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Dear Rob Heale,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 8 July. You wrote:

“Please can you answer the following question under the Freedom Of Information Act:-
How many people in the Brighton and Hove area (Unitary Council boundaries) are
claiming Universal Credit?”

DWP Response

We can confirm that the Department holds this information. However, the information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act because the information is reasonably accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain.

The Department publishes monthly [official experimental statistics](#) on the number of people on Universal Credit on [Stat-Xplore](#). The statistics are available by local authority and the latest statistics are available to June 2021.

To access the data, log-in to Stat-Xplore as a guest, select the People on Universal Credit dataset from the list on the left hand side of the screen and click on the blue New Table button. From the Geography (residence based) list on the left hand side of the screen select ‘National – Regional – LA – Ward’ > ‘Great Britain’ > ‘England’ > ‘South East’ > ‘Brighton and Hove’ and click on Add to Row. Next click the ‘Retrieve Data’ button and this will compile the table showing how many people were on Universal Credit in the Brighton and Hove local authority area for the latest date available, currently June 2021.

If needed, you can access [guidance](#) on how to extract the information required from Stat-Xplore. If you have any difficulties extracting the relevant information, please let us know.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team
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Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gov.uk or by writing to: DWP Central FoI Team, Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NA.

Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

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