

# YOUNG PEOPLE NOT WORKING, IN SCHOOL OR TRAINING WHAT WERE THEY DOING?

In September 2018,

**779,000 CANADIANS  
AGED 15 TO 29**

were not in employment, education or training (NEET). This represented 11.3% of people in this age category.



**Women aged 25 to 29  
most likely to be NEET (16.4%)**

**ALMOST  
4 IN 10 NEET women  
in this age group**

reported that their main activity in the past 12 months was **caring for children**.<sup>1</sup>

## HEALTH CONCERNS

**A LITTLE  
MORE THAN  
1 IN 10**

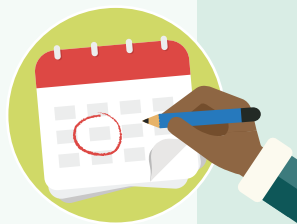
NEET individuals said that a physical or mental health concern or disability had kept them from working, going to school, or doing some other main activity.



## GIVING BACK

**About 3 in 10 NEET individuals had volunteered for a group or organization to some extent in the past 12 months.**

At least once a week	8.9%
At least once a month	5.1%
A few times in the past 12 months	15.2%
Not at all in the past 12 months	70.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>



**Almost 5 in 10**

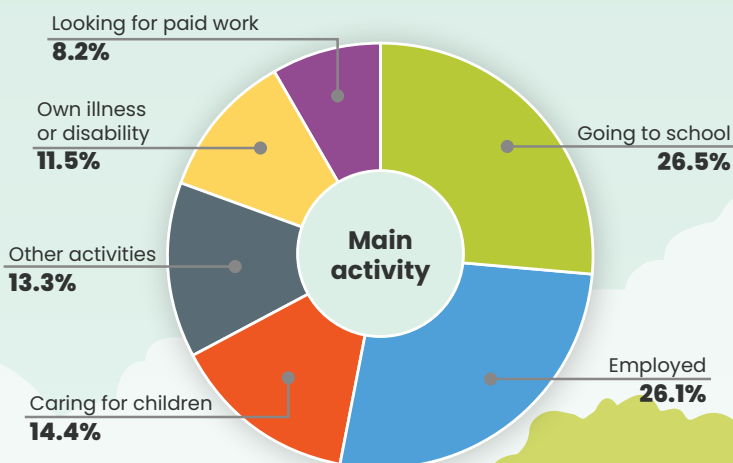


young NEET people had provided unpaid help to others.

About **1%**<sup>2</sup> of NEET reported **volunteering or care-giving other than for children** as their main activity in the past 12 months.



**More than half of NEET youth in September 2018 had worked or gone to school in the past 12 months.**<sup>3</sup>



**Notes:**

1. The "caring for children" category also includes "maternity, paternity or parental leave."

2. Use with caution: - high sampling variability.

3. The "other activities" category includes "other", "household work," "volunteering or care-giving other than for children," and "unpaid internship."

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey. For more information, see the article "Young people not in employment, education or training - what did they do in the past 12 months?" available online in the *Labour Statistics at a Glance* series (71-222-X).

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# Correction notice

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The number of Canadians aged 15 to 29 who were not in employment, education or training (NEET) was corrected to 779,000 from 779,00 in the English version.