Children, Young People and Education

Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) Report

February 2025 Data

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Headlines and Commentary

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District

- ✓ Select all
- Ashford
- Canterbury
- Dartford
- ✓ Dover
- ✓ Folkestone and Hythe
- ✓ Gravesham
- ✓ Maidstone
- ✓ Sevenoaks
- ✓ Swale
- Thanet
- ✓ Tonbridge and Malling
- ✓ Tunbridge Wells

MI Reporting Month	NEET %	NEET % Same Point Last Year	Participation %	Participation % Same Point Last Year	Not Known %	Not Known % Same Point Last Year	NEET and Not Known %	NEET and Not Known % Same Point Last Year
December 2024	3.6%	3.0%	87.8	89.9	5.6%	3.0%	9.2%	6.0%
January 2025	4.0%	3.4%	89.0	90.7	3.9%	1.6%	7.9%	5.1%
February 2025	3.9%	3.6%	89.4	90.9	3.1%	1.1%	7.0%	4.8%

The NEET population is currently at 3.9% compared to 3.6% at the same time last year, and our Not Knowns are at 3.1%, compared to 1.1% at the same time last year. The Participation rate is 89.4%, compared to 90.9% the same point last year.

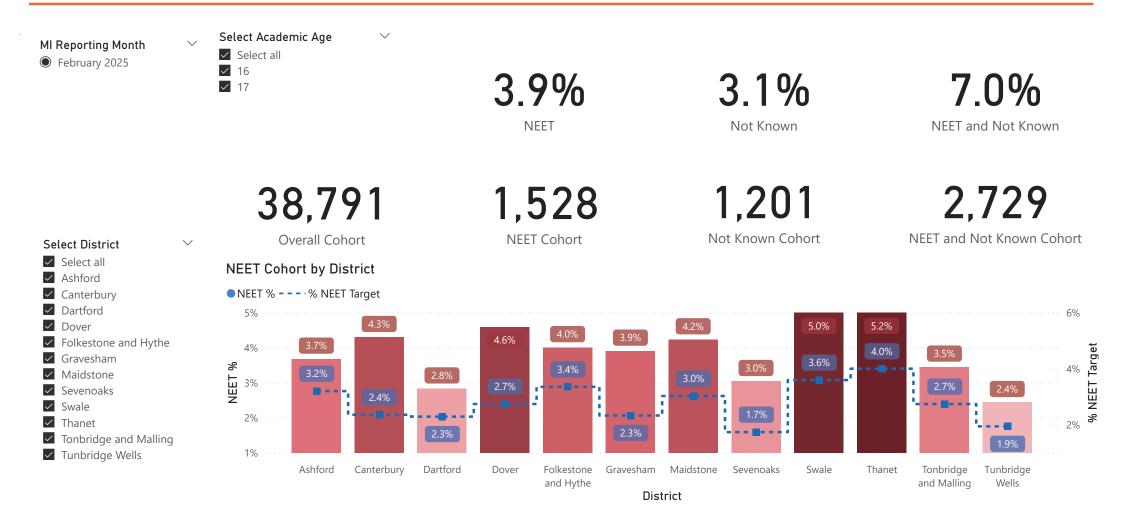
District performance for NEET varies from 2.4% in Tunbridge Wells to 5.2% in Thanet. District performance for Not Knowns varies from 1.6% in Thanet to 4.1% in Dover.

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to collect data from all education establishments regarding offers they have made to 16- and 17-year olds from September. It is an important part of our planning and transition support offer. Enabling us to identify those at-risk of NEET, gaps in local provision and to work alongside you in supporting our most vulnerable young people.

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Participation percentage as per DfE guidelines excludes a number of Employment/Education and Training categories.

County NEET and Not Known Breakdown



CYPE - MI Report District NEET Trends

District	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025
Ashford	3.4%	3.6%	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%	3.5%	3.2%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	2.7%	3.5%	3.7%
Canterbury	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%	2.7%	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%	2.6%	3.1%	3.4%	4.4%	4.7%	4.3%
Dartford	2.4%	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%	2.8%	2.6%	1.8%	2.0%	2.2%	2.6%	2.8%	2.8%
Dover	5.1%	5.2%	5.3%	5.1%	4.9%	4.9%	4.6%	3.5%	3.9%	4.3%	5.0%	5.0%	4.6%
Folkestone and Hythe	3.4%	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%	3.4%	3.6%	3.6%	1.8%	2.1%	2.3%	2.8%	3.6%	4.0%
Gravesham	4.4%	4.7%	4.7%	4.4%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	2.6%	2.7%	2.9%	3.7%	4.0%	3.9%
Maidstone	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%	2.6%	2.5%	2.5%	3.2%	4.1%	4.3%	4.2%
Sevenoaks	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	3.0%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	1.6%	1.7%	2.4%	3.1%	3.2%	3.0%
Swale	4.3%	4.3%	4.6%	4.6%	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%	3.0%	3.0%	3.7%	4.8%	5.1%	5.0%
Thanet	5.8%	5.7%	6.1%	6.2%	6.4%	5.9%	5.4%	3.1%	3.1%	3.9%	4.6%	4.9%	5.2%
Tonbridge and Malling	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.7%	2.0%	2.2%	2.5%	2.9%	3.4%	3.5%
Tunbridge Wells	2.4%	2.4%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.5%	2.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.7%	2.2%	2.5%	2.4%
Kent	3.6%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.5%	2.4%	2.5%	2.9%	3.6%	4.0%	3.9%

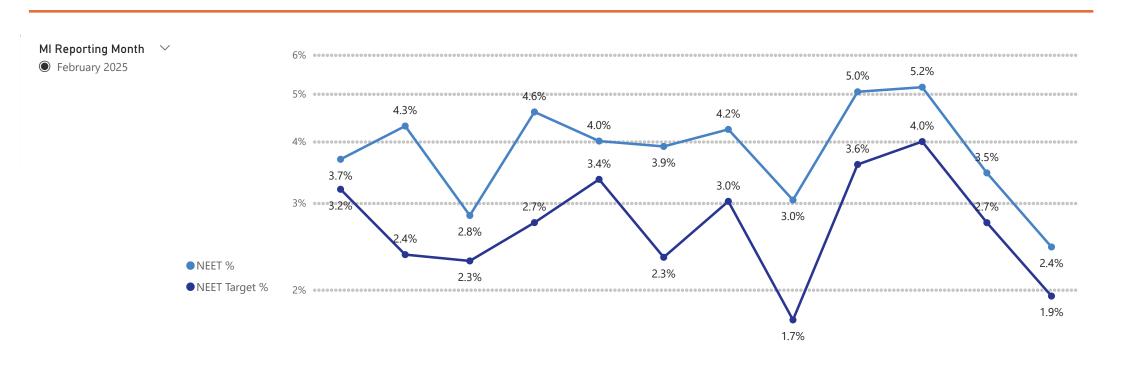
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Ashford	3.4%	3.2%	3.4%	3.3%	3.1%	2.9%	2.9%	2.8%	1.8%	1.7%	2.1%	2.4%	3.1%
Canterbury	3.6%	3.0%	3.2%	3.4%	3.1%	3.7%	4.1%	4.1%	2.5%	1.9%	2.2%	2.6%	3.0%
Dartford	2.6%	2.2%	2.4%	2.5%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	2.0%	1.6%	1.4%	2.2%	2.1%	2.1%
Dover	3.5%	3.9%	4.4%	4.0%	4.0%	3.9%	3.5%	3.3%	3.1%	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%	5.1%
Folkestone and Hythe	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	2.9%	3.0%	2.9%	2.3%	2.1%	2.4%	2.6%	3.0%
Gravesham	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%	3.3%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.1%	2.8%	3.1%	3.6%	3.9%	4.3%
Maidstone	3.7%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%	3.1%	1.5%	2.2%	2.4%	2.8%	3.1%
Sevenoaks	2.7%	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%	2.7%	2.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.9%	2.0%	2.5%
Swale	4.9%	4.6%	4.8%	5.3%	5.3%	5.5%	5.4%	5.6%	3.3%	3.4%	3.9%	4.3%	4.5%
Thanet	5.1%	5.3%	5.8%	5.5%	5.4%	5.8%	5.7%	5.5%	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%	4.5%	5.2%
Tonbridge and Malling	3.2%	2.8%	3.0%	3.2%	3.2%	3.0%	2.9%	2.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.1%	2.4%	2.9%
Tunbridge Wells	2.5%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%	1.9%	2.2%
Kent	3.6%	3.4%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%	2.2%	2.3%	2.6%	3.0%	3.4%

District Not Known Trends

District	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025
Ashford	0.9%	1.2%	1.7%	1.7%	2.3%	3.1%	4.0%	21.1%	15.0%	8.8%	5.0%	3.4%	2.7%
Canterbury	1.0%	1.4%	2.1%	2.6%	3.5%	3.9%	6.2%	38.4%	12.8%	7.2%	3.6%	2.8%	2.1%
Dartford	1.7%	2.0%	1.8%	2.5%	3.0%	3.6%	4.5%	27.0%	23.1%	13.0%	7.9%	4.5%	3.9%
Dover	1.4%	1.6%	1.9%	1.9%	2.8%	3.4%	4.2%	32.0%	16.3%	9.1%	6.6%	4.9%	4.1%
Folkestone and Hythe	1.1%	1.3%	1.9%	2.8%	3.0%	4.3%	5.0%	39.4%	16.3%	10.1%	7.1%	5.1%	3.9%
Gravesham	1.0%	1.4%	1.2%	1.7%	2.6%	3.0%	3.4%	22.1%	17.1%	11.2%	6.0%	3.6%	2.8%
Maidstone	1.2%	1.7%	1.8%	2.1%	2.9%	3.7%	4.2%	41.2%	21.5%	13.2%	6.1%	4.7%	3.6%
Sevenoaks	1.6%	2.1%	1.8%	2.8%	3.1%	3.8%	4.6%	28.6%	20.9%	13.2%	6.6%	4.0%	3.3%
Swale	1.3%	1.4%	2.0%	3.4%	3.6%	4.7%	6.2%	42.7%	25.6%	11.6%	5.7%	4.3%	3.3%
Thanet	0.8%	1.0%	1.4%	1.9%	2.0%	2.5%	3.6%	28.2%	15.4%	6.8%	2.6%	1.7%	1.6%
Tonbridge and Malling	0.7%	1.0%	0.9%	1.6%	2.5%	3.2%	3.6%	35.2%	17.0%	10.6%	6.1%	4.9%	3.8%
Tunbridge Wells	0.9%	1.2%	1.0%	1.4%	2.3%	2.7%	3.2%	22.9%	15.1%	9.1%	4.9%	3.3%	2.3%
Kent	1.1%	1.4%	1.6%	2.2%	2.8%	3.5%	4.4%	31.9%	18.2%	10.3%	5.6%	3.9%	3.1%

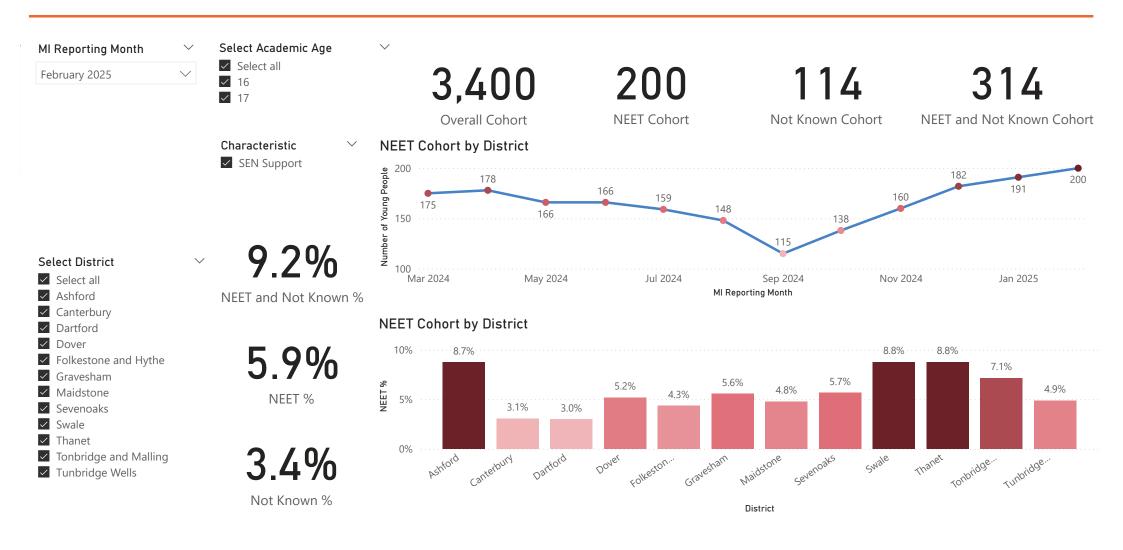
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Ashford	2.9%	2.7%	2.6%	3.3%	3.7%	4.3%	5.1%	6.2%	59.5%	12.5%	8.7%	3.3%	1.6%
Canterbury	1.3%	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%	2.2%	2.1%	2.8%	3.7%	61.5%	11.5%	5.0%	1.9%	1.0%
Dartford	2.0%	1.7%	1.9%	1.8%	2.6%	2.5%	2.9%	3.7%	62.9%	23.2%	10.4%	4.0%	2.4%
Dover	3.2%	2.0%	1.9%	2.1%	2.5%	2.9%	3.6%	4.8%	77.2%	17.9%	9.7%	4.7%	2.5%
Folkestone and Hythe	3.7%	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%	4.0%	4.1%	5.1%	6.3%	58.7%	11.8%	7.3%	3.8%	2.0%
Gravesham	1.7%	1.4%	1.6%	2.5%	3.0%	2.6%	3.1%	4.5%	71.7%	24.3%	8.6%	2.8%	1.6%
Maidstone	2.2%	1.7%	1.6%	1.7%	1.9%	1.7%	2.1%	3.6%	51.9%	16.2%	7.3%	2.6%	1.6%
Sevenoaks	2.3%	2.2%	2.5%	2.2%	2.5%	2.5%	3.1%	4.3%	73.2%	25.3%	12.8%	4.3%	2.1%
Swale	2.0%	1.8%	1.9%	2.6%	2.8%	2.8%	3.6%	5.4%	49.9%	20.9%	6.5%	2.5%	1.5%
Thanet	2.0%	1.6%	1.5%	2.0%	3.5%	2.8%	3.7%	4.9%	56.8%	8.3%	4.4%	2.0%	1.1%
Tonbridge and Malling	1.4%	0.8%	0.6%	0.9%	1.1%	1.0%	1.5%	2.8%	65.8%	23.6%	7.6%	2.4%	1.1%
Tunbridge Wells	1.2%	1.0%	1.0%	1.1%	1.4%	1.2%	1.8%	2.7%	58.9%	21.7%	7.6%	3.0%	1.4%
Kent	2.1%	1.7%	1.7%	2.0%	2.6%	2.5%	3.1%	4.4%	61.3%	17.8%	7.8%	3.0%	1.6%

Current Month Target Comparison

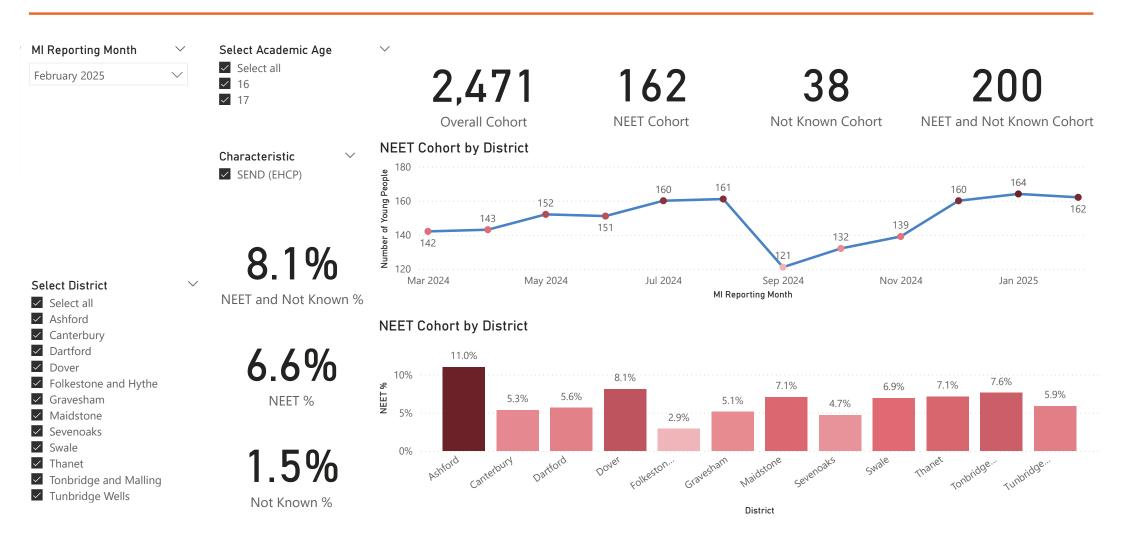




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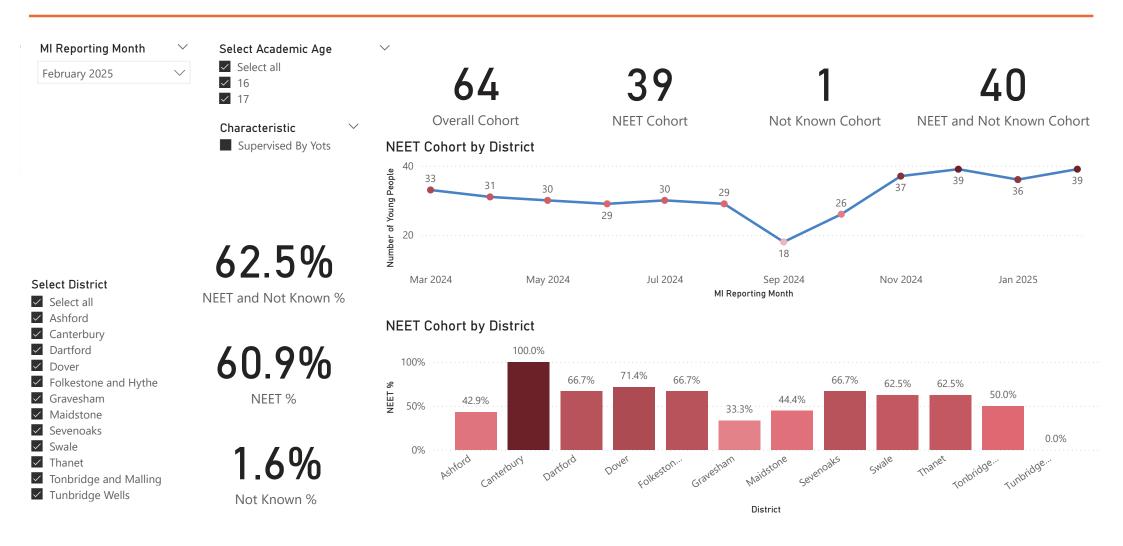


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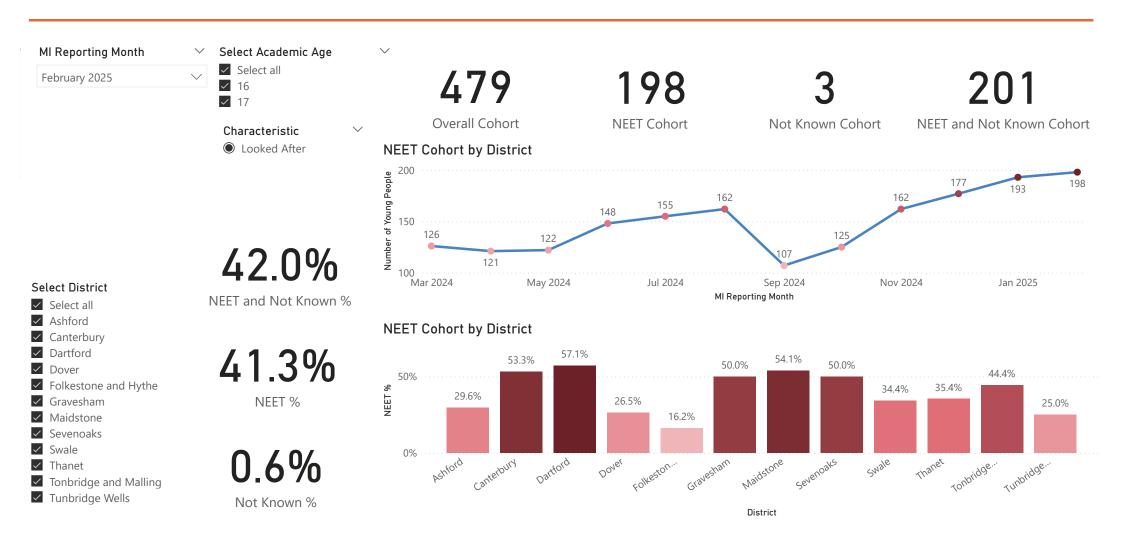


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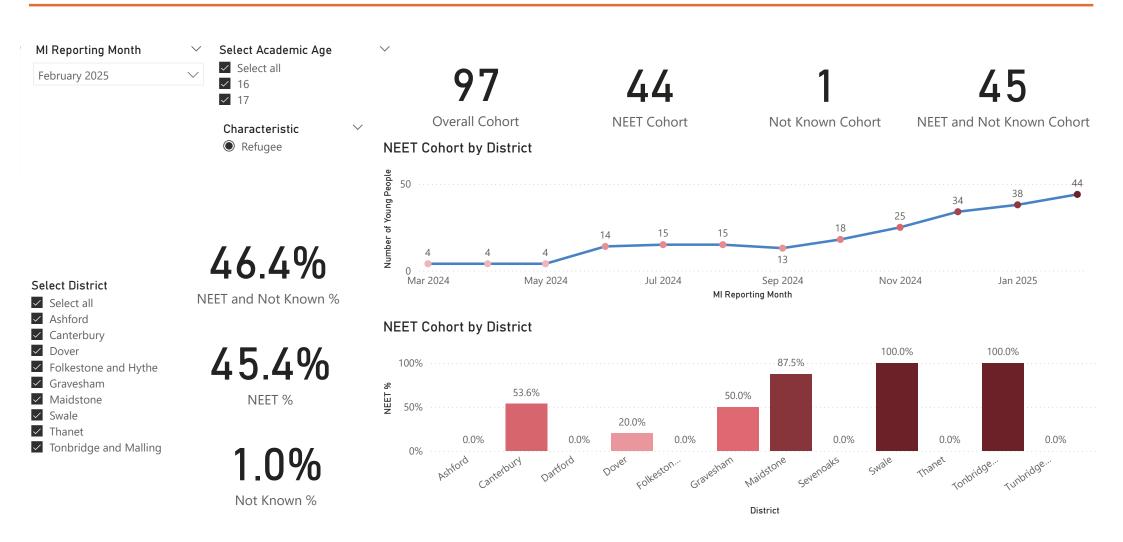
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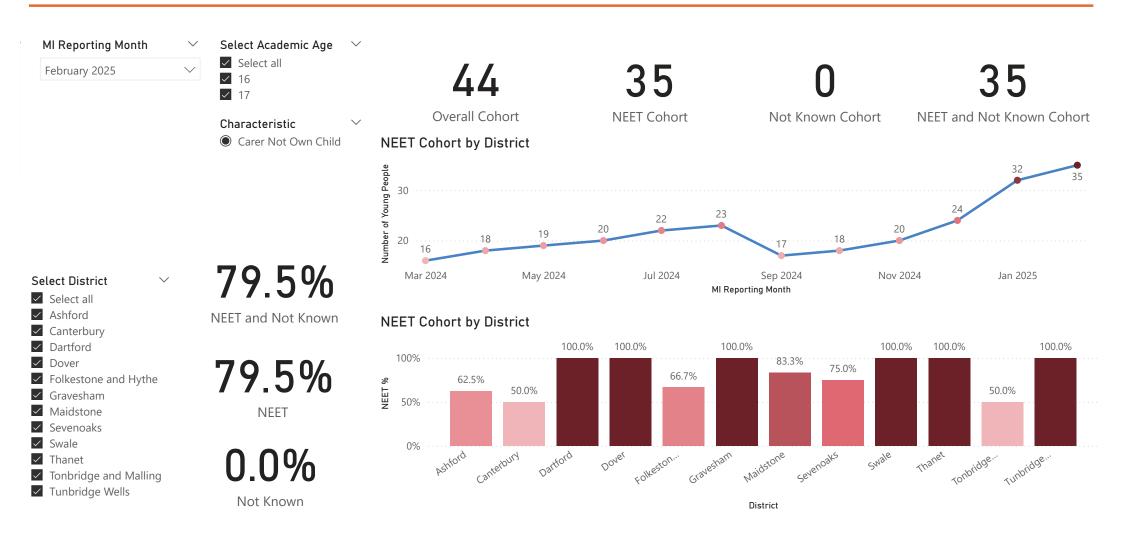


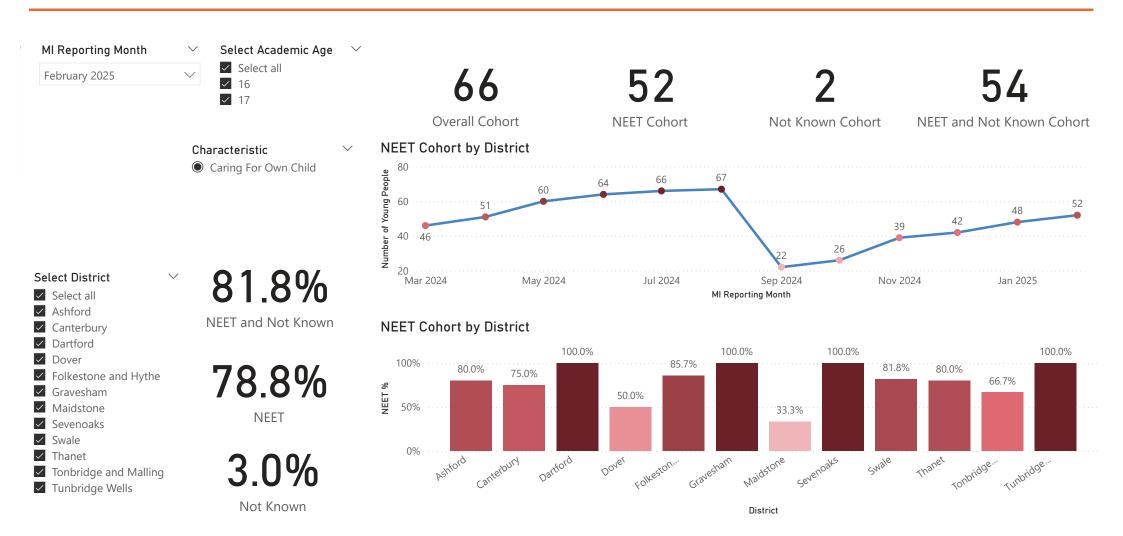
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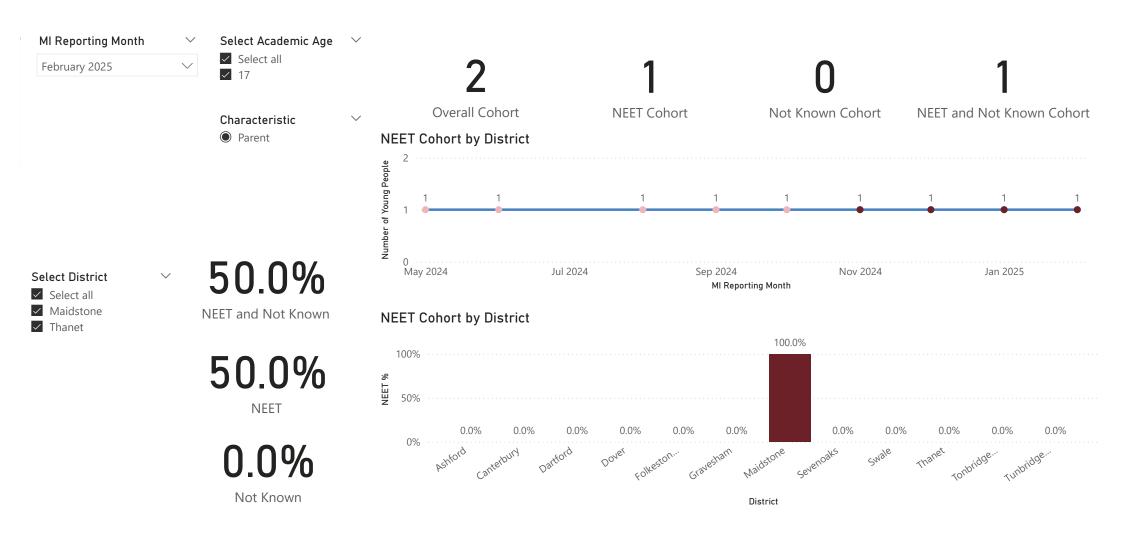


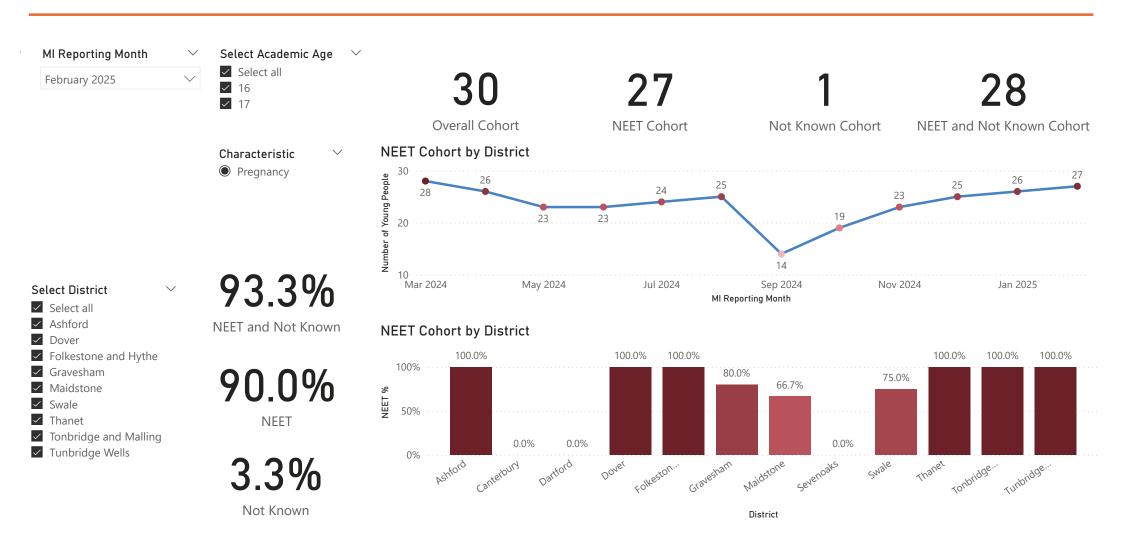
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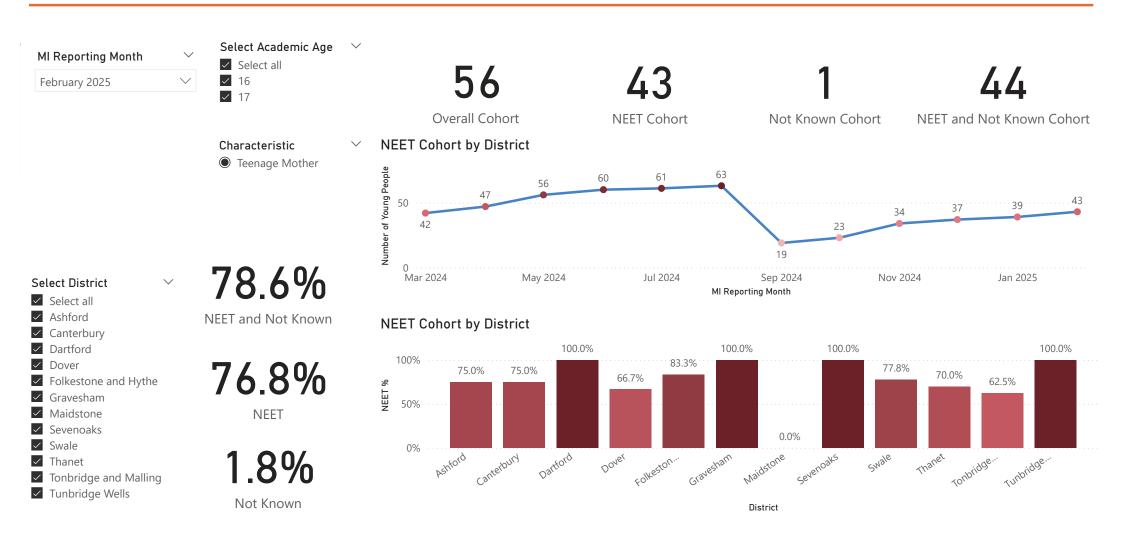










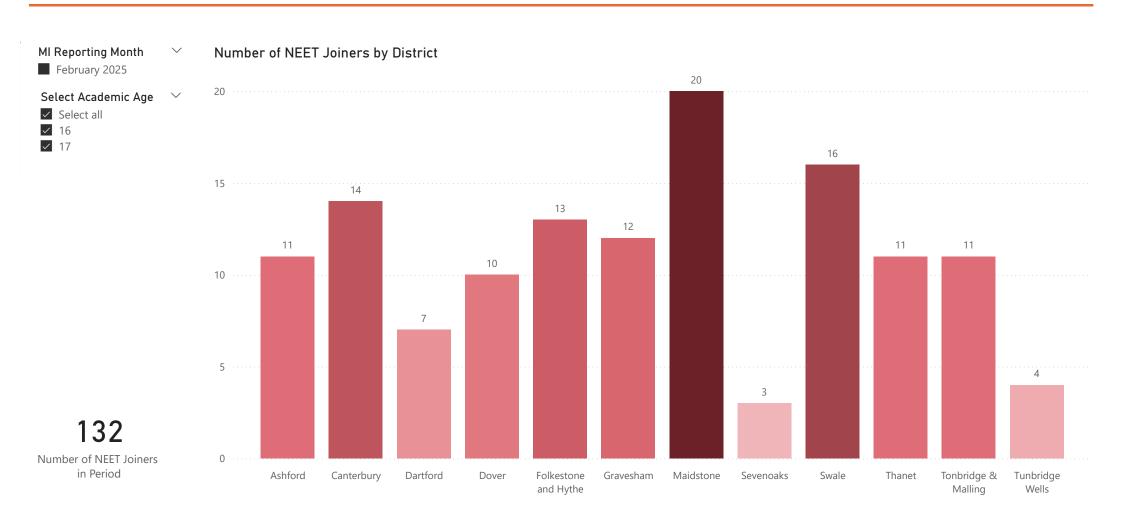


Statistical Neighbours - January 2025

The distance between any two local authorities is defined as the weighted Euclidean distance between the authorities using each of the background variables identified below as "Closeness".

"Closeness"	LA Name	Academic Age16-17 (Y12-Y13) NEET %	Y12 NEET%	Y13 NEET%	Academic Age 16 - 17 (Y12-Y13) NK %	Y12 NK%	Y13 NK%	Academic Age 16 - 17 (Y12-13) In Learning %	Y12 In Learning %	Y13 In Learning %
1	Kent	4.0%	3.2%	4.7%	3.9%	3.0%	4.9%	89.0%	92.4%	85.4%
2	England	3.5%	2.7%	4.3%	2.0%	1.2%	2.8%	92.0%	94.7%	89.1%
3	South East England	3.5%	2.8%	4.2%	3.3%	2.4%	4.3%	90.5%	93.5%	87.5%
4	Essex	4.3%	3.7%	4.8%	2.5%	1.1%	3.9%	90.5%	93.8%	87.2%
5	East Sussex	5.0%	4.3%	5.8%	0.8%	0.3%	1.3%	88.8%	92.8%	84.7%
6	Swindon	3.0%	2.5%	3.4%	8.7%	5.4%	12.0%	87.4%	91.5%	83.3%
7	Worcestershire	4.0%	3.4%	4.6%	2.7%	0.6%	4.6%	90.9%	94.4%	87.5%
8	West Northamptonshire	2.3%	1.7%	2.9%	0.5%	0.1%	0.9%	95.3%	97.5%	92.9%
9	Lancashire	3.9%	2.8%	5.1%	2.5%	1.7%	3.2%	91.2%	94.0%	88.2%
10	Nottinghamshire	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	2.5%	1.1%	3.8%	95.6%	97.0%	94.2%
11	Warwickshire	2.2%	1.9%	2.5%	0.6%	0.1%	1.0%	94.5%	96.5%	92.4%
12	Suffolk	4.6%	3.7%	5.6%	0.5%	0.3%	0.6%	90.4%	93.9%	86.8%
13	Staffordshire	4.2%	3.2%	5.3%	1.4%	1.3%	1.4%	90.3%	93.9%	86.4%

NEET Joiners



NEET Leavers

