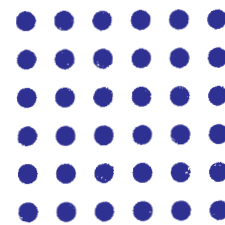


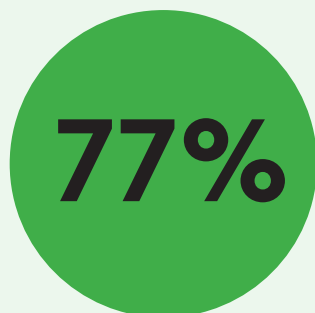
# FET Learner Outcomes: Post-Leaving Certificate (PLC)



One of the three strategic priorities in the **FET Strategy 2020 – 2024** is 'Pathways'. The goal is for FET to offer clear pathways into FET, within FET, and from FET, enabling smart choices at all stages of people's lives and careers.

## FET Graduate Outcomes

842 courses in 2018 with 28,000 starters  
(an increase of +2% in 2017).

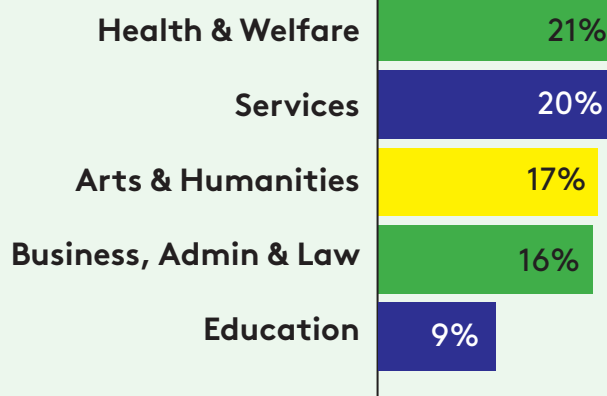


took a course  
at level 5



took a course  
at level 6

Areas of study were:



2017

69% of FET learners were under 25  
60% were women

## Sector Share of FET Graduates



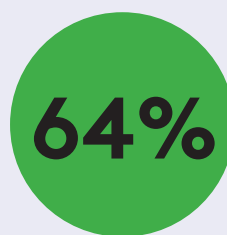
29% of graduates  
work in wholesale and retail



19%  
in accommodation  
and food service



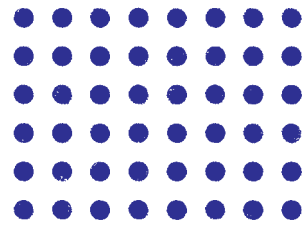
13% in human health  
and social work activities  
(second largest  
employment sector)



The employment  
rate increased to  
64% in 2016 for  
the 2014/2015  
PLC cohort.

Using the **educational longitudinal database (ELD)** we know that 54% of PLC graduates (2012-2013) were in substantial employment in 2014, earning a weekly wage of €305.38, which increased to €431.50 in 2018.

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## PLC Pathways to Higher Education

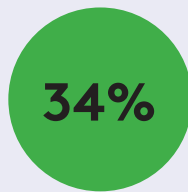


**27%** PLC graduates were in higher education in 2014, with  
**14%** in higher education and substantial employment

**63%** take on an undergraduate  
hons degree



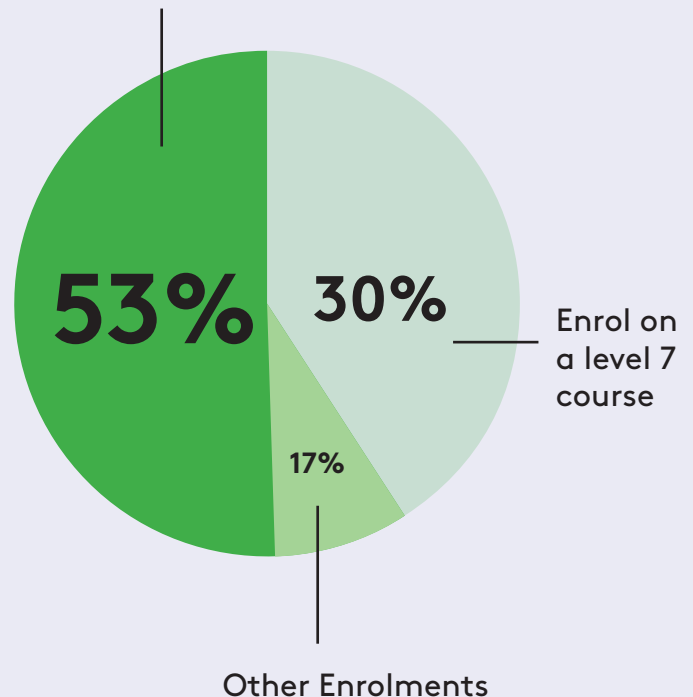
**34%** take on an undergraduate  
hons degree



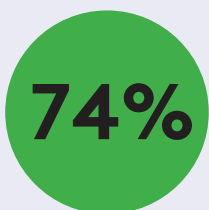
The remainder undertake a mix of Diploma, Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, etc.

Most progression between FET and HE is between courses of identical learning fields (**63%**), this is likely to be an underestimation as there are some coding anomalies across PLC and HE systems.

PLC graduates enrol on a level 8 course



Pathways in FET are not always in one direction.  
Between **2012-2014**, **12%** PLC learners were previously enrolled in a third level course.



**74%** of PLC graduates in HE progressed to their final year

Research shows that a foundation in FET helps students complete a HE degree.



**15,256**  
progressed from  
FET to HE between  
2013-2015