



# Youth Focused Data

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IN THE HIGHLANDS REGION

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# Population

**Victoria:** In 2017 the total Estimated Resident Population aged 15-24 in Victoria was 77,6151. The 15-19 year old Estimate Resident Population was 35,4809 and the 20-24 year old Estimate Resident Population was 42,1342. This is a significant state-wide change with 15-19 year old's now making up only 45.7% of the total 15-24 Youth Population (50% in 2001).

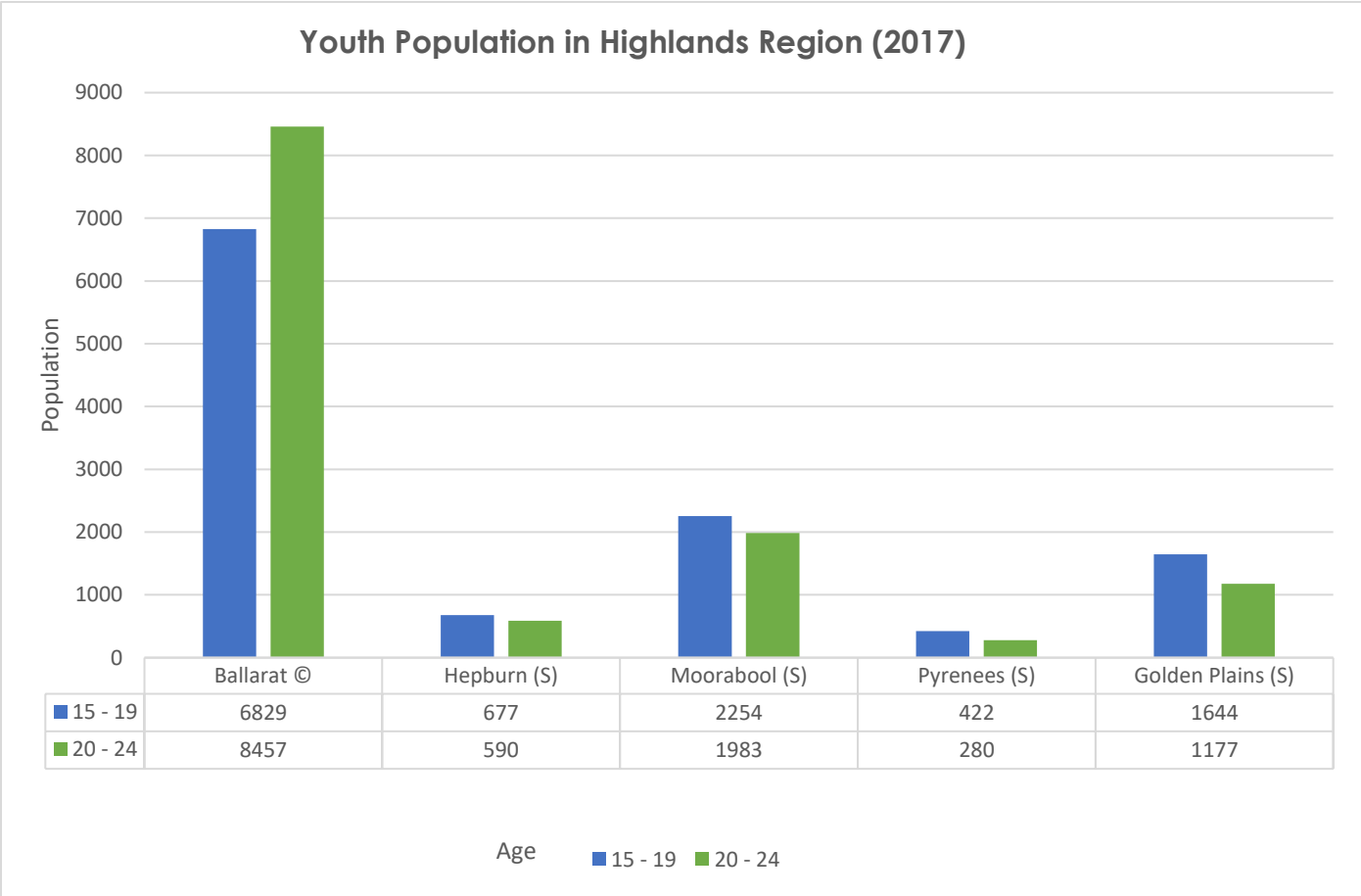
**Highlands Region:** The highest concentration of Young People aged 15 to 24 is in the Local Government Area (LGA) of Ballarat, followed by Moorabool, Golden Plains, Hepburn & Pyrenees.

In 2017, Young People aged 15-24 made up **16%** of the total Highlands population aged 0-64.

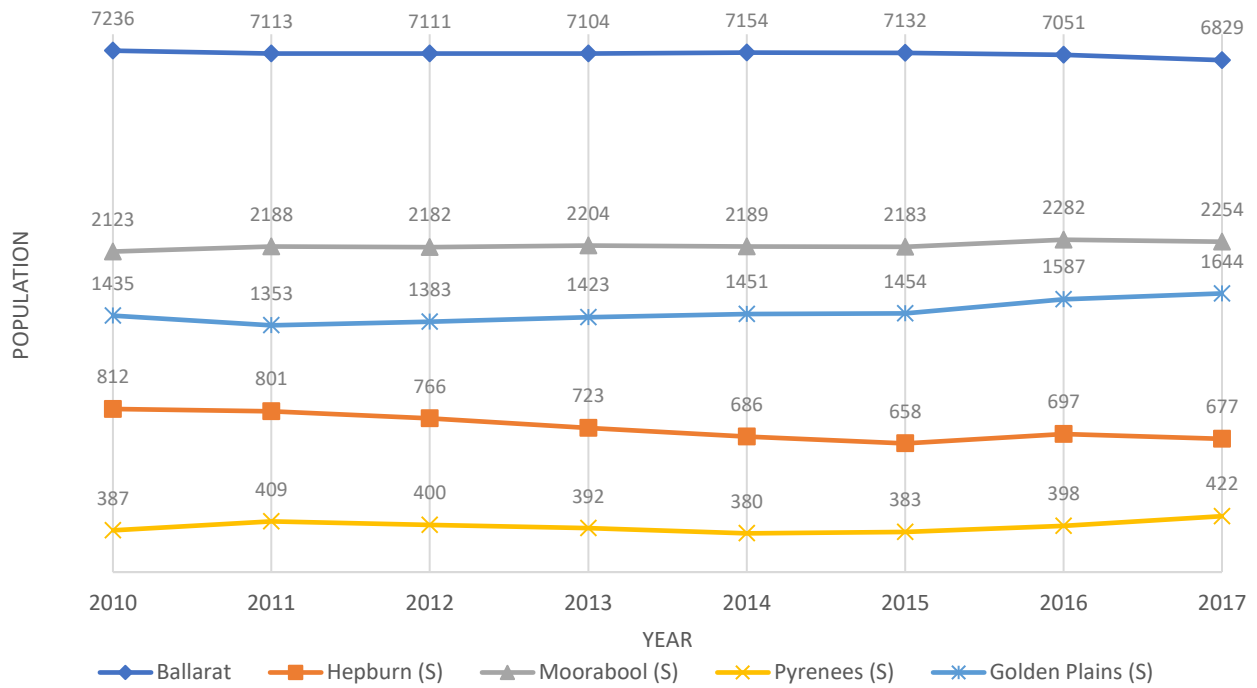
15-19 year old's made up **7.71%** and 20-24 year old's made up **8.31%** of the total Highlands population.

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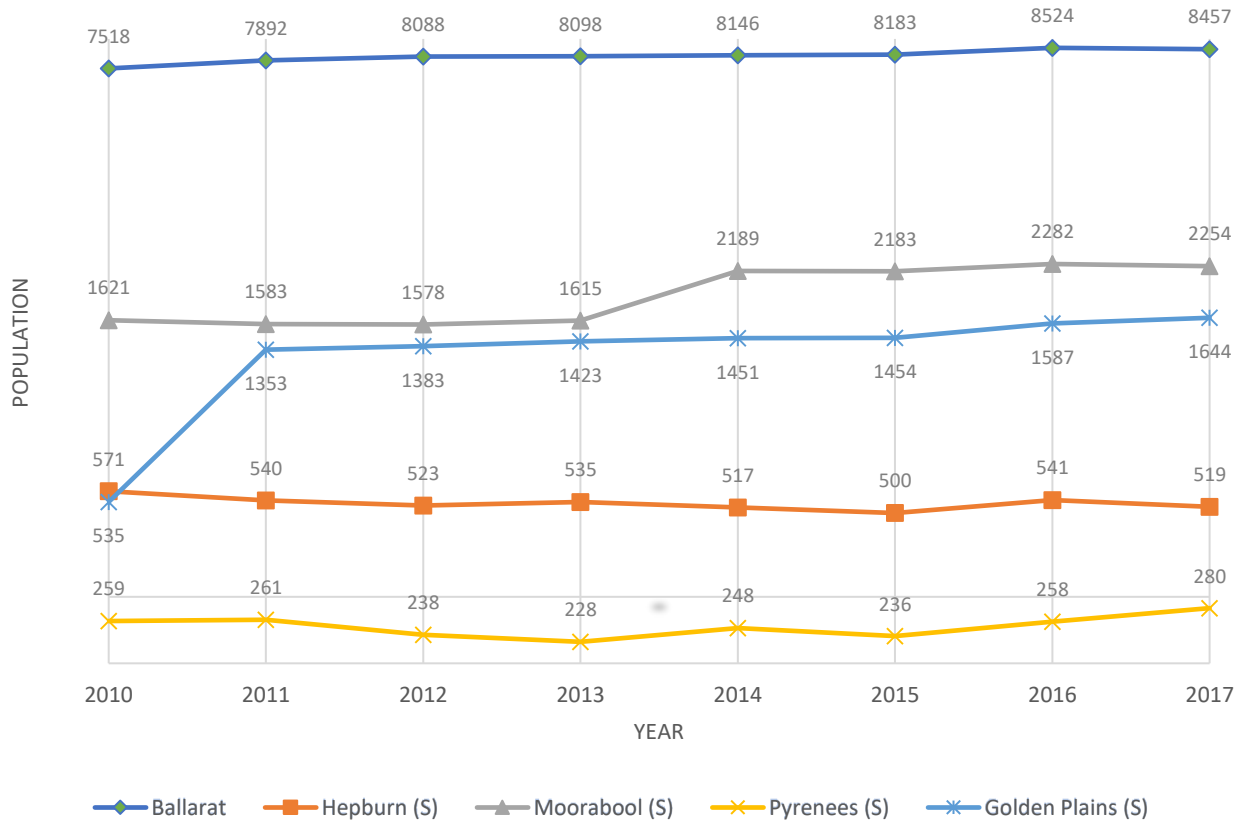
National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (2017)



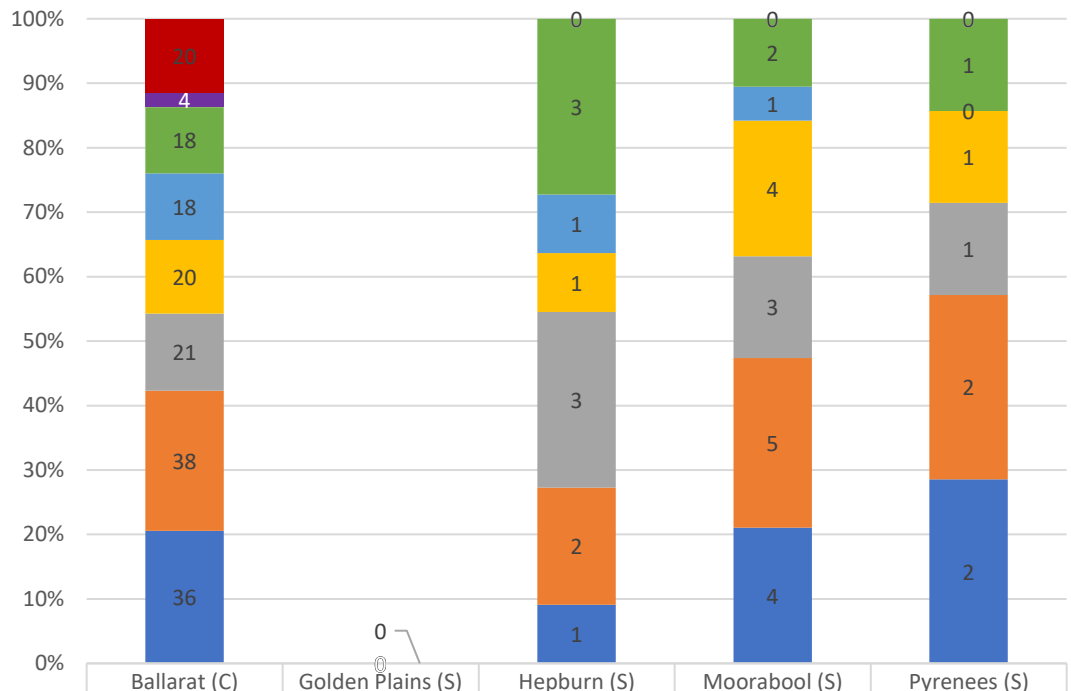
### Youth Population In Highlands Region (2010 - 2017) Ages 15-19



### Youth Population In Highlands Region (2010 - 2017) Ages 20-24



## Highlands Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Population Secondary School Enrolments (2017)



	Ballarat (C)	Golden Plains (S)	Hepburn (S)	Moorabool (S)	Pyrenees (S)
Special	20	0	0	0	0
Secondary Ungraded	4	0	0	0	0
Year 12	18	0	3	2	1
Year 11	18	0	1	1	0
Year 10	20	0	1	4	1
Year 9	21	0	3	3	1
Year 8	38	0	2	5	2
Year 7	36	0	1	4	2

■ Year 7  
 ■ Year 8  
 ■ Year 9  
 ■ Year 10  
 ■ Year 11  
 ■ Year 12  
 ■ Secondary Ungraded  
 ■ Special

**NOTES:**

In 2017, the largest concentration of young people in Secondary education who identify as Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander was recorded in the LGA of Ballarat. Across all five LGA's in the Highlands Region, the majority of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander enrolments were recorded in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9.

# Education

## Victoria:

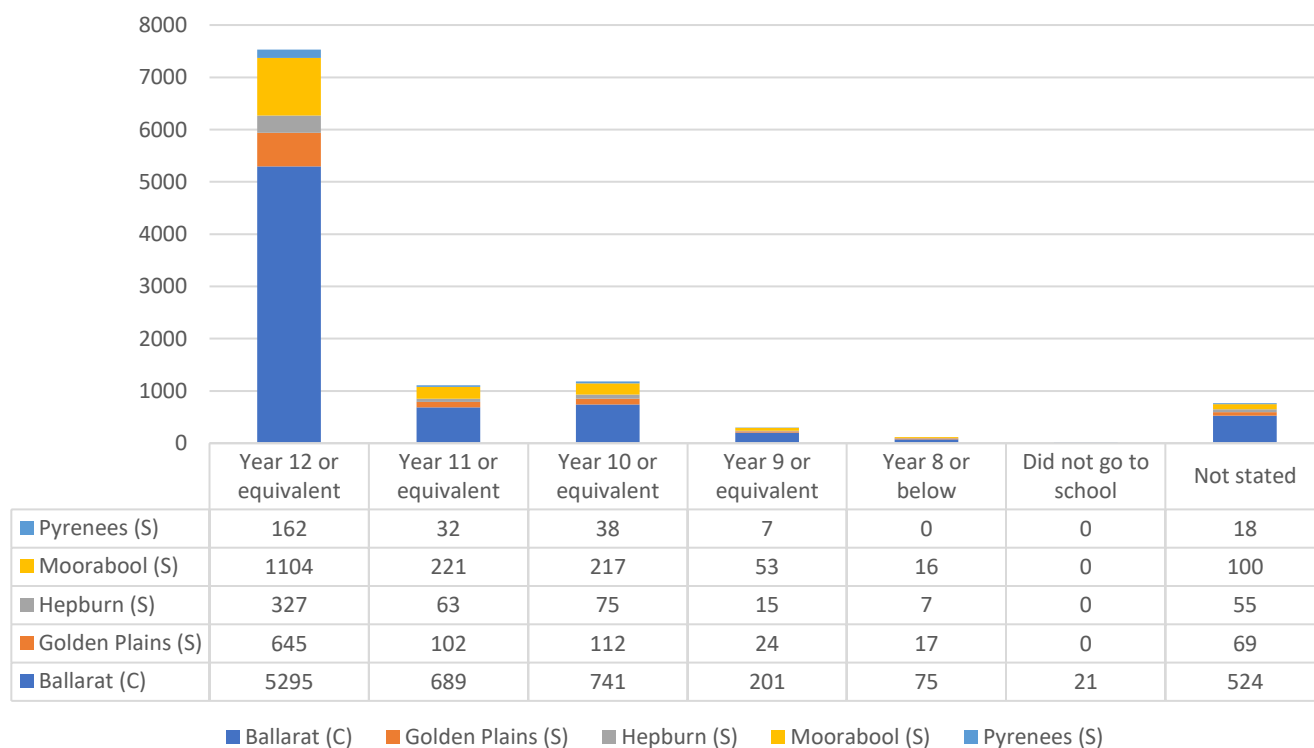
- The top Post-School destination for **Victorian Year 12 Completers** in 2017 was studying a Bachelor Degree (53.8%), followed by Part-Time Employment (12.9%), studying a Certificate IV or higher (10.9%) and Full-Time employment (6.5%).
- The top Post-School destinations for **Victorian Early Leavers** in 2017 was completing an Apprenticeship (27%), followed by Looking for Work (16.7%), Employed Part-Time (16.3%) and studying a Certificate I to III (11%).

## Highlands Region:

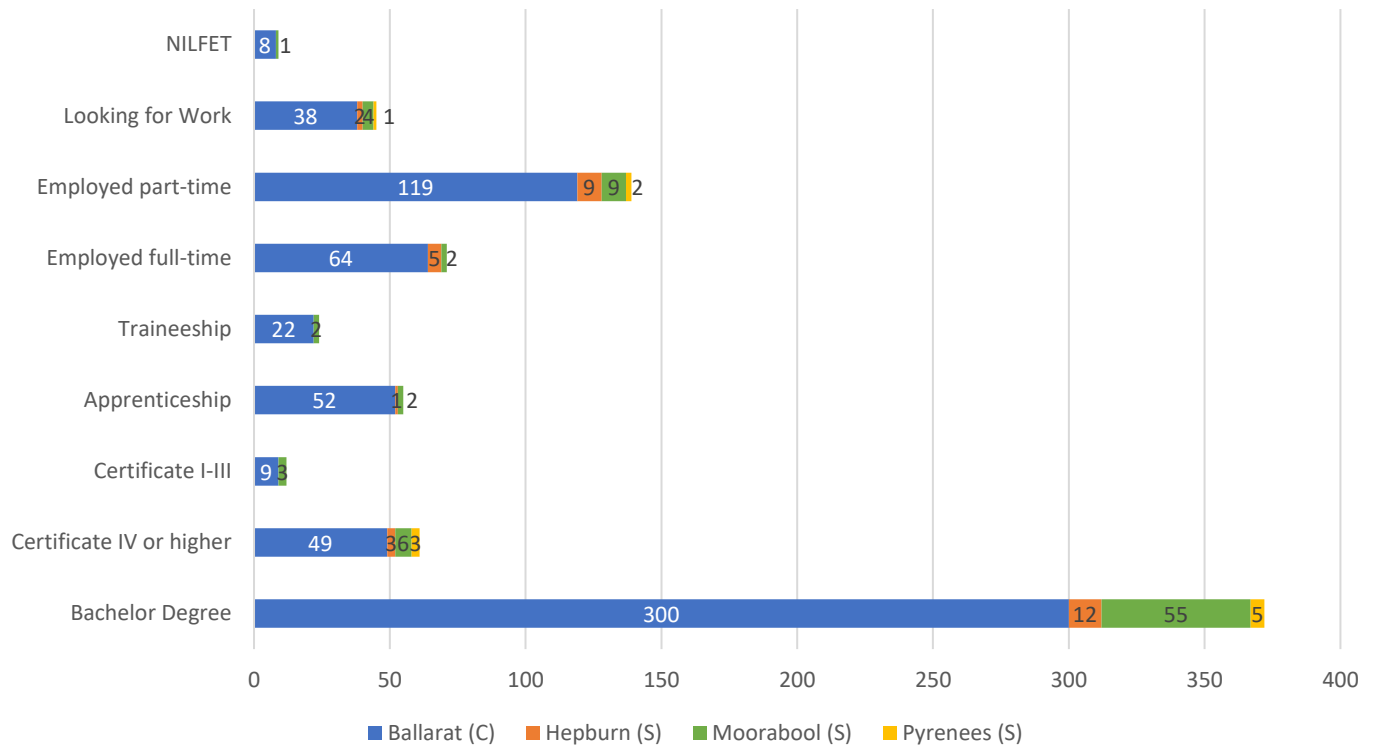
- The top Post-School destination for **Highlands Year 12 Completers** in 2017 was very similar to the Victorian data. The most popular category was studying a Bachelor Degree (47%), followed by Part-Time Employment (17.6%), studying a Certificate IV or higher (7.7%), and completing an Apprenticeship (6.9%).
- The top Post-School destinations for **Highlands Early Leavers** in 2017 was replicated in the Victorian data. The most popular category was completing an Apprenticeship (29%), followed by Looking for Work (18.6%), Employed Part-Time (14.6%) and studying a Certificate I to III (11%).

**Source:** Australian Bureau of Statistics: Census - Employment, Income and Education (2016) & Department of Education & Training: On Track Survey (2017)

**Highest Year of School Completed for Young People in the Highlands Region (2016)**

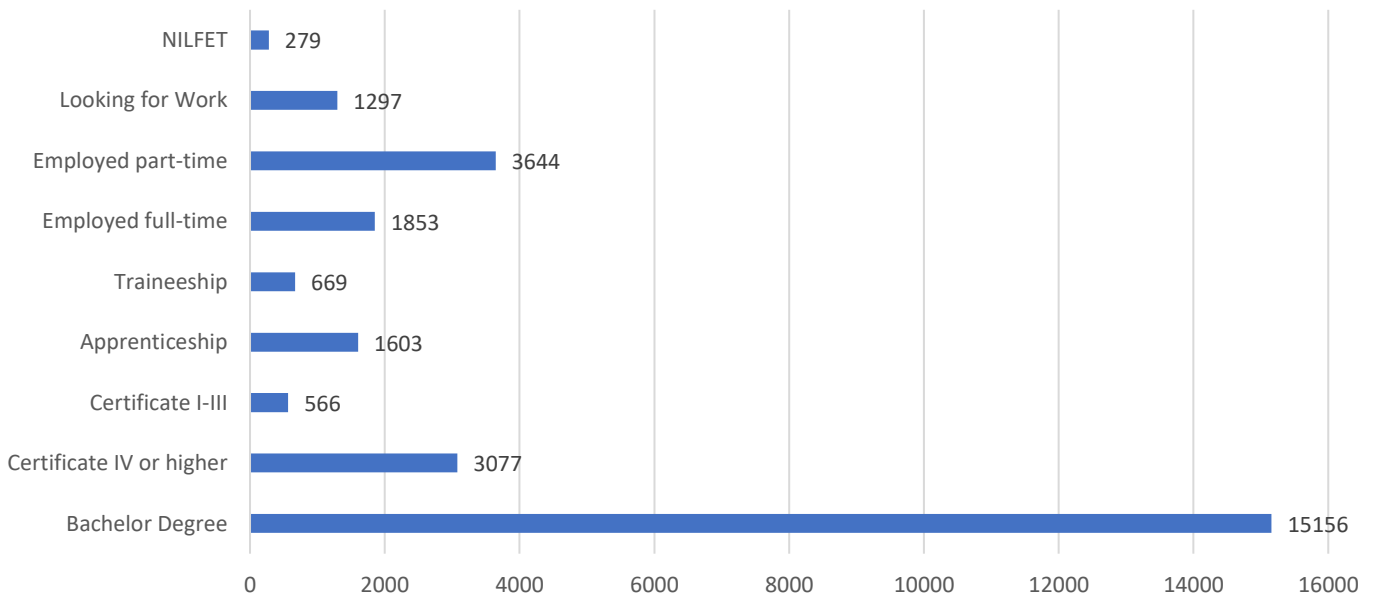


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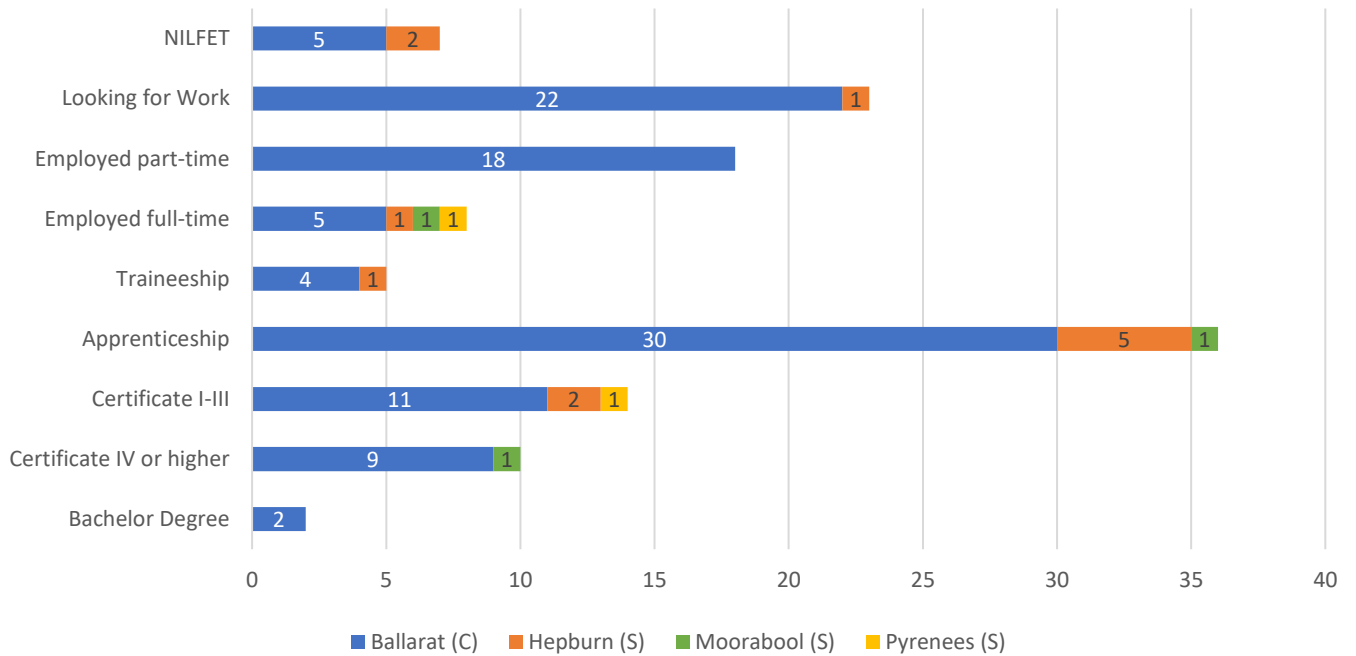


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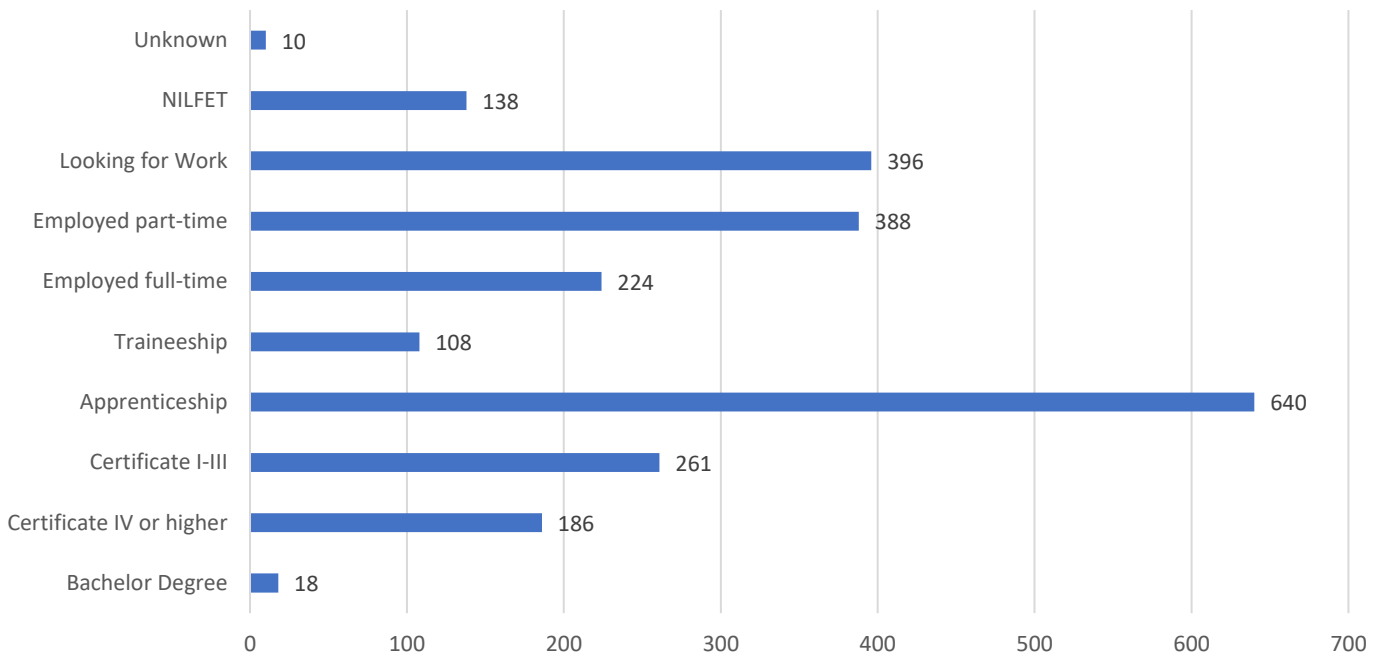


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# Employment

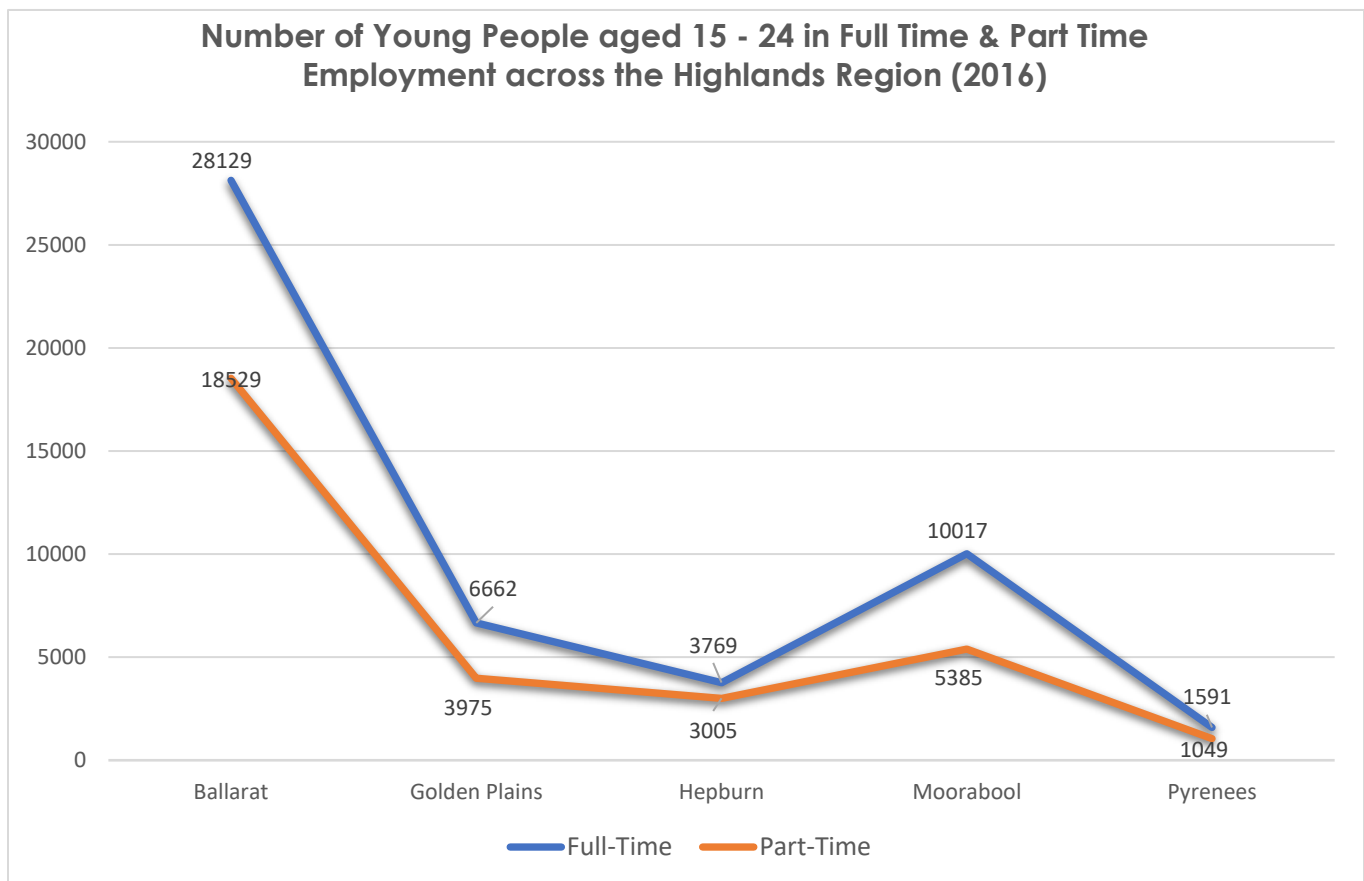
## Victoria:

- There were **reductions** in both Full-Time and Part-Time employment for 15-24 year-olds across Victoria from 2006 to 2016.
- Only 11 of 79 (or around 14%) Local Government Areas in Victoria saw an **increase** in Full-Time work between 2006 and 2016.
- Almost half (32) of the Local Government Areas in Victoria saw an **increase** in Part-Time work between 2006 and 2016.

## Highlands Region:

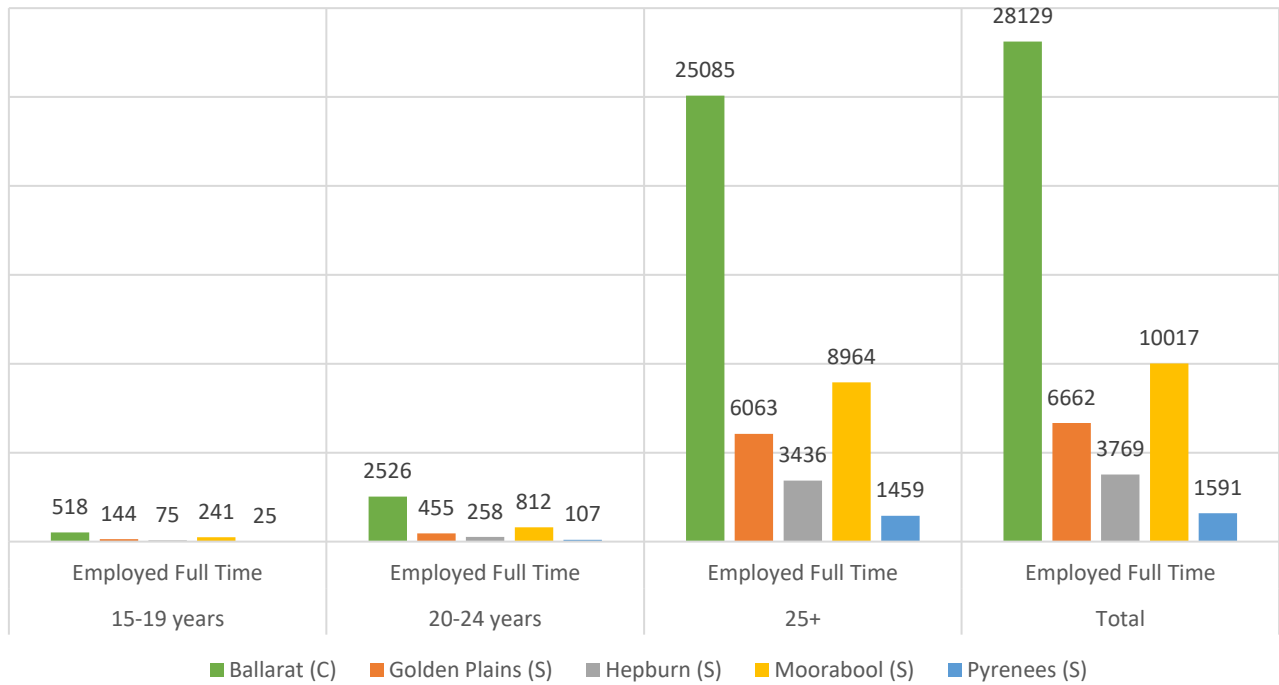
- Health Care and Social Assistance is the largest employer in the City of Ballarat, making up **18.7%** of total employment
- From 2006 to 2016 there was an **increase** in the number of young people aged 15 to 24 who were recorded as unemployed across all LGA's in the Highlands Region, except Hepburn and Pyrenees who reported a slight **decrease** in youth unemployment.
- Of the young people who were employed in the Highlands Region, approximately **60%** were employed Full-Time and **40%** were employed Part-Time.

**Source:** National Institute of Economic and Industry Research: Youth Labour Force 15-24 [15-19 & 20-24] Employment/Occupation prospects (2016)

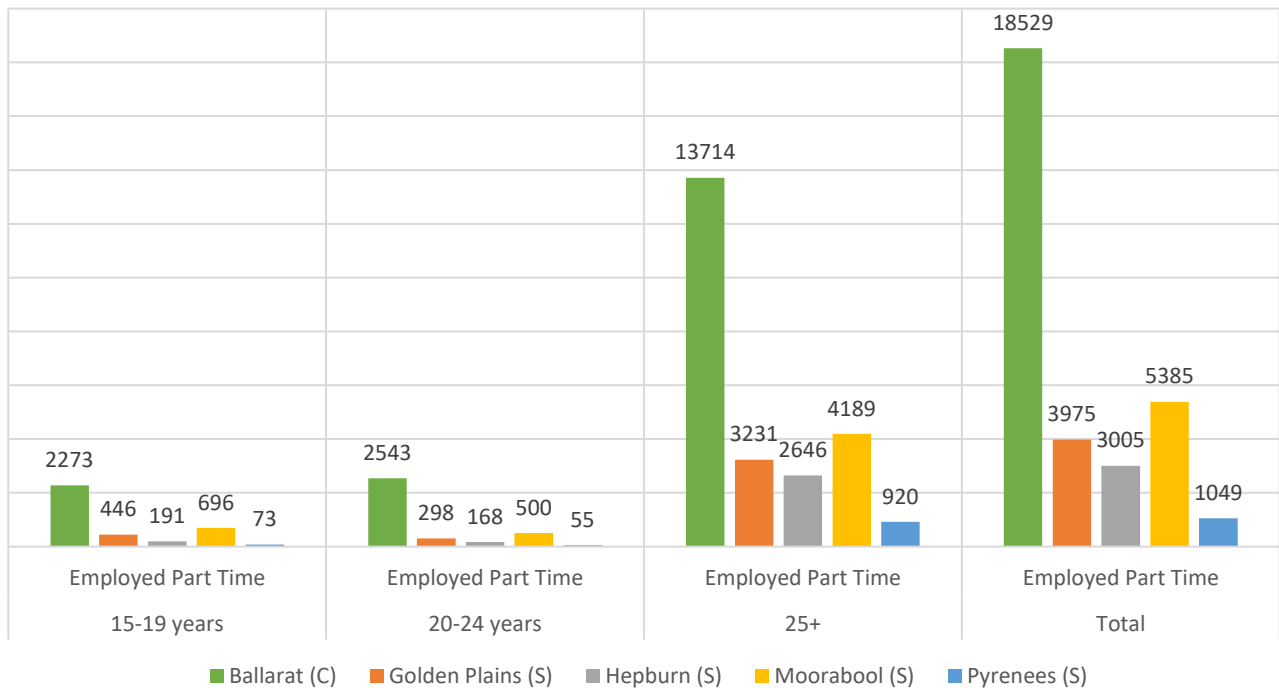




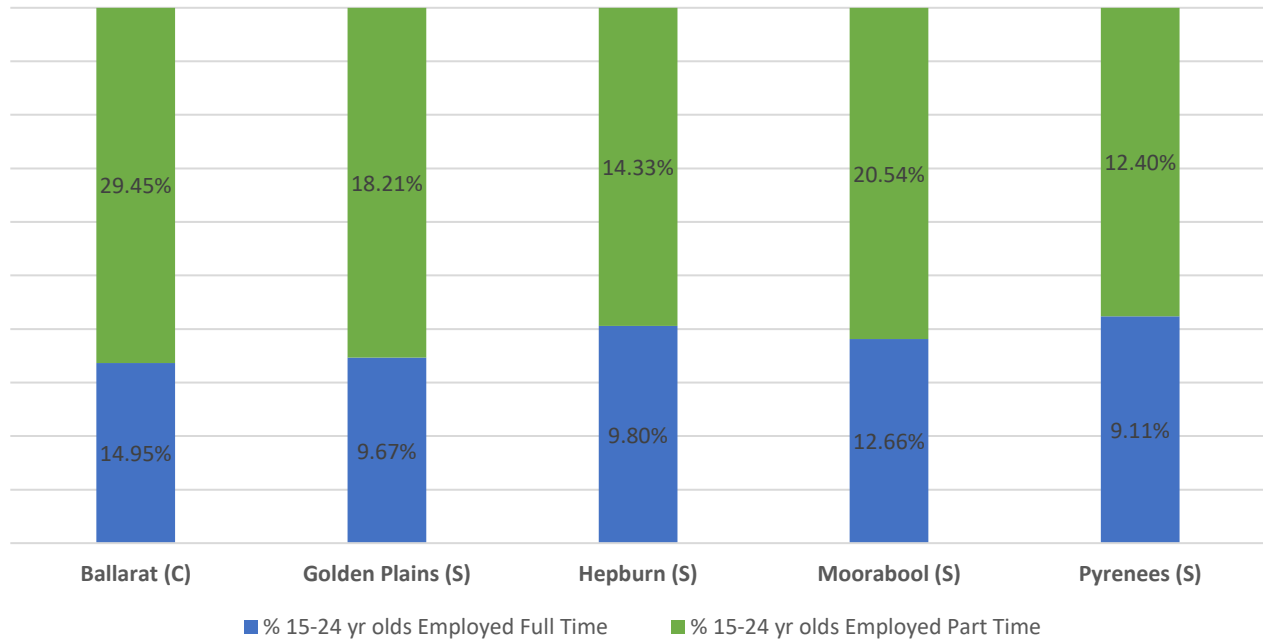
### Young People aged 15 to 25: Employed Full-Time (2016)



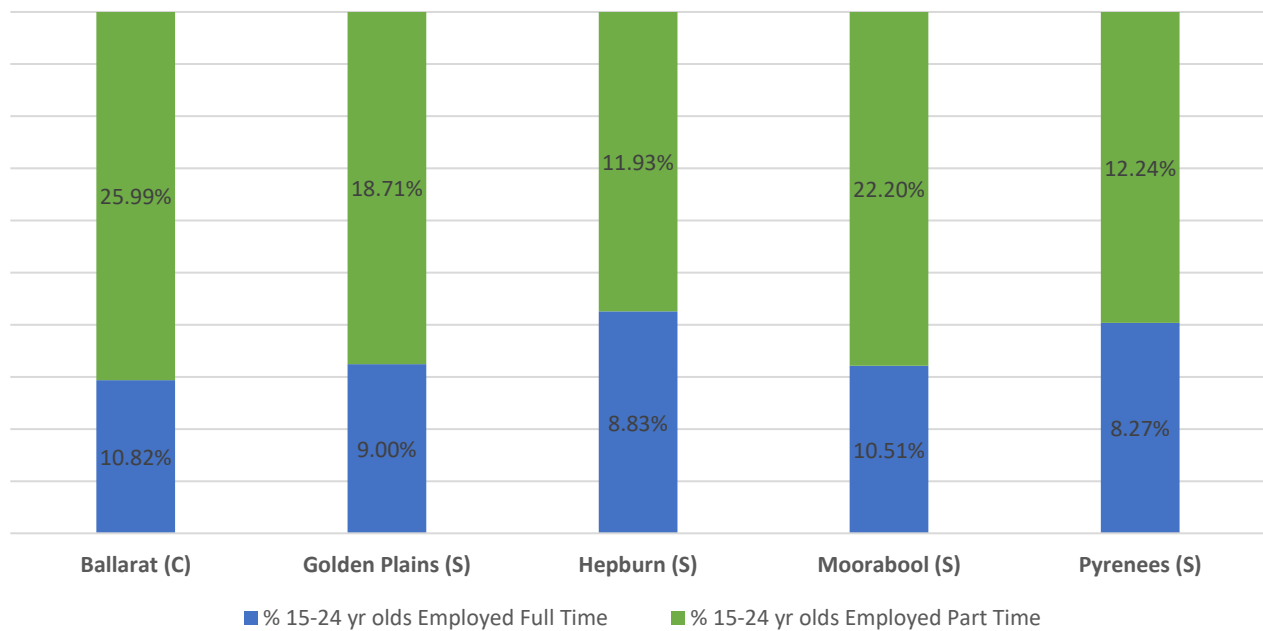
### Young People aged 15 to 25: Employed Part-Time (2016)



**Percentage of Highlands Youth Employed Full Time VS. Part Time (2011)**

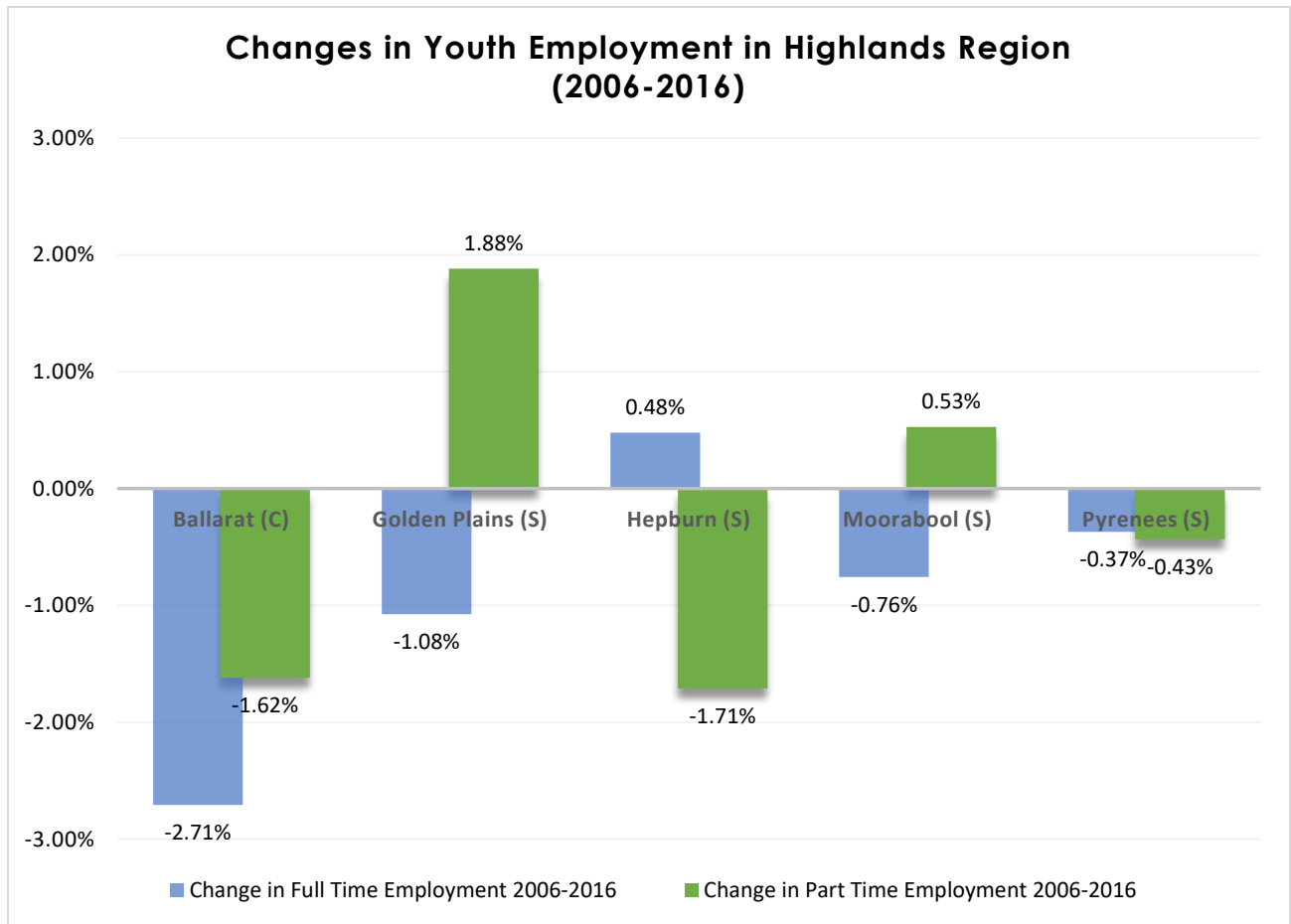


**Percentage of Highlands Youth Employed Full Time VS. Part Time (2016)**



**NOTES:** The above two tables suggest that there has been an overall **decrease** from 2011 to 2016 in the percentage of young people aged 15 to 24 in the Highlands region who are employed, either Part-Time or Full-Time. This change is most prominent in the LGA of Ballarat.

However, Moorabool recorded a **higher** percentage of young people engaged in Part-Time employment in 2016 (from 20.54% to 22.2%) compared to 2011. There was also a 2.15% **decrease** in Full-Time employment in Moorabool Shire from 2011 to 2016.



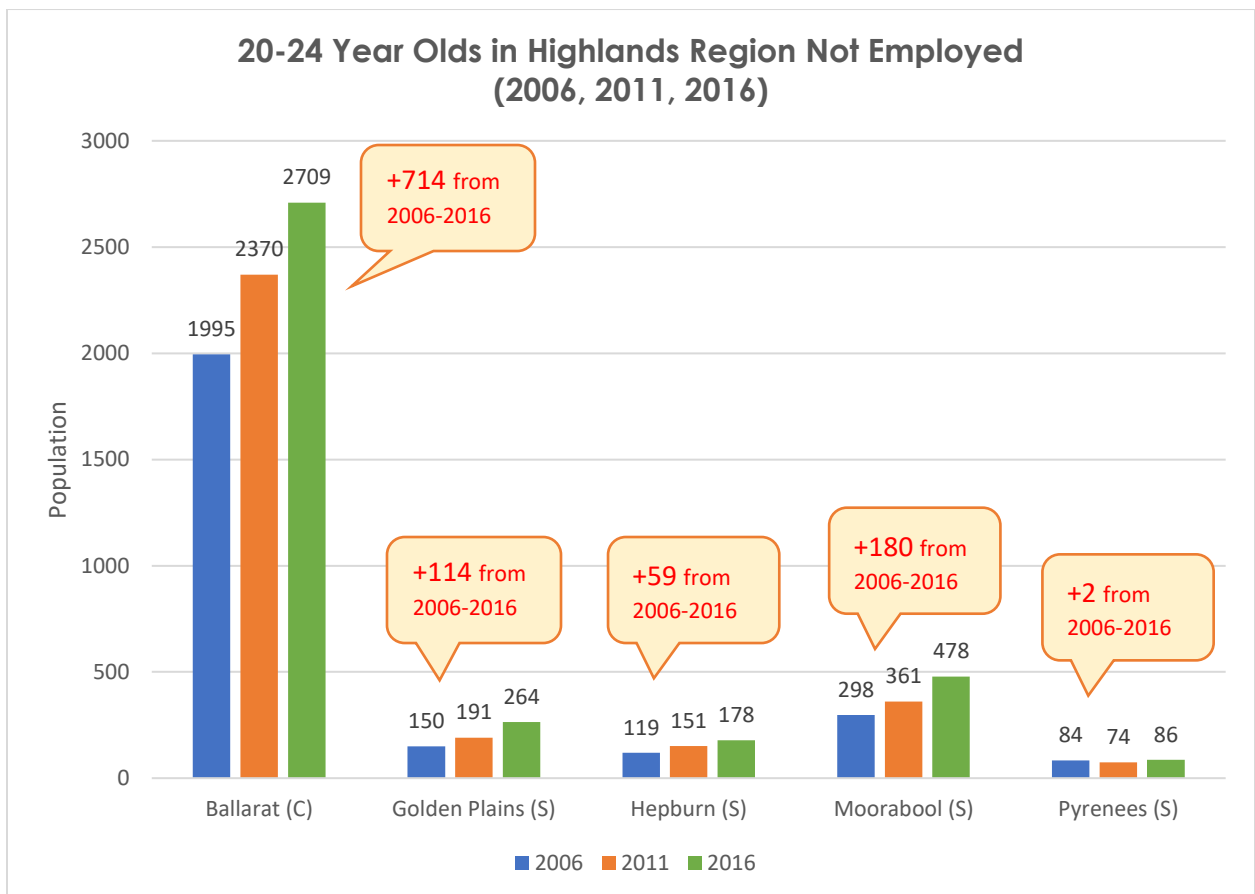
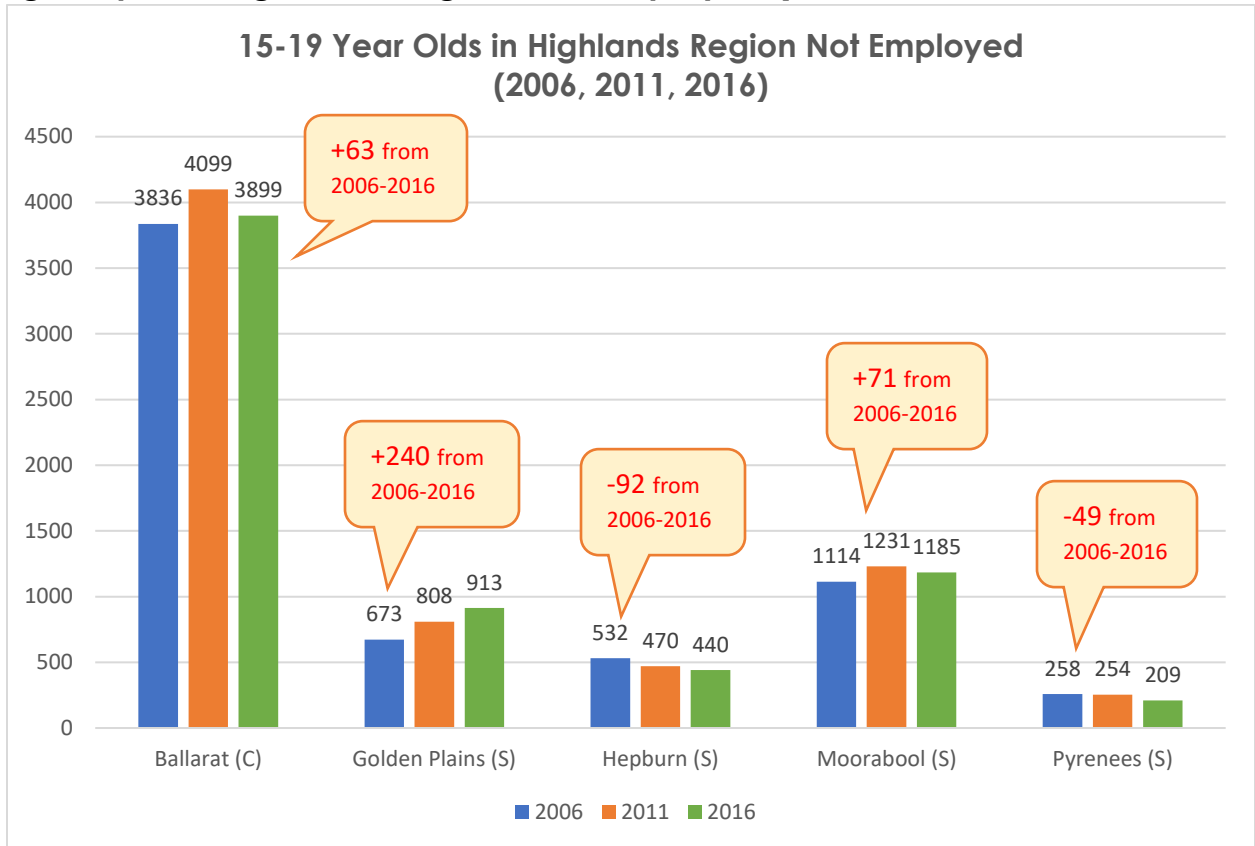
**NOTES:**

In looking at changes to employment in the Highlands Region over ten years (2006 to 2016), Ballarat has experienced the largest decline in the percentage of Young People engaged in Full-Time employment (-2.71%), followed by Golden Plains (-1.08%), Moorabool (-0.76%) and Pyrenees (-0.37%).

Golden Plains has recorded a significant increase in the percentage of young people who are engaged in Part-Time employment (1.88%), followed by Moorabool (0.53%). Hepburn has also recorded an increase in the percentage of Young People engaged in Full-Time employment (0.48%).

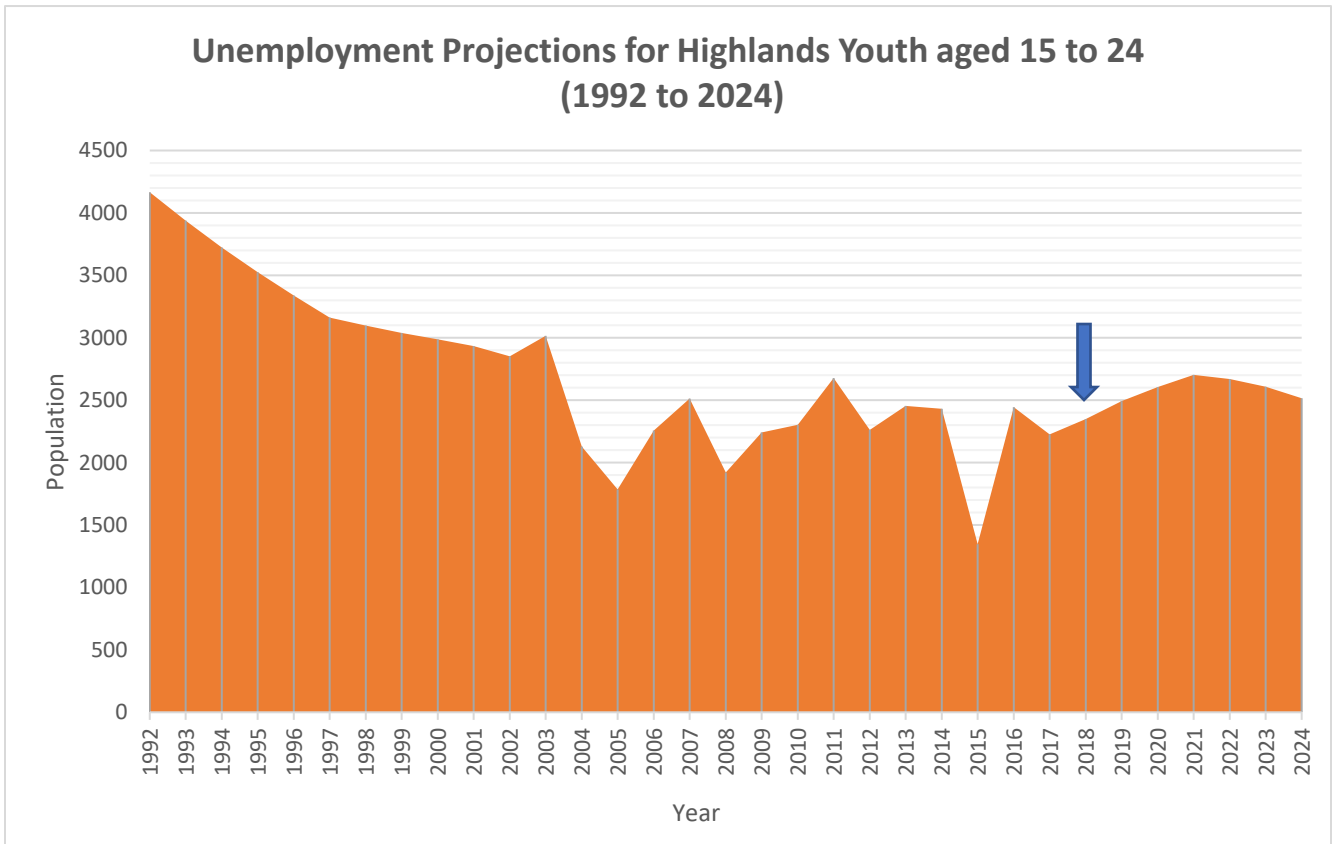
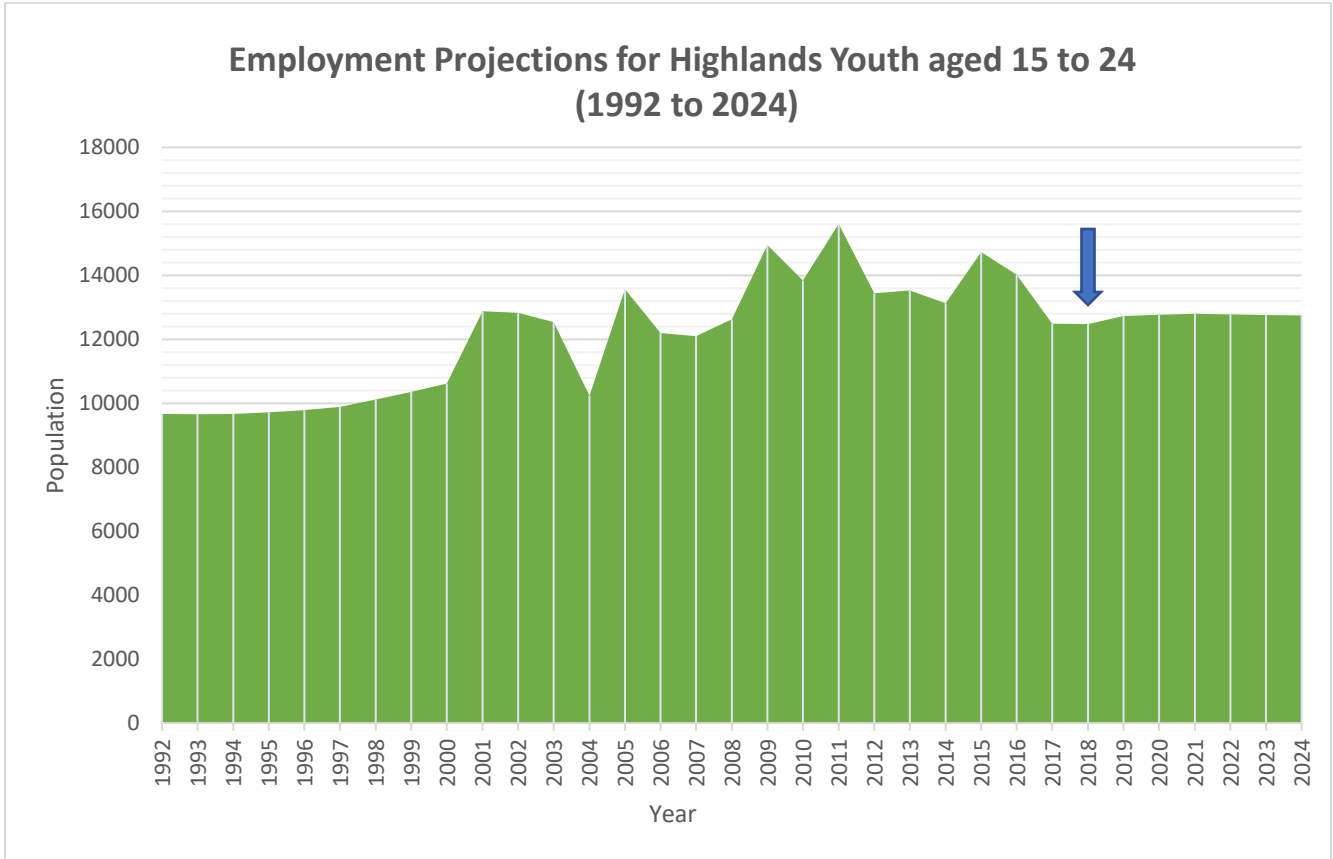
Projections of employment and unemployment for young people in the Highlands Region (from 1992 to 2024) can be seen on page 9. These tables suggest that the number of young people aged 15 to 24 who are employed (Part-Time & Full-Time) will remain consistent in 2024. The data also suggests that there may be a slight increase in youth unemployment in 2021.

## Young People in Highlands Region: Not Employed (Time series: 2006, 2011 & 2016)



\*NOTE: 'Not Employed' does not mean 'Unemployed'. The above tables record the number of Young People who are NOT looking for work. (i.e. while studying). Unemployed refers to those actively seeking employment.

## Young People in Highlands Region: Employment Projections



\*NOTE: Projections indicate what future values for the population would be if the assumed patterns of change were to occur. They are not a prediction that the population will change in this manner.

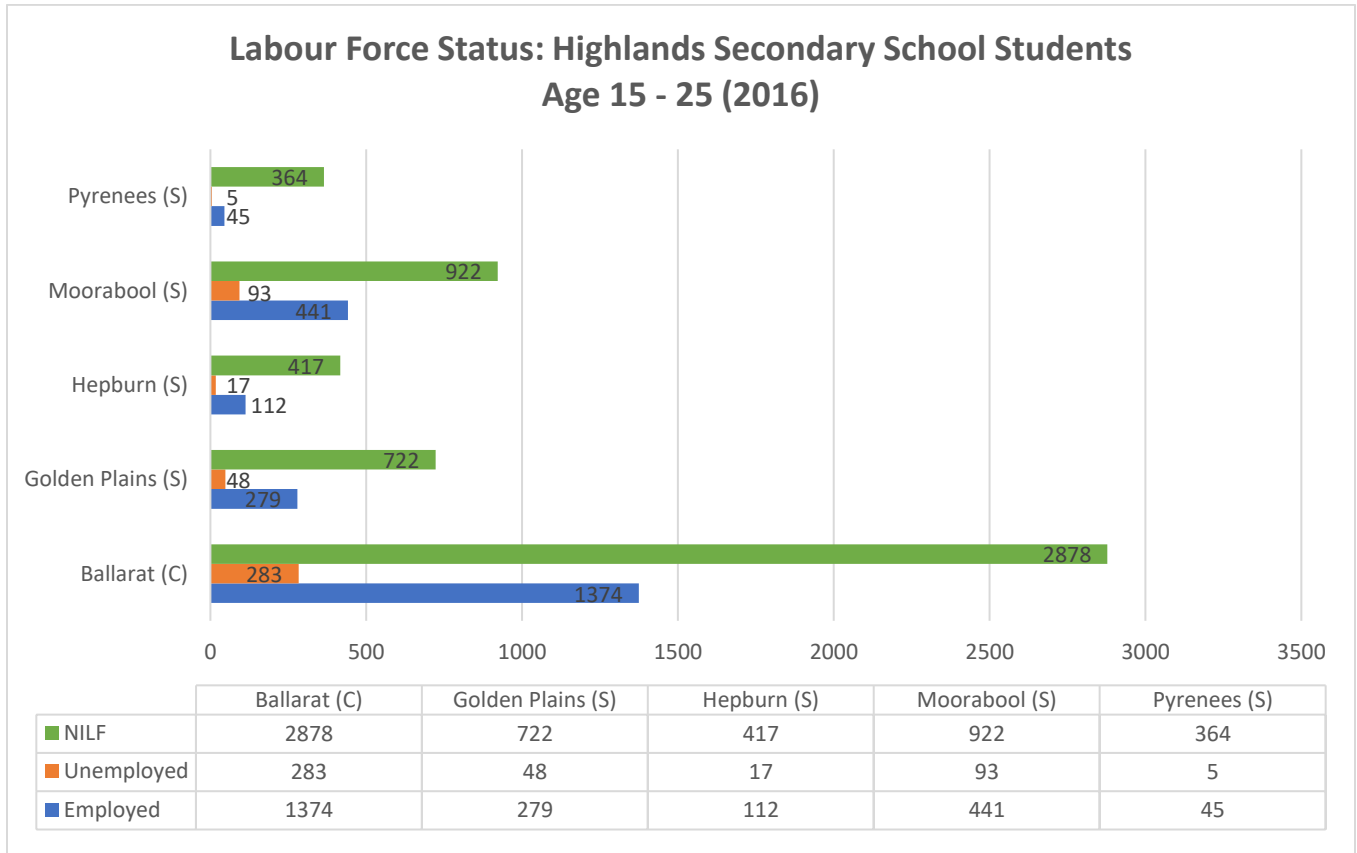
# Labour Force Status

**Highlands Region:** Young People in the Highlands aged 15 to 25 who are attending Secondary School, TAFE and University are generally also engaged in employment while they are studying.

Young People studying at University are more likely to be engaged in employment than those engaged in Secondary School and TAFE.

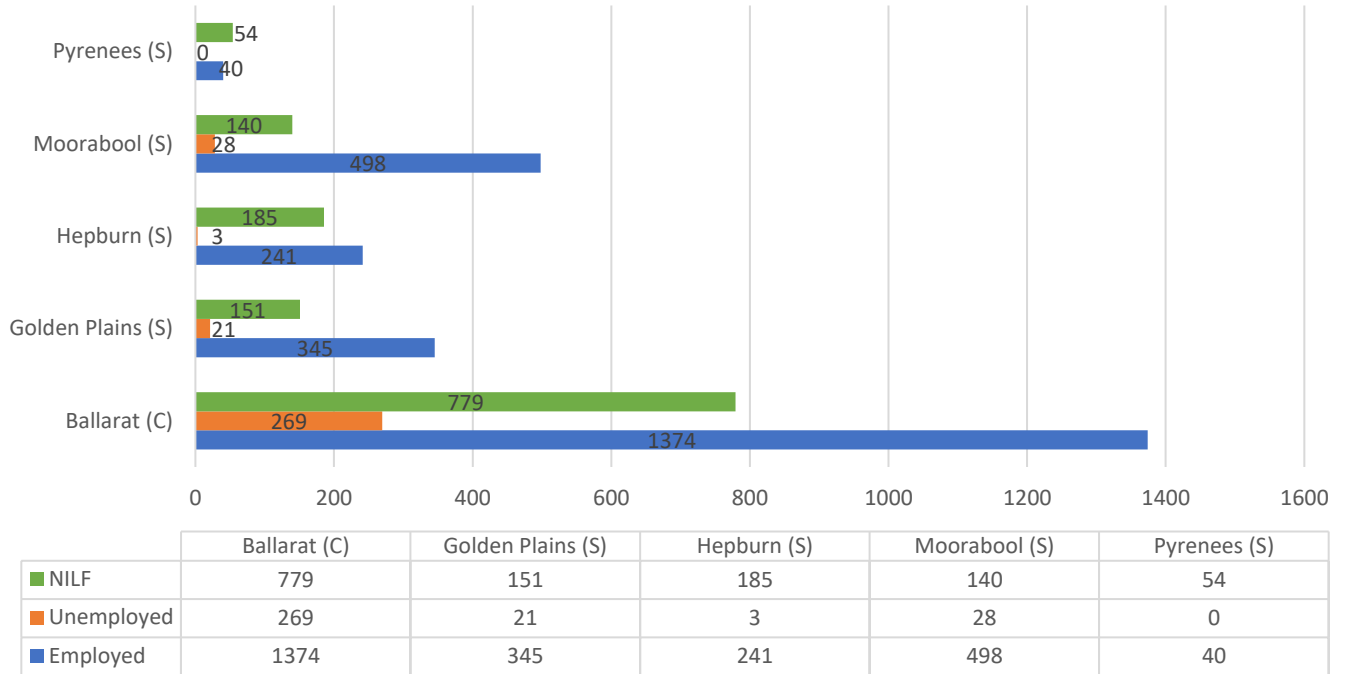
**SOURCE:**

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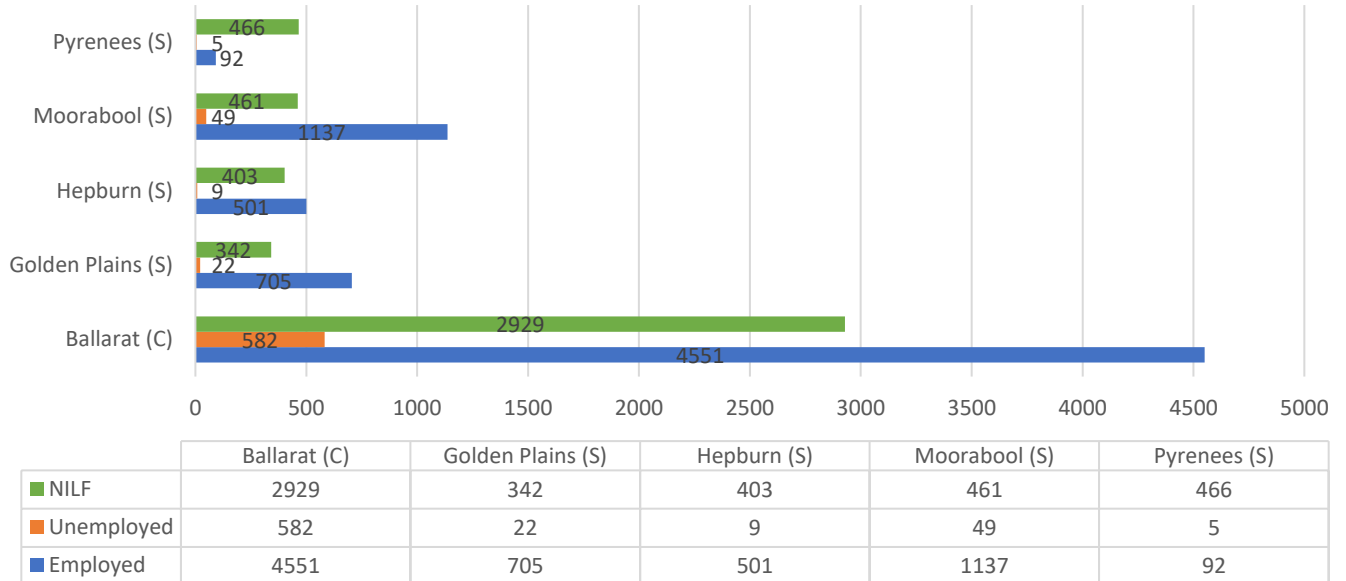
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### Labourforce Status: Highlands TAFE Students Age 15-25 (2016)



NILF: Not in Labour Force

### Labourforce status: Highlands University Students Age 15-25 (2016)



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# Social Security

**Highlands Region:** The total number of Young People aged 15-25 who receive a Disability Support Pension in the Highlands Region is approximately only **2.3%** of the total youth population.

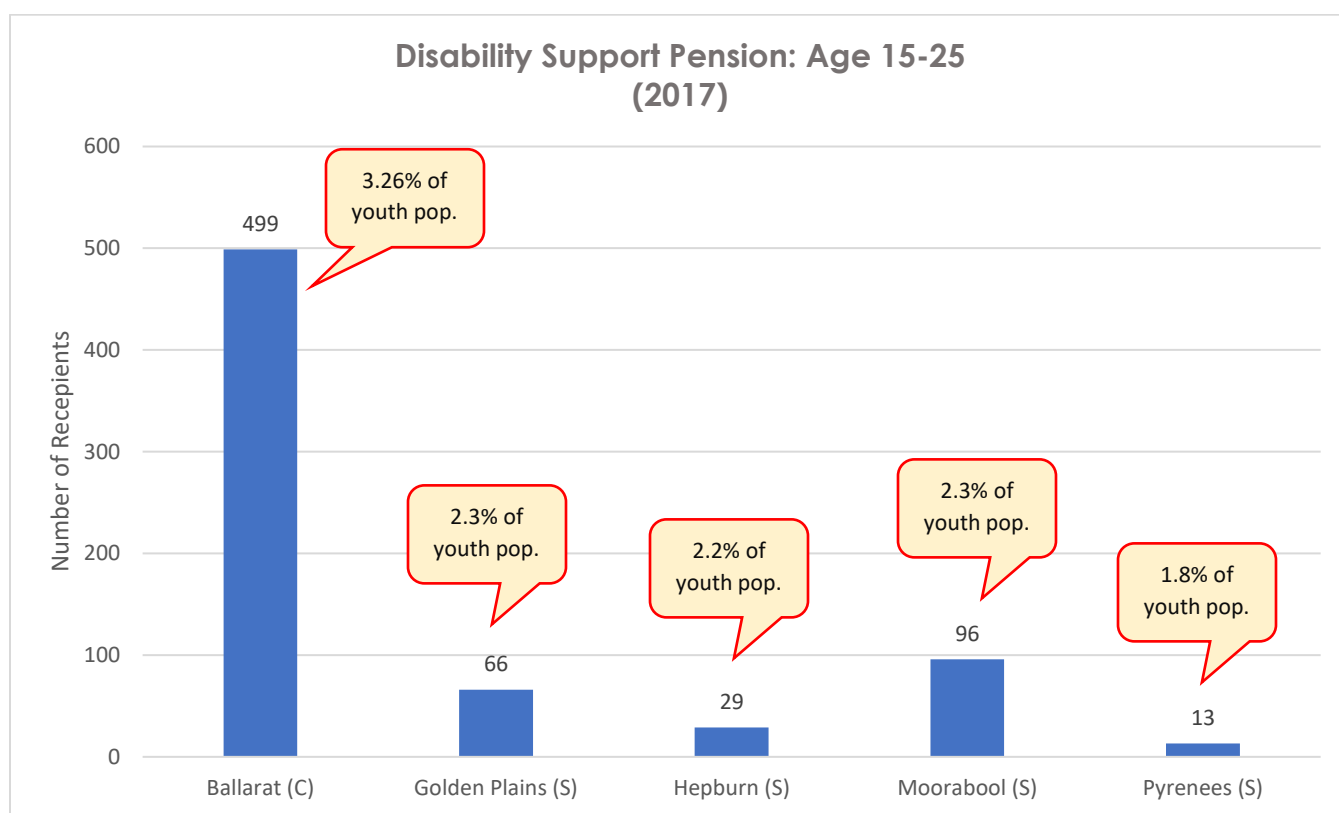
There has been a consistent **decrease** in the number of Young People in the Highlands Region who are aged 15 to 24 and receiving the Parenting Payment (Single Parent) from 2001 to 2017.

Similarly, the number of Young People receiving Youth Allowance (Student & Apprentices) has also **decreased** significantly over time (2001 to 2017).

Income support payments for **unemployed** Young People in our region has **increased** slightly in most LGA's.

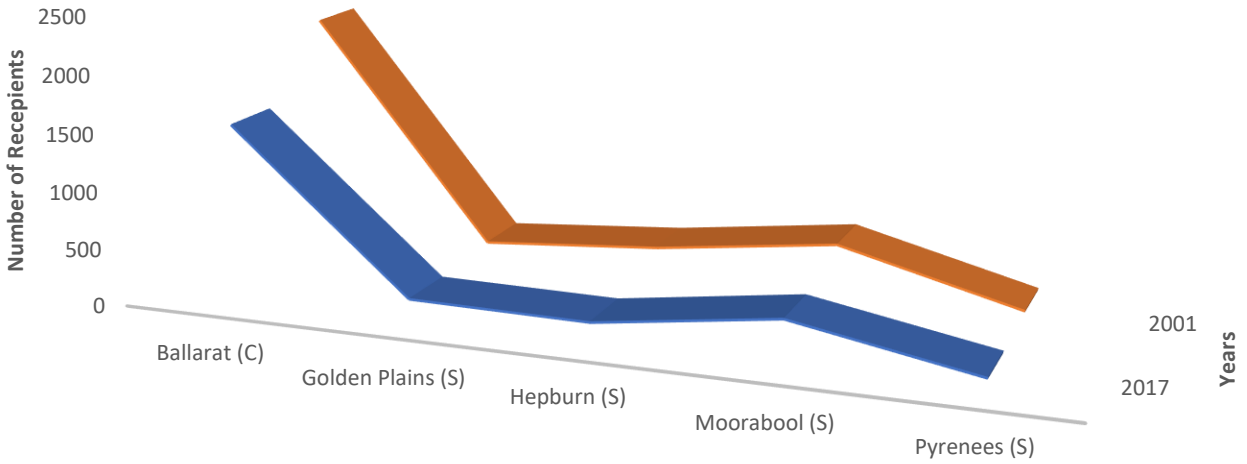
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Income Support Customers: A Statistical Overview Report - Financial Year Reports (2001 to 2017).



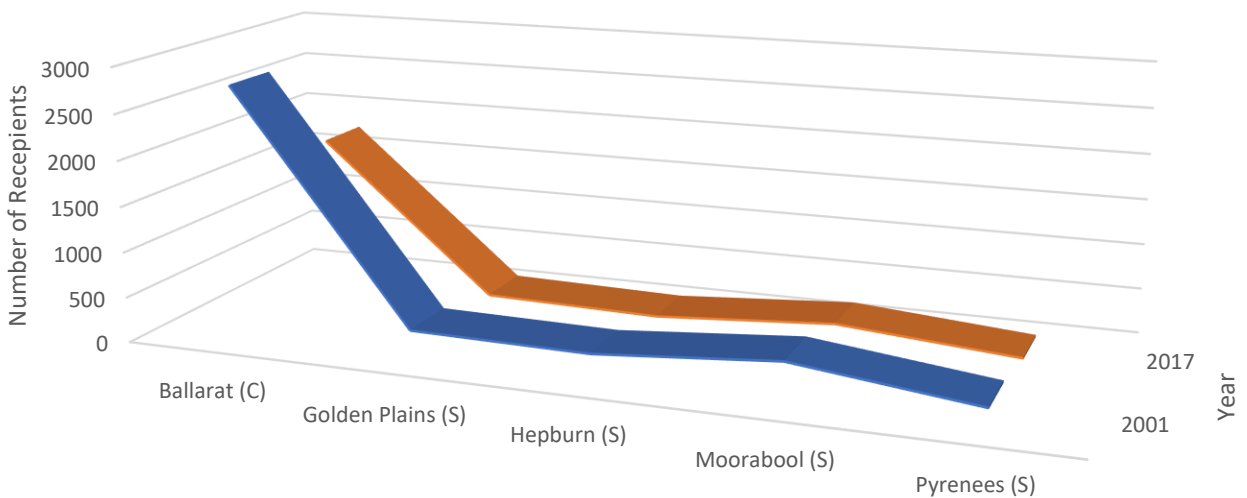


**Parenting Payment (Single): Age 15-25  
Time Series: 2001 to 2017**



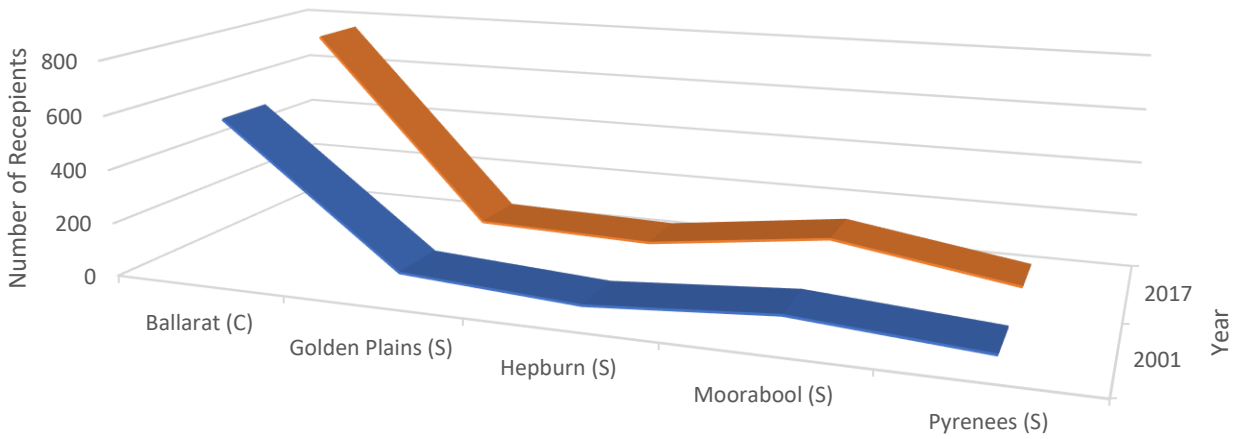
	Ballarat (C)	Golden Plains (S)	Hepburn (S)	Moorabool (S)	Pyrenees (S)
2017	1539	178	157	370	80
2001	2151	230	341	530	119

**Number of Recipients for Youth Allowance (Students & Apprentices)  
Age 16 to 24  
Time Series: 2001 to 2017**



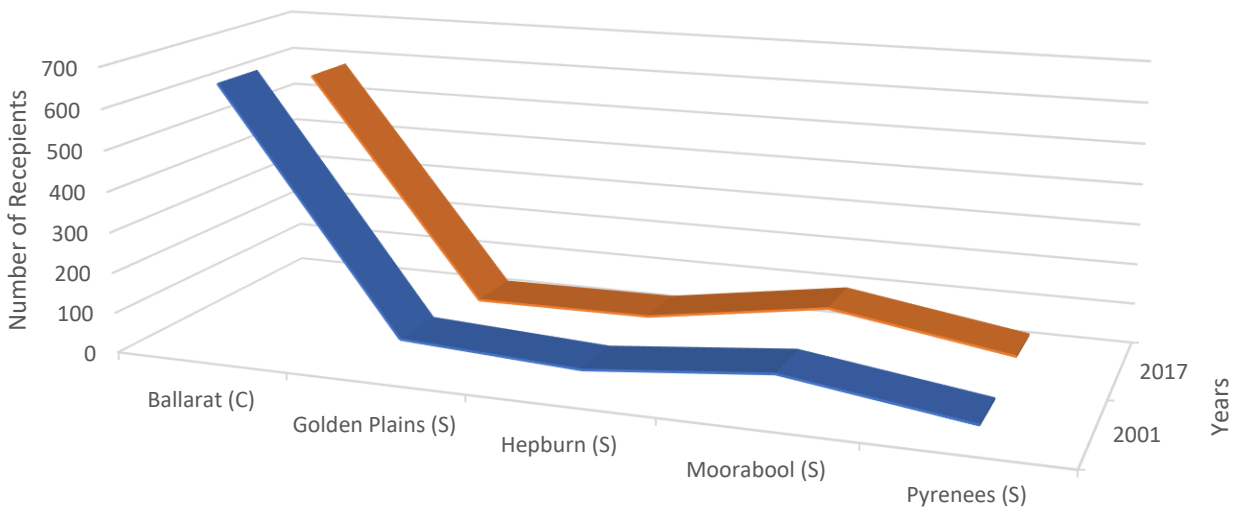
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■ 2001	2767	278	248	400	165
■ 2017	1756	99	58	187	29

**Number of Recipients for Youth Allowance (Unemployed)  
Age 16 to 21  
Time Series: 2001 to 2017**



	Ballarat (C)	Golden Plains (S)	Hepburn (S)	Moorabool (S)	Pyrenees (S)
■ 2001	571	61	19	67	18
■ 2017	770	66	50	135	27

**Number of Recipients for Newstart Allowance (Age 21 -24)  
Time Series: 2001 to 2017**



	Ballarat (C)	Golden Plains (S)	Hepburn (S)	Moorabool (S)	Pyrenees (S)
■ 2001	652	66	42	85	22
■ 2017	591	35	39	107	36