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# Apprenticeship starts

2019/20 analysis



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# Automotive Apprenticeships – 2019/20 academic year

## Introduction

The following examines data released from the Department of Education (DfE) regarding apprenticeship starts in England. This report is an analysis of the full 2019/20 academic year using consolidated data issued by the DfE on the 26<sup>th</sup> November.

## Summary results

Final figures for 2019/20 show:

- Since May 2015, there have been 2,600,000 apprenticeship starts in England and 66,400 automotive apprenticeship starts.
- 71% of automotive apprenticeships were advanced and 28% were intermediate
- Automotive apprenticeship starts have a significantly younger age profile, 57% of apprenticeship starts in 2019/20 were under the age of 19. 37% were 19-24 and just 9% were over 25
- Apprenticeship standards made up 57% of automotive apprenticeship starts
- 65% of apprenticeship starts were supported by ASA levy funds, compared to 47% of automotive apprenticeship starts.
- Automotive apprenticeship starts fell by 30% from 2018/19.
- Automotive apprenticeship starts have seen the 6<sup>th</sup> largest fall of all subject areas
- Most automotive apprenticeship subject areas saw significant falls in apprenticeship starts in 2019/20 compared to the previous year. Bucking this trend however are Autocare Technicians and Heavy Vehicle Service & Maintenance with very respectable increases.

## Apprenticeship starts

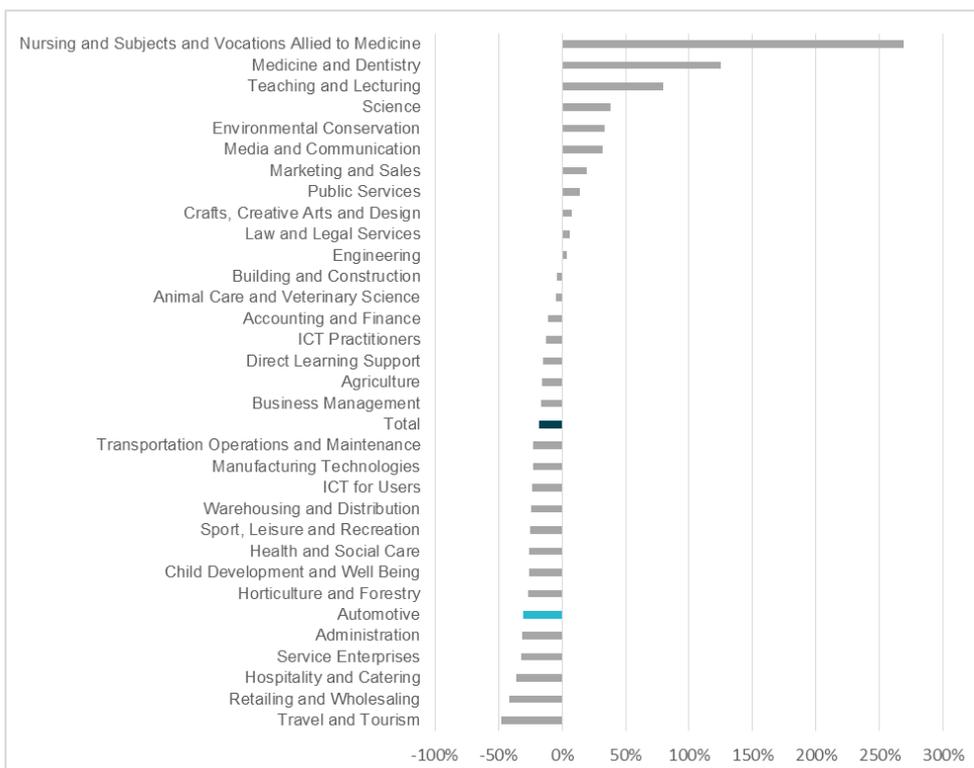
All apprenticeships  
**322,530**  
Down 18% from 2018/19

Automotive apprenticeships  
**7,737**  
Down 30% from 2018/19



Since 2014/15, there have been 2.6 million apprenticeship starts in England and 66,400 automotive apprenticeship starts. There has been a significant drop in the number of apprenticeship starts with all apprenticeships down 18% from the previous year. Automotive apprenticeships have declined at a more significant rate, falling by 30% from 2018/19.

### Comparison of apprenticeship subject areas – Percentage change from 2018/19 to 2019/20



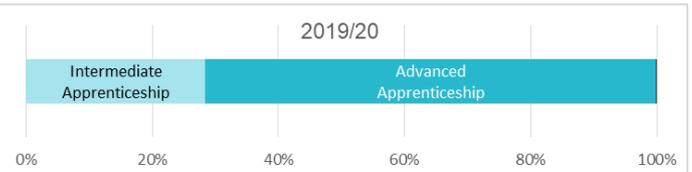
Only 11 of the 32 subject areas analysed have seen an increase in apprenticeship starts from 2018/19 to 2019/20, the most significant being in nursing, medicine and dentistry.

Automotive apprenticeship starts have seen the 6<sup>th</sup> largest fall with only travel & tourism, retail & wholesale, hospitality, service and administrations having larger decreases.

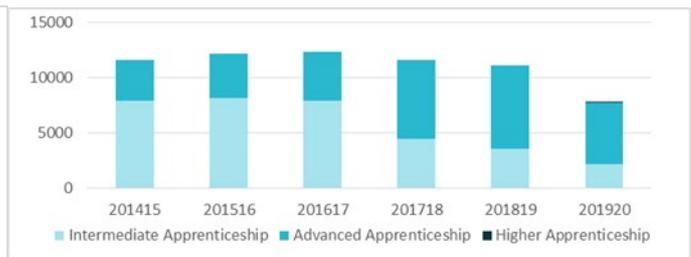
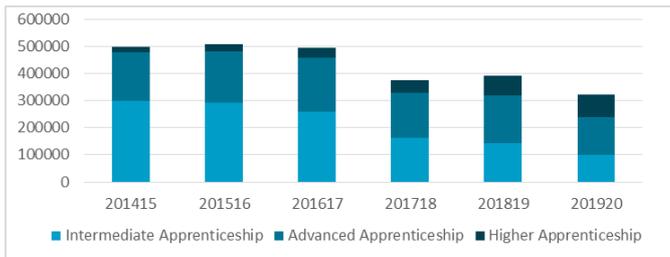
## Apprenticeship starts - level

All apprenticeships  
**44%**  
Advanced apprenticeship

Automotive apprenticeships  
**71%**  
Advanced apprenticeship



In 2019/20, 44% (140,843) of apprenticeships were at advanced level. 31% were intermediate and 26% were higher. There were fewer than 20 higher automotive apprenticeship starts in 2019/20. 71% (5,531) of automotive apprenticeships were advanced and 28% (2,193) were intermediate.

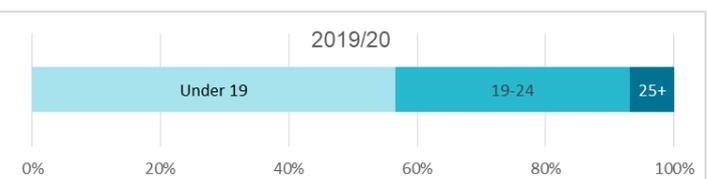
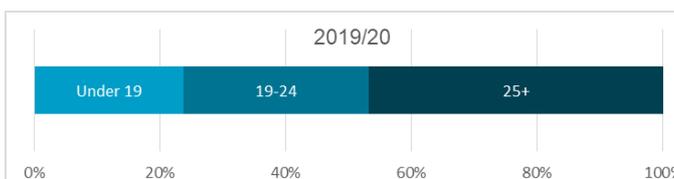


The proportion of automotive advanced apprenticeships has been increasing for the past 6 years, from 32% in 2014/15 to 71% in 2019/20.

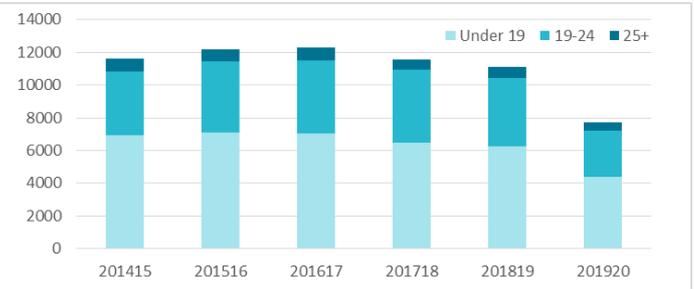
## Apprenticeship starts – age profile

All apprenticeships  
**24%**  
Under 19

Automotive apprenticeships  
**57%**  
Under 19



In 2019/20, 47% (150,963) of apprenticeships starts were 25 and over. 30% were 19-24 and 24% were under 19. Automotive apprenticeship starts has a significantly younger age profile, 57% (4,380) of apprenticeship starts in 2019/20 were under 19. 37% were 19-24 and just 9% were over 25

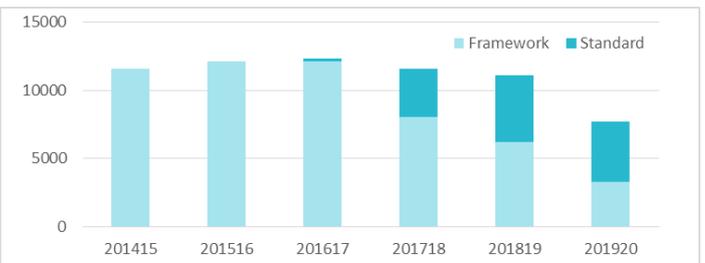
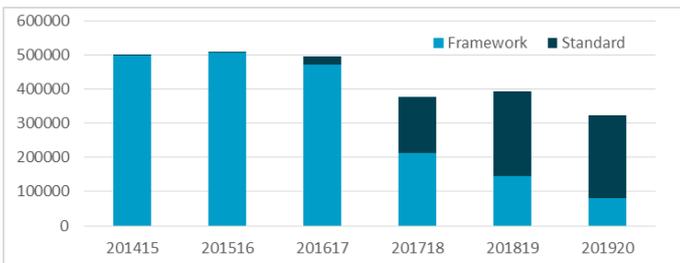
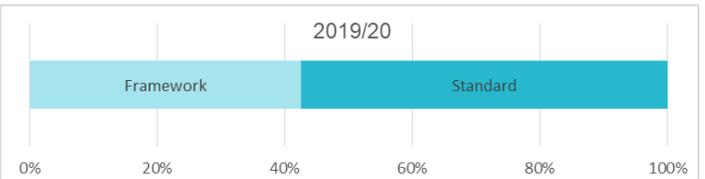


The age profile of automotive apprenticeship starts has remained relatively static since 2014/15, indicating that Covid-19 has not disproportionately affected any particular age group.

## Apprenticeship starts – framework & standards

All apprenticeships  
**75%**  
Apprenticeship standards

Automotive apprenticeships  
**57%**  
Apprenticeship standards

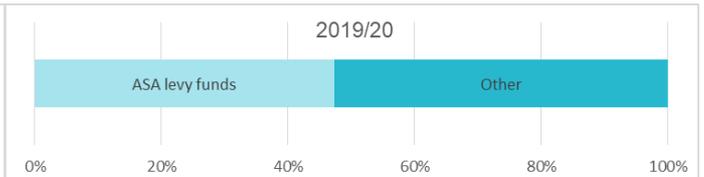


The proportion of standards has been rapidly increasing since 2016/17 and in 2019/20 standards accounted for 75% of all apprenticeship starts. The proportion of standards in automotive apprenticeship starts has also been increasing but not at the same speed. In 2019/20, 57% of automotive apprenticeship starts were on a standard pathway.

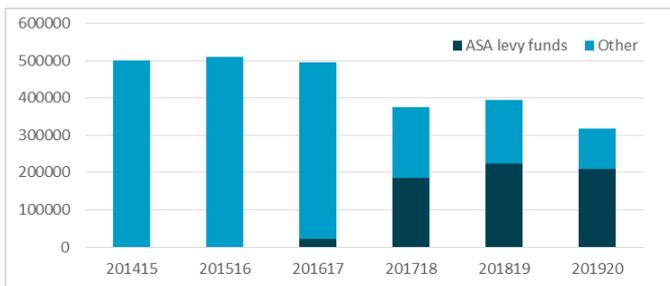
## Apprenticeship starts – funding

All apprenticeships  
**65%**  
Supported by ASA levy funds

Automotive apprenticeships  
**47%**  
Supported by ASA levy funds



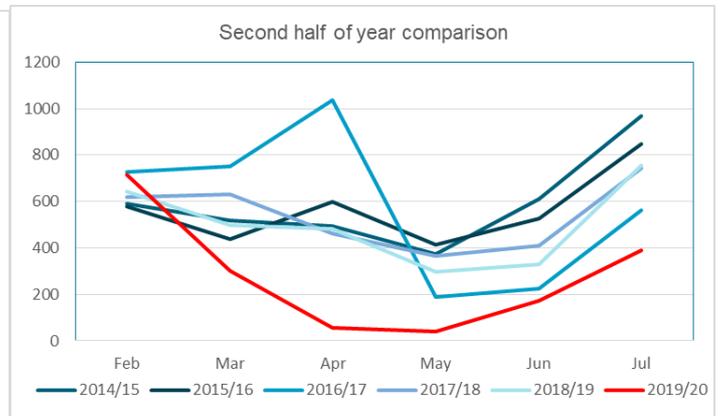
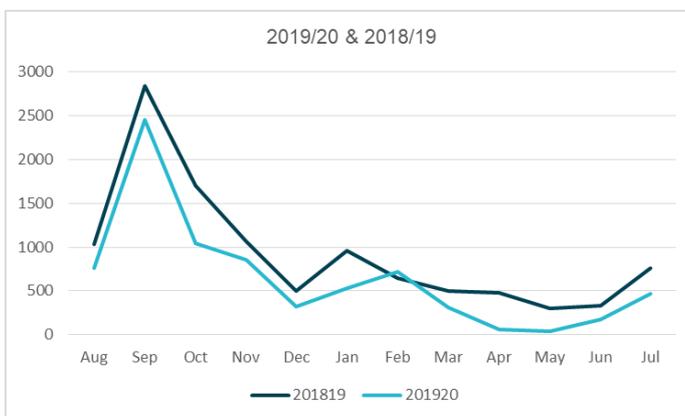
In 2019/20, 65% of apprenticeship starts were supported by ASA levy funds, compared to 47% of automotive apprenticeship starts.



The proportion of apprenticeship starts supported by ASA levy funding has been increasing since the levy introduction in 2017. The proportion of automotive apprenticeships supported by the levy has not been increasing at the same rate for all apprenticeships.

## Apprenticeship starts – The effect of Covid-19

### Automotive apprenticeships



The graphs above clearly show that although Covid-19 has had a significant effect on the automotive apprenticeship starts in 2019/20, the pandemic is not the sole reason for the 30% decline for the year. The graph on the left

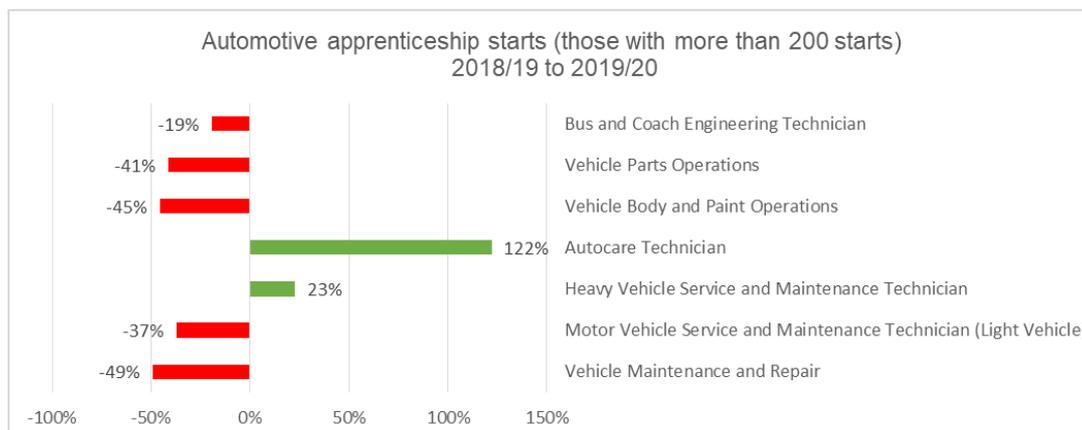
demonstrates that prior to Feb 2020, starts had been tracking behind the previous year. Comparing the second half of the year clearly shows the impact of Covid-19 on apprentice starts where monthly starts have been the lowest ever rates recorded.

## Automotive Apprenticeships

### Apprentice starts – All Automotive Apprenticeships

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Accident Repair Technician			*	65	66	63
Autocare Technician				30	338	743
Bus and Coach Engineering Technician			24	290	274	223
Heavy Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician			*	593	787	980
Motor Finance Specialist					16	
Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle)			153	2510	3422	2184
Motorcycle Technician (Repair and Maintenance)						19
Specialist Tyre Operative						19
Vehicle Body and Paint Operations	1415	1539	1593	1257	1184	668
Vehicle Damage Assessor						13
Vehicle Damage Mechanical, Electrical and Trim (MET) Technician						26
Vehicle Damage Paint Technician					*	108
Vehicle Damage Panel Technician					*	65
Vehicle Fitting	322	305	271	265	76	28
Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	9008	9495	9454	5937	4337	2257
Vehicle Parts Operations	680	643	709	568	517	309
Vehicle Restoration	13	24	27	35	18	3
Vehicle Sales	176	147	72	23	59	29
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>11614</b>	<b>12153</b>	<b>12313</b>	<b>11573</b>	<b>11103</b>	<b>7737</b>

\*= less than 10



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Bucking this trend however are Autocare Technicians and Heavy Vehicle Service & Maintenance with very respectable increases.

Vehicle maintenance and repair saw the most significant falls at 49%, and 2,080 fewer apprenticeship starts in 2019/20.

Data - DfE - Apprenticeships and Traineeships, England - data released 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020