

Freedom of Information request 2012-3740

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Information request

1. Please can the DWP provide information (statistics, research/evaluation reports etc) on the number of people in Wales who found employment following the result of a 'work capability assessment' (run by ATOS) declaring the person 'fit for work'.

2. Please can the DWP provide statistics (absolute numbers and percentage of claimants please so comparisons are like for like) for the last 5 years on the amount of people in Wales who have lost all or part of their JSA payments as a result of having sanctions imposed on them for non-compliance with the JSA conditions, alongside reasons for sanctions (eg: non – attendance, failure to demonstrate job search acidity, etc) if available.

DWP response

In response to question 1 the information you have requested is not available.

You may be interested to know that the Department has published the following reports

Destinations of Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support and Employment and Support Allowance Leavers 2011 which can be found at:

<http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2011-2012/rrep791.pdf>

Employment and Support Allowance: Findings from a follow-up survey with customers which can be found at:

<http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2011-2012/rrep745.pdf>

However both of these reports cover Great Britain as a whole and are not specific to Wales.

In response to question 2, please see the table below:

The number of individuals who had a Jobseekers Allowance sanction applied in Wales over the last five financial years and what percentage this figure represents of the total number of individuals claiming JSA

Financial Year	Number of individuals with a JSA sanction applied	Percentage of the total number of individuals claiming JSA
2007/2008	14,720	12%
2008/2009	16,110	10%
2009/2010	24,480	13%
2010/2011	27,510	15%
2011/2012	25,640	14%

Source:

DWP Information, Governance and Security Directorate

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten.
2. The number of sanctions applied is the number of referrals where there has been an adverse decision.
3. Individuals claiming JSA are those who have had a live claim at any point throughout the period: 1st April to 31st March.
4. **Please note that the proportions are derived from unpublished information which have not been quality assured to Official Statistics publication standard. They should therefore be treated with caution.**

The information that you have requested on the reasons for sanction is not readily available. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £600. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600.

This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the data. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this further.