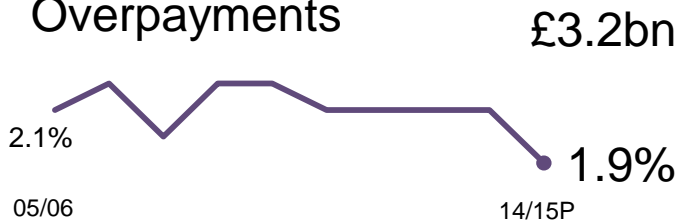
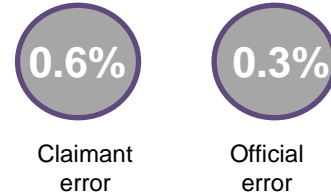


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Overpayments



Underpayments

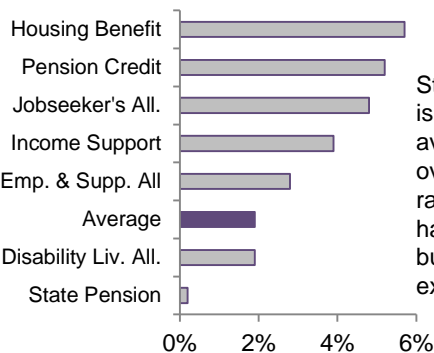
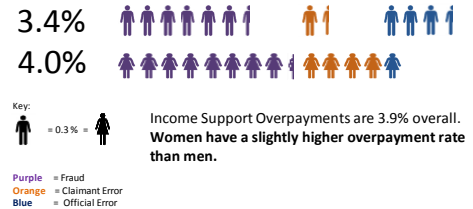


£2.3bn
"Net loss" or 1.4%

£900m of overpayments were recovered this year, going to Local authorities and The Department

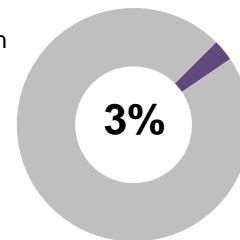
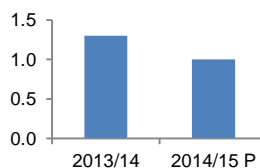


There has been a statistically significant increase in JSA official error overpayments this year, from 1.0% to 1.5% of expenditure



State Pension is keeping the average overpayment rate down: it has a low rate but a very large expenditure

ESA official error underpayments have statistically significantly fallen this year



Only 3 out of 100 people on Jobseeker's Allowance are committing fraud. This is the same proportion as Pension Credit and Housing Benefit

Nearly half of the money overpaid on Housing Benefit was because of misreported earnings.



We changed how we measure Housing Benefit this year

	Old method in 2013/14	Old method in 2014/15	New method in 2014/15
Total overpaid	6.0%	6.1%	5.7%
Fraud	1.8%	2.0%	1.9%
Claimant error	3.7%	3.5%	3.2%
Official error	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%