

Summary for Highland Council



9,611

The Participation Measure covers the 16-19 year old cohort

92.2%

Of 16-19 year olds were **participating**[#] in education, training or employment compared to **91.6%** nationally.

A **1.6** percentage point decrease compared to 2018.

1.5%

were **not participating**[#] i.e. those unemployed seeking employment and others unemployed and not seeking e.g. economically inactive compared to **3.1%** nationally.

A **0.2** percentage point decrease compared to 2018.

6.3%

With an **unconfirmed**[#] status compared to **5.3%** nationally.

A **1.8** percentage point increase compared to 2018.



65.9%

in Education
68.4% in 2018



24.1%

in Employment
23.4% in 2018



2.1%

in Training & Personal Development
2.0% in 2018



0.4%

Unemployed Seeking
0.4% in 2018



1.1%

Unemployed Not Seeking
1.3% in 2018



The annual participation measure takes account of the status for all 16-19 year olds from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019. All statuses are combined to calculate the participation headline classification and the status grouping displayed.

(Percentages and percentage point change may not total due to rounding)

[#] SDS does not currently receive any data from Department of Work and Pensions about Universal Credit claimants, and therefore is not able to comprehensively identify or report on people who are unemployed seeking. DWP is currently unable to provide data on UC claimants who are out of work but is working to develop this capability to ensure that SDS receives this information in the future. Therefore, treat unemployed seeking and related statuses with a degree of caution. ([See Annex 1 of the Annual Participation Measure report for full details](#))

2019 Annual Participation Measure Report

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This summary marks the fifth release of statistics on the participation of 16-19 year olds at a national and local authority level, and is the fourth year using the Annual Participation Measure reporting methodology. The annual methodology takes account of all statuses for 16-19 year olds in Scotland over one calendar year (1st April – 31st March). For each of the 207,133 individuals included within the annual participation measure cohort, the headline participation classification (participating, not participating and unconfirmed) is based on the classification within which each individual spent the greatest number of days.

Since August 2017, the Annual Participation Measure has been the source of the National Performance Framework indicator, **“Percentage of young adults (16-19 year olds) participating in education, training or employment”**.

The full annual participation measure 2019 report, accompanying supplementary tables and interactive resource are available on the annual participation measure statistics page of the Skills Development Scotland website.

The summary below provides a comparison between the 2019 and 2018 local authority results along with the 2019 results for Scotland.

The proportion of 16-19 year olds participating[#] for Highland Council was 92.2%, a 1.6 percentage point (pp) decrease compared to 2018 (93.8%) and 0.6pp higher than the national rate (91.6%).

	<u>Scotland</u>
↑ 16 year olds the rate was 99.5%, a 0.1 pp increase compared to 2018 (99.4%).	99.0%
↓ 17 year olds the rate was 95.6%, a 0.5 pp decrease compared to 2018 (96.1%).	94.8%
↓ 18 year olds the rate was 89.9%, a 2 pp decrease compared to 2018 (91.9%).	89.1%
↓ 19 year olds the rate was 84.2%, a 4.3 pp decrease compared to 2018 (88.5%).	83.9%

The proportion of 16-19 year olds not participating[#] for Highland Council was 1.5%, a 0.2 percentage point (pp) decrease from 2018 (1.7%) and 1.6pp lower than the national rate (3.1%).

	<u>Scotland</u>
— The annual non-participation rate for 16 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	0.8%
— The annual non-participation rate for 17 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	2.8%
↓ 18 year olds the rate was 2.0%, a 0.3 pp decrease compared to 2018 (2.3%).	4.4%
↓ 19 year olds the rate was 2.2%, a 0.2 pp decrease compared to 2018 (2.4%).	4.3%

The proportion of 16-19 year olds reported as unconfirmed[#] for Highland Council was 6.3%, a 1.8 percentage point (pp) increase from 2018 (4.5%) and 1.0pp higher than the national rate (5.3%).

	<u>Scotland</u>
— The annual unconfirmed rate for 16 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	0.3%
— The annual unconfirmed rate for 17 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	2.4%
↑ 18 year olds the rate was 8.1%, a 2.3 pp increase compared to 2018 (5.8%).	6.5%
↑ 19 year olds the rate was 13.6%, a 4.5 pp increase compared to 2018 (9.1%).	11.8%