

Fact sheet

All school leavers

2021 NSW Post-School Destinations and Experiences Survey

This fact sheet provides a high-level overview of findings from the 2021 NSW Post-School Destinations and Experiences Survey relating to all NSW recent school leavers, including early school leavers and Year 12 completers.

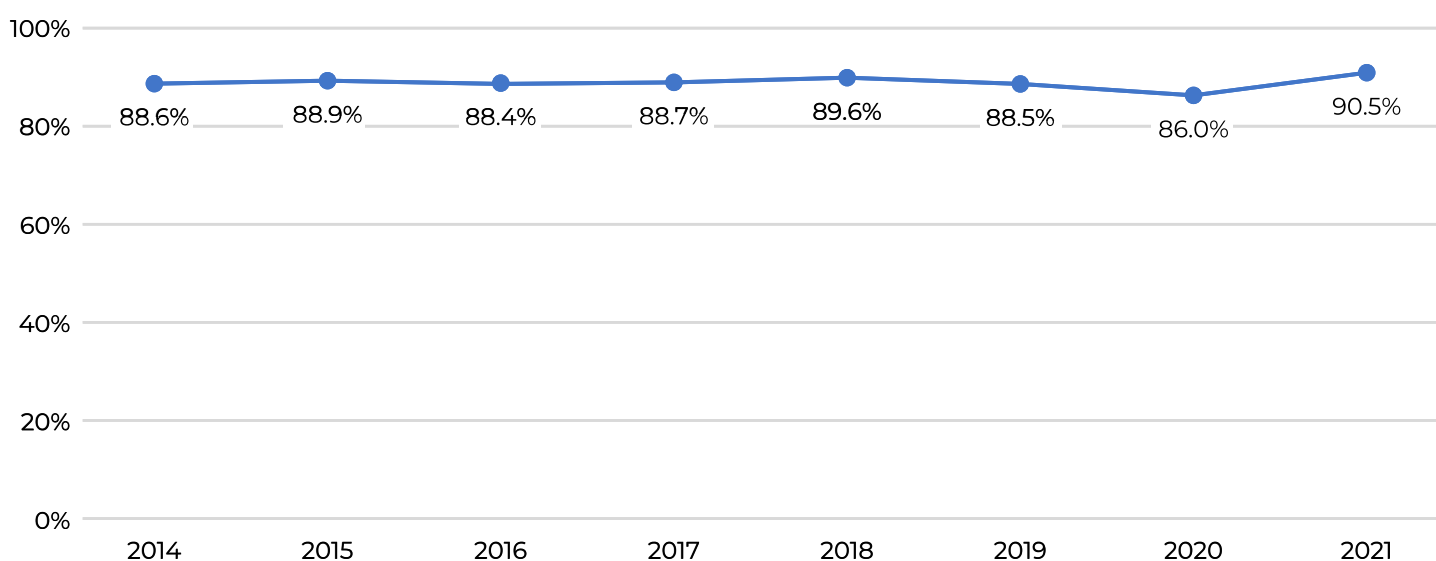
In 2021, a total of 42,388 school leavers completed the survey.

Post-school destinations of all school leavers in 2021

In 2021, 90.5% of all school leavers were in education, training or employment. The remainder were either looking for work or not in the labour force, education or training (NILFET).



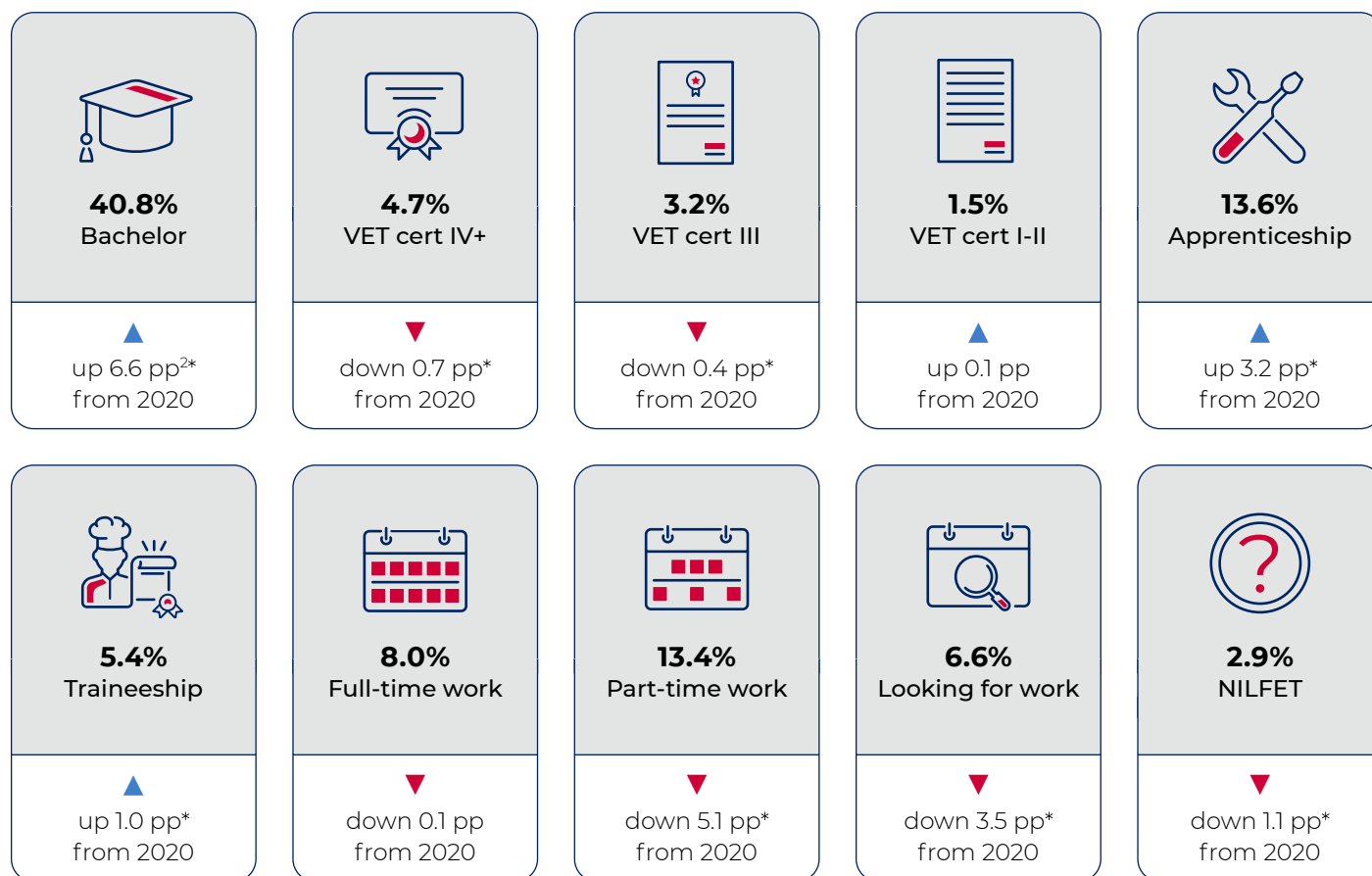
The proportion of recent school leavers involved in higher education, training or employment was significantly¹ higher in 2021 than in any previous year of the survey, except for 2018.



* NILFET means not in the labour force, education or training.

¹ Statistically significant at $p < 0.01$.

Changes in all school leavers' post-school destinations since 2020



Top 3 areas of education school leavers enter post-school:

1. Building (6.8%)
2. Teacher education (5.6%)
3. Business and management (5.6%)

Top 3 post-school work roles for school leavers:

1. Sales assistants and salespersons (18.3%)
2. Hospitality workers (15.9%)
3. Storepersons (10.3%)

Note. Changes in percentage points accompanied by an asterisk (*) are statistically significant at a 99% confidence level ($p < .01$). Statistical significance is determined by both the size of the groups being compared and the percentage point difference between them.

² pp = percentage points.

| What are the subgroup differences in destinations?

Females more likely to be in a:

- Bachelor degree
- VET certificate III
- Traineeship
- VET certificate IV+
- VET certificate I-II
- ◆ Part-time work

Males more likely to be in a:

- Apprenticeship
- Looking for work
- ◆ Full-time work

Recent school leavers who **speak a language other than English at home** more likely to be in a:

- Bachelor degree
- VET certificate IV+

Recent school leavers who **do not speak a language other than English** at home more likely to be in a:

- VET certificate II
- Apprenticeship
- Traineeship
- ◆ Full-time work
- ◆ Part-time work
- Looking for work

Aboriginal* recent school leavers more likely to be in a:

- VET certificate III
- Apprenticeship
- Traineeship
- ◆ Full-time work
- ◆ Part-time work
- Looking for work
- NILFET

Non-Aboriginal recent school leavers more likely to be in a:

- Bachelor degree
- VET certificate IV+

Recent school leavers living in **Greater Sydney** more likely to be in a:

- Bachelor degree
- VET certificate IV+

Recent school leavers living in **Rest of NSW** more likely to be in a:

- VET certificate III
- Apprenticeship
- Traineeship
- ◆ Full-time work
- ◆ Part-time work
- Looking for work
- NILFET

Recent school leavers with a **higher parental SES†** more likely to be in a:

- Bachelor degree
- VET certificate IV+

Recent school leavers with a **lower parental SES** more likely to be in a:

- Apprenticeship
- Traineeship
- ◆ Full-time work
- Looking for work

Government school leavers more likely to be in a:

- Bachelor degree

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

- VET certificate III
- VET certificate I-II
- Apprenticeship
- ◆ Full-time work
- ◆ Part-time work
- Looking for work
- NILFET

● In education or training ◆ In employment ■ Looking for work or NILFET

† SES means socioeconomic status.

* Aboriginal refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Note. On this page, if a destination category (for example, VET certificate I-II) does not appear for a group comparison (for example, Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal) then it means that the destination did not differ significantly between those groups.