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Information request

Please provide details of the number of 18 to 24 year olds who have taken part in the Youth Contract since its launch in April 2012 to-date. Please provide a breakdown by a) month and b) age. In each case please state b) the employer c) the geographical location d) the wage incentive awarded. Please provide the information in an excel spreadsheet or csv format.

DWP response

The Youth Contract consists of a number of elements, some of them DWP-led and others led by other Government Departments: provision to support 16/17 year-old NEETs is led by the Department for Education and the Apprenticeship Grant for Employers (AGE 16-24) is led by the National Apprenticeship Service. The DWP leads on wage incentives; additional Jobcentre Plus adviser support; and work experience and sector-based work academy places.

The information requested cannot be broken down by all the elements that you have requested. However, we can provide the following:

The table below shows the number of starts, aged 18-24 years old, to work experience placements and sector-based work academy pre-employment training in Great Britain between April-November 2012:

	Work Experience starts, aged 18-24 (GB)	Sector based work academy pre- employment training starts, aged 18-24 (GB excluding Wales)
Apr-12	4,020	1,290
May-12	4,450	1,490
Jun-12	3,450	1,280
Jul-12	4,770	1,900
Aug-12	3,970	1,730
Sep-12	4,520	1,820
Oct-12	6,290	2,100
Nov-12	5,230	1,790
Total	36,700	13,400

Source - DWP LMS opportunities evaluation database December 2012;
values rounded to the nearest 10.

You can also find more information about this data on:

http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/pwp/pwp_gbw_feb13.pdf

Also you can find more information, broken down by some different geographical locations, on:

http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/adhoc_analysis/2013/WE_and_SBWA_JCP_district_LA_and_PC_tables.xls

The Department does not collect this data broken down by employer.

In most cases the wage incentive element of the Youth Contract is paid after a young person has been in work continuously for 26 weeks. Following the collection and quality assurance of this data, the first set of Official Statistics on the wage incentive should be available in the next few months.

The Department is working to guidelines set by the UK Statistics Authority to ensure we publish statistics that meet high quality standards at the earliest opportunity.

Finally, there is no reliable data regarding the additional adviser support element.