

# STATISTICAL BULLETIN

## ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017

Quarterly Statistics from August 2013 to April 2020

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# INTRODUCTION

## Coverage

This Statistical Bulletin is part of a biannual series published by the Department for the Economy (DfE) to provide key information on both the [ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 and 2017](#) programmes (hereby referred to jointly as ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017<sup>1</sup>) and contains data up to the end of April 2020.

The statistics presented in this Bulletin cover a range of topics including starts, occupancy, leavers and outcomes for participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/17. For more information on the coverage please see the [Notes to Readers](#) section.

## Policy and Operational Context

ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 aims to provide participants with the opportunity to take part in a Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship where the apprentice, in paid employment from day one, works towards achieving an industry-approved Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship Framework.

ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 aims to:

- provide apprentices with the knowledge, understanding, and competence to work at a higher level in their chosen occupation;
- offer high quality training to fulfil the requirements of an appropriate Apprenticeship Framework;
- contribute to raising the skills level of the Northern Ireland workforce;
- provide opportunities for progression to further and higher education and training; and
- encourage the direct involvement of employers in training key personnel.

Figures in this Statistical Bulletin are solely in respect of participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 and 2017. The original ApprenticeshipsNI programme was introduced for new starts from September 2007 to replace the Jobskills programme.

This bulletin does not include information or statistics on the ApprenticeshipsNI 2008 contract as all participants on this version of the programme have now left. Relevant statistics for this contract can be found in tables on the DfE website and in versions of this bulletin published on or before 24 February 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> The new ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 contract was introduced in August 2017, however, there are still candidates who are yet to finish their course as part of the 2013 contract.

## Who will be interested?

The information presented in this Statistical Bulletin will be of interest to a wide variety of people including training suppliers and employers. For example, the statistics in and derived from this Bulletin are used by DfE policy officials in their role of assisting and advising the Minister for the Economy to discharge their duties; by the Northern Ireland Assembly and the Department for the Economy committee to scrutinise DfE training programmes; and by DfE policy officials in order to monitor performance of the programme. Other interested parties include academics, the private sector and the general public.

## Structure

This Bulletin analyses key statistical information for this programme and data have been provided on numbers participating in ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017; on key personal characteristics of participants (such as gender and background); on the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 provision undertaken within the programme; and on outcomes gained by participants.

The Bulletin consists of three sections:

- [Key Statistics](#) – Highlights the main facts from the statistical tables.
- [Notes to Readers](#) – Provides further information on programme design and terminology.
- [Statistical Tables](#) – Includes statistics on the options undertaken within the programme; on starts; on leavers; on numbers participating in the programme; on key personal characteristics of participants (such as gender and background); and on qualifications and outcomes gained by participants.

It should be noted that this Bulletin does not represent the full apprenticeships position in Northern Ireland. The Jobskills Programme was replaced in September 2007 for new starts, however existing Jobskills participants continued to progress within Jobskills until their natural conclusion. Jobskills Modern Apprentices are not included in the figures within this Bulletin.

In addition, opportunities are also now available through the [Higher Level Apprenticeships](#) for those wishing to gain qualifications from Level 4 to Level 8. Higher Level Apprenticeships will be reported on separately; therefore figures for these apprenticeships are not included in this bulletin.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Level 3 Apprenticeships account for 47% of all those participants starting in the current academic year.
- “Electrotechnical”, “Engineering” and “Food Manufacture” are the three most popular frameworks for the current occupancy quarter.
- Males account for 73% of current participants. The proportion of male participants is highest in the Level 2/3 Apprenticeship group at 92%.
- Almost three fifths (59%) of those who left Level 2 apprenticeships in 2019/20 (up to April 2020), achieved a Level 2 Framework.
- Over half (57%) of those who left Level 3 apprenticeships in 2019/20 (up to April 2020), achieved a Level 3 Framework.

## KEY STATISTICS

### Starts

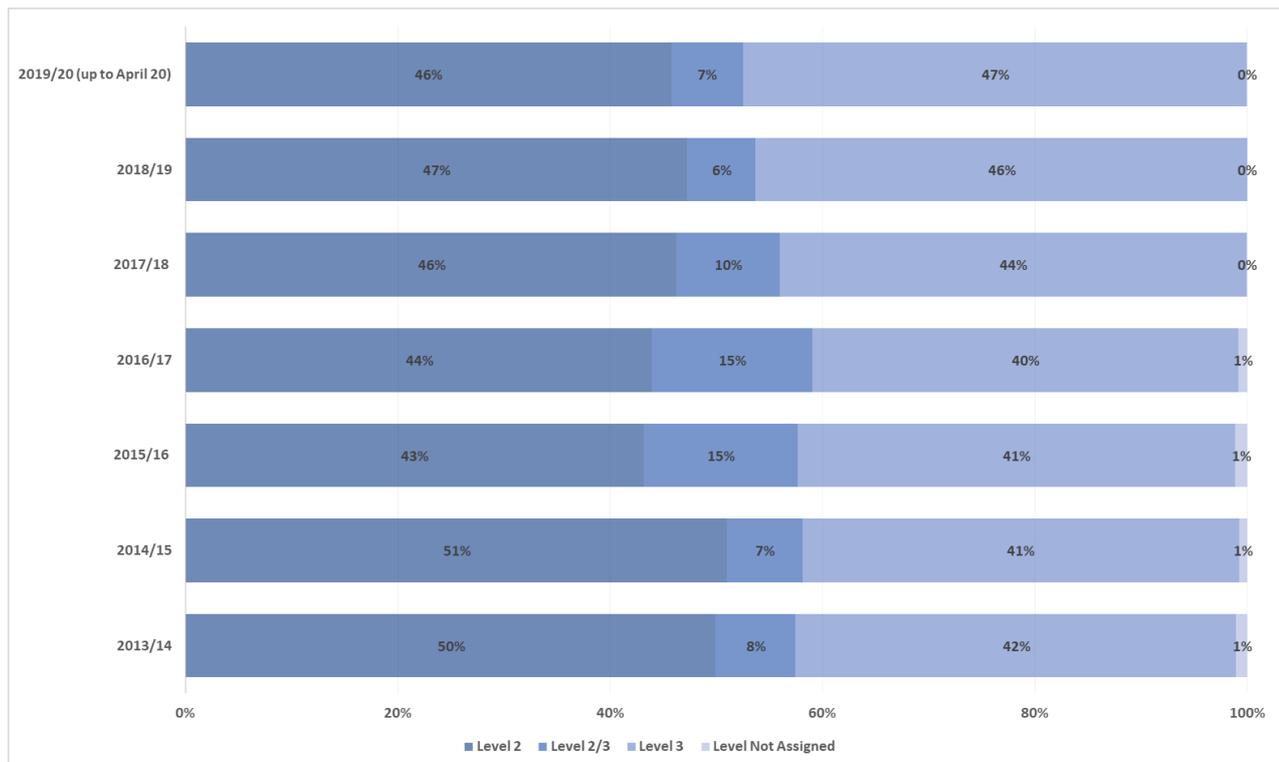
Between the commencement of the programme and 2018/19 (up to April 2020), 38,959 participants started ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017. Of this total, 47% have been targeted at Level 2, 10% at Level 2/3 and 43% at Level 3.

The total number of participants starting at all levels for full academic years steadily increased up to 2016/17. There was a drop in total number of participants in the 2017/18 academic year and a subsequent rise again in 2018/19 (2013/14: 5,203, 2014/15: 5,451, 2015/16: 6,083, 2016/17: 6,497, 2017/18: 5,648 and 2018/19: 5,776). A total of 4,300 participants have started in the latest academic year to April 2020.

**Figure 1** shows that the proportion of participants starting on Level 2 apprenticeships in 2019/20 (up to April 2020) is four percentage points lower than in 2018/19. In the current academic year 2019/20 (up to April 2020), the proportion of Level 2 starts is similar to previous years at 46%.

The proportion of participants entering the programme at Level 3 in 2019/20 (up to April 2020) has increased from previous years. For the current academic year, the proportion has increased from 46% in 2018/19 to 47%.

**Figure 1: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 starts by level (2013/14 to 2019/20 April 2020)**



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

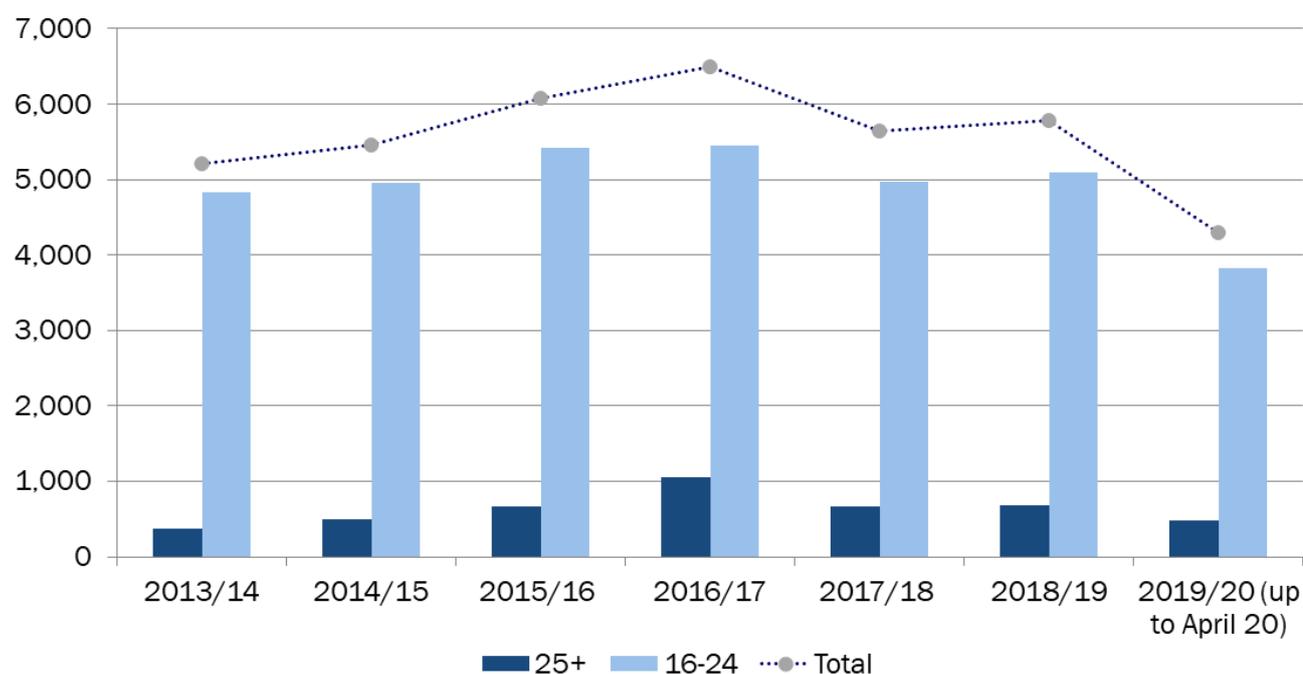
**Figure 2** shows that the total number of participants between the ages of 16 and 24 has been reasonably similar for all academic years of the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 contracts. In the current academic year, 2019/20 (up to April 2020), 3,824 participants aged 16-24 have commenced an apprenticeship.

From September 2007 ApprenticeshipsNI was aimed at individuals aged 16-24; however in September 2008 they became all-age apprenticeships. From August 2012 apprenticeships for those aged 25 and over have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.

In the current year (to date) 11% of ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 starts were aged 25 and over, a similar proportion to previous years. (**Figure 2**).

Between 2013/14 and 2018/19, females accounted for between 34% and 41% of starts each year. The figure for the current year to date is 30%, the lowest percentage recorded.

**Figure 2: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 Starts by age at start of programme (2013/14 to 2019/20 April 2020)**



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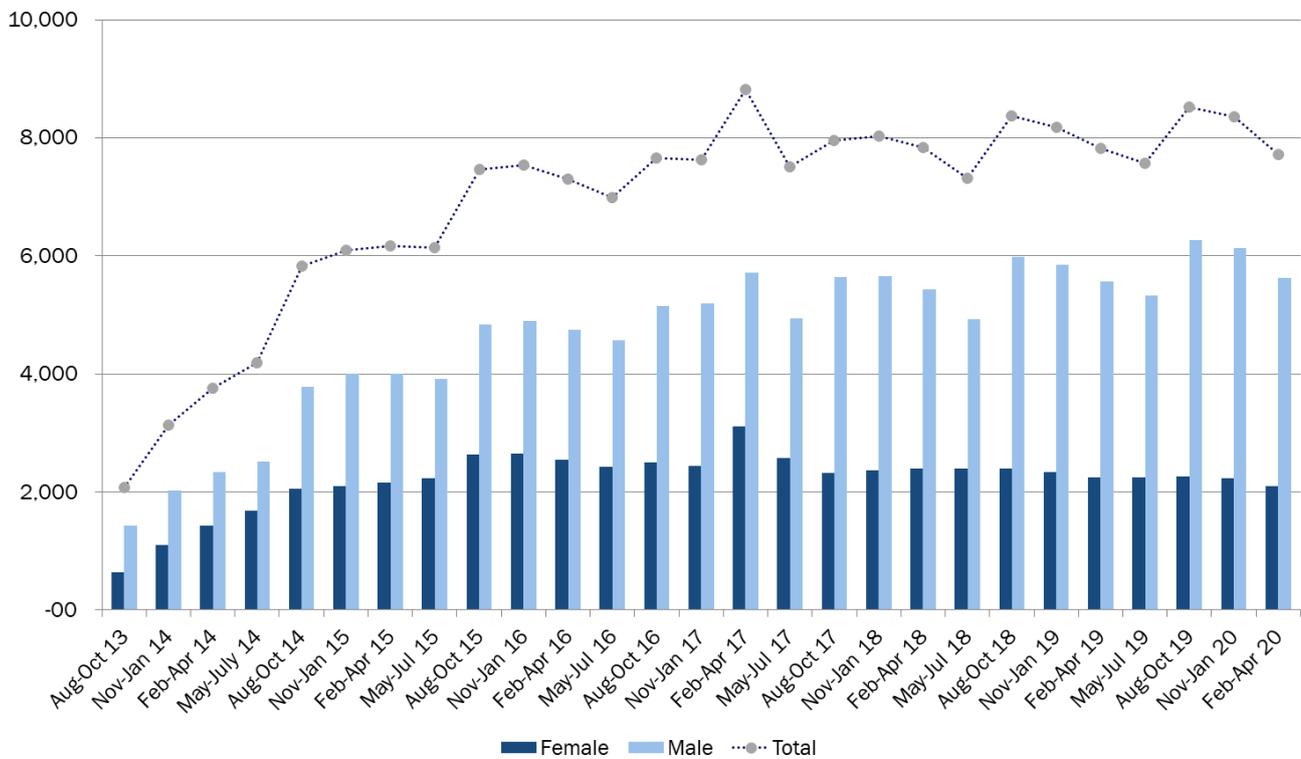
See [Section 1](#) of the Statistical Tables for further information on starts.

## Occupancy

Between the quarters ending October 2013 and April 2020, the number of participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 (at the end of each quarter) increased from 2,070 to 7,714. It should be noted that as apprenticeships can take up to four years to complete, there is a cumulative effect for the number of participants on programme each year.

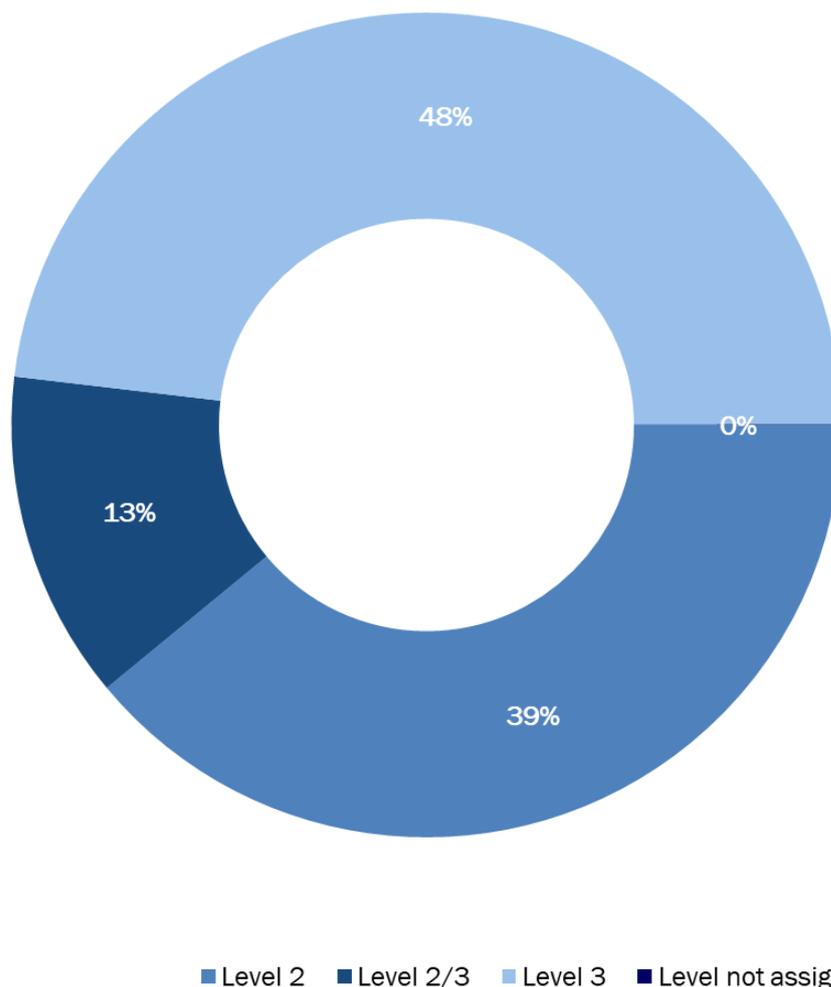
Figure 3 shows that since the start of the programme in October 2013, there are predominantly more male than female apprenticeships.

**Figure 3: All participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 by gender (August 2013 to April 2020)**



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

**Figure 4: All participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 by level (April 2020)<sup>(1)</sup>**



(1) 'Level not assigned' includes those participants for whom framework has not been recorded by the Supplier.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

**Figure 4** shows the percentage of occupants at each level of ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 at the end of April 2020. Of the total of 7,714 participants, 3,008 were on Level 2; 994 were on Level 2/3, and 3,710 participants were on the Level 3 route.

The three most common frameworks at Level 2 based on current occupancy are "Food Manufacture", "Construction" and "Hospitality". For Level 2/3, the top three are "Electrotechnical", "Vehicle Maintenance and Repair" and "Engineering". For Level 3, the three most numerous are "Electrotechnical", "Health and Social Care" and "Food Manufacture".

Female participation is highest on frameworks including "Beauty Therapy" (100%), "Child Care Learning and Development" (98%) and "Pharmacy Services" (97%). There are popular frameworks where participation by gender is more balanced including "Customer Service" (48% male, 52% female), "Retail" (49% male, 51% female) and "Insurance" (50% male, 50% female).

The ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 provision is employer/demand led. The gender balance is a reflection of employment in various occupational areas and is outside the control of

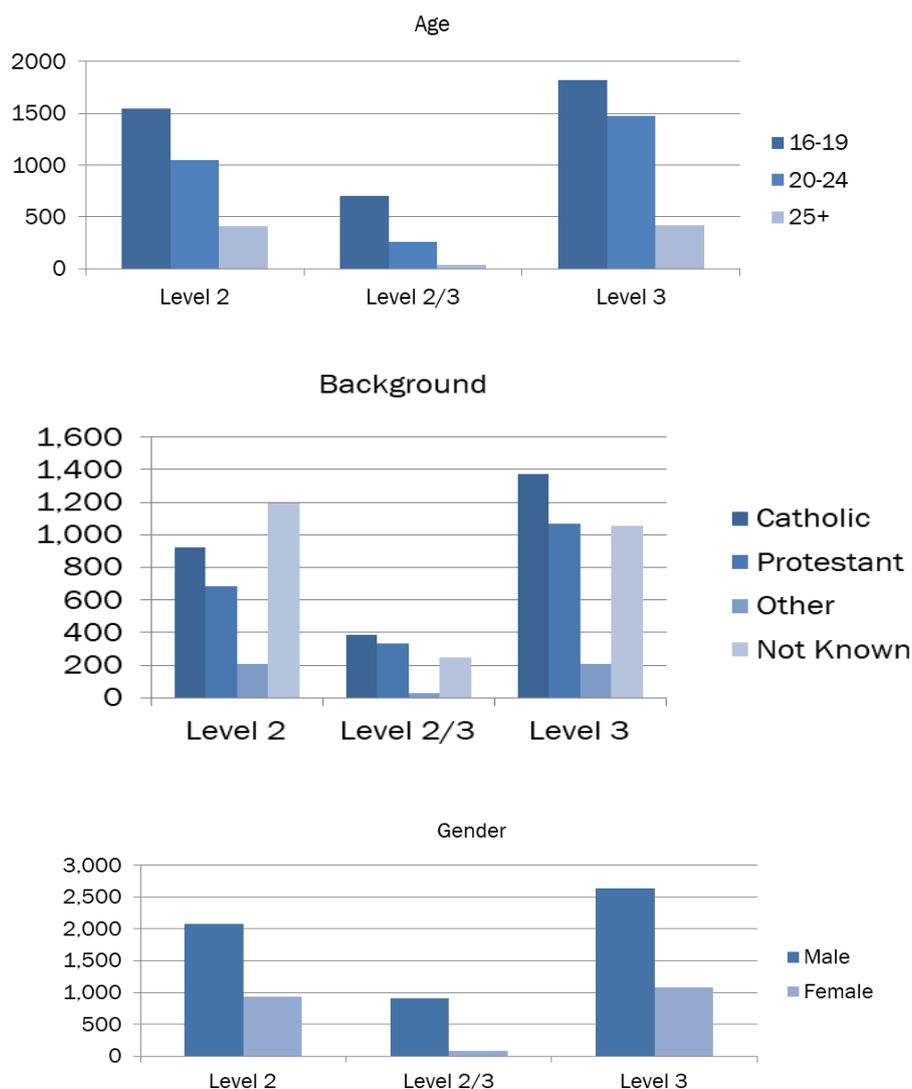
ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 and the Department for the Economy. A full breakdown of frameworks studied by gender is available at Section 2, Table 2.2.

**Figure 5** shows the number of participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 Equality Groups at April 2020, broken down by Level. Please note that, due to the small numbers of participants involved, the Level Not Assigned category has not been included in the graphs below.

The Age graph shows that the most numerous strand for participants of all age categories are Level 3 apprenticeships.

Males currently make up the majority of participants at each Level of ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 and this is particularly noticeable at Level 2/3 (Male: 991, Female: 83).

**Figure 5: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 by Equality Group and Level (April 2020)**



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

See [Section 2](#) of the Statistical Tables for further information on occupancy, including breakdowns by equality groups, geography and subject area (framework).

## Leavers and Main Outcomes

Since ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 began in the 2013/14 academic year, 31,231 participants left the programme. Of these, 61% achieved their Full Framework qualification.

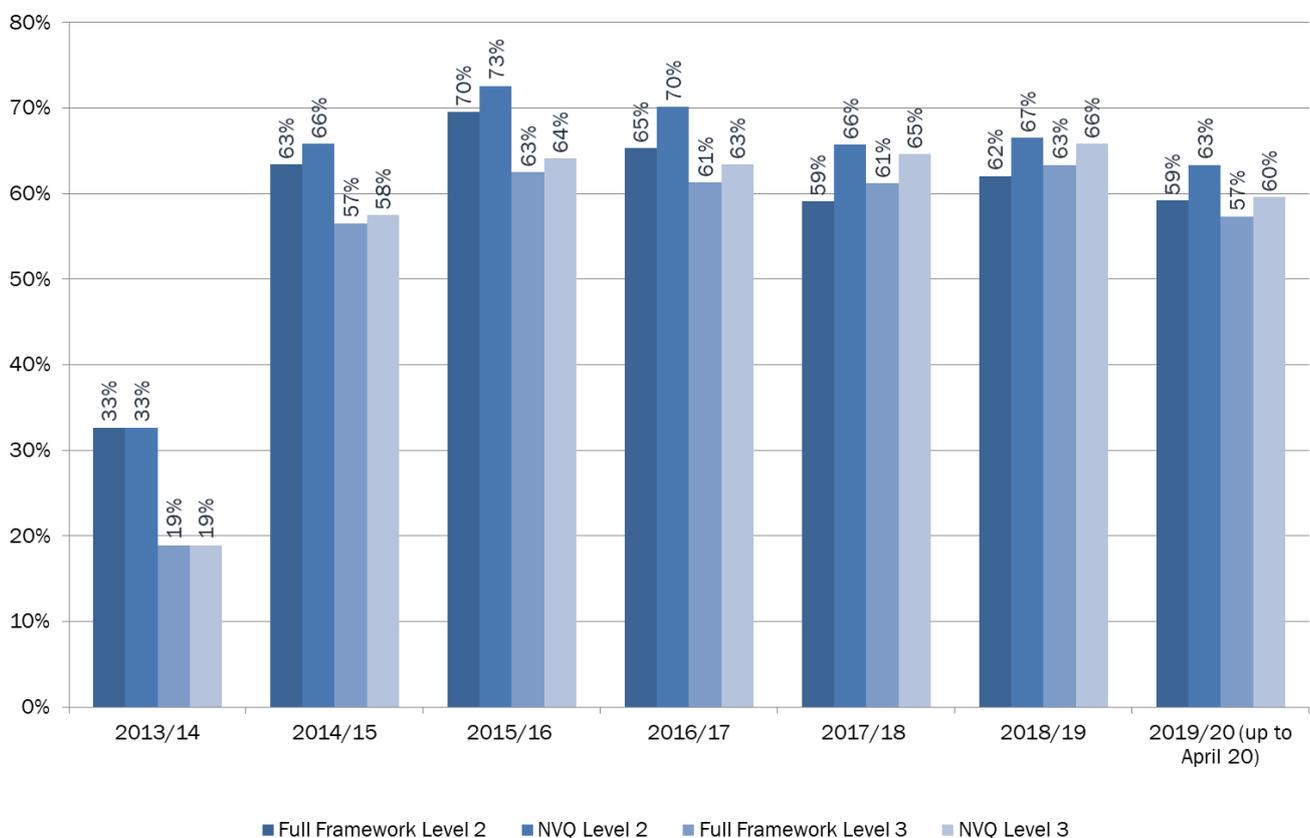
**Figure 6** shows that the percentage of leavers at Level 2 achieving a Full Framework Level 2 decreased from 62% in 2018/19 to 59% for the current academic year (up to April 2020).

Between the academic years 2013/14 and 2018/19, the percentage of leavers at Level 3 achieving a Full Framework Level 3 increased from 19% to 63%. For the current academic year 2019/20 (up to April 2020), this figure is 57%.

**Figure 6** also shows that although some participants have not achieved a full framework, an additional number of leavers each year achieved NVQs. In the latest full academic year 2018/19, the achievement rate for NVQ Level 2 was 67% compared with the Full Framework rate of 62%, and the comparable figures for Level 3 were 66% achieving NVQ Level 3 and 63% achieving Full Framework Level 3.

Please note that data for 2013/14 have to be viewed in the light of this being the first year of the programme, thus many participants had not yet reached the point of completing their programme and gaining their targeted qualifications.

**Figure 6: Percentages of Full Frameworks and NVQs achieved by leavers from ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 (2013/14 to 2019/20 April 2020)**



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

See [Section 3](#) of the Statistical Tables for further information on leavers and outcomes.

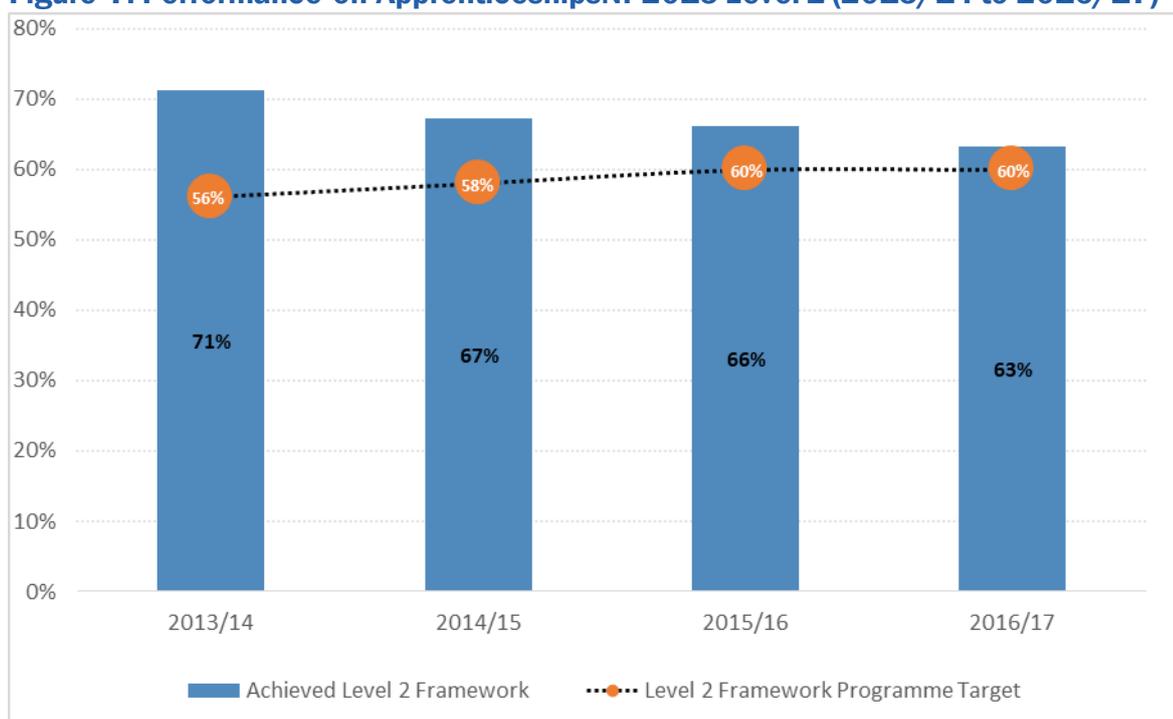
## Performance Monitoring - Performance against Programme Targets<sup>2 3</sup>

### Level 2

Of those participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 2 who began their participation in 2013/14, 74% achieved an NVQ Level 2. The equivalent percentages for those achieving an NVQ Level 2 in 2014/15 is 72%, 71% in 2015/16 and 69% in 2016/17, respectively.

Overall 71% achieved a Full Framework at Level 2 within the target timeframe in 2013/14, exceeding the 2013/14 target for achievement of a Full Framework at Level 2 which was 56%. Of the 2,761 participants commencing a Level 2 Apprenticeship in 2014/15, 67% (1,859) achieved a Full Framework at Level 2, exceeding the 58% target for that year. Of the 2,706 participants commencing a Level 2 Apprenticeship in 2015/16, 66% (1,792) have achieved a Full Framework, achieving the targets set for that year. In 2016/17, 63% achieved a Full Framework (2,182). 13 people from this final year are still on programme, and 20 in total.

**Figure 7: Performance on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 2 (2013/14 to 2016/17)**



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Unlike earlier sections of this bulletin which are based on academic years, Performance Monitoring tables are based on completed financial years, i.e. from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March in the following year.

<sup>3</sup> ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 has not been included in this section of the bulletin.

## Level 2 / 3

There are two programme targets at Level 2/3. The first target relates to the number of participants who should achieve NVQ Level 2 within the target timeframe. This target has remained at 65% in all years of the program. The second target relates to the percentage of participants who should achieve a Level 3 Full Framework and this target has varied over different years. The target percentage in the different years were 2013/14: 57%, 2014/15: 59%, 2015/16: 62%, and 2016/17: 62%.

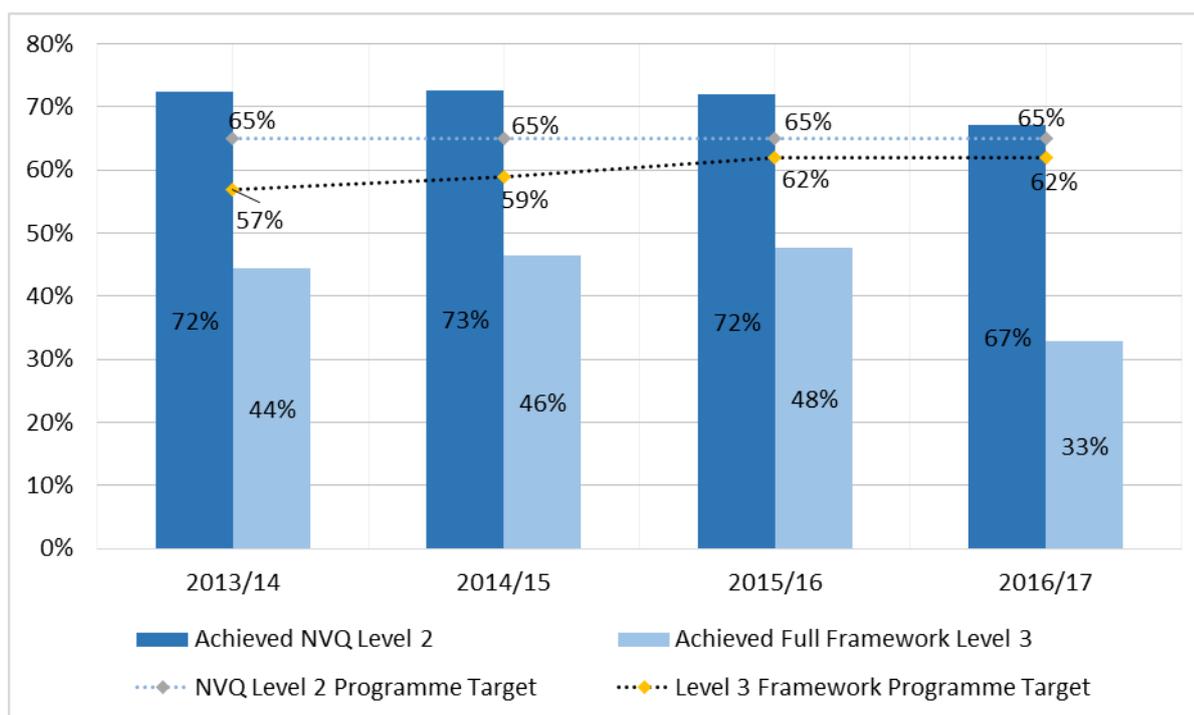
Of those participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 2/3 who began their participation in 2013/14, 72% achieved an NVQ Level 2 within the target timeframe, with 44% going on to achieve an NVQ Level 3. Eight per cent of participants achieved a Full Framework Level 2, while 44% have achieved a Full Framework Level 3.

Of the participants commencing in 2014/15, 73% achieved an NVQ Level 2 with 46% having achieved a Level 3 Full Framework. For those commencing in 2015/16, 72% achieved an NVQ Level 2, while 48% have achieved a Full Framework Level 3. Approximately 7 per cent of these participants are still on the programme.

To date, 67% of 2016/17 participants have achieved an NVQ Level 2 qualification and 33% have achieved a Level 3 Full Framework. It should be noted that 24% of 2016/17 participants are still on the programme.

In summary, the target relating to the percentage of participants achieving NVQ Level 2 has been met in all years, while the target relating to the percentage of participants achieving Full Framework Level 3 has not been met in any year.

**Figure 8: Performance on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 2/3 (2013/14 to 2016/17)**



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

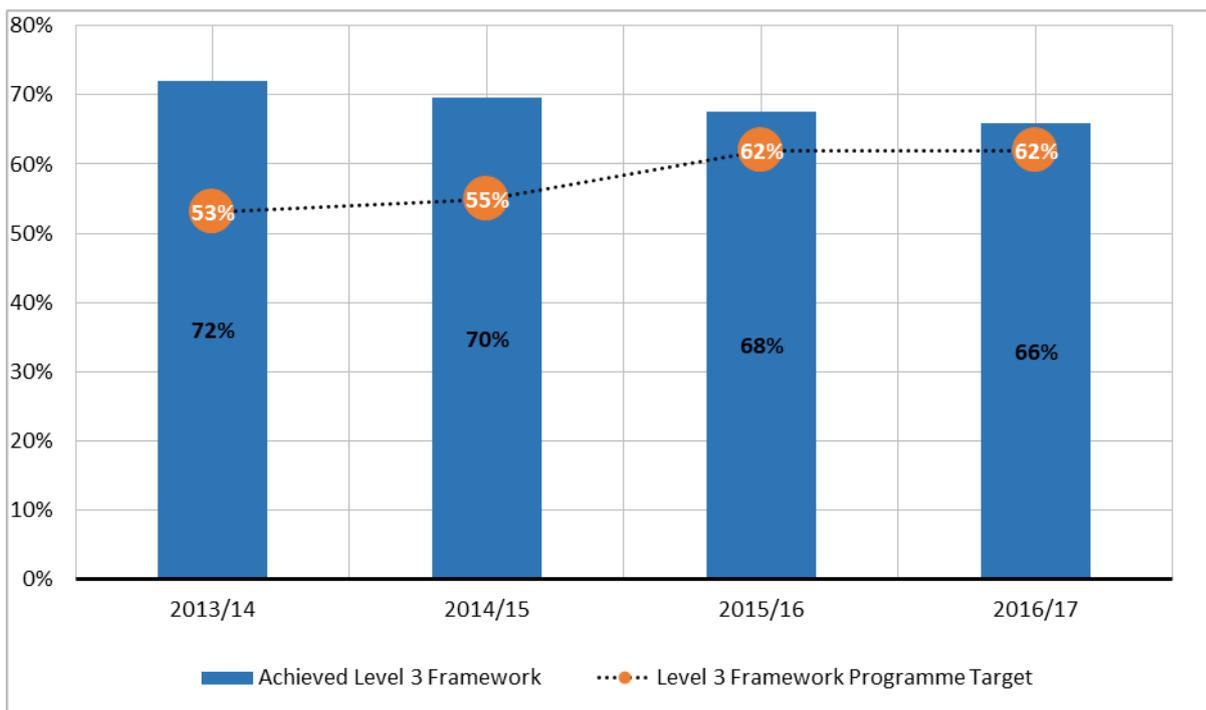
### Level 3

Of those participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 3 who began their participation in 2013/14, 74% achieved an NVQ Level 3, and 72% achieved a Full Framework at Level 3 within the target time limit. The programme target for 2013/14 was for 53% of participants to achieve a Level 3 Full Framework.

Of the 2,124 participants commencing at this Level in 2014/15, 72% have achieved an NVQ Level 3 while 70% have achieved a Level 3 Full Framework, exceeding 55% target of participants to achieve a Level 3 Full Framework.

The equivalent target for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 years was 62%. In the 2015/16 and 2016/17 years, 68% and 66% of participants have achieved this target. Additionally, 71% and 69% of participants have achieved NVQ Level 3 in 2015/16 and 2016/17 respectively.

**Figure 9: Performance on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 3 (2013/14 to 2016/17)**



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

It should be noted that the Target Year for achievement of qualifications is 2 years after the financial year a participant starts on the programme, with the exception of the Level 3 elements of a Level 2/3 start, which can be up to 4 years after a participant starts on the programme. A small number of participants remain on all programme strands and may still achieve their qualifications.

## NOTES TO READERS

### 1. Context

It should be noted that the figures in this Statistical Bulletin are solely in respect of participants on the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 and 2017 contracts, introduced for new starts from August 2013 and August 2017 respectively.

### 2. Introduction

Apprenticeships are available in a wide range of occupational areas and may take up to four years to complete, and some time thereafter for achievements to be recorded, validated and reported upon.

The aim of ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 is to provide participants with the opportunity to achieve a Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship where the apprentice, in paid employment from day one, will work towards achieving the requirements of an industry-approved Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship Framework.

Each apprenticeship comprises an agreed set of qualifications, called an Apprenticeship Framework, as developed by Industry Recognized bodies such as Sector Skills Councils with the help of employers in their industry. Most Apprenticeship Frameworks follow a standard format that comprises:-

- a competency based qualification, e.g. a National Vocational Qualification;
- Essential Skills;
- a knowledge based qualification; and
- other mandatory or optional elements as specified by the particular industry for the occupational area.

Training Suppliers provide the underpinning knowledge and develop skills, while the employer provides the practical experience to put those skills to the test. Depending on the subject requirements, training may be delivered in a classroom or workshop setting.

The current frameworks can be found by following the link: [Current Frameworks](#).

### 3. Eligibility

Generally, people may enter ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 subject to:-

- having attained the legal minimum school leaving age in Northern Ireland;
- being contracted to work a minimum of 21 hours per week (including day release/off-the-job training) with one employer;
- having the potential to successfully complete all the requirements of the appropriate Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship Framework;
- meeting any health requirements specific to the occupation of their choice;

- having achieved any necessary entry academic qualifications determined by the relevant sector for the Apprenticeship and approved by the Department; and
- passing any entry tests specified by the relevant sector/employer and approved by the Department.

**Note: From 27<sup>th</sup> August 2012 the policy for ApprenticeshipsNI was revised, restricting apprenticeships for over 25s to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.**

The following, are not eligible to enter an ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 – funded Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship:

- a person taking up, or already in, a self-employment opportunity;
- a public sector employee (i.e. a direct employee of a public body);
- a non-EU National, who is subject to employment restrictions and/or a time limit on his/her stay in Northern Ireland at the time of application to enter training;
- a person for whom the employer is claiming financial support from any other Departmental budget or programme; or
- a person following a full-time course of study in either further or higher education.

## 4. Source of Data

The Department's Client Management System (CMS), installed in Jobcentre/Jobs & Benefits offices throughout Northern Ireland, is an IT system used to facilitate the interface with the Department's customers. It maintains a basic client record; allows the preferred occupation stated by clients to be matched against suitable vacancies; records actions such as interviews, referrals to training opportunities, placing into jobs etc. In particular, it has been significantly enhanced to record ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 specific actions, and certain permitted data fields are populated automatically whenever Training Suppliers update their records on the Trainee Management System software.

The relevant data are extracted from CMS each month to form the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Database maintained by the Department's Youth Training Statistics and Research Branch within Analytical Services. The data for this Bulletin were extracted from CMS on 4th July 2020. The data presented are derived from the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 and 2017 database.

## 5. Definitions

The following notes explain the definitions underlying the data presented in this Statistical Bulletin except where these are self-explanatory – e.g. gender.

### i. Programme Definitions

Academic year: Refers to 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Full Framework: All the required elements of an Apprenticeship including the relevant NVQ and Technical Certificate if applicable and Essential Skills if applicable.

Leavers: Refers to the number of participants leaving ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 who are on provision for more than 28 days and excludes Rejoins.

Level 2: Refers to those Apprentices with a specific Personal Training Plan, the targeted outcome of which is NVQ Level 2 or equivalent, but no higher.

Level 2/3: Refers to those Apprentices with a specific Personal Training Plan, who are pursuing an NVQ Level 2 en route to a targeted outcome which is NVQ Level 3 or equivalent.

Level 3: Refers to those Apprentices who have already met the Level 2 requirement before commencing a Level 3 programme.

Level not assigned: Refers to those Apprentices who are undertaking an apprenticeship but the level is not known. This is most likely due to the fact that the participant has not been on programme long enough to complete their initial assessment period and establish which framework they should be on. Without the framework code, the level of their apprenticeship cannot be determined.

National Vocational Qualification (NVQ): A nationally recognised competence based vocational qualification demonstrating practical and theoretical knowledge in an occupation area at a pre-set standard.

Occupancy: Refers to the number of participants on the programme/provision at a particular point in time. Occupancy figures relate to those participants on provision on the last Friday of the quarter.

Participant: A participant is defined for statistical purposes as an individual on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013. An individual can participate on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 more than once.

Rejoin: Refers to a participant who leaves a programme but later returns to the same programme, at the same level, on the same Framework, regardless of the Training Supplier they return to.

Starts: Refers to the number of participants starting ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 who are on provision for more than 28 days and excludes Rejoins.

## **ii. Equality Definitions**

Background: The Department records information reported by the participant, who may indicate if they are from a Catholic, Protestant or Other background. Participants who do not respond are classified as Not Known.

Dependants: The Department records the number of dependants as reported by the participant. Each participant is asked to indicate (yes or no) if they have any dependants. By dependants the Department means that they are the main carer for a child (aged 16 or under), a person with a disability or an elderly person.

Disability: Refers to those participants on the system who have indicated that they have a disability.

**Ethnic Origin:** The Department records ethnic origin as reported by the participant under the following categories - Bangladeshi, Black-African, Black-Caribbean, Black-Other, Chinese, Indian, Irish Traveller, Malaysia, Mixed, Pakistani, Vietnam, White, Other or Unknown. For statistical purposes ethnic origin is reported in this publication as White, Non White and Not Known. The 'Non White' figures quoted are those clients who record their ethnic origin as other than White.

**Marital Status:** The Department records marital status background information as reported by the participant, who is asked if they are married, living with a partner, single (never married), separated, divorced or widowed. For statistical purposes marital status is reported in this publication as Single, Married/Co-Habiting, Widowed/Separated/Divorced and Not Known.

**Note:** In each of the equality categories above, an answer of 'Not Known' may occur – this is where no data have been recorded by the Department and the information is not known.

### **iii. Performance Monitoring Definitions**

It should be noted that in the Performance Monitoring tables, the reporting periods used are 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March in the following year, and data represent outcomes only for participants who started the programme in that financial year.

The data used to measure performance excludes rejoin records except where a participant leaves a Supplier and rejoins the programme with a different Supplier, but gains outcomes at both Suppliers. In this case the outcome is reported as being achieved at the Supplier it is recorded against on the Trainee Management System.

The targets against which performance has been measured may vary between programmes and between options within the same programme e.g. between Level 2 and Level 3 Apprenticeships. Where appropriate, targets for each programme and for different versions of each are specified in the footnotes to each table.

## **6. Revisions**

Over time, as more information becomes available, estimates can be revised to improve quality and accuracy, which will provide a better picture of that being measured. The programme dynamics of ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 may lead to the revision of published statistics as described in the previous section. In addition there may be a lag in recording some information on the administrative system and therefore statistics may be updated in future to improve accuracy.

## **7. Quality Measures**

**Relevance:** This Statistical Bulletin has been drafted following consultation with customers. The key customers within Government use the data to monitor performance of the programme and consider operational impacts of delivering the programme. There is ongoing interaction with users to ensure the data are still relevant to meet their needs.

Accuracy: The statistics included are representative of the administrative database (CMS) at the time of data extraction. The administrative system has in-built validation checks to minimise user error and can be interrogated to assess data quality and cross check statistics. Validation checks are also carried out on the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 database. A small number of erroneous records are excluded from the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 database.

Timeliness and Punctuality: Data in this Bulletin include all participants who commenced ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. The time gap between this date and the publication date is due to a lag of three months that must be left before data can be extracted from CMS, along with time taken to complete validation and processing.

Accessibility and Clarity: This Statistical Bulletin is part of a regular series published by the Department for the Economy. The Bulletin is published on a biannual basis. It is available on the Department's website and is free of charge. The Bulletin includes tables, text and charts. The Bulletin is available in other formats upon request.

Comparability: The Bulletin provides data by academic year and by quarter since the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 programmes were introduced in Northern Ireland, to enable comparisons over time. When methodological changes or other effects such as programme changes are made, every effort is made to ensure that all previous data are amended to make them directly comparable.

## **8. The Apprenticeship Levy**

The Apprenticeship Levy was introduced on a UK-wide basis on 6 April 2017. The collection of the Levy is a reserved matter for the UK Government. Further information on this can be found at:

<https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/apprenticeships-employers-guide>

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**Percentages based on small numbers should be interpreted with caution.**

## Section 1: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 Starts

**Table 1.1: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 starts by age and gender (2012/13 to 2019/20 April 2020) <sup>(1) (2)</sup>**

| Academic year            | Total         | Aged 16 to 19 |              |               | Aged 20 to 24 |              |               | Aged 25+     |              |              |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                          |               | Male          | Female       | Total         | Male          | Female       | Total         | Male         | Female       | Total        |
| 2012/13                  | 1             | 1             | 0            | 1             | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| 2013/14                  | 5,203         | 1,483         | 554          | 2,037         | 1,339         | 1,453        | 2,792         | 241          | 133          | 374          |
| 2014/15                  | 5,451         | 1,713         | 599          | 2,312         | 1,301         | 1,342        | 2,643         | 276          | 220          | 496          |
| 2015/16                  | 6,083         | 1,863         | 661          | 2,524         | 1,464         | 1,434        | 2,898         | 341          | 320          | 661          |
| 2016/17                  | 6,497         | 1,910         | 643          | 2,553         | 1,541         | 1,353        | 2,894         | 565          | 485          | 1,050        |
| 2017/18                  | 5,648         | 1,963         | 605          | 2,568         | 1,246         | 1,162        | 2,408         | 323          | 349          | 672          |
| 2018/19                  | 5,776         | 2,149         | 571          | 2,720         | 1,273         | 1,097        | 2,370         | 377          | 309          | 686          |
| 2019/20 (up to April 20) | 4,300         | 1,844         | 406          | 2,250         | 865           | 709          | 1,574         | 297          | 179          | 476          |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>38,959</b> | <b>12,926</b> | <b>4,039</b> | <b>16,965</b> | <b>9,029</b>  | <b>8,550</b> | <b>17,579</b> | <b>2,420</b> | <b>1,995</b> | <b>4,415</b> |

**Notes:**

- (1) From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.  
(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 only.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

**Table 1.2: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 starts by level (2012/13 to 2019/20 April 2020) <sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>**

| Academic year            | Total         | Level 2       | Level 3      |               | Level not assigned |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
|                          |               |               | Level 2/3    | Level 3       |                    |
| 2012/13                  | 1             | 1             | 0            | 0             | 0                  |
| 2013/14                  | 5,203         | 2,597         | 392          | 2,160         | 54                 |
| 2014/15                  | 5,451         | 2,779         | 388          | 2,241         | 43                 |
| 2015/16                  | 6,083         | 2,623         | 883          | 2,509         | 68                 |
| 2016/17                  | 6,497         | 2,853         | 980          | 2,610         | 54                 |
| 2017/18                  | 5,648         | 2,611         | 550          | 2,484         | 3                  |
| 2018/19                  | 5,776         | 2,726         | 375          | 2,675         | 0                  |
| 2019/20 (up to April 20) | 4,300         | 1,967         | 291          | 2,040         | 2                  |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>38,959</b> | <b>18,157</b> | <b>3,859</b> | <b>16,719</b> | <b>224</b>         |

**Notes:**

- (1) From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.  
(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 only.  
(3) For definitions of each level of Apprenticeship, see Notes to Readers tab.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

## Section 2: Occupancy on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017

**Table 2.1: All participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 by gender (August 2013 to April 2020)<sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>**

| Quarter     | All   |       |        | Level 2 |       |        | Level 3   |       |        |         |       |        | Level not assigned |      |        |
|-------------|-------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------|--------------------|------|--------|
|             | Total | Male  | Female | Total   | Male  | Female | Level 2/3 |       |        | Level 3 |       |        | Total              | Male | Female |
|             |       |       |        |         |       |        | Total     | Male  | Female | Total   | Male  | Female |                    |      |        |
| Aug-Oct 13  | 2,070 | 1,435 | 635    | 817     | 512   | 305    | 256       | 231   | 25     | 975     | 678   | 297    | 22                 | 14   | 8      |
| Nov-Jan 14  | 3,128 | 2,028 | 1,100  | 1,360   | 815   | 545    | 338       | 281   | 57     | 1,421   | 926   | 495    | 9                  | 6    | 3      |
| Feb-Apr 14  | 3,753 | 2,329 | 1,424  | 1,765   | 1,022 | 743    | 345       | 286   | 59     | 1,641   | 1,019 | 622    | 2                  | 2    | 0      |
| May-July 14 | 4,191 | 2,509 | 1,682  | 2,061   | 1,176 | 885    | 330       | 271   | 59     | 1,784   | 1,053 | 731    | 16                 | 9    | 7      |
| Aug-Oct 14  | 5,830 | 3,777 | 2,053  | 2,670   | 1,628 | 1,042  | 575       | 519   | 56     | 2,578   | 1,627 | 951    | 7                  | 3    | 4      |
| Nov-Jan 15  | 6,091 | 3,996 | 2,095  | 2,792   | 1,735 | 1,057  | 576       | 518   | 58     | 2,721   | 1,742 | 979    | 2                  | 1    | 1      |
| Feb-Apr 15  | 6,164 | 4,005 | 2,159  | 2,789   | 1,733 | 1,056  | 569       | 512   | 57     | 2,800   | 1,757 | 1,043  | 6                  | 3    | 3      |
| May-Jul 15  | 6,144 | 3,914 | 2,230  | 2,854   | 1,764 | 1,090  | 563       | 506   | 57     | 2,717   | 1,640 | 1,077  | 10                 | 4    | 6      |
| Aug-Oct 15  | 7,470 | 4,839 | 2,631  | 3,161   | 1,921 | 1,240  | 1,117     | 1,031 | 86     | 3,182   | 1,880 | 1,302  | 10                 | 7    | 3      |
| Nov-Jan 16  | 7,543 | 4,889 | 2,654  | 3,070   | 1,877 | 1,193  | 1,197     | 1,060 | 137    | 3,270   | 1,949 | 1,321  | 6                  | 3    | 3      |
| Feb-Apr 16  | 7,293 | 4,754 | 2,539  | 2,933   | 1,841 | 1,092  | 1,155     | 991   | 164    | 3,195   | 1,917 | 1,278  | 10                 | 5    | 5      |
| May-Jul 16  | 6,986 | 4,564 | 2,422  | 2,778   | 1,744 | 1,034  | 1,168     | 984   | 184    | 3,035   | 1,832 | 1,203  | 5                  | 4    | 1      |
| Aug-Oct 16  | 7,655 | 5,149 | 2,506  | 2,803   | 1,795 | 1,008  | 1,446     | 1,241 | 205    | 3,394   | 2,102 | 1,292  | 12                 | 11   | 1      |
| Nov-Jan 17  | 7,631 | 5,188 | 2,443  | 2,696   | 1,714 | 982    | 1,547     | 1,364 | 183    | 3,379   | 2,104 | 1,275  | 9                  | 6    | 3      |
| Feb-Apr 17  | 8,819 | 5,713 | 3,106  | 3,310   | 1,956 | 1,354  | 1,735     | 1,493 | 242    | 3,754   | 2,252 | 1,502  | 20                 | 12   | 8      |
| May-Jul 17  | 7,514 | 4,934 | 2,580  | 2,821   | 1,651 | 1,170  | 1,608     | 1,415 | 193    | 3,084   | 1,868 | 1,216  | 1                  | 0    | 1      |
| Aug-Oct 17  | 7,962 | 5,643 | 2,319  | 2,940   | 1,962 | 978    | 1,725     | 1,547 | 178    | 3,297   | 2,134 | 1,163  | 0                  | 0    | 0      |
| Nov-Jan 18  | 8,033 | 5,661 | 2,372  | 3,078   | 2,053 | 1,025  | 1,692     | 1,500 | 192    | 3,263   | 2,108 | 1,155  | 0                  | 0    | 0      |
| Feb-Apr 18  | 7,832 | 5,437 | 2,395  | 3,027   | 1,999 | 1,028  | 1,629     | 1,409 | 220    | 3,176   | 2,029 | 1,147  | 0                  | 0    | 0      |
| May-Jul 18  | 7,316 | 4,923 | 2,393  | 2,875   | 1,854 | 1,021  | 1,463     | 1,273 | 190    | 2,977   | 1,795 | 1,182  | 1                  | 1    | 0      |
| Aug-Oct 18  | 8,377 | 5,977 | 2,400  | 3,264   | 2,232 | 1,032  | 1,545     | 1,360 | 185    | 3,568   | 2,385 | 1,183  | 0                  | 0    | 0      |
| Nov-Jan 19  | 8,173 | 5,843 | 2,330  | 3,199   | 2,169 | 1,030  | 1,431     | 1,285 | 146    | 3,543   | 2,389 | 1,154  | 0                  | 0    | 0      |
| Feb-Apr 19  | 7,817 | 5,571 | 2,246  | 3,026   | 2,045 | 981    | 1,326     | 1,213 | 113    | 3,465   | 2,313 | 1,152  | 0                  | 0    | 0      |
| May-Jul 19  | 7,573 | 5,326 | 2,247  | 2,995   | 2,004 | 991    | 1,209     | 1,111 | 98     | 3,369   | 2,211 | 1,158  | 0                  | 0    | 0      |
| Aug-Oct 19  | 8,525 | 6,260 | 2,265  | 3,331   | 2,377 | 954    | 1,222     | 1,117 | 105    | 3,972   | 2,766 | 1,206  | 0                  | 0    | 0      |
| Nov-Jan 20  | 8,363 | 6,138 | 2,225  | 3,238   | 2,298 | 940    | 1,136     | 1,043 | 93     | 3,989   | 2,797 | 1,192  | 0                  | 0    | 0      |
| Feb-Apr 20  | 7,714 | 5,622 | 2,092  | 3,008   | 2,078 | 930    | 994       | 911   | 83     | 3,710   | 2,631 | 1,079  | 2                  | 2    | 0      |

**Notes:**

- (1) From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.
- (2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 only.
- (3) For definitions of each level of Apprenticeship, see Notes to Readers tab.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

**Table 2.2: All participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 by Framework, Level and Gender (April 2020) <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>**

| Framework   | Total       | Level 2     |            |             | Level 3    |           |            |             |             |             | Level Not Assigned |          |
|---|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|----------|
|   |             | Male        | Female     | Total       | Level 2/3  |           |            | Level 3     |             |             |                    |          |
|   |             |             |            |             | Male       | Female    | Total      | Male        | Female      | Total       |                    |          |
| Accountancy   | 3           | 2           | 0          | 2           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0           | 0           | 1           | 1                  | 0        |
| Active Leisure Learning and Well-being                      | 36          | 9           | 2          | 11          | 2          | 0         | 2          | 12          | 11          | 23          | 0                  | 0        |
| Agriculture   | 150         | 65          | 3          | 68          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 73          | 9           | 82          | 0                  | 0        |
| Amenity Horticulture  | 10          | 8           | 1          | 9           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 1           | 0           | 1           | 0                  | 0        |
| Barbering   | 18          | 6           | 0          | 6           | 3          | 0         | 3          | 7           | 2           | 9           | 0                  | 0        |
| Beauty Therapy  | 52          | 0           | 20         | 20          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0           | 32          | 32          | 0                  | 0        |
| Business and Administration                                 | 67          | 10          | 24         | 34          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 12          | 21          | 33          | 0                  | 0        |
| Call Handling   | 126         | 68          | 58         | 126         | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0                  | 0        |
| Catering and Professional Chefs                             | 256         | 130         | 70         | 200         | 9          | 1         | 10         | 40          | 6           | 46          | 0                  | 0        |
| Child Care Learning and Development                         | 171         | 1           | 18         | 19          | 0          | 2         | 2          | 3           | 147         | 150         | 0                  | 0        |
| Construction  | 356         | 346         | 2          | 348         | 7          | 1         | 8          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0                  | 0        |
| Construction Crafts   | 254         | 0           | 0          | 0           | 49         | 0         | 49         | 204         | 1           | 205         | 0                  | 0        |
| Construction Technical                                      | 31          | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 28          | 3           | 31          | 0                  | 0        |
| Contact Centre Operation                                    | 30          | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 16          | 14          | 30          | 0                  | 0        |
| Customer Service  | 166         | 59          | 63         | 122         | 6          | 2         | 8          | 15          | 21          | 36          | 0                  | 0        |
| Dental Nursing  | 11          | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0           | 11          | 11          | 0                  | 0        |
| Distribution and Warehousing                                | 88          | 71          | 2          | 73          | 2          | 0         | 2          | 13          | 0           | 13          | 0                  | 0        |
| Driving Goods Vehicles                                      | 3           | 1           | 0          | 1           | 1          | 1         | 2          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0                  | 0        |
| Electrical and Electronic Servicing                         | 2           | 0           | 0          | 0           | 1          | 0         | 1          | 1           | 0           | 1           | 0                  | 0        |
| Electrical Distribution and Trans. Engineering              | 37          | 0           | 0          | 0           | 35         | 1         | 36         | 1           | 0           | 1           | 0                  | 0        |
| Electrical Power Engineering                                | 4           | 2           | 2          | 4           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0                  | 0        |
| Electrotechnical  | 1305        | 0           | 0          | 0           | 253        | 1         | 254        | 1045        | 6           | 1051        | 0                  | 0        |
| Engineering   | 696         | 251         | 1          | 252         | 215        | 17        | 232        | 210         | 2           | 212         | 0                  | 0        |
| Equine Industry   | 4           | 0           | 4          | 4           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0                  | 0        |
| Food Manufacture  | 687         | 227         | 153        | 380         | 0          | 0         | 0          | 166         | 141         | 307         | 0                  | 0        |
| Furniture Production  | 29          | 20          | 2          | 22          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 6           | 1           | 7           | 0                  | 0        |
| Hairdressing  | 169         | 12          | 54         | 66          | 0          | 1         | 1          | 4           | 98          | 102         | 0                  | 0        |
| Health and Social Care                                      | 460         | 11          | 119        | 130         | 1          | 12        | 13         | 23          | 294         | 317         | 0                  | 0        |
| Heating , Ventillation, Air Conditioning and Refridgeration | 48          | 22          | 1          | 23          | 1          | 0         | 1          | 24          | 0           | 24          | 0                  | 0        |
| Hospitality   | 538         | 118         | 178        | 296         | 6          | 10        | 16         | 96          | 130         | 226         | 0                  | 0        |
| I.T. User   | 14          | 6           | 1          | 7           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 6           | 1           | 7           | 0                  | 0        |
| Insurance   | 202         | 71          | 65         | 136         | 3          | 11        | 14         | 27          | 25          | 52          | 0                  | 0        |
| IT and Telecoms Professional                                | 107         | 9           | 0          | 9           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 82          | 16          | 98          | 0                  | 0        |
| Land Based Service Engineering                              | 28          | 4           | 0          | 4           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 24          | 0           | 24          | 0                  | 0        |
| Light Vehicle Body and Paint Operations                     | 40          | 0           | 0          | 0           | 9          | 0         | 9          | 31          | 0           | 31          | 0                  | 0        |
| Management  | 21          | 0           | 0          | 0           | 2          | 6         | 8          | 5           | 8           | 13          | 0                  | 0        |
| Mechanical Engineering Services (Plumbing)                  | 416         | 196         | 1          | 197         | 47         | 0         | 47         | 171         | 1           | 172         | 0                  | 0        |
| Nail Services   | 3           | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0           | 3           | 3           | 0                  | 0        |
| Not Assigned  | 11          | 5           | 2          | 7           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 1           | 1           | 2           | 2                  | 0        |
| Pharmacy Services   | 31          | 0           | 19         | 19          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 1           | 11          | 12          | 0                  | 0        |
| Print Production  | 20          | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 20          | 0           | 20          | 0                  | 0        |
| Printing Industry   | 29          | 27          | 2          | 29          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0                  | 0        |
| Retail  | 231         | 48          | 54         | 102         | 9          | 11        | 20         | 56          | 53          | 109         | 0                  | 0        |
| Sales and Telesales   | 2           | 2           | 0          | 2           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0                  | 0        |
| Security Systems  | 92          | 58          | 0          | 58          | 1          | 0         | 1          | 31          | 2           | 33          | 0                  | 0        |
| Social Media & Digital Marketing                            | 6           | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 4           | 2           | 6           | 0                  | 0        |
| Supply Chain Management                                     | 4           | 3           | 0          | 3           | 1          | 0         | 1          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0                  | 0        |
| Surveying   | 7           | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 6           | 1           | 7           | 0                  | 0        |
| Team Leading  | 11          | 4           | 7          | 11          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0                  | 0        |
| Vehicle Body and Paint                                      | 66          | 63          | 0          | 63          | 3          | 0         | 3          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0                  | 0        |
| Vehicle Fitting   | 8           | 7           | 0          | 7           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 1           | 0           | 1           | 0                  | 0        |
| Vehicle Maintenance and Repair                              | 520         | 124         | 0          | 124         | 233        | 5         | 238        | 155         | 3           | 158         | 0                  | 0        |
| Vehicle Parts   | 27          | 4           | 0          | 4           | 12         | 1         | 13         | 10          | 0           | 10          | 0                  | 0        |
| Vehicle Sales   | 10          | 8           | 2          | 10          | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0                  | 0        |
| Veterinary Nursing  | 1           | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0           | 1           | 1           | 0                  | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>7714</b> | <b>2078</b> | <b>930</b> | <b>3008</b> | <b>911</b> | <b>83</b> | <b>994</b> | <b>2631</b> | <b>1079</b> | <b>3710</b> | <b>2</b>           | <b>0</b> |

**Notes:**

(1) From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 only.

(3) For definitions of each level of Apprenticeship, see Notes to Readers tab.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

**Table 2.3: All participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 by equality group (April 2020)**

(1) (2) (3)

| Equality Group | Equality Sub-Categories  | Total | Level 2 | Level 3   |         | Level not assigned |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------------------|
|                |                          |       |         | Level 2/3 | Level 3 |                    |
| All            | All                      | 7,714 | 3,008   | 994       | 3,710   | 2                  |
| Age (4)        | 16-19                    | 4,065 | 1,542   | 700       | 1,823   | 0                  |
|                | 20-24                    | 2,782 | 1,052   | 257       | 1,471   | 2                  |
|                | 25+                      | 867   | 414     | 37        | 416     | 0                  |
| Sex            | Male                     | 5,622 | 2,078   | 911       | 2,631   | 2                  |
|                | Female                   | 2,092 | 930     | 83        | 1,079   | 0                  |
| Disability     | Yes                      | 1,146 | 524     | 122       | 500     | 0                  |
|                | No                       | 6,568 | 2,484   | 872       | 3,210   | 2                  |
| Background     | Catholic                 | 2,682 | 922     | 385       | 1,375   | 0                  |
|                | Protestant               | 2,092 | 687     | 335       | 1,070   | 0                  |
|                | Other                    | 443   | 205     | 28        | 210     | 0                  |
|                | Not Known <sup>(5)</sup> | 2,497 | 1,194   | 246       | 1,055   | 2                  |
| Ethnicity      | White                    | 6,171 | 2,189   | 887       | 3,093   | 2                  |
|                | Non White                | 119   | 49      | 7         | 63      | 0                  |
|                | Not Known <sup>(5)</sup> | 1,424 | 770     | 100       | 554     | 0                  |
| Dependants     | No Dependants            | 1,375 | 609     | 133       | 632     | 1                  |
|                | With Dependants          | 135   | 58      | 4         | 73      | 0                  |
|                | Not Known <sup>(5)</sup> | 6,204 | 2,341   | 857       | 3,005   | 1                  |
| Marital Status | Single                   | 5,745 | 2,275   | 762       | 2,706   | 2                  |
|                | Married / Cohabiting     | 83    | 45      | 1         | 37      | 0                  |
|                | Widowed/ Separated/      | 28    | 10      | 1         | 17      | 0                  |
|                | Not Known <sup>(6)</sup> | 1,858 | 678     | 230       | 950     | 0                  |

Notes:

- (1) From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.
- (2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 only.
- (3) For definitions of each level of Apprenticeship, see Notes to Readers tab.
- (4) 'Age' relates to age of the participant on starting provision.
- (5) The 'Not Known' category is where information has not been recorded or is not available for a participant.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

**Table 2.4: All participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 by Local Government District (April 2020)<sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>**

| Local Government District <sup>(4)</sup> | Total        | Level 2      | Level 2/3  | Level 3      | Level not assigned |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Antrim and Newtownabbey                  | 602          | 258          | 87         | 257          | 0                  |
| Ards and North Down                      | 479          | 174          | 78         | 227          | 0                  |
| Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon          | 678          | 250          | 81         | 347          | 0                  |
| Belfast                                  | 1,103        | 461          | 127        | 514          | 1                  |
| Causeway Coast and Glens                 | 617          | 217          | 87         | 313          | 0                  |
| Derry and Strabane                       | 906          | 511          | 60         | 335          | 0                  |
| Fermanagh and Omagh                      | 580          | 163          | 65         | 352          | 0                  |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh                  | 421          | 163          | 51         | 207          | 0                  |
| Mid and East Antrim                      | 657          | 244          | 111        | 301          | 1                  |
| Mid Ulster                               | 922          | 304          | 175        | 443          | 0                  |
| Newry, Mourne and Down                   | 688          | 244          | 67         | 377          | 0                  |
| Not Known <sup>(5)</sup>                 | 61           | 19           | 5          | 37           | 0                  |
|  |              |              |            |              |                    |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>7,714</b> | <b>3,008</b> | <b>994</b> | <b>3,710</b> | <b>2</b>           |

Notes:

(1) From September 2007, ApprenticeshipsNI were aimed at individuals aged 16-24, however in September 2008 they became all-age apprenticeships. From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 only.

(3) For definitions of each level of Apprenticeship, see Notes to Readers section.

(4) Local Government District (LGD) is based on a participant's home postcode. It should be noted that although they live in a particular LGD, they may work elsewhere. Reform of Local Government reduced the number of LGDs from 26 to 11 from 1 April 2015.

(5) 'Not Known' includes those participants for whom postcode is not known / incorrect or where postcode cannot be mapped to LGD.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

**Table 2.5: All participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 by Parliamentary Constituency (April 2020) <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(5)</sup>**

| Parliamentary Constituency <sup>(4)</sup> | Total        | Level 2      | Level 2/3  | Level 3      | Level not assigned |
|---|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Belfast East                              | 337          | 150          | 26         | 160          | 1                  |
| Belfast North                             | 415          | 168          | 67         | 180          | 0                  |
| Belfast South                             | 245          | 88           | 21         | 136          | 0                  |
| Belfast West                              | 376          | 161          | 46         | 169          | 0                  |
| East Antrim                               | 458          | 169          | 80         | 208          | 1                  |
| East Londonderry                          | 432          | 163          | 60         | 209          | 0                  |
| Fermanagh & South Tyrone                  | 479          | 150          | 79         | 250          | 0                  |
| Foyle                                     | 606          | 368          | 41         | 197          | 0                  |
| Lagan Valley                              | 323          | 128          | 38         | 157          | 0                  |
| Mid-Ulster                                | 705          | 240          | 127        | 338          | 0                  |
| Newry & Armagh                            | 416          | 122          | 41         | 253          | 0                  |
| North Antrim                              | 491          | 184          | 67         | 240          | 0                  |
| North Down                                | 217          | 88           | 25         | 104          | 0                  |
| South Antrim                              | 423          | 180          | 69         | 174          | 0                  |
| South Down                                | 455          | 170          | 47         | 238          | 0                  |
| Strangford                                | 352          | 111          | 63         | 178          | 0                  |
| Upper Bann                                | 347          | 152          | 42         | 153          | 0                  |
| West Tyrone                               | 576          | 197          | 50         | 329          | 0                  |
| Not Known <sup>(5)</sup>                  | 61           | 19           | 5          | 37           | 0                  |
|   |              |              |            |              |                    |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>7,714</b> | <b>3,008</b> | <b>994</b> | <b>3,710</b> | <b>2</b>           |

Notes:

(1) From September 2007, ApprenticeshipsNI were aimed at individuals aged 16-24, however in September 2008 they became all-age apprenticeships. From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 only.

(3) For definitions of each level of Apprenticeship, see Notes to Readers section.

(4) Parliamentary Constituency (PC) is based on a participant's home postcode. It should be noted that although they live in a particular PC, they may work elsewhere.

(5) 'Not Known' includes those participants for whom postcode is not known / incorrect or where postcode cannot be mapped to PC.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

## Section 3: Leavers and Outcomes for ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017

**Table 3.1: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 leavers by gender (2013/14 to 2019/20 April 2020) (1) (2) (3)**

| Academic year            | Leavers       |               |            |               |            |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|
|                          | Total         | Male          | % Male     | Female        | % Female   |
| 2013/14                  | 902           | 515           | 57%        | 387           | 43%        |
| 2014/15                  | 3,574         | 1,915         | 54%        | 1,659         | 46%        |
| 2015/16                  | 5,213         | 3,014         | 58%        | 2,199         | 42%        |
| 2016/17                  | 6,007         | 3,647         | 61%        | 2,360         | 39%        |
| 2017/18                  | 5,786         | 3,504         | 61%        | 2,282         | 39%        |
| 2018/19                  | 5,491         | 3,369         | 61%        | 2,122         | 39%        |
| 2019/20 (up to April 20) | 4,258         | 2,777         | 65%        | 1,481         | 35%        |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>31,231</b> | <b>18,741</b> | <b>60%</b> | <b>12,490</b> | <b>40%</b> |

Notes:

(1) From September 2007, ApprenticeshipsNI were aimed at individuals aged 16-24, however in September 2008 they became all-age apprenticeships. From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 only.

(3) For definitions of each level of Apprenticeship, see Notes to Readers section.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

**Table 3.2: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 leavers by level (2013/14 to 2019/20 April 2020) (1) (2) (3)**

| Academic year            | Total         | Level 2       | Level 3      |               | Level not assigned |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
|                          |               |               | Level 2/3    | Level 3       |                    |
| 2013/14                  | 902           | 481           | 59           | 322           | 40                 |
| 2014/15                  | 3,574         | 2,023         | 154          | 1,348         | 49                 |
| 2015/16                  | 5,213         | 2,692         | 264          | 2,186         | 71                 |
| 2016/17                  | 6,007         | 2,835         | 546          | 2,567         | 59                 |
| 2017/18                  | 5,786         | 2,533         | 680          | 2,571         | 2                  |
| 2018/19                  | 5,491         | 2,595         | 637          | 2,258         | 1                  |
| 2019/20 (up to April 20) | 4,258         | 1,982         | 523          | 1,753         | 0                  |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>31,231</b> | <b>15,141</b> | <b>2,863</b> | <b>13,005</b> | <b>222</b>         |

Notes:

(1) From September 2007, ApprenticeshipsNI were aimed at individuals aged 16-24, however in September 2008 they became all-age apprenticeships. From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 only.

(3) For definitions of each level of Apprenticeship, see Notes to Readers section.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

**Table 3.3: Qualifications achieved by participants leaving Level 2 Apprenticeships (2013/14 to 2019/20 April 2020) <sup>(1)</sup><sup>(2)</sup><sup>(3)</sup>**

| Academic Year            | Total Leavers | Number of leavers achieving each qualification |                   | % of leavers achieving each qualification |                   |
|--------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|
|                          |               | NVQ Level 2                                    | Framework Level 2 | NVQ Level 2                               | Framework Level 2 |
| 2013/14                  | 481           | 157  | 157               | 33%                                       | 33%               |
| 2014/15                  | 2,023         | 1,332  | 1,283             | 66%                                       | 63%               |
| 2015/16                  | 2,692         | 1,954  | 1,872             | 73%                                       | 70%               |
| 2016/17                  | 2,835         | 1,989  | 1,852             | 70%                                       | 65%               |
| 2017/18                  | 2,533         | 1,665  | 1,496             | 66%                                       | 59%               |
| 2018/19                  | 2,595         | 1,727  | 1,610             | 67%                                       | 62%               |
| 2019/20 (up to April 20) | 1,982         | 1,256  | 1,173             | 63%                                       | 59%               |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>15,141</b> | <b>10,080</b>                                  | <b>9,443</b>      | <b>67%</b>                                | <b>62%</b>        |

Notes:

- (1) From September 2007, ApprenticeshipsNI were aimed at individuals aged 16-24, however in September 2008 they became all-age apprenticeships. From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.
- (2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 only.
- (3) For definitions of Level 2 Apprenticeships, see Notes to Readers section.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

**Table 3.4: Qualifications achieved by participants leaving Level 2/3 and Level 3 Apprenticeships (2013/14 to 2019/20 April 2020) <sup>(1)</sup><sup>(2)</sup><sup>(3)</sup>**

| Academic Year            | Total Leavers | Number of leavers achieving each qualification |              |                        |                        | % of leavers achieving each qualification |             |                        |                        |
|--------------------------|---------------|--|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                          |               | NVQ Level 2                                    | NVQ Level 3  | Full Framework Level 2 | Full Framework Level 3 | NVQ Level 2                               | NVQ Level 3 | Full Framework Level 2 | Full Framework Level 3 |
| 2013/14                  | 381           | 11   | 72           | 7                      | 72                     | 3%  | 19%         | 2%                     | 19%                    |
| 2014/15                  | 1,502         | 78   | 864          | 30                     | 849                    | 5%  | 58%         | 2%                     | 57%                    |
| 2015/16                  | 2,450         | 82   | 1,570        | 13                     | 1,532                  | 3%  | 64%         | 1%                     | 63%                    |
| 2016/17                  | 3,113         | 286  | 1,974        | 10                     | 1,909                  | 9%  | 63%         | 0%                     | 61%                    |
| 2017/18                  | 3,251         | 459  | 2,101        | 25                     | 1,990                  | 14%                                       | 65%         | 1%                     | 61%                    |
| 2018/19                  | 2,895         | 478  | 1,906        | 3                      | 1,834                  | 17%                                       | 66%         | 0%                     | 63%                    |
| 2019/20 (up to April 20) | 2,276         | 424  | 1,356        | 1                      | 1,305                  | 19%                                       | 60%         | 0%                     | 57%                    |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>15,868</b> | <b>1,818</b>                                   | <b>9,843</b> | <b>89</b>              | <b>9,491</b>           | <b>11%</b>                                | <b>62%</b>  | <b>1%</b>              | <b>60%</b>             |

Notes:

- (1) From September 2007, ApprenticeshipsNI were aimed at individuals aged 16-24, however in September 2008 they became all-age apprenticeships. From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.
- (2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 only.
- (3) For definitions of Level 2/3 and Level 3 Apprenticeships, see Notes to Readers section.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

## ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Performance Monitoring Tables - Performance against Programme Targets

The following tables (4.1 to 4.3) provide data on the performance of participants on the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Programme. There are several major differences between these tables and those on previous pages, which should be noted.

Unlike the tables in earlier sections of this bulletin which are based on academic years, the Performance Monitoring tables are based on financial years, i.e. from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March in the following year.

The figures for each financial year represent the cohort of participants who started the programme in that financial year, and the progress and performance of each yearly cohort is detailed in each column of the tables.

ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 has not been included in this section of the bulletin.

The Target Year for achievement of qualifications is 2 years after the financial year a participant starts on the programme, with the exception of the Level 3 elements of a Level 2/3 start, which can be up to 4 years after a participant starts on the programme.



## Section 4: Performance Measures for ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 - Performance against Programme Targets

**Table 4.1: Performance on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 2 (2013/14 to 2016/17)**

| Financial Year | Completed 4 Weeks | No. of Participants              |                                       |                              |                                    | % of Participants                |                                       |                              |                                    |                                    |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                |                   | Still on this training programme | Left without an NVQ or Full Framework | Achieved NVQ Level 2 (1) (2) | Achieved Level 2 Framework (1) (2) | Still on this training programme | Left without an NVQ or Full Framework | Achieved NVQ Level 2 (1) (2) | Achieved Level 2 Framework (1) (2) | Level 2 Framework Programme Target |
| 2013/14        | 1,880             | 1                                | 474                                   | 1,391                        | 1,340                              | 0%                               | 25%                                   | 74%                          | 71%                                | 56%                                |
| 2014/15        | 2,761             | 3                                | 767                                   | 1,983                        | 1,859                              | 0%                               | 28%                                   | 72%                          | 67%                                | 58%                                |
| 2015/16        | 2,706             | 3                                | 775                                   | 1,918                        | 1,792                              | 0%                               | 29%                                   | 71%                          | 66%                                | 60%                                |
| 2016/17        | 3,446             | 13                               | 1,052                                 | 2,382                        | 2,182                              | 0%                               | 31%                                   | 69%                          | 63%                                | 60%                                |

(1) The Target Year for achievement of qualifications is 2 years after a participant starts on a programme.  
 (2) It should be noted that a participant can gain more than one qualification.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 4th July 2020.

**Table 4.2: Performance on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 2/3 (2013/14 to 2016/17)**

| Financial Year | Completed 4 Weeks | No. of Participants              |                                       |                              |                              |                                    |                                    | % of Participants                |                                       |                              |                              |                              |                                    |                                    |                                    |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                |                   | Still on this training programme | Left without an NVQ or Full Framework | Achieved NVQ Level 2 (1) (2) | Achieved NVQ Level 3 (1) (2) | Achieved Level 2 Framework (1) (2) | Achieved Level 3 Framework (1) (2) | Still on this training programme | Left without an NVQ or Full Framework | Achieved NVQ Level 2 (1) (2) | NVQ Level 2 Programme Target | Achieved NVQ Level 3 (1) (2) | Achieved Level 2 Framework (1) (2) | Achieved Level 3 Framework (1) (2) | Level 3 Framework Programme Target |
| 2013/14        | 363               | 0                                | 88                                    | 263                          | 165                          | 30                                 | 161                                | 0%                               | 24%                                   | 72%                          | 65%                          | 45%                          | 8%                                 | 44%                                | 57%                                |
| 2014/15        | 377               | 1                                | 95                                    | 274                          | 179                          | 20                                 | 175                                | 0%                               | 25%                                   | 73%                          | 65%                          | 47%                          | 5%                                 | 46%                                | 59%                                |
| 2015/16        | 847               | 57                               | 218                                   | 610                          | 420                          | 20                                 | 404                                | 7%                               | 26%                                   | 72%                          | 65%                          | 50%                          | 2%                                 | 48%                                | 62%                                |
| 2016/17        | 1,008             | 245                              | 271                                   | 677                          | 348                          | 19                                 | 331                                | 24%                              | 27%                                   | 67%                          | 65%                          | 35%                          | 2%                                 | 33%                                | 62%                                |

(1) The Target Year for achievement of qualifications is 2 years after a participant starts on a programme, with the exception of the Level 3 elements of a Level 2/3 start, which can be up to 4 years after a participant starts on the programme.  
 (2) It should be noted that a participant can gain more than one qualification.

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**Table 4.3: Performance on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 3 (2013/14 to 2016/17)**

| Financial Year | Completed 4 Weeks | No. of Participants              |                                       |                              |                                    | % of Participants                |                                       |                              |                                    | Level 3 Framework Programme Target |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                |                   | Still on this training programme | Left without an NVQ or Full Framework | Achieved NVQ Level 3 (1) (2) | Achieved Level 3 Framework (1) (2) | Still on this training programme | Left without an NVQ or Full Framework | Achieved NVQ Level 3 (1) (2) | Achieved Level 3 Framework (1) (2) |                                    |
| 2013/14        | 1,774             | 1                                | 459                                   | 1,314                        | 1,279                              | 0%                               | 26%                                   | 74%                          | 72%                                | 53%                                |
| 2014/15        | 2,124             | 7                                | 581                                   | 1,538                        | 1,480                              | 0%                               | 27%                                   | 72%                          | 70%                                | 55%                                |
| 2015/16        | 2,546             | 3                                | 738                                   | 1,805                        | 1,720                              | 0%                               | 29%                                   | 71%                          | 68%                                | 62%                                |
| 2016/17        | 3,032             | 11                               | 925                                   | 2,097                        | 1,999                              | 0%                               | 31%                                   | 69%                          | 66%                                | 62%                                |

(1) The Target Year for achievement of qualifications is 2 years after a participant starts on a programme.

(2) It should be noted that a participant can gain more than one qualification.

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