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Unemployment Benefits data

Summary

1. This paper sets out the latest position concerning the most recent unemployment benefits datasets and the potential impact on the 2022-23 Local Government Settlement.

Views Sought

2. The DSG are asked to consider the unemployment benefits datasets and outline their preferred option for updating these for the 2022-23 settlement.

Background

3. Benefits data are used as proxies for deprivation in Settlement indicators to distribute funding, through a combination of unemployment benefits data sets (Income Support, JSA, Pension Credit and Universal Credit (UC) not in employment) for all ages or working age; and disability related benefits (PIP, SDA, DLA).
4. Due to the seasonal volatility in this data a 12 quarter average is used within the settlement to smooth the year-on year changes, with 4 quarters of the 12 being updated each settlement year.
5. DSG (2021) paper 6 provided DSG with an early snapshot of the benefits data, showing that the caseload of unemployment related benefits had increased significantly during the Covid-19 pandemic period.
6. Unlike the unemployment benefit dataset, the disability related benefits had not seen as much of an increase in caseload, therefore this paper will only show and exemplify the impact of updating the unemployment benefit indicators to allow DSG to consider the use of the data ahead of the 2022-23 settlement.

Analysis

7. Annex A shows the underlying quarterly data by different benefit combination. Generally this follows recent trends that income support, jobseeker allowance, and pensions credit claimants have decreased over the past few years as changes to the benefit system of the employment based benefits are gradually moving from these legacy benefits onto universal credit.
8. This has resulted in the number of claimants on universal credit increasing quarter on quarter and having increased by over 400% between February 2018 and February 2020. However this has increased further since the start of the pandemic, increasing from nearly 101,000 claimants to just under 169,000 in May 2020 (the first period within the pandemic that is proposed for use), and slightly over 179,300 claimants in February 2021.

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9. Some of the increases in universal credit will be offset by the decrease in the other named benefits data, however such large increases in caseload are likely to have some distributional impact.
10. Table 9 in Annex B shows the average caseload of benefits claimants which was used for the 2021-22 settlement and the updated data which is proposed for use in the 2022-23 settlement.
11. For the all age indicator the average caseload for the 2022-23 settlement data is 19.7% higher than the previous 12 quarters used in the 2021-22 settlement, at a Wales level. This increase ranges from a 15.3% increase in the Blaenau Gwent to a 24.7% increase in Cardiff.
12. A similar pattern is observed for 18 to 64 year olds but as the caseloads are smaller the percentage changes are more extreme, ranging from an increase of 36.1% in Blaenau Gwent to an increase of 76.2% in Powys.
13. For pension credit aged 65 and over the caseload has decreased across all authorities of Wales, ranging from a 4.1% decrease in Ceredigion to a 6.0% decrease in Blaenau Gwent.

Distributional impact of updating the data

14. Given the changes in caseloads, it is assumed that this will bear change to the distribution of funding. Therefore this section considers the impact of updating the data and identifying other options that the DSG may wish to consider.
15. This paper considers three options for DSG to consider and discuss the appropriate approach ahead of the 2022-23 settlement. These are:
 - a. Let the new data flow into the model;
 - b. Change the 12 quarter average to a 16 quarter average;
 - c. Freeze the dataset at the values used in the 2021-22 settlement;
16. Table 10 in Annex C outlines the financial exemplification of updating the data.
17. Through using option 1, updating the 12 quarter average to include the most up to data 4 quarters, the change in aggregated external finance (AEF) ranges from a £150k decrease in Neath Port Talbot to a £135k increase in Cardiff.
18. Option 2 shows a similar pattern, to a slightly lesser extent, with Neath Port Talbot having the largest monetary decrease of £148k to Powys have the largest monetary increase of £101k.
19. Option 3, freezing the data, would show no change to the 2021-22 settlement values.

Recommendation

20. As we are yet to understand the long term impact of the pandemic, and how the job market will develop in the years to come to bring these claimants back into work we would recommend not consider option C - freezing the data.
21. Given this indicator is a proxy for deprivation it is recommended that the data is updated as usual through option 1 to ensure the model reflects more timely data.

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Conclusion

22. DSG members are asked to consider the datasets in question and consider the options provided within this paper.

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Annex A

Table 1: Caseload on Income support all ages by local authority and quarter

	2021-22 Settlement												Pandemic period			Average 2021-22	Average 2022-23
	2022-23 Settlement																
	May-17	Aug-17	Nov-17	Feb-18	May-18	Aug-18	Nov-18	Feb-19	May-19	Aug-19	Nov-19	Feb-20	May-20	Aug-20	Nov-20		
Isle of Anglesey	687	668	665	685	660	679	654	601	545	496	448	413	398	369	34		
Gwynedd	978	938	944	942	914	908	920	841	730	649	587	551	508	477	44		
Conwy	1,147	1,122	1,128	1,115	1,085	1,028	951	873	796	718	674	631	598	572	55		
Denbighshire	1,271	1,250	1,246	1,212	1,142	1,061	998	933	858	788	714	682	640	605	56		
Flintshire	1,306	1,232	1,117	1,038	969	922	842	786	724	665	605	561	539	507	47		
Wrexham	1,656	1,659	1,543	1,441	1,335	1,240	1,158	1,100	981	915	825	781	727	684	62		
Powys	797	788	761	756	756	755	716	644	577	528	470	431	412	385	36		
Ceredigion	454	443	442	445	416	433	432	393	351	302	266	250	232	221	20		
Pembrokeshire	1,301	1,284	1,258	1,280	1,235	1,205	1,104	1,023	928	836	774	719	683	639	60		
Carmarthenshire	1,764	1,754	1,666	1,678	1,656	1,690	1,663	1,544	1,383	1,265	1,143	1,066	996	937	86		
Swansea	2,930	2,854	2,817	2,629	2,400	2,235	2,065	1,921	1,757	1,620	1,508	1,418	1,335	1,266	1,1		
Neath Port Talbot	2,229	2,209	2,104	1,958	1,829	1,743	1,602	1,522	1,403	1,312	1,205	1,151	1,098	1,042	98		
Bridgend	1,945	1,962	1,921	1,912	1,896	1,777	1,616	1,515	1,395	1,289	1,163	1,083	1,011	951	88		
Vale of Glamorgan	1,274	1,279	1,243	1,243	1,214	1,248	1,179	1,071	968	867	790	746	699	650	59		
Cardiff	4,431	4,397	4,299	4,258	3,914	3,628	3,378	3,119	2,849	2,657	2,410	2,264	2,136	2,003	1,8		
Rhondda Cynon Taf	3,751	3,678	3,610	3,570	3,515	3,501	3,383	3,079	2,780	2,541	2,305	2,153	2,020	1,897	1,7		
Merthyr Tydfil	998	993	981	978	962	934	849	780	702	637	579	551	515	477	43		
Caerphilly	2,488	2,467	2,402	2,390	2,382	2,369	2,175	2,000	1,836	1,665	1,507	1,399	1,300	1,216	1,1		
Blaenau Gwent	1,125	1,116	1,113	1,107	1,064	1,040	934	858	791	734	655	610	573	545	50		
Torfaen	1,248	1,175	1,023	955	871	823	759	698	637	586	550	520	496	465	44		
Monmouthshire	566	541	522	530	517	494	441	399	356	325	289	261	241	236	22		
Newport	2,107	2,091	2,022	1,844	1,694	1,592	1,462	1,373	1,264	1,157	1,030	980	923	869	82		
Wales	36,455	35,913	34,842	33,968	32,421	31,303	29,298	27,070	24,616	22,551	20,496	19,231	18,076	17,001	15,86		

Table 2: Caseload on Income support aged 18 to 64 by local authority and quarter

	2021-22 Settlement												Pandemic period			Average 2021-22	Average 2022-23
	2022-23 Settlement																
	May-17	Aug-17	Nov-17	Feb-18	May-18	Aug-18	Nov-18	Feb-19	May-19	Aug-19	Nov-19	Feb-20	May-20	Aug-20	Nov-20		
Isle of Anglesey	679	656	657	674	652	668	647	598	541	488	442	406	389	368	33		
Gwynedd	967	927	932	930	901	901	911	829	726	647	585	552	507	473	44		
Conwy	1,141	1,120	1,121	1,106	1,082	1,024	948	873	793	714	667	631	596	567	54		
Denbighshire	1,253	1,233	1,230	1,201	1,136	1,058	1,000	931	856	781	715	674	630	597	55		
Flintshire	1,303	1,227	1,118	1,038	969	922	842	784	721	663	603	560	530	498	46		
Wrexham	1,647	1,646	1,533	1,440	1,333	1,240	1,158	1,100	981	911	822	771	722	671	61		
Powys	789	777	749	743	743	747	706	633	570	524	469	431	407	383	35		
Ceredigion	444	433	435	443	412	429	431	393	352	299	259	250	233	213	19		
Pembrokeshire	1,294	1,279	1,254	1,259	1,219	1,193	1,095	1,011	919	834	765	715	669	637	59		
Carmarthenshire	1,736	1,720	1,641	1,653	1,632	1,666	1,634	1,529	1,376	1,255	1,136	1,060	986	921	85		
Swansea	2,901	2,826	2,774	2,599	2,388	2,230	2,066	1,914	1,752	1,607	1,497	1,410	1,327	1,255	1,1		
Neath Port Talbot	2,210	2,183	2,079	1,949	1,823	1,738	1,605	1,514	1,390	1,305	1,200	1,144	1,086	1,024	97		
Bridgend	1,922	1,932	1,898	1,887	1,873	1,762	1,603	1,506	1,387	1,282	1,154	1,072	1,001	941	87		
Vale of Glamorgan	1,251	1,260	1,230	1,226	1,202	1,235	1,172	1,070	965	867	783	733	689	641	58		
Cardiff	4,411	4,371	4,269	4,231	3,900	3,620	3,374	3,112	2,848	2,651	2,405	2,256	2,128	1,993	1,8		
Rhondda Cynon Taf	3,718	3,645	3,577	3,533	3,481	3,470	3,350	3,054	2,758	2,531	2,294	2,146	2,005	1,882	1,7		
Merthyr Tydfil	986	984	965	969	952	927	842	776	698	635	579	549	515	471	44		
Caerphilly	2,472	2,451	2,387	2,374	2,367	2,351	2,167	1,997	1,827	1,660	1,501	1,391	1,289	1,202	1,1		
Blaenau Gwent	1,118	1,110	1,107	1,102	1,063	1,034	932	853	792	733	649	605	570	535	50		
Torfaen	1,239	1,160	1,018	957	869	824	759	691	637	585	545	519	492	463	43		
Monmouthshire	554	533	520	523	517	491	442	398	357	324	289	261	242	229	22		
Newport	2,079	2,071	2,003	1,833	1,687	1,592	1,462	1,371	1,261	1,155	1,031	981	915	858	80		
Wales	36,116	35,565	34,495	33,664	32,200	31,121	29,154	26,943	24,496	22,445	20,403	19,111	17,930	16,824	15,67		

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Table 3: Caseload on jobseekers allowance (JSA) all ages by local authority and quarter

	2021-22 Settlement																2022-23 Settlement				Pandemic period	
	May-17	Aug-17	Nov-17	Feb-18	May-18	Aug-18	Nov-18	Feb-19	May-19	Aug-19	Nov-19	Feb-20	May-20	Aug-20	Nov-20	Feb-21	Average 2021-22	Average 2022-23				
Isle of Anglesey	500	500	500	600	500	400	400	500	412	350	326	334	433	425	343	318						
Gwynedd	600	600	500	600	500	500	500	700	491	425	370	361	506	495	486	439						
Conwy	600	500	500	600	700	500	500	500	477	397	369	384	634	611	534	510						
Denbighshire	400	400	400	600	600	500	300	200	285	236	211	216	377	387	305	280						
Flintshire	400	300	200	200	200	100	200	200	291	271	246	267	580	709	581	518						
Wrexham	900	900	500	500	400	300	200	200	240	223	200	186	406	546	465	387						
Powys	200	300	300	400	300	300	300	300	223	214	190	203	470	594	445	331						
Ceredigion	300	200	200	200	100	300	200	300	182	149	129	124	192	182	170	155						
Pembrokeshire	900	800	700	800	900	1,000	800	700	541	450	420	395	542	520	483	449						
Carmarthenshire	1,300	1,000	900	1,300	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,700	1,042	892	783	673	877	913	732	646						
Swansea	1,600	1,300	1,300	1,300	900	700	600	600	740	702	647	676	971	1,047	922	870						
Neath Port Talbot	700	700	600	500	300	300	300	300	344	321	281	276	460	564	474	389						
Bridgend	900	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,200	900	600	500	274	242	227	218	468	572	493	430						
Vale of Glamorgan	700	700	600	800	800	800	600	600	420	365	293	249	526	593	499	448						
Cardiff	3,600	3,300	3,100	3,300	2,900	2,400	1,700	1,500	1,219	1,075	922	880	1,526	1,707	1,446	1,272						
Rhondda Cynon Taf	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,600	1,218	1,066	863	787	1,162	1,212	1,066	865						
Merthyr Tydfil	600	600	500	600	400	500	300	300	275	205	229	208	305	306	246	222						
Caerphilly	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,900	1,600	1,300	1,300	926	814	668	669	1,021	1,082	956	872						
Blaenau Gwent	1,000	900	800	900	700	700	500	500	346	292	251	239	359	373	340	306						
Torfaen	500	400	300	200	200	100	100	100	112	109	107	127	281	327	279	259						
Monmouthshire	300	300	200	300	300	300	200	200	211	196	176	187	344	357	289	303						
Newport	1,600	1,600	1,400	1,100	900	700	500	500	521	499	411	394	724	785	648	592						
Wales	25,147	23,527	21,706	23,985	21,104	18,443	15,213	12,948	10,783	9,492	8,310	8,057	13,150	14,301	12,193	10,865						

Table 4: Caseload on jobseekers allowance (JSA) aged 18 to 64 by local authority and quarter

	2021-22 Settlement																2022-23 Settlement				Pandemic period	
	May-17	Aug-17	Nov-17	Feb-18	May-18	Aug-18	Nov-18	Feb-19	May-19	Aug-19	Nov-19	Feb-20	May-20	Aug-20	Nov-20	Feb-21	Average 2021-22	Average 2022-23				
Isle of Anglesey	500	500	500	600	500	400	400	500	407	339	308	325	424	412	335	307						
Gwynedd	600	600	500	600	500	500	500	700	492	417	364	352	495	488	470	430						
Conwy	600	500	500	600	700	500	500	500	470	384	361	372	620	598	519	498						
Denbighshire	400	400	400	600	600	500	300	200	283	233	211	202	370	374	286	268						
Flintshire	400	300	200	200	200	100	200	200	288	267	246	263	569	694	562	507						
Wrexham	900	900	500	500	400	300	200	200	242	219	195	180	404	539	455	381						
Powys	200	300	300	400	300	300	300	300	217	207	188	196	457	571	420	313						
Ceredigion	300	200	200	200	100	300	200	300	176	139	123	115	183	175	159	146						
Pembrokeshire	900	800	700	800	900	1,000	800	700	537	444	408	385	524	506	471	441						
Carmarthenshire	1,300	1,000	900	1,300	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,700	1,041	876	768	657	856	888	707	627						
Swansea	1,600	1,300	1,300	1,300	900	700	600	600	732	690	633	664	955	1,024	902	846						
Neath Port Talbot	700	700	600	500	300	300	300	300	336	315	275	265	449	555	457	375						
Bridgend	900	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,200	900	600	500	276	239	216	220	463	565	492	425						
Vale of Glamorgan	700	700	600	800	800	800	600	600	414	358	288	248	520	582	483	433						
Cardiff	3,600	3,300	3,100	3,200	2,900	2,400	1,700	1,500	1,208	1,069	907	855	1,495	1,676	1,414	1,234						
Rhondda Cynon Taf	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,201	1,052	851	774	1,139	1,191	1,038	834						
Merthyr Tydfil	600	600	500	600	400	500	300	300	273	206	225	206	297	298	236	216						
Caerphilly	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,900	1,600	1,300	1,300	914	807	651	657	1,004	1,061	934	844						
Blaenau Gwent	1,000	900	800	900	700	700	500	500	340	287	245	229	350	364	327	303						
Torfaen	500	400	300	200	200	100	100	100	112	111	105	126	281	322	270	255						
Monmouthshire	300	300	200	300	300	300	200	200	194	183	161	173	328	342	273	285						
Newport	1,600	1,600	1,400	1,100	900	700	500	500	517	495	407	392	711	770	635	581						
Wales	25,107	23,497	21,664	23,934	21,060	18,412	15,192	12,841	10,662	9,328	8,142	7,855	12,895	13,990	11,863	10,545						

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Table 5: Caseload on pension credit all ages by local authority and quarter

	2021-22 Settlement												2022-23 Settlement			Average 2021-22	Average 2022-23
													Pande				
	May-17	Aug-17	Nov-17	Feb-18	May-18	Aug-18	Nov-18	Feb-19	May-19	Aug-19	Nov-19	Feb-20	May-20	Aug-20			
Isle of Anglesey	2,873	2,816	2,793	2,729	2,675	2,631	2,599	2,554	2,501	2,466	2,432	2,405	2,364	2,344			
Gwynedd	4,726	4,619	4,546	4,475	4,380	4,329	4,250	4,163	4,085	4,038	4,014	3,962	3,921	3,867			
Conwy	4,984	4,891	4,792	4,705	4,600	4,524	4,454	4,375	4,293	4,235	4,183	4,139	4,079	4,038			
Denbighshire	4,233	4,156	4,126	4,031	3,973	3,925	3,862	3,788	3,741	3,710	3,674	3,626	3,566	3,514			
Flintshire	4,723	4,675	4,599	4,525	4,431	4,364	4,273	4,179	4,134	4,079	4,052	3,957	3,903	3,854			
Wrexham	4,598	4,532	4,454	4,373	4,306	4,230	4,144	4,049	3,992	3,949	3,893	3,848	3,758	3,699			
Powys	4,450	4,385	4,328	4,239	4,158	4,066	4,006	3,945	3,890	3,840	3,792	3,735	3,680	3,651			
Ceredigion	2,412	2,388	2,377	2,340	2,309	2,286	2,236	2,193	2,140	2,123	2,104	2,082	2,082	2,057			
Pembrokeshire	4,627	4,568	4,504	4,435	4,358	4,312	4,270	4,195	4,142	4,077	4,040	3,971	3,914	3,887			
Carmarthenshire	6,921	6,817	6,701	6,554	6,512	6,457	6,365	6,235	6,142	6,094	6,025	5,926	5,855	5,824			
Swansea	8,681	8,540	8,416	8,222	8,087	7,969	7,866	7,712	7,650	7,543	7,488	7,377	7,239	7,166			
Neath Port Talbot	5,977	5,887	5,815	5,682	5,535	5,470	5,396	5,269	5,153	5,092	5,034	4,943	4,877	4,819			
Bridgend	4,741	4,683	4,594	4,492	4,412	4,358	4,277	4,196	4,136	4,101	4,053	3,992	3,923	3,866			
Vale of Glamorgan	3,726	3,650	3,586	3,504	3,450	3,401	3,341	3,277	3,250	3,209	3,170	3,150	3,129	3,083			
Cardiff	10,131	9,972	9,799	9,558	9,390	9,253	9,077	8,899	8,766	8,635	8,559	8,456	8,289	8,214			
Rhondda Cynon Taf	9,570	9,405	9,243	9,035	8,832	8,714	8,567	8,356	8,230	8,131	8,018	7,885	7,697	7,585			
Merthyr Tydfil	2,348	2,321	2,302	2,266	2,223	2,190	2,152	2,113	2,094	2,065	2,044	2,003	1,957	1,945			
Caerphilly	6,943	6,841	6,732	6,636	6,524	6,424	6,327	6,206	6,128	6,068	5,985	5,899	5,777	5,743			
Blaenau Gwent	3,172	3,135	3,069	3,004	2,942	2,888	2,836	2,787	2,730	2,705	2,676	2,613	2,560	2,534			
Torfaen	3,381	3,328	3,276	3,193	3,138	3,095	3,039	2,995	2,960	2,901	2,869	2,830	2,780	2,761			
Monmouthshire	2,425	2,372	2,331	2,278	2,222	2,205	2,158	2,115	2,066	2,055	2,041	2,025	1,995	1,984			
Newport	4,998	4,905	4,850	4,745	4,668	4,612	4,571	4,489	4,440	4,391	4,353	4,286	4,215	4,157			
Wales	110,659	108,893	107,232	105,019	103,133	101,706	100,065	98,080	96,656	95,509	94,496	93,112	91,570	90,578			

Table 6: Caseload on pension credit aged 18 to 64 by local authority and quarter

	2021-22 Settlement												2022-23 Settlement			Average 2021-22	Average 2022-23
													Pande				
	May-17	Aug-17	Nov-17	Feb-18	May-18	Aug-18	Nov-18	Feb-19	May-19	Aug-19	Nov-19	Feb-20	May-20	Aug-20			
Isle of Anglesey	106	85	68	44	24	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Gwynedd	144	108	91	60	40	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Conwy	157	130	109	76	44	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Denbighshire	119	92	75	55	33	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Flintshire	140	121	99	60	32	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Wrexham	157	124	97	62	35	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Powys	134	96	84	56	31	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Ceredigion	83	71	50	30	13	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Pembrokeshire	154	121	94	55	30	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Carmarthenshire	236	180	136	94	66	22	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Swansea	272	204	169	108	58	18	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Neath Port Talbot	233	185	141	101	56	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Bridgend	171	135	88	60	34	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Vale of Glamorgan	119	98	72	48	30	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Cardiff	333	273	211	144	88	46	13	7	7	7	5	-	-	-			
Rhondda Cynon Taf	358	293	226	148	75	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Merthyr Tydfil	98	82	58	38	22	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Caerphilly	280	232	175	118	69	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Blaenau Gwent	115	94	65	45	27	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Torfaen	134	118	85	56	33	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Monmouthshire	57	48	41	31	16	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Newport	177	137	106	65	41	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Wales	3,783	3,028	2,343	1,552	898	350	25	13	13	13	10	-	-	-			

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Table 7: Caseload on universal credit not in employment all ages by local authority and quarter

	2021-22 Settlement												Pandem	
	2021-22 Settlement						2022-23 Settlement						Average 2021-22	Average 2022-23
	May-17	Aug-17	Nov-17	Feb-18	May-18	Aug-18	Nov-18	Feb-19	May-19	Aug-19	Nov-19	Feb-20		
Isle of Anglesey	316	307	312	330	270	228	216	490	784	1,052	1,362	1,663	3,167	3,234
Gwynedd	430	413	411	514	386	329	328	820	1,192	1,680	2,108	2,684	5,336	5,340
Conwy	531	479	480	512	485	891	1,435	2,086	2,322	2,667	3,070	3,527	6,236	6,156
Denbighshire	391	397	421	518	587	1,056	1,565	2,050	2,356	2,780	3,084	3,503	5,569	5,609
Flintshire	887	1,292	1,665	2,126	2,522	2,877	3,142	3,559	3,871	4,197	4,446	4,852	7,724	7,798
Wrexham	516	520	720	1,448	1,949	2,547	2,975	3,358	3,815	4,172	4,555	4,895	7,858	7,813
Powys	265	255	282	290	260	239	387	900	1,286	1,597	1,955	2,284	4,814	4,728
Ceredigion	155	140	191	188	145	129	131	373	638	867	1,096	1,374	2,732	2,777
Pembrokeshire	425	419	458	498	397	336	740	1,574	1,941	2,349	2,795	3,396	6,159	6,064
Carmarthenshire	589	640	598	617	613	561	524	1,143	2,101	3,089	3,873	4,461	8,329	8,532
Swansea	1,143	1,153	1,100	1,951	3,561	4,627	5,453	6,418	7,363	8,028	8,458	9,351	14,165	14,304
Neath Port Talbot	815	800	1,135	2,055	2,788	3,259	3,729	4,356	4,826	5,280	5,699	6,181	9,028	9,097
Bridgend	618	596	578	621	543	1,135	2,050	2,847	3,342	3,901	4,317	4,962	8,042	8,064
Vale of Glamorgan	366	403	394	392	352	310	468	1,243	1,694	2,222	2,733	3,142	5,687	5,824
Cardiff	1,289	1,272	1,246	1,243	2,687	4,701	6,209	7,870	9,087	10,531	11,780	13,162	21,464	22,271
Rhondda Cynon Taf	1,048	1,082	991	1,045	944	861	809	2,549	4,105	5,447	6,419	7,552	13,944	13,793
Merthyr Tydfil	332	373	339	344	302	515	913	1,396	1,657	1,997	2,252	2,513	4,074	4,054
Caerphilly	969	987	952	991	896	808	1,522	2,853	3,659	4,521	5,172	5,931	9,997	10,163
Blaenau Gwent	500	474	449	440	381	446	977	1,571	1,918	2,320	2,638	3,039	4,742	4,795
Torfaen	570	716	1,328	1,948	2,441	2,685	2,938	3,300	3,462	3,725	3,983	4,251	6,338	6,401
Monmouthshire	220	220	225	230	221	346	716	929	1,130	1,302	1,446	1,657	3,200	3,242
Newport	832	866	845	1,910	2,841	3,571	4,011	4,604	5,079	5,676	6,054	6,675	10,351	10,713
Wales	13,206	13,810	15,121	20,203	25,573	32,462	41,236	56,298	67,617	79,392	89,298	101,043	168,962	170,776

Table 8: Caseload on universal credit not in employment aged 18 to 64 by local authority and quarter

	2021-22 Settlement												Pandem	
	2021-22 Settlement						2022-23 Settlement						Average 2021-22	Average 2022-23
	May-17	Aug-17	Nov-17	Feb-18	May-18	Aug-18	Nov-18	Feb-19	May-19	Aug-19	Nov-19	Feb-20		
Isle of Anglesey	316	307	312	329	268	228	216	485	779	1,034	1,334	1,630	3,109	3,176
Gwynedd	430	413	411	514	386	329	325	811	1,160	1,649	2,066	2,635	5,230	5,227
Conwy	531	479	480	512	485	878	1,419	2,068	2,291	2,630	3,020	3,462	6,113	6,036
Denbighshire	391	395	421	518	586	1,050	1,553	2,030	2,331	2,751	3,043	3,438	5,453	5,492
Flintshire	887	1,291	1,656	2,111	2,505	2,847	3,113	3,519	3,821	4,133	4,385	4,767	7,587	7,642
Wrexham	516	520	716	1,443	1,937	2,521	2,949	3,326	3,776	4,117	4,487	4,814	7,722	7,658
Powys	265	255	282	290	260	239	387	888	1,263	1,576	1,921	2,249	4,707	4,628
Ceredigion	155	140	191	188	145	129	131	369	632	857	1,079	1,350	2,683	2,712
Pembrokeshire	425	419	458	498	397	336	734	1,560	1,916	2,320	2,750	3,337	6,036	5,944
Carmarthenshire	589	640	598	617	613	558	525	1,134	2,068	3,048	3,799	4,378	8,172	8,356
Swansea	1,143	1,153	1,100	1,935	3,516	4,570	5,389	6,347	7,264	7,923	8,333	9,191	13,928	14,039
Neath Port Talbot	815	800	1,130	2,034	2,769	3,236	3,682	4,301	4,778	5,222	5,631	6,100	8,893	8,951
Bridgend	618	596	578	621	543	1,123	2,028	2,821	3,308	3,851	4,248	4,870	7,891	7,894
Vale of Glamorgan	366	403	394	392	352	310	464	1,232	1,679	2,194	2,697	3,079	5,601	5,726
Cardiff	1,289	1,272	1,246	1,244	2,670	4,671	6,155	7,796	8,981	10,423	11,651	13,004	21,194	21,992
Rhondda Cynon Taf	1,048	1,082	991	1,045	944	863	805	2,525	4,067	5,383	6,338	7,458	13,763	13,616
Merthyr Tydfil	332	373	339	344	302	512	906	1,378	1,641	1,977	2,222	2,477	4,009	3,982
Caerphilly	969	987	952	991	896	808	1,510	2,829	3,614	4,472	5,103	5,840	9,857	10,011
Blaenau Gwent	500	474	449	440	381	444	973	1,552	1,896	2,285	2,599	2,997	4,672	4,719
Torfaen	570	715	1,318	1,931	2,423	2,666	2,914	3,266	3,417	3,685	3,934	4,191	6,234	6,285
Monmouthshire	220	220	225	230	221	345	712	912	1,116	1,284	1,425	1,625	3,133	3,167
Newport	832	866	845	1,890	2,808	3,532	3,978	4,552	5,022	5,603	5,979	6,583	10,212	10,559
Wales	13,208	13,802	15,094	20,110	25,401	32,198	40,863	55,699	66,817	78,412	88,027	99,487	166,196	167,810

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Annex B

Table 9: Combined caseload of benefit indicators by local authority, age group and settlement year

	All ages				18 to 64 years old				Pension Credit aged 65+			
	Average 2021-22	Average 2022-23	Change		Average 2021-22	Average 2022-23	Change		Average 2021-22	Average 2022-23	Change	
			n	%			n	%			n	%
Isle of Anglesey	4,277	4,936	659	15.4%	1,663	2,432	769	46.2%	2,595	2,459	- 136	-5.2%
Gwynedd	6,578	7,779	1,202	18.3%	2,293	3,675	1,382	60.3%	4,262	4,042	- 220	-5.2%
Conwy	7,496	8,942	1,446	19.3%	3,000	4,636	1,636	54.5%	4,469	4,233	- 237	-5.3%
Denbighshire	6,838	8,123	1,285	18.8%	2,941	4,368	1,427	48.5%	3,872	3,686	- 187	-4.8%
Flintshire	8,422	10,161	1,738	20.6%	4,092	6,003	1,911	46.7%	4,294	4,062	- 232	-5.4%
Wrexham	8,435	10,145	1,710	20.3%	4,244	6,137	1,893	44.6%	4,156	3,917	- 238	-5.7%
Powys	5,837	7,027	1,190	20.4%	1,782	3,139	1,357	76.2%	4,035	3,827	- 208	-5.2%
Ceredigion	3,286	3,963	677	20.6%	1,046	1,791	745	71.2%	2,229	2,137	- 92	-4.1%
Pembrokeshire	7,348	8,693	1,345	18.3%	3,069	4,553	1,484	48.4%	4,251	4,064	- 187	-4.4%
Carmarthenshire	10,652	12,609	1,957	18.4%	4,274	6,444	2,170	50.8%	6,334	6,054	- 280	-4.4%
Swansea	15,948	19,175	3,227	20.2%	7,973	11,493	3,519	44.1%	7,892	7,513	- 379	-4.8%
Neath Port Talbot	10,947	12,787	1,840	16.8%	5,522	7,608	2,086	37.8%	5,377	5,078	- 299	-5.6%
Bridgend	8,757	10,508	1,751	20.0%	4,420	6,345	1,925	43.5%	4,294	4,066	- 228	-5.3%
Vale of Glamorgan	6,207	7,593	1,386	22.3%	2,820	4,325	1,505	53.4%	3,361	3,204	- 157	-4.7%
Rhondda Cynon Taf	16,070	18,913	2,843	17.7%	7,434	10,725	3,292	44.3%	8,572	8,057	- 515	-6.0%
Merthyr Tydfil	4,476	5,310	833	18.6%	2,307	3,223	916	39.7%	2,152	2,044	- 107	-5.0%
Caerphilly	12,253	14,305	2,052	16.8%	5,896	8,190	2,294	38.9%	6,318	6,014	- 304	-4.8%
Blaenau Gwent	5,665	6,534	868	15.3%	2,795	3,805	1,010	36.1%	2,850	2,678	- 172	-6.0%
Torfaen	6,713	8,036	1,323	19.7%	3,636	5,076	1,440	39.6%	3,048	2,893	- 156	-5.1%
Monmouthshire	3,587	4,389	801	22.3%	1,397	2,279	882	63.2%	2,172	2,063	- 110	-5.0%
Newport	10,584	12,923	2,338	22.1%	5,973	8,468	2,495	41.8%	4,562	4,354	- 209	-4.6%
Cardiff	20,756	25,880	5,124	24.7%	11,560	17,081	5,521	47.8%	9,113	8,618	- 495	-5.4%
Wales	170,376	202,847	32,471	19.1%	78,576	114,714	36,138	46.0%	91,094	86,445	- 4,650	-5.1%

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Annex C

Table 10: Exemplification of the unemployment benefits datasets

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	2021-22 Settlement (A)	Option 1: updated data¹ (B)	Option 2: updated data and change formula² (C)	(B) - (A)	(C) - (A)	(B)/(A)-1	(C)/(A) -1
Isle of Anglesey	104,825	104,800	104,830	-25	4	0.0%	0.0%
Gwynedd	194,793	194,841	194,863	48	70	0.0%	0.0%
Conwy	166,906	166,942	166,939	36	33	0.0%	0.0%
Denbighshire	158,632	158,649	158,629	18	-3	0.0%	0.0%
Flintshire	206,778	206,780	206,761	2	-17	0.0%	0.0%
Wrexham	188,856	188,824	188,812	-32	-44	0.0%	0.0%
Powys	191,897	192,001	191,998	104	101	0.1%	0.1%
Ceredigion	109,658	109,734	109,722	76	64	0.1%	0.1%
Pembrokeshire	179,387	179,419	179,415	32	28	0.0%	0.0%
Carmarthenshire	284,820	284,886	284,870	66	50	0.0%	0.0%
Swansea	352,642	352,649	352,570	7	-71	0.0%	0.0%
Neath Port Talbot	236,680	236,530	236,532	-150	-148	-0.1%	-0.1%
Bridgend	212,192	212,165	212,172	-26	-19	0.0%	0.0%
Vale of Glamorgan	168,316	168,391	168,390	74	73	0.0%	0.0%
Rhondda Cynon Taf	404,375	404,232	404,341	-143	-34	0.0%	0.0%
Merthyr Tydfil	101,476	101,446	101,452	-31	-24	0.0%	0.0%
Caerphilly	292,367	292,263	292,311	-104	-56	0.0%	0.0%
Blaenau Gwent	120,361	120,251	120,303	-110	-58	-0.1%	0.0%
Torfaen	146,340	146,296	146,276	-44	-64	0.0%	0.0%
Monmouthshire	101,483	101,541	101,536	58	53	0.1%	0.1%
Newport	240,796	240,805	240,766	8	-31	0.0%	0.0%
Cardiff	487,913	488,048	488,006	135	94	0.0%	0.0%
Wales	4,651,494	4,651,494	4,651,494	0			