

Summary for West Lothian Council



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The Participation Measure covers the 16-19 year old cohort

90.8%

Of 16-19 year olds are **participating** in education, training or employment compared to **91.1%** nationally.

1.1 percentage point rise compared to 2016

3.9%

are **not participating** i.e. those unemployed seeking employment and others unemployed and not seeking e.g. economically inactive compared to **3.7%** nationally.

0.2 percentage point fall compared to 2016

5.3%

With an **unconfirmed status** compared to **5.3%** nationally. Many of those reported here could be in employment but this is not confirmed.¹

0.9 percentage point fall compared to 2016



69.1%

in Education
71.2% in 2016



20%

in Employment
16.6% in 2016



1.7%

in Training & Personal Development
1.9% in 2016



2.1%

Unemployed Seeking
2.7% in 2016



1.8%

Unemployed Not Seeking
1.4% in 2016



The annual participation measure takes account of each status from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 for all 16-19 year olds. All statuses are combined to calculate the participation headline classification and the status grouping displayed.

¹ SDS is working with SG and HMRC to obtain more comprehensive data on those in employment. This should bring benefits in reducing the number of unconfirmed statuses.

2017 Annual Participation Measure Report

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The third release of statistics on the participation of 16-19 year olds at a national and local authority level is the second year the annual participation measure reporting methodology has been used. The annual participation measure takes account of all statuses for individuals over the whole year (1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017) as opposed to focusing on an individual's status on a single day, as adopted by a snapshot methodology. For each of the individuals included within the annual measure cohort, the headline participation classification (participating, not participating and unconfirmed) is based on the headline classification with the highest number of days.

As agreed by Scottish Ministers, from 2017, the Annual Participation Measure will be adopted within the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework. It is replacing the school leaver destination follow up as the source of the indicator, "**increase the proportion of young people in learning, training or work**", published through Scotland Performs.

The full annual participation measure 2017 report and accompanying supplementary tables are available in the [participation measure statistics page](#) of the Skills Development Scotland website.

The summary below provides a comparison between the 2017 and 2016 local authority results along with the 2017 results for Scotland.

The proportion of 16-19 year olds participating for West Lothian Council is 90.8%, a 1.1 percentage point rise from 2016 but 0.3pp lower than the national rate (91.1%).

	<u>Scotland</u>
• For 16 year olds the rate is 98.7%, the same as 2016.	98.8%
• For 17 year olds the rate is 93.6%, a 0.5 percentage point fall from 2016 (94.1%).	94.0%
• For 18 year olds the rate is 89.1%, a 3.0 percentage point rise from 2016 (86.1%).	88.9%
• For 19 year olds the rate is 82.6%, a 1.8 percentage point rise from 2016 (80.8%).	83.4%

The proportion of 16-19 year olds not participating for West Lothian Council is 3.9%, a 0.2 percentage point fall from 2016 but 0.2pp higher than the national rate (3.7%).

	<u>Scotland</u>
• For 16 year olds the rate is 1.2%, a 0.2 percentage point rise from 2016 (1.0%).	1%
• For 17 year olds the rate is 4.4%, a 0.9 percentage point rise from 2016 (3.5%).	3.9%
• For 18 year olds the rate is 4.9%, a 0.2 percentage point fall from 2016 (5.1%).	5.1%
• For 19 year olds the rate is 4.9%, a 1.6 percentage point fall from 2016 (6.5%).	4.5%

The proportion of 16-19 year olds reported as unconfirmed for West Lothian Council is 5.3%, a 0.9 percentage point fall from 2016 and equal to the national rate (5.3%).

	<u>Scotland</u>
• For 16 year olds the rate is 0.2%, a 0.1 percentage point fall from 2016 (0.3%).	0.2%
• For 17 year olds the rate is 2.0%, a 0.4 percentage point fall from 2016 (2.4%).	2.1%
• For 18 year olds the rate is 6.0%, a 2.8 percentage point fall from 2016 (8.8%).	6.1%
• For 19 year olds the rate is 12.4%, a 0.3 percentage point fall from 2016 (12.7%).	12.0%