

Statistical Notice

Revision to the number of benefit spells and proportions of benefit spells with training for academic years 2015/16 and 2016/17

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This Statistical Notice advises users of an error and upcoming revision to the total number of benefit spells and proportion of benefit spells with training reported in the Official Statistics: Further Education for Benefit Claimants, England: 2016 to 2017, Benefit Spells with training tables for academic years 2015/16 and 2016/17.

We have identified that the reported figures relating to the number of benefit spells in Table 1 and 2 only included spells for individuals who had been matched to an education record, whereas it should have included all benefit claimants. Furthermore, the coverage of the table should have been benefit claimants from England only, whereas previously published figures for the total number of benefit spells were reported for Great Britain.

This resulted in a net effect of under-reporting the total number of benefit spells by around 20% for 2015/16 and 2016/17. As a consequence, the proportion of benefit spells with training for these years was over-reported by around 1.5 percentage points.

The figures will be corrected in the upcoming statistical release, Official Statistics: Further Education for Benefit Claimants, England: 2017 to 2018 due for publication at 9:30am on Thursday 27th June 2019.

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