

Apprenticeships Report

Leeds – August 2011 to April 2012

This report provides a review of the quarterly apprenticeship management information data from the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS). The data made available by NAS in January 2011 is the period August 2011 to April 2012.

Apprentices

- The total number of apprenticeship starts from August 2011 to April 2012 were: 1,716 for 16-18 year olds; 1,671 for 19-24 year olds; and 2,118 for 25+. This gives a total of 5,505 apprenticeship starts this year, compared with 5,095 the same period the previous year, a yearly increase of 8%.
- The Leeds' apprenticeship participation rate for 16-18 year olds for 2009/10 is 9.5%. Currently there is no 2010/11 or all ages or national/regional comparison data available.
- Leeds' apprenticeship success rate for all ages in the 2010/11 academic year was 77%. The regional rate was 77% and the national rate was 76%.
- For 16-18 year olds, in April 2012 there were 108 new apprenticeships starts, this is a decrease on the previous month's figure of 169 and a increase the previous year's figure of 93. Currently there is no monthly trend data available for other age groups.
- The following frameworks have the largest number of 16-18 year olds apprentices: Customer Service (194); Providing Security Services (178); and Business Administration (126). For 19-24 year olds the most common frameworks were: Retail (193); Health and Social Care (189) and Customer Service (183). Whereas, for the 25+ year olds most apprentices where in: Health & Social Care (415); Customer Service (321) and Management (288).
- From August 2011 to April 2012 the posts that were most frequently available to all ages on Apprenticeships Vacancies Online were in: Business Administration & Law (540); Retail & Commercial Enterprise (279); Engineering & Manufacturing Technologies (103); and Health, Public Services & Care (71).
- The sector subject area with the greatest number of apprenticeship applications, via vacancies online, amongst under-19s in Leeds was Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies with 16.1 applications per advertised vacancy. Other areas with high numbers of applicants, as of April 2012 were: Information & Communication Technology (11.6); Construction, Planning and the Built Environment (10.1); and Science and Mathematics (9.0).
- The greatest number of apprenticeship starts for 16-18 year olds were in: Retail and Commercial Enterprise (367 starts); Business Administration and Law (356 starts); Health, Public Services and Care (305 starts); Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies (300 starts).
- 34% of apprentices aged 16-18 are female and 66% are male. 53% of apprentices aged 19-24 are female and 47% are male. 60% of apprentices aged 25+ are female and 40% are male. We have not been provided with a gender percent for combined all ages.

- 9% of 16-18 year olds are classed as disabled, 7% of 19-24 year olds are also classed as disabled and 7% of 25+ year olds are classed as disabled. We have not been provided with a disabled percent for all ages.
- We are seeking BAME information for all apprenticeships in Leeds.
- We are aiming to develop a greater understanding of which localities apprenticeships reside in and how these relate to our target unemployment localities. To further this work we require residential location data for all apprentices.

Employers

- We are seeking final confirmation for all employer engagement rates from 2009/10 to 2010/11. We are also seeking regional and national comparisons and more regular updates for employer engagement statistics.
- For 16-18 year olds the top 3 providers of apprenticeships are, in descending order of places: Focus Training & Development Ltd, Elmfield Training Ltd, and Leeds College of Building. For 19-24 year and 25+ olds the top three providers are Elmfield Training Ltd, Leeds City College and JHP Group Ltd.
- The majority of apprentices work for employers of an unknown size. For those apprentices for which employer size data is available - 38% work in businesses with up to 149 staff, 22% work in businesses with 50-499 staff, 16% work in businesses with 500-4999 staff and 24% work in businesses with over 5000 staff.
- We are currently seeking more information on the type, size and location of employers who have employed an apprentice of any age.