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Nationality at point of National Insurance Number registration of DWP working age benefit claimants in Wales

Claimants at February 2016

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Purpose of the statistics

Context of the statistics

DWP publishes regular quarterly National Statistics on the number of people claiming working age benefits. These statistics are published for a range of claimant characteristics including gender, age, and in some instances ethnicity.

Data on nationality is not routinely published as the source systems used to capture and process benefit claims, typically do not include a nationality marker.

However, DWP does publish separate official statistics on the number of National Insurance Numbers (NINo) registered to non-UK nationals entering the UK. Again, these statistics are published by gender, age - and by nationality.

In the absence of nationality markers on the benefit computer systems, linking these datasets provides an **estimate** of the number of DWP working age benefit claimants within Great Britain, who **at the time they registered for a NINo were non-UK nationals**.

Purpose of the statistics

The department releases annual official statistics (in August) on "[Nationality at point of National Insurance Number registration of DWP working age benefit claimants](#)". This ad hoc provides a breakdown for Wales not currently included in the existing routine publication.

This follows a request from the Welsh Assembly for this information.

Results

Non-UK nationals at NINo registration: DWP working age benefit claimants in Wales, Feb-16

Total	7,670
European Union	2,820
Non-European Union	4,390

Note – there are a small number of claimants where nationality is recorded as unknown.

Limitations of the statistics

These statistics do not provide a measure of non-UK nationals currently claiming benefits based on their current nationality. The statistics do provide an **estimate** of the number of people currently claiming benefit who, when they first registered for a NINo, were non-UK nationals.

Analysis **excludes** Universal Credit, Housing Benefit and HMRC in-work benefits such as Tax Credits and Child Benefit

Source of the statistics

The following sources of administrative data were used to support this publication:

- HMRC National Insurance Pay as you Earn System – this provides a list of National Insurance Number assigned following application (as opposed to automatic allocation), along with accompanying information on the date of arrival, registration, and nationality at the time of registration.
- The work and pensions Longitudinal Study – A 100% quarterly extract of Departmental administrative data, used here to attribute working age benefit claimants.

Estimates have been produced by using an individual's National Insurance Number to match the nationality record for non-UK nationals registering for a NINo, to DWP working age benefit claimants.

Definitions and terminology within the statistics

Benefit claimants are those recorded on the administrative system at the reference date (February 16)

The working age benefits included are as follows:

- Jobseeker's Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance
- Income Support / Pension Credit
- Carer's Allowance
- Disability Living Allowance and Personal Independence Payments
- Widow's Benefit

European Union includes: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Bulgaria, Romania, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, Cyprus, Malta

Status of the statistics

Ad hoc statistics

This ad hoc release provides a supplementary table for an existing release of official statistics:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/nationality-at-point-of-nino-registration-of-dwp-working-age-benefit-recipients-data-to-feb-2016>

Quality Statement

These statistics have been developed using guidelines set out by the UK Statistics Authority. Users are invited to comment on the development and relevance of these statistics.

Feedback

We welcome feedback

DWP would like to hear your views on our statistical publications. If you use any of our statistics publications, we would be interested in hearing what you use them for and how well they meet your requirements. Please email DWP at stats-consultation@dwp.gsi.gov.uk.

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Useful links

Migration statistics:

The full set of excel tables for Nationality at NINo registration of DWP working age benefit recipients (Feb 16):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/nationality-at-point-of-nino-registration-of-dwp-working-age-benefit-recipients-data-to-feb-2016>

...and the accompanying report:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/547630/nino-registrations-adult-overseas-nationals-june-2016.pdf

The original ad hoc (released January 2012) on Nationality at NINo registration of DWP working age benefit recipients including an investigation into the immigration status and citizenship of those claimants who were foreign nationals at the time they first registered for a NINo:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/196677/nat_nino_regs.pdf

Other releases on National Insurance number allocations to adult overseas nationals:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-insurance-number-allocations-to-adult-overseas-nationals-entering-the-uk>

Other related DWP ad hoc statistics:

[Analysis of EEA migrants' access to income-related benefits measures](#)

25 August 2016 Official Statistics

[UK benefit and tax credit claims by recently arrived EEA migrants](#)

10 November 2015 Official Statistics

[National Insurance number registration of DWP benefit claimants](#)

20 January 2012 Official Statistics

The Migration Statistics Quarterly Report (MSQR) is a summary of the latest official long-term international migration statistics published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), the Home Office and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP):

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/internationalmigration/bulletins/migrationstatisticsquarterlyreport/previousReleases>

Benefit statistics:

The quarterly statistical summary brings together the main National Statistics on benefits and benefit sanctions administered by DWP:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dwp-statistical-summaries>