



Survey of FE College Leavers 2024/25

The Survey of FE College Leavers is issued using Snap Survey software. This is a text only version of the Survey of FE College Leavers 2024/25.

Thank you for deciding to take part in the survey!

Your Impact

Your response will be used to understand and improve the future outcomes of students.

Your Data

You will not be identified in any publication from the survey. Please be assured that DfE takes information security extremely seriously and is committed to keeping your data secure. All information will be handled in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Top Tip: Rotate your mobile to landscape for best viewing results!

Section 1: Your circumstances before your 2024/25 FE course

What were you doing before your course? (Please select all that apply)

- Working full-time
- Working part-time
- Studying full-time
- Studying part-time
- Unemployed
- Doing something else (including taking time out to travel, unpaid caring for someone or retired)

Section 2: Your circumstances after completing your 2024/25 FE course

What are you doing now? (Please select all that apply)

- Working full-time
- Working part-time
- Studying full-time
- Studying part-time
- Unemployed
- Doing something else (including taking time out to travel, unpaid caring for someone or retired)

If 'Working full-time' or 'Working part-time' is selected go to **'Section 3: Your employment after your 2024/25 course'**

If 'Studying full-time' or 'Studying part-time' is selected go to **'Section 3: Your additional learning after your 2024/25 course'**

If 'Unemployed' or 'Doing something else' is selected go to **'Final Section: Satisfaction with learning experience during your 2024/25 course'**

Section 3: Your employment after your 2024/25 course

You've said you are {**current activity**} since you finished your course, so we would love to find out more!

Tip: For this set of questions, please answer based on your **main** job, if you have more than one. Your **main** job might be the one that you spend the most time doing, or the one most aligned to your desired career.

Did you need the {course title} qualification to be eligible for your job?

- Yes
- No

Where are you working?

- Northern Ireland
- Republic of Ireland
- Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales)
- Overseas

If Northern Ireland is selected, ask:

In which Council area is your place of work?

- Antrim and Newtownabbey
- Ards and North Down
- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon
- Belfast City
- Causeway Coast and Glens
- Derry City and Strabane
- Fermanagh and Omagh
- Lisburn and Castlereagh
- Mid and East Antrim
- Mid Ulster
- Newry, Mourne and Down

Which, if any, of these industries do you work in?

- Agri-Tech
- Life and Health Sciences
- Advanced Manufacturing, Materials and Engineering
- Fintech / Financial Services
- Software
- Screen Industries
- Low Carbon (including Green Hydrogen)
- None of the above
- Don't know

If 'None of the above' is selected ask:

As you don't work in any of the industries above, which of these industries do you work in?

- Human health and social work activities
- Wholesale and retail trade
- Manufacturing
- Education
- Administrative and support service activities
- Accommodation and food service activities
- Public administration and defence
- Professional, scientific and technical activities
- Construction
- Other

Thinking about your current job:

Are you employed on a permanent basis?

- Yes
- No

Are you in a contract that guarantees a minimum number of hours work?

- Yes
- No

Are you earning the Real Living Wage (£12.60/hour) or more?

- Yes
- No

Section 3: Your additional learning after your 2024/25 course

You've said you are **{current activity}** since you finished your course, so we would love to find out more!

Tip: For this set of questions, please answer based on your **main** course if you are studying more than one. Your **main** course might be the one that you spend the most time doing, or the one which is related to your future plans. 'Course' includes all forms of study, training scheme or apprenticeship.

Did you need your {course title} qualification to gain a place on your current course?

- Yes
- No

Where are you attending this course?

- FE College
- School
- University (including Open University)
- Other

Will this lead to a qualification that is higher, lower or the same level as the course you completed in 2024/25?

- Higher
- Same
- Lower

Final Section: Satisfaction with learning experience during your 2024/25 course

Were you satisfied with your learning experience at your FE College?

- Yes
- No