

# Youth Jobs Index 2016

The first of an annual series, our new 'Youth Jobs Index' shows that more than a million young people in this country are spending six months not working or learning. This has a knock-on effect for the rest of their lives, reducing their opportunities and earnings.

Impetus-PEF works to ensure all young people can succeed in education and employment, whatever their background. To achieve this, we need to better understand the current state of play for disadvantaged young people in the UK.

Our research, delivered by The Learning and Work Institute for Impetus-PEF, using the same Labour Force Survey data as government figures, gives a fuller picture of both how long young people are out of education and employment for and how likely they are to get into a job.

The government's quarterly snapshot of young people not in education, employment or training (otherwise known as NEET) have been showing a steady decline since 2012.

While we should celebrate the good news that the number of young people who are out of work or education has been falling in recent years, we need to make sure those young people spending long periods out of work or education are supported to find and keep jobs.

Helping the young people furthest from work is essential to meeting the government's manifesto commitment to abolishing youth unemployment, and the Youth Jobs Index will track progress towards this goal.



**Read our Youth Jobs Index research:  
[www.impetus-pef.org.uk/youth-jobs-index](http://www.impetus-pef.org.uk/youth-jobs-index)**

*"This research places much-needed focus on a significant population of young people who are often over-looked and under-supported. Social mobility is not just about getting graduates into the professions but making sure that every child in the UK is given the chance to follow a path into education or employment for the long-term."*

**The Rt Hon Alan Milburn, Chair of the Social Mobility Commission**

# What we've found

There are over  
**7 million**  
young people  
(16-24 year olds)  
in the UK

Over **2 million**  
(30%) of them spend  
some time out of education,  
employment or training

**1.3 million**  
spend **6 months**  
or longer out of education,  
employment or training



**700,000**  
spend **12 months**  
or longer out of education,  
employment or training



**Only 20%**  
of young people who were  
previously NEET **get a job**  
or enter education and  
**stay there for a year.**

**70%** of them  
never got a job or  
entered education  
in the first place.

 For more, visit: [www.impetus-pef.org.uk/youth-jobs-index](http://www.impetus-pef.org.uk/youth-jobs-index)

## Our methodology

The Youth Jobs Index was delivered by The Learning and Work Institute, for Impetus-PEF. The research findings are based on data from The Labour Force Survey, produced by the ONS. The data used for this research consists of eight waves of five quarterly interviews conducted through a sample of 40,000 households covering 100,000 individuals. By using eight datasets (from January 2013 to December 2015), which reduce individual weightings, and developing an average over time, The Learning and Work Institute were able to produce national estimates of long-term NEET figures.

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