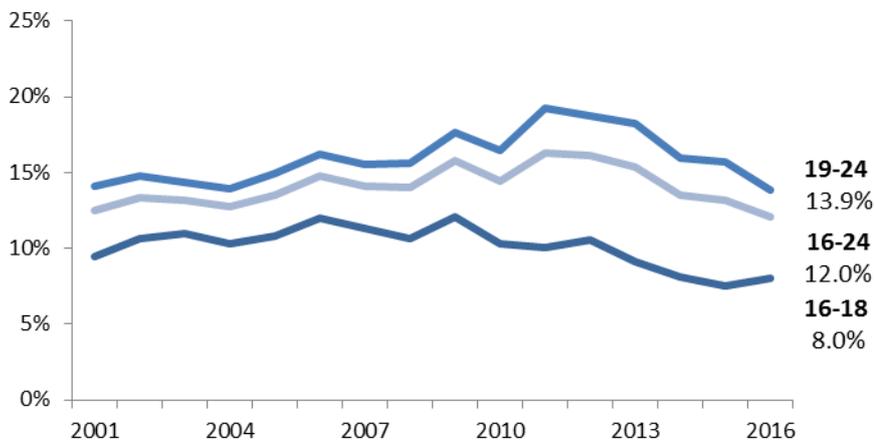




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The proportion of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) fell for the 19-24 and 16-24 age groups but rose for the 16-18 age group. *

April to June NEET rate: England



Source: Labour Force Survey

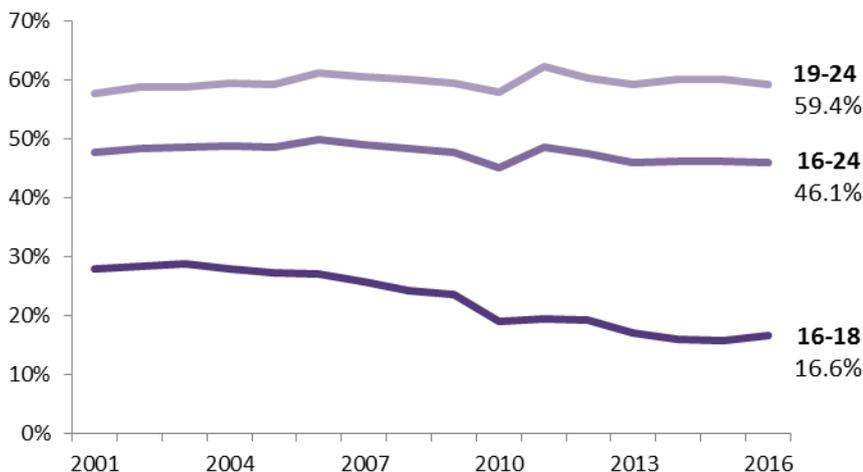
The 16-18 NEET rate was 8.0% in April to June 2016, up 0.5 percentage points from the comparable quarter in 2015, although this change was not statistically significant.

Over the same period the 19-24 NEET rate fell 1.8 percentage points (to 13.9%) and the overall 16-24 rate fell by 1.1 percentage points (to 12.0%).

The 19-24 and 16-24 rates are the lowest April to June figures since comparable data began in 2001.

The proportion of young people not in education or training (NET) fell for the 19-24 and 16-24 age groups but rose for the 16-18 age group.*

April to June NET rate: England



Source: Labour Force Survey

The proportion of 16-18 year olds NET rose between April to June 2015 and 2016 (up 0.9 percentage points to 16.6%) although this change was not statistically significant.

The 19-24 NET rate fell by 0.7 percentage points (to 59.4%) and the overall 16-24 remained flat (falling slightly by 0.1 percentage points to 46.1%). None of these changes were statistically significant.

* Note that only the annual changes in the NEET rate between April to June 2015 and 2016 for the 19-24 and 16-24 summary groups were statistically significant at the 95% level. Over the same period, none of the annual changes in NET for the summary age groups were statistically significant.

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About this release

This statistical first release (SFR) provides the most timely statistics on young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) and young people not in education or training (NET).

The data covers England and is based on academic age. Trends are assessed by comparing the current time period with the same time period in the previous year to account for seasonal effects.

The ONS releases NEET estimates on the same day as this release but their figures cover the UK, are based on calendar age and are seasonally adjusted.

Three data sources are used to publish this SFR:

- Quarterly Labour Force Survey (LFS)
- Statistical First Release (SFR) 'Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England'
- Local Authorities' Client Caseload Information System (CCIS)

In this publication

The following tables are published alongside the SFR:

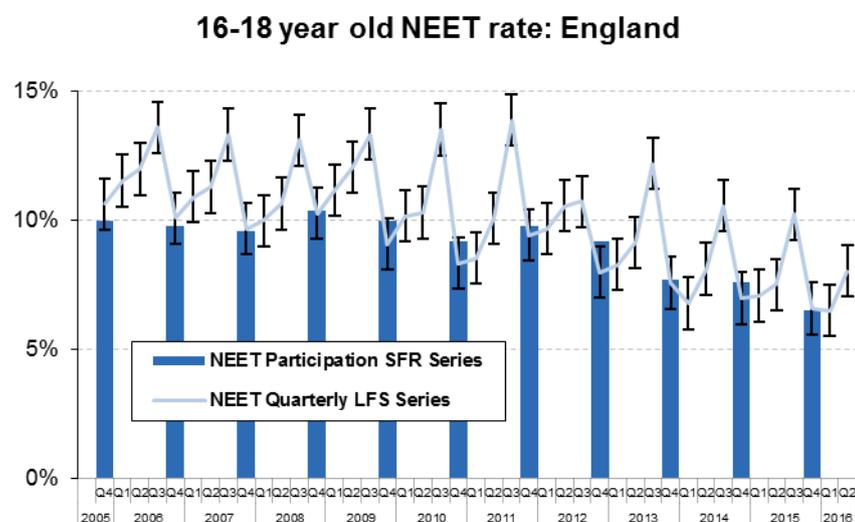
- NEET and NET estimates from the LFS (excel.xls)
- NEET and NET estimates from the Participation SFR (excel.xls)
- NEET and NET estimates from CCIS data (excel.xls)
- NEET estimates by region and gender from the LFS for: 16- 24, 18- 24 and 19-24 year-olds (excel.xls)
- National NEET estimates from the LFS for all age groups (excel.xls)
- NEET estimates from the LFS by age and gender and labour market status (excel.xls)
- Underlying data (open format .csv and metadata .txt)

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1. NEET quarterly LFS series (last updated August 2016)

Figure 1: NEET Quarterly LFS Series, age 16-18: England, Oct-Dec 2005 to Apr-Jun 2016



Source: Source: Participation SFR and Labour Force Survey
 Note: Bars around data points indicate approximate 95% confidence intervals

The 16-18 year old trend shows seasonal patterns that reflect the academic year: lower rates in autumn (October to December) followed by a gradual rise in spring and early summer (January to June) with a peak in late summer (July to September).

The proportion of 16-18 year olds NEET has increased. Compared to the April to June period last year, the rate rose 0.5 percentage points to 8.0%. The rise against the previous year is not statistically significant.

There was a rise in the proportion of 16 year olds who were NEET in April to June 2016. Their rate rose by 1.9 percentage points (to 4.2%) compared to 2015. This change was statistically significant, although it follows a large

fall in the NEET rate between 2014 and 2015 (from 3.8% to 2.3%). The proportion of 17 year olds NEET rose by 0.4 percentage points to 8.0% over the same period. These rises at 16 and 17 offset a decrease in the 18 year old NEET rate, which fell by 0.8 percentage points to 11.8%.

It should be noted that sample sizes in the Labour Force Survey are small for individual age cohorts, so sampling variation is large and caution should be take in interpreting changes over the short term, particularly when the characteristic of interest is rare, such as the NEET rate at 16 and 17.

Figure 2: NEET rates for different age cohorts: England 2014 - 2016

	April to June 2014	April to June 2015	April to June 2016	% point change from Apr-Jun 2015 to Apr-Jun 2016
Age 16	3.8%	2.3%	4.2%	1.9ppts*
Age 17	7.4%	7.6%	8.0%	0.4ppts
Age 18	13.0%	12.6%	11.8%	-0.8ppts
Age 16-18	8.1%	7.5%	8.0%	0.5ppts
Age 19-24	16.0%	15.7%	13.9%	-1.8ppts*
Age 16-24	13.5%	13.1%	12.0%	-1.1ppts*

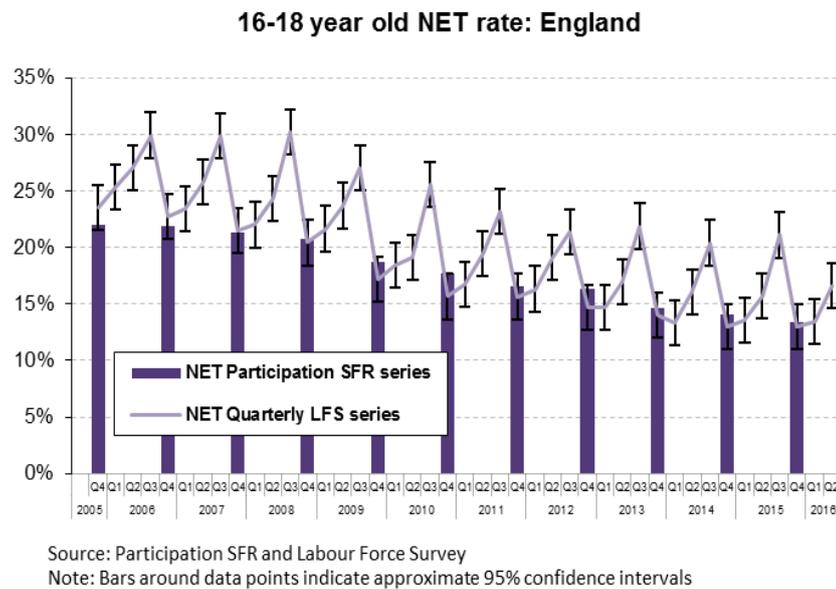
The rise in the NEET rate for the overall 16-18 group was the result of an increase in the proportion not in education or training (up 0.9 percentage points to 16.6%) combined with a fall in the employment rate for those not in education or training.

The employment rate of the NET group fell by 0.4 percentage points in the last year to 51.7%.

Source: Labour Force Survey
 Note: * - Change is statistically significant

2. NET quarterly LFS series (last updated August 2016)

Figure 3: NET Quarterly LFS Series, age 16-18: England, Oct-Dec 2005 to Apr-Jun 2016



The proportion of 16-18 year olds NET rose by 0.9 percentage points to 16.6% compared to the same period last year. This was 12.2 percentage points lower than the peak of 28.8% in 2003.

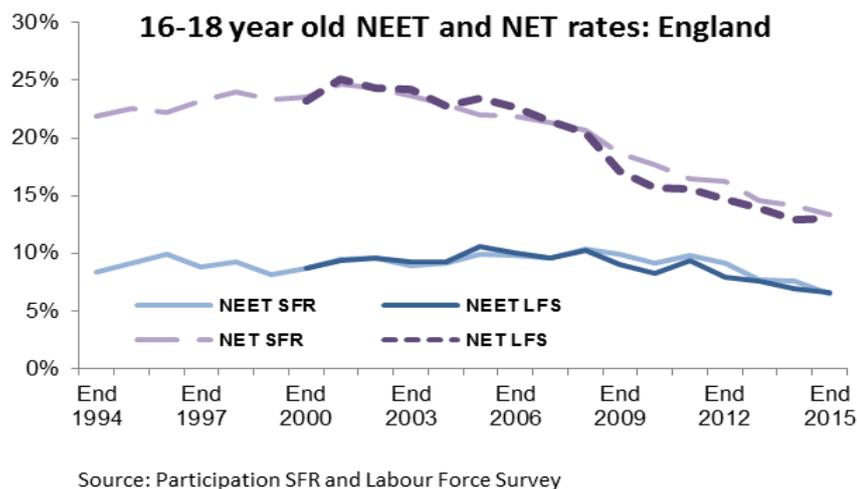
There was an increase at age 16, where the rate rose by 2.4 percentage points (to 5.4%) compared to 2015. This follows a large fall in the NET rate at age 16 between 2014 and 2015 (from 4.7% to 3.0%).

The proportion of 17 year olds NET was up 0.7 percentage point to 14.4%. The proportion of 18 year olds NET was down 0.4 percentage point to 29.8%.

The NET rate change for 16 year olds is statistically significant.

3. NEET Participation SFR series (last updated August 2016)

Figure 4: NEET historical series for 16-18 year olds: England, end 1994 - end 2015



Understanding the historical trends in NEET rates is an important part of placing current performance in perspective.

Figures in this release should be considered alongside those from the participation SFR which is the DfE's definitive measure of participation for 16-18 year olds.

Historically the 16-18 NEET rate tended to fluctuate at around 8-10%, but since 2008 both measures have shown a downward trend.

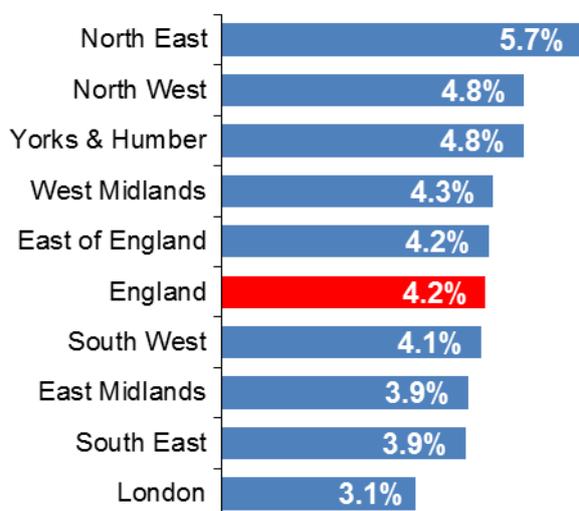
The latest Participation SFR NET rate, for end 2015, was 13.4%, a fall of 0.7 percentage points from end 2014. This is the lowest comparable figure since consistent data began in 1994.

Between end 2014 and end 2015 the proportion of 16-18 year olds participating in education and training increased from 85.9% to 86.6%. Over the same period, the employment rate of the 16-18 year olds not in education or training rose from 46.0% to 51.5%. The result of these two factors is that the proportion of 16-18 year olds NEET at the end of 2015 decreased by 1.1 percentage points to 6.5%.

4. Regional NEET (last updated May 2016)

Figure 5: Regional NEET, age 16-18: England, Nov 2015-Jan 2016 average

NEET rate 16-18 year olds: England, End 2015



Source: Client Caseload Information System

The regional picture on 16-18 NEET is taken from [Local Authorities' Client Caseload Information System \(CCIS\)](#), published in April 2016.

CCIS data indicates that the northern English regions have higher NEET rates, i.e. North East, North West, and Yorkshire and the Humber. In comparison, London, South East and East Midlands have the lowest NEET rates.

Note that Local Authority CCIS data are published annually and tend to show a lower percentage NEET than either the Participation SFR or LFS data sources. In addition, regional NEET estimates for 16-24, 18-24 and 19-24 year olds summary age groups based on the LFS are published as supplementary tables alongside this Quarterly Brief.

5. Accompanying tables

The following tables are available in Excel format on the department's statistics [website](#).

National tables

Table 1 NEET estimates from the LFS, Participation SFR and CCIS data, England

Table 2 NET estimates from the LFS, Participation SFR and CCIS data, England

Table 3 NEET estimates 16 to 24 by region and gender

Table 4 NEET estimates 18 to 24 by region and gender

Table 5 NEET estimates 19 to 24 by region and gender

Table 6 NEET time series for England

Table 7 NEET estimates by labour market status

When reviewing the tables, please note that:

Labour Force Survey (LFS) datasets are routinely reweighted in line with population estimates. In May 2016 a new weighting variable was introduced, PWT16, to LFS datasets from July - September 2012 onwards. More information about the impact of the reweighting on the NEET and NET rates is available in an additional spreadsheet published with the [January to March 2016 quarterly brief](#).

The PWT16 weights reflect the most recent mid-year population estimates for England and Wales, released by the Office for National Statistics on 25th June 2015.

ONS have produced an assessment of the likely impact the 2014 mid-year estimates will have on the will have on the the headline LFS aggregates [here](#).

6. Further information is available

Wales

The Welsh Assembly Government (WG) publishes an annual SFR produced in similar what to DfE's Participation SFR. [The Participation of Young People in Education and the Labour Market](#) is the regarded as the definitive measure of NEET estimates in Wales. It covers those in academic age 16-18 and 19-24.

The WG also publishes [NEET figures based on the Annual Population Survey \(APS\)](#) which is similar the the LFS data used in this publication. It covers adademic age 16-18 and 19-24.

WG also published [local area estimates of NEET](#) which looks at pupil destinations based on the Careers Wales Survey. These are based on interviews done in October following Year 11.

Scotland

The Scottish Government (SG) publishes an annual SFR based on the Annual Population Survey (APS) [Regional Employment Patterns in Scotland: Statistics from the Annual Population Survey 2015](#) provides national NEET estimates that cover actual age 16-19.

The SG also published [Annual school leaver statistics](#) which are used to give the proportion of young people in 'positive destinations'. These NEET estimates include some young people in part-time education. The coverage is actual age 16-19.

SG also published a combination of [DWP benefits data and school leaver destinations](#) that provide local NEET estimates.

ONS

Monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS) statistics for young people not in full-time education and not in employment -Table 14 from the Labour Market Statistics bulletin. Part of wider labour market statistics; rolling 3-month average both seasonally-adjusted and not seasonally-adjusted; roughly equivalent to NEET but will include some young people in part-time education. [ONS statistical bulletin: UK Labour Market, August 2016](#) Actual age 16-17 and 18-24.

Quarterly Statistics based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS). Definition of NEET corresponds to that used in the DfE NEET Quarterly Brief. UK estimate, seasonally adjusted. [ONS National Statistics: Young People not in Education, Employment or Training \(NEETs\)](#)

OECD

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) publishes annual NEET estimates. Their [Education at a Glance UK country note](#) publication covers young people aged 15-19 and 15-29 in the UK. The full publication can be accessed on their website: [OECD website: Education at a glance](#)

7. National Statistics

The United Kingdom Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:

- meet identified user needs;
- are well explained and readily accessible;
- are produced according to sound methods, and
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed.

The Department has a set of [statistical policies](#) in line with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

8. Technical information

A methodology information document accompanies this SFR. This provides further information on the data sources, their coverage and quality and explains the methodology used in producing the data, including how it is validated and processed.

	Coverage	Last Published	Next Published
NEET and NET quarterly LFS series	April to June 2016	August 2016	November 2016
NEET and NET Participation SFR series	End 2015	June 2016	June 2017
Regional NEET	November 2015 – January 2016 average	May 2016	May 2017

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10. Tables

Figure 6: Percentage Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET): England

NEET Quarterly LFS series	16 year olds	17 year olds	18 year olds	16-17 year olds	16-18 year olds	16-24 year olds	18-24 year olds	19-24 year olds
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2001	7.9%	9.1%	11.6%	8.5%	9.5%	12.5%	13.7%	14.1%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2002	8.8%	10.9%	12.3%	9.9%	10.6%	13.3%	14.4%	14.8%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2003	8.4%	10.6%	14.1%	9.5%	11.0%	13.2%	14.3%	14.3%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2004	8.2%	8.9%	13.8%	8.5%	10.3%	12.7%	13.9%	14.0%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2005	9.2%	10.1%	13.2%	9.7%	10.8%	13.6%	14.7%	14.9%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2006	9.0%	10.9%	16.0%	10.0%	12.0%	14.8%	16.2%	16.2%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2007	8.3%	11.0%	14.5%	9.6%	11.3%	14.1%	15.4%	15.5%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2008	7.2%	9.8%	15.0%	8.5%	10.6%	14.0%	15.5%	15.6%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2009	8.2%	11.5%	16.3%	9.9%	12.0%	15.8%	17.5%	17.7%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2010	5.2%	10.1%	15.2%	7.8%	10.3%	14.4%	16.3%	16.5%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2011	6.5%	9.1%	14.6%	7.8%	10.1%	16.3%	18.6%	19.3%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2012	5.8%	9.7%	15.9%	7.8%	10.6%	16.2%	18.4%	18.7%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2013	5.0%	8.1%	14.4%	6.6%	9.1%	15.4%	17.7%	18.2%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2014	3.8%	7.4%	13.0%	5.6%	8.1%	13.5%	15.6%	16.0%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2015	2.3%	7.6%	12.6%	5.0%	7.5%	13.1%	15.3%	15.7%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2016	4.2%	8.0%	11.8%	6.2%	8.0%	12.0%	13.6%	13.9%

Source: Labour Force Survey.

Figure 7: Percentage Not in Education or Training (NET): England

NET Quarterly LFS series	16 year olds	17 year olds	18 year olds	16-17 year olds	16-18 year olds	16-24 year olds	18-24 year olds	19-24 year olds
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2001	18.2%	24.0%	43.2%	21.1%	27.9%	47.8%	55.8%	57.8%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2002	17.6%	26.0%	42.5%	21.7%	28.4%	48.5%	56.6%	58.9%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2003	17.6%	26.6%	42.7%	22.2%	28.8%	48.6%	56.6%	58.9%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2004	15.8%	24.8%	43.1%	20.2%	27.9%	48.8%	57.1%	59.5%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2005	16.8%	23.6%	42.3%	20.2%	27.2%	48.7%	56.9%	59.2%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2006	15.0%	23.0%	42.5%	19.1%	27.0%	49.9%	58.5%	61.2%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2007	15.1%	21.7%	40.1%	18.3%	25.8%	49.2%	57.7%	60.6%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2008	12.1%	21.0%	39.8%	16.6%	24.3%	48.4%	57.3%	60.2%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2009	11.3%	20.7%	38.7%	16.1%	23.7%	47.7%	56.5%	59.5%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2010	6.9%	16.1%	33.3%	11.7%	19.1%	45.2%	54.4%	57.9%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2011	8.4%	16.0%	33.8%	12.1%	19.5%	48.6%	58.5%	62.4%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2012	8.3%	15.5%	33.0%	11.9%	19.1%	47.4%	56.8%	60.5%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2013	5.9%	12.8%	32.6%	9.6%	17.0%	46.0%	55.8%	59.3%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2014	4.7%	12.5%	30.6%	8.6%	16.1%	46.2%	56.1%	60.1%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2015	3.0%	13.7%	30.2%	8.4%	15.7%	46.2%	56.1%	60.1%
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2016	5.4%	14.4%	29.8%	10.1%	16.6%	46.1%	55.5%	59.4%

Source: Labour Force Survey.

Figure 8: Number Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET): England

NEET Quarterly LFS series	16 year olds	17 year olds	18 year olds	16-17 year olds	16-18 year olds	16-24 year olds	18-24 year olds	19-24 year olds
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2001	47,000	55,000	62,000	102,000	164,000	650,000	548,000	486,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2002	55,000	66,000	71,000	121,000	192,000	705,000	583,000	513,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2003	51,000	68,000	84,000	118,000	202,000	711,000	593,000	509,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2004	52,000	53,000	87,000	105,000	192,000	702,000	596,000	510,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2005	59,000	64,000	78,000	123,000	202,000	770,000	647,000	569,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2006	54,000	71,000	103,000	126,000	228,000	851,000	725,000	622,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2007	53,000	69,000	95,000	122,000	216,000	822,000	701,000	606,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2008	46,000	65,000	97,000	111,000	208,000	833,000	723,000	625,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2009	53,000	76,000	108,000	129,000	237,000	941,000	812,000	704,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2010	32,000	69,000	102,000	100,000	202,000	864,000	763,000	662,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2011	43,000	57,000	96,000	100,000	196,000	989,000	889,000	793,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2012	37,000	61,000	104,000	98,000	202,000	981,000	883,000	779,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2013	30,000	55,000	88,000	86,000	174,000	930,000	845,000	756,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2014	24,000	47,000	83,000	70,000	153,000	810,000	740,000	657,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2015	14,000	48,000	80,000	62,000	142,000	792,000	730,000	650,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2016	25,000	52,000	74,000	77,000	151,000	727,000	650,000	576,000

Source: Labour Force Survey.

Figure 9: Number Not in Education or Training (NET): England

NET Quarterly LFS series	16 year olds	17 year olds	18 year olds	16-17 year olds	16-18 year olds	16-24 year olds	18-24 year olds	19-24 year olds
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2001	108,000	145,000	231,000	253,000	485,000	2,478,000	2,225,000	1,993,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2002	110,000	158,000	245,000	267,000	512,000	2,559,000	2,292,000	2,047,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2003	106,000	171,000	253,000	277,000	530,000	2,624,000	2,346,000	2,093,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2004	101,000	147,000	271,000	248,000	519,000	2,689,000	2,440,000	2,169,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2005	108,000	150,000	251,000	258,000	509,000	2,767,000	2,509,000	2,258,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2006	91,000	151,000	273,000	242,000	515,000	2,862,000	2,620,000	2,347,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2007	96,000	135,000	262,000	231,000	493,000	2,859,000	2,628,000	2,366,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2008	78,000	139,000	259,000	217,000	476,000	2,883,000	2,666,000	2,407,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2009	73,000	137,000	257,000	209,000	466,000	2,836,000	2,626,000	2,370,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2010	43,000	109,000	223,000	152,000	374,000	2,703,000	2,552,000	2,329,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2011	55,000	101,000	222,000	156,000	378,000	2,941,000	2,786,000	2,563,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2012	52,000	98,000	216,000	150,000	366,000	2,880,000	2,730,000	2,514,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2013	36,000	87,000	200,000	123,000	323,000	2,783,000	2,659,000	2,459,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2014	29,000	78,000	195,000	107,000	302,000	2,770,000	2,662,000	2,467,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2015	18,000	87,000	191,000	106,000	296,000	2,784,000	2,678,000	2,487,000
Apr-Jun (Q2) 2016	32,000	94,000	186,000	126,000	312,000	2,780,000	2,654,000	2,467,000

Source: Labour Force Survey.



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