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This **Statistical First Release (SFR)** presents information on:

- Adult (aged 19+) government-funded Further Education (excluding schools and Higher Education) comprising:
 - Education and training, including Offender Learning
 - Apprenticeships
 - English and maths
 - Community Learning
 - Employer Ownership Pilots
 - 24+ Advanced Learning Loans
 - Traineeships
- All age (16+) Apprenticeships in England.
- The highest level of qualification held by adults (aged 19 to 64) in England calculated from Labour Force Survey (LFS) data.

Final data is presented for Further Education and Apprenticeships between 2009/10 and 2013/14, and provisional data for the first three quarters (August 2014 to April 2015) of the 2014/15 academic year.

Highest level of qualification data is presented from 2006 to 2014, although 2014 figures are provisional and subject to revisions.

Key Definitions

Further Education includes: learners who are studying a course in a FE College, training provider or within their local community; and employees undertaking an Apprenticeship or other qualification in the workplace.

Apprenticeships are paid jobs that incorporate on- and off-the-job training leading to nationally recognised qualifications. As an employee, Apprentices earn as they learn and gain practical skills in the workplace.

Further key definitions can be found in the **Glossary** at page 26.

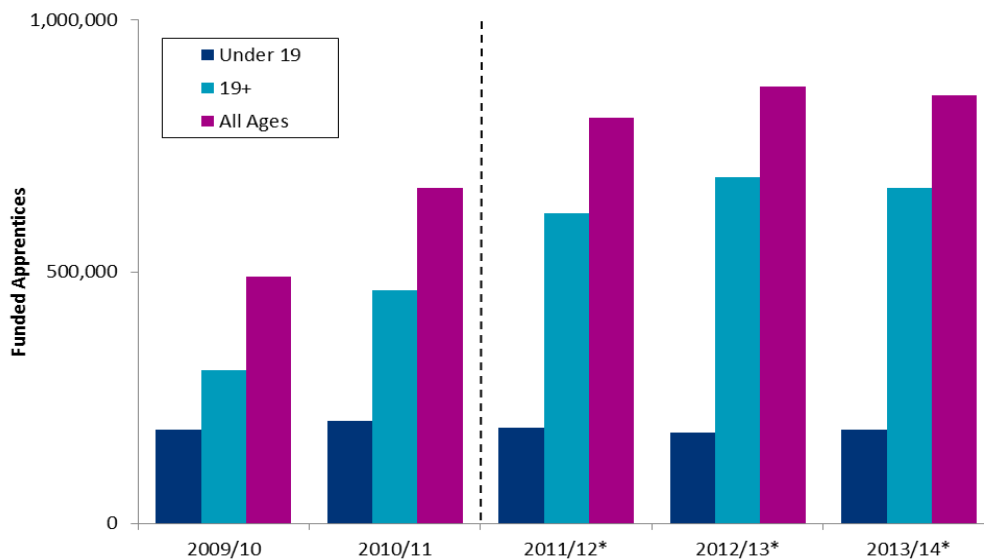
KEY POINTS

Apprenticeship participation - 2009/10 to 2013/14 (final); Aug 2014 to Apr 2015 (provisional)

All age Apprenticeship participation has increased since 2009/10 to 851,500 Apprenticeships in 2013/14, although there was a small decrease between 2012/13 and 2013/14. Apprenticeship participation increased between 2012/13 and 2013/14 for those aged under 19 and 19 to 24; the decrease was due to a fall by those aged 25+.

Provisional data show 776,800 learners participated on an Apprenticeship in the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year (August 2014 to April 2015).

Chart A: Apprenticeship Participation by Age



* Figures for 2011/12 onwards are not directly comparable with earlier years due to changes in the counting methodology.

Apprenticeship starts - 2013/14 (final); Aug 2014 to Apr 2015 (provisional)

There were 440,400 Apprenticeship starts in the 2013/14 academic year, a decrease of 13.7 per cent on 2012/13. A decrease was only seen for Apprentices aged 19 and over; an increase was seen for Apprentices aged under 19. Provisional data show there were 374,200 Apprenticeship starts in the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year (August 2014 to April 2015).

There were 9,200 higher level Apprenticeship starts in the 2013/14 academic year, and provisional data show that there were 13,200 starts in the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year. This means the structural reform plan commitment to deliver 20,000 higher apprenticeship starts during 2013/14 and 2014/15 has been met.

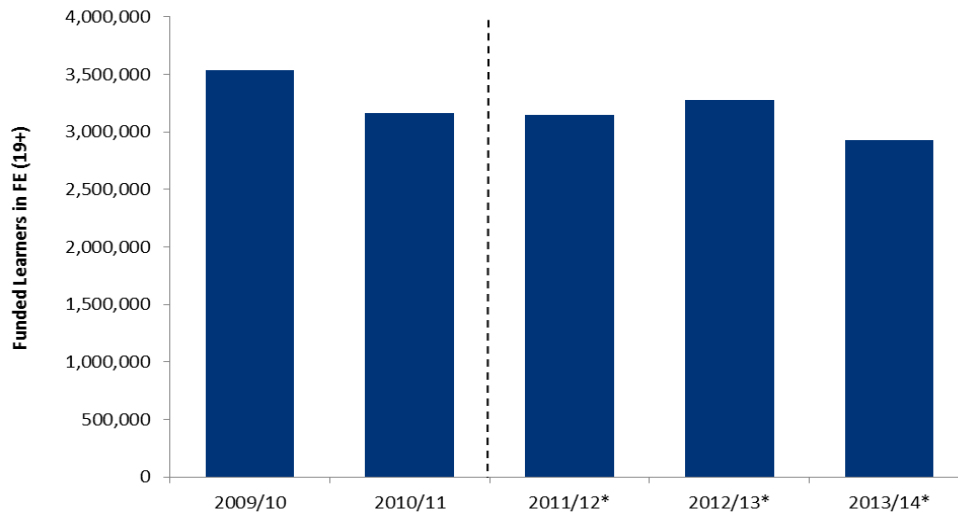
Traineeship starts - 2013/14 (final); Aug 2014 to Apr 2015 (provisional)

There were 10,400 Traineeship starts in 2013/14; of which 7,000 were aged under 19 and 3,400 were aged 19 to 23. Provisional data for the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year show that there were 15,100 Traineeship starts, of which 9,400 were aged under 19 and 5,800 were aged 19 to 24.

Further Education - 2009/10 to 2013/14 (final); Aug 2014 to Apr 2015 (provisional)

The total number of adult learners participating in government-funded further education in 2013/14 was 2,929,600. After a fall in 2010/11, figures were reasonably steady for the next three years, with a further decrease (10.7 per cent) in 2013/14.

Chart B: Adult Learner (19+) Participation in Government-funded Further Education



* Figures for 2011/12 onwards are not directly comparable with earlier years due to changes in the counting methodology.

Provisional data show there were 2,236,600 adult learners participating in government-funded further education in the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year.

English and maths - 2013/14 (final); Aug 2014 to Apr 2015 (provisional)

There were 951,800 adult learners participating on an English and maths course in 2013/14. Provisional data show there were 814,100 learners participating on an English and maths course in the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year.

Community Learning - 2013/14 (final); Aug 2014 to Apr 2015 (provisional)

There were 657,200 adult learners participating on a Community Learning course in 2013/14. Provisional data show there were 494,200 learners participating on a Community Learning course in the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year.

Offender Learning – 2013/14 (final); Aug 2014 to Apr 2015 (provisional)

There were 95,300 offenders aged 18 and over in the prison system participating in learning in 2013/14. Provisional data show 85,100 offenders aged 18+ in the prison system were participating in the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year.

Advanced Learning Loans - 2013/14 (final); Aug 2014 to Apr 2015 (provisional)

There were 59,100 learners with a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan in 2013/14, of which 56,400 were participating at Level 3 and 2,700 at Level 4+. Provisional data show there were 67,900 learners with a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan in the first three quarters of 2014/15, of which 63,500 were participating at Level 3 and 4,500 at Level 4+.

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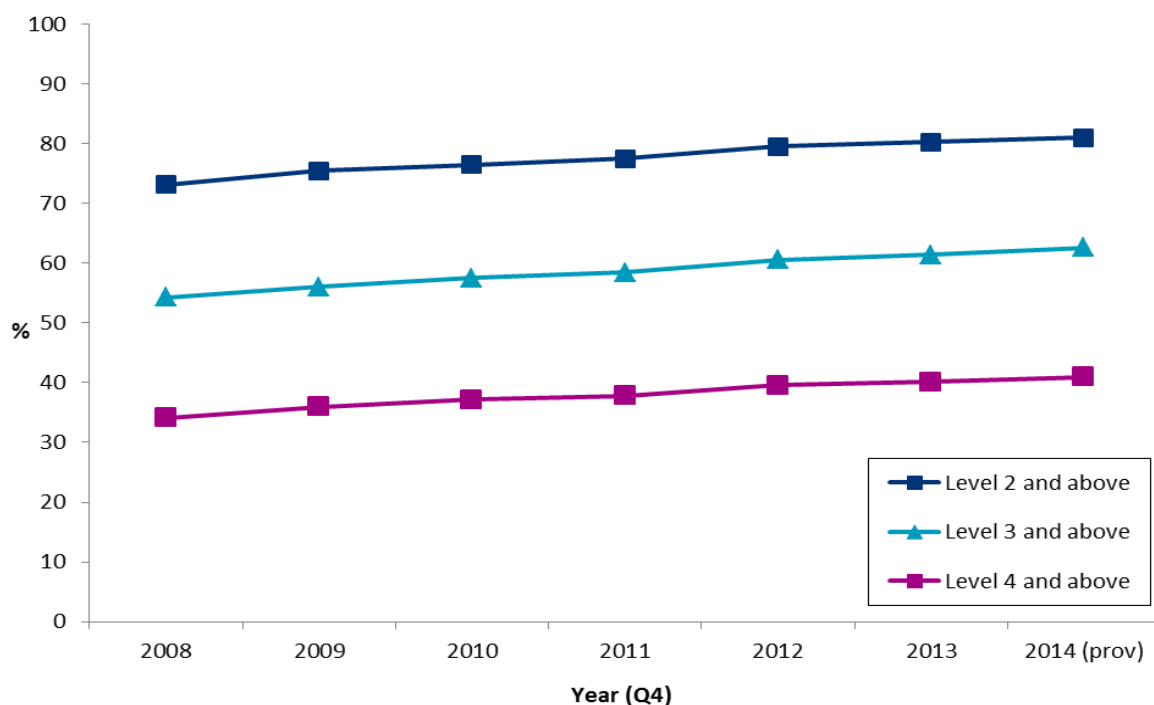
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FURTHER EDUCATION STATISTICS FOR ENGLAND, 2013/14

Adult Attainment in the Population

1. Having a skilled population is vital to maintaining the international competitiveness of our economy and creating high quality jobs. Improving our skills does not just improve our economy; it also has the potential to make the UK a fairer place by creating more social mobility and enabling people to play their part in society.
2. Labour Force Survey data are used to measure the highest qualification levels of the working age population in England, where Level 2 equates to achievement of 5 or more GCSEs at grades A*-C or equivalent qualifications, Level 3 equates to achievement of 2 or more A-levels or equivalent qualifications, and Level 4 and above to higher education and degree level qualifications. See <https://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/compare-different-qualification-levels> for more information.
3. Provisional data for 2014 show that for men and women aged 19 to 64 [Table 13]:
 - 81.0 per cent were qualified to at least Level 2
 - 62.6 per cent were qualified to at least Level 3
 - 41.0 per cent were qualified to at least Level 4
4. Chart 1 shows that the proportion of men and women qualified to each of Level 2, 3 and 4 have risen each year between 2008 and 2014:
 - from 73.2 per cent in 2008 to 81.0 per cent in 2014 qualified to at least Level 2
 - from 54.3 per cent in 2008 to 62.6 per cent in 2014 qualified to at least Level 3
 - from 34.2 per cent in 2008 to 41.0 per cent in 2014 qualified to at least Level 4
5. Data on the highest level of qualification was revised in late 2014 following a reweighting of the Labour Force Survey (LFS) that affects figures from 2001 onwards.

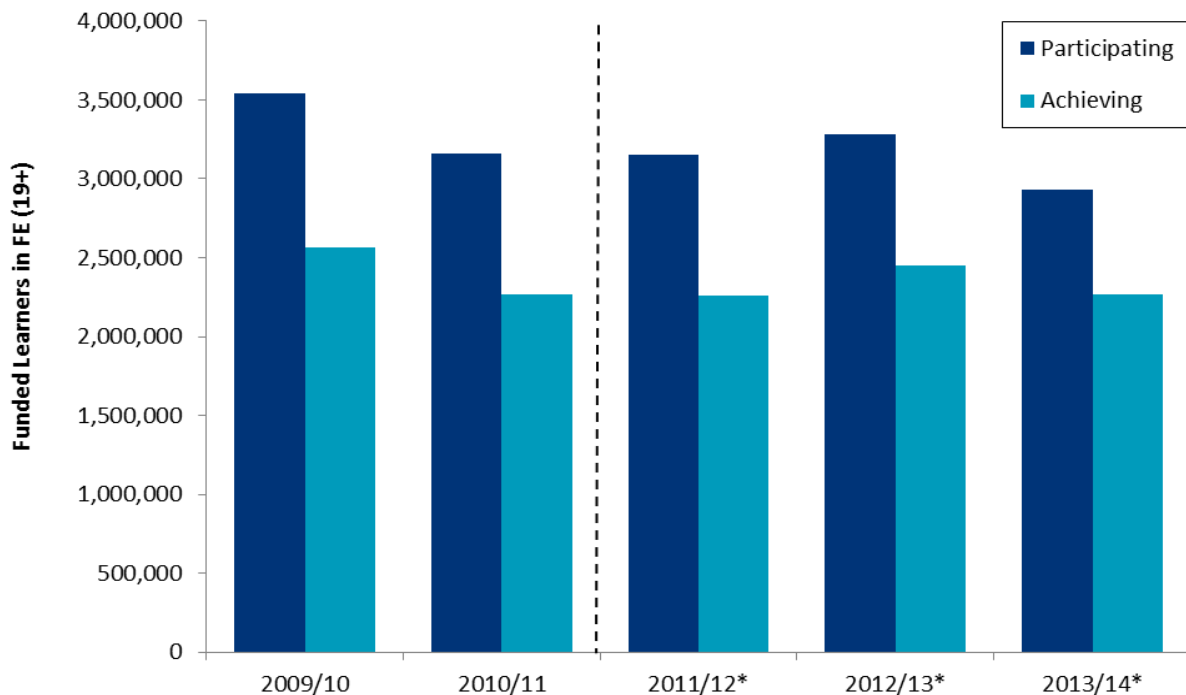
Chart 1: Highest Level of Qualification Held by Adults of Working Age



Adult Learner (19+) Participation and Achievement

6. Chart 2 shows that the total number of adult learners participating in government-funded further education in 2013/14 was 2,929,600, a decrease of 10.7 per cent on 2012/13 [Table 1.1]. The total number of adult learners achieving a government-funded further education qualification was 2,265,000 in 2013/14, a decrease of 7.7 per cent on 2012/13 though an increase on 2011/12 [Table 1.2].

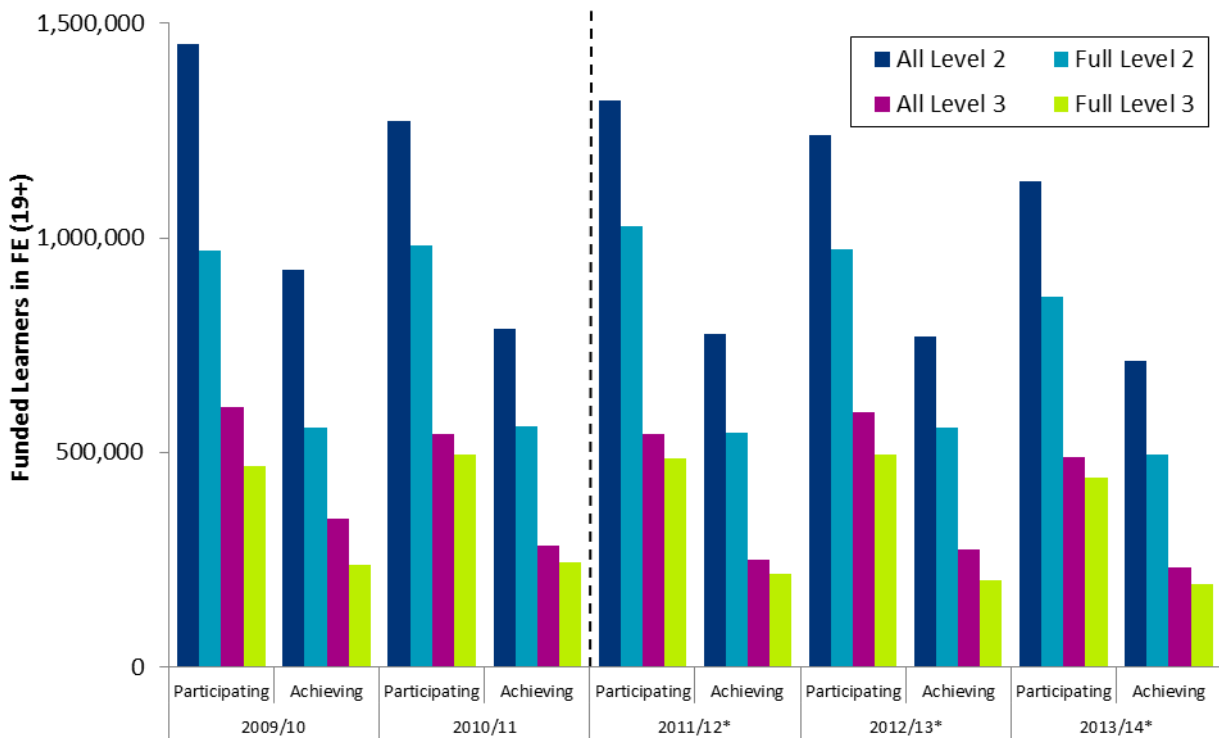
Chart 2: Adult Learner (19+) Participation and Achievement in Government-funded Further Education



*Note: Learner Numbers for 2011/12 onwards are not directly comparable with earlier years. See paragraph 72 onwards for more information.

7. Chart 3 shows that the number of adult learners participating on government-funded further education Level 2 courses decreased between 2009/10 and 2013/14 with an 8.7 per cent decrease seen in the most recent year. The number participating in full Level 2 courses fell by 11.2 per cent between 2012/13 and 2013/14.
8. The number of adult learners participating in Level 3 courses fell by 17.9 per cent between 2012/13 and 2013/14, following a rise previously. Participation in full Level 3 courses fell by 11.3 per cent in the same period.
9. The number of adult learners participating in below Level 2 courses (excluding English and maths) remained steady in 2013/14 at 759,900, whilst the number participating in English and maths fell by 9.3 per cent between 2012/13 and 2013/14 to 951,800. There was a sharp fall in the number of learners participating on Level 4+ courses, from 50,000 in 2012/13 to 36,400 in 2013/14. [Tables 1.1 and 1.2].

Chart 3: Adult (19+) Learner Participation and Achievement in Government-funded Further Education by Level



***Note: Learner Numbers for 2011/12 onwards are not directly comparable with earlier years. See paragraph 72 onwards for more information.**

10. Of the 2,929,600 adult learners participating in further education in 2013/14:

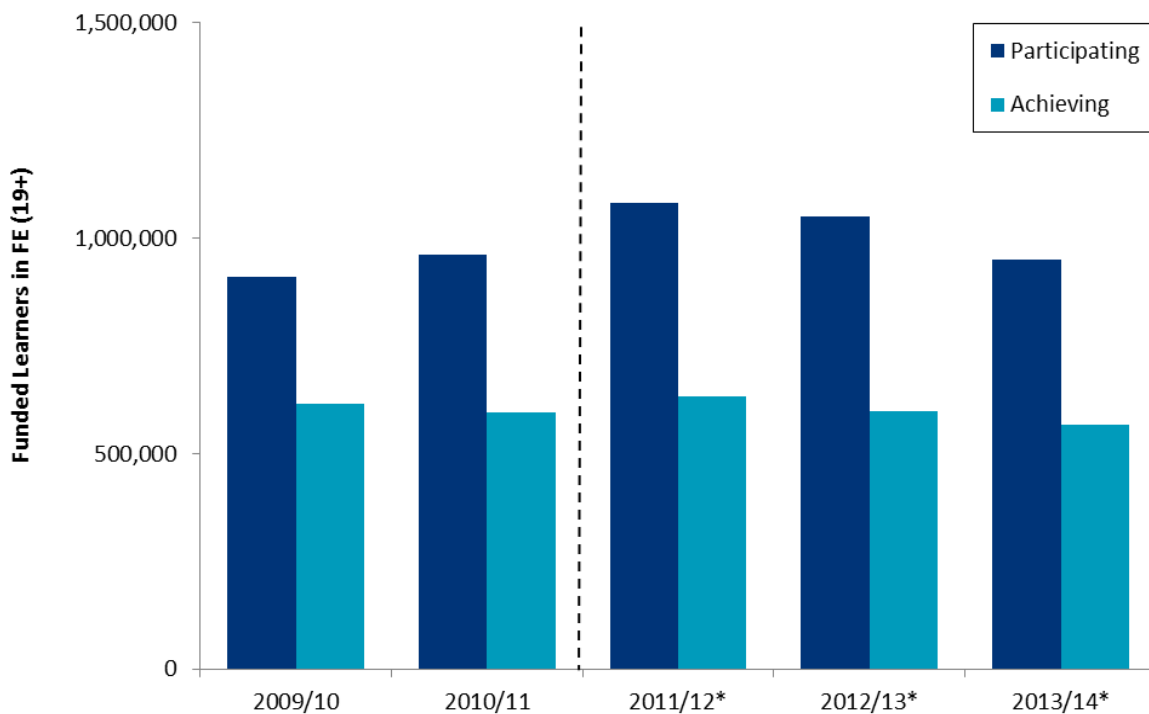
- 56.6 per cent were female and 43.4 per cent were male
- 15.0 per cent declared a learning difficulty and/or disability
- 19.2 per cent were from a Black or Minority Ethnic background (including Mixed, Asian, Black and Other Ethnic Group learners) [Table 2]
- 581,900 learners aged 19+ benefited from support for the unemployed. These are defined as those learners reporting that they were in receipt of Employment and Support Allowance - Work Related Activity Group (ESA WRAG), Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Universal Credit (if unemployed and looking for work).

Adult (19+) English and Maths

11. Chart 4 shows that adult learner participation on English and maths courses rose between 2009/10 and 2011/12, but has since fallen from 1,083,000 in 2011/12 to 951,800 in 2013/14.

12. The number of learners participating on an English course fell by 7.6 per cent between 2012/13 and 2013/14 to 707,500; the number of learners participating on a maths course fell by 10.7 per cent to 667,900 and numbers participating on an ESOL course fell by 4.8 per cent to 139,200. [Table 3].

Chart 4: Adult Learner (19+) Participation and Achievement on English and Maths Courses



*Note: Learner Numbers for 2011/12 onwards are not directly comparable with earlier years. See paragraph 72 onwards for more information.

Adult (18+) Offender Learning

13. In 2013/14 there were 95,300 offenders aged 18 and over in the prison system participating in learning, an increase of 6.0 per cent on 2012/13. 79,700 achieved a learning outcome, an increase of 16.6 per cent [Table 7.1 and 7.2]. These offenders were funded via the Offenders' Learning and Skills Service (OLASS) budget.

Apprenticeships

14. Two measures of Apprenticeships are presented to give a clearer view of the changes and trends in Apprenticeships in England:

- Participation refers to the number of people who are undertaking an Apprenticeship in a given time period. This measure is helpful for quantifying the number of people on an Apprenticeship programme throughout the academic year. An Apprentice studying towards more than one Apprenticeship at the same level is counted once
- Starts refer to the number of programmes that begin in a given time period. This measure is helpful in determining the take-up of programmes. An Apprentice is counted for each Apprenticeship they start

15. The Apprenticeship programme expanded rapidly since 2009/10 as a result of increased government investment in adult Apprenticeships. More recently Apprenticeship policy has focused on raising standards, improving the quality and introducing minimum durations of Apprenticeships. This means some learners find it more difficult or take longer to complete their Apprenticeship.

16. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans were introduced in August 2013, and withdrawn for Apprenticeships in March 2014. This appears to have affected learner numbers on Level 3 and above courses and Apprenticeships for ages 24 and over in 2013/14.

Participation

17. Chart 5 shows that all age Apprenticeship participation has increased since 2009/10 to 851,500 Apprenticeships in 2013/14, although there was a small decrease between 2012/13 and 2013/14. Apprenticeship participation increased between 2012/13 and 2013/14 for those aged under 19 and 19 to 24, so the decrease was due to a fall by those aged 25 and over. [Table 5].

Chart 5: Apprenticeship Participation by Age



*Note: Learner Numbers for 2011/12 onwards are not directly comparable with earlier years. See paragraph 72 onwards for more information.

18. 503,500 Apprentices were participating on an Intermediate Level Apprenticeship in 2013/14, a slight increase on 2012/13 figures. An increase was seen on Higher Level Apprenticeships to 18,100 in 2013/14, but there was a decrease on Advanced Level Apprenticeships to 351,900. [Table 5].

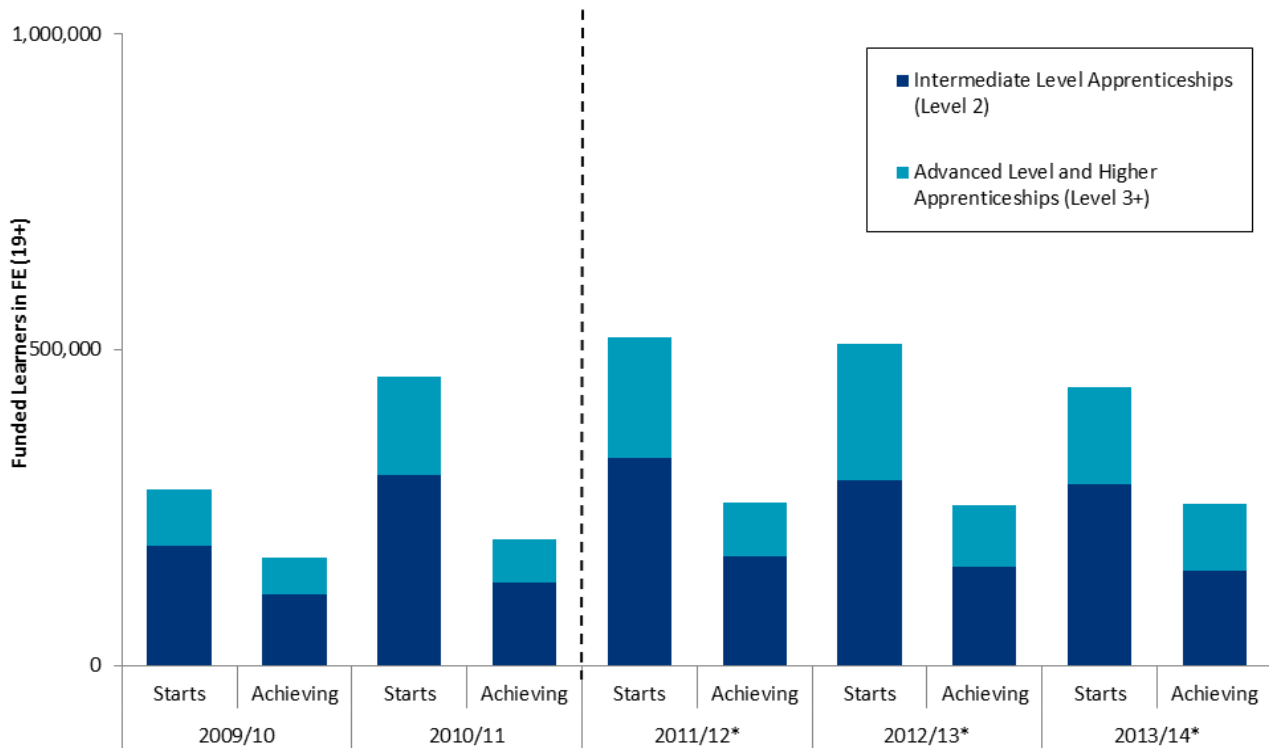
19. Of the 851,500 Apprenticeships participating in 2013/14:

- 51.9 per cent were female and 48.1 per cent were male
- 8.3 per cent declared a learning difficulty and/or disability
- 9.9 per cent were from a Black or Minority Ethnic background (including Mixed, Asian, Black and Other Ethnic Group learners) [Table 4]

Starts and Achievements

20. Chart 6 shows that following a period of strong growth, there was a decline in Apprenticeship starts in 2013/14, again mostly due to a fall at Advanced Level. However, achievements have remained strong, with a small increase seen in 2013/14 [Table 6].

Chart 6: Apprenticeship Starts and Framework Achievements by Level



***Note: Starts and achievements for 2011/12 onwards are not directly comparable with earlier years. See paragraph 72 onwards for more information.**

21. The length of an Apprenticeship is typically more than a year and an Apprenticeship framework achievement is recorded against the year it was achieved, not the year it was started.

22. There were 440,400 Apprenticeship starts in the 2013/14 academic year, a decrease of 13.7 per cent on 2012/13. This decrease was only seen for those aged 19 and over; an increase was seen for those aged under 19. An increase was seen overall in Apprenticeship achievements, to 255,800 in 2013/14. Apprenticeship achievements rose for those aged under 19 and aged 19 to 24, but fell for those aged 25 and over. [Table 6].

23. In 2013/14, 1,700 Apprenticeships started through the Access to Apprenticeship pathway, of which 600 converted to paid employment to complete their Apprenticeship in the usual way. The Access to Apprenticeship pathway closed to new starts at the end of December 2013. [Table 21.2].

Planned Length of Stay

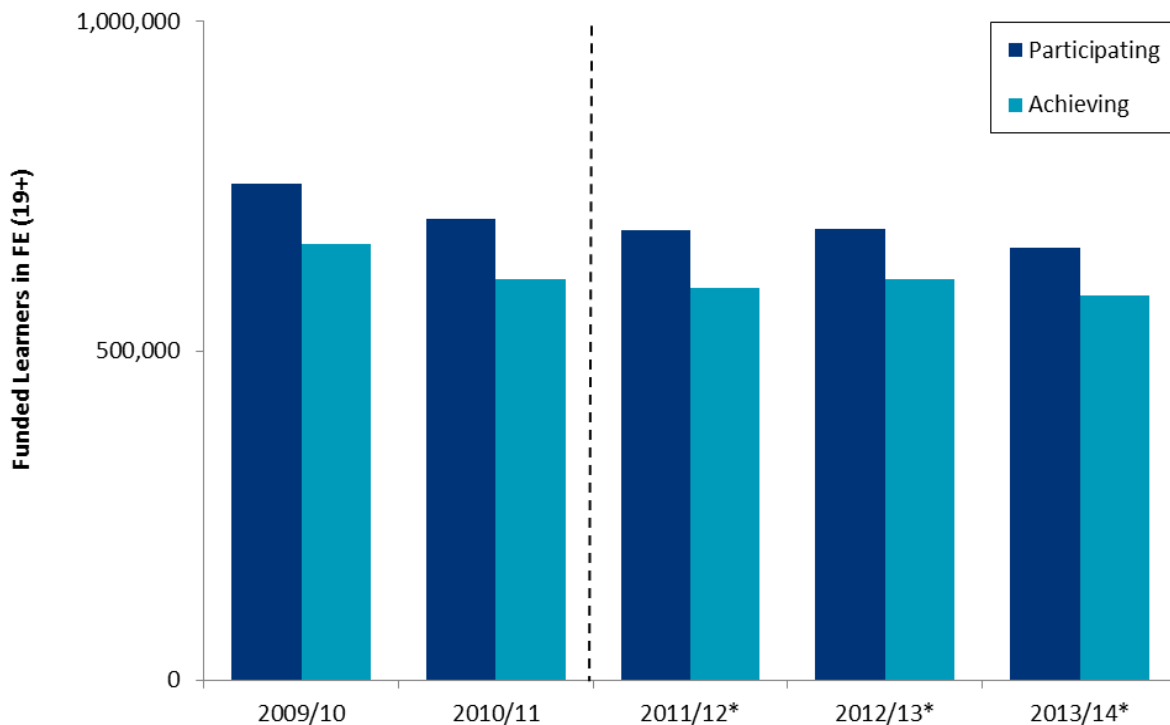
24. Minimum durations have been in place for framework-based Apprenticeships since August 2012. For learners aged 16 to 18 Apprenticeships must last at least 12 months, but for learners aged 19 and over there is more flexibility, as some adults have prior learning / attainment and can complete more quickly (for example if the training provider can evidence prior learning the minimum duration is reduced to 6 months). For new standards-based Apprenticeships (also known as “Trailblazers”) the minimum duration is 12 months, with no exceptions.

25. Based on the planned end date, the number of Apprenticeship starts with a planned length of stay of less than 12 months decreased sharply by 83.2 per cent between 2011/12 and 2012/13 to 34,400 and remained low in 2013/14 at 35,600.

Community Learning

26. Chart 7 shows that the number of learners participating on Community Learning courses in 2013/14 decreased by 4.0 per cent to 657,200 after a small rise in the previous year. Achievements fell by 3.8 per cent to 584,900, again following an earlier rise. [Table 9].

Chart 7: Community Learning Participation and Achievement



*Note: Learner Numbers for 2011/12 onwards are not directly comparable with earlier years. See paragraph 72 onwards for more information.

Employer Ownership Pilot

27. Final data show that there were 37,600 Employer Ownership Pilot starts between August 2012 and July 2014 [Table 24]. Of these there were:

- 3,300 Employer Ownership Pilot starts by those aged under 19
- 7,000 Employer Ownership Pilot starts by those aged 19–24
- 27,300 Employer Ownership Pilot starts by those aged 25 and over
- 4,300 Apprenticeship starts

24+ Advanced Learning Loans

28. Final data for the full 2013/14 academic year show there were 59,100 learners with a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan [Table 10]. Of these there were:

- 56,400 learners with a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan participating at Level 3
- 2,700 learners with a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan participating at Level 4+

29. The number of learners with a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan reported through the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) differ from data showing loan applications (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/further-education#advanced-learning-loans>) and loans paid (<http://www.slc.co.uk/official-statistics/financial-support-awarded/england-further-education.aspx>).

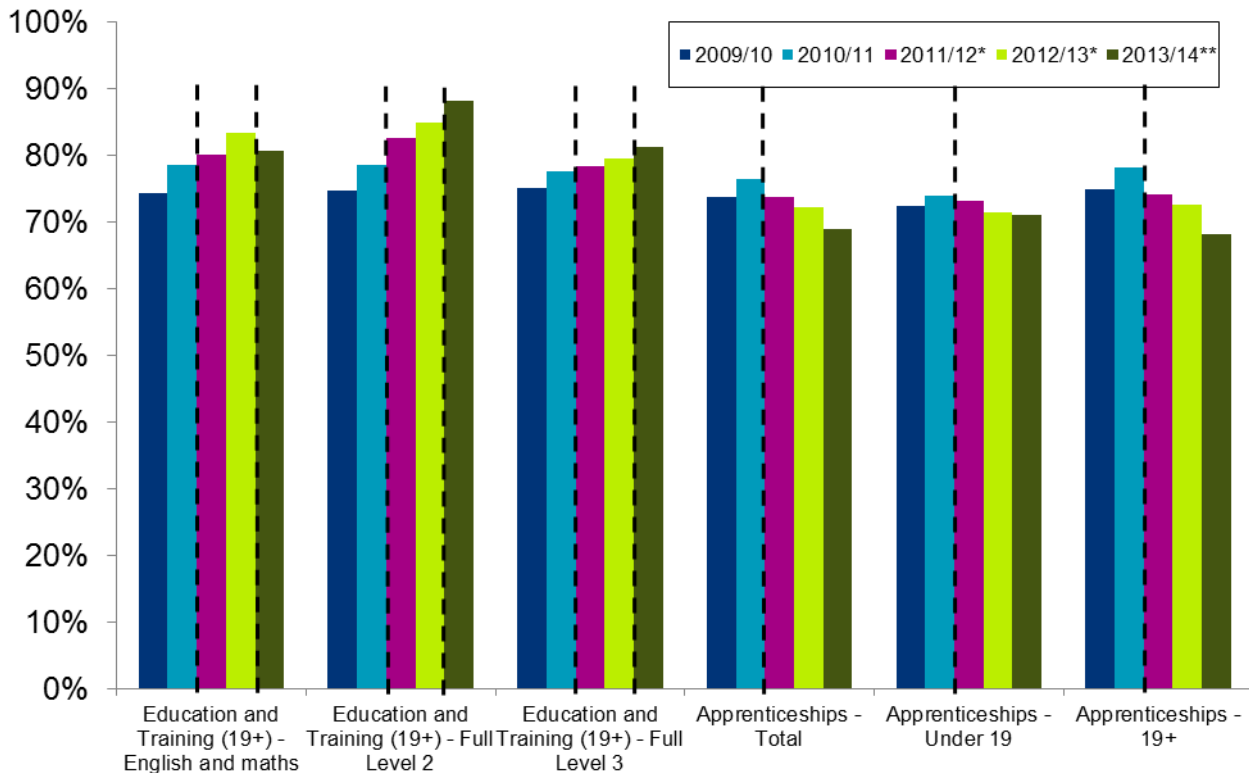
30. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Application Information is released monthly. This data relates to applications received for FE provision in the 2013/14 and 2014/15 academic year funded through 24+ Advanced Learning Loans. The data used to produce the publication are sourced from the Student Loans Company (SLC) application database. The data refer to received applications, including those not yet processed, and will therefore be different than actual number of learners participating on a course with a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan.
31. The SLC 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Paid in England data were also released on 18th June. These data refer to all payments made to FE providers on behalf of learners, and numbers of learners will be lower than the ILR numbers. Only payments made between August 2013 and April 2015 are captured, whilst the ILR captures learners on a course with a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan that started during this period, including some where the first scheduled payment date is beyond the end of April 2015.

Traineeships

32. Final data for the full 2013/14 academic year show that there were 10,400 Traineeship starts [Table 11]. Of these there were:
- 7,000 Traineeships aged under 19
 - 3,400 Traineeships aged 19 to 23

Success Rates

33. Success rates are calculated for individual qualifications. They show how many learners that started a qualification went on to successfully complete it. Success rates are typically calculated at a qualification level, but can be aggregated across different types of course, or for particular colleges or providers.
34. Prior to 2013/14 success rates were calculated using different methodologies for each of the different strands of further education provision. Employer-based provision (apprenticeships and workplace learning (WPL)) used a primary *Overall* success rate measure (based on the later of the actual and planned end dates) and a secondary *Timely* measure (based on the planned end date). However, Education and Training (E & T) provision had a different measure that was based upon the learning planned end date.
35. In the 2013/14 academic year the methodologies were aligned to give a consistent method of calculation across all provision areas, following changes to government-funded learning provision. E & T provision has adopted the Overall and Timely measures as used in apprenticeships and WPL. The Overall measure will be the principal measure and the one reported in this SFR, and will be used to assess the quality of provision against the minimum standards that are expected for funded training. The Timely measure will also be produced as a supporting measure.
36. The change in E & T methodology causes a break in the time series for these statistics and means that the qualification success rates for 2013/14 cannot be directly compared with those from the previous years. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sfa-qualification-success-rates-rationale-for-2013-to-2014> for more details of the changes.
37. Chart 8 shows that adult (19+) Education and Training Success Rates have risen each year between 2009/10 and 2013/14 for Full Level 2s and Full Level 3s, but have decreased for English and maths between 2012/13 and 2013/14. Success rates for Apprenticeships rose between 2009/10 and 2010/11, but have decreased in 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 [Table 12].

Chart 8: Success Rates 2009/10 to 2013/14

*Note: Success Rates for 2011/12 onwards are not directly comparable with earlier years.

**Note: E & T Success Rates for 2013/14 are not directly comparable with earlier years. See paragraphs 34-36 for more information

38. In 2013/14, adult (19+) Education and Training success rates [Table 12.1] were:

- 87.6 per cent for all Education and Training, an increase of 0.7 percentage points compared with 2012/13
- 80.7 per cent for English and Maths qualifications, a decrease of 2.7 percentage points compared with 2012/13
- 86.4 per cent for Level 2 qualifications, an increase of 0.9 percentage points compared with 2012/13 (88.2 per cent for full Level 2, an increase of 3.2 percentage points)
- 82.3 per cent for Level 3 qualifications, an increase of 0.7 percentage points compared with 2012/13 (81.2 per cent for full Level 3, an increase of 1.6 percentage points)

39. In 2013/14, Apprenticeship success rates [Table 12.2] were:

- 68.9 per cent for all Apprenticeships, a decrease of 3.4 percentage points compared with 2012/13
- 68.8 per cent for Intermediate Level Apprenticeships, a decrease of 3.2 percentage points compared with 2012/13
- 69.1 per cent for Advanced Level Apprenticeships, a decrease of 3.9 percentage points compared with 2012/13
- 71.3 per cent for Higher Apprenticeships, an increase of 1.1 percentage points compared with 2012/13
- 68.2 per cent for Apprenticeships by those aged 19 and over, a decrease of 4.4 percentage points compared with 2012/13
- 71.1 per cent for Apprenticeships by those aged under 19, a decrease of 0.4 percentage points compared with 2012/13

PROVISIONAL FURTHER EDUCATION STATISTICS FOR ENGLAND, 2014/15

40. Data for 2014/15 provide an early view of performance for the first three quarters of the academic year (August 2014 to April 2015). Data are provisional because providers may not have reported all their information relating to this period. It is not possible to determine how incomplete the information behind the provisional data are, so the data cannot be directly compared against provisional or final data from earlier academic years. Comparisons can only be made once final returns for the academic year are made by providers (due to be published in November 2015) (See paragraphs 68 to 71 for more information).

Adult Learner (19+) Participation

41. Provisional data show that in the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year (August 2014 to April 2015) there were 2,236,600 learners aged 19 and over participating in government-funded further education [Table 16]. Of these

- 814,100 participated on a English and maths course
- 864,400 participated on a Level 2 course, of which 642,600 were on a full Level 2 course
- 412,100 participated on a Level 3 course, of which 384,200 were on a full Level 3 course
- 370,000 benefited from support for the unemployed (those nearest the workforce)

Adult (19+) English and Maths

42. Provisional data for the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year (August 2014 to April 2015) show that 814,100 learners aged 19 and over participated on an English and maths course [Table 17]. Of these:

- 597,700 participated on an English course
- 552,100 participated on a maths course
- 122,500 participated on an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) course

Adult (18+) Offender Learners

43. Provisional data for the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year (August 2014 to April 2015) show there were 85,100 offenders aged 18 or over in the prison system participating in learning [Table 18]. These offenders were funded via the Offenders' Learning and Skills Service (OLASS) budget. This number does not include 16,200 learners who sat an English and/or maths assessment but had not participated in any further learning.

Apprenticeships

44. Provisional data for the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year (August 2014 to April 2015) show that there were:

- **776,800 Apprentices participating** [Table 19]. Of these there were 458,700 at intermediate level; 311,500 at advanced level and 24,300 at higher level. 170,400 Apprentices were aged under 19 and 606,400 aged 19 and over
- **374,200 Apprenticeship starts** [Table 20.1]. Of these there were 224,000 at intermediate level; 136,800 at advanced level and 13,200 at higher level. 101,700 Apprentices were aged under 19 and 272,500 aged 19 and over
- **169,900 Apprenticeship framework achievements** [Table 20.2]. Of these there were 105,200 at intermediate level; 62,100 at advanced level and 2,600 at higher level. 47,000 Apprentices were aged under 19 and 123,000 aged 19 and over
- 151,600 starts for which a payment was made through the Apprenticeship Grant for Employers (AGE 16 to 24) scheme between February 2012 and April 2015. A further 7,900 were in the pipeline (started but not yet paid) [Table 21.1].

Community Learning

45. Provisional data for the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year (August 2014 to April 2015) show that 494,200 learners participated on a Community Learning course [Table 23], of which:

- 386,000 took a Personal and Community Development Learning course;
- 42,800 a Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities course;
- 32,900 a Family English, Maths and Language course and
- 46,200 a Wider Family Learning course.

24+ Advanced Learning Loans

46. Provisional data show there were 67,900 learners with a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan in the first three quarters of 2014/15, of which 63,500 were participating at Level 3 and 4,500 at Level 4+.

47. The number of learners with a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan reported through the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) differ from data showing loan applications and loans paid (see paragraphs 29 to 31).

Traineeships

48. Provisional data for the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year (August 2014 to April 2015) show that there were 15,100 Traineeship starts [Table 26.1], of which 9,400 were aged under 19 and 5,800 were aged 19 to 24.

49. Provisional data show that for the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year there were 6,700 traineeship completions, of which 4,300 were aged under 19 and 2,500 were aged 19 to 24.

50. Provisional data show that for the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year there were 4,500 traineeship progressions. Of these, 3,200 were progressions to a job, apprenticeship, further full time education or other training for those aged under 19, and 1,300 were progressions to a job or apprenticeship for those aged 19-24.

Employer Ownership Pilot

51. Provisional data show that there were 54,300 Employer Ownership Pilot starts between August 2012 and April 2015 [Table 24].

NATIONAL STATISTICS

52. The UK Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registrations Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.
53. Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:
- meet identified user needs
 - are well explained and readily accessible
 - are produced according to sound methods
 - are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest
54. Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed. More information regarding our compliance with the Code of Practice is available on our website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sfr-compliance-with-official-statistics-code-of-practice>

CHANGES INCLUDED IN THIS SFR

55. Information on Employer Ownership Pilot starts in Q1 – Q3 of 2014/15 is available in this release for the first time. The coverage of the data has improved sufficiently to publish an estimate for this period. However, given the provisional nature of the data, there may be further revisions until data are finalised at the end of the academic year.
56. Provisional data on Traineeship completions and progressions in Q1-Q3 2014/15 are published at Tables 26.2 and 26.3. Previously, information on Traineeship completions and progressions were published as a separate note at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-data-library-other-statistics-and-research>. Further non-National Statistics Traineeships data are available at the same link. Due to the provisional nature of the data, there may be further revision until data are finalised at the end of the academic year. It is also not appropriate to use the figures in Table 26 to calculate completion and/or progression rates for Traineeships.

CHANGES IN THE NEXT SFR

57. The next SFR will be October 2015 and will include provisional FE and Skills data for the full 2014/15 academic year (August 2014 to July 2015).
58. Changes to the next release will be pre-announced on the website at least a month prior to coming into effect, at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/learner-participation-outcomes-and-level-of-highest-qualification-held>

SUPPORTING DATA

Scope

59. Should we need to make an unplanned revision to the statistics contained in this release, we will follow the procedures outlined in the Revisions Policy for this Statistical First Release. This includes action to understand the impact that any revisions will have, as well as ensuring that they are clearly communicated to the reader. The Revisions Policy can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sfr-compliance-with-official-statistics-code-of-practice>
60. Information from the different further education learning options have been drawn together to give a coherent and comprehensive picture of the participation and achievement of young people and adults. These options include:
- Further education organisations
 - Sixth form colleges
 - Local Authorities
 - Independent training organisations.
61. These organisations deliver a wide variety of government programmes, including:
- Education and Training
 - Apprenticeships
 - Workplace Learning
 - Community Learning
 - Traineeships
62. This SFR covers adults (19+) and does not contain information regarding:
- **Delivery in School Sixth Forms**, including maintained, independent and academy schools. Provisional figures taken from the Department for Education (DfE) Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16–18 Year Olds in England Statistical Release show there were 547,900 16-18 year old students studying in School Sixth Forms in 2014, based on a snapshot of January 2014 school census data
 - **Higher Education in Higher Education Institutions.** The publication referenced in paragraph 87 shows that the total number of HE enrolments at English Higher Education Institutions stood at 2,299,355 in 2013/14
 - **Privately-funded training at FE organisations and independent training organisations.** There is no single coherent source that provides a measure of privately-funded training. However, in Table 15 of this release we do show the total number of Vocational Qualifications awarded in the UK. This includes both public and privately-funded qualifications and gives some sense of scale of total vocationally-related activity in the sector

Data Sources

63. The data used to produce this SFR are Individualised Learner Record (ILR) collections that are returned to the Skills Funding Agency by further education colleges and providers and Employer Ownership Pilot data returned by employers. A Single ILR collection (SILR) was introduced in 2011/12 to replace the multiple ILR collection types that were collected in previous years. There are no longer separate collections for different funding streams and providers return all of their learners in a single file. The following ILR collections have been used to update this release:

| Year | Data Source |
|---------|--|
| 2013/14 | SILR (R14), Employer Ownership Pilots 1 and 2 (R14) Large Employer Outcome Pilot (R14) |
| 2014/15 | SILR (R10) Employer Ownership Pilots 1 and 2 (R10) Large Employer Outcome Pilot (R10) |

64. The data sources for all years, except 2014/15, are final collections and include information on provision for the full academic year. More information on these data sources will be made available in a definitions document, which will be published following the main release at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/learner-participation-outcomes-and-level-of-highest-qualification-held>.

65. A statement of the administrative sources used within this SFR is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sfr-compliance-with-official-statistics-code-of-practice>

66. Ofqual Vocational Qualification data are used in Table 15 of this release.

67. The Labour Force Survey is the other data source used for the SFR (Tables 13 and 14). The latest LFS data used in this release relate to Quarter 4 (October – December) 2014. Data on the highest level of qualification was revised following a reweighting of the Labour Force Survey (LFS) that affects figures from 2001 onwards.

Issues with Using Provisional Data

68. It is important to provide the earliest picture of further education performance once it becomes available so that users may assess the impact of government-funded provision and hold the system to account. However, provisional data are taken from an operational information system that is designed to support the funding of providers and there are some important limitations users should take into consideration.

69. In-year information is subject to data lag, which is when a provider submits information after the period it related to. This information is subsequently attributed to the correct time period. Data remain provisional until final returns for the academic year are made by providers, after the end of the academic year. Final data are published in the following November. The size of revision to individual estimates that arise from data lag can vary greatly. They tend to be around 2 to 3 per cent but have been as much as 20 per cent. Revisions are typically upward though it should be noted that on occasions small downward revisions are possible.

70. Data lag from one year to the next is not predictable, as provider behaviour changes over time and there is no source of information that would enable a robust estimate of completeness of data that have been returned. Provisional data cannot, therefore, be compared with provisional or final data from earlier academic years. We generally recommend using final data for the last complete academic year.
71. We carry out a quality assessment of the volume of providers that have made their returns. If we consider estimates to be particularly weak, due to data lag or any other factor, we may defer publication of those estimates. In recent years we have encouraged more timely reporting of data ahead of the final return. This is set out in our quality statement, which can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sfr-compliance-with-official-statistics-code-of-practice>.

Issues with Comparing Data Across Academic Years

72. In the 2011/12 academic year a Single Individualised Learner Record (ILR) data collection system was introduced. This replaced the multiple separate data collections from previous years and led to small technical changes in the way learners from more than one funding stream are counted.
73. Overall the new collection system led to a removal of duplicate learners and a reduction in total learner participation of approximately 2 per cent. However, Apprenticeship participation figures were more significantly affected due to a change in the way learners participating on more than one Apprenticeship programme were counted. This has led to a removal of duplicate learners and a reduction in overall Apprenticeship learners of approximately 5 per cent, therefore figures for 2011/12 onwards are not comparable to earlier years. A paper is available on our website to explain the Single ILR and the small effects it has on the SFR at: [Reduction of Duplication in FE and Skills Learner Volumes](#). Further information on the Single ILR is available the GOV.UK website at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ilr-specification-validation-rules-and-appendices-2013-to-2014>

Data Definitions

74. High-level definitions of some of the key terms used in this release can be found in the Glossary on page 26. A more detailed definitions document will be made available following the main release at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/learner-participation-outcomes-and-level-of-highest-qualification-held>
75. The 'Level of Highest Qualification Held by Adults' statistics are produced using data on the highest qualification held by individuals from the Labour Force Survey in each year. The LFS is conducted by the Office for National Statistics and the estimates provided are the best measure of attainment within the population at Quarter 4 (October – December) each calendar year. Further details of how this information is used to calculate the estimates can be found at: [Statistics - Statistical First Release - SFR Methodology](#)

Publication Cycle Across the Year

76. Further information on future editions of the SFR can be found on the website at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/learner-participation-outcomes-and-level-of-highest-qualification-held>

77. Table A below shows provisional and final data included for each release.

Table A: Publication Cycle

| Release | Data Included |
|----------------------|--|
| January 2015 | - Education and Training; Apprenticeship; and Workplace Learning success rates for 2013/14 |
| | - Provisional FE and Skills data for the first quarter of 2014/15 |
| March 2015 | - Provisional FE and Skills data for the first two quarters of 2014/15 |
| | - Final data for 2013 and provisional data for 2014 on the level of highest qualification held for adults in the population |
| June 2015 | - Provisional FE and Skills data for the first three quarters of 2014/15 |
| October 2015 | - Provisional FE and Skills data for the full 2014/15 academic year |
| November 2015 | - Final FE and Skills data for the full 2014/15 academic year |
| January 2016 | - Education and Training; Apprenticeship; and Workplace Learning success rates for 2014/15 |
| | - Provisional FE and Skills data for the first quarter of 2015/16 |

78. The Statistical First Release is an evolving product and we welcome feedback. If you have comments or feedback on the SFR, these can be sent to: servicedesk@sfa.bis.gov.uk, or alternatively, you can call 0370 267 0001.

79. If you have a statistical question around the content or presentation of National Statistics in the release, please contact Paula Maratos at: paula.maratos@bis.gsi.gov.uk

Supplementary Tables

80. A full list of supplementary tables relating to this SFR can be found on the GOV.UK website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/learner-participation-outcomes-and-level-of-highest-qualification-held>. These tables include breakdowns by age, gender, ethnicity, learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, region, local authority, parliamentary constituency, sector subject area and funding stream. For more information on exactly what data will be released, please see the supplementary tables list on the website.

81. Local Authority Reports are published on the GOV.UK website. Local Authority Districts are shown based on the postcodes of delivery locations and also on the home postcodes of learners. The reports cover 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14: enrolments, participation and provider level. The reports can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-data-library-local-authority-tables>

Users of these statistics

82. This publication attracts a wide variety of users who use the statistics in various ways including:
- Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) who use the statistics to report on ambitions; develop and monitor policies; and answer parliamentary questions
 - Education Funding Agency (EFA) and Department for Education (DfE) who use the SFR to respond to requests for participation, achievement and success rates information from external partners and organisations
 - Skills Funding Agency who use the SFR for all statistics shared externally including press releases and for responding to requests from educational bodies
 - Providers and LEPS
 - Ofsted (for success rates information) and Ofqual
 - Researchers
 - Academics
 - Media
 - General public
83. The statistical policy statement on how we meet user needs through engagement for this SFR is available here:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/348186/User_Engagement_July2014.pdf

Related Statistical Publications

84. There are a number of other statistical publications available that can be used to provide contextual information to this SFR. Some of those most relevant to this release are discussed below:
85. [*Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England*](#) published on 25th June 2015 by the Department for Education. This shows that the provisional proportion of 16–18 year olds in education and training was 86.4% at end 2014 – the highest rate ever recorded and an increase of 1.1 percentage points from end 2013.
86. [*Level 2 and 3 Attainment by Young People in England Measured Using Matched Administrative Data: Attainment by Age 19 in 2014*](#) published on 31st March 2015 by the Department for Education. This shows that in 2014, 87.0 per cent of 19 year olds were qualified to Level 2 or higher (up 0.8 percentage points compared to 2013), and 59.9 per cent were qualified to Level 3 (up 0.8 ppts compared to 2013).
87. [*Higher Education Student Enrolments and Qualifications Obtained at Higher Education Institutions in the United Kingdom for the Academic Year*](#) published on 15th January 2015 by the Higher Education Statistics Agency. This shows the total number of HE enrolments at UK Higher Education Institutions stood at 2,299,355 in 2013/14, a decrease of 2 per cent from 2012/13. In 2013/14, there were 777,800 HE qualifications obtained in the UK. Of these, 421,850 were at first degree level.
88. [*Education and Training Statistics for the United Kingdom*](#) published on 6th November 2014 by the Department for Education. This release provides statistics relating to education and training in the UK and includes chapters relating to post-compulsory education and training and qualifications. Information includes participation of

learners in further education by country of study, participation in job-related training and the highest level of qualification held by adults in the population (UK).

89. [*FE Choices*](#) provides clear, comparable information to learners and employers so they can make informed choices about post-16 education and training. FE Choices enables users to search and compare provider ratings for four performance indicators: Success Rates; Learner Destinations (including Employment Rate and Learning Rate); Learner Satisfaction; and Employer Satisfaction. Results at National level, by type of provider and by individual provider for each performance indicator can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-choices-performance-indicators>
90. [*Adult further education: outcome based success measures*](#) presents experimental outcome based measures covering the destinations (into employment and learning) and progression of post-19 learners completing funded further education training in 2010/11. The measures make use of administrative datasets already held by government to observe learning and employment activity in 2011/12, and prior attainment of learners to measure progression.
91. [*Further education for benefit claimants: 2012 to 2013*](#) provides information on Further Education activity funded by the Skills Funding Agency for adult benefit claimants in England. It uses data from the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Department for Work and Pensions, and HM Revenue and Customs and contains final data for the 2009/10 – 2012/13 academic years. The publication provides statistics on benefit spells with training, learners who were on benefits at the start of training, level of qualification studied (all and highest) and type of learning provision.

Further Education Statistics for Other Countries in the UK

92. The focus of this SFR is on government-funded further education provision in England. Similar information is available for other countries in the UK, and provides useful contextual background to these statistics.
93. Statistics on Further Education and Work-based learning in **Wales** can be found at: <http://wales.gov.uk/statistics-and-research/further-education-work-based-learning-community-learning-statistics/?lang=en>
94. Statistics on Accredited Enrolments in the **Northern Ireland** Further Education Sector for 2013/14 can be found at: <http://www.delni.gov.uk/index/statsandresearch/further-education-stats/fe-enrolments/fe-activity-in-fe-colleges-ni.htm>
95. Statistics on learners in further education in **Scotland** can be found through user-defined tables on further education learners and courses: <https://stats.sfc.ac.uk/infact/>

GLOSSARY OF KEY TERMS

Further Education and Skills includes: learners who are studying a course in a FE College, training provider or within their local community; and employees undertaking an Apprenticeship or other qualification in the workplace. For more information, see paragraphs 60 to 62.

Apprenticeships are paid jobs that incorporate on- and off-the-job training leading to nationally recognised qualifications. As an employee, Apprentices earn as they learn and gain practical skills in the workplace. An Apprenticeship framework typically contains the following separately certified elements:

- A knowledge-based element (the theoretical knowledge underpinning a job in a certain occupation and industry, typically certified via a Technical Certificate).
- A competence-based element (the ability to discharge the functions of a certain occupation, typically certified via work-based assessed national vocational qualifications – NVQs).
- Transferable skills (English and maths) – key skills / functional skills.
- A module on employment rights and responsibilities.
- Personal Learning and Thinking Skills (PLTS): independent enquiry, creative thinking, reflective learning, team working, self-management, effective participation.

See <http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/> for further information.

The government has introduced reforms to Apprenticeships, see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-apprenticeships-in-england-richard-review-next-steps>). As part of these reforms, in future all Apprenticeship standards will be designed by employers. The **Trailblazers**, which began in October 2013, are the first groups of employers to design new standards for their sectors and occupations. For a full list of the standards and assessment plans designed and approved so far, see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/apprenticeship-standards>

Apprenticeship Grant for Employers (AGE 16 to 24) scheme provides Apprenticeship grants with a value of £1,500 to employers with up to 1,000 employees to encourage employers to take on new Apprentices aged 16 to 24. Eligible employers must not have taken on an Apprentice in the previous 12 months. Subject to budget availability and the employer's commitment to support the Apprentice to the end of their programme, any one employer can claim support for up to ten apprentices. AGE 16 to 24 has been extended to the 2015-16 financial year. See:

<http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/employers/steps-to-make-it-happen/incentive.aspx>

On the **Access to Apprenticeships pathway**, participants use elements of an Apprenticeship framework to brush up skills and workplace experience, with the aim of securing a paid Apprenticeship with an employer as quickly as possible, up to a maximum of six months. Participants are not categorised or counted as an 'Apprentice' until they become employed. This pathway was announced in May 2011 and closed to new starts end of December 2013.

Employer Ownership Pilot offers all employers in England direct access to up to £340 million of public investment over the period of the pilot (up to 2015/16) to design and deliver their own training solutions.

See: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/employer-ownership-of-skills-pilot>

Education and Training covers further education learning delivered mainly in a classroom, workshop, or through distance or e-learning. See: [Data Dictionary - Business Definitions - Learner Responsive Business Definition](#)

Workplace Learning covers a broad range of training including basic skills, Level 2, Level 3 and higher-level skills. Training is mainly delivered through the workplace (but excludes Apprenticeships). Between 2008/09 and 2010/11 this included Train to Gain programme, Employability Skills Pilot and other programmes such as Programmes for the Unemployed. From 2011/12 it includes all training mainly delivered through the workplace (excluding Apprenticeships).

English and Maths qualifications (previously Skills for Life) are designed to give people the reading, writing, maths and communication skills they need in everyday life, to operate effectively in work and to help them succeed on other training courses. See: [Skills Funding Agency - Providers - Our programmes - Basic Skills - Basic Skills](#)

Offender Learning aims to ensure offenders have the skills that will enable them to gain worthwhile, sustainable employment and in-so-doing reduce the likelihood of re-offending. The Offender Learning and Skills Service (OLASS) funds a wide range of learning aims for adults (aged 18 and over) in custody in prisons in England, including awards and units, with a focus on addressing English and maths at the start of a sentence and vocational skills in the run-up to release.

Community Learning funds a wide range of non-formal courses, ranging from personal development through to older people's learning, IT courses, employability skills, family learning and activities to promote civic engagement and community development. Courses may be offered by local authorities, colleges, and voluntary and community groups, and include activity specifically targeted at deprived areas and disadvantaged groups. See: <http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/community-learning-government-funding>

24+ Advanced Learning Loans - Loans are available for eligible learners, aged 24 and above studying full Level 3 and Level 4 qualifications, to help meet up-front course costs. See: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sfa-24-advanced-learning-loans>

Full Level 2 is equivalent to an NVQ at Level 2, or 5 GCSEs. The widths of all of a learner's Level 2 aims are summed to establish whether a learner is taking a full Level 2 programme. **Full Level 3** is equivalent to an NVQ at Level 3, or 2 A-Levels. The widths of all a learner's Level 3 aims are summed to establish whether a learner is taking a full Level 3 programme.

Traineeships were introduced in the 2013/14 academic year to provide young people with essential work preparation, English, maths and work experience to secure an apprenticeship or other work.

Academic year runs from 1st August to 31st July (except LFS figures in Tables 13 and 14 which are calendar year, and Ofqual figures in Table 15 which run from 1st October to 30th September).

TABLE GUIDE

96. This section provides a brief summary of what is included in each table of this release. Tables 1 to 15 focus on the 2013/14 academic year; Tables 16 to 26 show provisional data for the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year (August 2014 to April 2015):

Final 2013/14 Tables

- **Tables 1.1 and 1.2:** Adult (19+) FE and Skills Participation/Achievement by Level (2009/10 to 2013/14)
- **Table 2:** Adult (19+) Demographic Summary of FE and Skills Participation (2013/14)
- **Table 3:** Adult (19+) FE and Skills – English and Maths Participation and Achievement by Level (2009/10 to 2013/14)
- **Table 4:** All Age Demographic Summary of Apprenticeship Participation (2013/14)
- **Table 5:** All Age Apprenticeship Participation by Level and Age (2009/10 to 2013/14)
- **Tables 6.1 and 6.2:** All Age Apprenticeship Programme Starts/Achievements by Level and Age (2009/10 to 2013/14)
- **Table 7.1:** Adult (18+) FE and Skills - Offender Learning Participation by Level (2010/11 to 2013/14)
- **Tables 8.1 and 8.2:** Workplace Learning Starts by Level (2009/10 to 2013/14)
- **Table 9:** Community Learning Participation and Achievement by Type (2009/10 to 2013/14)
- **Table 10:** 24+ FE and Skills – Participation with 24+ Advanced Learning Loans (Level 3+) (2013/14)
- **Table 11:** Traineeship Starts by Age (2013/14)
- **Tables 12.1 - 12.3:** Success Rates (2009/10 to 2013/14)
- **Tables 13.1 and 13.2:** Level of Highest Qualification Held by People aged 19-64 in England (2008 to 2014, Quarter 4)
- **Tables 14.1 and 14.2:** Level Of Highest Qualification Held By Economically Active Adults In England (2008 to 2014, Quarter 4)
- **Table 15:** Vocational Qualification Achievements in the UK by Qualification Type, 2006 (October) to 2014 (December)

Provisional 2014/15 (August 2014 to April 2015) updates

- **Table 16:** Adult (19+) FE and Skills Participation by Level (2014/15 – in-year estimates)
- **Table 17:** Adult (19+) FE and Skills – English and Maths Participation by Level (2014/15 – in-year estimates)
- **Table 18:** Adult (18+) FE and Skills - Offender Learning Participation by Level (2014/15 – in-year estimates)
- **Table 19:** All Age Apprenticeship Participation by Level and Age (2014/15 – in-year estimates)
- **Tables 20.1 and 20.2:** All Age Apprenticeship Programme Starts/Achievements by Level and Age (2014/15 – in-year estimates)
- **Table 21.1:** Starts on the Apprenticeship Grant for Employers Scheme (AGE 16 to 24) - Pipeline Starts and Payments Made (February 2012 to April 2015)
- **Table 21.2:** Starts on the Access to Apprenticeship Pathway (2011/12 to 2013/14)
- **Tables 22.1 and 22.2:** Workplace Learning Starts/Achievements by Level (2014/15 – in-year estimates)
- **Table 23:** Community Learning Participation by Type (2014/15 – in-year estimates)
- **Table 24:** Employer Ownership Pilot Starts (2012/13 to 2014/15 in-year estimates)
- **Table 25:** 24+ FE and Skills – Participation with 24+ Advanced Learning Loans (Level 3+) (2014/15 – in-year estimates)
- **Table 26.1, 26.2 and 26.3:** Traineeship Starts, completions and progressions by Age (2014/15 – in-year estimates)

Table Footnotes

General Footnotes Relevant to All Tables

- 1) Volumes are rounded to the nearest 100; percentages are calculated on pre-rounded data.
- 2) '-' Indicates a base value of less than 50; '*' indicates a percentage of less than 0.5%.
- 3) Tables 1-5, 7, 9 & 10 are based on learners that were funded by the Learning and Skills Council or Young People's Learning Agency and/or are now funded by the Skills Funding Agency or Education Funding Agency.
- 4) For definitions of variables used in the Tables please see the data dictionary:
<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140107201041/http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/data/dictionary/>
- 5) Except for Tables 6, 21.1, 21.2 & 24 (see footnotes 15 & 30), age is reported as at 31 August of the academic year for all provision.
- 6) In tables reporting full-year numbers, except for tables 6 & 8 (see footnotes 16, 17, 24 & 25), full-year numbers are a count of the number of learners that participated/achieved at any point during the year. Learners undertaking/achieving more than one course will appear only once in the 'total learners' category for each data collection. All learners undertaking/achieving a full Level 2 or full Level 3 qualification will also appear in the Level 2 or Level 3 category, respectively.
- 7) The data source for all tables is the Individualised Learner Record, except where stated.
- 8) Further breakdowns of the data are available at the following website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/fe-data-library>

Tables 2 and 4 – Demographics

- 9) Learners undertaking courses at more than one level will be counted once for each applicable level, but once only in the Total.
- 10) Age, gender, learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities and ethnicity are based upon self-declaration by the learner.

Tables 4-6, 12.2 & 19-20 – Apprenticeships

- 11) Apprenticeship starts and achievements include all funded and unfunded learners reported on the ILR.
- 12) Apprenticeship success rates are based on the number of learners who meet all of the requirements of their Apprenticeship framework, divided by the number of learners who have left training or successfully completed their training in the academic year.
- 13) Table 12.2 reports on success rates which are based on the reported achievement of frameworks that were expected to complete in the academic year.
- 14) Apprenticeship success rates are not affected by demand led funding.
- 15) For Apprenticeship starts and achievements, age is calculated based on age at start of the programme rather than based on 31 August.
- 16) In Table 6.1 full-year numbers are a count of the number of starts at any point during the year. Learners starting more than one Apprenticeship will appear more than once.
- 17) In Table 6.2 full-year numbers are a count of the number of framework achievements at any point during the year. Learners achieving more than one framework will appear more than once.
- 18) Programme-Led Apprenticeships recorded in ILR returns are included in the above figures.
- 19) In order to be counted as a successful achievement, all elements of the framework must have been achieved.
- 20) Quarter 1 is 1 August to 31 October; Quarter 2 is 1 November to 31 January; Quarter 3 is 1 February to 30 April; Quarter 4 is 1 May to 31 July.

Tables 8,12.3 & 22 – Workplace Learning

- 21) Workplace Learning success rates are based on the number of aims achieved, divided by the number of aims completed in the academic year.
- 22) Table 12.3 reports on success rates which are based on the reported achievement of individual aims that were expected to complete in the academic year.
- 23) 2011/12 is the first year that Workplace Learning success rates are available. This is due to a change in the programmes included in Workplace Learning. Between 2007/08 and 2010/11 this included the Train to Gain programme. In 2011/12 this included all training mainly delivered through the workplace (excluding Apprenticeships). Therefore previous years are not comparable. For more information see:
http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140107201041/http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/Statistics/success_rates/success_rates_2011-12/
- 24) In Table 8.1 full-year numbers are a count of the number of starts at any point during the year. Learners starting more than one course will appear more than once.
- 25) In Table 8.2 full-year numbers are a count of the number of achievements at any point during the year. Learners achieving more than one course will appear more than once.
- 26) Quarter 1 is 1 August to 31 October; Quarter 2 is 1 November to 31 January; Quarter 3 is 1 February to 30 April; Quarter 4 is 1 May to 31 July.

Tables 9 & 23 – Community Learning

- 27) For 2008/09 to 2010/11, only Community Learning provision recorded in the Community Learning collection is

included in totals except for 2009/10 where Community Learning provision recorded in the Education and Training collection for five Specially Designated Colleges is also included.

28) There are a number of learners with Community Learning aims that are recorded in the Education and Training funding stream and are not included in the figures in Table 9. In 2009/10 there were 7,700 participating and 6,300 achieving learners and in 2010/11 there were 8,300 participating and 6,900 achieving learners. The only Community Learning provision included for Table 9 for 2010/11 is recorded in the Community Learning funding stream. Community Learning in 2011/12 onwards is recorded in the Single ILR collection only.

Table 24 – Employer Ownership Pilot

29) This table covers all Employer Ownership Pilot starts.

30) Age is calculated based on age at start of the programme rather than based on 31 August.

Tables 10 & 25 – 24+ Advanced Learning Loans (Level 3+)

31) Learners have been eligible to apply for a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan since the start of the 2013/14 academic year (August 2013).

32) A small number of learners aged 23 at the start of the academic year but aged 24 at the start of the aim are included in the figures.

33) This table includes 'Education and Training' learners only. Apprenticeships were removed from the scope of the loans programme in March 2014, Apprentices who already received a loan no longer need to repay it.

Table 12.1 – Education and Training Success Rates

34) Education and Training success rates are calculated as the number of learning aims achieved divided by the number of learning aims expected to complete, excluding any learners who transferred on to another learning aim within the same institution.

35) Table 1.2 reports on the actual number of achievements within the academic year without reference to those that were expected to complete. Table 12.1 reports on success rates which are based on the reported achievement of individual aims that were expected to complete in the academic year.

Table 15 – Vocational Qualifications

36) This table covers all levels of vocational qualifications reported through Ofqual. Data are supplied by awarding organisations.

37) Academic year is October to September. For example, the 2006/07 academic year is 1 October 2006 to 30 September 2007.

38) Key Skills data was not collected prior to October 2009.

39) 'Other Vocational Qualifications' include Basic Skills, Entry Level, English for Speakers Other Languages, Functional Skills, Free-Standing Mathematics Qualification, Key Skills, National Qualifications Framework and Other General types.

Table 1.1: Adult (19+) FE and Skills Participation by Level (2009/10 to 2013/14) – Learner Volumes

| | | Funded Learners | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|--------|------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| | | 2009/10 | | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | | 2012/13 | | 2013/14 | |
| | | | | % change | % change | | % change | | % change | |
| | | Full Year | | 09/10 to | 10/11 to | | 11/12 to | | 12/13 to | |
| Level | | | | 10/11 | 11/12 | | 12/13 | | 13/14 | |
| Total Learners | | 3,540,500 | 3,163,200 | -10.7% | 3,149,700 | * | 3,280,600 | 4.2% | 2,929,600 | -10.7% |
| Participation | of which... | | | | | | | | | |
| | Below Level 2 (excluding English and maths) | 435,300 | 370,900 | -14.8% | 574,700 | 54.9% | 757,800 | 31.9% | 759,900 | * |
| | English and maths | 909,100 | 961,800 | 5.8% | 1,083,000 | 12.6% | 1,049,600 | -3.1% | 951,800 | -9.3% |
| | Full Level 2 | 971,000 | 982,600 | 1.2% | 1,028,100 | 4.6% | 972,500 | -5.4% | 863,300 | -11.2% |
| | Full Level 3 | 469,100 | 494,000 | 5.3% | 486,800 | -1.5% | 495,300 | 1.7% | 439,300 | -11.3% |
| | Level 2 | 1,451,200 | 1,273,300 | -12.3% | 1,320,000 | 3.7% | 1,239,200 | -6.1% | 1,131,100 | -8.7% |
| | Level 3 | 604,800 | 542,900 | -10.2% | 542,600 | * | 594,300 | 9.5% | 488,100 | -17.9% |
| | Level 4+ | 49,500 | 36,600 | -26.0% | 39,200 | 7.1% | 50,000 | 27.6% | 36,400 | -27.3% |
| | No Level Assigned | 951,100 | 888,300 | -6.6% | 798,900 | -10.1% | 818,500 | 2.5% | 660,400 | -19.3% |

Table 1.2: Adult (19+) FE and Skills Achievement by Level (2009/10 to 2013/14) – Learner Volumes

| | | Funded Learners | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|--------|------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | 2009/10 | | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | | 2012/13 | | 2013/14 | |
| | | | | % change | % change | | % change | | % change | |
| | | Full Year | | 09/10 to | 10/11 to | | 11/12 to | | 12/13 to | |
| Level | | | | 10/11 | 11/12 | | 12/13 | | 13/14 | |
| Total Learners | | 2,567,700 | 2,265,100 | -11.8% | 2,258,500 | * | 2,453,900 | 8.7% | 2,265,000 | -7.7% |
| Achievement | of which... | | | | | | | | | |
| | Below Level 2 (excluding English and maths) | 336,800 | 298,500 | -11.4% | 472,300 | 58.2% | 651,900 | 38.0% | 672,300 | 3.1% |
| | English and maths | 614,600 | 595,600 | -3.1% | 633,000 | 6.3% | 597,300 | -5.6% | 567,800 | -4.9% |
| | Full Level 2 | 556,000 | 561,800 | 1.0% | 546,600 | -2.7% | 557,800 | 2.0% | 494,100 | -11.4% |
| | Full Level 3 | 237,800 | 242,700 | 2.1% | 216,200 | -10.9% | 201,700 | -6.7% | 191,500 | -5.0% |
| | Level 2 | 926,000 | 788,900 | -14.8% | 775,200 | -1.7% | 769,900 | -0.7% | 712,700 | -7.4% |
| | Level 3 | 344,400 | 282,600 | -17.9% | 249,000 | -11.9% | 273,300 | 9.8% | 230,000 | -15.8% |
| | Level 4+ | 26,900 | 20,400 | -24.4% | 21,500 | 5.7% | 24,200 | 12.6% | 12,900 | -46.9% |
| | No Level Assigned | 814,600 | 764,100 | -6.2% | 685,900 | -10.2% | 710,100 | 3.5% | 582,900 | -17.9% |

Notes

1) These tables include Apprenticeships, Workplace Learning, Community Learning and Education and Training provision (including the Offenders' Learning and Skills Service) taken at General Further Education Colleges (including Tertiary), Sixth Form Colleges, Special Colleges (Agricultural and Horticultural Colleges and Art and Design Colleges), Specialist Colleges and External Institutions.

2) Figures for 2011/12 onwards are not directly comparable to earlier years as a Single Individualised Learner Record (ILR) data collection system has been introduced. Small technical changes have been made in the way learners from more than one provision type are counted, leading to a removal of duplicate learners and a reduction in overall learner numbers of approximately 2 per cent. More information on the Single ILR is available at http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140107201041/http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/C05DCDD5-67EE-4AD0-88B9-BEBC8F7F3300/0/SILR_Effects_SFR_Learners_June12.pdf

3) Data for earlier years are available in the Further Education and Skills Supplementary Tables:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-data-library-further-education-and-skills>

4) In 2013/14 590,200 learners benefited from support for the unemployed (those nearest the workforce), of which 581,900 were aged 19+. These are defined as those learners reporting that they were in receipt of Employment and Support Allowance - Work Related Activity Group (ESA WRAG), Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Universal Credit (if unemployed and looking for work).

5) Figures for English and maths (previously Skills for Life) include GCSEs, Functional Skills, Adult Basic Skills Certificates including ESOL Certificates, and Qualifications and Credit Framework Certificates and Awards in English and maths.

6) Please see the general footnotes and the FE and Skills footnotes sections for further information on these tables.

Table 2: Adult (19+) Demographic Summary of FE and Skills Participation (2013/14) – Learner Volumes

| | Funded Learners | | | | | | | | | % |
|--|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | Below Level 2 (excluding English and Maths) | English and Maths of which | All FE and Skills Participation | | | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4+ | Total FE and Skills | |
| | | | English | Maths | ESOL | | | | | |
| Total Learners | 759,900 | 951,800 | 707,500 | 667,900 | 139,200 | 1,131,100 | 488,100 | 36,400 | 2,929,600 | 100.0% |
| Age | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19-24 | 170,500 | 292,700 | 231,500 | 228,800 | 19,000 | 358,800 | 224,500 | 10,300 | 748,400 | 25.5% |
| 25-49 | 431,000 | 558,400 | 402,000 | 372,800 | 103,700 | 620,000 | 226,200 | 21,700 | 1,589,200 | 54.2% |
| 50+ | 158,300 | 100,700 | 74,000 | 66,200 | 16,500 | 152,300 | 37,300 | 4,300 | 588,400 | 20.1% |
| Unknown | 100 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,700 | * |
| Gender | | | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 336,200 | 557,600 | 403,100 | 388,200 | 92,600 | 596,100 | 292,500 | 22,100 | 1,656,900 | 56.6% |
| Male | 423,700 | 394,200 | 304,400 | 279,600 | 46,600 | 535,000 | 195,500 | 14,300 | 1,272,600 | 43.4% |
| Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities | | | | | | | | | | |
| Learning Difficulty/Disability | 173,400 | 127,800 | 96,700 | 88,700 | 9,800 | 134,900 | 47,600 | 2,500 | 438,400 | 15.0% |
| No Learning Difficulty/Disability | 549,400 | 792,300 | 591,700 | 562,800 | 120,600 | 957,300 | 425,200 | 31,400 | 2,341,700 | 79.9% |
| Not Known | 37,000 | 31,800 | 19,100 | 16,400 | 8,900 | 38,900 | 15,200 | 2,400 | 149,600 | 5.1% |
| Ethnicity | | | | | | | | | | |
| Asian/ Asian British | 66,500 | 99,100 | 56,800 | 47,200 | 36,700 | 76,100 | 25,500 | 1,800 | 233,700 | 8.0% |
| Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British | 66,800 | 78,100 | 51,100 | 47,400 | 19,000 | 74,800 | 26,900 | 1,500 | 194,700 | 6.6% |
| Mixed/ Multiple Ethnic Group | 23,300 | 25,200 | 17,400 | 16,400 | 5,000 | 28,400 | 11,700 | 600 | 71,300 | 2.4% |
| White | 560,800 | 700,500 | 555,600 | 535,700 | 58,100 | 915,300 | 411,700 | 31,100 | 2,294,900 | 78.3% |
| Other Ethnic Group | 19,500 | 31,100 | 14,700 | 10,900 | 16,400 | 17,100 | 4,900 | 400 | 62,200 | 2.1% |
| Not Known/Not Provided | 23,100 | 17,800 | 11,900 | 10,200 | 4,000 | 19,400 | 7,300 | 1,000 | 72,800 | 2.5% |

Notes

1) These tables include Apprenticeships, Workplace Learning, Community Learning and Education and Training provision (including the Offenders' Learning and Skills Service) taken at General Further Education Colleges (including Tertiary), Sixth Form Colleges, Special Colleges (Agricultural and Horticultural Colleges and Art and Design Colleges), Specialist Colleges and External Institutions.

2) Figures for English and maths (previously Skills for Life) include GCSEs, Functional Skills, Adult Basic Skills Certificates including ESOL Certificates, and Qualifications and Credit Framework Certificates and Awards in English and maths.

3) Figures include 120 learners with an unknown gender.

4) Please see the general footnotes and the FE and Skills Demographics footnotes sections for further information on these tables.

Table 3: Adult (19+) FE and Skills – English and Maths Participation and Achievement by Level (2009/10 to 2013/14)

| Measure | Level | Funded Learners | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| | | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | | 2012/13 | | 2013/14 | | |
| | | Full Year | Full Year | % change 09/10 to 10/11 | % change 10/11 to 11/12 | Full Year | % change 11/12 to 12/13 | Full Year | % change 12/13 to 13/14 | |
| Participation | Total Learners | 909,100 | 961,800 | 5.8% | 1,083,000 | 12.6% | 1,049,600 | -3.1% | 951,800 | -9.3% |
| | of which English | 555,700 | 639,000 | 15.0% | 782,500 | 22.5% | 765,800 | -2.1% | 707,500 | -7.6% |
| | of which entry level | 112,400 | 103,800 | -7.7% | 107,600 | 3.6% | 120,200 | 11.7% | 109,000 | -9.3% |
| | of which level 1 | 226,700 | 285,900 | 26.1% | 379,500 | 32.7% | 340,900 | -10.2% | 314,000 | -7.9% |
| | of which level 2 | 252,100 | 286,800 | 13.8% | 335,400 | 16.9% | 327,900 | -2.2% | 308,600 | -5.9% |
| | of which maths | 525,000 | 630,500 | 20.1% | 772,500 | 22.5% | 748,200 | -3.1% | 667,900 | -10.7% |
| | of which entry level | 101,400 | 98,500 | -2.9% | 102,400 | 3.9% | 95,500 | -6.7% | 79,100 | -17.1% |
| | of which level 1 | 236,800 | 314,800 | 32.9% | 396,500 | 26.0% | 346,800 | -12.5% | 316,800 | -8.7% |
| | of which level 2 | 228,800 | 265,700 | 16.2% | 323,400 | 21.7% | 334,800 | 3.5% | 302,500 | -9.6% |
| | of which ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) | 178,600 | 163,600 | -8.4% | 139,400 | -14.8% | 146,200 | 4.9% | 139,200 | -4.8% |
| | of which entry level | 150,100 | 135,500 | -9.7% | 118,000 | -12.9% | 123,200 | 4.4% | 118,800 | -3.6% |
| | of which level 1 | 24,100 | 24,200 | * | 19,000 | -21.4% | 21,700 | 13.8% | 17,900 | -17.1% |
| | of which level 2 | 9,700 | 9,600 | -0.6% | 7,100 | -26.1% | 7,500 | 6.1% | 6,900 | -8.0% |
| Achievement | Total Learners | 614,600 | 595,600 | -3.1% | 633,000 | 6.3% | 597,300 | -5.6% | 567,800 | -4.9% |
| | of which English | 336,400 | 329,700 | -2.0% | 387,400 | 17.5% | 351,500 | -9.3% | 339,600 | -3.4% |
| | of which entry level | 79,200 | 74,400 | -6.1% | 79,700 | 7.2% | 90,500 | 13.5% | 82,000 | -9.3% |
| | of which level 1 | 130,200 | 134,100 | 3.1% | 175,600 | 30.9% | 152,000 | -13.4% | 139,600 | -8.2% |
| | of which level 2 | 144,700 | 139,900 | -3.3% | 152,800 | 9.2% | 116,600 | -23.7% | 127,600 | 9.5% |
| | of which maths | 311,100 | 324,300 | 4.2% | 386,400 | 19.1% | 357,100 | -7.6% | 330,600 | -7.4% |
| | of which entry level | 68,400 | 70,900 | 3.7% | 79,700 | 12.4% | 73,800 | -7.5% | 60,000 | -18.6% |
| | of which level 1 | 138,400 | 151,300 | 9.4% | 191,600 | 26.6% | 165,200 | -13.8% | 151,800 | -8.1% |
| | of which level 2 | 126,200 | 128,500 | 1.8% | 142,400 | 10.8% | 129,600 | -9.0% | 132,900 | 2.6% |
| | of which ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) | 128,200 | 122,100 | -4.7% | 110,000 | -10.0% | 117,500 | 6.9% | 113,800 | -3.2% |
| | of which entry level | 108,100 | 101,700 | -5.9% | 93,700 | -7.9% | 99,100 | 5.7% | 97,000 | -2.1% |
| | of which level 1 | 15,900 | 16,400 | 3.6% | 13,200 | -20.0% | 15,700 | 19.6% | 14,000 | -11.0% |
| | of which level 2 | 6,600 | 6,500 | -1.7% | 5,200 | -19.7% | 5,700 | 9.7% | 5,500 | -3.6% |

Notes

1) Figures for 2011/12 onwards are not directly comparable to earlier years as a Single Individualised Learner Record (ILR) data collection system has been introduced. More information on the Single ILR is available at http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140107201041/http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/NR/rdoonlyres/C05DCDD5-67EE-4AD0-88B9-BEBC8F7F3300/0/SILR_Effects_SFR_Learners_June12.pdf

2) Data for earlier years are available in the English and maths Supplementary Tables:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-data-library-skills-for-life>

3) Figures for English and maths (previously Skills for Life) include GCSEs, Functional Skills, Adult Basic Skills Certificates including ESOL Certificates, and Qualifications and Credit Framework Certificates and Awards in English and maths.

4) Please see the general footnotes section for further information on this table.

Table 4: All Age Demographic Summary of Apprenticeship Participation (2013/14) – Learner Volumes

| | Funded Apprentices | | | | | % |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---|
| | Apprenticeships | | | | | |
| | Intermediate Level Apprenticeship | Advanced Level Apprenticeship | Higher Apprenticeship | Total Apprenticeships | | |
| Total Learners | 503,500 | 351,900 | 18,100 | 851,500 | 100.0% | |
| Age | | | | | | |
| Under 19 | 134,500 | 58,100 | 1,000 | 185,800 | 21.8% | |
| 19-24 | 176,800 | 137,300 | 5,700 | 308,900 | 36.3% | |
| 25-49 | 160,700 | 136,400 | 9,700 | 303,900 | 35.7% | |
| 50+ | 31,600 | 20,000 | 1,700 | 53,000 | 6.2% | |
| Unknown | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Gender | | | | | | |
| Female | 250,600 | 192,000 | 11,700 | 442,300 | 51.9% | |
| Male | 252,900 | 159,900 | 6,400 | 409,300 | 48.1% | |
| Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities | | | | | | |
| Learning Difficulty/Disability | 45,900 | 25,600 | 900 | 70,700 | 8.3% | |
| No Learning Difficulty/Disability | 449,600 | 320,600 | 16,800 | 767,100 | 90.1% | |
| Not Known | 7,900 | 5,700 | 300 | 13,800 | 1.6% | |
| Ethnicity | | | | | | |
| Asian/ Asian British | 21,200 | 12,600 | 800 | 34,000 | 4.0% | |
| Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British | 15,800 | 11,300 | 600 | 27,400 | 3.2% | |
| Mixed/ Multiple Ethnic Group | 10,300 | 6,800 | 300 | 17,000 | 2.0% | |
| White | 447,300 | 315,600 | 16,000 | 758,400 | 89.1% | |
| Other Ethnic Group | 3,600 | 1,900 | 100 | 5,500 | 0.7% | |
| Not Known/Not Provided | 5,300 | 3,700 | 300 | 9,100 | 1.1% | |

Notes

1) Figures for 2013/14 include 10 learners with an unknown gender.

2) 24+ Advanced Learning Loans were introduced in August 2013. Data show that the number of Apprenticeship starts for those aged 24 and above studying at Level 3 and above has been directly affected. There is also some anecdotal evidence that the numbers of starts for other ages may have been indirectly affected. The Skills Funding Statement in February 2014 announced that regulations have been laid to remove Apprenticeships from loan funding and make them eligible for funding via the Adult Skills Budget.

3) Please see the general footnotes and the Demographics footnotes sections for further information on this table.

Table 5: All Age Apprenticeship Participation by Level and Age (2009/10 to 2013/14)

| Age | | Funded Apprentices | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2012/13 | | | | 2013/14 | | | |
| | | Full Year | Full Year | Full Year | Full Year | Full Year | August to October | August to January | August to April | Full Year August to July | August to October | August to January | August to April | Full Year August to July |
| Intermediate Level Apprenticeship | Under 19 | 140,400 | 150,000 | 144,200 | 132,600 | 134,500 | 84,100 | 99,700 | 114,500 | 132,600 | 84,500 | 101,000 | 116,400 | 134,500 |
| | 19-24 | 114,600 | 141,300 | 159,100 | 167,200 | 176,800 | 111,400 | 130,100 | 149,100 | 167,200 | 121,700 | 140,700 | 159,300 | 176,800 |
| | 25+ | 49,000 | 123,900 | 203,000 | 201,900 | 192,300 | 130,500 | 151,800 | 173,700 | 201,900 | 122,300 | 143,000 | 166,500 | 192,300 |
| | Total | 304,000 | 415,200 | 506,200 | 501,700 | 503,500 | 326,000 | 381,600 | 437,300 | 501,700 | 328,600 | 384,800 | 442,200 | 503,500 |
| | of which 19+ | 163,600 | 265,300 | 362,100 | 369,100 | 369,000 | 242,000 | 281,900 | 322,800 | 369,100 | 244,000 | 283,800 | 325,800 | 369,000 |
| Advanced Level Apprenticeship | Under 19 | 45,800 | 52,900 | 53,300 | 54,800 | 58,100 | 36,000 | 41,600 | 47,200 | 54,800 | 37,600 | 44,200 | 50,000 | 58,100 |
| | 19-24 | 94,900 | 108,100 | 118,900 | 132,500 | 137,300 | 95,000 | 105,700 | 117,500 | 132,500 | 104,500 | 115,000 | 125,800 | 137,300 |
| | 25+ | 44,800 | 86,100 | 144,800 | 189,700 | 156,500 | 114,500 | 131,800 | 150,900 | 189,700 | 119,300 | 121,900 | 136,400 | 156,500 |
| | Total | 185,500 | 247,200 | 317,000 | 377,000 | 351,900 | 245,500 | 279,000 | 315,500 | 377,000 | 261,400 | 281,100 | 312,200 | 351,900 |
| | of which 19+ | 139,700 | 194,300 | 263,700 | 322,200 | 293,800 | 209,500 | 237,400 | 268,300 | 322,200 | 223,800 | 236,900 | 262,200 | 293,800 |
| Higher Apprenticeship | Under 19 | 200 | 300 | 500 | 800 | 1,000 | 400 | 500 | 600 | 800 | 600 | 700 | 800 | 1,000 |
| | 19-24 | 1,400 | 2,400 | 2,900 | 4,200 | 5,700 | 2,800 | 3,200 | 3,600 | 4,200 | 4,300 | 4,700 | 5,100 | 5,700 |
| | 25+ | 100 | 800 | 2,300 | 8,000 | 11,500 | 2,500 | 3,300 | 4,900 | 8,000 | 6,900 | 7,000 | 8,200 | 11,500 |
| | Total | 1,700 | 3,500 | 5,700 | 13,000 | 18,100 | 5,700 | 7,000 | 9,200 | 13,000 | 11,800 | 12,500 | 14,100 | 18,100 |
| | of which 19+ | 1,500 | 3,200 | 5,200 | 12,200 | 17,100 | 5,300 | 6,400 | 8,600 | 12,200 | 11,200 | 11,700 | 13,300 | 17,100 |
| All Apprenticeships | Under 19 | 186,400 | 203,100 | 189,600 | 181,300 | 185,800 | 118,700 | 138,600 | 157,400 | 181,300 | 120,400 | 141,800 | 161,400 | 185,800 |
| | 19-24 | 210,900 | 251,900 | 272,100 | 294,500 | 308,900 | 206,800 | 234,500 | 263,500 | 294,500 | 227,000 | 254,400 | 281,700 | 308,900 |
| | 25+ | 93,900 | 210,900 | 344,800 | 392,900 | 356,900 | 246,500 | 284,600 | 325,700 | 392,900 | 248,100 | 271,500 | 309,600 | 356,900 |
| | Total | 491,300 | 665,900 | 806,500 | 868,700 | 851,500 | 572,000 | 657,700 | 746,700 | 868,700 | 595,500 | 667,600 | 752,700 | 851,500 |
| | of which 19+ | 304,800 | 462,800 | 616,900 | 687,400 | 665,700 | 453,300 | 519,100 | 589,300 | 687,400 | 475,100 | 525,900 | 591,300 | 665,700 |

Notes

- 1) Figures for 2011/12 onwards are not comparable to earlier years as a Single Individualised Learner Record (ILR) data collection system has been introduced. Technical changes have been made in the way learners participating on more than one Apprenticeship programme are counted. This has led to a removal of duplicate learners. More information on the Single ILR is available at: http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140107201041/http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/C05DCDD5-67EE-4AD0-88B9-BEBC8F7F3300/0/SILR_Effects_SFR_Learners_June12.pdf
- 2) Prior to 2011/12, full year numbers are a count of Apprenticeship programmes in each year. Learners undertaking more than one Apprenticeship programme will appear more than once in the 'All Apprenticeships' total as well as the totals for each Apprenticeship level they participated in. From 2011/12 onwards 'All Apprenticeships' counts each Apprenticeship learner only once regardless of how many programmes they participated in. Each learner is still counted in the totals for each Apprenticeship level they participated in.
- 3) 24+ Advanced Learning Loans were introduced in August 2013. Data show that the number of Apprenticeship starts for those aged 24 and above studying at Level 3 and above has been directly affected. There is also some anecdotal evidence that the numbers of starts for other ages may have been indirectly affected. The Skills Funding Statement in February 2014 announced that regulations have been laid to remove Apprenticeships from loan funding and make them eligible for funding via the Adult Skills Budget.
- 4) Data for earlier years are available in the Apprenticeship Supplementary Tables: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-data-library-apprenticeships>.
- 5) Figures for 2012/13 onwards include Apprenticeships through the Employer Ownership Pilot.
- 6) Please see the general footnotes and the Apprenticeships footnotes section for further information on this table.

Table 6.1: All Age Apprenticeship Programme Starts by Level and Age (2009/10 to 2013/14)

| Age | 2009/10 Full Year | 2010/11 Full Year | 2011/12 Full Year | 2012/13 Full Year | 2013/14 Full Year | 2012/13 | | | | 2013/14 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| | | | | | | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 | |
| Intermediate Level Apprenticeship | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 19 | 89,400 | 97,300 | 95,400 | 80,900 | 83,400 | 35,500 | 15,600 | 14,000 | 15,900 | 35,800 | 16,800 | 14,600 | 16,200 | |
| 19-24 | 72,800 | 90,400 | 101,700 | 99,000 | 97,000 | 30,100 | 22,000 | 24,000 | 22,800 | 27,500 | 23,000 | 23,800 | 22,700 | |
| 25+ | 28,400 | 113,400 | 131,900 | 112,900 | 106,100 | 30,000 | 24,100 | 26,100 | 32,600 | 22,900 | 24,200 | 28,500 | 30,500 | |
| Total | 190,500 | 301,100 | 329,000 | 292,800 | 286,500 | 95,700 | 61,600 | 64,100 | 71,300 | 86,200 | 63,900 | 66,900 | 69,400 | |
| of which 19+ | 101,100 | 203,800 | 233,600 | 211,900 | 203,100 | 60,200 | 46,100 | 50,200 | 55,500 | 50,400 | 47,100 | 52,300 | 53,200 | |
| Advanced Level Apprenticeship | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 19 | 27,200 | 34,200 | 34,100 | 33,100 | 35,600 | 17,600 | 5,100 | 4,600 | 5,800 | 18,200 | 6,100 | 5,000 | 6,400 | |
| 19-24 | 39,800 | 51,600 | 58,000 | 63,900 | 59,300 | 21,700 | 11,900 | 13,800 | 16,500 | 19,500 | 12,500 | 13,300 | 14,000 | |
| 25+ | 20,600 | 68,000 | 95,700 | 110,600 | 49,800 | 24,400 | 19,600 | 22,400 | 44,300 | 4,200 | 3,900 | 17,800 | 24,000 | |
| Total | 87,700 | 153,900 | 187,900 | 207,700 | 144,700 | 63,700 | 36,700 | 40,800 | 66,500 | 41,900 | 22,500 | 36,000 | 44,400 | |
| of which 19+ | 60,400 | 119,700 | 153,700 | 174,600 | 109,100 | 46,000 | 31,500 | 36,200 | 60,800 | 23,700 | 16,400 | 31,000 | 38,000 | |
| Higher Apprenticeship | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 19 | 100 | 200 | 300 | 600 | 700 | 300 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 500 | 100 | - | 100 | |
| 19-24 | 1,200 | 1,300 | 1,700 | 2,400 | 2,900 | 1,000 | 400 | 500 | 600 | 1,400 | 500 | 400 | 600 | |
| 25+ | 100 | 700 | 1,700 | 6,800 | 5,600 | 800 | 900 | 1,800 | 3,300 | 300 | 200 | 1,500 | 3,600 | |
| Total | 1,500 | 2,200 | 3,700 | 9,800 | 9,200 | 2,100 | 1,400 | 2,400 | 4,000 | 2,100 | 800 | 1,900 | 4,300 | |
| of which 19+ | 1,400 | 2,000 | 3,400 | 9,200 | 8,500 | 1,700 | 1,300 | 2,300 | 3,900 | 1,600 | 700 | 1,900 | 4,300 | |
| All Apprenticeships | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 19 | 116,800 | 131,700 | 129,900 | 114,500 | 119,800 | 53,400 | 20,800 | 18,600 | 21,700 | 54,500 | 23,000 | 19,600 | 22,700 | |
| 19-24 | 113,800 | 143,400 | 161,400 | 165,400 | 159,100 | 52,800 | 34,300 | 38,300 | 39,900 | 48,400 | 35,900 | 37,500 | 37,300 | |
| 25+ | 49,100 | 182,100 | 229,300 | 230,300 | 161,600 | 55,200 | 44,600 | 50,300 | 80,200 | 27,400 | 28,300 | 47,800 | 58,000 | |
| Total | 279,700 | 457,200 | 520,600 | 510,200 | 440,400 | 161,400 | 99,700 | 107,300 | 141,800 | 130,300 | 87,200 | 104,900 | 118,100 | |
| of which 19+ | 162,900 | 325,500 | 390,700 | 395,700 | 320,700 | 108,000 | 78,900 | 88,700 | 120,100 | 75,800 | 64,200 | 85,300 | 95,400 | |

Table 6.2: All Age Apprenticeship Framework Achievements by Level and Age (2009/10 to 2013/14)

| Age | 2009/10 Full Year | 2010/11 Full Year | 2011/12 Full Year | 2012/13 Full Year | 2013/14 Full Year | 2012/13 | | | | 2013/14 | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
| Intermediate Level Apprenticeship | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 19 | 52,900 | 59,400 | 56,500 | 42,100 | 45,200 | 12,000 | 9,000 | 8,400 | 12,700 | 13,900 | 9,200 | 8,700 | 13,400 |
| 19-24 | 38,600 | 48,400 | 54,100 | 47,700 | 50,800 | 12,600 | 11,600 | 11,200 | 12,300 | 12,200 | 11,200 | 11,900 | 15,500 |
| 25+ | 20,300 | 23,900 | 61,800 | 66,500 | 54,900 | 16,600 | 15,400 | 16,200 | 18,300 | 12,900 | 11,700 | 12,800 | 17,500 |
| Total | 111,900 | 131,700 | 172,400 | 156,300 | 150,900 | 41,200 | 36,000 | 35,800 | 43,200 | 39,000 | 32,100 | 33,400 | 46,400 |
| of which 19+ | 59,000 | 72,400 | 115,900 | 114,200 | 105,700 | 29,200 | 27,000 | 27,400 | 30,600 | 25,100 | 22,900 | 24,700 | 33,000 |
| Advanced Level Apprenticeship | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 19 | 20,100 | 23,900 | 21,300 | 18,600 | 20,000 | 5,400 | 3,600 | 3,500 | 6,000 | 5,500 | 3,900 | 4,000 | 6,500 |
| 19-24 | 25,400 | 27,700 | 30,600 | 30,800 | 35,000 | 7,800 | 6,700 | 7,100 | 9,300 | 8,800 | 7,400 | 7,800 | 11,100 |
| 25+ | 13,900 | 15,900 | 32,800 | 45,700 | 47,200 | 9,500 | 10,400 | 11,100 | 14,700 | 10,400 | 9,800 | 10,800 | 16,200 |
| Total | 59,400 | 67,500 | 84,700 | 95,000 | 102,200 | 22,700 | 20,700 | 21,700 | 30,000 | 24,700 | 21,100 | 22,600 | 33,800 |
| of which 19+ | 39,300 | 43,600 | 63,400 | 76,500 | 82,200 | 17,300 | 17,000 | 18,100 | 24,000 | 19,200 | 17,100 | 18,600 | 27,300 |
| Higher Apprenticeship | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 19 | - | 100 | 100 | 100 | 200 | - | - | - | - | 100 | - | - | - |
| 19-24 | 100 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 1,100 | 300 | 200 | 100 | 200 | 500 | 200 | 200 | 300 |
| 25+ | - | 100 | 300 | 600 | 1,400 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 200 | 300 | 200 | 300 | 700 |
| Total | 200 | 1,000 | 1,200 | 1,600 | 2,700 | 400 | 400 | 300 | 500 | 900 | 400 | 500 | 1,000 |
| of which 19+ | 200 | 900 | 1,200 | 1,400 | 2,500 | 400 | 300 | 200 | 500 | 800 | 400 | 500 | 900 |
| All Apprenticeships | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 19 | 73,100 | 83,300 | 77,900 | 60,800 | 65,400 | 17,400 | 12,700 | 11,900 | 18,700 | 19,500 | 13,200 | 12,700 | 20,000 |
| 19-24 | 64,200 | 77,000 | 85,600 | 79,300 | 86,900 | 20,700 | 18,400 | 18,400 | 21,800 | 21,500 | 18,700 | 19,900 | 26,800 |
| 25+ | 34,300 | 39,900 | 94,900 | 112,800 | 103,500 | 26,300 | 25,900 | 27,400 | 33,200 | 23,600 | 21,600 | 23,900 | 34,400 |
| Total | 171,500 | 200,300 | 258,400 | 252,900 | 255,800 | 64,400 | 57,000 | 57,700 | 73,700 | 64,600 | 53,500 | 56,500 | 81,100 |
| of which 19+ | 98,400 | 116,900 | 180,500 | 192,100 | 190,400 | 47,000 | 44,400 | 45,800 | 55,000 | 45,100 | 40,300 | 43,800 | 61,200 |

Notes

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2) 24+ Advanced Learning Loans were introduced in August 2013. Data show that the number of Apprenticeship starts for those aged 24 and above studying at Level 3 and above has been directly affected. There is also some anecdotal evidence that the numbers of starts for other ages may have been indirectly affected. The Skills Funding Statement in February 2014 announced that regulations have been laid to remove Apprenticeships from loan funding and make them eligible for funding via the Adult Skills Budget.

3) Data for earlier years are available in the Apprenticeship Supplementary Tables:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-data-library-apprenticeships>

4) Figures for 2012/13 onwards include Apprenticeships through the Employer Ownership Pilot.

5) Please see the general footnotes and the Apprenticeships footnotes section for further information on these tables.

Table 7.1: Adult (18+) FE and Skills - Offender Learning Participation by Level (2010/11 to 2013/14) – Learner Volumes

| | | Funded Learners | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | | 2012/13 | | 2013/14 | |
| | | Full Year | Full Year | % change 10/11 to 11/12 | Full Year | % change 11/12 to 12/13 | Full Year | |
| Level | | | | | | | % change 12/13 to 13/14 | |
| Total Offender Learners | | 88,900 | 90,100 | 1.4% | 89,900 | * | 95,300 | 6.0% |
| Participation | of which... | | | | | | | |
| | Below Level 2 (excluding English and maths) | 56,800 | 59,900 | 5.4% | 66,300 | 10.8% | 73,900 | 11.5% |
| | English and maths | 35,400 | 37,000 | 4.5% | 34,400 | -7.1% | 37,500 | 9.1% |
| | Full Level 2 | 3,600 | 3,800 | 4.0% | 6,900 | 83.2% | 12,200 | 76.1% |
| | Full Level 3 | 100 | 100 | 23.3% | 100 | -25.2% | 100 | -37.4% |
| | Level 2 | 38,500 | 41,600 | 7.9% | 40,300 | -2.9% | 43,500 | 7.8% |
| | Level 3 | 2,000 | 2,100 | 5.6% | 2,400 | 16.6% | 1,000 | -57.2% |
| | Level 4+ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | No Level Assigned | 12,400 | 7,800 | -37.1% | - | - | 4,500 | - |

Table 7.2: Adult (18+) FE and Skills - Offender Learning Achievement by Level (2010/11 to 2013/14) – Learner Volumes

| | | Funded Learners | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| | | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | | 2012/13 | | 2013/14 | |
| | | Full Year | Full Year | % change 10/11 to 11/12 | Full Year | % change 11/12 to 12/13 | Full Year | |
| Level | | | | | | | % change 12/13 to 13/14 | |
| Total Offender Learners | | 70,300 | 71,900 | 2.3% | 68,400 | -4.9% | 79,700 | 16.6% |
| Achievement | of which... | | | | | | | |
| | Below Level 2 (excluding English and maths) | 44,400 | 47,200 | 6.4% | 51,500 | 9.0% | 62,400 | 21.2% |
| | English and maths | 21,700 | 23,400 | 7.6% | 16,400 | -29.7% | 20,700 | 25.9% |
| | Full Level 2 | 3,200 | 2,300 | -30.2% | 4,000 | 77.9% | 6,700 | 67.6% |
| | Full Level 3 | 100 | 100 | -23.2% | - | - | - | - |
| | Level 2 | 29,100 | 31,800 | 9.2% | 29,100 | -8.4% | 32,400 | 11.2% |
| | Level 3 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 7.1% | 1,400 | 9.9% | 600 | -55.5% |
| | Level 4+ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | No Level Assigned | 10,400 | 6,700 | -35.6% | - | - | 3,300 | - |

Notes

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2) Figures for English and maths (previously Skills for Life) include GCSEs, Functional Skills, Adult Basic Skills Certificates including ESOL Certificates, and Qualifications and Credit Framework Certificates and Awards in English and maths.

3) An offender learner may be counted more than once if they participated/achieved in learning at different institutions during an academic year.

4) The large increase in No Level Assigned learners between 2012/13 and 2013/14 is due to the renewed take-up of practical skills/crafts.

5) Please see the general footnotes and the FE and Skills footnotes sections for further information on these tables.

Table 8.1: Workplace Learning Starts by Level (2009/10 to 2013/14)

| Level | | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2012/13 | | | | 2013/14 | | | |
|---------------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | Full Year | Full Year | Full Year | Full Year | Full Year | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
| Total Starts | | 774,500 | 599,300 | 331,600 | 148,500 | 102,400 | 30,800 | 34,700 | 42,100 | 40,800 | 23,600 | 23,100 | 25,800 | 29,900 |
| of which... | Below Level 2 | 147,100 | 114,300 | 43,200 | 30,900 | 14,300 | 7,600 | 9,300 | 8,100 | 5,900 | 3,700 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,400 |
| | Level 2 | 430,500 | 331,900 | 252,200 | 102,100 | 71,500 | 20,300 | 22,500 | 29,800 | 29,600 | 16,900 | 16,100 | 18,300 | 20,200 |
| | Level 3 | 100,200 | 81,800 | 34,200 | 11,100 | 12,300 | 2,700 | 2,100 | 3,100 | 3,200 | 2,300 | 2,600 | 3,000 | 4,400 |
| | Level 4+ | 4,300 | 3,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 4,100 | 200 | 400 | 600 | 800 | 700 | 700 | 900 | 1,900 |
| | No Level Assigned | 92,400 | 68,300 | - | 2,400 | 200 | - | 400 | 600 | 1,400 | - | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | Below Level 2 (excluding English and maths) | 27,900 | 11,200 | 4,200 | 2,900 | 4,700 | 400 | 700 | 900 | 900 | 1,400 | 800 | 900 | 1,500 |
| | English and maths | 127,000 | 108,300 | 62,200 | 39,400 | 20,400 | 9,800 | 11,300 | 10,300 | 8,000 | 4,900 | 5,600 | 5,600 | 4,300 |
| | Full Level 2 | 415,100 | 315,400 | 226,300 | 85,200 | 50,100 | 16,900 | 18,800 | 25,100 | 24,400 | 12,500 | 11,800 | 12,600 | 13,200 |
| | Full Level 3 | 98,200 | 80,600 | 31,700 | 6,000 | 2,200 | 1,700 | 1,200 | 1,500 | 1,600 | 700 | 500 | 500 | 500 |

Table 8.2: Workplace Learning Achievements by Level (2009/10 to 2013/14)

| Level | | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2012/13 | | | | 2013/14 | | | |
|---------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | Full Year | Full Year | Full Year | Full Year | Full Year | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
| Total Achievements | | 676,000 | 584,900 | 290,100 | 197,900 | 103,100 | 49,600 | 49,300 | 44,800 | 54,200 | 24,500 | 23,400 | 24,000 | 31,200 |
| of which... | Below Level 2 | 105,900 | 95,100 | 34,900 | 27,400 | 13,000 | 5,200 | 6,300 | 7,300 | 8,600 | 3,300 | 2,800 | 2,900 | 3,900 |
| | Level 2 | 389,700 | 332,500 | 212,100 | 145,100 | 72,600 | 38,300 | 36,500 | 31,600 | 38,700 | 17,000 | 16,600 | 17,000 | 22,000 |
| | Level 3 | 95,500 | 81,100 | 41,100 | 22,800 | 13,200 | 5,700 | 6,000 | 5,200 | 5,900 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,100 | 3,600 |
| | Level 4+ | 7,200 | 3,600 | 2,000 | 2,200 | 3,500 | 300 | 500 | 700 | 800 | 600 | 700 | 800 | 1,300 |
| | No Level Assigned | 77,600 | 72,600 | - | 400 | 900 | - | - | 100 | 300 | 300 | 100 | 200 | 300 |
| | Below Level 2 (excluding English and maths) | 15,900 | 10,900 | 2,700 | 2,800 | 4,100 | 400 | 500 | 1,000 | 900 | 1,200 | 700 | 800 | 1,300 |
| | English and maths | 94,900 | 88,500 | 51,700 | 35,700 | 18,200 | 7,800 | 8,400 | 8,500 | 10,900 | 3,900 | 4,400 | 4,700 | 5,200 |
| | Full Level 2 | 378,900 | 318,700 | 191,700 | 129,900 | 55,900 | 35,100 | 33,400 | 28,500 | 33,000 | 14,300 | 13,200 | 12,400 | 16,100 |
| | Full Level 3 | 93,700 | 80,200 | 40,200 | 16,100 | 4,800 | 4,400 | 4,300 | 3,600 | 3,800 | 1,600 | 1,200 | 900 | 1,100 |

Notes

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2) Workplace Learning includes Train to Gain and other Employer Responsive provision (except Apprenticeships).

3) Data for earlier years are available in the Workplace Learning Supplementary Tables:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-data-library-workplace-learning>

4) English and maths starts and achievements can be at Level 2 or Below Level 2.

5) These tables include some learners aged under 19 who are eligible for funding on certain Workplace Learning programmes (such as Programmes for the Unemployed).

6) Please see the general footnotes and the Workplace Learning footnotes section for further information on these tables.

Table 9: Community Learning Participation and Achievement by Type (2009/10 to 2013/14) – Learner Volumes

| Measure | Provision Type | Funded Learners | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| | | 2009/10 | | | 2010/11 | | | 2011/12 | | 2012/13 | | 2013/14 |
| | | Full Year | Full Year | % change 09/10 to 10/11 | Full Year | Full Year | % change 10/11 to 11/12 | Full Year | Full Year | % change 11/12 to 12/13 | Full Year | % change 12/13 to 13/14 |
| Participation | Total Learners | 752,800 | 699,400 | -7.1% | 683,300 | -2.3% | 684,700 | * | 657,200 | -4.0% | | |
| | of which Personal and Community Development Learning | 579,200 | 534,100 | -7.8% | 518,600 | -2.9% | 513,800 | -0.9% | 497,300 | -3.2% | | |
| | of which Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities | 43,700 | 46,600 | 6.5% | 55,700 | 19.8% | 65,600 | 17.7% | 63,800 | -2.7% | | |
| | of which Family English, Maths and Language | 71,300 | 65,400 | -8.3% | 58,700 | -10.4% | 52,600 | -10.4% | 49,100 | -6.6% | | |
| | of which Wider Family Learning | 79,600 | 75,400 | -5.3% | 72,800 | -3.4% | 74,400 | 2.2% | 69,700 | -6.4% | | |
| Achievement | Total Learners | 663,000 | 608,200 | -8.3% | 594,500 | -2.3% | 608,100 | 2.3% | 584,900 | -3.8% | | |
| | of which Personal and Community Development Learning | 505,900 | 458,600 | -9.3% | 445,400 | -2.9% | 450,900 | 1.2% | 436,600 | -3.2% | | |
| | of which Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities | 39,800 | 41,300 | 3.7% | 50,100 | 21.4% | 60,600 | 21.1% | 58,700 | -3.3% | | |
| | of which Family English, Maths and Language | 62,700 | 57,000 | -9.0% | 50,900 | -10.8% | 46,000 | -9.6% | 43,600 | -5.2% | | |
| | of which Wider Family Learning | 72,600 | 70,100 | -3.4% | 67,500 | -3.8% | 69,500 | 2.9% | 65,800 | -5.2% | | |

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2) Data for earlier years is available in the Community Learning Supplementary Tables:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-data-library-community-learning>

3) Please see the general footnotes and the Community Learning footnotes sections for further information on this table.

Table 10: 24+ FE and Skills – Participation with 24+ Advanced Learning Loans (Level 3+) (2013/14) – Learner Volume:

| Funded Learners | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 2013/14 | |
| Full Year | |
| Participation with 24+ Advanced Learning Loans | Total Learners |
| | 59,100 |
| | of which Level 3 |
| | 56,400 |
| | of which Level 4+ |
| | 2,700 |

Notes

- 1) This table includes Education and Training provision taken at General Further Education Colleges (including Tertiary), Sixth Form Colleges, Special Colleges (Agricultural and Horticultural Colleges and Art and Design Colleges), Specialist Colleges and External Institutions.
- 2) Please note that Apprenticeships were removed from loan funding from March 2014. Apprentices who previously received a loan no longer need to repay it. Apprentices that previously appeared in this table earlier in the academic year have now been removed.
- 3) Please see the general footnotes for further information on this table.

Table 11: Traineeship Starts by Age (2013/14)

| Age | | 2013/14 |
|--------------------|----------|------------------|
| | | Full Year |
| Total Traineeships | Under 19 | 7,000 |
| | 19-23 | 3,400 |
| Total | | 10,400 |

Notes

- 1) Age is reported as at 31st August of the academic year.
- 2) There are fewer than 50 learners who were reported as starting in 2012/13 who have been included in the figures for 2013/14.
- 3) Please see the general footnotes for further information on this table.

Table 12.1: Adult (19+) Education and Training Success Rates by Level (2009/10 to 2013/14) – Percentages

| Level | | 2009/10 Full Year | 2010/11 Full Year | 2011/12 Full Year | 2012/13 Full Year | 2013/14 Full Year |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Education and Training Provision | | 80.3% | 81.4% | 83.9% | 86.8% | 87.6% |
| of which... | | | | | | |
| | English and maths | 74.3% | 78.6% | 80.1% | 83.4% | 80.7% |
| | Full Level 2 | 74.8% | 78.5% | 82.6% | 85.0% | 88.2% |
| | Full Level 3 | 75.1% | 77.7% | 78.4% | 79.6% | 81.2% |
| | Level 2 | 80.3% | 80.2% | 82.7% | 85.5% | 86.4% |
| | Level 3 | 78.7% | 78.8% | 79.4% | 81.6% | 82.3% |

Table 12.2: Apprenticeship Success Rates by Level and Age (2009/10 to 2013/14) – Percentages

| Level | Age | 2009/10 Full Year | 2010/11 Full Year | 2011/12 Full Year | 2012/13 Full Year | 2013/14 Full Year |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Intermediate Level Apprenticeship | Under 19 | 71.1% | 72.2% | 71.9% | 69.8% | 69.5% |
| | 19-24 | 74.6% | 76.7% | 74.8% | 71.6% | 68.7% |
| | 25+ | 77.5% | 80.6% | 71.4% | 73.8% | 68.3% |
| | Total | 73.4% | 75.3% | 72.6% | 72.0% | 68.8% |
| | of which 19+ | 75.6% | 78.0% | 73.0% | 72.9% | 68.5% |
| Advanced Level Apprenticeship | Under 19 | 76.2% | 79.0% | 76.5% | 75.9% | 75.0% |
| | 19-24 | 75.4% | 79.7% | 77.8% | 74.1% | 72.1% |
| | 25+ | 71.5% | 76.2% | 75.1% | 71.1% | 64.9% |
| | Total | 74.8% | 78.6% | 76.5% | 73.0% | 69.1% |
| | of which 19+ | 74.0% | 78.4% | 76.4% | 72.3% | 67.8% |
| Higher Apprenticeship | Under 19 | | 83.2% | 64.4% | 77.4% | 66.9% |
| | 19-24 | | 84.8% | 74.4% | 75.0% | 76.1% |
| | 25+ | | 84.2% | 70.1% | 62.4% | 68.5% |
| | Total | | 84.6% | 72.6% | 70.2% | 71.3% |
| | of which 19+ | | 84.8% | 73.2% | 69.7% | 71.7% |
| All Apprenticeships | Under 19 | 72.4% | 74.0% | 73.1% | 71.5% | 71.1% |
| | 19-24 | 74.9% | 77.8% | 75.9% | 72.6% | 70.1% |
| | 25+ | 75.1% | 78.8% | 72.6% | 72.7% | 66.7% |
| | Total | 73.8% | 76.4% | 73.8% | 72.3% | 68.9% |
| | of which 19+ | 75.0% | 78.2% | 74.2% | 72.6% | 68.2% |

Table 12.3: Adult (19+) Workplace Learning Success Rates by Level (2011/12 to 2013/14) – Percentages

| Level | | 2011/12 Full Year | 2012/13 Full Year | 2013/14 Full Year |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Workplace Learning | | 90.6% | 89.1% | 84.5% |
| of which... | | | | |
| | English and maths | 92.5% | 90.3% | 72.9% |
| | Full Level 2 | 90.9% | 89.6% | 89.6% |
| | Full Level 3 | 86.9% | 83.3% | 80.1% |

Notes

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2) The methodology for calculating Education and Training success rates was changed in 2013/14.

3) Data for earlier years are available in the FE Data Library:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/fe-data-library>

4) Figures for English and maths (previously Skills for Life) include GCSEs, Functional Skills, Adult Basic Skills Certificates including ESOL Certificates, and Qualifications and Credit Framework Certificates and Awards in English and maths.

5) Please see the general footnotes, Apprenticeship and Workplace Learning footnotes sections for further information on these tables.

Table 13.1: Level of Highest Qualification Held by People aged 19-64 in England (Quarter 4)¹ - percentages

| Year | All people aged 19-64 (thousands) | Level 4 and above | Level 3 | Level 3 and above | Level 2 | Level 2 and above | Below Level 2 (incl no qualifications) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| 2008 | 31,514 | 34.2 | 20.2 | 54.3 | 18.9 | 73.2 | 26.8 |
| 2009 | 31,713 | 36.0 | 20.1 | 56.1 | 19.4 | 75.5 | 24.5 |
| 2010 | 31,955 | 37.2 | 20.3 | 57.5 | 19.0 | 76.5 | 23.5 |
| 2011 | 32,082 | 37.8 | 20.6 | 58.4 | 19.1 | 77.5 | 22.5 |
| 2012 | 32,093 | 39.5 | 21.0 | 60.6 | 19.0 | 79.6 | 20.4 |
| 2013 | 32,191 | 40.1 | 21.3 | 61.4 | 18.9 | 80.3 | 19.7 |
| 2014 | 32,291 | 41.0 ^P | 21.6 ^P | 62.6 ^P | 18.4 ^P | 81.0 ^P | 19.0 ^P |
| 2014 95% CI (+/-) | | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |

Table 13.2: Level of Highest Qualification Held by People aged 19-64 in England (Quarter 4)¹ - volumes (thousands)

| Year | All people aged 19-64 | Level 4 and above | Level 3 | Level 3 and above | Level 2 | Level 2 and above | Below Level 2 (incl no qualifications) |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| 2008 | 31,514 | 10,764 | 6,350 | 17,114 | 5,947 | 23,061 | 8,453 |
| 2009 | 31,713 | 11,412 | 6,364 | 17,776 | 6,158 | 23,933 | 7,780 |
| 2010 | 31,955 | 11,885 | 6,487 | 18,372 | 6,078 | 24,451 | 7,505 |
| 2011 | 32,082 | 12,140 | 6,606 | 18,747 | 6,126 | 24,873 | 7,209 |
| 2012 | 32,093 | 12,688 | 6,749 | 19,437 | 6,096 | 25,534 | 6,560 |
| 2013 | 32,191 | 12,909 | 6,866 | 19,775 | 6,071 | 25,846 | 6,344 |
| 2014 | 32,291 | 13,224 ^P | 6,987 ^P | 20,211 ^P | 5,953 ^P | 26,164 ^P | 6,127 ^P |
| 2014 95% CI (+/-) | | 143 | 120 | 141 | 113 | 114 | 114 |

Notes

1) Source: Labour Force Survey

2) Estimates were revised in November 2014 following a reweighting of the Labour Force Survey (LFS) covering 2001 to 2013, more information is available at:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/method-quality/specific/labour-market/articles-and-reports/revisions-to-labour-force-survey-estimates.pdf>

3) Estimates for the 19-64 age group are available from 2008 onwards. The same table for males aged 19-64 and females aged 19-59 is available back to 2006 from the FE data Library:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-data-library-qualifications-in-the-population-based-on-the-labour-force-survey>

P) Provisional estimate - these estimates will be finalised in March 2016.

Table 14.1: Level Of Highest Qualification Held By Economically Active Adults In England (Quarter 4)¹ - percentages

| Year | Economically active adults ³ (thousands) | Level 4 and above | Level 3 | Level 3 and above | Level 2 | Level 2 and above | Below Level 2 (incl no qualifications) |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| 2008 | 25,393 | 36.9 | 21.0 | 57.9 | 19.9 | 77.8 | 22.2 |
| 2009 | 25,406 | 39.0 | 20.8 | 59.7 | 20.4 | 80.1 | 19.9 |
| 2010 | 25,544 | 40.2 | 21.0 | 61.2 | 20.0 | 81.2 | 18.8 |
| 2011 | 25,679 | 40.6 | 21.2 | 61.8 | 20.0 | 81.8 | 18.2 |
| 2012 | 26,078 | 42.3 | 21.5 | 63.8 | 19.7 | 83.5 | 16.5 |
| 2013 | 26,141 | 43.0 | 21.6 | 64.6 | 19.5 | 84.1 | 15.9 |
| 2014 | 26,265 | 43.6 ^P | 22.1 ^P | 65.7 ^P | 19.0 ^P | 84.7 ^P | 15.3 ^P |
| 2014 95% CI (+/-) | | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |

Table 14.2: Level Of Highest Qualification Held By Economically Active Adults In England (Quarter 4)¹ - volumes (thousands)

| Year | Economically active adults ³ | Level 4 and above | Level 3 | Level 3 and above | Level 2 | Level 2 and above | Below Level 2 (incl no qualifications) |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---|
| 2008 | 25,393 | 9,375 | 5,326 | 14,701 | 5,062 | 19,764 | 5,630 |
| 2009 | 25,406 | 9,898 | 5,274 | 15,172 | 5,178 | 20,350 | 5,056 |
| 2010 | 25,544 | 10,274 | 5,353 | 15,626 | 5,107 | 20,733 | 4,810 |
| 2011 | 25,679 | 10,418 | 5,453 | 15,871 | 5,144 | 21,015 | 4,664 |
| 2012 | 26,078 | 11,026 | 5,617 | 16,643 | 5,143 | 21,786 | 4,292 |
| 2013 | 26,141 | 11,243 | 5,640 | 16,883 | 5,096 | 21,980 | 4,161 |
| 2014 | 26,265 | 11,453 ^P | 5,803 ^P | 17,257 ^P | 4,990 ^P | 22,246 ^P | 4,018 ^P |
| 2014 95% CI (+/-) | | 130 | 109 | 125 | 103 | 95 | 95 |

Notes

1) Source: Labour Force Survey.

2) Economically active adults are defined as those aged 18 to 64 either in employment or International Labour Organisation unemployed.

3) Estimates were revised in November 2014 following a reweighting of the Labour Force Survey (LFS) covering 2001 to 2013, more information is available at:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/method-quality/specific/labour-market/articles-and-reports/revisions-to-labour-force-survey-estimates.pdf>

4) Estimates for the 19-64 age group are available from 2008 onwards. The same table for males aged 19 -64 and females aged 19-59 is available back to 2006 from the FE data Library:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-data-library-qualifications-in-the-population-based-on-the-labour-force-survey>

P) Provisional estimate - these estimates will be finalised in March 2016.

Table 15: Vocational Qualification Achievements in the UK by Qualification Type, 2006 (October) to 2015 (March)

| Quarter | National Vocational Qualification | Occupational Qualification | Qualifications and Credit Framework Qualification | Vocationally Related Qualification | Other Vocational Qualifications | Total |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| October 2006 to December 2006 | 121,300 | 7,100 | - | 411,400 | 382,600 | 922,400 |
| January 2007 to March 2007 | 126,600 | 5,700 | - | 406,800 | 393,800 | 932,900 |
| April 2007 to June 2007 | 129,600 | 6,000 | 400 | 507,900 | 678,200 | 1,322,100 |
| July 2007 to September 2007 | 252,900 | 8,000 | 500 | 920,500 | 1,151,500 | 2,333,400 |
| Total 2006/07 Academic Year | 630,400 | 26,800 | 900 | 2,246,600 | 2,606,200 | 5,510,900 |
| October 2007 to December 2007 | 128,700 | 4,900 | 1,300 | 408,500 | 423,500 | 966,900 |
| January 2008 to March 2008 | 140,700 | 4,900 | 4,600 | 426,000 | 500,900 | 1,077,200 |
| April 2008 to June 2008 | 170,600 | 6,400 | 8,600 | 643,100 | 755,700 | 1,584,400 |
| July 2008 to September 2008 | 287,900 | 8,300 | 19,200 | 983,800 | 1,416,700 | 2,715,800 |
| Total 2007/08 Academic Year | 727,900 | 24,500 | 33,700 | 2,461,400 | 3,096,800 | 6,344,300 |
| October 2008 to December 2008 | 164,100 | 5,800 | 16,400 | 416,200 | 474,500 | 1,077,000 |
| January 2009 to March 2009 | 169,600 | 5,300 | 39,300 | 409,900 | 590,400 | 1,214,500 |
| April 2009 to June 2009 | 216,400 | 6,300 | 62,000 | 715,900 | 829,300 | 1,830,000 |
| July 2009 to September 2009 | 372,600 | 9,100 | 102,600 | 1,064,800 | 1,591,600 | 3,140,800 |
| Total 2008/09 Academic Year | 922,900 | 26,500 | 220,300 | 2,606,800 | 3,485,800 | 7,262,200 |
| October 2009 to December 2009 | 212,000 | 6,000 | 85,100 | 414,700 | 457,500 | 1,175,300 |
| January 2010 to March 2010 | 204,000 | 5,100 | 135,200 | 388,000 | 552,700 | 1,285,000 |
| April 2010 to June 2010 | 213,500 | 5,700 | 203,000 | 726,100 | 831,100 | 1,979,300 |
| July 2010 to September 2010 | 349,500 | 6,400 | 353,700 | 1,078,700 | 1,727,400 | 3,515,700 |
| Total 2009/10 Academic Year | 979,000 | 23,200 | 777,000 | 2,607,500 | 3,568,600 | 7,955,300 |
| October 2010 to December 2010 | 179,600 | 6,200 | 274,800 | 285,700 | 422,900 | 1,169,300 |
| January 2011 to March 2011 | 155,300 | 4,100 | 454,400 | 166,300 | 486,500 | 1,266,600 |
| April 2011 to June 2011 | 128,600 | 3,600 | 722,300 | 385,700 | 670,900 | 1,911,100 |
| July 2011 to September 2011 | 124,300 | 3,600 | 1,384,700 | 561,800 | 1,473,700 | 3,548,000 |
| Total 2010/11 Academic Year | 587,800 | 17,500 | 2,836,200 | 1,399,600 | 3,054,000 | 7,895,100 |
| October 2011 to December 2011 | 51,000 | 2,000 | 807,200 | 55,800 | 355,300 | 1,271,400 |
| January 2012 to March 2012 | 31,100 | 1,000 | 821,500 | 51,300 | 479,700 | 1,384,500 |
| April 2012 to June 2012 | 22,600 | 700 | 1,225,900 | 195,100 | 672,300 | 2,116,500 |
| July 2012 to September 2012 | 24,200 | 900 | 2,428,700 | 273,700 | 1,285,700 | 4,013,200 |
| Total 2011/12 Academic Year | 128,800 | 4,600 | 5,283,400 | 575,800 | 2,793,000 | 8,785,600 |
| October 2012 to December 2012 | 11,800 | 200 | 1,016,300 | 21,100 | 295,900 | 1,345,300 |
| January 2013 to March 2013 | 6,700 | 100 | 985,400 | 22,500 | 406,900 | 1,421,700 |
| April 2013 to June 2013 | 5,200 | 100 | 1,728,100 | 142,600 | 587,300 | 2,463,400 |
| July 2013 to September 2013 | 5,100 | 100 | 2,507,400 | 162,200 | 1,283,100 | 3,957,900 |
| Total 2012/13 Academic Year | 28,700 | 600 | 6,237,200 | 348,500 | 2,573,300 | 9,188,300 |
| October 2013 to December 2013 | 3,000 | 100 | 975,000 | 12,400 | 237,200 | 1,227,700 |
| January 2014 to March 2014 | 1,900 | - | 1,072,600 | 12,900 | 379,600 | 1,467,000 |
| April 2014 to June 2014 | 1,400 | - | 1,539,700 | 75,500 | 526,600 | 2,143,300 |
| July 2014 to September 2014 | 1,400 | - | 2,298,100 | 78,800 | 1,317,900 | 3,696,200 |
| Total 2013/14 Academic Year | 7,800 | 100 | 5,885,300 | 179,700 | 2,461,300 | 8,534,200 |
| October 2014 to December 2014 | 1,000 | - | 1,007,400 | 8,100 | 265,000 | 1,281,500 |
| January 2015 to March 2015 | 700 | - | 981,200 | 6,600 | 348,400 | 1,336,900 |
| Total 2014/15 Academic Year | 1,700 | - | 1,988,600 | 14,800 | 613,400 | 2,618,400 |

Notes

1) This table covers all levels of vocational qualifications reported through Ofqual. Data are supplied by awarding organisations.

2) For data relating to Vocational Qualifications, the Academic year runs from October to September. For example, the 2006/07 academic year runs from October 2006 to September 2007.

3) The data in this table has been subjected to revisions.

4) Please see general footnotes and Vocational Qualifications footnotes section for further information on these tables.

Table 16: Adult (19+) FE and Skills Participation by Level (2014/15 – in-year estimates) – Learner Volumes

| | | Funded Learners | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---|---------|
| | | 2014/15 | |
| | | August to April (provisional) | |
| Level | | | |
| Total Learners | | 2,236,600 | |
| Participation | of which... | Below Level 2 (excluding English and maths) | 486,800 |
| | | English and maths | 814,100 |
| | | Full Level 2 | 642,600 |
| | | Full Level 3 | 384,200 |
| | | Level 2 | 864,400 |
| | | Level 3 | 412,100 |
| | | Level 4+ | 39,700 |
| | | No Level Assigned | 491,100 |

Table 17: Adult (19+) FE and Skills – English and Maths Participation by Level (2014/15 – in-year estimates) – Learner Volumes

| | | Funded Learners | |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| | | 2014/15 | |
| | | August to April (provisional) | |
| Level | | | |
| Total Learners | | 814,100 | |
| Participation | of which English | 597,700 | |
| | of which entry level | 89,400 | |
| | of which level 1 | 254,800 | |
| | of which level 2 | 271,300 | |
| | of which maths | 552,100 | |
| | of which entry level | 60,200 | |
| | of which level 1 | 252,700 | |
| | of which level 2 | 260,600 | |
| | of which ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) | 122,500 | |
| | of which entry level | 102,800 | |
| | of which level 1 | 16,800 | |
| | of which level 2 | 6,400 | |

Table 18: Adult (18+) FE and Skills - Offender Learning Participation by Level (2014/15 – in-year estimates) – Learner Volumes

| | | Funded Learners | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---|--------|
| | | 2014/15 | |
| | | August to April (provisional) | |
| Level | | | |
| Total Offender Learners | | 85,100 | |
| Participation | of which... | Below Level 2 (excluding English and maths) | 66,800 |
| | | English and maths | 32,000 |
| | | Full Level 2 | 15,600 |
| | | Full Level 3 | - |
| | | Level 2 | 36,800 |
| | | Level 3 | 500 |
| | | Level 4+ | - |
| | | No Level Assigned | 400 |

Notes

1) These tables include Apprenticeships, Workplace Learning, Community Learning and Education and Training provision taken at General Further Education Colleges (including Tertiary), Sixth Form Colleges, Special Colleges (Agricultural and Horticultural Colleges and Art and Design Colleges), Specialist Colleges and External Institutions.

2) These tables show in-year estimates for 2014/15. Tables 1, 3 and 7 show full year volumes for previous years. It is not possible to directly compare provisional 2014/15 estimates with figures for previous years.

3) Figures for English and maths (previously Skills for Life) include GCSEs, Functional Skills, Adult Basic Skills Certificates including ESOL Certificates, and Qualifications and Credit Framework Certificates and Awards in English and maths.

4) Provisional in-year data for 2014/15 show 375,500 learners benefited from support for the unemployed (those nearest the workforce), 370,000 of which were aged 19+. These are defined as those learners reporting that they were in receipt of Employment and Support Allowance - Work Related Activity Group (ESA WRAG), Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Universal Credit (if unemployed and looking for work).

5) An offender learner may be counted more than once in table 18 if they participated in learning at different institutions during 2014/15.

6) Table 16 and Table 18 excludes 16,200 learners who were enrolled on OLASS education assessments in English and/or maths but undertook no other government-funded learning.

7) Please see the general footnotes section for further information on these tables.

Table 19: All Age Apprenticeship Participation by Level and Age (2014/15 – in-year estimates) – Learner Volumes

| Funded Apprentices | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| 2014/15 | | | | |
| | Age | August to October (provisional) | August to January (provisional) | August to April (provisional) |
| Intermediate Level Apprenticeship | Under 19 | 88,600 | 105,600 | 120,700 |
| | 19-24 | 125,800 | 143,000 | 161,100 |
| | 25+ | 125,800 | 149,700 | 176,900 |
| | Total | 340,100 | 398,200 | 458,700 |
| | of which 19+ | 251,500 | 292,700 | 338,000 |
| Advanced Level Apprenticeship | Under 19 | 41,700 | 48,600 | 54,300 |
| | 19-24 | 109,300 | 120,300 | 131,000 |
| | 25+ | 93,500 | 108,600 | 126,100 |
| | Total | 244,500 | 277,500 | 311,500 |
| | of which 19+ | 202,800 | 228,900 | 257,100 |
| Higher Apprenticeship | Under 19 | 700 | 900 | 1,000 |
| | 19-24 | 5,600 | 6,300 | 7,000 |
| | 25+ | 10,500 | 13,100 | 16,300 |
| | Total | 16,800 | 20,300 | 24,300 |
| | of which 19+ | 16,100 | 19,400 | 23,300 |
| Trailblazer | Under 19 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 19-24 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 25+ | - | - | - |
| | Total | 200 | 200 | 300 |
| | of which 19+ | 100 | 100 | 200 |
| All Apprenticeships | Under 19 | 128,500 | 150,800 | 170,400 |
| | 19-24 | 237,100 | 263,300 | 290,500 |
| | 25+ | 228,900 | 269,500 | 315,900 |
| | Total | 594,500 | 683,600 | 776,800 |
| | of which 19+ | 466,000 | 532,800 | 606,400 |

Notes

- 1) This table shows in-year estimates for 2014/15. Apprenticeship participation for earlier years are available in Table 5 of this release. It is not possible to directly compare provisional 2014/15 estimates with figures for previous years.
- 2) 'All Apprenticeships' counts each Apprenticeship learner only once regardless of how many Apprenticeship programmes they participated in. Each learner is also counted in the totals for each Apprenticeship level they participated in.
- 3) Figures for 2014/15 include Apprenticeships through the Employer Ownership Pilot however Trailblazers undertaken in the Employer Ownership Pilot are not yet included.
- 4) Please see the general footnotes and the Apprenticeships footnotes section for further information on this table.

Table 20.1: All Age Apprenticeship Programme Starts by Level and Age (2014/15 – in-year estimates)

| | | 2014/15 | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Age | August to April (provisional) | Quarter 1 (provisional) | Quarter 2 (provisional) | Quarter 3 (provisional) |
| Intermediate Level Apprenticeship | Under 19 | 68,800 | 37,700 | 17,300 | 13,800 |
| | 19-24 | 70,900 | 28,400 | 20,700 | 21,800 |
| | 25+ | 84,300 | 26,900 | 27,000 | 30,300 |
| | Total | 224,000 | 93,000 | 65,000 | 66,000 |
| | of which 19+ | 155,200 | 55,300 | 47,700 | 52,100 |
| Advanced Level Apprenticeship | Under 19 | 32,000 | 20,800 | 6,400 | 4,800 |
| | 19-24 | 48,000 | 22,800 | 12,700 | 12,500 |
| | 25+ | 56,800 | 19,900 | 17,200 | 19,700 |
| | Total | 136,800 | 63,500 | 36,300 | 37,100 |
| | of which 19+ | 104,800 | 42,700 | 29,900 | 32,300 |
| Higher Apprenticeship | Under 19 | 900 | 600 | 100 | 100 |
| | 19-24 | 3,100 | 1,500 | 800 | 700 |
| | 25+ | 9,200 | 2,800 | 2,900 | 3,500 |
| | Total | 13,200 | 4,900 | 3,900 | 4,300 |
| | of which 19+ | 12,300 | 4,300 | 3,700 | 4,300 |
| Trailblazer | Under 19 | 100 | 100 | - | - |
| | 19-24 | 100 | 100 | - | - |
| | 25+ | - | - | - | - |
| | Total | 300 | 200 | - | 100 |
| | of which 19+ | 200 | 100 | - | - |
| All Apprenticeships | Under 19 | 101,700 | 59,200 | 23,900 | 18,700 |
| | 19-24 | 122,100 | 52,900 | 34,200 | 35,100 |
| | 25+ | 150,300 | 49,600 | 47,100 | 53,600 |
| | Total | 374,200 | 161,600 | 105,200 | 107,400 |
| | of which 19+ | 272,500 | 102,500 | 81,300 | 88,700 |

Table 20.2: All Age Apprenticeship Framework Achievements by Level and Age (2014/15 – in-year estimates)

| | | 2014/15 | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Age | August to April (provisional) | Quarter 1 (provisional) | Quarter 2 (provisional) | Quarter 3 (provisional) |
| Intermediate Level Apprenticeship | Under 19 | 32,500 | 14,800 | 9,900 | 7,800 |
| | 19-24 | 35,200 | 12,900 | 11,500 | 10,800 |
| | 25+ | 37,500 | 13,100 | 12,200 | 12,200 |
| | Total | 105,200 | 40,800 | 33,600 | 30,800 |
| | of which 19+ | 72,700 | 26,000 | 23,700 | 23,000 |
| Advanced Level Apprenticeship | Under 19 | 14,300 | 5,800 | 4,500 | 4,000 |
| | 19-24 | 24,500 | 9,300 | 8,000 | 7,200 |
| | 25+ | 23,400 | 10,000 | 7,000 | 6,300 |
| | Total | 62,100 | 25,100 | 19,500 | 17,600 |
| | of which 19+ | 47,800 | 19,300 | 15,000 | 13,500 |
| Higher Apprenticeship | Under 19 | 200 | 100 | 100 | - |
| | 19-24 | 700 | 300 | 300 | 100 |
| | 25+ | 1,700 | 700 | 500 | 500 |
| | Total | 2,600 | 1,100 | 800 | 700 |
| | of which 19+ | 2,400 | 1,000 | 800 | 700 |
| Trailblazer | Under 19 | - | - | - | - |
| | 19-24 | - | - | - | - |
| | 25+ | - | - | - | - |
| | Total | - | - | - | - |
| | of which 19+ | - | - | - | - |
| All Apprenticeships | Under 19 | 47,000 | 20,700 | 14,400 | 11,900 |
| | 19-24 | 60,400 | 22,500 | 19,800 | 18,100 |
| | 25+ | 62,600 | 23,800 | 19,700 | 19,000 |
| | Total | 169,900 | 66,900 | 53,900 | 49,100 |
| | of which 19+ | 123,000 | 46,300 | 39,500 | 37,200 |

Notes

1) This table shows in-year estimates for 2014/15. Apprenticeship starts and achievements figures for earlier years are available in Table 6 of this release. It is not possible to directly compare provisional 2014/15 estimates with figures for previous years.

2) Figures for 2014/15 include Apprenticeships through the Employer Ownership Pilot however Trailblazers undertaken in the Employer Ownership Pilot are not yet included.

3) Please see the general footnotes and the Apprenticeships footnotes section for further information on these tables.

Table 21.1: Starts on the Apprenticeship Grant for Employers Scheme (AGE 16 to 24) - Pipeline Starts Payments Made (February 2012 to April 2015)

| Age | 2014/15 | | Programme to Date | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| | August to April (provisional) | | February 2012 to April 2015 (provisional) | |
| | Payments Made | Pipeline Starts | Payments Made | Pipeline Starts |
| Intermediate Level Apprenticeship | | | | |
| Under 19 | 19,900 | 3,400 | 72,700 | 3,400 |
| 19-24 | 8,700 | 2,300 | 37,600 | 2,300 |
| Total | 28,500 | 5,700 | 110,300 | 5,700 |
| Advanced Level Apprenticeship | | | | |
| Under 19 | 6,900 | 1,100 | 22,800 | 1,100 |
| 19-24 | 4,800 | 1,100 | 17,900 | 1,100 |
| Total | 11,700 | 2,100 | 40,700 | 2,100 |
| Higher Apprenticeship | | | | |
| Under 19 | 100 | - | 200 | - |
| 19-24 | 100 | - | 400 | - |
| Total | 200 | 100 | 600 | 100 |
| All Apprenticeships | | | | |
| Under 19 | 26,900 | 4,400 | 95,600 | 4,400 |
| 19-24 | 13,600 | 3,400 | 55,900 | 3,400 |
| Total | 40,400 | 7,900 | 151,600 | 7,900 |

Notes

- 1) AGE 16 to 24 was launched in February 2012. Payments are drawn down once the new Apprentice has been in post for 13 weeks, therefore Apprenticeships starting after 29 January 2015 are not included in the Payments Made column because they had not yet triggered a payment.
- 2) Pipeline Starts show those starting between February 2015 and April 2015 who have not yet qualified for a payment, but the payment would be made once the Apprentice has been in post for 13 weeks.
- 3) AGE 16 to 24 starts are defined through the Learning Delivery Funding and Monitoring Codes with values of 132 or 133 as per the ILR specification (http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140108104635/http://www.theia.org.uk/ilr/ilrdocuments/201112_ilrdetail.htm). These are validated by the Skills Funding Agency.
- 4) Starts in this table include learners aged 19-24 on application but aged 25 when learning started.
- 5) Starts in this table will also be counted in the main Apprenticeship tables.
- 6) Please see the general footnotes and the Apprenticeships footnotes section for further information on these tables.

Table 21.2: Starts on the Access to Apprenticeship Pathway (2011/12 to 2013/14)

| | Age | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | |
|---|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----|
| | | Full Year | Full Year | Full Year | |
| All starts on the Access to Apprenticeship pathway | Under 19 | 5,700 | 3,900 | 1,200 | |
| | 19-24 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 500 | |
| | Total | 7,200 | 5,500 | 1,700 | |
| of which | have converted to paid employment to complete their Apprenticeship in any year | Under 19 | 2,400 | 1,400 | 400 |
| | | 19-24 | 700 | 500 | 200 |
| | Total | 3,000 | 2,000 | 600 | |
| | have not yet converted to paid employment to complete their Apprenticeship in any year | Under 19 | 3,300 | 2,500 | 800 |
| | | 19-24 | 900 | 1,100 | 300 |
| | Total | 4,200 | 3,500 | 1,100 | |

Notes

- 1) People starting training under the Access to Apprenticeship pathway are not counted as an Apprentice until they secure paid employment to complete their Apprenticeship in the usual way.
- 2) The year indicates when the learner started on the Access to Apprenticeship pathway. Conversion to paid employment to complete an Apprenticeship does not necessarily occur in the same year as the learner started the Access to Apprenticeship pathway.
- 3) People shown in this table as having converted to paid employment to complete their Apprenticeship in the same year as they started on the Access to Apprenticeship pathway will also be counted as starts in the main Apprenticeship tables. People who convert to paid employment in subsequent years will be counted as participating Apprenticeship learners. This table includes conversions made in 2014/15 for learners who started in earlier years.
- 4) The Access to Apprenticeship pathway closed to new starts at the end of December 2013. This table includes some learners with a start date after December 2013 due to invalid data.
- 5) Please see the general footnotes and the Apprenticeships footnotes section for further information on these tables.

Table 22.1: Workplace Learning Starts by Level (2014/15 – in-year estimates)

| | | 2014/15 | | | |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | August to April (provisional) | Quarter 1 (provisional) | Quarter 2 (provisional) | Quarter 3 (provisional) |
| Total Starts | | 49,800 | 16,900 | 16,100 | 16,800 |
| of which... | Below Level 2 | 6,300 | 2,000 | 2,200 | 2,000 |
| | Level 2 | 30,700 | 10,900 | 9,300 | 10,500 |
| | Level 3 | 6,300 | 1,800 | 2,100 | 2,400 |
| | Level 4+ | 6,300 | 2,000 | 2,500 | 1,800 |
| | No Level Assigned | 100 | 100 | - | - |
| | Below Level 2 (excluding English and maths) | 1,800 | 300 | 900 | 600 |
| | English and maths | 9,500 | 3,400 | 3,000 | 3,100 |
| | Full Level 2 | 22,500 | 8,300 | 6,600 | 7,600 |
| | Full Level 3 | 900 | 400 | 300 | 300 |

Table 22.2: Workplace Learning Achievements by Level (2014/15 – in-year estimates)

| | | 2014/15 | | | |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | August to April (provisional) | Quarter 1 (provisional) | Quarter 2 (provisional) | Quarter 3 (provisional) |
| Total Achievements | | 43,200 | 14,600 | 14,900 | 13,700 |
| of which... | Below Level 2 | 4,700 | 1,600 | 1,900 | 1,200 |
| | Level 2 | 26,700 | 10,100 | 8,700 | 7,900 |
| | Level 3 | 6,100 | 1,800 | 2,100 | 2,200 |
| | Level 4+ | 5,600 | 1,100 | 2,100 | 2,400 |
| | No Level Assigned | - | - | - | - |
| | Below Level 2 (excluding English and maths) | 1,600 | 300 | 800 | 400 |
| | English and maths | 7,200 | 2,600 | 2,700 | 1,900 |
| | Full Level 2 | 19,700 | 8,000 | 6,200 | 5,500 |
| | Full Level 3 | 1,100 | 500 | 400 | 300 |

Notes

1) These tables show in-year estimates for 2014/15. Figures for earlier years are available in Table 8 of this release. It is not possible to directly compare provisional 2014/15 estimates with figures for previous years.

2) English and maths starts and achievements can be at Level 2 or Below Level 2.

3) These tables include some learners aged under 19 who are eligible for funding on certain Workplace Learning programmes.

4) Figures for English and maths (previously Skills for Life) include GCSEs, Functional Skills, Adult Basic Skills Certificates including ESOL Certificates, and Qualifications and Credit Framework Certificates and Awards in English and maths.

5) Please see the general footnotes and the Workplace Learning footnotes section for further information on these tables.

Table 23: Community Learning Participation by Type (2014/15 – in-year estimates) – Learner Volumes

| | | Funded Learners |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Provision Type | | 2014/15 |
| | | August to April (provisional) |
| | Total Learners | 494,200 |
| Participation | of which Personal and Community Development Learning | 386,000 |
| | of which Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities | 42,800 |
| | of which Family English, Maths and Language | 32,900 |
| | of which Wider Family Learning | 46,200 |

Notes

1) This table shows in-year estimates for 2014/15. Community Learning participation and achievement figures for earlier years are available in Table 9 of this release. It is not possible to directly compare provisional 2014/15 estimates with figures for previous years.

2) Please see the general footnotes and the Community Learning footnotes sections for further information on this table.

Table 24: Employer Ownership Pilot Starts (2012/13 to 2014/15 – in-year estimates)

| | | | | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | Programme to Date |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Provision | | Age | | Full Year | Full Year | August to April (provisional) | August 2012 to April 2015 |
| Starts | Apprenticeships | SASE Compliant | Under 19 | 200 | 700 | 100 | 1,000 |
| | | | 19-24 | 400 | 600 | 100 | 1,100 |
| | | | 25+ | 600 | 1,500 | 100 | 2,200 |
| | | | Total | 1,200 | 2,800 | 300 | 4,300 |
| | | Non-SASE Compliant | Under 19 | - | 100 | - | 100 |
| | | | 19-24 | - | 100 | - | 100 |
| | | | 25+ | - | 100 | 200 | 300 |
| | | | Total | - | 300 | 200 | 500 |
| | | All Apprenticeships | Under 19 | 200 | 700 | 100 | 1,100 |
| | | | 19-24 | 400 | 700 | 100 | 1,200 |
| | | | 25+ | 600 | 1,600 | 200 | 2,500 |
| | | | Total | 1,200 | 3,100 | 400 | 4,800 |
| | Workplace Learning | QCF Training | Under 19 | - | 200 | 100 | 400 |
| | | | 19-24 | 100 | 600 | 100 | 800 |
| | | | 25+ | 300 | 2,600 | 700 | 3,600 |
| | | | Total | 400 | 3,400 | 1,000 | 4,800 |
| | | Non-QCF Training | Under 19 | 200 | 1,900 | 900 | 3,000 |
| | | | 19-24 | 1,000 | 4,200 | 2,400 | 7,600 |
| | | | 25+ | 4,300 | 17,900 | 11,800 | 34,000 |
| | | | Total | 5,500 | 24,000 | 15,100 | 44,600 |
| | | All Workplace Learning | Under 19 | 200 | 2,100 | 1,100 | 3,400 |
| 19-24 | | | 1,100 | 4,800 | 2,500 | 8,400 | |
| 25+ | | | 4,600 | 20,500 | 12,500 | 37,600 | |
| Total | | | 5,900 | 27,400 | 16,100 | 49,400 | |
| Traineeships | Under 19 | | - | 100 | 100 | | |
| | 19-24 | | - | 100 | 100 | | |
| | Total | | - | 100 | 100 | | |
| All Employer Ownership Pilot Starts | | | Under 19 | 400 | 2,900 | 1,300 | 4,500 |
| | | | 19-24 | 1,500 | 5,500 | 2,700 | 9,700 |
| | | | 25+ | 5,200 | 22,100 | 12,700 | 40,100 |
| | | | Total | 7,200 | 30,500 | 16,700 | 54,300 |

Notes

- Starts in this table will also be counted in the main Apprenticeship, Workplace Learning and Traineeship tables, as well as in FE and Skills participation figures.
- The data sources for this table are Employer Ownership Pilots 1 and 2.
- SASE Compliant Apprenticeships are frameworks that conform to the Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for England (SASE). Non-SASE Compliant Apprenticeships are employer defined programmes.
- QCF Training is learners starting aims that are accredited under the Qualifications and Credit Framework.
- The Employer Ownership Pilot 2 data collection has been revised throughout 2014/15 and given the provisional nature of the data there may be further revisions until the data are finalised at the end of the academic year.
- Please see the general footnotes for further information on this table.

Table 25: 24+ FE and Skills – Participation with 24+ Advanced Learning Loans (Level 3+) (2014/15 – in-year estimates) – Learner Volumes

| Funded Learners | | 2014/15 |
|---|-----------------------|--|
| | | August to April (provisional) |
| Participation with 24+ Advanced Learning Loans | Total Learners | 67,900 |
| | of which Level 3 | 63,500 |
| | of which Level 4+ | 4,500 |

Notes

1) This table includes Education and Training provision taken at General Further Education Colleges (including Tertiary), Sixth Form Colleges, Special Colleges (Agricultural and Horticultural Colleges and Art and Design Colleges), Specialist Colleges and External Institutions.

2) Please see the general footnotes for further information on this table.

Table 26.1: Traineeship Starts by Age (2014/15 – in-year estimates)

| Age | | 2014/15 |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| | | August to April (provisional) |
| Total Traineeships | Under 19 | 9,400 |
| | 19-24 | 5,800 |
| | Total | 15,100 |

Notes

1) Age is reported as at 31st August of the academic year. From August 2014, Traineeships are available to young people aged 16-24. Previously Traineeships were only available to young people aged 16-23.

2) Please see the general footnotes for further information on this table.

Table 26.2: Traineeship Completions by Age (2014/15 – in-year estimates)

| Age | | 2014/15 |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| | | August to April (provisional) |
| Total Traineeships | Under 19 | 4,300 |
| | 19-24 | 2,500 |
| | Total | 6,700 |

Notes

1) Based on: all elements of the learner's agreed traineeship are complete; and/or the learner reaches 6 months on the programme, and/or the learner moves into employment, an Apprenticeship or further learning.

2) These figures should not be combined with starts in table 26.1 to produce rates because traineeships can last 6 months and providers have until the end of the year to finalise their returns.

3) Please see the general footnotes for further information on this table.

Table 26.3: Traineeship Progression by Age (2014/15 – in-year estimates)

| Age | | 2014/15 |
|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | | August to April (provisional) |
| Total Traineeships | Under 19 (progression to a job, Apprenticeship, further full-time education or other training) | 3,200 |
| | 19-24 (progression to a job or Apprenticeship) | 1,300 |
| | Total | 4,500 |

Notes

1) Based on Work Experience Placement being recorded as achieved (progress to a job or Apprenticeship, or further learning for under 19s).

2) These figures should not be combined with starts in table 26.1 to produce rates because traineeships can last 6 months and providers have until the end of the year to finalise their returns.

3) Please see the general footnotes for further information on this table.