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Post-16 Education & Skills: Learner Participation, Outcomes and Level of Highest Qualification Held

- 1 This is a Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) Statistical First Release (SFR), and updates information published on 27th January 2011. It includes information on government-funded¹ participation, achievement and success rates for post-16 education² (excluding schools and Higher Education) in England, between 2005/06 and 2009/10.
- 2 The SFR includes final data for the 2009/10 academic year, and provisional data for the first six months of the 2010/11 academic year. This data will be revised and updated in the June 2011 SFR, where data for the first nine months of the 2010/11 academic year will be presented.
- 3 It shows key statistics on the level of highest qualification held by adults in England from 2001 to 2009, calculated from Labour Force Survey (LFS) data. These include attainment rates for specific priority groups of adult learners in the population that are of key interest within BIS and the Skills Funding Agency. Provisional estimates from the Labour Force Survey on the level of highest qualification held by adults in England in 2010 were published on 12th May as a supplementary release to the original March SFR.
- 4 This SFR also shows the number of vocational qualifications awarded in the United Kingdom, as collected by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) and through the National Vocational Qualifications Database.

¹ Covering the Skills Funding Agency and the Young People's Learning Agency.

² Post-16 education includes provision delivered in FE organisations, sixth form colleges, independent training organisations, local authorities and other providers. This includes programmes such as Apprenticeships. For more information on the scope of this Release, please see paragraphs 59 to 62.

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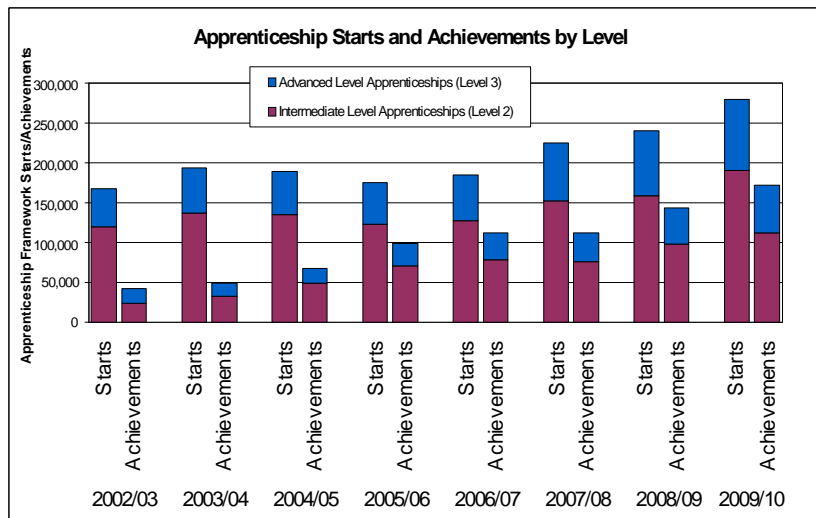
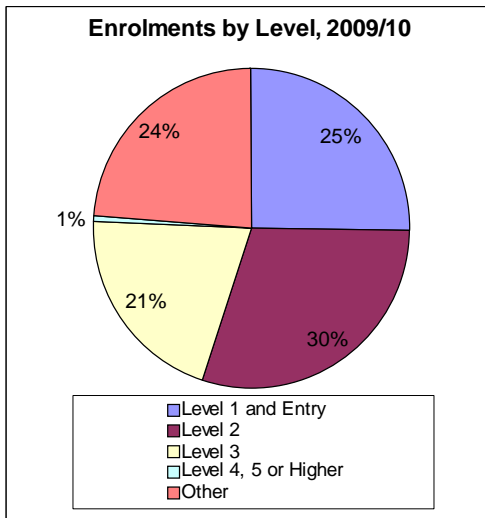
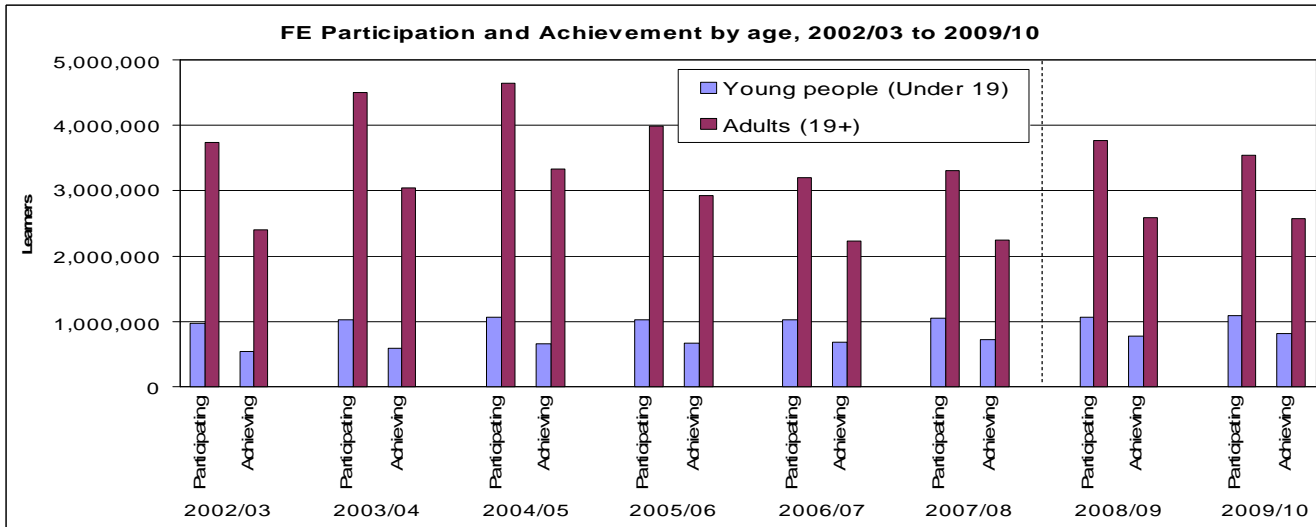
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Key Further Education Statistics for England, 2009/10

FE and Skills Demographics	Apprenticeships	Learner Responsive	University for Industry	Other Work-Based Learning	Adult Safeguarded Learning	Total	OF WHICH: Skills for Life
Under 19	38%	40%	2%	-	1%	24%	36%
19 - 24	43%	14%	19%	15%	7%	17%	20%
25+	19%	46%	79%	85%	92%	59%	43%
Female	47%	54%	46%	49%	75%	55%	53%
Male	53%	46%	54%	51%	25%	45%	47%
Learning Difficulty	10%	16%	11%	5%	11%	12%	16%
No Learning Difficulty	89%	78%	89%	93%	76%	82%	80%
Not Known	1%	6%	1%	2%	12%	6%	4%
White	92%	77%	77%	85%	81%	80%	74%
BME	7%	21%	23%	14%	15%	18%	24%
Not Known/Not Provided	1%	2%	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%
Total	491,300	2,247,400	153,800	846,900	762,400	4,635,500	1,430,600



Level of Highest Qualification held, Labour Force Survey				Success Rates in Further Education			
				2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	
Year	Level 2 +	Level 3 +	Level 4 +	FE Provision	80.2%	80.6%	80.7%
2006	71.7%	52.3%	32.2%	Skills for Life	74.2%	75.5%	74.7%
2007	73.0%	53.9%	33.3%	Full Level 2	72.7%	74.4%	76.5%
2008	73.9%	54.4%	33.6%	Full Level 3	71.6%	72.9%	76.0%
2009	75.6%	55.9%	35.3%	All Apprenticeships	63.9%	70.9%	73.8%
				Apprenticeships	64.4%	70.4%	73.4%
				Advanced Apprenticeships	62.8%	72.1%	74.8%

Source: Administrative data except where stated

GLOSSARY OF KEY TERMS

Further Education and Skills includes learners who are studying on a course at a Further Education college or training provider, learners who are studying a course within their local community, employees undertaking an apprenticeship, and employees undertaking other qualifications 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.

An Apprenticeship framework 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 (literacy and numeracy) - key skills / functional skills.
- A module on employment rights and responsibilities.

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

Learner Responsive Learning covers further education learning delivered mainly in a classroom, workshop, or through distance or e-learning.

See <http://skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk/providers/programmes/alr/> for further information on Learner Responsive Learning.

Other Employer-Based Training covers a broad range of training – from basic skills to Level 2, Level 3 and other higher-level skills such as Leadership and Management. This training is mainly delivered through the workplace. From 2005/06 this has included the Train to Gain programme. For further information on Train to Gain and Employer-Based provision, please see <http://skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk/providers/programmes/ttg/>

Skills for Life qualifications 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. For further information on Skills for Life, please see <http://skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk/providers/programmes/skillsforlife/>

University for Industry delivers further education courses through the provider learndirect. Learners can study at a local centre, or via the Internet. For more information on University for Industry, please see www.ufi.com

Adult Safeguarded Learning (ASL) covers the delivery of a wide range of courses ranging from personal development through to older people's learning, digital inclusion, employability skills, family learning, civic engagement and community development. ASL courses may be offered by local authorities, colleges, and voluntary and community groups, and include activity specifically targeted at deprived areas and disadvantaged groups.

More information on Adult Safeguarded Learning and the different programmes, can be found at: [http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/datadictionary/businessdefinitions/Adult+Safeguarded+Learning+\(ASL\).htm](http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/datadictionary/businessdefinitions/Adult+Safeguarded+Learning+(ASL).htm)

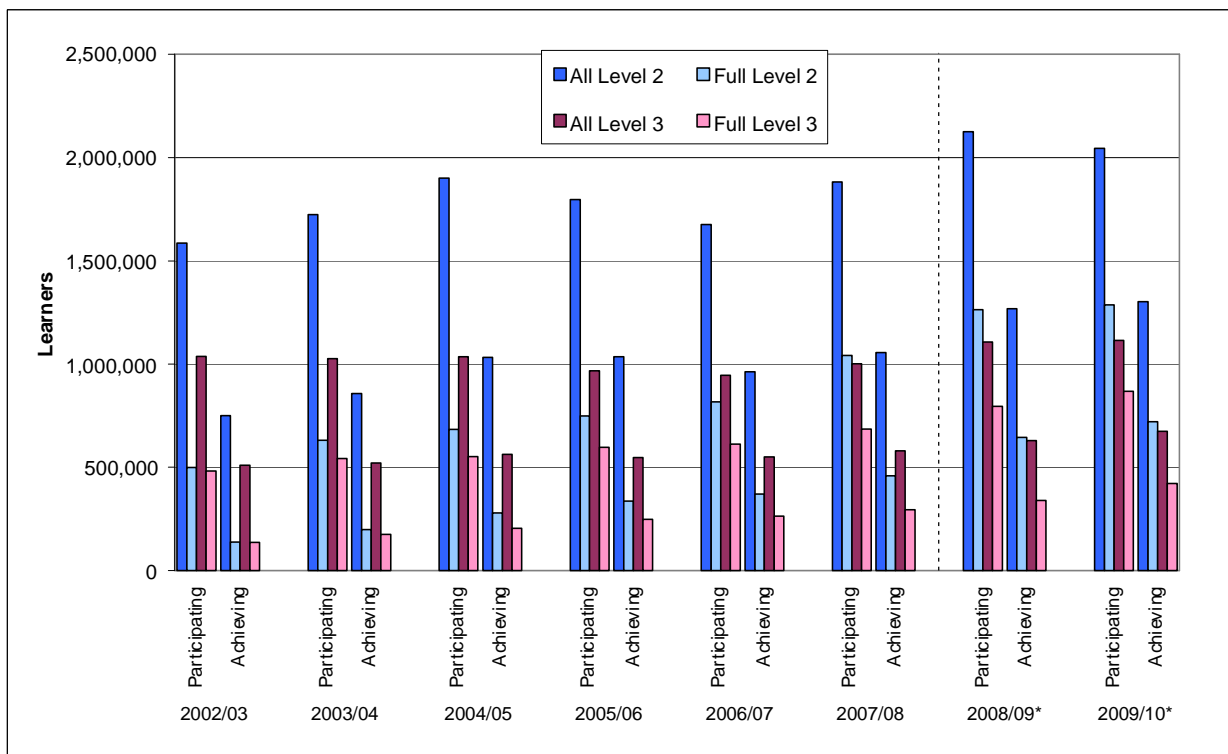
Full Level 2 The width of all of a learner's Level 2 aims are summed to establish whether a learner is taking a Full Level 2 programme. A Full Level 2 is equivalent to an NVQ at Level 2, or 5 GCSEs.

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

Learner Participation and Achievement in Further Education

- 5 This section reports on learner participation and achievement in Further Education over 2009/10. 2009/10 is the latest academic year for which we have final, full-year data which we can use to accurately report learner participation and achievement. Provisional data for the first six months of the 2010/11 academic year (August 2010 to January 2011) is presented separately, starting from page 13 of this Release.
- 6 Chart 1 below shows the number of learners participating on, and achieving a Level 2 (equivalent to GCSE level) or Level 3 (equivalent to A-Level) qualification in government-funded further education between 2002/03 and the 2009/10 academic year (the academic year runs from 1st August to 31st July).
- 7 Chart 1 shows that the number of learners participating and achieving on Level 2 and Level 3 courses has followed a similar trend between 2002/03 and 2009/10. There has been a gradual increase in learners between 2002/03 and 2004/05, followed by a two year decline. From 2006/07 both participation and achievement on Level 2 and 3 courses has steadily increased.

Chart 1: Total Learner Participation and Achievement on Key Levels in Government-Funded Further Education

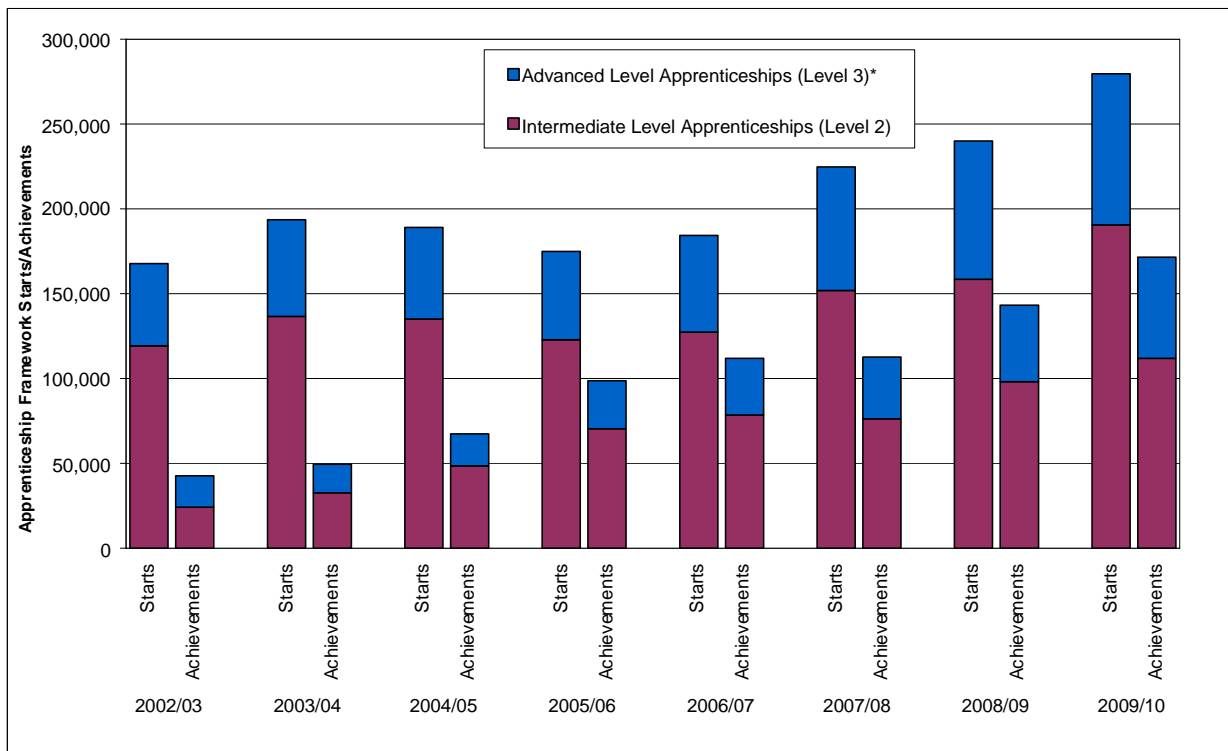


***Note: Learner Numbers for 2008/09 onwards are not directly comparable with earlier years. See paragraph 56 onwards for more information.**

- 8 Some 4,635,500 learners participated in some form of government-funded Further Education in the 2009/10 academic year [Table 3.1]. This includes learners across all of the learning routes outlined in the Glossary on Page 4 of this Release. This is a decrease in learner participation of 4.2 per cent compared to 2008/09. The main reduction has been in the number of learners participating on Below Level 2 and non-Full Level 2 courses.
- 9 Of these learners:
- In 2009/10, 2,045,200 learners participated on a Level 2 course, a decrease of 3.8 per cent compared to 2008/09. Of these, 1,286,500 learners were studying a full Level 2 qualification, an increase of 1.8 per cent;
 - 1,115,000 learners participated on a Level 3 course, an increase of 0.9 per cent compared to 2008/09. Of these, 867,000 learners were studying a full Level 3 qualification, an increase of 9.0 per cent.
 - 1,095,000 were aged under 19 years old, an increase of 2.7 per cent compared to 2008/09.
 - 3,540,500 were aged 19 years old or over, a decrease of 6.1 per cent compared to 2008/09.
- 10 3,377,400 learners achieved a government-funded Further Education qualification in the 2009/10 academic year [Table 3.2]. This is an increase of 0.5 per cent compared to 2008/09. Of these:
- 1,302,500 learners achieved a Level 2 qualification, an increase of 2.7 per cent compared to 2008/09. Of these, 721,100 learners achieved a full Level 2 qualification, an increase of 11.9 per cent;
 - 674,600 learners achieved a Level 3 qualification, an increase of 7.4 per cent compared to 2008/09. Of these, 421,500 learners achieved a full Level 3 qualification, an increase of 24.7 per cent;
 - 809,600 were aged under 19 years old, an increase of 4.4 per cent compared to 2008/09.
 - 2,567,700 were aged 19 years old or over, a decrease of 0.6 per cent compared to 2008/09.
- 11 Of the 4,635,500 learners participating in further education in 2009/10 [Table 4]:
- 54.9% were female, 45.1% were male;
 - 12.1% of learners declared a Learning Difficulty, Disability or health problem;
 - 17.5% of learners were from a Black or Minority Ethnic background (including Mixed, Asian, Black and Chinese or Other Ethnic Group learners);
 - 23.6% of learners were aged under 19; 76.4% were aged 19 or older.

Apprenticeships

Chart 2: Apprenticeship Starts and Framework Achievements by Level



***Note: Advanced Level Apprenticeship figures include a small number of Higher Apprenticeships**

12 Following a fall between 2004/05 and 2005/06, apprenticeship starts have increased steadily. Apprenticeship framework achievements have increased steadily since 2002/03, both for Intermediate Level Apprenticeships and Advanced Level Apprenticeships.

13 It takes a significant amount of time to complete an apprenticeship. Because of this, the number of achievements is below the number of starts in Chart 2, as a large volume of learners that have started an apprenticeship framework have not yet completed it.

Starts

14 The volume of Apprenticeship starts in 2009/10 was 279,700 [Table 8.1]. This is an increase of 16.6 per cent compared to 2008/09. Of these there were:

- 190,500 Intermediate Level Apprenticeship starts – a 20.2% increase on 2008/09;
 - 87,700 Advanced Level Apprenticeship starts – a 7.9% increase on 2008/09.
 - 1,500 Higher Apprenticeship starts – a large increase on 2008/09.
- Learners under the age of 19 started 116,800 Apprenticeship frameworks – a 17.5% increase on 2008/09;
 - 19 – 24 year olds started 113,800 Apprenticeship frameworks – a 34.3% increase on 2008/09;
 - 25+ year olds started 49,100 Apprenticeship frameworks – a 12.1% fall compared to 2008/09.

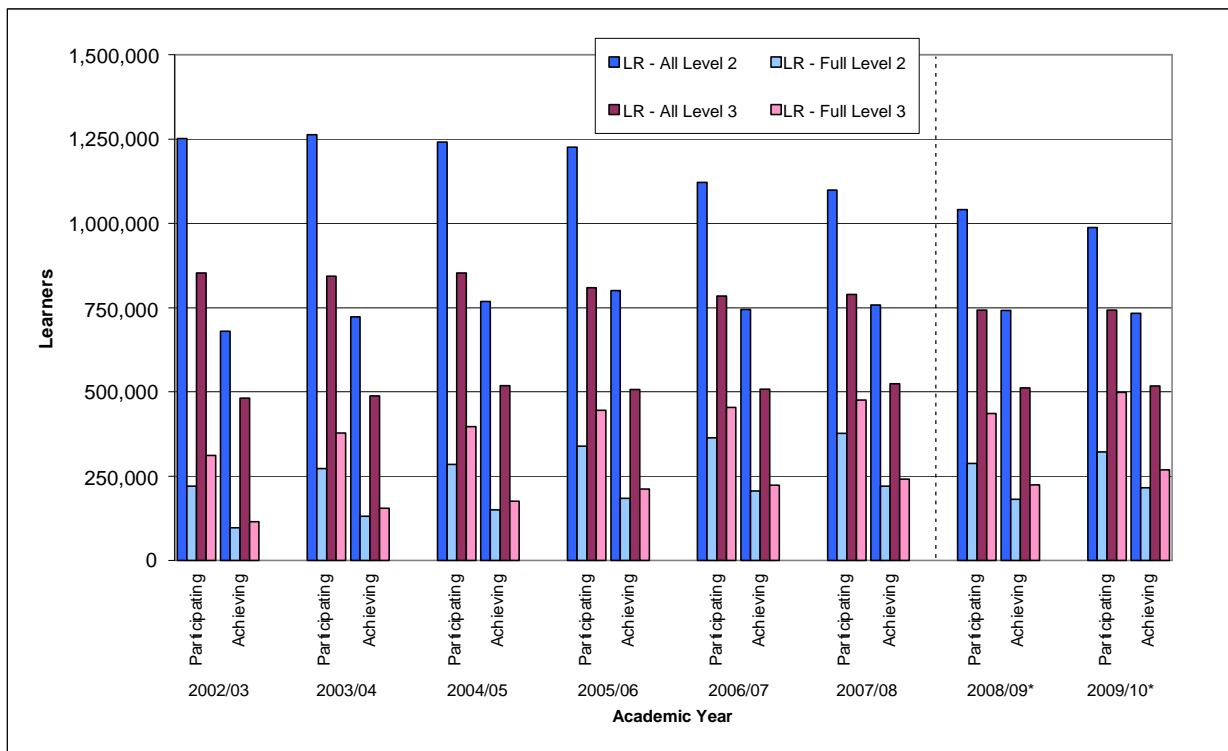
Framework Achievements

15 The volume of Apprenticeship framework achievements in 2009/10 was 171,500 [Table 8.2]. This is an increase of 19.6 per cent compared to 2008/09. Of these there were:

- 111,900 Intermediate Level Apprenticeship framework achievements – a 14.0% increase on 2008/09;
 - 59,400 Advanced Level Apprenticeship framework achievements – a 31.4% increase on 2008/09.
 - 200 Higher Apprenticeship framework achievements.
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- Learners aged under 19 achieved 73,100 Apprenticeship frameworks – a 7.9% increase on 2008/09;
 - 19 – 24 year olds achieved 64,200 Apprenticeship frameworks – a 10.9% increase on 2008/09;
 - 25+ year olds achieved 34,300 Apprenticeship frameworks – almost double the volume compared to 2008/09.

Learner Responsive Learning

Chart 3: Learner Participation and Achievement in Learner Responsive Further Education



***Note: Learner Numbers for 2008/09 onwards are not directly comparable with earlier years. See paragraph 56 onwards for more information.**

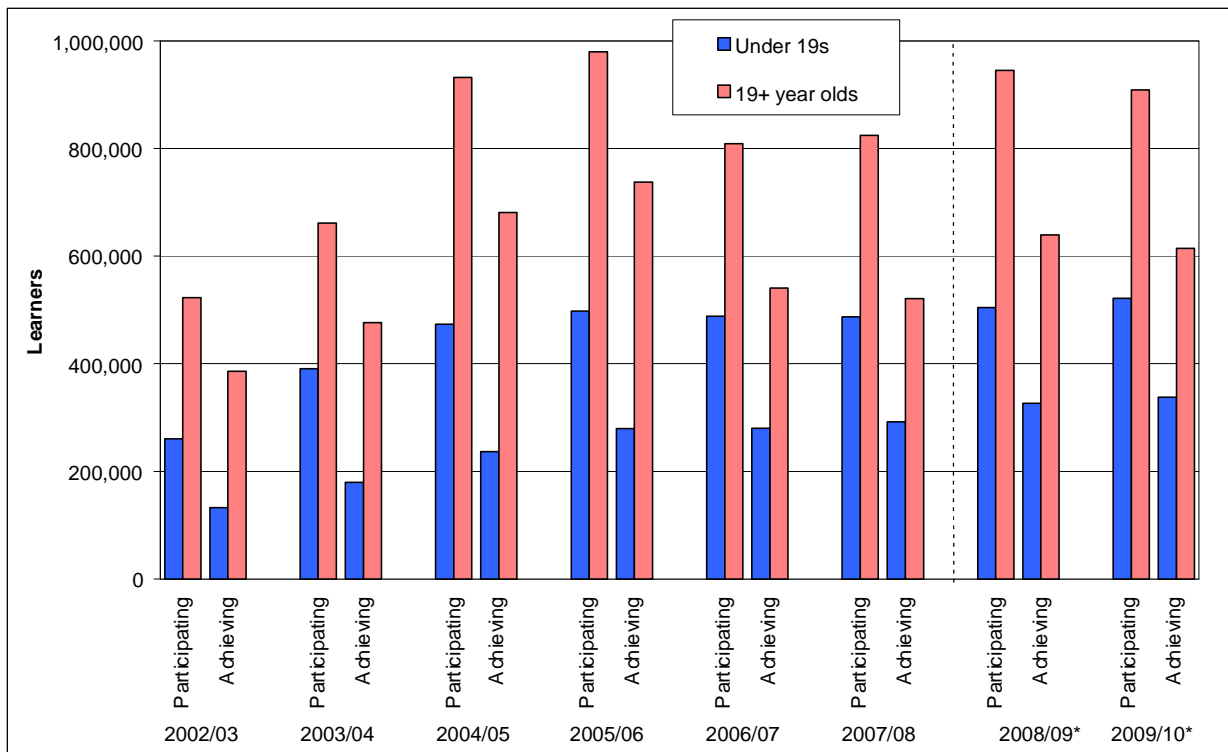
- 16 Learner Responsive learning covers further education learning delivered mainly in a classroom or workshop. Since 2003/04, the number of learners participating on Learner Responsive (LR) Level 2 and 3 courses has gradually fallen. This fall has been offset by a rise in learner starts on employer-based provision over the period, including the Apprenticeship and Train to Gain programmes.
- 17 Despite the reduction in learner participation on Level 2 and 3 Learner Responsive courses, the number of learners achieving a qualification has been fairly consistent over the period. This is due to a steady increase in the further education success rate, meaning that a higher proportion of qualifications undertaken each year have been successfully achieved.
- 18 There were 987,700 learners participating on a Level 2 qualification in 2009/10 through Learner Responsive provision [Table 4]. This is a decrease of 5.0 per cent compared to 2008/09. Of these:
- 450,300 were aged under 19 years old – an increase of 2.1 per cent compared to 2008/09;
 - 537,400 were aged 19 or older – a decrease of 10.3 per cent compared to 2008/09.
- 19 There were 742,600 learners participating on a Level 3 qualification in 2009/10 through Learner Responsive provision [Table 4]. This is approximately the same number of learners as in 2008/09. Of these:
- 464,300 were aged under 19 years old – a 5.1 per cent increase compared to 2008/09 ;
 - 278,300 were aged 19 or older – a decrease of 7.5 per cent compared to 2008/09.

Other Employer-Based Training

- 20 Train to Gain was a national skills service aimed at meeting the needs of employers of all sizes and from all sectors to improve the skills of their employees as a route to improving their business performance. A broad range of training is covered – from basic skills to Level 2, Level 3 and other higher-level skills such as Leadership and Management. As announced in a letter from the BIS Secretary of State to the Skills Funding Agency Chief Executive in June 2010, Train to Gain will be abolished from the 2011/12 academic year. It will be replaced by a new workplace training programme, aimed at supporting smaller employers.
- 21 Train to Gain was launched in April 2006. In 2009/10 there were 574,900 Train to Gain starts [Table 9.1]. Over two thirds of Train to Gain starts in 2009/10 were at Level 2, with a large proportion also at Level 3, or on Skills for Life courses.
- 22 In 2009/10, learners achieved 538,300 Train to Gain qualifications [Table 9.2]. In line with starts, over two thirds of Train to Gain achievements were at Level 2 in 2009/10, with a significant proportion also at Level 3 or on Skills for Life.

Skills for Life

Chart 4: Learner Participation and Achievement on Skills for Life Courses



***Note: Learner Numbers for 2008/09 onwards are not directly comparable with earlier years. See paragraph 56 onwards for more information.**

23 Learner participation on Skills for Life courses has fluctuated over the period. Following a steady rise from 2002/03, there was a decline between 2005/06 and 2006/07, particularly for learners aged 19 and over. Since 2008/09 participation figures have fallen slightly for learners over the age of 19, whilst figures for under 19s have stayed broadly flat.

24 1,430,600 learners participated on a Skills for Life course in 2009/10 [Table 6]. This is a decrease of 1.3 per cent compared to 2008/09. Of these:

- 521,500 were aged under 19 [Table 1.1];
- 909,100 were aged 19 years or older [Table 2.1].
- 961,600 learners participated on a Literacy course;
- 882,800 participated on a Numeracy course;
- 201,500 participated on an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) course.

Note that some learners undertake more than one type of Skills for Life qualification within an academic year, and hence the sum of Literacy, Numeracy and ESOL participation is greater than the total number of learners participating.

25 952,400 learners achieved a Skills for Life qualification in 2009/10 [Table 6]. This is a decrease of 1.4 per cent compared to 2008/09. Of these:

- 337,800 were aged under 19 [Table 1.2];
- 614,600 were aged 19 years or older [Table 2.2].

- 577,200 learners achieved a Literacy qualification;
- 521,600 learners achieved a Numeracy qualification;
- 144,300 learners achieved an ESOL qualification.

Note that some learners achieve more than one type of Skills for Life qualification within an academic year, and hence the sum of Literacy, Numeracy and ESOL achievements is greater than the total number of learners achieving.

Adult Safeguarded Learning

26 In 2009/10, 752,800 learners participated on an Adult Safeguarded Learning course, and 663,000 learners achieved [Table 7]. Of these:

- 579,200 learners took a Personal and Community Development Learning course, and 505,900 learners achieved;
- 43,700 learners took a Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities course, and 39,800 learners achieved;
- 71,300 learners took a Family Literacy, Language and Numeracy course, and 62,700 learners achieved;
- 79,600 learners took a Wider Family Learning course, and 72,600 learners achieved.

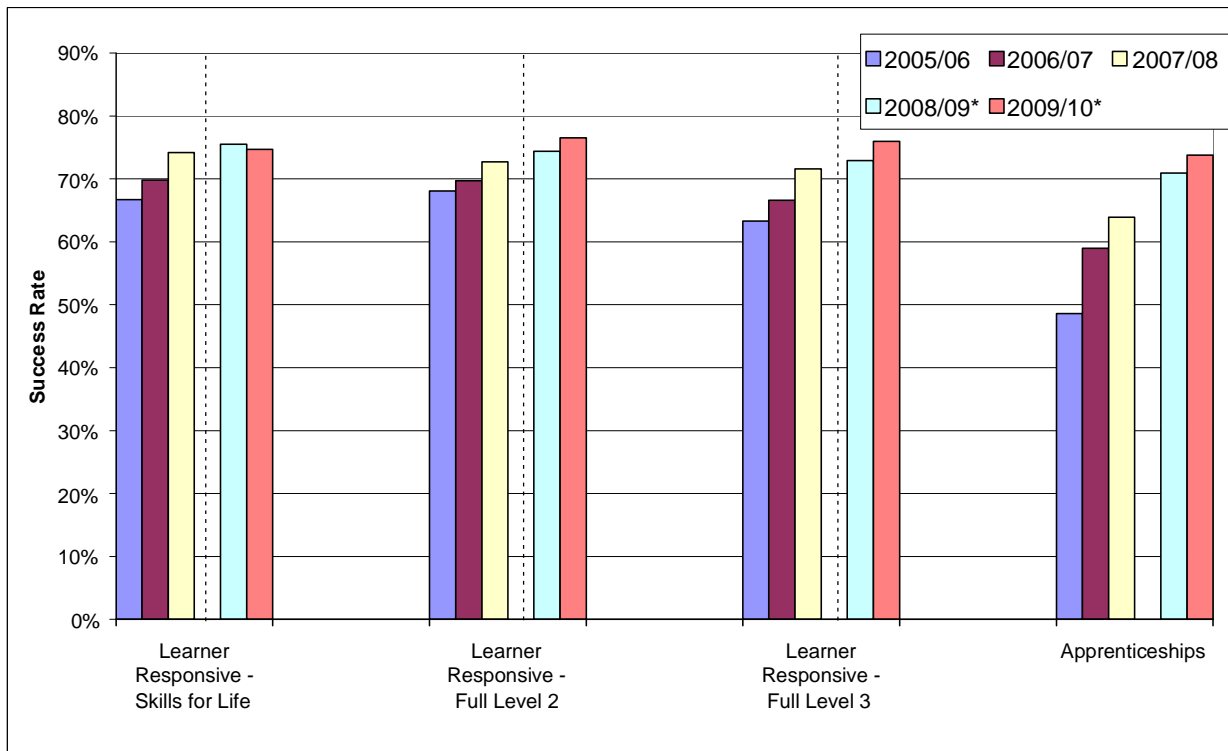
Note that these figures include learners participating on more than one type of Adult Safeguarded Learning course.

University for Industry

27 In 2009/10, 153,800 learners were participating on a University for Industry course, and 93,800 learners achieved a qualification. [Table 3 supplementary].

Success Rates

28 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. Learner Responsive and Apprenticeship success rates are calculated on a slightly different basis; for more information please see <http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/datadictionary/businessdefinitions/Success+Rates.htm>

Chart 5: Further Education Success Rates

***Note: Learner Responsive Success Rates for 2008/09 onwards are not directly comparable with earlier years. See paragraph 56 onwards for more information.**

29 Chart 5 shows that learner responsive success rates have risen steadily between 2005/06 and 2009/10, across all qualification levels except for Skills for Life. Success rates for Apprenticeship frameworks have risen dramatically since 2005/06, increasing by over twenty five percentage points to 73.8% in 2009/10.

30 2009/10 success rates [Table 3.3] were:

- 74.7% for Learner Responsive Skills for Life qualifications – a decrease of 0.8 percentage points compared to 2008/09;
- 80.0% for Learner Responsive Level 2 qualifications – an increase of 0.4 percentage points compared to 2008/09 (76.5% for Full Level 2 – an increase of 2.1 percentage points);
- 80.9% for Learner Responsive Level 3 qualifications – the same level as 2008/09 (76.0% for Full Level 3 – an increase of 3.0 percentage points);
- 73.8% for all Apprenticeships – an increase of 2.9 percentage points compared to 2008/09;
- 73.4% for Intermediate Level Apprenticeships – an increase of 3.0 percentage points compared to 2008/09;
- 74.8% for Advanced Level Apprenticeships – an increase of 2.6 percentage points compared to 2008/09.

31 Information on Train to Gain Success Rates can be found here:

http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/statisticalfirstrelease/sfr_other_statistics/

HEADLINES FOR PROVISIONAL DATA FOR AUGUST 2010 – JANUARY 2011

32 Data for 2010/11 is an early view of performance for the first six months of the academic year (August 2010 to January 2011), and will change as further data returns are received from Further Education Colleges and providers. Figures for 2010/11 will be updated in the June 2011 Statistical First Release. Provisional participation data for the first six months of 2010/11 can not be compared against final data from earlier academic years.

Apprenticeships

33 Provisional data shows that there were 213,400 Apprenticeship starts in the first six months of the 2010/11 academic year (August 2010 to January 2011) [Table 18.1]. Of these there were:

- 141,800 Intermediate Level Apprenticeship starts;
 - 70,200 Advanced Level Apprenticeship starts; and
 - 1,500 Higher Apprenticeship starts.
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- Under 19 year olds started 77,600 Apprenticeship frameworks;
 - 19 – 24 year olds started 66,900 Apprenticeship frameworks; and
 - 25+ year olds started 69,000 Apprenticeship frameworks.

34 Provisional data shows that there were 77,800 Apprenticeship framework achievements in the first six months of the 2010/11 academic year (August 2010 to January 2011) [Table 18.2]. Of these there were:

- 52,100 Intermediate Level Apprenticeship achievements;
 - 25,300 Advanced Level Apprenticeship achievements; and
 - 400 Higher Apprenticeship achievements.
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- Under 19 year olds achieved 31,400 Apprenticeship frameworks;
 - 19 – 24 year olds achieved 32,000 Apprenticeship frameworks;
 - 25+ year olds achieved 14,400 Apprenticeship frameworks.

35 In May 2010 the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills announced an additional £150 Million to fund 50,000 new adult (19 years or older) Apprenticeship starts in the 2010 -11 financial year (running from April 2010 to March 2011). The latest early, in-year, provisional data based on data returned to date for Apprenticeships show that we have passed the target of 203,200 19+ apprenticeship starts over the 2010-11 financial year. This is more than 50,000 starts more than the previous Government planned. More complete data for the full period will be reported in the June Release.

Other Employer-Based Training

- 36 Provisional data shows that there were 237,600 starts in other employer-based training in the first six months of the 2010/11 academic year (August 2010 to January 2011) [Table 19.1].
- 37 Provisional data shows that there were 192,300 other employer-based training achievements in the first six months of the 2010/11 academic year (August 2010 to January 2011) [Table 19.2].

Learner Participation

- 38 Provisional data shows that between August 2010 and January 2011 there were 3,155,400 learners participating in government-funded further education (excluding schools and Higher Education) [Table 15]. Of these:
- 964,500 were aged under 19 [Table 13];
 - 2,190,900 were aged 19 and over [Table 14].

 - 1,095,300 learners participated on a Skills for Life course [Table 15];
 - 1,331,600 learners participated on a Level 2 course, of which 938,600 were on a full Level 2 course [Table 15];
 - 931,300 learners participated on a Level 3 course, of which 791,700 were on a full Level 3 course [Table 15];

 - 421,700 learners participated on an Adult Safeguarded Learning course [Table 17].

CHANGES INCLUDED IN THIS SFR

- 39 Provisional estimates from the Labour Force Survey on the level of highest qualification held by adults in England in 2010 will be published on 12 May as a supplementary release to the March SFR. These estimates will take on the final aspects of methodological change introduced in March 2010 (details available at <http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/statisticalfirstrelease/methodology/>) by using matched Higher Education Statistics Agency data in the calculation process. The final estimates for 2006 through to 2009 will also be included at this stage, replacing the provisional estimates last updated in March 2010.

CHANGES IN THE NEXT SFR

- 40 As published in the BIS 'Skills for Sustainable Growth' Strategy on 16th November 2010, BIS will use a set of indicators of success to monitor the impact of the Strategy on the skills system as a whole and on different groups of learners. To support this, we plan to publish underpinning data relating to this set of indicators. More information on the BIS indicators can be found in the annex of the 'Skills for Sustainable Growth' Strategy at: <http://www.bis.gov.uk/assets/biscore/further-education-skills/docs/s/10-1274-skills-for-sustainable-growth-strategy.pdf>

- 41 Tables relating to Ofqual Vocational Qualification data (Table 12 of this Release, and accompanying supplementary tables) will be updated towards the end of May to allow Ofqual to update their detailed bulletins that include this data.
- 42 We will also review the placement of other tables in the main and supplementary releases to see if we can better align publication dates with data availability.
- 43 Changes to the Release will be pre-announced on the Data Service website at least a month prior to coming into effect, at:
http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/statisticalfirstrelease/sfr_next/

SUPPORTING DATA

Supplementary Tables

- 44 A full list of supplementary tables relating to this SFR can be found on the Data Service website at:
http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/statisticalfirstrelease/sfr_supplementary_tables/ These data include breakdowns by age, gender, ethnicity, learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities and/or health problems, region, local authority, parliamentary constituency, sector subject area and funding stream. For more information on exactly what data will be released, and on which date, please see the supplementary tables list on the website.
- 45 The Data Service have also published a related research report on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in the further education sector. This research report is available on the Data Service website at:
http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/other_statistics_and_research/

Related National Statistics Releases

- 46 There are a number of other National Statistics publications available that can be used to provide contextual information to this SFR. Some of those most relevant to this Release are discussed below.
- 47 [*Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England*](#) reissued on 17th March 2011. This shows that the overall proportion of 16-18 year olds in education and training was 82.2 per cent at the end of 2009 – the highest ever rate and an increase of 2.7 percentage points from 79.5 per cent at the end of 2008. The total number of 16-18 year olds in education and training increased by 29,000 to 1.64 million at the end of 2009, the highest number ever.
- 48 [*Level 2 and 3 Attainment by Young People in England Measured Using Matched Administrative Data: Attainment by Age 19 in 2010*](#) published on 31 March 2011. This shows that in 2010, 81.5 per cent of people aged 19 were qualified to at least Level 2, and 54.2 per cent were qualified to Level 3. This is an increase of 2.4 percentage points and 2.5 percentage points respectively, since 2009.
- 49 [*Higher Education Student Enrolments and Qualifications Obtained at Higher Education Institutions in the United Kingdom for the Academic Year 2009/10*](#) published on 13th January 2011. This Release shows that the total number of HE enrolments at English Higher Education Institutions stood at 2,093,635 in 2009/10,

an increase of 4% from 2008/09. In terms of qualifications, in 2009/10 there were 292,410 first degree graduates – a 6% increase from 2008/09.

- 50 [Education and Training Statistics for the United Kingdom](#) published on 26th November 2009. This Release provides statistics relating to education and training in the UK and includes chapters relating to post-compulsory education & 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).

Other Related Statistics

- 51 In December 2010 we published comparable information gathered through the Framework for Excellence on the quality and outcomes of further education provision. This information includes the views of learners and employers on the quality of the learning and training they have received; including attainment of learning aims, and progression into further and higher learning and employment. These indicators are published on the Framework for Excellence website at: <http://ffe.skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk>

Further Education Statistics for Other Countries in the United Kingdom

- 52 The focus of this SFR is on government-funded Further Education provision in England. Similar information is available for other countries in the United Kingdom, and provides useful contextual background to these statistics.
- 53 Statistics on Further Education and Work-Based Learning in **Wales** can be found at: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/headlines/post16education2010/101125/?lang=en>
- 54 Statistics on Professional and Technical Enrolments in the **Northern Ireland** Further Education Sector for 2007/08 and 2008/09 can be found at: <http://www.delni.gov.uk/index/statsandresearch/further-education-stats/further-education-enrolments-2/prof-and-tech-enrolments-in-the-ni-fe-sector-09-10.htm>
- 55 Facts and figures on learners in Further Education in **Scotland** can be found at: http://www.sfc.ac.uk/web/FILES/ReportsandPublications/Facts_and_Figures_2010.pdf Additionally, user-defined tables on Further Education learners and courses can be produced at: <https://stats.sfc.ac.uk/infact/>

NOTES

Issues with Comparing Data Across Academic Years

- 56 In January 2007, BIS consulted on a new funding approach for learners. This included three new demand led funding (DLF) models and a new funding formula, all of which were introduced in the 2008/09 academic year.
- 57 To support this, it has been necessary to bring in some technical changes from 2008/9 to how and where some activities are counted. Table A shows the effect the new funding approach has had on how and where we count learners.

58 Table A shows that overall the new funding methodology has had a small impact of just over one per cent on total learner participation, and minimal effect on overall achievements. However, individual series (excluding Apprenticeship starts and achievements) are more significantly affected, and should not be compared with those in earlier years. The level of provision at which a learner is studying is unaffected. More information on these changes can be found at:

<http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/5DC702AA-5117-40E1-A15E-01F95F2AF32B/0/TheeffectsofDemandLedFundingonthecountof2008v2.doc>

Table A: Learner Numbers in 2007/08 Under the Previous and Current Funding Models

	Funding Stream (As at 2007/08)	2007/08 Funded Learners			
		Original Learner Numbers	Learner Numbers Under the New Funding Methodology	Difference	Change
Participation	Total Learners	4,360,700	4,417,000	56,200	1.3%
	of which Further Education (FE)	2,464,100	2,328,400	-135,700	-5.5%
	of which University for Industry (Ufi)	216,300	216,300	No Change	No Change
	of which Adult Community Learning (ACL)	725,400	824,500	99,000	13.7%
	of which Work-based Learning (WBL - includes Apprenticeships)	495,700	411,600	-84,100	-17.0%
	of which Train to Gain (TtG)	459,200	694,800	235,500	51.3%
Achievement	Total Learners	2,960,900	2,966,200	5,200	0.2%
	of which Further Education (FE)	1,896,800	1,777,200	-119,700	-6.3%
	of which University for Industry (Ufi)	116,100	116,100	No Change	No Change
	of which Adult Community Learning (ACL)	620,000	688,400	68,400	11.0%
	of which Work-based Learning (WBL - includes Apprenticeships)	141,600	112,500	-29,000	-20.5%
	of which Train to Gain (TtG)	186,500	304,000	117,500	63.0%

Notes

1. Figures have been rounded to the nearest hundred; percentages are calculated based on pre-rounded data.
2. Original Learner Numbers are the actual volume of funded learners in each funding stream in 2007/08. The New Funding Methodology totals are the modelled volumes of learners that would have been funded under demand led funding.
3. In the new funding methodology, the FE totals do not include learners on Adult Safeguarded Learning (ASL) provision or learners studying NVQs in the workplace. Entry to Employment learners originally counted in the WBL funding stream have been added to the FE totals.
4. In the new funding methodology, the ACL totals include all learners originally counted in the ACL collection and learners on ASL programmes originally counted in the FE collection.
5. In the new funding methodology, the WBL totals only include all learners on Apprenticeship programmes. All other provision originally counted in the WBL collection is now counted in the FE totals and TtG totals.
6. In the new funding methodology, the TtG totals include all learners originally counted in the TtG collection, as well as learners studying NVQs in the workplace that were originally counted in the FE collection and learners studying NVQs from the WBL collection that were not part of apprenticeship programmes.

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 can be found at:
<http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/statisticalfirstrelease/compliance/>
This includes action to understand the impact that any revisions will have, as well as ensuring that they are clearly communicated to the reader.
- 60 Information from the different post-16 learning options have been drawn together to give a coherent and comprehensive picture of the participation and achievement of young people and adults after the age of 16. These options include:
- FE organisations
 - Sixth form colleges
 - Local Authorities
 - Independent training organisations.
- 61 These organisations deliver a wide variety of government programmes, including:
- College-based Learning
 - Apprenticeships
 - Train to Gain
 - University for Industry
 - Adult Safeguarded Learning.
- 62 This SFR does not contain information regarding:
- **Delivery in School Sixth Forms**, including maintained, independent and academy schools. We are hoping to include this in future editions of the SFR, once more work has been done to reconcile the different data sources. 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 507,300 students studying in School Sixth Forms in 2008/09, based on a snapshot of January 2009 census data.
 - **Higher education**. The publication referenced in paragraph 49 shows that the total number of HE enrolments at English Higher Education Institutions stood at 2,093,635 in 2009/10.
 - **Privately-funded training at FE organisations/ independent training organisations**. It is difficult to estimate the total volume of activity in the whole of the FE sector, including both public and privately funded learning. Table 12 of this Release shows the number of Vocational Qualifications awarded in the United Kingdom. This includes both public and privately funded qualifications, and gives some sense of scale of total vocationally-related activity in the sector.

Data Definitions

- 63 A definitions document to accompany this release is available on the Data Service website at:
http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/statisticalfirstrelease/sfr_current/
- 64 The 'Level of Highest Qualification Held by Adults' statistics provided here 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 each year. Further details of how this information is used to calculate the estimates presented here can be found at:
<http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/statisticalfirstrelease/methodology/>
- 65 From 2004 onwards, statistics relating to changes in attainment of 19 year olds at Level 2 and monitoring progress towards young people's attainment targets are based on a new administrative data source published by the Department for Education. For more information, see the Release listed in paragraph 48.

Data Sources

- 66 The data used to produce this SFR are Individualised Learner Record (ILR) collections that are returned to the Data Service by sector partners. The following ILR collections have been used to populate this release:

Year	Data Source
2009/10	LR ILR L05 – final
	ER ILR E13 – final
	ASL ILR C05 – final
	Ufl ILR U05 – final
2010/11	LR ILR LR02 – final
	ER ILR ER07 – 07/03/11
	ASL ILR SL02 – final

- 67 For 2010/11, LR02 is a census taken on February 1st 2011 of learning in Learner Responsive providers for the period August 1st 2010 to January 31st 2011, the first 6 months of 2010/11. the SL02 collection is a similar census of 6 months of Adult Safeguarded Learning provision and ER07 is a record of Employer Responsive provision at the end of February 2011.
- 68 The data sources for earlier years, including 2009/10, are the final collections of each funding stream and include information on provision for the full academic year. More information on these data sources is available in the definitions document.

PUBLICATION CYCLE ACROSS THE YEAR

69 Further information on the publication dates for future editions of the SFR can be found on the BIS statistics home page at: <http://stats.bis.gov.uk/>

70 Data published in this SFR is categorised as either 'provisional' or 'final'. Provisional data will be updated in future Releases, as more complete data becomes available. Table B below shows, for each quarterly Release, provisional and final data included.

Table B: Publication Cycle for this SFR

Release	Data Included
January 2011	- Final Learner Responsive participation data for 2009/10
	- Final Learner Responsive achievement data for 2009/10
	- Final Employer Responsive data for 2009/10
	- Provisional Employer Responsive data for the first quarter of 2010/11
	- Further Education Success Rates for 2009/10
March 2011	- Provisional in-year Learner Responsive participation data for the first six months of 2010/11
	- Provisional in-year Employer Responsive data for the first half of 2010/11
	- Final data on the level of highest qualification held for adults in the population in 2010
June 2011	- Provisional in-year Learner Responsive participation data for the first nine months of 2010/11
	- Provisional in-year Employer Responsive data for the first three quarters of 2010/11
November 2011	- Provisional in-year Learner Responsive participation data for all of 2010/11
	- Provisional in-year Employer Responsive data for all of 2010/11

71 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@thedataservice.org.uk, or alternatively, you can call 0870 267 0001.

72 If you have a statistical question around the content or presentation of National Statistics in the Release, please contact James Brennan at James.Brennan@bis.gsi.gov.uk

73 If you would like to sign up for Web alerts, so that you are automatically sent an alert when new information is put on the website, please subscribe at http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/News/ds_alerts/

TABLE GUIDE

74 This section provides a brief summary of what is included in each table of this Release. Tables 1 to 13 focus on the 2009/10 academic year; Tables 13 to 19 show provisional data for the first six months of 2010/11 (August 2010 – January 2011).

- Tables 1 – 3 show standard performance metrics for the further education sector: participation; achievement; and success rates.
- Table 4 shows a demographic summary of learners participating in Further Education.
- Table 5 shows performance against the key programmes outlined in the relevant Government funding policy for the FE sector.
- Table 6 shows Skills for Life performance.
- Table 7 shows participation and achievement in Adult Safeguarded Learning
- Tables 8 and 9 show starts and achievements for Apprenticeships and Train to Gain respectively. These are the standard performance metrics used to measure performance on these programmes.
- Tables 10 and 11 show level of attainment in the population (working age and economically active respectively) from the Labour Force Survey. These were updated on 12th May to include provisional estimates for 2010.
- Table 12 shows a quarterly time series of information on Vocational Qualifications awarded.
- Tables 13 to 19 repeat earlier tables; showing provisional in-year participation for the first six months of the 2010/11 academic year (August 2010 – January 2011).

Supplementary Tables

75 A full list of supplementary tables relating to this SFR can be found on the Data Service website at:

http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/statisticalfirstrelease/sfr_supplementary_tables/ These data include breakdowns by age, gender, ethnicity, learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities and/or health problems, region, local authority, parliamentary constituency, sector subject area and funding stream.

Table Footnotes

General footnotes relevant to all tables

- 1) Volumes are rounded to the nearest hundred; percentages are calculated on pre-rounded data.
- 2) '-' Indicates a base value of less than fifty or a percentage of less than 0.5%.
- 3) These tables (except 10-12) include learners that were funded by the Learning and Skills Council and/or are now funded by the Skills Funding Agency or Young People's Learning Agency.
- 4) For definitions of variables used in the tables please see the data dictionary - <http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/datadictionary/>
- 5) In tables 1 to 5 and 13 to 15, tables use age as at 31 August of the academic year for all provision. These tables include learners under 19, including a small number of under 16 year olds.
- 6) In tables 1 to 7 and 13 to 17, 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. However, learners that are included in different data collections, whether that relates to different years or different funding streams, will be counted more than once. All learners undertaking/achieving a full level 2 or 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 Data Service website: http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/statisticalfirstrelease/sfr_supplementary_tables/

Tables 1-3 and 13-15 - FE and Skills

- 9) 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.
- 10) 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.
- 11) Apprenticeship success rates are not affected by demand led funding.
- 12) Tables 1.2, 2.2 and 3.2 report on the actual number of achievements within the academic year without reference to those which were expected to complete. Table 1.3, 2.3 and 3.3 report on success rates which are based on the reported achievement of individual aims that were expected to complete in the academic year.
- 13) FE and Skills participation figures for 2010/11 are available in tables 13-15 of this release.
- 14) Tables which show provisional estimates for 2010/11 are not directly comparable with figures for previous years.

Table 4 - FE and Skills Demographics

- 15) Total Learner Responsive also includes learners on courses with 'No Level Assigned'. Learners undertaking courses at more than one level will be counted once for each applicable level, but once only in Total Learner Responsive. Learners studying a Level 2 Skills for Life qualification will be counted in both the Level 2 and Skills for Life categories, but only once in totals.
- 16) Other Employer Responsive provision that is not Apprenticeships or Train to Gain is not shown separately, but is included in the "Total" column of this table.
- 17) Age, gender, learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities and ethnicity is based upon self-declaration by the learner.

Table 5 - FE and Skills by provision type

- 18) Foundation Learning Tier totals are those aims that are Below Level 2 and approved.
- 19) Train to Gain No Level Assigned includes SME flexibilities which are thin Level 2 and 3 and Level 2 and 3 units. The Policy for SME flexibilities was introduced in January 2009.

Table 7 and 17 - Adult Safeguarded Learning

20) Total Learners includes learners participating in ASL provision in the ACL and FE funding streams for 2005/06 to 2007/08. For 2008/09 onwards, only ASL provision recorded in the ASL collection is included in totals except for 2009/10 where ASL provision recorded in the LR collection for 5 Specially Designated colleges is also included alongside provision from the ASL collection. No Formal First Step learners are included in any totals except for 2006/07, where First Steps provision cannot be accurately separated from other ACL provision.

21) Provision type figures are only shown for years where provision type can be accurately determined for all learners. ACL learners in 2005/06 cannot be accurately categorised.

22) There were 7,900 participating and 6,400 achieving learners with ASL aims in the 2008/09 and 7,700 participating and 6,300 achieving learners with ASL aims in the 2009/10 Learner Responsive funding stream that are not included in these figures in table 7. The only ASL provision included for 2008/09 is recorded in the ASL funding stream.

23) Adult Safeguarded Learning participation figures for 2010/11 are available in table 17 of this release.

24) There were 3,800 participating learners with ASL aims in the 2010/11 Learner Responsive funding stream that are not included in these figures in table 17. The only ASL provision included for 2010/11 is recorded in the ASL funding stream.

Table 8 and 18 – Apprenticeships

25) Unlike learner figures in earlier tables, figures for 2008/09 onwards are comparable with earlier years as demand led funding rules are not applied to starts and achievements.

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

27) In tables 8.1 and 18.1 full-year numbers are a count of the number of starts at any point during the year. Learners starting more than one framework will appear more than once.

28) In tables 8.2 and 18.2 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.

29) Programme-Led Apprenticeships recorded in WBL ILR returns are included in the above figures.

30) In order to be counted as a successful achievement, all elements of the framework must have been achieved.

31) Quarter 1 - 1 August to 31 October; Quarter 2 - 1 November to 31 January; Quarter 3 - 1 February to 30 April; Quarter 4 - 1 May to 31 July.

Table 9 and 19 - Train to Gain

32) Demand led funding rules are not applied to starts and achievements. However, figures for 2008/09 onwards are not comparable with earlier years as in 2008/09 NVQs delivered in the workplace previously funded by FE are now funded by Train to Gain. There were 181,000 starts and 132,000 achievements in NVQs delivered in the workplace in 2007/08 (Source - FE 2007/08 F05 Final).

33) In tables 9.1 and 19.1 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.

34) In tables 9.2 and 19.2 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.

35) 'Other Level 2' and 'Other Level 3' qualifications includes learners starting Train to Gain courses accessed through new funding flexibilities. These include thin Level 2 and 3, and Level 2 and 3 units, for 2008/09 onwards. These were made available from January 2009.

36) Table 9.2 includes Employer Training Pilot data from April 2006 onwards.

37) Quarter 1 - 1 August to 31 October; Quarter 2 - 1 November to 31 January; Quarter 3 - 1 February to 30 April; Quarter 4 - 1 May to 31 July.

Table 12 - Vocational Qualifications

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

39) Academic year is October to September. For example, the 2005/06 academic year is October 2005 to September 2006.

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

41) 'Other Vocational Qualifications' includes 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: Young People (Under 19s) FE and Apprenticeship Participation by Level (2005/06 to 2009/10) – Learner Volumes

Level		Funded Learners							
		2005/06 Full Year	2006/07 Full Year	% change 05/06 to 06/07	2007/08 Full Year	% change 06/07 to 07/08	2008/09 Full Year	2009/10 Full Year	% change 08/09 to 09/10
Total Learners		1,026,400	1,026,200	-	1,056,400	2.9%	1,065,900	1,095,000	2.7%
Participation	of which...								
	Below Level 2 (excluding Skills for Life)	333,600	315,700	-5.4%	332,200	5.2%	291,600	310,500	6.5%
	Skills for Life	498,000	488,500	-1.9%	487,200	-	504,700	521,500	3.3%
	Full Level 2	296,900	300,900	1.3%	302,200	-	295,400	315,500	6.8%
	Full Level 3	331,100	343,800	3.8%	357,800	4.1%	371,300	397,900	7.2%
	Level 2	551,300	557,700	1.2%	562,700	0.9%	576,400	594,000	3.1%
	Level 3	441,400	458,900	4.0%	473,600	3.2%	485,900	510,300	5.0%
	Level 4+	1,200	1,000	-15.4%	1,300	34.0%	1,100	1,300	12.2%
No Level Assigned	395,100	434,400	9.9%	464,900	7.0%	582,200	607,200	4.3%	

Table 1.2: Young People (Under 19s) FE and Apprenticeship Achievement by Level (2005/06 to 2009/10) – Learner Volumes

Level		Funded Learners							
		2005/06 Full Year	2006/07 Full Year	% change 05/06 to 06/07	2007/08 Full Year	% change 06/07 to 07/08	2008/09 Full Year	2009/10 Full Year	% change 08/09 to 09/10
Total Learners		666,600	679,600	1.9%	717,300	5.5%	775,800	809,600	4.4%
Achievement	of which...								
	Below Level 2 (excluding Skills for Life)	202,200	196,600	-2.8%	218,600	11.2%	225,200	244,600	8.6%
	Skills for Life	279,600	280,200	-	291,900	4.2%	326,800	337,800	3.4%
	Full Level 2	119,600	133,900	12.0%	138,600	3.5%	150,600	165,100	9.6%
	Full Level 3	137,700	148,200	7.6%	159,800	7.8%	167,900	183,700	9.4%
	Level 2	276,400	301,700	9.2%	320,500	6.2%	357,500	376,500	5.3%
	Level 3	260,700	278,300	6.8%	293,500	5.5%	311,200	330,200	6.1%
	Level 4+	300	200	-11.8%	600	142.5%	500	500	9.8%
No Level Assigned	275,200	300,400	9.2%	327,700	9.1%	389,600	404,500	3.8%	

Table 1.3: Young People (Under 19s) FE and Apprenticeship Success Rates by Level (2005/06 to 2009/10) – Percentages

Level		2005/06 Full Year	2006/07 Full Year	2007/08 Full Year	2008/09 Full Year	2009/10 Full Year
Total Further Education/Learner Responsive Provision		75.1%	77.4%	79.9%	80.6%	81.1%
of which...	Skills for Life	69.0%	72.8%	76.0%	76.0%	75.5%
	Full Level 2	67.9%	70.1%	74.1%	75.9%	77.8%
	Full Level 3	64.9%	67.7%	72.6%	74.5%	76.6%
	Level 2	69.6%	73.3%	77.0%	78.3%	79.6%
	Level 3	77.5%	79.3%	81.0%	81.6%	81.5%
Apprenticeships						
of which...	Intermediate Level Apprenticeship	51.8%	60.3%	64.2%	68.3%	71.1%
	Advanced Level Apprenticeship	44.5%	56.9%	60.7%	73.6%	76.2%
	All	49.7%	59.5%	63.3%	69.6%	72.4%

Notes

1) These tables include Apprenticeships, Train to Gain, University for Industry, Adult Safeguarded Learning and Further Education/Learner Responsive Provision which includes General Further Education Colleges including Tertiary, Sixth Form Colleges, Special College - Agricultural and Horticultural Colleges and Art and Design Colleges, Specialist Colleges and External Institutions.

2) Figures for 2008/09 onwards are not directly comparable to earlier years as the introduction of demand led funding has changed how data is collected and how funded learners are defined from 2008/09 onwards. More information on demand led funding is available at <http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/datadictionary/businessdefinitions/Demand+Led+Funding.htm>. Apprenticeship success rates are not affected by demand led funding.

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

Table 2.1: Adult (19+) FE and Skills Participation by Level (2005/06 to 2009/10) – Learner Volumes

Level		Funded Learners								
		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10				
		Full Year	Full Year	% change 05/06 to 06/07	Full Year	% change 06/07 to 07/08	Full Year	Full Year	% change 08/09 to 09/10	
Total Learners		3,996,000	3,205,700	-19.8%	3,304,400	3.1%	3,771,200	3,540,500	-6.1%	
Participation	of which...	Below Level 2 (excluding Skills for Life)	1,031,800	589,500	-42.9%	532,500	-9.7%	496,800	435,300	-12.4%
		Skills for Life	980,000	809,300	-17.4%	824,800	1.9%	945,100	909,100	-3.8%
		Full Level 2	451,600	516,300	14.3%	740,000	43.3%	968,600	971,000	-
		Full Level 3	265,600	267,600	0.7%	328,100	22.6%	423,900	469,100	10.6%
		Level 2	1,245,500	1,118,400	-10.2%	1,319,400	18.0%	1,549,000	1,451,200	-6.3%
		Level 3	526,300	485,800	-7.7%	528,200	8.7%	619,700	604,800	-2.4%
		Level 4+	68,300	59,900	-12.2%	53,200	-11.1%	58,200	49,500	-14.9%
	No Level Assigned	1,050,400	842,300	-19.8%	803,600	-4.6%	910,500	951,100	4.5%	

Table 2.2: Adult (19+) FE and Skills Achievement by Level (2005/06 to 2009/10) – Learner Volumes

Level		Funded Learners								
		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10				
		Full Year	Full Year	% change 05/06 to 06/07	Full Year	% change 06/07 to 07/08	Full Year	Full Year	% change 08/09 to 09/10	
Total Learners		2,931,400	2,233,100	-23.8%	2,243,600	-	2,584,000	2,567,700	-0.6%	
Achievement	of which...	Below Level 2 (excluding Skills for Life)	758,100	430,200	-43.2%	406,500	-5.5%	367,000	336,800	-8.2%
		Skills for Life	737,800	540,900	-26.7%	520,700	-3.7%	639,100	614,600	-3.8%
		Full Level 2	216,500	235,600	8.8%	320,300	35.9%	493,900	556,000	12.6%
		Full Level 3	110,000	115,000	4.6%	134,400	16.9%	170,200	237,800	39.7%
		Level 2	759,200	660,600	-13.0%	734,700	11.2%	910,800	926,000	1.7%
		Level 3	285,600	271,400	-5.0%	285,600	5.2%	317,000	344,400	8.7%
		Level 4+	33,100	30,300	-8.4%	25,800	-14.9%	27,600	26,900	-2.3%
	No Level Assigned	866,600	689,700	-20.4%	682,800	-1.0%	756,400	814,600	7.7%	

Table 2.3: Adult (19+) FE and Apprenticeship Success Rates by Level (2005/06 to 2009/10) – Percentages

Level		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
		Full Year	Full Year	Full Year	Full Year	Full Year
Total Further Education/Learner Responsive Provision		76.8%	76.5%	80.5%	80.6%	80.3%
of which...	Skills for Life	65.3%	67.9%	73.1%	75.1%	74.3%
	Full Level 2	68.3%	69.4%	71.4%	72.1%	74.8%
	Full Level 3	62.0%	65.5%	70.6%	70.1%	75.1%
	Level 2	74.2%	75.6%	79.6%	80.5%	80.3%
	Level 3	68.6%	72.0%	77.1%	78.4%	78.7%
Apprenticeships						
of which...	Intermediate Level Apprenticeship	50.9%	60.1%	64.8%	72.8%	75.6%
	Advanced Level Apprenticeship	41.4%	56.0%	64.5%	71.2%	74.0%
	All	46.9%	58.5%	64.7%	72.2%	75.0%

Notes

1) These tables include Apprenticeships, Train to Gain, University for Industry, Adult Safeguarded Learning and Further Education/Learner Responsive Provision which includes General Further Education Colleges including Tertiary, Sixth Form Colleges, Special College - Agricultural and Horticultural Colleges and Art and Design Colleges, Specialist Colleges and External Institutions.

2) Figures for 2008/09 onwards are not directly comparable to earlier years as the introduction of demand led funding has changed how data is collected and how funded learners are defined from 2008/09 onwards. More information on demand led funding is available at <http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/datadictionary/businessdefinitions/Demand+Led+Funding.htm>. Apprenticeship success rates are not affected by demand led funding.

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

Table 3.1: Overall FE and Skills Participation by Level (2005/06 to 2009/10) – Learner Volumes

Level		Funded Learners							
		2005/06 Full Year	2006/07 Full Year	% change 05/06 to 06/07	2007/08 Full Year	% change 06/07 to 07/08	2008/09 Full Year	2009/10 Full Year	% change 08/09 to 09/10
Total Learners		5,022,400	4,231,900	-15.7%	4,360,700	3.0%	4,837,100	4,635,500	-4.2%
Participation	of which...								
	Below Level 2 (excluding Skills for Life)	1,365,500	905,200	-33.7%	864,700	-4.5%	788,400	745,800	-5.4%
	Skills for Life	1,478,000	1,297,800	-12.2%	1,312,100	1.1%	1,449,800	1,430,600	-1.3%
	Full Level 2	748,500	817,200	9.2%	1,042,300	27.5%	1,263,900	1,286,500	1.8%
	Full Level 3	596,700	611,400	2.5%	685,900	12.2%	795,300	867,000	9.0%
	Level 2	1,796,900	1,676,100	-6.7%	1,882,100	12.3%	2,125,400	2,045,200	-3.8%
	Level 3	967,700	944,700	-2.4%	1,001,800	6.0%	1,105,600	1,115,000	0.9%
Level 4+	69,400	60,900	-12.3%	54,600	-10.4%	59,300	50,800	-14.4%	
No Level Assigned	1,445,500	1,276,700	-11.7%	1,268,600	-0.6%	1,492,800	1,558,300	4.4%	

Table 3.2: Overall FE and Skills Achievement by Level (2005/06 to 2009/10) – Learner Volumes

Level		Funded Learners							
		2005/06 Full Year	2006/07 Full Year	% change 05/06 to 06/07	2007/08 Full Year	% change 06/07 to 07/08	2008/09 Full Year	2009/10 Full Year	% change 08/09 to 09/10
Total Learners		3,598,000	2,912,700	-19.0%	2,960,900	1.7%	3,359,700	3,377,400	0.5%
Achievement	of which...								
	Below Level 2 (excluding Skills for Life)	960,300	626,800	-34.7%	625,100	-	592,200	581,400	-1.8%
	Skills for Life	1,017,300	821,100	-19.3%	812,600	-1.0%	965,900	952,400	-1.4%
	Full Level 2	336,100	369,500	9.9%	458,800	24.2%	644,500	721,100	11.9%
	Full Level 3	247,700	263,200	6.3%	294,300	11.8%	338,100	421,500	24.7%
	Level 2	1,035,600	962,300	-7.1%	1,055,200	9.7%	1,268,300	1,302,500	2.7%
	Level 3	546,300	549,700	0.6%	579,100	5.4%	628,100	674,600	7.4%
Level 4+	33,400	30,600	-8.4%	26,400	-13.6%	28,000	27,500	-2.1%	
No Level Assigned	1,141,800	990,000	-13.3%	1,010,500	2.1%	1,146,100	1,219,100	6.4%	

Table 3.3: Overall FE and Apprenticeship Success Rates by Level (2005/06 to 2009/10) – Percentages

Level		2005/06 Full Year	2006/07 Full Year	2007/08 Full Year	2008/09 Full Year	2009/10 Full Year
Total Further Education/Learner Responsive Provision		76.2%	76.8%	80.2%	80.6%	80.7%
of which...	Skills for Life	66.7%	69.8%	74.2%	75.5%	74.7%
	Full Level 2	68.1%	69.7%	72.7%	74.4%	76.5%
	Full Level 3	63.3%	66.6%	71.6%	72.9%	76.0%
	Level 2	72.8%	74.8%	78.6%	79.6%	80.0%
Apprenticeships	Level 3	74.6%	77.2%	79.9%	80.9%	80.9%
	of which...					
	Intermediate Level Apprenticeship	51.5%	60.2%	64.4%	70.4%	73.4%
	Advanced Level Apprenticeship	42.9%	56.4%	62.8%	72.1%	74.8%
	All	48.6%	59.0%	63.9%	70.9%	73.8%

Notes

1) These tables include Apprenticeships, Train to Gain, University for Industry, Adult Safeguarded Learning and Further Education/Learner Responsive Provision which includes General Further Education Colleges including Tertiary, Sixth Form Colleges, Special College - Agricultural and Horticultural Colleges and Art and Design Colleges, Specialist Colleges and External Institutions.

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

Table 4: Demographic Summary of FE and Skills Participation by Funding Stream and Level (2009/10) - Learner Volumes

	Funded Learners																			
	Apprenticeships				Learner Responsive (LR)								University for Industry (Ufi)		Train to Gain (TTG)		Adult Safeguarded Learning (ASL)			
	Intermediate Level Apprenticeship	Advanced Level Apprenticeship	Total Apprenticeships	%	Below Level 2 (excluding SfL)	Skills For Life (SfL)	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4+	Total LR	%	Total Ufi	%	Total TTG	%	Total ASL	%	Total	%	
Total Learners	304,000	185,500	491,300	100.0%	676,700	847,400	987,700	742,600	35,900	2,247,400	100.0%	153,800	100.0%	846,900	100.0%	762,400	100.0%	4,635,500	100.0%	
Age																				
Under 19	140,400	45,800	186,400	37.9%	308,400	411,100	450,300	464,300	1,000	891,800	39.7%	3,400	2.2%	-	-	4,800	0.6%	1,095,000	23.6%	
19-24	114,600	94,900	210,900	42.9%	87,000	119,300	139,500	97,800	5,500	316,400	14.1%	29,200	19.0%	127,800	15.1%	55,200	7.2%	770,600	16.6%	
25-49	44,000	40,900	85,000	17.3%	200,700	273,100	314,200	144,300	24,500	797,400	35.5%	99,500	64.7%	572,400	67.6%	395,700	51.9%	2,026,100	43.7%	
50+	5,000	3,900	8,900	1.8%	79,000	42,900	82,500	35,300	5,000	237,300	10.6%	21,600	14.0%	146,700	17.3%	293,800	38.5%	726,400	15.7%	
Unknown	-	-	-	-	1,500	900	1,100	900	-	4,400	-	-	-	-	-	12,900	1.7%	17,300	-	
Gender																				
Female	148,600	80,800	230,300	46.9%	312,600	444,000	536,300	418,200	23,100	1,214,300	54.0%	71,300	46.4%	418,000	49.4%	570,200	74.8%	2,546,200	54.9%	
Male	155,400	104,800	261,000	53.1%	364,000	403,400	451,400	324,400	12,900	1,033,100	46.0%	82,500	53.6%	428,800	50.6%	192,200	25.2%	2,089,300	45.1%	
Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities																				
Learning Difficulty	33,500	14,000	47,600	9.7%	146,000	161,200	132,600	86,300	2,400	349,300	15.5%	16,800	10.9%	44,400	5.2%	87,400	11.5%	560,900	12.1%	
No Learning Difficulty	267,500	170,300	439,500	89.5%	487,300	638,400	800,700	623,700	31,700	1,760,900	78.4%	136,100	88.5%	786,200	92.8%	582,100	76.4%	3,818,100	82.4%	
Not Known	3,000	1,200	4,100	0.8%	43,300	47,700	54,400	32,600	1,900	137,200	6.1%	900	0.6%	16,300	1.9%	92,900	12.2%	256,600	5.5%	
Ethnicity																				
White	278,500	172,500	452,700	92.1%	523,700	582,500	791,700	599,700	31,200	1,719,700	76.5%	117,800	76.6%	716,400	84.6%	615,700	80.8%	3,716,800	80.2%	
Mixed	5,200	2,600	7,900	1.6%	19,900	26,200	27,100	21,900	500	61,600	2.7%	3,400	2.2%	9,800	1.2%	10,100	1.3%	96,000	2.1%	
Asian or Asian British	9,100	4,900	14,100	2.9%	48,200	101,800	67,500	53,400	1,600	188,000	8.4%	12,900	8.4%	57,300	6.8%	54,200	7.1%	339,600	7.3%	
Black or Black British	6,600	3,400	10,000	2.0%	47,800	77,100	61,900	44,900	1,400	157,300	7.0%	15,200	9.9%	38,700	4.6%	31,200	4.1%	266,300	5.7%	
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	1,700	900	2,700	0.5%	16,600	41,000	20,200	12,200	600	65,800	2.9%	3,300	2.1%	12,600	1.5%	19,900	2.6%	109,700	2.4%	
Not Known/Not Provided	2,800	1,100	3,900	0.8%	20,500	18,800	19,200	10,500	700	54,800	2.4%	1,200	0.8%	12,100	1.4%	31,400	4.1%	107,100	2.3%	

Notes

1) These tables include Apprenticeships, Train to Gain, University for Industry, Adult Safeguarded Learning and Further Education/Learner Responsive Provision which includes General Further Education Colleges including Tertiary, Sixth Form Colleges, Special College - Agricultural and Horticultural Colleges and Art and Design Colleges, Specialist Colleges and External Institutions.

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

Table 5: FE and Skills - Participation and Achievement by Level and Provision Type (2008/09 and 2009/10) – Learner Volumes

Provision Type		Participation		Achievement	
		2008/09 Full Year	2009/10 Full Year	2008/09 Full Year	2009/10 Full Year
Total Learners		4,837,100	4,635,500	3,359,700	3,377,400
Total Learners		1,065,900	1,095,000	775,800	809,600
Youth	Under 19 Further Education Provision	793,900	816,700	671,800	701,700
	of which				
	Below Level 2	267,600	277,400	210,300	222,600
	of which Foundation Learning Tier	246,000	260,800	190,200	206,700
	Skills for Life	372,400	383,400	265,900	273,400
	Full Level 2	164,800	174,200	110,300	122,000
	Full Level 3	327,200	351,800	161,800	175,200
	No Level Assigned	492,400	517,900	347,500	362,100
	Under 19 Apprentices	173,900	186,400	46,100	51,200
	of which				
Intermediate Level Apprenticeship	129,800	140,400	40,000	42,700	
Advanced Level Apprenticeship	44,100	46,000	6,100	8,500	
Entry to Employment	78,500	83,700	40,200	50,200	
Total Learners		3,060,100	2,853,300	1,975,800	1,958,500
Adult	of which				
	Below Level 2	455,300	383,200	342,000	303,400
	of which Foundation Learning Tier	284,500	276,500	204,000	209,500
	Skills for Life	692,000	626,300	504,800	458,300
	Full Level 2	967,500	967,500	493,600	554,600
	Full Level 3	423,600	468,500	170,100	235,700
	No Level Assigned / Other TtG	226,300	229,300	189,600	190,900
Total Learners		1,754,400	1,567,800	1,297,900	1,206,200
Adult Learner Responsive	of which				
	Below Level 2	445,500	377,800	336,600	299,500
	of which Foundation Learning Tier	274,700	271,100	198,700	205,700
	Skills for Life	581,400	556,200	406,700	397,700
	Full Level 2	139,000	190,400	78,900	113,600
	Full Level 3	108,600	148,400	62,600	94,000
No Level Assigned	226,100	229,300	183,500	187,400	
Total Learners		1,305,700	1,285,500	677,900	752,200
Employer Responsive	Apprenticeships	270,900	304,800	97,100	120,200
	of which				
	Intermediate Level Apprenticeship	143,800	163,600	58,000	69,100
	Advanced Level Apprenticeship	127,000	141,200	39,100	51,100
	Train to Gain (TtG)	957,300	846,900	543,000	538,300
	of which				
	Below Level 2	9,800	5,400	5,300	3,800
	of which Foundation Learning Tier	9,800	5,400	5,300	3,800
	Skills for Life	110,500	70,100	98,100	60,600
	Full Level 2	684,700	613,500	356,600	371,900
Full Level 3	188,000	178,900	68,400	90,500	
No Level Assigned / Other TtG	200	-	6,200	3,500	
Other Employer Responsive Programmes	77,600	133,800	37,900	93,700	
Safeguarded Adult Learning		755,000	724,500	638,900	636,600
of which					
Skills for Life	54,700	55,100	46,800	47,700	
Total Adult Learner and Employer Responsive including Safeguarded Adult Learning		3,771,200	3,540,500	2,584,000	2,567,700

Notes

1) Further Education Provision includes General Further Education Colleges including Tertiary, Sixth Form Colleges, Special College - Agricultural and Horticultural Colleges and Art and Design Colleges, Specialist Colleges and External Institutions.

2) Advanced Apprenticeship figures include Higher Level Apprenticeships for both years. In 2008/09 there were 300 participating and learners and less than 50 achieving learners in Higher Level Apprenticeships. In 2009/10 there were 1,800 participating learners and 200 achieving learners in Higher Level Apprenticeships.

3) Please see the general footnotes and the FE and Skills by provision type footnotes sections for further information on these tables.

Table 6: FE and Skills - Skills for Life Participation and Achievement by Level (2005/06 to 2009/10) – Learner Volumes

Measure	Level	2005/06	2006/07		2007/08		2008/09	2009/10	
		Full Year	Full Year	% change 05/06 to 06/07	Full Year	% change 06/07 to 07/08	Full Year	Full Year	% change 08/09 to 09/10
Participation	Total Learners	1,478,000	1,297,800	-12.2%	1,312,100	1.1%	1,449,800	1,430,600	-1.3%
	of which literacy	1,084,200	881,200	-18.7%	917,200	4.1%	1,017,900	961,600	-5.5%
	of which entry level	220,300	161,100	-26.9%	164,200	1.9%	169,600	153,300	-9.6%
	of which level 1	390,200	388,100	-0.6%	414,700	6.9%	463,400	422,300	-8.9%
	of which level 2	396,600	400,800	1.1%	403,100	0.6%	457,300	439,400	-3.9%
	of which numeracy	830,100	715,000	-13.9%	768,000	7.4%	901,700	882,800	-2.1%
	of which entry level	135,400	105,000	-22.5%	118,600	12.9%	153,600	151,300	-1.5%
	of which level 1	361,400	357,000	-1.2%	385,000	7.9%	441,400	422,300	-4.3%
	of which level 2	308,300	308,900	-	324,000	4.9%	378,600	367,300	-3.0%
	of which ESOL	266,800	244,200	-8.5%	218,100	-10.7%	211,800	201,500	-4.9%
	of which entry level	119,300	202,800	70.0%	186,500	-8.0%	181,000	170,000	-6.1%
	of which level 1	28,500	33,600	18.0%	26,400	-21.6%	26,200	26,300	-
	of which level 2	10,100	12,400	22.9%	10,000	-19.2%	10,100	10,400	3.1%
Achievement	Total Learners	1,017,300	821,100	-19.3%	812,600	-1.0%	965,900	952,400	-1.4%
	of which literacy	690,000	525,800	-23.8%	529,500	0.7%	615,700	577,200	-6.3%
	of which entry level	162,300	115,500	-28.8%	113,600	-1.6%	112,600	105,600	-6.1%
	of which level 1	206,700	226,300	9.5%	235,300	4.0%	282,700	243,300	-14.0%
	of which level 2	199,700	216,100	8.2%	211,300	-2.2%	253,900	250,300	-1.4%
	of which numeracy	484,200	403,100	-16.7%	425,200	5.5%	535,900	521,600	-2.7%
	of which entry level	97,400	74,200	-23.8%	78,000	5.0%	99,400	101,800	2.5%
	of which level 1	177,400	208,100	17.3%	216,700	4.1%	272,100	251,000	-7.7%
	of which level 2	146,700	147,200	-	159,600	8.4%	199,600	195,400	-2.1%
	of which ESOL	219,700	166,200	-24.4%	156,200	-6.1%	152,000	144,300	-5.1%
	of which entry level	85,000	139,000	63.5%	134,900	-2.9%	130,900	122,100	-6.7%
	of which level 1	16,800	21,800	30.0%	17,000	-21.9%	17,000	17,400	1.9%
	of which level 2	5,300	7,700	46.2%	6,600	-14.6%	6,700	7,200	7.7%

Notes

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

Table 7: Adult Community Learning (2005/06 to 2007/08) and Adult Safeguarded Learning (2008/09 to 2009/10) Participation and Achievement by Type – Learner Volumes

Measure	Provision Type	Funded Learners								
		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08		2008/09	2009/10			
		Full Year	Full Year	% change 05/06 to 06/07		Full Year	Full Year	% change 08/09 to 09/10		
Participation	Total Learners	765,700	796,700	4.0%		709,200	-11.0%	755,000	752,800	-
	of which Personal and Community Development Learning		546,800			557,900	2.0%	584,400	579,200	-0.9%
	of which Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities		23,900			32,200	34.7%	40,300	43,700	8.4%
	of which Family Literacy Language and Numeracy		68,800			67,100	-2.4%	71,000	71,300	-
	of which Wider Family Learning		70,000			75,300	7.6%	80,500	79,600	-1.1%
Achievement	Total Learners	618,600	653,800	5.7%		610,500	-6.6%	638,900	663,000	3.8%
	of which Personal and Community Development Learning		449,800			477,000	6.0%	489,000	505,900	3.5%
	of which Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities		20,800			28,400	36.3%	34,400	39,800	15.6%
	of which Family Literacy Language and Numeracy		57,500			57,200	-0.6%	61,000	62,700	2.7%
	of which Wider Family Learning		57,800			67,300	16.5%	71,400	72,600	1.6%

Notes

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2) Please see the general footnotes and the Adult Safeguarded Learning footnotes sections for all information on these tables.

Table 8.1: Apprenticeship Programme Starts by Level and Age (2005/06 to 2009/10)

	Age	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2008/09				2009/10			
		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
Intermediate Level Apprenticeship	Under 19	77,100	80,800	82,000	74,200	89,400	37,000	13,300	11,300	12,600	35,700	15,500	19,500	18,800
	19-24	45,600	46,500	55,200	52,600	72,800	18,000	12,000	12,800	9,800	20,100	16,200	17,200	19,300
	25+	100	100	14,600	31,700	28,400	9,900	8,700	8,500	4,600	7,600	5,400	8,100	7,200
	Total	122,800	127,400	151,800	158,500	190,500	64,900	34,000	32,600	27,000	63,400	37,100	44,800	45,300
Advanced Level Apprenticeship	Under 19	22,400	24,800	25,500	25,100	27,200	15,500	3,200	2,900	3,600	14,600	3,400	5,000	4,300
	19-24	29,500	32,000	34,800	32,000	39,800	13,400	6,500	6,700	5,400	14,900	7,000	8,700	9,200
	25+	200	100	12,600	24,200	20,600	8,400	6,100	6,100	3,500	5,800	3,300	6,100	5,500
	Total	52,100	56,900	72,900	81,300	87,700	37,300	15,800	15,700	12,500	35,200	13,600	19,700	19,100
Higher Apprenticeships	Under 19	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-
	19-24	-	100	-	100	1,200	-	-	-	100	600	200	300	100
	25+	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-
	Total	-	100	100	200	1,500	100	-	-	100	700	300	300	200
All Apprenticeships	Under 19	99,500	105,600	107,600	99,400	116,800	52,500	16,400	14,300	16,200	50,300	18,900	24,500	23,100
	19-24	75,200	78,600	90,100	84,700	113,800	31,500	18,500	19,500	15,200	35,600	23,400	26,100	28,600
	25+	300	300	27,200	55,900	49,100	18,300	14,900	14,600	8,100	13,400	8,700	14,200	12,800
	Total	175,000	184,400	224,800	239,900	279,700	102,300	49,800	48,300	39,500	99,300	51,000	64,800	64,500

Table 8.2: Apprenticeship Framework Achievements by Level and Age (2005/06 to 2009/10)

	Age	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2008/09				2009/10			
		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
Intermediate Level Apprenticeship	Under 19	45,000	50,100	47,100	50,200	52,900	11,700	8,300	9,100	21,000	12,200	8,700	9,800	22,300
	19-24	25,300	28,200	28,400	35,500	38,600	7,500	7,000	8,400	12,600	9,100	7,200	8,900	13,400
	25+	-	100	900	12,500	20,300	900	1,900	3,300	6,300	5,300	4,400	4,800	5,900
	Total	70,300	78,400	76,300	98,100	111,900	20,100	17,300	20,900	39,900	26,500	20,300	23,500	41,600
Advanced Level Apprenticeship	Under 19	14,000	15,600	16,200	17,500	20,100	4,000	2,800	3,600	7,100	4,500	3,700	3,800	8,100
	19-24	14,300	17,800	19,700	22,400	25,400	5,400	4,300	4,800	7,900	6,200	4,700	5,700	8,800
	25+	100	100	300	5,400	13,900	300	500	1,200	3,300	2,900	3,000	3,600	4,400
	Total	28,400	33,400	36,200	45,200	59,400	9,700	7,600	9,600	18,300	13,600	11,500	13,100	21,300
Higher Apprenticeships	Under 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	19-24	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
	25+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	200	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	100
All Apprenticeships	Under 19	59,000	65,700	63,300	67,700	73,100	15,700	11,200	12,800	28,100	16,700	12,400	13,600	30,400
	19-24	39,600	46,000	48,100	57,800	64,200	12,900	11,300	13,200	20,500	15,300	12,000	14,600	22,300
	25+	100	200	1,200	17,900	34,300	1,200	2,500	4,600	9,600	8,200	7,400	8,400	10,300
	Total	98,700	111,800	112,600	143,400	171,500	29,800	24,900	30,500	58,100	40,200	31,800	36,600	63,000

Notes

1) Please see the general footnotes and the Apprenticeships footnotes section for all information on these tables.

Table 9.1: Train to Gain Starts by Level (2005/06 to 2009/10)

Level	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2008/09				2009/10			
	April to July 2006	Full year	Full Year	Full Year	Full Year	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Foundation Learning Tier	-	-	-	8,100	2,700	2,000	1,700	2,700	1,700	900	500	900	500
Full Level 2	27,700	172,400	263,900	516,900	404,500	120,800	128,200	174,200	93,600	102,300	77,400	124,000	100,700
Other Level 2	-	-	-	1,700	-	-	200	1,100	400	-	-	-	-
Full Level 3	500	14,600	43,000	135,000	96,300	39,900	32,800	40,900	21,400	29,100	16,000	27,300	23,900
Other Level 3	-	-	-	400	300	-	100	300	100	200	100	-	100
Level 4 and above	-	-	-	11,700	4,200	4,100	2,700	3,300	1,500	1,700	700	1,000	700
Skills for Life	3,500	19,300	39,200	143,400	65,900	31,900	38,400	50,300	22,800	19,800	11,700	19,600	14,800
No Level Assigned	700	100	-	300	1,000	100	-	100	-	300	200	200	300
Total	32,400	206,300	346,200	817,400	574,900	198,800	204,100	272,900	141,500	154,300	106,600	173,100	141,000

Table 9.2: Train to Gain Achievements by Level (2005/06 to 2009/10)

Level	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2008/09				2009/10			
	April to July 2006	Full year	Full Year	Full Year	Full Year	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Foundation Learning Tier	-	-	-	5,300	3,800	900	1,000	1,400	2,000	1,200	1,000	800	900
Full Level 2	5,000	60,400	153,400	356,700	371,900	58,900	70,700	94,500	132,600	88,600	77,000	100,600	105,800
Other Level 2	-	-	-	900	400	-	-	100	700	200	200	-	-
Full Level 3	700	2,600	14,100	68,400	92,400	8,200	11,600	16,200	32,500	21,900	20,800	23,300	26,400
Other Level 3	-	-	-	200	400	-	-	-	100	200	100	-	-
Level 4 and above	-	-	-	7,300	7,100	1,100	1,400	1,700	3,100	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,800
Skills for Life	700	7,800	19,000	98,100	60,600	10,500	19,000	32,000	36,600	16,100	14,400	14,100	16,000
No Level Assigned	-	300	100	6,200	1,600	1,500	1,700	1,500	1,500	600	400	300	300
Total	6,500	71,100	186,500	543,100	538,300	81,100	105,300	147,500	209,200	130,500	115,600	141,000	151,200

ETP Achievements	2005/06 April to July 2006	2006/07 Full year
Full Level 2	22,600	16,200
Skills for Life	4,600	1,800
Total	27,200	18,000
Total with ETP	33,700	89,100

Notes

1) Demand led funding rules are not applied to starts and achievements. However, figures for 2008/09 onwards are not comparable with earlier years as in 2008/09 NVQs delivered in the workplace previously funded by FE are now funded by Train to Gain. There were 181,000 starts and 132,000 achievements in NVQs delivered in the workplace in 2007/08 (Source - FE 2007/08 F05 Final).

2) Please see the general footnotes and the Train to Gain/Other Employer-Based Training footnotes section for further information on these tables.

Table 10.1: Level of Highest Qualification Held by People aged 19-59/64 in England (Quarter 4)¹ - percentages

Year	All people aged 19-59/64² (thousands)	Level 4 and above	Level 3	Level 3 and above	Level 2	Level 2 and above	Below Level 2 (incl no qualifications)
2006	29,427	33.1	20.2	53.2	18.7	71.9	28.1
2007	29,584	34.1	20.7	54.8	18.5	73.2	26.8
2008	29,737	34.5	20.7	55.2	19.0	74.2	25.8
2009	29,911	36.3	20.7	56.9	19.6	76.5	23.5
2010	30,127	37.6 ^P	21.1 ^P	58.8 ^P	18.9 ^P	77.7 ^P	22.3 ^P
2010 95% CI (+/-)		0.39		0.40		0.33	0.33

Table 10.2: Level of Highest Qualification Held by People aged 19-59/64 in England (Quarter 4)¹ - volumes (thousands)

Year	All people aged 19-59/64²	Level 4 and above	Level 3	Level 3 and above	Level 2	Level 2 and above	Below Level 2 (incl no qualifications)
2006	29,427	9,727	5,935	15,661	5,499	21,160	8,267
2007	29,584	10,091	6,112	16,203	5,461	21,664	7,920
2008	29,737	10,260	6,149	16,409	5,654	22,063	7,674
2009	29,911	10,850	6,178	17,028	5,848	22,876	7,035
2010	30,127	11,340 ^P	6,372 ^P	17,711 ^P	5,689 ^P	23,400 ^P	6,726 ^P
2010 95% CI (+/-)		117		119		101	101

Notes

1) Estimates were revised in March 2011 as a result of an improved methodology being adopted - see methodological note for further details.

2) Males aged 19 - 64 and females aged 19 - 59.

P) Provisional estimate - these estimates will be finalised in March 2012.

Table 11.1: Level Of Highest Qualification Held By Economically Active Adults In England (Quarter 4)^{1,2} - 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)
2006	24,238	35.8	20.8	56.6	19.6	76.2	23.8
2007	24,397	36.8	21.1	57.9	19.4	77.3	22.7
2008	24,672	36.9	21.1	58.0	20.0	78.0	22.0
2009	24,684	38.9	20.9	59.8	20.5	80.2	19.8
2010	24,819	40.5 ^P	21.3 ^P	61.8 ^P	19.7 ^P	81.5 ^P	18.5 ^P
2010 95% CI (+/-)		0.42		0.42		0.33	0.33

Table 11.2: Level Of Highest Qualification Held By Economically Active Adults In England (Quarter 4)^{1,2} - 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)
2006	24,238	8,681	5,046	13,727	4,744	18,471	5,767
2007	24,397	8,975	5,151	14,126	4,731	18,857	5,540
2008	24,672	9,098	5,217	14,314	4,933	19,247	5,425
2009	24,684	9,590	5,162	14,752	5,050	19,802	4,882
2010	24,819	10,044 ^P	5,292 ^P	15,336 ^P	4,881 ^P	20,217 ^P	4,602 ^P
2010 95% CI (+/-)		104		103		83	83

Notes

- 1) Estimates for 2006 onwards were revised in March 2011 as a result of an improved methodology being adopted - see methodological note for further details.
- 2) 2010 estimates are provisional as 2011 LFS data and matched LFS-ILR data are not yet available; uplift to final results is estimated based on 2006 to 2009 data.
- 3) Economically active adults are defined as men aged 18 to 64 and women aged 18 to 59 either in employment or International Labour Organisation unemployed.
- P) Provisional estimate - these estimates will be finalised in March 2012.

Table 12: Vocational Qualification Achievements in the UK by Qualification Type, 2005 (October) to 2010 (September)

Quarter	National Vocational Qualification	Occupational Qualification	Qualifications and Credit Framework Qualification	Vocationally Related Qualification	Other Vocational Qualifications	Total
October 2005 to December 2006	126,600	5,800	-	426,200	256,000	814,500
January 2006 to March 2006	116,300	6,100	-	432,700	230,800	786,000
April 2006 to June 2006	121,000	6,100	-	482,500	405,000	1,014,700
July 2006 to September 2006	234,600	7,000	-	750,200	610,600	1,602,500
Total 2005/06 Academic Year	598,600	25,000	-	2,091,600	1,502,500	4,217,700
October 2006 to December 2006	121,300	7,100	-	411,400	249,600	789,400
January 2007 to March 2007	126,600	5,700	-	406,800	251,400	790,500
April 2007 to June 2007	129,600	6,000	400	507,900	434,100	1,078,000
July 2007 to September 2007	252,900	8,000	500	920,500	773,800	1,955,700
Total 2006/07 Academic Year	630,400	26,800	900	2,246,600	1,708,900	4,613,600
October 2007 to December 2007	128,700	4,900	1,300	408,500	280,100	823,400
January 2008 to March 2008	140,700	4,900	4,600	426,000	345,100	921,300
April 2008 to June 2008	170,600	6,400	8,600	643,100	474,900	1,303,700
July 2008 to September 2008	287,900	8,300	19,200	984,000	983,700	2,283,000
Total 2007/08 Academic Year	727,900	24,500	33,700	2,461,600	2,083,700	5,331,400
October 2008 to December 2008	164,100	5,800	19,400	416,200	303,400	908,900
January 2009 to March 2009	169,600	5,300	42,200	409,900	390,200	1,017,200
April 2009 to June 2009	216,400	6,300	65,000	715,900	486,000	1,489,600
July 2009 to September 2009	372,600	9,100	102,000	1,064,900	1,143,300	2,692,000
Total 2008/09 Academic Year	922,900	26,500	228,600	2,606,800	2,322,900	6,107,700
October 2009 to December 2009	212,000	6,000	85,000	414,000	318,600	1,035,600
January 2010 to March 2010	203,900	5,100	135,000	386,300	352,300	1,082,700
April 2010 to June 2010	213,400	5,700	202,700	726,100	690,100	1,838,000
July 2010 to September 2010	327,300	6,400	337,900	1,067,100	1,588,300	3,327,100
Total 2009/10 Academic Year	956,700	23,200	760,500	2,593,500	2,949,300	7,283,300

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 2005/06 academic year runs from October 2005 to September 2006.

3) Please see the general footnotes and Vocational Qualifications footnotes section for all information on these tables.

Table 13: Young People (Under 19s) FE and Apprenticeship Participation by Level (2010/11 - mid-year estimates) – Learner Volumes

		Funded Learners
		2010/11 August to January (provisional)
		Level
Total Learners		964,500
Participation	<i>of which...</i>	
	Below Level 2 (excluding Skills for Life)	274,300
	Skills for Life	442,100
	Full Level 2	271,700
	Full Level 3	406,400
	Level 2	463,200
	Level 3	500,300
Level 4+	1,700	
No Level Assigned	578,100	

Table 14: Adult (19+) FE and Skills Participation by Level (2010/11 - mid-year estimates) – Learner Volumes

		Funded Learners
		2010/11 August to January (provisional)
		Level
Total Learners		2,190,900
Participation	<i>of which...</i>	
	Below Level 2 (excluding Skills for Life)	225,100
	Skills for Life	653,200
	Full Level 2	666,900
	Full Level 3	385,300
	Level 2	868,300
	Level 3	430,900
Level 4+	29,700	
No Level Assigned	571,600	

Table 15: Overall FE and Skills Participation by Level (2010/11 - mid-year estimates) – Learner Volumes

		Funded Learners
		2010/11 August to January (provisional)
		Level
Total Learners		3,155,400
Participation	<i>of which...</i>	
	Below Level 2 (excluding Skills for Life)	499,400
	Skills for Life	1,095,300
	Full Level 2	938,600
	Full Level 3	791,700
	Level 2	1,331,600
	Level 3	931,300
Level 4+	31,300	
No Level Assigned	1,149,600	

Notes

1) These tables include Apprenticeships, Other Employer-Based Training, University for Industry, Adult Safeguarded Learning and Further Education/Learner Responsive Provision which includes General Further Education Colleges including Tertiary, Sixth Form Colleges, Special College - Agricultural and Horticultural Colleges and Art and Design Colleges, Specialist Colleges and External Institutions.

2) This table shows provisional estimates for 2010/11. Tables 1-3 show full year volumes for previous years. It is not possible to directly compare provisional 2010/11 estimates with figures for previous years.

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

Table 16: FE and Skills - Skills for Life Participation by Level (2010/11 - mid-year estimates) – Learner Volumes

Measure	Level	2010/11 August to January (provisional)
	Total Learners	1,095,300
	of which literacy	738,100
	of which entry level	158,000
	of which level 1	323,100
	of which level 2	280,800
Participation	of which numeracy	697,600
	of which entry level	144,600
	of which level 1	324,300
	of which level 2	250,800
	of which ESOL	147,900
	of which entry level	120,200
	of which level 1	21,600
	of which level 2	8,200

Notes

1) This table shows provisional estimates for 2010/11. Skills for Life participation and achievement figures for earlier years are available in table 6 of this release.

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

Table 17: Adult Safeguarded Learning (2010/11 - mid-year estimates) Participation by Type – Learner Volumes

Measure	Provision Type	Funded Learners
		2010/11 August to January (provisional)
	Total Learners	421,700
<i>Participation</i>	of which Personal and Community Development Learning	343,600
	of which Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities	16,300
	of which Family Literacy Language and Numeracy	34,200
	of which Wider Family Learning	34,100

Notes

- 1) Adult Safeguarded Learning participation and achievement figures for earlier years are available in table 7 of this release.
- 2) Please see the general footnotes and the Adult Safeguarded Learning footnotes section for further information on these tables.

Table 18.1: Apprenticeship Programme Starts by Level and Age (2010/11 - mid-year estimates)

	Age	2010/11		
		Year to Date 1 August to 31 January (provisional)	Quarter 1 (provisional)	Quarter 2 (provisional)
		Intermediate Level Apprenticeship	Under 19	56,100
	19-24	40,600	21,000	19,600
	25+	45,100	18,400	26,700
	Total	141,800	77,400	64,400
Advanced Level Apprenticeship	Under 19	21,400	16,900	4,500
	19-24	25,300	15,700	9,600
	25+	23,500	10,700	12,700
	Total	70,200	43,400	26,800
Higher Apprenticeships	Under 19	100	100	-
	19-24	900	700	200
	25+	500	400	100
	Total	1,500	1,200	300
All Apprenticeships	Under 19	77,600	55,000	22,500
	19-24	66,900	37,400	29,400
	25+	69,000	29,500	39,500
	Total	213,400	122,000	91,500

Table 18.2: Apprenticeship Framework Achievements by Level and Age (2010/11 - mid-year estimates)

	Age	2010/11		
		Year to Date 1 August to 31 January (provisional)	Quarter 1 (provisional)	Quarter 2 (provisional)
		Intermediate Level Apprenticeship	Under 19	23,200
	19-24	20,400	10,500	9,900
	25+	8,600	4,500	4,100
	Total	52,100	28,200	23,900
Advanced Level Apprenticeship	Under 19	8,200	5,000	3,200
	19-24	11,300	6,300	4,900
	25+	5,800	3,200	2,600
	Total	25,300	14,500	10,800
Higher Apprenticeships	Under 19	-	-	-
	19-24	400	300	100
	25+	-	-	-
	Total	400	400	100
All Apprenticeships	Under 19	31,400	18,300	13,100
	19-24	32,000	17,100	14,900
	25+	14,400	7,700	6,700
	Total	77,800	43,100	34,700

Notes

1) This table shows provisional estimates for 2010/11. Apprenticeship starts and achievements figures for earlier years are available in table 8 of this release. It is not possible to directly compare provisional 2010/11 estimates with figures for previous years.

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

Table 19.1: Other Employer-Based Training Starts by Level (2010/11 - mid-year estimates)

Level	2010/11		
	Year to Date 1 August to 31	Quarter 1	Quarter 2
	January (provisional)	(provisional)	(provisional)
Foundation Learning Tier	600	300	300
Full Level 2	159,600	80,600	79,000
Other Level 2	-	-	-
Full Level 3	45,000	25,200	19,800
Other Level 3	200	100	100
Level 4 and above	1,600	800	700
Skills for Life	30,100	16,600	13,500
No Level Assigned	600	300	400
Total	237,600	123,900	113,700

Table 19.2: Other Employer-Based Training Achievements by Level (2010/11 - mid-year estimates)

Level	2010/11		
	Year to Date 1 August to 31	Quarter 1	Quarter 2
	January (provisional)	(provisional)	(provisional)
Foundation Learning Tier	700	400	300
Full Level 2	135,500	72,500	63,000
Other Level 2	-	-	-
Full Level 3	32,100	16,900	15,200
Other Level 3	-	-	-
Level 4 and above	1,600	1,000	600
Skills for Life	22,000	10,400	11,600
No Level Assigned	300	200	100
Total	192,300	101,500	90,900

Notes

1) These tables show provisional estimates for 2010/11 of Other Employer-Based Training. Table 19.2 includes achievements for Train to Gain qualifications which were started prior to 2010/11. Figures for earlier years are available in table 9 of this release. It is not possible to directly compare provisional 2010/11 estimates with figures for previous years.

2) Please see the general footnotes and the Train to Gain/Other Employer-Based Training footnotes section for further information on these tables.