

Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs)

Introduction

The group of 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment, or training consists of the categories below:

Active in the Labour Market

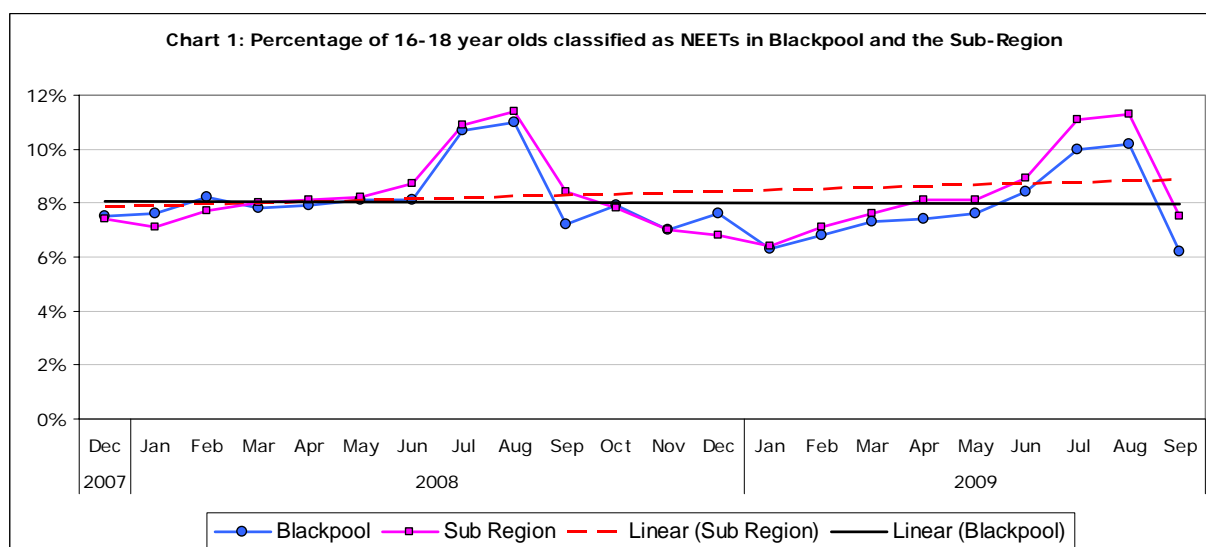
- Unemployed
- Personal Development Opportunities

Not Active in the Labour Market

- Young Carers
- Teenage Parents
- Illness
- Pregnancy
- Not available for work for other reasons

There are two sources of data for NEETs in an area. The first is Connexions who provide a direct count of known 16 to 18 year olds from their internal database CCIS. The second is the Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF) who provide an annual summary. Both sets of data are provided.

Connexions Data (Trend)



Source: Connexions, CCIS Database, September 2009.

The overall trends in the NEET group show a percentage increase in July and August each year followed by a decrease in September, which ties in with the Academic Year (September-July).

Blackpool has seen a decrease in the percentage of 16 to 18 year olds who are NEETs from 7.2% in September 2008 to 6.2% in September 2009.

The sub-region had a decrease from 8.4% in September 2008 to 7.5% in September 2009. The trend for the Sub-region shows an increase.

Connexions Data (Comparison)**Table 1: 16-18 Cohort NEETS September 2008 to September 2009**

| | <u>Blackpool</u> <u>September</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>Blackpool</u> <u>September</u> <u>2009</u> | <u>Variance</u> | <u>Sub Region</u> <u>September</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>Sub Region</u> <u>September</u> <u>2009</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|-------------|---|---|-----------------|--|--|-----------------|
| In-Learning | 77.8% | 82.4% | +4.6% | 75.2% | 79.9% | +4.7% |
| Not Known | 9.2% | 7.8% | -1.4% | 8.0% | 6.7% | -1.3% |
| NEET% | 7.2% | 6.2% | -1.0% | 8.4% | 7.5% | -0.9% |

Source: Connexions, CCIS Database, September 2009
Next update (provisional): December 2009

Both Blackpool and the Sub Region had an increase in the percentage In Learning between September 2008 and September 2009.

Both Blackpool and the Sub Region had a small decrease in the percentage of Not Knowns.

Department for Children, Schools and Families data (Annual)

The DCSF provide an annual NEET percentage which is based on three months snapshots at the end of November, December and January each year. Data relates to young people who were aged 16 to 18 on the day of the count.

Table 2: 16-18 year olds known to "Connexions" that are not in Education, Employment or Training (November)

| | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Blackpool | 11.90 | 12.44 | 8.80 | 7.30 | 7.00 |
| Statistical Neighbours | 9.80 | 9.97 | 10.19 | 8.24 | 8.01 |
| North West | 9.00 | 9.00 | 8.90 | 7.90 | 7.80 |
| England | 8.00 | 10.90 | 7.70 | 6.70 | 6.70 |

Source: [DCSF](#), March 2009
Next update (provisional): March 2010

The percentage of NEETs in 2008 was higher in Blackpool (7.00%) than in England (6.70%) but lower than in its Statistical Neighbours (8.01%) and the North West (7.80%).

There was a decrease in the percentage of NEETs from 11.90% in 2004 to 7.00% in 2008. There was also a decrease in the percentage of NEETs for England and Blackpool's Statistical Neighbours.