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Information request

Please could you tell me the statistics for the average length of time that people are on benefits before they find work. Can you break this down on a yearly basis between 2010-2014 and within those years, break the data down into these subheadings:

- Those who found full time work
- Those who found part time work
- Those who were on workfare
- Those who went onto zero hour contracts

Can you also break this down on a yearly basis for the years 2005-2009, but not include the subheadings within those years.

Plus can you also tell me the number of people who though working part time, have been claiming Working Tax Credit. Can this data please be broken down to a yearly basis between the years 2006-2014

DWP response

Due to data limitations, DWP does not hold the information necessary to answer this request.

For example, individuals ending a benefit claim are not required to provide Jobcentre Plus with a reason, so information on those moving into work is incomplete.

Information published by ONS (www.nomisweb.co.uk) can be used to show that over half of people making a new claim for Jobseeker's Allowance end their claim within the first three months. This means the median duration of a new claim is less than three months. Most but not all people who leave JSA move into work - a destinations survey in 2011

(https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/214578/rrep791.pdf)

found that nearly 70% of those ending a JSA claim had moved into a job. Of these, three fifths took up a full-time job and a quarter a part-time job, with the remainder becoming self employed.