



Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 7

Children living in low-income households

4 Publication of data on children living in low-income households

- (1) Before the end of the financial year beginning with 1 April 2016 and each subsequent financial year the Secretary of State must publish data on the percentage of children in the United Kingdom—
 - (a) who live in households whose equivalised net income for the relevant financial year is less than 60% of median equivalised net household income for that financial year;
 - (b) who live in households whose equivalised net income for the relevant financial year is less than 70% of median equivalised net household income for that financial year, and who experience material deprivation;
 - (c) who live in households whose equivalised net income for the relevant financial year is less than 60% of median equivalised net household income for the financial year beginning 1 April 2010, adjusted to take account of changes in the value of money since that financial year;
 - (d) who live in households whose equivalised net income has been less than 60% of median equivalised net household income in at least 3 of the last 4 survey periods.
- (2) The published data must be accompanied by information on how the Secretary of State has approached the following for the purpose of the data—
 - (a) the meaning of “child”;
 - (b) the meaning of “household”;
 - (c) when a child is or is not living in a household;
 - (d) what is the income of a household for a financial year;
 - (e) what deductions are made in calculating the net income of a household;
 - (f) how net household income is equivalised;
 - (g) when a child experiences material deprivation;
 - (h) how household income is adjusted to take account of changes in the value of money since the financial year beginning 1 April 2010;

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- (i) the meaning of “survey period”.
- (3) The published data may be accompanied by information as to how and when the references in subsections (1) and (2) to the financial year beginning 1 April 2010 are to be read as references to a later financial year.
- (4) In this section—
 - “equivalised”, in relation to household income, means adjusted to take account of variations in household size and composition;
 - “financial year” means the 12 months ending with 31 March;
 - “relevant financial year”, in relation to a financial year in which data is to be published, means the most recent financial year for which the data is available.

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