

# Cohort '98 at age 20: Education, training and development

**385**

Average Leaving Cert points (max 625)

Young adults from 'professional' households tended to do better than average in the Leaving Cert - 464 points

But those from 'low skilled' households tended to do worse - 326 points



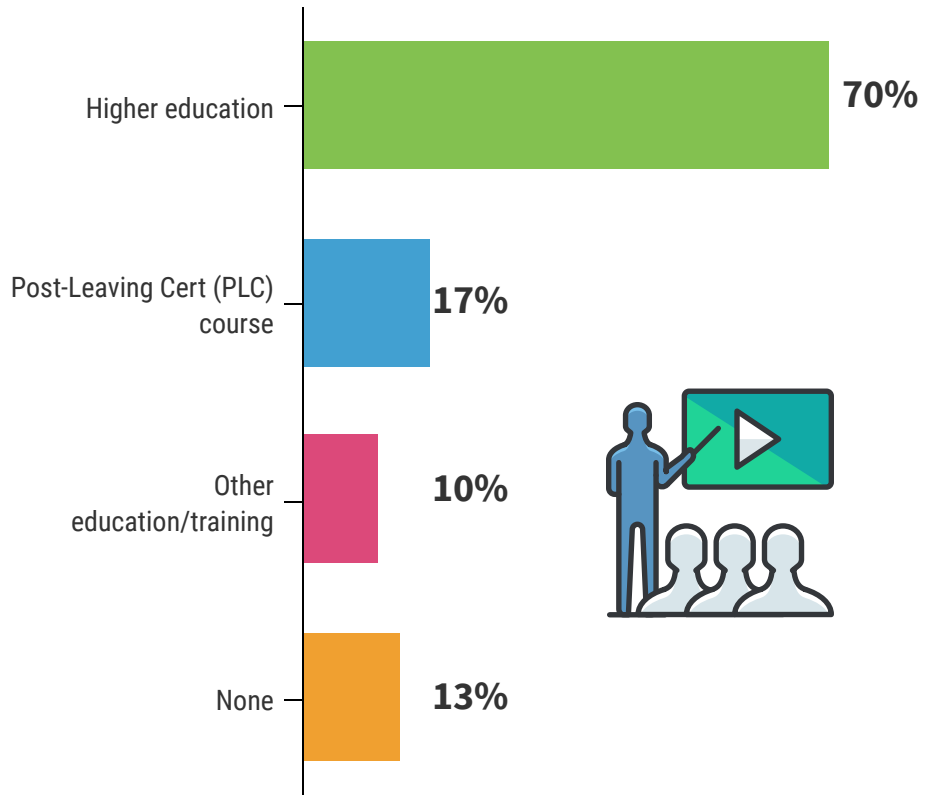
## 1-in-20 left school before the Leaving Cert

The most common reasons for leaving school early were finding schoolwork boring or difficult, or wanting to get a job

## Most important qualities in a job for 20-year-olds

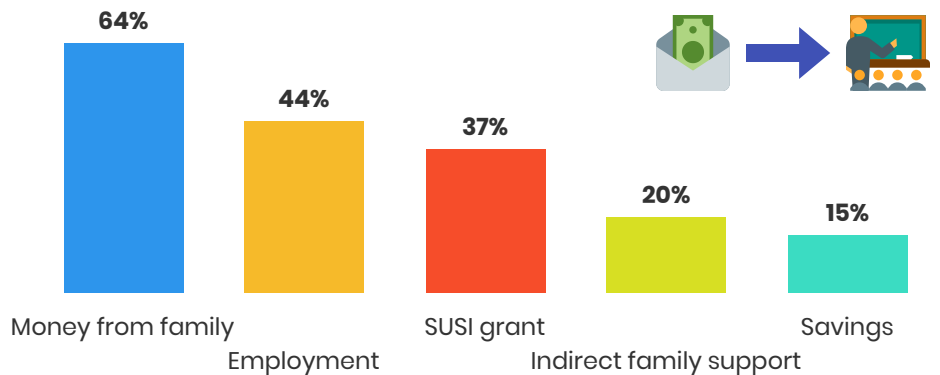


## Participation in post-school education and training



## 7-in-10 young adults had participated in a higher education course

Most young adults had engaged in at least some post-school education or training but higher education participation was more likely for young adults whose own mother had a degree (86%).



## Family and earnings from employment were key funding sources for young adults in education or training

Nearly two-thirds of young adults who participated in post-school education or training received money from family and almost half worked in a job to fund themselves