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## Information request

I am researching persons in the UK with long term mental health issues and their chances of gaining employment. Do you have any information/statistics showing those with mental health issues in work, seeking work or moved onto disability allowance from the employment register?

## DWP response

In response to your question, the information is available below.

As of Q3 2013, there were 1.51m people in the UK whose main health problem was a mental health issue. 586,000 were in employment and 168,000 were unemployed and seeking work.

We do not hold information on the number of people joining Disability Living Allowance (DLA) with mental health conditions from employment. DLA is awarded based on someone's Care and Mobility needs arising from their disability, and is awarded both to people who are in and out of work, therefore a person would not necessarily exit employment prior to being awarded DLA.

**Source:** Labour Force Survey (LFS) Q3 2013

### Notes:

1. LFS figures are rounded to the nearest thousand.
2. Mental health issues includes those who suffer from mental illness, phobia, panics or other nervous disorders, and includes those with depression, bad nerves or anxiety. Figures also include those who are not disabled within the Equality Act definition.