

Voluntary and natural migrations

Sponsor: Angus Gray

Author: [REDACTED]

Board: Universal Credit Programme Board

Date: 15.11.22

This paper is for information

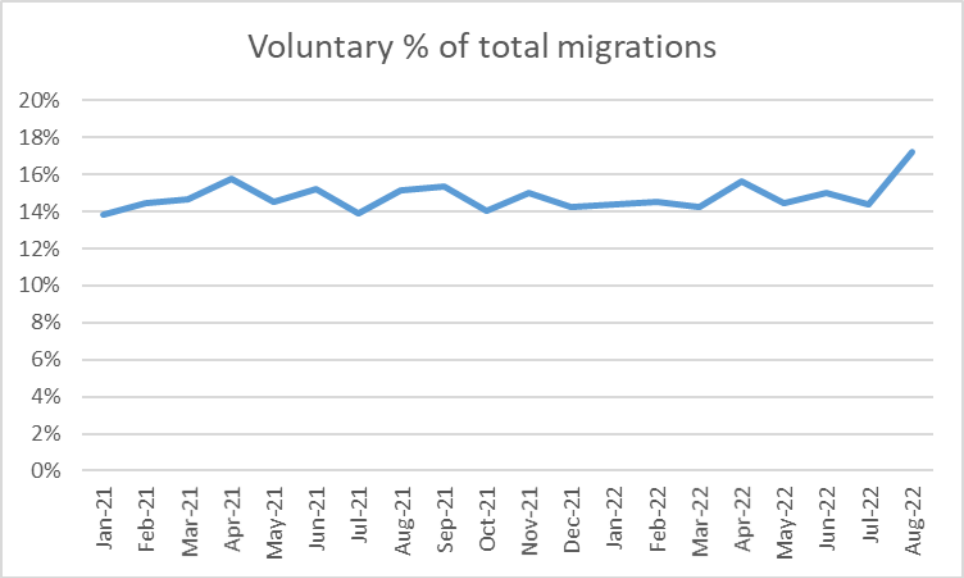
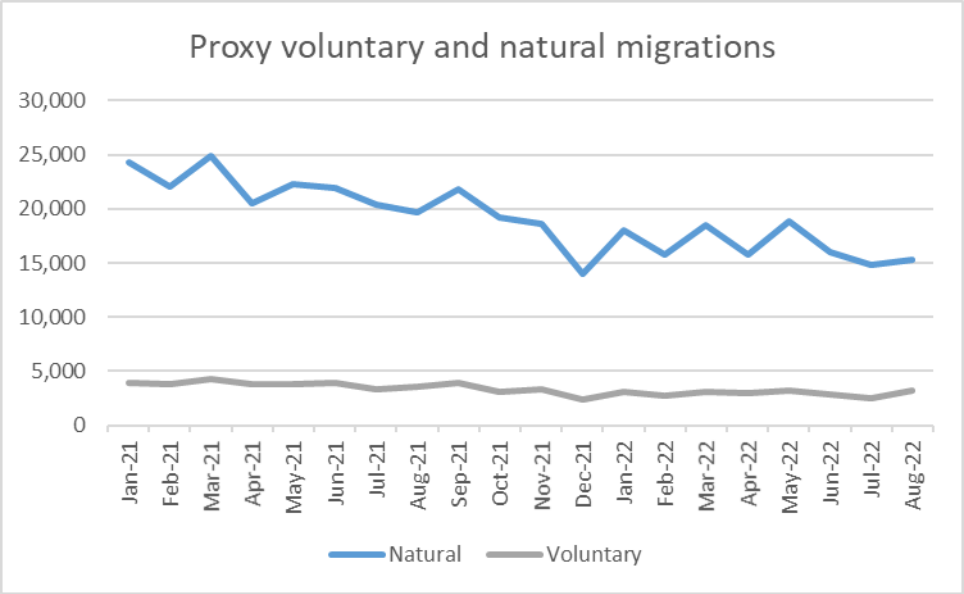
UCPB151122 – BTL03

OFFICIAL SENSITIVE

Estimates of voluntary moves to UC

- The tables below set out estimates of natural and voluntary migrations.
- Estimated voluntary migrations have been relatively stable as a % of total migrations, maybe increasing very slightly from April-22 and more from August-22 although we should not read too much into one months data.
- However a precise measurement of the number of claimants moving to UC as a direct result of exposure to the communications campaign (e.g. attributable) cannot be made, we have no absolute method of measuring claimant motivation to claim.
- Note total migrations here do not include managed migrations.

Migration volume monthly estimates	Total migrations	Natural (proxy)	Voluntary total (proxy)	Voluntary % of total
Oct-21	22,300	19,100	3,100	14%
Nov-21	22,000	18,700	3,300	15%
Dec-21	16,300	13,900	2,300	14%
Jan-22	21,100	18,100	3,000	14%
Feb-22	18,400	15,800	2,700	15%
Mar-22	21,600	18,500	3,100	14%
Apr-22	18,700	15,800	2,900	16%
May-22	22,000	18,800	3,200	14%
Jun-22	18,900	16,000	2,800	15%
Jul-22	17,300	14,800	2,500	14%
Aug-22	18,500	15,300	3,200	17%



There is no reliable indicator on the UC data to split voluntary and natural migrations. These figures present a proxy measure to estimate who are the voluntary and who are the natural migrants, but it is very likely that we are classifying some voluntary migrations as natural and vice versa.

Summary

- This paper has been brought to this meeting:
For information only