

JSA Sanction Decisions

Source: DWP's Stat-Xplore.

Definition of type of decision

Adverse (An adverse decision is a decision to apply a sanction i.e. a decision found against the claimant so a sanction to be applied or the JSA claim is closed (disallowance).)

Reserved (A reserved decision is where a sanction would be appropriate but cannot be imposed because the claimant does not have a current claim to JSA. A case would be re-referred if the claimant reclaims JSA within the period of the reserved decision.)

Non-adverse (A non-adverse decision is a decision not to apply a sanction i.e. a decision found in favour of the claimant so a sanction or disallowance is not applied.)

Cancelled (A cancelled referral results in no sanction decision being made. This can occur in specific circumstances for example, the sanction referral has been made in error, the claimant stops claiming before they actually committed the sanctionable failure, or information requested by the decision maker was not made available within a specific time period.)

New sanctions rules came into force in October 2012 for Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants.

		Stockton-on-Tees UA	North East	England	North East Local authorities										
					Darlington UA	Hartlepool UA	Middlesbrough UA	Redcar and Cleveland UA	County Durham UA	Gateshead	Newcastle upon Tyne	North Tyneside	Northumberland UA	South Tyneside	Sunderland
Adverse	Oct 2011 - Sept 2012	2389	32046	629363	1240	1337	2424	1934	5056	2525	4538	2054	2587	1584	4388
	Oct 2012-Sept 2013	3796	51479	734973	2085	2471	4447	2989	9569	3750	6183	3330	4094	3286	5449
	Percentage change	59%	61%	17%	68%	85%	83%	55%	89%	49%	36%	62%	58%	107%	24%
	Oct 2013 - Dec 2013	1440	16216	194368	916	929	1764	1005	2622	975	1485	1177	1292	1229	1373
Reserved	Oct 2011 - Sept 2012	224	8041	77438	164	115	155	190	1650	918	1339	582	833	602	1265
	Oct 2012-Sept 2013	469	6367	86760	265	273	417	362	1187	549	674	423	597	462	691
	Percentage change	109%	-21%	12%	62%	137%	169%	91%	-28%	-40%	-50%	-27%	-28%	-23%	-45%
	Oct 2013 - Dec 2013	120	1606	23983	84	92	171	104	307	102	131	115	123	116	140
Non-adverse	Oct 2011 - Sept 2012	1949	29055	403490	1324	1374	1947	1994	4687	2205	3695	1916	2264	2204	3528
	Oct 2012-Sept 2013	2756	33657	468395	1559	1621	3168	2292	6440	2223	3389	1903	2939	2264	3111
	Percentage change	41%	16%	16%	18%	18%	63%	15%	37%	1%	-8%	-1%	30%	3%	-12%
	Oct 2013 - Dec 2013	602	7748	102975	459	393	908	514	1304	427	784	497	642	589	625
Cancelled	Oct 2011 - Sept 2012	969	16057	230979	731	614	788	823	1889	1742	2552	1240	1132	1239	2324
	Oct 2012-Sept 2013	3039	36381	423712	1781	1761	2998	2307	6167	3615	3981	1994	2725	2853	3164
	Percentage change	214%	127%	83%	144%	187%	280%	180%	226%	108%	56%	61%	141%	130%	36%
	Oct 2013 - Dec 2013	684	7925	96704	560	476	878	475	1230	558	766	509	568	698	528
All decisions	Oct 2011 - Sept 2012	5531	85199	1341270	3459	3440	5314	4941	13282	7390	12124	5792	6816	5629	11505
	Oct 2012-Sept 2013	10060	127884	1713840	5690	6126	11030	7950	23363	10137	14227	7650	10355	8865	12415
	Percentage change	82%	50%	28%	64%	78%	108%	61%	76%	37%	17%	32%	52%	57%	8%
	Oct 2013 - Dec 2013	2824	33115	410932	2010	1878	3672	2064	5383	2043	3127	2273	2593	2604	2635

ESA Sanction Decisions

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New sanctions rules came into force in December 2012 for Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).

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					Darlington UA	Hartlepool UA	Middlesbrough UA	Redcar and Cleveland UA	County Durham UA	Gateshead	Newcastle upon Tyne	North Tyneside	Northumberland UA	South Tyneside	Sunderland
Non-adverse	Dec 2011 - Nov 2012	22	610	7025	20	23	5	27	128	41	127	30	22	28	99
	Dec 2012 - Nov 2013	70	1082	22491	44	47	78	74	374	70	103	56	49	55	84
	Percentage change	218%	77%	220%	120%	104%	1460%	174%	192%	71%	-19%	87%	123%	96%	-15%
Adverse	Dec 2011 - Nov 2012	22	386	9710	0	55	5	12	80	7	71	23	12	0	35
	Dec 2012 - Nov 2013	89	754	19908	40	30	25	39	233	45	93	34	10	11	63
	Percentage change	305%	95%	105%	-	-45%	400%	225%	191%	543%	31%	48%	-17%	-	80%
Cancelled	Dec 2011 - Nov 2012	81	1710	13196	52	63	57	89	325	129	298	138	71	124	265
	Dec 2012 - Nov 2013	277	3204	41053	112	222	203	207	804	184	310	165	168	317	218
	Percentage change	242%	87%	211%	115%	252%	256%	133%	147%	43%	4%	20%	137%	156%	-18%
Total	Dec 2011 - Nov 2012	125	2706	29931	72	141	67	128	533	177	496	191	105	152	399
	Dec 2012 - Nov 2013	436	5040	83452	196	299	306	320	1411	299	506	255	227	383	365
	Percentage change	249%	86%	179%	172%	112%	357%	150%	165%	69%	2%	34%	116%	152%	-9%