

## **Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper**

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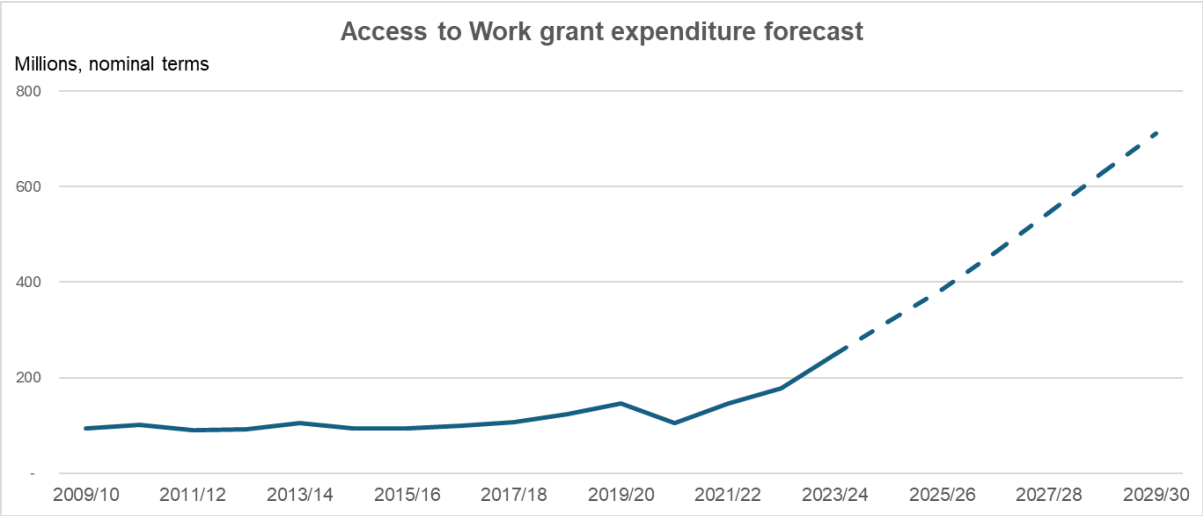
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1. Access to Work grant expenditure forecast



Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/access-to-work-grant-expenditure-forecasts>

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
Total	94	102	90	92	104	94	93	100	106	123	146	104	146	177	249	318	385	463	545	629	712

£ million, nominal terms, Great Britain

This chart shows forecast Access to Work grant expenditure up to 2029/30. Access to Work grant expenditure was £249 million in 2023/24, this is forecast to rise to £712 million by 2029/30.

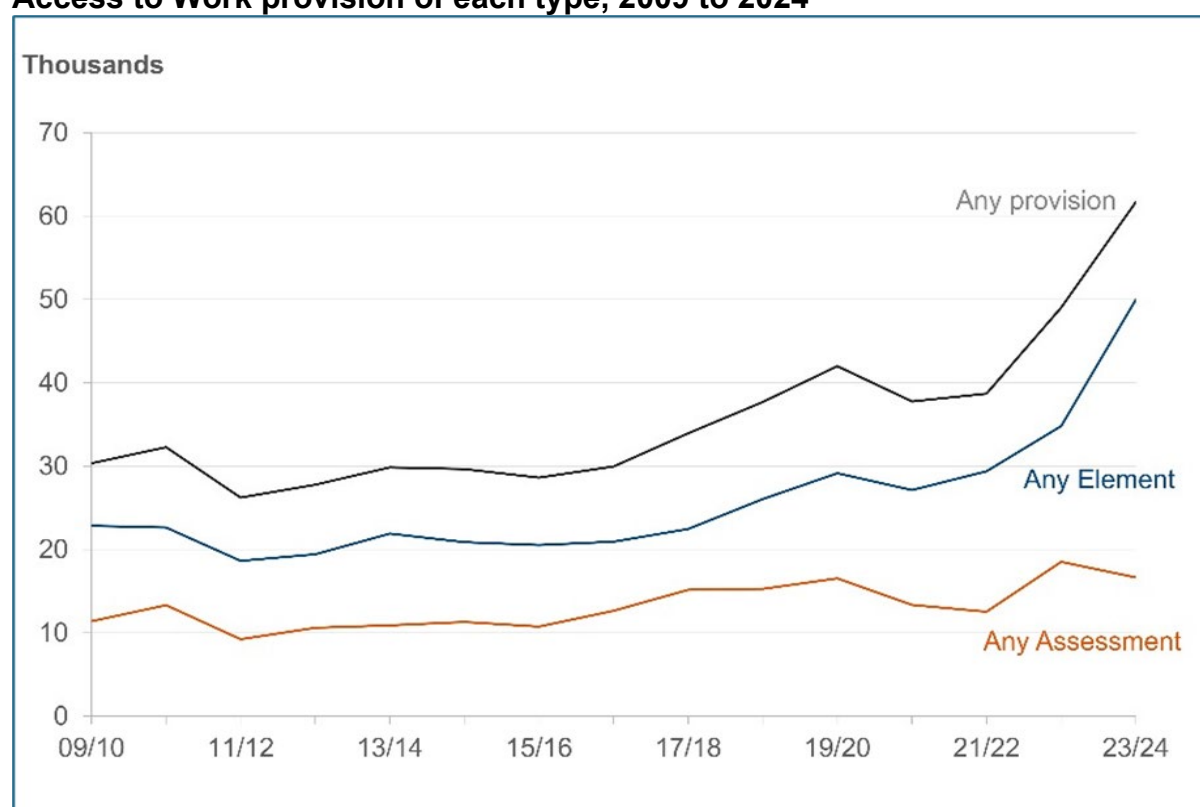
Access to Work grant expenditure excludes expenditure on Access to Work Assessments, Mental Health Support Services and administration costs of the scheme. This definition of grant expenditure differs to that used for the Access to Work Official Statistics (which include expenditure on Mental Health Support Services and Access to Work Assessments), so totals will differ, but the data sources used are the same.

The forecast is based on the current Access to Work scheme continuing under the current policy rules. Any potential future changes to the scheme are not considered and the forecast may differ to the funding allocated to DWP.

The forecast excludes the cost of applications received but not yet processed - in February 2025 there were 62,000 applications waiting to be processed (this includes new claims, renewals and change of circumstances).

## The number of people who received a payment for any Access to Work provision of each type

### 2. Number of people who were in receipt of one or more payments for any Access to Work provision of each type, 2009 to 2024



	Financial year														
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 (note 3)	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Any provision	30,340	32,260	26,230	27,760	29,850	29,640	28,610	29,970	33,930	37,690	42,000	37,760	38,680	49,020	61,630
Any Assessment	11,390	13,330	9,230	10,600	10,890	11,300	10,750	12,640	15,160	15,270	16,540	13,360	12,540	18,520	16,650
Any Element	22,850	22,640	18,650	19,420	21,910	20,880	20,540	20,940	22,460	26,040	29,150	27,130	29,370	34,800	49,920

Source: Figures taken from Table 6 in 'Access to Work Official Statistics Data Tables'.

Published here: [access-to-work-statistics-april-2007-to-march-2024-tables.ods](https://access-to-work-statistics-april-2007-to-march-2024-tables.ods)

This chart shows the number of people who were in receipt of one or more payments for any Access to Work provision of each type from 2009 to 2024. 61,630 people were in receipt of payments for any Access to Work provision in 2023/24. When compared to the previous year, there was a 26% increase in the number of people who received a payment for Access to Work provision in 2023/2024.

#### Notes

- 1) People who had received a payment for more than one item of provision in a given financial year are counted once against each of the relevant types of provision for the financial year in question. For example, a person who received payment for two Assessments and two Elements in 2023/24 would be counted once against "Any

Assessment", once against "Any Element" and once against "Any provision" in the 2023/24 column.

- 2) People who received a payment for provision in more than one financial year are counted once against the relevant types of provision for each of the financial years in question. For example, a person who received a payment for one Assessment in 2022/23 and two Elements in 2023/24 would be counted once against "Any Assessment" in the 2022/23 column, once against "Any Element" in the 2023/24 column and once against "Any provision" in both columns.
- 3) Due to the Access to Work digital transformation programme and the move to a new administrative system, we cannot say how many people had an approval or received a payment for Communication Support for Interviews (CSI) in 2020/21. Access to Work continued to provide Communication Support for Interviews to individuals throughout this period.

### 3. The number of disabled people in employment, in the UK



Source: Figures taken from Table MSR001 in the 'Disabled of Employment People 2024 data tables ' Published here: [employment-of-disabled-people-2024.ods](#)

There were 5.5 million disabled people in employment in the UK in Q2 2024. This is an increase of 310,000 on the year.

#### Notes:

- 1) Quarter: The ONS have only reweighted Labour Force Survey (LFS) data with the latest population estimates from July to September 2022 onwards. Therefore, disability employment data prior to and from July to September 2022 are not directly comparable.
- 2) Disabled: April 2013 onwards: Government Statistical Service (GSS) Harmonised Standard definition of disability, in line with the Equality Act 2010 (EA) core definition. Prior to April 2013: Based on the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA) definition.
- 3) Employment: One hour or more of paid work per week or temporarily away from work.