

Aboriginal Year 12 completers and early school leavers

NSW Post-School Destinations and Experiences Survey 2019

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

This fact sheet provides a high level overview of findings from the 2019 NSW Secondary Students' Post-School Destinations and Experiences Survey relating to two different cohorts of Aboriginal recent school leavers: Year 12 completers and early school leavers.

This fact sheet was produced in collaboration with the Aboriginal Education and Communities Directorate.

Survey sample

- In 2019, 1,007 Aboriginal Year 12 completers and 695 Aboriginal early school leavers completed the survey.
- For non-Aboriginal students, 17,770 Year 12 completers and 5,440 early school leavers also completed the survey in 2019.
- Sociodemographic characteristics were similar between Aboriginal survey completers and non-completers, indicating that survey findings are representative of the population of Aboriginal recent school leavers.
- Response rates for both cohorts have remained fairly stable over time, ranging from 43.2% to 50.7% for Aboriginal Year 12 completers and 21% to 26.7% for Aboriginal early school leavers.

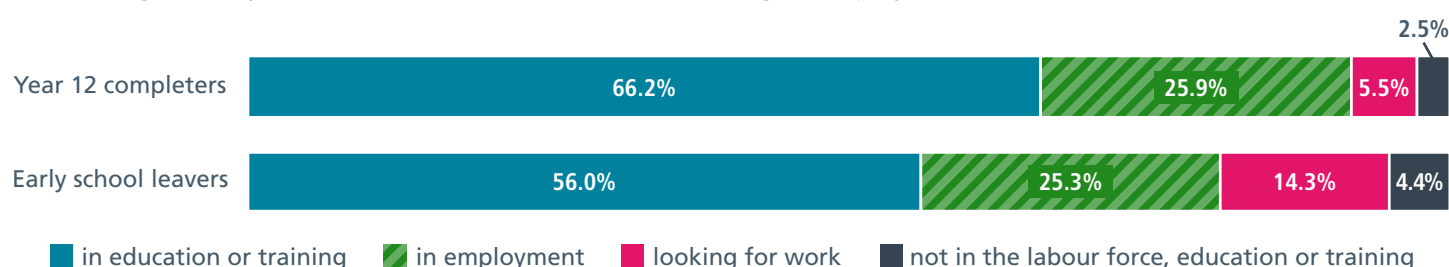
Post-school destinations of Aboriginal school leavers in 2019

In 2019, 82.3% of Aboriginal Year 12 completers were in education, training or employment and 63.8% of Aboriginal early school leavers were in education, training or employment.

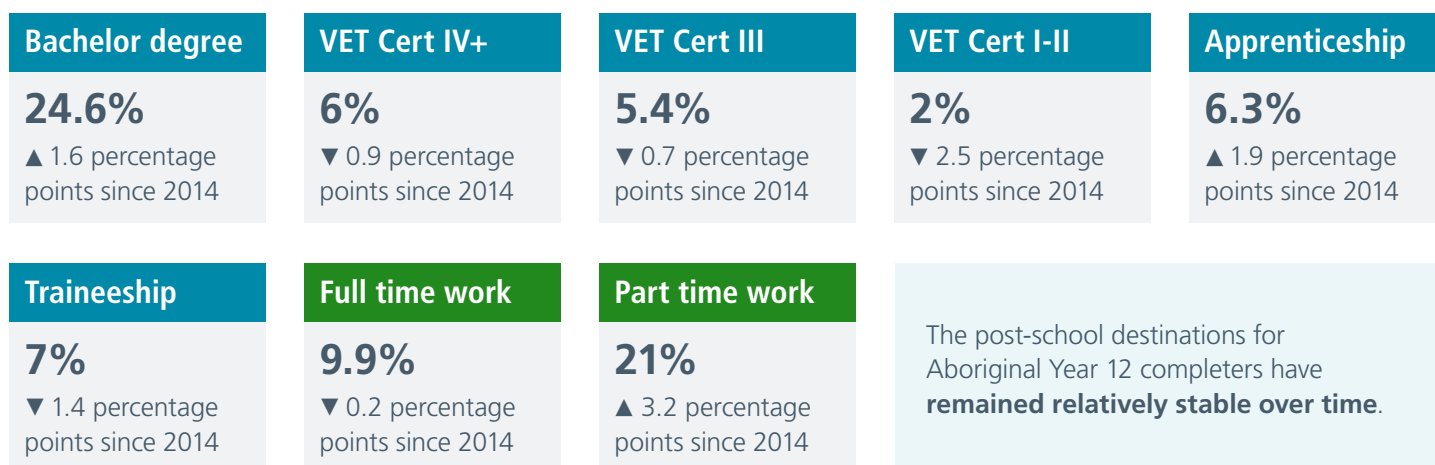


Post-school destinations of non-Aboriginal school leavers in 2019

In 2019, 92% of non-Aboriginal Year 12 completers were in education, training or employment and 81.3% of non-Aboriginal early school leavers were in education, training or employment.



Post-school destinations of Aboriginal Year 12 completers in 2019



Top five areas of education Aboriginal Year 12 completers entered post-school in 2019:

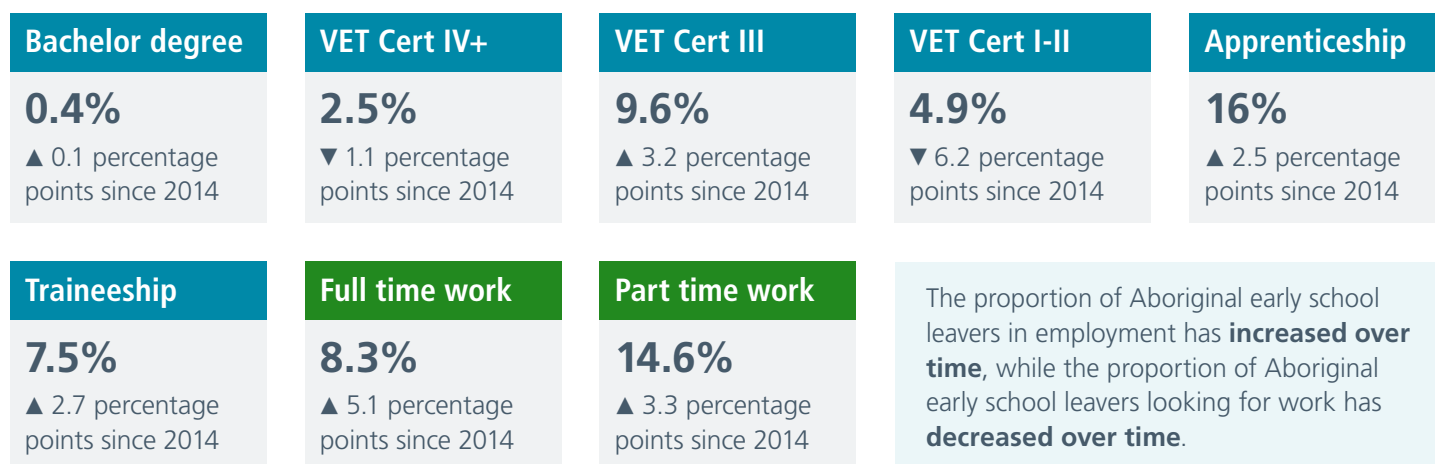
1. Teacher education
2. Nursing
3. Business and management
4. Human welfare studies and services
5. Communication and media studies



Top five work roles Aboriginal Year 12 completers entered post-school in 2019:

1. Hospitality worker
2. Retail sales assistant
3. Store assistant and warehouse assistant
4. Carer and aide
5. Sales support worker

Post-school destinations of Aboriginal early school leavers in 2019



Top five areas of education Aboriginal early school leavers entered post-school in 2019:

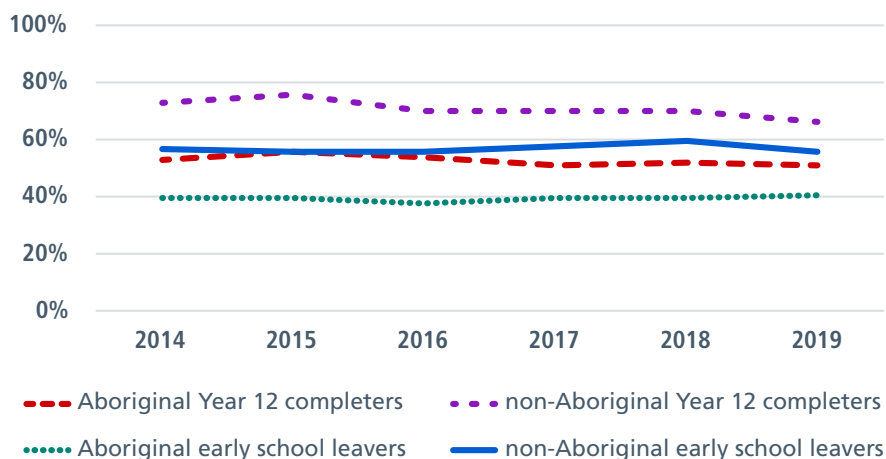
1. Building
2. Human welfare studies and services
3. Personal services (such as hairdressing, beauty therapy)
4. Food and hospitality
5. Automotive engineering and technology



Top five work roles Aboriginal early school leavers entered post-school in 2019:

1. Retail sales assistant
2. Food preparation assistant
3. Store assistant and warehouse assistant
4. Hospitality worker
5. Sales support worker

In education or training



The proportion of:

- Aboriginal Year 12 completers
 - Aboriginal early school leavers
 - non-Aboriginal early school leavers
- in education or training has **remained stable over time**.

The proportion of non-Aboriginal Year 12 completers in education or training has **decreased over time**.

Education changes: Aboriginal Year 12 completers



7.9 percentage point decrease entering **business and management studies** since 2014 (from 11.7% to 3.8%).



4.9 percentage point decrease entering **human welfare studies and services** since 2014 (from 8.6% to 3.7%).

Education changes: Aboriginal early school leavers

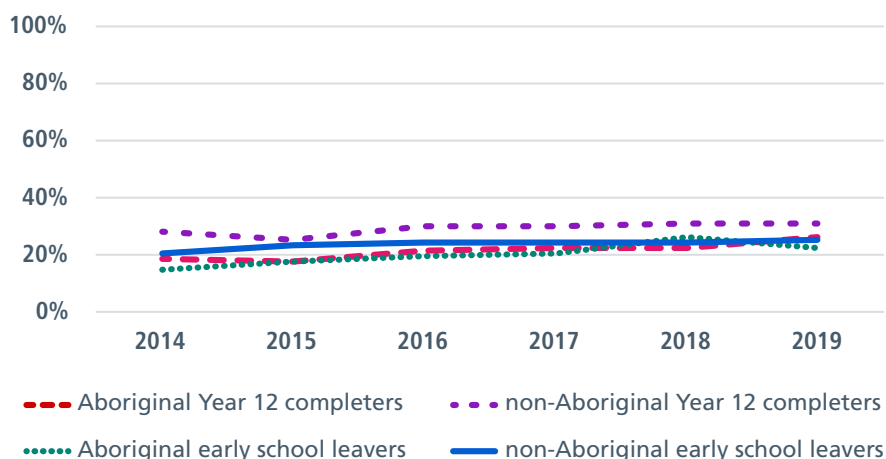


6.8 percentage point increase entering **building studies** since 2014 (from 10.3% to 17.1%).



6.3 percentage point decrease entering **business and management studies** since 2014 (from 9.7% to 3.4%).

In employment



The proportion of:

- Aboriginal early school leavers
 - non-Aboriginal Year 12 completers
 - non-Aboriginal early school leavers
- in employment has **increased over time**.

The proportion of Aboriginal Year 12 completers in employment has **remained stable over time**.

Employment changes: Aboriginal Year 12 completers



8.1 percentage point decrease entering a **retail sales assistant** role since 2014 (from 23.8% to 15.7%).



6.8 percentage point increase entering a **hospitality** role since 2014 (from 11.8% to 18.7% of employed completers).

Employment changes: Aboriginal early school leavers



6.6 percentage point decrease entering a **farm, forestry and garden worker** role since 2014 (from 10.8% to 4.2%).



6 percentage point increase entering a **store assistant and warehouse assistant** role since 2014 (from 4.6% to 10.6%).

What are the socio-demographic characteristic differences in destinations of Aboriginal Year 12 completers and Aboriginal early school leavers?

Year 12 completers

Females more likely to be in a:



Bachelor degree



Traineeship



VET Cert III

Males more likely to be in an:



Apprenticeship

Higher parental SES more likely to be in a:



Bachelor degree

Lower parental SES more likely to be:



Looking for work

Government school students more likely to be:



VET Cert III



Not in the labour force,
education or training



Looking for work

Non-government school students more likely to be in a:



Bachelor degree

Students living in **Greater Sydney** more likely than those living in the rest of NSW to be in an:



Apprenticeship

Early school leavers

Females more likely to be in a:



VET Cert IV+



VET Cert III

Males more likely to be in an:



Apprenticeship

Lower parental SES more likely to be:



Not in the labour force,
education or training

Government school students more likely to be:



Looking for work

Non-government school students more likely to be in an:



Apprenticeship

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Looking for work