

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister state, for each of the last five years, the number of young people aged 16 to 24 who were not in employment, education or training?”

Answer

	Number of 16-17 year olds identified as Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	Percentage of 16-17 year olds identified as Not in Education, Employment of Training (NEET)
2023	7	0.3%
2022	21	1.1%
2021	10	0.5%
2020	46	2.2%

The process of identifying young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) has changed over time. The current process uses data from CYPES and CLS to identify individuals within the 16-17 year old cohort who appear to be NEET. Skills Jersey will attempt to contact these individuals to establish if they are NEET and offer support accordingly. There may be a range of reasons why a young person may incorrectly appear to be NEET, based on the data used. For example, they may be at a UK boarding school and therefore not appear in our school census. The numbers reported above include those who were confirmed as NEET via contact from Skills Jersey. Additional to these numbers each year there are young people who Skills Jersey have been unable to contact to confirm whether they are NEET, and these numbers are not included in the above.

Whilst we currently only report the NEET rate for 16-17 year olds, we have improved processes around the identification of NEET this year and expect to be able to report a 16-24 NEET rate in 2025.