

Young Person's Guarantee Official Statistics
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Summary

This publication contains final official statistics on starts to the Young Person's Guarantee (YPG) up to May 2011. The key statistics are:

Up to the end of May 2011 there have been:

- **105,230** starts to Future Jobs Fund vacancies (strand ended in March 2011)
- **55,340** starts to Community Task Force placements (strand extended to end of May 2011)
- **28,750** starts to Routes into Work - Pre Employment Training (strand ended in March 2011)
- **13,140** starts to Work Focused Training (strand ended in March 2011)

Introduction

1. This publication contains final statistics on the Young Person's Guarantee (YPG) covering the period from October 2009 to May 2011. Figures have been produced using the latest complete data available at the point of publication.
2. This is a joint statistical publication between the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS), the Scottish Government and the Welsh Government.
3. This publication covers statistics on the Future Job Fund, Community Task Force, Routes into Work (Pre Employment Training), and Work Focused Training.
4. Every effort has been made to ensure that the quality of these statistics is of the highest standard. Any feedback on this publication series is welcomed.

Young Person's Guarantee Policy Description

5. The Young Person's Guarantee was announced in the 2009 Budget. Under the Guarantee, all 18 to 24 year olds reaching six months unemployment were guaranteed an offer of a job, training or work experience.
6. The Young Person's Guarantee consisted of the main elements listed below. More detailed descriptions of each of the strands can be found in **Annex B**.
 - Future Jobs Fund;
 - Community Task Force;
 - Routes into Work and Care First Careers (including Routes into Work Pre-Employment Training); and
 - Work Focused Training.
7. The Young Person's Guarantee was formally introduced from the 25th January 2010, although some strands, including the Future Jobs Fund began earlier. From the 24th

April 2010, all young people reaching ten months unemployment were required to take up an offer under the guarantee.

8. Most elements of the Guarantee ceased in March 2011, although the Community Task Force strand was extended to allow starts up until the end of May 2011. Please note that revisions to training data are also still possible up until the end of November 2011.

Technical Overview

Future Jobs Fund:

9. The Future Jobs Fund statistics are drawn from the Jobcentre Plus claimant management systems - the Labour Market System.
10. A Future Jobs Fund job start is defined as the date the claimant accepted their job offer with the employer. This was input to the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System.
11. Related official statistics on Future Jobs Fund participant outcomes continue to be released as official statistics, alongside this publication in a separate annexe. These can be found at: <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=yppg>.

Community Task Force:

12. The statistics for the Community Task Force are drawn from the Jobcentre Plus claimant management systems - the Labour Market System.
13. A start on Community Task Force is defined as the date the claimant attended their initial interview with the Community Task Force provider. This was input by the provider into the Provider Referrals and Payments system (PRaP) which then updated the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System. The statistics cover both voluntary and mandatory starts.
14. The deadline for Community Task Force starts was extended up until the end of May 2011. In April 2011, the Jobcentre Plus organisational structure changed from 11 Regions to 7 Groups. Starts recorded during April and May 2011 are shown against the previous year's geographical reporting structure for consistency.

Routes into Work Pre-Employment Training and Work Focused Training:

15. The Routes into Work Pre-employment Training and Work Focused Training elements of the Young Person's Guarantee were led and funded by BIS in England, the Scottish Government in Scotland and the Welsh Government in Wales.
16. Data on Routes into Work Pre-employment Training and Work Focused Training was sourced from training provider returns that were collected separately in England, Scotland and Wales. The sources are; the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) database (England); Skills Development Scotland (Corporate Training System); and the Lifelong Learning Wales Record (LLWR) database. These systems hold data on all government-funded learners in the country studying at a Further Education institution or training provider.
17. Data on starts to the Work Focused Training strand of Young Person's Guarantee in Scotland was not available. Arrangements for delivery through existing Further Education provision did not enable the collection of separate data that was robust enough for publication. Work Focused Training demographics for Wales, and Routes into Work Pre-Employment Training demographics for Wales and Scotland are not

included in this publication. This decision is in line with the Code of Practice for official statistics in relation to Principle 6: Proportionate Burden.

18. This publication includes statistics on the number of completions of Routes into Work Pre-employment Training and Work Focused Training for England only. Statistics on the number of completions of the training elements on offer in Wales and Scotland are not included. Again, this decision is in line with the Code of Practice for official statistics in relation to Principle 6: Proportionate Burden.
19. Statistics for earlier months have been updated following the provision of more complete data from training providers. Training providers may submit data on learner starts and completions some time after the actual event occurred. Figures shown are based on returns up until the middle of August 2011. This is the final quarterly publication containing these statistics.
20. Completion figures for Routes into Work Pre-Employment Training and Work Focused Training have been revised due to an improvement in the methodology used to match completions to academic years. This has had the effect of slightly reducing the total number of completions shown in previous publications, in particular from July 2010.
21. As revisions to training data are still possible up to the end of November 2011, revised statistical training tables may be published separately later this year if necessary. These will be produced in line with DWP's revision policy:
http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/policy/DWP_Revisions_Policy_final.pdf.

Routes in to Work and Care First Careers:

22. There were no suitable data sources that were both accurate and consistent to produce official statistics on work trials, direct vacancy referrals and recruitment subsidies under Routes into Work and Care First Careers.

Rounding Policy

23. To reduce the risk of inferring the identity of a claimant from these statistics and other statistics, values less than ten, including zeros, are suppressed and marked with a dash. Values above ten are rounded to the nearest ten. Therefore totals may not equal the sum of the individual cells.

Table 1a: Starts to the Young Person's Guarantee

	Future Jobs Fund starts ¹ (GB)	Community Task Force starts ² (GB)	Routes into Work Pre Employment Training starts ³ (GB)	Work Focus Training starts ⁴ (England and Wales)
Total	105,230	55,340	28,750	13,140
Oct-2009	480			
Nov-2009	2,230		90	-
Dec-2009	1,880		80	-
Jan-2010	4,450	-	610	100
Feb-2010	6,090	150	1,510	650
Mar-2010	12,080	600	1,940	1,460
Apr-2010	7,230	1,020	1,550	1,180
May-2010	6,870	4,160	1,750	1,250
Jun-2010	8,020	5,280	2,070	1,300
Jul-2010	6,240	4,940	1,480	1,080
Aug-2010	6,260	4,720	1,950	1,100
Sep-2010	7,730	4,040	1,780	960
Oct-2010	6,580	3,340	1,820	910
Nov-2010	6,910	3,650	2,820	1,020
Dec-2010	2,930	2,250	850	430
Jan-2011	6,600	3,320	3,090	1,030
Feb-2011	6,570	3,250	3,110	570
Mar-2011	6,080	4,500	2,240	130
Apr-2011		4,330		
May-2011		5,810		

Notes: Values less than 10 are suppressed and marked with a dash and any figures above 10 are rounded to the nearest 10. Due to rounding totals may not be the sum of the individual cells. Months are calendar months. Future Jobs Fund started in October 2009, Routes into Work - Pre Employment Training and Work Focused Training started in November 2009, and Community Task Force started in January 2010.

1: Data Source - DWP LMS opportunities evaluation database August 2011.

2: Data Source - DWP LMS opportunities evaluation database August 2011.

3: Source – BIS Individual Learner Record system, Welsh Government's Lifelong Learning Wales Record and Skill Development Scotland's Corporate Training System.

4: Source – BIS Individual Learner Record system and Welsh Government's Lifelong Learning Wales Record.

Table 1b: Routes into Work Pre-employment Training and Work Focused Training starts and completions by country

Notes: Values less than 10 are suppressed and marked with a dash and any figures above 10 are rounded to the nearest 10. Due to

	Routes into Work Pre-employment Training ¹			Work Focused Training ²			
	Starts			Completions ^{3,5}	Starts ⁴		Completions ^{3,5}
	England	Scotland	Wales	England	England	Wales	England
Total	27,770	520	460	26,530	12,660	480	11,990
Nov-2009	90	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-2009	80	-	-	90	-	-	-
Jan-2010	600	-	-	200	90	-	-
Feb-2010	1,430	30	50	880	630	20	40
Mar-2010	1,830	80	30	1,500	1,390	60	240
Apr-2010	1,500	40	20	1,490	1,120	60	530
May-2010	1,610	50	80	1,390	1,200	50	910
Jun-2010	1,980	30	60	1,590	1,220	80	1,150
Jul-2010	1,430	30	10	1,710	1,020	60	1,190
Aug-2010	1,880	50	30	1,830	1,080	10	1,080
Sep-2010	1,680	30	60	1,610	930	30	1,110
Oct-2010	1,770	30	20	1,780	890	20	1,050
Nov-2010	2,750	30	40	1,790	970	40	870
Dec-2010	850	-	-	1,960	410	20	810
Jan-2011	3,010	50	40	1,380	1,020	20	700
Feb-2011	3,070	40	-	2,740	570	-	740
Mar-2011	2,210	30	-	4,570	130	-	1,570
Apr-2011				20			-

rounding totals may not be the sum of the individual cells. Months are calendar months.

1: Source – BIS Individual Learner Record system, Welsh Government's Lifelong Learning Wales Record and Skill Development Scotland's Corporate Training System.

2: Source – BIS Individual Learner Record system and Welsh Government's Lifelong Learning Wales Record.

3: Completions information is available for England only.

4: Work Focussed Training starts for Scotland are not available.

5: Completion figures may be greater than start figures in certain cases, as some providers reported starts too late to be included in the ILR collection for the relevant year. Therefore these starts are not included in the statistics. Starts and completions are only counted if they occurred in the year the data collection represents. Completions are almost always reported by providers in an ILR collection for the year of the completion, so fewer completions are excluded from the statistics.

Table 2: Demographic Breakdown for the period October 2009 to March⁶ 2011

		Future Jobs Fund Starts ¹ (GB)	Community Task Force Starts ¹ (GB)	Routes into Work -Pre Employment Training Starts ^{4,5} (England)	Work Focus Training Starts ^{4,5} (England)
	Total	105,230	55,340	27,770	12,660
Gender	Male	70,990	38,710	18,680	8,780
	Female	34,250	16,630	9,090	3,880
	Unknown	-	-	-	-
Age Group	18-24	89,520	54,900	27,670	12,640
	25+	15,670 ³	430	90	30
	Unknown	40	20	-	-
	19 +	n/a	n/a	23,060	10,190
Disability	Yes	14,540	8,950	3,080	1,540
	No	90,700	46,390	24,240	10,940
	Unknown	-	-	450	180
Ethnicity ²	White	83,720	45,830	22,170	10,880
	Black or Black British	6,060	2,330	1,520	450
	Asian or Asian British	6,220	2,460	1,680	580
	Mixed	2,700	1,290	820	340
	Other/ Chinese	990	660	390	80
	Unknown	5,550	2,760	1,180	340
Region	East Midlands	5,820	7,440	2,690	2,350
	East of England	4,480	3,140	2,930	1,180
	London	12,420	2,490	3,520	640
	North East	5,700	2,140	1,640	700
	North West	20,120	5,000	4,670	1,140
	Scotland	10,250	4,080	n/a	n/a
	South East	5,900	4,260	3,360	1,010
	South West	5,310	2,000	2,510	450
	Wales	9,640	5,920	n/a	n/a
	West Midlands	12,040	10,900	2,360	3,420
	Yorkshire & Humberside	9,870	6,050	3,820	1,690
	Unknown	3,700	1,920	280	100

Notes: Values less than 10 are suppressed and marked with a dash and any figures above 10 are rounded to the nearest 10. Totals may not be the sum of the individual cells due to rounding. Future Jobs Fund started in October 2009, Routes into Work - Pre Employment Training and Work Focused Training started in November 2009, and Community Task Force started in January 2010. Jobseekers reaching their 25th birthday after they reach six months on JSA are still eligible for the Young Person's Guarantee.

1: Disability status is declared by the Jobseeker during a Jobcentre Plus interview

2: Claimants recording their ethnicity status as "prefer not to say" are categorised as unknown

3: Some Future Jobs Fund jobs are available to long-term benefit claimants aged 25 or over in areas of high unemployment and inactivity.

4: Disability status is according to the learners own assessment if a learner has a disability or disabilities.

5: Demographic breakdowns of figures for training starts in Scotland and Wales are not available.

6: Demographic breakdown for Community Task Force covers the period October 2009 to May 2011.

Annex A: Publication Timetable

Publication	Date	Notes
1 st	Wednesday 26 th May 2010	The first YPG publication covering Future Job Fund statistics.
2 nd	Wednesday 11 th August 2010	The second YPG publication covering Future Job Fund, Community Task Force, Routes into Work Pre-employment Training and Work Focused Training statistics.
3 rd	Wednesday 13 th October 2010	The third YPG publication.
4 th	Wednesday 19 th January 2011	The fourth YPG publication. Includes Training completion statistics.
5 th	Wednesday 13 th April 2011	Future Jobs Fund participant outcomes statistics published alongside the regular YPG official statistics in separate annexe.
6 th	Wednesday 13 th July 2011	
7 th	Wednesday 12 th October 2011	The final publication in the YPG official statistics series. FJF participant outcome statistics annexe will continue until April 2012.

FJF annexe publication dates will be confirmed on the UK Statistics Authority's Publication Hub (www.statistics.gov.uk/hub) at least four weeks before publication date.

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Annex B: Further Details on the Young Person's Guarantee

24. Under the Young Person's Guarantee (YPG) all jobseekers aged 18 to 24 years old and reaching six months unemployment were guaranteed an offer of a job, training or work experience. They were required to accept one of the YPG offers by the 10 month point of their claim. Under the guarantee a young person could:
- Apply for new jobs created through the Future Jobs Fund (FJF);
 - Apply for a job in a key employment sector with pre-employment training if needed;
 - Take up work focused training;
 - Take a place on a Community Task Force; or
 - Access help with self-employment.

Or they could access the equivalent provision delivered through New Deal for Young People in Flexible New Deal phase 2 areas.

Future Job Fund

25. The Future Jobs Fund was introduced from October 2009. Future Jobs Fund jobs were primarily targeted at 18 to 24 year olds who were out of work for at least six months, with some Future Jobs Fund jobs targeted at long term benefit claimants aged 25 or over in areas of high unemployment or inactivity. The Future Jobs Fund was closed to new funding bids in June 2010. The Fund then continued recruiting under the existing grant agreements until March 2011.
26. Changes to the Young Person's Guarantee were announced on 24th May 2010, further details are available from the HM Treasury website http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/press_04_10.htm

Community Task Force:

27. Community Task Force (CTF) provided work experience placements of benefit to the community. Alongside the placement, CTF providers delivered job search support. Placements lasted three months with the option available for participants to extend their time on CTF by a further three months on a voluntary basis.
28. CTF participants undertook 30 hours of activity per week, consisting of 25 hours on a work placement plus an additional five hours of jobsearch activity.
29. CTF was launched on a voluntary basis on 29th January 2010. When the Young Person's Guarantee became mandatory on 26th April 2010, young people who had not exercised their guarantee by the 10 month point of their claim were required to participate in CTF or the New Deal for Young People equivalent where available.

Routes into Work and Care First Careers:

30. The Routes into Work strand provided unemployed young people with access to existing jobs in key employment sectors such as Retail, Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism, Adult Social Care (Care First Careers) and Facilities Management. This included:
- Up to 8 weeks Pre-Employment Training;
 - A work trial;

- A direct referral to a vacancy; and
 - A recruitment subsidy of up to £1000 paid to employers. (Further to the Chancellor's announcement on 24th May 2010, this subsidy ceased to be available from June 2010).
31. The Pre-Employment Training was delivered and funded by BIS in England, the Scottish Government in Scotland and the Welsh Government.

Work Focused Training:

32. The Work Focused Training strand of the Young Person's Guarantee was led and funded by BIS in England, the Scottish Government in Scotland and the Welsh Government in Wales.
33. Work Focused Training lasted for up to 24 weeks full-time and offered unemployed young people a significant skills boost or re-skilling, delivering training and/ or units towards a Level 2 or Level 3 qualification required in a specific sector. This was only available in half of Great Britain where the Flexible New Deal was in place. Young people wanting to access skills provision in the rest of the country could access training through existing New Deal for Young People.