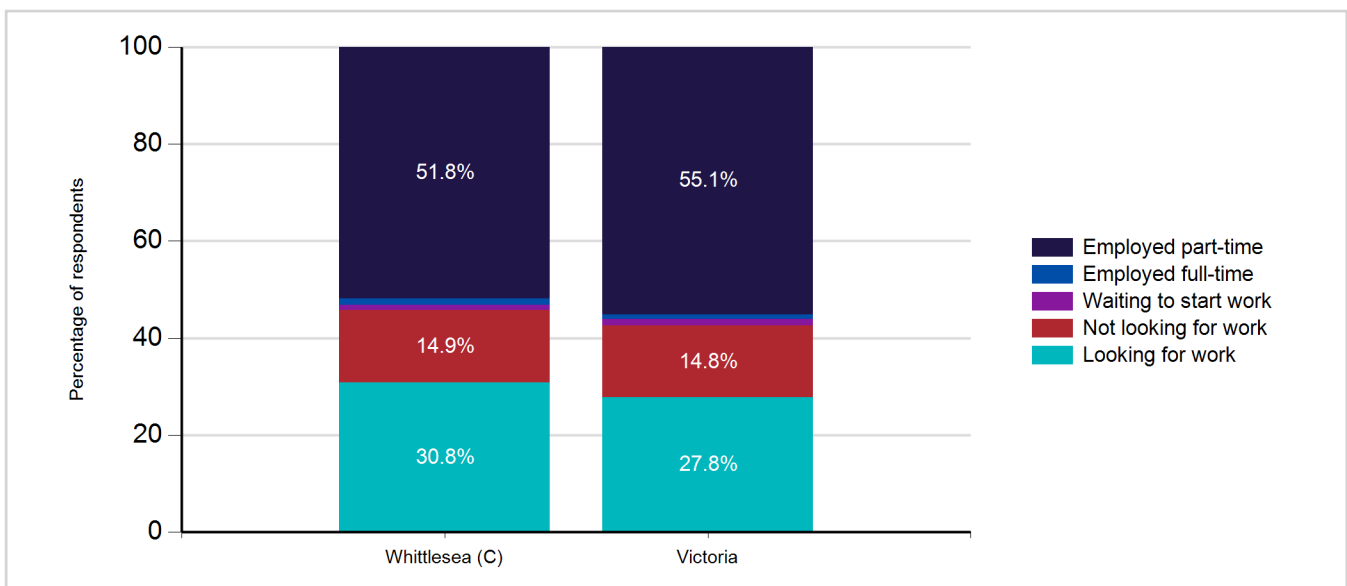
Table 9: Main field of study of Year 12 or equivalent completers in campus-based study, Whittlesea (C) and Victoria 2017

Main field of study	Whittlesea (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Agriculture, Environmental and Related studies	np	np	276	1.5
Architecture and Building	22	4.4	519	2.8
Creative Arts	44	8.9	2451	13.1
Education	53	10.7	1199	6.4
Engineering and Related Technologies	24	4.8	1361	7.2
Food, Hospitality & Personal Services	11	2.2	249	1.3
General degree			np	np
Health	88	17.7	3435	18.3
Information Technology	23	4.6	823	4.4
Management and Commerce	92	18.5	3159	16.8
Mixed Field Programmes	np	np	57	0.3
Natural and Physical Sciences	60	12.1	2424	12.9
Other			39	0.2
Society and Culture	74	14.9	2785	14.8
Total respondents in campus-based study	496	100.0	18,780	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, Whittlesea (C) and Victoria, 2017



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, Whittlesea (C) and Victoria, 2017

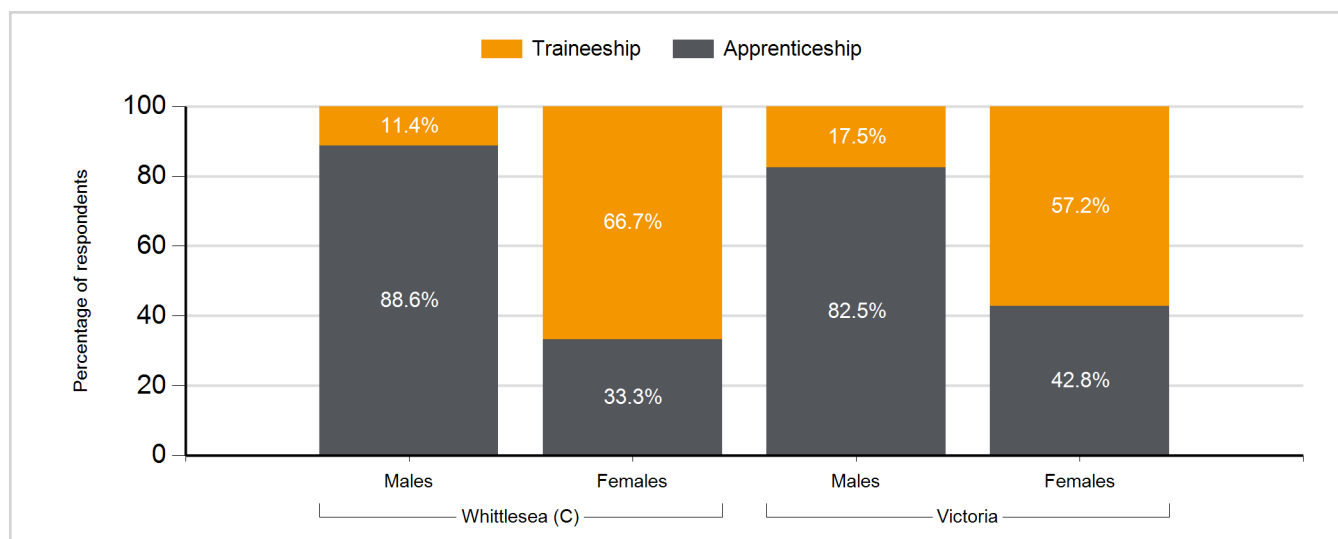


Table 10: Occupation groups of Year 12 or equivalent completers in an apprenticeship or traineeship, Whittlesea (C) and Victoria 2017

Occupation group	Whittlesea (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Accounting, Finance & Management	np	np	44	2.0
Building & Construction	20	29.9	583	25.9
Cleaning			11	0.5
Clerks, Receptionists & Secretaries	np	np	99	4.4
Computing & IT			25	1.1
Drivers & Transport			7	0.3
Electrical & Electronics Trades	6	9.0	272	12.1
Engineering, Science & the Environment			35	1.6
Food, Hospitality & Tourism	5	7.5	237	10.5
Gardening, Farming & Fishing			68	3.0
Government & Defence	np	np	21	0.9
Health, Fitness, Hair & Beauty	6	9.0	184	8.2
Labourers, Factory & Machine Workers	np	np	68	3.0
Marketing & Sales Representatives			17	0.8
Media, the Arts & Printing	np	np	25	1.1
Metal & Engineering Trades	np	np	36	1.6
Motor Vehicle Service & Repair	9	13.4	202	9.0
Other			54	2.4
Sales Assistants & Storepersons	np	np	95	4.2
Social, Welfare & Security	np	np	22	1.0
Teaching, Childcare & Library	np	np	142	6.3
Total - all occupation groups	67	100.0	2,247	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 Whittlesea (C) not in education or training at the time of the survey, 2013 to 2017

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
2013	81.1	56.6	21.7	17.9
2014	82.0	64.0	21.3	27.0
2015	88.5	61.1	30.1	18.6
2016	71.7	58.5	31.1	17.9
2017	76.2	54.3	21.9	19.0

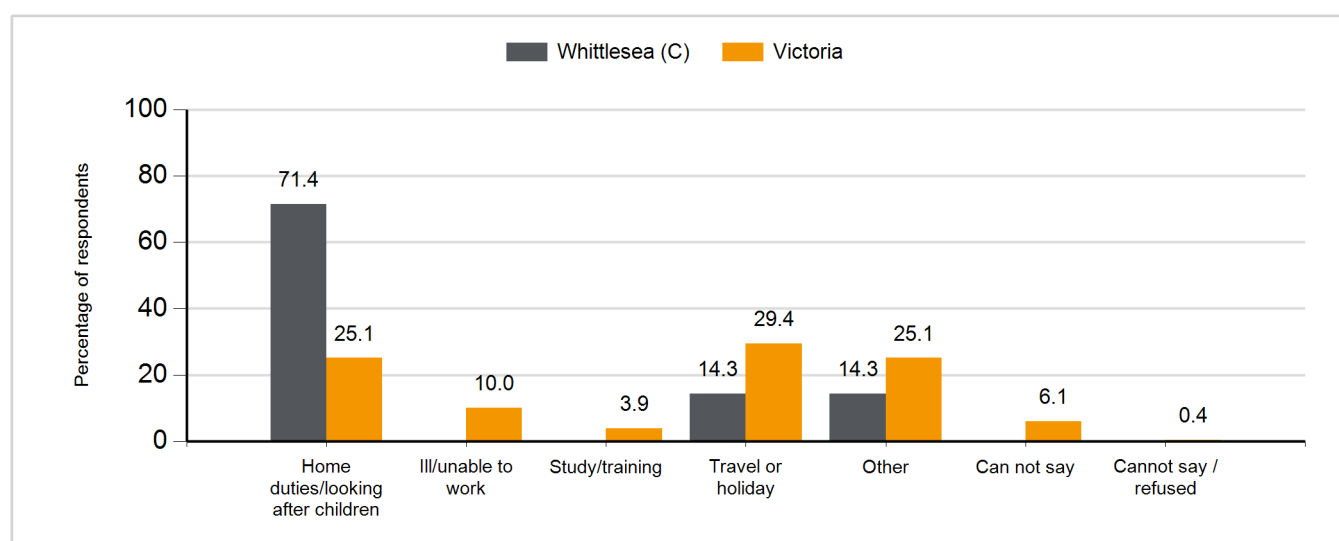
Note:

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, Whittlesea (C) and Victoria 2017

Likelihood of future study	Whittlesea (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Extremely likely	49	46.7	1658	41.6
Somewhat likely	34	32.4	1633	41.0
Not very likely	13	12.4	381	9.6
Not at all likely	np	np	176	4.4
Can not say	np	np	129	3.2
Cannot say / refused	np	np	9	0.2
Total	105	100.0	3,986	100.0

Figure 4: Main activity reported by Year 12 or equivalent completers Not in the Labour Force, Education or Training (NILFET), Whittlesea (C) and Victoria, 2017



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 Whittlesea (C) and Victoria, 2013 to 2017

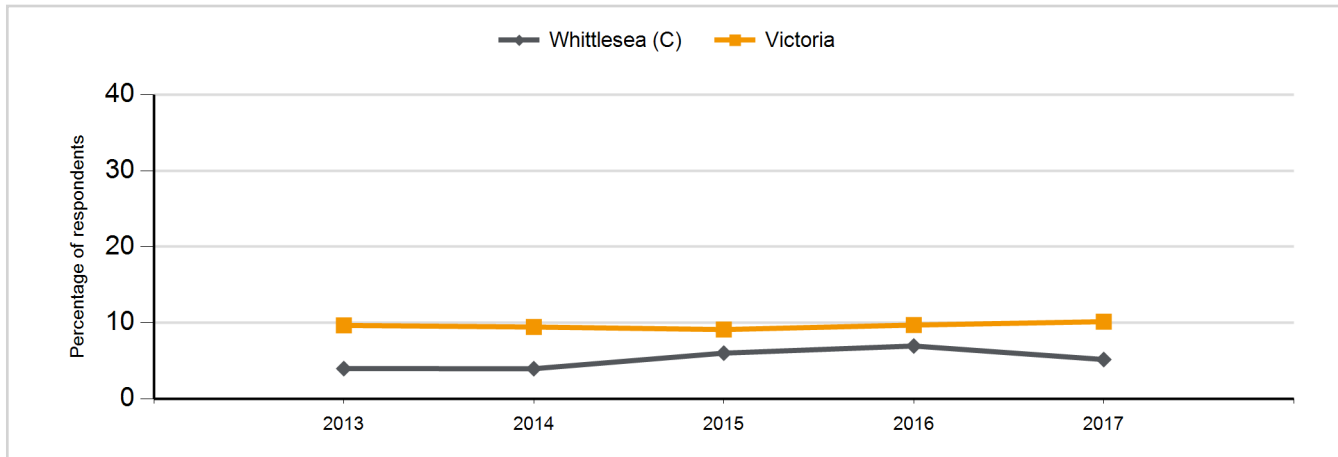


Figure 6: Reasons provided by Year 12 or equivalent completers for deferring tertiary study, Whittlesea (C) and Victoria, 2017



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

Table 13: Destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers who deferred tertiary study, Whittlesea (C) and Victoria, 2015 to 2017

Post-school destination of deferred students	Whittlesea (C)			Victoria		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Employed full-time	10.4	19.6	24.3	26.4	28.3	28.3
Employed part-time	60.4	65.2	48.6	54.0	55.0	54.9
Looking for work	27.1	15.2	18.9	14.1	12.4	12.3
NILFET	2.1		8.1	5.3	4.1	4.2
Unknown				0.1	0.1	0.3
Total respondents	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.00	100.00	100.00

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 in Victoria of Year 12 or equivalent completers who were employed at the time of the On Track survey, Whittlesea (C) and Victoria 2017

Occupation	Whittlesea (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Waiters	11	11.3	759	14.4
Sales Assistants	11	11.3	609	11.5
Checkout Operators & Cashiers	9	9.3	462	8.7
Storepersons	5	5.2	314	5.9
Kitchenhands	5	5.2	296	5.6
Counter Hands at Food Outlets	7	7.2	246	4.7
Factory Workers & Packers	7	7.2	227	4.3
Bar Attendants	np	np	160	3.0
Sport & Fitness	np	np	142	2.7
Teachers, Tutors & Teacher Aides	np	np	141	2.7
All other occupations	36	37.1	1,927	36.5
Total respondents	97	100.0	5,283	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, Whittlesea (C) and Victoria 2017

Average hours worked per week	Whittlesea (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Less than 5 hours			80	1.6
5 - 9 hours	7	7.2	288	5.6
10 - 14 hours	11	11.3	459	9.0
15 - 19 hours	13	13.4	532	10.4
20 - 24 hours	12	12.4	705	13.8
25 - 29 hours	11	11.3	596	11.7
30 - 34 hours	13	13.4	653	12.8
35 - 39 hours	10	10.3	756	14.8
40 - 44 hours	13	13.4	637	12.5
45 - 49 hours	np	np	178	3.5
Greater than or equal to 50 hours	6	6.2	230	4.5
Total respondents	97	100.0	5,114	100.0

Whittlesea (C)

Table 16: Preference to be working full-time, Year 12 or equivalent completers who were employed at the time of the On Track survey, Whittlesea (C) and Victoria 2017

Prefer to be working full-time	Whittlesea (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Yes	40	58.8	2,014	59.4
No	25	36.8	1,156	34.1
Can not say	np	np	220	6.5
Cannot say				
Total respondents	68	100.0	3,390	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 2016, Whittlesea (C) and Victoria

Post-school destination	Whittlesea (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
In Education or Training	48	61.5	1,213	51.2
Bachelor degree			18	0.8
Certificates/diplomas	27	34.6	447	18.9
Certificate I-III	17	21.8	261	11.0
Certificate IV or higher	10	12.8	186	7.9
Apprenticeship/traineeship	21	26.9	748	31.6
Apprenticeship	18	23.1	640	27.0
Traineeship	np	np	108	4.6
Not in Education or Training	30	38.5	1,146	48.4
Employed	17	21.8	612	25.8
Employed full-time	np	np	224	9.5
Employed part-time	13	16.7	388	16.4
Looking for work	10	12.8	396	16.7
NILFET	np	np	138	5.8
Unknown			10	0.4
Total respondents	78	100.0	2,369	100.0

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

Table 18: Post-school destinations of early school leavers in Whittlesea (C) and Victoria, 2013 to 2017

Post-school destination	Whittlesea (C)					Victoria				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Bachelor degree	np					0.9	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.8
Certificates/diplomas	25.0	25.6	21.4	34.0	34.6	23.2	28.1	25.8	23.6	18.9
Apprenticeship/traineeship	27.5	18.6	34.7	21.3	26.9	27.5	25.1	28.2	29.6	31.6
Employed	23.8	25.6	21.4	21.3	21.8	24.8	23.9	23.7	24.0	25.8
Looking for work	16.3	24.4	20.4	19.1	12.8	17.4	16.9	15.6	15.9	16.7
NILFET	6.3	5.8	np	np	np	6.0	5.1	5.5	5.9	5.8
Unknown						0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4

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.

Whittlesea (C)

Figure 7: Reasons given by early school leavers in Whittlesea (C) and Victoria for leaving school, 2017

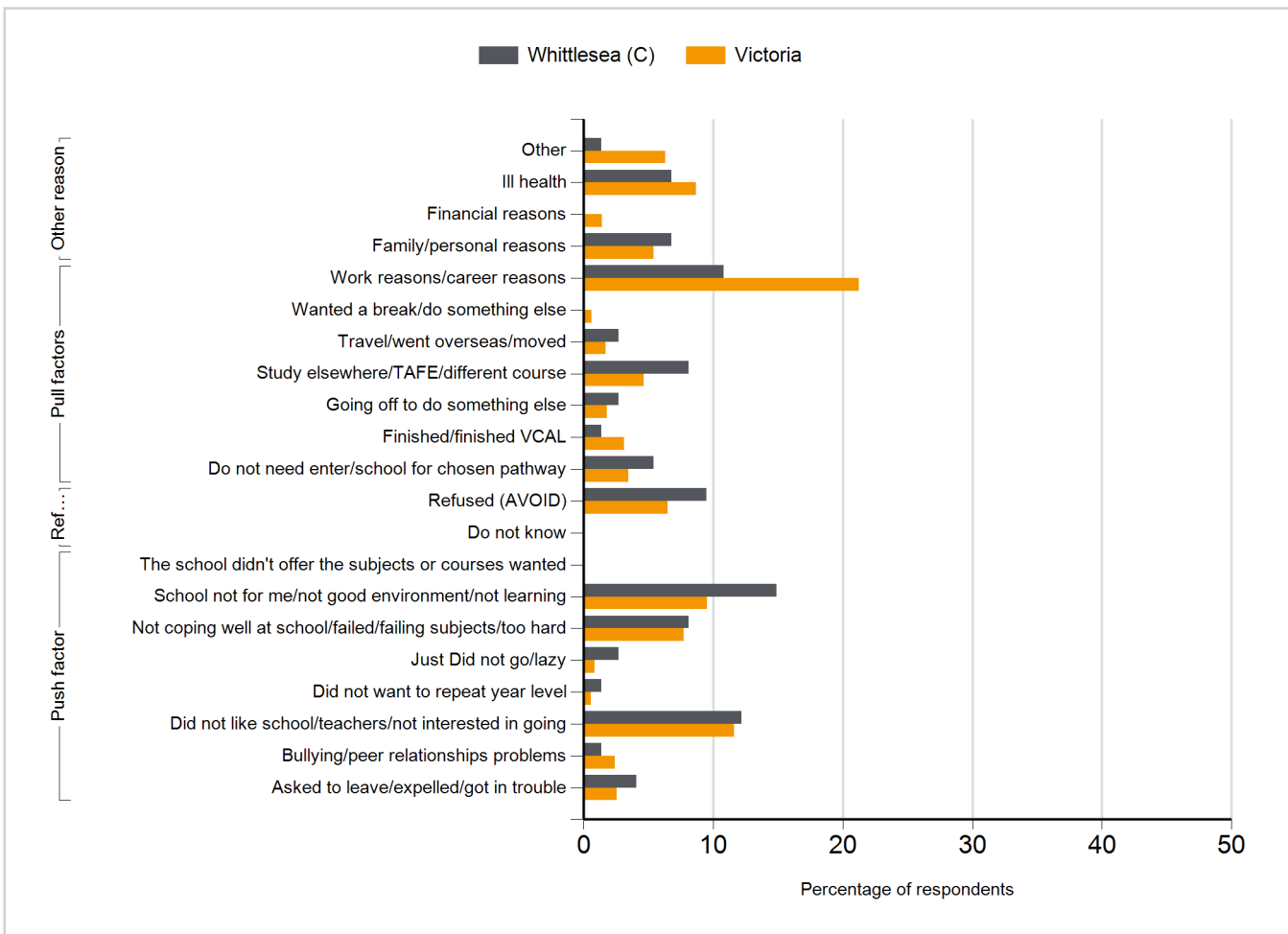


Table 19: Factors that would have motivated early school leavers to stay in school, Whittlesea (C) and Victoria, 2013 to 2017

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
Whittlesea (C)	2013	48.6	54.1	58.1	58.1
	2014	62.7	67.2	56.7	61.2
	2015	46.0	48.3	51.7	51.7
	2016	47.8	41.3	54.3	45.7
	2017	50.0	47.3	50.0	45.9
Victoria	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
	2017	47.4	45.6	47.0	49.5

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

Figure 8: Year level studying when left school, early school leavers in Whittlesea (C) and Victoria, 2013 to 2017

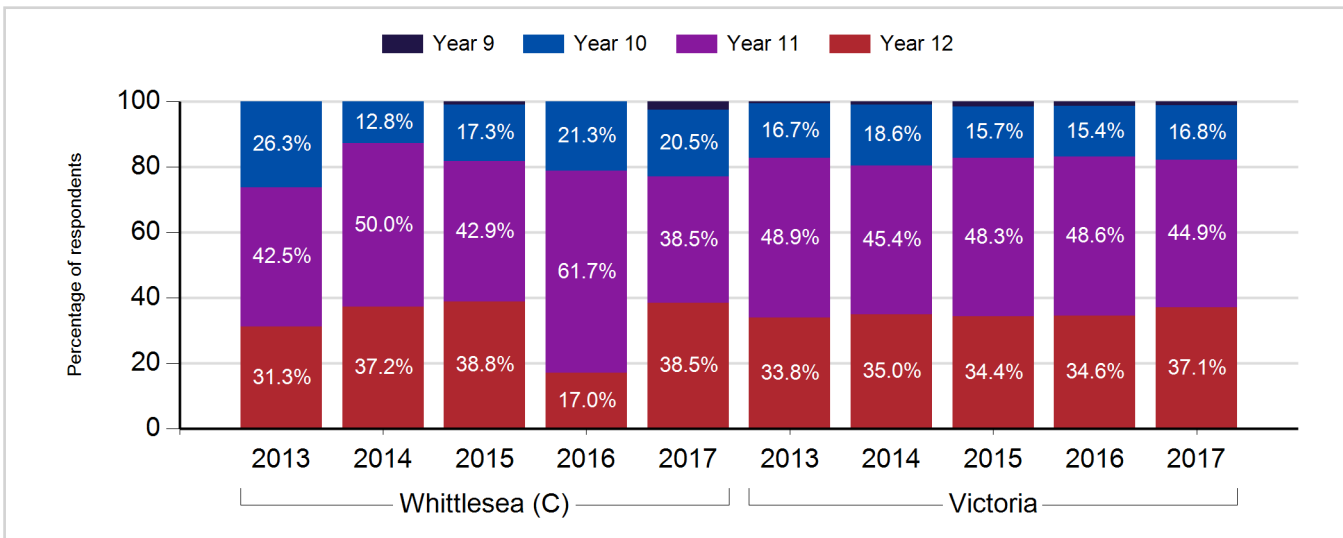


Figure 9: Reasons for not continuing education or training: early school leavers in Whittlesea (C) and Victoria, 2017

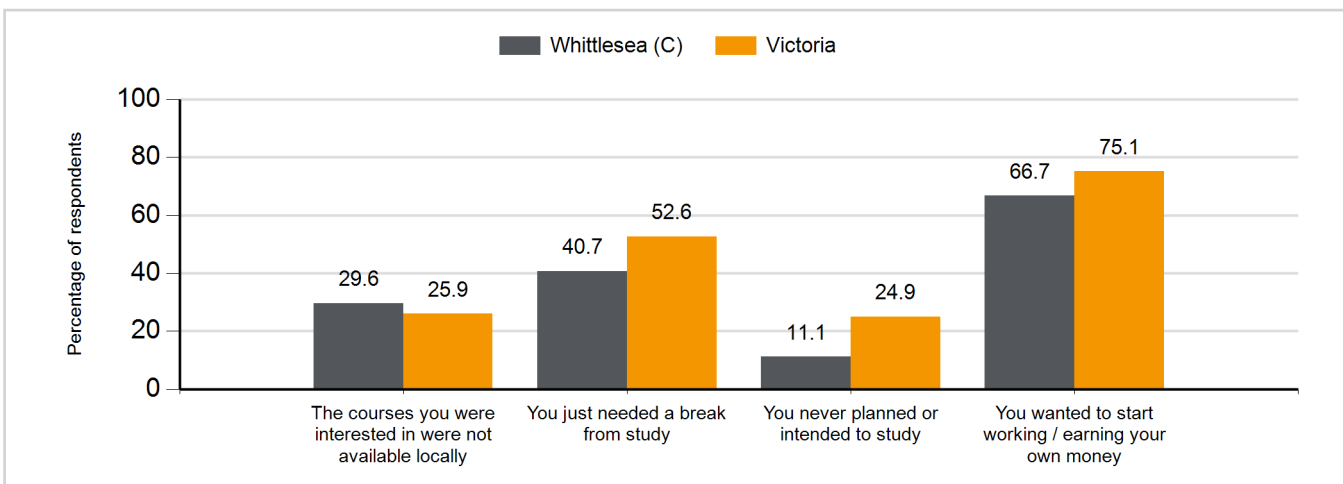


Table 20: Top 5 occupations in Victoria of early school leavers not in education or training who were employed at the time of the On Track survey, Whittlesea (C) and Victoria 2017

Occupation group	Whittlesea (C)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Sales Assistants	np	np	71	12.5
Checkout Operators & Cashiers	np	np	56	9.9
Kitchenhands			51	9.0
Waiters	np	np	51	9.0
Factory Workers & Packers			21	3.7
All other occupations	12	75.0	318	56.0
Total working and not in education or training	16	100.0	568	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 Whittlesea (C), 2017

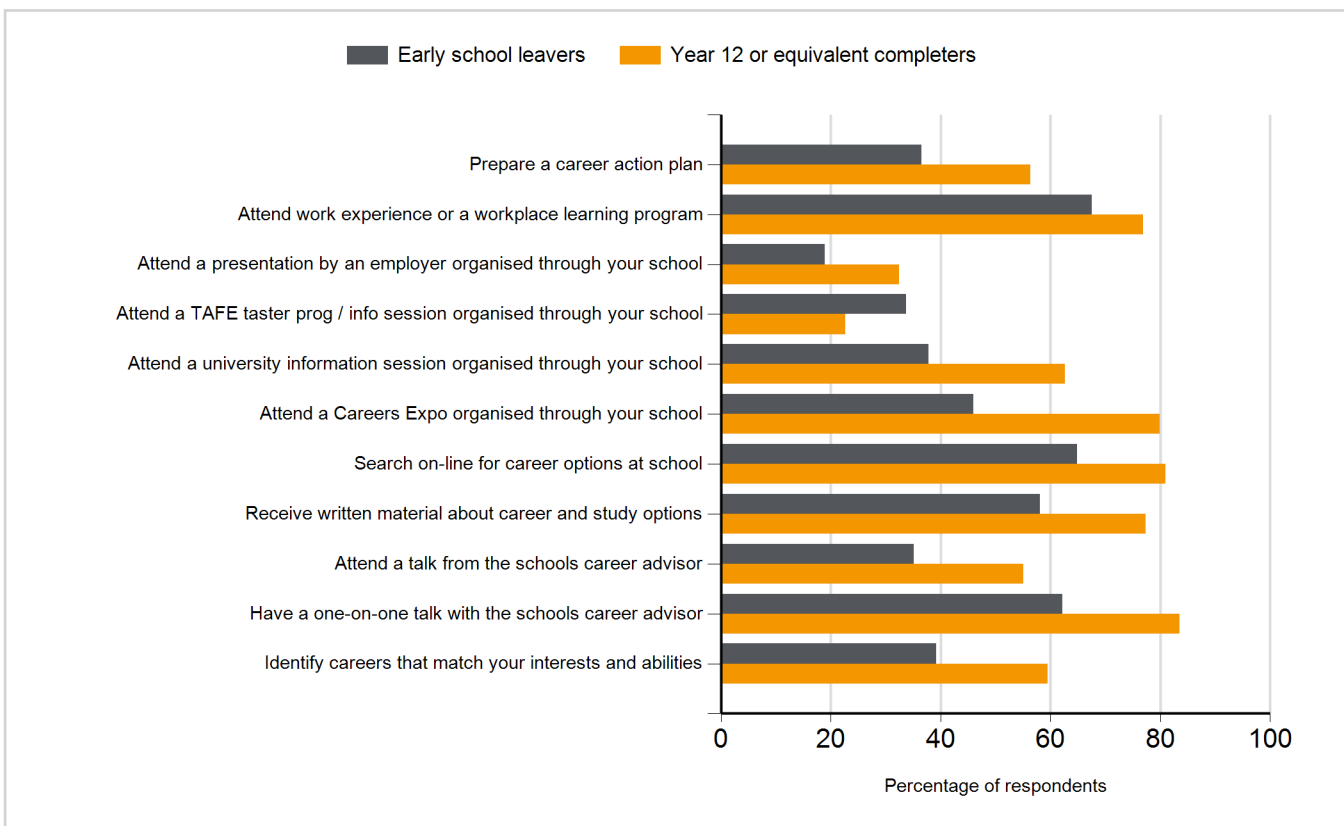


Table 21: Perceived usefulness of career advice received while at school, school leavers in Whittlesea (C) and Victoria, 2017

Perceived usefulness of career advice received	Whittlesea (C)		Victoria	
	Year 12 or equivalent completers	Early school leavers	Year 12 or equivalent completers	Early school leavers
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Very useful	32.3	17.6	28.0	19.3
Somewhat useful	47.7	48.6	50.8	41.6
Not very useful	11.9	12.2	14.2	20.8
Not at all useful	7.1	18.9	5.8	14.1
Can not say	1.0	np	1.0	2.6
Did not receive any advice / Cannot say			0.1	1.6
Total respondents (Number)	706	74	27,651	2,257

Table 22: Follow-up action taken on career action plans by early school leavers in Whittlesea (C), 2017

Career action plan follow-up	Year 12 or equivalent completers		Early school leavers	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Total respondents	706	100.0	74	100.0
Prepared a career action plan while at school	398	56.4	27	36.5
(Of those who prepared a plan) - Had a copy of this plan when they left school	180	45.2	12	44.4
(Of those that had a copy of their plan when they left school) - Followed up on actions in their plan	96	53.3	9	75.0