

### Summary

This publication contains official statistics on starts to the Young Person's Guarantee (YPG), up to May 2010. Please note this publication now includes Community Task Force, Routes into Work (Pre Employment Training), and Work Focused Training.

The key statistics are:

Up to the end of May 2010 there have been :

- **40,720** starts to Future Jobs Fund placements
- **5,680** starts to Community Task Force placements
- **7,200** starts to Routes into Work - Pre Employment Training
- **4,690** starts to Work Focused Training

The data source used to derive Future Job Funds starts has changed since the May 2010 publication. A comparison of the old and new data sources is covered in **Annex C**.

### Introduction

1. This publication contains statistics on the Young Person's Guarantee (YPG) covering the period from October 2009 to May 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 Persons 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 included in this publication are drawn from the Jobcentre Plus customer management systems, the Labour Market System. This source data is different to the source data used in the last May 2010 publication, which was drawn from financial payments records.
9. The new data source provides better coverage of demographic breakdowns. A comparison of the two data sources is provided in **Annex C**.

#### Community Task Force:

10. The statistics for the Community Task Force are drawn from the Jobcentre Plus customer management systems, the Labour Market System.
11. 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:

12. 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.
13. 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.

14. 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 Scotland and Wales, and Routes into Work Pre-Employment Training Demographics for Wales 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.
15. Training providers may submit data on learner starts some time after the actual start 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:**

16. There is no robust data source to produce official statistics on work trials, direct vacancy referrals and recruitment subsidies under Routes into Work and Care First Careers.

#### **Rounding Policy**

17. 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 1: Starts to the Young Person’s Guarantee**

	Future Jobs Fund <sup>1</sup> (GB)	Community Task Force <sup>2</sup> (GB)	Routes into Work - Pre Employment Training <sup>3</sup> (GB)	Work Focused Training (England and Wales) <sup>4</sup>
<b>Total</b>	40,720	5,680	7,200	4,690
Oct-09	470			
Nov-09	2,220		90	-
Dec-09	1,850		80	-
Jan-10	4,430	-	610	110
Feb-10	6,080	150	1,460	670
Mar-10	11,990	580	1,870	1,500
Apr-10	7,060	1,000	1,490	1,190
May-10	6,620	3,950	1,610	1,220

**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 June 2010.

2: Data Source - DWP LMS opportunities evaluation database June 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 2: Demographic Breakdown of Starts up to May 2010**

		Future Jobs Fund (GB) <sup>1</sup>	Community Task Force (GB) <sup>1</sup>	Routes into Work - Pre Employment Training (England) <sup>4</sup>	Work Focused Training (England) <sup>4</sup>
	<b>Total</b>	40,720	5,680	6,890	4,500
Gender	Male	28,000	4,150	4,660	3,120
	Female	12,720	1,530	2,230	1,380
	Unknown	-	-	-	-
Age Group	18-24	34,770	5,650	6,820	4,480
	25+	5,930 <sup>3</sup>	30	70	20
	Unknown	-	-	-	-
	19+	n/a	n/a	5,880	3,730
Disability	Yes	5,340	930	670	580
	No	35,370	4,750	6,120	3,830
	Unknown	-	-	110	90
Ethnicity <sup>2</sup>	White	31,950	4,800	5,520	3,860
	Black or Black British	2,390	170	350	130
	Asian or Asian British	2,200	200	410	200
	Mixed	990	110	200	110
	Other/ Chinese	400	50	110	30
	Unknown	2,780	350	300	160
Region	East Midlands	3,050	520	730	1,060
	East of England	1,910	360	520	310
	London	5,510	150	910	170
	North East	2,310	190	410	280
	North West	7,250	480	890	280
	Scotland	4,460	470	n/a	n/a
	South East	2,050	450	760	210
	South West	1,730	270	870	210
	Wales	3,260	1,030	n/a	n/a
	West Midlands	4,930	1,150	780	1,520
	Yorkshire & Humberside	3,510	500	940	430
	Unknown	760	130	100	30

**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.

## 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 (Provisional)	Will be released at the same time as the Six Month Offer official statistics

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

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

18. 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.

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

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

19. 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.
20. 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:***

21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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.

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

24. 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 July 2010).

25. The Pre-Employment Training is delivered and funded by BIS in England, the Scottish Government in Scotland and the Welsh Assembly Government in Wales.

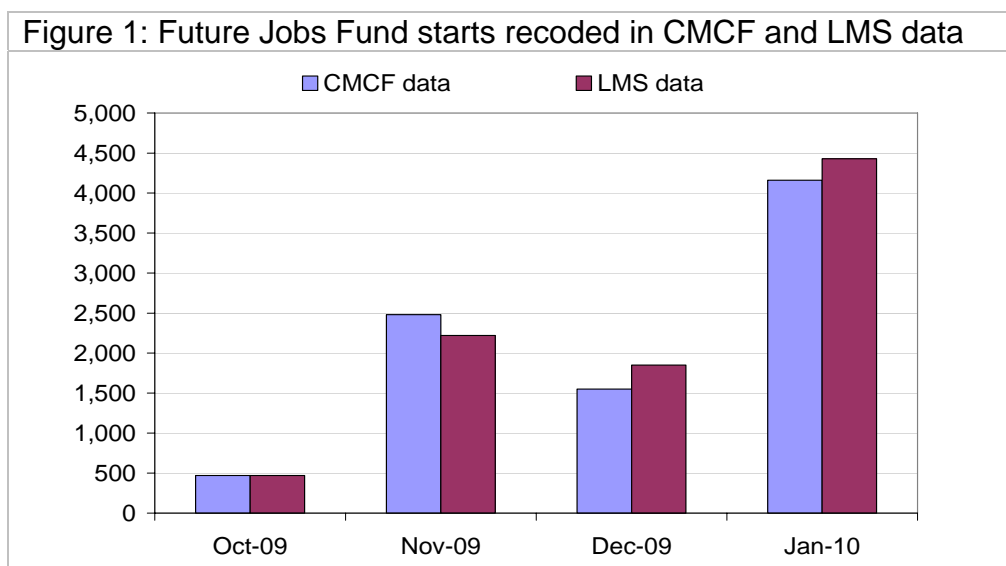
***Work Focused Training:***

26. 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.
27. 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.



## Annex C: Comparison of Future Job Fund Strand Data Sources

28. The Future Jobs Fund statistics included in this publication are drawn from the Jobcentre Plus customer management systems, the Labour Market System (LMS). This source data is different to the source data used in the last May 2010 publication, which was drawn from financial payments records (CMCF).
29. Both the LMS data and the CMCF data were considered for use in the May publication. At the time, the CMCF data was considered to be more accurate, but there are issues with using some personal details recorded on the CMCF data which resulted in more “unknowns” in the demographic breakdowns.
30. It has not been possible to use the CMCF data source for this publication so the decision was taken to use the LMS data. This annex compares the monthly figures for the two data sources and explains any differences.
31. The monthly figures reported in the May 2010 publication have been revised in this publication to ensure a consistent time series. The revisions have caused minor changes – for the period October 2009 to January 2010 (inclusive), the LMS data gives a cumulative total of 8,970 starts and the payment data gives a cumulative total of 8,660 – a difference of 310. The graph below shows the difference by month.



Source LMS opportunities database June 2010 & CMCF payment records

32. The FJF start date in the CMCF data is recorded as the Monday of the week in which the placement started. This explains why the CMCF is higher than LMS in November because any starts between Wed 1<sup>st</sup> to Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2009 would have been reported under November in the CMCF data.
33. The LMS data has reduced the number of unknowns in the demographics. The CMCF data resulted in between 14% to 21% unknowns. Unknowns using the LMS data are in between 0% to 6%.