



LEICESTER SHIRE

# Performance Information Report August 2010 Leicestershire

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**NEET levels remain significantly below those in August 2009**

**No National Updates from Department for Education for August 2010**

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**Leicestershire: NEET progress**

**Locally Sourced Information: to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2010**

**NEET (16 - 18)**

The NEET level at the end of August was 4.8%, following the expected annual cyclic pattern. This equates to 727 16-18 year-old young people from a cohort of 15,238. The NEET level remains below the 2009 level.

Leicestershire exceeded the 2009 Local Area Agreement NI117 NEET target, and is on target to meet the 2010/2011 target. NEET has shown consistent year-on year decreases and a downward trend since 2005/06. Levels are expected to peak in September as 2010 school leavers join the post-16 cohort.

Young people accessing learning through Connexions Leicester Shire managed ESF projects contributed to this level. Contrary to national trends, the percentage of 18 year old NEET young people continues to fall (from 5.9% to 4.6% since August 2009).

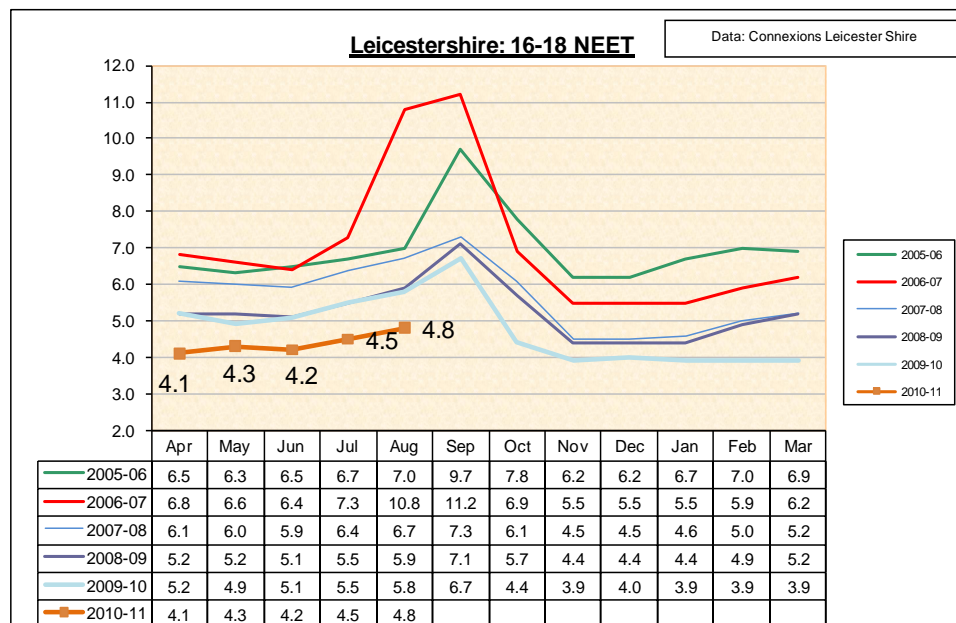
The five most requested vocational areas for NEET young people are: Administration & Clerical (11%), Motor Vehicle Trades (9%), Childcare (8%), Retail (7%) and Hairdressing (7%).

The Unknown level of 3.3% was below the national ceiling of 5%.

**EET (16-18)**

Young people in EET are split between Education (84%), Employment (12%) and Training (4%). Since August 2009 the percentage in Education (81%) and Training (3%) has risen. Employment has fallen from 16%. Within the full time employed cohort of 1,047, only 322 are in jobs with training at NVQ Level 2. 214 young people are in part time or temporary employment.

The majority of young people in employment destinations are aged 18 (67%). Most young people in employment are White British (95%), and with a 59/41 male female split. The overall employment district split is Charnwood (25%), Hinckley & Bosworth (16%), Blaby (15%), NW Leicestershire (15%), Harborough (14%), Melton (8%) and Oadby & Wigston (7%). Wards contributing to the County employment total include Barwell (3.1%), Sileby (1.9%), Market Harborough-Welland (1.9%), Shepshed West (1.8%) and Coalville (1.7%). The Gaddesby and Twycross and Witherley with Sheepy wards contain the least number in employment.



\*Please note: NEET Figure for January is the 3 month average (Nov, Dec & Jan) in line with National Connexions target.

**NEET by Ward (16-18)**

Figures are shown by district and the 20 wards containing the highest percentages of 16-18 year old NEET young people. There were 2 NEET young people without a ward in August.

District	All	NEET	Aug-10	Jul-10	Jun-10	May-10	Apr-10	Mar-10	Feb-10	Jan-10	Dec-09	Nov-09	Oct-09	Sep-09	Difference
Blaby (Bl)	2389	103	4.3%	4.1%	3.6%	3.8%	3.2%	3.3%	3.2%	3.0%	3.4%	3.2%	4.2%	4.1%	<b>0.2%</b>
Charnwood (Ch)	3893	198	5.1%	4.9%	4.6%	4.9%	4.8%	4.5%	4.5%	4.1%	4.5%	4.4%	4.7%	6.0%	<b>-0.9%</b>
Harborough (Ha)	1830	72	3.9%	3.3%	3.1%	2.9%	2.8%	3.1%	3.4%	3.5%	3.3%	3.3%	4.3%	4.0%	<b>-0.1%</b>
Hinckley and Bosworth (HB)	2362	126	5.3%	4.6%	4.3%	4.3%	4.6%	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.2%	4.9%	4.8%	<b>0.5%</b>
Melton (Me)	1065	52	4.9%	5.1%	5.5%	4.9%	5.0%	4.5%	4.4%	3.7%	3.5%	3.3%	3.9%	3.8%	<b>1.1%</b>
NW Leicestershire (NW)	2225	104	4.7%	4.2%	3.6%	4.2%	4.0%	3.9%	4.2%	4.1%	4.0%	4.0%	4.1%	3.5%	<b>1.2%</b>
Oadby and Wigston (OW)	1557	61	3.9%	3.4%	3.2%	3.5%	3.1%	2.5%	2.8%	2.7%	2.8%	2.6%	3.4%	3.1%	<b>0.8%</b>

NEET is cyclic but the NW Leicestershire district has shown the highest increase of 1.2% since September 2009. Melton, Oadby & Wigston, Hinckley and Bosworth and Blaby also show slight increases. NEET has fallen since September 2009 in Charnwood (0.9%), Harborough (0.1%)

Ward	Cohort	NEET	Aug-10	Jul-10	Ward	Cohort	NEET	Aug-10	Jul-10
Loughborough Lemyngton (Ch)	145	20	13.9%	12.8%	Ravenstone and Packington (NW)	46	4	8.9%	4.5%
Loughborough Hastings (Ch)	119	15	12.7%	11.0%	South Wigston (OW)	191	17	8.8%	7.8%
Loughborough Ashby (Ch)	78	9	11.6%	12.0%	Melton Egerton (Me)	93	8	8.8%	9.1%
Ullesthorpe (Ha)	43	5	11.0%	11.3%	Mountsorrel (Ch)	201	17	8.7%	9.8%
Barwell (HB)	245	26	10.6%	9.9%	Bosworth (Ha)	36	3	8.6%	7.9%
Barlestone, Nailstone and Osbaston (HB)	78	8	10.6%	8.9%	Hugglescote (NW)	107	9	8.0%	7.9%
Hinckley Clarendon (HB)	167	17	10.0%	9.7%	Market Harborough-Welland (Ha)	140	11	8.0%	6.6%
Coalville (NW)	143	13	9.4%	7.4%	Loughborough Shelthorpe (Ch)	205	16	8.0%	7.3%
Greenhill (NW)	187	17	9.3%	6.9%	Loughborough Dishley and Hathern (Ch)	142	11	7.9%	7.8%
Ravenhurst and Fosse (Bl)	204	18	8.9%	9.4%	Enderby and St John's (Bl)	120	9	7.8%	6.3%

There are 8 wards with no NEET young people recorded; 4 in the Harborough district, 2 in the NW Leicestershire district and 1 each in the Hinckley and Bosworth and Melton districts.

The Loughborough Lemyngton ward (13.9%) and Loughborough Hastings (12.7%) wards have the highest NEET percentages, with both from the Charnwood district. Barwell is the only ward with more than 20 NEET residents.

Since September 2009 the Sileby (5.0%), Shepshed East (4.7%) and Breedon (4.6%) wards have the highest NEET decrease. A further 81 of the 133 wards have shown a decrease over the period. Care should be taken due to the small numbers involved. These figures are based on data from September 2009 and are not representative of the NEET year-on-year decreases (see NEET 16-18 graph, page 1). These figures are adjusted for lack of recent contact and are based on residence address.

## Vacancies and Apprenticeships (Inter-authority)

Vacancies for August show an increase in Level 2 apprenticeships on the previous year. The Employer Services Team (EST) is undertaking joint working with the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) to bring in more opportunities.

Throughout the summer an Apprenticeship bus has been based around Leicestershire towns to increase the numbers of young people registering and to make more employers aware of the service. The bus has also been featured on the BBC news. NAS tend to concentrate in businesses with 250 plus employees and Connexions on SMEs with under 250 employees. The numbers of Employment Vacancies have remained similar.

New Vacancies	August 10	August 09
Level 2 Apprenticeship	66	29
Level 3 Apprenticeship	7	5
Employment	13	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>46</b>

August is part of the annual holiday period and hence may be quiet; currently there are 104 apprenticeship and employment opportunities available, 39 vacancies in administration, 10 in hotel/catering, 10 in retail and 8 in engineering. Vocational areas such as administration, food, care, retail and construction are predicted to be strong in Leicestershire in future.

News and stories around the local and national labour market can be found on the Connexions Website at:

<http://www.connexions-leics.org/pdf/pubs/LMI%20news%20June%2010.pdf>

## ESF Update (Inter-authority)

All learners from summer provision have now completed their programmes. 68% are due to progress into 'destinations programmes and FE throughout September. Those learners whom remained undecided have been targeted for to attend the Big Match event on the 8th September.

All contract meetings for providers procured in the last commissioning round have been undertaken. The Successful programmes procured within the FE sector have been most problematic to contract due to holidays and the mainstream September recruitment. 18 providers will commence recruitment for Phase 7 at the end of September. We have 178 places available for the period October – December. All contract outputs have been met at this time. We have been able to create this autumn's offer through our commissioning budget surplus. This has been generated by output provider performance measures attached to each learner within provider contracts. Provider confidence has grown significantly for the duration of this contract, as they know that any performance losses incurred was redirected into frontline learner places.

## Unemployment Bulletin Update

(Leicestershire County Council data)

The latest 'Unemployment Bulletin (July 2010)', produced by Leicestershire County Council, is located on the Leicestershire Statistics and Research Online website: [www.lsr-online.org/reports/](http://www.lsr-online.org/reports/)

### NEET Leavers (16-18)

65 young people moved into EET in August. 51% were males and 49% were females, with 57% aged 17 and 43% aged 18. The top three destinations were Employment (66%), E2E (12%) and Foundation MA (9%). Of the Employment destinations most of the young people went into labour and unskilled industry (19%), unskilled manual/service sector (14%), clerical & secretarial occupations (14%) and catering occupations (14%).

Of those moving into EET, 34% came from Charnwood district, with the fewest coming from the NW Leicestershire (5%) districts. This indicates a large 'churn' effect in the Charnwood district (see also NEET Joiners). Young people from the Winstanley, Melton Warwick, Loughborough Ashby, Sileby, Mountsorrel and Market Harborough-Welland wards were the predominant movers into EET, accounting for 31% of the NEET leaver cohort.

The top 2 ethnicities of young people leaving NEET are White British (97%) and Other White Background (2%). The percentage of White British young people leaving NEET is higher than the 93% entering NEET.

Of the 43 young people moving into Employment, 23 went into Employment without Training (ENT):

Destination	Full / Part	Perm / Temp	16		17		18		Total
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Employment No Training	Full Time	Temporary	0	0	0	1	2	2	5
		Permanent	0	0	2	2	5	2	11
	Part Time	Temporary	0	0	1	0	2	1	4
		Permanent	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>

30% of young people from ENT came from labour and unskilled industry, 17% from unskilled manual/service sector and 17% from clerical & secretarial occupations. The remainder came from sales occupations, other elementary occupations and catering occupations.

## NEET Joiners (16-18)

128 individuals aged 16-18 became NEET in August; 44 from education, 41 from training, 30 from employment and 13 from other groups (including custody). There is sometimes a lapse between a young person leaving EET and accessing Connexions services.

75 joiners were male and 53 female. 81 were aged 17 and 47 were aged 18. 2009 leavers from compulsory education accounted for 63% of the joiners, compared to 2008 leavers (37%).

The majority of County NEET joiners came from the Loughborough Shelthorpe (4%), Greenhill (3%), Market Harborough-Welland (3%), Barwell (3%) and Syston East wards (3%), Although Hinckley & Bosworth and Charnwood districts account for 41% of the County cohort, they contributed to 38% of the joiners, which is a decrease on July 2010.

Across the County, those of a White British background make up 93% of the joiners, followed by No Information (2%) and Other White Backgrounds (2%).

The stated aspirations of the joiners reflect those of the main NEET cohort, with admin & clerical, motor vehicle trades, hairdressing and retail trades featuring in the top five desired occupational areas. However, the majority of joiners from employment/training came from other elementary occupations (16%), unskilled manual/service (18%), catering (14%) and sales (11%) roles.

Joiners from education had attended a variety of providers. 9 young people left Leicester College from a college cohort of 3,551. County residents previously accessing FE also left Stephenson (8 from 1,118) and South Leicestershire (7 from 759) Colleges.

The most common subject areas previously studied by the joiners of further education were Hair & Beauty (11%), Key Skills (11%) and A-Levels (11%). Young people joining NEET from education did so for a variety of reasons. The main self-declared reason for leaving was that they had completed their course (77%). Other reasons young people cited include the course was not suitable (16%) and personal issues (7%).

From training, over half of the young people primarily joined from ESF provision work based learning (59%). Over three quarters of them had completed their course (81%). The joiners came from courses including other elementary occupations, childcare & related occupations, vehicle trades, skilled construction trades and other occupations in agriculture, forestry and fishing.

Joining from	July 2010	August 2010	Year to Date*
<b>Education</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>752</b>
Compulsory education			147
Part time education	1	1	14
Full time further education	52	43	587
<i>School 6th Form</i>	7	10	180
<i>FE College</i>	45	33	401
<i>6th Form College</i>			6
Full time higher education			4
<b>Training</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>322</b>
Apprenticeship / Work based learning	14	28	169
E2E	23	13	153
Other GST* (eg New Deal)			0
<b>Employment</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>367</b>
Employment funded through GST*	1	2	28
Employment with NVQ2 training	5	4	32
Employment without NVQ2 training	9	18	185
Part time employment	6	4	82
Temporary employment	1	2	40
<b>Other</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>138</b>
Voluntary activity	4	2	13
Contact re-established	3	3	85
Other non-NEET groups (incl. Custody)	5	8	40
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1579</b>

\*Year to Date is from Sept 2009 onwards, GST is Government Support Training

## NATIONALLY Supplied Information: Issued to July 2010

### July NEET (16-18 Year Olds)

For the eight successive month, Leicestershire NEET (4.5%) was 2<sup>nd</sup> best against statistical neighbours (SN), which is below the SN average of 5.5% and an improvement compared to 3<sup>rd</sup> best in July 09. Regionally, Leicestershire had the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest NEET percentage behind Rutland. The 17.6% year-on-year decrease was 2<sup>nd</sup> best against SN and 3<sup>rd</sup> best regionally. This was greater than the SN average decrease of 8.0% and regional average decrease of 11.8%.

Statistical Neighbours	Jul-10	Average	5.5%
NEET	Jul-10	Jul-09	Change
North Somerset	4.0%	4.3%	-7.2%
Leicestershire County	4.5%	5.5%	-17.6%
Central Bedfordshire	5.1%	6.5%	-22.0%
South Gloucestershire	5.2%	5.8%	-9.8%
Kent	5.2%	5.1%	2.9%
Hampshire	5.5%	6.1%	-10.1%
Staffordshire	5.5%	6.3%	-12.6%
Warwickshire	5.8%	5.9%	-2.2%
West Sussex	5.9%	6.0%	-2.1%
Worcestershire	6.3%	6.9%	-8.7%
Essex	7.5%	7.4%	1.0%

Regional Neighbours	Jul-10	Average	6.3%
NEET	Jul-10	Jul-09	Change
England	7.2%	8.0%	-10.3%
East Midlands	6.4%	7.3%	-12.4%
Nottingham	5.4%	6.6%	-18.7%
Nottinghamshire	5.0%	5.7%	-12.7%
Derby City	9.3%	9.8%	-5.3%
Derbyshire	9.2%	9.7%	-4.7%
Leicester City	8.3%	9.8%	-15.1%
LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY	4.5%	5.5%	-17.6%
Lincolnshire	5.2%	5.6%	-6.4%
Northamptonshire	6.9%	8.4%	-18.1%
Rutland	2.4%	2.6%	-8.6%

### July Unknown (16-18 Year Olds)

Leicestershire unknowns (3.2%) remained below Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. Leicestershire was ranked 8<sup>th</sup> with respect to the level of unknowns within its SN group. The Leicestershire level of unknowns is slightly above the SN average of 3.0%, but is below the regional average of 3.8%. Regionally, Leicestershire had the 4<sup>th</sup> best level of unknowns.

Statistical Neighbours	Jul-10	Average	3.0%
Unknowns	Jul-10	Jul-09	Change
North Somerset	1.3%	1.8%	-28.3%
South Gloucestershire	2.2%	2.7%	-19.3%
Central Bedfordshire	2.2%	3.8%	-42.1%
Worcestershire	2.2%	2.4%	-7.4%
Warwickshire	2.3%	2.4%	-3.8%
Kent	2.6%	2.7%	-5.1%
Staffordshire	2.9%	3.0%	-3.7%
Leicestershire County	3.2%	2.9%	10.3%
West Sussex	3.9%	3.9%	0.3%
Essex	4.2%	3.9%	6.7%
Hampshire	5.8%	8.1%	-28.2%

Regional Neighbours	Jul-10	Average	3.8%
Unknown	Jul-10	Jul-09	Change
England	4.1%	4.5%	-9.3%
East Midlands	3.7%	3.9%	-5.5%
Nottingham	5.7%	5.7%	-0.6%
Nottinghamshire	4.4%	4.8%	-9.0%
Derby City	6.9%	6.0%	14.5%
Derbyshire	3.7%	5.0%	-25.7%
Leicester City	3.1%	3.7%	-15.8%
LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY	3.2%	2.9%	10.3%
Lincolnshire	3.2%	2.3%	40.4%
Northamptonshire	1.6%	2.8%	-43.1%
Rutland	2.7%	2.2%	23.4%

### July In Learning (16-18 Year Olds)

The percentage of young people In Learning for Leicestershire was 86.5% and remains above Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. It is 4<sup>th</sup> compared to the SN group, and higher than the SN average of 83.4%. This is an improvement compared to 5<sup>th</sup> best in July 09. Regionally, Leicestershire has the highest percentage of young people In Learning, and the year-on-year increase of 5.1% was 6<sup>th</sup> against SN and 5<sup>th</sup> regionally. This was better than the SN average of 5.0% and the regional average of 4.9%.

Statistical Neighbours	Jul-10	Average	85.3%
In Learning	Jul-10	Jul-09	Change
North Somerset	89.5%	86.2%	3.8%
Central Bedfordshire	87.0%	79.7%	9.1%
Staffordshire	86.8%	83.4%	4.1%
Leicestershire County	86.5%	82.3%	5.1%
South Gloucestershire	85.5%	83.2%	2.8%
Warwickshire	84.9%	83.1%	2.1%
Kent	84.8%	82.0%	3.4%
Worcestershire	84.5%	79.1%	6.9%
West Sussex	83.6%	79.3%	5.3%
Hampshire	82.8%	78.7%	5.2%
Essex	82.7%	76.8%	7.6%

Regional Neighbours	Jul-10	Average	83.7%
In Learning	Jul-10	Jul-09	Change
England	83.4%	79.8%	4.6%
East Midlands	84.0%	79.9%	5.2%
Nottingham	85.2%	82.5%	3.2%
Nottinghamshire	84.0%	80.1%	4.9%
Derby City	80.9%	78.0%	3.7%
Derbyshire	80.8%	75.1%	7.5%
Leicester City	84.9%	80.2%	5.8%
LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY	86.5%	82.3%	5.1%
Lincolnshire	85.7%	83.3%	2.9%
Northamptonshire	83.4%	77.4%	7.8%
Rutland	82.2%	79.4%	3.4%



## Vulnerable Groups Information

### Teenage Parents & Mothers

#### Local Information

Stephenson College held an open day for young parents to attract learners onto the Parents with Prospects qualification that will be offered from this autumn. South Leicestershire College also plan to run this programme from the beginning of October and recruitment is underway for the next Family Learning cohort in South Wigston.

Connexions is currently undertaking an audit of the teenage mother cohort to assess their readiness and likelihood to move into positive destinations, the results of which will be used to target interventions.

Teenage Parent	Target	Total	Adjusted NEET		Adjusted EET	
July 2010	60% EET	307	161	52.4%	146	47.6%
August 2010	60% EET	303	157	51.8%	146	48.2%

Teenage Mothers	Target	Total	Unadjusted NEET		Unadjusted EET	
July 2010	60% EET	269	154	62.0%	115	38.0%
August 2010	60% EET	266	152	61.9%	114	38.1%

**N.B** These figures are adjusted for lack of recent contact, apart from Teenage Mothers. Those in custody, refugee & asylum seekers, who cannot be contacted or refused to participate, are not included in nationally calculated NEET.

#### National Information (Issued to Q1 June 2010)

40% of 16-19 teenage mothers are engaged in EET, which is above the national (27%) and regional (29%) averages and represents an increase of 19% since June 2009. However, the EET figure is not produced following the standard NEET definition on Page 8. The 'not known' level of 11%, is better than the national (21%) and regional (18%) levels.



## LDD

### Local Information

LDD NEET is shown by overall cohort and broken down by age. At this time of the year, there are no 16 year-olds in the cohort. 2010 leavers will have appropriate post-16 LDD codes added in September.

New instructions for S139a Assessments were published just before the general election. The Duty to carry them out (mandatory) is for all young people in year 11 and above in the year they leave school if they have a statement of SEN. The power (non stated) is to be used more sparingly than before and only for those young people who would ordinarily may have had a statement but did not have one as their needs were met without one e.g. Autistic Spectrum Conditions, Sensory impairments etc.

Discussions have been taken place with both LAs in order to establish criteria for carrying out S139a Assessments for young people without statements of SEN and hope for a decision soon, re eligibility for non stated young people.

LDD	Total	Adjusted NEET	Adjusted EET
July 2010	1924	165 8.6%	1759 91.4%
August 2010	1837	168 9.1%	1669 90.9%

LDD Age 16	Total	Adjusted NEET	Adjusted EET
July 2010	67	6 9.0%	61 91.0%
August 2010	THERE ARE NO 16 YEAR OLD LDD CLIENTS		

LDD Age 17	Total	Adjusted NEET	Adjusted EET
July 2010	677	41 6.1%	636 93.9%
August 2010	682	46 6.8%	636 93.2%

LDD Age 18	Total	Adjusted NEET	Adjusted EET
July 2010	631	61 9.6%	571 90.4%
August 2010	618	65 10.5%	553 89.5%

LDD Age 19	Total	Adjusted NEET	Adjusted EET
July 2010	549	57 10.4%	492 89.6%
August 2010	537	57 10.6%	480 89.4%

**N.B** These figures are adjusted for lack of recent contact. Those in custody, refugee & asylum seekers, who cannot be contacted or refused to participate, are not included in nationally calculated NEET

### National Information (Issued to Q1 June 2010)

In June 2010 LDD NEET for the County was 7.6%, the lowest in the region. A decrease of 31% compared to June 2009 is a significant improvement on the East Midlands (12%) and nationally (6%). The LDD unknown figure for June 2010 was 4.9% is the best in the region, and is well below the regional (11.2%) and national (10.7%) figures.

## Children in Care (16 – 19)

### Local Information

Connexions figures are based on residency and/or access to learning in Leicestershire as per DfE measurement of Connexions services and do not necessarily correspond to the corporate parent responsibility. Those in custody, refugee & asylum seekers, who cannot be contacted or refused to participate, are not included in nationally calculated NEET.

The Corporate Parent County figures reflect those young people where the County is the corporate parent, rather than based on residency. Young people included in these figures may be living in the City, or outside the sub-region.

#### Connexions

	Total	Adjusted NEET	Adjusted EET
July 2010	120	42 34.9%	78 65.1%
August 2010	117	44 37.5%	73 62.5%

#### Corporate Parent County

	Total	Adjusted NEET	Adjusted EET
July 2010	113	45 39.7%	68 60.3%
August 2010	113	48 42.3%	65 57.7%

**N.B** These figures are adjusted for lack of recent contact. Those in custody, refugee & asylum seekers, who cannot be contacted or refused to participate, are not included in nationally calculated NEET

### National Information (Issued to Q1 June 2010)

In June 2010, 53% of the 15 19-year old care leavers were EET, which is higher than the national average (50%) and regional average (49%). A decrease of 12% compared to June 2009 is better than the East Midlands (7%) and nationally (0%). (This figure is unadjusted for lack of recent contact).

## Youth Offending (16 – 19)

### Local Information

The figures are based on residency and/or access to learning in Leicestershire as per DfE measurement of Connexions services. They do not necessarily correspond to the Youth Offending Service responsibility for the young people of the authority. The EET figure provided is not comparable to the YOS target of entering ETE at the end of an offending order. The data has been split by age to reflect the change in service from Youth Offending to Probation

16-17	Total	Adjusted NEET	Adjusted EET
July 2010	47	24 51.1%	23 48.9%
August 2010	49	24 49.0%	25 51.0%

18-19	Total	Adjusted NEET	Adjusted EET
July 2010	27	13 48.1%	14 51.9%
August 2010	25	12 48.0%	13 52.0%

**N.B** These figures are adjusted for lack of recent contact. Those in custody, refugee & asylum seekers, who cannot be contacted or refused to participate, are not included in nationally calculated NEET.

## Demographic Information

### Age and Gender (16-18)

*(Connexions Data)*

Males comprise 53% of the 16–18 County cohort, as well as 52% of the NEET cohort. Within the female NEET cohort, 24% (83) are unavailable as they are teenage parents or pregnant. 6% of the male NEET cohort are unavailable, mainly due to illness. Females are more likely to be in school sixth form, whereas males are more likely to be in employment without training to NVQ 2. The gender split on further education, other LSC funded training and part time employment is comparable. Males are more likely to be in custody.

DfE analyse post-compulsory education young people by birth-date rather than academic age. 18 year-olds currently represent 51% of the cohort and 17 year-olds represent 49%.

17 year-olds are the most likely to be in education (82% compared to 79% for 18 year-olds) and training (4% compared to 3% for 18 year-olds). 18 year olds however are the most likely to be in employment (15% compared to 8% for 17 year-olds).

### Ethnicity (16 – 19)

#### **National Information (Issued to Q1 June 2010)**

The largest cohort is White (20,870) which represents 86% of the 16 – 19 cohort. A further 6% are Indian (1,392).

NEET for 16-19 year olds is highest in the following ethnicity cohorts, although care should be taken owing to the relatively small numbers in some groups: White & Black Caribbean (7.1%, 157), White & Black African (5.4%, 38 young people), White (5.0%, 20870), Bangladeshi (4.3%, 94) and White and Asian (2.8%, 145).

Ethnicity	Cohort	Empl.	Educ.	NEET
White and Black Caribbean	157	12.1%	65.0%	7.1%
White and Black African	38	5.4%	76.3%	5.4%
White	20870	15.2%	65.9%	5.0%
Bangladeshi	94	6.9%	87.2%	4.3%
White and Asian	145	8.2%	83.4%	2.8%

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These figures include 19 year-olds not contained in the headline 16-18 NEET figure, and are unadjusted for lack of recent contact and is not directly comparable to the locally produced figure in the previous section or the definition shown in the Data Source section.

## Data Sources and Definitions

### Performance Management

Appropriate information is added directly into the TEN system.

### Locally Sourced

Locally Sourced information is produced from the Connexions Leicester Shire Profile database system. Statistical information is updated daily for internal use. The end of month data transfer to DfE for monitoring, validation and comparison purposes is authorised by a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

### Nationally Sourced

Nationally Supplied information is collated and reissued to all Connexions Partnerships by DfE. Information on NEET progress is returned monthly and additional information regarding vulnerable groups is returned on a quarterly basis.

### Credit Crunch and Unemployment Information

Information taken from Leicestershire County Council monthly reports, which are located at <http://www.lsr-online.org/reports/categories/Unemployment+Bulletins>

### NEET Definition

This measure represents NI117. The November target assessment is measured as a 3-month average over the period November-January. The percentage of young people aged 16-18 Not in Education, Employment and Training (NEET) is currently measured via a DfE defined and verified formula which includes an adjustment for young people who have not had recent contact with the service.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NEET} &= \text{Unlapsed NEET} + (58\% \text{ Lapsed NEET}) + (8\% \text{ Lapsed EET}) \\ \text{EET} &= \text{Unlapsed EET} + (42\% \text{ Lapsed NEET}) + (92\% \text{ Lapsed EET}) \\ \text{NEET \%} &= \text{NEET} / (\text{NEET} + \text{EET}) \end{aligned}$$

The NEET cohort includes those young people undertaking Personal and Social Development Opportunities (PDO) and excludes those in custody, applying for asylum and refugees. Those young people accessing post-16 education are counted within the area of the education provider and not of their residence. The 16-year old cohort is added every September and the cohort total thereafter falls throughout the year as young people reach their 19th birthday.

### NFER Statistical Neighbours

Central Bedfordshire

Essex

Hampshire

Kent

North Somerset

South Gloucestershire

Staffordshire

Warwickshire

West Sussex

Worcestershire

Further national information can be found at <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/STR/d000950/index.shtml>

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