



Ministry  
of Justice

## **Statistical Notice**

Intention to publish experimental  
statistics from the MoJ/DWP/HMRC  
data share

6<sup>th</sup> January 2014

## **Background**

### **What is the MoJ/DWP/HMRC data share?**

The 2013 MoJ/DWP/HMRC data share has been created in order to continue to improve understanding of the links between offending, benefits and employment (including offenders' income) and to help identify what works in reducing re-offending.

The data share has been set-up for analytical purposes only. MoJ data on offenders has been matched to DWP and HMRC data on benefits, employment and income. Once the data is successfully matched, the data is anonymised and used for analytical purposes only.

The 2013 data share includes information on the offending, benefit and employment / income history for just under 5 million offenders. The data share will be updated on an annual basis.

The 2013 data share builds on an earlier one-off data share produced in 2011. Information and statistics from the 2011 data share are available at the following links:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/217428/offending-employment-benefits-emerging-findings-1111.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/217428/offending-employment-benefits-emerging-findings-1111.pdf)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/217412/impact-employment-reoffending.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/217412/impact-employment-reoffending.pdf)

### **What is being published, and why?**

In January 2014, experimental statistics from the new MoJ /DWP/HMRC data share will be published. The purpose of the publication is as follows:

- To provide information on the MoJ / DWP/HMRC data share, including:
  - what the data share is (including coverage and scope of data share)
  - an overview of how the data share was produced (including the process for obtaining the legal and ethical approval for the data share)
  - methodology and results of the data matching
- To present early key findings from the data share on the benefit, employment and income status of offenders. The publication will only include high level descriptive statistics where the aim is to provide

context and understanding of the links between offending, benefits and employment /income. These findings will be presented as experimental and provisional statistics given that they are early findings from a new data source. As understanding and use of the new data share is increased, these findings may need to be updated, and therefore should be treated as provisional.

- To seek feedback on the statistics and information that users would like to see in any future publications on the data share.

This publication will be published at 09:30 on Thursday 30th January 2014.

Any future publications on the data share will also be pre-announced.

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