

Children, Young People and Education

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

October 2025 Data

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Headlines and Commentary

Select Academic Age ∨

- Select all
- 16
- 17

District ∨

- Select all
- 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
August 2025	4.3%	3.5%	88.3	89.0	4.9%	4.4%	9.2%	7.9%
September 2025	2.9%	2.4%	68.6	64.8	27.4%	31.9%	30.4%	34.3%
October 2025	3.2%	2.5%	77.6	78.2	17.8%	18.2%	21.0%	20.7%

The NEET population is currently at 3.2% compared to 2.5% at the same time last year, and our Not Knowns are at 17.8%, compared to 18.2% at the same time last year. The Participation rate is 77.6%, compared to 78.2% the same point last year.

District performance for NEET varies from 2.0% in Dartford to 5.1% in Swale. District performance for Not Knowns varies from 13.3% in Ashford to 29.7% in Folkestone and Hythe.

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

39,901

Overall Cohort

3.2%

NEET

1,265

NEET Cohort

17.8%

Not Known

7,100

Not Known Cohort

21.0%

NEET and Not Known

8,365

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	3,724	98	2.6%	3.2%	33	1.8%	65	3.5%	497	13.3%	203	10.9%	294	15.8%	16.0%	2
Canterbury	3,616	163	4.5%	2.4%	77	4.2%	86	4.8%	677	18.7%	266	14.5%	411	23.0%	23.2%	10
Dartford	3,312	67	2.0%	2.3%	22	1.3%	45	2.7%	857	25.9%	357	21.7%	500	30.0%	27.9%	11
Dover	2,791	95	3.4%	2.7%	37	2.6%	58	4.3%	464	16.6%	178	12.3%	286	21.3%	20.0%	5
Folkestone and Hythe	2,581	82	3.2%	3.4%	23	1.8%	59	4.6%	767	29.7%	403	31.2%	364	28.3%	32.9%	12
Gravesham	2,997	102	3.4%	2.3%	25	1.7%	77	5.2%	558	18.6%	252	16.7%	306	20.5%	22.0%	8
Maidstone	4,486	121	2.7%	3.0%	45	2.0%	76	3.4%	623	13.9%	239	10.5%	384	17.4%	16.6%	3
Sevenoaks	2,628	59	2.2%	1.7%	16	1.3%	43	3.1%	489	18.6%	196	15.6%	293	21.4%	20.9%	7
Swale	3,911	201	5.1%	3.6%	77	3.9%	124	6.4%	700	17.9%	340	17.1%	360	18.7%	23.0%	9
Thanet	3,593	133	3.7%	4.0%	34	1.9%	99	5.4%	487	13.6%	228	12.9%	259	14.2%	17.3%	4
Tonbridge and Malling	3,288	83	2.5%	2.7%	23	1.4%	60	3.7%	582	17.7%	244	14.7%	338	20.7%	20.2%	6
Tunbridge Wells	2,974	61	2.1%	1.9%	26	1.8%	35	2.3%	399	13.4%	178	12.1%	221	14.7%	15.5%	1
Kent	39,901	1,265	3.2%	2.8	438	2.2%	827	4.2%	7,100	17.8%	3084	15.4%	4016	20.2%	21.0%	

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County NEET and Not Known Breakdown

MI Reporting Month

October 2025

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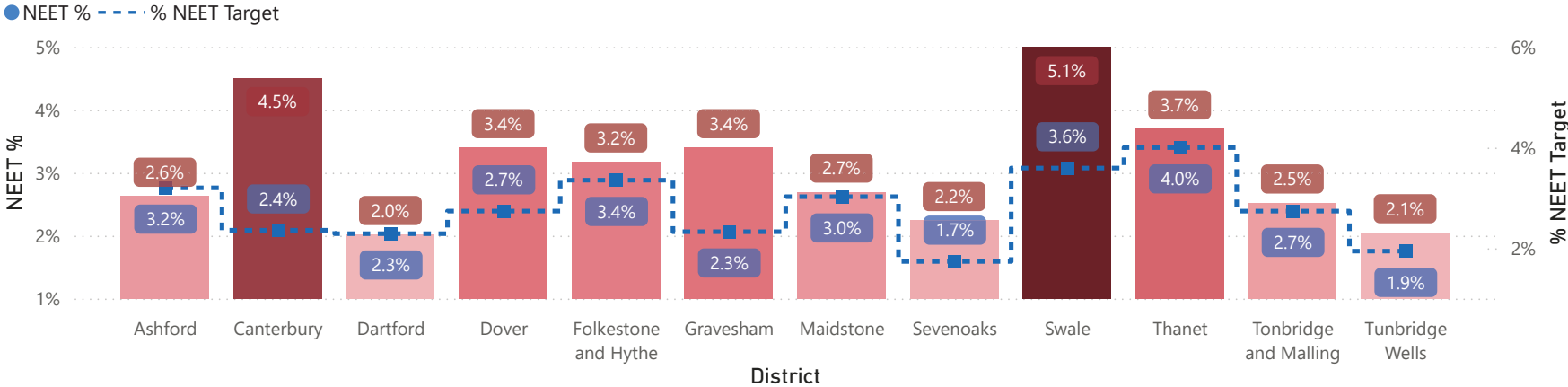
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NEET and Not Known Cohort

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- Ashford
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NEET Cohort by District



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District NEET Trends

District	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025
Ashford	2.3%	2.3%	2.7%	3.5%	3.7%	3.8%	4.1%	3.9%	3.7%	3.6%	3.8%	2.6%	2.6%
Canterbury	3.1%	3.4%	4.4%	4.7%	4.3%	4.6%	4.8%	4.9%	4.0%	3.9%	4.2%	3.5%	4.5%
Dartford	2.0%	2.2%	2.6%	2.8%	2.8%	3.0%	3.3%	3.2%	3.2%	3.3%	3.3%	1.9%	2.0%
Dover	3.9%	4.3%	5.0%	5.0%	4.6%	5.0%	4.7%	4.8%	4.7%	4.8%	5.0%	3.0%	3.4%
Folkestone and Hythe	2.1%	2.3%	2.8%	3.6%	4.0%	4.1%	3.8%	3.8%	3.7%	3.9%	4.3%	2.6%	3.2%
Gravesham	2.7%	2.9%	3.7%	4.0%	3.9%	4.5%	5.1%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	5.5%	3.4%	3.4%
Maidstone	2.5%	3.2%	4.1%	4.3%	4.2%	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%	4.1%	3.9%	2.8%	2.7%
Sevenoaks	1.7%	2.4%	3.1%	3.2%	3.0%	3.4%	3.9%	3.8%	3.6%	3.7%	3.7%	2.5%	2.2%
Swale	3.0%	3.7%	4.8%	5.1%	5.0%	5.4%	5.5%	5.8%	5.6%	5.5%	5.7%	5.0%	5.1%
Thanet	3.1%	3.9%	4.6%	4.9%	5.2%	5.6%	5.3%	5.7%	5.8%	5.7%	5.7%	3.2%	3.7%
Tonbridge and Malling	2.2%	2.5%	2.9%	3.4%	3.5%	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	3.6%	3.8%	3.6%	2.5%	2.5%
Tunbridge Wells	1.5%	1.7%	2.2%	2.5%	2.4%	2.6%	2.6%	2.5%	2.3%	2.5%	2.4%	1.9%	2.1%
Kent	2.5%	2.9%	3.6%	4.0%	3.9%	4.2%	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%	2.9%	3.2%

District	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024
Ashford	1.8%	1.7%	2.1%	2.4%	3.1%	3.4%	3.6%	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%	3.5%	3.2%	2.3%
Canterbury	2.5%	1.9%	2.2%	2.6%	3.0%	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%	2.7%	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%	2.6%
Dartford	1.6%	1.4%	2.2%	2.1%	2.1%	2.4%	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%	2.8%	2.6%	1.8%
Dover	3.1%	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%	5.1%	5.1%	5.2%	5.3%	5.1%	4.9%	4.9%	4.6%	3.5%
Folkestone and Hythe	2.3%	2.1%	2.4%	2.6%	3.0%	3.4%	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%	3.4%	3.6%	3.6%	1.8%
Gravesham	2.8%	3.1%	3.6%	3.9%	4.3%	4.4%	4.7%	4.7%	4.4%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	2.6%
Maidstone	1.5%	2.2%	2.4%	2.8%	3.1%	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%	2.6%	2.5%
Sevenoaks	1.5%	1.5%	1.9%	2.0%	2.5%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	3.0%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	1.6%
Swale	3.3%	3.4%	3.9%	4.3%	4.5%	4.3%	4.3%	4.6%	4.6%	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%	3.0%
Thanet	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%	4.5%	5.2%	5.8%	5.7%	6.1%	6.2%	6.4%	5.9%	5.4%	3.1%
Tonbridge and Malling	1.8%	1.9%	2.1%	2.4%	2.9%	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.7%	2.0%
Tunbridge Wells	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%	1.9%	2.2%	2.4%	2.4%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.5%	2.3%	1.5%
Kent	2.2%	2.3%	2.6%	3.0%	3.4%	3.6%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.5%	2.4%

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District Not Known Trends

District	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025
Ashford	15.0%	8.8%	5.0%	3.4%	2.7%	2.5%	2.8%	3.4%	4.1%	4.2%	4.8%	19.7%	13.3%
Canterbury	12.8%	7.2%	3.6%	2.8%	2.1%	2.1%	2.3%	2.0%	3.4%	3.6%	4.9%	24.1%	18.7%
Dartford	23.1%	13.0%	7.9%	4.5%	3.9%	3.9%	4.2%	4.6%	4.7%	4.9%	5.7%	45.9%	25.9%
Dover	16.3%	9.1%	6.6%	4.9%	4.1%	3.7%	3.9%	3.8%	3.8%	4.2%	5.2%	29.5%	16.6%
Folkestone and Hythe	16.3%	10.1%	7.1%	5.1%	3.9%	4.0%	4.7%	4.5%	5.1%	4.8%	5.0%	33.8%	29.7%
Gravesham	17.1%	11.2%	6.0%	3.6%	2.8%	2.9%	3.2%	3.9%	4.4%	5.0%	6.1%	26.9%	18.6%
Maidstone	21.5%	13.2%	6.1%	4.7%	3.6%	3.2%	3.2%	2.9%	4.3%	4.6%	5.4%	26.3%	13.9%
Sevenoaks	20.9%	13.2%	6.6%	4.0%	3.3%	3.1%	3.2%	3.4%	4.2%	4.5%	5.0%	32.9%	18.6%
Swale	25.6%	11.6%	5.7%	4.3%	3.3%	3.1%	3.7%	3.1%	4.8%	5.0%	5.9%	23.1%	17.9%
Thanet	15.4%	6.8%	2.6%	1.7%	1.6%	1.4%	2.1%	1.6%	3.2%	3.4%	3.6%	19.7%	13.6%
Tonbridge and Malling	17.0%	10.6%	6.1%	4.9%	3.8%	3.4%	3.5%	2.8%	3.5%	3.6%	4.3%	28.0%	17.7%
Tunbridge Wells	15.1%	9.1%	4.9%	3.3%	2.3%	2.3%	2.6%	1.9%	2.3%	2.4%	2.8%	24.4%	13.4%
Kent	18.2%	10.3%	5.6%	3.9%	3.1%	2.9%	3.2%	3.1%	4.0%	4.2%	4.9%	27.4%	17.8%

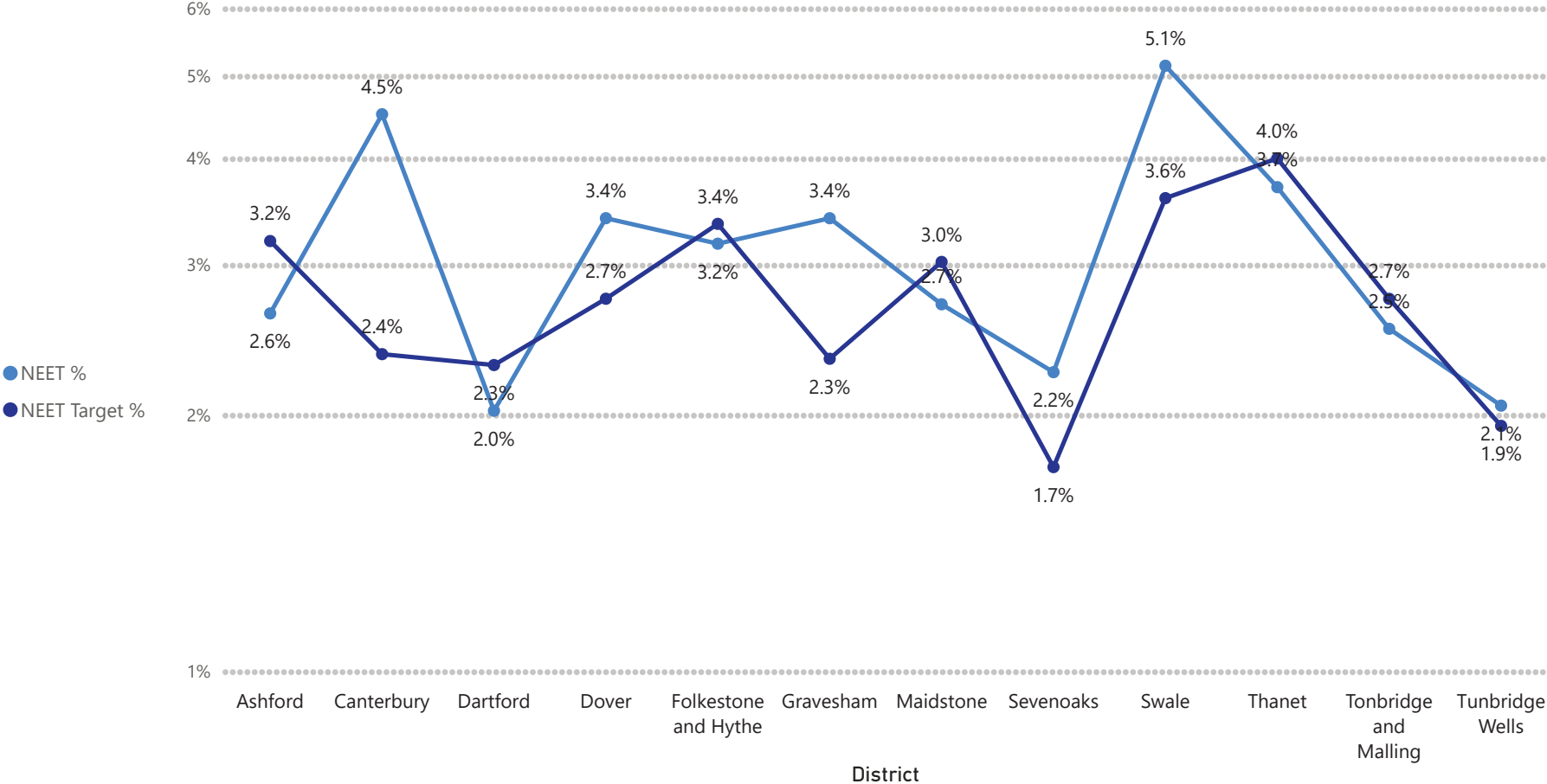
District	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024
Ashford	59.5%	12.5%	8.7%	3.3%	1.6%	0.9%	1.2%	1.7%	1.7%	2.3%	3.1%	4.0%	21.1%
Canterbury	61.5%	11.5%	5.0%	1.9%	1.0%	1.0%	1.4%	2.1%	2.6%	3.5%	3.9%	6.2%	38.4%
Dartford	62.9%	23.2%	10.4%	4.0%	2.4%	1.7%	2.0%	1.8%	2.5%	3.0%	3.6%	4.5%	27.0%
Dover	77.2%	17.9%	9.7%	4.7%	2.5%	1.4%	1.6%	1.9%	1.9%	2.8%	3.4%	4.2%	32.0%
Folkestone and Hythe	58.7%	11.8%	7.3%	3.8%	2.0%	1.1%	1.3%	1.9%	2.8%	3.0%	4.3%	5.0%	39.4%
Gravesham	71.7%	24.3%	8.6%	2.8%	1.6%	1.0%	1.4%	1.2%	1.7%	2.6%	3.0%	3.4%	22.1%
Maidstone	51.9%	16.2%	7.3%	2.6%	1.6%	1.2%	1.7%	1.8%	2.1%	2.9%	3.7%	4.2%	41.2%
Sevenoaks	73.2%	25.3%	12.8%	4.3%	2.1%	1.6%	2.1%	1.8%	2.8%	3.1%	3.8%	4.6%	28.6%
Swale	49.9%	20.9%	6.5%	2.5%	1.5%	1.3%	1.4%	2.0%	3.4%	3.6%	4.7%	6.2%	42.7%
Thanet	56.8%	8.3%	4.4%	2.0%	1.1%	0.8%	1.0%	1.4%	1.9%	2.0%	2.5%	3.6%	28.2%
Tonbridge and Malling	65.8%	23.6%	7.6%	2.4%	1.1%	0.7%	1.0%	0.9%	1.6%	2.5%	3.2%	3.6%	35.2%
Tunbridge Wells	58.9%	21.7%	7.6%	3.0%	1.4%	0.9%	1.2%	1.0%	1.4%	2.3%	2.7%	3.2%	22.9%
Kent	61.3%	17.8%	7.8%	3.0%	1.6%	1.1%	1.4%	1.6%	2.2%	2.8%	3.5%	4.4%	31.9%

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Current Month Target Comparison

MI Reporting Month ▼

● October 2025



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SEND NEET and Not Known Breakdown

MI Reporting Month

October 2025

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- 16
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Characteristic

- SEN Support

Select District

- Select all
- Ashford
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3,994

Overall Cohort

294

NEET Cohort

764

Not Known Cohort

1,058

NEET and Not Known Cohort

26.5%

NEET and Not Known %

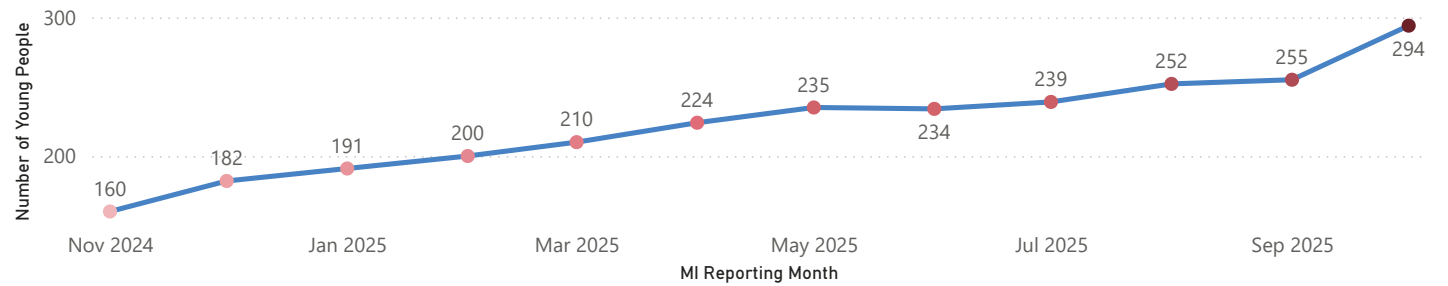
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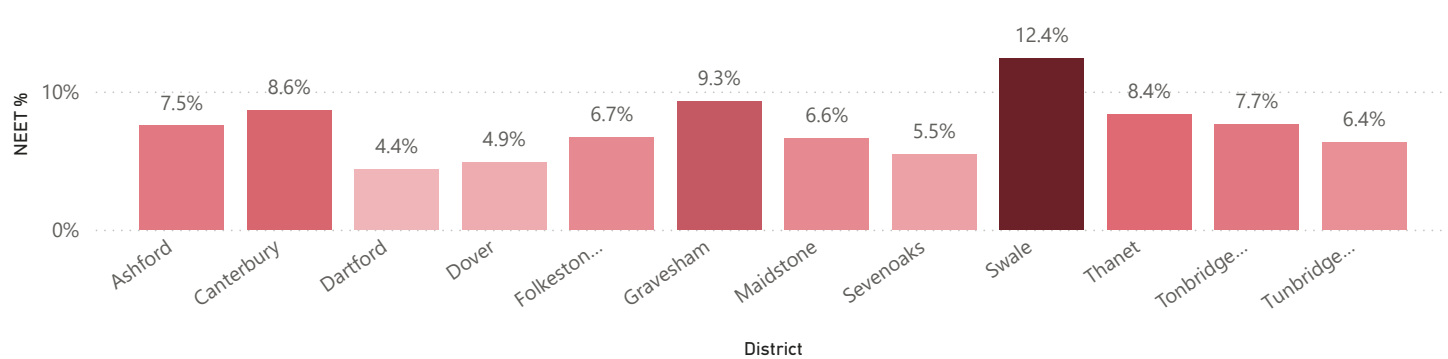
19.1%

Not Known %

NEET Cohort by District



NEET Cohort by District



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SEND NEET and Not Known Breakdown

MI Reporting Month

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 Select all
 16
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Characteristic
 SEND (EHCP)

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

2,558

Overall Cohort

129

NEET Cohort

162

Not Known Cohort

291

NEET and Not Known Cohort

11.4%

NEET and Not Known %

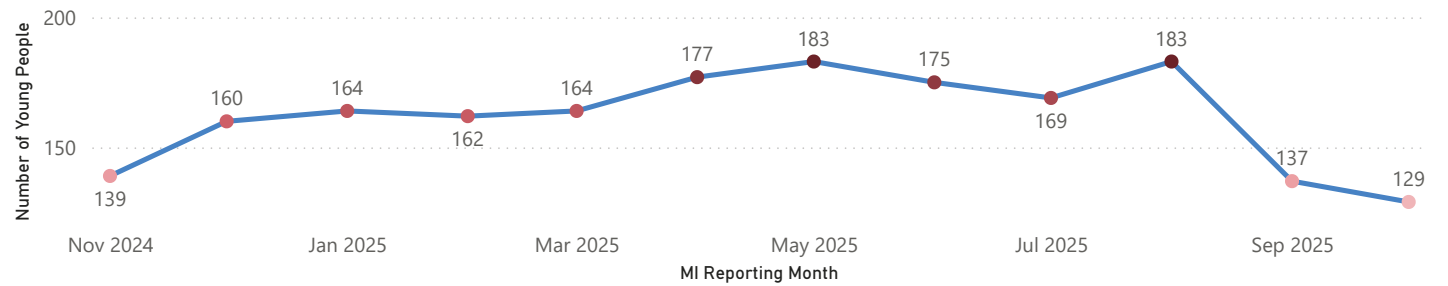
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NEET %

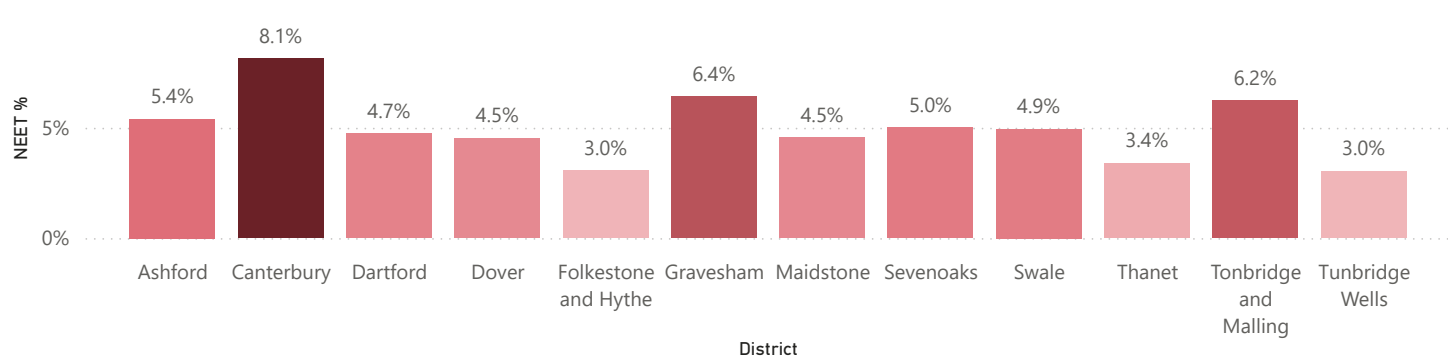
6.3%

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

Select Academic Age
 Select all
 16
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Characteristic
 Supervised By Yots

- Select District
- Select all
 - Ashford
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61.8%

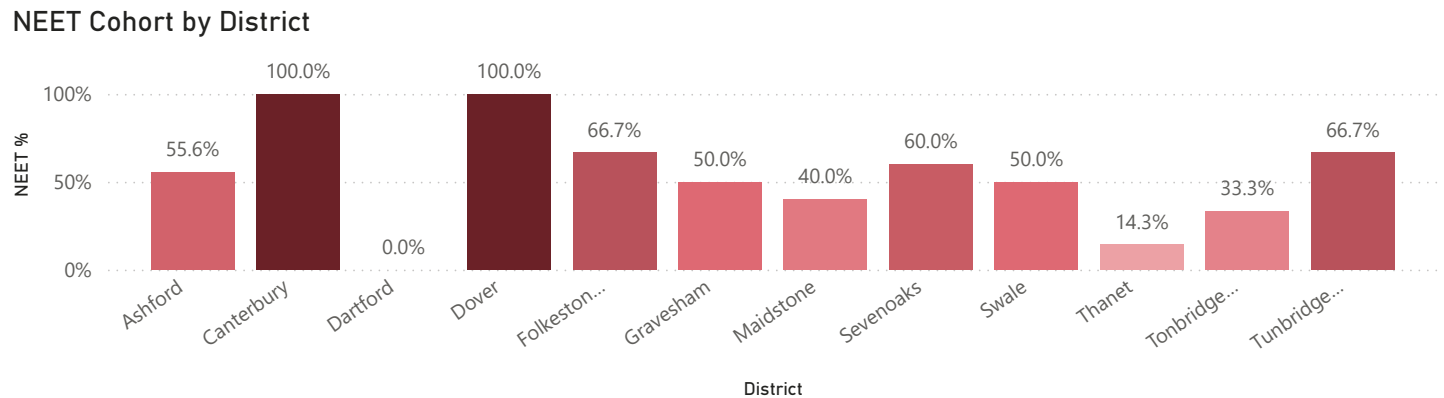
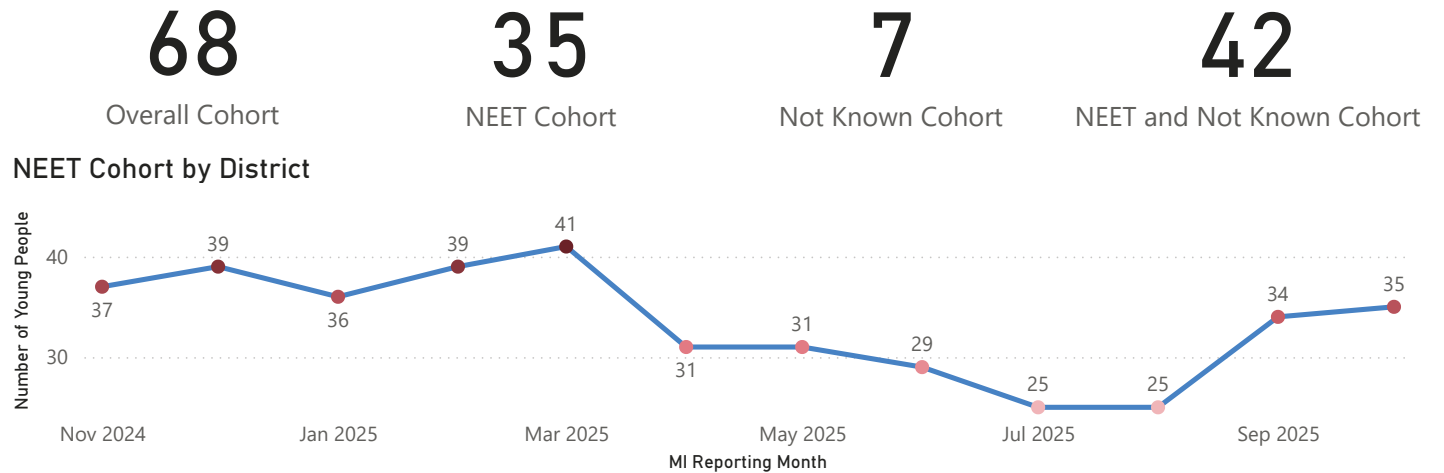
NEET and Not Known %

51.5%

NEET %

10.3%

Not Known %



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Children's Social Work Services NEET and Not Known Breakdown

MI Reporting Month

October 2025

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- Select all
- 16
- 17

Characteristic

- Looked After

Select District

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

37.4%

NEET and Not Known %

26.9%

NEET %

10.5%

Not Known %

487

Overall Cohort

131

NEET Cohort

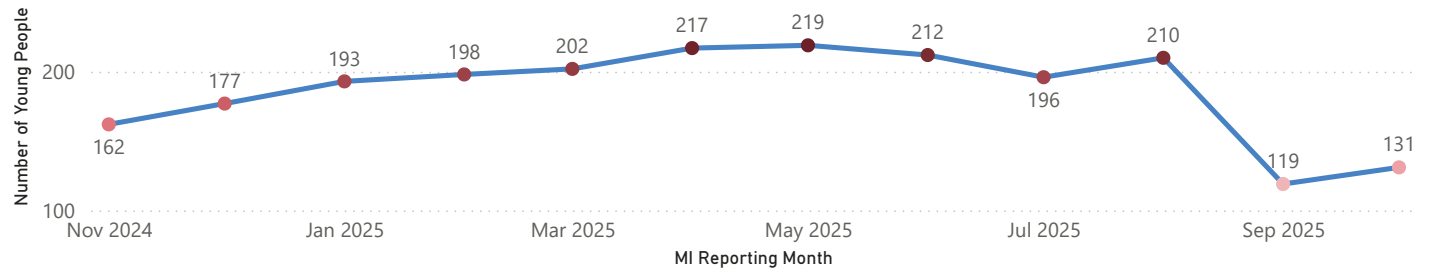
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Not Known Cohort

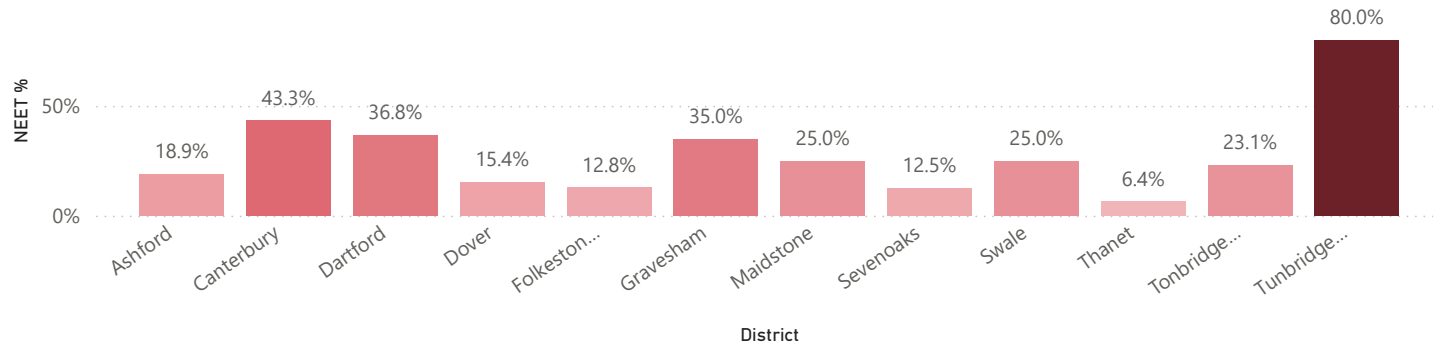
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NEET and Not Known Cohort

NEET Cohort by District



NEET Cohort by District



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Children's Social Work Services NEET and Not Known Breakdown

MI Reporting Month

October 2025

Select Academic Age

- Select all
- 16
- 17

Characteristic

- Refugee

Select District

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

38.7%

NEET and Not Known %

26.7%

NEET %

12.0%

Not Known %

150

Overall Cohort

40

NEET Cohort

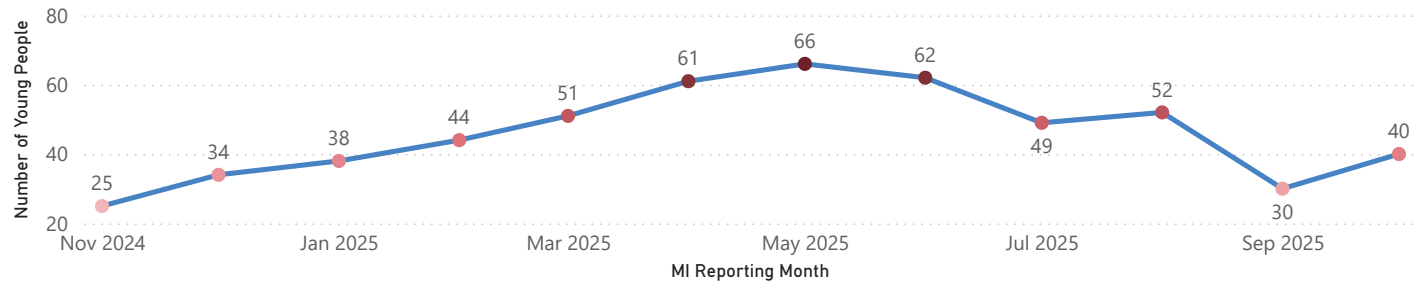
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Not Known Cohort

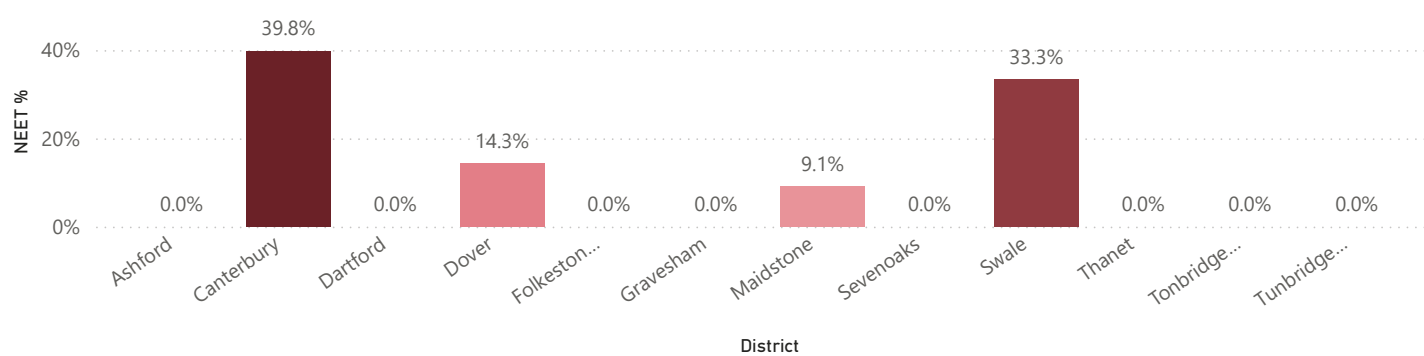
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NEET and Not Known Cohort

NEET Cohort by District



NEET Cohort by District



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Early Help NEET and Not Known Breakdown

MI Reporting Month

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 16
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Characteristic
 Carer Not Own Child

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

85.7%

NEET and Not Known

78.6%

NEET

7.1%

Not Known

28

Overall Cohort

22

NEET Cohort

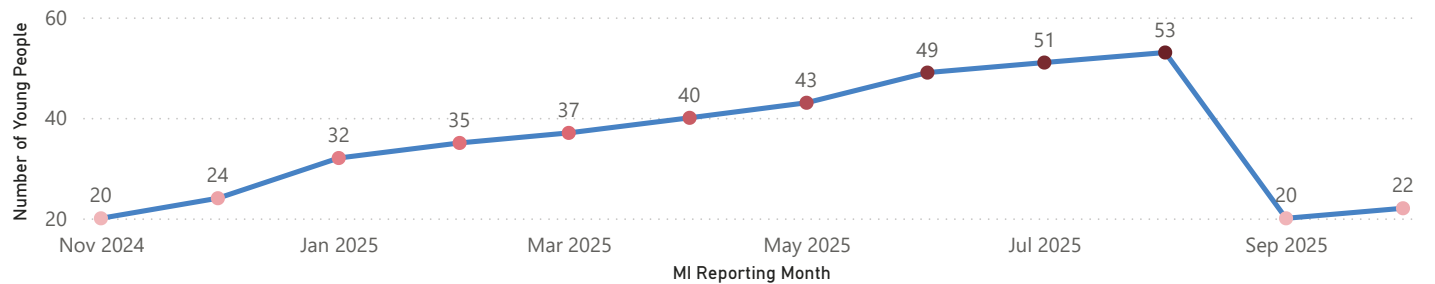
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Not Known Cohort

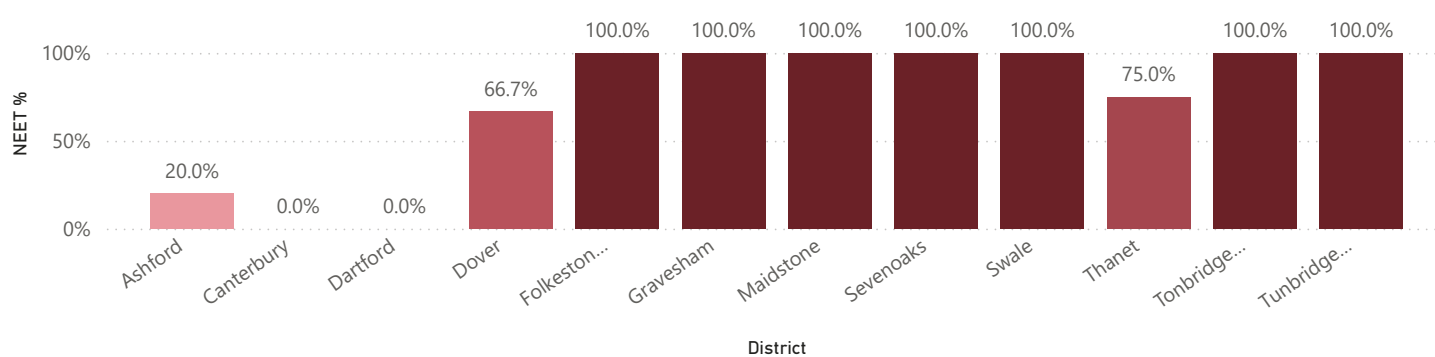
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NEET and Not Known Cohort

NEET Cohort by District



NEET Cohort by District



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MI Reporting Month

Select Academic Age
 Select all
 16
 17

Characteristic
 Caring For Own Child

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

66.7%
 NEET and Not Known

62.2%
 NEET

4.4%
 Not Known

45

Overall Cohort

28

NEET Cohort

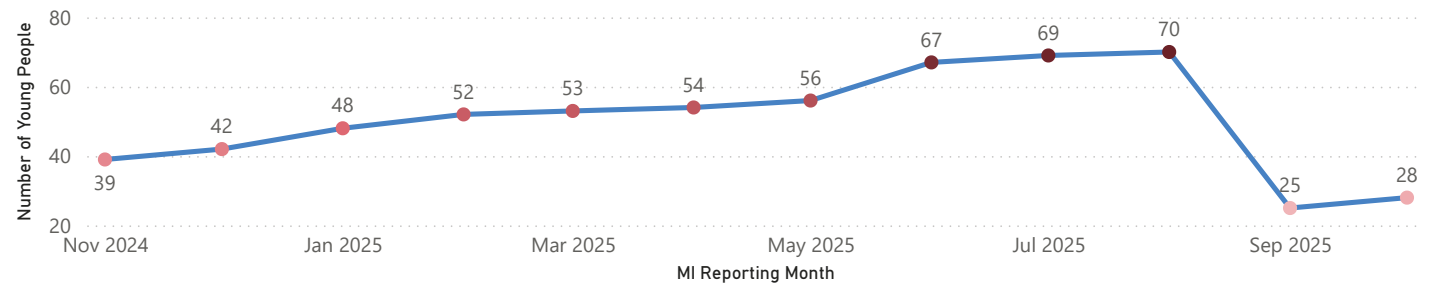
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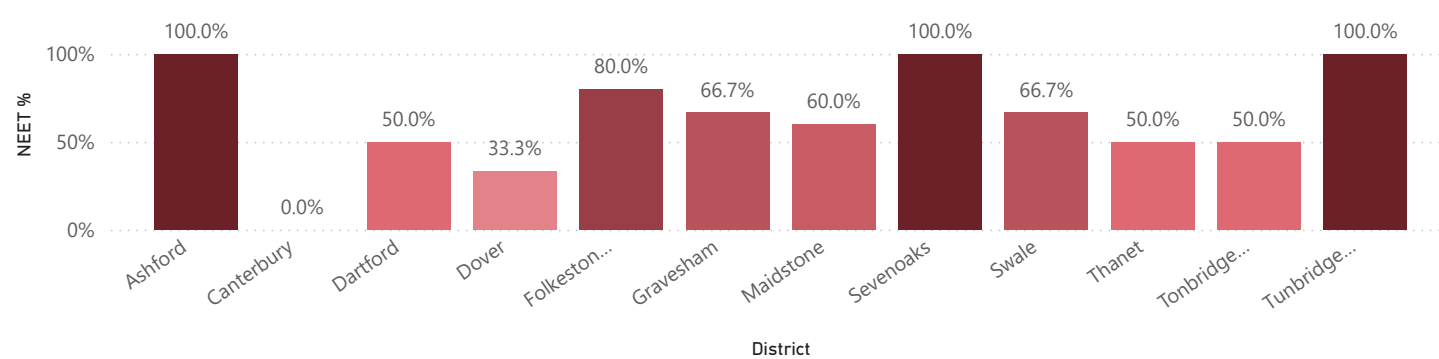
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NEET and Not Known Cohort

NEET Cohort by District



NEET Cohort by District



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MI Reporting Month
 October 2025

Select Academic Age
 Select all
 17

Characteristic
 Pregnancy

Select District
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 Ashford
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 Folkestone and Hythe
 Gravesham
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 Thanet
 Tonbridge and Malling

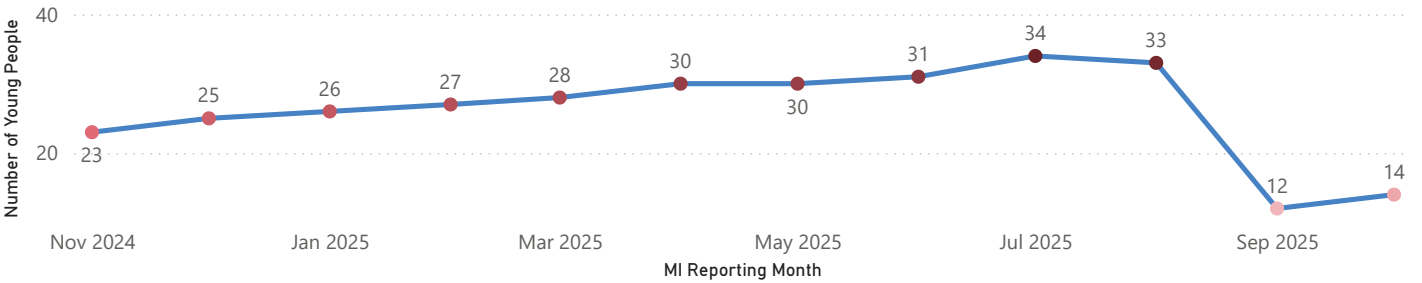
87.5%
 NEET and Not Known

87.5%
 NEET

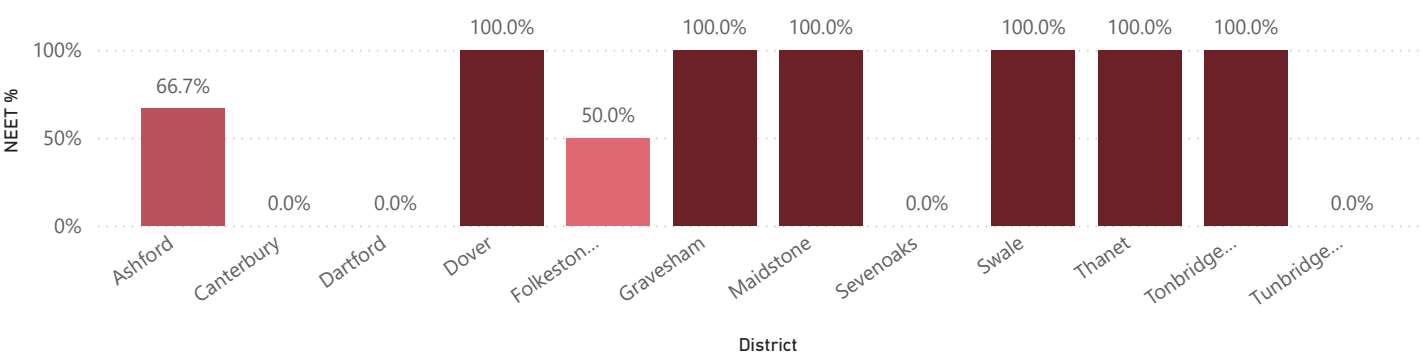
0.0%
 Not Known

16 Overall Cohort 14 NEET Cohort 0 Not Known Cohort 14 NEET and Not Known Cohort

NEET Cohort by District



NEET Cohort by District



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MI Reporting Month

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Select Academic Age

- Select all
- 16
- 17

Characteristic

- Teenage Mother

Select District

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

64.7%

NEET and Not Known

61.8%

NEET

2.9%

Not Known

34

Overall Cohort

21

NEET Cohort

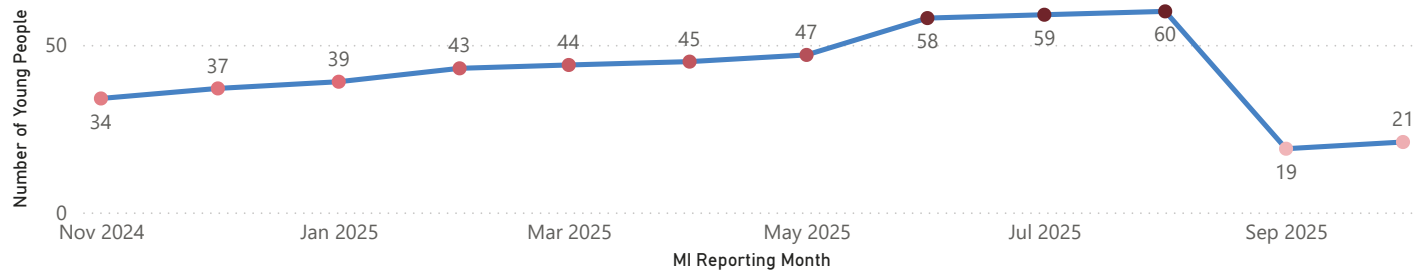
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Not Known Cohort

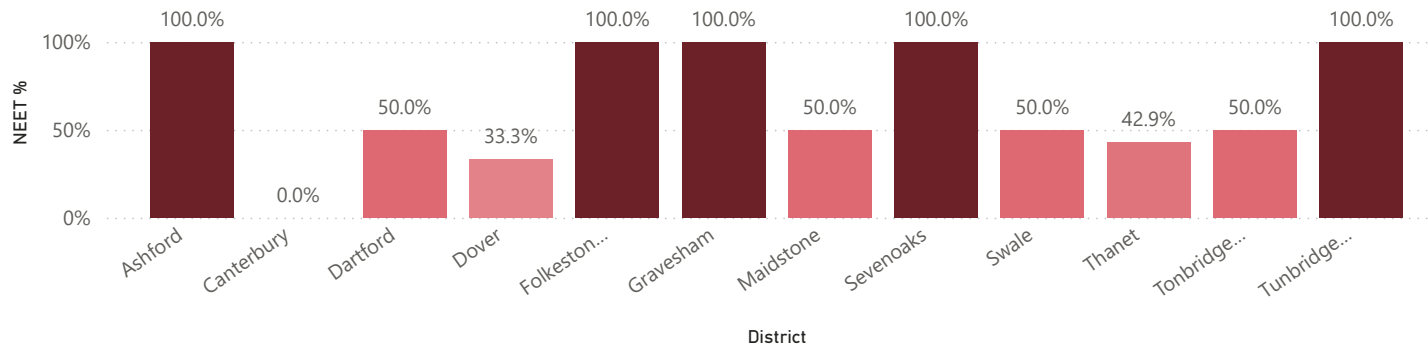
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NEET and Not Known Cohort

NEET Cohort by District



NEET Cohort by District



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Statistical Neighbours - September 2025 Data

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	3.9%	3.4%	4.3%	3.6%	2.5%	4.7%	89.9%	92.3%	87.3%
South East England	3.7%	3.4%	4.0%	3.9%	2.3%	5.5%	89.8%	92.4%	87.1%

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 %
Norfolk	5.4%	4.6%	6.3%	9.4%	3.8%	15.3%	81.4%	87.3%	75.3%
East Sussex	5.1%	4.6%	5.7%	3.1%	1.8%	4.5%	86.0%	89.3%	82.6%

Essex	4.4%	4.0%	4.8%	2.2%	1.1%	3.3%	89.5%	92.9%	86.0%
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Somerset	3.9%	2.6%	5.3%	9.7%	4.5%	15.0%	86.4%	92.9%	79.6%
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West Sussex	2.9%	2.6%	3.1%	9.9%	8.0%	12.0%	86.8%	88.8%	84.7%
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Bedford Borough	2.0%	1.0%	3.1%	54.3%	30.2%	80.3%	42.6%	68.0%	15.0%
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NEET Joiners

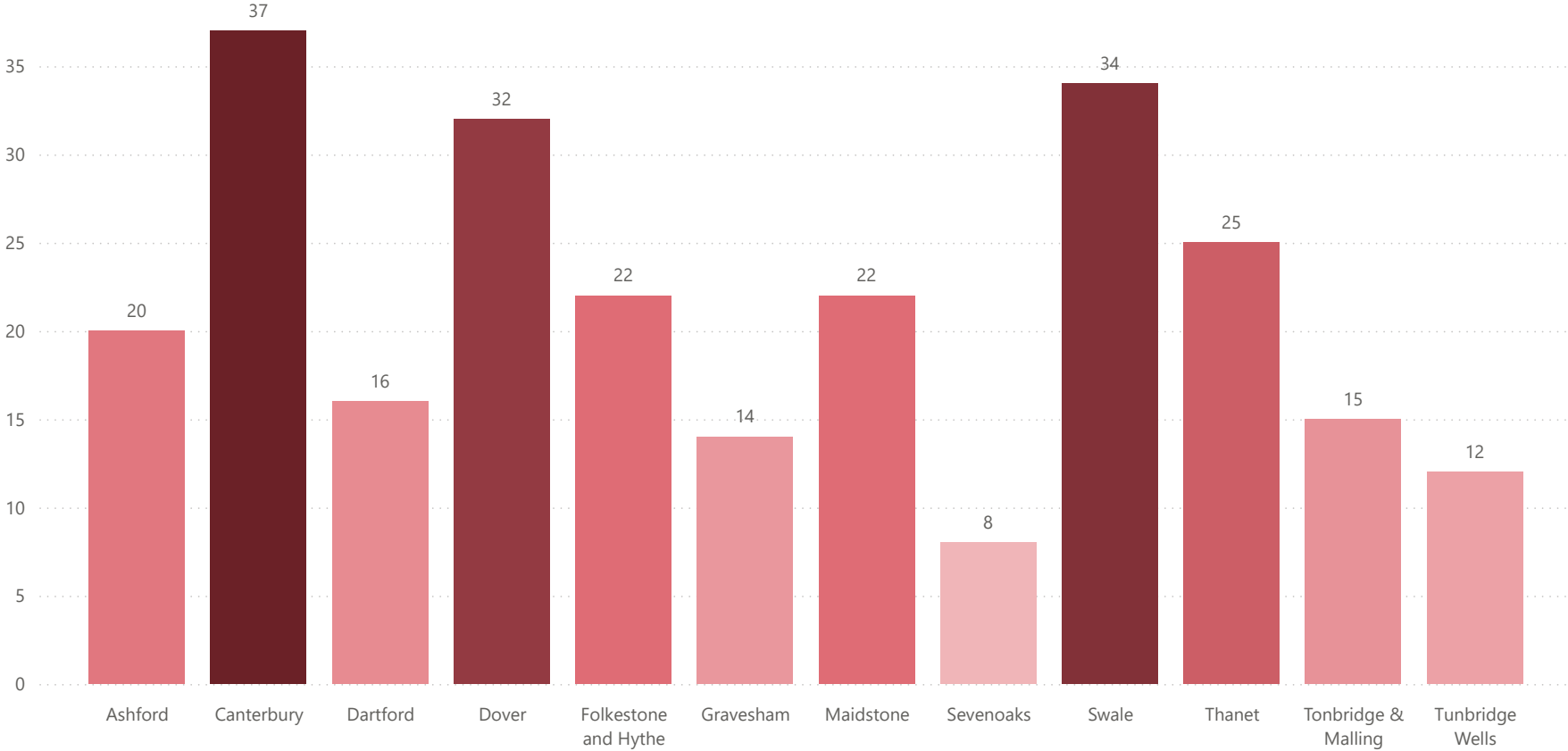
MI Reporting Month

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Select Academic Age

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Number of NEET Joiners by District



257

Number of NEET Joiners in Period

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NEET Leavers

MI Reporting Month

October 2025

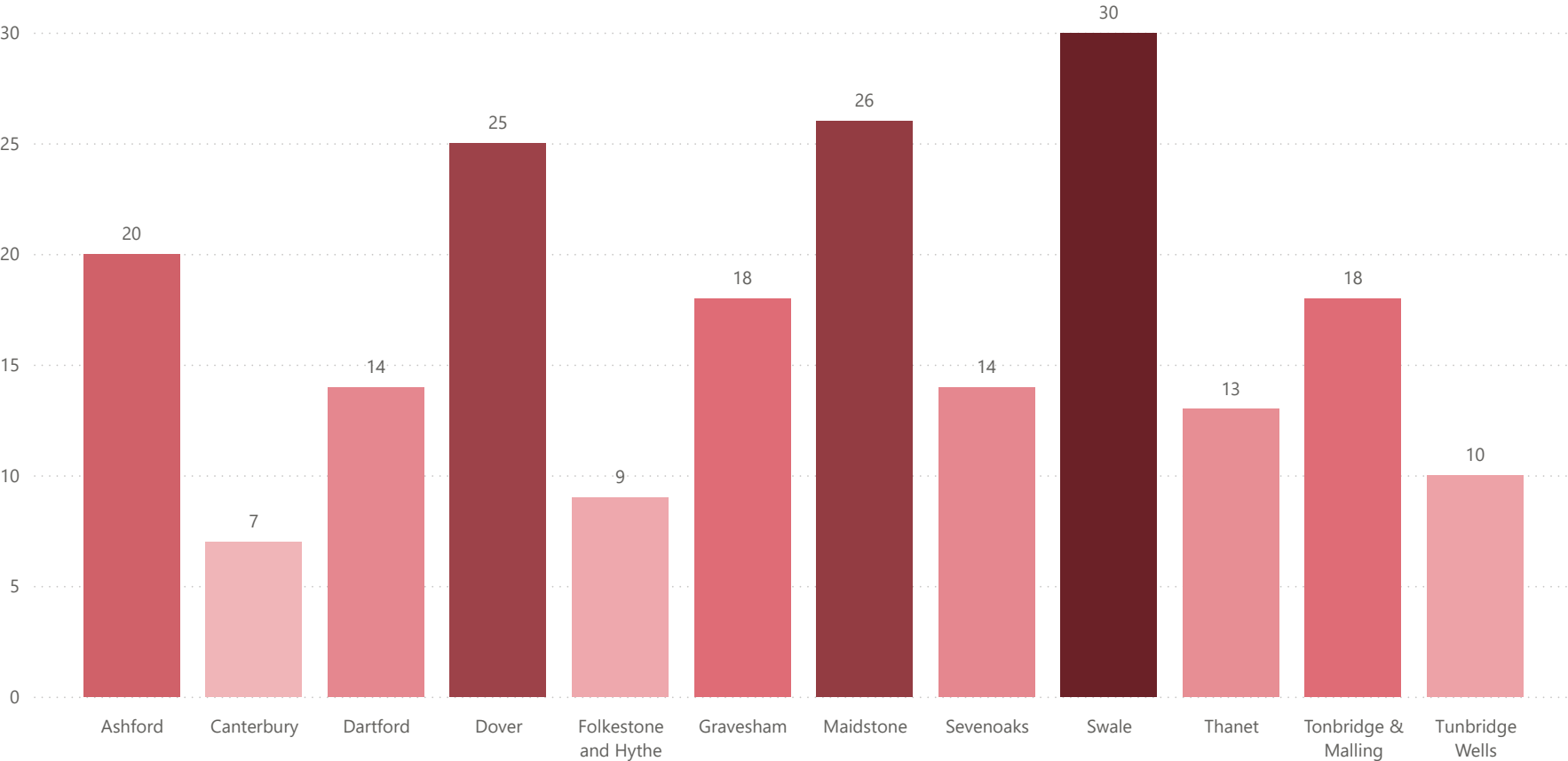
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Select all

16

17

Number of NEET Leavers by District



204

Number of NEET Leavers in Period