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Summary

This publication contains official statistics on Get Britain Working Measures up to and including May 2013. The key statistics are:

From January 2011 up to and including May 2013 there have been:

- 136,730 starts to a work experience placement;
- 54,410 starts with a New Enterprise Allowance business mentor;
- 26,160 starts to the New Enterprise Allowance weekly allowance; and
- 61,720 starts on sector-based work academy pre-employment training.

Introduction

1. This publication contains statistics on Get Britain Working (GBW) measures covering the period from January 2011 up to and including May 2013.
2. This includes statistics on work experience, New Enterprise Allowance and sector-based work academy starts. The publication timetable for Get Britain Working measures is outlined 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.

Get Britain Working Measures – Policy Description

4. 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.
5. The Jobcentre Plus offer is further supported and enhanced by a range of pre-Work Programme employment support. During 2011, a number of Get Britain Working measures which were established. Get Britain Working included the following individual elements;
 - work experience;
 - New Enterprise Allowance;
 - sector-based work academies; and
 - Work Clubs, Work Together and Enterprise Clubs.

6. For the purposes of this publication, these initiatives are collectively referred to as Get Britain Working measures.
7. Whilst these individual schemes continue to exist, new funding arrangements and the introduction of the Youth Contract meant that the overall funding regime for Get Britain Working ended in March 2013.
8. The Youth Contract extended the delivery of work experience and sector-based work academies to March 2015 and provided an increase in the number of places. From 1 April 2013, work experience and sector-based work academies are primarily funded from the Youth Contract and are guaranteed to 18 – 24 year old claimants only. Claimants aged 25 years and over will still be offered places on these schemes where local availability exists.
9. The New Enterprise Allowance is funded separately.

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 Client 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.

Work experience

12. 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.

New Enterprise Allowance

13. 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.
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 (JSA) and commences trading. The claim start date is input by the adviser into the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System.

15. 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:

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/adviser/updates/new%2Denterprise%2Dallowance/>

Sector-based work academies

16. A start is defined as the first date the claimant attended sector-based work academy 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.

17. Sector-based work academies were introduced in England from August 2011 and in Scotland from January 2012.

Other Measures

18. As announced on the 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 Programmes - Mandatory Work Activity referrals and starts and Skills Conditionality referrals and starts are available in a separate publication that can be accessed via the Department's statistical website here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions/series/pre-work-programme-and-get-britain-working>

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 each 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. June 2013 data was available at the end of July 2013. 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 May 2013 (which are published in August 2013) are produced using June 2013 data, which was released in July 2013).

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

Rounding Policy

26. 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 Get Britain Working Measures

| | Work Experience starts (GB) | New Enterprise Allowance | | Sector based work academy pre-employment training starts (GB) |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | Mentor starts (GB) | Weekly Allowance starts (GB) | |
| Total | 136,730 | 54,410 | 26,160 | 61,720 |
| Jan-2011 | 70 | | | |
| Feb-2011 | 290 | | | |
| Mar-2011 | 970 | | | |
| Apr-2011 | 1,350 | 80 | 20 | |
| May-2011 | 2,220 | 160 | 40 | |
| Jun-2011 | 3,160 | 240 | 80 | |
| Jul-2011 | 3,870 | 680 | 110 | |
| Aug-2011 | 4,640 | 1,300 | 240 | 410 |
| Sep-2011 | 4,660 | 1,850 | 410 | 800 |
| Oct-2011 | 6,570 | 1,900 | 700 | 1,300 |
| Nov-2011 | 6,780 | 1,820 | 910 | 1,120 |
| Dec-2011 | 3,160 | 1,210 | 710 | 460 |
| Jan-2012 | 5,990 | 1,920 | 1,080 | 1,520 |
| Feb-2012 | 6,260 | 1,960 | 1,140 | 2,020 |
| Mar-2012 | 4,970 | 2,010 | 1,220 | 2,120 |
| Apr-2012 | 4,840 | 1,730 | 1,180 | 2,640 |
| May-2012 | 5,430 | 2,020 | 1,270 | 3,100 |
| Jun-2012 | 4,220 | 1,570 | 1,080 | 2,740 |
| Jul-2012 | 5,900 | 2,230 | 1,120 | 4,020 |
| Aug-2012 | 4,920 | 2,320 | 1,000 | 3,410 |
| Sep-2012 | 5,710 | 2,060 | 1,020 | 3,640 |
| Oct-2012 | 7,840 | 2,310 | 1,310 | 4,290 |
| Nov-2012 | 6,690 | 3,540 | 1,390 | 3,810 |
| Dec-2012 | 3,720 | 2,400 | 1,000 | 1,670 |
| Jan-2013 | 6,210 | 3,620 | 1,560 | 4,320 |
| Feb-2013 | 7,010 | 3,780 | 1,630 | 4,720 |
| Mar-2013 | 6,310 | 4,070 | 1,850 | 4,610 |
| Apr-2013 | 6,780 | 3,860 | 2,250 | 4,910 |
| May-2013 | 6,190 | 3,800 | 1,850 | 4,100 |

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.

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. Sector-based work academies started from 1st August 2011 in England and from 30th January 2012 in Scotland. They are not available in Wales. Some testing took place in Scotland prior to the official launch date and the figures are included in the table. Figures also include starts for which the geographical location is 'unknown': see table 2 for a breakdown. The Youth Contract extended the delivery of work experience and sector-based work academies to March 2015 and provided an increase in the number of places. From 1 April 2013, work experience and sector-based work academies are primarily funded from the Youth Contract and are guaranteed to 18 – 24 year old claimants only. Claimants aged 25 years and over will still be offered places on these schemes where local availability exists.

Data Source - DWP LMS opportunities evaluation database June 2013.

Table 2: Demographic Breakdown for the period January 2011 to May 2013

| | | Work Experience starts (GB) | New Enterprise Allowance | | Sector based work academy pre-employment training starts (GB) |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Mentor starts (GB) | Weekly Allowance starts (GB) | |
| | Total | 136,730 | 54,410 | 26,160 | 61,720 |
| Gender | Male | 78,180 | 37,000 | 17,920 | 38,330 |
| | Female | 58,550 | 17,410 | 8,240 | 23,390 |
| | Unknown | - | - | - | - |
| Age Group ¹ | <18 | 530 | - | - | 50 |
| | 18-24 | 112,990 | 4,580 | 1,760 | 30,040 |
| | 25-49 | 20,120 | 38,350 | 18,320 | 25,950 |
| | 50+ | 3,090 | 11,470 | 6,080 | 5,670 |
| | Unknown | - | - | - | - |
| Disability ² | Yes | 20,800 | 10,380 | 4,790 | 10,180 |
| | No | 115,930 | 44,030 | 21,370 | 51,540 |
| | Unknown | - | - | - | - |
| Ethnicity ³ | White | 113,610 | 44,050 | 21,720 | 48,600 |
| | Black or Black British | 5,760 | 4,240 | 1,740 | 4,810 |
| | Asian or Asian British | 7,360 | 1,900 | 720 | 3,400 |
| | Mixed | 2,640 | 960 | 410 | 1,450 |
| | Other/ Chinese | 1,640 | 760 | 310 | 990 |
| | Unknown | 5,730 | 2,490 | 1,260 | 2,470 |
| Region | Central England | 28,430 | 10,890 | 5,250 | 13,880 |
| | London and the Home Counties | 23,720 | 11,350 | 4,920 | 13,110 |
| | North East | 21,850 | 10,510 | 5,200 | 9,850 |
| | North West | 17,310 | 8,030 | 4,420 | 10,080 |
| | Scotland | 13,070 | 4,800 | 1,840 | 5,700 |
| | Southern England | 21,490 | 5,960 | 2,870 | 8,020 |
| | Wales | 8,090 | 2,310 | 1,420 | N/A |
| | Unknown | 2,770 | 560 | 240 | 1,090 |

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.

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Data Source - DWP LMS opportunities and DWP Clients evaluation databases June 2013.

1. The number of age categories has been expanded from an earlier publication (18-24, 25+ and unknown).

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 st | Wednesday 9 th November 2011 | The first publication covering work experience starts. |
| 2 nd | Wednesday 16 th November 2011 | The second publication covering work experience starts, New Enterprise Allowance mentor and weekly allowance starts. |
| 3 rd | Wednesday 15 th February 2012 | The third official statistics publication including sector-based work academy starts and Skills Conditionality starts. |
| 4 th | Wednesday 16 th May 2012 | The fourth publication covering Get Britain Working Measures. |
| 5 th | Wednesday 15 th August 2012 | The fifth publication covering Get Britain Working Measures. |
| 6 th | Wednesday 13 th February 2013 | The sixth publication covering Get Britain Working Measures. |
| 7 th | Wednesday 21 st August 2013 | The seventh publication covering Get Britain Working Measures. |

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.

Annexe B: Further Details on Get Britain Working Measures

1. A new package of employment support measures including Get Britain Working measures, was introduced between October 2010 and August 2011. These included Work Clubs, Work Together, Enterprise Clubs, work experience, New Enterprise Allowance and sector-based work academies.
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:

Work Clubs

4. Work Clubs were launched on 4 October 2010 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. Start-up funding for new projects ended on 31 March 2013².
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.

Work Together

6. Work Together was launched as a nationwide initiative on 4 October 2010 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:
 - local organisations that have agreed to support unemployed people;

² From 01 April 2013, District Managers have the discretion to provide start-up funding from their core budget for new projects.

- on-line support; and
- to specific opportunities.

Enterprise Clubs

8. Enterprise Clubs, launched on 31 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. Start-up funding for new projects ended on 31 March 2013³.
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.

Work experience

10. Work experience was launched in January 2011 and is primarily designed to help young people aged 16 to 24 years 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. Youth Contract work experience is only available to JSA claimants aged 18 – 24.
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.

New Enterprise Allowance

12. 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. On 22 October 2012, access to the NEA scheme was brought forward to day one of their JSA claim, until they are required to join the Work Programme.

³ From 1 April 2013, District Managers have the discretion to provide start-up funding from their core budget for new projects.

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 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.
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:
 - 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).

Sector-based work academies

17. Sector-based work academies were introduced from 1 August 2011 in England and from 30 January 2012 in Scotland. 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.

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