Apprenticeship statistics: June 2020 underlying data

Metadata specification

Description

This document describes the data included in the 'Apprenticeships and traineeships: June 2020' statistics publication's underlying data files. This data is released under the terms of the Open Government License. It is provided to allow users to interrogate the data themselves.

The underlying data files contain apprenticeship starts figures in England broken down by start month and subject characteristics (e.g. sector subject area, level, framework and standard name).

The User Guide to Further Education and Skills Statistics published alongside the Further education and skills: March 2020 publication should be referenced alongside this data. It provides information on the data sources, their coverage and quality as well as explaining methodology used in producing the data.

File format

The underlying data contains the following files:

- Unrounded raw data set (framework, standard, SSA, level, age): August 2014 to April 2020, reported to date

- Unrounded raw data set (framework, standard, SSA, level, age): May 2020, reported to date
  Note: May apprenticeship starts data at this point in the year are very underreported so need to be treated with caution, please see the caveats in the commentary document on these data and potential for misinterpreting how they may represent the apprenticeship programme as a whole. The data is being released for transparency purposes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Files and descriptions	Geographic levels
Underlying data for apprenticeship starts *june-2020-release_underlying-CSV-app-data-to-april-2020.csv* **(covers August 2014 to April 2020, reported to date)** *june-2020-release_underlying-CSV-app-data-may-2020.csv* **(covers May 2020, reported to date)** Apprenticeship starts by: Level, Detailed Level Degree apprenticeship Framework/Standard details: Sector Subject Area_Tier1 (SSA T1), Sector Subject Area_Tier2 (SSA T2) Framework/Standard flag, Framework/Standard Code, Framework/Standard Name Funding Type, Start month, Start month order Age band	National

Annex A – Field Listing

A full list of the fields used in the underlying data files is given below:

Variable name	Variable description
Age	Age of the apprentice at the start of the apprenticeship.
Degree apprenticeship	Apprenticeship contains a mandatory degree component that is needed for successful achievement of the apprenticeship.
Detailed Level	Level of the apprenticeship (Level 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7).
Framework/Standard Name	The name of the framework or standard.
Framework/Standard Flag	Defines if the apprenticeship is a standard or framework.
Funding Type	Funding source of the apprenticeship (supported by ASA levy funds; Other; Totals).
Level	Apprenticeship level (Intermediate, advanced or higher).
Start	A learner has begun an apprenticeship programme.
Start Month	Month in which a learner began an apprenticeship programme.
Start Month Order	Academic month in numeric form, in which a learner began an apprenticeship programme.
SSA T1	Sector subject area (tier 1) of the apprenticeship standard or framework or learning aim being studied.
SSA T2	The sector subject area (tier 2) of the apprenticeship standard or framework or learning aim being studied.
ST Code	Reference code assigned by the Institute of Apprenticeships to an apprenticeship standard
Year	Academic year