Main destination

- Over half (57.1%) of early school leavers are in some form of education or training in 2018¹.
- One-quarter (24.8%) are employed.
- More than one-in-ten (12.9%) are looking for work.
- One-in-twenty (5.2%) are not in the labour force, education or training (NILFET).

- The most common form of education and training is an apprenticeship, with around a third (32.4%) of early school leavers training at this level; up 6.7 percentage points since 2010.
- Less than ten per cent of early school leavers are pursuing each other type of education and training.
- Participation in VET Certificate I-III has decreased 10.7 percentage points since 2010.
Reasons for leaving school

- **38.6%** Disillusioned with school
  - ▲ 1.2 percentage points since 2014
  - Top three destinations

- **25.5%** Employment or career
  - ▲ 0.7 percentage points since 2014
  - Top three destinations

- **10.8%** Academic or behavioural difficulties
  - ▼ 3.7 percentage points since 2014
  - Top three destinations

- **10.4%** External factors or pressures
  - ▲ 0.9 percentage points since 2014
  - Top three destinations

- **6.8%** Other educational opportunities
  - ▲ 1.5 percentage points since 2014
  - Top three destinations

- **4.6%** Bullying
  - ▲ 0.3 percentage points since 2014
  - Top three destinations

- **3.2%** Other reasons
  - ▼ 1.0 percentage points since 2014
  - Top three destinations