

JSNA Health and Wellbeing Profile 2024/25

Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) (or current situation is unknown)

Summary points

- 4.4% of 16-17 year olds in Bristol are “not in education, employment or training (NEET)” and 2.2% are current situation not known (CSNK) in total this is (6.6%), this higher than the national average (5.4%).

Findings

Young people who are not in education, employment or training are more likely to adopt unhealthy lifestyles, and less likely to achieve good health outcomes in adulthood. Where young people’s activity is not established, we are unable to gain contact to determine if support is needed and supply it where required.

There are 6.6% of 16-17 year olds in Bristol (2023/24) who are recorded as being “not in education, employment or training” or their current situation is not known, which equates to approximately 610 16-17 year olds. This is higher than both the England average of 5.4%, and the previous year (5.0%) and places Bristol as the third lowest performing city when compared to the other English core cities (Fig 1). Our NEET only figure (4.4%) is higher (worse) than the national average of 3.2% and places Bristol as the fourth best performing city when compared to the other English core cities.

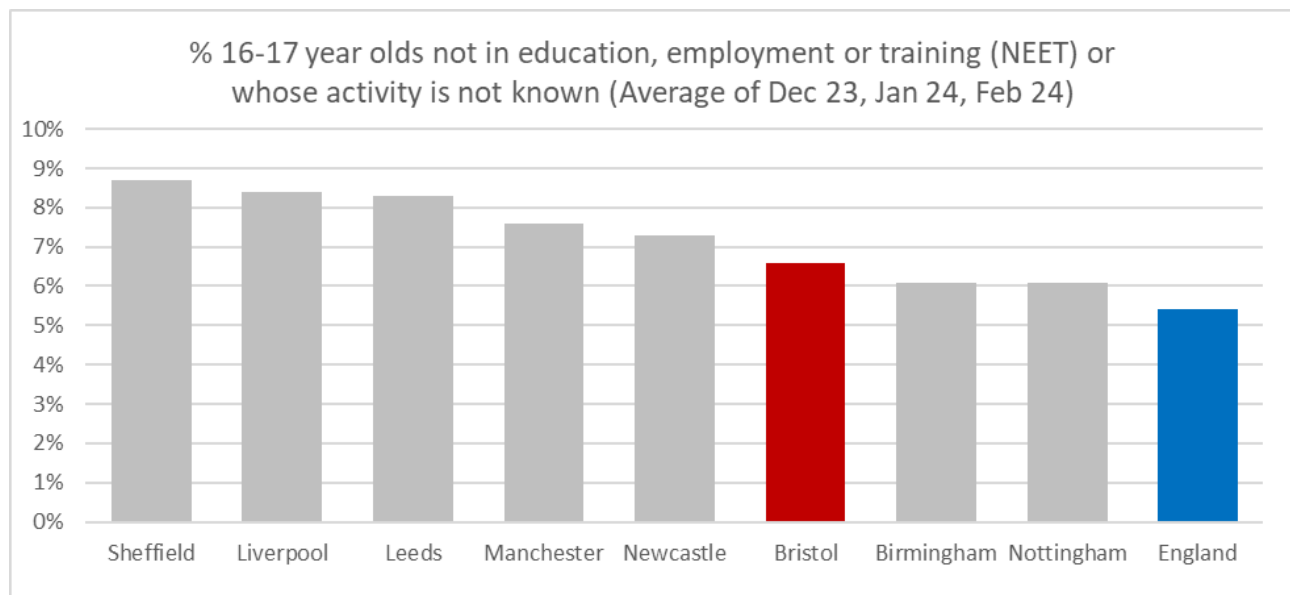


Fig 1: Source: BCC – Young Careers and Pathways Team, February 2025

Additional data shows that 92.4% of 16-17 year olds in Bristol are ‘in learning’¹, similar to the previous year (92.7%) and similar to the England average of 92.1%. Compared to the English core cities, Bristol has the third highest prevalence, which ranges from 88.1% in Liverpool to 93.3% in Birmingham.

¹ [NCCIS management information requirement - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/nccis-management-information-requirement)

This year though the combined authority we have delivered HYPE (Helping Young People Excel) which is a programme delivering short term intervention for those that are NEET or Risk of NEET and has supported over 200 young people with courses in their locality.

There is still a lack of rolling provision within the City to help bridge the gap from NEET to EET for those who need a more supportive programme.

The data shows that most of our NEET young people are aged in the 17–18-year-old cohort; some have spent a year in college or sixth form and then drop out with limited plans. We have a team of career coaches who are reaching out to support these young people with careers advice and guidance.

Local data at the end of April 2024² shows us that there are 423 16 to 17 year olds Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) only. The highest percentage of 16 to 17 year old NEETs on a ward basis are Hartcliffe & Withywood (10.6%), Filwood (9.1%), Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston (8.9%), Stockwood (8.3%) and Brislington East (8.3%) (see fig 2 below). There were no 16-17 year olds in Clifton, Clifton Down or Cotham who were NEET only at the end of April 2024.

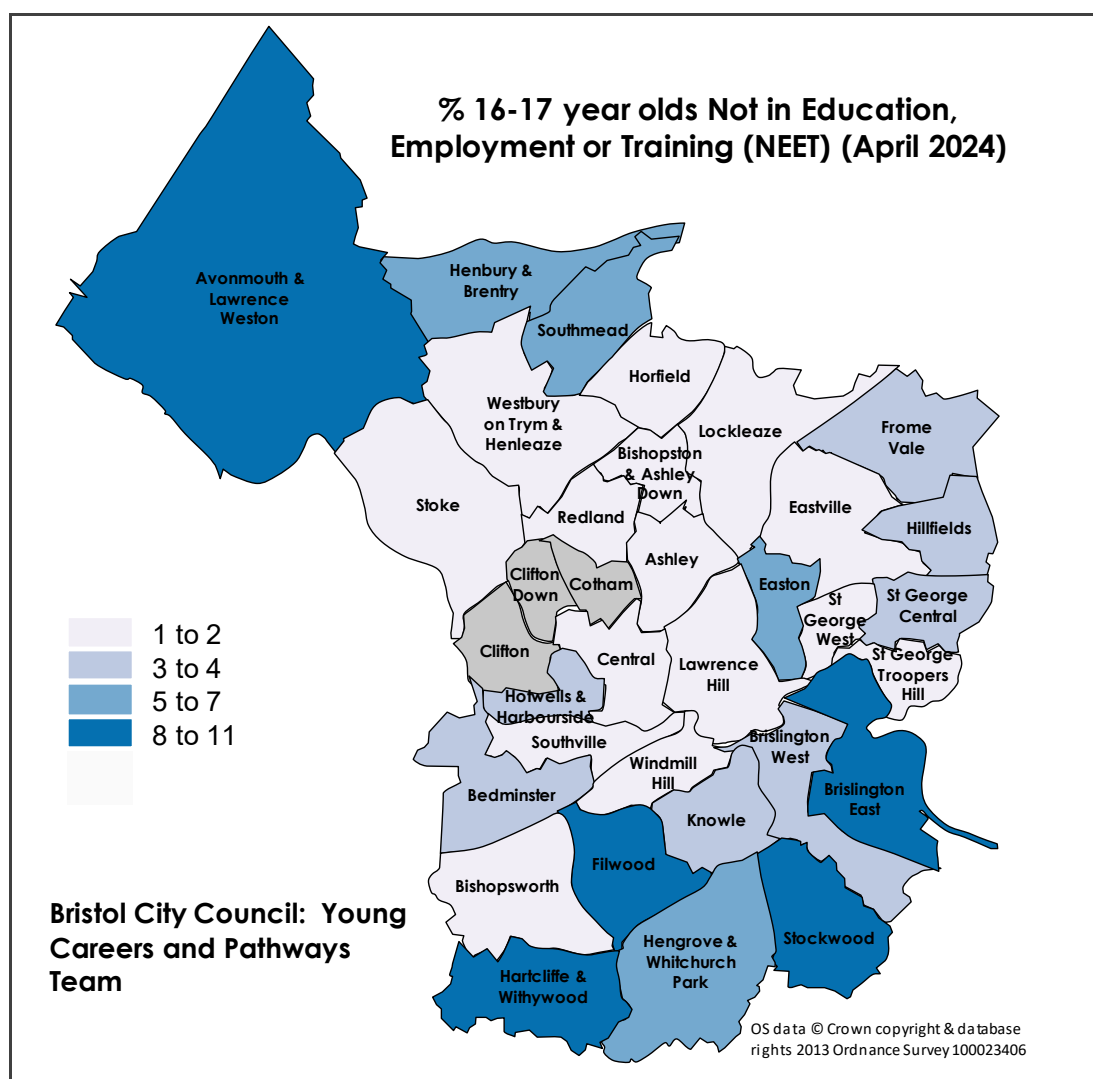


Fig 2: 16-17 yr. olds NEET by ward as a % of total NEETs (April 2024 data)

² Source: Bristol City Council, Insight, Performance & Intelligence Service (June 2024)

Equalities data:

Data from the Department for Education for the academic year 2023/24³ shows that males are more likely to be NEET (or whose activity is unknown) than females, both nationally and locally. In Bristol 6.7% of males (aged 16 and 17) are NEET (or whose activity is unknown) compared to 6.3% of females. Nationally the figures are 6% of males and 4.9% of females.

A snapshot of local data as at April 2024 shows that the ethnicity breakdown for the cohort of NEET only is as follows: White British (71.0%), Caribbean (7.5%) and Somali (2.8%) - all other groups are below 2.5%.

Impact of Covid-19:

We are still seeing the impact of COVID with young people presenting with mental health needs and increased levels of anxiety. The team are supporting a number of these young people with one-to-one support and providing them with the soft skills to access education employment or training.

Further data / links / consultations:

- Statistics: NEET and participation: www.gov.uk/government/publications/neet-and-participation-local-authority-figures

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³ [Public health profiles - OHID \(phe.org.uk\)](https://publichealthprofiles.org.uk/)