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Publication of Statistics: Train to Gain success rates, 2005/06 to 2008/09

1   This document contains Train to Gain qualification success rates for the years 2005/06[1] to 2008/09.

Table 1: Train to Gain success rates, 2005/06 to 2008/09

Level	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09[4] (Provisional)
Skills for Life	75.9%	58.5%	67.2%	77.2%
Full Level 2	67.4%	72.6%	72.5%	73.8%
Full Level 3	63.0%	62.9%	68.5%	67.4%
Total	**67.5%**	**70.6%**	**71.7%**	**73.4%**

Notes:
1) The following data sources have been used; 2005/06 (final FE F05; final WBL W13); 2006/07 (final FE F05; final WBL W13); 2007/08 and 2008/09 (final WBL W13)
2) 2005/06 represents 1 April to 31 July 2006; 2006/07 represents 1 August 2006 to 31 July 2007; 2007/08 represents 1 August 2007 to 31 July 2008: 2008/09 represents 1 August 2008 to 31 July 2009.
3) Success rates are calculated as the number of learning aims achieved divided by the number of starts, excluding any learners who transferred onto another qualification within the same organisation. Learners who withdrew within the first 6 weeks of the qualification are excluded.
4) Figures for 2008/09 are not comparable to earlier years as due to demand led funding NVQs delivered in the workplace previously funded by FE are now funded by Train to Gain.
5) Information regarding the number of Train to Gain starts and achievements is published in Statistical First Release publications by the Data Service. These can be found here: http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics.

Supporting Information

2   Table 1 shows large revisions to previously published Train to Gain success rates. This is because of a large number of learners who did not complete their learning programmes in the expected timescales. Train to Gain success rates are calculated based upon the expected completion date of the learner, and many learners did not complete their learning by the time final 2007/08 data were returned.. As a consequence, the revisions reflect those learners who have subsequently successfully completed their learning.

3   The size of revision from initial to final estimate makes comparison, especially between years, difficult and we have therefore taken the decision not to publish these as a National Statistic while we address this issue. However, we do need to make this information publicly available to support the FE and skills system business cycle.

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[1] Please note that Train to Gain started on 1 April 2006. The 2005/06 reporting year therefore relates to the period 1 April to 31 July 2006.

4   Furthermore, the 2008/09 success rates are not directly comparable to those for earlier years due to the introduction by the LSC of the demand led funding methodology, more information on these changes can be found at: http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/5DC702AA-5117-40E1-A15E-01F95F2AF32B/0/TheeffectsofDemandLedFundingonthecountof2008.doc

5   For information regarding the definitions used to calculate these success rates please refer to the Data Service website at: http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/DD79B914-BE19-4C57-91CC-EC207A924383/0/0809TraintoGainSuccessRatesMethodologyP15.pdf

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7   Success rates for FE organisations and apprenticeship framework completion rates can be found in Statistical First Releases published by the Data Service. These can be found here: www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics

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