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ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017

Quarterly Statistics from August 2013 to October 2017

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INTRODUCTION

Coverage

This Statistical Bulletin is part of a biannual series published by the Department for the Economy (DfE) to provide key information on both the [ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 and 2017](#) programmes (hereby referred to jointly as ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017¹) and contains data up to the end of October 2017.

The statistics presented in this Bulletin cover a range of topics including starts, occupancy, leavers and outcomes for participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/17. For more information on the coverage please see the [Notes to Readers](#) section.

Policy and Operational Context

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

ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 aims to:

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

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

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

Who will be interested?

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

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

policy officials in order to monitor performance of the programme. Other interested parties include academics, the private sector and the general public.

Structure

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

The Bulletin consists of three sections:

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- 16-24 year olds make up 95% of all those participants starting in the current academic year.
- Level 2 Apprenticeships account for 43% of all those participants starting in the current academic year.
- Food Manufacture (Level 2), Electrotechnical (Level 2/3 and Level 3) are the most popular frameworks by occupancy for the current quarter.
- Males account for 78% of current participants. The proportion of male participants is highest in the Level 2/3 Apprenticeship group at 90%.
- The gap between male and female is largest in the Level 2/3 Apprenticeship group, where males account for 90% of participants.
- Targeted full frameworks were achieved by 61% of all participants between the 2013/14 and 2016/17 academic years.

KEY STATISTICS

Starts

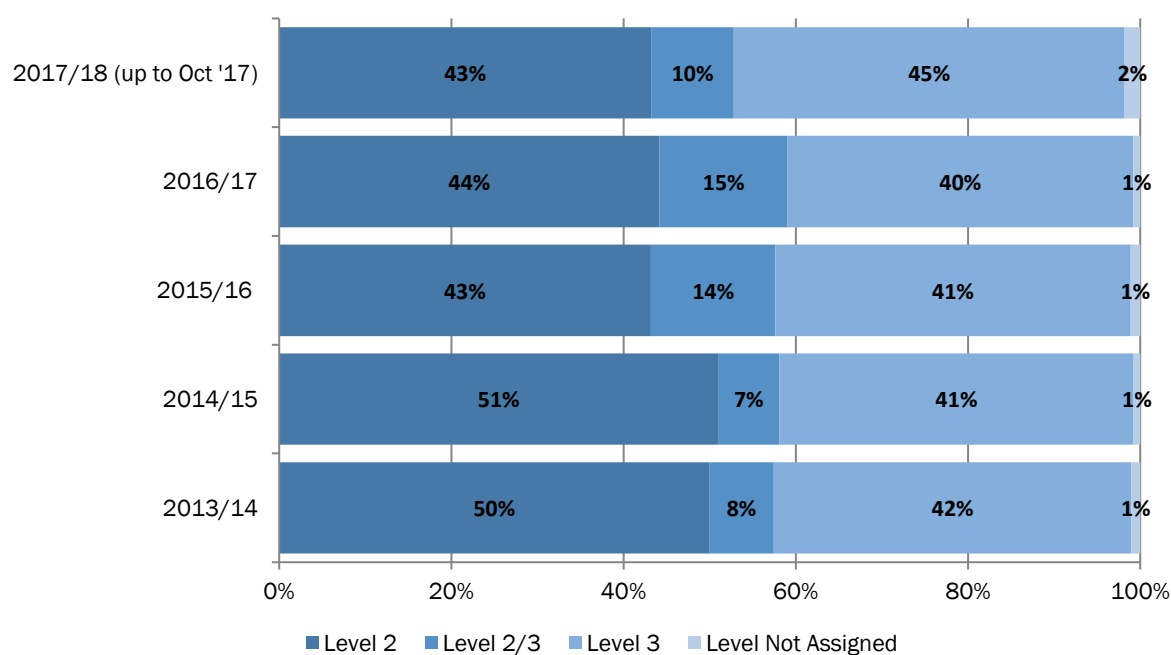
Between the commencement of the programme and 2017/18 (up to October 2017), 25,515 participants started ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017. Of this total, 46% have been targeted at Level 2, 11% at Level 2/3 and 41% at Level 3.

The total number of participants starting at all levels for full academic years has been steadily increasing (2013/14: 5,202, 2014/15: 5,449, 2015/16: 6,083 and 2016/17: 6,504). A total of 2,276 participants have started in the latest academic year to October 2017.

Figure 1 shows that the proportion of participants starting on Level 2 apprenticeships in 2017/18 (up to October 2017) has remained similar to the previous year. In the current academic year 2017/18, the proportion of Level 2 starts is 43%.

The proportion of participants entering the programme at Level 3 has remained steady over the programme duration between 2013/14 and 2016/17. For the current academic year, this figure has increased to 45%.

Figure 1: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 starts by level (2013/14 to 2017/18)



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 30th December 2017 and 24th February 2018.

Figure 2 shows that the total number of participants between the ages of 16 and 24 has been reasonably similar for the four academic years of the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 contracts. In the current academic year, 2017/18 (up to October 2017), 2,172 participants aged 16-24 have commenced an apprenticeship.

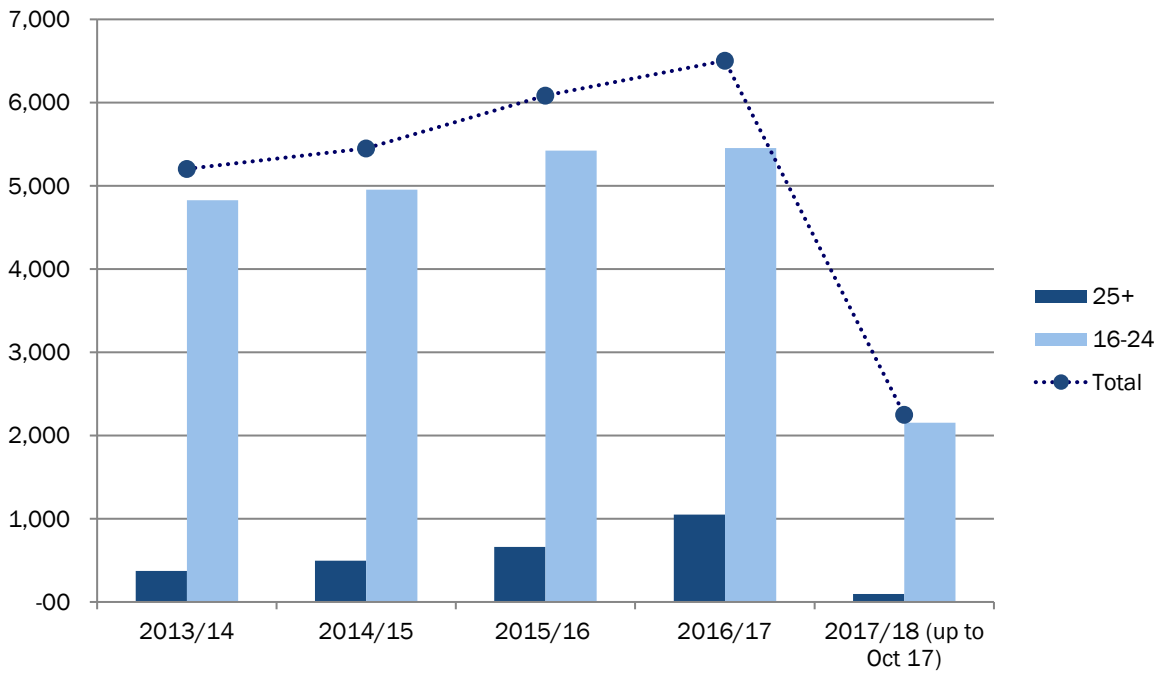
From September 2007 ApprenticeshipsNI was aimed at individuals aged 16-24; however in September 2008 they became all-age apprenticeships. From August 2012 adult

apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.

In the current year (to date) 4.6% of ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 starts were aged 25 and over, a lower figure than previous years. However, these figures only account for Aug-Oct 2017. (Figure 2).

Between 2013/14 and 2016/17, females accounted for 38-41% of starts. This figure has dropped to 22% in the current year.

Figure 2: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 Starts by age at start of programme (2013/14 to 2017/18)



Source: Data extracted from the Department’s Client Management System on 30th December 2017 and 24th February 2018.

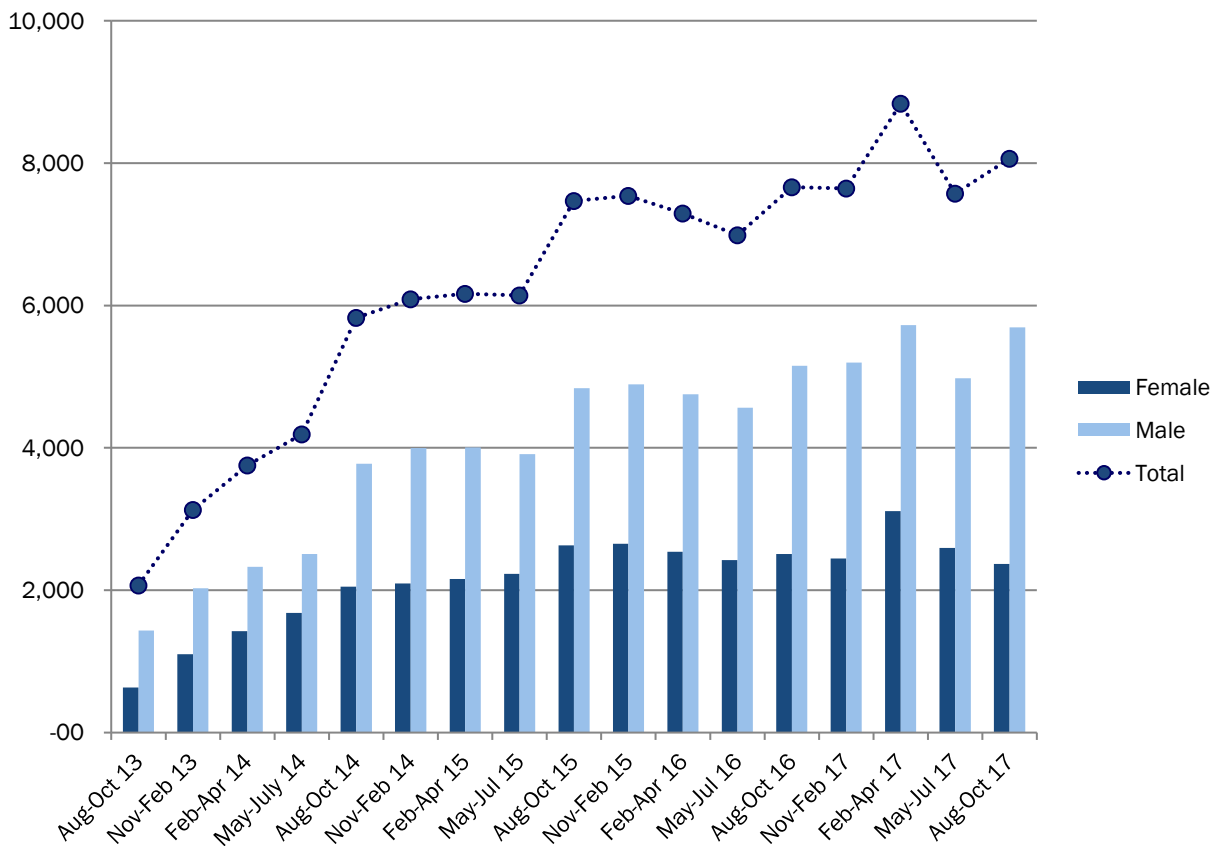
See [Section 1](#) of the Statistical Tables for further information on starts.

Occupancy

Between the quarters ending October 2013 and October 2017, the number of participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 (at the end of the quarter) increased from 2,070 to 8,064. It should be noted that as apprenticeships can take up to four years to complete, there is a cumulative effect for the number of participants on programme each year.

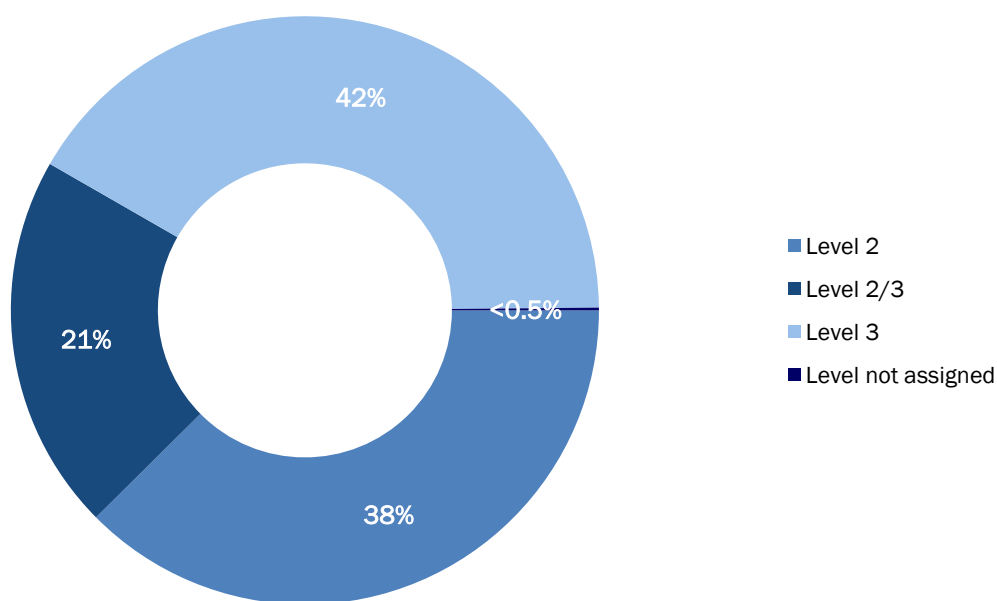
Figure 3 shows that at the start of the programme in October 2013, there were predominantly more male apprentices than female.

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



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 30th December 2017 and 24th February 2018.

Figure 4: All participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 by level (October 2017) ⁽¹⁾



(1) 'Level not assigned' includes those participants for whom framework has not been recorded by the Supplier.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 24th February 2018.

Figure 4 shows the percentage of occupants at each level of ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 at the end of October 2017. Of the total of 8,064 participants, 3,030 were on Level 2; 1,671 were on Level 2/3, and 3,351 participants were on the Level 3 route.

The two most common frameworks at Level 2 based on current occupancy are Food Manufacture and Construction. For Level 2/3, the top two are Electrotechnical and Engineering, and for Level 3, the top two are also Electrotechnical and Engineering.

Female participation is highest on frameworks including Child Care Learning and Development (99%) and Beauty Therapy (100%). There are popular frameworks where participation by gender is more balanced are Retail (52% male, 48% female), Hospitality (46% male, 54% female) and Food Manufacture (56% male, 44% female).

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

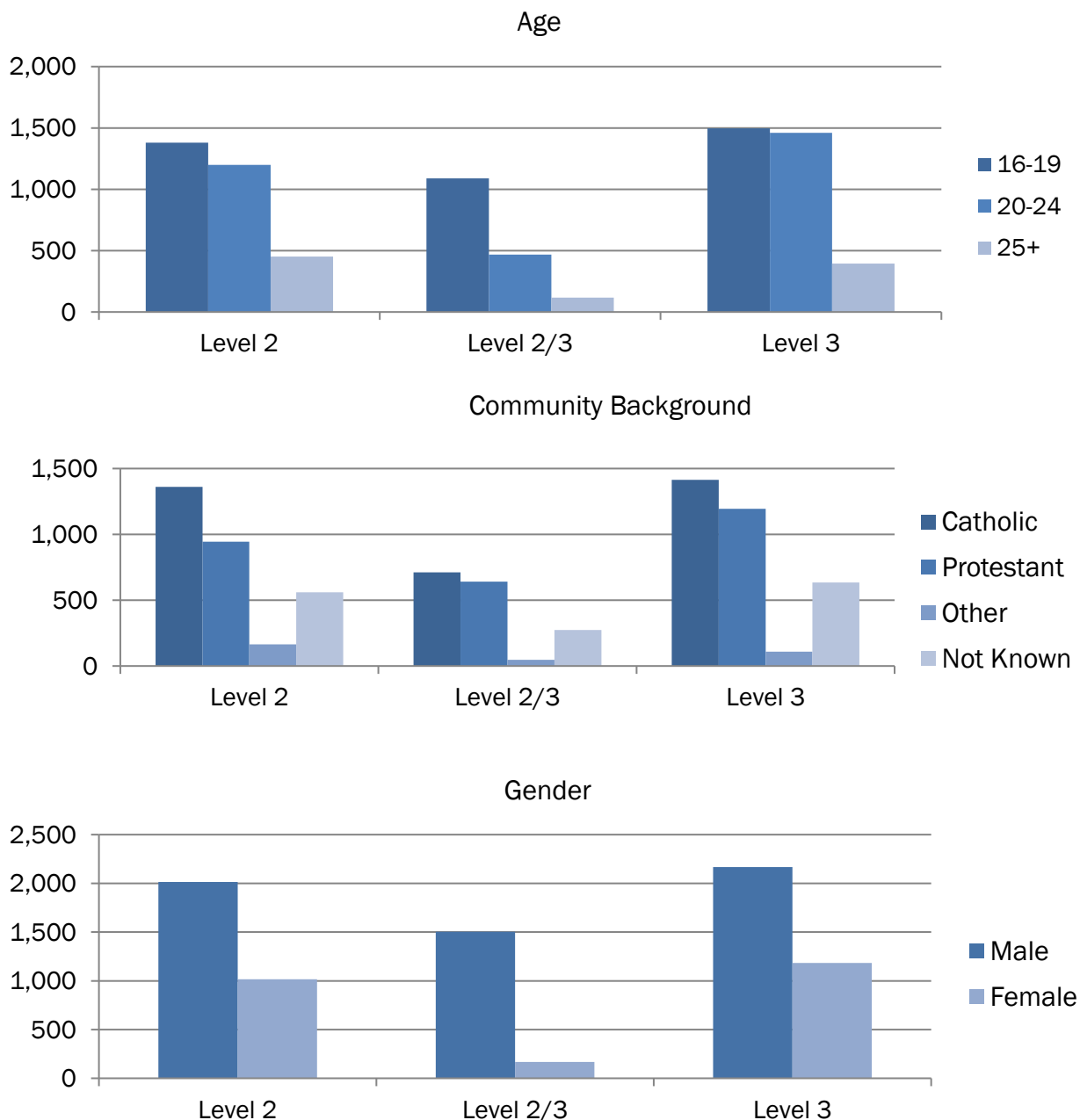
Figure 5 shows the number of participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 Equality Groups at October 2017, broken down by Level. Please note that, due to the small numbers of participants involved, the Level Not Assigned category has not been included in the graphs below.

The Age graph shows that Level 2 and Level 3 apprenticeships are most popular with both 16-19 year olds and 20-24 year olds.

At each level of the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 programmes at October 2017, there was a higher number of Catholics than Protestants

Males currently make up the majority of participants at each Level of ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 and this is particularly noticeable at Level 2/3 (Male: 1,503, Female: 168).

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



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 24th February 2018.

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

Leavers and Main Outcomes

Since ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 began in the 2013/14 academic year, 17,367 participants left the programme. Of these, 61% achieved their targeted Full Framework.

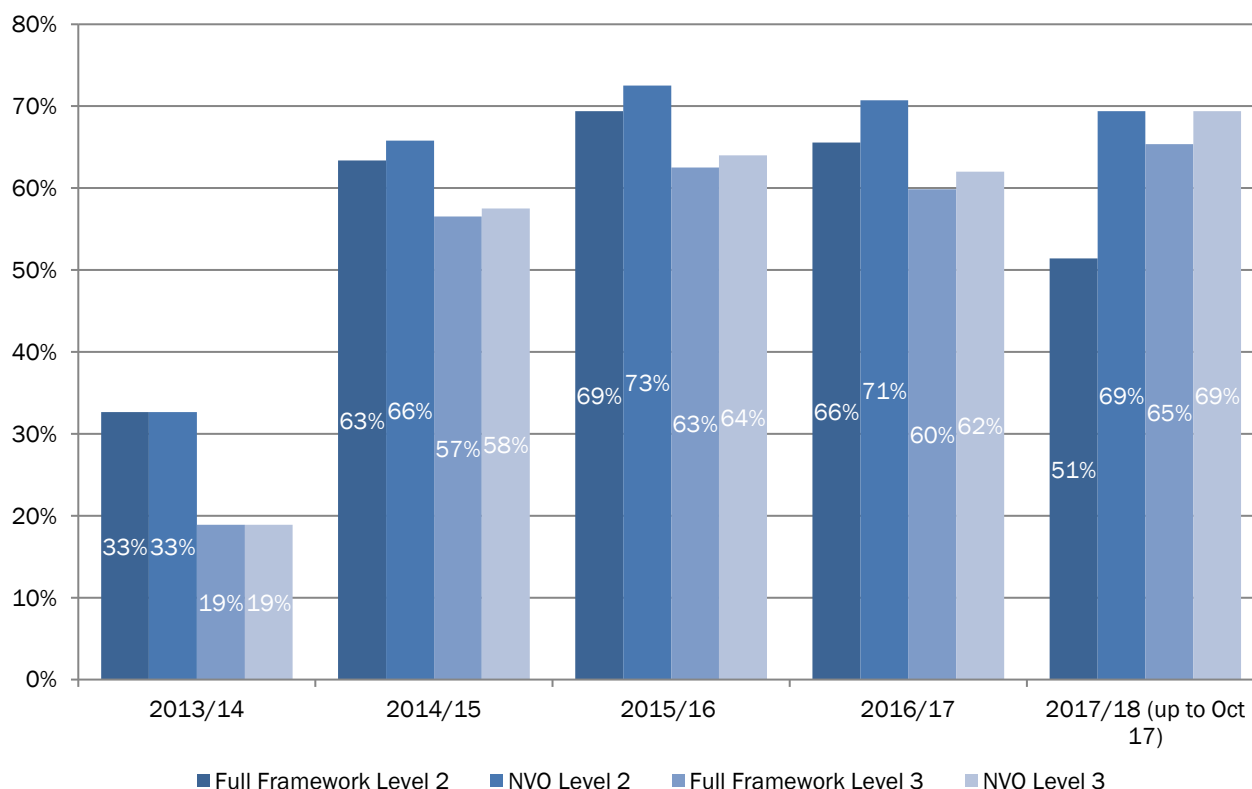
Figure 6 shows that between 2013/14 and 2016/17, the percentage of leavers targeted at Level 2 achieving a Full Framework Level 2 increased from 33% to 66%. For the current academic year 2017/18 (up to October 2017), this figure is 51%.

Between the academic years 2013/14 and 2016/17, the percentage of leavers targeted at Level 3 achieving a Full Framework Level 3 increased from 19% to 60%. For the current academic year 2017/18 (up to October 2017), this figure is 65%.

Figure 6 also shows that although some participants have not achieved a full framework, an additional number of leavers each year achieved their targeted level of NVQ. In the latest full academic year 2016/17, targeted achievement at NVQ Level 2 was 71% compared to the Full Framework rate of 66%, and the comparable figures for Level 3 were 62% NVQ Level 3 and 60% Full Framework Level 3.

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

Figure 6: Percentages of Full Frameworks and NVQs achieved by leavers from ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 (2013/14 to 2016/17)



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 30th December 2017 and 24th February 2018.

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

Performance Monitoring - Performance against Programme Targets^{2 3}

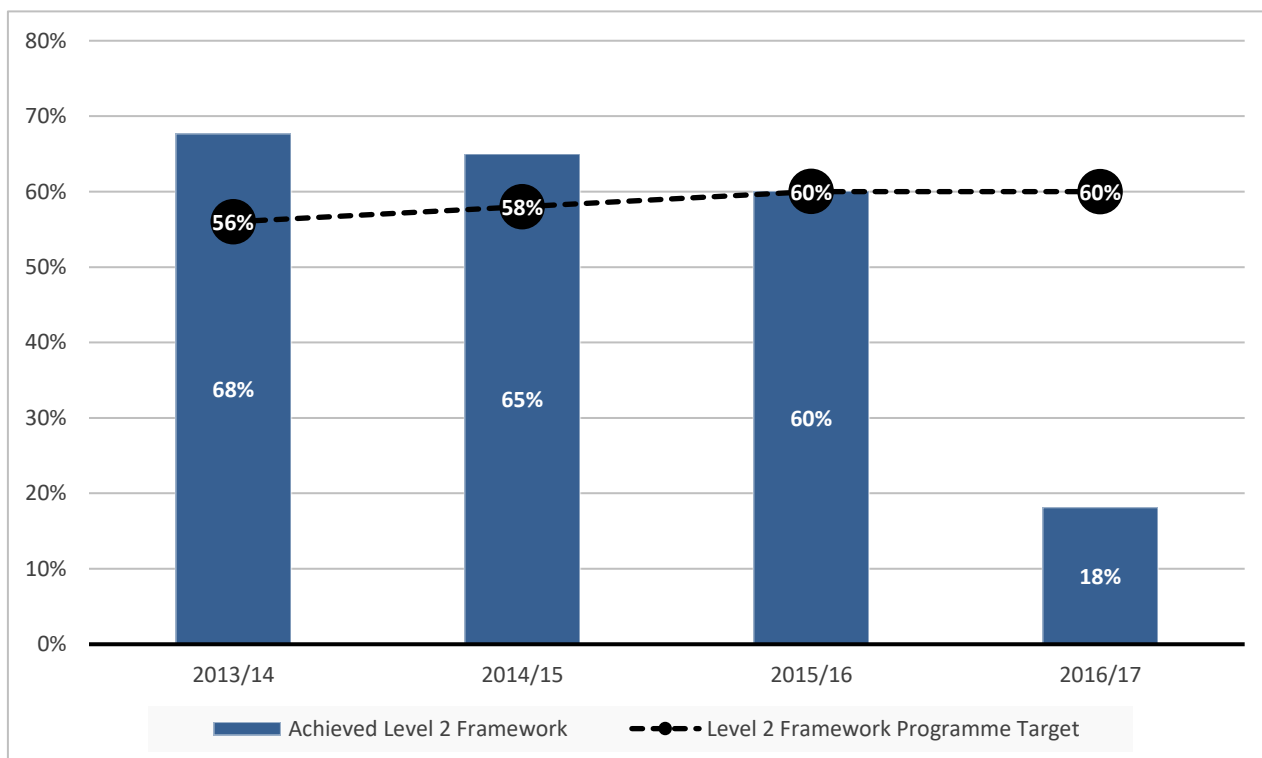
Level 2

Of those participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 2 who began their participation in 2013/14, 72% achieved an NVQ Level 2. The equivalent percentages for those achieving an NVQ Level 2 in 2014/15 and 2015/16 are 70% and 67% respectively.

Overall 68% achieved a Full Framework at Level 2 within the target timeframe, this exceeded the 2013/14 target for achievement of a Full Framework at Level 2 which was 56%. Of the 2,776 participants commencing a Level 2 Apprenticeship in 2014/15, 65% (1,805) have achieved a Full Framework and (exceeding the 58% target for that year). Of the 2,724 participants commencing a Level 2 Apprenticeship in 2015/16, 60% (1,637) have achieved a Full Framework (achieving the targets set for that year).

In 2016/17, 18% have already achieved a Full Framework (850). With 58% of these participants (2,025) still on programme, the Full Framework Level 2 target of 60% is still achievable.

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



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 24th November 2017.

Level 2 / 3

There are two programme targets at Level 2/3. For 2013/14 these are 65% achievement of NVQ Level 2 and 57% achievement of Level 3 Full Frameworks.

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

³ ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 has not been included in this section of the bulletin as the most recent financial year (ending 31st March 2017) occurred before the introduction of the new contract.

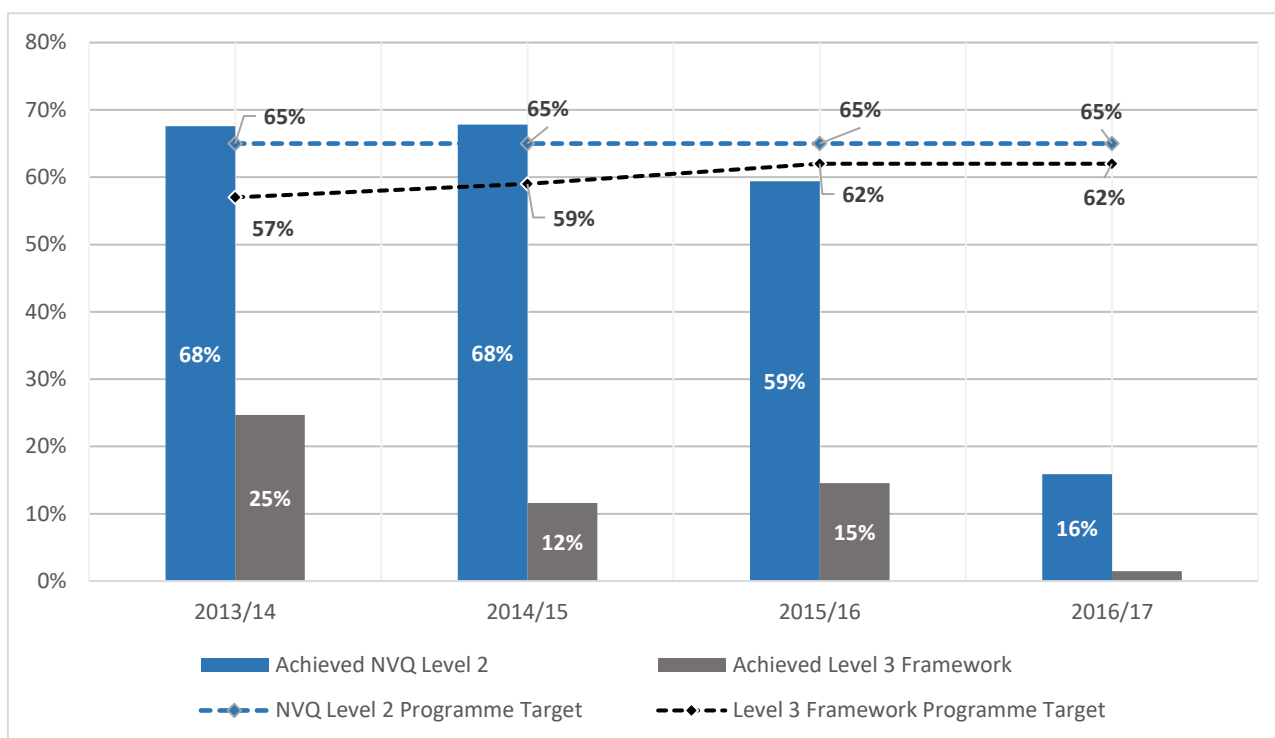
Of those participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 2/3 who began their participation in 2013/14, 68% achieved an NVQ Level 2 within the target timeframe, (with 28% going on to achieve an NVQ Level 3). Only 7% of these participants achieved a Level 2 Full Framework, and 25% have achieved a Full Framework at Level 3.

Participants commencing in 2014/15 have until March 2017 to achieve their targeted qualifications, and 68% have already achieved an NVQ Level 2 with 12% having achieved a Level 3 Full Framework. The programme targets for 2014/15 are 65% achievement of NVQ Level 2 within two years and 59% achievement of Level 3 Full Framework within four years.

For 2015/16 the targets are 65% for the NVQ Level 2 qualification and 62% for Level 3 Full Framework – 59% of participants have already gained the NVQ Level 2 qualification.

Targets for 2016/17 are the same as the previous financial year. To date, 16% of participants have achieved an NVQ Level 2 qualification and 1% have achieved a Level 3 Full Framework. It should be noted that 78% of 2016/17 participants are still on the programme, as such, these numbers are expected to rise.

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



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 24th November 2017.

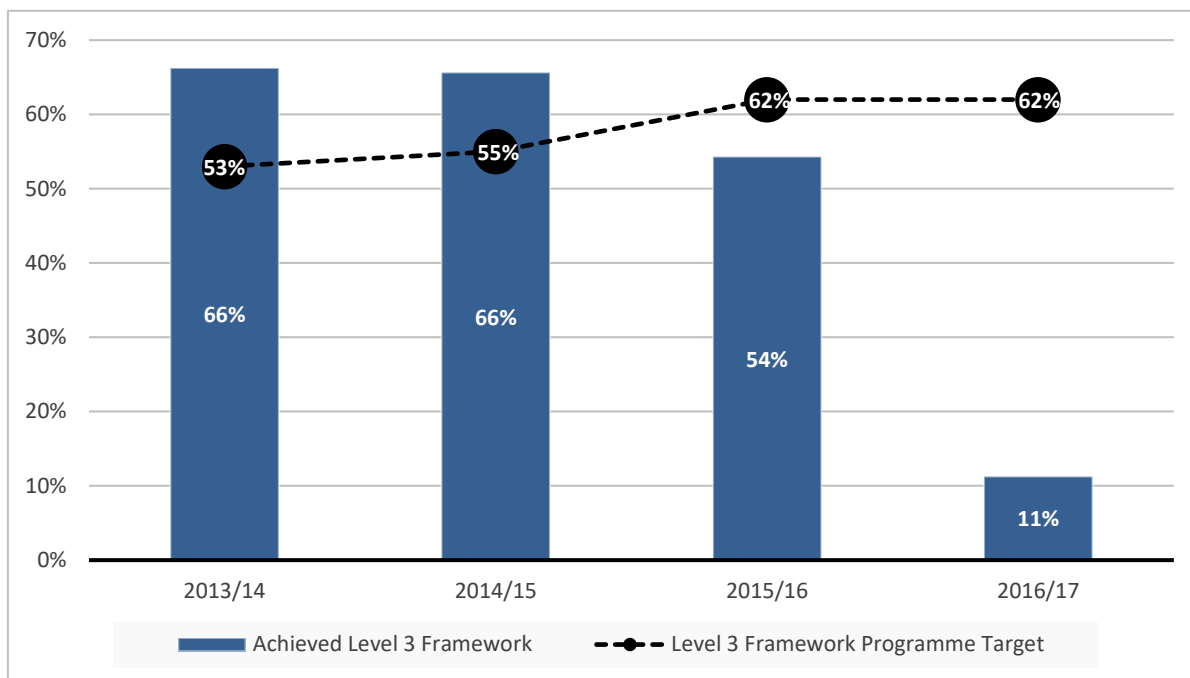
Level 3

Of those participants on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 3 who began their participation in 2013/14, 70% achieved an NVQ Level 3, and 66% achieved a Full Framework at Level 3 within the target time limit. The programme target for 2013/14 is 53% of participants to achieve a Level 3 Full Framework.

Of the 2,148 participants commencing at this Level in 2014/15, 69% have achieved an NVQ Level 3 while 66% have achieved a Level 3 Full Framework. The programme target for 2014/15 is 55% of participants to achieve a Level 3 Full Framework.

The equivalent target for 2015/16 and 2016/17 is 62%. In total 54% and 11% of participants have respectively achieved this to date.

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



Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 24th November 2017.

It should be noted that the Target Year for achievement of qualifications is 2 years after the financial year a participant starts on the programme, with the exception of the Level 3 elements of a Level 2/3 start, which can be up to 4 years after a participant starts on the programme. Therefore participants at all of these levels from 2014/15 onwards still have time remaining in which to achieve their qualifications.

NOTES TO READERS

1. Context

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

2. Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Eligibility

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

- having attained the legal minimum school leaving age in Northern Ireland;
- being contracted to work a minimum of 21 hours per week (including day release/off-the-job training) with one employer;
- having the potential to successfully complete all the requirements of the appropriate Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship Framework;
- meeting any health requirements specific to the occupation of their choice;
- having achieved any necessary entry academic qualifications determined by the relevant sector for the Apprenticeship and approved by the Department; and

- passing any entry tests specified by the relevant sector/employer and approved by the Department.

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

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

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

4. Source of Data

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

The relevant data are extracted from CMS each month to form the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Database maintained by the Department’s Youth Training Statistics and Research Branch within Analytical Services. The data for this Bulletin were extracted from CMS on 24th February 2018. The data presented are derived from the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 and 2017 database.

5. Definitions

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

i. Programme Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ii. Equality Definitions

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

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

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

Ethnic Origin: The Department records ethnic origin as reported by the participant under the following categories - Bangladeshi, Black-African, Black-Caribbean, Black-Other, Chinese, Indian, Irish Traveller, Malaysia, Mixed, Pakistani, Vietnam, White, Other or Unknown. For statistical purposes ethnic origin is reported in this publication as White, Non White and Not

Known. The 'Non White' figures quoted are those clients who record their ethnic origin as other than White.

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

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

iii. Performance Monitoring Definitions

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

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

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

6. Revisions

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

7. Quality Measures

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

Accuracy: The statistics included are representative of the administrative database (CMS) at the time of data extraction. The administrative system has in-built validation checks to minimise user error and can be interrogated to assess data quality and cross check statistics. Validation checks are also carried out on the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 database. A small number of erroneous records are excluded from the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 database.

Timeliness and Punctuality: Data in this Bulletin include all participants who commenced ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 on or before the 31st October 2017. The time gap between this date and the publication date is due to a lag of three months that must be left before data can be extracted from CMS, along with time taken to complete validation and processing. The publication schedule for the Department for the Economy can be accessed via the following link: [Statistics Publication Schedule](#).

Accessibility and Clarity: This Statistical Bulletin is part of a regular series published by the Department for the Economy. The Bulletin is published on a biannual basis. It is available on the Department's website and is free of charge. The Bulletin includes tables, text and charts. The Bulletin is available in other formats upon request.

Comparability: The Bulletin provides data by academic year and by quarter since the ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 programmes were introduced in Northern Ireland, to enable comparisons over time. When methodological changes or other effects such as programme changes are made, every effort is made to ensure that all previous data are amended to make them directly comparable.

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Percentages based on small numbers should be interpreted with caution.

Section 1: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 Starts

Table 1.1: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 starts by age and gender (2012/13 to 2017/18) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾

Academic year	Total	Aged 16 to 19			Aged 20 to 24			Aged 25+		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
2012/13	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013/14	5,202	1,483	553	2,036	1,340	1,452	2,792	241	133	374
2014/15	5,449	1,712	598	2,310	1,301	1,342	2,643	276	220	496
2015/16	6,083	1,865	660	2,525	1,462	1,435	2,897	341	320	661
2016/17	6,504	1,913	643	2,556	1,544	1,354	2,898	565	485	1,050
2017/18 (up to Oct 17)	2,276	1,294	235	1,529	425	218	643	60	44	104
Total	25,515	8,268	2,689	10,957	6,072	5,801	11,873	1,483	1,202	2,685

Notes:

- (1) From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.
 (2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017, they do not include those apprentices who remain on the Jobskills Modern Apprenticeships programme.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 30th December 2017 and 24th February 2018.

Table 1.2: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 starts by level (2012/13 to 2016/17) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾

Academic year	Total	Level 2	Level 3		Level not assigned
			Level 2/3	Level 3	
2012/13	1	1	0	0	0
2013/14	5,202	2,597	392	2,159	54
2014/15	5,449	2,778	387	2,241	43
2015/16	6,083	2,625	881	2,509	68
2016/17	6,504	2,874	966	2,611	53
2017/18 (up to Oct 17)	2,276	980	216	1,039	41
Total	25,515	11,855	2,842	10,559	259

Notes:

- (1) From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.
 (2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017, they do not include those apprentices who remain on the Jobskills Modern Apprenticeships programme.
 (3) For definitions of each level of Apprenticeship, see Notes to Readers tab.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 30th December 2017 and 24th February 2018.

Section 2: Occupancy on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017

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

Quarter	All			Level 2			Level 3						Level not assigned		
							Level 2/3			Level 3					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Aug-Oct 13	2,070	1,436	634	817	512	305	256	232	24	975	678	297	22	14	8
Nov-Feb 13	3,128	2,029	1,099	1,360	815	545	338	282	56	1,421	926	495	9	6	3
Feb-Apr 14	3,753	2,330	1,423	1,765	1,022	743	345	287	58	1,641	1,019	622	2	2	0
May-July 14	4,191	2,510	1,681	2,061	1,176	885	330	272	58	1,784	1,053	731	16	9	7
Aug-Oct 14	5,829	3,777	2,052	2,670	1,628	1,042	574	519	55	2,578	1,627	951	7	3	4
Nov-Feb 14	6,090	3,995	2,095	2,792	1,735	1,057	575	517	58	2,721	1,742	979	2	1	1
Feb-Apr 15	6,163	4,004	2,159	2,789	1,733	1,056	568	511	57	2,800	1,757	1,043	6	3	3
May-Jul 15	6,143	3,913	2,230	2,854	1,764	1,090	562	505	57	2,717	1,640	1,077	10	4	6
Aug-Oct 15	7,470	4,840	2,630	3,163	1,922	1,241	1,115	1,030	85	3,182	1,881	1,301	10	7	3
Nov-Feb 15	7,544	4,891	2,653	3,075	1,881	1,194	1,193	1,057	136	3,270	1,950	1,320	6	3	3
Feb-Apr 16	7,295	4,755	2,540	2,939	1,845	1,094	1,151	988	163	3,195	1,917	1,278	10	5	5
May-Jul 16	6,989	4,565	2,424	2,784	1,747	1,037	1,165	982	183	3,035	1,832	1,203	5	4	1
Aug-Oct 16	7,668	5,158	2,510	2,817	1,805	1,012	1,440	1,237	203	3,399	2,105	1,294	12	11	1
Nov-Feb 17	7,655	5,208	2,447	2,715	1,729	986	1,542	1,361	181	3,389	2,112	1,277	9	6	3
Feb-Apr 17	8,858	5,746	3,112	3,350	1,986	1,364	1,720	1,485	235	3,769	2,263	1,506	19	12	7
May-Jul 17	7,574	4,978	2,596	2,868	1,681	1,187	1,594	1,410	184	3,111	1,887	1,224	1	0	1
Aug-Oct 17	8,064	5,694	2,370	3,030	2,013	1,017	1,671	1,503	168	3,351	2,168	1,183	12	10	2

Notes:

- (1) From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.
- (2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI, they do not include those apprentices who remain on the Jobskills Modern Apprenticeships programme.
- (3) For definitions of each level of Apprenticeship, see Notes to Readers tab.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 30th December 2017 and 24th February 2018.

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

Framework	Total	Level 2			Level 3						Level Not Assigned
		Male	Female	Total	Level 2/3			Level 3			
					Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Accountancy	6	0	0	0	4	0	4	2	0	2	0
Active Leisure Learning and Well-being	51	16	7	23	4	0	4	12	12	24	0
Agriculture	85	24	3	27	0	0	0	52	6	58	0
Amenity Horticulture	12	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barbering	21	3	3	6	0	0	0	11	4	15	0
Beauty Therapy	52	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	39	39	0
Business and Administration	73	8	16	24	1	7	8	8	33	41	0
Call Handling	84	37	47	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catering and Professional Chefs	296	137	80	217	7	2	9	53	17	70	0
Child Care Learning and Development	162	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	157	158	0
Child Care, Learning and Development	8	1	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	361	358	3	361	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction Crafts	315	0	0	0	94	0	94	220	1	221	0
Construction Technical	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	1	19	0
Contact Centre Operation	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	27	50	0
Creative and Digital Media	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Customer Service	191	44	49	93	22	12	34	32	32	64	0
Distribution and Warehousing	52	33	3	36	5	0	5	11	0	11	0
Driving Goods Vehicles	10	8	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electrical and Electronic Servicing	30	3	0	3	0	0	0	27	0	27	0
Electrical Distribution and Trans. Engineering	43	0	0	0	28	4	32	8	3	11	0
Electrical Power Engineering	9	8	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electrotechnical	960	0	0	0	609	1	610	348	2	350	0
Engineering	970	294	3	297	356	22	378	289	6	295	0
Food Manufacture	685	206	176	382	8	4	12	170	121	291	0
Furniture Production	15	13	0	13	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Gas Utilisation, Installation and Maintenance	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Hairdressing	279	11	93	104	0	1	1	10	164	174	0
Health and Social Care	439	18	123	141	1	14	15	26	257	283	0
Heating , Ventilation,	45	45	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration											
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR)	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	23	0
Hospitality	630	157	192	349	14	23	37	117	127	244	0
I.T. User	18	0	0	0	1	0	1	8	9	17	0
Insurance	234	64	55	119	32	35	67	17	31	48	0
IT and Telecoms Professional	85	26	21	47	0	0	0	26	12	38	0
IT User	17	12	5	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land - based Service Engineering	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land Based Service Engineering	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	42	0
Light Vehicle Body and Paint Operations	68	0	0	0	13	0	13	54	1	55	0
Management	39	0	0	0	11	9	20	7	12	19	0
Mechanical Engineering Services (Plumbing)	208	0	0	0	74	1	75	133	0	133	0
MES Plumbing	127	124	3	127	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pharmacy Services	23	2	13	15	0	0	0	0	8	8	0
Polymer Processing and Signmaking	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Print Production	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	2	18	0
Printing Industry	39	37	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retail	405	96	82	178	18	26	44	95	88	183	0
Security Systems	65	54	2	56	0	0	0	9	0	9	0
Team Leading	16	6	10	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Body and Paint	48	47	1	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Fitting	6	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	584	91	2	93	199	3	202	285	4	289	0
Vehicle Parts	17	9	0	9	2	0	2	6	0	6	0
Veterinary Nursing	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Not Known	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	11	12
Total	8,064	2,013	1,017	3,030	1,503	168	1,671	2,168	1,183	3,351	12

Notes:

- (1) From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.
- (2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI, they do not include those apprentices who remain on the Jobskills Modern Apprenticeships programme.
- (3) For definitions of each level of Apprenticeship, see Notes to Readers tab.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 24th February 2018.

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

Equality Group	Equality Sub-Categories	Total	Level 2	Level 3		Level not assigned
				Level 2/3	Level 3	
All	All	8,064	3,030	1,671	3,351	12
Age ⁽⁴⁾	16-19	3,971	1,380	1,088	1,497	6
	20-24	3,129	1,198	467	1,459	5
	25+	964	452	116	395	1
Sex	Male	5,694	2,013	1,503	2,168	10
	Female	2,370	1,017	168	1,183	2
Disability	Yes	1,269	600	165	504	0
	No	6,795	2,430	1,506	2,847	12
Background	Catholic	3,491	1,361	711	1,414	5
	Protestant	2,784	945	641	1,194	4
	Other	320	165	46	109	0
	Not Known ⁽⁵⁾	1,469	559	273	634	3
Ethnicity	White	7,895	2,939	1,653	3,291	12
	Non White	90	58	9	23	0
	Not Known ⁽⁵⁾	79	33	9	37	0
Dependants	No Dependants	2,062	892	305	863	2
	With Dependants	178	84	15	79	0
	Not Known ⁽⁵⁾	5,824	2,054	1,351	2,409	10
Marital Status	Single	4,421	1,829	902	1,682	8
	Married / Cohabiting	109	49	8	52	0
	Widowed/ Separated/ Divorced	28	13	2	13	0
	Not Known ⁽⁵⁾	3,506	1,139	759	1,604	4

Notes:

- (1) From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.
- (2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI, they do not include those apprentices who remain on the Jobskills Modern Apprenticeships programme.
- (3) For definitions of each level of Apprenticeship, see Notes to Readers tab.
- (4) 'Age' relates to age of the participant on starting provision.
- (5) The 'Not Known' category is where information has not been recorded or is not available for a participant.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 24th February 2018.

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

Local Government District ⁽⁴⁾	Total	Level 2	Level 2/3	Level 3	Level not assigned
Antrim and Newtownabbey	610	235	135	238	2
Ards and North Down	466	188	90	188	0
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	695	222	128	345	0
Belfast	1,197	539	202	455	1
Causeway Coast and Glens	642	234	162	244	2
Derry City and Strabane	1,034	428	123	480	3
Fermanagh and Omagh	564	153	110	301	0
Lisburn and Castlereagh	456	189	83	184	0
Mid and East Antrim	692	249	192	250	1
Mid Ulster	918	308	263	347	0
Newry, Mourne and Down	695	255	169	268	3
Not Known ⁽⁵⁾	95	30	14	51	0
Total	8,064	3,030	1,671	3,351	12

Notes:

(1) From September 2007, ApprenticeshipsNI were aimed at individuals aged 16-24, however in September 2008 they became all-age apprenticeships. From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI, they do not include those apprentices who remain on the Jobskills Modern Apprenticeships programme.

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

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

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 24th February 2018.

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

Parliamentary Constituency ⁽⁴⁾	Total	Level 2	Level 2/3	Level 3	Level not assigned
Belfast East	353	151	42	159	1
Belfast North	395	174	84	137	0
Belfast South	280	131	42	107	0
Belfast West	399	176	84	139	0
East Antrim	445	165	135	145	0
East Londonderry	451	157	94	198	2
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	525	157	130	238	0
Foyle	674	302	88	282	2
Lagan Valley	345	142	59	144	0
Mid-Ulster	701	252	190	259	0
Newry & Armagh	427	139	92	195	1
North Antrim	548	196	150	201	1
North Down	219	99	35	85	0
South Antrim	475	186	100	187	2
South Down	460	163	115	180	2
Strangford	335	127	75	133	0
Upper Bann	375	124	63	188	0
West Tyrone	563	159	79	324	1
Not Known ⁽⁵⁾	94	30	14	50	0
Total	8,064	3,030	1,671	3,351	12

Notes:

- (1) From September 2007, ApprenticeshipsNI were aimed at individuals aged 16-24, however in September 2008 they became all-age apprenticeships. From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.
- (2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI, they do not include those apprentices who remain on the Jobskills Modern Apprenticeships programme.
- (3) For definitions of each level of Apprenticeship, see Notes to Readers section.
- (4) Parliamentary Constituency (PC) is based on a participant's home postcode. It should be noted that although they live in a particular PC, they may work elsewhere.
- (5) 'Not Known' includes those participants for whom postcode is not known / incorrect or where postcode cannot be mapped to PC.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 24th February 2018.

Section 3: Leavers and Outcomes for ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017

Table 3.1: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 leavers by gender (2013/14 to 2017/18) ^{(1) (2)}
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Academic year	Leavers				
	Total	Male	% Male	Female	% Female
2013/14	902	515	57%	387	43%
2014/15	3,575	1,916	54%	1,659	46%
2015/16	5,214	3,013	58%	2,201	42%
2016/17	5,928	3,582	60%	2,346	40%
2017/18 (up to Oct 17)	1,748	1,036	59%	712	41%
Total	17,367	10,062	58%	7,305	42%

Notes:

(1) From September 2007, ApprenticeshipsNI were aimed at individuals aged 16-24, however in September 2008 they became all-age apprenticeships. From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017, they do not include those apprentices who remain on the Jobskills Modern Apprenticeships programme.

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 30th December 2017 and 24th February 2018.

Table 3.2: ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017 leavers by level (2013/14 to 2017/18) ^{(1) (2) (3)}

Academic year	Total	Level 2	Level 3		Level not assigned
			Level 2/3	Level 3	
2013/14	902	481	59	322	40
2014/15	3,575	2,024	154	1,348	49
2015/16	5,214	2,692	264	2,187	71
2016/17	5,928	2,789	545	2,536	58
2017/18 (up to Oct 17)	1,748	951	2	792	3
Total	17,367	8,937	1,024	7,185	216

Notes:

(1) From September 2007, ApprenticeshipsNI were aimed at individuals aged 16-24, however in September 2008 they became all-age apprenticeships. From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017, they do not include those apprentices who remain on the Jobskills Modern Apprenticeships programme.

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 30th December 2017 and 24th February 2018.

Table 3.3: Qualifications achieved by participants leaving Level 2 Apprenticeships (2013/14 to 2017/18) ^{(1) (2) (3)}

Academic Year	Total Leavers	Number of leavers achieving each qualification		% of leavers achieving each qualification	
		NVQ Level 2	Full Framework Level 2	NVQ Level 2	Full Framework Level 2
2013/14	481	157	157	33%	33%
2014/15	2,024	1,332	1,283	66%	63%
2015/16	2,692	1,952	1,868	73%	69%
2016/17	2,789	1,972	1,829	71%	66%
2017/18 (up to Oct 17)	951	660	489	69%	51%
Total	8,937	6,073	5,626	68%	63%

Notes:

(1) From September 2007, ApprenticeshipsNI were aimed at individuals aged 16-24, however in September 2008 they became all-age apprenticeships. From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017, they do not include those apprentices who remain on the Jobskills Modern Apprenticeships programme.

(3) For definitions of Level 2 Apprenticeships, see Notes to Readers section.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 30th December 2017 and 24th February 2018.

Table 3.4: Qualifications achieved by participants leaving Level 2/3 and Level 3 Apprenticeships (2013/14 to 2017/18) ^{(1) (2) (3)}

Academic Year	Total Leavers	Number of leavers achieving each qualification				% of leavers achieving each qualification			
		NVQ Level 2	NVQ Level 3	Full Framework Level 2	Full Framework Level 3	NVQ Level 2	NVQ Level 3	Full Framework Level 2	Full Framework Level 3
2013/14	381	11	72	7	72	3%	19%	2%	19%
2014/15	1,502	78	864	30	849	5%	58%	2%	57%
2015/16	2,451	82	1,569	13	1,532	3%	64%	1%	63%
2016/17	3,081	283	1,910	9	1,844	9%	62%	0%	60%
2017/18 (up to Oct 17)	794	0	551	0	519	0%	69%	0%	65%
Total	8,209	454	4,966	59	4,816	6%	60%	1%	59%

Notes:

(1) From September 2007, ApprenticeshipsNI were aimed at individuals aged 16-24, however in September 2008 they became all-age apprenticeships. From August 2012 adult apprenticeships have been restricted to the priority economic sectors needed to rebalance the economy.

(2) These figures are for apprentices on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013/2017, they do not include those apprentices who remain on the Jobskills Modern Apprenticeships programme.

(3) For definitions of Level 2/3 and Level 3 Apprenticeships, see Notes to Readers section.

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 30th December 2017 and 24th February 2018.

ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Performance Monitoring Tables - Performance against Programme Targets

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

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

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

ApprenticeshipsNI 2017 has not been included in this section of the bulletin as the most recent financial year (ending 31st March 2017) occurred before the introduction of the new contract.

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

Section 4: Performance Measures for ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 - Performance against Programme Targets

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

Financial Year	Completed 4 Weeks	No. of Participants				% of Participants				Level 2 Framework Programme Target
		Still on this training programme	Left without an NVQ or Full Framework	Achieved NVQ Level 2 ^{(1) (2)}	Achieved Level 2 Framework ^{(1) (2)}	Still on this training programme	Left without an NVQ or Full Framework	Achieved NVQ Level 2 ^{(1) (2)}	Achieved Level 2 Framework ^{(1) (2)}	
2013/14	1,885	3	483	1,355	1,276	<0.5%	26%	72%	68%	56%
2014/15	2,776	18	790	1,944	1,805	1%	28%	70%	65%	58%
2015/16	2,724	217	787	1,824	1,637	8%	29%	67%	60%	60%
2016/17	3,489	2,025	778	850	633	58%	22%	24%	18%	60%

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

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 24th November 2017.

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

Financial Year	Completed 4 Weeks	No. of Participants						% of Participants						Level 3 Framework Programme Target	
		Still on this training programme	Left without an NVQ or Full Framework	Achieved NVQ Level 2 ^{(1) (2)}	Achieved NVQ Level 3 ^{(1) (2)}	Achieved Level 2 Framework ^{(1) (2)}	Achieved Level 3 Framework ^{(1) (2)}	Still on this training programme	Left without an NVQ or Full Framework	Achieved NVQ Level 2 ^{(1) (2)}	NVQ Level 2 Programme Target	Achieved NVQ Level 3 ^{(1) (2)}	Achieved Level 2 Framework ^{(1) (2)}		Achieved Level 3 Framework ^{(1) (2)}
2013/14	361	30	87	244	100	27	89	8%	24%	68%	65%	28%	7%	25%	57%
2014/15	379	128	100	257	52	20	44	34%	26%	68%	65%	14%	5%	12%	59%
2015/16	845	358	224	502	142	17	123	42%	27%	59%	65%	17%	2%	15%	62%
2016/17	1,170	919	200	186	52	2	17	79%	17%	16%	65%	4%	<0.5%	1%	62%

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

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

Source: Data extracted from the Department's Client Management System on 24th November 2017.

Table 4.3: Performance on ApprenticeshipsNI 2013 Level 3 (2013/14 to 2016/17)



Financial Year	Completed 4 Weeks	No. of Participants				% of Participants				Level 3 Framework Programme Target
		Still on this training programme	Left without an NVQ or Full Framework	Achieved NVQ Level 3 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	Achieved Level 3 Framework ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	Still on this training programme	Left without an NVQ or Full Framework	Achieved NVQ Level 3 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	Achieved Level 3 Framework ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	
2013/14	1,776	4	481	1,237	1,177	<0.5%	27%	70%	66%	53%
2014/15	2,148	27	600	1,483	1,410	1%	28%	69%	66%	55%
2015/16	2,561	397	734	1,564	1,391	16%	29%	61%	54%	62%
2016/17	3,048	2,019	659	499	344	66%	22%	16%	11%	62%

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

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

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