

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

	July 1947 <sup>1</sup>	July 1952 <sup>2</sup>	July 1957 <sup>3</sup>		July 1962 <sup>4</sup>	July 1967 <sup>5</sup>	July 1972 <sup>6</sup>		July 1977 <sup>7</sup>	July 1982 <sup>8</sup> England only	July 1987 <sup>9</sup> England only
<b>Boys leaving for FT education</b>	15881 (8.8%)	10645 (4.3%)	17554 (7.1%)	<b>Boys leaving for FT education</b>	11.8%	18%	19.3%	<b>Boys leaving for degree courses</b>	8.4%	9.14%	8.3%
<b>Girls leaving for FT education</b>	22583 (13.5%)	17812 (7.6%)	25785 (10.8%)	<b>Girls leaving for FT education</b>	14.6%	21.1%	24.3%	<b>Girls leaving for degree courses</b>	5.6%	6.86%	6.6%
<b>Boys leaving for paid employment</b>	159477 (89%)	234746 (95.7%)	231364 (92.9%)	<b>Boys leaving for paid employment</b>	68.2%	82%	80.7%	<b>Boys leaving for paid employment</b>	82%	65.54%	60.9%
<b>Girls leaving for paid employment</b>	139927 (83.6%)	216454 (92.4%)	214004 (89.2%)	<b>Girls leaving for paid employment</b>	81.7%	78.9%	75.7%	<b>Girls leaving for paid employment</b>	74.3%	56.59%	53.4%
<b>Boys leaving for other reasons</b>	3900 (2.2%)	<i>Included with paid employment numbers</i>	<i>Included with paid employment numbers</i>	<b>Boys leaving for apprenticeships</b>	20%	<i>Not recorded</i>	<i>Not recorded</i>	<b>Boys leaving for teacher training/other FE</b>	9.6%	TT = 0.16% Other FE = 14.38%	TT = 0.1% Other FE = 17%
<b>Girls leaving for other reasons</b>	4916 (2.9%)	<i>Included with paid employment numbers</i>	<i>Included with paid employment numbers</i>	<b>Girls leaving for apprenticeships</b>	3.7%	<i>Not recorded</i>	<i>Not recorded</i>	<b>Girls leaving for teacher training/other FE</b>	20.1%	TT = 0.74% Other FE = 25.19%	TT = 0.5% Other FE = 26.1%
<b>Total boy leavers all reasons</b>	179258 (100%)	245391 (100%)	248918 (100%)	<b>Total boy leavers all reasons</b>	367960 (100%)	305910 (100%)	332210 (100%)	<b>Total boy leavers all reasons</b>	384020 (100%)	382190 <sup>10</sup> (100%)	365240 <sup>11</sup> (100%)
<b>Total girl leavers all reasons</b>	167426 (100%)	234266 (100%)	239789 (100%)	<b>Total girl leavers all reasons</b>	358500 (100%)	288850 (100%)	312480 (100%)	<b>Total girl leavers all reasons</b>	367050 (100%)	368940 <sup>12</sup> (100%)	350750 <sup>13</sup> (100%)

<sup>1</sup> Education in 1947 being the report of the Ministry of Education and the statistics of public education for England and Wales (London, HMSO: 1948), p. 111.

<sup>2</sup> Education in 1952 being the report of the Ministry of Education and the statistics of public education for England and Wales (London: HMSO, 1953), p. 78.

<sup>3</sup> Education in 1957 being the report of the Ministry of Education and the statistics of public education for England and Wales (London: HMSO, 1958), p. 106.

<sup>4</sup> Statistics of Education 1962, part three (London: HMSO, 1964), p. 22.

<sup>5</sup> Statistics of Education 1967, volume two (London: HMSO, 1969), p. 27.

<sup>6</sup> Statistics of Education 1972, volume two (London: HMSO, 1974), p. 6.

<sup>7</sup> Statistics of Education 1977, volume two (London: HMSO, 1979), p. 5.

<sup>8</sup> Statistics of Education School Leavers CSE and GCE 1982 (London: HMSO, 1983), p. 5.

<sup>9</sup> Statistics of Education School Leavers CSE and GCE 1987 (London: HMSO, 1988), p. 1.

<sup>10</sup> Not included in above categories - 10.78% 'not known'.

<sup>11</sup> Not included in above categories - 13.8% 'not known'.

<sup>12</sup> Not included in above categories - 10.62% 'not known'.

<sup>13</sup> Not included in above categories - 13.4% 'not known'.

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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