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ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021

Quarterly Statistics from August 2013 to October 2021



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INTRODUCTION

Coverage

This Statistical Bulletin is part of a biannual series published by the Department for the Economy (DfE) to provide key information on both the [ApprenticeshipsNI 2013, 2017 and 2021](#) programmes (hereby referred to jointly as ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021¹) and contains data up to the end of October 2021.

The statistics presented in this Bulletin cover a range of topics including starts, occupancy, leavers and outcomes for participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021. For more information on the coverage please see the [Notes to Readers](#) section.

Policy and Operational Context

ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 aims to provide participants with the opportunity to take part in a Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship where the apprentice, in paid employment from day one, works towards achieving an industry-approved Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship Framework.

ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 aims to:

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

Figures in this Statistical Bulletin are solely in respect of participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013, 2017 and 2021. The original ApprenticeshipsNI programme was introduced for new starts from September 2007 to replace the Jobskills programme.

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

¹ The new ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 contract was introduced in August 2017, and the ApprenticeshipsNI 2021 contract was introduced in August 2021, however, there are still candidates who are yet to finish their course as part of the 2013 contract.

Who will be interested?

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

Structure

This Bulletin analyses key statistical information for this programme and data have been provided on numbers participating in ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021; on key personal characteristics of participants (such as gender and background); on the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 provision undertaken within the programme; and on outcomes gained by participants.

The Bulletin consists of three sections:

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Level 3 Apprenticeships account for 39% of all those participants starting in the current academic year.
- “Electrotechnical”, “Engineering” and “Food Manufacture” are the three most popular frameworks for the current occupancy quarter.
- Males account for 78% of current participants. The proportion of male participants is highest in the Level 2/3 Apprenticeship group at 94%.
- Approximately two fifths (43%) of those who left Level 2 Apprenticeships in 2021/22 (up to October 2021), achieved a Level 2 Framework.
- Over half (51%) of those who left Level 3 Apprenticeships in 2021/22 (up to October 2021), achieved a Level 3 Framework.

KEY STATISTICS

Starts

Between the commencement of the programme and 2021/22 (up to October 2021), 47,965 participants started ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021. Of this total, 48% have been targeted at Level 2, 9% at Level 2/3 and 42% at Level 3.

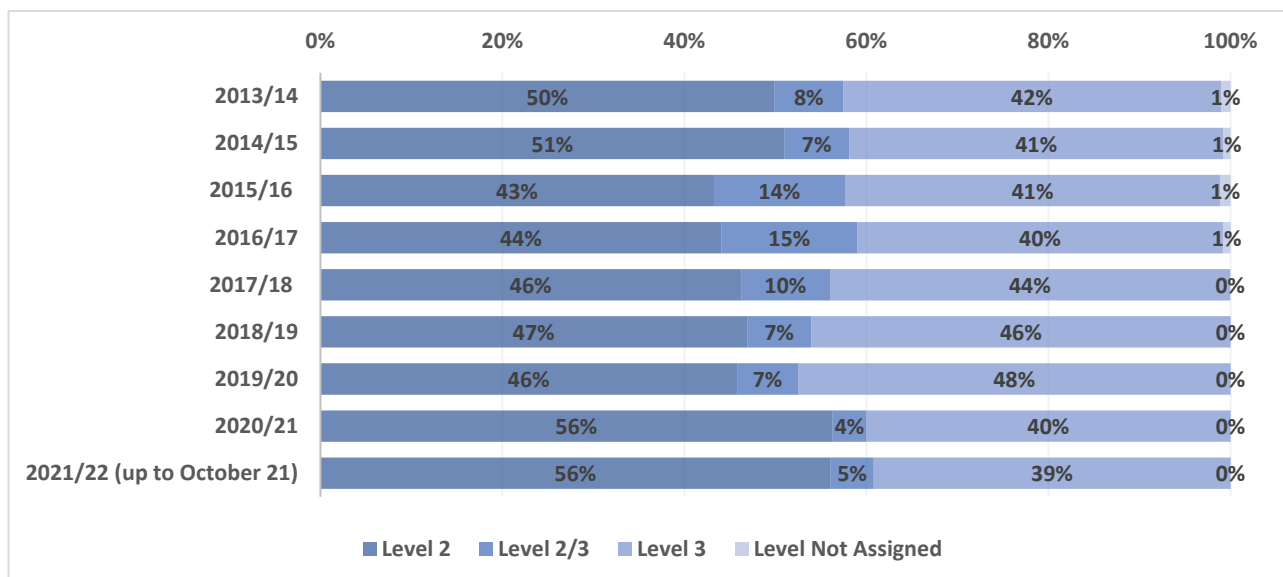
The total number of participants starting at all levels for full academic years steadily increased up to 2016/17. In subsequent academic years, the total number of participants alternate between decreasing and increasing each year (2013/14: 5,203, 2014/15: 5,451, 2015/16: 6,083, 2016/17: 6,497, 2017/18: 5,651, 2018/19: 5,810, 2019/20: 4,451, 2020/21: 5,775, 2021/22: 3,043). A total of 3,043 participants have started in the latest academic year (up to October 2021).

Covid-19 may have had an effect on the number of starts with fewer potential participants having the opportunity to join a programme. Other participants may have joined an ApprenticeshipsNI programme at a later date than they had originally anticipated. Between August and October 2019, the number of starts was 2,636. This decreased to 1,812 for the same period in 2020, before increasing to 3,043 for the same period in 2021. It is important to note that the total number of participants who joined the programme in 2020/21 was similar to pre-pandemic years at 5,775.

Figure 1 shows that the proportion of participants starting on Level 2 apprenticeships in 2021/22 (up to October 2021) is similar to the prior academic year at 56%.

The proportion of participants entering the programme at Level 3 in 2021/22 (up to October 2021) has decreased, and at 39%, is the lowest proportion on record.

Figure 1: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 starts by level (2013/14 to 2020/21 October 2021)



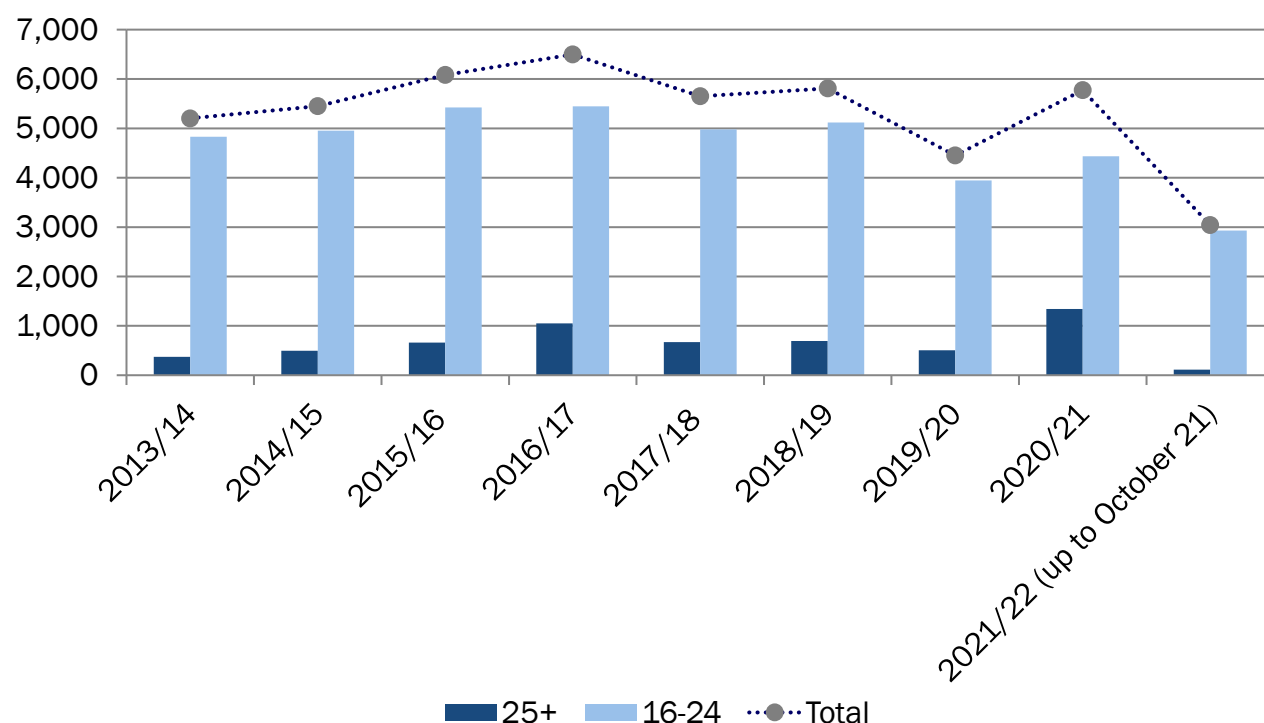
Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Figure 2 shows the total number of participants for all academic years of the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 contracts. For participants between the ages of 16 and 24 the number was reasonably similar between the 2013/14 and 2018/19 academic years but fell during the 2019/20 academic year, and has remained close to this lower level since. For the current academic year, 2021/22 (up to October 2021), 2,929 participants aged 16-24 have commenced an apprenticeship.

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

In the current year (to date) 4% of ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 starts were aged 25 and over, the lowest rate ever recorded. (**Figure 2**).

Figure 2: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 Starts by age at start of programme (2013/14 to 2020/21 October 2021)



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Between 2013/14 and 2017/18, females accounted for between 37% and 41% of starts each year. Between the 2018/19 and 2020/21 academic years, females accounted for a lower proportion of participants - between 31% and 34%. The figure for the current year to date is 15%, the lowest percentage recorded.

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

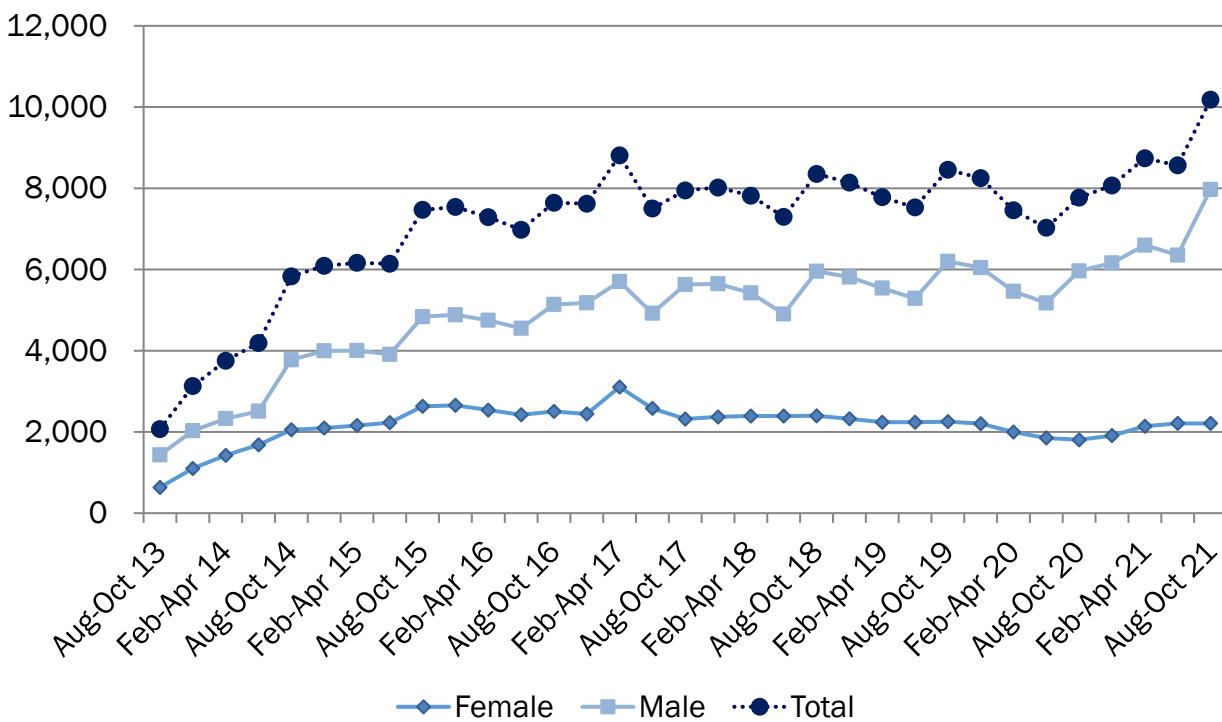
Occupancy

Between the quarters ending October 2013 and October 2021, the number of participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 (at the end of each quarter) increased from 2,070 to 10,179. It should be noted that as apprenticeships can take up to four years to complete, there is a cumulative effect for the number of participants on programme each year.

Occupancy may have been affected by Covid-19, as there may have been fewer starts than anticipated in some quarters as some potential participants may not have had the opportunity of joining a programme. Conversely, some participants may have stayed on the programme longer than normal in order to complete their qualification.

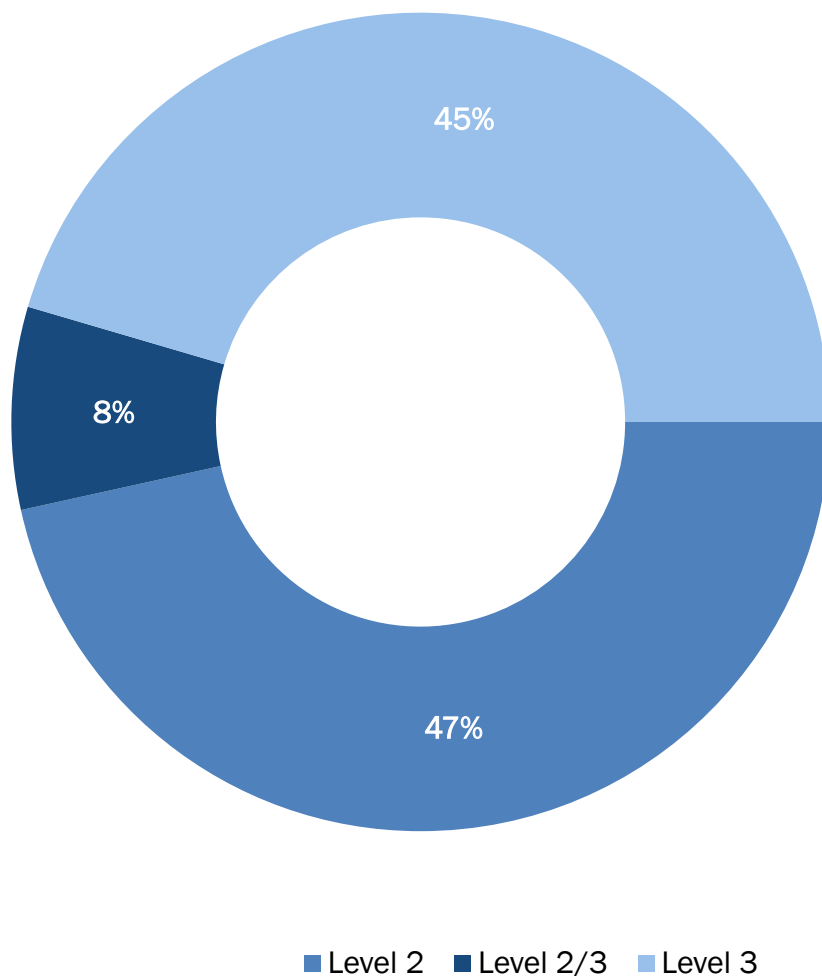
Figure 3 shows that since the start of the programme in October 2013, there are predominantly more male than female apprenticeships.

Figure 3: All participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 by gender (August 2013 to October 2021)



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Figure 4: All participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 by level (October 2021)



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Figure 4 shows the percentage of occupants at each level of ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 at the end of October 2021. Of the total of 10,179 participants, 4,738 were on Level 2; 814 were on Level 2/3, and 4,627 participants were on the Level 3 route.

The three most common frameworks at Level 2 based on current occupancy are "Construction", "Food Manufacture", and "Mechanical Engineering Services (Plumbing)". For Level 2/3, the top three are "Engineering", "Vehicle Maintenance and Repair", and "Construction Crafts". For Level 3, the three most numerous are "Electrotechnical", "Construction Crafts" and "Engineering".

Female participation is highest on frameworks including "Beauty Therapy" (100%), "Dental Nursing" (100%) and "Child Care Learning and Development" (98%). There are popular frameworks where participation by gender is more balanced including "Retail" (53% male, 47% female), "Insurance" (51% male, 49% female), "Call Handling" (49% male, 51% female), and "Customer Service" (47% male, 53% female).

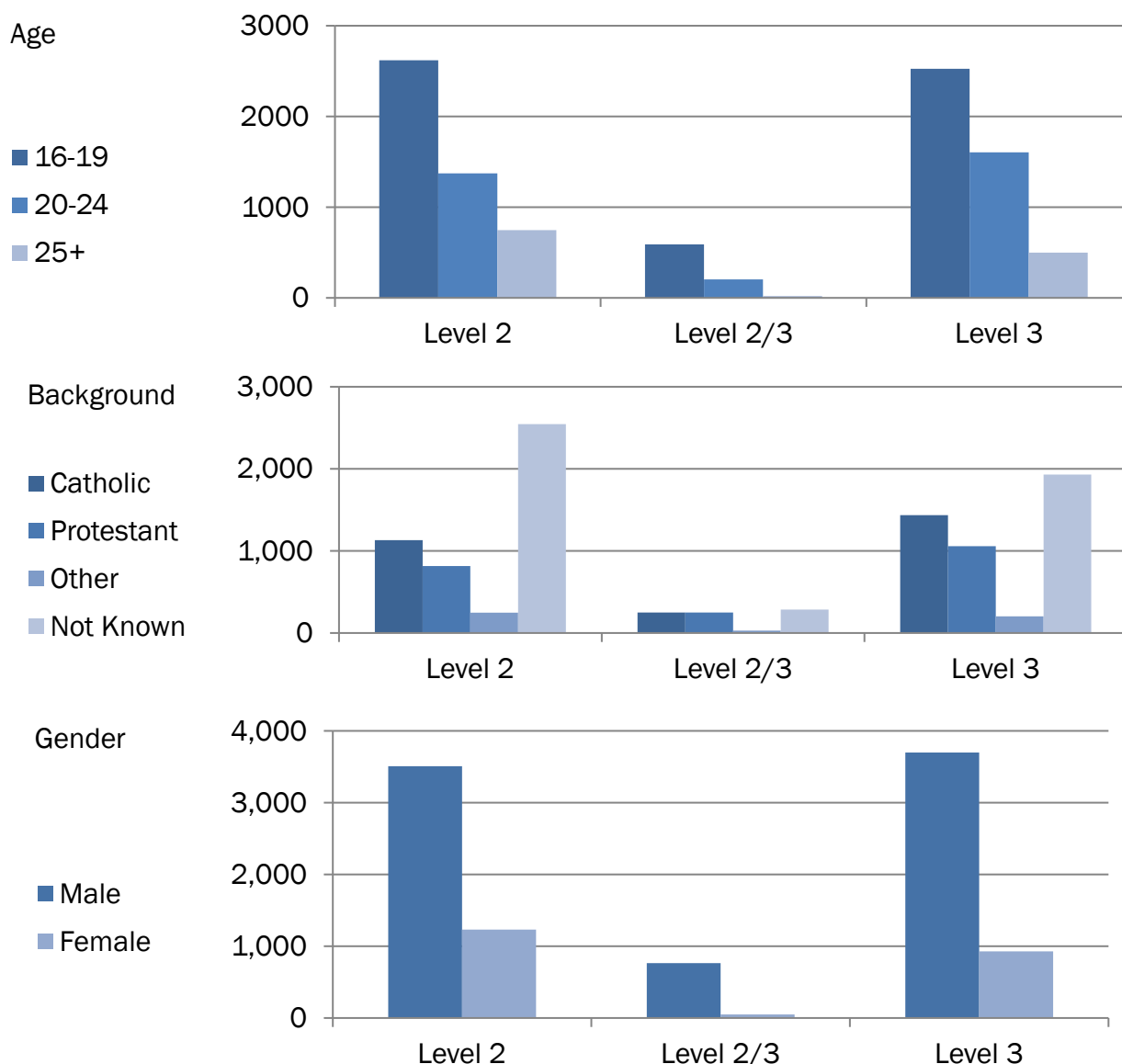
The ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 provision is employer/demand led. The gender balance is a reflection of employment in various occupational areas and is outside the control of ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 and the Department for the Economy. A full breakdown of frameworks studied by gender is available at Section 2, Table 2.2.

Figure 5 shows the number of participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 Equality Groups at October 2021, broken down by Level. Please note that, due to the small numbers of participants involved, the Level Not Assigned category has not been included in the graphs below.

The Age graph shows that Level 2 apprenticeships are the most numerous for those in both the “16-19” and “25+” age categories. The most numerous strand for participants in the “20-24” age category is Level 3 apprenticeships.

Males currently make up the majority of participants at each Level of ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 and this is particularly noticeable at Level 2/3 (Male: 764, Female: 50).

Figure 5: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 by Equality Group and Level (October 2021)



Source: Data extracted from the Department’s Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

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

Leavers and Main Outcomes

Since ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 began in the 2013/14 academic year, 37,826 participants left the programme. Of these, 59% achieved their Full Framework qualification.

Figure 6 shows that the percentage of leavers at Level 2 achieving a Full Framework Level 2 has remained similar to the prior year at 43% in the current academic year (up to October 2021), compared with 42% in 2020/21. This is still down from the previous range of 59% to 69% in the 2014/15 to 2019/20 academic years.

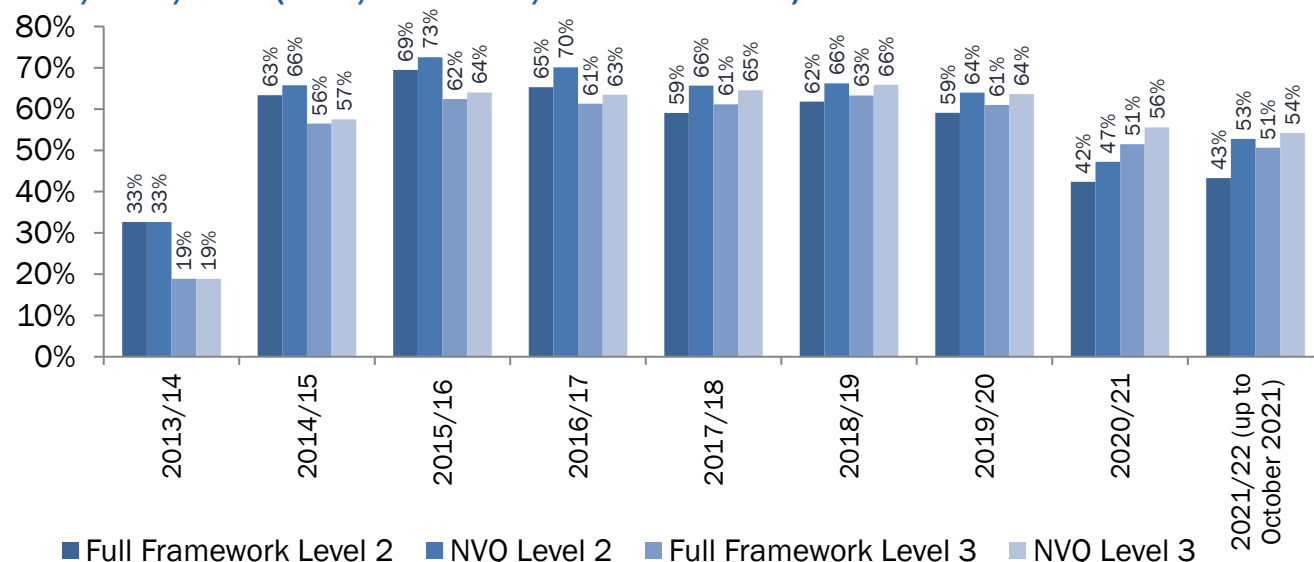
Between the academic years 2014/15 and 2019/20, the percentage of leavers at Level 3 achieving a Full Framework Level 3 was in the range of 56% to 63%. In both the 2020/21 academic year and the current academic year (up to October 2021), this figure is 51%.

Figure 6 also shows that although some participants have not achieved a full framework, an additional number of leavers each year achieved NVQs. In the latest full academic year 2020/21, the achievement rate for NVQ Level 2 was 47% compared with the Full Framework rate of 42%, and the comparable figures for Level 3 were 56% achieving NVQ Level 3 and 51% achieving Full Framework Level 3.

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

Covid-19 may have had an effect on the number of leavers in 2020/21 and 2021/22 (up to October 2021) as some participants may not have had the opportunity of completing their apprenticeships and may have stayed on the course to do so.

Figure 6: Percentages of Full Frameworks and NVQs achieved by leavers from ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 (2013/14 to 2021/22 October 2021)



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

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

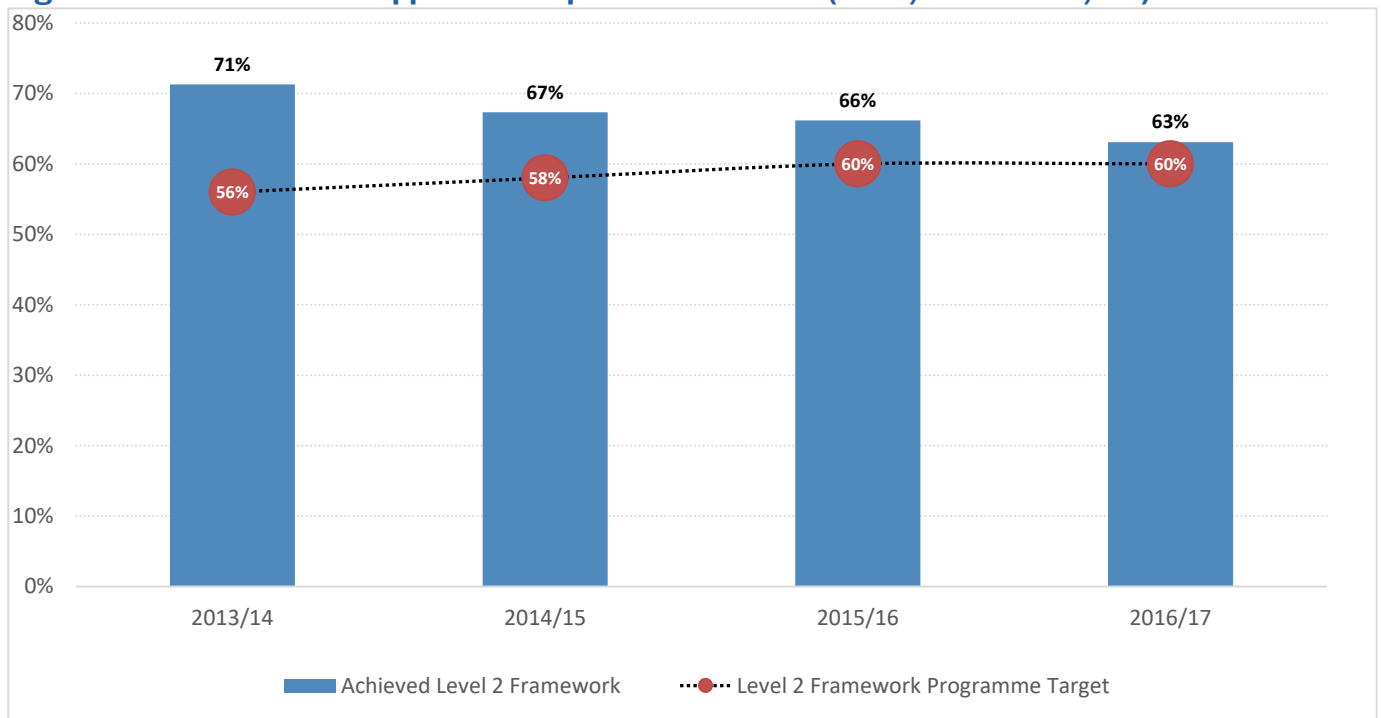
Performance Monitoring of ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 - Performance against Programme Targets^{2 3}

Level 2

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

Overall 71% achieved a Full Framework at Level 2 within the target timeframe in 2013/14, exceeding the 2013/14 target for achievement of a Full Framework at Level 2 which was 56%. Of the 2,761 participants commencing a Level 2 Apprenticeship in 2014/15, 67% (1,859) achieved a Full Framework at Level 2, exceeding the 58% target for that year. Of the 2,710 participants commencing a Level 2 Apprenticeship in 2015/16, 66% (1,793) have achieved a Full Framework, achieving the targets set for that year. In 2016/17, 63% achieved a Full Framework (2,182). All participants have now completed this programme.

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



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

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

³ ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 has not been included in this section of the bulletin.

Level 2 / 3

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

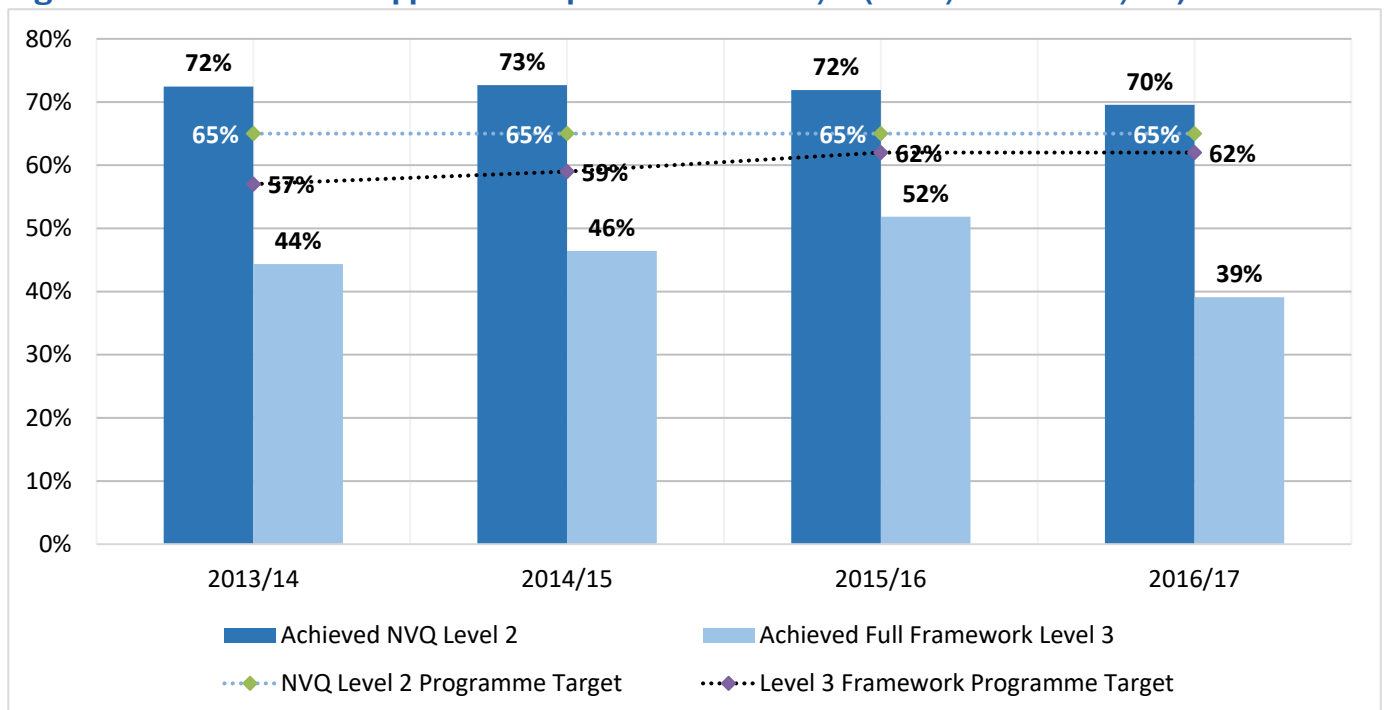
Of those participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 2/3 who began their participation in 2013/14, 72% achieved an NVQ Level 2 within the target timeframe, with 45% going on to achieve an NVQ Level 3. Eight per cent of participants achieved a Full Framework Level 2, while 44% have achieved a Full Framework Level 3.

Of the participants commencing in 2014/15, 73% achieved an NVQ Level 2 with 46% having achieved a Level 3 Full Framework. For those commencing in 2015/16, 72% achieved an NVQ Level 2, while 52% have achieved a Full Framework Level 3. Approximately 1 per cent of these participants are still on the programme.

To date, 70% of 2016/17 participants have achieved an NVQ Level 2 qualification and 39% have achieved a Level 3 Full Framework. It should be noted that 7% of 2016/17 participants are still on the programme.

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

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



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

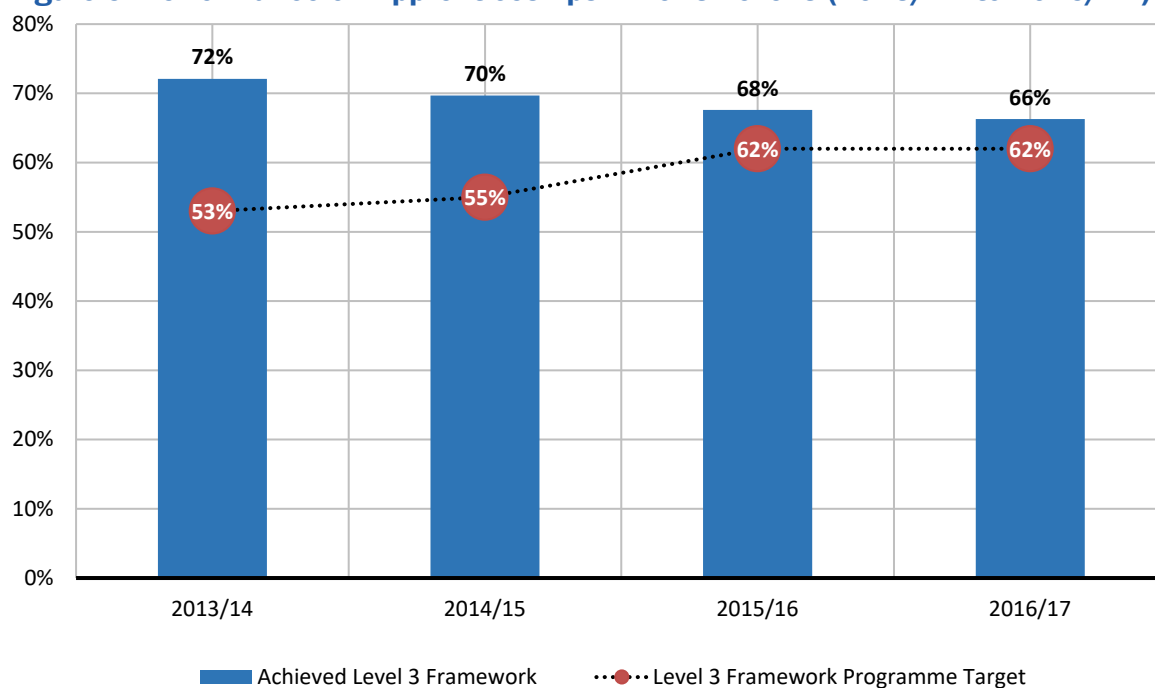
Level 3

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

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

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

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



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

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

Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Information for ApprenticeshipsNI 2017

The following section details KPI Information at Levels 2 and 3 of ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 programmes. The baseline for this information is the number of participants who entered the second year of their course. This is unlike ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 programmes where the baseline is the number of participants who started the course. ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 KPIs are based on the year participants left the course whereas the targets for Apprenticeships 2013 are based on the year participants started their course.

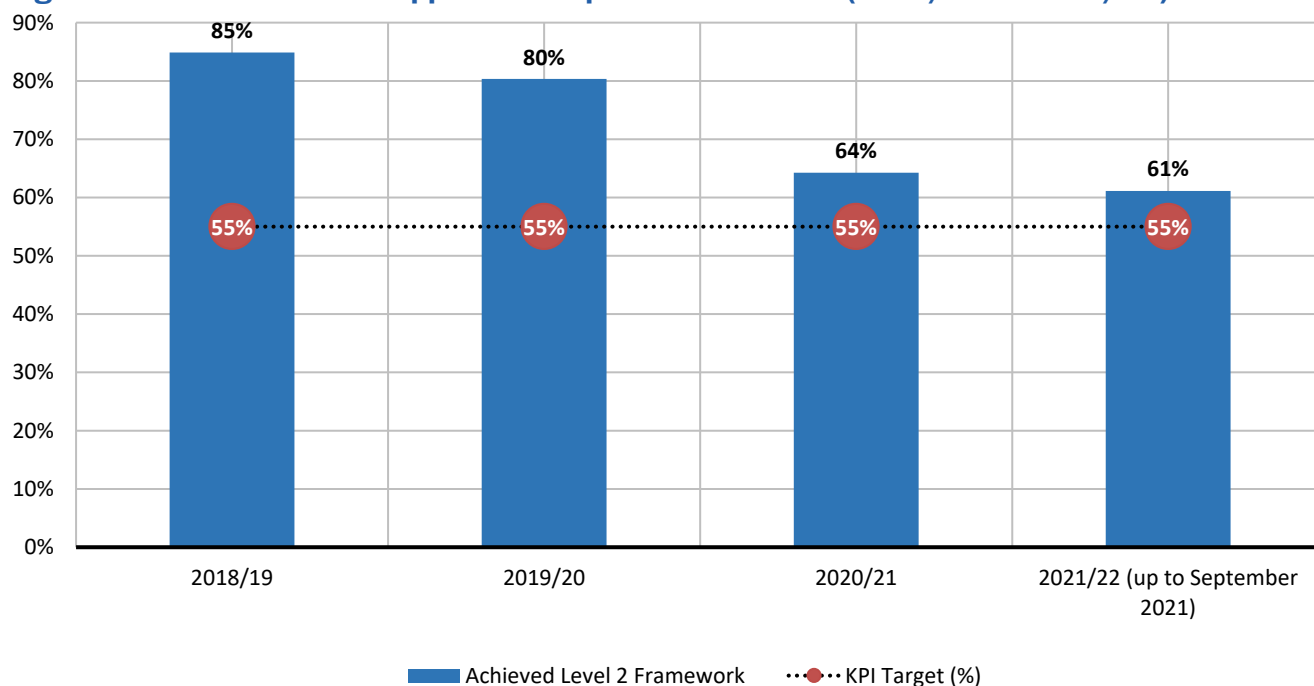
Level 2

Within each financial year of Level 2 ApprenticeshipsNI 2017, the Key Performance Indicator was for 55% of participants to achieve their Level 2 Framework. For all financial years, this target has been met.

In the 2018/19 financial year, the percentage of participants achieving this was 85%, in 2019/20, 80% achieved this target, in 2020/21, 64% achieved this target and in 2021/22 (up to September 2021) 61% of participants had achieved this.

In 2020/21 and 2021/22 (up to September 2021), the proportion achieving may have been affected by Covid-19, as some participants may not have had the opportunity of completing their apprenticeships.

Figure 10: Performance on ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 Level 2 (2018/19 to 2021/22)



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

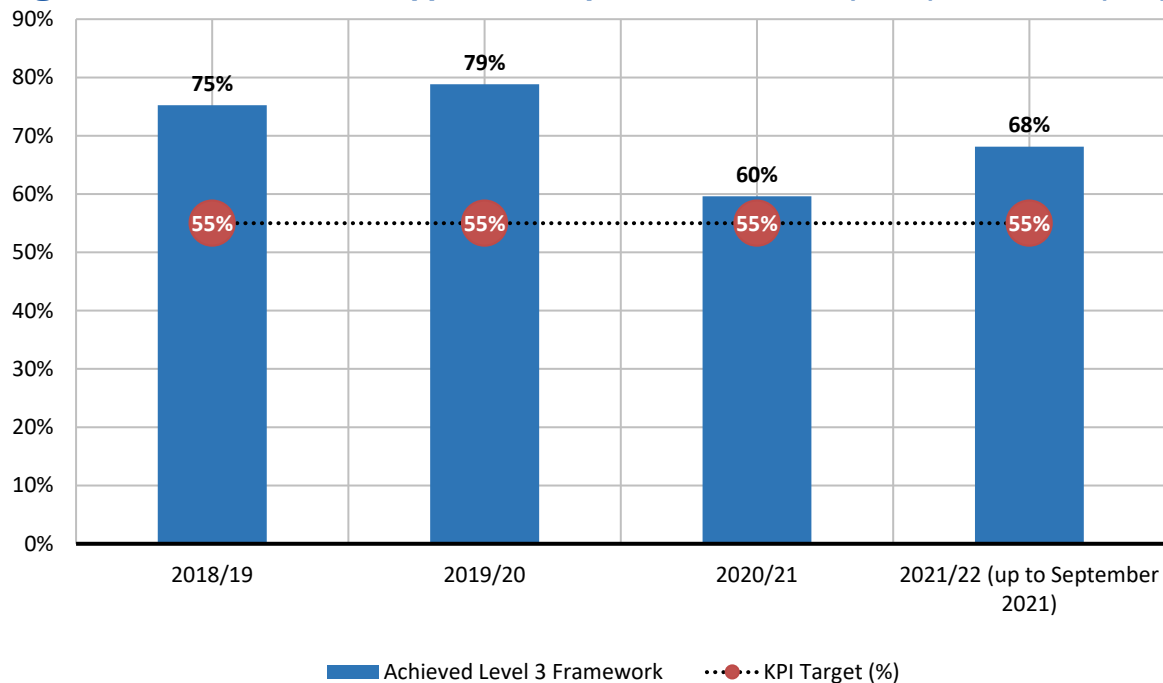
Level 3

Within each financial year of Level 3 ApprenticeshipsNI 2017, the Key Performance Indicator was for 55% of participants to achieve their Level 3 Framework. For all financial years, this target has been met.

In the 2018/19 financial year, the percentage of participants achieving this was 75%, in 2019/20, 79% achieved this target, in 2020/21, 60% achieved this target and in 2021/22 (up to September 2021) 68% of participants had achieved this.

In 2020/21 and 2021/22 (up to September 2021), the proportion achieving may have been affected by Covid-19, as some participants may not have had the opportunity of completing their apprenticeships.

Figure 11: Performance on ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 Level 3 (2018/19 to 2021/22)



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

NOTES TO READERS

1. Context

It should be noted that the figures in this Statistical Bulletin are solely in respect of participants on the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013, 2017 and 2021 contracts, introduced for new starts from August 2013, August 2017 and August 2021 respectively.

2. Introduction

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

The aim of ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 is to provide participants with the opportunity to achieve a Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship where the apprentice, in paid employment from day one, will work towards achieving the requirements of an industry-approved Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship Framework.

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

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

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

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

3. Eligibility

Generally, people may enter ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 subject to:-

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

- meeting any health requirements specific to the occupation of their choice;
- having achieved any necessary entry academic qualifications determined by the relevant sector for the Apprenticeship and approved by the Department; and
- passing any entry tests specified by the relevant sector/employer and approved by the Department.

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

The following, are not eligible to enter an ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 – funded Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship:

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

4. Source of Data

The Department's Client Management System (CMS), installed in Jobcentre/Jobs & Benefits offices throughout Northern Ireland, is an IT system used to facilitate the interface with the Department's customers. It maintains a basic client record; allows the preferred occupation stated by clients to be matched against suitable vacancies; records actions such as interviews, referrals to training opportunities, placing into jobs etc. In particular, it has been significantly enhanced to record ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 specific actions, and certain permitted data fields are populated automatically whenever Training Suppliers update their records on the Trainee Management System software.

The relevant data are extracted from CMS each month to form the ApprenticeshipsNI Database maintained by the Department's Youth Training Statistics and Research Branch within Analytical Services. The data for this Bulletin were extracted from CMS on 15th January 2022. The data presented are derived from the ApprenticeshipsNI database.

5. Definitions

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

i. Programme Definitions

Academic year: Refers to 1st August to 31st July.

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

Leavers: Refers to the number of participants leaving ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 who are on provision for more than 28 days and excludes Rejoins.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Participant: A participant is defined for statistical purposes as an individual on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021. An individual can participate on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 more than once.

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

Starts: Refers to the number of participants starting ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 who are on provision for more than 28 days and excludes Rejoins.

ii. Equality Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

iii. Performance Monitoring Definitions

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

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

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

6. Revisions

Over time, as more information becomes available, estimates can be revised to improve quality and accuracy, which will provide a better picture of that being measured. The programme dynamics of ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 may lead to the revision of published statistics as described in the previous section. In addition there may be a lag in recording some information on the administrative system and therefore statistics may be updated in future to improve accuracy.

7. Quality Measures

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

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

Timeliness and Punctuality: Data in this Bulletin include all participants who commenced ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 on or before the 30th October 2021. The time gap between this date and the publication date is due to a lag of three months that must be left before data can be extracted from CMS, along with time taken to complete validation and processing.

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8. The Apprenticeship Levy

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

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

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Section 1: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 Starts

Table 1.1: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 starts by age and gender (2012/13 to 2021/22 October 2021) ^{(1) (2)}

Academic Year	Total	Aged 16 to 19		Aged 20 to 24			Aged 25+			
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
2012/13	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013/14	5,203	1,483	554	2,037	1,339	1,453	2,792	241	133	374
2014/15	5,451	1,713	599	2,312	1,301	1,342	2,643	276	220	496
2015/16	6,083	1,862	662	2,524	1,464	1,434	2,898	341	320	661
2016/17	6,497	1,910	643	2,553	1,541	1,353	2,894	565	485	1,050
2017/18	5,651	1,964	604	2,568	1,246	1,165	2,411	323	349	672
2018/19	5,810	2,154	571	2,725	1,296	1,097	2,393	383	309	692
2019/20	4,451	1,874	425	2,299	892	754	1,646	309	197	506
2020/21	5,775	1,860	444	2,304	1,171	959	2,130	821	520	1,341
2021/22 (up to October 2021)	3,043	1,991	205	2,196	513	220	733	78	36	114
Total	47,965	16,812	4,707	21,519	10,763	9,777	20,540	3,337	2,569	5,906

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

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 only.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Table 1.2: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 starts by level (2012/13 to 2021/22 October 2021) ^{(1) (2) (3)}

Academic Year	Total	Level 2	Level 3		Level not assigned
			Level 2/3	Level 3	
2012/13	1	1	0	0	0
2013/14	5,203	2,597	392	2,160	54
2014/15	5,451	2,779	388	2,241	43
2015/16	6,083	2,630	876	2,509	68
2016/17	6,497	2,863	970	2,610	54
2017/18	5,651	2,612	552	2,484	3
2018/19	5,810	2,725	409	2,676	0
2019/20	4,451	2,038	298	2,115	0
2020/21	5,775	3,250	215	2,310	0
2021/22 (up to October 2021)	3,043	1,706	144	1,193	0
Total	47,965	23,201	4,244	20,298	222

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(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 only.

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Section 2: Occupancy on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021

Table 2.1: All participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 by gender (August 2013 to October 2021) (1) (2) (3)

Quarter	All						Level 3						Level Not Assigned		
	All			Level 2			Level 2/3			Level 3			Total	Male	Female
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Aug-Oct 13	2,070	1,435	635	817	512	305	256	231	25	975	678	297	22	14	8
Nov-Jan 14	3,128	2,028	1,100	1,360	815	545	338	281	57	1,421	926	495	9	6	3
Feb-Apr 14	3,753	2,329	1,424	1,765	1,022	743	345	286	59	1,641	1,019	622	2	2	0
May-Jul 14	4,191	2,509	1,682	2,061	1,176	885	330	271	59	1,784	1,053	731	16	9	7
Aug-Oct 14	5,829	3,776	2,053	2,669	1,627	1,042	575	519	56	2,578	1,627	951	7	3	4
Nov-Jan 15	6,090	3,995	2,095	2,791	1,734	1,057	576	518	58	2,721	1,742	979	2	1	1
Feb-Apr 15	6,163	4,004	2,159	2,788	1,732	1,056	569	512	57	2,800	1,757	1,043	6	3	3
May-Jul 15	6,141	3,911	2,230	2,852	1,762	1,090	563	506	57	2,716	1,639	1,077	10	4	6
Aug-Oct 15	7,467	4,836	2,631	3,162	1,922	1,240	1,114	1,028	86	3,181	1,879	1,302	10	7	3
Nov-Jan 16	7,539	4,884	2,655	3,071	1,877	1,194	1,193	1,056	137	3,269	1,948	1,321	6	3	3
Feb-Apr 16	7,289	4,749	2,540	2,935	1,842	1,093	1,150	986	164	3,194	1,916	1,278	10	5	5
May-Jul 16	6,977	4,554	2,423	2,781	1,746	1,035	1,161	977	184	3,030	1,827	1,203	5	4	1
Aug-Oct 16	7,644	5,138	2,506	2,812	1,803	1,009	1,433	1,229	204	3,387	2,095	1,292	12	11	1
Nov-Jan 17	7,620	5,177	2,443	2,706	1,723	983	1,533	1,351	182	3,372	2,097	1,275	9	6	3
Feb-Apr 17	8,808	5,702	3,106	3,323	1,968	1,355	1,718	1,477	241	3,747	2,245	1,502	20	12	8
May-Jul 17	7,502	4,922	2,580	2,834	1,663	1,171	1,591	1,399	192	3,076	1,860	1,216	1	0	1
Aug-Oct 17	7,947	5,629	2,318	2,950	1,972	978	1,708	1,531	177	3,289	2,126	1,163	0	0	0
Nov-Jan 18	8,017	5,647	2,370	3,087	2,063	1,024	1,675	1,484	191	3,255	2,100	1,155	0	0	0
Feb-Apr 18	7,816	5,423	2,393	3,036	2,009	1,027	1,612	1,393	219	3,168	2,021	1,147	0	0	0
May-Jul 18	7,294	4,903	2,391	2,882	1,861	1,021	1,445	1,256	189	2,966	1,785	1,181	1	1	0
Aug-Oct 18	8,353	5,955	2,398	3,270	2,238	1,032	1,527	1,343	184	3,556	2,374	1,182	0	0	0
Nov-Jan 19	8,138	5,814	2,324	3,199	2,171	1,028	1,411	1,268	143	3,528	2,375	1,153	0	0	0
Feb-Apr 19	7,780	5,540	2,240	3,024	2,046	978	1,304	1,194	110	3,452	2,300	1,152	0	0	0
May-Jul 19	7,528	5,288	2,240	2,973	1,986	987	1,200	1,104	96	3,355	2,198	1,157	0	0	0
Aug-Oct 19	8,453	6,199	2,254	3,292	2,345	947	1,211	1,108	103	3,950	2,746	1,204	0	0	0
Nov-Jan 20	8,251	6,047	2,204	3,180	2,253	927	1,114	1,023	91	3,957	2,771	1,186	0	0	0
Feb-Apr 20	7,458	5,461	1,997	2,858	1,991	867	965	885	80	3,635	2,585	1,050	0	0	0
May-Jul 20	7,027	5,175	1,852	2,704	1,889	815	887	822	65	3,436	2,464	972	0	0	0
Aug-Oct 20	7,770	5,965	1,805	3,014	2,202	812	903	842	61	3,853	2,921	932	0	0	0
Nov-Jan 21	8,069	6,159	1,910	3,236	2,296	940	882	823	59	3,951	3,040	911	0	0	0
Feb-Apr 21	8,739	6,599	2,140	3,750	2,664	1,086	831	777	54	4,158	3,158	1,000	0	0	0
May-Jul 21	8,564	6,355	2,209	3,797	2,630	1,167	777	726	51	3,990	2,999	991	0	0	0
Aug-Oct 21	10,179	7,970	2,209	4,738	3,507	1,231	814	764	50	4,627	3,699	928	0	0	0

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(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 only.

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Table 2.2: All participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 by Framework, Level and Gender (October 2021) (1) (2) (3)

Framework	Total	Level 2			Level 3						Level Not Assigned
		Male	Female	Total	Level 2/3			Level 3			
					Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Accountancy	6	0	1	1	2	0	2	1	2	3	0
Active Leisure Learning and Well-being	14	2	2	4	0	0	0	3	7	10	0
Advice and Guidance	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agriculture	96	44	8	52	0	1	1	38	5	43	0
Amenity Horticulture	7	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Animal Care	7	0	4	4	0	0	0	2	1	3	0
Barbering	17	6	1	7	1	0	1	8	1	9	0
Beauty Therapy	25	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	14	14	0
Business and Administration	86	8	30	38	3	1	4	18	26	44	0
Call Handling	125	61	64	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catering and Professional Chefs	245	141	50	191	8	1	9	40	5	45	0
Child Care Learning and Development	195	1	44	45	1	2	3	2	145	147	0
Construction	889	854	8	862	26	1	27	0	0	0	0
Construction Crafts	409	0	0	0	79	0	79	328	2	330	0
Construction Technical	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	2	21	0
Contact Centre Operation	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	11	20	0
Customer Service	118	45	52	97	3	1	4	8	9	17	0
Dental Nursing	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	35	0
Distribution and Warehousing	99	84	2	86	2	0	2	10	1	11	0
Driving Goods Vehicles	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electrical and Electronic Servicing	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	12	0
Electrical Distribution and Trans. Engineering	38	0	0	0	26	1	27	11	0	11	0
Electrical Power Engineering	6	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electrotechnical	1796	0	0	0	74	0	74	1713	9	1722	0
Engineering	940	389	5	394	230	13	243	301	2	303	0
Equine Industry	7	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Manufacture	914	441	223	664	0	0	0	148	102	250	0
Furniture Production	17	8	2	10	0	0	0	7	0	7	0
Hairdressing	189	9	99	108	0	0	0	5	76	81	0
Health and Social Care	397	6	158	164	0	9	9	25	199	224	0
Heating , Ventillation, Air Conditioning and Refridgeration	68	43	0	43	0	0	0	25	0	25	0
Hospitality	462	109	172	281	4	4	8	65	108	173	0
I.T. User	27	13	5	18	1	0	1	4	4	8	0
Insurance	156	39	39	78	0	0	0	40	38	78	0
IT and Telecoms Professional	300	33	35	68	0	0	0	218	14	232	0
Land Based Service Engineering	54	25	0	25	0	0	0	29	0	29	0
Light Vehicle Body and Paint Operations	29	0	0	0	5	0	5	24	0	24	0

Framework	Total	Level 2			Level 3						Level Not Assigned
		Male	Female	Total	Level 2/3			Level 3			
					Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Management	33	0	0	0	0	3	3	11	19	30	0
Mechanical Engineering Services (Plumbing)	735	442	0	442	63	0	63	228	2	230	0
Nail Services	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Pharmacy Services	10	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0
Polymer Processing	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	6	0
Print Production	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	22	0
Printing Industry	32	30	2	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retail	228	75	66	141	5	5	10	41	36	77	0
Sales and Telesales	6	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Security Systems	108	31	0	31	0	0	0	77	0	77	0
Team Leading	32	10	22	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Body and Paint	75	71	2	73	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Fitting	9	8	0	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	690	308	12	320	212	5	217	147	6	153	0
Vehicle Parts	19	3	1	4	8	2	10	5	0	5	0
Vehicle Sales	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Assigned	343	149	95	244	9	1	10	49	40	89	0
Total	10179	3507	1231	4738	764	50	814	3699	928	4627	0

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(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 only.

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Table 2.3: All participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 by equality group (October 2021) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾

Equality Group	Equality Sub-Categories	Total	Level 2	Level 3		Level Not Assigned
				Level 2/3	Level 3	
All	All	10,179	4,738	814	4,627	0
Age (4)	16-19	5,734	2,619	590	2,525	0
	20-24	3,180	1,373	203	1,604	0
	25+	1,265	746	21	498	0
Sex	Male	7,970	3,507	764	3,699	0
	Female	2,209	1,231	50	928	0
Disability	Yes	1,299	681	105	513	0
	No	8,880	4,057	709	4,114	0
Background	Catholic	2,816	1,131	250	1,435	0
	Protestant	2,123	815	250	1,058	0
	Other	479	247	29	203	0
	Not Known ⁽⁵⁾	4,761	2,545	285	1,931	0
Ethnicity	White	6,662	2,768	637	3,257	0
	Non White	148	82	9	57	0
	Not Known ⁽⁵⁾	3,369	1,888	168	1,313	0
Dependants	No Dependants	1,452	753	90	609	0
	With Dependants	152	107	4	41	0
	Not Known ⁽⁵⁾	8,575	3,878	720	3,977	0
Marital Status	Single	8,338	3,848	695	3,795	0
	Married / Cohabiting	95	72	1	22	0
	Widowed/ Separated/ Divorced	23	18	0	5	0
	Not Known ⁽⁵⁾	1,723	800	118	805	0

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

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 only.

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

(4) 'Age' relates to age of the participant on starting provision.

(5) The 'Not Known' category is where information has not been recorded or is not available for a participant.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Table 2.4: All participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 by Local Government District (October 2021) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾

Local Government District ⁽⁴⁾	Total	Level 2	Level 2/3	Level 3	Level not assigned
Antrim and Newtownabbey	753	369	76	308	0
Ards and North Down	648	281	59	308	0
Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	1,006	441	84	481	0
Belfast	1,295	584	141	570	0
Causeway Coast and Glens	802	365	69	368	0
Derry City and Strabane	1,219	745	16	458	0
Fermanagh and Omagh	908	388	38	482	0
Lisburn and Castlereagh	537	252	43	242	0
Mid and East Antrim	744	316	90	338	0
Mid Ulster	1,210	556	141	513	0
Newry, Mourne and Down	974	398	53	523	0
Not Known ⁽⁵⁾	83	43	4	36	0
Total	10,179	4,738	814	4,627	0

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

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 only.

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

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

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Table 2.5: All participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 by Parliamentary Constituency (October 2021) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁵⁾

Parliamentary Constituency ⁽⁴⁾	Total	Level 2	Level 2/3	Level 3	Level not assigned
Belfast East	364	176	30	158	0
Belfast North	484	214	59	211	0
Belfast South	280	123	16	141	0
Belfast West	473	211	62	200	0
East Antrim	506	206	69	231	0
East Londonderry	554	271	41	242	0
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	674	270	64	340	0
Foyle	788	501	7	280	0
Lagan Valley	427	202	36	189	0
Mid Ulster	908	422	102	384	0
Newry & Armagh	664	259	41	364	0
North Antrim	596	257	57	282	0
North Down	297	121	26	150	0
South Antrim	558	278	55	225	0
South Down	634	261	38	335	0
Strangford	474	217	44	213	0
Upper Bann	494	234	41	219	0
West Tyrone	921	472	22	427	0
Not Known ⁽⁵⁾	83	43	4	36	0
Total	10,179	4,738	814	4,627	0

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

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 only.

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

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

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Section 3: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 Leavers and Outcomes

Table 3.1: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 leavers by gender (2013/14 to 2021/22 October 2021) ^{(1) (2) (3)}

Academic Year	Leavers				
	Total	Male	% Male	Female	% Female
2013/14	902	515	57%	387	43%
2014/15	3,577	1,918	54%	1,659	46%
2015/16	5,219	3,020	58%	2,199	42%
2016/17	6,011	3,650	61%	2,361	39%
2017/18	5,796	3,512	61%	2,284	39%
2018/19	5,537	3,416	62%	2,121	38%
2019/20	4,905	3,134	64%	1,771	36%
2020/21	4,388	2,795	64%	1,593	36%
2021/22 (up to October 2021)	1,491	1,012	68%	479	32%
Total	37,826	22,972	61%	14,854	39%

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

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 only.

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Table 3.2: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 leavers by level (2013/14 to 2021/22 October 2021) ^{(1) (2) (3)}

Academic Year	Total	Level 2	Level 3		Level Not Assigned
			Level 2/3	Level 3	
2013/14	902	481	59	322	40
2014/15	3,577	2,025	154	1,349	49
2015/16	5,219	2,694	264	2,190	71
2016/17	6,011	2,837	546	2,569	59
2017/18	5,796	2,539	682	2,573	2
2018/19	5,537	2,618	662	2,256	1
2019/20	4,905	2,291	605	2,009	0
2020/21	4,388	2,209	348	1,831	0
2021/22 (up to October 2021)	1,491	790	116	585	0
Total	37,826	18,484	3,436	15,684	222

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

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 only.

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Table 3.3: Qualifications achieved by participants leaving Level 2 Apprenticeships (2013/14 to 2021/22 October 2021) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾

Academic Year	Total Leavers	Number of Leavers achieving each Qualification		Percentage of Leavers achieving each Qualification	
		NVQ Level 2	Framework Level 2	NVQ Level 2	Framework Level 2
2013/14	481	157	157	33%	33%
2014/15	2,025	1,332	1,283	66%	63%
2015/16	2,694	1,954	1,872	73%	69%
2016/17	2,837	1,989	1,852	70%	65%
2017/18	2,539	1,668	1,499	66%	59%
2018/19	2,618	1,734	1,618	66%	62%
2019/20	2,291	1,466	1,354	64%	59%
2020/21	2,209	1,043	936	47%	42%
2021/22 (up to October 2021)	790	417	342	53%	43%
Total	18,484	11,760	10,913	64%	59%

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

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 only.

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Table 3.4: Qualifications achieved by participants leaving Level 2/3 and Level 3 Apprenticeships (2013/14 to 2021/22 October 2021) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾

Academic Year	Total Leavers	Number of Leavers achieving each Qualification				Percentage of Leavers achieving each Qualification			
		NVQ Level 2	NVQ Level 3	Full Framework Level 2	Full Framework Level 3	NVQ Level 2	NVQ Level 3	Full Framework Level 2	Full Framework Level 3
2013/14	381	11	72	7	72	3%	19%	2%	19%
2014/15	1,503	78	864	30	849	5%	57%	2%	56%
2015/16	2,454	82	1,571	13	1,532	3%	64%	1%	62%
2016/17	3,115	286	1,977	10	1,910	9%	63%	0%	61%
2017/18	3,255	459	2,102	25	1,990	14%	65%	1%	61%
2018/19	2,918	485	1,922	3	1,847	17%	66%	0%	63%
2019/20	2,614	498	1,663	2	1,594	19%	64%	0%	61%
2020/21	2,179	255	1,211	0	1,122	12%	56%	0%	51%
2021/22 (up to October 2021)	701	85	380	0	355	12%	54%	0%	51%
Total	19,120	2,239	11,762	90	11,271	12%	62%	0%	59%

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

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017/2021 only.

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Section 4: Performance against ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Programme Targets

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

Unlike the tables in earlier sections of this bulletin which are based on academic years, the Performance Monitoring tables are based on Financial Years, i.e. from 1st April to 31st March in the following year. ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 KPIs are based on the year participants left the course whereas the targets for Apprenticeships 2013 are based on the year participants started their course.

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

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

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



Table 4.1: Performance on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 2 (2013/14 to 2016/17) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾

Financial Year	Completed 4 Weeks	Number of Participants				Percentage of Participants				
		Still on this Training Programme	Left without an NVQ or Full Framework	Achieved NVQ Level 2 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Achieved Level 2 Framework ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Still on this Training Programme	Left without an NVQ or Full Framework	Achieved NVQ Level 2 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Achieved Level 2 Framework ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Level 2 Framework Programme Target
2013/14	1,880	0	475	1,391	1,340	0%	25%	74%	71%	56%
2014/15	2,761	0	769	1,984	1,859	0%	28%	72%	67%	58%
2015/16	2,710	0	782	1,919	1,793	0%	29%	71%	66%	60%
2016/17	3,459	0	1,069	2,381	2,182	0%	31%	69%	63%	60%

(1) The Target Year for achievement of qualifications is 2 years after a participant starts on a programme. For example, starts in 2013/14 had a Target Year for achievement of March 2016.

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Table 4.2: Performance on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 2/3 (2013/14 to 2016/17) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾

Financial Year	Completed 4 Weeks	Number of Participants						Percentage of Participants							
		Still on this Training Programme	Left without an NVQ or Full Framework	Achieved NVQ Level 2 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Achieved NVQ Level 3 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Achieved Level 2 Framework ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Achieved Level 3 Framework ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Still on this Training Programme	Left without an NVQ or Full Framework	Achieved NVQ Level 2 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	NVQ Level 2 Programme Target	Achieved NVQ Level 3 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Achieved Level 2 Framework ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Achieved Level 3 Framework ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Level 3 Framework Programme Target
2013/14	363	0	88	263	165	30	161	0%	24%	72%	65%	45%	8%	44%	57%
2014/15	377	0	95	274	179	20	175	0%	25%	73%	65%	47%	5%	46%	59%
2015/16	843	9	220	606	453	20	437	1%	26%	72%	65%	54%	2%	52%	62%
2016/17	995	74	272	692	419	19	389	7%	27%	70%	65%	42%	2%	39%	62%

(1) The Target Year for achievement of qualifications is 2 years after a participant starts on a programme. For example, starts in 2013/14 had a Target Year for achievement of March 2016.

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Table 4.3: Performance on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 3 (2013/14 to 2016/17) ^{(1) (2)}

Financial Year	Completed 4 Weeks	Number of Participants				Percentage of Participants				Level 3 Framework Programme Target
		Still on this Training Programme	Left without an NVQ or Full Framework	Achieved NVQ Level 3 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Achieved Level 3 Framework ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Still on this Training Programme	Left without an NVQ or Full Framework	Achieved NVQ Level 3 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Achieved Level 3 Framework ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
2013/14	1,774	0	460	1,314	1,279	0%	26%	74%	72%	53%
2014/15	2,124	1	584	1,538	1,480	0%	27%	72%	70%	55%
2015/16	2,546	0	739	1,806	1,721	0%	29%	71%	68%	62%
2016/17	3,032	2	921	2,104	2,010	0%	30%	69%	66%	62%

(1) The Target Year for achievement of qualifications is 2 years after a participant starts on a programme. For example, starts in 2013/14 had a Target Year for achievement of March 2016.

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Section 5: Key Performance Indicator Information for ApprenticeshipsNI 2017

The following tables (5.1 and 5.2) provide data on the performance of participants on the ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 Programme. There are several major differences between these tables and those on previous pages, which should be noted.

The baseline for Key Performance Indicators for ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 is the number of participants who entered the second year of their course. This is unlike ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 programmes where the baseline is the number of participants who started the course.

Unlike the tables in earlier sections of this bulletin which are based on academic years, the Key performance Indicator tables are based on Financial Years, i.e. from 1st April to 31st March in the following year.

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

ApprenticeshipsNI 2021 has not been included in this section of the bulletin.

The Target Year for achievement of qualifications is 2 years after the financial year a participant starts on the programme, with the exception of the Level 3 elements of a Level 2/3 start, which can be up to 4 years after a participant starts on the programme. Data for Level 2/3 Apprenticeships are not yet available.

Table 5.1: Key Performance Indicator Information for ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 Level 2 (2018/19 to 2021/22) ⁽¹⁾

Financial Year Participants Left Course	Number on Year 2 who left course	Number achieving Level 2 Framework	Percentage achieving Level 2 Framework	KPI Target (%)
2018/19	403	342	85%	55%
2019/20	1,353	1,087	80%	55%
2020/21	1,256	807	64%	55%
2021/22 (up to September 2021)	566	346	61%	55%

(1) 2018/19 is not a complete year as not all participants who started on the ApprenticeshipsNI from August 2017 would have left the course at this point.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 15th January 2022.

Table 5.2: Key Performance Indicator Information for ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 Level 2 (2018/19 to 2021/22) ^{(1) (2)}

Financial Year Participants Left Course	Number on Year 2 who left course	Number achieving Level 3 Framework	Percentage achieving Level 3 Framework	KPI Target (%)
2018/19	202	152	75%	55%
2019/20	940	741	79%	55%
2020/21	1,003	598	60%	55%
2021/22 (up to September 2021)	640	436	68%	55%

(1) 2018/19 is not a complete year as not all participants who started on the ApprenticeshipsNI from August 2017 would have left the course at this point.

(2) Data for Level 2/3 ApprenticeshipsNI are not yet available as participants have up to 4 years to complete the programme.

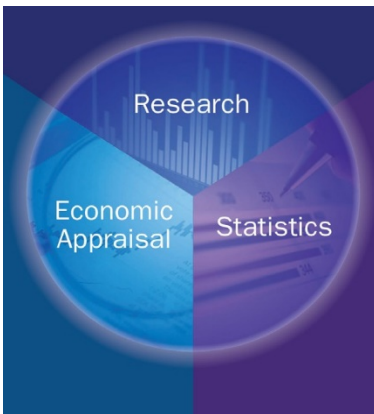
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