

Pre-Work Programme and Get Britain Working Official Statistics
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Summary

This publication contains official statistics on pre-Work Programme employment support, including Get Britain Working measures up to and including November 2011. The key statistics are:

From January 2011 up to and including November 2011 there have been:

- **34,200** starts to a Get Britain Working Work Experience placement
- **6,880** starts with a New Enterprise Allowance business mentor
- **1,960** starts to the New Enterprise Allowance weekly allowance
- **9,360** starts to Skills Conditionality Initial Provider interviews
- **10,760** starts to a Skills Conditionality training placement
- **28,130** starts to a Skills Conditionality Next Step placement
- **3,470** participants at Sector-based work academy pre-employment training

Introduction

1. This publication contains statistics on pre-Work Programme employment support and Get Britain Working (GBW) measures covering the period from January 2011 to November 2011.
2. This includes statistics on GBW Work Experience, GBW New Enterprise Allowance and for the first time GBW Sector-based work academy starts. Skills Conditionality starts are also included for the first time.
3. 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, particularly for more recent months.
4. The format of this publication will be kept under review and any feedback or suggestions to improve this publication are welcomed.

Pre-Work Programme and Get Britain Working Measures - Policy Description

5. Beneath the umbrella title of "Get Britain Working", a new model has been developed to help people off benefits and into work. Key to this is the Jobcentre Plus Offer, which allows Jobcentre Plus staff to use their discretion and flexibility in responding to the needs of individuals and the labour market.
6. The Jobcentre Plus offer is further supported and enhanced by a range of pre-Work Programme employment support, including the Get Britain Working Measures which have been established throughout the course of 2011.

7. Pre-Work Programme employment support consists of the following individual elements;
 - Get Britain Working: Work Experience;
 - Get Britain Working: New Enterprise Allowance;
 - Get Britain Working: Sector-based work academies
 - Get Britain Working: Work Clubs, Work Together and Enterprise Clubs;
 - Skills Conditionality; and
 - Mandatory Work Activity;

More detailed descriptions of each measure can be found in **Annexe B**.

Technical Overview

8. These statistics are derived using a combination of data from the Jobcentre Plus claimant management systems (the Labour Market System) and the Clients database.
9. Information on demographics is obtained by merging data across these separate administrative systems which sometimes results in unknown values. This is because either we are unable to find a match or the information has not been recorded for the particular claimant.

Get Britain Working - Work Experience:

10. A Work experience start is defined as the date the claimant accepted their work experience placement with the employer. This is input by an adviser to the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System.

Get Britain Working - New Enterprise Allowance:

11. A start on the New Enterprise Allowance scheme is defined as the date the claimant first met with their business mentor. This is input by an adviser to the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System.
12. A New Enterprise Allowance weekly allowance start is recorded when the claimant begins claiming the weekly allowance. The weekly allowance is payable when the participant closes their claim to Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) and commences trading. The claim start date is input by the adviser into the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System.
13. New Enterprise Allowance is a Great Britain wide scheme. It was initially rolled out in stages across 17 target districts between April and July 2011. Roll-out across the remaining 20 districts was completed at the end of August 2011. Full details of those districts involved can be found at: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/adviser/updates/new-enterprise-allowance>

Get Britain Working - Sector-based work academies:

14. A start is defined as the first date the claimant attended sector-based work academies pre-employment training. The number of starts was based on the individual claimant level data supplied by Further Education Colleges or training providers and entered by

an adviser onto the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System. Further Education Colleges and training providers may submit data on starts some time after the actual event occurred.

15. Sector-based work academies were introduced in England from August 2011.

Skills Conditionality:

16. A start on Skills Conditionality is defined as the first date the claimant commenced initial provider interview, training provision or Next Step service. The number of starts was based on the individual claimant level data supplied by Further Education Colleges, training providers and Next Step and entered by an adviser onto the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System. Providers may submit data on starts some time after the actual event occurred.
17. Skills Conditionality was introduced in England from August 2011. Some benefit claimants will take up training on Skills Funding Agency funded courses without being referred under Skills Conditionality - the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) Further Education and Skills Statistical First Release, available at: http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/statisticalfirstrelease/sfr_current/ provides statistics on overall levels of training starts by learners reporting that they are claimants of JSA and ESA WRAG (Employment Support Allowance Work-Related Activity Group).

Other Measures

18. As announced previously via DWP's statistical pages, the Department will not be publishing any statistics on Work Clubs, Work Together and Enterprise Clubs because these are locally driven initiatives that will evolve over time, therefore the Department does not have robust data collection systems for people participating in these initiatives.
19. Statistics on Mandatory Work Activity referrals are available in a separate quarterly publication that can be accessed via the Department's statistical website here: <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/pwp/index.php?page=pwp>

Retrospection

20. Retrospection is the time period allowed for additional or updated information to be incorporated into DWP's data systems.
21. Providers may submit data on starts some time after the actual event occurred. This means that data presented in this Release is subject to some retrospection, and figures may be revised upward in subsequent releases.
22. Labour Market System (LMS) datasets are produced a month in arrears i.e. November 2011 data was available at the end of December 2011. Generally, for any given month worth of LMS data, significant retrospection can then be seen for a further month.
23. Therefore to maximise the amount of retrospection captured, final statistics in this series will be published around 2-3 months after the reference period (e.g. final

statistics for November 2011 (which are published in February 2012) are produced using December 2011 data, which was released in January 2012).

Revisions Policy

24. In accordance with Principle 2 of the UK Statistics Authority's Code of Practice for Official Statistics¹, statistics within this publication adhere to DWP's statistics revisions policy, which explains how we will make revisions and inform users of our statistics when they occur:

<http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=policy>

Rounding Policy

25. To reduce the risk of inferring the identity of a claimant from these statistics and other statistics, values are rounded to the nearest ten. Values less than ten, including zeros, are suppressed and marked with a dash. Therefore totals may not equal the sum of the individual cells.

¹ <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/code-of-practice/code-of-practice-for-official-statistics.pdf>

Official Statistics

Table 1: Take up of Pre-Work Programme support and Get Britain Working measures

	Get Britain Working Work Experience starts ¹ (GB)	New Enterprise Allowance		Skills Conditionality ³			Sector-based work academy pre-employment training participants ^{1,3} (England)
		Mentor starts ¹ (GB)	Weekly Allowance starts ¹ (GB)	Initial Provider Interview starts ¹ (England)	Training starts ^{1,2,4} (England)	Next Step starts ¹ (England)	
Total	34,200	6,880	1,960	9,360	10,760	28,130	3,470
Jan-2011	60						
Feb-2011	290						
Mar-2011	970						
Apr-2011	1,350	70	10				
May-2011	2,220	160	40				
Jun-2011	3,150	240	80				
Jul-2011	3,860	640	110				
Aug-2011	4,600	1,170	220	460	720	4,450	400
Sep-2011	4,600	1,690	340	2,140	2,680	7,280	780
Oct-2011	6,500	1,650	540	3,040	3,390	8,010	1,230
Nov-2011	6,600	1,270	620	3,720	3,980	8,390	1,060

Notes: Values are rounded to the nearest 10. Values less than 10 are suppressed and marked with a dash. Due to rounding totals may not be the sum of the individual cells. Months are calendar months. Get Britain Working Work Experience started in January 2011, New Enterprise Allowance was introduced in target areas in April 2011, and rolled out nationally from 1st August 2011. Skills Conditionality and Sector-based work academies started from 1st August 2011, initially in England.

1: Data Source - DWP LMS opportunities evaluation database December 2011.

2: Figures include Skills Funding Agency (SFA) Basic Skills Training; SFA English for Speakers of Other Languages; SFA Occupational Training; and other non-SFA training.

3: Mandatory starts at sector-based work academy pre-employment training are recorded in the final column 'Sector-based work academy pre-employment training participants'.

4: Statistics showing SFA funded training starts by all learners reporting that they are claimants of JSA and ESA-WRAG, regardless of whether or not they were referred under skills conditionality, are available in the BIS Further Education and Skills Statistical First Release available at: http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/statisticalfirstrelease/sfr_current/

Table 2: Demographic Breakdown for the period January 2011 to November 2011

		Get Britain Working Work Experience starts ¹ (GB)	New Enterprise Allowance		Skills Conditionality			Sector-based work academy pre-employment training participants ^{1,5} (England)
			Mentor starts ¹ (GB)	Weekly Allowance starts ¹ (GB)	Initial Provider Interview starts ¹ (England)	Training starts ^{1,4} (England)	Next Step starts ¹ (England)	
	Total	34,200	6,880	1,960	9,360	10,760	28,130	3,470
Gender	Male	20,180	5,120	1,470	6,020	6,530	17,100	1,910
	Female	14,020	1,760	490	3,340	4,240	11,030	1,560
	Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age Group	18-24	31,540	430	110	2,760	2,980	7,450	1,620
	25+	2,610	6,450	1,850	6,590	7,780	20,680	1,850
	Unknown	50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disability ²	Yes	4,690	1,360	370	2,090	2,130	6,120	640
	No	29,510	5,520	1,590	7,260	8,630	22,010	2,830
	Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethnicity ³	White	27,610	5,590	1,670	6,190	6,070	19,380	2,800
	Black or Black British	1,530	500	70	830	1,420	3,250	200
	Asian or Asian British	2,040	230	50	970	1,330	2,160	200
	Mixed	740	100	30	200	330	660	70
	Other/ Chinese	350	100	20	590	870	1,160	40
	Unknown	1,930	370	110	580	740	1,520	170
Group Level	Central England	9,300	1,740	470	750	1,790	5,190	800
	London and the Home Counties	7,470	1,020	100	3,290	5,130	12,550	510
	North East	4,720	1,310	300	1,470	1,290	1,760	600
	North West	2,780	1,200	600	3,180	1,950	5,920	850
	Scotland	2,380	640	170				
	Southern England	5,780	610	160	660	610	2,710	710
	Wales	1,500	340	150				
	Unknown	270	20	10	-	-	-	-

Notes: Values are rounded to the nearest 10. Values less than 10 are suppressed and marked with a dash. Totals may not be the sum of the individual cells due to rounding. Get Britain Working Work Experience started in January 2011, New Enterprise Allowance was introduced in target areas in April 2011, and rolled out nationally from 1st August 2011. Skills Conditionality and Sector-based work academies started from 1st August 2011, initially in England.

1: Data Source - DWP LMS opportunities and DWP Clients evaluation databases December 2011.

2: Disability status is declared by the Jobseeker during a Jobcentre Plus interview. Disability status is according to the learners own assessment if a learner has a disability or disabilities.

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

4: Figures include Skills Funding Agency (SFA) Basic Skills Training; SFA English for Speakers of Other Languages; SFA Occupational Training; and other non-SFA training.

5: Mandatory starts at sector-based work academy pre-employment training are recorded in the final column 'Sector-based work academy pre-employment training participants'.

Annexe A: Publication Timetable

Publication	Date	Notes
1 st	Wednesday 9 th November 2011	The first official statistics publication covering Get Britain Working Work Experience starts.
2 nd	Wednesday 16 th November 2011	The second official statistics publication covering Get Britain Working Work Experience starts, New Enterprise Allowance mentor starts, and New Enterprise weekly allowance starts.
3 rd	Wednesday 15 th February 2012	The third official statistics publication including additional Sector-based work academy starts and Skills Conditionality starts.
4 th	Wednesday 16 th May 2012	The fourth publication.
5 th	Wednesday 15 th August 2012	The fifth publication.
6 th	Wednesday 15 th November 2012	The sixth publication.
7 th	Wednesday 13 th February 2013	The seventh publication.

Publication dates and content 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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Annexe B: Further Details on Pre-Work Programme Employment Support Measures

1. A new package of employment support measures including Get Britain Working measures, have been introduced between October 2010 and August 2011. These include Work Clubs, Work Together, Enterprise Clubs, Work Experience, New Enterprise Allowance and Sector-based work academies. Skills Conditionality and Mandatory Work Activity have also been introduced.
2. Jobcentre Plus district managers use their discretion to identify which measures will be offered in their area based on claimant and local labour market characteristics. Therefore not all measures will necessarily be available in all areas.
3. More details on the support available is shown below:

Get Britain Working: Work Clubs

4. Work Clubs were launched on 4th October 2011 to help people make the most of local knowledge, resources and to help unemployed people in their communities gain employment. They empower local communities and encourage people to work together to offer additional support to the unemployed.
5. Work Clubs provide unemployed and inactive people with a place to meet and exchange skills, find opportunities, make contacts, share experiences and receive support to help them in their return to work.

Get Britain Working: Work Together

6. Work Together was launched as a nationwide initiative on 4th October 2011 to encourage all unemployed people to consider volunteering as a way of improving their employment prospects whilst they are looking for work.
7. Jobcentre Plus is encouraging unemployed people to consider taking up volunteering whilst they are looking for paid work and they are signposted to:
 - o local organisations that have agreed to support unemployed people;
 - o on-line support; and
 - o to specific opportunities.

Get Britain Working: Enterprise Clubs

8. Enterprise Clubs, launched on 31st January 2011, is a Great Britain wide initiative aimed at supporting the development of a network of locally-led, community-based support targeted at unemployed people interested in self-employment.
9. Enterprise Clubs are targeted at unemployed people interested in self-employment. They provide unemployed people interested in self-employment with a place to meet and exchange skills, make contacts, share experiences, receive support and encourage each other to work through their business ideas.

Get Britain Working: Work Experience

10. Work Experience was launched in January 2011 and is designed to help young people gain the experience they need to secure a job before they become eligible for the

Work Programme. Jobcentre Plus works with employers to offer young jobseekers the opportunity to overcome barriers to employment through offering them a Work Experience placement lasting two to eight weeks.

11. Young people undertaking a Work Experience placement continue to receive their benefit and are expected to look for permanent work. There is also the opportunity for some participants to have their placement extended by up to 4 weeks, where an employer makes an offer to take them onto an Apprenticeship.

Get Britain Working: New Enterprise Allowance

12. The New Enterprise Allowance (NEA), officially launched on 1st April 2011, aims to help unemployed people who want to start their own business. NEA is available to Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) claimants aged 18 and over, who have been claiming for over 26-weeks, until they are required to join the Work Programme.
13. Participants receive access to a volunteer business mentor who will provide them with guidance and support as they develop their business plan and through the early months of trading. Once a claimant has demonstrated they have a viable business proposition with the potential for growth in the future, they are able to access financial support.
14. This consists of:
 - a weekly allowance worth £1,274 over 26 weeks, paid at £65 a week for the first 13 weeks and £33 a week for a further 13 weeks, and
 - if they need start-up capital, they may also be able to access a loan up to £1,000 to help with their start-up costs.
15. The total package of support is worth up to £2,274 to each participant who starts their own business.
16. NEA was initially available to claimants in specific areas as follows:
 - 31st January to 30th September 2011 - Trailblazing the NEA model in six local authority districts in Merseyside.
 - Between April and July 2011 - Staged rollout covering 17 target districts.
 - From 1st August 2011 - Great Britain rollout (completed at the end of August 2011).

Get Britain Working: Sector-based work academies

17. Sector-based work academies were introduced on 1st August 2011. They offer pre-employment training, work experience placements and a guaranteed job interview for recipients of Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance (Work-Related Activity Group), in sectors with high volumes of current local vacancies.

Skills Conditionality

18. Skills Conditionality makes attendance at skills provision compulsory for some claimants and introduces a benefits sanction for those who fail to turn up.