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Statistical Notice

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Tabulation Tool

In June 2016 we notified users via a [Statistical Notice](#) that we will stop updating the DWP Tabulation Tool. The notice included a questionnaire to help us identify users and seek views on the plan to discontinue the Tabulation Tool and identify options. This notice provides feedback to those responses.

Background

The November 2016 release of the Tabulation Tool will be the last but it will still be on the internet with old data until March 2017. The latest data available in the Tabulation Tool will be at May 2016. The [Quarterly Statistical Summary First Release](#) will still be updated.

The Department for Work and Pensions releases Official Statistics on the [Gov.UK](#) website. The people who use our statistics may want to read about trends and/or download detailed data. We release different formats so everyone can get what they need. The current formats are:

Statistical Release document

This is a written paper telling readers about the data, giving some context about what the numbers mean and provides easy to understand graphs of important messages.

Tabulation Tool

This is a website where users can make their own table from a set of fixed options and download them as html file.

Stat-Xplore

This is a website where users can make their own table using any combination of rows and columns and download them as xlsx, xls, csv, zip or xml. Users can filter and order their tables, create new breakdowns and save tables for later use. Users can create interactive charts and share them via social networking tools. Stat-Xplore also includes the ability to query data via an Open Data API which allows users to freely harness Stat-Xplore data in their own applications.

NOMIS

This is a website that is the home of the Office for National Statistics' Labour Market statistics. Users can filter and order their tables, create new breakdowns and download data as xlsx, xls, html, tsv, csv or a map. NOMIS also has an Open Data API.

Tables

In open document format spreadsheets on the gov.uk website.

Almost everything on the Tabulation Tool is also on [NOMIS](#) and we will keep updating NOMIS.

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Responses to the Questionnaire

There were very few responses to the statistical notice and only three responses were external to the Department itself (see below for summary table). Of these responses, all stressed the importance of continued access to the information.

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Intelligence	Greater London Authority
Policy	Age UK
Scottish Parliament Information Centre	Scottish Government
Newcastle Pension Centre	DWP

Summary Table of Respondents

Summary responses to specific questions and comments

	Question / Comments	Response
1	<p>Respondents highlighted that the DWP statistics and data analysis tools ‘provide valuable and useful resources for many individuals and organisations’ and that the Tabulation Tool was ‘a key data source and were concerned that the data would continue to be available following the decommissioning’.</p>	<p>We release Official Statistics on the Gov.UK website in a range of different formats so all of our users can get what they need. The users of our statistics might want to read about the trends or want to download detailed data.</p> <p>The stopping of the Tabulation Tool will enable us to focus on the high priority information used by our users. The move to Stat-Xplore provides users much more flexibility to create tables and download them as different electronic formats. You can filter and order your tables, create new breakdowns and save your tables so you can use them again. You can also create interactive charts.</p> <p>Stat-Xplore also includes the ability to query data via an Open Data API which allows users to freely harness Stat-Xplore data in their own applications.</p> <p>In addition, nearly all of the information available in the Tabulation Tool is (and will continue to be available) in NOMIS and can allow for further drilling down into the data that is not possible in the Tabulation Tool.</p> <p>When the Tabulation Tool stops being updated, we will ensure the equivalent data, driven by user needs, is available through other formats (e.g. Stat-Xplore, NOMIS, Open Document Spreadsheets).</p>

2	<p>Respondents commented that they found the Tabulation Tool very user friendly and that it would take time to learn to use a new system such as NOMIS or Stat-Xplore. This was a common opinion with one respondent saying ‘it’s important to make sure the system is as user friendly as possible’, this was echoed by another respondent who focused on the ‘need to make sure there is guidance on how to get the most out of it’ when talking about Stat-Xplore.</p>	<p>Inevitably there is always a period of readjustment when learning to use new software, which may cause concern while people familiarise themselves. However, once someone is familiarised with the Stat-Xplore and NOMIS they should find the system as easy to use as the Tabulation Tool whilst also being able to probe the data in new ways.</p> <p>Quick guides are being developed for use with Stat-Xplore and online guidance is already available at: https://sw.stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/webapi/online-help/</p> <p>NOMIS also provides handy hints and tips.</p> <p>We have received positive feedback that Stat-Xplore is more useful/powerful than the Tabulation Tool and that it allows users to get the information that they need more quickly.</p>
3	<p>Respondents could also see the positives of the changes commenting that Stat-Xplore ‘clearly provides greater opportunities to explore the data’ and that NOMIS ‘is easiest for time-series’.</p> <p>There were requests to “investigate increasing the current capabilities of Stat-Xplore even further”.</p>	<p>The production of the Tabulation Tool involves generating thousands of statistic html pages, featuring statistical tables (with many possible breakdowns) in advance of publication. The Tabulation Tool allows users to download pre-defined tables however, this places restrictions on how the data can be extracted and presented and does not meet the Open Data Agenda. In comparison, Stat-Xplore is an interactive and powerful data tabulator which enables users to create detailed tabulations which are bespoke to their needs, view results in interactive charts, download outputs into common file formats or share via social networking tools. Stat-Xplore also includes the ability to query data via an Open Data API which allows users to freely harness Stat-Xplore data in their own applications.</p>

Our Plan

Following this user feedback and user analysis of the number of people who use each table we have prioritised what benefits we will move into Stat-Xplore first. In addition, as some benefits are being replaced by [Universal Credit](#), we have not prioritised those benefits (for example Income Support) but they will continue to be available on [NOMIS](#).

[Annex A](#) provides further information on statistics that are already available in Stat-Xplore and NOMIS.

We plan to move this data into Stat-Xplore first, in priority order:

- Disability Living Allowance, including a breakdown of cases that are in payment or entitled but not in payment;
- Attendance Allowance, including a breakdown of cases that are in payment or entitled but not in payment;
- State Pension;
- Carer's Allowance;
- Employment and Support Allowance;
- Pension Credit.

Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance (including a breakdown of cases that are in payment or entitled but not in payment) will be published in Stat-Xplore in February 2017 with the [Quarterly Statistical Summary](#). We are also prioritising State Pension as not all of the breakdowns available on the Tabulation Tool are available in NOMIS, including Country Code.

Employment and Support Allowance, Pension Credit and Carer's Allowance (cases in payment) are available in NOMIS. We are working to add Carer's Allowance (including a breakdown of cases that are in payment or entitled but not in payment) into Stat-Xplore for February 2017. If this cannot be achieved **we will publish tables as open data spreadsheets on gov.uk.**

Annex A

NOMIS and Stat-Xplore

NOMIS can be accessed at: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/Default.asp>

Stat-Xplore can be accessed at: <https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/>

- **Much of the Tabulation Tool data is also held on the NOMIS website;**
- **If it's not on NOMIS, and we are not moving to Stat-Xplore in February 2017, we will publish the most important tables as spreadsheets on gov.uk.**

The statistics that are already in Stat-Xplore are:

- Universal Credit;
- Personal Independence Payments;
- Housing Benefit;
- Benefit Cap;
- Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Allowance Sanctions and
- National Insurance number allocations to adult overseas nationals entering the UK
- Work Programme

These statistics are available through NOMIS:

Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study 100% and 5% sample data

- Working Age Client Group (WACG)
- Income Support (IS)
- Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Benefit (IB/SDA)
- Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- Pension Credit (PC)
- State Pension (SP)

Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study 100% data only

- Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Carer's Allowance (CA) – In Payment
- Disability Living Allowance (DLA) – All Entitled Cases

5% sample only

- Attendance Allowance – In Payment
- Disability Living Allowance (DLA) – In Payment