

Attendance Rates at Training

February 2011

Background

This note presents figures on the attendance rates to training programmes for benefit claimants. Attendance rates are defined as the percentage of customers referred by Jobcentre Plus to the programmes that then go on to start. The three training programmes that are covered in this note are;

- i) Six Month Offer Work Focused Training (6MO WFT) – available since April 2009 to claimants on Jobseekers Allowance for at least six month.
- ii) Young Person’s Guarantee Routes into Work (YPG RiW) - Pre Employment Training for up to eight weeks training in key employment sectors for unemployed young people.
- iii) Young Person’s Guarantee Work Focused Training (YPG WFT) - up to 24 weeks full-time training for unemployed young people wanting a significant skills boost or re-skilling.

Official statistics on starts and completions to these programmes are published quarterly. The following links take you to the publications, which include further information on the training programmes:

http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=6month_offer
<http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=ygp>

Methodology

Data on starts to the above training programmes is sourced from training provider returns – see above link for more detail.

Jobcentre Plus refers claimants to training providers, and these referrals are recorded on Jobcentre Plus’s Labour Market System. The data on referrals is sourced from the DWP Opportunity type database, using data from LMS.

There will be a time delay between an individual being referred to training, and the individual then starting the course. To allow for this in calculating attendance rates, we have followed starts for one month more than referrals. For example, attendance rates for 6MO WFT are calculated as:

Cumulative starts to 6MO WFT at October 2010

Cumulative referrals to 6MO WFT at September 2010

Results are for England only as it is not possible to separately identify referrals to the training programmes in Wales and Scotland.

Results

Table 1 below shows the number of referrals, starts and resulting attendance rate for each of the training programmes. The attendance rates are very similar for each of

the training programmes; 39% for 6MO WFT and YPG RiW, and 40% for YPG WFT. So this means, taking YPG WFT as an example, that 40% of those referred to the training have gone on to start.

Table 1: Referral, starts and attendance rates at training programmes for benefit claimants (England).

Training Programme	Referrals¹	Starts²	Attendance Rate
6MO WFT ³	187,460	73,540	39%
YPG RiW ⁴	40,380	15,670	39%
YPG WFT ⁴	23,680	9,380	40%

Notes

- 1) Referrals from JCP are sourced from the Department of Work and Pensions Opportunity Type database.
- 2) Starts to training are sourced from Department for Business Innovation and Skills Individual Learner Record system.
- 3) For 6MO WFT, referrals cover April 2009 to September 2010, and starts cover April 2009 to October 2010.
- 4) For YPG RiW and YPG WFT, referrals cover November 2009 to September 2010, and starts cover November 2009 to October 2010.

Tom Davies (tom.davies1@dwp.gsi.gov.uk)

Department for Work and Pensions

17th February 2011