

# RAPID: Population interactions with employment, benefits and pensions – UK

## Research Priorities

### About the dataset

RAPID: Population interactions with employment, benefits and pensions – UK is a population-based dataset created from administrative records held by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC). The dataset includes de-identified records for all people with a National Insurance number, including children, who were alive on or after 6 April 2010. The data covers the United Kingdom and is based on 100% extracts from DWP and HMRC administrative systems.

### Research priorities

ADR UK encourages the use of flagship datasets for policy-relevant research, to increase the chance of these research insights informing better decisions in policy and practice.

RAPID is relevant to the following stated goals from DWP:

1. Enable people to get into work and to get on at work, ensuring **employment opportunity for all**.
2. Tackle child poverty and hardship, ensuring **financial security for all**.
3. Shape the pensions system to serve the interests of savers and pensioners, ensuring **decent, secure retirement incomes for all**.
4. Pursue a just, equal and inclusive society, ensuring **independence and control for all disabled people**.

Detailed research questions relating to DWP goals are set out in [DWP's areas of research interest](#), which are currently under revision.

DWP has also recently taken over responsibility for skills policy, which is not yet reflected in these goals. Questions relating to skills are set out in the [Department for Education's areas of research interest](#).

Additionally, research questions from all published areas of research interest (ARI) documents are brought together in the [ARI Database](#).