

CHANGES TO EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME STATISTICS

Referrals to the new employment programme "Work Programme" began from June 2011 (http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Employment/Jobseekers/programmesandservices/DG_197781). In the run up to that launch, a new package of Get Britain Working support measures were introduced. In tandem with these changes, referrals to legacy employment programmes have now ceased. Hence, the statistics series will be ceasing over the next few quarters. Statistics will largely be released in August as usual¹; no legacy programme statistics will be released in November 2011 (except Flexible New Deal); then final statistics for most programmes will be released in February 2012. For details of the individual programmes, see below. The existing Tabulation Tools will remain available for historical analysis. Statistics for Work Programme and the Get Britain Working support are planned, see http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/work_programme/work_prog_note.pdf

The situation for each of the legacy programmes is outlined below. Whilst new referrals to the schemes have stopped, no participants will remain in a legacy scheme beyond a period of 13 weeks after the last referral date. Hence the series can be ended by reporting August 2011 numbers in February 2012.

New Deal for Young People and New Deal 25plus

New referrals ceased: 1 June 2011

Last statistics, already published:

- Starters: up to end August 2010
- Participants: up to end May 2010
- Leavers: up to end May 2010
- Jobs gained: up to end November 2009

In June 2010, the planned second phase introduction of the Flexible New Deal programme was cancelled. The new Work Programme replaced it from June 2011. In the interim period (between June 2010 and June 2011) some claimants who would have been referred to the Flexible New Deal, continued to be referred to the older New Deal for Young People (NDYP) and New Deal 25 Plus (ND25+).

To enable this, contingency software fixes were made to allow these referrals via the computer system. These software fixes had a knock-on impact on the statistics as these referrals were not being picked up as starts to the New Deals.

In practice, this meant that most starts to ND25+ and NDYP in non Flexible New Deal areas (i.e. the "second phase" areas) since 16 August 2010 were excluded from statistical tables and the series was suspended from that date. In the final release, reported starts to NDYP were around 7% lower in the latest month than expected; similarly, reported starts to ND25+ were around 1% lower.

New Deal for Lone Parents

New referrals ceased: 31 March 2011

No statistics to be published in August 2011 or November 2011.

Final statistics, to be published on 15 February 2012:

- Starters: Up to end March 2011
- Participants: Up to end June 2011
- Leavers: Up to end June 2011
- Jobs gained: Up to end June 2011

¹ New Deal for Young People and New Deal 25 Plus statistics have already ceased. Flexible New Deal will be released as usual in August 2011. New Deal for Lone Parents will not be released in August 2011. Please see the relevant sections.

Flexible New Deal

New referrals ceased: 1 June 2011, payments for outcomes ceased on 1 September 2011.
Final statistics published on 16 November 2011.

- Starters: Up to 1 June 2011
- Jobs gained: Up to 1 September 2011

New Deal for Disabled People:

New referrals ceased: 31 March 2011
No statistics to be published in November 2011.
Final statistics, to be published on 15 February 2012:

- Starters: Up to end March 2011
- Participants: Up to end June 2011
- Leavers: Up to end June 2011
- Jobs gained: Up to end June 2011

Other Programmes: New Deal 50+, New Deal for Partners, Employment Zones

New referrals ceased: 1 June 2011
No statistics to be published in November 2011.
Final statistics, to be published on 15 February 2012:

- Starters: Up to end May 2011
- Participants: Up to end August 2011
- Leavers: Up to end August 2011
- Jobs gained: Up to end August 2011