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Introduction

1 This bulletin is the third in an annual series which reports on the labour market status and the education and training activity of young people aged 16-18 in England.

Summary

2 Many young people are active both in the labour market and in education and training.

3 Of 16-18 year olds, 47% – 865,000 – were both engaged in some form of education and training and active in the labour market at end 1998; being active means that they were either in employment or ILO unemployed (see paragraph 17 for full definitions).

4 A further 27% – 505,000 – were engaged in education and training but not active in the labour market and 22% – 401,000 – were active in the labour market but not receiving education or training.

5 The remaining 4% – 69,000 – were neither active in the labour market nor engaged in education or training; of these about 32,000 were looking after their family or home.

6 Overall, some 9% – 173,000 – were not in education, training, or employment.

TABLE A:
16-18 year olds economic activity by education/training status

	In Education or Training	Not in Education or Training	Total
Economically Active	865	401	1,266
In employment	755	297	1,052
ILO Unemployed	109	104	214
Economically Inactive	505	69	574
Total 16-18 year olds	1,369	470	1,840

England, 1998

7 There were age differences in the profile of the labour market status and education and training activity of young people.

- At 16, 86% – 514,000 – of the cohort were in education and training, 43% – 255,000 in education, training and employment and 31% – 188,000 in full-time education and employment. 8% – 47,000 – were not in education, training or employment.
- At 17, 78% – 481,000 – of the cohort were in education and training, 49% – 300,000 in education, training and employment and 34% – 207,000 in full-time education and employment. 8% – 49,000 – were not in education, training or employment.
- At 18, 60% – 374,000 – of the cohort were in education and training, with only 32% – 200,000 in

education, training and employment and 16% – 102,000 in full-time education and employment. 12% – 77,000 – were not in education, training or employment.

8 Most young people who were in education and training and also in employment were either students fitting in a part-time job around their studies or young people on Government Supported Training.

9 The proportion not in education or training, and the proportion in employment without education or training, rose steeply by age.

- Only 14% – 86,000 – of 16 year olds were not in education or training, and only 7% – 39,000 – of 16 year olds were in employment without any education or training.
- 22% – 133,000 – of 17 year olds were not in education or training, with 14% – 85,000 – of 17 year olds in employment without education or training.
- 40% – 250,000 of 18 year olds were not in education or training, with 28% – 173,000 – of 18 year olds in employment without education or training.

10 There were also differences between males and females, with 58% – 520,000 – of females aged 16-18 in full-time education but only 52% – 495,000 – of males. However, there were more males than females in the other training and education categories, 21% – 200,000 – males compared with 17% – 156,000 – females. This means that the overall proportions in education and training were similar, at 75% for females and 74% for males.

11 In the early 1990s there was an increase in the proportion of young people in education and training. Between 1992 and 1995 the proportion of 16-18 year olds in education and training rose from 73% to 76%, before falling to 74% by 1997 where it has remained until end 1998. The proportion in full-time education rose from 52% to 57% between 1992 and 1995; by end 1998 the proportion was 55%. Within this latter group, there was an increase in the proportion of those in both full-time education and in employment, from 19% to 22% by end 1994; from 1994 onwards the increase continued and the proportion at end 1998 was 27%.

12 In 1996/97, 97% of 16 year olds who achieved 5+ A*-C GCSEs in year 11 were in education and training, compared with 53% of those who reported no academic qualifications.

Background

13 These estimates are consistent with those in the Statistical First Release: *Participation in Education and Training by 16-18 year olds in England: 1988 to 1998* (SFR 13/1999). The estimates refer as closely as possible to the same time of year as the SFR – the end of the calendar year – and ages are as at 31 August of that year. The coverage is England.

14 The information here adds an extra dimension to the figures presented in the Statistical First Release, with the addition of the labour market analysis. This information provides a broader picture of young people's activities than is contained in SFR 13/1999, although it contains less detail about the type of education and training, and qualification aims.

15 The figures in this bulletin include data from surveys, and so are subject to sampling error. This has little effect on larger estimates but, particularly when dealing with smaller estimates, it should be remembered that some of these data are estimates and not exact measures. This affects the employer funded training, other education and training and not in education or training categories, and the split of full-time education by labour market status. The totals for full-time education and Government Supported Training are from census data, and are therefore not subject to sampling error.

16 Some categories are combined in the time series. This is because of small numbers in some age/gender groups in the survey data in earlier years.

Definitions

17 In labour market terms young people may be:

- in employment (including those on Government Supported Training);
- ILO unemployed, i.e. out of work, looking for and available for work;
- or economically inactive, that is not employed, nor seeking, or not available for work.

18 The first two groups comprise the economically active, which, at end 1998, consisted of over 1.2 million young people aged 16-18 from a total cohort of about 1.8 million. Young people active in the labour market fall into three broad groups. First, people who are still in full-time education and who are doing (or seeking) mainly part-time work to fit in around their studies. Second, people who have left full-time education and are either employed or seeking work and are engaged in some form of training or other education. Third, people who have left full-time education to enter employment (or seek employment) and are not engaged in any education and training.

19 In line with Statistical First Release 13/1999 tables 1-4 use the following categories of education and training:

- Full-time education – those at school, college or (mainly for 18 year olds) university, including people in full-time education who are on Government Supported Training.
- Government Supported Training – this includes Modern Apprenticeships and National Traineeships.
- Employer-funded training – on or off-the-job training provided in the four weeks prior to the survey and funded, or mainly funded, by an employer.

- Other education and training – covers young people studying for qualifications not in other categories, e.g. attending independent colleges or training centres, or at any college on part-time study not reported as released from job, or receiving training or in part-time education but not currently employed.
- Not in education or training – those who are not participating in any of the four categories described above.

20 There is a small overlap between those who are in Government Supported Training and those studying full-time at a college which is shown in tables 1-4. Where the categories are presented as mutually exclusive, for example in the charts and in tables 5-12, these people are included in the full-time education category only.

21 Tables 5-12, and the charts, simplify the education and training categories listed above into two groups, one for full-time education and one for the rest, labelled as training and other education.

22 Percentages are based on the population cohort as a whole unless stated otherwise.

23 Figures and percentages may not sum to totals, or sub-totals, due to rounding.

Latest estimates of education status

24 Tables 1-4 demonstrate that young people are not, in general, either in the labour market or in education or training. Often they are in both. In considering the position at the end of 1998, each of the education and training categories are examined in turn and the labour market status within them explored. There are some notable contrasts between 16, 17 and 18 year olds (chart A).

Education and Training Overall

25 Most young people aged 16-18 were in some form of education and training at the end of 1998. More precisely, 86% of the 601,000 16 year olds, 78% of the 614,000 17 year olds and 60% of the 625,000 18 year olds were in this category.

Full-time Education

26 Participation in full-time education declines by age cohort. Over two thirds – 424,000 – of 16 year olds in England at the end of 1998 were in full-time education; at 17 the proportion in full-time education was over half – 358,000. Among 18 year olds there were less than 40%, representing some 233,000 young people.

27 Many young people in full-time education seek (mainly) part-time work to fit around their studies. Of the 16 year olds in full-time education, 44% – 188,000 – were in employment and a further 9% – 39,000 – were ILO unemployed. Among 17 year olds in full-time education, there were 58% – 207,000 – in employment

and 5% – 17,000 – ILO unemployed. A smaller proportion of 18 year olds in full-time education were also in employment (44% – 102,000) and in ILO unemployment (5% – 12,000).

Government Supported Training

28 One out of every eleven 16 year olds was on Government Supported Training at end 1998, rising to one in nine at age 17. At 18 the ratio was one in twelve.

Employer-funded or Other Education and Training

29 The proportion of 16 year olds who were in employer-funded training or some other form of education (such as part-time study) was relatively small: 7% – 39,000. At 17 the proportion was 10% – 61,000. For 18 year olds the proportion was larger, at 15% – 91,000.

Not in education or training

30 Some 86,000 16 year olds were not in any form of education or training. Just under half of these were also in employment; of the rest more were in the ILO unemployment group than were inactive. Among 17 year olds 133,000 were not in education or training, with 64% of these in employment. At age 18 there was a higher proportion in all economic status categories who were not in education or training, particularly those in employment.

31 Among the 173,000 16-18 year olds who were not in education, training or employment at end 1998 there were 104,000 ILO unemployed and 69,000 economically inactive (table 1); 27% of the ILO unemployed group

who were not in education or training had been unemployed for six months or more (Labour Force Survey estimate).

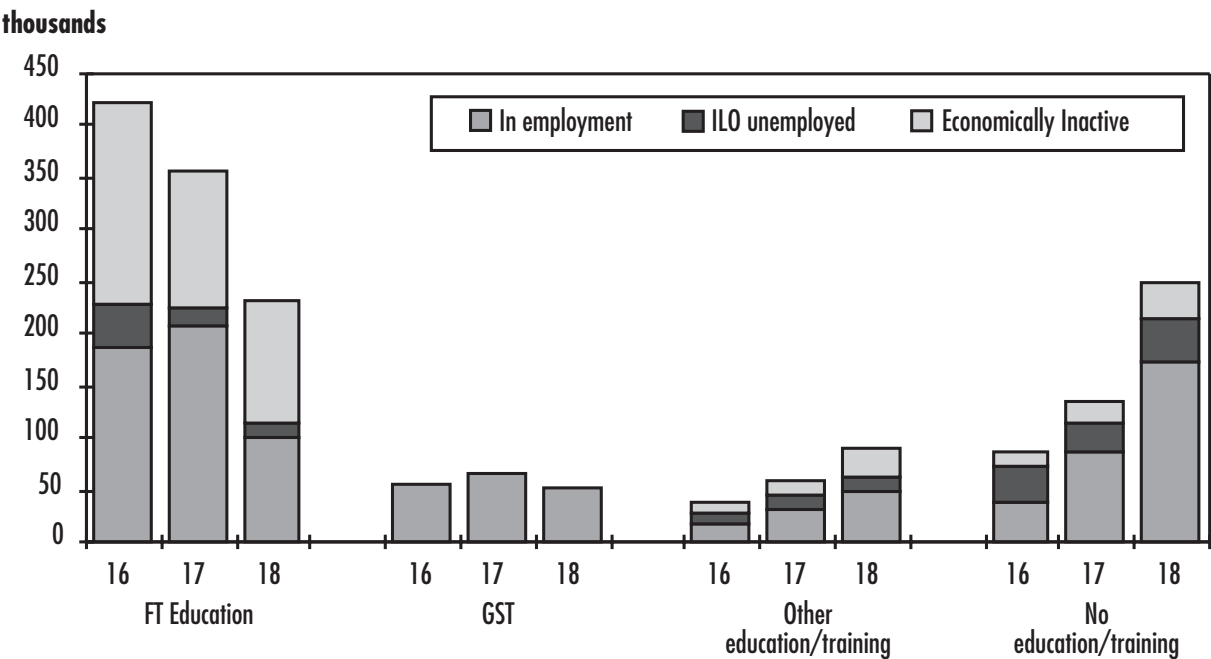
Labour Market Activity

32 The analysis also allows us to present the figures by economic activity, with the education and training breakdowns within the labour groups (tables 9-12). At end 1998 there were 56% – 680,000 – of 16-17 year olds and 60% – 373,000 – of 18 year olds in employment; of these 555,000 of the 16-17 year olds and 200,000 of the 18 year olds were in some form of education and training.

33 In addition, 12% – 143,000 – of 16-17 year olds and 11% – 70,000 – of 18 years olds were ILO unemployed, with 83,000 of the 16-17 year olds and 27,000 of the 18 year olds in education and training; and 32% – 392,000 – of 16-17 year olds and 29% – 182,000 – of 18 years olds were economically inactive, within these groups 357,000 of 16-17 year olds and 148,000 of 18 year olds were in education and training.

34 A breakdown of those not in education, employment or training who were economically inactive at end 1997 is shown in table 10. Some 58% – 40,000 – of inactive 16-18 year olds said they would not like work; most of the rest would like work but were not actively seeking it. There are different reasons given for inactivity, but the only one quoted by a large number of young people not in education or training was ‘looking after family/home’. This accounts for around 32,000 of inactive 16-18 year olds.

Chart A
Education/training participation by economic activity for 16,17 and 18 year olds



Source: School, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

Latest estimates by gender

35 There was a higher proportion of females aged 16-18 in full-time education at end 1998, 58% compared with 52% of males (table 1).

36 There are also more females than males who were in both in full-time education and in employment. However, more males than females were in employer funded training and in GST.

37 The overall proportion of 16-18 year old females and males not in employment, education or training were the same at 9%.

Recent trends in education and labour market status

38 Tables 5-12 show how the education and labour market status of young people has changed, in both numbers and percentages. The charts also show changes over the last six years, for percentages only. In both the tables and charts the education status is simplified into the following groups:

- Full-time education.
- Training and other education – includes Government Supported Training (but excludes those also in full-time education) and Employer-funded training as well as “other education and training” from the classification used in the first two tables.
- Not in education or training.

Full-time education

39 The proportion of 16-18 year olds in full-time education increased during the early 1990s, but has

remained fairly steady since end 1993. However, there has been a marked shift, since 1992, from those who are in full-time education and economically inactive to those who are in full-time education and in employment (table 5).

40 Table 6 shows that for 16-17 year olds a similar steady rate of increase (since end 1993) for participation in full-time education is apparent. Again, a shift from those in full-time education and economically inactive to those in full-time education and in employment has been taking place over the past four years, but to a lesser extent than the shift for 16-18 year olds.

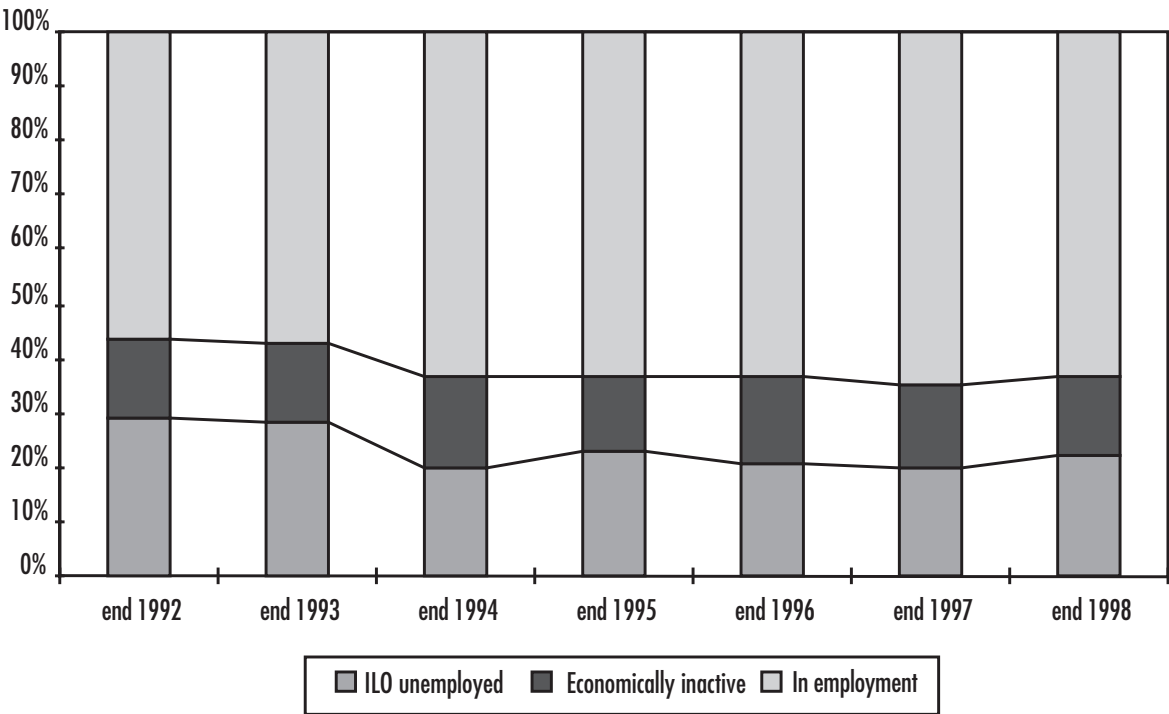
41 Looking at individual ages, it is noticeable that the proportion of 17 year olds participating in full-time education has been rising steadily since end 1995 (table 8). The proportion of 16 year olds and 18 year olds participating in full-time education has remained broadly steady since end 1993 (table 8 and table 7 respectively).

Training and other education

42 About one in five 16-18 year olds are participating in training and other education, a figure that has remained fairly constant since the early 1990s. During this period, however, the proportion of those in other education and training and in employment fell slightly (table 5).

43 The proportion of 16-17 year olds in training and other education fell slightly from 20% at end 1992 to 19% by end 1994. Since end 1995 the figure has remained at 18% (table 6).

Chart B
Economic activity of 16-18 year olds not in education or training



Source: School, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

44 For 18 year olds the proportion in training and other education remained fairly steady before rising slightly from end 1995 (table 7).

Not in Education or Training

45 Just over one quarter of 16-18 year olds were not in education or training at the end of 1998. This represented no change from the end 1997 figure and the proportion of 16-18 year olds not in education or training has now remained at around the one quarter mark since end 1993.

46 The proportion of 16-17 year olds not in education or training rose slightly between end 1994 and end 1997, before falling very slightly in 1998. The latest fall is due solely to a fall in those not in education and training but in employment (table 6).

47 The proportion of 18 year olds not in education or training fell from 45% in 1992 to 39% in 1996, before rising slightly (to 40%) in 1997. This figure has remained at 40% in 1998.

Recent Trends by Gender

48 The proportion of both male and female 16-17 year olds in full-time education has remained broadly steady since end 1993, with the gap in participation between female and male 16-17 year olds remaining at about 3% in favour of females (table 6a).

49 Among 16-17 year old males the proportion not in education or training has risen slightly since 1994, with those also not in employment showing a similar small increase. A similar increase for 16-17 year old females was evident between 1993 and 1997, but the latest year has seen the proportion fall back. The proportion also not in employment has remained steady at 7% since 1995 (table 6a).

50 Among 18 year olds there was an increase in the proportion in full-time education in both males and females in the early 1990s (table 7a). After 1994 there was little change. However, there was an increase in the proportion in training and other education for 18 year old females, leading to a fall in the proportion not in education or training. The proportion of males not in education and training varied only slightly between 1994 and 1998.

Additional information on the activity of young people

51 Additional information on the activity of young people is available from the Youth Cohort Study (YCS).

52 According to the YCS, 86% of 16 year olds were participating in education and training in spring 1998 and 6% were in employment without any education or training. The YCS slightly overestimates the proportion of 16 year old participants relative to the Participation estimates based on administrative data. This small overestimation is due, in part, to differences in population – see Technical Note.

53 As table 14 shows, young people are more likely not to be in education, training or work at 16 if they gained low or no qualifications in year 11 (26% of those reporting no qualifications were not in education, training or employment at 16, compared with 1% of those with 5 or more GCSEs at grades A*-C and 6% of those with 1-4 GCSE A*-Cs). 97% of those achieving 5+ A*-C GCSEs continued in education and training, compared with only 54% of those without any GCSEs.

54 Table 14 also shows the proportion within each ethnic group who are participating in education, training and employment. A smaller proportion of young White people remain in education and training, 85% compared with 90% or higher in the other groups. In addition, more of the 16 year olds in the White group are in employment without education or training.

55 Table 15 shows participation status at 18 by both GCSE attainment and by ethnic group. Young people who had gained 5 or more GCSEs at A*-C when they were 16 were much more likely to be participating in full-time education at 18. Nearly a third of those with either 1-4 GCSEs D-G or no GCSEs were not in education, training or work.

56 The proportion of Black and Asian 18 year olds participating in education or training was significantly higher than for Whites and 'Other' ethnic (table 15).

Technical note

57 The main estimates combine data from a number of sources. The method of combining data sources is subject to ongoing development, so some figures may be subject to revision. In particular estimates for end 1997 and end 1998 are provisional.

58 Population data are derived from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) mid-year estimates and the Government Actuary's Department projections. The age of a person is measured at the beginning of the academic year, 31 August.

59 Other data are collected around the end of the calendar year. Education and training data are collected in November (Further Education), December (Higher Education) and January (schools and Government Supported Training). Labour market data are taken from the winter (December to February) Labour Force Survey (conducted by the ONS). This means that the timing of the estimates is reasonably consistent.

60 Figures for full-time education and for the overlap between full-time education and Government Supported Training (GST) are taken from the education censuses. That is, the Schools Census, the Further Education Statistical Record (FESR), and, from 1994/95, the Individualised Student Record (ISR) of the Further Education Funding Council (FEFC). Higher education figures are from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) from 1994/95, and from the Universities'

Statistical Record and FESR before that. For further education, there are a considerable number of technical differences between the ISR and FESR which are detailed in SPN 159/97.

61 Education estimates exclude students studying overseas, and students from overseas in higher education in England.

62 Figures for numbers in Government Supported Training come from the Training and Enterprise Council's management information, with age breakdowns from the trainee databases, based on returns received up to April 1999. Further information about young people on GST is now published each month in a DfEE Press Notice 'Statistics on Government Supported Training'.

63 Estimates for employer funded training and for labour market status come from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). The LFS is a quarterly survey of about 60,000 households in the United Kingdom, and includes about 50,000 households in England. If an individual is not available for interview another member of the household may respond on their behalf.

64 The definitions of employment and unemployment used in the LFS follow the conventions promoted by the International Labour Organisation (ILO):

- In employment – an employee, self-employed, on a Government Supported Training programme, or an unpaid family worker.
- ILO unemployed – anyone who is out of work and available to start work in the next two weeks, and has either looked for work in the last four weeks or is waiting to start a job they have already obtained.
- Economically inactive – neither in employment nor ILO unemployed, that is not active in the labour market.

65 The LFS covers all residential households and nursing accommodation. Householders are asked to reply on behalf of students living away in halls of residence. The LFS excludes people outside such accommodation – chiefly hospital residents, people in prison, people in army barracks, and the homeless.

66 As the LFS is a sample survey, all estimates of labour market participation are subject to sampling error.

67 The main estimates in this Bulletin are an extension of those in Statistical First Release 13/1999 *Participation in Education and Training by 16-18 year olds in England: 1988 to 1998*. All estimates have been adjusted where necessary to agree both with those estimates of education and training participation, and with LFS estimates of the share of the age group within

each education activity area by whether they are in employment, ILO unemployed and economically inactive.

68 The discontinuity in 1994 is due to a move from the Further Education Statistical Record (FESR) to the FEFC Individualised Student Record (ISR). Details of the effects of this change were published in the Statistical Press Notice 159/97.

69 Figures for 1997 have been revised to incorporate more accurate data. For more details see Statistical First Release 13/1999.

70 Youth Cohort Study data are taken from the Spring 1998 Study (Cohort 8 Sweep 2 and Cohort 9 Sweep 1) which surveyed nearly 16,000 16 and 18 year olds in England and Wales. The YCS excludes those who were in special schools in year 11.

71 Participants have been defined from the YCS as being those who are in one of the following categories (in priority order, to avoid overlapping categories):

- FT education – those reporting their main activity as full-time education at school or college.
- Other education or training – includes those reporting their main activity as government-supported training; those in employer funded training i.e. whose main activity is a full or part-time job and who have received on-the-job or off-the-job training in the past four weeks or whose job is an apprenticeship of any kind; and those who are enrolled in part-time education or are studying for a qualification, but who are not in full-time education, GST or EFT.
- Not in education or training – those who are not in full-time education, government-supported training, employer-funded training or any other education or training.
- Of which:
 - i) In employment, but not in education or training – those reporting their main activity as in a full or part-time job, but not in education or training as stated above.
 - ii) Not in education, training or employment – those not in education or training as stated above, and whose main activity is not a full or part-time job.

Further Information

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TABLE 1:
Participation in education and training of 16-18 year olds by economic activity, end 1998 (provisional)

England¹

	All age 16-18		In employment		ILO unemployed ²		Economically inactive	
	thousands	% of total	thousands	% of total	thousands	% of total	thousands	% of total
All age 16-18	1,840	100	1,052	57	214	12	574	31
In full-time education	1,014	55	497	27	68	4	449	24
In Govt supported training (GST)	172	9	172	9	-	-	-	-
Overlap of GST and FT education	(8)	(0)	(8)	(0)	-	-	-	-
In employer funded training	60	3	60	3	-	-	-	-
In other education and training	131	7	34	2	42	2	55	3
Not in education or training	470	26	297	16	104	6	69	4
Males age 16-18	943	100	537	57	131	14	275	29
In full-time education	495	52	224	24	38	4	233	25
In Govt supported training (GST)	103	11	103	11	-	-	-	-
Overlap of GST and FT education	(7)	(0)	(7)	(0)	-	-	-	-
In employer funded training	42	4	42	4	-	-	-	-
In other education and training	61	7	14	2	23	2	25	3
Not in education or training	249	26	161	17	71	7	17	2
Females age 16-18	896	100	515	57	83	9	299	33
In full-time education	520	58	273	30	30	3	216	24
In Govt supported training (GST)	69	8	69	8	-	-	-	-
Overlap of GST and FT education	(1)	(0)	(1)	(0)	-	-	-	-
In employer funded training	18	2	18	2	-	-	-	-
In other education and training	70	8	20	2	19	2	31	3
Not in education or training	221	25	136	15	33	4	52	6

"-" denotes nil or negligible

Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

¹ figures may not add to totals due to rounding

² available to start work in the next two weeks and has either looked for work in the last four weeks or is waiting to start a job already obtained

TABLE 2:
Participation in education and training of 18 year olds by economic activity, end 1998 (provisional)

England¹

	All age 18		In employment		ILO unemployed ²		Economically inactive	
	thousands	% of total	thousands	% of total	thousands	% of total	thousands	% of total
All age 18	625	100	373	60	70	11	182	29
In full-time education	233	37	102	16	12	2	119	19
In Govt supported training (GST)	53	8	53	8	-	-	-	-
Overlap of GST and FT education	(2)	(0)	(2)	(0)	-	-	-	-
In employer funded training	31	5	31	5	-	-	-	-
In other education and training	59	10	16	3	15	2	29	5
Not in education or training	250	40	173	28	43	7	34	5
Males age 18	320	100	193	60	45	14	82	26
In full-time education	115	36	46	14	7	2	62	19
In Govt supported training (GST)	32	10	32	10	-	-	-	-
Overlap of GST and FT education	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	-	-	-	-
In employer funded training	20	6	20	6	-	-	-	-
In other education and training	29	9	7	2	9	3	13	4
Not in education or training	125	39	90	28	29	9	7	2
Females age 18	305	100	179	59	26	8	100	33
In full-time education	118	39	56	18	5	2	57	19
In Govt supported training (GST)	21	7	21	7	-	-	-	-
Overlap of GST and FT education	(1)	(0)	(1)	(0)	-	-	-	-
In employer funded training	11	4	11	4	-	-	-	-
In other education and training	30	10	9	3	6	2	16	5
Not in education or training	125	41	83	27	14	5	27	9

“-” denotes nil or negligible

1 figures may not add to totals due to rounding

2 available to start work in the next two weeks and has either looked for work in the last four weeks or is waiting to start a job already obtained

Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

TABLE 3:
Participation in education and training of 16-17 year olds by economic activity, end 1998 (provisional)

England¹

	All age 16-17		In employment		ILO unemployed²		Economically inactive	
	thousands	% of total	thousands	% of total	thousands	% of total	thousands	% of total
All age 16-17	1,215	100	680	56	143	12	392	32
In full-time education	781	64	395	33	56	5	330	27
In Govt supported training (GST)	120	10	120	10	-	-	-	-
Overlap of GST and FT education	(6)	(0)	(6)	(0)	-	-	-	-
In employer funded training	29	2	29	2	-	-	-	-
In other education and training	72	6	18	2	27	2	27	2
Not in education or training	220	18	124	10	61	5	35	3
Males age 16-17	624	100	344	55	86	14	194	31
In full-time education	380	61	178	29	31	5	171	27
In Govt supported training (GST)	71	11	71	11	-	-	-	-
Overlap of GST and FT education	(5)	(0)	(5)	(0)	-	-	-	-
In employer funded training	22	4	22	4	-	-	-	-
In other education and training	32	5	7	1	14	2	12	2
Not in education or training	124	20	71	11	42	7	10	2
Females age 16-17	591	100	336	57	57	10	198	34
In full-time education	401	68	217	37	25	4	159	27
In Govt supported training (GST)	49	8	49	8	-	-	-	-
Overlap of GST and FT education	(1)	(0)	(1)	(0)	-	-	-	-
In employer funded training	7	1	7	1	-	-	-	-
In other education and training	39	7	11	2	13	2	15	3
Not in education or training	96	16	53	9	19	3	24	4

"-" denotes nil or negligible

Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

1 figures may not add to totals due to rounding

2 available to start work in the next two weeks and has either looked for work in the last four weeks or is waiting to start a job already obtained

TABLE 4:
Participation in education and training of 16, 17, 18 year olds by economic activity, end 1998 (provisional)

England¹

	All ages		In employment		ILO unemployed ²		Economically inactive	
	thousands	% of total	thousands	% of total	thousands	% of total	thousands	% of total
All age 16	601	100	295	49	84	14	222	37
In full-time education	424	71	188	31	39	7	196	33
In Govt supported training (GST)	55	9	55	9	-	-	-	-
Overlap of GST and FT education	(3)	(0)	(3)	(0)	-	-	-	-
In employer funded training	9	1	9	1	-	-	-	-
In other education and training	31	5	7	1	12	2	12	2
Not in education or training	86	14	39	7	33	6	14	2
All age 17	614	100	385	63	59	10	170	28
In full-time education	358	58	207	34	17	3	134	22
In Govt supported training (GST)	65	11	65	11	-	-	-	-
Overlap of GST and FT education	(3)	(0)	(3)	(0)	-	-	-	-
In employer funded training	20	3	20	3	-	-	-	-
In other education and training	41	7	11	2	15	2	15	2
Not in education or training	133	22	85	14	28	5	21	3
All age 18	625	100	373	60	70	11	182	29
In full-time education	233	37	102	16	12	2	119	19
In Govt supported training (GST)	53	8	53	8	-	-	-	-
Overlap of GST and FT education	(2)	(0)	(2)	(0)	-	-	-	-
In employer funded training	31	5	31	5	-	-	-	-
In other education and training	59	10	16	3	15	2	29	5
Not in education or training	250	40	173	28	43	7	34	5

"-" denotes nil or negligible

Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

¹ figures may not add to totals due to rounding

² available to start work in the next two weeks and has either looked for work in the last four weeks or is waiting to start a job already obtained

TABLE 5:
Economic Activity of all 16-18 year olds by education status

England, thousands and percent¹

	end 1992	end 1993	end 1994 ²	end 1994 ³	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997 ⁴	end 1998 ⁵
All 16-18 year olds (thousands)	1,734	1,667	1,643	1,643	1,689	1,775	1,837	1,840
In full-time education	899	921	922	919	956	991	1,006	1,014
In employment	336	363	355	360	430	457	471	497
ILO unemployed	47	50	56	55	54	65	65	68
Economically inactive	516	509	511	504	472	469	470	449
In training or other education	363	331	323	321	322	348	349	355
In employment	302	269	256	244	238	255	258	258
ILO unemployed	23	27	27	32	32	37	36	42
Economically inactive	38	35	40	45	52	56	55	55
Not in education or training	472	415	398	403	411	435	481	470
In employment	266	239	247	255	259	276	314	297
ILO unemployed	139	117	85	81	93	90	96	104
Economically inactive	67	59	66	67	59	70	71	69
All 16-18 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In full-time education	52	55	56	56	57	56	55	55
In employment	19	22	22	22	25	26	26	27
ILO unemployed	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4
Economically inactive	30	31	31	31	28	26	26	24
In training or other education	21	20	20	20	19	20	19	19
In employment	17	16	16	15	14	14	14	14
ILO unemployed	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Economically inactive	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
Not in education or training	27	25	24	25	24	25	26	26
In employment	15	14	15	16	15	16	17	16
ILO unemployed	8	7	5	5	6	5	5	6
Economically inactive	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4

¹ figures may not add to totals due to rounding

² up to 1994 includes Further Education Statistical Record data

³ from 1994 onwards includes Individualised Student Record data

⁴ revised

⁵ provisional

Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

TABLE 5A:
Economic Activity of Male/Female 16-18 year olds by education status

England, thousands and percent¹

	end 1992	end 1993	end 1994 ²	end 1994 ³	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997 ⁴	end 1998 ⁵
Male 16-18 year olds (thousands)	892	858	846	846	870	912	942	943
In full-time education	440	455	456	459	473	487	493	495
In employment	149	168	157	163	195	206	206	224
ILO unemployed	24	21	30	30	29	34	38	38
Economically inactive	267	266	268	266	248	247	249	233
In training or other education	218	191	192	186	181	195	197	200
In employment	185	158	154	145	139	148	147	152
ILO unemployed	11	15	13	15	17	18	19	23
Economically inactive	22	18	24	26	26	29	31	25
Not in education or training	235	212	199	202	216	230	253	249
In employment	124	124	124	128	139	149	171	161
ILO unemployed	89	71	56	55	63	58	63	71
Economically inactive	21	17	18	19	15	24	20	17
Male 16-18 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In full-time education	49	53	54	54	54	53	52	52
In employment	17	20	19	19	22	23	22	24
ILO unemployed	3	2	4	4	3	4	4	4
Economically inactive	30	31	32	31	29	27	26	25
In training or other education	24	22	23	22	21	21	21	21
In employment	21	18	18	17	16	16	16	16
ILO unemployed	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Economically inactive	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
Not in education or training	26	25	23	24	25	25	27	26
In employment	14	14	15	15	16	16	18	17
ILO unemployed	10	8	7	6	7	6	7	7
Economically inactive	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2
Female 16-18 year olds (thousands)	842	809	797	797	820	863	894	896
In full-time education	459	467	466	460	483	505	514	520
In employment	187	195	198	197	235	251	265	273
ILO unemployed	24	29	26	25	25	31	28	30
Economically inactive	249	243	243	239	224	222	221	216
In training or other education	145	140	131	135	141	153	153	156
In employment	116	111	101	99	99	107	111	106
ILO unemployed	12	11	14	17	15	20	18	19
Economically inactive	16	18	16	19	26	27	24	31
Not in education or training	238	202	199	201	195	205	227	221
In employment	142	115	123	127	120	127	143	136
ILO unemployed	49	45	28	26	31	32	33	33
Economically inactive	46	43	48	48	44	46	52	52
Female 16-18 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In full-time education	55	58	59	58	59	58	57	58
In employment	22	24	25	25	29	29	30	30
ILO unemployed	3	4	3	3	3	4	3	3
Economically inactive	30	30	30	30	27	26	25	24
In training or other education	17	17	16	17	17	18	17	17
In employment	14	14	13	12	12	12	12	12
ILO unemployed	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Economically inactive	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Not in education or training	28	25	25	25	24	24	25	25
In employment	17	14	15	16	15	15	16	15
ILO unemployed	6	6	4	3	4	4	4	4
Economically inactive	5	5	6	6	5	5	6	6

¹ figures may not add to totals due to rounding

² up to 1994 includes Further Education Statistical Record data

³ from 1994 onwards includes Individualised Student Record data

⁴ revised

⁵ provisional

Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

TABLE 6:
Economic Activity of all 16-17 year olds by education status

England, thousands and percent¹

	end 1992	end 1993	end 1994 ²	end 1994 ³	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997 ⁴	end 1998 ⁵
All 16-17 year olds (thousands)	1,130	1,090	1,086	1,086	1,151	1,220	1,232	1,215
In full-time education	699	708	708	705	744	779	779	781
In employment	280	291	290	293	352	372	384	395
ILO unemployed	42	42	47	46	43	52	53	56
Economically inactive	378	375	371	366	349	355	343	330
In training or other education	228	207	206	206	210	225	216	214
In employment	198	178	170	161	158	167	161	161
ILO unemployed	13	15	16	20	22	25	25	27
Economically inactive	16	15	20	25	30	33	30	27
Not in education or training	203	175	172	176	197	217	237	220
In employment	100	90	95	101	115	125	144	124
ILO unemployed	68	55	38	36	46	52	59	61
Economically inactive	35	29	38	38	35	39	35	35
All 16-17 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In full-time education	62	65	65	65	65	64	63	64
In employment	25	27	27	27	31	31	31	33
ILO unemployed	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5
Economically inactive	33	34	34	34	30	29	28	27
In training or other education	20	19	19	19	18	18	18	18
In employment	18	16	16	15	14	14	13	13
ILO unemployed	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Economically inactive	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	2
Not in education or training	18	16	16	16	17	18	19	18
In employment	9	8	9	9	10	10	12	10
ILO unemployed	6	5	4	3	4	4	5	5
Economically inactive	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	3

¹ figures may not add to totals due to rounding

² up to 1994 includes Further Education Statistical Record data

³ from 1994 onwards includes Individualised Student Record data

⁴ revised

⁵ provisional

Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

TABLE 6A:
Economic Activity of Male/Female 16-17 year olds by education status

England, thousands and percent¹

	end 1992	end 1993	end 1994 ²	end 1994 ³	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997 ⁴	end 1998 ⁵
Male 16-17 year olds (thousands)	582	561	560	560	592	627	632	624
In full-time education	339	346	348	350	365	380	380	380
In employment	121	135	126	131	156	165	164	178
Not in employment	218	212	221	219	209	216	215	202
In training or other education	134	120	120	117	121	127	121	120
In employment	119	105	101	94	93	97	94	95
Not in employment	15	16	19	22	28	30	28	26
Not in education or training	109	95	92	94	106	119	131	124
In employment	52	53	53	56	65	70	81	71
Not in employment	57	42	39	38	42	49	50	52
Male 16-17 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In full-time education	58	62	62	62	62	61	60	61
In employment	21	24	23	23	26	26	26	29
Not in employment	37	38	40	39	35	34	34	32
In training or other education	23	21	22	21	20	20	19	19
In employment	20	19	18	17	16	16	15	15
Not in employment	3	3	3	4	5	5	4	4
Not in education or training	19	17	16	17	18	19	21	20
In employment	9	9	9	10	11	11	13	11
Not in employment	10	8	7	7	7	8	8	8
Female 16-17 year olds (thousands)	548	528	526	526	558	594	600	591
In full-time education	360	361	360	355	379	399	399	401
In employment	159	157	164	162	196	208	219	217
Not in employment	201	205	196	193	183	191	180	184
In training or other education	94	87	86	89	89	98	95	94
In employment	79	73	69	67	65	70	68	66
Not in employment	15	14	17	22	24	28	27	28
Not in education or training	94	80	80	82	91	97	106	96
In employment	48	38	42	46	51	55	62	53
Not in employment	46	42	38	36	40	42	44	43
Female 16-17 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In full-time education	66	68	68	68	68	67	67	68
In employment	29	30	31	31	35	35	36	37
Not in employment	37	39	37	37	33	32	30	31
In training or other education	17	16	16	17	16	16	16	16
In employment	14	14	13	13	12	12	11	11
Not in employment	3	3	3	4	4	5	4	5
Not in education or training	17	15	15	16	16	16	18	16
In employment	9	7	8	9	9	9	10	9
Not in employment	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7

¹ figures may not add to totals due to rounding

² up to 1994 includes Further Education Statistical Record data

³ from 1994 onwards includes Individualised Student Record data

⁴ revised

⁵ provisional

Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

TABLE 7:
Economic Activity of all 18 year olds by education status

England, thousands and percent¹

	end 1992	end 1993	end 1994 ²	end 1994 ³	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997 ⁴	end 1998 ⁵
All 18 year olds (thousands)	604	577	557	557	539	554	605	625
In full-time education	200	214	214	214	212	212	228	233
In employment	56	71	65	67	78	84	88	102
ILO unemployed	6	8	9	9	11	13	13	12
Economically inactive	138	134	140	138	123	115	127	119
In training or other education	135	124	117	116	112	123	134	141
In employment	103	91	86	83	80	88	97	98
ILO unemployed	10	12	11	12	11	13	12	15
Economically inactive	22	21	20	21	22	23	25	29
Not in education or training	269	240	226	227	214	219	243	250
In employment	166	148	152	153	144	151	170	173
ILO unemployed	71	61	46	45	47	38	37	43
Economically inactive	32	30	28	29	24	30	37	34
All 18 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In full-time education	33	37	38	38	39	38	38	37
In employment	9	12	12	12	15	15	15	16
ILO unemployed	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Economically inactive	23	23	25	25	23	21	21	19
In training or other education	22	21	21	21	21	22	22	23
In employment	17	16	15	15	15	16	16	16
ILO unemployed	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Economically inactive	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5
Not in education or training	45	42	41	41	40	39	40	40
In employment	28	26	27	28	27	27	28	28
ILO unemployed	12	11	8	8	9	7	6	7
Economically inactive	5	5	5	5	4	5	6	5

¹ figures may not add to totals due to rounding

² up to 1994 includes Further Education Statistical Record data

³ from 1994 onwards includes Individualised Student Record data

⁴ revised

⁵ provisional

Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

TABLE 7A:
Economic Activity of Male/Female 18 year olds by education status

England, thousands and percent¹

	end 1992	end 1993	end 1994 ²	end 1994 ³	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997 ⁴	end 1998 ⁵
Male 18 year olds (thousands)	310	297	286	286	277	285	311	320
In full-time education	101	108	108	109	107	106	113	115
In employment	28	33	31	33	39	41	41	46
Not in employment	73	75	77	77	68	66	72	69
In training or other education	84	71	71	69	60	67	75	80
In employment	66	54	53	51	46	51	54	58
Not in employment	18	17	18	19	14	17	22	22
Not in education or training	126	118	107	108	110	111	122	125
In employment	72	72	71	72	74	79	90	90
Not in employment	53	46	36	36	36	32	32	36
Male 18 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In full-time education	32	36	38	38	39	37	36	36
In employment	9	11	11	11	14	14	13	14
Not in employment	23	25	27	27	25	23	23	22
In training or other education	27	24	25	24	22	24	24	25
In employment	21	18	19	18	17	18	17	18
Not in employment	6	6	6	6	5	6	7	7
Not in education or training	41	40	37	38	40	39	39	39
In employment	23	24	25	25	27	28	29	28
Not in employment	17	15	12	12	13	11	10	11
Female 18 year olds (thousands)	294	281	270	270	261	269	294	305
In full-time education	99	105	106	105	105	106	115	118
In employment	28	38	34	34	39	43	46	56
Not in employment	71	67	72	70	66	63	68	62
In training or other education	51	53	45	46	52	56	58	62
In employment	37	38	32	32	34	37	43	40
Not in employment	14	15	13	14	18	19	15	22
Not in education or training	144	122	119	119	105	107	121	125
In employment	94	77	81	81	70	72	80	83
Not in employment	50	46	38	38	35	36	41	42
Female 18 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In full-time education	34	38	39	39	40	39	39	39
In employment	10	14	13	13	15	16	16	18
Not in employment	24	24	27	26	25	23	23	20
In training or other education	17	19	17	17	20	21	20	20
In employment	13	13	12	12	13	14	15	13
Not in employment	5	5	5	5	7	7	5	7
Not in education or training	49	44	44	44	40	40	41	41
In employment	32	27	30	30	27	27	27	27
Not in employment	17	16	14	14	13	13	14	14

¹ figures may not add to totals due to rounding

² up to 1994 includes Further Education Statistical Record data

³ from 1994 onwards includes Individualised Student Record data

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⁵ provisional

Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

TABLE 8:
Economic Activity of 16 and 17 year olds by education status

England, thousands and percent¹

	end 1992	end 1993	end 1994 ²	end 1994 ³	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997 ⁴	end 1998 ⁵
All 16 year olds (thousands)	554	535	550	550	599	619	611	601
In full-time education	388	388	393	390	422	431	423	424
In employment	137	149	152	151	186	181	197	188
ILO unemployed	29	28	32	31	32	35	35	39
Economically inactive	221	212	210	208	204	214	191	196
In training or other education	94	86	94	94	98	99	91	91
In employment	83	74	81	76	75	76	69	67
ILO unemployed	5	6	6	9	9	9	9	12
Economically inactive	6	6	7	10	13	14	13	12
Not in education or training	73	61	62	65	80	89	97	86
In employment	31	27	30	36	37	47	52	39
ILO unemployed	28	24	19	17	23	29	32	33
Economically inactive	14	10	13	12	19	12	13	14
All 16 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In full-time education	70	73	72	71	70	70	69	71
In employment	25	28	28	28	31	29	32	31
ILO unemployed	5	5	6	6	5	6	6	7
Economically inactive	40	40	38	38	34	35	31	33
In training or other education	17	16	17	17	16	16	15	15
In employment	15	14	15	14	13	12	11	11
ILO unemployed	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2
Economically inactive	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Not in education or training	13	11	11	12	13	14	16	14
In employment	6	5	6	7	6	8	9	7
ILO unemployed	5	4	3	3	4	5	5	6
Economically inactive	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
All 17 year olds (thousands)	576	555	537	537	551	602	621	614
In full-time education	312	319	315	315	322	348	355	358
In employment	143	142	138	142	166	191	186	207
ILO unemployed	12	14	16	15	11	17	18	17
Economically inactive	157	163	161	158	145	140	151	134
In training or other education	134	121	112	111	112	126	125	123
In employment	116	103	89	85	83	92	92	93
ILO unemployed	9	9	10	12	12	15	16	15
Economically inactive	10	9	13	15	17	19	17	15
Not in education or training	130	114	110	110	117	128	140	133
In employment	69	63	65	66	78	78	91	85
ILO unemployed	40	31	19	18	23	23	27	28
Economically inactive	21	19	25	27	16	27	22	21
All 17 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In full-time education	54	58	59	59	58	58	57	58
In employment	25	26	26	26	30	32	30	34
ILO unemployed	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	3
Economically inactive	27	29	30	29	26	23	24	22
In training or other education	23	22	21	21	20	21	20	20
In employment	20	19	17	16	15	15	15	15
ILO unemployed	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2
Economically inactive	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2
Not in education or training	23	21	20	21	21	21	23	22
In employment	12	11	12	12	14	13	15	14
ILO unemployed	7	6	4	3	4	4	4	5
Economically inactive	4	3	5	5	3	5	4	3

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² up to 1994 includes Further Education Statistical Record data

³ from 1994 onwards includes Individualised Student Record data

⁴ revised

⁵ provisional

Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

TABLE 9:
Education status of all 16-18 year olds by economic activity

England, thousands and percent¹

	end 1992	end 1993	end 1994 ²	end 1994 ³	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997 ⁴	end 1998 ⁵
All 16-18 year olds (thousands)	1,734	1,667	1,643	1,643	1,689	1,775	1,837	1,840
In employment	904	870	859	859	927	987	1,043	1,052
Full-time education	336	363	355	360	430	457	471	497
In training or other education	302	269	256	244	238	255	258	258
No education or training	266	239	247	255	259	276	314	297
ILO unemployed	209	193	167	167	180	193	197	214
Full-time education	47	50	56	55	54	65	65	68
In training or other education	23	27	27	32	32	37	36	42
No education or training	139	117	85	81	93	90	96	104
Economically inactive	621	603	617	617	583	595	596	574
Full-time education	516	509	511	504	472	469	470	449
In training or other education	38	35	40	45	52	56	55	55
No education or training	67	59	66	67	59	70	71	69
All 16-18 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In employment	52	52	52	52	55	56	57	57
Full-time education	19	22	22	22	25	26	26	27
In training or other education	17	16	16	15	14	14	14	14
No education or training	15	14	15	16	15	16	17	16
ILO unemployed	12	12	10	10	11	11	11	12
Full-time education	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4
In training or other education	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
No education or training	8	7	5	5	6	5	5	6
Economically inactive	36	36	38	38	34	34	32	31
Full-time education	30	31	31	31	28	26	26	24
In training or other education	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
No education or training	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4

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2 up to 1994 includes Further Education Statistical Record data

3 from 1994 onwards includes Individualised Student Record data

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5 provisional

Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

TABLE 9A:
Education status of Male/Female 16-18 year olds by economic activity

England, thousands and percent¹

	end 1992	end 1993	end 1994 ²	end 1994 ³	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997 ⁴	end 1998 ⁵
Male 16-18 year olds (thousands)	892	858	846	846	870	912	942	943
In employment	459	450	436	436	473	503	524	537
Full-time education	149	168	157	163	195	206	206	224
In training or other education	185	158	154	145	139	148	147	152
No education or training	124	124	124	128	139	149	171	161
ILO unemployed	123	107	100	100	109	110	119	131
Full-time education	24	21	30	30	29	34	38	38
In training or other education	11	15	13	15	17	18	19	23
No education or training	89	71	56	55	63	58	63	71
Economically inactive	310	300	310	310	289	299	299	275
Full-time education	267	266	268	266	248	247	249	233
In training or other education	22	18	24	26	26	29	31	25
No education or training	21	17	18	19	15	24	20	17
Male 16-18 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In employment	51	52	52	52	54	55	56	57
Full-time education	17	20	19	19	22	23	22	24
In training or other education	21	18	18	17	16	16	16	16
No education or training	14	14	15	15	16	16	18	17
ILO unemployed	14	13	12	12	12	12	13	14
Full-time education	3	2	4	4	3	4	4	4
In training or other education	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
No education or training	10	8	7	6	7	6	7	7
Economically inactive	35	35	37	37	33	33	32	29
Full-time education	30	31	32	31	29	27	26	25
In training or other education	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
No education or training	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2
Female 16-18 year olds (thousands)	842	809	797	797	820	863	894	896
In employment	445	420	423	423	455	485	519	515
Full-time education	187	195	198	197	235	251	265	273
In training or other education	116	111	101	99	99	107	111	106
No education or training	142	115	123	127	120	127	143	136
ILO unemployed	85	86	68	68	71	83	78	83
Full-time education	24	29	26	25	25	31	28	30
In training or other education	12	11	14	17	15	20	18	19
No education or training	49	45	28	26	31	32	33	33
Economically inactive	311	303	306	306	294	295	297	299
Full-time education	249	243	243	239	224	222	221	216
In training or other education	16	18	16	19	26	27	24	31
No education or training	46	43	48	48	44	46	52	52
Female 16-18 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In employment	53	52	53	53	55	56	58	57
Full-time education	22	24	25	25	29	29	30	30
In training or other education	14	14	13	12	12	12	12	12
No education or training	17	14	15	16	15	15	16	15
ILO unemployed	10	11	9	9	9	10	9	9
Full-time education	3	4	3	3	3	4	3	3
In training or other education	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
No education or training	6	6	4	3	4	4	4	4
Economically inactive	37	37	38	38	36	34	33	33
Full-time education	30	30	30	30	27	26	25	24
In training or other education	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
No education or training	5	5	6	6	5	5	6	6

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² up to 1994 includes Further Education Statistical Record data

³ from 1994 onwards includes Individualised Student Record data

⁴ revised

⁵ provisional

Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

TABLE 10:
Education status of all 16-17 year olds by economic activity

England, thousands and percent¹

	end 1992	end 1993	end 1994 ²	end 1994 ³	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997 ⁴	end 1998 ⁵
All 16-17 year olds (thousands)	1,130	1,090	1,086	1,086	1,151	1,220	1,232	1,215
In employment	578	559	555	555	625	665	689	680
Full-time education	280	291	290	293	352	372	384	395
In training or other education	198	178	170	161	158	167	161	161
No education or training	100	90	95	101	115	125	144	124
ILO unemployed	123	112	102	102	111	129	136	143
Full-time education	42	42	47	46	43	52	53	56
In training or other education	13	15	16	20	22	25	25	27
No education or training	68	55	38	36	46	52	59	61
Economically inactive	429	419	429	429	414	427	407	392
Full-time education	378	375	371	366	349	355	343	330
In training or other education	16	15	20	25	30	33	30	27
No education or training	35	29	38	38	35	39	35	35
All 16-17 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In employment	51	51	51	51	54	54	56	56
Full-time education	25	27	27	27	31	31	31	33
In training or other education	18	16	16	15	14	14	13	13
No education or training	9	8	9	9	10	10	12	10
ILO unemployed	11	10	9	9	10	11	11	12
Full-time education	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5
In training or other education	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
No education or training	6	5	4	3	4	4	5	5
Economically inactive	38	38	40	40	36	35	33	32
Full-time education	33	34	34	34	30	29	28	27
In training or other education	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	2
No education or training	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	3

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Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

TABLE 10A:
Education status of Male/Female 16-17 year olds by economic activity

England, thousands and percent¹

	end 1992	end 1993	end 1994 ²	end 1994 ³	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997 ⁴	end 1998 ⁵
Male 16-17 year olds (thousands)	582	561	560	560	592	627	632	624
In employment	292	292	280	280	313	332	339	344
Full-time education	121	135	126	131	156	165	164	178
In training or other education	119	105	101	94	93	97	94	95
No education or training	52	53	53	56	65	70	81	71
Not in employment	290	270	279	279	279	295	293	280
Full-time education	218	212	221	219	209	216	215	202
In training or other education	15	16	19	22	28	30	28	26
No education or training	57	42	39	38	42	49	50	52
Male 16-17 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In employment	50	52	50	50	53	53	54	55
Full-time education	21	24	23	23	26	26	26	29
In training or other education	20	19	18	17	16	16	15	15
No education or training	9	9	9	10	11	11	13	11
Not in employment	50	48	50	50	47	47	46	45
Full-time education	37	38	40	39	35	34	34	32
In training or other education	3	3	3	4	5	5	4	4
No education or training	10	8	7	7	7	8	8	8
Female 16-17 year olds (thousands)	548	528	526	526	558	594	600	591
In employment	286	268	275	275	312	333	349	336
Full-time education	159	157	164	162	196	208	219	217
In training or other education	79	73	69	67	65	70	68	66
No education or training	48	38	42	46	51	55	62	53
Not in employment	262	261	252	252	246	261	251	255
Full-time education	201	205	196	193	183	191	180	184
In training or other education	15	14	17	22	24	28	27	28
No education or training	46	42	38	36	40	42	44	43
Female 16-17 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In employment	52	51	52	52	56	56	58	57
Full-time education	29	30	31	31	35	35	36	37
In training or other education	14	14	13	13	12	12	11	11
No education or training	9	7	8	9	9	9	10	9
Not in employment	48	49	48	48	44	44	42	43
Full-time education	37	39	37	37	33	32	30	31
In training or other education	3	3	3	4	4	5	4	5
No education or training	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7

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³ from 1994 onwards includes Individualised Student Record data

⁴ revised

⁵ provisional

Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

TABLE 11:
Education status of all 18 year olds by economic activity

England, thousands and percent¹

	end 1992	end 1993	end 1994 ²	end 1994 ³	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997 ⁴	end 1998 ⁵
All 18 year olds (thousands)	604	577	557	557	539	554	605	625
In employment	326	311	303	303	302	323	355	373
Full-time education	56	71	65	67	78	84	88	102
In training or other education	103	91	86	83	80	88	97	98
No education or training	166	148	152	153	144	151	170	173
ILO unemployed	86	81	66	66	68	63	61	70
Full-time education	6	8	9	9	11	13	13	12
In training or other education	10	12	11	12	11	13	12	15
No education or training	71	61	46	45	47	38	37	43
Economically inactive	192	185	188	188	169	168	189	182
Full-time education	138	134	140	138	123	115	127	119
In training or other education	22	21	20	21	22	23	25	29
No education or training	32	30	28	29	24	30	37	34
All 18 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In employment	54	54	54	54	56	58	59	60
Full-time education	9	12	12	12	15	15	15	16
In training or other education	17	16	15	15	15	16	16	16
No education or training	28	26	27	28	27	27	28	28
ILO unemployed	14	14	12	12	13	11	10	11
Full-time education	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
In training or other education	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
No education or training	12	11	8	8	9	7	6	7
Economically inactive	32	32	34	34	31	30	31	29
Full-time education	23	23	25	25	23	21	21	19
In training or other education	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5
No education or training	5	5	5	5	4	5	6	5

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Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

TABLE 11A:
Education status of Male/Female 18 year olds by economic activity

England, thousands and percent¹

	end 1992	end 1993	end 1994 ²	end 1994 ³	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997 ⁴	end 1998 ⁵
Male 18 year olds (thousands)	310	297	286	286	277	285	311	320
In employment	167	159	156	156	159	171	185	193
Full-time education	28	33	31	33	39	41	41	46
In training or other education	66	54	53	51	46	51	54	58
No education or training	72	72	71	72	74	79	90	90
Not in employment	143	138	131	131	118	114	125	126
Full-time education	73	75	77	77	68	66	72	69
In training or other education	18	17	18	19	14	17	22	22
No education or training	53	46	36	36	36	32	32	36
Male 18 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In employment	54	54	54	54	57	60	60	60
Full-time education	9	11	11	11	14	14	13	14
In training or other education	21	18	19	18	17	18	17	18
No education or training	23	24	25	25	27	28	29	28
Not in employment	46	46	46	46	43	40	40	40
Full-time education	23	25	27	27	25	23	23	22
In training or other education	6	6	6	6	5	6	7	7
No education or training	17	15	12	12	13	11	10	11
Female 18 year olds (thousands)	294	281	270	270	261	269	294	305
In employment	159	152	148	148	143	152	170	179
Full-time education	28	38	34	34	39	43	46	56
In training or other education	37	38	32	32	34	37	43	40
No education or training	94	77	81	81	70	72	80	83
Not in employment	135	128	123	123	118	117	124	126
Full-time education	71	67	72	70	66	63	68	62
In training or other education	14	15	13	14	18	19	15	22
No education or training	50	46	38	38	35	36	41	42
Female 18 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In employment	54	54	55	55	55	56	58	59
Full-time education	10	14	13	13	15	16	16	18
In training or other education	13	13	12	12	13	14	15	13
No education or training	32	27	30	30	27	27	27	27
In employment	46	46	45	45	45	44	42	41
Full-time education	24	24	27	26	25	23	23	20
In training or other education	5	5	5	5	7	7	5	7
No education or training	17	16	14	14	13	13	14	14

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⁵ provisional

Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

TABLE 12:
Education status of 16 and 17 year olds by economic activity

England, thousands and percent¹

	end 1992	end 1993	end 1994 ²	end 1994 ³	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997 ⁴	end 1998 ⁵
All 16 year olds (thousands)	554	535	550	550	599	619	611	601
In employment	251	251	263	263	298	304	319	295
Full-time education	137	149	152	151	186	181	197	188
In training or other education	83	74	81	76	75	76	69	67
No education or training	31	27	30	36	37	47	52	39
ILO unemployed	62	57	57	57	65	74	76	84
Full-time education	29	28	32	31	32	35	35	39
In training or other education	5	6	6	9	9	9	9	12
No education or training	28	24	19	17	23	29	32	33
Economically inactive	241	227	230	230	236	240	217	222
Full-time education	221	212	210	208	204	214	191	196
In training or other education	6	6	7	10	13	14	13	12
No education or training	14	10	13	12	19	12	13	14
All 16 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In employment	45	47	48	48	50	49	52	49
Full-time education	25	28	28	28	31	29	32	31
In training or other education	15	14	15	14	13	12	11	11
No education or training	6	5	6	7	6	8	9	7
ILO unemployed	11	11	10	10	11	12	12	14
Full-time education	5	5	6	6	5	6	6	7
In training or other education	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2
No education or training	5	4	3	3	4	5	5	6
Economically inactive	43	42	42	42	39	39	35	37
Full-time education	40	40	38	38	34	35	31	33
In training or other education	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
No education or training	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
All 17 year olds (thousands)	576	555	537	537	551	602	621	614
In employment	327	309	292	292	327	360	370	385
Full-time education	143	142	138	142	166	191	186	207
In training or other education	116	103	89	85	83	92	92	93
No education or training	69	63	65	66	78	78	91	85
ILO unemployed	61	54	45	45	47	55	61	59
Full-time education	12	14	16	15	11	17	18	17
In training or other education	9	9	10	12	12	15	16	15
No education or training	40	31	19	18	23	23	27	28
Economically inactive	188	192	199	199	178	187	191	170
Full-time education	157	163	161	158	145	140	151	134
In training or other education	10	9	13	15	17	19	17	15
No education or training	21	19	25	27	16	27	22	21
All 17 year olds (percent)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
In employment	57	56	54	54	59	60	60	63
Full-time education	25	26	26	26	30	32	30	34
In training or other education	20	19	17	16	15	15	15	15
No education or training	12	11	12	12	14	13	15	14
ILO unemployed	11	10	8	8	8	9	10	10
Full-time education	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	3
In training or other education	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2
No education or training	7	6	4	3	4	4	4	5
Economically inactive	33	35	37	37	32	31	31	28
Full-time education	27	29	30	29	26	23	24	22
In training or other education	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2
No education or training	4	3	5	5	3	5	4	3

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Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

TABLE 13:
Reasons for inactivity among 16-18 year olds not in education or training

England, thousands¹

	end 1992	end 1993	end 1994 ²	end 1994 ³	end 1995	end 1996	end 1997 ⁴	end 1998 ⁵
Not in education or training and economically inactive⁶	67	59	66	67	59	70	67	69
seeking work but unavailable	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
would like work but not seeking	22	22	26	27	19	26	25	25
would not like work	43	34	38	39	38	40	38	40

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Source: school, college and trainee records, Labour Force Survey

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6 not active in the labour market, that is neither in GST, other employment, nor ILO unemployed

TABLE 14:
Youth Cohort Study: 16 year old participation estimates, 1998

England and Wales, percent¹

	In education or training			Not in education or training		
	Total	FT education	other	Total	in employment	not in employment
All	86	69	17	14	8	6
by year 11 attainment ²						
5+ GCSEs A*-C	97	91	6	3	2	1
1-4 GCSEs A*-C	84	62	23	16	10	6
5+ GCSEs D-G	77	48	29	23	13	11
1-4 GCSEs D-G	62	34	28	38	19	19
none reported	53	26	27	47	20	26
by ethnic group						
White	85	67	18	15	8	6
Black	89	82	7	11	6	4
Asian	92	86	6	8	2	6
Other	93	84	8	7	5	2
Not stated	81	64	16	19	10	10

1 percentages may not add to totals due to rounding

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2 Includes GNVQ and NVQ equivalents

TABLE 15:
Youth Cohort Study: 18 year old participation estimates, 1998

England and Wales, percent ¹						
	In education or training			Not in education or training		
	Total	FT education	other	Total	in employment	not in employment
All	68	42	26	32	21	11
by year 11 attainment						
5+ GCSEs A*-C	82	63	19	18	13	5
1-4 GCSEs A*-C	66	31	34	34	26	9
5+ GCSEs D-G	51	19	33	49	31	17
1-4 GCSEs D-G	34	13	21	66	36	30
none reported	43	20	23	57	27	30
by ethnic group						
White	67	40	27	33	22	11
Black	82	65	17	18	6	12
Asian	81	70	11	19	12	7
Other	74	54	20	26	15	11
Not stated	69	33	36	31	23	9

1 percentages may not add to totals due to rounding

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