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Information request

Number and percentage of ESA-WRAG claimants in Work Choice and Work Programme, from earliest to latest date available.

Number and percentage of ESA-Support claimants in Work Choice and Work Programme, from earliest to latest date available.

Number and percentage of ESA-WRAG claimants in Work Choice, Work Programme and WRAG measures, from earliest to latest date available.

Work Choice caseload (number and percentage) by benefit claimed, from earliest to latest date available.

Number and percentage of Work Programme participants by benefit claimed, from earliest to latest date available.

Number and percentage Work Programme participants registered as having a health condition or disability, from earliest to latest date available.

DWP response

In response to questions 1), 2), 3) and 5); Table 1 shows the number of Work Programme Referrals and Attachments by Customer Group using the earliest to latest available data (June 2011 to July 2012).

Table 1 - Work Programme Referrals and Attachments by Customer Group and the percentage of the total: 1st June 2011 – 31st July 2012

Customer Group	Attachments	% of total Attachments	Referrals	% of total Referrals
ALL	836,940		877,880	
JSA 18-24	168,160	20%	176,680	20%
JSA 25+	376,050	45%	389,800	44%
Pension Credit	30	-	30	-
JSA Early Access	21,840	3%	24,240	3%
JSA NEET	37,580	4%	40,040	5%
JSA Claiming 22 of 24Mths	146,920	18%	150,370	17%
JSA ExIB	5,930	1%	6,320	1%

ESA (c) WRAG Mandatory	3,520	-	4,130	-
ESA (c) WRAG Voluntary	1,030	-	1,090	-
ESA Credit Only	100	-	120	-
ESA (IR) WRAG 12Mth Mandatory	6,170	1%	7,560	1%
ESA (IR) WRAG 12Mth Voluntary	1,780	-	1,910	-
ESA (IR) WRAG 3/6Mth Stock	2,080	-	2,270	-
Pension Credit - Health Issues	10	-	10	-
ESA (IR) WRAG 3/6 Mth Mandatory	48,720	6%	51,240	6%
ESA (IR) WRAG 3/6 Mth Voluntary	540	-	570	-
ESA (IR) Support Group	200	-	210	-
ESA (c) Support Group	70	-	70	-
ESA (IR) WRAG 3/6 Mth Mandatory ExIB	8,380	1%	9,170	1%
ESA (IR) WRAG 3/6 Mth Voluntary ExIB	150	-	150	-
ESA (IR) Support Group ExIB	50	-	50	-
ESA (c) Support Group ExIB	70	-	70	-
IB/IS ESF Volunteer	1,960	-	2,110	-
JSA Ex-offender Day 1 Mandation	5,600	1%	9,640	1%

Source: DWP Information, Governance and Security Directorate (IGS)

Notes:
1. Figures are cumulative and rounded to the nearest ten. Totals may not sum due to rounding. "-" indicates nil or negligible.
2. Referrals shown are 'net' referrals which do not include rejections, cancellations or referrals to ESA information sessions.
3. Attachments are the date of the first engagement activity between the provider and the participant as recorded on the payment administrative system.
4. Customer groups are assigned by Jobcentre Plus, on the basis of a claimant's circumstances, and benefit they receive. A small number of claimants appear in an incorrect group caused by the way information is recorded on the administrative system.
5. ESA – Work Related Assessment Group (WRAG) referrals are classified as referrals to the following customer groups; ESA (c) WRAG Mandatory, ESA (c) WRAG Voluntary, ESA (IR) WRAG 12Mth Mandatory, ESA (IR) WRAG 12Mth Voluntary, ESA (IR) WRAG 3/6Mth Stock, ESA (IR) WRAG 3/6 Mth

Mandatory, ESA (IR) WRAG 3/6 Mth Voluntary, ESA (IR) WRAG 3/6 Mth Mandatory ExIB and ESA (IR) WRAG 3/6 Mth Voluntary ExIB.
6. ESA – Support Group referrals are classified as referrals to the following customer groups; ESA (IR) Support Group, ESA (c) Support Group, ESA (IR) Support Group ExIB and ESA (c) Support Group ExIB.

Table 2 shows the number of (and percentage of total) customer groups registered with a Work Choice provider, using the earliest to latest available data (October 2010 to June 2012).

Table 2 - Work Choice Referrals and Starts by Customer Group and the percentage of the total: 25th October 2010 – 30th June 2012

Customer Group	Starts	% of total Starts	Referrals	% of total Referrals
ALL	36,740		45,490	
ESA - WRAG	1,020	3%	1,300	3%
ESA - Support Group	290	1%	390	1%

Source: Labour Market System (LMS) Opportunity Type database.

Notes:
1. Figures are cumulative and rounded to the nearest ten.
2. Totals may not sum due to rounding. "-" indicates nil or negligible.
3. On 25th October 2010, WORKSTEP, Work Preparation and the Job Introduction Scheme were replaced by Work Choice.
4. An individual can obtain a supported and unsupported outcome in the same reporting period. In this instance, they would be counted once in the total job outcomes, and once in each of the supported and unsupported totals.

In response to question 4); Section 21 of the Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

The Department publishes a wide range of statistics on Work Choice on its website via the following link:
http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/workingage/index.php?page=wchoice.

To find the number of referrals by financial quarter and benefit claimed / participation on employment programme four weeks prior to programme referral, scroll down and select **Work Choice: Official Statistics – August 2012**, the information is available in table 5 on page 17 of the publication.

In response to question 6); Section 21 of the Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

The Department regularly publishes National Statistics on the Work Programme on its website via the Tabulation Tool at http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool. This allows you to construct tables to your own requirements.

For example, to produce statistics on the number of Work Programme attachments with a disability or health condition, from the earliest to latest date available, go to http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool scroll down and select "**Click here for statistics regarding the Work Programme**" in the **Employment Programmes** section, then under **Benefit/Scheme**, select **Work Programme: Cumulative figures**. For the first drop down menu, next to **Analysis**, select **Attachments (Thousands)** and then under **Row**, select **Payment Group**. Then under **Column** select either **Disability Indicator** or **Primary Health Condition**. Then continue to make relevant table selections from there using **July 2012** in the **Date** option which is the latest data available. Once you have selected all of the above select **Get Table**.