

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 July 2010. The key statistics are:

Up to the end of July 2010 there have been:

- **54,920** starts to Future Jobs Fund vacancies
- **15,770** starts to Community Task Force placements
- **10,390** starts to Routes into Work - Pre Employment Training
- **6,830** 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 July 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.

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 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.
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 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

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 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	54,920	15,770	10,390	6,830
Oct-2009	470			
Nov-2009	2,220		90	-
Dec-2009	1,850		80	-
Jan-2010	4,430	-	610	110
Feb-2010	6,080	150	1,460	660
Mar-2010	12,020	580	1,900	1,510
Apr-2010	7,140	1,000	1,550	1,160
May-2010	6,790	4,120	1,680	1,220
Jun-2010	7,910	5,210	1,860	1,210
Jul-2010	6,030	4,710	1,160	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 August 2010.

2: Data Source - DWP LMS opportunities evaluation database August 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: Starts to Routes into Work Pre-employment Training and Work Focused Training by country

	Routes into Work Pre-employment Training Starts			Work Focused Training Starts	
	England	Scotland	Wales	England	Wales
Total	9,990	250	150	6,460	360
Nov-2009	90	-	-	-	-
Dec-2009	80	-	-	-	-
Jan-2010	600	-	-	110	-
Feb-2010	1,430	30	-	650	20
Mar-2010	1,800	80	20	1,450	60
Apr-2010	1,490	40	30	1,100	60
May-2010	1,560	50	70	1,170	50
Jun-2010	1,820	30	-	1,130	80
Jul-2010	1,130	30	-	870	80

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.

Table 2: Demographic Breakdown for the period April 2009 to July 2010

		Future Jobs Fund Starts ¹ (GB)	Community Task Force Starts ¹ (GB)	Routes in to Work -Pre Employment Training ⁴ (England)	Work Focus Training Starts ⁴ (England)
	Total	54,920	15,770	9,990	6,460
Gender	Male	37,470	11,320	6,680	4,510
	Female	17,450	4,440	3,300	1,960
	Unknown	-	-	-	-
Age Group	18-24	47,060	15,670	9,910	6,450
	25+	7,850	100	80	20
	Unknown	20	-	-	-
	19 +	n/a	n/a	8,450	5,330
Disability	Yes	7,160	2,470	980	850
	No	47,760	13,290	8,860	5,530
	Unknown	-	-	150	90
Ethnicity ²	White	42,830	13,250	7,980	5,500
	Black or Black British	3,360	570	510	210
	Asian or Asian British	3,150	600	610	310
	Mixed	1,380	340	290	170
	Other/ Chinese	540	170	160	40
	Unknown	3,660	840	450	240
Region	East Midlands	4,090	2,020	1,160	1,350
	East of England	2,520	950	730	520
	London	7,510	500	1,290	270
	North East	3,080	510	580	390
	North West	9,460	1,340	1,530	490
	Scotland	5,870	1,100	n/a	n/a
	South East	2,840	1,190	1,030	230
	South West	2,630	540	1,140	290
	Wales	4,320	2,250	n/a	n/a
	West Midlands	6,710	3,250	1,030	2,130
	Yorkshire & Humberside	4,630	1,740	1,380	740
	Unknown	1,260	390	140	60

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	
4 th	Wednesday 19 th January 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

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

Future Job Fund

20. 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.
21. 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:

22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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:

25. 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).
26. 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:

27. 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.
28. 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.