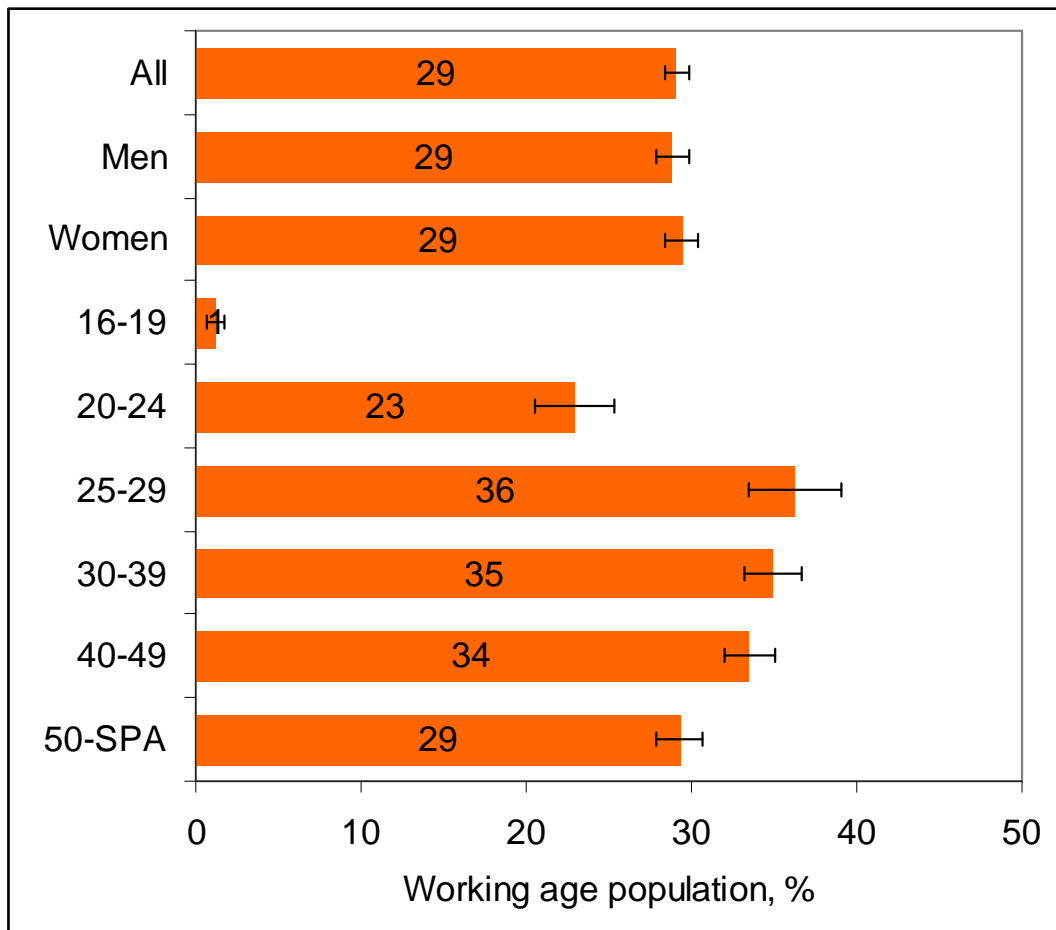


- NVQ LEVEL 4 QUALIFICATIONS AND ABOVE -

Equal proportions of men and women in the South West have a Level 4 qualification or above (or equivalent). The proportion rises with age until the peak age group of 25 to 29 and then falls thereafter for each subsequent, older age group.

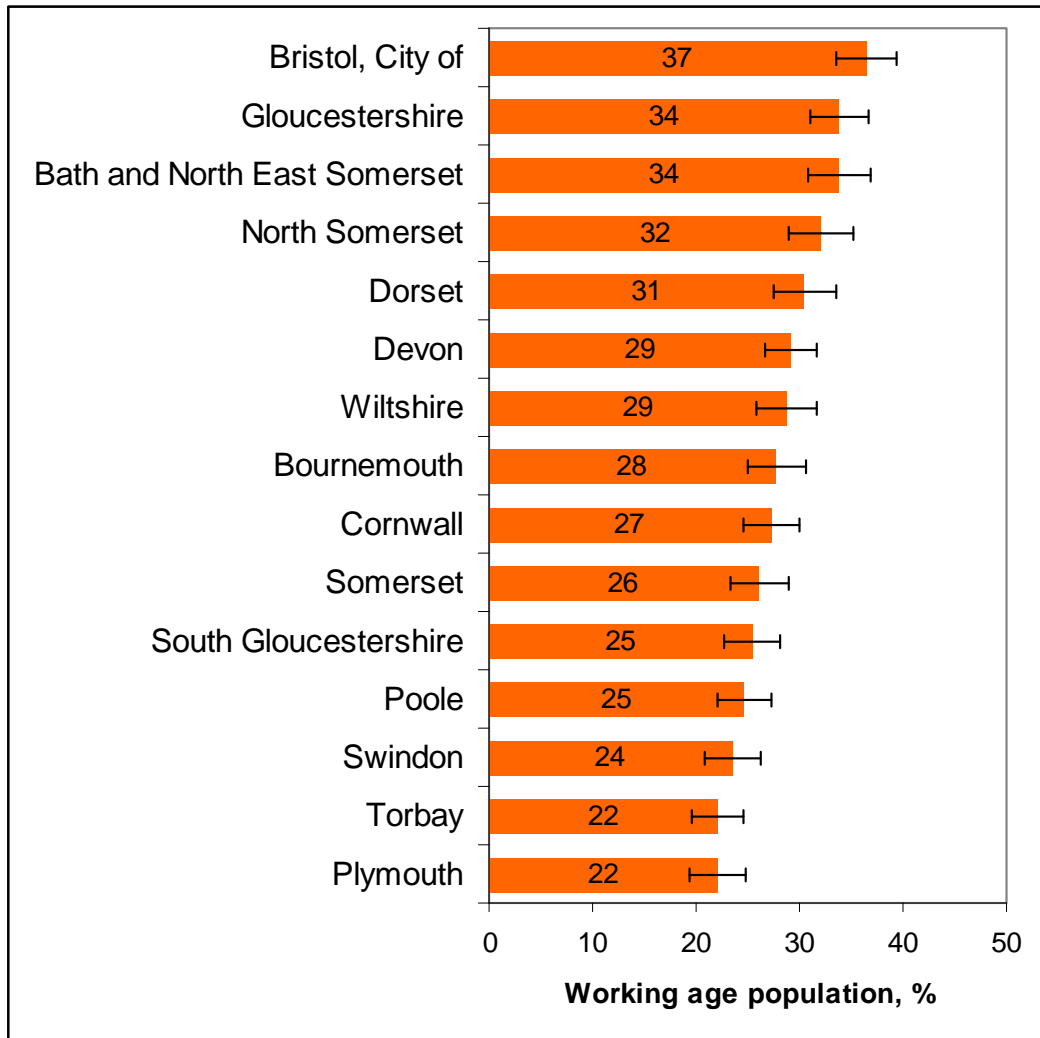
Figure 24: Percentage of the working age population with a NVQ Level 4 qualification or above by age and gender, January to December 2007, South West



Source: Annual Population Survey (NOMIS)

Qualification at Level 4 or above (degree level) are highest in the City of Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset and Gloucestershire and are lower than the regional average in Torbay, Plymouth, Swindon, Poole and South Gloucestershire (Figure 25).

Figure 25: Percentage of the working age population with a NVQ Level 4 qualification or above by local authority area, January to December 2007, South West



Source: NOMIS