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Youth Jobs Gap

Supporting youth participation: closing the youth jobs gap

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What do we know about youth unemployment?



In a year 2 million young people in the UK spend some time NEET

Of these 800,000 are NEET for over a year

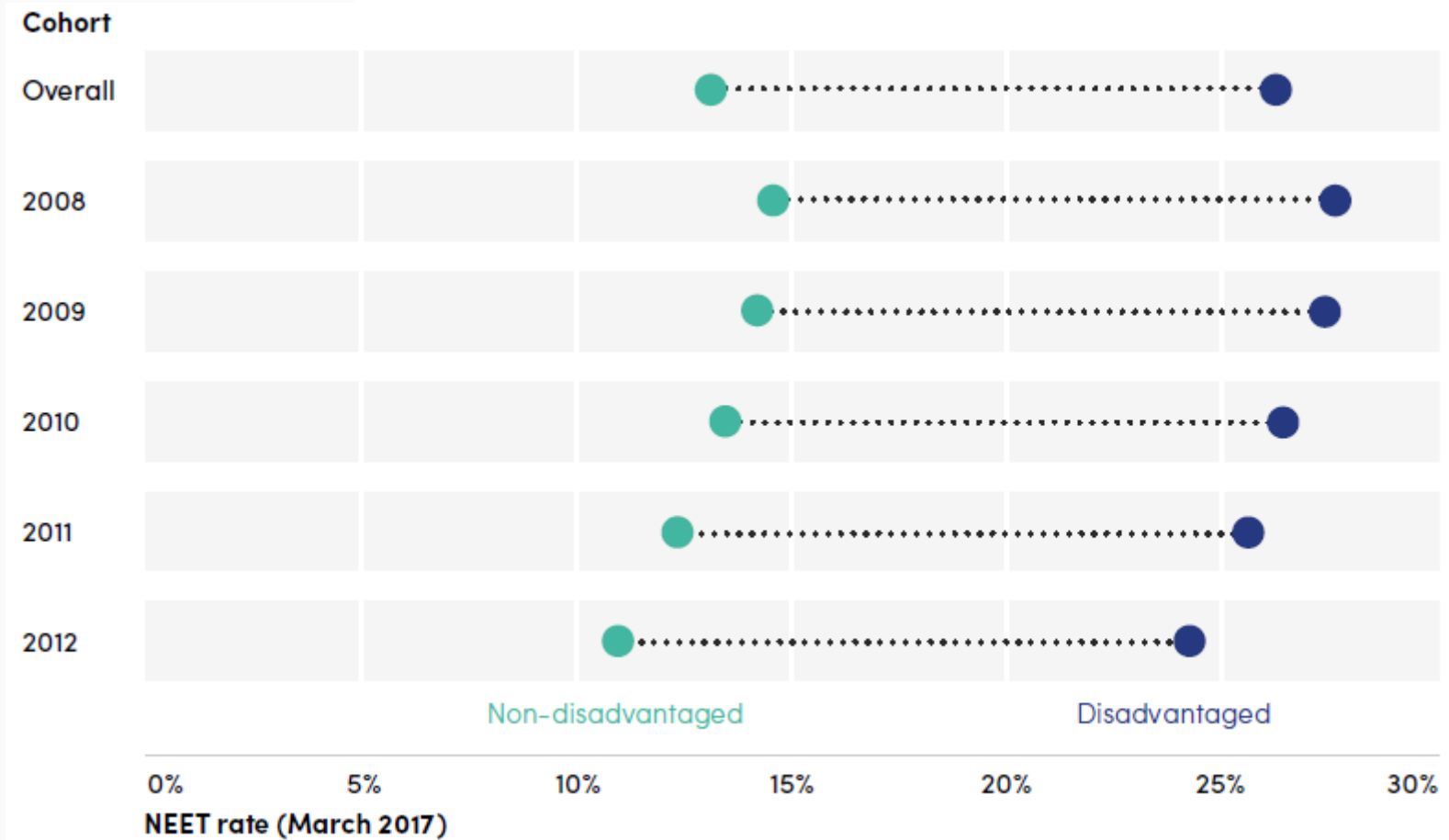
Source: Youth Jobs Index 2017



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Disadvantaged young people are twice as likely to be NEET as their better-off peers

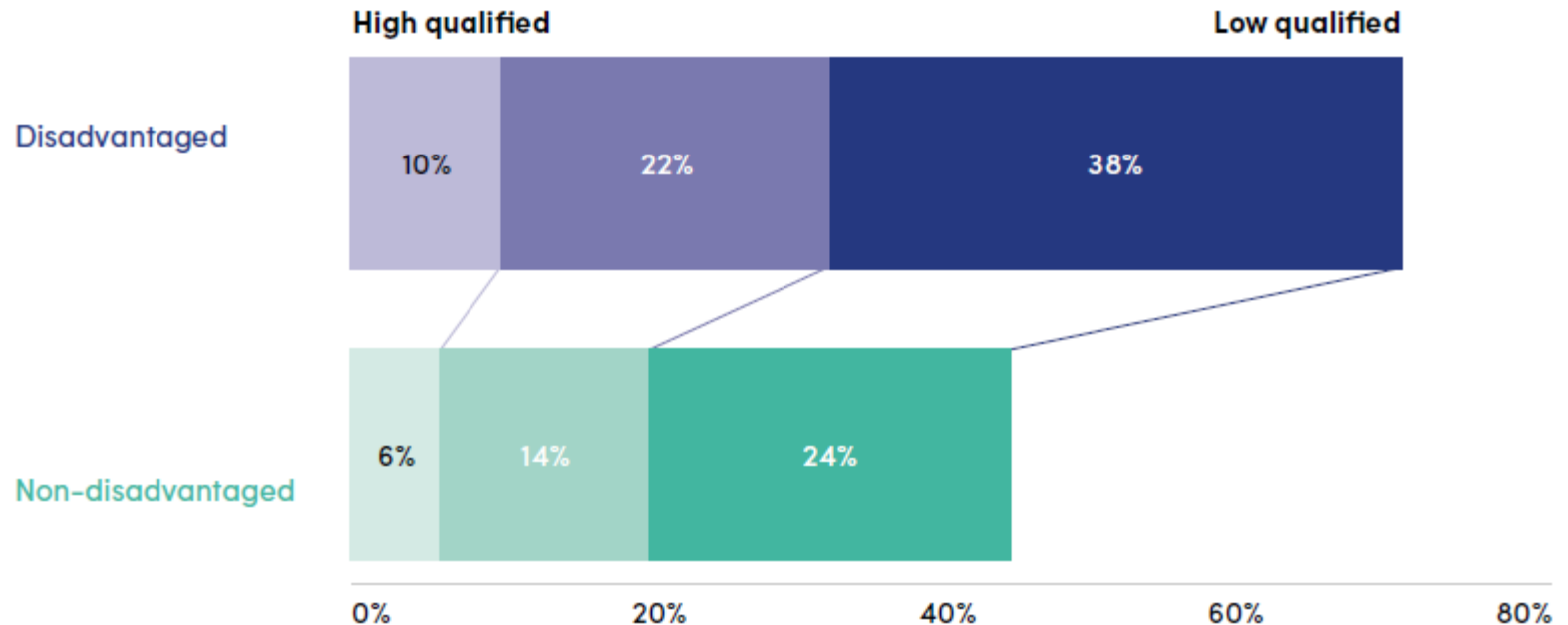
Disadvantage vs non-disadvantage NEET rate for young people, by cohort, at March 2017





At all levels of qualification, disadvantaged young people are more likely to be NEET than their better-off peers with similar qualifications

Low qualified vs middle qualified vs high qualified NEET rate for young people, by disadvantage, at March 2017



Most NEET young people have been NEET for 12 months

- Percentage of young people NEET for 3 months to September 2016: 16%
- Percentage of young people NEET for 12 months to September 2016: 12%

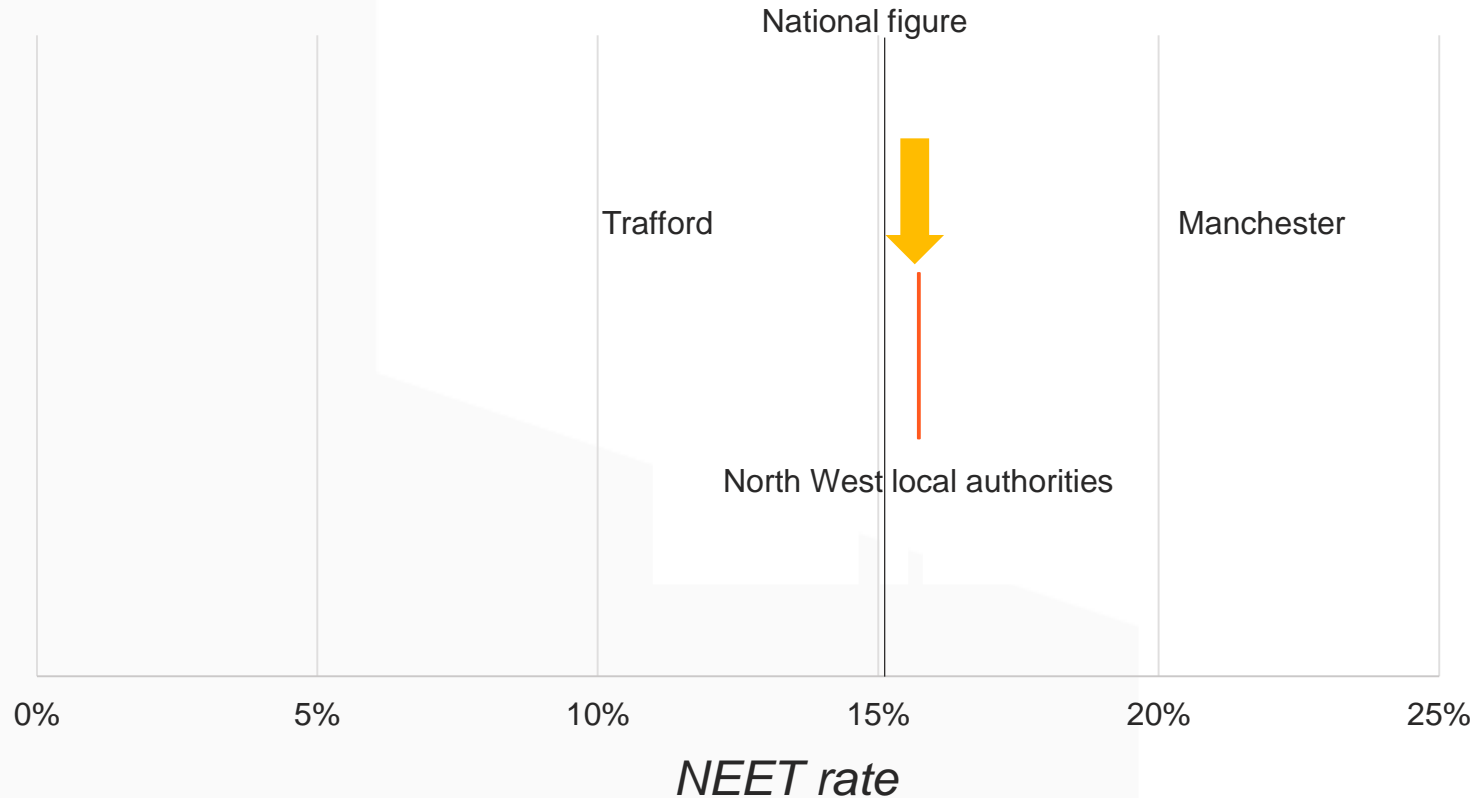
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of young people who are NEET for three months have been NEET for 12 months.
Most NEET young people are NEET for the long-term.

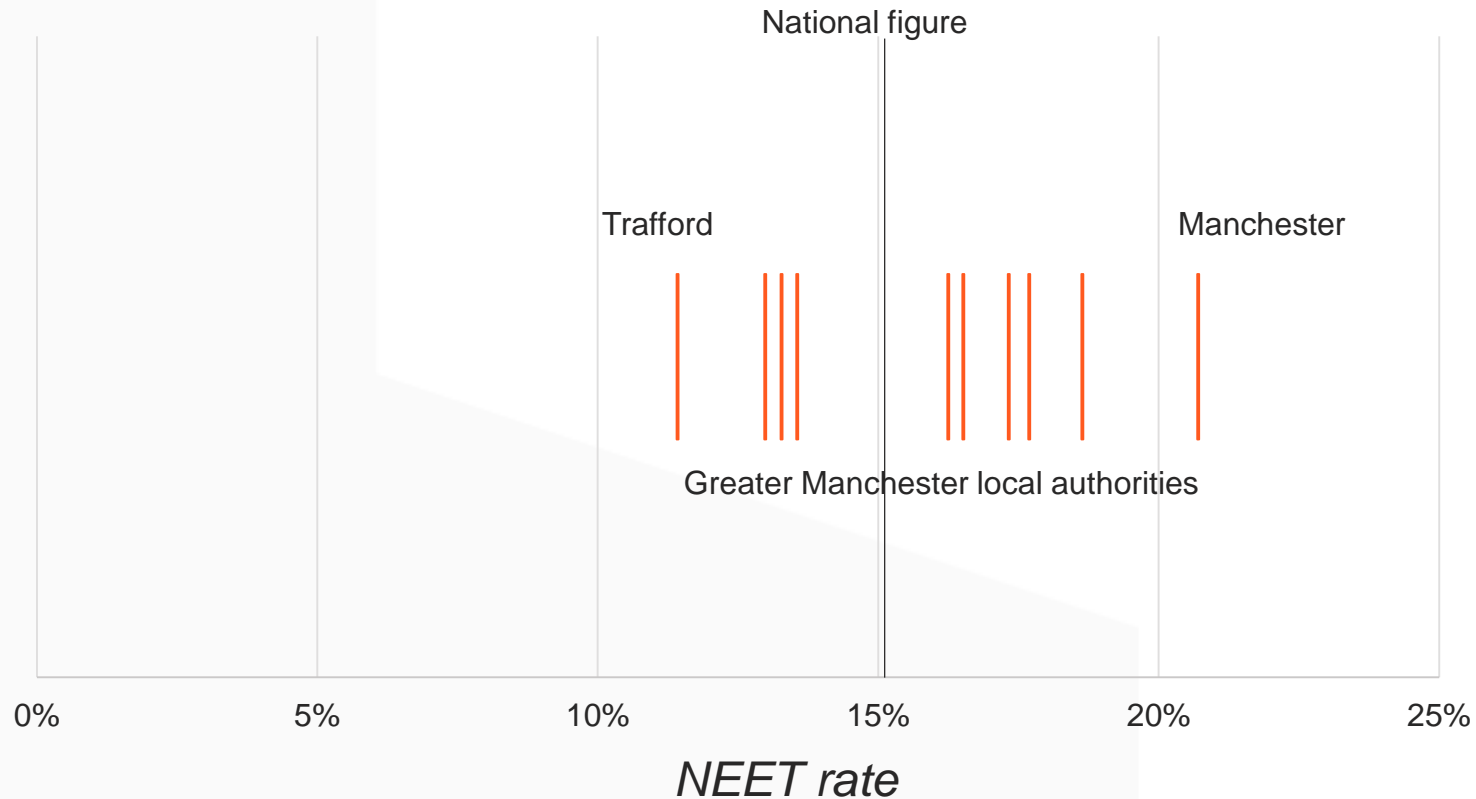
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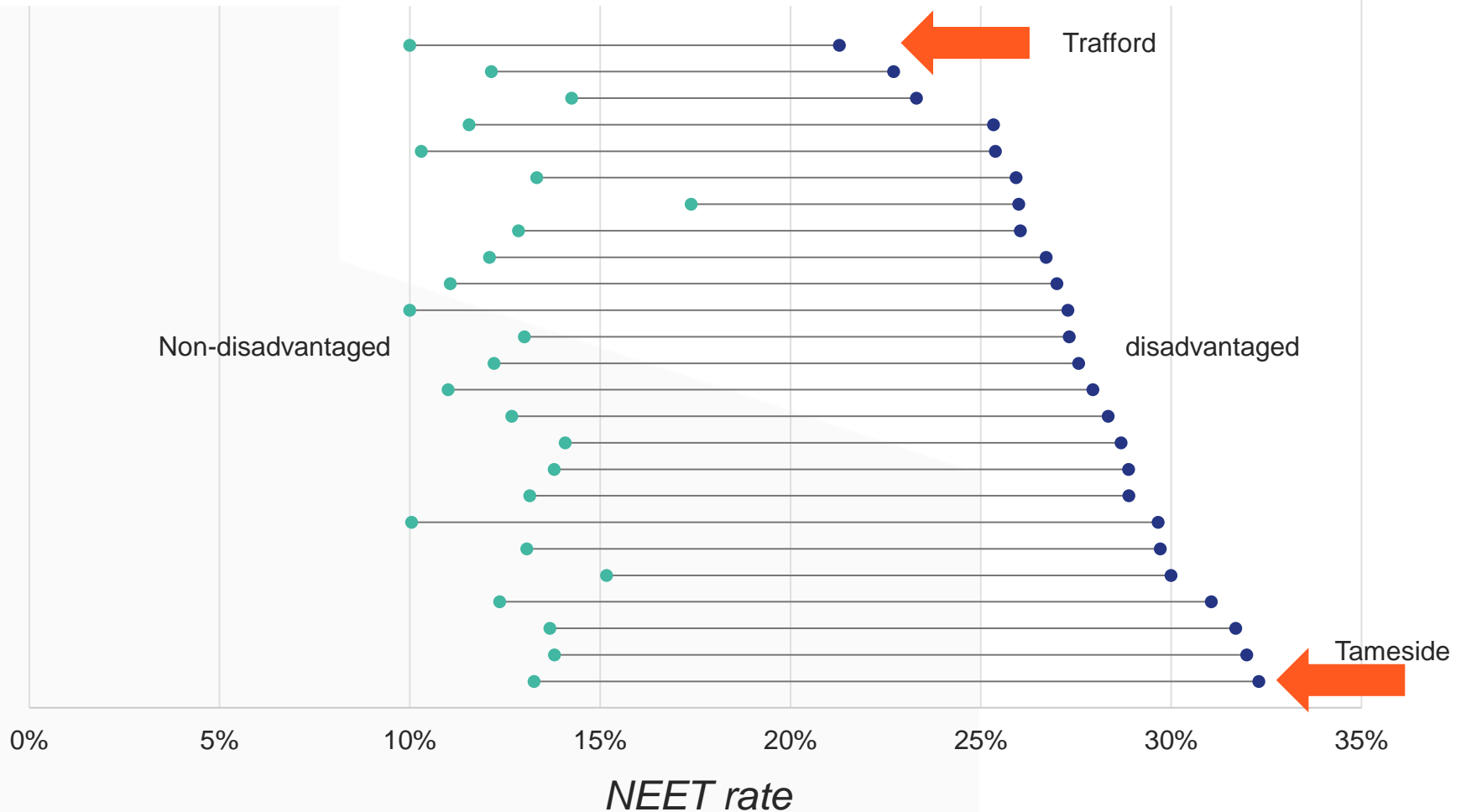
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Oldham is a midsized local authority area, with middling levels of disadvantage and low qualification. It has a low NEET rate for disadvantaged young people, a small employment gap, and these young people are less overrepresented among NEETs than almost anywhere else. Oldham is also solidly in the middle third on measures relating to apprenticeships.

In higher education, Oldham is higher ranked, with disadvantaged young people without good GCSEs more likely to access higher education than their better-off peers. Access rates for disadvantaged young people are in the top three overall.

Table 43: Summary of findings for Oldham

Local authority area facts		Rank within North West (out of 22)	Rank within GMCA (out of 10)
Population	18,500	11	5
Level of disadvantage	21%	10	4
Level of low qualification	27%	10	5
Level of low qualification and disadvantage	9%	11	4
NEETs			
NEET rate	16%	11	6
NEET rate (disadvantaged)	23%	20	8
Employment Gap	9%	21	9
Proportion of NEETs from disadvantaged backgrounds	32%	14	7
Extent to which disadvantaged young people are overrepresented among NEETs	1.47	21	9
NEET rate (low qualified)	33%	9	5
Proportion of NEETs who are low qualified	47%	12	5
Extent to which low qualified young people are overrepresented among NEETs	1.74	15	7
NEET rate (low qualified and disadvantaged)	38%	17	8
Proportion of NEETs who are low qualified and disadvantaged	21%	14	7
Extent to which low qualified and disadvantaged young people are overrepresented among NEETs	2.24	17	8

Table 43: Summary of findings for Oldham continued

Local authority area facts		Rank within North West (out of 22)	Rank within GMCA (out of 10)
Higher education			
University start rate (young people with top GCSEs)	71%	6	3
University start rate (young people without good GCSEs)	14%	9	6
University start rate (disadvantaged young people with top GCSEs)	70%	2	2
University start rate (disadvantaged young people without good GCSEs)	14%	3	3
Extent to which disadvantaged young people (with top GCSEs) are underrepresented	0.99	2	2
Extent to which disadvantaged young people (without good GCSEs) are underrepresented	1.03	1	1
Apprenticeships			
Apprenticeship start rate (young people without good GCSEs)	12%	12	7
Apprenticeship start rate (disadvantaged young people without good GCSEs)	14%	14	7
Proportion of apprenticeship starts by disadvantaged young people	30%	8	4
Extent to which disadvantaged young people are over/underrepresented as apprentices	0.97	16	8

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