

Black Country

ESFA 2018/19 (full-year) Apprenticeship Starts Briefing Paper

Summary:

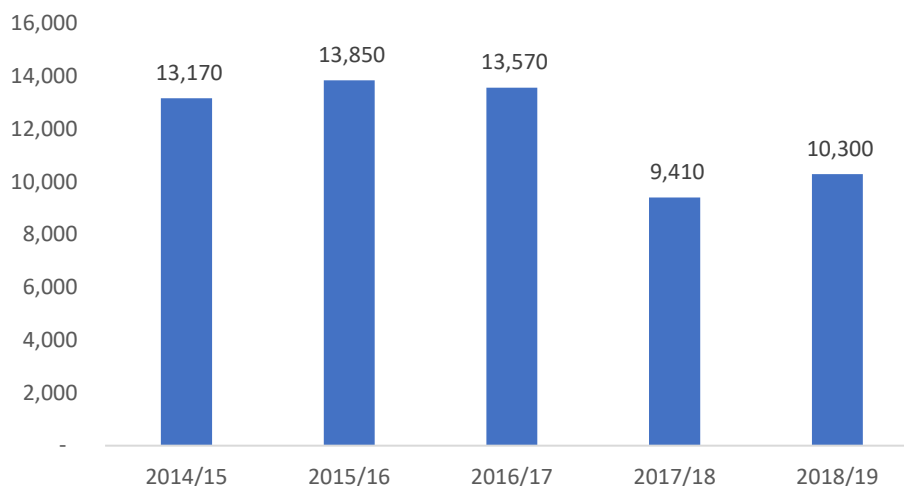
- In 2018/19 there were 10,300 apprenticeship starts across the Black Country LEP area. This is an increase of 9.4% or 890 in absolute numbers from 2017/18.
- Nationally, the number of apprenticeships increased by 17,580 from 375,800 in 2017/18 to 393,380 (4.7%).
- Apprenticeship starts increased in each of the four local authority areas: Dudley up 7.3%, Sandwell up 11.7%, Walsall up 10.0% and Wolverhampton up 8.9%.
- The number of apprenticeship starts at Intermediate Level decreased by -8.9% across the Black Country - reflecting trends nationally which fell by -11.0%.
- Advanced Level apprenticeships increased by 13.6% compared to the national increase of 5.1%
- Higher Apprenticeships increased by 67.3% compared to 55.7% nationally.

Full Brief:

Black Country Apprenticeship Starts

Between August 2018 and July 2019 (the 2018/19 academic year), there were 10,300 apprenticeship starts across the Black Country LEP area, 890 more than in 2017/18. This equates to an increase of 9.4%. Nationally, the number of people participating in an apprenticeship in England, increased by 4.7% from 375,800 to 393,380.

Apprenticeship Starts, Black Country

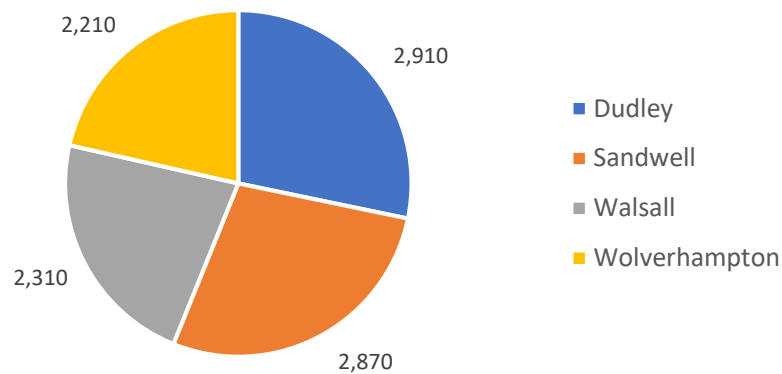


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Local Authority Apprenticeship Starts

The most apprenticeship starts in 2018/19 were in Dudley, with Sandwell recording the biggest increase.

2018/19 Apprenticeship Starts by LA

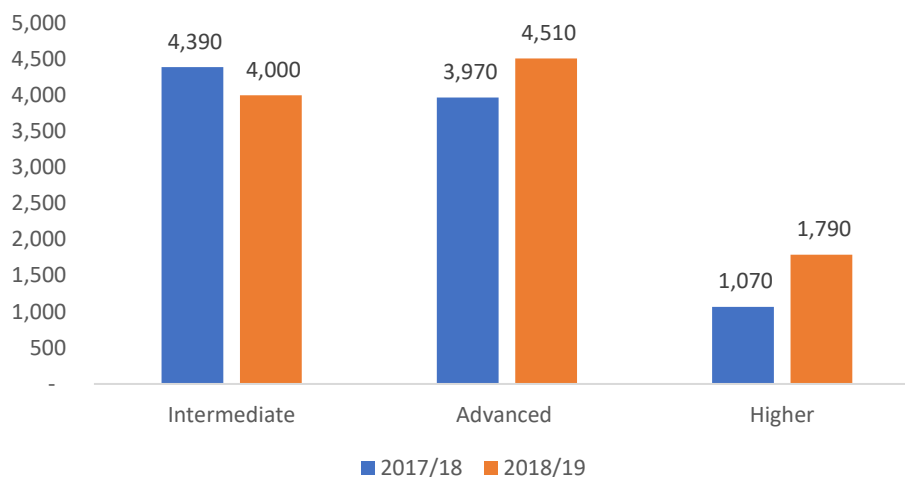


Apprenticeship Starts by Level

More apprenticeships starts were either advanced or higher level in 2018/19 than in 2017/18.

Across the Black Country, 4,510 (43.8%) of apprenticeships started in 2018/19 were at advanced level, with 1,790 (17.4%) started at higher level. In 2017/18, 42% of apprenticeship starts were at advanced level and 11% were at higher level. The proportion of apprenticeship starts at intermediate level fell from 47% in 2017/18 to 39% in 2018/19.

Apprenticeship Starts by Level Comparison



Overall, the number of apprenticeship starts at Intermediate Level decreased by -8.9% across the Black Country - reflecting trends nationally which fell by -11%. Advanced Level apprenticeships

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Apprenticeship Starts by Level and Local Authority Area

Local Authority	Intermediate Apprenticeship	Advanced Apprenticeship	Higher Apprenticeship	Total
Dudley	1,070	1,270	570	2,910
Sandwell	1,180	1,250	450	2,870
Walsall	890	1,050	370	2,310
Wolverhampton	860	940	400	2,210
Total	4,000	4,510	1,790	10,300

Source: Gov.uk Department of Education Apprenticeships and Traineeships Data

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fe-data-library-apprenticeships>

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