



Access to Public Information Request

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Request for statistics and information on jobseekers and related support schemes

Request for information:

I would like to make an Access to Public Information request to Social Security to find out Over the last 12 months...

How many job seekers are there per month.

How many work rehabilitation and job seeking schemes are currently being run, what are they called and how do they operate.

Individually, how many people have been on each of these schemes.

How many permanent positions resulted from any of the placements on the various schemes and in what areas/ industries?

Of the different individual organisations (without naming them) that take on job seekers for these schemes, how many job seekers and how often do the organisations take job seekers on the schemes and in what industries.

Response (Provided by the Office of the Committee for Employment & Social Security):

Below is a list of statistical information including the total number of jobseekers per month between January 2018 and August 2019, and the numbers taking part in a range of Job Centre Initiatives intended to support working age people and to help them improve their chances of starting work or increasing their hours of work.

Dependent on the individual's circumstances, clients are either offered an Unemployment Review or a Work Focused meeting to help plan for a return to work or to increase the client's existing hours of work.

Job Centre clients are either supported by an Employment Advisor, Work Rehabilitation Officer or Case Worker (if with other agencies). The Job Centre offers a range of placement and training schemes to job seekers as well as those who have been away from the work place for some time. We also work closely with the Prison Service to enable the rehabilitation of prisoners on release straight to work experience.

CEPS

This is a scheme run by States Works on behalf of Social Security. Its aim is to provide work and training opportunities for people who are not working due to unemployment or long-term illness. Work is carried out on projects which are of benefit to the community and environment. This is a manual work scheme offering varying types of work and support. This is a paid scheme of up to 8 weeks.

Kickstart

This aims to provide hands-on training by placing a person with an employer for up to 13 weeks. The placement is reviewed regularly by both Social Security and the host employer. The placement is tailored to suit the needs of the individual. The majority of placements each year are in administration, hospitality or retail roles.

Work2Benefit

Work2Benefit is a mandatory work and training placement providing a variety of different tasks. These can be up to 52 weeks but the aim is to establish good working practice and encourage into the workforce. Placements are unpaid but benefit will remain in payment, in the normal way, providing the person maintains regular attendance. This scheme helps re-introduce a work routine in cases where there has been a gap since last employed; reinforces appropriate workplace behaviour through suitable role models; provides the opportunity to be considered for suitable training; introduces individuals to the concept of working in a team with shared objectives; provides guidance and focus on an individual's ability to contribute to society and/or establishes confidence in individual abilities. All people are fully supported by team leaders and have regular job focused meetings and feedback together with accessibility to training courses. W2B are based at States Works and at the GSPCA.

Work Trials

These are organised by Work Rehabilitation Officers to assist individuals to return to work prior to committing to another placement. They are unpaid and generally are part of a long term plan, for returning to work, in agreement with other agencies. The hours can vary but are usually on a gradual return basis and can vary from 2 > 36 hours per week

GO – Giving Opportunities

We also have placements with GO. These are specific training opportunities for people with social/ communication difficulties and those with mental health problems to enable them to find worthwhile employment. GO prepares people for employment by teaching general skills e.g. building confidence and teaching the importance of teamwork. Other specific courses, such as manual handling, etc. are also offered. The clients are all encouraged to take an active role in the business

Short Courses

We also offer a range of free short courses designed to teach skills that are valuable to local employers and help jobseekers back into work. These include Customer Service, Interview Skills, Employability Skills, General IT and various Health & Safety and HR compliance courses such as Manual Handling, First Aid and Food Hygiene. In addition the Job Centre will also run specific courses within the care, retail and hospitality industries.

Job Fairs

The Job Centre hosts Job Fairs bringing together employers and jobseekers to work together to fill job vacancies. In addition we work with new and existing employers to fill vacancies as a result of new set-ups or expansion.

Statistics:

Job Centre – Unemployment Statistics

These statistics are the combined total of jobseekers claiming Unemployment Benefit and Income Support for each month between January 2018 and August 2019. It does not include those who have worked and require a top up, on top of their earnings.

2018

Month	Total
January	299
February	300
March	292
April	306
May	305
June	300
July	281
August	268
September	274
October	281
November	282
December	293

2019

Month	Total
January	305
February	320
March	341
April	325
May	311
June	296
July	308
August	310

Job Centre Statistics - 2018

These statistics relate to the number of people taking part in various Job Centre initiatives in 2018.

Kickstart

74 people put forward to the scheme:

- 30 - Admin
- 15 - Catering
- 4 - Care/Child Care
- 7 - Manual including gardening and floors (mainly prison releases)
- 18 - Retail

40/74 employed (according to their work requirement) as a direct result of Kickstart - this is a 54.5% success rate.

Work2Benefit

44 put forward to the scheme:

- 21 - States Works Department
- 23 - GSPCA

11 have been employed throughout the year

3 returned to prison

4 signed off on doctor certificate

Work Trials

21 put forward to the scheme – all part time, unpaid gradual return to work.

- 7 - Admin
- 3 - Catering
- 2 - Child Care
- 1 - Manual
- 8 - Charity assistant

Short Courses

A total of 191 individuals were put forward for short courses, including those supported by external agencies such as GET.

Job Centre Statistics - 2019 (to 01.10.19)

These statistics relate to the number of people taking part in various Job Centre initiatives so far in 2019.

Kickstart

53 people put forward to scheme:

- 28 - Admin
- 6 - Catering
- 1 - Care/Child Care
- 6 - Manual (gardening, carpentry, recycling) -3 as gradual return to work
- 12 - Retail

21/53 employed according to their work requirement hours as a direct result of Kickstart - this is a 39.62% success rate

Work2Benefit

32 put forward to schemes:

- 13 - States Works Department
- 19 - GSPCA

11 have been employed throughout the year

5 signed off on doctor certificate

2 sentenced to prison

13 ongoing placements

Work Trials

10 put forward to scheme – all part time unpaid gradual return to work.

- 1 - Catering
- 2 - Child Care
- 1 - Manual
- 6 - Charity assistant

Short Courses

A total of 113 individuals have been put forward for short courses so far, including those supported by external agencies such as GET.