

**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 August 2011. The key statistics are:

From January 2011 up to and including August 2011:

- **16,360** claimants have started a Get Britain Working Work Experience placement;
- **1,960** claimants have started working with a New Enterprise Allowance business mentor; and
- **440** claimants have started claiming the New Enterprise Allowance weekly allowance.

## 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 August 2011.
2. This includes statistics on GBW Work Experience starts, New Enterprise Allowance business mentor starts, and New Enterprise Allowance weekly allowance starts. Additional statistics will be included in future publications in line with the timetable shown in **Annexe A**.
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 of employment support has been developed to help benefit claimants into employment. Key to this is the Jobcentre Plus Offer, which enables Jobcentre Plus staff the flexibility to tailor their support to the individual needs of benefit claimants, and help them into employment.
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.

7. Pre-Work Programme employment support includes of the following 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;
  - Mandatory Work Activity; and
  - Skills Conditionality.
8. The above support measures are all Great Britain wide initiatives. However, please note that due to their tailored use, all elements may not necessarily be available in all areas.
9. More detailed descriptions of each measure can be found in **Annexe B**.

### **Technical Overview**

10. These statistics are derived using a combination of data from the Jobcentre Plus claimant management systems (the Labour Market System) and the Clients database.
11. 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:**

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

### **New Enterprise Allowance:**

13. A start on the New Enterprise Allowance mentor 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.
14. 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 Jobseeker's Allowance and commences trading. The claim start date is input by the adviser into the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System.
15. The New Enterprise Allowance was initially rolled out in stages across 17 target Jobcentre Plus districts between April and July 2011. Roll-out across the remaining 20 districts was completed at the end of August 2011. Further information is available at: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/adviser/updates/new-enterprise-allowance>

### **Other Measures**

16. As announced previously via the Department'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.

17. Further statistics will be published in line with the timetable set out in **Annexe A**.

### **Retrospection**

18. Retrospection is the time period allowed for additional or updated information to be incorporated into DWP's data systems.
19. Labour Market System (LMS) datasets are produced a month in arrears i.e. August 2011 data was available at the end of September 2011. Generally, for any given month worth of LMS data, significant retrospection can then be seen for a further month.
20. To ensure that retrospection is fully captured, final statistics in this series will be published around two to three months after the reference period (e.g. final statistics for August 2011 (which are published in November 2011) are produced using September 2011 data, which was released in October 2011).

### **Revisions Policy**

21. In accordance with Principle 2 of the UK Statistics Authority's Code of Practice for Official Statistics, 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:<sup>1</sup>  
<http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=policy>

### **Rounding Policy**

22. 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.

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<sup>1</sup> <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**

	<b>Get Britain Working Work Experience starts<sup>1</sup> (GB)</b>	<b>New Enterprise Allowance mentor starts<sup>1</sup>(GB)</b>	<b>New Enterprise Allowance weekly allowance starts<sup>1</sup> (GB)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,360</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>440</b>
Jan-2011	60		
Feb-2011	290		
Mar-2011	980		
Apr-2011	1,350	70	10
May-2011	2,210	160	40
Jun-2011	3,150	240	80
Jul-2011	3,830	550	110
Aug-2011	4,520	940	200

**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 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011.

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

**Table 2: Demographic Breakdown for the period January 2011 to August 2011**

		<b>Get Britain Working Work Experience starts<sup>1</sup> (GB)</b>	<b>New Enterprise Allowance mentor starts<sup>1</sup>(GB)</b>	<b>New Enterprise Allowance weekly allowance starts<sup>1</sup> (GB)</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16,360</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>440</b>
Gender	Male	9,750	1,530	340
	Female	6,610	430	100
	Unknown	-	-	-
Age Group	18-24	15,630	120	10
	25+	730	1,830	430
	Unknown	10	-	-
Disability <sup>2</sup>	Yes	2,230	410	90
	No	14,140	1,550	350
	Unknown	-	-	-
Ethnicity <sup>3</sup>	White	12,960	1,690	380
	Black or Black British	800	70	20
	Asian or Asian British	960	30	-
	Mixed	370	20	10
	Other/ Chinese	190	20	-
	Unknown	1,080	130	30
Group Level	Central England	4,420	450	70
	London and the Home Counties	3,700	20	-
	North East	2,140	420	30
	North West	1,250	590	290
	Scotland	1,080	220	30
	Southern England	2,800	110	10
	Wales	700	120	20
	Unknown	290	20	-

**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 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011.

1: Data Source – DWP LMS opportunities and DWP Clients evaluation databases September 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

## Annexe A: Publication Timetable

Publication	Date	Notes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	The first official statistics publication covering Get Britain Working Work Experience starts.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	The third official statistics publication. Provisionally including Sector-based Work Academy starts and Skills Conditionality starts.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	The fourth publication.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2012	The fifth publication.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2012	The sixth publication.

23. Publication dates and content 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

24. For general enquiries regarding Pre-Work Programme employment support and Get Britain Working please visit the DWP website: [www.dwp.gov.uk](http://www.dwp.gov.uk) or contact the DWP press office on 0203 267 5144.
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## **Annexe B: Further details on Pre-Work Programme employment support measures**

26. 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, New Enterprise Allowance, Mandatory Work Activity, Sector-based work academies and Skills Conditionality.
27. 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.
28. More details on the support available is shown below:

### ***Get Britain Working: Work Clubs***

29. Work Clubs were launched on 4 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.
30. 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***

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

### ***Get Britain Working: Enterprise Clubs***

33. Enterprise Clubs, launched on 31 January 2011, are an initiative aimed at supporting the development of a network of locally-led, community-based support targeted at unemployed people interested in self-employment.
34. 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***

35. 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.
36. Young people undertaking a Work Experience placement continue to receive their benefit and are expected to continue to look for permanent work. There is also the opportunity for some participants to have their placement extended by up to four weeks, where an employer makes an offer to take them onto an Apprenticeship.

### ***Get Britain Working: New Enterprise Allowance***

37. The New Enterprise Allowance (NEA), officially launched on 1 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.
38. 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.
39. This consists of:
  - A weekly allowance worth over £1,250 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.
40. The total package of support is worth over £2,250 to each participant who starts their own business.
41. NEA was initially available to claimants in specific areas as follows:
  - 31 January to 30 September 2011 – Trailblazing the NEA model in six local authority districts in Merseyside;
  - Between April and July 2011 – Staged rollout covering 17 target districts; and
  - From 1 August 2011 – Great Britain rollout (completed at the end of August 2011).

### ***Get Britain Working: Sector-based Work Academies***

42. Sector-based work academies were introduced on 1 August 2011. They offer pre-employment training, work placements and a guaranteed 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.



### ***Mandatory Work Activity***

43. Mandatory Work Activity (MWA), launched on 16 May 2011, is intended to help claimants move closer to the labour market, enabling them to establish the discipline and habits of working life, including working set hours, carrying out specific tasks and working under supervision while delivering a contribution to the local community.

### ***Skills Conditionality***

44. Skills Conditionality makes attendance at skills provision mandatory for some claimants.