



YOUR LIFE YOUR FUTURE

**Findings from the Your
Life, Your Future Survey**
August 2024

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Last year we conducted the second wave of the *Your Life, Your Future* study.

Thanks to *you and over 6,000 other young people in England*, we have collected information about young people's values, experiences and future plans.

The survey showed us what things are important to you, the different paths you're on and your hopes for the future. These findings will help policymakers design policies that are informed by your views and better address your needs.

Once again, we would like to share some findings with you. We hope you will find them interesting and will participate in the last wave of our study later this year and help us shape the policies that shape your opportunities.

You can also visit our website to learn more, update your contact details and contact us if you have any questions.

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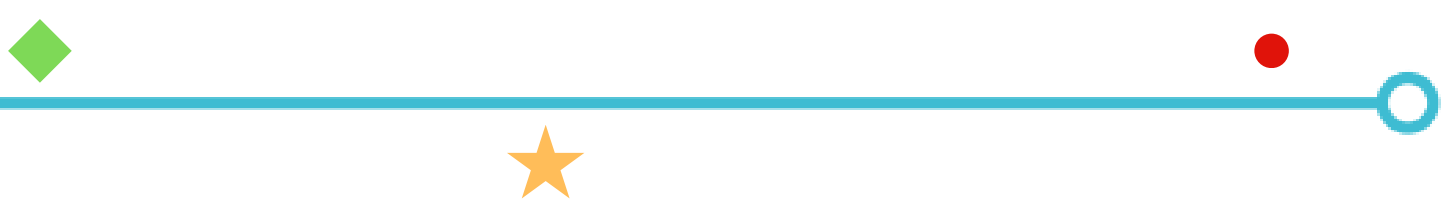


THE SURVEY

We wanted to examine how young people experience their journey to life after school and why some young people have more similar (for better or worse) experiences than others.

4 AREAS:

- What are young people doing after school?
- How do they feel about their ability to influence decisions that affect young people?
- How do they feel about their local areas?
- How do they feel about the support they receive?

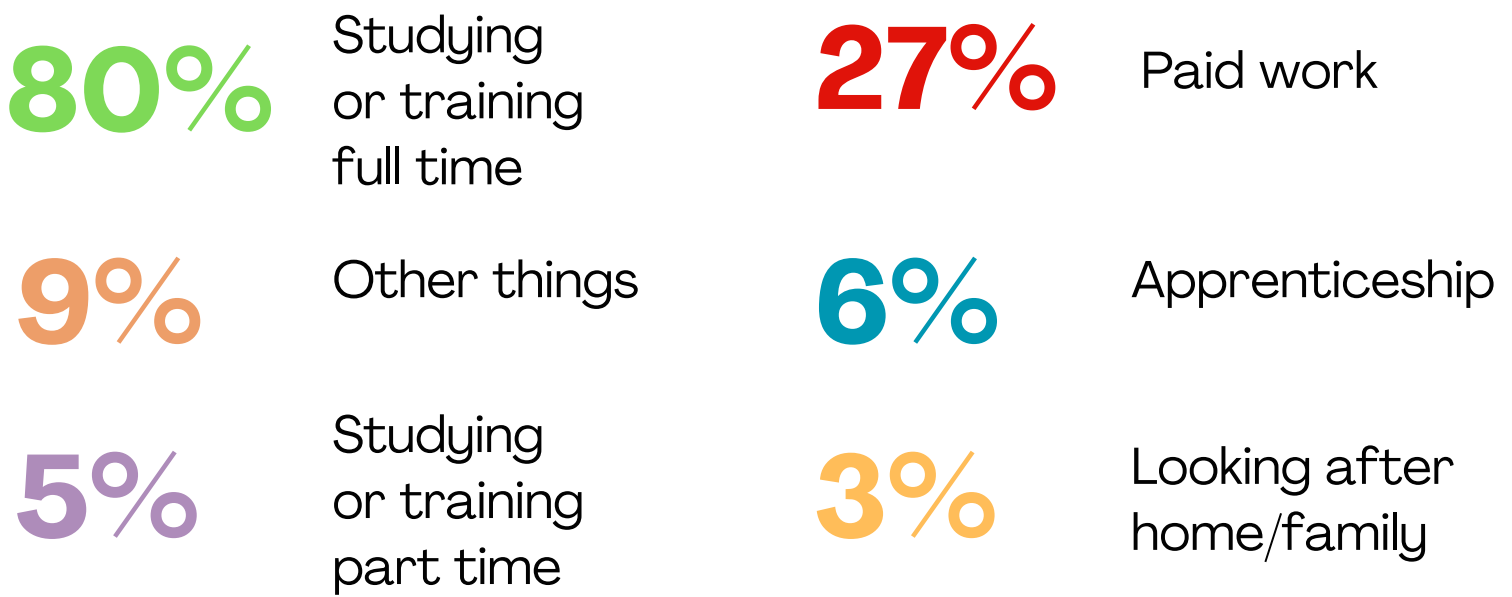


ACTIVITIES



Current activities

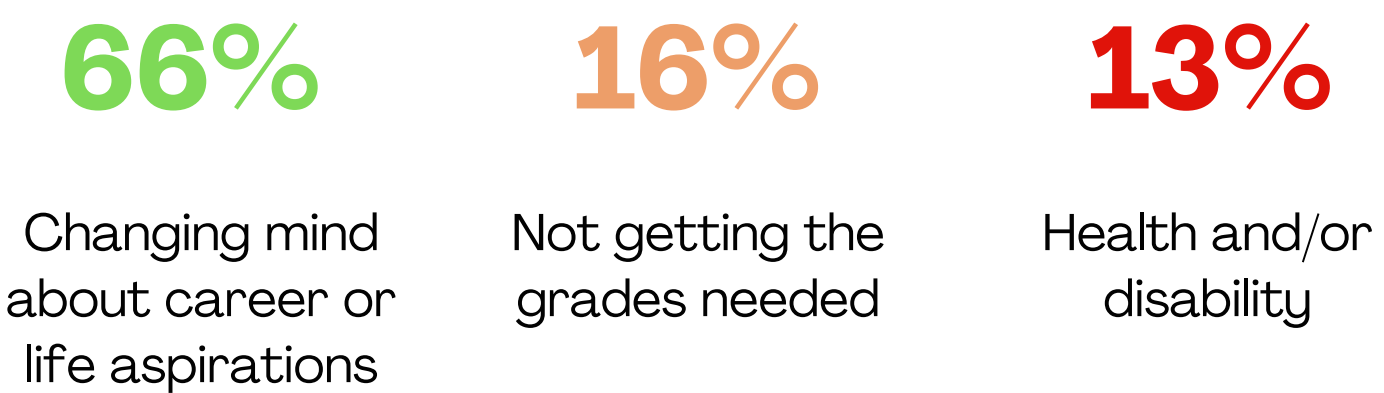
We asked you about the activities you are currently doing in your life.



Plans after Year 11

We asked you to think back to Year 11 and if your current activities are the same as what you had planned to do. Overall, nearly 3 in 4 of you say you are now doing what you wanted to do when you were in Year 11.

The most common reasons for young people not doing what they had planned to do in Year 11 are:



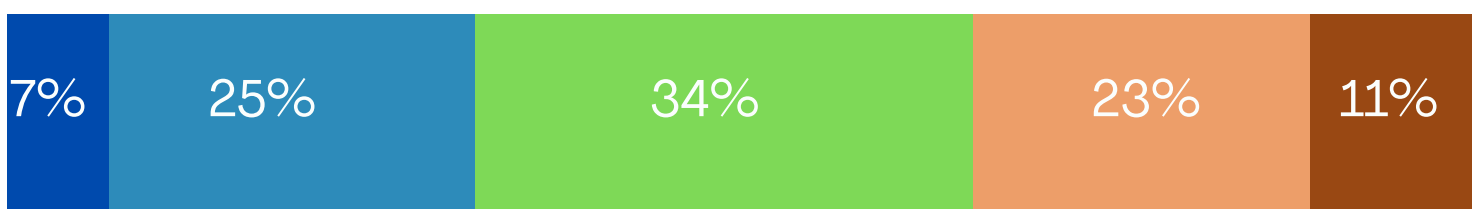
DECISIONS



We wanted to know if you feel you are able to influence decisions that affect young people. You told us that you are more likely to feel able to influence decisions locally than nationally. However, the share of young people who think they cannot influence these decisions is larger than those who think they can.

I/my friends can influence decisions affecting young people in my local area/neighbourhood

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree or disagree
Disagree Strongly disagree



I/my friends can influence decisions affecting young people in my city/region

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree or disagree
Disagree Strongly disagree



I/my friends can influence decisions affecting young people in Britain

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree or disagree
Disagree Strongly disagree



10%

24%

30%

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12%



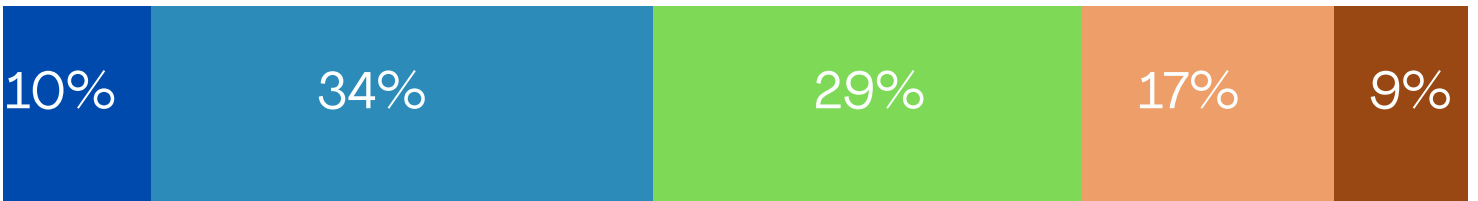
LOCAL AREA



We asked you how you felt about your local area and if you want to stay living there in the future.

I feel like I belong to my local area.

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree or disagree
Disagree Strongly disagree



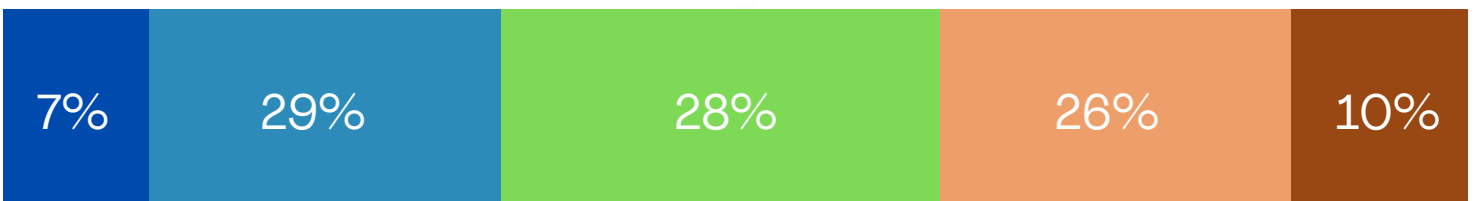
There are good educational opportunities in my local area.

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree or disagree
Disagree Strongly disagree



There are good quality work opportunities in my local area.

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree or disagree
Disagree Strongly disagree



I would like to stay in my local area in the future.

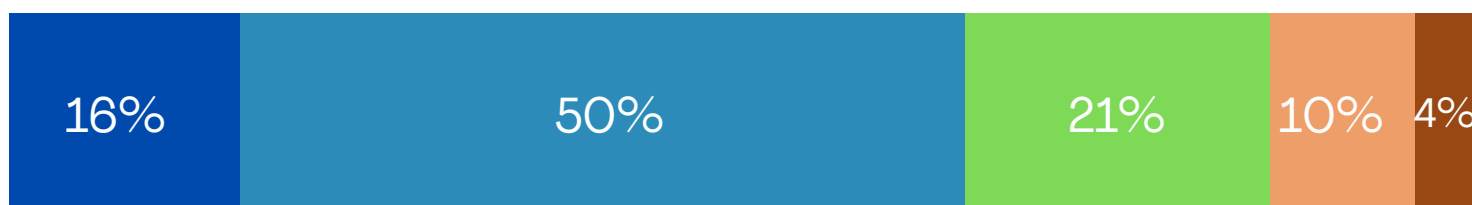
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SUPPORT & ENCOURAGEMENT

We asked you about how supported you feel by the people around you and who you receive encouragement from.

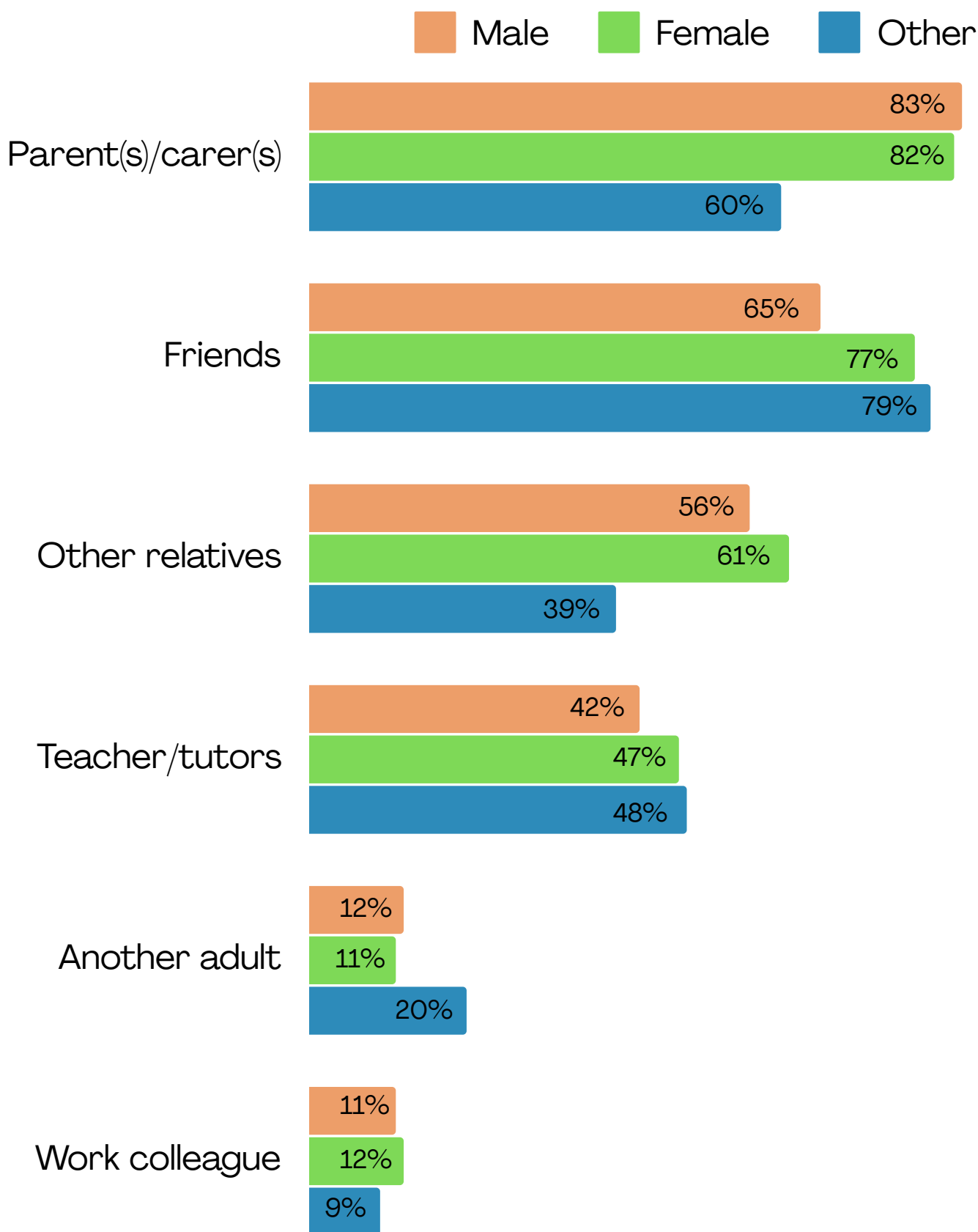
I feel emotionally supported by the people around me.



You told us that you **receive encouragement** from lots of different people, with almost 4 in 5 of you receiving encouragement from parents or carers.

However, there were some striking gender differences:

- those who don't identify as male or female were less likely than those who do to say they receive encouragement from parents, carers and other relatives
- young women and those who don't identify as male or female were more likely than young men to say they receive encouragement from their friends.



THANK YOU!

We hope you have found the findings we have shared with you interesting and that these have helped you understand young people's transitions, attitudes and feelings better.

This work has only been possible thanks to your contribution. If you have any questions about the study, please let us know and we will do our best to answer them!



We will contact you again in the autumn to ask questions about your experiences since the second survey. We hope you will continue to participate in our survey and we will send you a shopping voucher to thank you for your participation.

Let us know if you move or are planning to move so that we can make sure you receive the invitation to participate in the next survey.

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