### School leaver reasons by sex in England and Wales, 1947-87

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Boys leaving FT education</th>
<th>Girls leaving FT education</th>
<th>Boys leaving degree courses</th>
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<th>Boys leaving paid employment</th>
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<th>Total boy leavers all reasons</th>
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<tr>
<td>1947</td>
<td>15881 (8.8%)</td>
<td>22583 (13.5%)</td>
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<td>159477 (89%)</td>
<td>139927 (83.6%)</td>
<td>3900 (2.2%)</td>
<td>4916 (2.9%)</td>
<td>179258 (100%)</td>
<td>167426 (100%)</td>
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<td>1952</td>
<td>10645 (4.3%)</td>
<td>17812 (7.6%)</td>
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<td>234746 (95.7%)</td>
<td>216454 (92.4%)</td>
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<td>245391 (100%)</td>
<td>234266 (100%)</td>
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<td>1957</td>
<td>17554 (7.1%)</td>
<td>25785 (10.8%)</td>
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<td>231364 (92.9%)</td>
<td>214004 (89.2%)</td>
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<td>248918 (100%)</td>
<td>239789 (100%)</td>
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<td>1962</td>
<td>11.8%</td>
<td>14.6%</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>5.6%</td>
<td>68.2%</td>
<td>81.7%</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>3.7%</td>
<td>367960 (100%)</td>
<td>358500 (100%)</td>
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<td>1967</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>21.1%</td>
<td>24.3%</td>
<td>6.6%</td>
<td>82%</td>
<td>78.9%</td>
<td>Not recorded</td>
<td>Not recorded</td>
<td>305910 (100%)</td>
<td>288850 (100%)</td>
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<td>1972</td>
<td>19.3%</td>
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<td>80.7%</td>
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<td>332210 (100%)</td>
<td>312480 (100%)</td>
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<td>8.4%</td>
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<td>382190 (100%)</td>
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<td>1979</td>
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<td>35240 (100%)</td>
<td>350750 (100%)</td>
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10. Not included in above categories - 10.78% 'not known'.
11. Not included in above categories - 13.8% 'not known'.
12. Not included in above categories - 10.62% 'not known'.
13. Not included in above categories - 13.4% 'not known'.

Total boy leavers all reasons: 179258 (100%) + 245391 (100%) + 248918 (100%) + 367960 (100%) + 305910 (100%) + 332210 (100%) + 384020 (100%) + 382190 (100%) + 35240 (100%) + 367050 (100%) = 384020 (100%)

Total girl leavers all reasons: 167426 (100%) + 234266 (100%) + 239789 (100%) + 358500 (100%) + 288850 (100%) + 312480 (100%) + 367050 (100%) + 369840 (100%) + 350750 (100%) = 369840 (100%)
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Notes

- Definition of 'school leaver' is any pupil leaving school at the end of that academic year, at minimum school leaving age or above
- Breakdowns are available in original tables by school type (e.g. secondary modern, grammar, technical, comprehensive etc.), age at date of leaving, and type of FT education (e.g. Uni, training colleges etc.) and paid employment (e.g. agricultural, clerical etc.), and separate breakdowns for Wales
- Figures for 1957 include leavers from all-age schools, of which there were 2815 in 1957
- 1947-57 Figures do not include DG or independent school pupils
- 1962 figures onwards do include DG and independent (deemed efficient) school pupils
- 1962 employment figures include temporary employment pending entry to FT further education, other destinations, and destinations unknown
- 1977 employment figures include temporary employment pending entry to FT further education, and other destinations
- 1962 FT education includes universities, teacher training colleges, Colleges of Advanced Technology, and other FT further education
- 1967 FT education includes universities, Colleges of education, and other full-time education
- 1972 FT education includes universities, Colleges of education, Polytechnics, and other full-time education

Notes on government statistics of education: for 1947-60 statistics of education were published as part II of the Ministry of Education’s annual reports, which are digitally available through UK Parliamentary Papers online. For 1961-65 Statistics of Education became a separate publication in one volume. From 1965 onwards Statistics of Education was separated into six volumes (vol 1: Schools; vol 2: School leavers GCE and CSE; vol 3: Further education; vol 4: Teachers; vol 5: Finance and awards; vol 6: Universities), not available through UK Parliamentary Papers online but available in the BL, UL etc. The way statistics were recorded and presented changed over the period since the 1960s so that collecting consistent information is not always possible. In the early 1990s the process of collecting government statistics on education was privatised