

Ad hocs and pricing policy

Introduction

The DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) publishes National Statistics on DWP administered benefits, some employment programmes and JSA (Jobseeker's Allowance) sanctions and vacancies, as well as Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit, National Insurance Number Allocations to Adult Overseas Nationals entering the UK, and experimental statistics on Children in Out of Work Benefit Households. Considerable detail is available on the DWP Tabulation Tool and other spreadsheets on the DWP website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions/series/dwp-statistics-tabulation-tool>, and on the Nomis website <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/> which is the Office for National Statistics' official website of labour market statistics.

The datasets underlying these published figures are available for further analysis by the Department's analysts. Such analysis is primarily undertaken for the purpose of answering Parliamentary Questions, for forecasting benefit expenditure, informing policy development, and monitoring targets, but on occasion we receive requests for further bespoke analysis for external customers.

Limited service provided to external customers

We do not normally carry out bespoke analysis for external customers.

In exceptional circumstances, and if negotiated in advance with senior managers, we may be able to provide a limited amount of further analysis. Any customer wishing to make a case to be considered should contact us and

(a) confirm that they have looked at the published data on the DWP website and Nomis and explain why it does not meet their needs;

(b) explain their requirements, the use to which they will put the data, how crucial the analysis is to their objectives, and their preferred deadlines.

If we agree to carry out further analysis the work will be fitted in when resource is available, for example when Parliament is in recess, and there may be a charge for the service.

Pricing policy

We do not currently charge for the limited service we provide, but may do so in future.

Freedom of Information

The Freedom of Information (FoI) Act 2000 gives everyone the right to access information held by public authorities. The DWP approach to the release of information is a positive one, based on the assumption that information will normally be made available unless it is specifically exempt under the Act and where disclosure is not in the public interest.

You can read more about DWP and Freedom of Information at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/freedom-of-information/>

Contact us

For statistical information on benefits and employment programs please telephone or email the Statistical Services contact using the list at this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions/about/statistics>