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Automotive Apprenticeships – March 2021

Introduction

The following examines data released from the Department of Education (DfE) regarding apprenticeship starts in England. This report is an analysis of the apprenticeship starts data outlining the 2020/21 first 6 months (Aug – Jan) data issued by the DfE on the 26th March.

Summary results

- There were 161,910 apprenticeship starts in the 1st half of 2020/21 which is -18% down on the same period last year.
- Automotive apprenticeships continue to be more adversely effected. There were 2,823 automotive apprenticeships in the 1st half of 2020/21 which is 53% lower than last year. Although automotive apprenticeship starts are now approaching monthly figures that resemble previous years they are not 'recouping' the dramatic falls in September and October.
- Comparing subject areas, automotive apprenticeship starts have seen the 5th largest fall, with only Travel & Tourism, Manufacturing, Sport & Leisure and Legal Services with larger falls.
- Comparing 2020/21 starts to 2019/20 there has been a significant decline in the number of apprenticeships supported by ASA levy funding. All apprenticeships supported by ASA funding have fallen by 28% while the number of automotive apprenticeships have fallen by 64%.
- Vehicle Maintenance and Repair, Vehicle Body and Paint Operations and Vehicle Parts Operations saw declines of almost 100% in November compared to the same period last year.

Apprenticeship starts

All apprenticeships
H1 (Aug – Jan) 2020/21

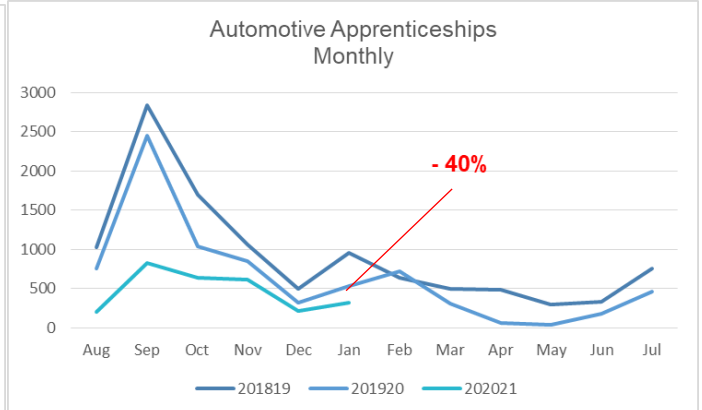
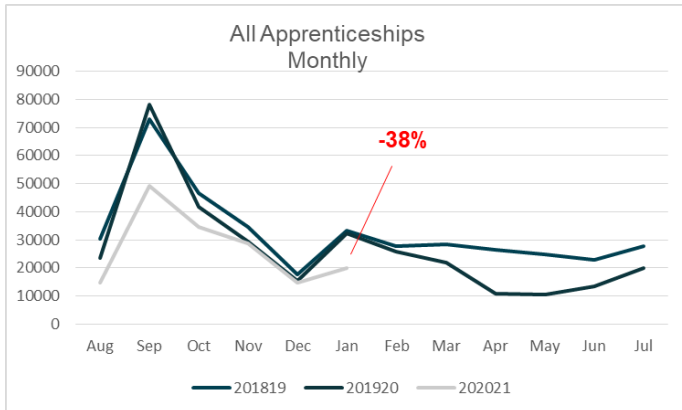
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Down 18% from H1 (Aug – Jan) 2019/20

Automotive apprenticeships
H1 (Aug – Jan) 2020/21

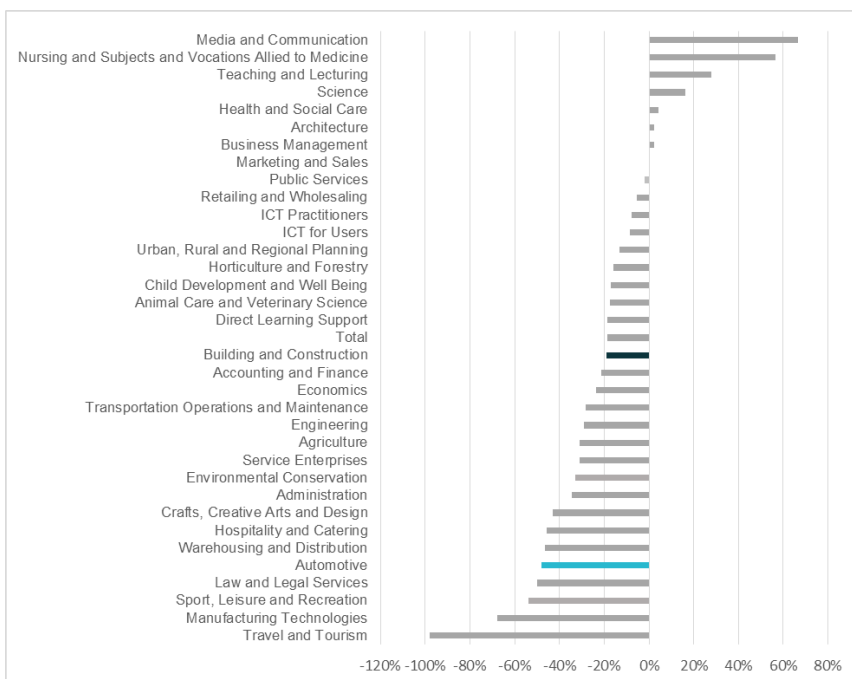
2,823

Down 53% from H1 (Aug – Jan) 2019/20



All apprenticeship starts are down 18% in the first half of 2020/21 compared to the same period last year. Comparing the same period automotive apprenticeship starts are down 53%. There were 322 automotive apprenticeships in January 2021 which is 40% lower than January 2020. Although automotive apprenticeship starts are now approaching monthly figures that resemble previous years, they are not 'recouping' the dramatic falls in September and October.

Comparison of apprenticeship subject areas – Percentage change from 1st half 2020/21 to 1st half 2019/20



9 of the 35 subject areas analysed have seen an increase in apprenticeship starts comparing the first half of 2020/21 starts to last year with the most significant being in medicine and dentistry (not shown on the graph) which has seen a 10 fold increase.

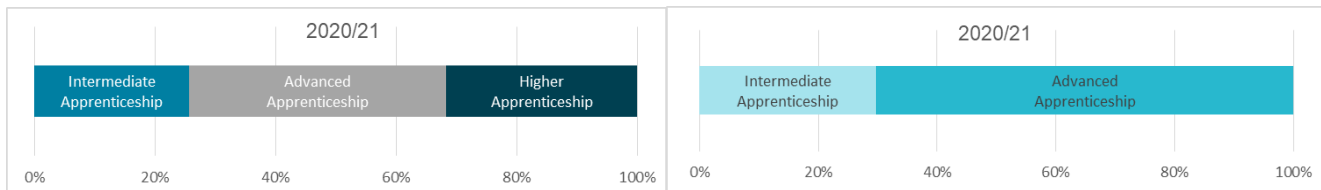
Automotive apprenticeship starts have seen the 5th largest fall.

Apprenticeship starts - level

All apprenticeships 2020/21 to date
43%
Advanced apprenticeship

Automotive apprenticeships 2020/21 to date
70%
Advanced apprenticeship

In 2020/21 to date, 43% (69,068) of apprenticeships were at advanced level with 70% (1,985) of all automotive apprenticeships at the same advanced level and 30% at intermediate.



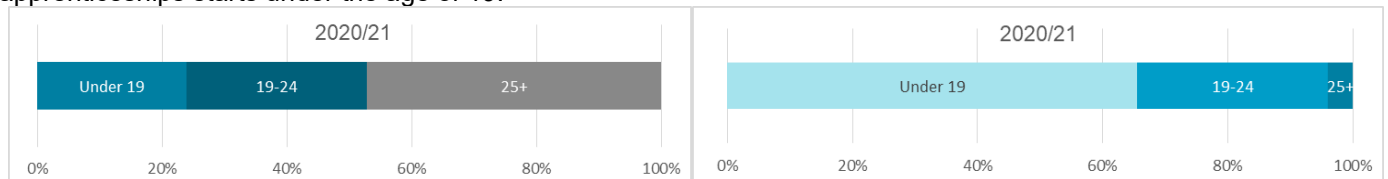
Broadly, the proportion of automotive advanced apprenticeships has increased by 2%.

Apprenticeship starts – age profile

All apprenticeships 2020/21 to date
24%
Under 19

Automotive apprenticeships 2020/21 to date
65%
Under 19

In 2020/21 to date, 24% (38,760) of apprenticeship starts were under the age of 19 with 65% (1,850) of automotive apprenticeships starts under the age of 19.



In general, apprenticeship starts for those under the age of 19 have seen the largest falls, in 2020/21 compared to previous years. This has changed the age profile and the under 19s which did make up a third of all apprenticeship starts, now makes up only a quarter. This is not the case for automotive apprenticeship starts, with the largest % fall in the over 25s with recorded falls of 60%.

Apprenticeship starts – funding

All apprenticeships 2020/21 to date

57%

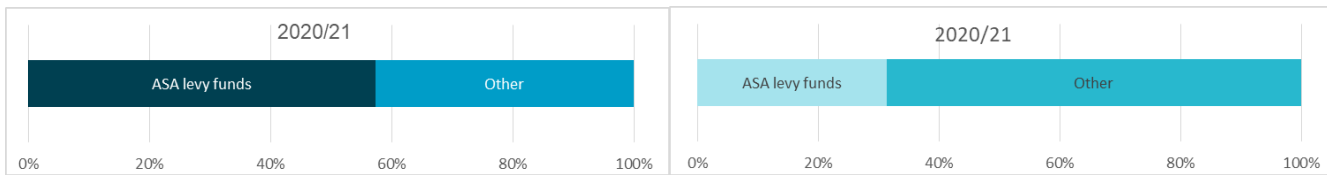
Supported by ASA levy funds

Automotive apprenticeships 2020/21 to date

31%

Supported by ASA levy funds

In 2020/21 to date, 57% of apprenticeship starts were supported by ASA levy funds compared to 31% of automotive apprenticeships starts.

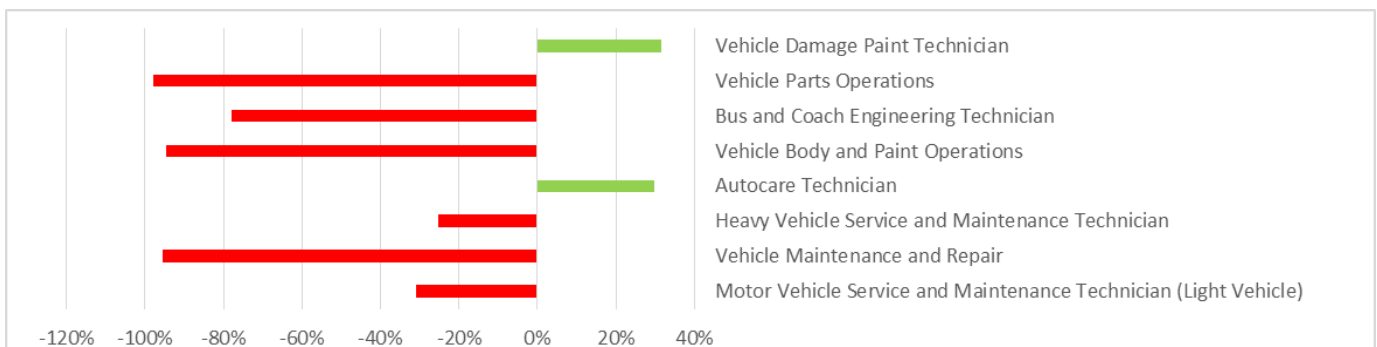


Comparing 2020/21 starts to 2019/20 there has been a significant decrease in the number of apprenticeships supported by ASA levy funding. All apprenticeships supported by ASA funding has fallen by 28% while the number of automotive apprenticeships has fallen by 64%.

Automotive Apprenticeships

Apprentice starts – Automotive Apprenticeships with more than 100 starts

Automotive Apprenticeship	2019/20 H1	2020/21 H1	Difference Volume	% change
Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle)	1738	1201	-537	-31%
Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	1480	67	-1413	-95%
Heavy Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician	646	482	-164	-25%
Autocare Technician	599	778	179	30%
Vehicle Body and Paint Operations	354	19	-335	-95%
Bus and Coach Engineering Technician	182	40	-142	-78%
Vehicle Parts Operations	152	3	-149	-98%
Vehicle Damage Paint Technician	89	117	28	31%



This year, 3 of the apprenticeships have seen almost 100% declines compared to the same period last year; Vehicle Maintenance and Repair, Vehicle Body and Paint Operations and Vehicle Parts Operations.



Data - DfE - Apprenticeships and Traineeships, England - data released 26th March 2021