

Children, Young People and Education

Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) Report

April 2026 Data

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Headlines and Commentary

Select Academic Age

☒ Select all

☒ 16

☒ 17

District

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☒ Ashford

☒ Canterbury

☒ Dartford

☒ Dover

☒ Folkestone and Hythe

☒ Gravesham

☒ Maidstone

☒ Sevenoaks

☒ Swale

☒ Thanet

☒ Tonbridge and Malling

☒ Tunbridge Wells

MI Reporting Month	NEET %	NEET % Same Point Last Year	Participation %	Participation % Same Point Last Year	Not Known %	Not Known % Same Point Last Year	NEET and Not Known %	NEET and Not Known % Same Point Last Year
February 2026	5.0%	3.9%	89.3	89.4	2.2%	3.1%	7.2%	7.0%
March 2026	5.1%	4.2%	89.2	89.2	2.2%	2.9%	7.3%	7.2%
April 2026	5.2%	4.3%	89.3	88.7	2.1%	3.2%	7.3%	7.5%

The NEET population is currently at 5.2% compared to 4.3% at the same time last year, and our Not Knowns are at 2.1%, compared to 3.2% at the same time last year. The Participation rate is 89.3% compared to 88.7% at the same point last year.

District performance for NEET varies from 3.1% in Tunbridge Wells to 7.6% in Swale. District performance for Not Knowns varies from 1.3% in Tunbridge Wells to 2.8% in Ashford.

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to collect data from all education establishments regarding offers they have made to 16- and 17-year olds from September. It is an important part of our planning and transition support offer. Enabling us to identify those at-risk of NEET, gaps in local provision and to work alongside you in supporting our most vulnerable young people.

NB
Participation percentage as per DfE guidelines excludes a number of Employment/Education and Training categories.

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County NEET and Not Known (NK) Breakdown

MI Reporting Month

Select District

Select Academic Age

April 2026

All

All

39,723

Overall Cohort

5.2%

NEET

2,061

NEET Cohort

2.1%

Not Known

849

Not Known Cohort

7.3%

NEET and Not Known

2,910

NEET and Not Known Cohort

District	Total Cohort Y12&Y13	No. of NEET Y12&Y13	% of NEET Y12&Y13	NEET Target Y12 & Y13 (Sep 2022)	No. of NEET Y12	% of NEET Y12	No. of NEET Y13	% of NEET Y13	No. of NK Y12&Y13	% of NK Y12&Y13	No. of NK Y12	% of NK Y12	No. of NK Y13	% of NK Y13	NEET and Not Known %	NEET & NK Ranking
Ashford	3,704	154	4.2%	3.2%	58	3.1%	96	5.2%	102	2.8%	23	1.2%	79	4.3%	6.9%	5
Canterbury	3,643	207	5.7%	2.4%	85	4.6%	122	6.8%	57	1.6%	14	0.8%	43	2.4%	7.2%	7
Dartford	3,296	123	3.7%	2.3%	37	2.3%	86	5.2%	77	2.3%	26	1.6%	51	3.1%	6.1%	2
Dover	2,768	148	5.3%	2.7%	63	4.4%	85	6.4%	55	2.0%	18	1.2%	37	2.8%	7.3%	8
Folkestone and Hythe	2,556	124	4.9%	3.4%	53	4.1%	71	5.6%	57	2.2%	13	1.0%	44	3.4%	7.1%	6
Gravesham	2,982	178	6.0%	2.3%	78	5.2%	100	6.7%	62	2.1%	27	1.8%	35	2.3%	8.0%	10
Maidstone	4,471	254	5.7%	3.0%	97	4.3%	157	7.1%	97	2.2%	29	1.3%	68	3.1%	7.9%	9
Sevenoaks	2,613	107	4.1%	1.7%	44	3.5%	63	4.6%	60	2.3%	17	1.4%	43	3.2%	6.4%	4
Swale	3,886	295	7.6%	3.6%	119	6.0%	176	9.2%	95	2.4%	35	1.8%	60	3.1%	10.0%	12
Thanet	3,578	244	6.8%	4.0%	91	5.1%	153	8.5%	83	2.3%	39	2.2%	44	2.4%	9.1%	11
Tonbridge and Malling	3,267	134	4.1%	2.7%	50	3.0%	84	5.2%	65	2.0%	19	1.2%	46	2.8%	6.1%	3
Tunbridge Wells	2,959	93	3.1%	1.9%	43	2.9%	50	3.4%	39	1.3%	11	0.7%	28	1.9%	4.5%	1
Kent	39,723	2,061	5.2%	2.8%	818	4.1%	1243	6.3%	849	2.1%	271	1.4%	578	2.9%	7.3%	

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County NEET and Not Known Breakdown

MI Reporting Month

● April 2026

Select Academic Age

- ☒ Select all
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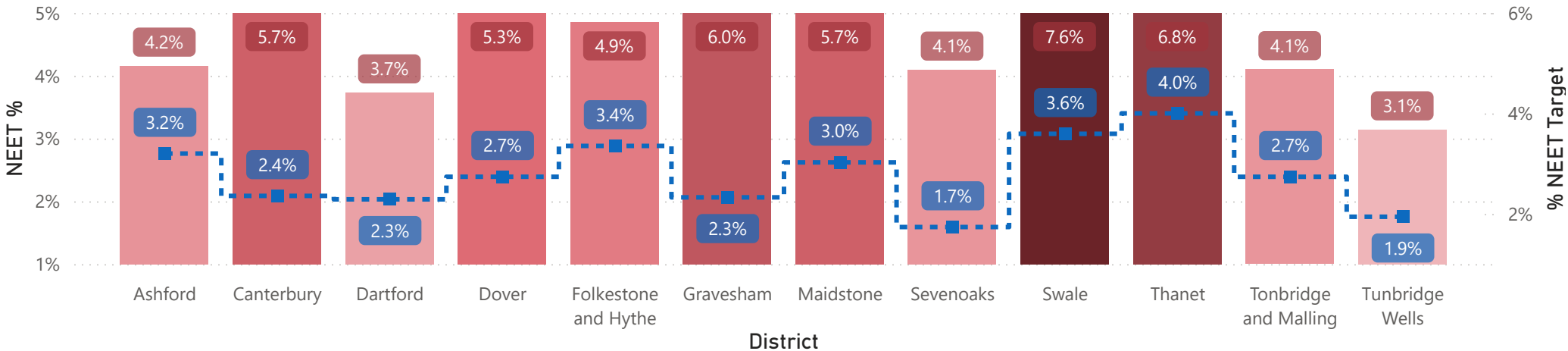
NEET and Not Known Cohort

Select District

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- ☒ Ashford
- ☒ Canterbury
- ☒ Dartford
- ☒ Dover
- ☒ Folkestone and Hythe
- ☒ Gravesham
- ☒ Maidstone
- ☒ Sevenoaks
- ☒ Swale
- ☒ Thanet
- ☒ Tonbridge and Malling
- ☒ Tunbridge Wells

NEET Cohort by District

● NEET % - - - % NEET Target



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District NEET Trends

▲ District	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
Ashford	4.1%	3.9%	3.7%	3.6%	3.8%	2.6%	2.6%	3.2%	3.6%	4.1%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Canterbury	4.8%	4.9%	4.0%	3.9%	4.2%	3.5%	4.5%	4.9%	5.5%	5.4%	5.7%	5.5%	5.7%
Dartford	3.3%	3.2%	3.2%	3.3%	3.3%	1.9%	2.0%	2.7%	2.8%	3.3%	3.6%	3.9%	3.7%
Dover	4.7%	4.8%	4.7%	4.8%	5.0%	3.0%	3.4%	4.2%	4.8%	5.0%	5.3%	5.4%	5.3%
Folkestone and Hythe	3.8%	3.8%	3.7%	3.9%	4.3%	2.6%	3.2%	4.1%	4.5%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	4.9%
Gravesham	5.1%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	5.5%	3.4%	3.4%	4.6%	5.2%	5.3%	5.5%	5.5%	6.0%
Maidstone	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%	4.1%	3.9%	2.8%	2.7%	4.0%	4.5%	4.9%	5.3%	5.5%	5.7%
Sevenoaks	3.9%	3.8%	3.6%	3.7%	3.7%	2.5%	2.2%	2.6%	2.9%	3.1%	3.5%	3.9%	4.1%
Swale	5.5%	5.8%	5.6%	5.5%	5.7%	5.0%	5.1%	6.3%	6.9%	7.3%	7.4%	7.5%	7.6%
Thanet	5.3%	5.7%	5.8%	5.7%	5.7%	3.2%	3.7%	5.4%	5.8%	6.8%	6.7%	6.8%	6.8%
Tonbridge and Malling	3.8%	3.9%	3.6%	3.8%	3.6%	2.5%	2.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.9%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%
Tunbridge Wells	2.6%	2.5%	2.3%	2.5%	2.4%	1.9%	2.1%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.9%	2.9%	3.1%
Kent	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%	2.9%	3.2%	4.1%	4.5%	4.8%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%

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Canterbury	3.3%	3.1%	2.7%	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%	2.6%	3.1%	3.4%	4.4%	4.7%	4.3%	4.6%
Dartford	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%	2.8%	2.6%	1.8%	2.0%	2.2%	2.6%	2.8%	2.8%	3.0%
Dover	5.2%	5.3%	5.1%	4.9%	4.9%	4.6%	3.5%	3.9%	4.3%	5.0%	5.0%	4.6%	5.0%
Folkestone and Hythe	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%	3.4%	3.6%	3.6%	1.8%	2.1%	2.3%	2.8%	3.6%	4.0%	4.1%
Gravesham	4.7%	4.7%	4.4%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	2.6%	2.7%	2.9%	3.7%	4.0%	3.9%	4.5%
Maidstone	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%	2.6%	2.5%	2.5%	3.2%	4.1%	4.3%	4.2%	4.4%
Sevenoaks	2.8%	2.8%	3.0%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	1.6%	1.7%	2.4%	3.1%	3.2%	3.0%	3.4%
Swale	4.3%	4.6%	4.6%	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%	3.0%	3.0%	3.7%	4.8%	5.1%	5.0%	5.4%
Thanet	5.7%	6.1%	6.2%	6.4%	5.9%	5.4%	3.1%	3.1%	3.9%	4.6%	4.9%	5.2%	5.6%
Tonbridge and Malling	3.2%	3.1%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.7%	2.0%	2.2%	2.5%	2.9%	3.4%	3.5%	3.8%
Tunbridge Wells	2.4%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.5%	2.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.7%	2.2%	2.5%	2.4%	2.6%
Kent	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.5%	2.4%	2.5%	2.9%	3.6%	4.0%	3.9%	4.2%

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District Not Known Trends

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Ashford	2.8%	3.4%	4.1%	4.2%	4.8%	19.7%	13.3%	6.7%	4.5%	3.5%	2.9%	2.8%	2.8%
Canterbury	2.3%	2.0%	3.4%	3.6%	4.9%	24.1%	18.7%	7.1%	3.1%	2.1%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%
Dartford	4.2%	4.6%	4.7%	4.9%	5.7%	45.9%	25.9%	9.0%	5.1%	3.3%	2.1%	2.4%	2.3%
Dover	3.9%	3.8%	3.8%	4.2%	5.2%	29.5%	16.6%	6.2%	3.6%	2.5%	1.9%	2.0%	2.0%
Folkestone and Hythe	4.7%	4.5%	5.1%	4.8%	5.0%	33.8%	29.7%	7.0%	4.6%	2.9%	2.5%	2.7%	2.2%
Gravesham	3.2%	3.9%	4.4%	5.0%	6.1%	26.9%	18.6%	8.8%	5.5%	3.4%	2.6%	2.4%	2.1%
Maidstone	3.2%	2.9%	4.3%	4.6%	5.4%	26.3%	13.9%	7.1%	3.9%	2.7%	2.0%	2.2%	2.2%
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Swale	3.7%	3.1%	4.8%	5.0%	5.9%	23.1%	17.9%	9.0%	5.3%	3.7%	2.8%	2.5%	2.4%
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Tonbridge and Malling	3.5%	2.8%	3.5%	3.6%	4.3%	28.0%	17.7%	6.7%	4.3%	2.8%	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%
Tunbridge Wells	2.6%	1.9%	2.3%	2.4%	2.8%	24.4%	13.4%	4.6%	2.8%	1.6%	1.3%	1.4%	1.3%
Kent	3.2%	3.1%	4.0%	4.2%	4.9%	27.4%	17.8%	7.4%	4.4%	2.9%	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%

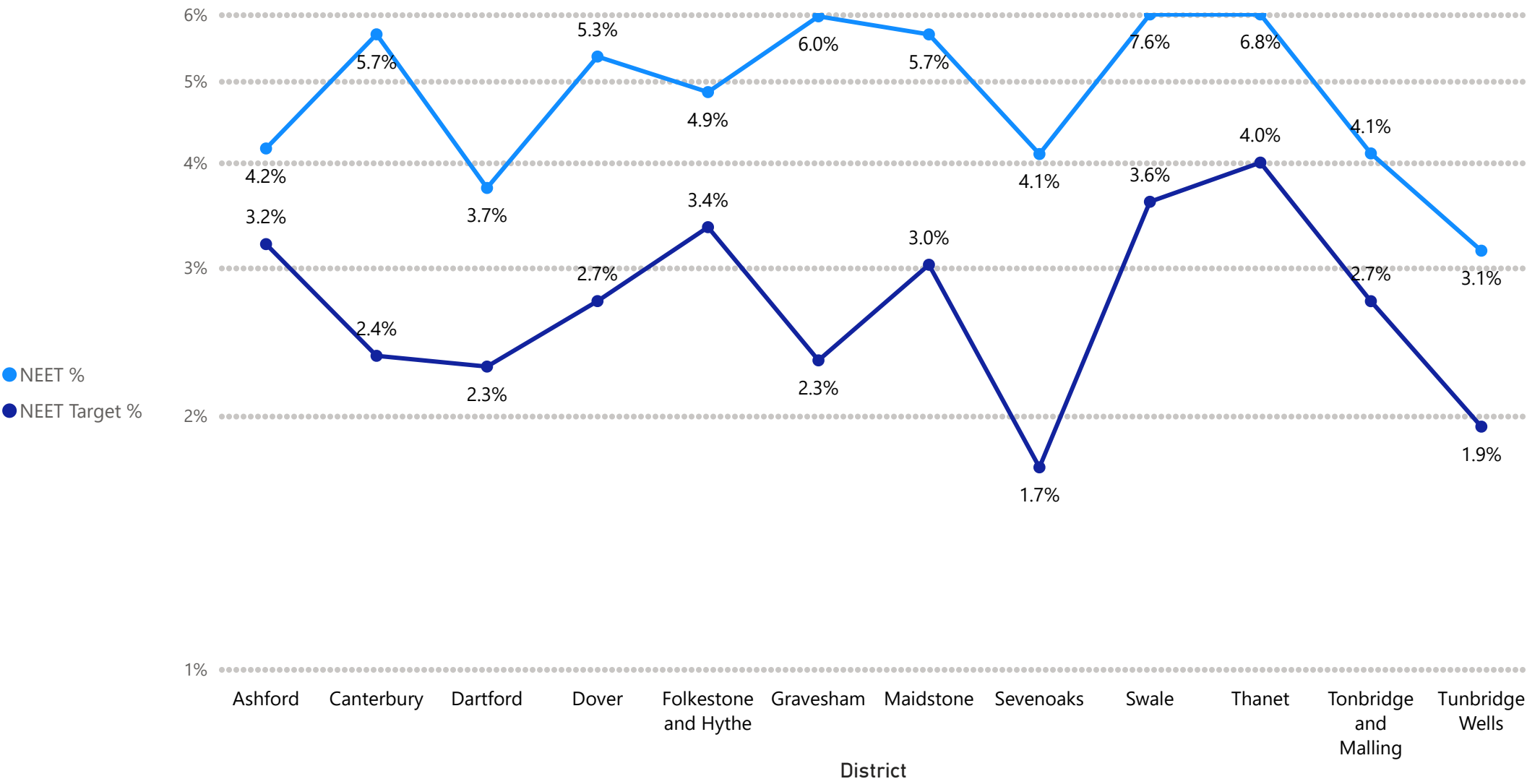
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Ashford	1.2%	1.7%	1.7%	2.3%	3.1%	4.0%	21.1%	15.0%	8.8%	5.0%	3.4%	2.7%	2.5%
Canterbury	1.4%	2.1%	2.6%	3.5%	3.9%	6.2%	38.4%	12.8%	7.2%	3.6%	2.8%	2.1%	2.1%
Dartford	2.0%	1.8%	2.5%	3.0%	3.6%	4.5%	27.0%	23.1%	13.0%	7.9%	4.5%	3.9%	3.9%
Dover	1.6%	1.9%	1.9%	2.8%	3.4%	4.2%	32.0%	16.3%	9.1%	6.6%	4.9%	4.1%	3.7%
Folkestone and Hythe	1.3%	1.9%	2.8%	3.0%	4.3%	5.0%	39.4%	16.3%	10.1%	7.1%	5.1%	3.9%	4.0%
Gravesham	1.4%	1.2%	1.7%	2.6%	3.0%	3.4%	22.1%	17.1%	11.2%	6.0%	3.6%	2.8%	2.9%
Maidstone	1.7%	1.8%	2.1%	2.9%	3.7%	4.2%	41.2%	21.5%	13.2%	6.1%	4.7%	3.6%	3.2%
Sevenoaks	2.1%	1.8%	2.8%	3.1%	3.8%	4.6%	28.6%	20.9%	13.2%	6.6%	4.0%	3.3%	3.1%
Swale	1.4%	2.0%	3.4%	3.6%	4.7%	6.2%	42.7%	25.6%	11.6%	5.7%	4.3%	3.3%	3.1%
Thanet	1.0%	1.4%	1.9%	2.0%	2.5%	3.6%	28.2%	15.4%	6.8%	2.6%	1.7%	1.6%	1.4%
Tonbridge and Malling	1.0%	0.9%	1.6%	2.5%	3.2%	3.6%	35.2%	17.0%	10.6%	6.1%	4.9%	3.8%	3.4%
Tunbridge Wells	1.2%	1.0%	1.4%	2.3%	2.7%	3.2%	22.9%	15.1%	9.1%	4.9%	3.3%	2.3%	2.3%
Kent	1.4%	1.6%	2.2%	2.8%	3.5%	4.4%	31.9%	18.2%	10.3%	5.6%	3.9%	3.1%	2.9%

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Current Month Target Comparison

MI Reporting Month 

● April 2026



CYPE - MI Report

SEND NEET and Not Known Breakdown

MI Reporting Month

April 2026

Select Academic Age

☒ Select all

☒ 16

☒ 17

Characteristic

☒ SEN Support

Select District

☒ Select all

☒ Ashford

☒ Canterbury

☒ Dartford

☒ Dover

☒ Folkestone and Hythe

☒ Gravesham

☒ Maidstone

☒ Sevenoaks

☒ Swale

☒ Thanet

☒ Tonbridge and Malling

☒ Tunbridge Wells

13.7%

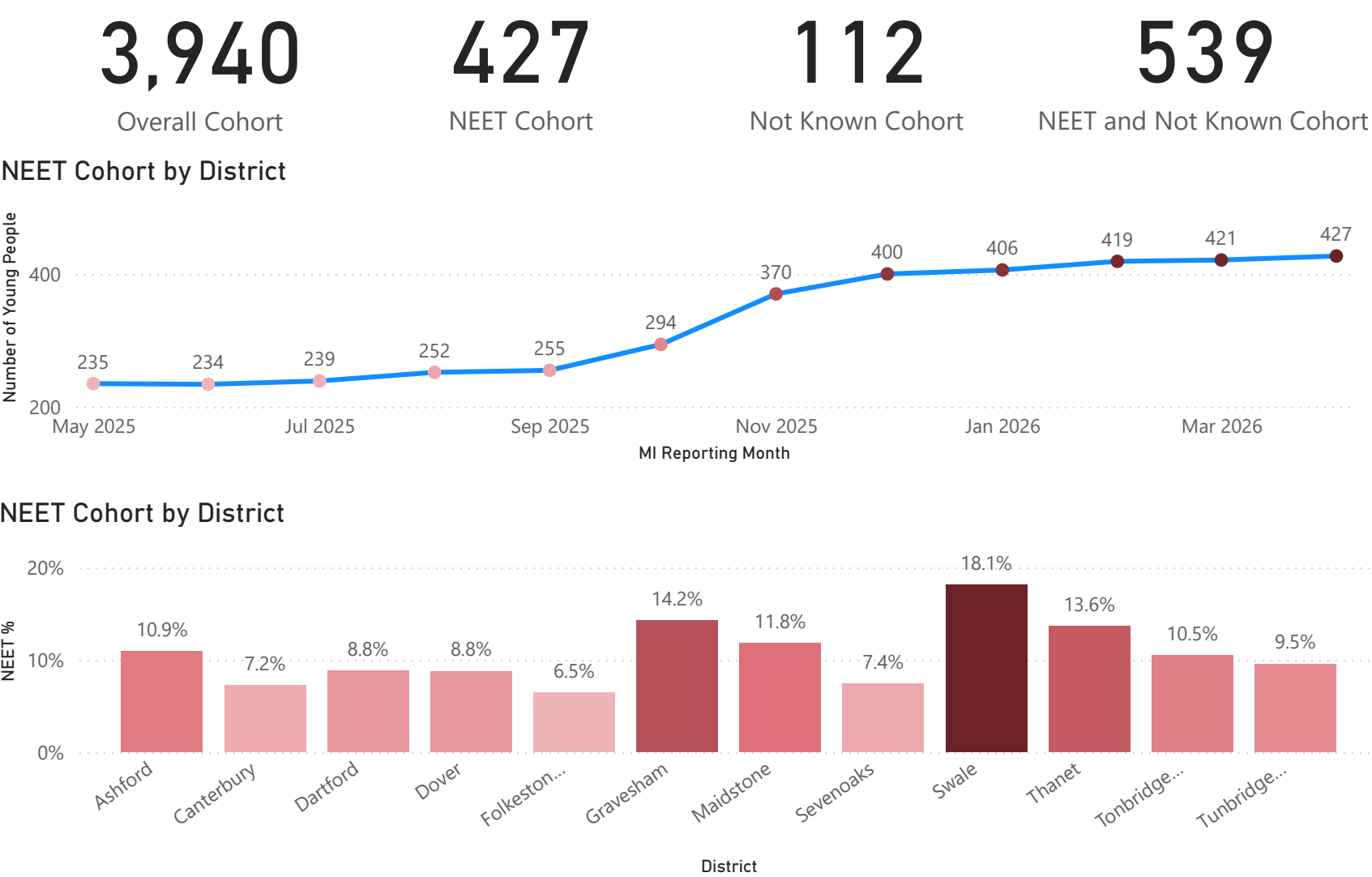
NEET and Not Known %

10.8%

NEET %

2.8%

Not Known %



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SEND NEET and Not Known Breakdown

MI Reporting Month

April 2026

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- 16
- 17

Characteristic

- SEND (EHCP)

Select District

- Select all
- Ashford
- Canterbury
- Dartford
- Dover
- Folkestone and Hythe
- Gravesham
- Maidstone
- Sevenoaks
- Swale
- Thanet
- Tonbridge and Malling
- Tunbridge Wells

2,630

Overall Cohort

176

NEET Cohort

15

Not Known Cohort

191

NEET and Not Known Cohort

7.3%

NEET and Not Known %

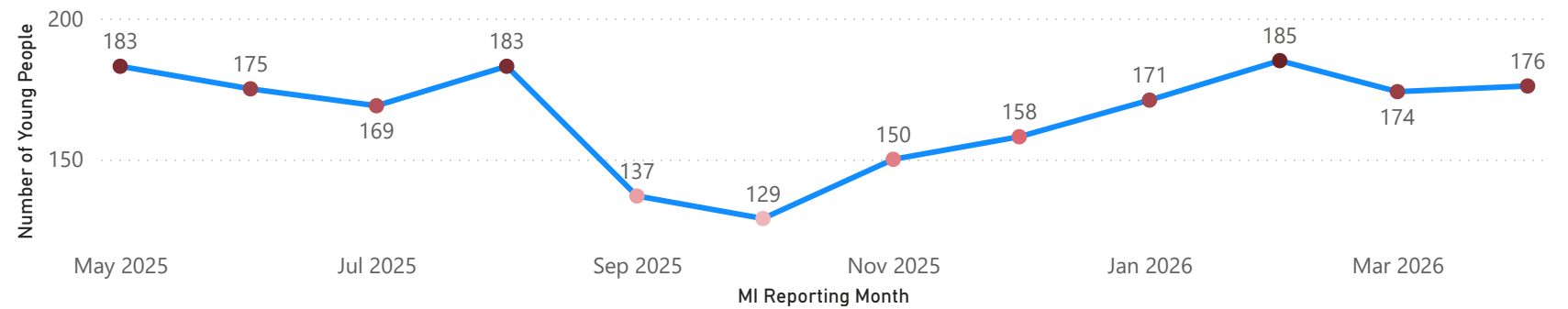
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NEET %

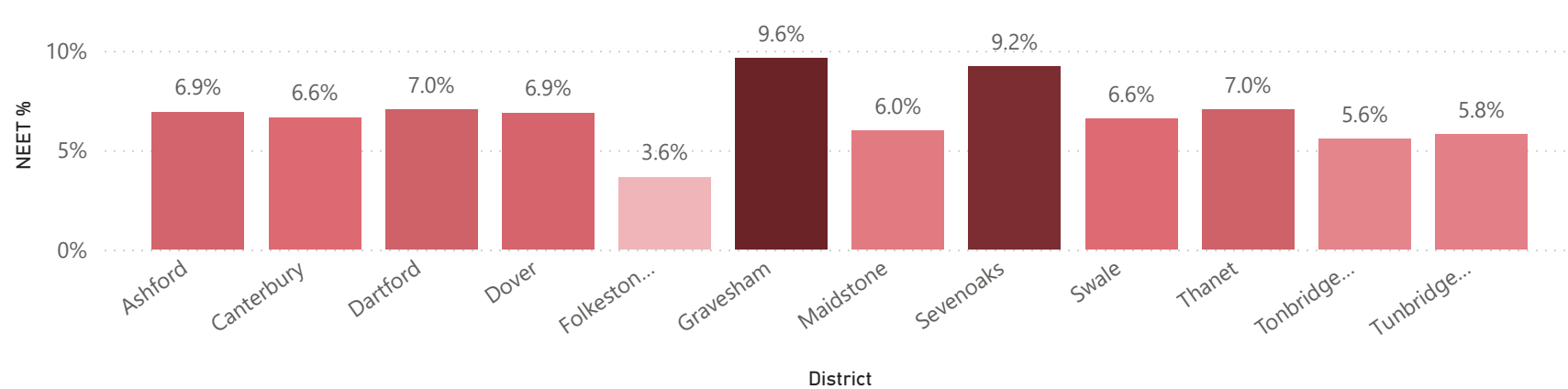
0.6%

Not Known %

NEET Cohort by District



NEET Cohort by District



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Youth Offending Team NEET and Not Known Breakdown

NOTE: This data is based on a young person having a Level of Need characteristic recorded in CorePlus CCIS of 'Supervised by YOT'

MI Reporting Month

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Characteristic

☒ Supervised By Yots

58.8%

NEET and Not Known %

52.9%

NEET %

5.9%

Not Known %

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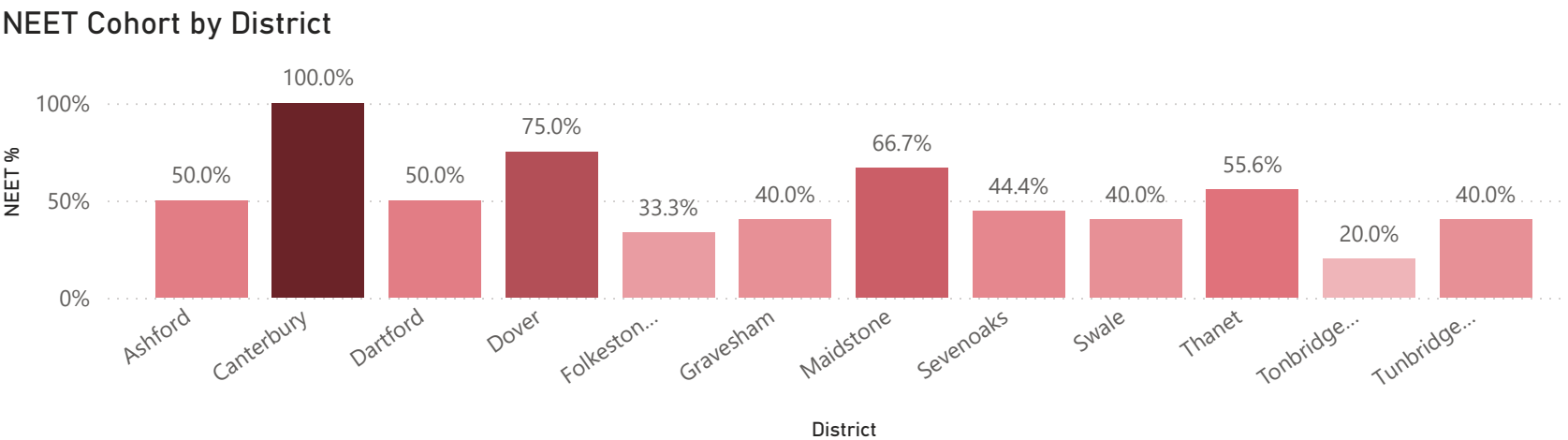
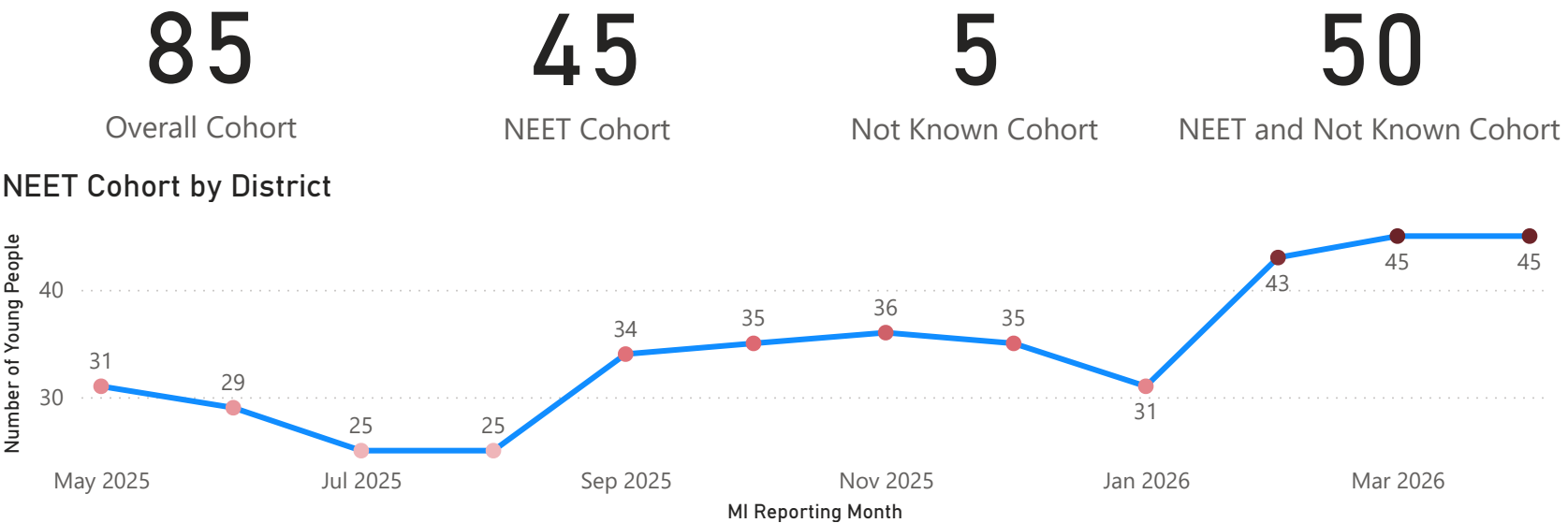
☒ Sevenoaks

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Children's Social Work Services NEET and Not Known Breakdown

MI Reporting Month

April 2026

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Characteristic

☒ Looked After

44.3%

NEET and Not Known %

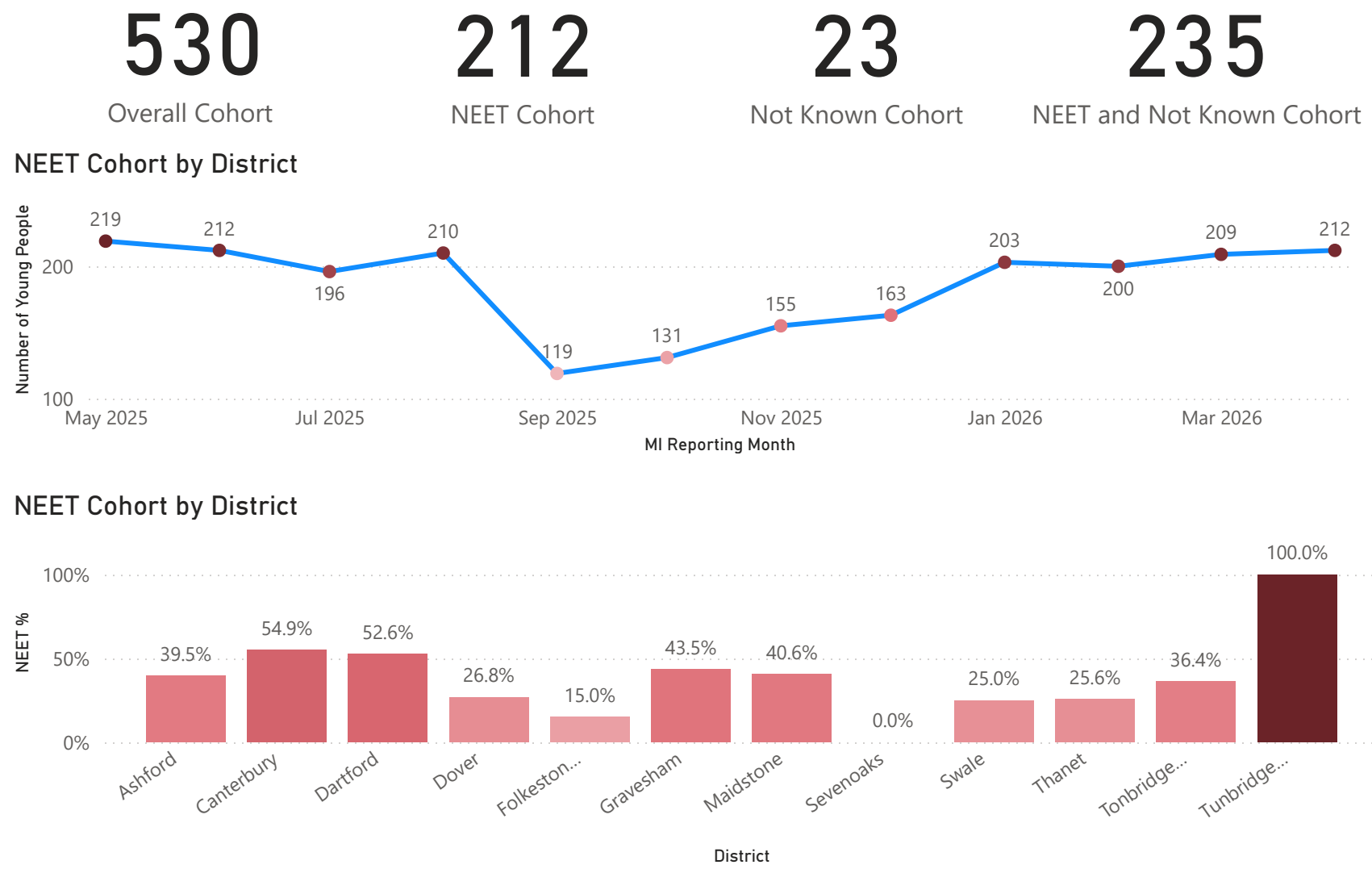
40.0%

NEET %

4.3%

Not Known %

- Select District
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- ☒ Canterbury
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- ☒ Dover
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Children's Social Work Services NEET and Not Known Breakdown

MI Reporting Month

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Characteristic

☒ Refugee

Select District

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☒ Canterbury

☒ Dartford

☒ Dover

☒ Folkestone and Hythe

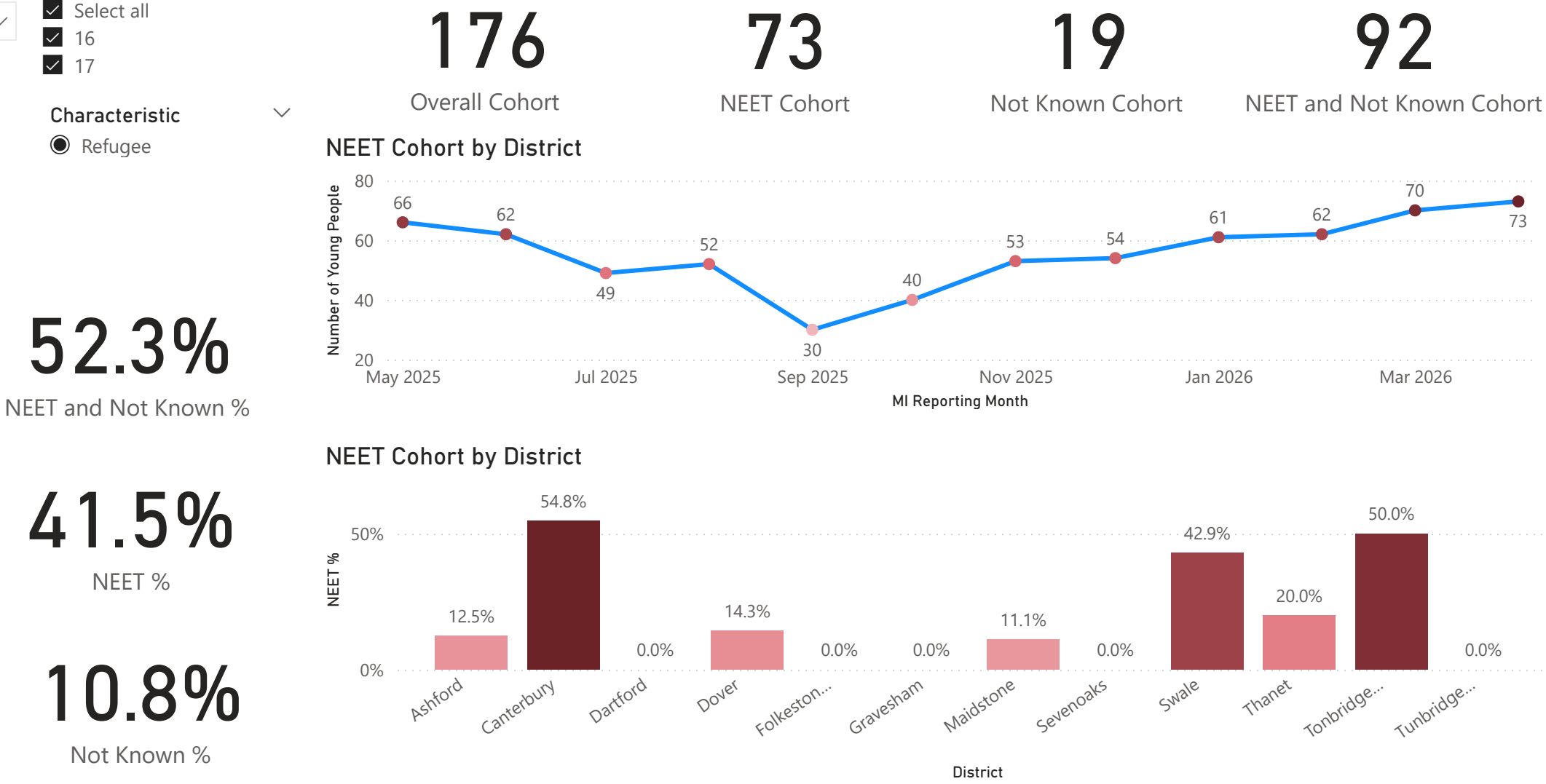
☒ Gravesham

☒ Maidstone

☒ Swale

☒ Thanet

☒ Tonbridge and Malling



CYPE - MI Report

Early Help NEET and Not Known Breakdown

MI Reporting Month

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Characteristic

☒ Carer Not Own Child

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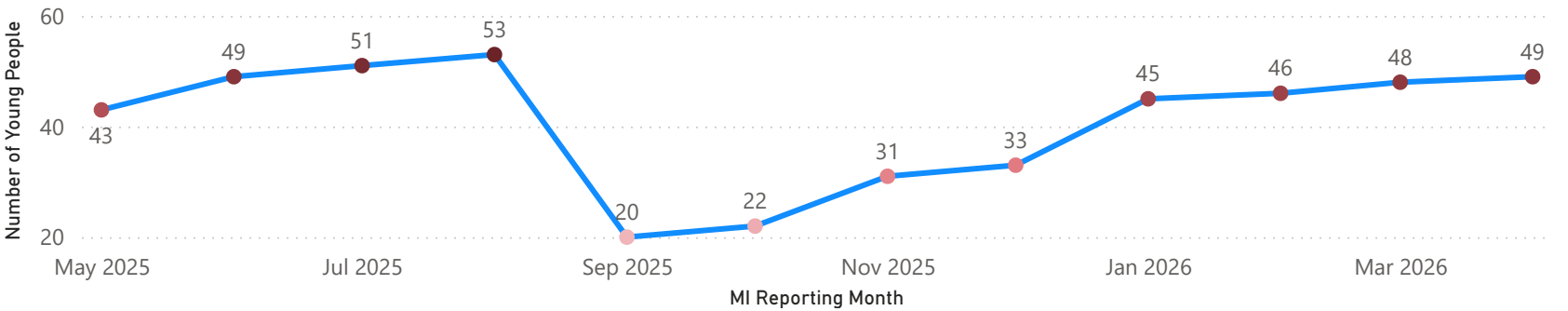
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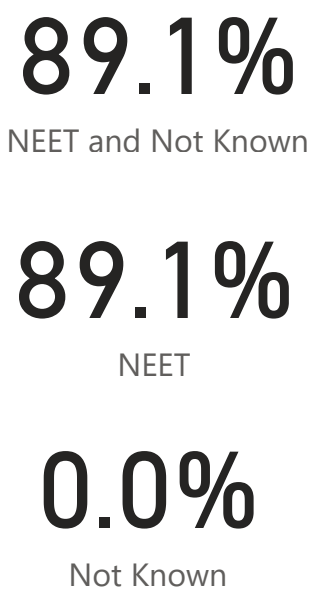
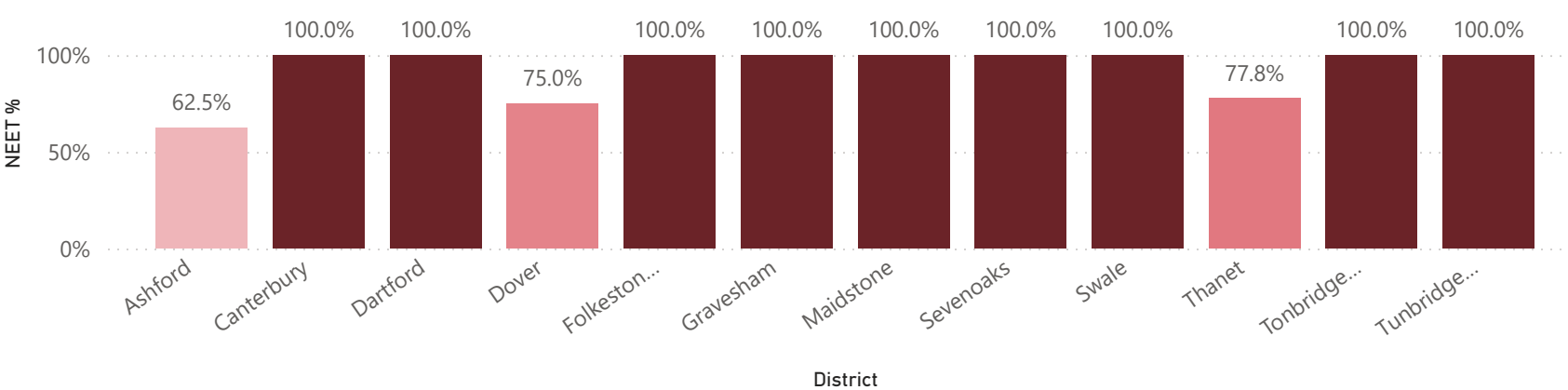
☒ Tunbridge Wells



NEET Cohort by District



NEET Cohort by District



CYPE - MI Report

Early Help NEET and Not Known Breakdown

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Characteristic

☒ Caring For Own Child

Select District

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☒ Folkestone and Hythe

☒ Gravesham

☒ Maidstone

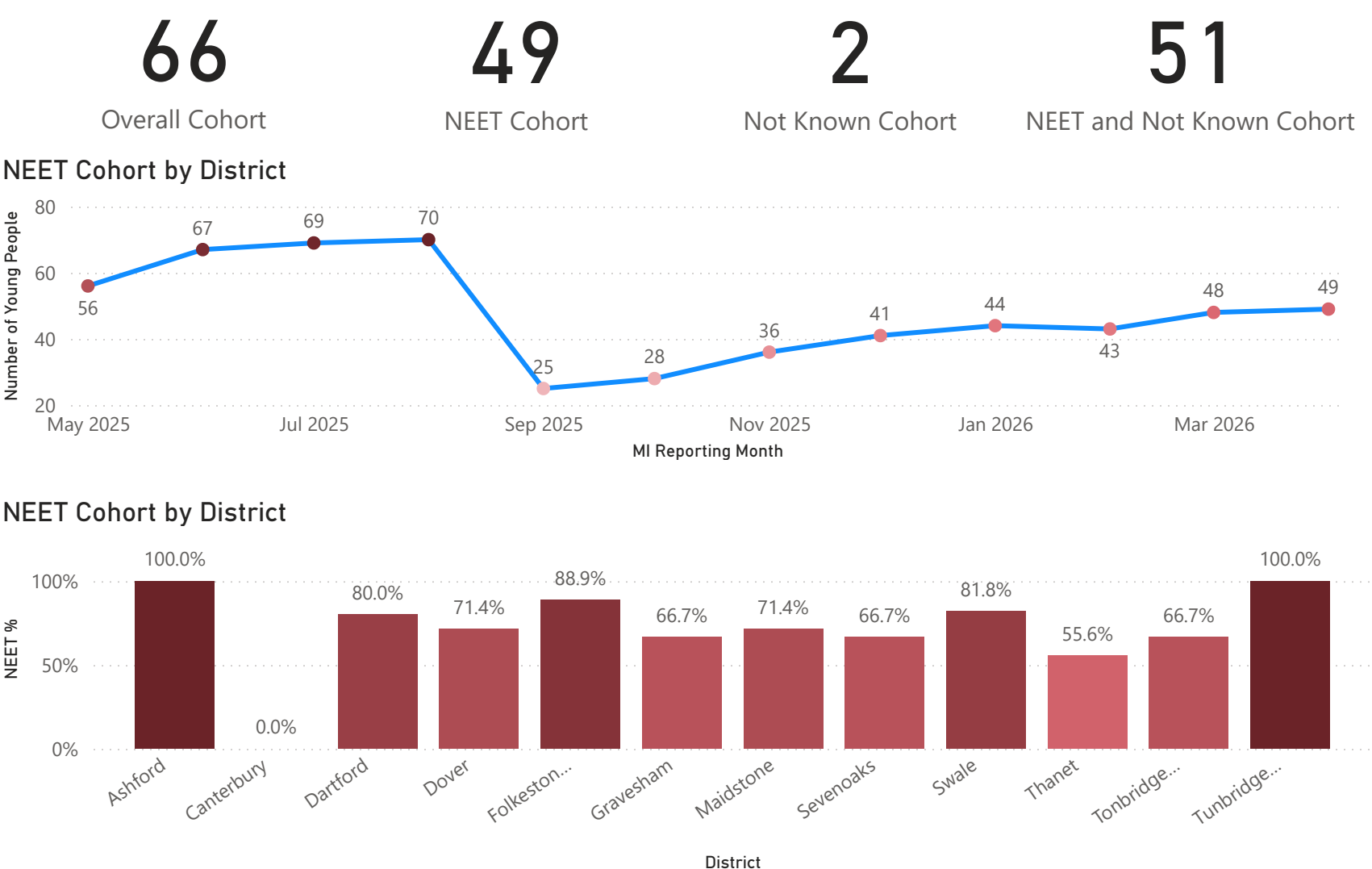
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77.3%

NEET and Not Known

74.2%

NEET

3.0%

Not Known

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Early Help NEET and Not Known Breakdown

MI Reporting Month

April 2026

Select Academic Age

☒ Select all

☒ 16

☒ 17

Characteristic

☒ Pregnancy

Select District

☒ Select all

☒ Ashford

☒ Canterbury

☒ Dover

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88.0%

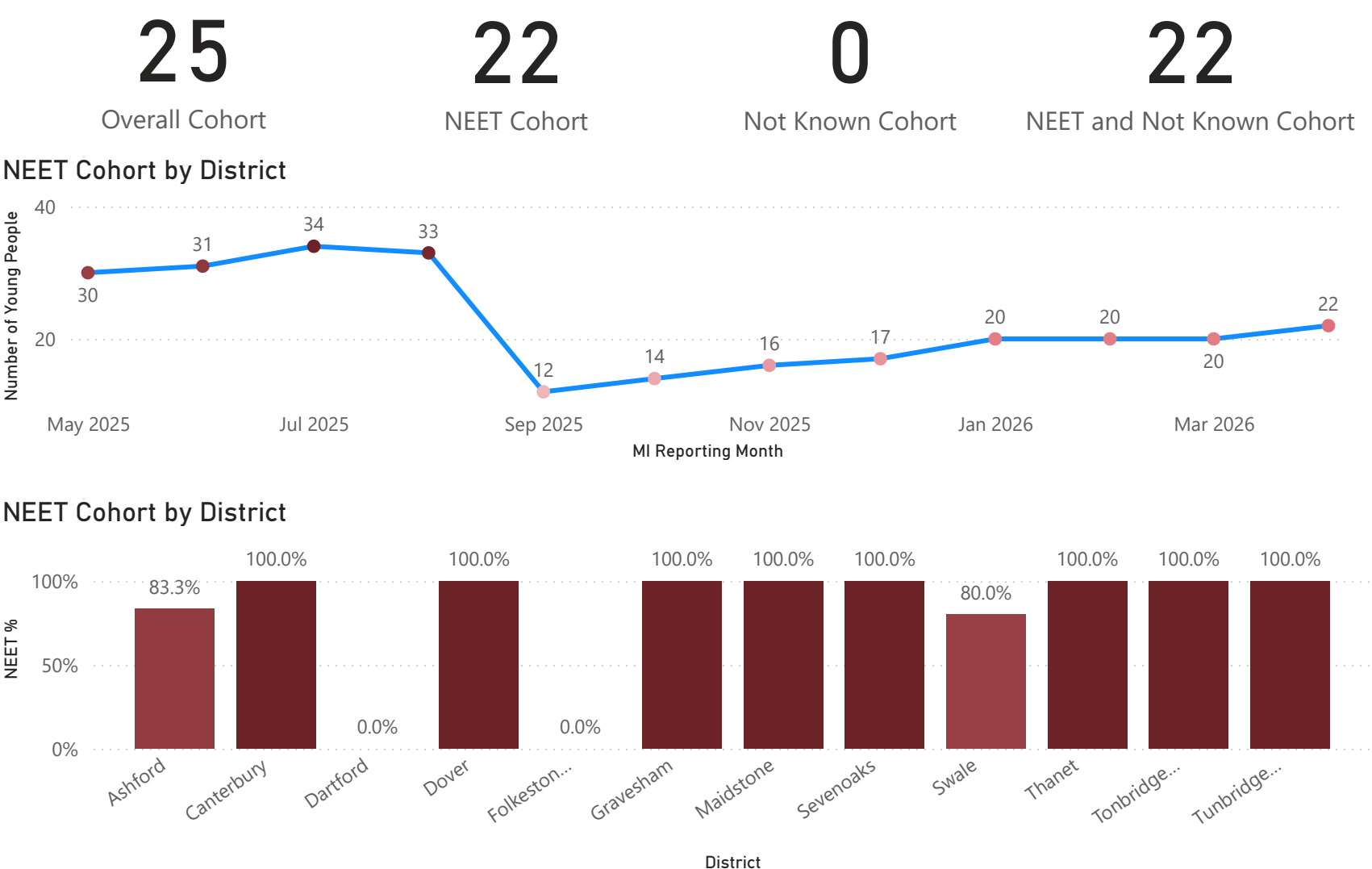
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Characteristic

☒ Teenage Mother

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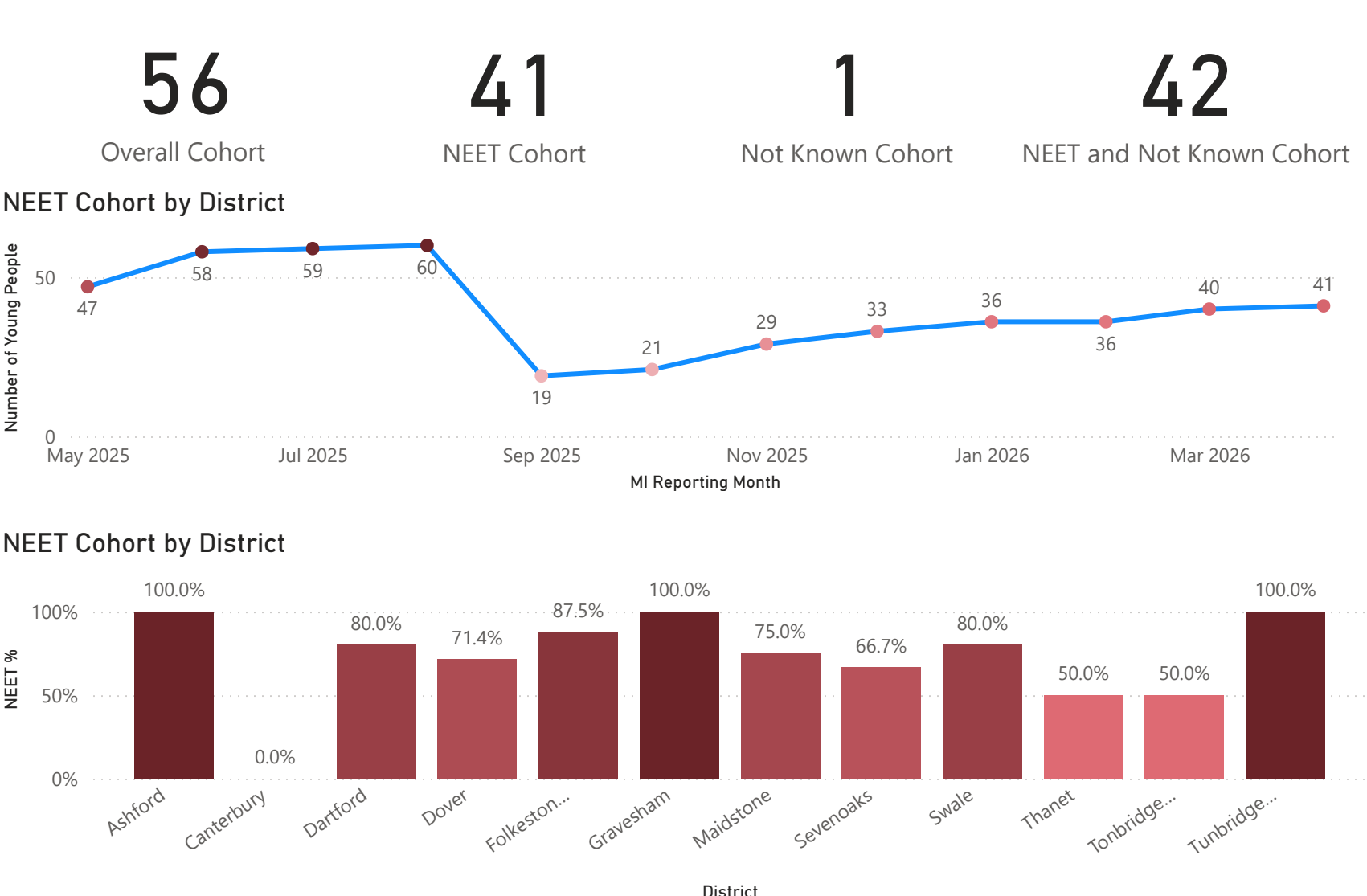
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Statistical Neighbours - March 2026

Note: Statistical Neighbours update June 2025

Statistical Neighbour models provide one method for benchmarking progress. For each local authority, these models designate several other local authorities deemed to have similar characteristics.

LA Name	Academic Age16-17 (Y12-Y13) NEET %	Y12 NEET%	Y13 NEET%	Academic Age 16 - 17 (Y12-Y13) NK %	Y12 NK%	Y13 NK%	Academic Age 16 - 17 (Y12-13) In Learning %	Y12 In Learning %	Y13 In Learning %
England	3.6%	2.8%	4.3%	1.9%	1.2%	2.6%	92.0%	94.6%	89.4%
South East England	4.0%	3.3%	4.6%	2.5%	1.4%	3.5%	90.9%	93.9%	88.0%

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East Sussex	5.7%	4.9%	6.5%	1.6%	0.7%	2.5%	88.1%	91.9%	84.3%
Norfolk	5.4%	4.0%	6.7%	0.9%	0.6%	1.2%	87.8%	92.2%	83.5%
Kent	5.1%	3.9%	6.3%	2.2%	1.4%	3.1%	89.2%	93.1%	85.3%
Suffolk	4.9%	3.9%	5.9%	0.6%	0.4%	0.8%	90.3%	93.6%	86.9%
Essex	4.3%	3.3%	5.3%	1.5%	0.8%	2.2%	91.0%	94.4%	87.6%
Devon	3.9%	3.1%	4.7%	1.0%	0.7%	1.4%	91.8%	94.7%	88.9%
West Sussex	3.5%	3.1%	3.9%	5.0%	2.5%	7.4%	90.0%	93.3%	86.6%
Nottinghamshire	1.9%	1.6%	2.3%	2.2%	3.1%	1.4%	95.5%	95.1%	95.9%
Bexley	1.7%	0.9%	2.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.5%	95.5%	97.4%	93.7%
Bedford	1.3%	0.6%	1.9%	1.8%	1.5%	2.1%	95.5%	97.1%	93.9%
Somerset	0.9%	0.0%	1.7%	19.8%	12.2%	26.7%	79.2%	87.6%	71.6%

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NEET Joiners

MI Reporting Month



April 2026

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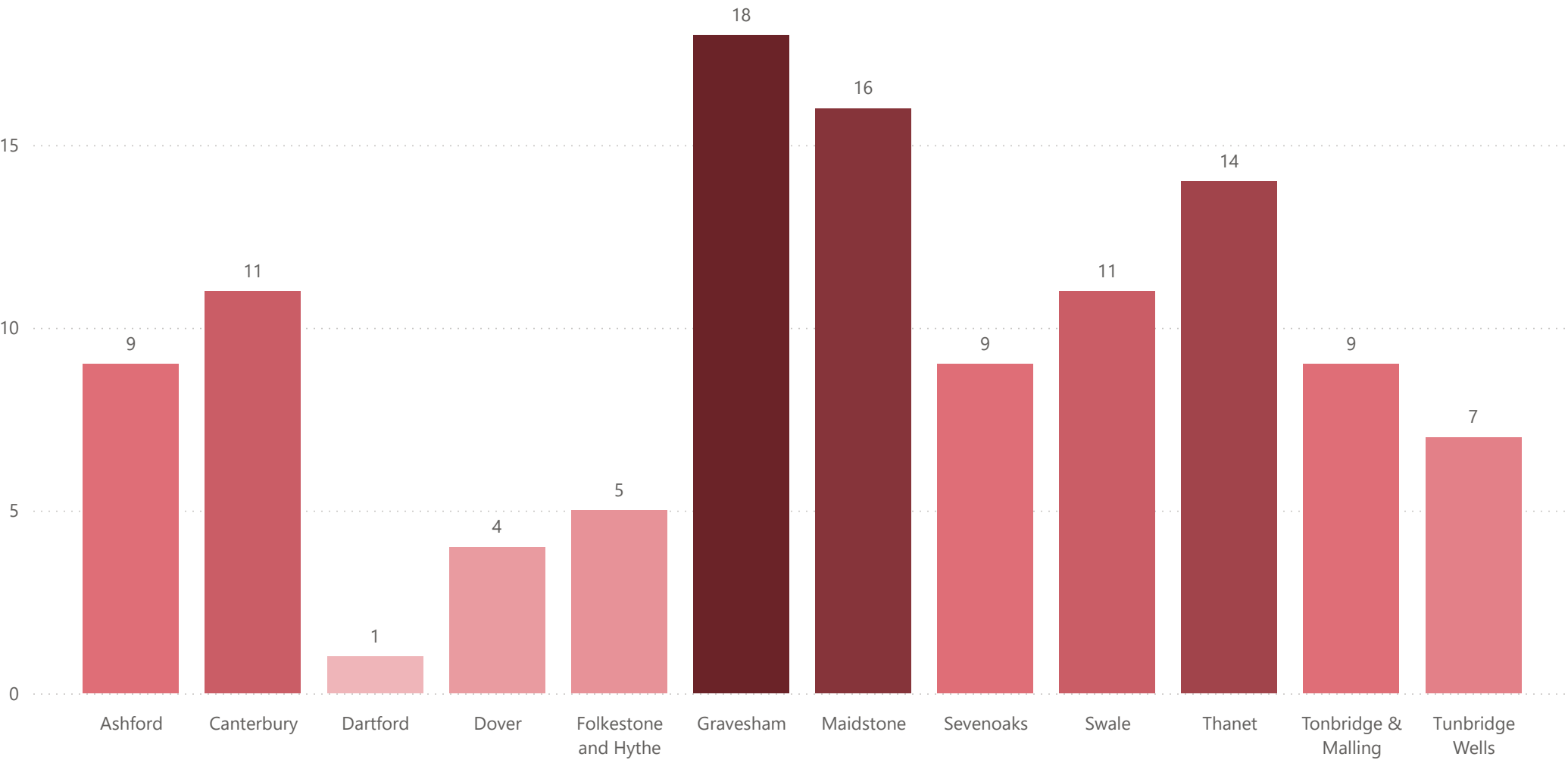


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Number of NEET Joiners by District



114

Number of NEET Joiners in
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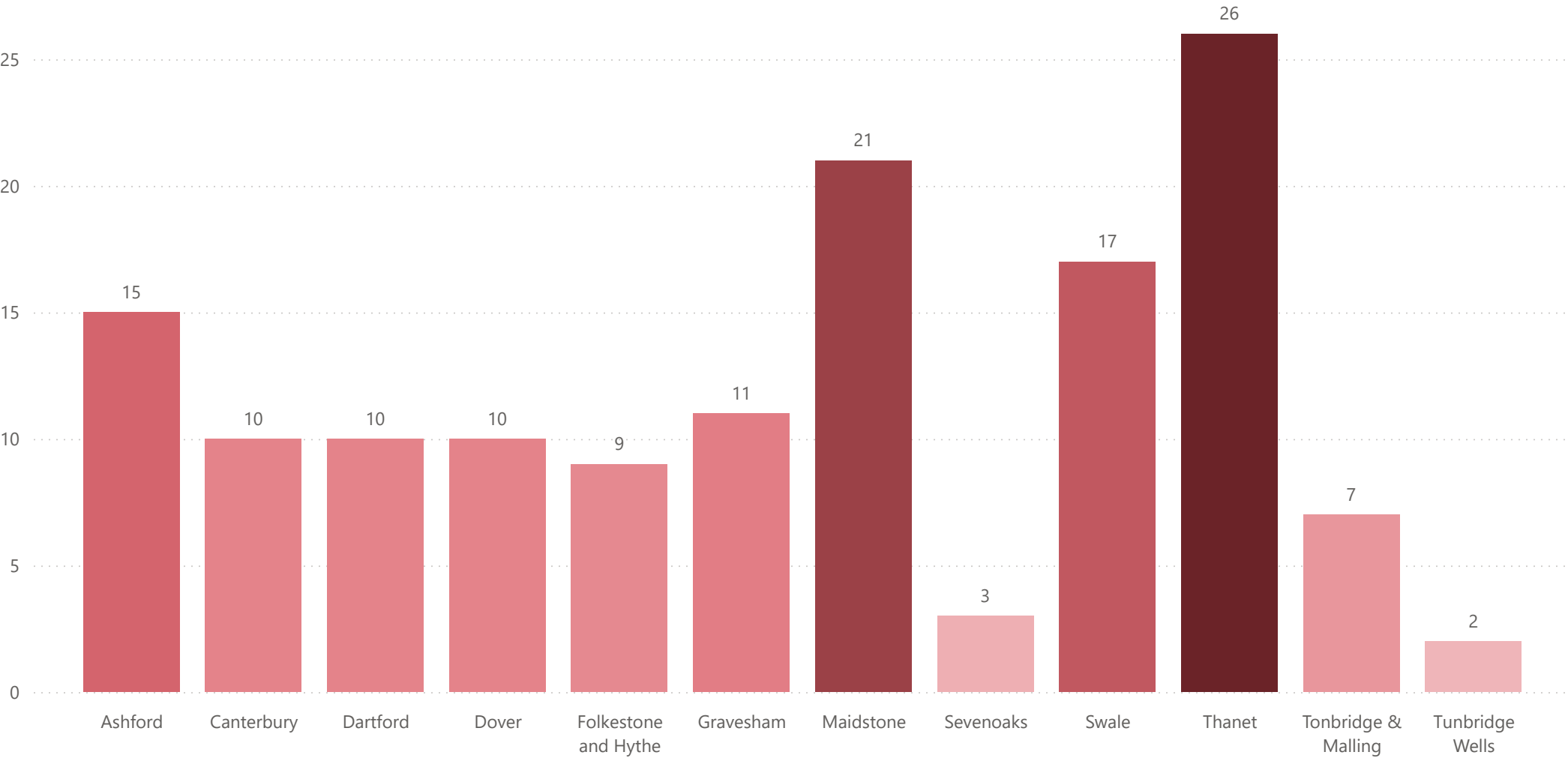
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NEET Leavers

MI Reporting Month
April 2026

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☒ 17

Number of NEET Leavers by District



141
Number of NEET Leavers
in Period