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In the second quarter of 2009, 65.7% of young people aged 15 to 34 years old had completed an educational level and were not studying. The average age for leaving school was 19 years old (16 years for those who had formal education up to lower secondary education, increasing up to 24 years for those with higher education level). Almost all (92.7%) have had a job of more than three months after leaving school. For a quarter of these (25.6%) the transition from school to the first job lasted three months.

Statistics Portugal releases the first results of the module 2009 of the Labour Force Survey - The Entry of Young People into the Labour Market, held in the second quarter, with the main aim of observing the transition between school and working life. In particular, it is analysed the characteristics of the first jobs for young people aged between 15 and 34 years old, the factors influencing their entry into the labour market, particularly the links between education and the labour market, as well as the lag between leaving school and the first job of more than three months.