

# Destinations 2010

Year 11 leavers in Cornwall and Devon

Destinations contains information on what options young people chose after leaving year 11 in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, Devon, Plymouth, and Torbay.

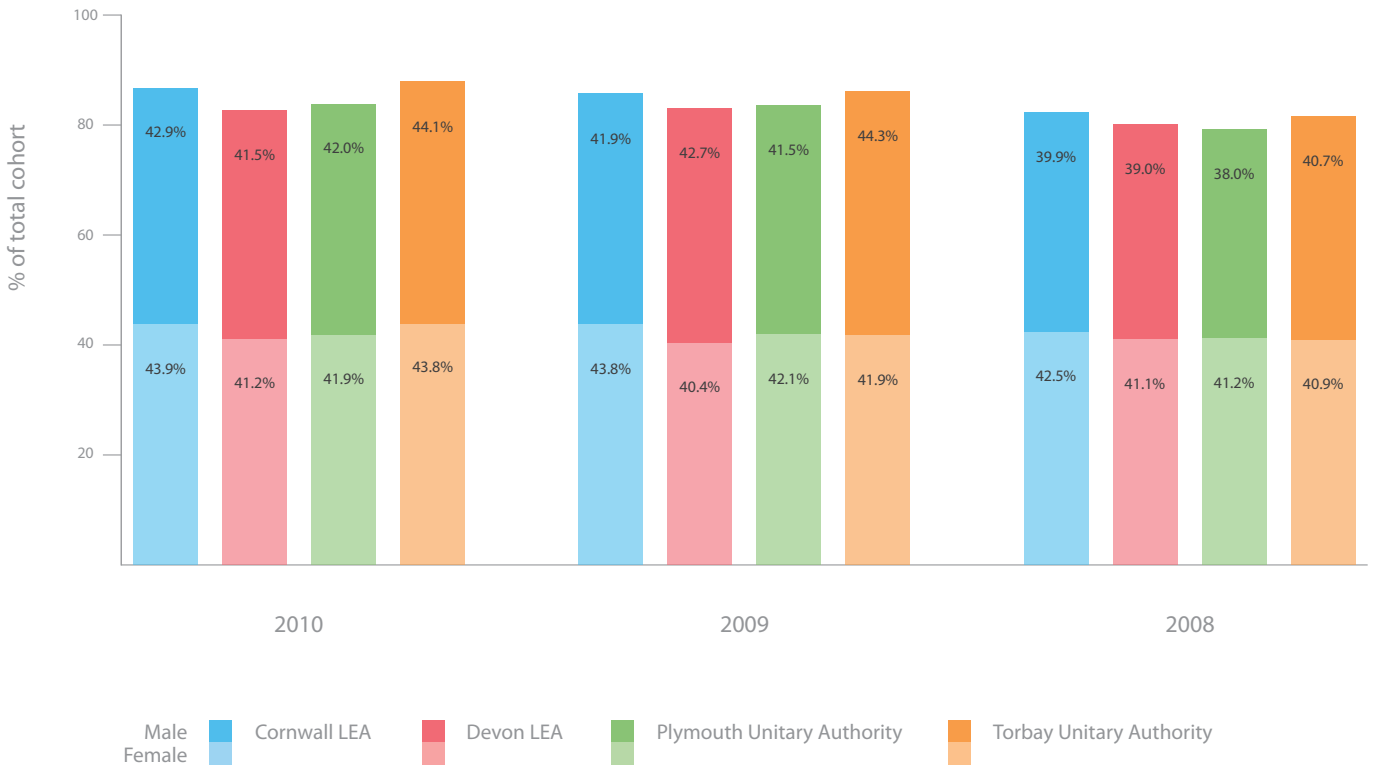
The categories in Destinations are:

- Full-time education – this includes young people who chose to either stay on at school or go to further education (FE) college
- Apprenticeships
- Employed with training
- Employed without training
- NEET – not in education, employment or training

Data is shown for a three year period so that trends can be identified. Please note that the gender figures may not add up to 100% as some young people chose to withhold this information.

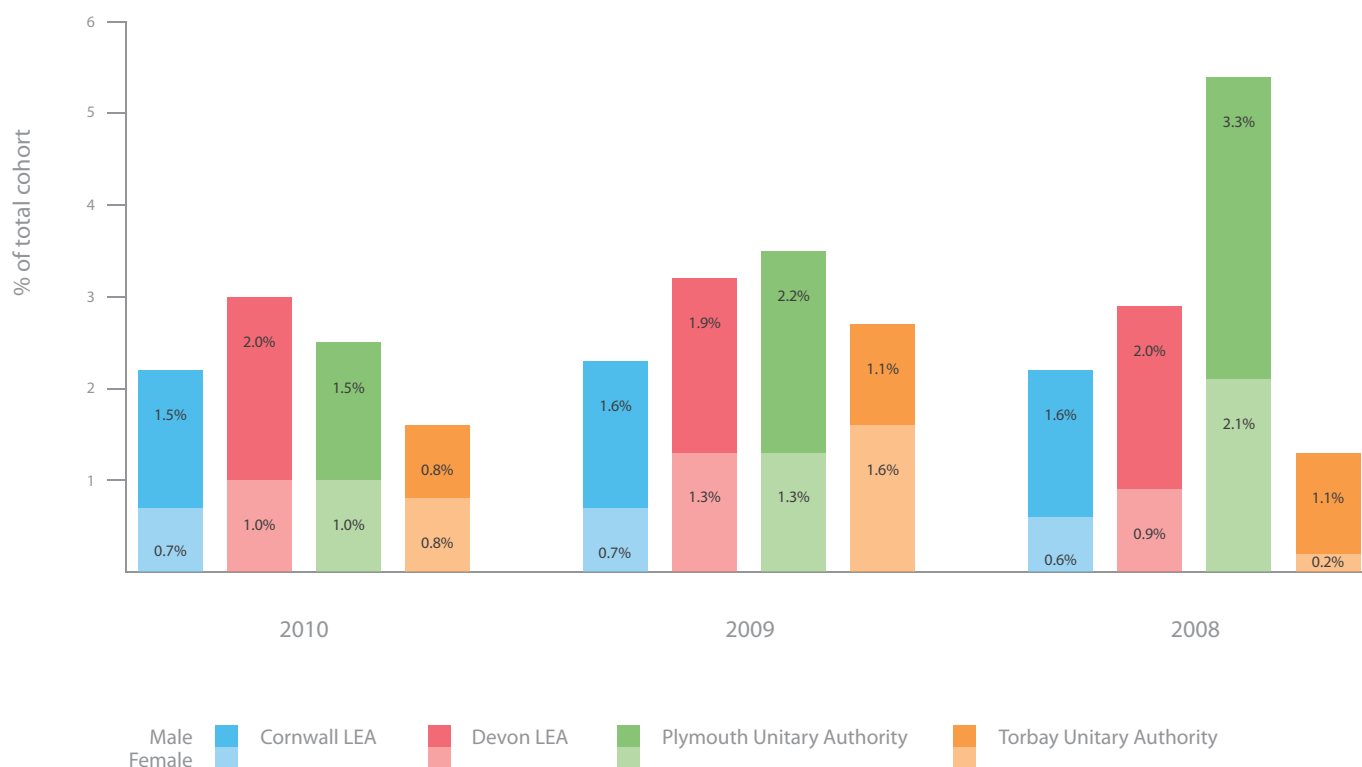


## Full-time education



- In Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, staying on at school or going to FE college was the most popular option for year 11 leavers. In addition, the numbers of young people choosing this option increased over the three year period. The figures for the male/female split are not significantly different, but are slightly higher for females.
- The figures for Devon show a similar trend of full-time education being the most popular option, with increasing numbers of year 11 leavers choosing this each year. The male/female split is not significantly different.
- Young people in Plymouth also favoured full-time education more than any other option, with numbers increasing over the three years. The figures for the male/female split are not significantly different.
- The figures for Torbay also show those remaining in full-time education increased over the three years and that this option is the most popular for young people living in that area. There is no significant difference between males and females choosing this option.

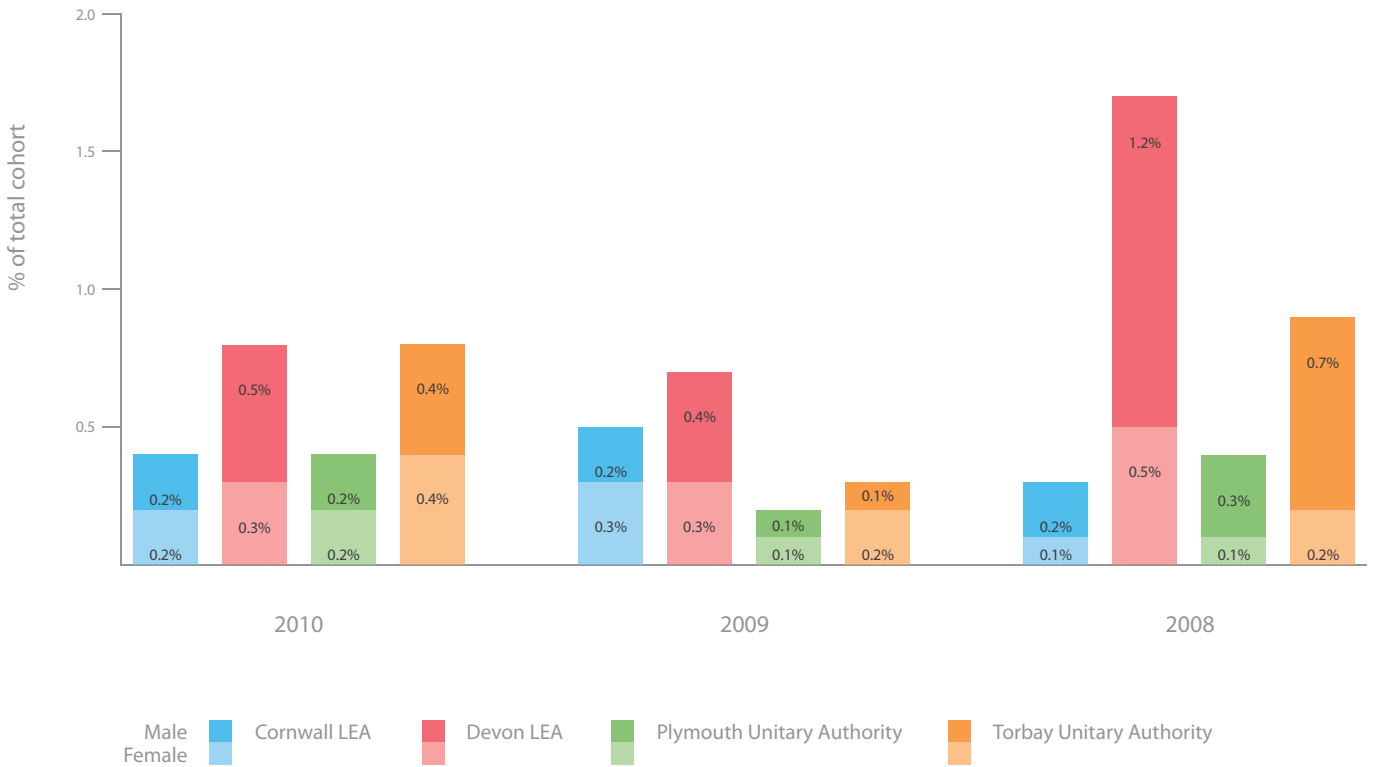
## Apprenticeships



- In Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, the figures for apprenticeships have remained fairly steady over the three years. However, significantly more males than females choose this option every year.
- In Devon, the figures also show very little change over the three year period. Again, apprenticeships appear to be much a more popular option for males than females.
- The numbers of year 11 leavers choosing apprenticeships in Plymouth have declined over the three years. Apprenticeships are a more popular choice for males than females, but this gap appears to be closing slightly.
- In Torbay, the numbers of young people choosing apprenticeships peaked in 2009, but showed a decline again in 2010. In 2008, significantly more males than females chose this option after leaving year 11. However, in 2009 more females chose apprenticeships and there is an equal split in 2010.



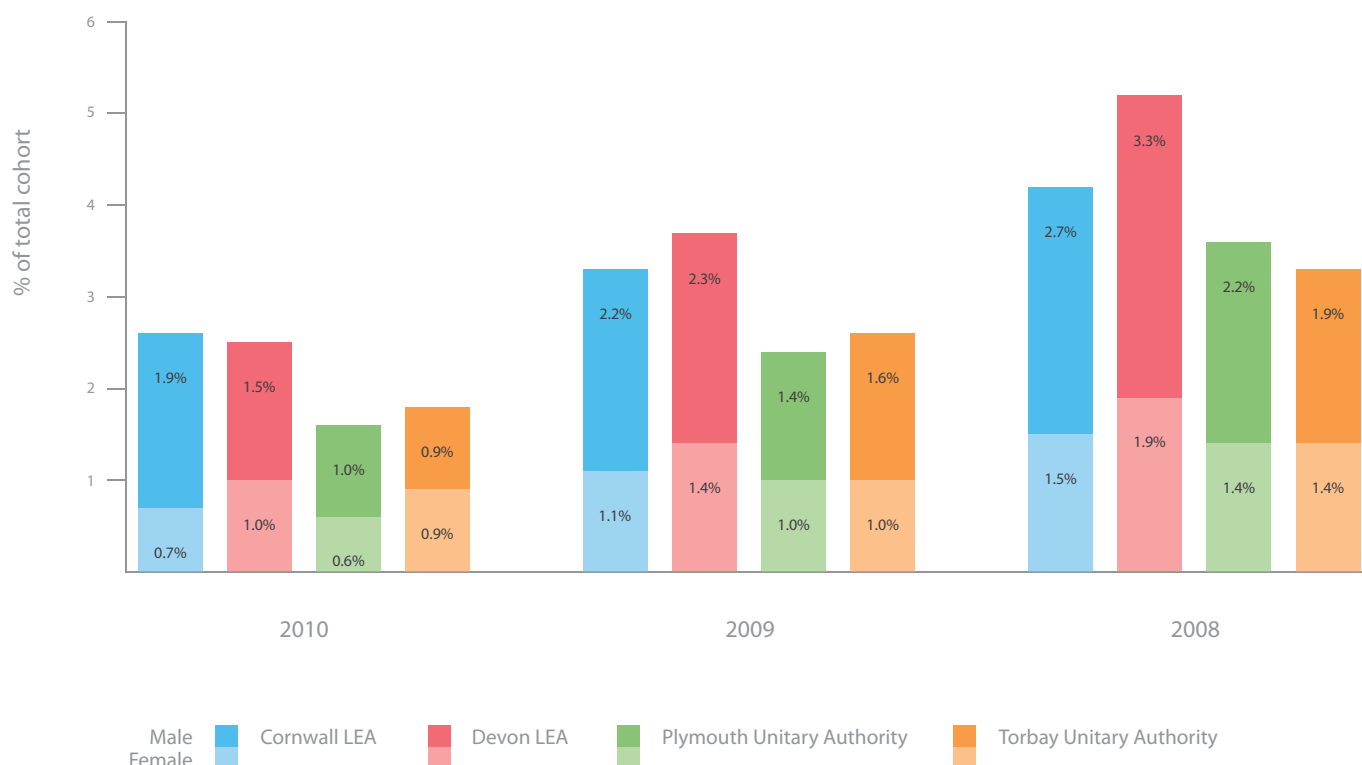
## Employed with training



- Over the three years, very few young people in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly chose employment with training on leaving year 11. In 2008, significantly more males chose this option. However differences between the genders are less striking in 2009 and 2010 when, in fact, more females opted for employment with training.
- Only a small number of young people chose employment with training after year 11 in Devon. More males than females seemed to choose this option, showing a significant difference in 2008 and 2010.
- Figures for Plymouth also show that very few year 11 leavers chose employment with training. Again, a significant difference between the genders can be seen in 2008; however this appears to level out in 2009 and 2010.
- Torbay shows a similar pattern to the other areas with very small numbers of young people choosing employment with training after leaving year 11. More males than females chose this option in 2008, but this trend appears to reverse for the following two years.

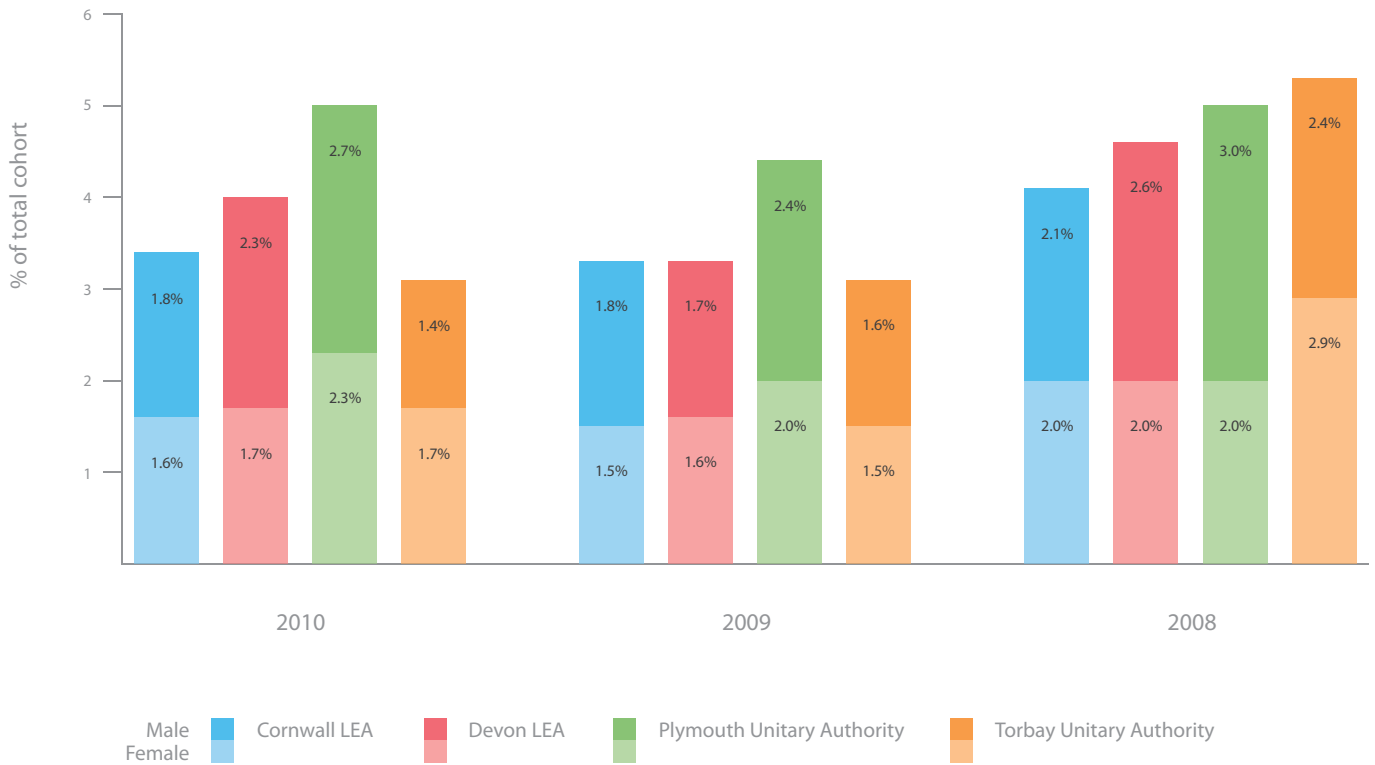


## Employed without training



- In Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, more young people chose employment without training than with training in each year. However, these figures decreased over the three year period. Significantly more males than females chose this option.
- A similar pattern can be seen for year 11 leavers in Devon, with numbers choosing this option decreasing over the three years. Again, significantly more males chose employment without training, although this gap does appear to be closing in 2010.
- The numbers of young people in Plymouth choosing employment without training also decreased over the three years. More males chose this option in each year.
- The figures for Torbay show a very similar pattern, with numbers decreasing over the three years. However, the male/female split for this area is less pronounced than the others, especially in 2008 and 2010.

## NEET (not in education, employment or training)

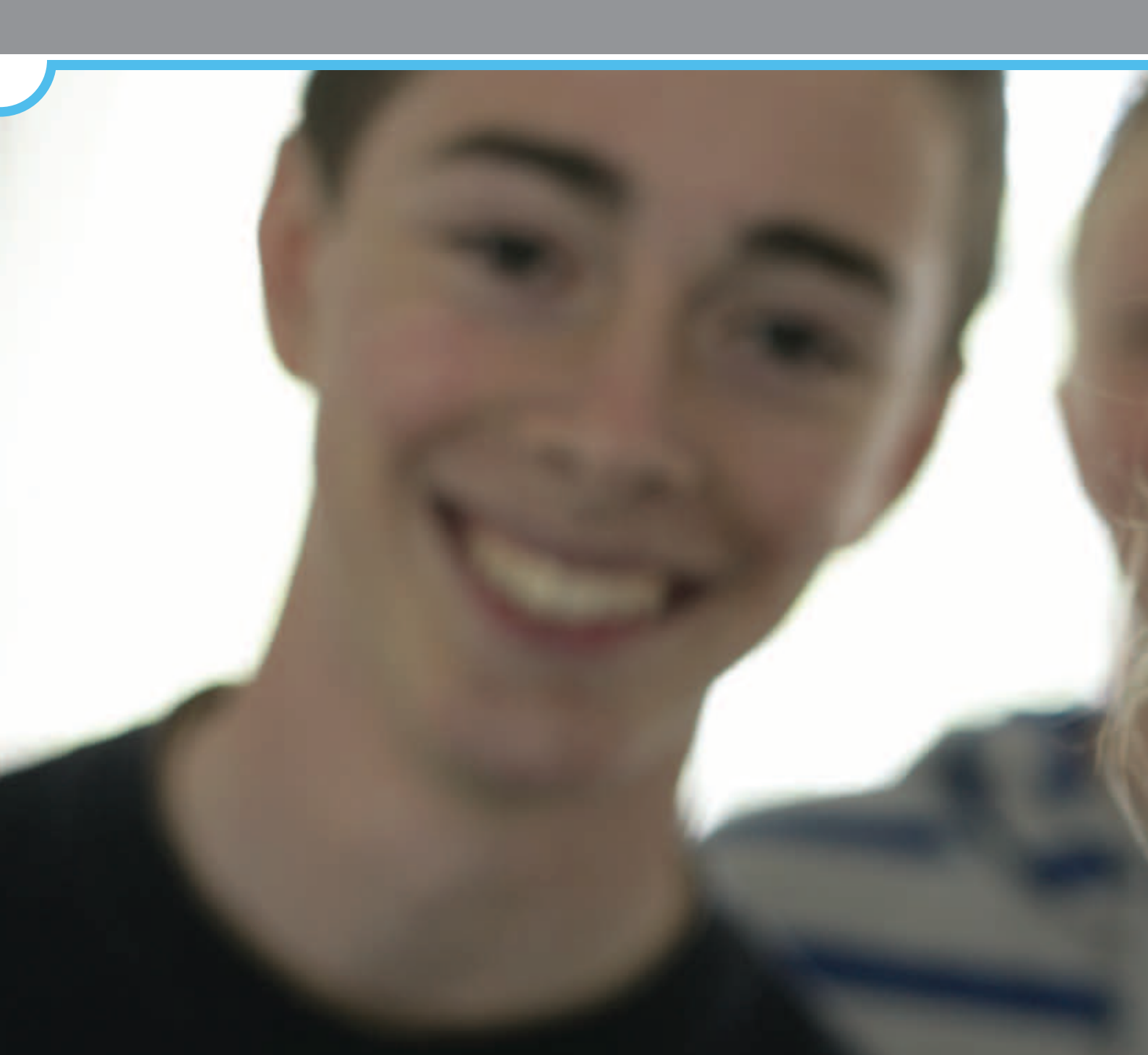


- NEET figures for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly have decreased and levelled out since 2008. Males are more likely to be NEET than females.
- The numbers of young people classified as NEET in Devon show a decline from 2008 to 2009, but show an increase in 2010. Again, it appears that males are more likely to be classified as NEET.
- The NEET figures for Plymouth show a similar trend to Devon in that they decline in 2009, but rise again in 2010. Males are more likely to be classified as NEET than females.
- The NEET figures for Torbay are similar to Cornwall in that they have decreased and levelled out over the three year period. However, the gender split is different from the other areas in that females, rather than males, are more likely to be classified as NEET in 2008 and 2010.

## Summary

- Full-time education is more popular than ever across the whole peninsula with each area seeing an increase in the number of year 11 leavers choosing this option every year.
- The numbers of young people choosing apprenticeships across the peninsula remained relatively stable for all areas over the three years. However, Plymouth has shown a marked decrease in the numbers choosing apprenticeships over this time. It is possible that fewer apprenticeships became available to young people in this area during this time.
- It is not clear why more males choose apprenticeships than females. However, it may be due to the type of apprenticeships available, that is apprenticeships in sectors that traditionally have a large male workforce. Although gender stereotyping in the workplace is actively discouraged, there is evidence to suggest that people still choose more traditional roles.
- Very few young people in all areas chose employment with training after leaving year 11. Again, this may be due to a lack of availability. As with apprenticeships, the male/female differences that are observed may be due to the type of work available.
- The higher figures for employment without training may reflect what was available in the labour market. The decline over the three years may indicate a lack of availability of work generally as this mirrors the timing of the recession.
- Despite unemployment figures increasing dramatically for the UK, the NEET figures for the region have remained quite stable and, in some areas, have fallen.
- The UK economy is still looking quite bleak for the next 12 months, especially with more job cuts expected in the public sector during this time. Although the private sector is recruiting, there will be more competition for the jobs that become available. Therefore, more year 11 leavers may choose to remain in full-time education in 2011. It is expected that NEET figures may also rise as, nationally, youth unemployment figures are reaching record levels. However, the government is encouraging businesses to drive economic growth by taking on more apprentices, and wants to create 100,000 more apprenticeships by 2014. A recovery in the UK economy is expected in 2012.





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