

2019 Annual Participation Measure Report

Summary for Orkney Islands Council



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The Participation Measure covers the 16-19 year old cohort

95.4%

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

A **0.1** percentage point increase compared to 2018.

1.6%

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 **0.4** percentage point decrease compared to 2018.

3.0%

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

A **0.3** percentage point increase compared to 2018.



67.4%

in Education
67.1% in 2018



26.9%

in Employment
27.2% in 2018



1.1%

in Training & Personal Development
0.9% in 2018



0.7%

Unemployed Seeking
Not disclosed



0.8%

Unemployed Not Seeking
Not disclosed

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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](#))

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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 Orkney Islands Council was 95.4%, a 0.1 percentage point (pp) increase compared to 2018 (95.3%) and 3.9pp higher than the national rate (91.6%).

	<u>Scotland</u>
— The annual participation rate for 16 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	99.0%
— The annual participation rate for 17 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	94.8%
↑ 18 year olds the rate was 95.2%, a 2.0 pp increase compared to 2018 (93.2%).	89.1%
↓ 19 year olds the rate was 89.4%, a 2.4 pp decrease compared to 2018 (91.8%).	83.9%

The proportion of 16-19 year olds not participating[#] for Orkney Islands Council was 1.6%, a 0.4 percentage point (pp) decrease from 2018 (2.0%) 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%
— The annual non-participation rate for 18 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	4.4%
— The annual non-participation rate for 19 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	4.3%

The proportion of 16-19 year olds reported as unconfirmed[#] for Orkney Islands Council was 3.0%, a 0.3 percentage point (pp) increase from 2018 (2.7%) and 2.3pp lower than the national rate (5.3%).

	<u>Scotland</u>
↔ 16 year olds the rate was 0.0%, the same as in 2018.	0.3%
— The annual unconfirmed rate for 17 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	2.4%
— The annual unconfirmed rate for 18 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	6.5%
— The annual unconfirmed rate for 19 year olds is suppressed as it is disclosive.	11.8%