

Statistical Notice

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Experimental DWP Universal Credit (UC) Official Statistics

This Statistical Notice advises users of a revision to the number of claims made to UC between 8th April and 1st September 2016. This revision has no impact on the number of people who go on to start receiving UC or the number of people currently in receipt of UC. This revision is due to a methodological issue identified and will be rectified in the 19th October 2016 publication.

Prior to this update users are not recommended to use UC claims figures between 8th April and 1st September 2016.

This issue was caused by a methodological error made in April 2016, where figures for number of UC claims have incorrectly included 'non-claimants'. These are people who are attached to the claim but are not actual claimants e.g. children (dependents) or people living in the same household (non-dependents). So we expect to see a reduction in the number of claims between 8th April and 1st September 2016, when the figures are corrected in the next publication on 19th October 2016.

If you have any views or comments on this revision please send them to: patricia.stone1@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

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