

Freedom of Information request 2015-3325

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Information request

Could you please let me have time series data for the method of payment (such as to a bank/building society, POCA etc) for JSA and Attendance Allowance.

By way of example, I based my query on the following previous request which I found on What Do They Know (<https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/268091/response/663501/attach/3/FOI%202015%202004%20Response.pdf>). I would like the same columns in the table, but with the rows being the months in a time series rather than the regions in that request.”

DWP response

In response to your query, the information requested is shown in the table below.

Please note that the figures supplied are derived from unpublished information and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard. They should therefore be treated with caution.

Number of Jobseeker's Allowance and Attendance Allowance accounts, by method of payment in Great Britain - Time series May 2010 to May 2014.

	All methods	Method of Payment			
		Bank/ Building Society accounts	Post Office Card Accounts (POCA)	Cheque	Simple Payment Accounts
Jobseeker's Allowance					
May 2010	1,362,025	1,128,080	163,920	70,025	.
May 2011	1,346,965	1,143,840	161,030	42,100	.
May 2012	1,422,650	1,223,120	158,090	41,445	.
April 2013	1,375,990	1,207,855	150,185	5,235	12,715
May 2014	1,001,855	891,130	101,170	495	9,060

Attendance Allowance					
May 2010	367,925	291,455	67,580	8,885	.
May 2011	530,265	415,605	105,610	9,045	.
May 2012	663,180	524,715	132,375	6,090	.
April 2013	741,555	594,310	145,255	1,255	740
May 2014	812,605	658,650	152,950	275	730

Source: DWP 100% data.

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest five. "." denotes not applicable. Totals may not sum due to rounding.
2. Figures only relate to accounts live and in payment on the specified dates.
3. Figures are as at each May (with May 2014 being the latest data available) except for 2013 which is for April because May is not available.
4. Figures refer to payment accounts. Claimants with more than one account will be counted for each account.
5. Simple Payments were introduced from October 2012.