

NEET Statistics - Quarterly Brief November 2009

This note sets out the available statistics on young people Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) and young people Not in Education or Training (NET) from various sources.

The data presented covers England and is on an academic age basis.

The DCSF PSA target to reduce the proportion of 16-18 year olds NEET by 2% points, from 9.6%¹ in 2004 to 7.6% by 2010, is measured using data published annually in the Statistical First Release (SFR) 'Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England'. This is the definitive source for NEET and NET figures. However, these data are only available annually, and cannot be disaggregated at local authority level. We can use information from the Labour Force survey (LFS) and Client Caseload Information system (CCIS) maintained by the Connexions Service to monitor NEET at a more detailed level.

Analysis of the Labour Force Survey (LFS) allows less robust in-year estimates to be made of the annual SFR measures.

Connexions Service administrative data (CCIS) allows measurement at local level and more detailed breakdowns of the NEET group to be made. However CCIS uses different definitions and relates only to those young people whose status is known to Connexions so is not directly comparable with LFS or SFR measures.

The 5 data series presented are:

- a. NEET SFR series (latest data end 2008)
- b. NEET quarterly LFS series (latest data Quarter 3 2009)
- c. CCIS data at regional level (latest data Nov 08 – Jan 09 average)
- d. NET SFR series (latest data end 2008)
- e. NET quarterly LFS series (latest data Quarter 3 2009)

Note that other data series exist, such as the Not in Full-time Education, Not in Employment series from the LFS, but they should not be used as NEET series.

Section 1- Trends. Focuses on the key trends in the NEET and NET data series for 16-18 year olds.

Section 2 - Segmentation. Splits down the 16-18 year olds NEET group into identifiable groups.

Section 3- Methodology and Notes. Explains the methodology used to derive the different series, and gives guidance on their usage.

Section 4- Tables. Contains four tables showing numbers and percentages for the key data series on NET and NEET.

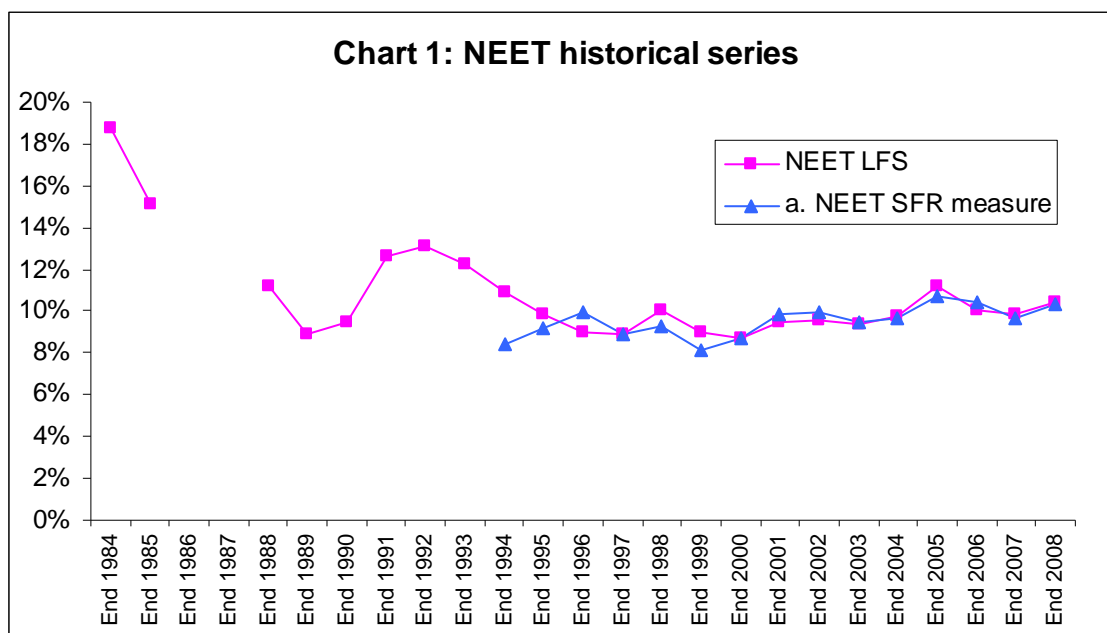
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1. Trends

Historical Context

Understanding the historical trends in NEET rates is an important part of placing current performance in perspective. In order to do so, we have to use historical LFS data that is not directly comparable with any other series in this note, and so should be used as context only. Unfortunately, due to data problems, estimates for 1986 and 1987 are unavailable. The chart below also shows the NEET SFR measure for comparison.

NEET rates amongst 16-18 year olds were much higher than their current levels in the 1980s. The peak in 2005 was relatively high by the standards of the last 10 years, but the current level is not far off the long run average.



Source: Statistical First Release (SFR) 'Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England' and analysis of Labour Force Survey.

Note on LFS estimates: Annual data sets are used for 1984 to 1991.

Quarter 4 data is used from 1992 onwards.

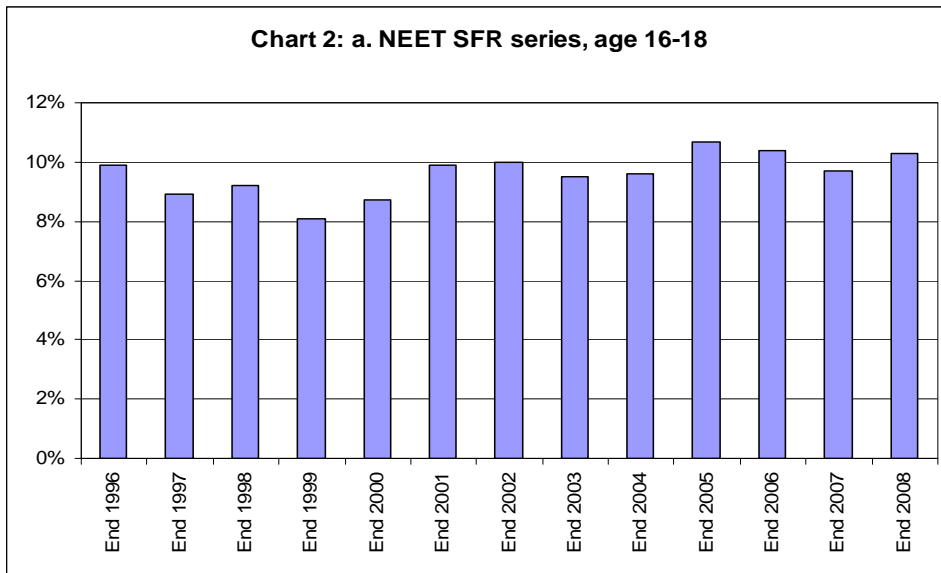
Between 1992 and 1994 the data does not exclude individuals answering yes to the qulnow variable, and between 1995 and 1999 individuals sampled in December were not asked the qulnow variable. This may mean that between 1992 and 1999 the proportion NEET is very slightly over-estimated.

a. NEET SFR series (last updated – June 2009)

DCSF has a PSA target to reduce the proportion of 16-18 year olds NEET by 2% points from 9.6%² in 2004 to 7.6% by 2010. The Department's Statistical First Release (SFR) 'Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England' is used to measure progress against the PSA target and is the primary source of data on 16-18 year olds NEET.

Despite participation in education and training amongst 16-18 year olds rising consistently since 2003, causing the proportion of the NET group to fall, the proportion of the cohort who were NEET rose in the period 2003-2005, due to a rise in the proportion of the NET group who were NEET. Between 2005 and 2007, the NEET rate fell to 9.7%. The latest end of year data (end 2008) shows that while the NEET rate for 16 and 17 year olds fell very slightly (although not significantly), a large increase in the 18 year old NEET rate led to an overall increase in the 16-18 year old NEET rate to 10.3%.

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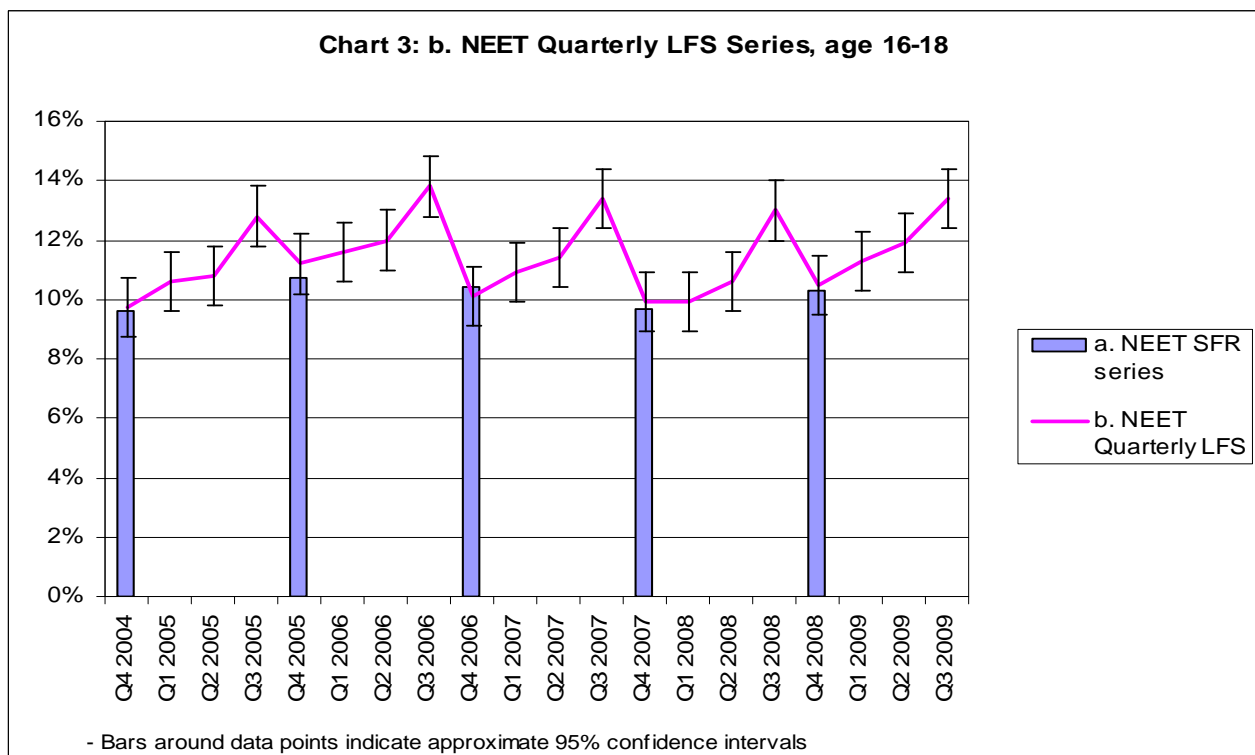


Source Statistical First Release (SFR) 'Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England'

b. NEET quarterly LFS series (last updated November 2009)

We can monitor trends in NEET rates between the publications of the SFR series using quarterly LFS data.

The trend data for 16-18 year olds shows the traditional seasonal patterns of lower rates in autumn (quarter 4, October to December) followed by a gradual rise in spring and early summer (quarters 1 & 2, January to June) with a peak in late summer (quarter 3, July to September), reflecting the academic year. Following two years of falling NEET rates, the rate has increased in each of the last four quarters compared to the corresponding quarters in the previous year. In the latest quarter (Quarter 3-2009), the rate is 0.4 percentage points higher than the same quarter last year. However, this increase of 0.4 is not statistically significant³. The latest overall LFS NEET rate for 16-18 year olds, Q3-2009, is 13.4%.

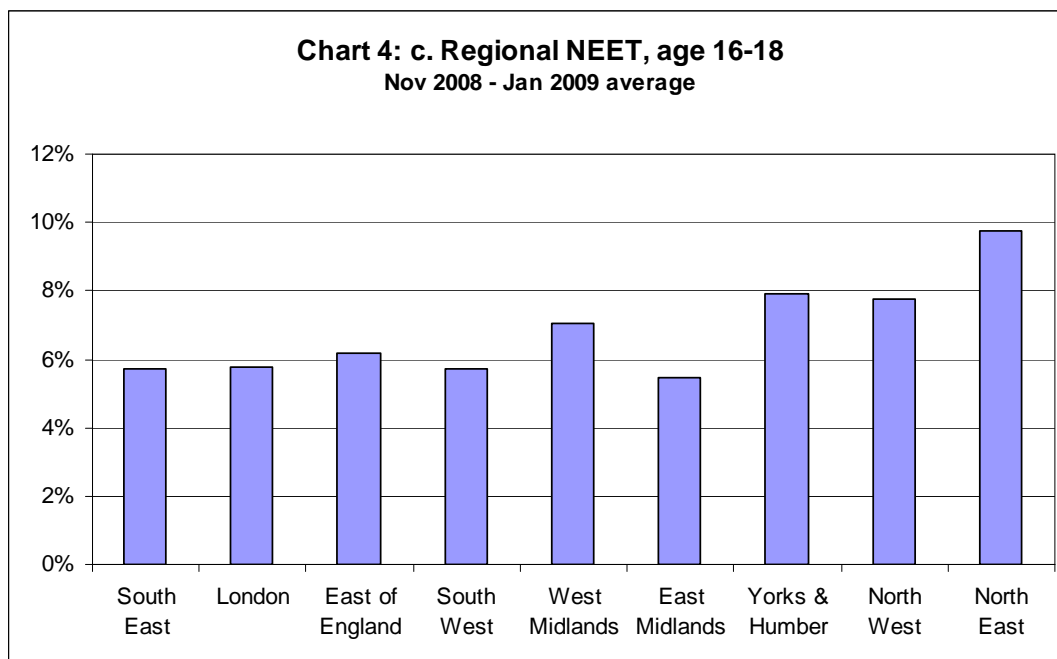


Source: Quarterly Labour Force Survey

³ The increase from Q3 2008 to Q3 2009 is not significant at the 5% level.

c. Regional NEET (last updated January 2009)

The regional picture on NEET is taken from Connexions' Client Caseload Information System (CCIS), so is not directly comparable with other series presented here. Connexions data shows a lower % NEET than either the SFR or LFS, as there are a number of differences in the definitions used. For example, young people taking a formal gap year or in custody are not counted as NEET in the Connexions data.

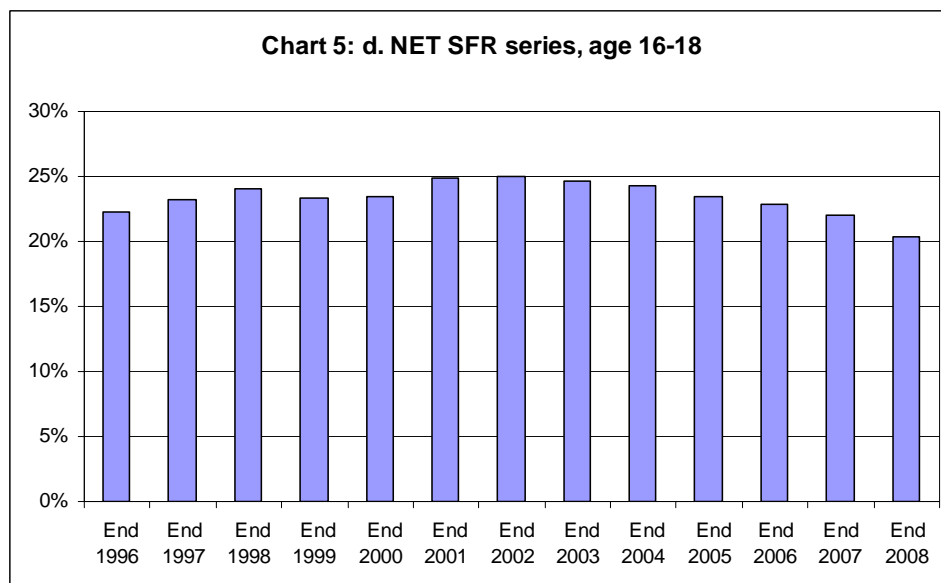


Source: CCIS data

Note: Connexions data are available at local authority level, and are published annually on the DCSF 14-19 website: [Link Here](#)

d. NET SFR series (last updated June 2008)

When looking at NEET data, it is also important to contextualise it with data on the proportion of young people Not in Education or Training (NET). This data is also taken from the DCSF Statistical First Release (SFR) 'Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England'.



Source: Statistical First Release (SFR) 'Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England'

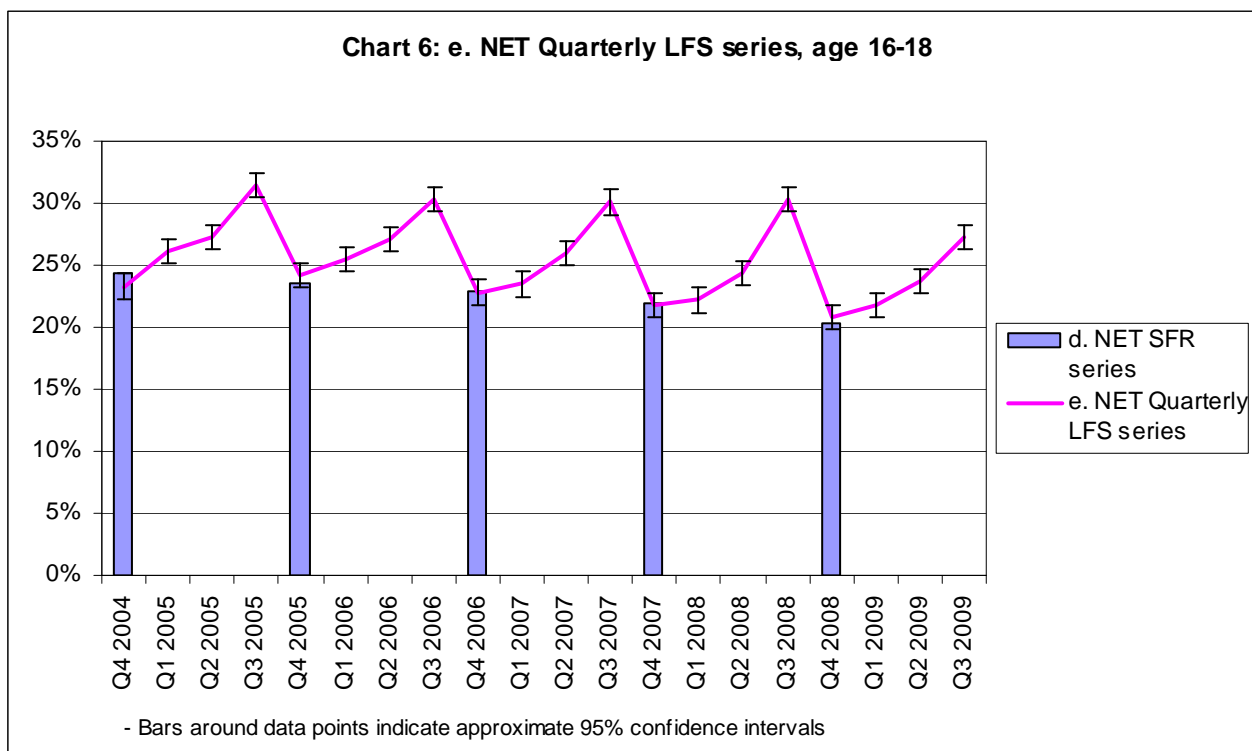
The latest data shows the largest fall in the 16-18 year old NET rate since 1993. This follows a continued fall in the proportion of 16-18 year olds NET since 2002. Despite the

increased participation in education and training, the NEET rate also increased. This is due to reduced employment amongst the NET group. At the end of 2007, 56% of the NET group were employed. At end 2008 this had fallen to 49%.

e. NET quarterly LFS series (last updated November 2009)

As with the NEET data, we can look at the in-year NET trend data using the quarterly LFS.

We can see there is a seasonal pattern to the NET figures, as in the NEET series. As in the SFR series, the NET rate is falling. In the latest quarter (Quarter 3-2009) the rate is 3.0 percentage points lower than the same quarter last year. This is a statistically significant decrease⁴. The latest LFS NET rate for 16 to 18 year olds, Q3-2009, is 27.3%.



Source: Quarterly Labour Force Survey

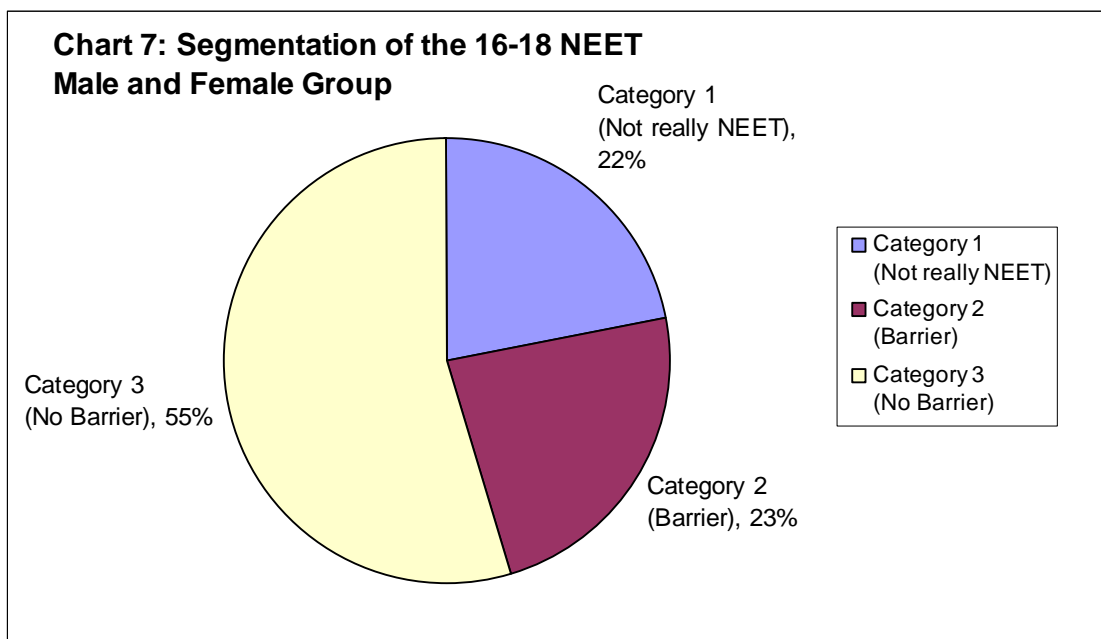
⁴ The decrease lies in the 95% confidence interval of 0.9% to 5.1%.

2. Segmentation

Using the Connexions' Client Caseload Information System (CCIS) data, we can classify the NEET group into one of 3 categories.

- **Category 1 (Not really NEET):** Young people who are doing some activity which is not formally counted as education, employment or training. This will include gap year students and those undertaking voluntary work. It will also include those in custody.
- **Category 2 (Barrier):** Young people who have an identifiable barrier to participation, as they have a child or are experiencing serious illness or disability. Some of these individuals may be perfectly able to participate now, but others may require specific help to do so.
- **Category 3 (No Barrier):** Young people who are NEET but are not in either of the specific categories outlined above.

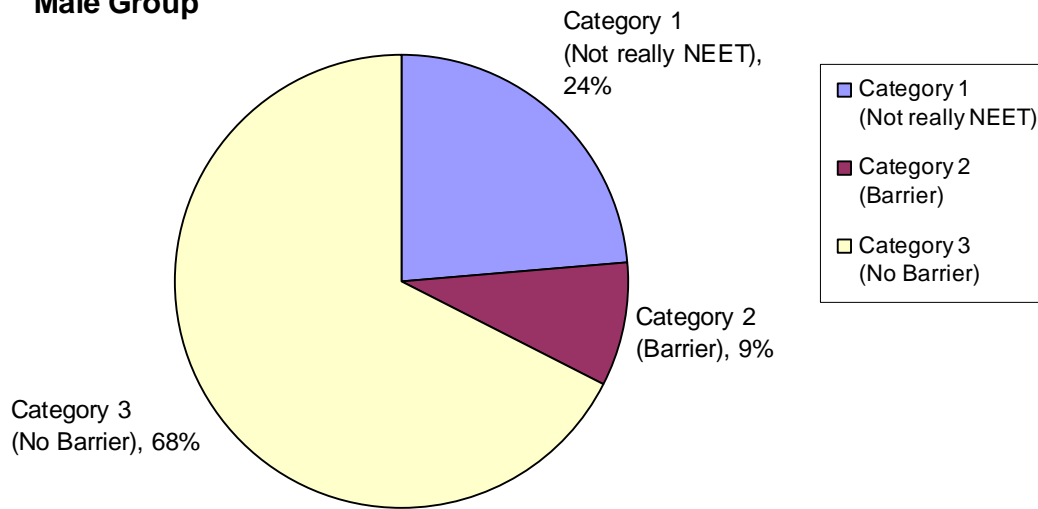
By segmenting the NEET group into these categories using the rich CCIS data⁵ we can build up a picture of what the NEET group looks like. The proportions are shown in Charts 7 to 9. The proportions vary widely depending on gender. Chart 7 shows that overall, 55% of the 16-18 NEET group are in the No Barrier category. However, 68% of 16-18 year old males NEET have no identified barrier to participation (Chart 8), while only 38% of females NEET fall in this category (Chart 9). Young men who are NEET are much less likely to have an identified barrier to participation (9%) than young women (42%).



Source: Internal DCSF analysis based on CCIS, UCAS data and SFR12/2009 Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England.

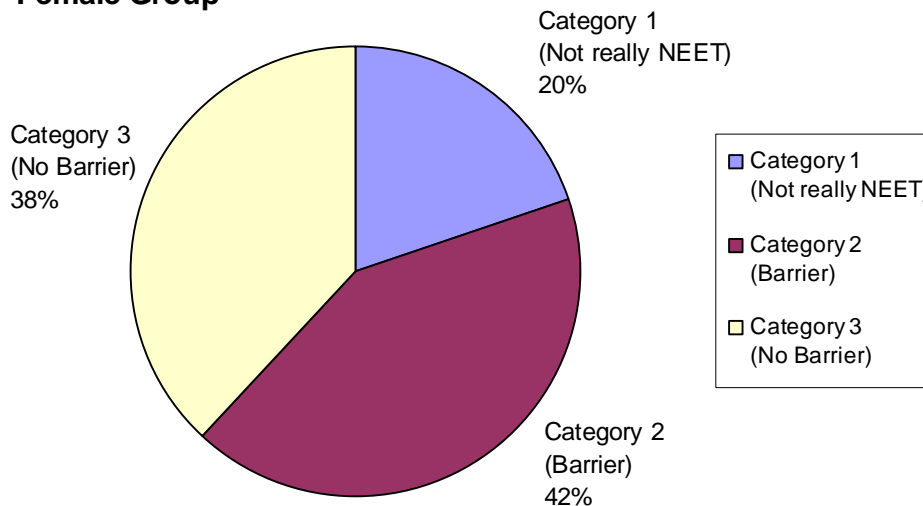
⁵ CCIS data was used to proportionally split each age group/gender into the three segmentation categories. These proportions were then applied to the SFR NEET figures, which were then totalled to make the 16-18 group. This ensured underestimation of certain groups in CCIS would not affect the totals.

**Chart 8: Segmentation of the 16-18 NEET
Male Group**



Source: Internal DCSF analysis based on CCIS, UCAS data and SFR12/2009 Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England.
Figures do not add to 100% due to rounding.

**Chart 9: Segmentation of the 16-18 NEET
Female Group**



Source: Internal DCSF analysis based on CCIS, UCAS data and SFR12/2009 Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England.

If these percentages were applied to the total number of 16-18 year olds NEET from the SFR data, the following table would result.

Estimated number of people in each category of NEET

16-18	Female	Male	Total
Category 1 (Not really NEET)	18,000	28,000	46,000
Category 2 (Barrier)	39,000	10,000	49,000
Category 3 (No Barrier)	35,000	79,000	114,000
Total	91,000	117,000	209,000

Source: Internal DCSF analysis based on CCIS, UCAS data and SFR12/2009 Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England

Methodology and Notes

a. NEET SFR series

Description	This data is the definitive measure for NEET rates in England. It is used to measure the PSA target.
Uses	This series should be used as the National Time series for 16-18 year olds NEET in England. It is used to measure progress against the PSA target to reduce the proportion of young people NEET by 2 percentage points between 2004 and 2010.
Geographical Coverage	England
Age coverage	Academic age 16 to 18
Published source	DCSF Statistical First Release (SFR) 'Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England'
Primary sources	The Schools' Census Pupil Level Annual Schools' Census The Individualised Learner Record (ILR) Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA). Higher Education Students Early Statistics (HESES) Labour Force Survey Mid-year estimates and projections of population from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and the Government Actuary's Department (GAD).
Last period covered	End 2008
Last published	June 2009
Next published	June 2010

b. NEET quarterly LFS series

Description	This series is a quarterly estimate of NEET amongst young people from the LFS. It cannot be directly used to measure progress against the PSA target.
Uses	This series provides more timely data on the recent trends in NEET since the last SFR. However, it is not directly comparable with the SFR series, and cannot be used to measure against the target. Trends should be assessed by comparing the current quarter with the same quarter in the previous year to account for seasonal effects. Quarter on quarter changes should not be quoted.
Geographical Coverage	England
Age coverage	Academic age 16 to 24
Published source	Quarterly Labour Force Survey
Primary sources	Quarterly Labour Force Survey
Last Period Covered	Q3 2009
Last published	November 2009
Next published	February 2010

c. Regional NEET

Description	This series is a 3 month average snapshot estimate of the regional NEET rate taken from the CCIS connexions management information system. It is not directly comparable with the LFS or SFR series, and cannot be used to measure progress against the PSA target. Because of the discrepancy in numbers between this and other measures, only percentages are reported. Unlike in the other series, young people taking a formal gap year or in custody are not counted as NEET.
Uses	This series allow us to look at the regional data used by connexions partnerships to set local activity and targets on NEET. It helps us understand the data that local connexions partnerships base their decisions on.
Geographical Coverage	England
Age coverage	Academic age 16 to 18
Published source	Unpublished CCIS data
Primary sources	CCIS
Last Period Covered	November 2008 – January 2009 average.
Last published	N/A
Next published	N/A

d. NET SFR series

Description	This data is the definitive measure for NET rates in England.
Uses	This series should be used as a national time series for 16-18 year olds NET in England. It should also be used as context for any NEET data.
Geographical Coverage	England
Age coverage	Academic age 16 to 18
Published source	DCSF Statistical First Release (SFR) 'Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England'
Primary sources	The Schools' Census Pupil Level Annual Schools' Census The Individualised Learner Record (ILR) HE Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA). Higher Education Students Early Statistics (HESES) Labour Force Survey Mid-year estimates and projections of population from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and the Government Actuary's Department (GAD).
Last Period Covered	End 2008
Last published	June 2009
Next published	June 2010

e. NET quarterly LFS series

Description	This series is a quarterly estimate of NET amongst young people from the LFS.
Uses	This series provides more timely data on the recent trends in NET since the last SFR. It should also be used as context for any NEET data. Trends should be assessed by comparing the current quarter with the same quarter in the previous year to account for seasonal effects. Quarter on quarter changes should not be quoted.
Geographical Coverage	England
Age coverage	Academic age 16 to 24
Published source	Quarterly Labour Force Survey
Primary sources	Quarterly Labour Force Survey
Last Period Covered	Q3 2009
Last published	November 2009
Next published	February 2010

3. Tables

Table 1: Not in Employment, Education, or Training (NEET)							<i>Numbers</i>	
a. NEET SFR 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	
End 1996	39,800	60,800	73,000	100,600	173,600			
End 1997	35,700	49,400	74,900	85,100	160,000			
End 1998	39,700	51,600	75,400	91,300	166,600			
End 1999	40,600	42,500	62,400	83,100	145,500			
End 2000	40,700	44,200	71,300	84,800	156,100			
End 2001	48,500	58,900	75,000	107,400	182,400			
End 2002	49,100	57,800	81,500	106,900	188,400			
End 2003	49,600	49,200	84,800	98,800	183,500			
End 2004	48,800	60,500	80,500	109,300	189,800			
End 2005	50,600	70,200	92,900	120,800	213,700			
End 2006	44,600	65,000	100,100	109,600	209,700			
End 2007	36,900	62,400	95,700	99,300	195,000			
End 2008	34,000	61,300	113,200	95,300	208,600			
Source:	<i>LFS and Admin Data</i>		Period: <i>End 1996 to End 2008</i>					
b. 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	
Q1 2005	61,000	64,000	79,000	125,000	204,000	743,000	618,000	
Q2 2005	60,000	64,000	81,000	124,000	206,000	771,000	646,000	
Q3 2005	70,000	91,000	87,000	161,000	248,000	877,000	716,000	
Q4 2005	63,000	62,000	91,000	126,000	217,000	837,000	712,000	
Q1 2006	54,000	74,000	98,000	128,000	225,000	801,000	674,000	
Q2 2006	56,000	73,000	105,000	128,000	233,000	851,000	723,000	
Q3 2006	71,000	95,000	103,000	166,000	268,000	970,000	804,000	
Q4 2006	56,000	53,000	88,000	109,000	197,000	808,000	698,000	
Q1 2007	55,000	62,000	95,000	117,000	212,000	828,000	711,000	
Q2 2007	56,000	67,000	99,000	123,000	222,000	833,000	710,000	
Q3 2007	60,000	99,000	103,000	158,000	261,000	909,000	751,000	
Q4 2007	45,000	59,000	88,000	104,000	192,000	782,000	679,000	
Q1 2008	41,000	62,000	89,000	104,000	193,000	810,000	707,000	
Q2 2008	45,000	65,000	99,000	110,000	209,000	840,000	730,000	
Q3 2008	53,000	100,000	103,000	153,000	256,000	973,000	820,000	
Q4 2008	47,000	55,000	104,000	102,000	206,000	857,000	755,000	
Q1 2009	42,000	66,000	112,000	108,000	220,000	935,000	827,000	
Q2 2009	51,000	73,000	109,000	124,000	233,000	959,000	835,000	
Q3 2009	56,000	93,000	112,000	149,000	261,000	1,082,000	933,000	
Source:	<i>Labour Force Survey</i>		Period: <i>Q1 2005 to Q3 2009 time series</i>					
c. Regional NEET	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	
South East								
London								
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Source:	<i>CCIS</i>		Period:					

Table 2: Not in Education or Training (NET)							<i>Numbers</i>	
d. NET SFR 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	
End 1996	76,600	111,700	200,800	188,300	389,100			
End 1997	79,900	118,400	220,900	198,300	419,200			
End 1998	82,700	117,900	231,700	200,500	432,300			
End 1999	77,500	111,600	226,200	189,200	415,400			
End 2000	82,700	116,300	222,400	198,900	421,300			
End 2001	90,500	132,600	236,100	223,100	459,200			
End 2002	85,300	139,900	247,700	225,200	472,900			
End 2003	85,000	132,700	260,400	217,700	478,100			
End 2004	84,400	136,400	258,400	220,800	479,200			
End 2005	76,200	134,700	258,300	210,900	469,200			
End 2006	71,200	126,700	263,700	197,900	461,600			
End 2007	63,500	121,300	258,400	184,700	443,200			
End 2008	48,200	111,400	250,200	159,600	409,800			
Source:	<i>LFS and Admin Data</i>		Period: <i>End 1996 to End 2008</i>					
e. 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	
Q1 2005	106,000	143,000	253,000	249,000	502,000	2,689,000	2,440,000	
Q2 2005	111,000	154,000	258,000	265,000	522,000	2,775,000	2,511,000	
Q3 2005	119,000	212,000	279,000	331,000	610,000	2,992,000	2,661,000	
Q4 2005	85,000	123,000	262,000	208,000	470,000	2,698,000	2,490,000	
Q1 2006	82,000	142,000	272,000	223,000	495,000	2,707,000	2,484,000	
Q2 2006	93,000	155,000	279,000	248,000	527,000	2,870,000	2,622,000	
Q3 2006	104,000	214,000	271,000	318,000	588,000	3,137,000	2,820,000	
Q4 2006	78,000	112,000	256,000	191,000	447,000	2,754,000	2,563,000	
Q1 2007	87,000	121,000	250,000	208,000	458,000	2,783,000	2,575,000	
Q2 2007	100,000	135,000	270,000	235,000	505,000	2,889,000	2,654,000	
Q3 2007	96,000	214,000	279,000	310,000	589,000	3,113,000	2,803,000	
Q4 2007	70,000	117,000	237,000	187,000	424,000	2,799,000	2,612,000	
Q1 2008	70,000	121,000	241,000	192,000	432,000	2,799,000	2,608,000	
Q2 2008	77,000	141,000	262,000	218,000	480,000	2,925,000	2,707,000	
Q3 2008	87,000	216,000	292,000	303,000	594,000	3,239,000	2,937,000	
Q4 2008	62,000	101,000	246,000	163,000	409,000	2,819,000	2,656,000	
Q1 2009	59,000	119,000	247,000	178,000	426,000	2,840,000	2,662,000	
Q2 2009	71,000	134,000	259,000	205,000	464,000	2,908,000	2,703,000	
Q3 2009	78,000	173,000	281,000	251,000	531,000	3,143,000	2,893,000	
Source:	<i>Labour Force Survey</i>		Period: <i>Q1 2005 to Q3 2009 time series</i>					

Table 3: Not in Employment, Education, or Training (NEET)							<i>Percentage</i>	
a. NEET SFR 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
	End 1996	6.5%	10.3%	13.5%	8.3%	9.9%		
	End 1997	5.9%	8.1%	12.7%	7.0%	8.9%		
	End 1998	6.7%	8.5%	12.4%	7.6%	9.2%		
	End 1999	6.8%	7.2%	10.4%	7.0%	8.1%		
	End 2000	6.7%	7.4%	12.2%	7.0%	8.7%		
	End 2001	7.7%	9.6%	12.5%	8.6%	9.9%		
	End 2002	7.8%	9.0%	13.1%	8.4%	10.0%		
	End 2003	7.7%	7.7%	13.0%	7.7%	9.5%		
	End 2004	7.3%	9.2%	12.4%	8.3%	9.6%		
	End 2005	7.7%	10.4%	14.0%	9.1%	10.7%		
	End 2006	6.7%	9.8%	14.7%	8.2%	10.4%		
	End 2007	5.5%	9.3%	14.2%	7.4%	9.7%		
	End 2008	5.2%	9.1%	16.6%	7.2%	10.3%		
Source:		<i>LFS and Admin Data</i>			Period: <i>End 1996 to End 2008</i>			
b. 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
	Q1 2005	9.5%	9.7%	12.8%	9.6%	10.6%	13.1%	14.2%
	Q2 2005	9.2%	9.8%	13.5%	9.5%	10.8%	13.5%	14.7%
	Q3 2005	10.6%	14.2%	13.6%	12.4%	12.8%	15.2%	16.1%
	Q4 2005	10.1%	9.6%	13.8%	9.8%	11.2%	14.6%	16.0%
	Q1 2006	8.8%	10.9%	15.0%	9.9%	11.6%	14.0%	15.2%
	Q2 2006	9.0%	10.8%	16.0%	9.9%	12.0%	14.8%	16.1%
	Q3 2006	10.8%	14.4%	16.3%	12.6%	13.8%	16.6%	17.8%
	Q4 2006	8.5%	8.4%	13.3%	8.4%	10.1%	13.8%	15.3%
	Q1 2007	8.2%	9.8%	14.6%	9.0%	10.9%	14.1%	15.6%
	Q2 2007	8.7%	10.5%	14.9%	9.6%	11.4%	14.2%	15.5%
	Q3 2007	9.2%	14.6%	16.3%	12.0%	13.4%	15.4%	16.4%
	Q4 2007	6.9%	9.0%	13.7%	7.9%	9.9%	13.1%	14.6%
	Q1 2008	6.3%	9.6%	13.9%	8.0%	9.9%	13.6%	15.2%
	Q2 2008	7.0%	9.7%	15.1%	8.4%	10.6%	14.0%	15.5%
	Q3 2008	8.5%	14.8%	15.5%	11.8%	13.0%	16.2%	17.4%
	Q4 2008	7.4%	8.3%	15.5%	7.9%	10.5%	14.2%	16.0%
	Q1 2009	6.5%	10.0%	17.2%	8.3%	11.3%	15.6%	17.6%
	Q2 2009	8.0%	11.1%	16.5%	9.6%	11.9%	15.9%	17.6%
	Q3 2009	8.8%	14.6%	16.7%	11.7%	13.4%	18.0%	19.7%
Source:		<i>Labour Force Survey</i>			Period: <i>Q1 2005 to Q3 2009 time series</i>			
c. Regional NEET		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
	South East	4.8%	5.7%	5.6%	5.3%	5.7%		
	London	4.7%	6.0%	7.1%	5.5%	5.8%		
	East of England	4.9%	6.1%	6.4%	5.6%	6.2%		
	South West	4.5%	5.9%	5.9%	5.3%	5.7%		
	West Midlands	5.5%	7.3%	7.6%	6.6%	7.0%		
	East Midlands	4.3%	5.5%	6.0%	5.0%	5.4%		
	Yorks & Humber	6.3%	8.2%	8.7%	7.4%	7.9%		
	North West	6.0%	7.8%	8.8%	7.1%	7.8%		
	North East	6.6%	9.4%	12.2%	8.3%	9.8%		
Source:		<i>CCIS</i>			Period: <i>Nov 2008 - Jan 2009 average</i>			

Table 4: Not in Education or Training (NET)							<i>Percentage</i>	
d. NET SFR 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	
End 1996	12.5%	18.8%	37.1%	15.6%	22.3%			
End 1997	13.2%	19.4%	37.5%	16.3%	23.2%			
End 1998	13.9%	19.5%	38.2%	16.7%	24.0%			
End 1999	12.9%	18.9%	37.9%	15.9%	23.3%			
End 2000	13.6%	19.4%	38.0%	16.5%	23.5%			
End 2001	14.3%	21.6%	39.2%	17.9%	24.9%			
End 2002	13.5%	21.9%	39.8%	17.7%	25.0%			
End 2003	13.1%	20.8%	40.0%	16.9%	24.7%			
End 2004	12.7%	20.8%	39.8%	16.7%	24.3%			
End 2005	11.6%	20.0%	38.9%	15.9%	23.5%			
End 2006	10.7%	19.1%	38.7%	14.9%	22.9%			
End 2007	9.5%	18.0%	38.3%	13.8%	22.0%			
End 2008	7.3%	16.5%	36.6%	12.0%	20.3%			
Source:		<i>LFS and Admin Data</i>		Period: <i>End 1996 to End 2008</i>				
e. 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	
Q1 2005	16.4%	21.7%	40.9%	19.1%	26.1%	47.6%	56.1%	
Q2 2005	16.9%	23.6%	42.8%	20.2%	27.3%	48.7%	57.1%	
Q3 2005	18.1%	33.0%	43.9%	25.4%	31.5%	52.0%	59.8%	
Q4 2005	13.6%	18.9%	39.5%	16.3%	24.2%	47.0%	55.9%	
Q1 2006	13.3%	20.9%	41.7%	17.3%	25.5%	47.2%	55.9%	
Q2 2006	15.0%	23.1%	42.6%	19.2%	27.1%	49.7%	58.5%	
Q3 2006	15.9%	32.4%	43.0%	24.2%	30.3%	53.8%	62.4%	
Q4 2006	11.9%	17.6%	38.7%	14.7%	22.8%	47.1%	56.3%	
Q1 2007	13.1%	19.1%	38.6%	16.0%	23.5%	47.5%	56.4%	
Q2 2007	15.5%	21.3%	40.8%	18.4%	26.0%	49.3%	58.0%	
Q3 2007	14.8%	31.7%	43.9%	23.5%	30.1%	52.7%	61.1%	
Q4 2007	10.8%	17.9%	36.7%	14.3%	21.8%	47.0%	56.2%	
Q1 2008	10.7%	18.7%	37.6%	14.7%	22.2%	47.0%	56.1%	
Q2 2008	12.0%	21.0%	40.1%	16.6%	24.4%	48.6%	57.6%	
Q3 2008	13.9%	31.9%	44.0%	23.3%	30.3%	53.8%	62.3%	
Q4 2008	9.8%	15.4%	36.6%	12.6%	20.8%	46.8%	56.2%	
Q1 2009	9.2%	18.1%	38.0%	13.7%	21.8%	47.3%	56.5%	
Q2 2009	11.1%	20.4%	39.2%	15.8%	23.7%	48.1%	57.0%	
Q3 2009	12.2%	27.1%	41.7%	19.7%	27.3%	52.2%	60.9%	
Source:		<i>Labour Force Survey</i>		Period: <i>Q1 2005 to Q3 2009 time series</i>				