

## FOI Release

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**Title: Construction Apprenticeships**

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### Information request

1. How many apprentices are currently undertaking training in construction and how many of these are undertaking intermediate and higher level apprenticeships?
2. How many apprentices were undertaking training in construction in 2012/13 and 2011/12?
3. How many apprentices are projected to begin a construction apprenticeship in 2014/15?
4. How many apprentices began a construction apprenticeship in 2013/14?
5. How many apprentices completed a construction apprenticeship in 2013/14 and how many of these were at intermediate and how many at advanced level?

### Information released

We can confirm that the Department holds some of the information requested. However, some of the information is already in the public domain and is therefore exempt under Section 21 of the Act as we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible.

Information on Apprenticeship starts and achievements by sector subject area, age and Level for the 2013/14 academic year requested under (4) and (5) is published on the gov.uk website.

They were last updated in December 2014 to cover final data for the 2013/14 academic year: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-data-library-apprenticeships>

Information on the number of apprentices who were participating in the construction, planning and the built environment sector subject area between 2011/12 and 2013/14 is also available from the gov.uk website.

Provisional data for August to October of the 2014/15 academic year show that 24,850 apprentices on the Construction, Planning and the Built Environment Sector Subject Area. Of these, 19,830 participated on intermediate level apprenticeships, 5,190 participated on advanced level apprenticeships and 130 participated on higher apprentices.

Note that Provisional data for 2014/15 provide an early view of performance and will change as further data returns are received from further education colleges and providers. Caution must be taken when comparing against data from earlier academic years.

The department does not produce forecasts for numbers of apprenticeship starts.