

Welfare at a (Social) Distance:

A resource for understanding the
benefits system during Covid-19

Lightning talk for data dive
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A rapid response project, with data that you can access today

YouGov survey of >7,000 benefit claimants

- New & existing claimants, collected May/June 2020

Includes:

- Details of claim (e.g. advances, deductions)
- Problems encountered with process
- Attitudes to benefits
- Employment situation
- Financial situation (strain, how getting by)
- Background (e.g. age, gender, disability, **ethnicity**W/SD)

Verdict on the benefits system coming soon, but already...

Rapid reports:

- #1: Connected to the labour market?
- #2: Who are the new benefit claimants?
- #3: At the edge of the safety net

Also blogs (conditionality, Kickstart...)

But much left to explore!

This is just the start of multiple data deposits – coming soon:

Non-claimant survey, to look at reasons for not claiming & comparison to claimants

Future waves in Jan & Jun 2021, following-up claimants to examine change

General population surveys, to compare attitudes/financial strain to claimants

Qualitative data: 75 longitudinal interviews

**To find out more, check out
the following /// speak to Rob
de Vries**

[Existing publications](#)

[UKDA entry](#)

[User guide](#)

[Questionnaire](#)



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