

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 October 2010. The key statistics are:

Up to the end of October 2010 there have been:

- **75,310** starts to Future Jobs Fund vacancies
- **28,060** starts to Community Task Force placements
- **16,280** starts to Routes into Work - Pre Employment Training
- **9,760** 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 October 2010.
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. We plan to review the format of this publication for future releases. 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 25th January 2010, although some strands, including the Future Jobs Fund began earlier. Since the 24th 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 work on the early analysis of Future Jobs Fund participant outcomes was produced on an ad-hoc basis in November 2010 and can be accessed via: http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/adhoc_analysis/2010/fjf_nov_2010.pdf. We aim to replicate this analysis and regularly incorporate within this publication from April 2011 onwards.

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 for the first time 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.

Routes in to Work and Care First Careers:

18. 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

19. 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 ¹ (GB)	Community Task Force starts ² (GB)	Routes into Work Pre Employment Training starts ³ (GB)	Work Focus Training starts ⁴ (England and Wales)
Total	75,310	28,060	16,280	9,760
Oct-2009	480			
Nov-2009	2,230		90	-
Dec-2009	1,880		80	-
Jan-2010	4,440	-	610	100
Feb-2010	6,080	150	1,470	650
Mar-2010	12,040	590	1,930	1,460
Apr-2010	7,170	1,010	1,560	1,180
May-2010	6,840	4,150	1,740	1,250
Jun-2010	7,980	5,260	2,050	1,290
Jul-2010	6,180	4,910	1,470	1,080
Aug-2010	6,160	4,700	1,960	1,050
Sep-2010	7,520	4,000	1,720	890
Oct-2010	6,320	3,280	1,610	820

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 November 2010.

2: Data Source - DWP LMS opportunities evaluation database November 2010.

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 ¹				Work Focused Training ²		
	Starts			Completions ³	Starts ⁴		Completions ³
	England	Scotland	Wales	England	England	Wales	England
Total	15,670	370	240	14,250	9,380	380	7,610
Nov-2009	90	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-2009	80	-	-	90	-	-	-
Jan-2010	600	-	-	200	90	-	-
Feb-2010	1,430	30	-	880	630	20	40
Mar-2010	1,830	80	20	1,500	1,390	60	240
Apr-2010	1,500	40	20	1,490	1,120	60	540
May-2010	1,610	50	70	1,390	1,200	50	930
Jun-2010	1,980	30	40	1,590	1,220	70	1,180
Jul-2010	1,430	30	-	2,380	1,020	60	1,270
Aug-2010	1,890	50	20	1,630	1,040	10	1,260
Sep-2010	1,650	30	40	1,530	870	20	1,240
Oct-2010	1,570	30	-	1,580	810	20	910

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 October 2010

		Future Jobs Fund Starts ¹ (GB)	Community Task Force Starts ¹ (GB)	Routes in to Work -Pre Employment Training Starts ^{4,5} (England)	Work Focus Training Starts ^{4,5} (England)
	Total	75,310	28,060	15,670	9,380
Gender	Male	51,130	19,960	10,400	6,510
	Female	24,180	8,100	5,270	2,870
	Unknown	-	-	-	-
Age Group	18-24	64,290	27,870	15,530	9,370
	25+	10,990 ³	180	120	20
	Unknown	20	-	-	-
	19 +	n/a	n/a	13,160	7,690
Disability	Yes	10,010	4,460	1,590	1,130
	No	65,300	23,600	13,850	8,090
	Unknown	-	-	230	160
Ethnicity ²	White	59,120	23,550	12,460	8,070
	Black or Black British	4,500	1,090	800	330
	Asian or Asian British	4,420	1,110	970	450
	Mixed	1,880	640	450	240
	Other/ Chinese	750	280	230	60
	Unknown	4,650	1,400	760	240
Region	East Midlands	4,890	3,660	1,710	1,760
	East of England	3,170	1,650	1,400	760
	London	9,980	1,090	2,010	430
	North East	4,470	970	830	530
	North West	13,710	2,230	2,330	810
	Scotland	7,740	2,070	n/a	n/a
	South East	3,950	2,240	1,880	670
	South West	3,660	970	1,710	300
	Wales	6,220	3,670	n/a	n/a
	West Midlands	8,740	5,580	1,470	2,740
	Yorkshire & Humberside	6,780	3,160	2,150	1,310
	Unknown	1,990	780	180	80

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 st	Wednesday 26 th May 2010	The first YPG publication covering Future Job Fund statistics.
2 nd	Wednesday 11 th 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 rd	Wednesday 13 th October 2010	The third YPG publication.
4 th	Wednesday 19 th January 2011	The fourth YPG publication. Includes Training completion statistics.
5 th	Wednesday 13 th April 2011	Provisional date.

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

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

20. 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.
21. Or the equivalent provision delivered through New Deal for Young People in Flexible New Deal phase 2 areas.

Future Job Fund

22. 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.
23. Changes to the Young Person's Guarantee were announced on 24th May 2010, further details are available from the HM Treasury website http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/press_04_10.htm

Community Task Force:

24. 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.
25. 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.
26. CTF was launched on a voluntary basis on 29th January 2010. When the Young Person's Guarantee became mandatory on 26th 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:

27. 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 24th May 2010, this subsidy ceased to be available from June 2010).
28. 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:

29. 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.
30. 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.