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Summary

1. New Enterprise Allowance (NEA) aims to help unemployed people claiming out of work benefits who wish to start up their own business.
2. Initially, participants in NEA work with a business mentor to develop their business idea. Once they have started trading and left benefits, they receive a weekly allowance.
3. This publication records the number of starts where people have started working with a business mentor and the number of starts where people have started receiving the allowance as recorded on the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System.
4. In line with best practice, statisticians have been working with colleagues in Jobcentre Plus offices to improve the quality of data captured by the Labour Market System from which these figures are derived. As a result of this quality assurance exercise, a higher than usual amount of retrospection has been applied to the figures in this publication. It is possible we will see similar high levels of retrospection applied in the next publication.
5. The key findings are:
 - Since NEA was rolled out in April 2011, up to September 2014, 115,750 starts have been made where people have begun working with a business mentor;
 - During this period, 60,480 of those mentor starts have progressed to start receiving the weekly allowance.
6. The statistical tables are also available as a separate Excel document to enable users to engage with and reuse the data. A geographical breakdown is included, which divides NEA starts into Jobcentre Plus group, Jobcentre Plus district, local authority and parliamentary constituency. The Excel document also includes more detailed demographic breakdowns, including gender and disability by age group, and a regional demographic breakdown.

Statistical Tables

Table 1: Take up of New Enterprise Allowance

	New Enterprise Allowance: Mentor starts	New Enterprise Allowance: weekly allowance starts
Total	115,750	60,480
Apr-Dec 2011	9,270	3,240
Jan-2012	1,930	1,090
Feb-2012	1,970	1,150
Mar-2012	2,020	1,230
Apr-2012	1,730	1,190
May-2012	2,030	1,300
Jun-2012	1,570	1,090
Jul-2012	2,240	1,150
Aug-2012	2,330	1,030
Sep-2012	2,060	1,060
Oct-2012	2,310	1,340
Nov-2012	3,560	1,440
Dec-2012	2,400	1,060
Jan-2013	3,660	1,680
Feb-2013	3,810	1,760
Mar-2013	4,170	2,060
Apr-2013	4,080	2,520
May-2013	4,280	2,230
Jun-2013	3,950	2,120
Jul-2013	4,550	2,420
Aug-2013	4,240	2,110
Sep-2013	3,940	2,310
Oct-2013	4,300	2,240
Nov-2013	3,860	2,090
Dec-2013	2,660	1,500
Jan-2014	3,890	2,040
Feb-2014	3,960	2,020
Mar-2014	4,050	2,010
Apr-2014	4,040	2,310
May-2014	3,650	2,160
Jun-2014	3,610	2,180
Jul-2014	3,830	2,030
Aug-2014	2,900	1,730
Sep-2014	2,900	1,630

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. The monthly breakdown for 2011, here collapsed, is available from the accompanying Excel file which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/pre-work-programme-and-get-britain-working#new-enterprise-allowance>

Following a trailblazer in January 2011, New Enterprise Allowance was introduced in target areas in April 2011, and rolled out nationally from 1st August 2011. This table only includes data from April 2011.

Data Source - DWP LMS opportunities evaluation database October 2014.

Table 2: Demographic Breakdown for the period April 2011 to September 2014

		New Enterprise Allowance: Mentor starts	New Enterprise Allowance: Weekly Allowance starts
	Total	115,750	60,480
Gender	Male	75,450	39,200
	Female	40,290	21,280
Age Group	18-24	10,410	4,420
	25-49	80,920	41,920
	50+	24,410	14,140
	Unknown	10	-
Disability¹	Yes	23,560	11,630
	No	92,180	48,850
Ethnicity²	White	93,100	50,450
	Black or Black British	9,570	3,950
	Asian or Asian British	3,950	1,690
	Mixed	2,150	950
	Other/ Chinese	1,780	780
	Unknown	5,200	2,660
Region	North East	8,080	4,510
	North West	15,920	9,340
	Yorkshire and The Humber	14,170	7,270
	East Midlands	6,750	3,710
	West Midlands	11,410	6,240
	East	9,740	4,290
	London	16,530	7,250
	South East	8,970	4,490
	South West	6,670	3,910
	Wales	5,410	3,190
	Scotland	11,010	5,750
	Unknown	1,110	550

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Data Source - DWP LMS opportunities and DWP Clients evaluation databases October 2014.

1: Disability status is declared by the Jobseeker during a Jobcentre Plus interview. Disability status is according to the claimant's own assessment.

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

New Enterprise Allowance – Policy Description

1. 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 now available to claimants of Jobseekers Allowance (JSA), Employment Support Allowance (ESA) and lone parents claiming Income Support. Participants must be aged 18 and over.
2. On 22 October 2012, access to the NEA scheme was brought forward to day one of their JSA claim, until required to join the Work Programme.
3. 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 first six 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.
4. 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, participants may also be able to access a start-up loan.
5. 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.
 - From 1 August 2011 - Great Britain rollout (completed at the end of August 2011).

Technical Overview

6. These statistics are derived using a combination of data from the Jobcentre Plus claimant management systems (the Labour Market System) and the Client database.
7. 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.
8. 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 and shown in these statistics as 'Mentor starts'.

9. 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 (JSA) and commences trading. The claim start date is input by the adviser into the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System. These New Enterprise Allowance weekly allowance claim starts, as recorded on the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System are shown in these statistics as 'Weekly allowance starts'.
10. 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 the scheme can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/new-enterprise-allowance-campaign>
11. 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.

Retrospection

12. Retrospection refers to the time period allowed for additional or updated information to be incorporated into DWP's data systems.
13. Work coaches may submit, correct or resubmit data relevant to a mentor or allowance start some time after the actual event occurred. This means that the data presented in each release is subject to some retrospection, and figures may be revised in subsequent releases.
14. Labour Market System (LMS) datasets are produced with a month delay. For example: data for September 2014 was available at the end of October 2014. Generally we see significant retrospection in the last reported month of the latest LMS dataset (to use the same example: we see significant retrospection in the data for September 2014, which was released at the end of October 2014).
15. Therefore, to ensure the data published in these Official Statistics are accurate and will not be subject to significant change in the future, the statistics are published 2 to 3 months after the reference period. That is: Statistics for September 2014 are produced using October 2014 data rather than September 2014 data. This method ensures accuracy of the data for September 2014, bypassing the retrospection we would have seen for September if the initial September data 2014 were used. The October 2014 data was released at the end of November 2014 and the Official Statistics are subsequently published in December 2014.

Revisions Policy

16. 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:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions/series/dwp-statistics-policies-and-procedures>

Rounding Policy

17. 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>

Annex A: Publication Timetable

NEA statistics were previously released every six months as part of the Get Britain Working publication. They can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/pre-work-programme-and-get-britain-working#youth-contract-statistics>

Since December 2013 NEA mentor and weekly allowance have been published separately.

Publication	Date	Notes
1 st	Tuesday 10 th December 2013	The first New Enterprise Allowance publication.
2 nd	Thursday 27 th March 2014	The second New Enterprise Allowance publication.
3 rd	Tuesday 17 th June 2014	The third New Enterprise Allowance publication.
4 th	Thursday 25 th September 2014	The fourth New Enterprise Allowance publication
5 th	Friday 19 th December 2014	The fifth New Enterprise Allowance publication
6 th	March 2015	The sixth New Enterprise Allowance publication

Publication dates and content will be confirmed on the Government Statistics: release calendar website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements>) at least four weeks before publication date.

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