

Overpayments in the Benefit System

We split total overpayments into three groups:

Fraud – The claimant knowingly claimed benefits when they were not entitled.

Claimant error – The claimant provided inaccurate or incomplete information.

Official error – The benefit was not paid correctly.



Fraud
£1.1bn

Claimant error
£1.3bn

Official error
£0.7bn



Overpayments on benefits are at their
lowest reported rate this year:



1.9%
of expenditure
or **£3.2bn**



Income Support fraud and error is at its
lowest reported rate this year:



3.9%
or £120m

