

Learning and Teaching Committee

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Action	For note and discussion

1. Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note and discuss the contents of this report.

2. Purpose of report

This report outlines FT College Leaver Destinations (CLD) for City of Glasgow College compared to the National sector for academic year 2017-18 as published by the Scottish Funding Council (SFC).

3. Context and Discussion

SFC identifies a sample of college leavers each academic year and asks the College to contact them to identify where they have progressed to after their studies. SFC prepopulates some student destinations using data from SAAS, the SDS Data Hub and from those undertaking a Modern Apprenticeships.

The 2017-18 data for the sector was published in October 2019. All data in this report has been sourced from the SFC CLD Statistics Publications.

The broad destinations for full time students in the Scottish college sector for 2017/18 are as follows –

Broad Destination of FT Students – Sector

Primary Classification							Sick or Looking After Home	Taking time out in order to travel	Permanently unable to work/retired	Not employed but not looking for work/study	Unemployed	Unconfirmed		
FT	PT	FT	PT	31st	UNAVAILABLE FOR WORK						UNEMPLOYED	UNCONFIRMED		
STUDY		WORK												
33,118	770	7,392	2,104	23	461	141	30	176		1,305	5,290			
65.2%	1.5%	14.5%	4.1%	0.0%	0.9%	0.3%	0.1%	0.3%		2.6%	10.4%			
66.7%		18.7%			1.6%						2.6%	10.4%		
		85.4%												
POSITIVE							UNAVAILABLE FOR WORK						UNEMPLOYED	UNCONFIRMED

In comparison to 2016/17 the sector position was – Study 75%. Work 18.7% and other 5%

The broad destinations for City of Glasgow College in 2017/18 are as follows –

Broad Destination of FT Students - CoGC

Primary Classification					Sick or Looking After Home	Taking time out in order to travel	Permanently unable to work/retired	Not employed but not looking for work/study	Unemployed	Unconfirmed
FT	PT	FT	PT	31st						
STUDY		WORK			UNAVAILABLE FOR WORK				UNEMPLOYED	UNCONFIRMED
3,947	73	638	241		23	20	4	8	142	600
69.3%	1.3%	11.2%	4.2%		0.4%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	2.5%	10.5%
70.6%		15.4%			1.0%				2.5%	10.5%
86.0%										
POSITIVE					UNAVAILABLE FOR WORK				UNEMPLOYED	UNCONFIRMED

In 2016/17, 72.4% of students went on to study, 25% into work and 2.7% into other/negative destination.

It may be seen that the College follows a similar pattern to the college sector with the majority of full time graduates moving to further study. It is of note that of the College's FT graduates there has been a reduction of 9.6% moving into employment, this is after a change of 5.2% between 2015/16 and 2016.17.

It is of note that the College made up 9% of graduates moving into employment in Scotland and also 11.8% of those going on to further study

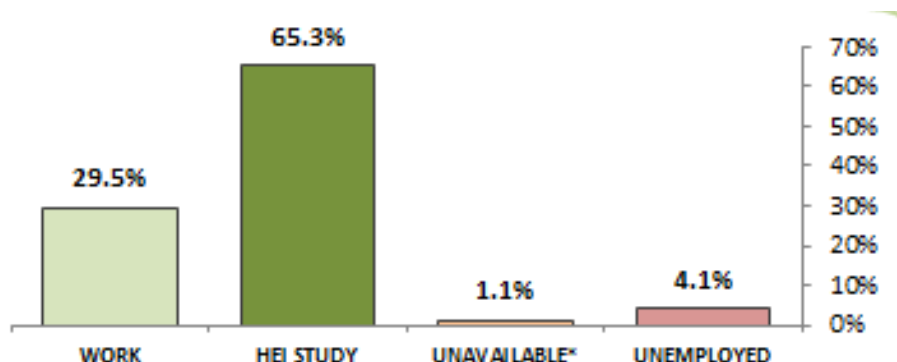
The Other category denotes those students - taking time to travel, who are unemployed and looking for work, those permanently unable to work or not employed and not looking for work or further study.

Destination Breakdown by Higher Education vs Further Education

When splitting the data by Higher and Further Education for College leavers it may be identified that a higher number of FE students (68.5%) than HE students (29.5%) move to employment.

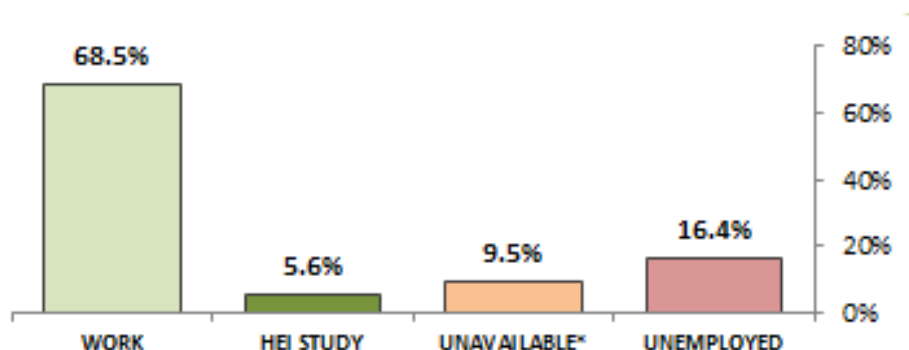
In 2016/17, 66.9% of HE students moved to further study, however in 2017/18 there was a decrease to 65.3%, see below. The percentage of students moving into employment has decreased slightly from 30.8% to 29.5% (269 students change)

Destination of FT HE Students – CoGC



Nationally HE student destinations are - 56.3% Study and 37.9% Work. It is of note that City of Glasgow College HE graduates make up 23.1% (1481) of those nationally progressing into employment and 15.5% (67) of those progressing to further study.

Destination of FT FE Students - CoGC



Nationally FE student destinations are –

5,200	WORK	65.7%
1,267	HEI STUDY	16.0%
567	UNAVAILABLE*	7.2%
883	UNEMPLOYED	11.2%
7,917	SECTOR LEAVERS	26.9%
21,550	CONTINUING IN COLLEGE	73.1%

65.7% Work and 16% Study. It is of note that in terms of FT FE students staying within education over 21,000 students continue to further study at college.

4. Impact and implications

This report provides an insight into the destinations of City of Glasgow College full time leavers in 2017-18. It should be noted that the College has continued to identify more student destinations and in scale terms has set a high standard significantly above the SFC target.

The analysis of the data provides a picture of the journey that the College's students are on. Whilst students can study and leave after a year, if the data is examined by SCQF level it may be seen that the College's FE students, in the main, progress to HE and that HE students articulate to university. It would appear that the aim of college students is to study until they reach an appropriate exit point.

The use of this data informs College marketing in understanding the aims of our students and it also benefit course teams to identify the aspirations of their students in terms of work or further study.

It is anticipated that the data in this report will become more reliable as SFC identify best practice in how Scotland's colleges collect data and also publish trend information for the sector.