

Other local authorities – NEET level against transport offer

A web survey has been conducted to determine the transport support offered by the other county councils to 16-19 year old students from low income families. The offer ranged from no support at all, to some reductions on the usual cost of travel, to a significant subsidy, eg halved cost of a bus pass, to a range of 'free' transport options such as free bus passes and grants similar to that currently offered by East Sussex County Council.

The Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) figures for each county council for the two most recent academic years has been added to the table below.

	Web survey	2013/14				2014/15			
	16-19 LIF support		Estimated number NEET	% NEET			Estimated number NEET	% NEET	
Buckinghamshire	None	16,812	590	3.5%	1.5%	17,190	550	3.2%	2.4%
Cambridgeshire	Reductions	19,295	810	4.2%	2.1%	19,570	710	3.6%	2.8%
Cumbria	Free	16,611	810	4.9%	2.2%	10,870	350	3.2%	5.2%
Derbyshire	None	26,471	1,270	4.8%	5.5%	8,300	530	6.4%	3.9%
Devon	50% of £520	24,744	1,360	5.5%	2.1%	24,850	1,050	4.2%	2.4%
Dorset	Some grants	12,822	500	3.9%	3.0%	13,210	540	4.1%	4.4%
East Sussex	Free	15,970	1,260	7.9%	9.8%	16,330	870	5.3%	6.5%
Essex	50% of £900	49,579	2,430	4.9%	7.9%	49,890	2,300	4.6%	7.2%
Gloucestershire	None	19,508	940	4.8%	11.6%	19,480	880	4.5%	13.0%
Hampshire	None	41,134	2,260	5.5%	12.3%	41,730	1,780	4.3%	16.9%
Hertfordshire	None	38,307	1,570	4.1%	4.0%	38,310	1,410	3.7%	3.8%
Kent	50% of £200	51,706	3,000	5.8%	8.4%	52,670	2,470	4.7%	15.1%
Lancashire	None	41,558	2,200	5.3%	10.8%	5,890	470	8.0%	9.9%
Leicestershire	Free	21,820	740	3.4%	3.1%	12,510	790	6.3%	3.5%
Lincolnshire	None	25,689	1,130	4.4%	14.6%	21,260	660	3.1%	3.1%
North Yorkshire	50% of £480	18,747	810	4.3%	14.8%	5,900	300	5.1%	7.8%
Norfolk	75% of £495*	26,711	1,550	5.8%	8.1%	-	-	-	-
Northamptonshire	50% of £600	23,690	1,350	5.7%	4.7%	25,360	1,340	5.3%	7.0%
Nottinghamshire	Reductions	27,015	840	3.1%	6.7%	9,840	610	6.2%	2.4%
Oxfordshire	None	18,199	870	4.8%	18.8%	18,500	690	3.7%	10.0%
Somerset	None	17,405	870	5.0%	4.8%	4,780	290	6.1%	3.4%
Staffordshire	Reductions	27,910	1,420	5.1%	8.4%	7,560	370	4.9%	8.1%
Suffolk	None	23,892	1,480	6.2%	8.2%	23,430	1,310	5.6%	9.3%
Surrey	None	29,226	530	1.8%	15.7%	30,090	500	1.7%	14.8%
Warwickshire	None	18,452	1,010	5.5%	11.3%	10,120	470	4.6%	7.3%
West Sussex	None	24,834	1,220	4.9%	10.8%	26,130	1,160	4.4%	20.2%
Worcestershire	None	18,026	960	5.3%	39.3%	9,130	380	4.1%	11.3%
SOUTH EAST	N/A	267,149	13,620	5.1%	10.2%	273,570	11,530	4.2%	12.5%

Notes

1. Shaded rows: The proportion of 16-18 year olds whose current activity is not known is more than 50% above the England average of 9.2%. As a result, it is possible that the number and proportion NEET will be inaccurate.
2. 2013/14 data are an average at the end of November 2013, December 2013 and January 2014; same method for 2014.

The data appears to show that there is no correlation between the transport offer for LIF students and a county council's NEET figures; although there could be a range of contextual differences such as the costs of public transport systems.