

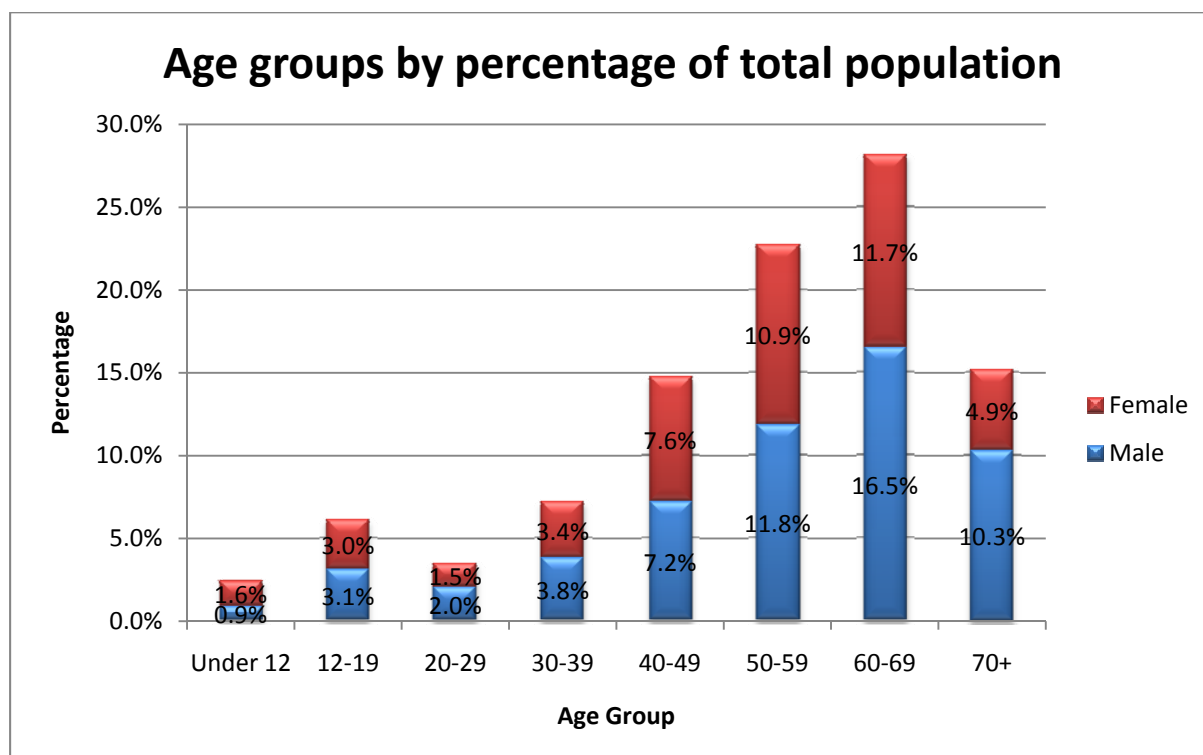
Summary Analysis of EACR Survey

Response Rate

The response rate to the survey is shown in the table below. Clearly as we decided to carry out our additional part of the survey beyond that requested by the Central Council and our general methodology of visits, we have had a good response. Information from the CCCBR website shows that the highest elsewhere was Tyne & Wear with 88%. I would suggest that overall this is a representative sample of the current state of ringing in Essex, however, figures for the South West district are probably not statistically sound with such a low response rate.

Response Rate	Towers	Response	Percentage
Northern	32	21	66%
North-Eastern	23	22	96%
North-Western	41	41	100%
Southern	25	24	96%
South-Eastern	32	31	97%
South-Western	19	5	26%
Overall	172	144	84%

Age Groups

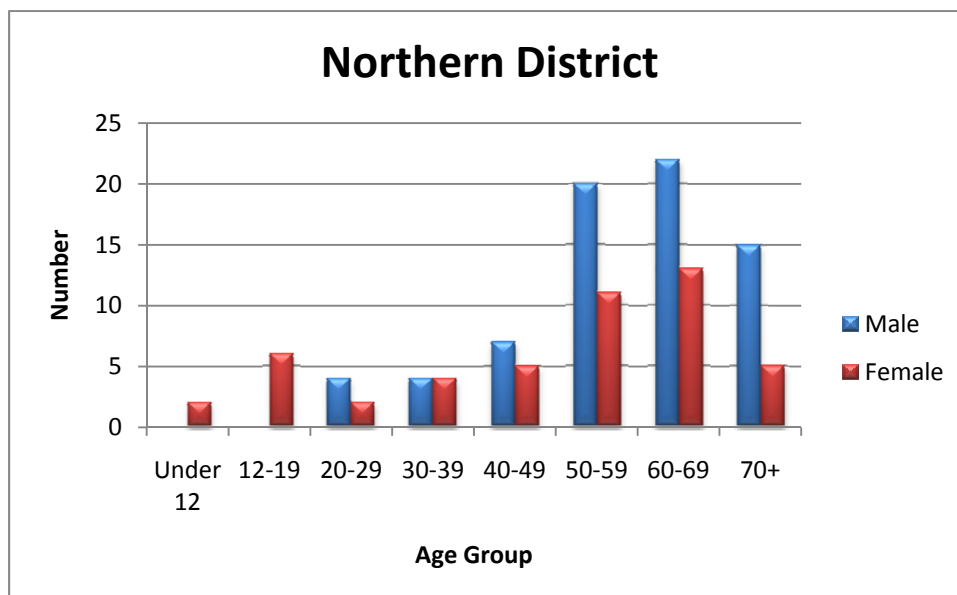


The above chart shows the percentage in each age group from the total population of responses received. Each column is split into male and female as indicated at the right hand side and the percentage given for each gender in that age group. E.g. in the age group 40-49, 7.6% of the total number of people in the survey are female. Below is the above information set out in table form.

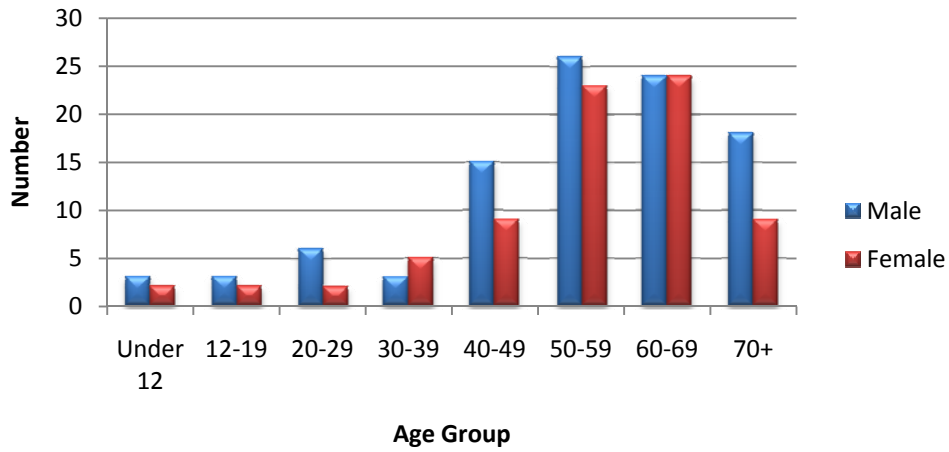
Age Group	Each age group as percentage of total	Each age group by gender as percentage of total.	
		Male	Female
	Total		
Under 12	2.4%	0.9%	1.6%
12-19	6.1%	3.1%	3.0%
20-29	3.5%	2.0%	1.5%
30-39	7.2%	3.8%	3.4%
40-49	14.8%	7.2%	7.6%
50-59	22.7%	11.8%	10.9%
60-69	28.2%	16.5%	11.7%
70+	15.1%	10.3%	4.9%
	100.0%	55.6%	44.4%

This shows that the population of EACR is very unevenly spread in its age distribution with 43.3% being over the age of 60.

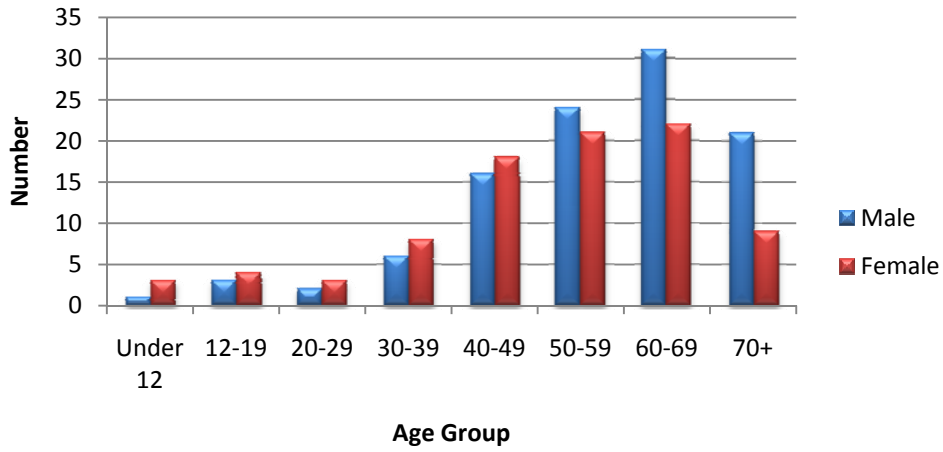
Below are the age distribution charts for each district. Note that these are actual numbers rather than percentages and that the scales vary.



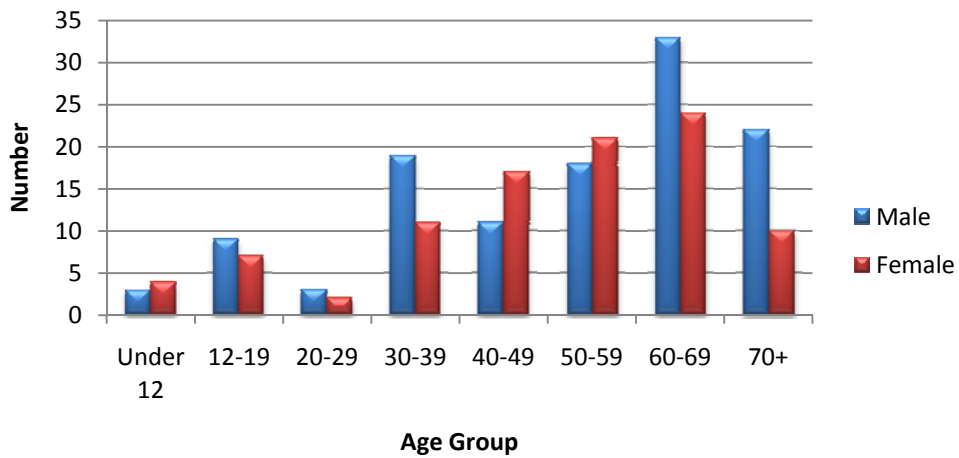
North-Eastern District



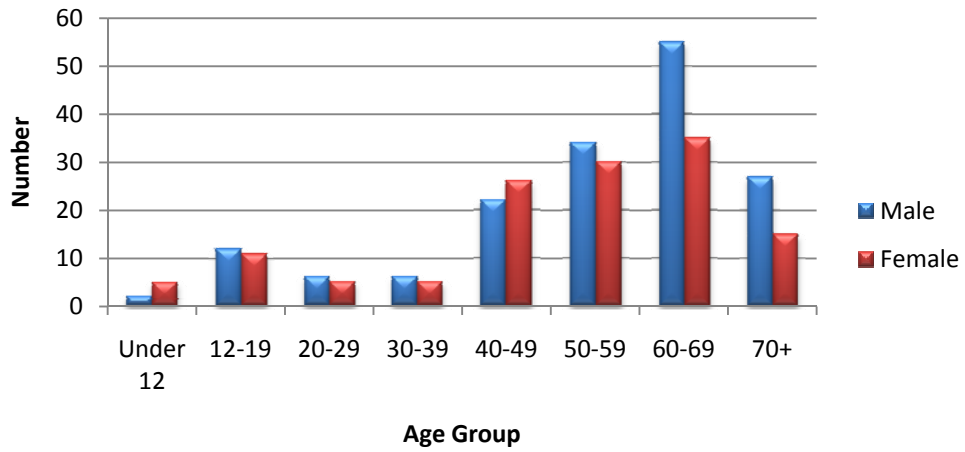
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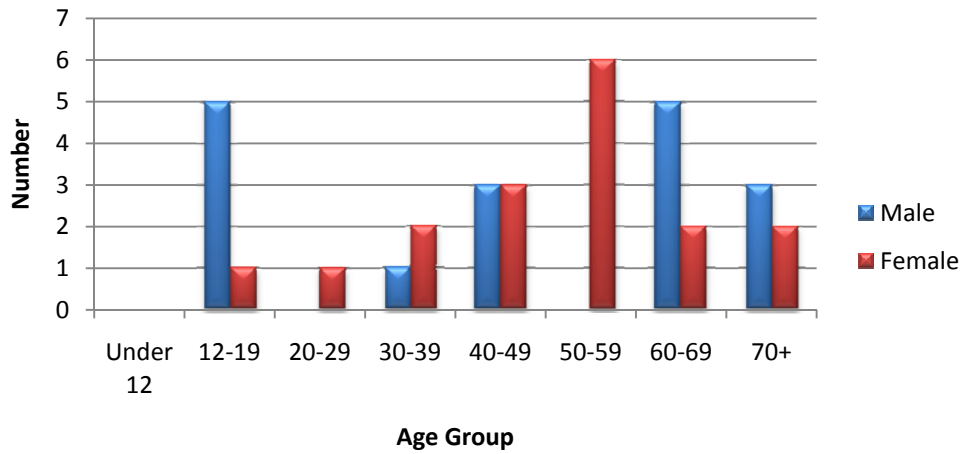
Southern District



South-Eastern District

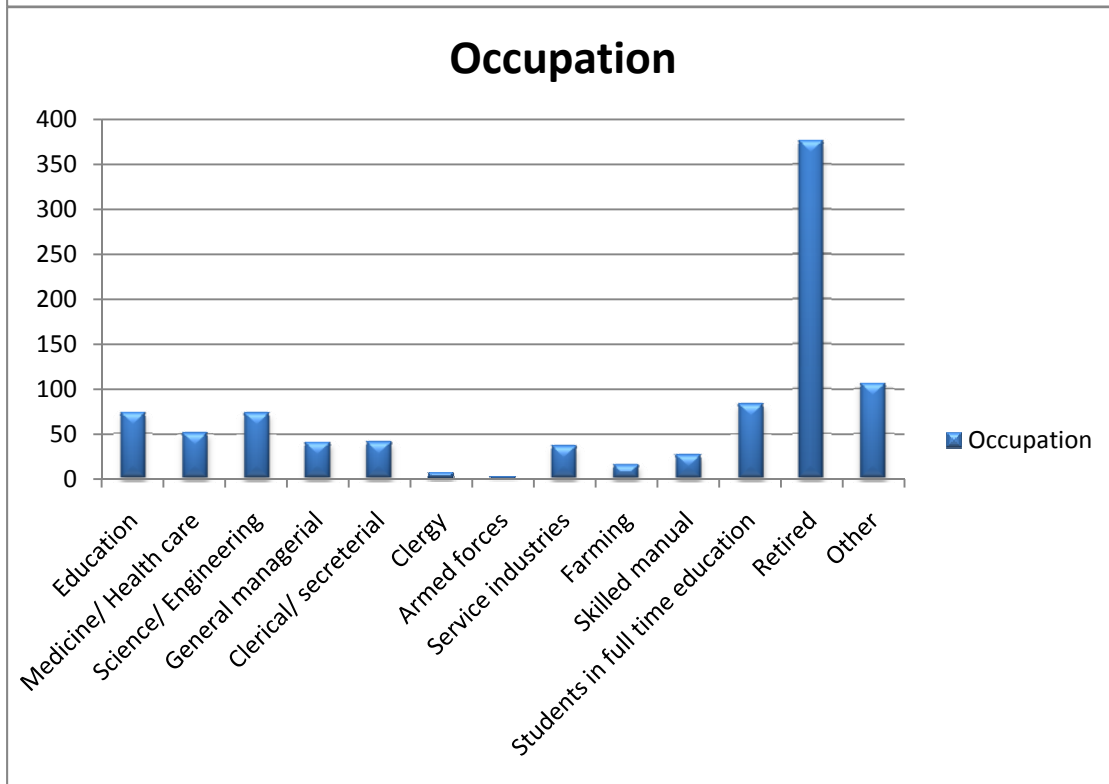
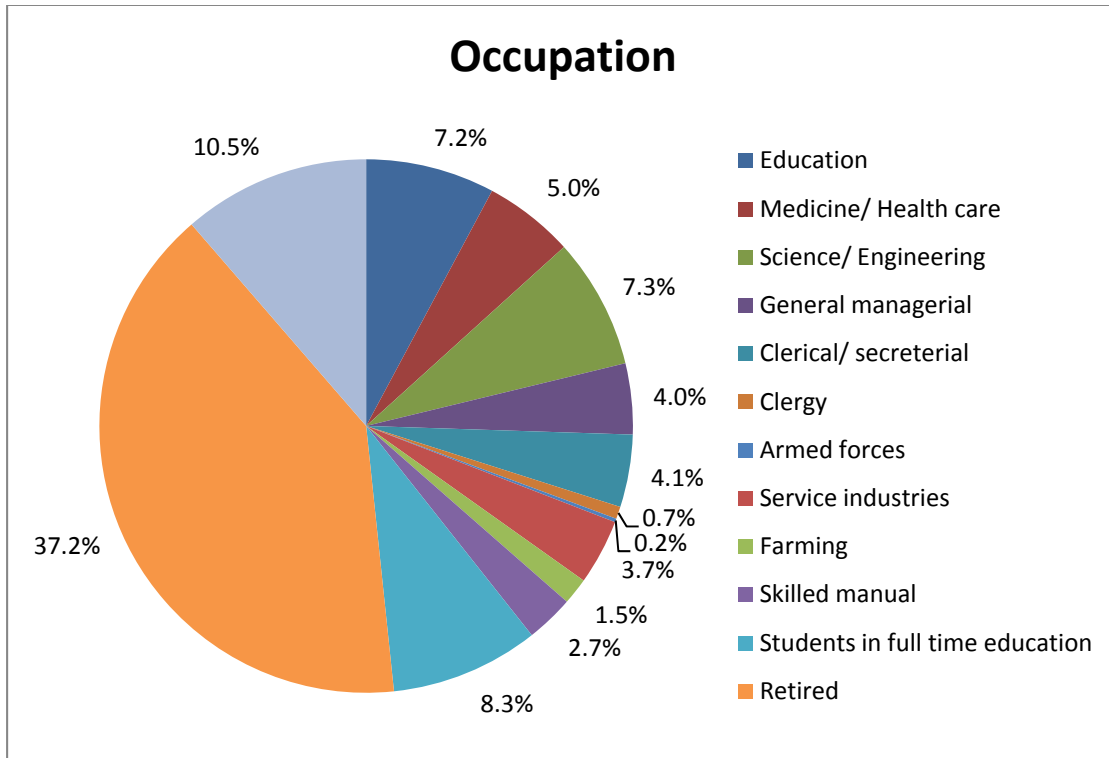


South-Western District



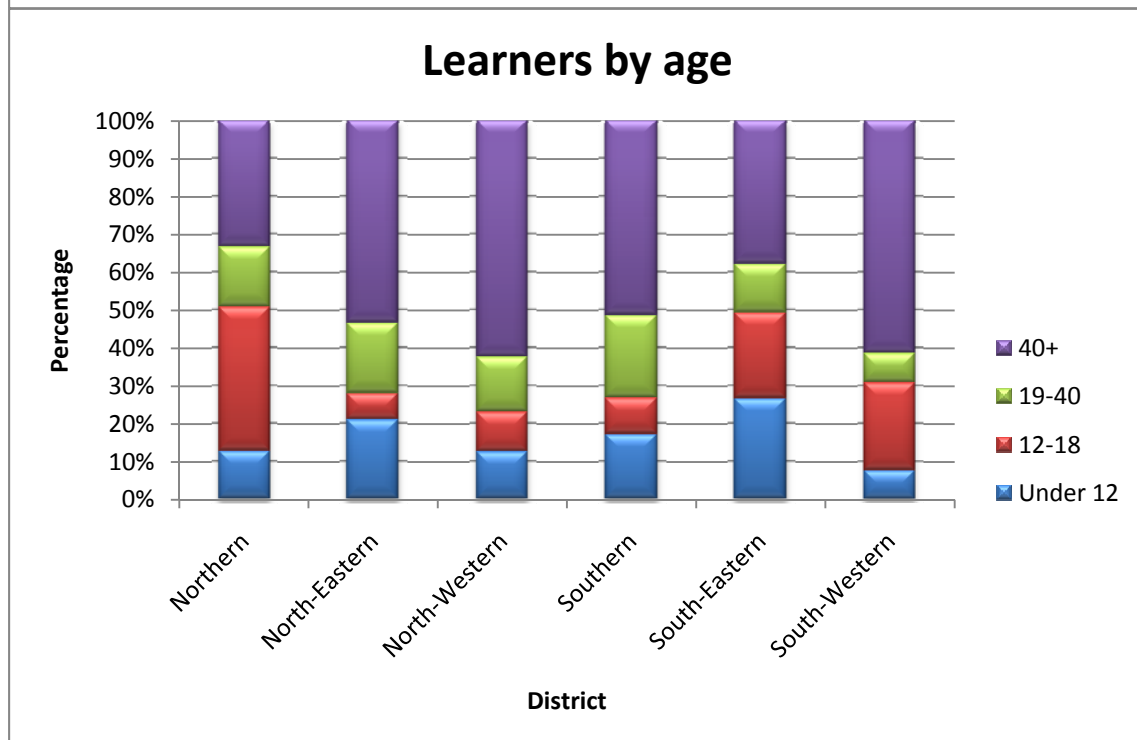
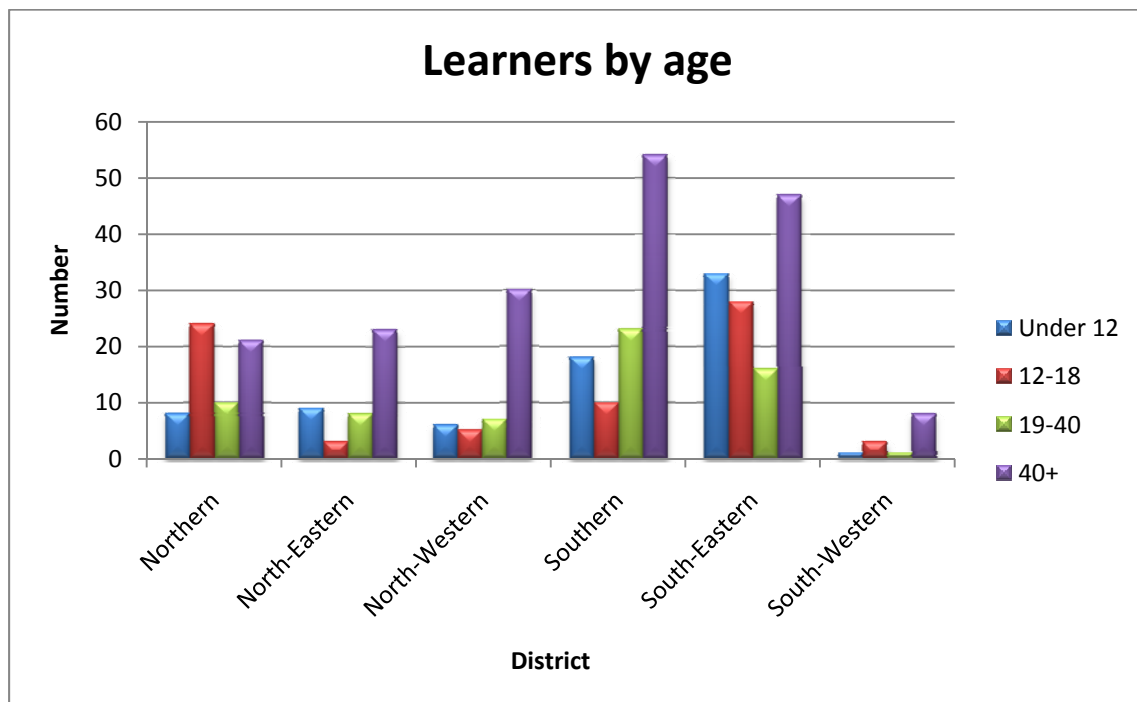
Occupation

The chart below shows the occupation data for the EACR population. Clearly the largest group of people is composed of those who are retired.

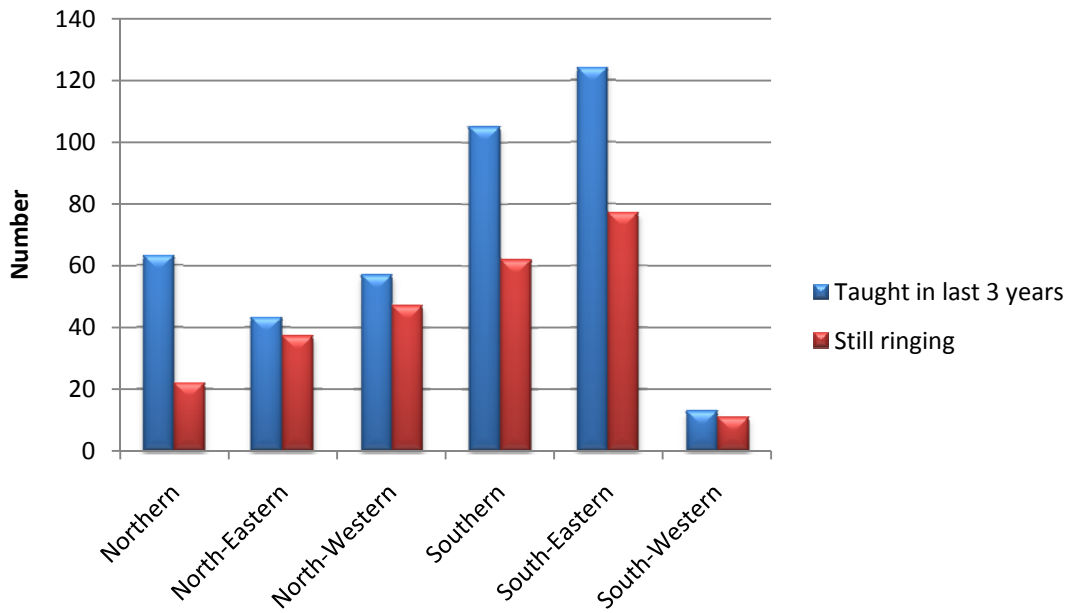


Learners.

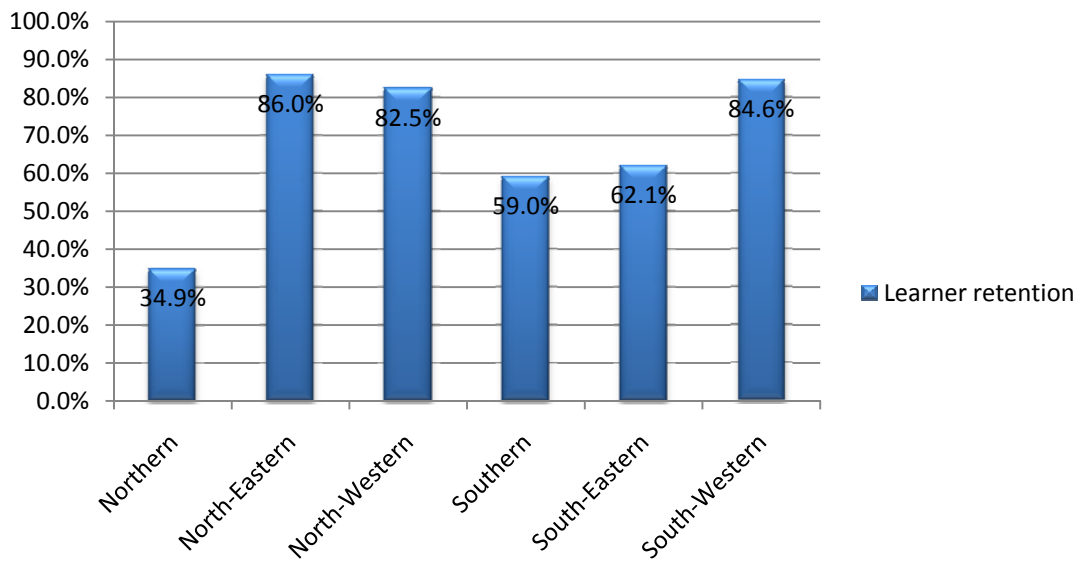
Below are charts showing the number of learners taught over the last 3 years in each district. The first chart by actual numbers, the second chart in percentage terms. The third and fourth charts show the level of learner retention. It should be noted that while the percentage rates of retention appear to be quite high, the data has not been recorded in which age groups that retention is occurring. Considering the overall level of numbers given above for each age group, it is probable that retention is occurring in the older age groups rather than the younger ones.



Learner Retention



Learner retention by percentage



Sunday Ringing

Analysis of the situation for Sunday ringing from the information returned is not straightforward in each district. Those for North-Eastern, Southern and South-Eastern are accurate. In the Northern and North-Western districts the situation is complicated by the combining of several tower returns so it is difficult to ascertain the Sunday ringing situation in each tower plus the response rate in the Northern district was only 66%. It is likely that as tower returns are combined then there is a degree of rotational ringing within these towers. The South-Western district has a full return here, despite their low response rate, because it has been filled in by the committee member (namely Sandra Lee) who felt that she had sufficient knowledge of the ringing situation to do so.

