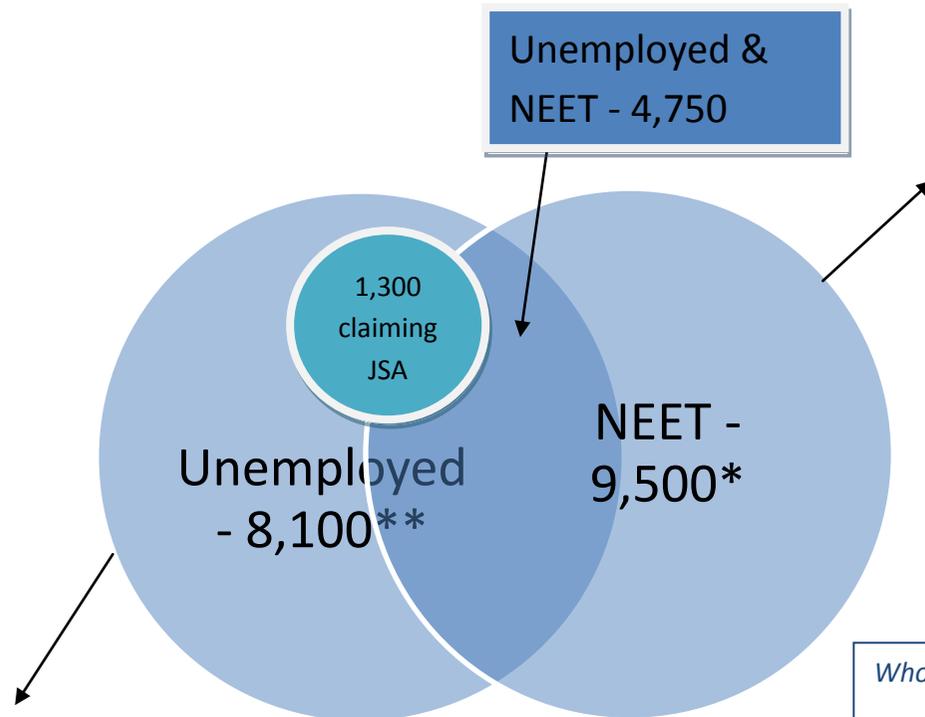


16-24 year olds Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) and /or unemployed in Berkshire - June 2015



Why aren't all NEETs unemployed?

- Approximately half of all those classified as being NEET are unemployed.
- The remainder are economically inactive, i.e. they are not seeking work and/or they are not available for work
- Most women who are NEET are inactive, whilst most men who are NEET are unemployed.
- The majority of women who are NEET and inactive are not looking for work because they are 'looking after family or home'.

Overall size of the target group for Elevate Berkshire = approximately **10,000 young people**

This is all NEETs plus all those who are unemployed but are not full-time students.

Approximately 4,750 of this group are not seeking work and/or are not available for work (i.e. they are economically inactive). However, they may be able to enter the workforce in the near future with the right support / opportunities.

Why aren't all young unemployed people classified as being NEET?

- Most unemployed young people who are not classified as being NEET are full-time students (approx. 35% of all unemployed young people).
- They are classified as being unemployed because they are not working, but would like to, and are actively seeking employment.
- Others might be undertaking training whilst claiming Jobseeker's Allowance.

Who is most likely to be NEET at 19?

- *Those with their own child*
- *Those who were eligible for free school meals*
- *Those who had been suspended or excluded from school*
- *Those with a disability*

Source: DfE, Longitudinal Study of Young People, 2011

***Rough estimate.** There is no robust data source for the number of 16-24 year old NEETs in Berkshire. The figure provided is the average of two estimates. One assumes that the proportion of 16-24 year olds NEETs in Berkshire is the same as the South East average. The other assumes that 60% of 16-24 year olds who are unemployed are NEET (as in the case nationally).

****Sources:** Annual Population Survey, January - December 2014, ONS and average JSA claimants 2014, DWP