FET in Numbers 2018
eCollege Learners

Further
Education
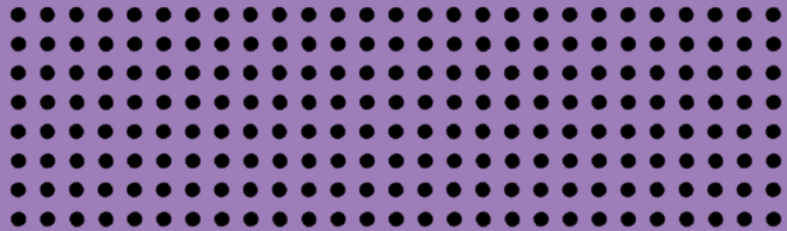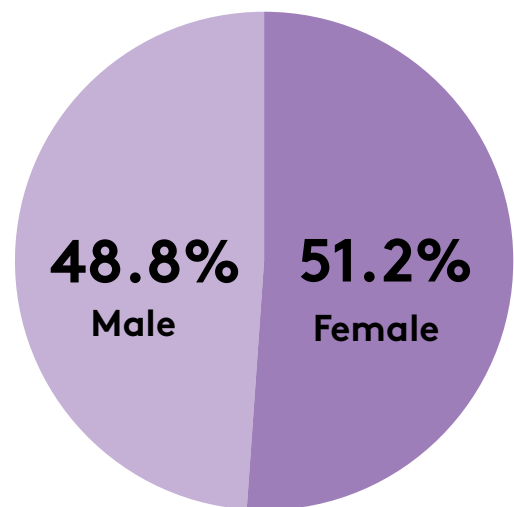& Training
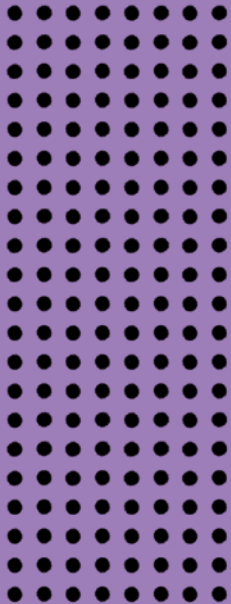
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Enrolments

11,301

eCollege Learner Enrolments

48.8% Male   51.2% Female

Start Age

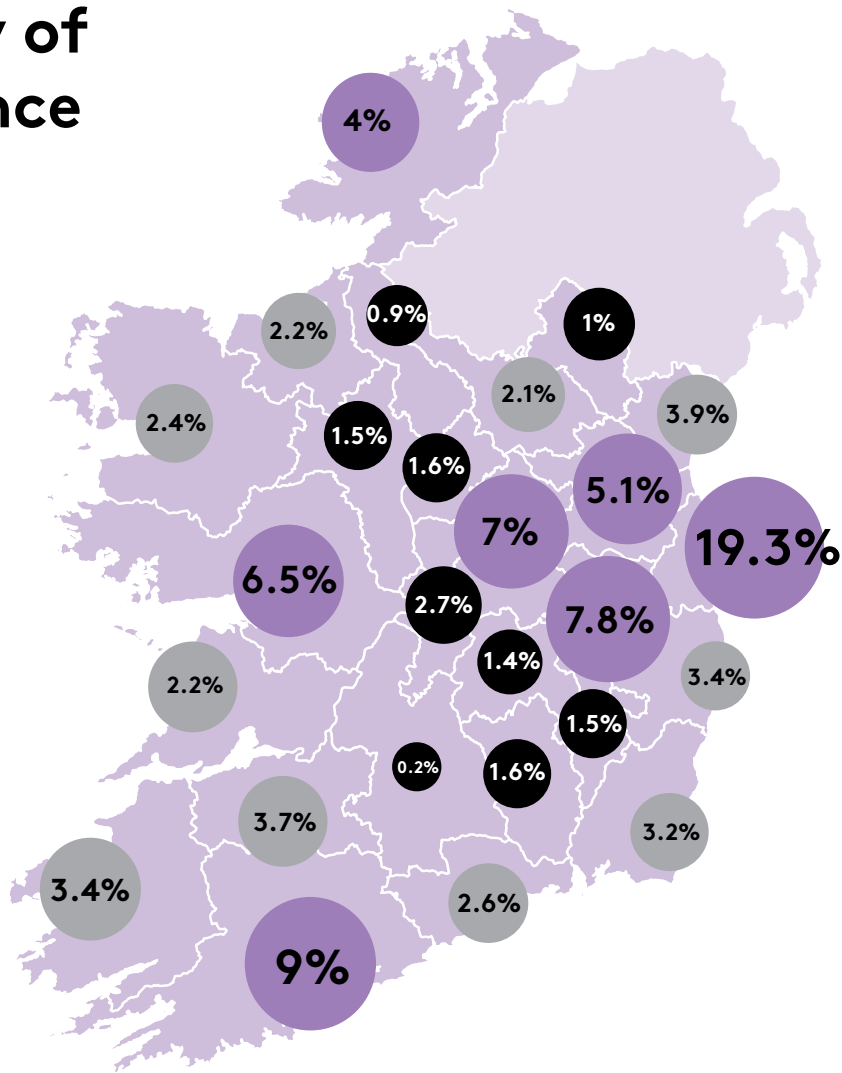|				
1,074	3,404	3,600	2,273	950
under-25	25–34	35–44	45–54	55–64+
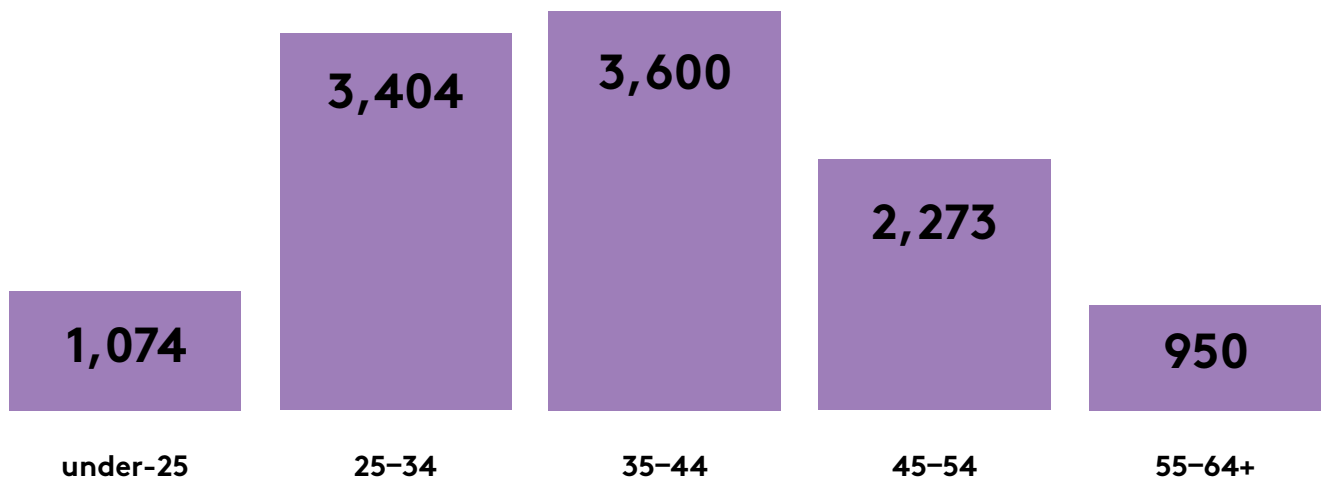
In 2018, the total number of eCollege learner enrolments in further education and training was 11, 301. Of these learner enrolments, 51.2% were female and 48.8% were male. The majority (82.1%) of eCollege learner enrolments were 25-54 years of age.
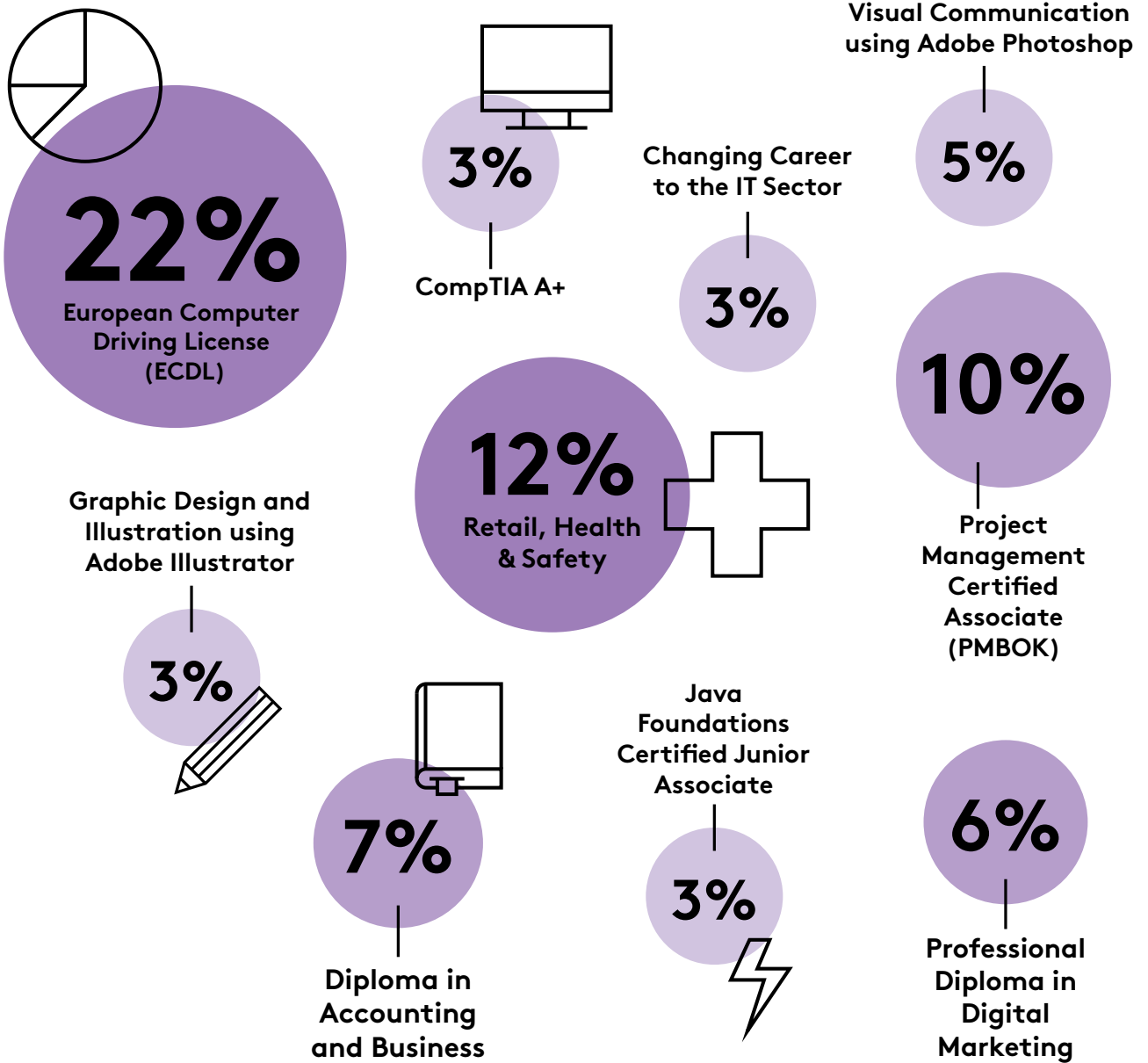
County of Residence

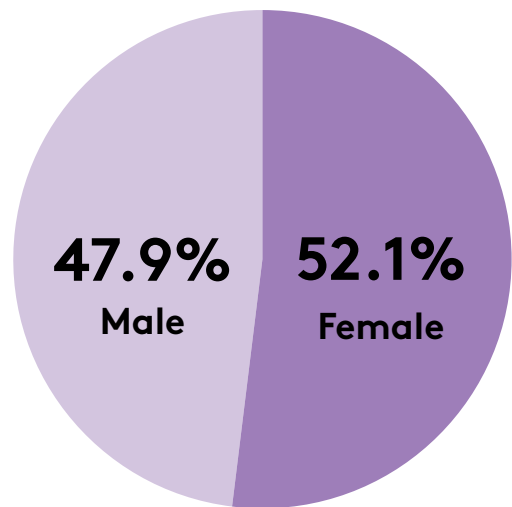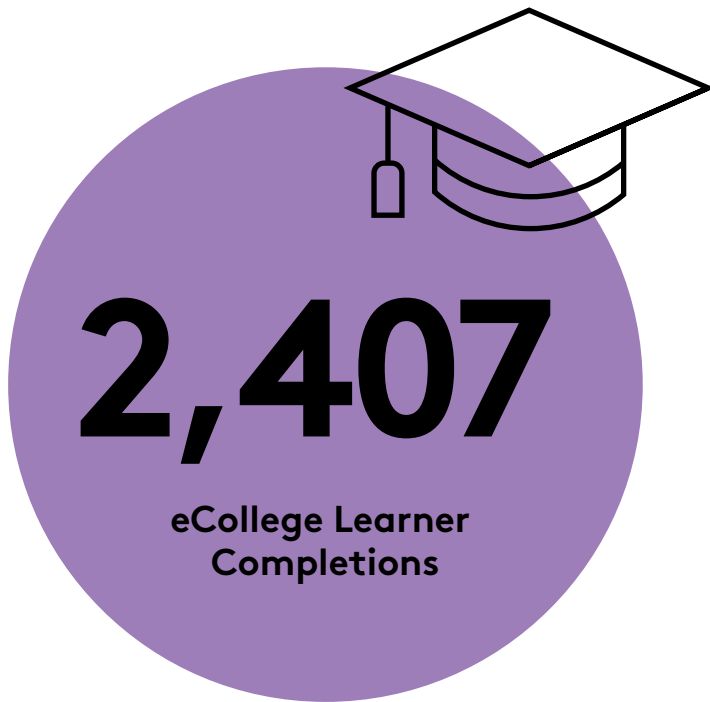|					
Dublin	2,009	19.3%	Waterford	266	2.6%
Cork	932	9%	Mayo	254	2.4%
Kildare	810	7.8%	Clare	232	2.2%
Westmeath	724	7%	Sligo	229	2.2%
Galway	671	6.5%	Cavan	223	2.1%
Meath	530	5.1%	Kilkenny	170	1.6%
Donegal	414	4%	Longford	163	1.6%
Louth	401	3.9%	Carlow	153	1.5%
Limerick	380	3.7%	Roscommon	151	1.5%
Wicklow	354	3.4%	Laois	141	1.4%
Kerry	352	3.4%	Monaghan	102	1%
Wexford	335	3.2%	Leitrim	93	0.9%
Offaly	283	2.7%	Tipperary	17	0.2%
			Total	**10,389**	**100%**

Of those learner enrolments who reported a county of residence within the Republic of Ireland[1], 19.3% were in Dublin, 9% were in Cork, 7.8% in Kildare, 7% in Westmeath and 6.5% in Galway.

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1 It should be noted that this calculation is an estimate and excludes non and unknown responses.
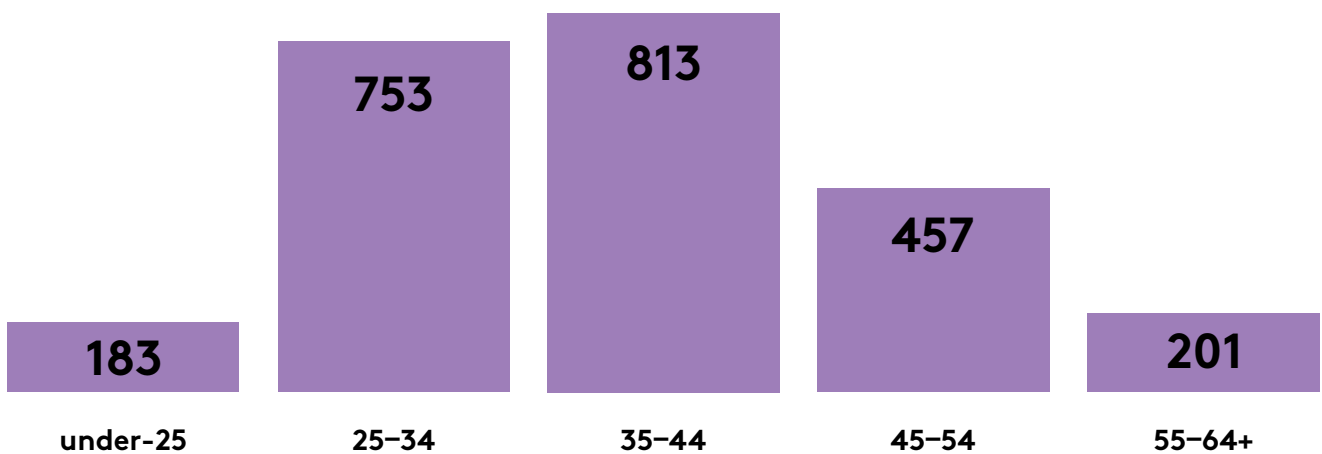
Top Ten Courses

22%
European Computer Driving License (ECDL)

3%
CompTIA A+

Changing Career to the IT Sector
3%

Visual Communication using Adobe Photoshop
5%

Graphic Design and Illustration using Adobe Illustrator
3%

12%
Retail, Health & Safety

10%
Project Management Certified Associate (PMBOK)

7%
Diploma in Accounting and Business

Java Foundations Certified Junior Associate
3%

6%
Professional Diploma in Digital Marketing

Completions

2,407

eCollege Learner
Completions

47.9%
Male

52.1%
Female

Start Age

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183	753	813	457	201
under-25	25–34	35–44	45–54	55–64+

In 2018, the total number of eCollege learner completions in further education and training was 2,407. Of these learner completions, 52.1% were female and 47.9% were male. The majority (84.1%) of learner enrolments were 25-54 years of age.

Start Age by Gender

Female
Male

under 25	25–34	35–44	45–54	55–64+
93 / 90	380 / 373	447 / 366	232 / 225	103 / 98
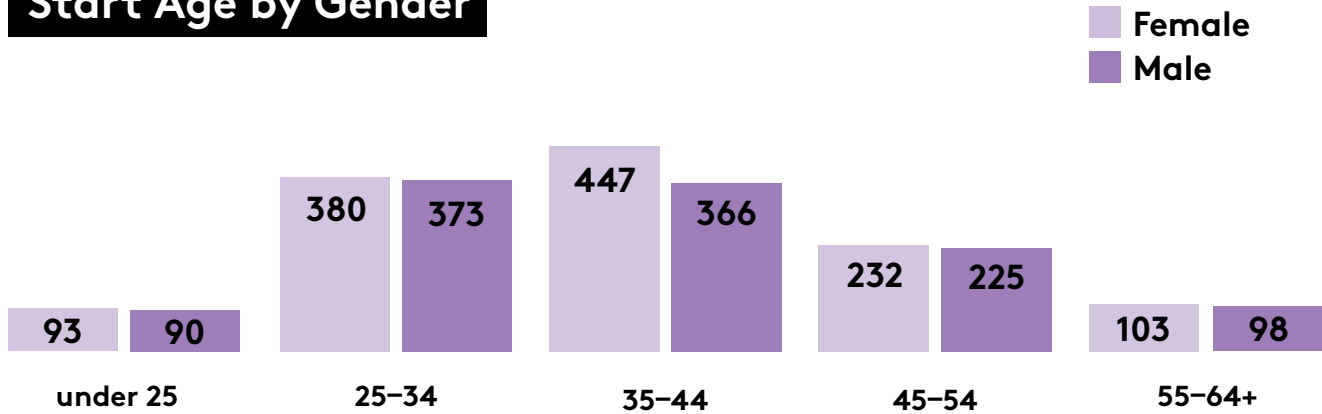
In 2018, age groups were relatively evenly distributed among male and female learner completions. The exception was the 35-44 age group, which had a 9% difference between males and females.
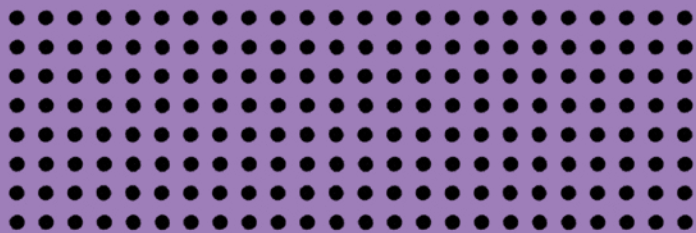
Definition of Terms

Enrolments
Enrolments are defined as learners who are on course or have completed a course during 2018.

Completions
Total number of learners who have a finish date of a course (regardless of whether the course is certified or not) in 2018. Completions exclude learners who have dropped out of a course.

Learner
A unique individual who has progressed onto a course in the application process.

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