

**Young Person's Guarantee Official Statistics**  
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## Summary

This publication contains official statistics on starts to the Young Person's Guarantee (YPG) up to January 2011. The key statistics are:

Up to the end of January 2011 there have been:

- **91,890** starts to Future Jobs Fund vacancies
- **37,330** starts to Community Task Force placements
- **22,980** starts to Routes into Work - Pre Employment Training
- **12,200** starts to Work Focused Training

## Introduction

1. This publication contains statistics on the Young Person's Guarantee (YPG) covering the period from October 2009 to January 2011.
2. This is a joint statistical publication between the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS), the Scottish Government and the Welsh Assembly Government.
3. This publication covers statistics on the Future Job Fund, Community Task Force, Routes into Work (Pre Employment Training), and Work Focused Training.
4. Every effort has been made to ensure that the quality of these statistics is of the highest standard. However, it may be necessary to revise the statistics in subsequent publications when more complete data becomes available. This will be carried out in line with the UK Statistics Authority's Code of Practice. Any feedback or suggestions to improve this publication are welcomed.

## Young Person's Guarantee Policy Description

5. The Young Person's Guarantee was announced in the 2009 Budget. Under the Guarantee, all 18 to 24 year olds reaching six months unemployment are guaranteed an offer of a job, training or work experience.
6. The Young Person's Guarantee consists of the main elements listed below. More detailed descriptions of each of the strands can be found in **Annex B**.
  - Future Jobs Fund;
  - Community Task Force;
  - Routes into Work and Care First Careers (including Routes into Work Pre-Employment Training); and
  - Work Focused Training.

7. The Young Person's Guarantee was formally introduced from the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010, although some strands, including the Future Jobs Fund began earlier. Since the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010, all young people reaching ten months unemployment are required to take up an offer under the guarantee.

## **Technical Overview**

### **Future Jobs Fund:**

8. The Future Jobs Fund statistics are drawn from the Jobcentre Plus customer management systems - the Labour Market System.
9. A Future Jobs Fund job start is defined as the date the customer accepted their job offer with the employer. This is input to the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System.
10. Related official statistics on Future Jobs Fund participant outcomes are also released for the first time as official statistics, alongside this publication in a separate annexe. These can be found at: <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=yjpg>.

### **Community Task Force:**

11. The statistics for the Community Task Force are drawn from the Jobcentre Plus customer management systems - the Labour Market System.
12. A start on Community Task Force is defined as the date the customer attended their initial interview with the Community Task Force provider. This is input by the provider into the Provider Referrals and Payments system (PRaP) which then updates Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System. The statistics cover both voluntary and mandatory starts.

### **Routes into Work Pre-Employment Training and Work Focused Training:**

13. The Routes into Work Pre-employment Training and Work Focused Training elements of the Young Person's Guarantee are led and funded by BIS in England, the Scottish Government in Scotland and the Welsh Assembly Government in Wales.
14. Data on Routes into Work Pre-employment Training and Work Focused Training is sourced from training provider returns that are collected separately in England, Scotland and Wales. The sources are; the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) database (England); Skills Development Scotland (Corporate Training System); and the Lifelong Learning Wales Record (LLWR) database. These systems hold data on all government-funded learners in the country studying at a Further Education institution or training provider.
15. Data on starts to the Work Focused Training strand of Young Person's Guarantee in Scotland is not available. Arrangements for delivery through existing Further Education provision does not enable the collection of separate data that is robust enough for publication. Work Focused Training demographics for Wales, and Routes into Work Pre-Employment Training demographics for Wales and Scotland are not included in this publication. This decision is in line with the Code of Practice for official statistics in relation to Principle 6: Proportionate Burden.
16. This publication includes statistics on the number of completions of Routes into Work Pre-employment Training and Work Focused Training for England only. Statistics on the number of completions of the training elements on offer in Wales and Scotland are not included. Again, this decision is in line with the Code of Practice for official statistics in relation to Principle 6: Proportionate Burden.

17. Training providers may submit data on learner starts and completions some time after the actual event occurred. This means that data presented in this release is subject to some retrospection, and figures will be revised in subsequent releases.
18. There have been some larger than normal revisions to "Young Persons Guarantee - Routes into Work" starts in Wales. Some learning providers were previously miscoding learners as being on the "Young Recruits Programme" rather than the "Young Persons Guarantee - Routes into Work" training, both of which have similar codes in the data collection. This has now been corrected and starts onto YPG-Routes into Work training in Wales up to September 2010 have increased by around 100 since the last publication.

#### **Routes in to Work and Care First Careers:**

19. There are no suitable data sources that are both accurate and consistent to produce official statistics on work trials, direct vacancy referrals and recruitment subsidies under Routes into Work and Care First Careers.

#### **Rounding Policy**

20. To reduce the risk of inferring the identity of a claimant from these statistics and other statistics, values less than ten, including zeros, are suppressed and marked with a dash. Values above ten are rounded to the nearest ten. Therefore totals may not equal the sum of the individual cells.

Table 1a: Starts to the Young Person's Guarantee

	Future Jobs Fund starts <sup>1</sup> (GB)	Community Task Force starts <sup>2</sup> (GB)	Routes into Work Pre Employment Training starts <sup>3</sup> (GB)	Work Focus Training starts <sup>4</sup> (England and Wales)
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,890</b>	<b>37,330</b>	<b>22,980</b>	<b>12,200</b>
Oct-2009	480			
Nov-2009	2,230		90	-
Dec-2009	1,880		80	-
Jan-2010	4,450	-	610	100
Feb-2010	6,090	150	1,510	650
Mar-2010	12,050	590	1,940	1,460
Apr-2010	7,180	1,020	1,560	1,180
May-2010	6,850	4,160	1,700	1,250
Jun-2010	8,000	5,260	2,070	1,300
Jul-2010	6,210	4,930	1,480	1,080
Aug-2010	6,220	4,710	1,940	1,050
Sep-2010	7,660	4,010	1,770	930
Oct-2010	6,550	3,320	1,810	900
Nov-2010	6,830	3,640	2,740	970
Dec-2010	2,840	2,240	860	390
Jan-2011	6,380	3,300	2,820	950

**Notes:** Values less than 10 are suppressed and marked with a dash and any figures above 10 are rounded to the nearest 10. Due to rounding totals may not be the sum of the individual cells. Months are calendar months. Future Jobs Fund started in October 2009, Routes into Work - Pre Employment Training and Work Focused Training started in November 2009, and Community Task Force started in January 2010.

1: Data Source - DWP LMS opportunities evaluation database February 2011.

2: Data Source - DWP LMS opportunities evaluation database February 2011.

3: Source - BIS Individual Learner Record system, Welsh Assembly Government's Lifelong Learning Wales Record and Skill Development Scotland's Corporate Training System.

4: Source - BIS Individual Learner Record system and Welsh Assembly Government's Lifelong Learning Wales Record.

**Table 1b: Routes into Work Pre-employment Training and Work Focused Training starts and completions by country**

	Routes into Work Pre-employment Training <sup>1</sup>				Work Focused Training <sup>2</sup>		
	Starts			Completions <sup>3</sup>	Starts <sup>4</sup>		Completions <sup>3</sup>
	England	Scotland	Wales	England	England	Wales	England
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,130</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>19,410</b>	<b>11,710</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>10,080</b>
Nov-2009	90	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-2009	80	-	-	90	-	-	-
Jan-2010	600	-	-	200	90	-	-
Feb-2010	1,430	30	50	880	630	20	40
Mar-2010	1,830	80	30	1,500	1,390	60	240
Apr-2010	1,500	40	20	1,490	1,120	60	540
May-2010	1,610	50	30	1,390	1,200	50	930
Jun-2010	1,980	30	60	1,590	1,220	80	1,190
Jul-2010	1,430	30	10	2,550	1,020	60	1,290
Aug-2010	1,870	50	30	1,680	1,030	10	1,320
Sep-2010	1,680	30	60	1,600	900	30	1,330
Oct-2010	1,750	30	30	1,730	880	20	1,060
Nov-2010	2,670	30	40	1,700	940	30	800
Dec-2010	860	-	-	1,820	370	20	760
Jan-2011	2,750	40	30	1,190	930	20	580

**Notes:** Values less than 10 are suppressed and marked with a dash and any figures above 10 are rounded to the nearest 10. Due to rounding totals may not be the sum of the individual cells. Months are calendar months.

1: Source – BIS Individual Learner Record system, Welsh Assembly Government's Lifelong Learning Wales Record and Skill Development Scotland's Corporate Training System.

2: Source – BIS Individual Learner Record system and Welsh Assembly Government's Lifelong Learning Wales Record.

3: Completions information is available for England only.

4: Work Focussed Training starts for Scotland are not available.

**Table 2: Demographic Breakdown for the period October 2009 to January 2011**

		<b>Future Jobs Fund Starts<sup>1</sup> (GB)</b>	<b>Community Task Force Starts<sup>1</sup> (GB)</b>	<b>Routes into Work -Pre Employment Training Starts<sup>4,5</sup> (England)</b>	<b>Work Focus Training Starts<sup>4,5</sup> (England)</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>91,890</b>	<b>37,330</b>	<b>22,130</b>	<b>11,710</b>
Gender	Male	62,010	26,430	14,830	8,130
	Female	29,880	10,910	7,310	3,590
	Unknown	-	-	-	-
Age Group	18-24	78,170	37,060	22,010	11,690
	25+	13,690 <sup>3</sup>	270	120	20
	Unknown	30	-	-	-
	19 +	n/a	n/a	18,490	9,470
Disability	Yes	12,490	6,000	2,390	1,430
	No	79,400	31,340	19,370	10,110
	Unknown	-	-	370	180
Ethnicity <sup>2</sup>	White	72,410	31,190	17,610	10,080
	Black or Black British	5,410	1,540	1,180	410
	Asian or Asian British	5,430	1,520	1,390	540
	Mixed	2,320	870	650	320
	Other/ Chinese	890	390	310	70
	Unknown	5,430	1,820	990	300
Region	East Midlands	5,460	4,970	2,270	2,110
	East of England	3,790	2,150	2,150	1,030
	London	11,540	1,610	2,810	560
	North East	5,330	1,310	1,310	630
	North West	17,780	3,020	3,370	1,090
	Scotland	8,920	2,750	n/a	n/a
	South East	5,000	2,980	2,660	940
	South West	4,450	1,260	2,100	430
	Wales	7,960	4,680	n/a	n/a
	West Midlands	10,470	7,360	1,990	3,250
	Yorkshire & Humberside	8,600	4,180	3,230	1,580
	Unknown	2,600	1,080	240	100

**Notes:** Values less than 10 are suppressed and marked with a dash and any figures above 10 are rounded to the nearest 10. Totals may not be the sum of the individual cells due to rounding. Future Jobs Fund started in October 2009, Routes into Work - Pre Employment Training and Work Focused Training started in November 2009, and Community Task Force started in January 2010. Jobseekers reaching their 25th birthday after they reach six months on JSA are still eligible for the Young Person's Guarantee.

1: Disability status is declared by the Jobseeker during a Jobcentre Plus interview

2: Claimants recording their ethnicity status as "prefer not to say" are categorised as unknown

3: Some Future Jobs Fund jobs are available to long-term benefit claimants aged 25 or over in areas of high unemployment and inactivity.

4: Disability status is according to the learners own assessment if a learner has a disability or disabilities.

5: Demographic breakdowns of figures for training starts in Scotland and Wales are not available.

## Annex A: Publication Timetable

Publication	Date	Notes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	The first YPG publication covering Future Job Fund statistics.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2010	The second YPG publication covering Future Job Fund, Community Task Force, Routes into Work Pre-employment Training and Work Focused Training statistics.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	The third YPG publication.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2011	The fourth YPG publication. Includes Training completion statistics.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	Future Jobs Fund participant outcomes statistics published alongside the regular YPG official statistics in separate annexe.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	The final publication in the YPG official statistics series. FJF participant outcome statistics annexe will continue until April 2012.

Publication dates will be confirmed on the UK Statistics Authority's Publication Hub ([www.statistics.gov.uk/hub](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/hub)) at least four weeks before publication date.

### Contact Details

For general enquiries regarding the Young Person's Guarantee please visit the DWP website: [www.dwp.gov.uk](http://www.dwp.gov.uk) or contact the DWP press office on 0203 267 5144

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## **Annex B: Further Details on the Young Person's Guarantee**

21. Under the Young Person's Guarantee (YPG) all jobseekers aged 18 to 24 years old and reaching six months unemployment are guaranteed an offer of a job, training or work experience. They are required to accept one of the YPG offers by the 10 month point of their claim. Under the guarantee a young person may:
  - Apply for new jobs created through the Future Jobs Fund (FJF);
  - Apply for a job in a key employment sector with pre-employment training if needed;
  - Take up work focused training;
  - Take a place on a Community Task Force; or
  - Access help with self-employment.
22. Or the equivalent provision delivered through New Deal for Young People in Flexible New Deal phase 2 areas.

### ***Future Job Fund***

23. The Future Jobs Fund was introduced from October 2009. Future Jobs Fund jobs are primarily targeted at 18 to 24 year olds who have been out of work for at least six months, with some Future Jobs Fund jobs targeted at long term benefit claimants aged 25 or over in areas of high unemployment or inactivity. The Future Jobs Fund was closed to new funding bids in June 2010. The Fund will continue recruiting under the existing grant agreements until March 2011.
24. Changes to the Young Person's Guarantee were announced on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010, further details are available from the HM Treasury website [http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/press\\_04\\_10.htm](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/press_04_10.htm)

### ***Community Task Force:***

25. Community Task Force (CTF) provides work experience placements of benefit to the community. Alongside the placement, CTF providers deliver job search support. Placements last three months with the option available for participants to extend their time on CTF by a further three months on a voluntary basis.
26. CTF participants undertake 30 hours of activity per week, consisting of 25 hours on a work placement plus an additional five hours of jobsearch activity.
27. CTF was launched on a voluntary basis on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010. When the Young Person's Guarantee became mandatory on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010, young people who have not exercised their guarantee by the 10 month point of their claim are required to participate in CTF or the New Deal for Young People equivalent where available.

### ***Routes into Work and Care First Careers:***

28. The Routes into Work strand provides unemployed young people with access to existing jobs in key employment sectors such as Retail, Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism, Adult Social Care (Care First Careers) and Facilities Management. This can include:
  - Up to 8 weeks Pre-Employment Training;
  - A work trial;



- A direct referral to a vacancy; and
  - A recruitment subsidy of up to £1000 paid to employers. (Further to the Chancellor's announcement on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010, this subsidy ceased to be available from June 2010).
29. The Pre-Employment Training is delivered and funded by BIS in England, the Scottish Government in Scotland and the Welsh Assembly Government in Wales.

***Work Focused Training:***

30. The Work Focused Training strand of the Young Person's Guarantee is led and funded by BIS in England, the Scottish Government in Scotland and the Welsh Assembly Government in Wales.
31. Work Focused Training lasts for up to 24 weeks full-time and offers unemployed young people a significant skills boost or re-skilling, delivering training and/ or units towards a Level 2 or Level 3 qualification required in a specific sector. This is only available in half of Great Britain where the Flexible New Deal is in place. Young people wanting to access skills provision in the rest of the country can access training through existing New Deal for Young People.