

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
£1.2bn

Claimant error
£1.5bn

Official error
£0.7bn



The top four reasons for error in 2013/14 were:



£510m

Earnings



£140m

Savings



£130m

Pension income



£120m

Who lives with you

Findings are 2013/14 estimates. More information and glossary of terms can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/fraud-and-error-in-the-benefit-system>

Jobseeker's Allowance fraud is at its
lowest rate since the recession in 2008:



2.6%
or **£110m**