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FURTHER EDUCATION AND WORK BASED LEARNING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - LEARNER NUMBERS IN ENGLAND 2002/03

## INTRODUCTION

1. This Statistical First Release (SFR) presents information on learner numbers in post-16 education and training in England funded by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) for the whole academic year 2002/03.
2. This SFR updates early year figures published on the $31^{\text {st }}$ of March 2003, "Government Supported Further Education and Work Based Learning for Young People on 1 November 2002".
3. The first SFR to combine information on both Further Education (FE) and Work Based Learning (WBL) for young people in one SFR was issued in March 2003.
4. The source data for this SFR is the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) 2002/03.
5. This is the first time that a figure for the total number of learners in WBL during the academic year is published. This now allows a comparison with the way that FE figures have been published since the mid 1990s.
6. This SFR contains an annex updating the Individualised Student Record (ISR) time-series for FE learner numbers from 1994/95 to 2001/02. This table is shown for the last time.
7. This SFR does not show the number of non-LSC funded learners in FE colleges. This is consistent with the previous combined FE/WBL SFR.

## KEY POINTS

## Further Education

8. There were 3.91 million learners in council funded FE in 2002/03. This is an increase of $1 \%$ on the 2001/02 figures of 3.87 million.
9. The number of below 19 s in council funded FE has increased by almost $4 \%$ between 2001/02 and 2002/03 from 0.65 million to 0.67 million. The number of adults (aged 19 plus) has increased by less than $0.5 \%$ from 3.22 to 3.23 million.
10. The number of learners studying for level 1 rose between 2001/02 and 2002/03. The increase for below 19 s at level 1 was $26 \%$ and for adults was $20 \%$. The main reasons for this are a combination of an increase in learners enrolled on basic skills qualifications and a reclassification of basic skills qualifications from college certificates to externally accredited qualifications.
11. At level 2 and 3 the number of below 19s increased by over $1 \%$ (from 173,800 to 176,300) and $2 \%$ (from 358,700 to 367,000 ) respectively between 2001/02 and 2002/03.
12. Between 2001/02 and 2002/03, the number of adults studying for level 2 and level 3 qualifications fell by $7 \%$ and $4 \%$ respectively. This decrease follows on the increase from 2000/01 to 2001/02 in adult learners at levels 2 and 3, of 19\% and 4\% respectively and is primarily due to the changing volumes of short qualification provision (of less than 24 week duration).
13. The most popular Areas of Learning based on all the aims followed by the learners in 2002/03 were Information \& Communications Technology ( $18.4 \%$ ) and Health, Social Care and Public Services ( $14.7 \%$ ).
14. The number of learners in the category "Level not specified" has decreased significantly between 2001/02 and 2002/03. This is mainly due to reclassification of qualifications.

## Work Based Learning

15. A total of 512,000 trainees participated in WBL during 2002/03. The average number in learning was 273,000 a small increase over the previous year's figure of 271,000 .
16. The average number in learning on Modern Apprenticeships in 2002/03 was 224,300 . This is $5 \%$ more than 2001/02 $(213,500)$. There has been a shift from NVQ learning to Modern Apprenticeships.
17. The number of starts on WBL has fallen to 239,300 from 247,600 in 2001/02. However, the number of starts on Modern Apprenticeships has remained constant, although there has been a shift from advanced to foundation programmes.
18. Retention in WBL has improved as the total number of learners in learning for 2002/03 has risen to 511,700 from 503,900 in the previous year ( $1.5 \%$ increase).
19. The most popular Areas of Learning in WBL were Engineering, Technology and Manufacturing (18.1\%) and Retailing, Customer Service \& Transportation (14.5\%).

Figure 1 Data source: Table 1 ILR/SFR01 Below 19 learner numbers


Figure 2 Data source: Table 1 ILR/SFR01 19 plus learner numbers


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ANNEX. FE ISR time series: Learners (in 000's) enrolled in further education sector colleges external institutions and higher education institutions in England from 1994/95 to 2001/02 by institution type, age, mode of attendance and gender

## FUTURE STATISTICAL FIRST RELEASES

20. The LSC is planning to publish three Statistical First Releases each year.

- Early information on learner numbers, derived from the ILR return, relating to learners enrolled on 1 November, published in March.
- Whole-year information on learner numbers derived from the ILR return relating to the end of the relevant academic year, published in December.
- Outcomes derived from the ISR/ILR return relating to 31 December following the end of the relevant academic year for FE and most recently available data for WBL, published in July.
Published Statistical First Releases are currently available on the LSC website at:
http://www.Isc.gov.uk/National/Documents/SubjectListing/SectorData/StatisticalFirstReleases/default.htm


## SUPPORTING DATA

21. Additional tables of data on FE and WBL numbers for 2002/03 will be provided on the LSC website.

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. On 1 April 2001 the LSC inherited responsibility in relation to funding FE provision in colleges and external institutions from the Further Education Funding Council (FEFC). The LSC also took responsibility for post-16 provision in Work Based Learning and statistics in this area are also reported in this SFR.
2. Work Based Learning for young people is a major programme of government-supported training, comprising Advanced Modern Apprenticeships (AMA), Foundation Modern Apprenticeships (FMA), NVQ Learning and Entry to Employment (E2E).

## Source of Data

3. The latest data source for this SFR is the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) 2002/03 (Reference W12B for WBL and F04 for FE). The data source for the updated 2001/02 FE data is ISR 25 and for the 2001/02 WBL data the interim ILR (Reference 16D).
4. The FE data for 2002/03 have been derived from the ILR for 347 colleges and 109 External Institutions where validated and credible data were available. These data have been grossed up by the ratio of students in all institutions to those in the 456 institutions. This ratio has been calculated and applied separately for each college type, for students in each mode of attendance, and on each level of programme.

## Classification of Data

## Further Education

5. University for Industry (UFI) provision is included in this SFR with data for recipient colleges.
6. Data from Dance and Drama Institutions and Specialist Designated Institutions are excluded from this SFR.
7. The distribution of FE learners by Areas of Learning (table 2) takes into account all the aims followed by the learner population.
8. The level assigned to a learner in table $1 \& 6$ corresponds to the highest-level qualification undertaken by that learner. The qualification type assigned to the learner in table 6 is that of the learner's qualification aim with the most guided learning hours.
9. FE Students classified for statistical purposes as full-time are defined as those enrolled on programmes of at least 450 guided learning hours per year, or for at least 150 guided learning hours per term or more than 16 guided learning hours per week for shorter courses. Full-time students who enrol on a programme of at least 450 guided learning hours per year are classified as full-time full-year. This includes those students who withdraw from the programme during the year and actually attend for less than 450 guided learning hours. Also counted as full-time full-year are students who enrol on programmes of less than 450 guided learning hours but stay longer than expected and actually attend for more than 450 guided learning hours. Full-time students who are not classified as full-time full-year are classified as other full-time. All other students are classified as part-time.

## Work Based Learning

10. The total in-learning volume for WBL (tables $1,2 \& 3$ ) is a measure of total learning activity in the academic year. It includes all learners actively engaged in WBL in the academic year and is used here to provide a comparison with FE provision.

## General Notes

11. In the tables, numbers may not add up exactly to totals because of differential rounding. Numbers are shown in thousands and the symbol '-' represents fewer than 50 learners.

Table 1. WBL and FE - Learners (in 000's) on council-funded WBL and FE provision for 2001/02 and 2002/03 analysed by highest qualification level and by age group

Average in-learning for WBL and total in-learning volume for WBL and FE

|  |  | 2001/02 |  |  | 2002/03 |  |  |  |  | \% change in total volume from 2001/02 to 2002/03 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age | Qualification Level | WBL average inlearning | WBL total volume | FE | Total volume 2001/02 | WBL average inlearning | WBL total volume | FE | Total volume 2002/03 |  |
| Below 19 | Level 1 and entry | 16.8 | 57.0 | 86.2 | 143.2 | 17.9 | 66.3 | 108.5 | 174.8 | 22.1\% |
|  | Level 2 | 81.3 | 155.5 | 173.8 | 329.3 | 85.3 | 163.8 | 176.3 | 340.1 | 3.3\% |
|  | Level 3 | 51.0 | 70.2 | 358.7 | 428.9 | 45.1 | 61.1 | 367.0 | 428.1 | -0.2\% |
|  | Level 4, 5 and HE | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 25.3\% |
|  | Level not specified | 4.4 | 6.3 | 26.6 | 32.9 | - | 0.2 | 16.8 | 17.0 | -48.3\% |
|  | All levels | 153.7 | 289.2 | 647.1 | 936.3 | 148.3 | 291.5 | 671.0 | 962.6 | 2.8\% |
| 19 plus * | Level 1 and entry | 0.9 | 2.1 | 1,149.0 | 1,151.1 | 1.0 | 2.8 | 1,380.0 | 1,382.8 | 20.1\% |
|  | Level 2 | 42.6 | 86.1 | 885.7 | 971.8 | 51.5 | 104.2 | 819.8 | 923.9 | -4.9\% |
|  | Level 3 | 68.0 | 112.3 | 501.4 | 613.7 | 70.1 | 110.4 | 484.0 | 594.5 | -3.1\% |
|  | Level 4, 5 and HE | 1.4 | 2.3 | 53.4 | 55.7 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 65.9 | 68.5 | 23.0\% |
|  | Level not specified | 4.3 | 12.0 | 631.2 | 643.2 | - | 0.1 | 485.3 | 485.4 | -24.5\% |
|  | All levels | 117.2 | 214.7 | 3,220.8 | 3,435.5 | 124.2 | 220.1 | 3,234.9 | 3,455.1 | 0.6\% |
|  | All Ages | 270.8 | 503.9 | 3,868.0 | 4,371.8 | 272.5 | 511.7 | 3,906.0 | 4,417.7 | 1.0\% |

* includes unknown age

Table 2. WBL and FE - Learners (in 000's) on council-funded WBL and FE provision for 2002/03 analysed by areas of learning and by gender

Total in-learning volume

|  | Work Based Learning |  |  |  | Further Education |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Area Of Learning | Female | Male | All | \% of Total | Female | Male | All | \% of Total |
| Business Administration, Management \& Professional | 46.5 | 16.9 | 63.3 | 12.4\% | 235.9 | 111.0 | 346.9 | 8.9\% |
| Construction | 0.4 | 50.3 | 50.7 | 9.9\% | 6.9 | 110.7 | 117.5 | 3.0\% |
| Engineering, Technology and Manufacturing | 2.8 | 89.8 | 92.6 | 18.1\% | 15.2 | 96.0 | 111.3 | 2.8\% |
| English, Languages and Communications* |  |  |  |  | 111.6 | 69.1 | 180.7 | 4.6\% |
| Foundation programmes* |  |  |  |  | 198.7 | 156.0 | 354.7 | 9.1\% |
| Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy | 30.8 | 2.1 | 32.8 | 6.4\% | 100.2 | 17.4 | 117.6 | 3.0\% |
| Health, Social Care and Public Services | 49.6 | 6.7 | 56.3 | 11.0\% | 375.6 | 197.1 | 572.6 | 14.7\% |
| Hospitality, Sports, Leisure and Travel | 26.2 | 25.7 | 51.9 | 10.1\% | 161.4 | 94.5 | 255.9 | 6.6\% |
| Humanities* |  |  |  |  | 92.7 | 44.7 | 137.4 | 3.5\% |
| Information \& Communication Technology | 2.9 | 13.3 | 16.2 | 3.2\% | 434.8 | 285.2 | 720.0 | 18.4\% |
| Land-based provision | 4.1 | 4.8 | 8.9 | 1.7\% | 27.7 | 21.3 | 49.0 | 1.3\% |
| Retailing, Customer Service and Transportation | 44.1 | 30.0 | 74.0 | 14.5\% | 40.4 | 26.4 | 66.8 | 1.7\% |
| Science and Mathematics | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.1\% | 72.6 | 54.3 | 127.0 | 3.3\% |
| Visual and Performing Arts and Media | 0.2 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.3\% | 133.0 | 67.6 | 200.6 | 5.1\% |
| Not known | 24.0 | 38.9 | 62.9 | 12.3\% | 315.8 | 232.2 | 548.0 | 14.0\% |
| Total | 231.7 | 280.0 | 511.7 | 100.0\% | 2,322.5 | 1,583.4 | 3,906.0 | 100.0\% |

* Does not apply in Work Based Learning

Table 3. WBL and FE - Learners (in 000's) on council-funded WBL and FE provision for 2002/03 by ethnicity and gender

Total in-learning volume

|  | Work Based Learning |  |  |  | Further Education |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ethnicity | Female | Male | All | \% of total | Female | Male | All | \% of total |
| Asian or Asian British - any other Asian background | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.2\% | 20.9 | 23.4 | 44.3 | 1.1\% |
| Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi | 1.5 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 0.6\% | 13.9 | 13.7 | 27.6 | 0.7\% |
| Asian or Asian British - Indian | 2.0 | 1.8 | 3.8 | 0.7\% | 49.4 | 32.7 | 82.2 | 2.1\% |
| Asian or Asian British - Pakistani | 3.5 | 2.6 | 6.1 | 1.2\% | 46.9 | 31.2 | 78.1 | 2.0\% |
| Black or Black British - African | 1.2 | 1.6 | 2.8 | 0.5\% | 47.7 | 39.6 | 87.4 | 2.2\% |
| Black or Black British - any other Black background | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 0.6\% | 11.1 | 8.0 | 19.1 | 0.5\% |
| Black or Black British - Caribbean | 2.6 | 3.3 | 5.9 | 1.2\% | 39.0 | 23.7 | 62.7 | 1.6\% |
| Chinese | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1\% | 12.7 | 7.2 | 20.0 | 0.5\% |
| Mixed - any other Mixed background | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.2\% | 6.7 | 4.2 | 10.8 | 0.3\% |
| Mixed - White and Asian | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.1\% | 4.7 | 4.7 | 9.3 | 0.2\% |
| Mixed - White and Black African | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1\% | 4.6 | 3.7 | 8.3 | 0.2\% |
| Mixed - White and Black Caribbean | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 0.4\% | 8.1 | 5.1 | 13.2 | 0.3\% |
| White - any other White background | 1.5 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 0.6\% | 62.1 | 39.7 | 101.7 | 2.6\% |
| White - British | 209.8 | 257.6 | 467.5 | 91.4\% | 1,752.0 | 1,152.5 | 2,904.5 | 74.4\% |
| White - Irish | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.2\% | 14.5 | 10.3 | 24.8 | 0.6\% |
| any other | 2.3 | 2.6 | 4.8 | 0.9\% | 39.2 | 36.4 | 75.6 | 1.9\% |
| Not known/not provided | 2.8 | 2.9 | 5.7 | 1.1\% | 189.1 | 147.3 | 336.4 | 8.6\% |
| Total | 231.7 | 280.0 | 511.7 | 100.0\% | 2,322.5 | 1,583.4 | 3,906.0 | 100.0\% |

Table 4. WBL - Learners (in 000's) on WBL provision from 1999/00 to 2002/03 by academic period and programme strand

In-learning at end of academic period

| Year |  | Advanced MA | Foundation MA | NVQ Learning | Life Skills* | WBL for young people |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1999/00 | 31-Oct-1999 | 132.2 | 59.6 | 85.3 | 0.7 | 277.8 |
|  | 30-Jan-2000 | 132.4 | 66.4 | 76.9 | 2.6 | 278.3 |
|  | 30-Apr-2000 | 128.8 | 70.6 | 64.3 | 4.0 | 267.7 |
|  | 30-Jul-2000 | 127.3 | 77.7 | 59.1 | 5.9 | 270.1 |
|  | Year average | 130.0 | 65.4 | 74.3 | 2.6 | 272.4 |
| 2000/01 | 29-Oct-2000 | 133.6 | 89.4 | 57.0 | 6.8 | 286.7 |
|  | 28-Jan-2001 | 131.7 | 90.7 | 50.9 | 7.4 | 280.6 |
|  | 29-Apr-2001 | 118.4 | 79.6 | 42.5 | 6.4 | 246.9 |
|  | 29-Jul-2001 | 115.0 | 87.0 | 43.1 | 8.0 | 253.1 |
|  | Year average | 125.7 | 86.6 | 49.5 | 7.0 | 268.8 |
| 2001/02 | 28-Oct-2001 | 117.6 | 101.2 | 47.2 | 7.8 | 273.8 |
|  | 27-Jan-2002 | 113.7 | 102.7 | 49.1 | 7.8 | 273.3 |
|  | 28-Apr-2002 | 108.7 | 103.2 | 50.8 | 7.8 | 270.5 |
|  | 28-Jul-2002 | 102.7 | 106.1 | 54.7 | 10.1 | 273.6 |
|  | year average | 111.8 | 101.7 | 49.3 | 8.0 | 270.8 |
| 2002/03 | 27-Oct-2002 | 114.0 | 116.2 | 38.9 | 10.0 | 279.2 |
|  | 26-Jan-2003 | 111.5 | 118.2 | 38.4 | 10.7 | 278.7 |
|  | 27-Apr-2003 | 106.8 | 120.1 | 37.2 | 11.3 | 275.3 |
|  | 27-Jul-2003 | 99.5 | 119.1 | 34.6 | 12.8 | 266.0 |
|  | Year average | 108.2 | 116.1 | 37.5 | 10.8 | 272.5 |

* Life skills include E2E and preparatory training in 2002/03

Table 5. WBL - Starts (in 000's) on WBL provision from 1999/00 to 2002/03 by academic period and programme strand

Starts

| Year |  | Advanced MA | Foundation MA | NVQ Learning | Life Skills* | WBL for young people |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1999/00 | 2 Aug 1999-31 Oct 1999 | 28.1 | 29.3 | 26.9 | 0.7 | 85.1 |
|  | 1 Nov 1999-30 Jan 2000 | 17.3 | 17.4 | 14.6 | 2.8 | 52.0 |
|  | 31 Jan 2000-30 Apr 2000 | 15.4 | 19.0 | 13.5 | 3.7 | 51.6 |
|  | 1 May 2000-30 Jul 2000 | 16.0 | 22.6 | 13.8 | 5.4 | 57.9 |
|  | Total | 76.8 | 88.3 | 68.8 | 12.6 | 246.6 |
| 2000/01 | 31 Jul 2000-29 Oct 2000 | 28.2 | 33.5 | 18.5 | 6.9 | 87.2 |
|  | 30 Oct 2000-28 Jan 2001 | 16.1 | 20.2 | 9.6 | 6.0 | 51.9 |
|  | 29 Jan 2001-29 Apr 2001 | 14.2 | 23.9 | 10.4 | 6.4 | 54.9 |
|  | 30 May 2001-29 Jul 2001 | 13.8 | 26.5 | 11.7 | 7.1 | 59.0 |
|  | Total | 72.4 | 104.1 | 50.1 | 26.3 | 252.9 |
| 2001/02 | 30 Jul 2001-28 Oct 2001 | 23.7 | 38.3 | 14.5 | 9.0 | 85.5 |
|  | 29 Oct 2001-27 Jan 2002 | 11.2 | 21.6 | 10.2 | 6.7 | 49.7 |
|  | 28 Jan 2002-28 Apr 2002 | 9.8 | 22.8 | 13.1 | 7.2 | 52.8 |
|  | 28 Apr 2002-28 Jul 2002 | 9.4 | 25.6 | 16.3 | 8.3 | 59.6 |
|  | Total | 54.0 | 108.3 | 54.1 | 31.1 | 247.6 |
| 2002/03 | 29 Jul 2002-27 Oct 2002 | 21.7 | 41.0 | 12.9 | 9.2 | 84.8 |
|  | 28 Oct 2002-26 Jan 2003 | 9.8 | 23.5 | 8.7 | 7.4 | 49.3 |
|  | 27 Jan 2003-27 Apr 2003 | 8.2 | 24.6 | 9.1 | 8.3 | 50.1 |
|  | 28 Apr 2002-27 Jul 2003 | 7.6 | 26.7 | 10.0 | 10.8 | 55.1 |
|  | Total | 47.3 | 115.7 | 40.6 | 35.7 | 239.3 |

* Life Skills include E2E and preparatory training for 2002/03

Table 6. FE - Learners (in 000's) on council-funded FE provision for each academic year 2001/02 and 2002/03 by institution type, mode of attendance, and age

|  |  |  |  | 2001/02 | 2002/03 | \% change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| General FE and tertiary colleges | by mode of attendance and age | Full-time full-year | below 19 | 345.7 | 361.9 | 4.7\% |
|  |  |  | 19 plus | 154.0 | 158.7 | 3.0\% |
|  |  | Other full-time | below 19 | 18.9 | 18.5 | -2.4\% |
|  |  |  | 19 plus | 206.1 | 190.3 | -7.7\% |
|  |  | Part-time | below 19 | 132.3 | 133.3 | 0.7\% |
|  |  |  | 19 plus | 2,322.8 | 2,344.1 | 0.9\% |
|  | by other | below 19 |  | 497.0 | 513.6 | 3.4\% |
|  | age groups | 19-24 |  | 402.6 | 419.2 | 4.1\% |
|  |  | 25-59 |  | 2,040.4 | 2,025.5 | -0.7\% |
|  |  | 60 and over |  | 239.9 | 248.3 | 3.5\% |
|  |  | unknown |  | 19.6 | 14.6 | -25.6\% |
|  | Total |  |  | 3,199.4 | 3,221.3 | 0.7\% |
| Sixth form colleges | by mode of attendance and age | Full-time full-year | below 19 | 116.1 | 122.7 | 5.7\% |
|  |  |  | 19 plus | 3.3 | 3.4 | 1.3\% |
|  |  | Other full-time | below 19 | 0.8 | 0.5 | -28.2\% |
|  |  |  | 19 plus | 4.0 | 4.4 | 8.9\% |
|  |  | Part-time | below 19 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 10.5\% |
|  |  |  | 19 plus | 73.0 | 79.6 | 9.0\% |
|  | by other | below 19 |  | 121.7 | 128.6 | 5.7\% |
|  | age groups | 19-24 |  | 10.5 | 11.6 | 10.2\% |
|  |  | 25-59 |  | 60.3 | 64.3 | 6.6\% |
|  |  | 60 and over |  | 9.6 | 11.5 | 20.5\% |
|  |  | unknown |  | 1.0 | 1.0 | -6.0\% |
|  | Total |  |  | 203.1 | 217.0 | 6.8\% |
| External Institutions | by mode of attendance and age | Full-time full-year | below 19 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 11.8\% |
|  |  |  | 19 plus | 2.7 | 5.5 | 103.9\% |
|  |  | Other full-time | below 19 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 5.2\% |
|  |  |  | 19 plus | 8.4 | 7.5 | -10.5\% |
|  |  | Part-time | below 19 | 14.1 | 14.3 | 1.3\% |
|  |  |  | 19 plus | 364.7 | 369.1 | 1.2\% |
|  | by other | below 19 |  | 15.1 | 15.3 | 1.7\% |
|  | age groups | 19-24 |  | 33.1 | 33.2 | 0.3\% |
|  |  | 25-59 |  | 282.2 | 278.4 | -1.3\% |
|  |  | 60 and over |  | 60.5 | 70.5 | 16.5\% |
|  |  | unknown |  | 12.3 | 8.3 | -32.8\% |
|  | Total |  |  | 403.2 | 405.8 | 0.6\% |
| Other Colleges | by mode of attendance and age | Full-time full-year | below 19 | 10.2 | 10.4 | 2.0\% |
|  |  |  | 19 plus | 3.2 | 3.4 | 6.7\% |
|  |  | Other full-time | below 19 | 0.5 | 0.3 | -36.3\% |
|  |  |  | 19 plus | 4.7 | 5.2 | 9.2\% |
|  |  | Part-time | below 19 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 1.8\% |
|  |  |  | 19 plus | 39.9 | 39.4 | -1.2\% |
|  | by other | below 19 |  | 13.4 | 13.4 | 0.5\% |
|  | age groups | 19-24 |  | 7.6 | 8.6 | 13.2\% |
|  |  | 25-59 |  | 36.3 | 35.3 | -2.5\% |
|  |  | 60 and over |  | 4.0 | 4.0 | 2.4\% |
|  |  | unknown |  | 1.0 | 0.5 | -46.3\% |
|  | Total |  |  | 62.2 | 62.0 | -0.4\% |
| All Institutions | Total |  |  | 3,868.0 | 3,906.0 | 1.0\% |

Table 7. FE - Learners (in 000's) on council-funded FE provision for each academic year 2001/02 and 2002/03 by age, highest level of qualification and qualification type

| Age | Level | Qualification type | 2001/02 | 2002/03 | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { \% change } \\ 2001 / 02 \text { to } \\ 2002 / 03 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Below 19 | Level 1 and entry | GNVQ | 8.8 | 8.7 | -1.1\% |
|  |  | NVQ | 9.5 | 10.4 | 10.3\% |
|  |  | other* | 68.0 | 89.4 | 31.5\% |
|  |  | Total | 86.2 | 108.5 | 25.9\% |
|  | Level 2 | GCSE | 18.5 | 19.6 | 6.2\% |
|  |  | GNVQ precursor | 13.1 | 14.7 | 12.3\% |
|  |  | GNVQ | 36.1 | 32.7 | -9.4\% |
|  |  | NVQ | 38.4 | 36.5 | -4.9\% |
|  |  | other | 67.7 | 72.7 | 7.4\% |
|  |  | Total | 173.8 | 176.3 | 1.4\% |
|  | Level 3 | GCE A/AS level | 164.4 | 171.6 | 4.3\% |
|  |  | GNVQ precursor | 77.2 | 76.4 | -1.0\% |
|  |  | GNVQ or VCE A/AS level | 72.2 | 64.4 | -10.9\% |
|  |  | NVQ | 8.8 | 8.9 | 1.1\% |
|  |  | Access to higher educatior | 0.3 | 0.2 | -5.9\% |
|  |  | other | 35.9 | 45.6 | 27.2\% |
|  |  | Total | 358.7 | 367.0 | 2.3\% |
|  | Level 4, 5 and HE | NVQ | 0.2 | 0.9 | 395.3\% |
|  |  | other | 1.7 | 1.5 | -11.7\% |
|  |  | Total | 1.9 | 2.4 | 27.9\% |
|  | Level not specified |  | 26.6 | 16.8 | -36.6\% |
|  | All levels |  | 647.1 | 671.0 | 3.7\% |
| 19 plus | Level 1 and entry | GNVQ | 0.7 | 0.8 | 16.7\% |
|  |  | NVQ | 27.3 | 30.0 | 9.9\% |
|  |  | other* | 1,121.0 | 1,349.1 | 20.3\% |
|  |  | Total | 1,149.0 | 1,380.0 | 20.1\% |
|  | Level 2 | GCSE | 51.8 | 50.4 | -2.7\% |
|  |  | GNVQ precursor | 12.5 | 10.7 | -14.7\% |
|  |  | GNVQ | 2.6 | 2.5 | -2.7\% |
|  |  | NVQ | 129.6 | 129.8 | 0.1\% |
|  |  | other | 689.2 | 626.4 | -9.1\% |
|  |  | Total | 885.7 | 819.8 | -7.4\% |
|  | Level 3 | GCE A/AS level | 42.7 | 43.8 | 2.7\% |
|  |  | GNVQ precursor | 34.0 | 37.6 | 10.7\% |
|  |  | GNVQ or VCE A/AS level | 10.7 | 9.5 | -11.3\% |
|  |  | NVQ | 76.2 | 81.8 | 7.5\% |
|  |  | Access to higher educatior | 33.9 | 30.5 | -10.0\% |
|  |  | other | 304.1 | 280.9 | -7.6\% |
|  |  | Total | 501.4 | 484.0 | -3.5\% |
|  | Level 4, 5 and HE | NVQ | 19.3 | 25.3 | 30.9\% |
|  |  | other | 34.1 | 40.6 | 18.9\% |
|  |  | Total | 53.4 | 65.9 | 23.3\% |
|  | Level not specified |  | 631.2 | 485.3 | -23.1\% |
|  | All levels |  | 3,220.8 | 3,234.9 | 0.4\% |
| All Institutions | Total |  | 3,868.0 | 3,906.0 | 1.0\% |

* Includes basic skills provision reclassified in 2002/03

Table 8. FE - Learners (in 000s) enrolled in further education sector colleges and external institutions in England from 1995/96 to 2002/0: by institution type, age, mode of attendance and gender

|  |  |  | 1995/96 | 1996/97 | 1997/98 | 1998/99 | 1999/2000 | 2000/01 | 2001/02 | 2002/03 | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { \% change } \\ 2001 / 02 \text { to } \\ 2002 / 03 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Students on | age | below 19 | 648.4 | 676.3 | 672.0 | 645.8 | 634.1 | 625.0 | 647.1 | 671.0 | 3.7\% |
| FE provision |  | 19-59 | 2,218.3 | 2,585.2 | 2,599.9 | 2,500.6 | 2,408.8 | 2,503.3 | 2,873.0 | 2,876.2 | 0.1\% |
| funded by |  | 60 and over | 91.1 | 113.1 | 122.3 | 129.2 | 165.7 | 234.4 | 313.9 | 334.4 | 6.5\% |
| the Council |  | Age unknown | 94.5 | 71.8 | 52.4 | 39.7 | 37.1 | 39.8 | 33.9 | 24.4 | -28.2\% |
| in FE colleges | by mode of | Full-time full-year | 720.4 | 716.8 | 689.8 | 669.5 | 667.0 | 637.8 | 636.0 | 666.7 | 4.8\% |
| and external | attendance | Other full-time | 207.3 | 232.7 | 246.7 | 232.6 | 205.1 | 212.8 | 246.0 | 228.5 | -7.1\% |
| institutions |  | Part-time | 2,124.4 | 2,496.8 | 2,510.1 | 2,413.1 | 2,373.7 | 2,551.9 | 2,986.0 | 3,010.7 | 0.8\% |
|  | by sex | Female | 1,722.6 | 1,951.5 | 1,934.8 | 1,898.9 | 1,886.5 | 2,006.5 | 2,288.2 | 2,322.5 | 1.5\% |
|  |  | Male | 1,329.6 | 1,494.7 | 1,511.7 | 1,416.3 | 1,359.3 | 1,396.0 | 1579.8 | 1583.4 | 0.2\% |
|  | Total |  | 3,052.2 | 3,446.2 | 3,446.6 | 3,315.3 | 3,245.7 | 3,402.4 | 3,868.0 | 3,906.0 | 1.0\% |

ANNEX. ISR time-series: Learners (in 000s) enrolled in further education sector colleges external institutions and higher education institutions in England from 1994/95 to 2001/02 by institution type, age, mode of attendance and gender

|  |  |  | 1994/95 | 1995/96 | 1996/97 | 1997/98 | 1998/99 | 1999/2000 | 2000/01 | 2001/02 | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { \% change } \\ \text { 2000/01 to } \\ 2001 / 02 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Students on FE provision funded by the Council in colleges | by | General FE and tertiary colleges | 1,985.0 | 2,510.7 | 2,878.4 | 2,898.5 | 2,775.9 | 2,701.2 | 2,801.1 | 3,199.4 | 14.2\% |
|  | college | Sixth form colleges | 135.3 | 166.0 | 199.0 | 184.3 | 190.8 | 190.6 | 197.3 | 203.1 | 2.9\% |
|  | type | Other colleges | 44.8 | 49.5 | 53.6 | 54.1 | 48.0 | 45.1 | 56.2 | 62.2 | 10.7\% |
|  | age | below 19 | 625.6 | 631.2 | 660.5 | 656.8 | 631.2 | 620.7 | 612.8 | 632.0 | 3.1\% |
|  |  | 19-59 | 1,428.1 | 1,962.2 | 2,331.0 | 2,347.8 | 2,252.2 | 2,159.9 | 2,230.8 | 2,557.6 | 14.7\% |
|  |  | 60 and over | 50.1 | 72.5 | 92.3 | 98.8 | 103.8 | 133.9 | 189.6 | 253.5 | 33.7\% |
|  |  | Age unknown | 61.2 | 60.3 | 47.3 | 33.5 | 27.4 | 22.3 | 21.5 | 21.6 | 0.5\% |
|  | by mode of attendance | Full-time full-year | 683.7 | 715.6 | 712.4 | 685.2 | 665.4 | 662.8 | 634.9 | 632.9 | -0.3\% |
|  |  | Other full-time | 108.0 | 201.8 | 226.0 | 239.9 | 225.2 | 197.9 | 204.7 | 236.7 | 15.6\% |
|  |  | Part-time | 1,373.4 | 1,808.7 | 2,192.6 | 2,211.8 | 2,124.0 | 2,076.1 | 2,215.0 | 2,595.1 | 17.2\% |
|  | by sex | Female | 1,176.4 | 1,488.3 | 1,725.3 | 1,713.3 | 1,684.1 | 1,668.0 | 1,761.7 | 2,004.1 | 13.8\% |
|  |  | Male | 988.6 | 1,237.8 | 1,405.7 | 1,423.6 | 1,330.4 | 1,268.8 | 1,292.9 | 1,460.6 | 13.0\% |
|  | Total |  | 2,165.1 | 2,726.1 | 3,131.0 | 3,136.9 | 3,014.6 | 2,936.8 | 3,054.6 | 3,464.7 | 13.4\% |
| Students on | age | below 19 |  | 17.2 | 15.8 | 15.2 | 14.6 | 13.5 | 12.2 | 15.1 | 23.4\% |
| FE provision |  | 19-59 |  | 256.1 | 254.2 | 252.1 | 248.4 | 248.9 | 272.5 | 315.3 | 15.7\% |
| funded by |  | 60 and over |  | 18.6 | 20.8 | 23.5 | 25.4 | 31.8 | 44.8 | 60.5 | 34.9\% |
| the Council |  | Age unknown |  | 34.2 | 24.5 | 18.8 | 12.3 | 14.8 | 18.2 | 12.3 | -32.5\% |
| in external institutions | by mode of attendance | Full-time full-year |  | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 7.2\% |
|  |  | Other full-time |  | 5.5 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 8.1 | 9.3 | 14.2\% |
|  |  | Part-time |  | 315.7 | 304.2 | 298.2 | 289.1 | 297.6 | 336.8 | 390.9 | 16.0\% |
|  | by sex | Female |  | 234.3 | 226.2 | 221.5 | 214.8 | 218.5 | 244.7 | 284.0 | 16.1\% |
|  |  | Male |  | 91.8 | 89.0 | 88.1 | 85.9 | 90.5 | 103.1 | 119.2 | 15.6\% |
|  | Total |  |  | 326.1 | 315.2 | 309.6 | 300.7 | 308.9 | 347.8 | 403.2 | 15.9\% |
| Students on FE provision funded by the Council in | age | below 19 |  | 648.4 | 676.3 | 672.0 | 645.8 | 634.1 | 625.0 | 647.1 | 3.5\% |
|  |  | 19-59 |  | 2,218.3 | 2,585.2 | 2,599.9 | 2,500.6 | 2,408.8 | 2,503.3 | 2,873.0 | 14.8\% |
|  |  | 60 and over |  | 91.1 | 113.1 | 122.3 | 129.2 | 165.7 | 234.4 | 313.9 | 34.0\% |
|  |  | Age unknown |  | 94.5 | 71.8 | 52.4 | 39.7 | 37.1 | 39.8 | 33.9 | -14.6\% |
|  | by mode of | Full-time full-year |  | 720.4 | 716.8 | 689.8 | 669.5 | 667.0 | 637.8 | 636.0 | -0.3\% |
| FE colleges and external institutions | attendance | Other full-time |  | 207.3 | 232.7 | 246.7 | 232.6 | 205.1 | 212.8 | 246.0 | 15.6\% |
|  |  | Part-time |  | 2,124.4 | 2,496.8 | 2,510.1 | 2,413.1 | 2,373.7 | 2,551.9 | 2,986.0 | 17.0\% |
|  | by sex | Female |  | 1,722.6 | 1,951.5 | 1,934.8 | 1,898.9 | 1,886.5 | 2,006.5 | 2,288.2 | 14.0\% |
|  |  | Male |  | 1,329.6 | 1,494.7 | 1,511.7 | 1,416.3 | 1,359.3 | 1,396.0 | 1579.8 | 13.2\% |
|  | Total |  |  | 3,052.2 | 3,446.2 | 3,446.6 | 3,315.3 | 3,245.7 | 3,402.4 | 3,868.0 | 13.7\% |

ANNEX continued. Learners (in 000s) enrolled in further education sector colleges external institutions and higher education institutions in England from 1994/95 to 2001/02 by institution type, age, mode of attendance and gender

|  |  |  | 1994/95 | 1995/96 | 1996/97 | 1997/98 | 1998/99 | 1999/2000 | 2000/01 | 2001/02 | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { \% change } \\ \text { 2000/01 to } \\ 2001 / 02 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Students on | age | below 19 |  |  |  | 8.9 | 11.8 | 9.8 | 10.1 | 10.7 | 6.1\% |
| FE provision |  | 19-59 |  |  |  | 34.1 | 47.5 | 36.1 | 38.8 | 45.6 | 17.6\% |
| funded by |  | 60 and over |  |  |  | 1.0 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.9 | -1.6\% |
| the Council |  | Age unknown |  |  |  | 0.7 | 1.4 | 10.7 | 5.0 | 3.2 | -36.7\% |
| in higher | by mode of | Full-time full-year |  |  |  | 9.8 | 13.3 | 12.6 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 1.2\% |
| education | attendance | Other full-time |  |  |  | 2.6 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 5.0\% |
| institutions |  | Part-time |  |  |  | 32.3 | 44.5 | 40.3 | 36.7 | 41.8 | 13.9\% |
|  | by sex | Female |  |  |  | 24.9 | 34.1 | 32.4 | 33.5 | 35.5 | 6.0\% |
|  |  | Male |  |  |  | 19.8 | 28.5 | 25.5 | 22.3 | 25.9 | 16.0\% |
|  | Total |  |  |  |  | 44.6 | 62.6 | 57.9 | 55.8 | 61.4 | 10.0\% |
|  | age | below 19 |  |  |  | 680.9 | 657.6 | 643.9 | 635.1 | 657.9 | 3.6\% |
| FE provision |  | 19-59 |  |  |  | 2,634.0 | 2,548.1 | 2,444.9 | 2,542.1 | 2,918.6 | 14.8\% |
| funded by |  | 60 and over |  |  |  | 123.3 | 131.1 | 167.1 | 236.3 | 315.8 | 33.7\% |
| the Council |  | Age unknown |  |  |  | 53.0 | 41.1 | 47.7 | 44.8 | 37.1 | -17.1\% |
|  | by mode of | Full-time full-year |  |  |  | 699.6 | 682.8 | 679.6 | 649.6 | 648.0 | -0.3\% |
|  | attendance | Other full-time |  |  |  | 249.2 | 237.5 | 210.0 | 220.1 | 253.6 | 15.2\% |
|  |  | Part-time |  |  |  | 2,542.4 | 2,457.6 | 2,414.0 | 2,588.6 | 3,027.8 | 17.0\% |
|  | by sex | Female |  |  |  | 1,959.7 | 1,933.0 | 1,918.8 | 2,039.9 | 2,323.7 | 13.9\% |
|  |  | Male |  |  |  | 1,531.5 | 1,444.8 | 1,384.8 | 1,418.3 | 1605.7 | 13.2\% |
|  | Total |  |  |  |  | 3,491.2 | 3,377.9 | 3,303.6 | 3,458.2 | 3,929.3 | 13.6\% |

Note : external institutions did not return data in 1994/95 and are excluded from the first column of this table; for the same reason higher education institutions are only shown from 1997/98 onward:

