

Employability Fund Statistics - Guidance

Statistics covered	Employability Fund
What is available	As this Fund was introduced in 2013 at present only starts are available, by local authority (quarterly from quarter 1 2013/14) The publication content is currently under review.
Equalities data	Not available at present
Sources and methods	<p>Data Source:- Corporate Training System (CTS)</p> <p>All data is entered and maintained by organisations contracted with Skills Development Scotland (SDS) to deliver Employability Fund.</p> <p>Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input of programme start information and records maintenance throughout period of training • Claims processing • Recording of leaving details <p>Data integrity checks are made by SDS on an ongoing basis. Final checks are completed prior to production of report.</p>

<p>Definitions and data quality</p>	<p>Starts</p> <p>Start is counted in the period that it is approved in the Corporate Training System (CTS) (regardless of actual start date).</p> <p>All new periods of training for an individual (where a £750 start payment has been made) are included.</p> <p>If a participant stops and re-starts on the same stage within a 4 week period they are ineligible for a 2nd start payment and a 2nd start is not recorded.</p> <p>If a start is approved and a £750 payment made, then, subsequently removed, the start is not counted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leavers (not yet available) • Outputs (not yet available) • Outcomes (not yet available) • Sustained Jobs / Self Employment (not yet available)
<p>Geographical coverage</p>	<p>Local Authority is based on trainee home address</p>
<p>Revisions policy and provisional estimates where appropriate</p>	<p>Figures are not normally revised</p>
<p>Comparisons with other UK countries (optional)</p>	<p>Issue may be looked at in future</p>
<p>Comparisons over time and between areas</p>	<p>No issue at present</p>
<p>Planned developments in quality and methodology</p>	<p>Inclusion of leavers, outputs and outcomes is currently being considered.</p>
<p>Enquiries/contacts</p>	<p>Contact the SDS statistics user feedback address at: user_feedback@sds.co.uk</p>