

Ad hoc analysis of individuals participating in the Future Jobs Fund

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Background

Information on the number of starts on the Future Jobs Fund has been published previously at http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/jsa/ypg/ypg_oct2011.pdf

The figures presented here show the number of people participating on the Future Jobs Fund at the end of each calendar month during the period of its operation.

The Future Jobs Fund (FJF) was introduced from October 2009. Future Jobs Fund jobs were primarily aimed at 18 to 24 year olds who had been out of work for at least six months, although some were targeted at long-term benefit claimants aged 25 or over in areas of high unemployment or inactivity.

Individuals participating in the Future Jobs Fund

Results

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	Number participating at end of month
Oct 2009	500
Nov 2009	2,200
Dec 2009	4,600
Jan 2010	8,800
Feb 2010	14,600
Mar 2010	23,200
Apr 2010	32,100
May 2010	35,600
Jun 2010	39,500
Jul 2010	41,100
Aug 2010	39,200
Sep 2010	36,000
Oct 2010	36,600
Nov 2010	36,400
Dec 2010	32,700
Jan 2011	32,200
Feb 2011	33,000
Mar 2011	33,500
Apr 2011	26,200
May 2011	20,700
June 2011	17,800
July 2011	11,300
Aug 2011	5,700
Sep 2011	1,500
Oct 2011	1,500
Nov 2011	900

Source: Administrative data from DWP payments system. Figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Notes

1. There are two potential data sources for the Future Jobs Fund: (1) payments data recorded by DWP payments teams, and (2) the Labour Market System (LMS), which is used by Jobcentre Plus to manage claimant support.
2. Payments data were initially used as the primary source of official statistics on FJF. However, the process for extracting individual level data proved burdensome and the growing need for more detailed breakdowns of the characteristics of participants led to data from the Labour Market System being used instead. More details on the decision to switch data sources is provided in Annex C of the attached:
http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/jsa/ypg/ypg_aug2010.pdf.
3. As the LMS database does not record end dates it is not possible to use it to estimate the number of people on the Future Jobs Fund at any one time. The statistics shown here therefore make use of payments data.
4. At a headline level the starts data on which the caseloads presented here are based are broadly consistent with the already-published official statistics on starts. There may be small discrepancies in the starts figures for individual months due to differences in the way information on FJF was recorded. For example, LMS records the actual start date on the programme while the payments system used the nearest Monday or Friday.