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# People with learning disabilities in England

## Employment

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## Data tables

Major changes to the collection of data related to social care in 2014/15 mean that social care data (including employment data collected from local authorities) from 2013/14 to 2014/15 are not continuous. This has been marked with a vertical line between 2013/14 and 2014/15.

<b>Table 1: Number of Adults with Learning Disabilities aged 18-64 years in Paid/Self Employment 2008/09 – 2017/18</b>										
	2008/09 to 2013/14 – working age adults with learning disabilities known to local authorities						2014/15 to 2017/18 – working age adults with a primary support need of learning disability receiving long-term social care support			
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
<i>Hours per week paid/self employment</i>										
30+ hrs per week	700	1300	1295	1185	1075	945	2165	2225	2165	2505
16-29 hrs per week	860	1720	1825	1840	1845	1995				
4-15 hrs per week	1390	2925	3020	3490	3565	3450	5305	5195	5255	5400
0-3 hrs per week	1330	2395	2570	2810	2730	2565				
Working regularly but less than weekly	190	425	495	585	630	620				
<b>TOTAL paid/self employment</b>	<b>4465</b>	<b>8765</b>	<b>9210</b>	<b>9905</b>	<b>9845</b>	<b>9580</b>	<b>7472</b>	<b>7417</b>	<b>7422</b>	<b>7907</b>

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<b>Total paid/self employment – men</b>	2860	5555	5900	6330	6305	6120	4690	4650	4747	5145
<b>Total paid/self employment - women</b>	1605	3210	3310	3575	3540	3460	2780	2770	2675	2762
<b>Vol work and paid/self employment</b>	645	1115	995	1050	1190	1260	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Vol work only</b>	4580	8275	7615	8675	9245	9240	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Data Source: ASC-CAR L1; ASCOF 1E; SALT LTS004a</b>										

<b>Table 2: Percentage of Adults with Learning Disabilities aged 18-64 years in Paid/Self Employment 2008/09 – 2017/18 by Government Office Region</b>										
	<b>2008/09 to 2013/14 – working age adults with learning disabilities known to local authorities</b>						<b>2014/15 to 2017/18 – working age adults with a primary support need of learning disability receiving long-term social care support</b>			
<b>Government office region</b>	<b>2008/9</b>	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
<b>North East</b>	5.9	4.8	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.5	4.7	5.6	5.3	5.9
<b>North West</b>	5.2	5.3	4.9	5.4	5.5	5.2	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.3
<b>Yorkshire &amp; Humber</b>	6.3	5.3	6.3	6.8	6.6	6.2	6.6	6.3	6.7	7.4
<b>East Midlands</b>	5.4	6.0	5.3	5.8	5.2	4.9	3.2	3.3	4.2	4.3
<b>West Midlands</b>	2.9	4.1	5.5	6.3	5.6	4.9	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.3
<b>South West</b>	6.7	5.7	5.7	5.8	7.2	8.1	6.3	7.0	5.8	5.9
<b>Eastern</b>	5.9	6.2	6.0	7.2	6.5	7.2	7.3	7.1	7.1	7.5
<b>London</b>	9.8	8.5	8.6	9.3	9.1	8.8	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.5
<b>South East</b>	10.2	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	8.1	7.5	6.2	6.1	6.5
<b>England</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>England - men</b>			7.4	7.9	7.8	7.4	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.6
<b>England - women</b>			5.6	6.1	6.0	5.8	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.2

Data Source: ASC-CAR L1; NI 146; ASCOF 1E