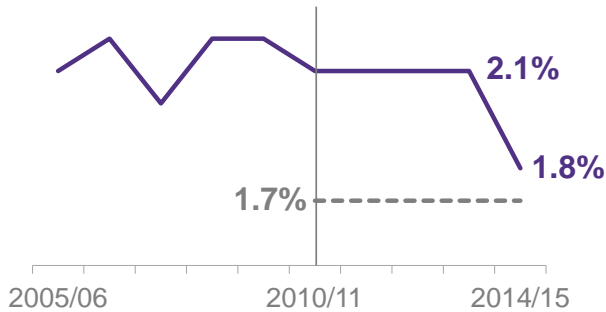


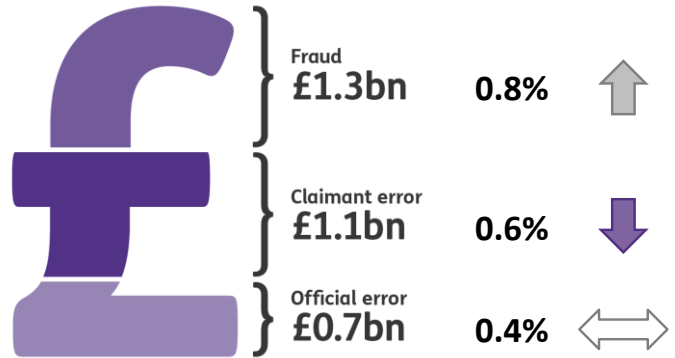


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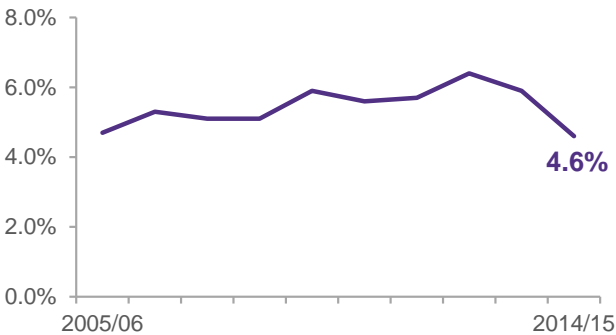


1.8% (or **£3.0bn**) of DWP expenditure on benefits was **overpaid** in 2014/15, £350m less than last year. This is the **lowest recorded rate**. This rate is above the departmental target: for overpayments to at most 1.7% of expenditure by the end of 2014/15.

The rate of **claimant error** overpayments **decreased** from 0.9% to 0.6%, the **lowest recorded rate**. The rate of **fraud** overpayments increased slightly, from 0.7% to 0.8%.

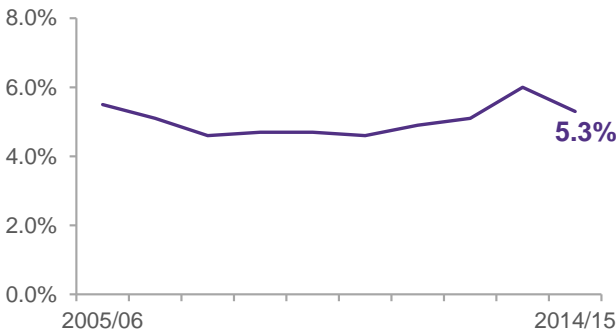


Overpayment as a percentage of expenditure



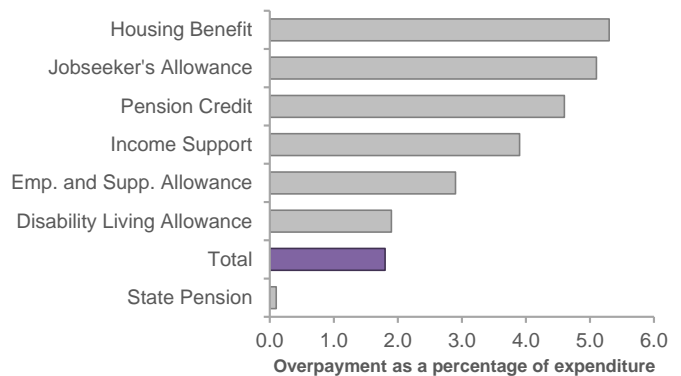
The overpayment rate on **Pension Credit** decreased from 5.9% in 2013/14 to **4.6%** in 2014/15, the **lowest recorded rate**.

Overpayment as a percentage of expenditure



The overpayment rate on **Housing Benefit** decreased from 6.0% in 2013/14 to **5.3%** in 2014/15.

£930m of overpayments were **recovered** this year. This means the Net Government loss is **£2.1bn**, or **1.2%** of expenditure.



Because **State Pension** forms such a big part of DWP's annual benefit expenditure (£86.6bn, or 51.5%), and overpayments on State Pension are usually very low, State Pension keeps the total rate of overpayments down.