

# **Ad hoc statistics on the volumes of young people entering employment from the Work Programme since the start of the Youth Contract**

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## Background

The Work Programme has been designed to help those in danger of becoming long term unemployed and offers people tailored support to help them find work and keep them there. DWP has collected these figures via an ad hoc piece of data collection from Work Programme providers.

In April 2012 the Youth Contract was launched to provide additional help for young people to move into employment. One element of the Youth Contract makes wage incentives, up to the value of £2,275, available to employers who take on a young person from the Work Programme.

This analysis provides some information on how young people on the Work Programme are faring in the early months of the Youth Contract.

## Results

Between April and June 2012, covering the first three months of the Youth Contract, information supplied by providers shows that around **17,000** young people on the Work Programme entered work.

## Notes

1. Young people are defined as those aged 18-24.
2. There is no guarantee that these entries into employment will become job outcomes for which DWP will pay Work Programme providers. However, the figures provide a positive indication of young people on the Work Programme entering employment.
3. DWP has collected these figures via an ad hoc piece of data collection from Work Programme providers and is not in a position to validate the figures.
4. The 17,000 figure covers all job entries for young people from the Work Programme. It is not a measure of job entries for which wage incentives will in due course be paid to employers.

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