Young People's Learning Agency

National figures for **2009** show **9.2 per cent** (183,200) of young people aged 16-18 were not in education, employment or training (NEET) compared to **10.3 per cent** in **2008**.

* Young people under supervision by a youth offending team are 2.6 times more likely than their peers to be NEET for six months or more

* Young men who were NEET are five times more likely to have a criminal record than their peers

* The 2008 NEET cohort will cost an estimated £13 billion in public finance costs

*Source: Audit Commission report: Against the Odds, July 2010