

			
Young Person's Guarantee Official Statistics		Publication Date: 9:30am Wednesday 26th May 2010	

Summary

This publication contains official statistics on the Future Jobs Fund element of the Young Person's Guarantee, covering the period October 2009 to January 2010.

The key statistics are:

Between October 2009 and January 2010:

- **8,660** DWP claimants started a Future Jobs Fund job.

Future Jobs Fund starter demographics:

- **5,510** are male, **1,890** are female (1,250 are unknown)
- **5,920** are aged 18-24 and **1,490** are aged 25 or over (1,260 are unknown)
- **1,050** are recorded as having a disability and **6,360** are recorded as not having a disability (1,250 are unknown)
- **5,880** are from a White ethnic group and **960** are from an ethnic minority group (1,820 are unknown)

This publication does not yet include statistics on the other strands of YPG (see **Annex B**). In line with the UK Statistics Authority's Code of Practice, we will not publish statistics on the other strands until the data sources have been fully quality assured.

Introduction

1. This publication contains statistics on the Future Jobs Fund (FJF) element of the Young Person's Guarantee (YPG) covering the period October 2009 to January 2010.
2. This is a joint statistical publication between the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS), the Scottish Government and the Welsh Assembly Government.
3. Every effort has been made to ensure 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.
4. We plan to release YPG statistics on a quarterly basis and align with the Six Month Offer statistical publication as soon as possible. Information on our expected release timetable can be found in **Annex A**.
5. This publication does not yet include statistics on the other strands of YPG (see **Annex B**). In line with the UK Statistics Authority's Code of Practice, we will not publish statistics on the other strands until the data sources have been fully quality assured. Exact details regarding YPG release content and timing will be announced via the UK Statistics Authority publication hub.

Young Person's Guarantee Policy description

6. The YPG was announced at Budget 2009. Under the guarantee all 18 to 24 year olds reaching six months unemployment are guaranteed an offer of a job, training or work experience.
7. The YPG has six strands: (1) Future Jobs Fund, (2) Routes into Work and Care First Careers (including Routes into Work Pre-employment Training) (3) Work Focused Training (4) Community Task Force (5) Self Employment Credit (6) Graduate and Non-Graduate Internships.
8. The YPG was formally introduced from the 25th January 2010, although some strands, including the Future Jobs Fund began earlier. Since the 24th April 2010, it has been mandatory for all young people reaching ten months unemployment to participate in one strand of the YPG.

Future Jobs Fund Policy description

9. The Future Jobs Fund (FJF) 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.

Technical Overview

10. These statistics are derived from an administrative data source that has not been used to produce official statistics before. As part of the general quality assurance we cross check our data systems to ensure consistency. There are two possible data sources for the number of Future Jobs Fund jobs started: (1) the payments data recorded by DWP payments teams, and (2) the Labour Market System, which is used by Jobcentre Plus to manage claimants support. The statistics in this publication are based on payments data. The process for producing these statistics will be kept under review and refined as more data becomes available.
11. The demographic breakdowns include an unknown category. There are two reasons for unknown demographics:
 - First, personal details held by the payments team are only shared with statistics producers where the claimant has provided informed consent. Where informed consent has not been given demographics are categorised as unknown.
 - Secondly, statistics on demographics have been obtained by merging data from two administrative systems. This can result in unknown values where it is not possible to find a matching record on the two systems.
12. Statistics for more recent months may be updated in subsequent publications because of the time lag between the provider submitting their claim and the payment record being processed and appearing on DWP financial records. Analysis shows that there is approximately a four month time lag associated with each full month's return of payments data.

Rounding Policy

13. 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.

Official Statistics

Table 1: FJF Job Starts for the period October 2009 to January 2010

Great Britain	Future Jobs Fund in-month starts ¹	Future Jobs Fund cumulative starts ¹
October 2009	470	470
November 2009	2,480	2,960
December 2009	1,550	4,510
January 2010	4,160	8,660

Notes: Figures are for Great Britain. 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: Data Source - DWP payments system using payments processed up to the end of January 2010. The job start date is the payment date to the employer, which is recorded as the Monday of the week that the job started.

Table 2: Demographics for Starts for the period October 2009 to January 2010

Great Britain		Future Jobs Fund Starts
	Total	8,660
Gender	Male	5,510
	Female	1,890
	Unknown ³	1,250
Age Group	18-24	5,920
	25+ ⁴	1,490
	Unknown ³	1,260
Disability ¹	Yes	1,050
	No	6,360
	Unknown ³	1,250
Ethnicity ²	White	5,880
	Black or Black British	430
	Asian or Asian British	290
	Mixed	180
	Other/ Chinese	60
	Unknown ³	1,820
	Region	East Midlands
East of England		390
London		840
North East		420
North West		1,300
Scotland		830
South East		280
South West		280
Wales		690
West Midlands		940
Yorkshire & Humberside		700
Unknown ³		1,340

Notes: Figures are for Great Britain for the period October 2009 to January 2010 inclusive. 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.

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

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

3: Due to the way Future Jobs Fund data is collected using informed consent, the number of unknown characteristic values may be significantly higher when compared with other YPG data strands.

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

Annex A: Publication Timetable

Publication	Date	Notes
1 st	Wednesday 26 th May 2010	The first YPG publication covering FJF statistics.
2 nd	Wednesday 11 th August 2010 (Provisional)	The second YPG publication (expected to include statistics on Work Focused Training and Routes into Work Pre-employment Training, subject to data quality).

Publication dates will be confirmed on the UK Statistics Authority's Publication Hub (www.statistics.gov.uk/hub) at least 4 weeks before publication date.

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

14. This section describes the Young Person's Guarantee. 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
15. 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 an existing job vacancy
 - 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
 - access help with self-employment
 - take up an internship

Routes into Work and Care First Careers:

16. 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.

Work Focused Training:

17. Work Focused Training lasts up to 26 weeks. BIS, the Scottish Government and the Welsh Assembly Government are responsible for delivery of Work Focused Training statistics.

Community Task Force:

18. The Community Task Force strand provides community based work experience including job search support. The Community Task Force is typically expected to last three months, although it can be extended to up to six months. If claimants are not already participating in the guarantee when they reach the 10 month point of their claim they will be required to participate in this strand of the offer.

Self Employment Credit:

19. This strand provides help with self-employment from six months. Statistics on this strand are reported in the Six Month Offer official statistics publication.

Graduate and Non-Graduate Internships:

20. These initiatives are offered via the Backing Young Britain campaign, and include access to both Graduate and Non-Graduate internships.