

Skills and Labour Market Report – March 2022

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Overview

Government Support Scheme Data

Source: ONS (2020-2021)

The Self-Employment Income Support Scheme

118,200 claims made between May 2020-September 2021 totalling **£334.9 million**

	Number of claims	Value of claims
Peterborough	29,600	£73.8 million
Cambridge City	14,000	£39.3 million
Huntingdonshire	23,200	£68.5 million
East Cambridgeshire	13,500	£41.7 million
South Cambridgeshire	22,100	£67.2 million
Fenland	15,700	£44.4 million

- Peterborough had the highest number and value of claims to the scheme at 29,600, worth £73.8 million. However, it had the lowest average value per claim (£2,500 per claim).
- East Cambridgeshire had the lowest value (£41.7 million) of claims, with an average claim value of £3,100, the highest across the region. East Cambridgeshire also had the lowest number of claims (13,500).

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

The following information outlines employments furloughed across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough with percentages representing employees aged 16-64.

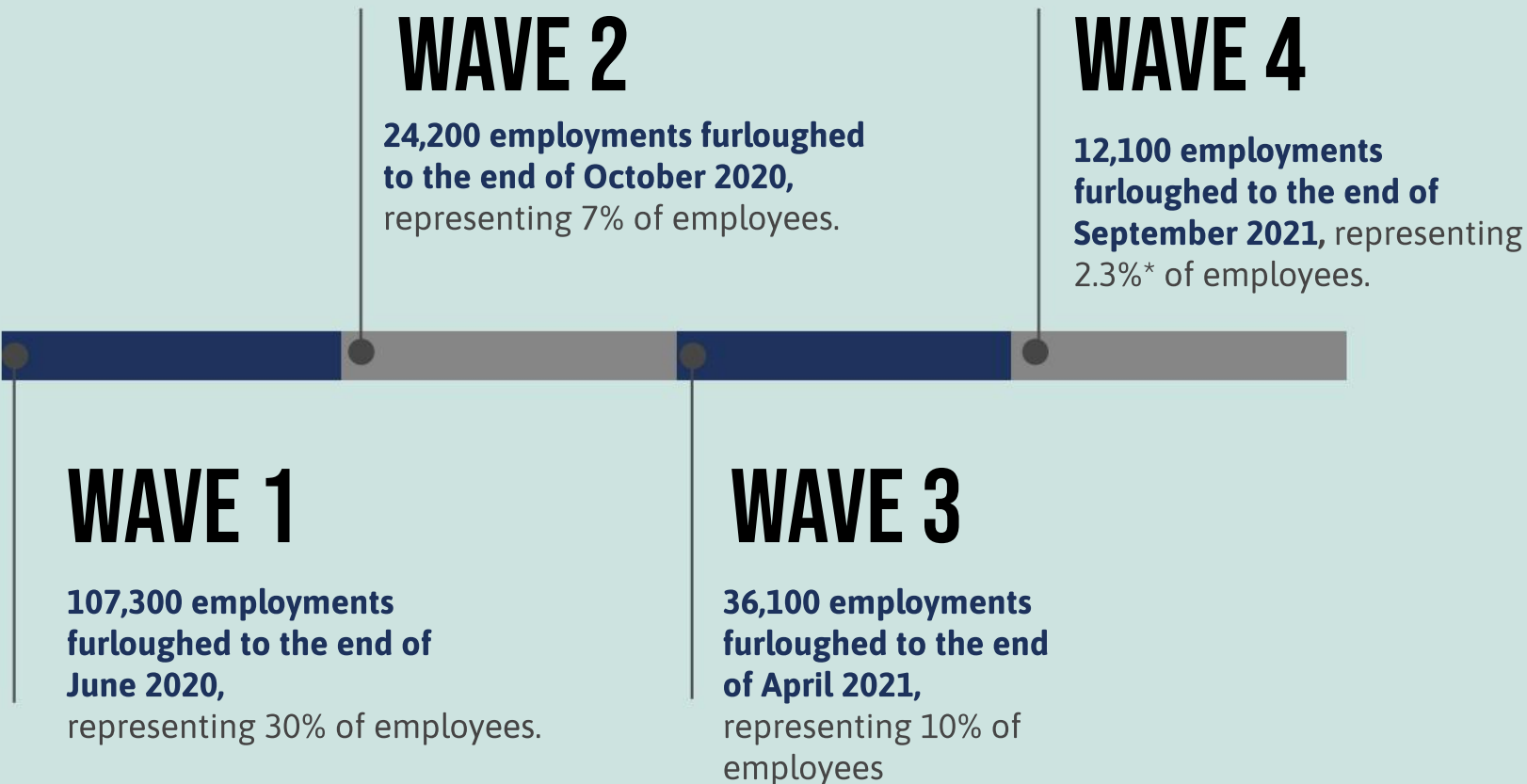
139,500 employments furloughed between June 2020-September 2021, representing **26%** of employees.

	Total employments on furlough at 30th September 2021
Peterborough	3,500
Cambridge City	1,800
Huntingdonshire	2,400
East Cambridgeshire	1,100
South Cambridgeshire	2,200
Fenland	1,100

Locally, take up rates (based on eligible employments) have remained low. For the first few waves, these were below the regional and national levels, in the latter waves take up remained in line with regional and national rates.

compared to 27% across England as a whole

- At the end of the scheme, Fenland and East Cambridgeshire had the lowest number of employments on furlough (both 1,100) representing 1.8% and 2.0% of employees aged 16-64 respectively.
- Peterborough saw the highest number of employments furloughed (3,500) representing 2.8% of employees aged 16-64.



Employments furloughed by sector

In the last month of furlough, decreases were seen across all sectors, most notably in the Other, Arts, entertainment and recreation and Health and social work sectors.

Health and social work 3% (-1% lower than nationally)	Professional, scientific and technical 10% (same as nationally)	Accommodation and food services 13% (same as nationally)	Transportation and storage 10% (+2% higher than nationally)	Manufacturing 8% (-3% lower than nationally)	Other 8% (+4% higher than nationally)
ICT, financial services, insurance and real estate 8% (-1 lower than nationally)	Administrative and support services 11% (same as nationally)	Other service activities 4% (-1% lower than nationally)	Wholesale and retail 15% (same as nationally)	Construction 7% (-1% lower than nationally)	Arts, entertainment and recreation 2% (-2% lower than nationally)

(Note: This difference is because the 'Other' sector includes the Education sector, which saw high proportions of employments furloughed in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire.)

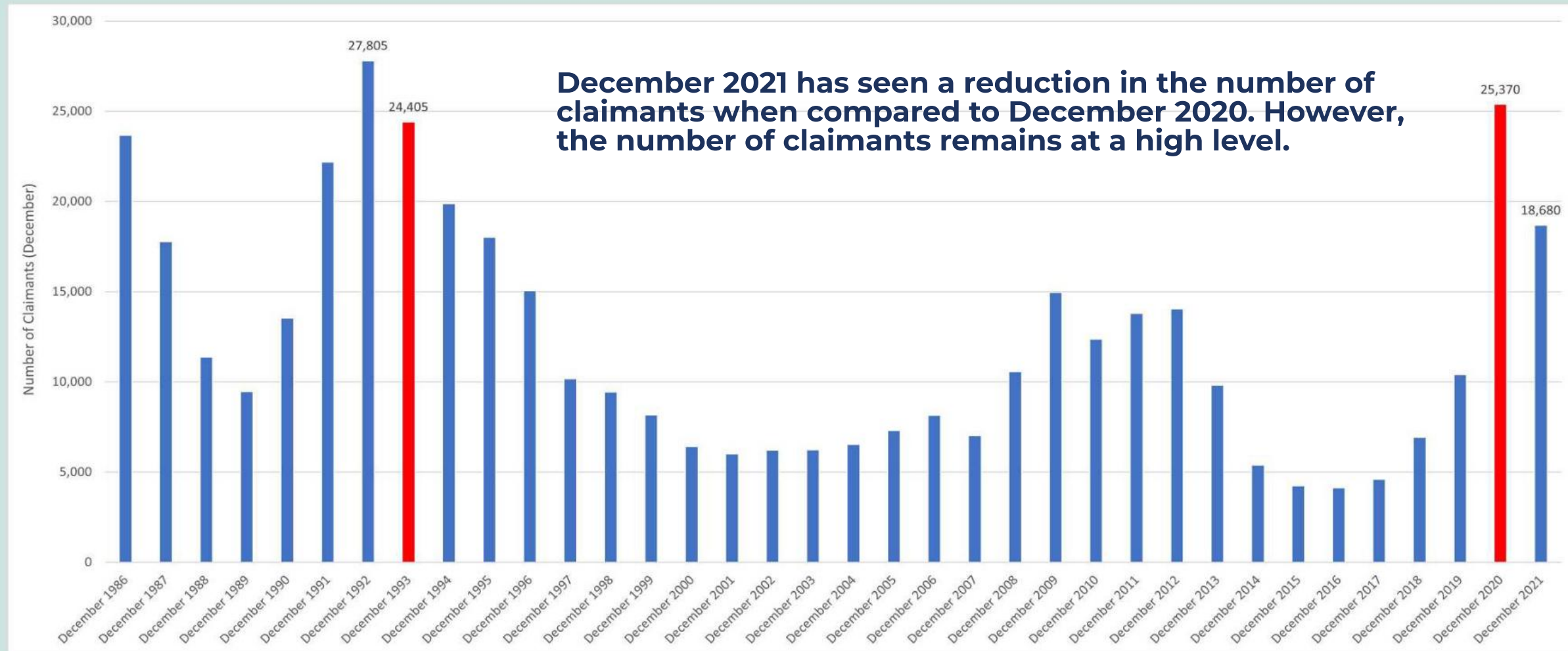
18,680 claimants across the area in December 2021, representing **3.5%** of residents 16-64.

The claimant count is **+66%** higher compared to March 2020.

compared to +49% across England as a whole

compared to 4.5% across England as a whole

Following the peak in August 2020, since April 2021 the number of claimants across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have been decreasing. This is likely to be influenced by the governments easing of lockdown measures, allowing businesses to reopen, alongside the increased numbers of vacancies available.



	Claimant Count December 2021	Compared to March 2020 (number/%)	Proportion of residents 16-64 claiming (December 2021)
Cambridge City	2,335	+910 (+64%)	2.7%
Peterborough	7,625	+2,860 (+60%)	6.1%
Huntingdonshire	2,765	+1,125 (+69%)	2.5%
East Cambridgeshire	1,295	+585 (+82%)	2.4%
South Cambridgeshire	1,995	+960 (+93%)	2.1%
Fenland	2,665	+975(+58%)	4.4%

- Peterborough has the highest actual number of claimants and the highest proportion of residents aged 16-64 claiming (6.1%) in December 2021.
- East Cambridgeshire has the lowest actual number of claimants (1,295) in the same period and also has the second lowest proportion of residents aged 16-64 claiming (2.4%).
- South Cambridgeshire has seen the largest percentage increase (+93%) of claimants between March 2020 and December 2021. Despite this, it has the lowest proportion of residents aged 16-64 claiming (2.1%).

Vacancies Data

Source: EMSI (2019-2021)

76,901

+6%

compared to +1% UK wide

+58%

compared to +63% UK wide

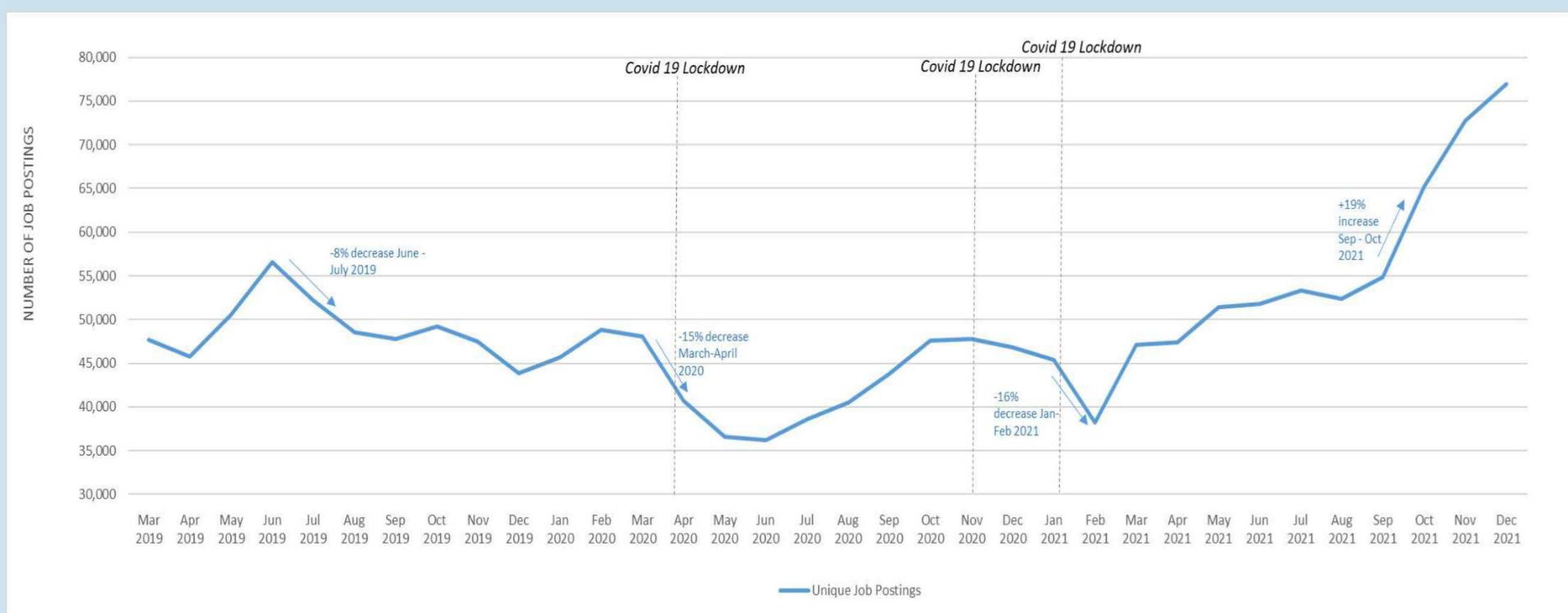
unique job postings across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in December 2021

increase in unique job postings compared to November 2021

increase in unique job postings compared to pre-Covid

Monthly Job Postings

- December 2021 saw the highest number of unique job postings across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for the past five years.
- Unique job postings in December 2021 were 58% higher than the pre-Covid average. UK wide they were 63% higher.



Economic Inactivity

Source: Annual Population Survey (12 Months ending in September 2021)

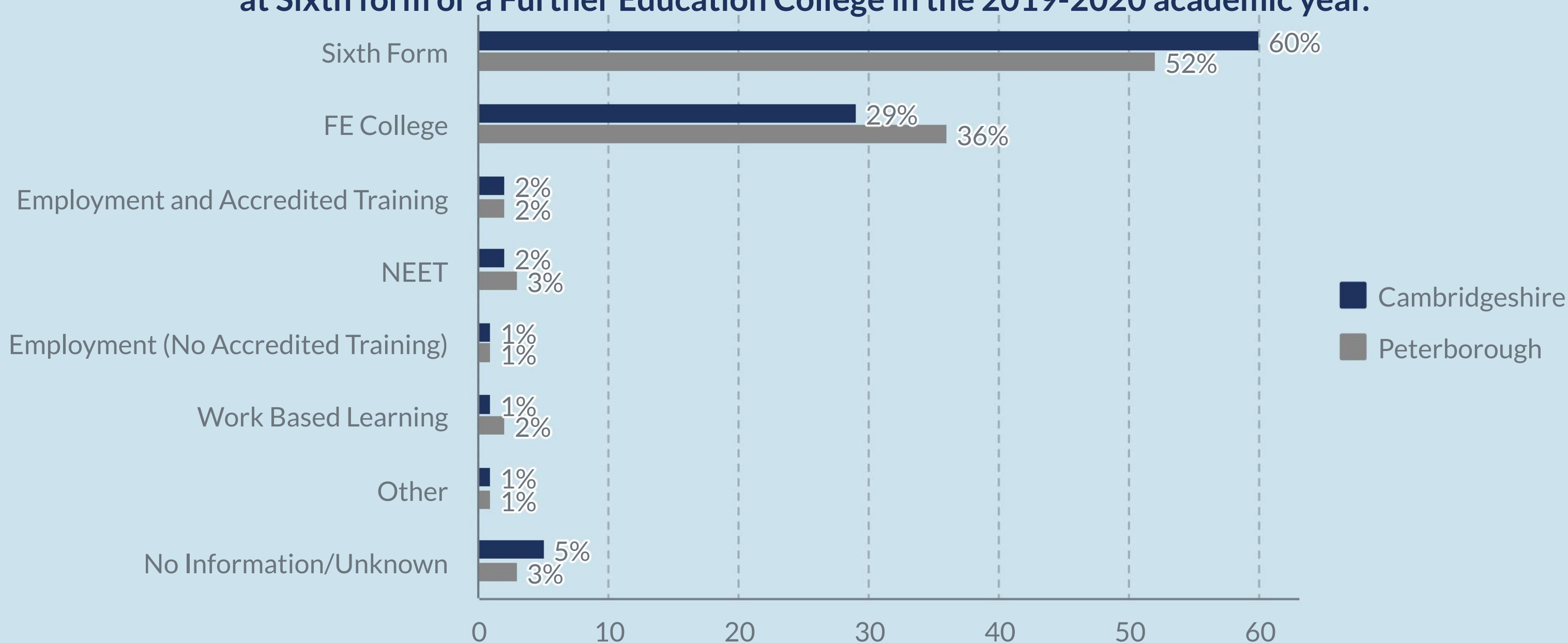
20% of 16-64 years olds across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are economically inactive.



School Leavers Data

Source: Local Authority Survey (2019-2020)

In both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough at least **88%** of Year 11 School leavers went on to study at Sixth form or a Further Education College in the 2019-2020 academic year.



Youth Unemployment

Source: Annual Population Survey (2019-2021)

Nationally, evidence has shown that the pandemic had a greater effect on younger people and saw unemployment levels for 16-24 year olds increase at a faster rate.

+11%

higher unemployment rate among young people compared to other age groups in 2020.

-34%

decrease in hours worked by young people with no qualifications in 2020.

25%

of young people on furlough across the United Kingdom in July 2020.

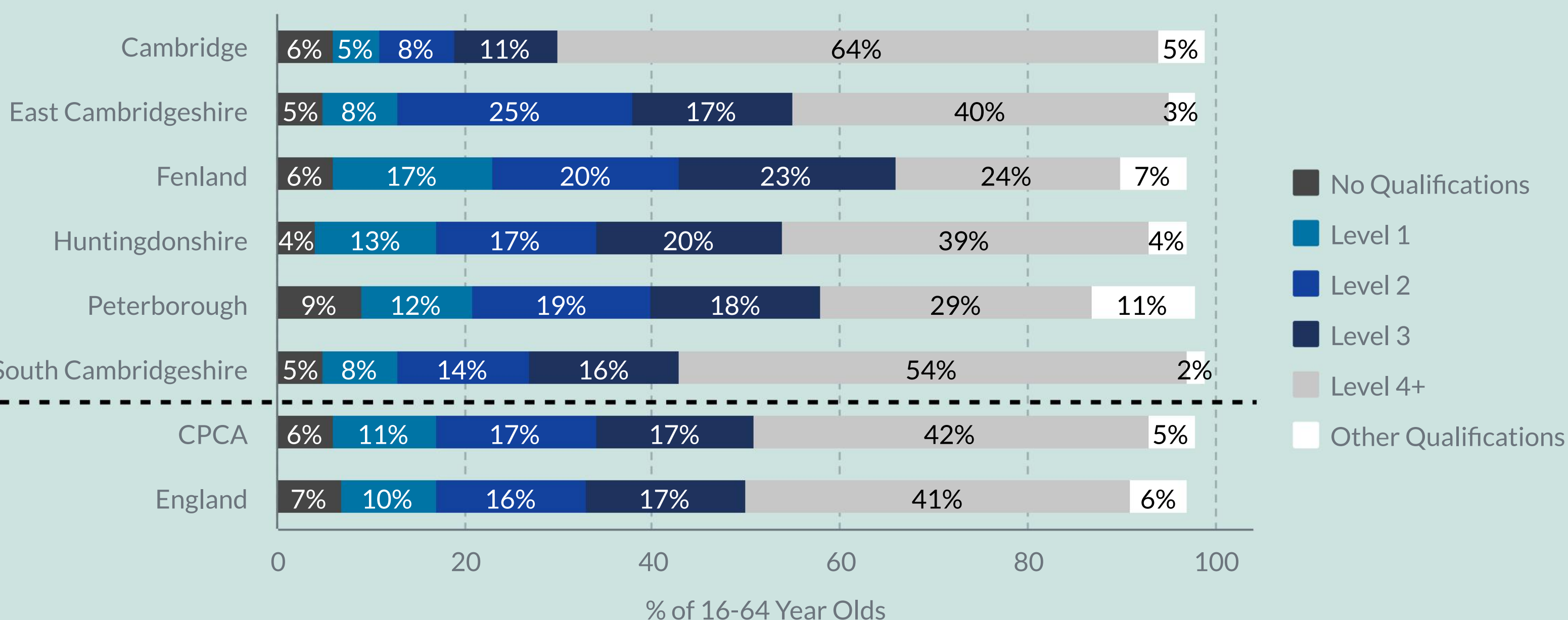
Locally, between March and June 2020 the number of people aged 16+ claiming unemployment related benefit increased by **+129%**. Claimants aged 16-24 rose at a faster rate of **+134%**, this divide was more prevalent in Peterborough.

Economic inactivity rates for those aged 16-24: Cambridgeshire **+12%** Peterborough **+3%**

Skills Levels Data

Source: ONS (Average across 2018-2020)

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have a highly skilled workforce where **59%** of the working age population (16-64) have a qualification level of NVQ 3 or above, slightly higher than the national average.

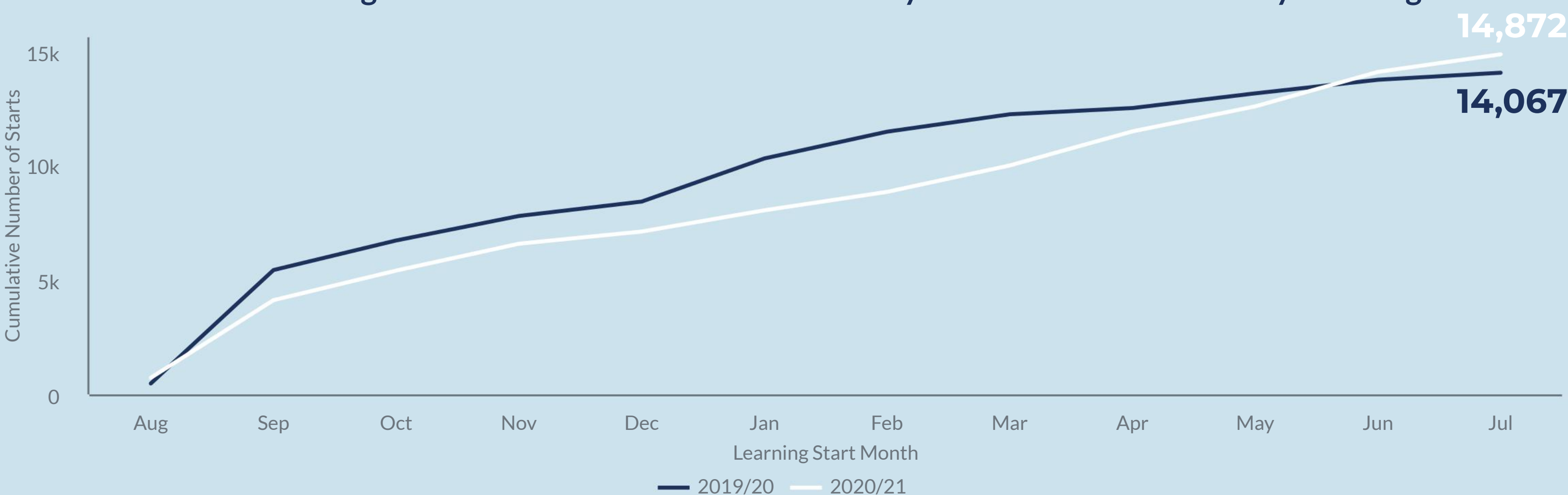


Devolved Adult Education Budget

Source: Individualised Learner Record (2019/20-2020/21)

14,872 enrolments funded by the devolved adult education budget started in the 2020/21 academic year.

This was **+6%** higher than 2019-2020 and was driven by an increase in Community Learning Starts.



79% of all the enrolments in 2020/21, including those carrying over from 2019/20, ended in achievement.

Apprenticeship Data

Source: ESFA (2020-21)

4,429 apprenticeship started across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in the 2020-2021 academic year.

This was **-4%** lower than 2019-2020 and **-25%** lower than 2018-2019.

-28%

less young people starting apprenticeships in 2020/21 compared to 2019/20

-31%

less level 2 or level 3 apprenticeships starts in 2020/21 compared to 2019/20

+33%

more apprenticeships starts in Health, Public Services and Care apprenticeships 2020/21 compared to 2019/20

Quarter 1 2021/22 data indicates recovery in apprenticeship numbers with starts across Cambridgeshire and

Peterborough **+66%** up compared to Q1 of 2020/21.