



Waitakere Youth Transition Services

SCHOOL LEAVER DESTINATION  
REPORT  
2006 – 2007

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# Background

The Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs and Government, have a joint goal – By 2010 every young person under 20 will be engaged in either work, education, training or other productive activities in our communities. Fourteen Youth Transition Services have been established throughout the North Island to facilitate this goal

Youth Transition Services have four core functions<sup>1</sup>:

1. follow up school leavers and engage with young people who are at risk of prolonged disengagement from work, education or training
2. provide them with customised support and guidance to facilitate their re engagement into appropriate work, education or training
3. identify and support the development of appropriate labour market, education and training opportunities for young people
4. provide a forum for ongoing strategic planning and co ordination of youth services

# Introduction

The Waitakere Youth Transition Service (WYTS) completes this report on an annual basis for the Waitakere community, as a service function outcome of the Waitakere Strategic Action Plan for Youth in Transition.

The purpose of the report is to provide information on what activities young people take up when they leave secondary school. In order to do this, WYTS has followed up the destination of 1549 senior students/ school leavers. This report outlines their intended and actual post school destination. It is estimated that this report covers 73% of Waitakere young people who either left or planned on leaving school between June 2006 and March 2007. It has been prepared with the considerable support and assistance of Waitakere Secondary Schools. The destinations of young people who attended schools outside Waitakere City have not been included.

The Waitakere School Leaver Destination Report in addition, includes information on young people entering apprenticeships, the educational achievement of Waitakere school leavers, Unitec uptake by Waitakere school leavers and youth beneficiaries.

As well as following up school leavers, Waitakere Youth Transition Service is accountable to the Waitakere community to provide 'customised support' and guidance to young people who are most at risk of prolonged disengagement from work, education or training. For this reason, a separate activity and demographic report on those young people identified as most in need of transitional support is included.

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<sup>1</sup> Youth Transitions Services Business Processes, Ministry of Social Development, 2006



## Process

Each year, WYTS asks Year 12 and 13 students who are intending leaving or have recently left school to participate in the project. Those who give their consent are asked to record their contact details and proposed post school destination.

- Students can choose to request immediate assistance from WYTS.
- When a school leaver identifies they have no clear plans they are contacted by WYTS and offered assistance.
- Students with a plan are contacted 3 / 6 months after leaving to enquire if they have started on their stated activity.
- School leavers who have not successfully moved into an activity are offered WYTS assistance

## Participating Schools

Ten high schools participated in the project in 2007. The information recorded includes those young people leaving Alternative Education Programmes.

**Figure 1: Participants by School**

<b>School</b>	<b>Total</b>
Avondale College	11
Green Bay High School	117
Henderson High School	137
Kelston Boys High School	222
Kelston Girls College	124
Liston College	40
Lynfield College	5
Massey High School	182
Rutherford College	174
St. Dominics College	155
Te Wharekura o Hoani Waititi Marae	23
Waitakere College	278
Alternative Education Programmes	47
Unknown	34
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1549</b>

**Note:** Although Avondale and Lynfield Colleges are out of zone, school leavers can be included if they live in Waitakere City.

# Findings

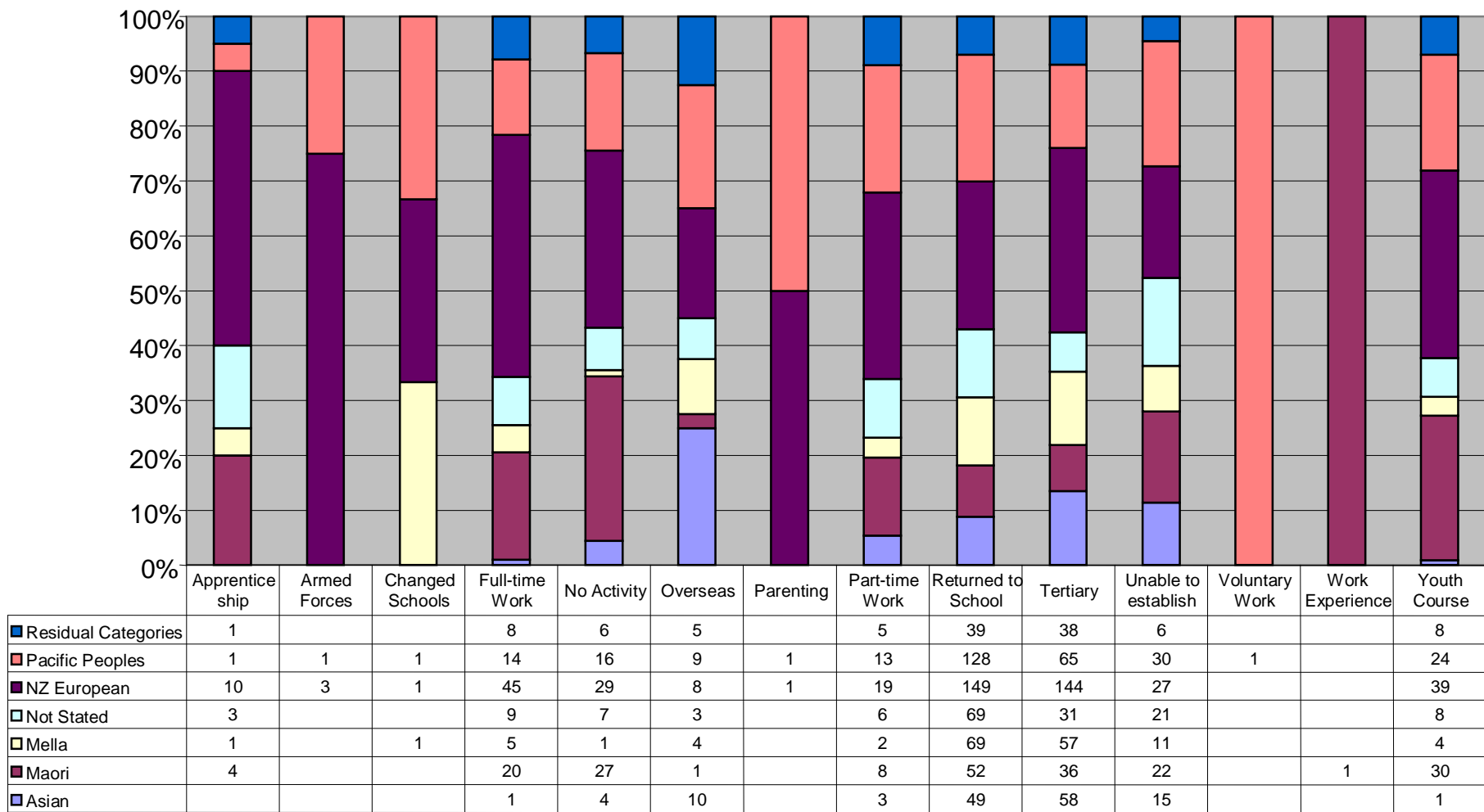
Of 1549 school leavers followed up between February and June 2007

- 86% are engaged in productive activity
- 36% returned to school
- 6% had not taken up any formal activity; 49 of those approached, took up the option of assistance from WYTS.
- 9% destination unable to be confirmed and may have left the area

**Figure 2: Current Activity**

<b>Current Recorded Activity</b>		
Returned to School	555	35.83%
Tertiary	429	27.70%
Armed Forces	4	0.26%
Youth Training Course	114	7.36%
Changed Schools	3	0.19%
Full-time Work	102	6.58%
Part-time Work	56	3.62%
Work Experience	1	0.06%
Apprenticeships	20	1.29%
Overseas	40	2.58%
Parenting	2	0.13%
No Activity	90	5.81%
Voluntary Work	1	0.06%
Unable to confirm destination	132	8.52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1549</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Activity by Ethnicity



**Figure 3: Activity by Ethnicity**

**Note:** Residual categories is used where a person identifies with 2 or more ethnic origins.  
**Mella** includes peoples from Middle East, Africa and other European ethnic origin.

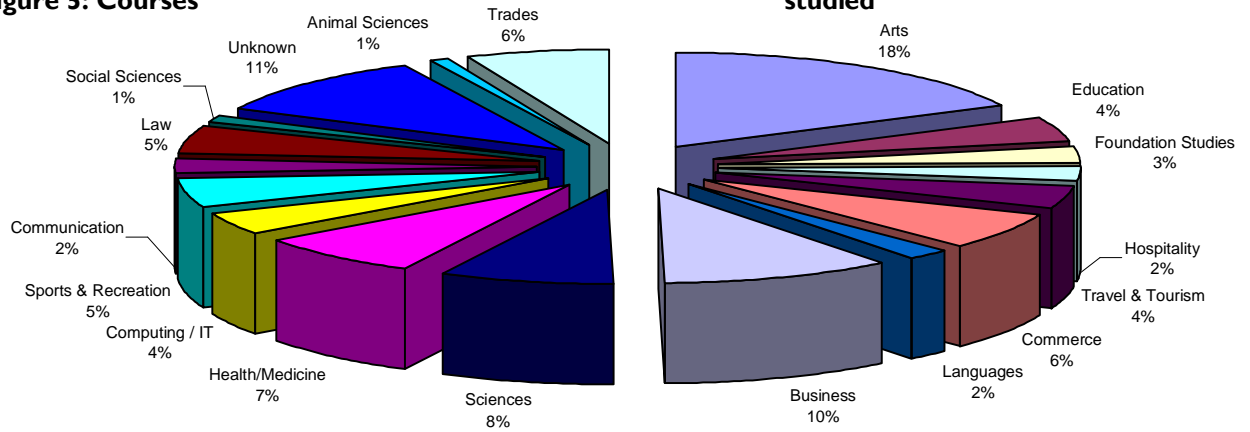
# Tertiary Trends

Figure 4: Tertiary Institutions Attended

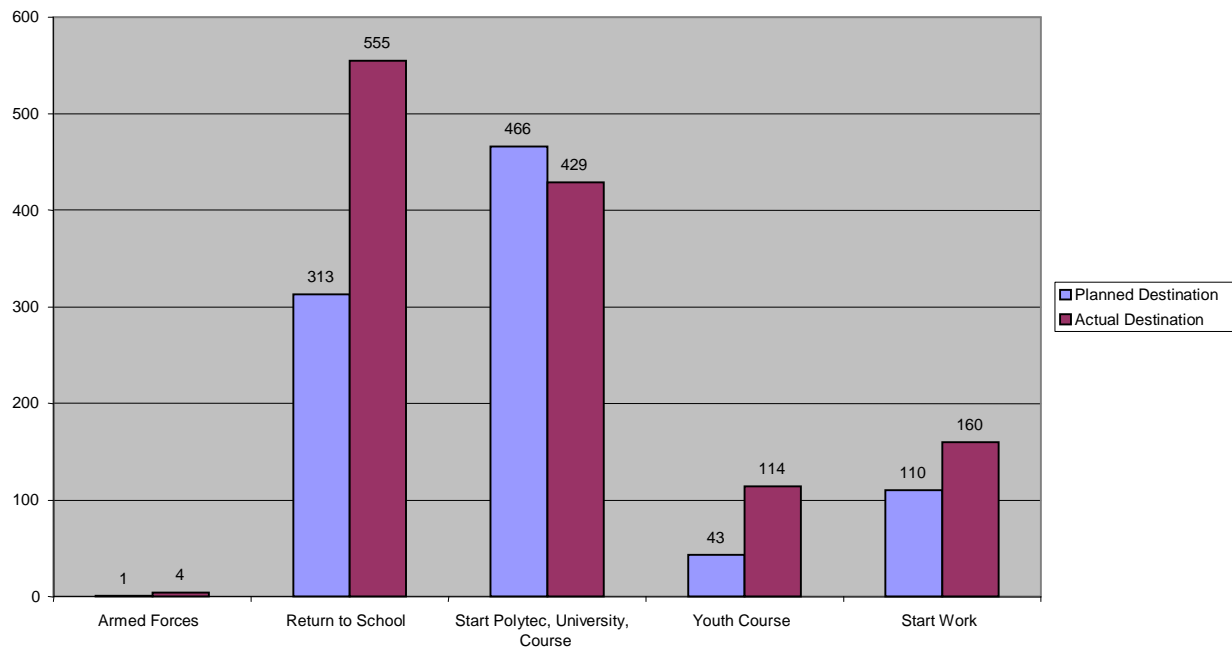
Tertiary Provider	Count
AIMZ	1
Auckland University	159
AUT University	104
Best Training	2
Bible College	2
Carrington Polytechnic	1
Christchurch University	1
Christchurch Polytechnic of Technology	1
Crown Institute	6
Cut Above	2
Dunedin University	1
Excel School of Performing Arts	2
Freelance Animation School	2
Hotel Chef Training School	2
International Travel College	5
Mahurangi Technical Institute	1
Music Audio Institute of NZ	2
Massey University	15
Media Design School	1
Natcoll Design Technology	1
Nelson Institute of Technology	1
North Shore Sports Academy	1
NZ Fashion Tec	1
NZ Institute of Business	1
NZ Radio School	2
New Zealand Management Academy	2
New Zealand School Education	3
Open Polytechnic	1
Otago University	7
Overseas University	1
Production School Albany	1
SENZ Training & Employment Centre	2
Servilles Academy	2
Sir George Seymour Travel & Tourism College	2
South Seas Film & Television Industry Training	1
Unitec	50
Provider Unknown	33
Waikato University	5
Whitecliff College of Arts & Design	1
Winters School of Hairdressing	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>429</b>

## University Course attended by Waitakere School Leavers

**Figure 5: Courses**



**Figure 6: Planned Destination versus Actual Destination**



**Note:** A comparison with last year shows that job prospects have vastly improved for 2006 school leavers. 69% of those intending to get a job managed to do so, whereas in 2005, only 39% of school leaver intending to get work successfully entered the workforce.

# Unitec Report

First year tertiary students who were attending a Waitakere City Secondary school in 2006 enrolled in the following Unitec programmes in 2007

Figure 7: Unitec Report

Campus	Programme	Number in each programme
Mt Albert (MA)	Bachelor of Applied Animal Technology	3
MA	Bachelor of Applied Technology	1
MA	Bachelor of Engineering Technology	1
MA	Bachelor of Product Design	1
MA	Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Biology)	2
MA	Bachelor of Business	4
MA	Bachelor of Computing Systems	1
MA	Bachelor of Construction	1
MA	Bachelor of Design	1
MA	Bachelor of Health Science (Medical Imaging)	1
Henderson	Bachelor of Nursing	5
MA	Bachelor of Performing and Screen Arts	1
MA	Bachelor of Sport	3
MA	Certificate in Animal Management	1
MA	Certificate in Applied Technology	16
MA	Certificate in Construction Site Safety	3
Henderson	Certificate in Electrotechnology	3
Henderson	Certificate in Foundation Studies L3	12
MA	Certificate in Multiskill Building Construction	2
MA	Certificate in Animal Care	1
Henderson	Certificate in Business (Introductory)	1
Henderson	Certificate in Business Administration and Computing	5
Henderson	Certificate in Community Skills	1
Henderson	Certificate in Computing (Introductory)	4
MA	Certificate in Design Skills	1
MA	Certificate in Employment Skills	2
Henderson	Certificate in English	1
Henderson	Diploma English (Advanced)	1
MA	Diploma in Engineering (Civil)	2
MA	Diploma in Sport Science and Management	2
MA	Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education)	4
MA	National Certificate in Motor Industry	4
MA	National Certificate in Plumbing	2
MA	National Diploma in Architectural Technology	2
MA	NCert Elec Eng Electrician	2
Henderson	NZ Diploma in Business	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Henderson Campus (39)      Mt Albert Campus (64)</b>	<b>103</b>

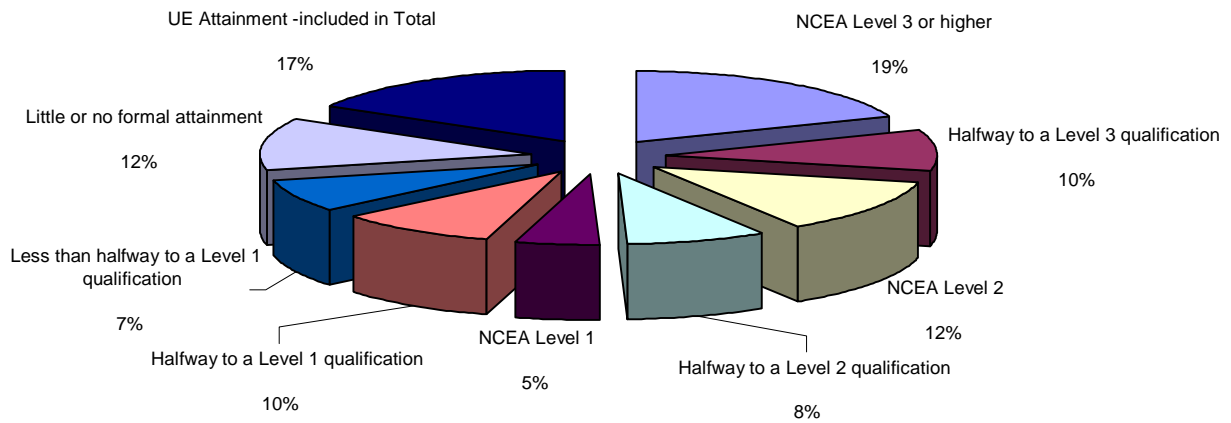
**Comment:**

Unitec opened its new extensive teaching block and joint academic/public library in Henderson in January 2006. Unitec is committed to raising the participation rates of Waitakere school leavers and is currently working with schools on aligning curriculum to improve student pathways.

# Educational Attainment

Figure 8: Educational attainment of 2006 school leavers

## Educational Attainment of 2006 School Leavers



**Note:** A total of 2106 students were recorded by the Ministry of Education as leaving school between April 06 and March 07.

- 71% of school leavers left with a formal qualification. ( NCEA Level 1 or higher)

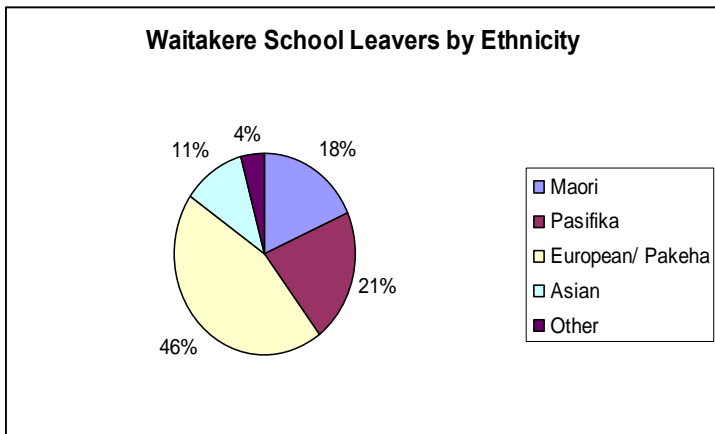


Figure 9: Total school leavers by ethnic group

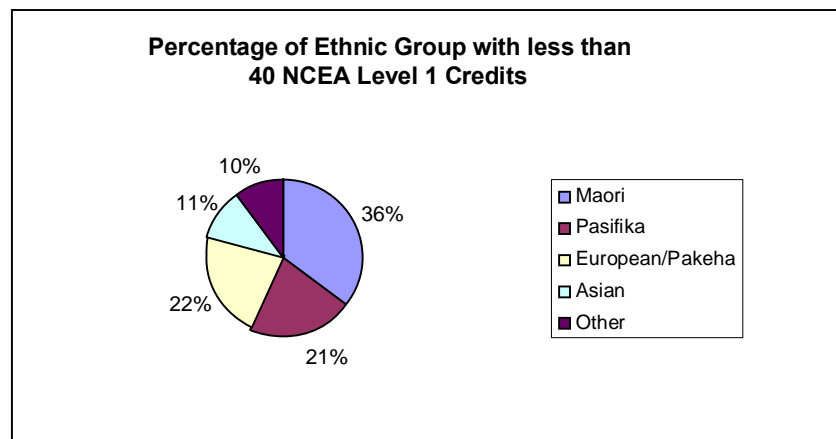


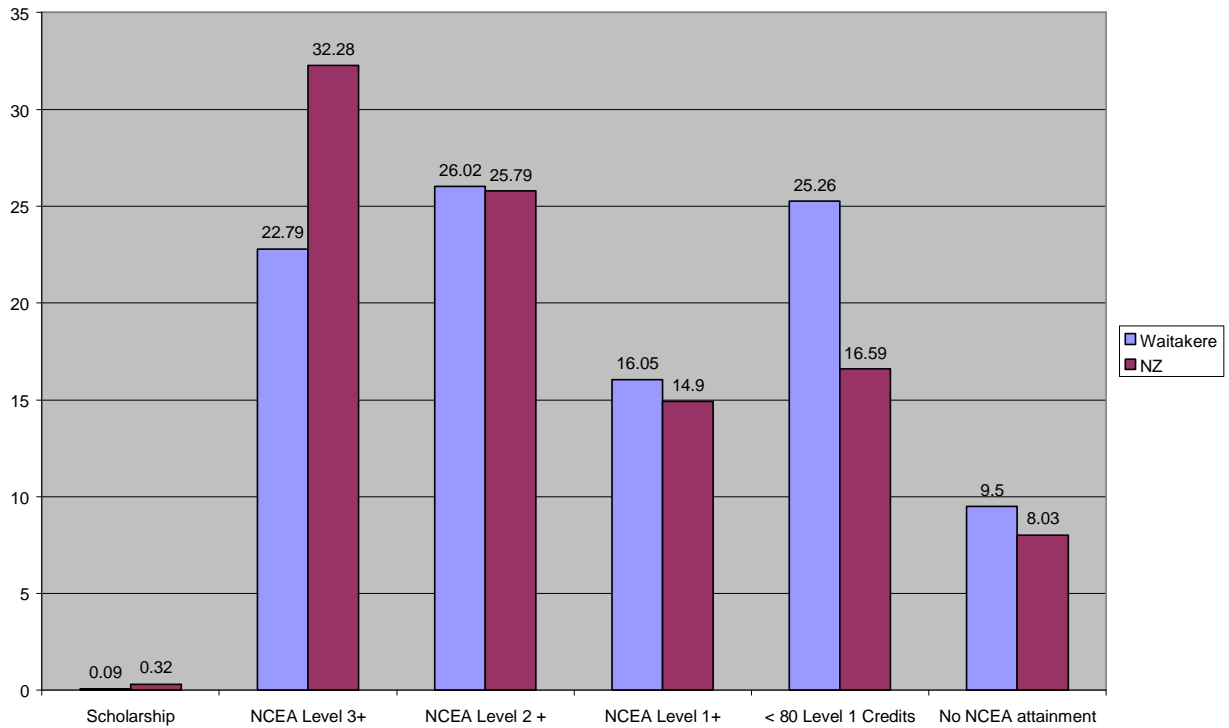
Figure 10: Formal attainment by ethnic group

# 2006 School Leavers by Highest Attainment and Ethnicity, for Waitakere TLA and Nationwide

DISTRICT / CITY		HIGHEST ATTAINMENT																
		NZ Scholarship award or NQF Qualification at Level 4 or higher	NCEA Level 3 or other Level 3 NQF Qualification	Year 13: Cambridge International Exams, International Baccalaureate, Accelerated Christian Education, or Other Overseas Awards	30+ credits at Level 3 or above	NCEA Level 2 or other Level 2 NQF qualification	Year 12: Cambridge International Exams, International Baccalaureate, Accelerated Christian Education, or other Overseas Awards	30+ credits at Level 2 or above	NCEA Level 1 or other Level 1 NQF Qualification	40+ credits at any level including literacy & numeracy for NCEA Level 1	40+ credits at any level without literacy & numeracy for NCEA Level 1	Year 11: Cambridge International Exams, International Baccalaureate (prep year), Accelerated Christian Education, or other Overseas Awards	14 - 39 credits at any level including literacy & numeracy for NCEA Level 1	14 - 39 credits at any level without literacy & numeracy for NCEA Level 1	1 - 13 credits at any level	No formal attainment	TOTAL	Number of students with UE included in total
		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
ALL SCHOOL LEAVERS' ATTAINMENT LEVELS	Waitakere City	2	480	5	239	309	1	210	128	119	124		60	125	104	200	2106	420
	NZ	181	18367	1027	5807	8864	127	4720	3756	2154	2487	36	515	2526	1759	4569	56895	18320
European/Pakeha	Waitakere City	1	230	2	77	164		86	70	56	38		29	52	35	91	931	200
	NZ	91	13142	622	3357	5800	92	2519	2453	1177	1323	32	251	1224	842	2235	35160	13093
Maori	Waitakere City		50	2	28	44		49	24	25	28		17	33	35	52	387	36
	NZ	16	1443	21	923	1563	6	1162	920	679	682	1	194	834	628	1726	10798	1269
Pasifika	Waitakere City		68	1	80	67		49	20	27	48		5	33	20	41	459	62
	NZ		687	11	730	876	1	624	220	215	339		40	335	188	377	4643	558
Asian	Waitakere City	1	110		42	26	1	17	10	6	5		6	5	8	9	246	106
	NZ	71	2700	348	659	472	28	284	120	48	96	3	21	89	70	161	5170	3006
Other	Waitakere City		22		12	8		9	4	5	5		3	2	6	7	83	16
	NZ	3	395	25	138	153		131	43	35	47		9	44	31	70	1124	394

Figure 11: Source: Ministry of Education – Education Counts 2007

**Figure 12: Comparison of Waitakere v New Zealand Educational Attainment**

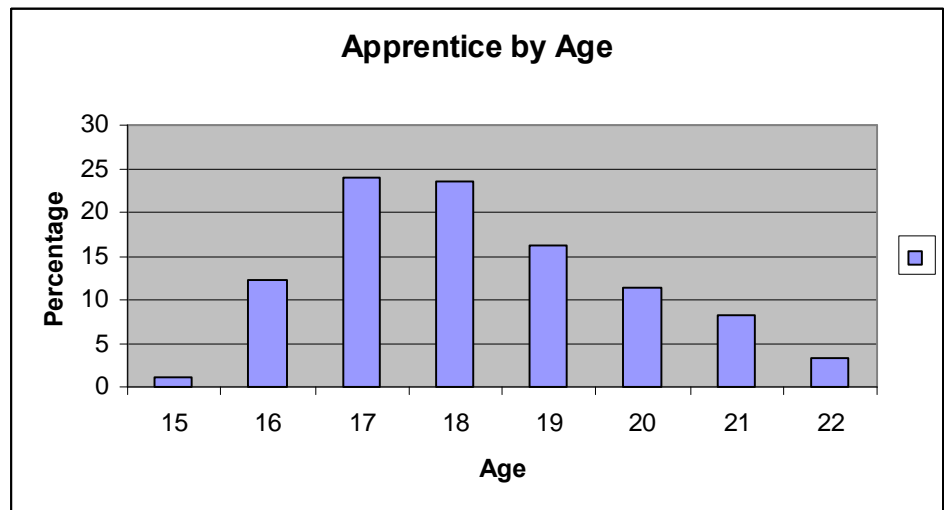


**Note:** In 2006, Waitakere had significantly higher numbers of young people leaving school with no formal qualifications than the national average. It also had less young people leaving with NCEA Level 3 or higher.

## Modern Apprenticeships

### Modern Apprenticeships as at 31 December 2006 Waitakere TLA by Industry

Boat Building	76
Building and Construction	73
Motor Engineering	30
Electro technology	23
Engineering	14
Horticulture	8
Sports Turf	3
Public Sector	2
Furniture	2
Joinery	1
Forest Industries	1
Electricity Supply	1
Baking	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>236</b>



Source: Tertiary Education Commission **Figure 13: National Apprenticeship by age**

Source: Tertiary Education Commission

Note: National data only. Age of Waitakere Apprentices is not currently available.

# Waitakere Youth Transition Services Annual Report; June 2006 – July 2007

This report outlines the activities of the service and outcomes for school leavers who are at risk of long periods of disengagement and who have been identified by their school, family/whanau or community as benefiting from intensive 'customised support' from WYTS.

Activity by Month	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	Total
New Referrals	25	71	25	28	44	30	18	53	33	24	41	40	432
Transitioned into training or education	15	23	7	11	8	2	55	18	26	9	8	10	191
Transitioned into work	5	8	9	26	15	5	8	15	15	12	14	11	143

**Note:** Youth Transition Services works in collaboration with other agencies to help ensure young people engage in training, education or employment opportunities.

**Figure 14: Employment by industry. June 2006 – July 2007**

Employment Outcomes		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
Industry Classification	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting				2	1			2			1		6
	Manufacturing	1	1	1	2			2		1		1	2	11
	Electricity									1	1		1	3
	Construction	1	2	1	3	2		2	2	4	5	1		23
	Wholesale Trade	2	2	2	4				1	1	1	1		14
	Retail Trade	1	1	3	7	3	2	2	1	4	2		1	27
	Accommodation			1	3	4	1		6	2	1	3	5	26
	Transport & Storage		1	1	2				1	1		4		10
	Communication Services					3	1					1		5
	Property & Business Services				1			2	1					4
	Education				1				1			2	1	5
	Health & Community Services						1			1	1			3
	Personal & Other Services		1			3					1		1	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>143</b>	

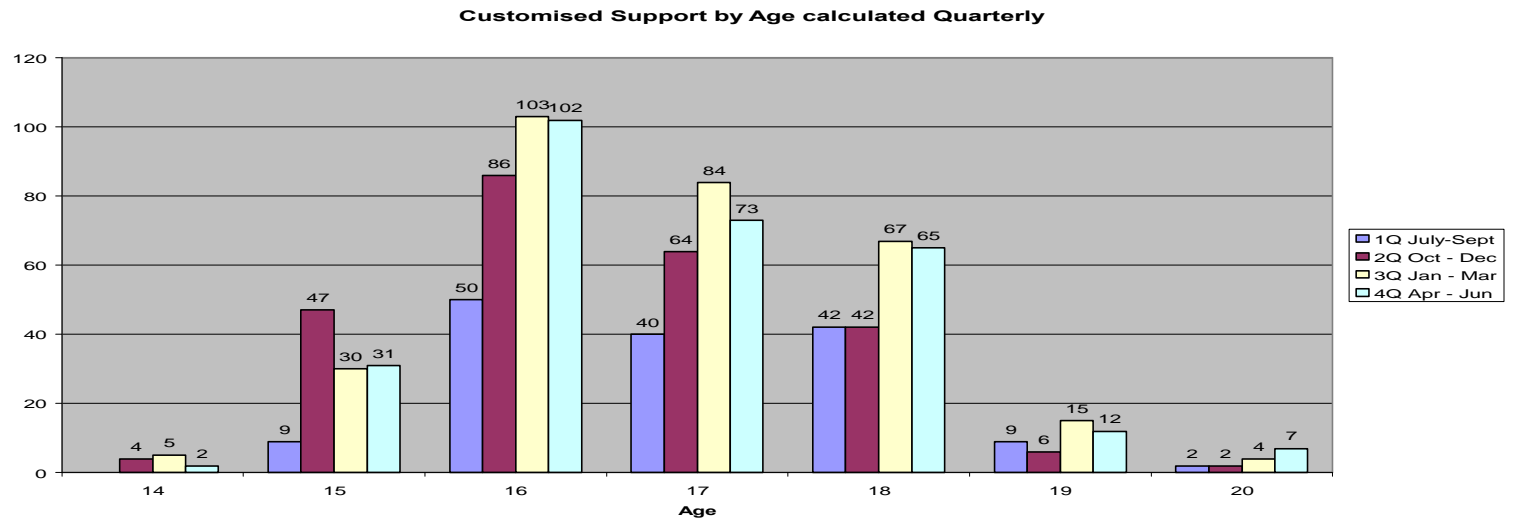
**Figure 15: Training Participation by Provider**

Training Provider	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
Lion Nathan School of Business							1						1
Agriculture N.Z. Ltd		1											1
Assisted to return to school , Alt Ed or Correspondence	3	1					2	4	1		1	4	16
Auckland Hotel and Chef Training	1	1	1				2						5
Best Training	2	2		1	3		5		9	1			23
Bounce Back Training	1	2					1						4
Crown Institute				1				2					3
Cut Above/Winters									3	1			4
Engineering & Training Industries		1					4					1	6
Genesis NCEA	1	1		1	1	2	7		1		1		15
Hoani Waititi Marae					1								1
MAINZ								1					1
NZ Fashion Tec				1			1						2
NZ Radio School	1												1
NZMA							2						2

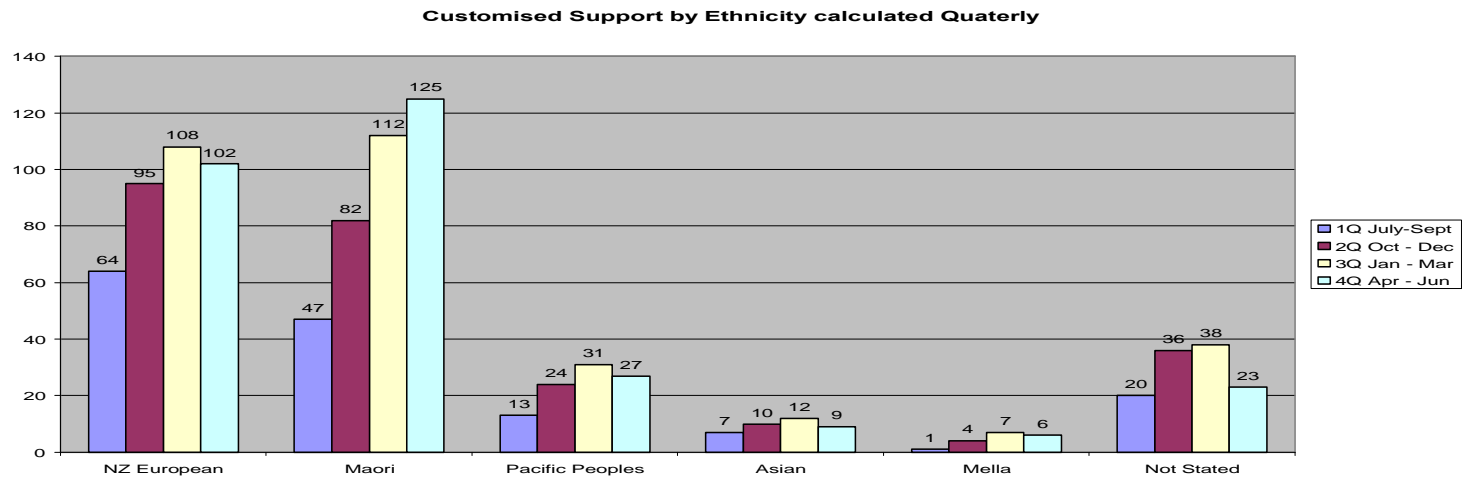
Training Provider Continued	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
Professional Bar School													
Quality Education													
Regent Training							1						2
SENZ Training													
Skills Update													2
Success Education													
Target Education													
Te Rapunga O Poutama Trust													
Tertiary ( various)													3
Trainsmart													1
Tu Tangata Academy													
Village Trust													1
WEA Adult Literacy													
Total	5	3		1			5	8	6			0	92

**Comment:** Seasonal variations indicate most young people gain employment between February and March, then again between October / November. Likewise the majority of young people enter training between February and March with another surge in August. Variation in numbers enrolling with different Training Providers reflects the popularity of different courses and the number of places offered.

**Figure 16: Age of school leavers receiving customised support**



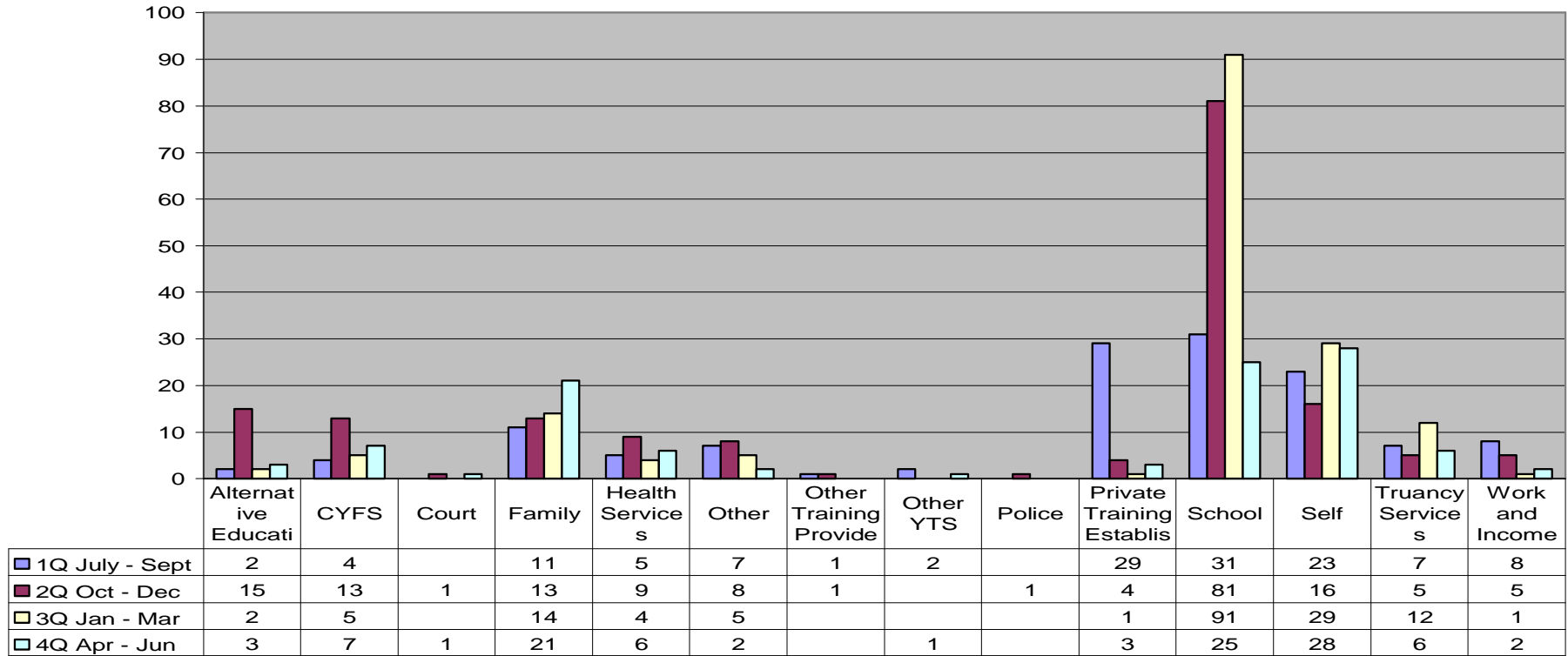
**Figure 17: Ethnicity of school leavers receiving customised support**



**Note:** The rise in Maori participants is due to a change in the way ethnicity was recorded. Where a young person identifies as being Maori / Pacifica or Maori / European they are classified as Maori. Prior to October 2006 their ethnicity was recorded as 'residual'.

**Figure 18: Referral Source**

**Referral Source Quarterly**



**Comment:** Family and self referrals to WYTS continues to increase and in the last quarter 47% of all referrals were made directly by young people/families through word of mouth.

# Waitakere Youth Work and Income Registrations

Figure 19: Waitakere Youth in receipt of Income Support

Current Benefits Time Series - Official Counts

(Source: IAP)

Filter by: Date = JUN-06 - JUN-07 Service Centre = Glenmall, New Lynn, Waitakere, Westgate Age = 16-19

%	Jun-06	Jun-07	Change	Change
Domestic Purposes Benefit	181	207	26	14%
Invalids Benefit	125	154	29	23%
Independent Youth Benefit	93	92	-1	-1%
Sickness Benefit	114	112	-2	-2%
<b>Unemployment Benefit</b>	77	29	-48	-62%
Unemployment Benefit-Training	71	77	6	8%
<i>Total</i>	661	671	10	2%

## Comment

In June 2007, only 29 young people received Unemployment Benefit, a 62% decrease from the previous year. There is an associated 8% increase in 18 /19 yrs attending Youth Training courses.

## Summary

In summary, there are many positive indicators that the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs Goal, – *By 2010 every young person under 20 will be engaged in either work, education, training or other productive activities in our community* is well on it's way to being achieved in Waitakere City. It remains uncertain how many young people are totally disengaged from any activity or service and so there is still work to do.

Our thanks go to all those who support young people in their efforts and to those who contributed towards the completion of this report.

- Waitakere Secondary Schools
- Work and Income
- Ministry of Education
- Unitec
- Tertiary Education Commission