



EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE: FRAUD AND ERROR INSIGHT

If you're ill or disabled, Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) offers you:

- financial support if you're unable to work
- personalised help so that you can work if you're able to

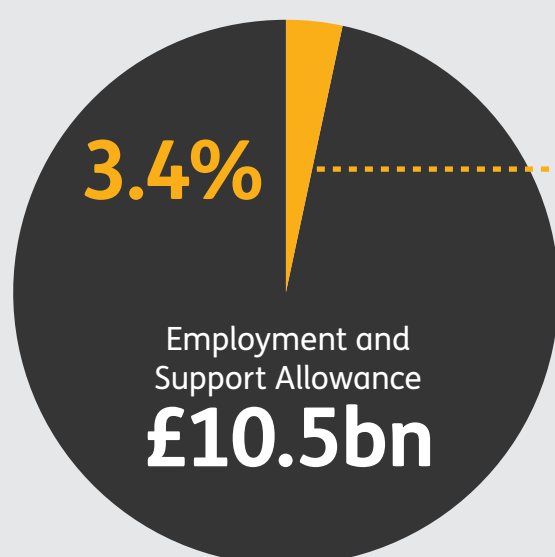
You can apply for ESA if you're employed, self-employed or unemployed. You might be transferred to ESA if you've been claiming other benefits like Income Support or Incapacity Benefit. For more information please visit <https://www.gov.uk/employment-support-allowance>.

£10.5bn SPENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE

£153.4bn OTHER EXPENDITURE

Most recent figures show that Employment and Support Allowance expenditure is currently **£10.5bn**. This is roughly **6%** of total annual benefit expenditure.

ESA OVERPAYMENTS



Overpayments for ESA in 2013/14 was found to be **3.4%**. This equates to:
£360m

This breaks down into:



Fraud: 1.6%
£170m

Claimant error: 0.8%
£90m

Official error: 1.0%
£100m

We split fraud and error into several groups:



Income-related
Error
£130m



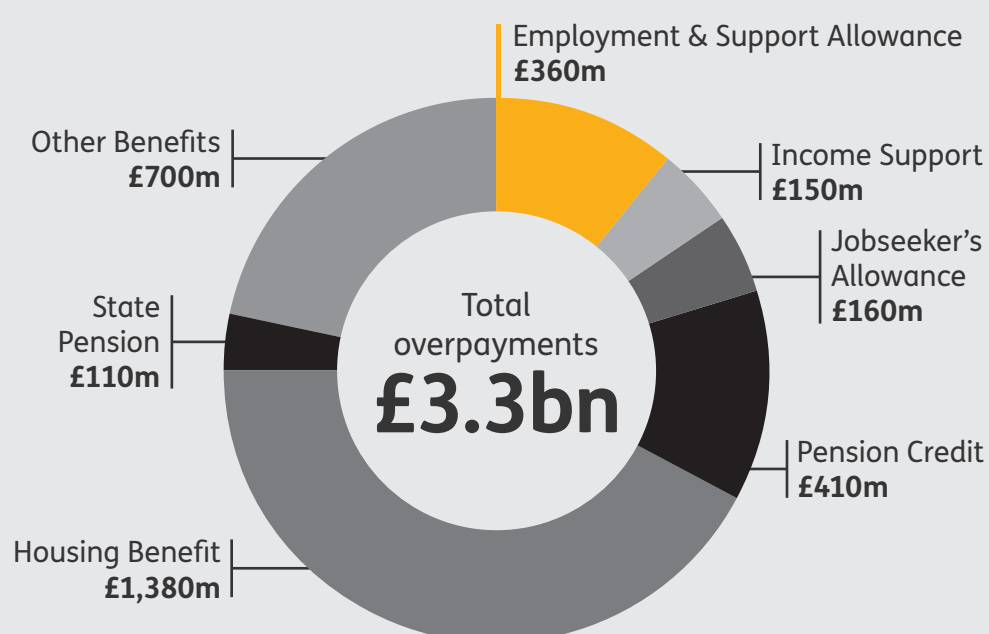
Capital-related
Error
£40m



Residence & Living
Arrangement Error
£60m



Other
Remaining
Error
£120m



While Employment and Support Allowance has the third highest expenditure, it has the lowest overpayment rate of all the continuously reviewed benefits with **3.4%** Fraud and Error.