

Apprenticeship Starts by Age, Programme-led and Planned Length of Stay (2008/09 to 2012/13)

The Government has a strong focus on increasing the quality of Apprenticeships - ensuring that all Apprenticeships are jobs, with a minimum duration of at least a year, that they include off the job training and meet the needs of employers. This new piece of analysis shows the trends in the number of Apprenticeship starts that we could deem "full Apprenticeships" - those that have a planned length of stay of 12 months or more and excluding former programme-led Apprenticeships.

Since 2009/10 the overall number of these "full Apprenticeship" starts has more than trebled. Between 2011/12 and 2012/13, numbers have increased at all ages and by over 150,000 overall.

Age		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Under 19	Fewer than 12 months planned length of stay	21,600	39,000	57,600	45,800	3,700
	Programme-led	18,300	24,200	11,700	-	-
	12 months or more excluding programme led	59,500	53,600	62,300	84,100	110,900
	Total	99,400	116,800	131,700	129,900	114,500
19-24	Fewer than 12 months planned length of stay	26,600	46,700	67,500	67,300	14,800
	Programme-led	2,400	3,100	1,700	-	-
	12 months or more excluding programme led	55,800	64,000	74,300	94,100	150,600
	Total	84,700	113,800	143,400	161,400	165,400
25+	Fewer than 12 months planned length of stay	18,200	22,300	81,400	91,300	15,900
	Programme-led	400	400	300	-	-
	12 months or more excluding programme led	37,300	26,400	100,400	137,900	214,400
	Total	55,900	49,100	182,100	229,300	230,300
All Apprenticeships	Fewer than 12 months planned length of stay	66,300	108,000	206,600	204,400	34,300
	Programme-led	21,100	27,700	13,700	-	-
	12 months or more excluding programme led	152,500	144,000	237,000	316,200	475,900
	Total	239,900	279,700	457,200	520,600	510,200

Notes

- 1) Volumes are rounded to the nearest 100.
- 2) Planned Length of Stay is based on the planned end date of the Apprenticeship as recorded in the Individualised Learner Record (ILR).
- 3) Fewer than 12 months includes those Apprenticeship starts with a Planned Length of Stay of less than 365 days.
- 4) These tables should be read alongside Apprenticeship Duration statistics based on actual length of stay: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-data-library-other-statistics-and-research>
- 5) Programme-led Apprenticeships were an alternative initial phase before transferring to the employer-led Apprenticeship route. All learners on Programme-led Apprenticeships were non-employed.

