

Destination Report 2025



1 Introduction

Where young people went at the end of their compulsory education in Year 11.

I am pleased to provide you with this Destinations 25 Report based on the outcomes from the 2025 Activity Survey undertaken by Connexions Bury. This survey is conducted each year and provides a valuable insight into the decisions made by young people as they move out of compulsory education. The data in this publication represents a 'snapshot' of their destinations as of the 1st November 2025.

I hope you find this Destinations 25 Report useful. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please contact Connexions Bury.

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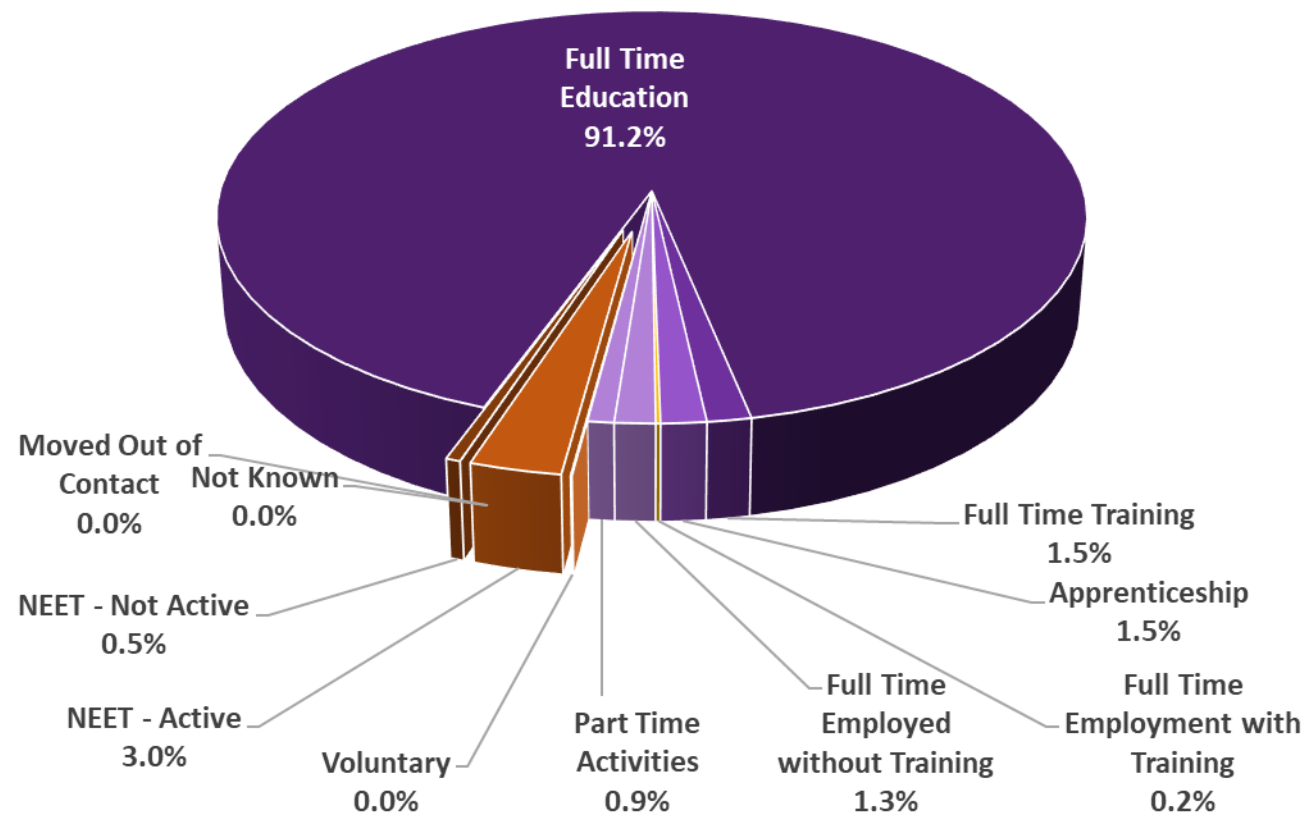
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Connexions Bury is the independent and impartial information, advice, guidance and support service for Year 11, 12 and 13 young people (15-18 years old) and up to the age of 25 if a young person has an EHCP.

2 Destination Summary

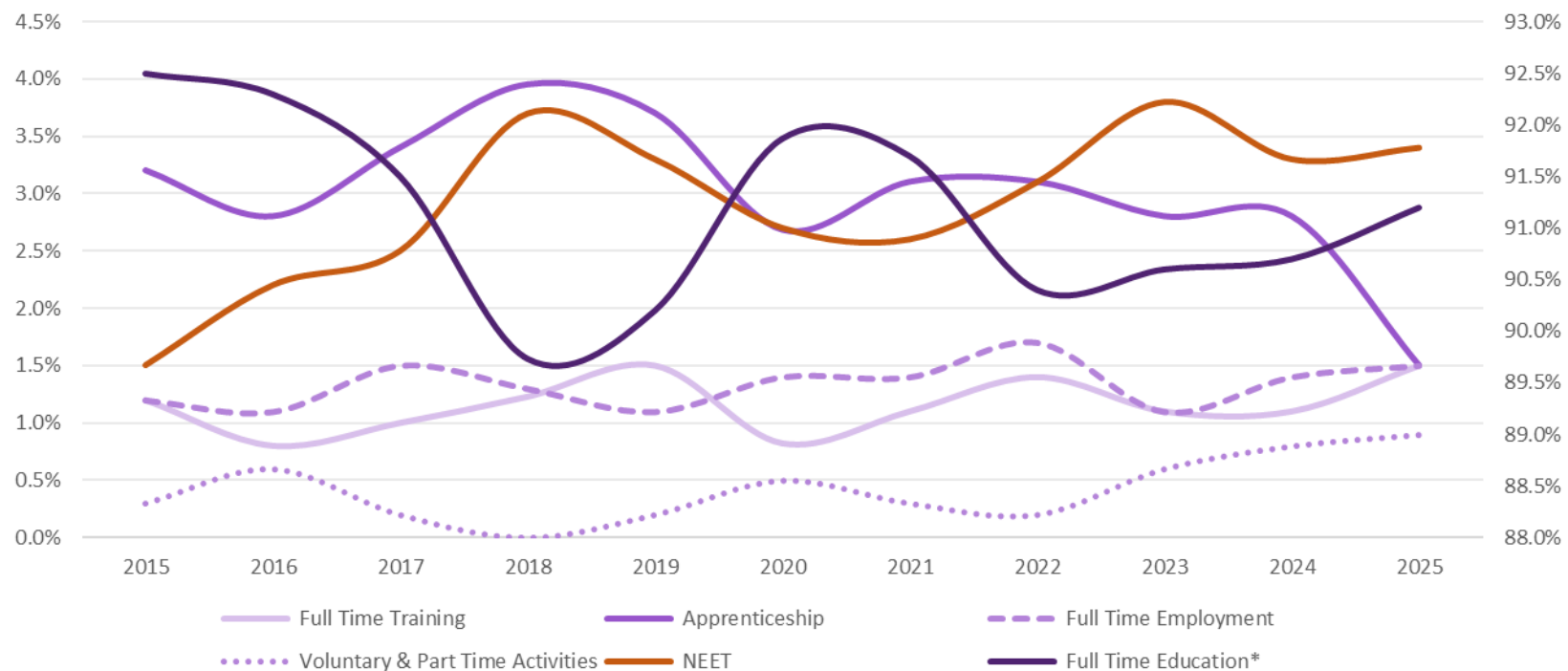
EET group
other destinations



- In 2025, 96.5% of young people in Bury were engaged in education, employment, or training (EET), showing a slight decline from 96.7% in 2024.
- The percentage of young people entering full-time education in Bury rose from 90.7% in 2024 to 91.2% in 2025.
- Those involved in full-time training, full-time employment combined with training, and apprenticeships decreased from 3.8% in 2024 to 3.1% in 2025.
- The share of young people participating in apprenticeships dropped from 2.8% in 2024 to 1.5% in 2025.
- The unemployment rate (NEET) among young people in Bury increased slightly from 3.3% in 2024 to 3.5% in 2025.
- The Connexions team successfully contacted every young person in the group, resulting in 0% Not Known cases.

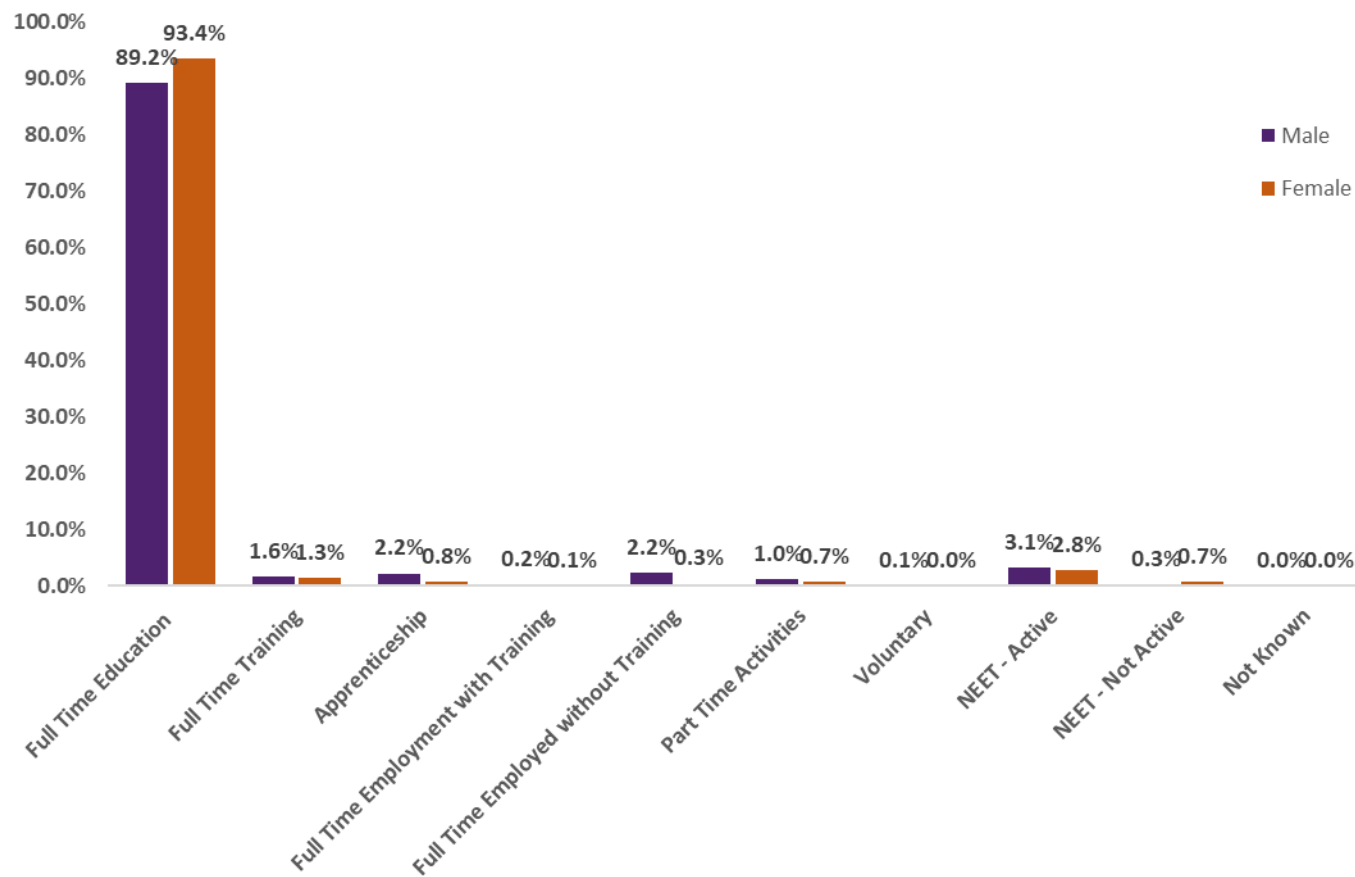
3 Destination Trends

Destination	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Full Time Education*	92.5%	92.3%	91.5%	89.7%	90.2%	91.9%	91.7%	90.4%	90.6%	90.7%	91.2%
Full Time Training	1.2%	0.8%	1.0%	1.2%	1.5%	0.8%	1.1%	1.4%	1.1%	1.1%	1.5%
Apprenticeship	3.2%	2.8%	3.4%	3.9%	3.7%	2.7%	3.1%	3.1%	2.8%	2.8%	1.5%
Full Time Employment	1.2%	1.1%	1.5%	1.3%	1.1%	1.4%	1.4%	1.7%	1.1%	1.4%	1.5%
Voluntary & Part Time Activities	0.3%	0.6%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.6%	0.8%	0.9%
NEET	1.5%	2.2%	2.5%	3.7%	3.3%	2.7%	2.6%	3.1%	3.8%	3.3%	3.4%
Not Known	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Moved Out of Contact	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%



*secondary axis (right of graph)

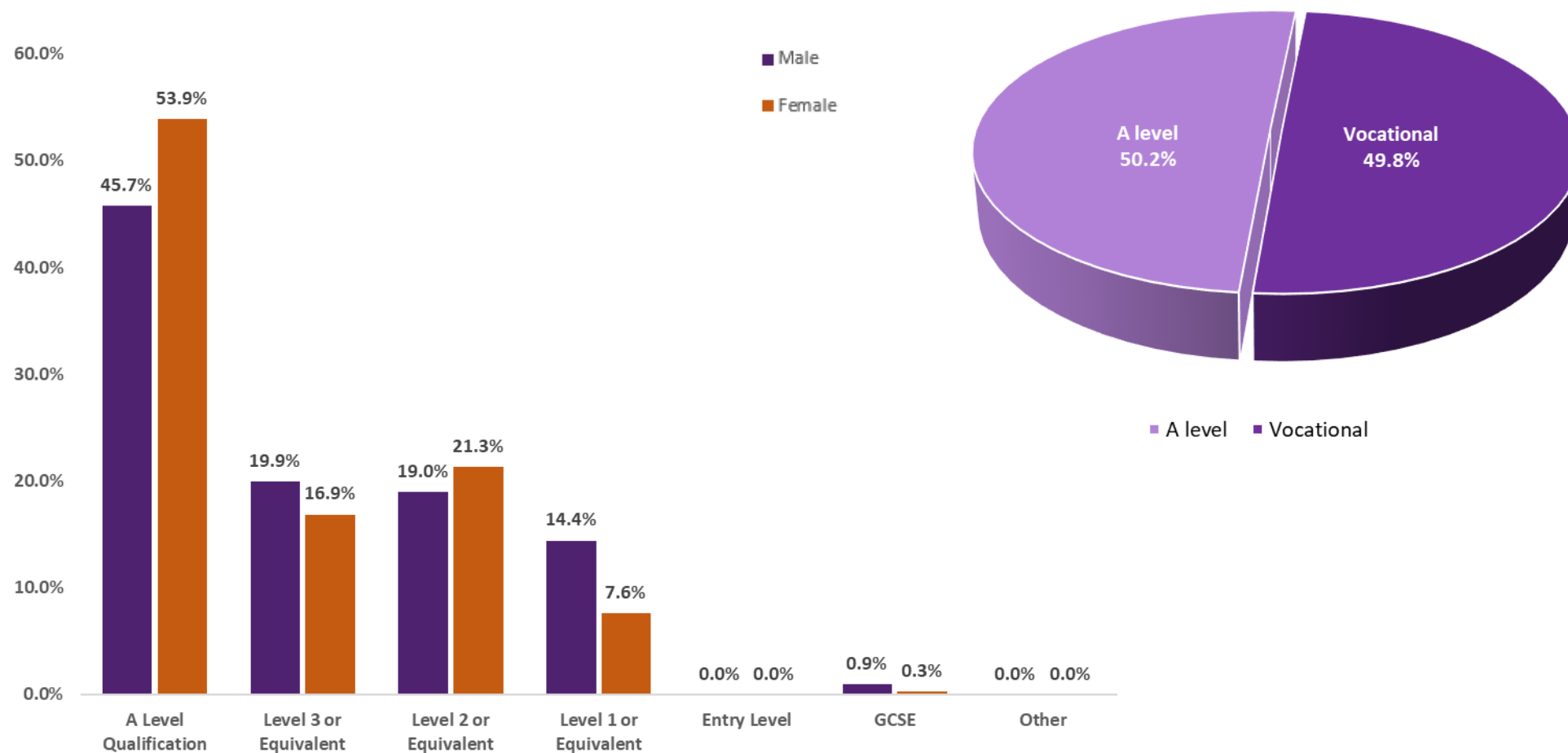
4 Destination Comparison By Sex



- The proportion of females enrolled in full-time education remains higher than that of males, with the difference decreasing from 4.9% in 2024 to 4.2% in 2025.
- Female apprenticeship participation has fallen by 0.7% since 2024, whereas male participation has declined by 1.7% over the same timeframe.
- Since 2024, unemployment (NEET) rates have dropped by 0.3% for males but risen by 0.5% for females.

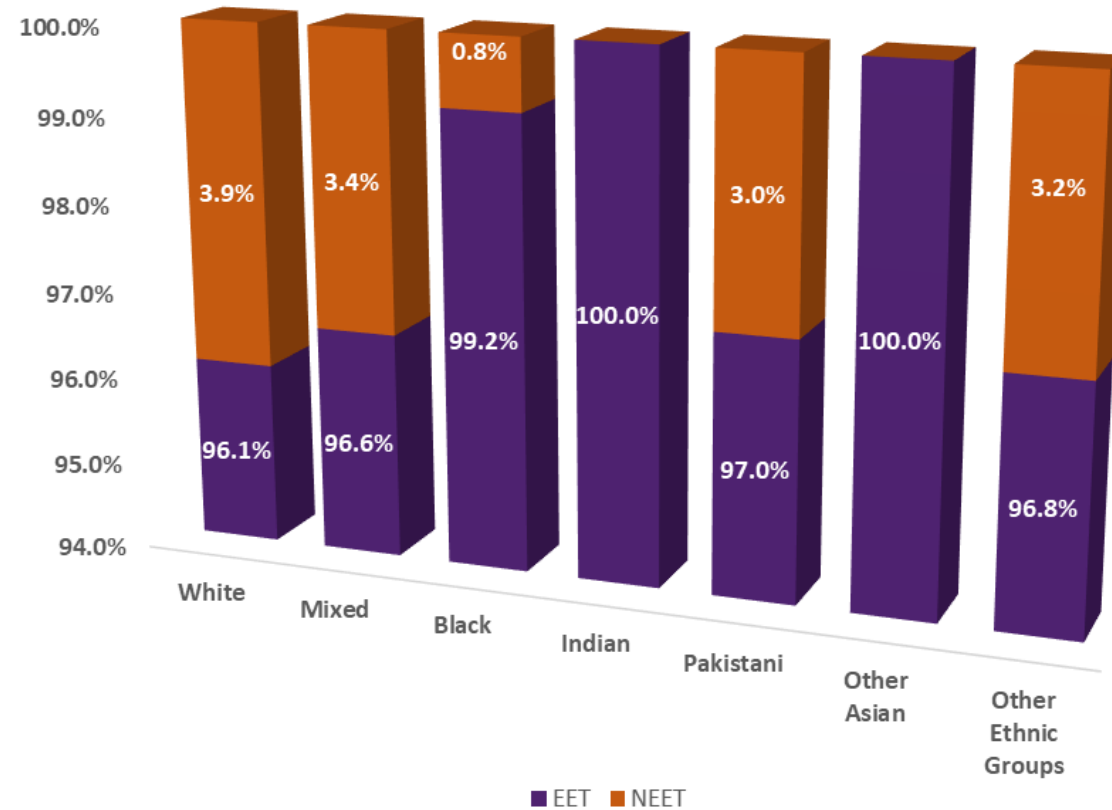
5 Qualification Comparison By Sex

Total Qualification Split



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EET/NEET Comparison By Ethnicity

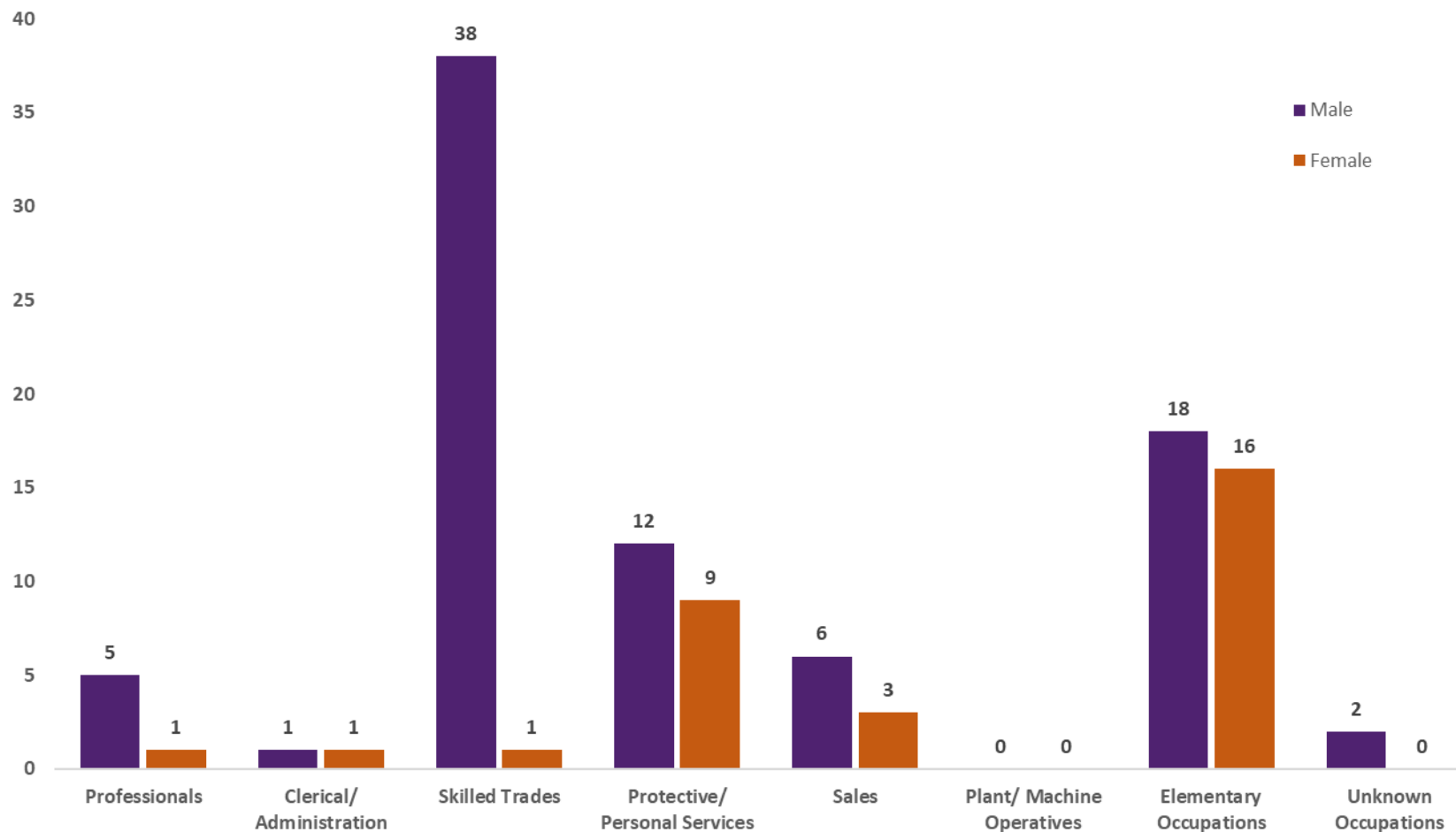


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EET/NEET Comparison By Ward

Township	Ward	EET		NEET		Other		Unknown		Total
		Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Bury East	Moorside	157	92.4%	13	7.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	170
	Redvales	177	97.3%	5	2.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	182
	Bury East	170	96.0%	7	4.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	177
Bury West	Elton	149	98.0%	3	2.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	152
	Bury West	107	97.3%	3	2.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	110
Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor	Ramsbottom	122	97.6%	3	2.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	125
	North Manor	96	97.0%	3	3.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	99
	Tottington	123	97.6%	3	2.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	126
Radcliffe	Radcliffe North & Ainsworth	92	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	92
	Radcliffe West	126	94.7%	7	5.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	133
	Radcliffe East	138	95.8%	6	4.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	144
Whitefield & Unsworth	Pilkington Park	55	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	55
	Besses	156	96.9%	5	3.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	161
	Unsworth	126	95.5%	6	4.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	132
Prestwich	St Marys	100	98.0%	2	2.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	102
	Sedgley	106	97.2%	3	2.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	109
	Holyrood	128	94.8%	7	5.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	135
Outside Bury	Various	319	96.1%	13	3.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	332
	Total	2447	96.5%	89	3.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2536

8 Employment Comparison By Gender



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SOC Categories

Managers/Professionals:

Managerial/Professional/Technician/Sports

Clerical/Secretarial:

Clerical/Secretarial

Skilled Trades:

Skilled Construction

Skilled Engineering

Metal Forming Trades

Electrical/Electronic

Vehicle Trades

Textile Garments Trades & Other Skilled Trades

Protective/Personal Services:

Protective Service Occupations

Catering Occupations

Health Care Occupations

Childcare and Related Occupations

Hairdressing and Related Occupations

Other Personal Service Occupations

Sales:

Sales Occupations

Plant/Machine Operatives:

Plant/Machine Operatives

Elementary Occupations:

Agriculture/Forestry/Fishing Occupations

Labouring & Unskilled Industrial

Mail Workers

Unskilled Service Sector

Other Elementary Occupations

Apprenticeship

Education and Skills Funding Agency funded Apprenticeship

EET (Education, Employment, Training)

The EET percentage is calculated by deducting those Moved out of Contact from the overall survey total. EET includes *Full-Time Education, Full-Time Training, Apprenticeships, Full-Time Employment with Training, Full-Time Employment without Training and Voluntary and Part-Time Activities*.

Full Time Education

Full Time Education includes sixth forms and colleges of further education.

Full Time Training

Government supported training without employed status including Traineeships, Study Programmes and Supported Internships.

FT Employment with Training

Includes full-time employment where formal training is provided but is not an Apprenticeship.

FT Employment without Training

Includes full-time employment where no formal training is provided.

Moved Out of Contact

Known to have moved address but cannot be contacted.

NEET

Not in education, employment or training. Where listed, is the NEET – Active and NEET – Not Active combined figure.

NEET - Active

Young people who are available to the labour market who are not in full-time education, training or employment.

NEET – Not Active

Includes young people who are not in EET for reasons including family care, long-term illness, pregnancy, custodial sentence or seeking asylum.

No Response

Includes young people who could not be contacted or did not wish to participate in the survey.

Voluntary and Part Time Activities

Includes young people who are involved in part time education or employment, re-engagement activities or who are working not for reward.