

Young people's perceptions of education in urban Sierra Leone

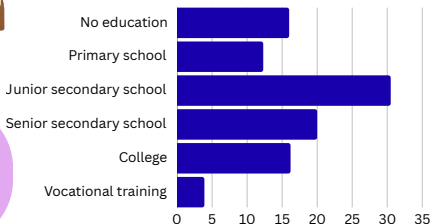
Headline findings from a survey carried out in April 2025 in Freetown, Bo and Makeni

The most common level of completed education level is junior secondary school followed by senior secondary school.



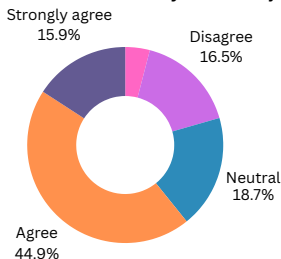
Clear gender differences: women are more likely to stop their education at earlier stages and less likely to complete college

Highest level of completed education



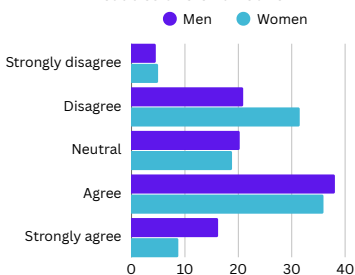
44.8% of the respondents dropped out of an educational institution. The most common reason for dropouts is financial struggles, followed by family issues and pregnancy.

The skills you learned during your education are useful for your current job



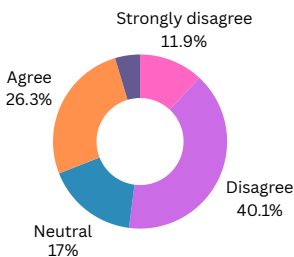
Over a half of the respondents agree that their education is relevant and useful for their jobs

Your education reflected the everyday realities of Sierra Leone

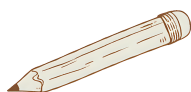


Women tend to see the relevance of their education more critically than men

During your education you received good career coaching



Career coaching and opportunities to gain practical skills are consistently viewed as limited across all groups



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