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Automotive Apprenticeships – July 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 9 months (Aug – Apr) data issued by the DfE on the 22nd July.

Summary results

This report outlines the apprenticeship starts up to April 2021 and so to fully understand the results I will provide some context into the landscape of the sector at this time. In April 2021, schools had only been reopened for a month post lockdown 3.0, when schools and colleges were closed with most learning moved to online. Also 20% of the sectors workforce were on furlough and recruitment in most automotive occupations was extremely contracted.

- In the most recent quarter (Q3 Feb-April 2021), general apprentice start levels are now at or near post pandemic levels. This is not the case for automotive apprenticeship starts which continue to appear to be more adversely effected.
- Automotive apprenticeship starts year to date are 8,198 and in April were 221 which was the first month where starts were higher than 2020. Month on month automotive apprenticeship starts are half of 2018/19 levels.
- Comparing subject areas, automotive apprenticeship starts have seen the 4th largest fall, with only Manufacturing, Sport & Leisure and Arts & Crafts with larger falls.
- 71% (5,816) of all automotive apprenticeships are at advanced level
- Only a third of automotive apprenticeships have been levy funded in 2020/21 to date in comparison to of all apprentices which is 60% were levy funded. Automotive apprenticeships have also fallen from 2018/19 from 44% to 33% 2020/21.
- Vehicle Maintenance and Repair, Vehicle Body and Paint Operations and Vehicle Parts Operations saw declines of almost 100% compared to the same period last year.

Apprenticeship starts

All apprenticeships
Aug – Apr 2020/21

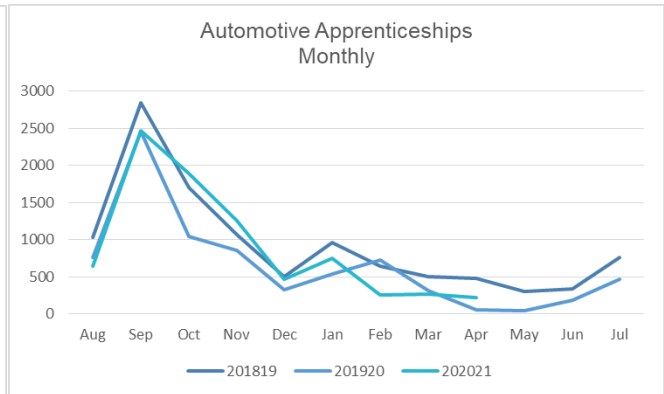
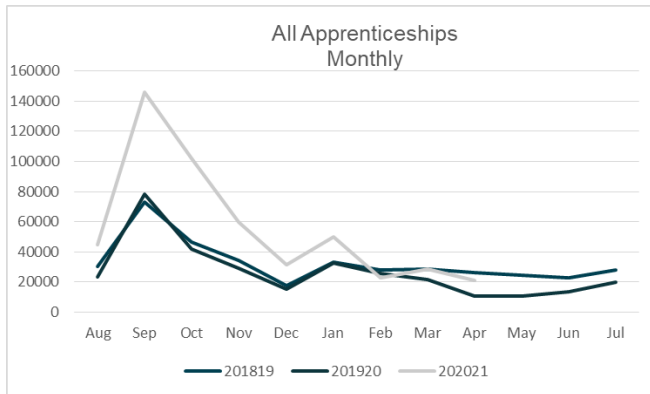
506,132

20,804 starts in April, up 94% on 2020

Automotive apprenticeships
Aug – Apr 2020/21

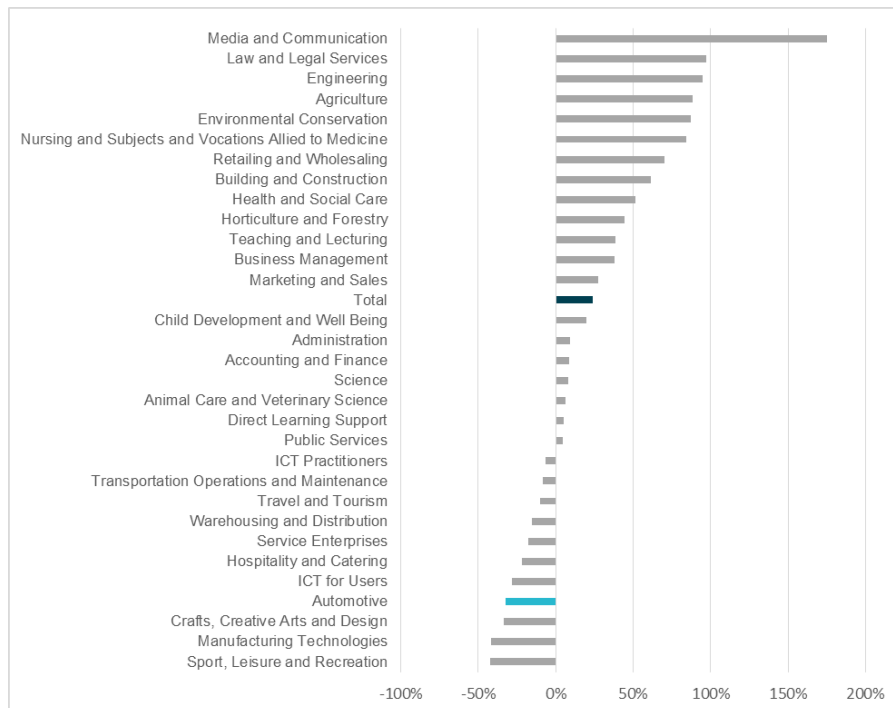
8,198

221 starts in April, up 221% on 2020



There were 221 automotive apprenticeships in April 2021 which is double comparing to the same time last year. However, the past 3 months are tracking half of the starts in the same period in 2018/19.

Comparison of apprenticeship subject areas – Percentage change from Q3 (Feb-Apr) 2020 to Q3 (Feb-Apr) 2021



21 of the 33 subject areas analysed have seen an increase in apprenticeship starts comparing Q3 2020 to Q3 2021. The most significant being in medicine and dentistry (not shown on the graph) which has seen a 20 fold increase.

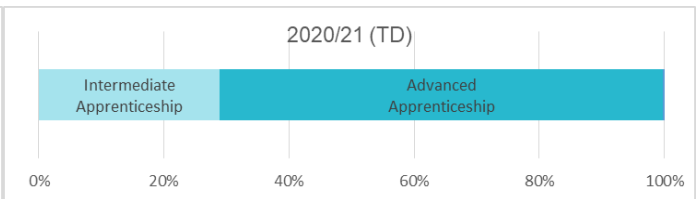
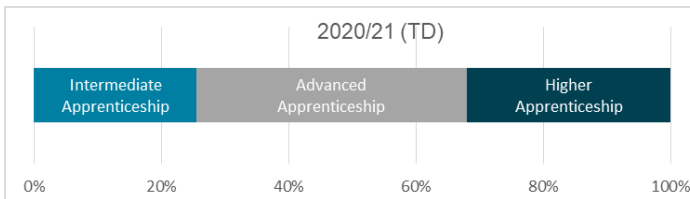
Automotive apprenticeship starts have seen the 4th largest fall, a drop of 32%.

Apprenticeship starts - level

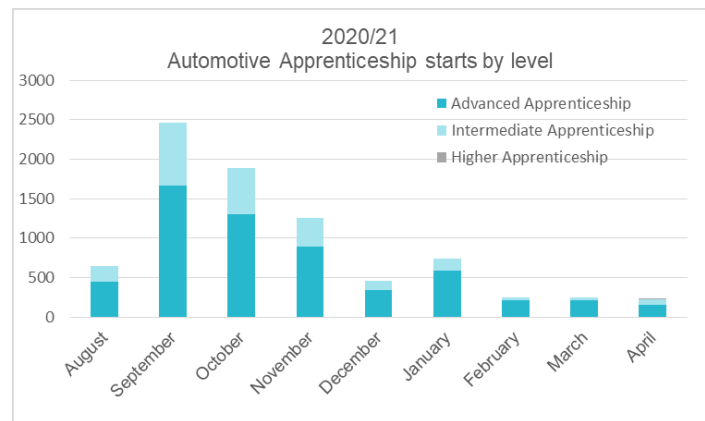
All apprenticeships 2020/21 to date
42%
Advanced apprenticeship

Automotive apprenticeships 2020/21 to date
71%
Advanced apprenticeship

In 2020/21 to date, 42% (214,844) of apprenticeships were at advanced level with 71% (5,816) of all automotive apprenticeships at the same advanced level.



The proportion of automotive apprenticeships that are at an intermediate level has been falling throughout 2020/21, falling from a third of apprenticeship starts at the start of the academic year, to 17% in March. This has crept up again in April to 29%.

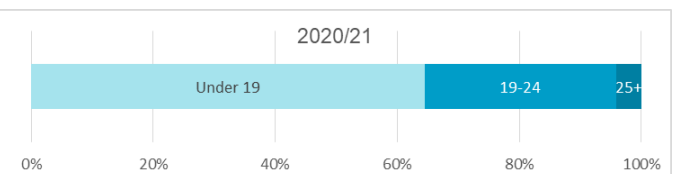
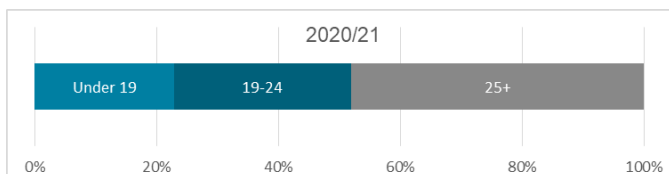


Apprenticeship starts – age profile

All apprenticeships 2020/21 to date
16%
Under 19

Automotive apprenticeships 2020/21 to date
64%
Under 19

In 2020/21 to date, 16% (115,638) of apprenticeship starts were under the age of 19, with 64% (5,286) of automotive apprenticeships starts under the age of 19.



Apprenticeship starts – funding

All apprenticeships 2020/21 to date

60%

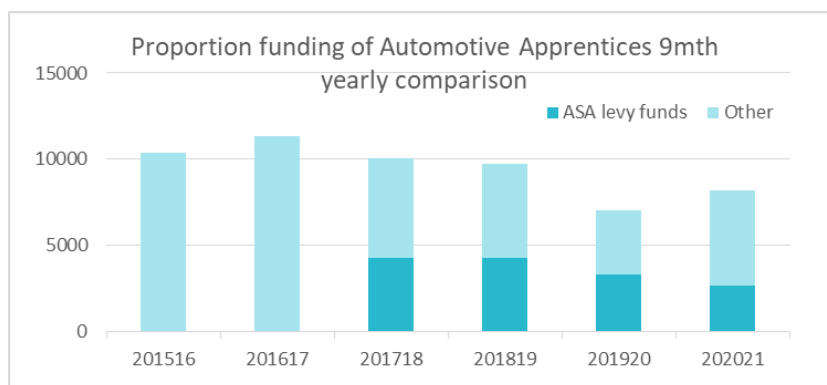
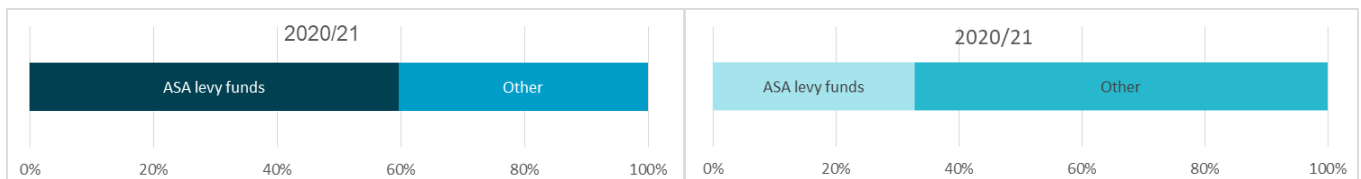
Supported by ASA levy funds

Automotive apprenticeships 2020/21 to date

33%

Supported by ASA levy funds

In 2020/21 to date, 60% of apprenticeship starts were supported by ASA levy funds compared to 33% of automotive apprenticeships starts.

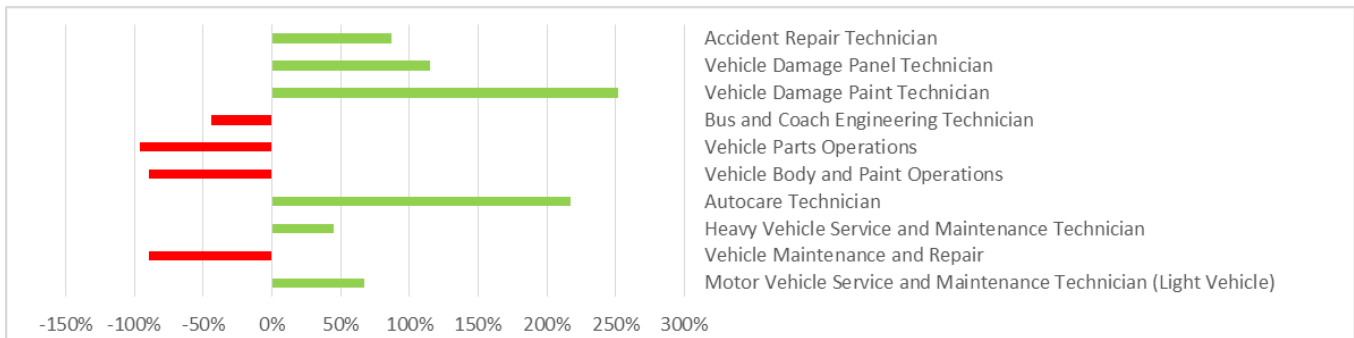


The proportion of automotive apprenticeships levy funded has disproportionately fallen in 2020/21, from 44% in 2018/19, to 33% 2020/21.

Automotive Apprenticeships

Apprentice starts – Automotive Apprenticeships with more than 100 starts

| Automotive Apprenticeship | 2019/20 YTD (7mths) | 2020/21 YTD (7mths) | Diff Vol | % chg |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------|-------|
| Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle) | 2115 | 3541 | 1426 | 67% |
| Vehicle Maintenance and Repair | 1969 | 207 | -1762 | -89% |
| Heavy Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician | 965 | 1396 | 431 | 45% |
| Autocare Technician | 689 | 2187 | 1498 | 217% |
| Vehicle Body and Paint Operations | 524 | 56 | -468 | -89% |
| Vehicle Parts Operations | 233 | 9 | -224 | -96% |
| Bus and Coach Engineering Technician | 210 | 117 | -93 | -44% |
| Vehicle Damage Paint Technician | 100 | 352 | 252 | 252% |
| Vehicle Damage Panel Technician | 61 | 131 | 70 | 115% |
| Accident Repair Technician | 62 | 116 | 54 | 87% |



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 22nd July 2021