

Freedom of Information request 2013-5960

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Information request

Please could you provide me with the number of incapacity benefit/severe disability allowance (IB/SDA) or equivalent benefit claimants who were recorded as claiming benefit because of (a) Alcoholism, (b) reaction to severe stress, (c) obesity and (d) drug addiction for each year since May 2010?

Using the most up-to-date data you have please provide me with the five local authority areas that have the (i) largest number and (ii) biggest percentage of claimants in each of the categories above – stating the area, the number and the percentage of claimants for each of the four categories.

DWP response

In response to your request please see the following tables. Please ensure you read the notes for the tables.

Number of IB/SDA claimants with a primary medical condition of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, Reaction to Severe Stress and Obesity in Great Britain, May 2010 to May 2013

Number of ESA claimants with a primary medical condition of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, Reaction to Severe Stress and Obesity in Great Britain, May 2010 to May 2013

The five Local Authorities with the highest number and the highest percentage of IB/SDA claimants with a primary medical condition of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, Reaction to Severe Stress and Obesity: May 2013

The five Local Authorities with the highest number and the highest percentage of ESA claimants with a primary medical condition of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, Reaction to Severe Stress and Obesity: May 2013

Number of IB/SDA claimants with a primary medical condition of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, Reaction to Severe Stress and Obesity in Great Britain, May 2010 to May 2013

	IB/SDA caseload	Main Disabling Condition				
		Obesity	Alcoholism	Drug abuse	Reaction to Severe stress	Other Diagnosis
May-10	2,126,690	1,870	43,510	38,580	36,860	2,005,870
May-11	1,946,200	1,740	38,910	34,080	32,940	1,838,520
May-12	1,429,680	1,250	26,000	21,820	21,760	1,358,850
May-13	742,320	600	10,930	8,310	9,300	713,200

Number of ESA claimants with a primary medical condition of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, Reaction to Severe Stress and Obesity in Great Britain, May 2010 to May 2013

	ESA caseload	Main Disabling Condition				
		Obesity	Alcoholism	Drug abuse	Reaction to Severe stress	Other Diagnosis
May-10	527,120	210	13,430	9,590	14,640	489,250
May-11	662,230	280	16,990	10,140	16,270	618,570
May-12	1,134,290	680	29,060	18,120	25,600	1,060,840
May-13	1,747,610	1,230	42,600	26,650	36,150	1,640,980

The five Local Authorities with the highest number and the highest percentage of IB/SDA claimants with a primary medical condition of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, Reaction to Severe Stress and Obesity: May 2013

Alcoholism			Alcoholism		
Local Authority	IB/SDA caseload	Condition: No.	Local Authority	IB/SDA caseload	Condition: No.
Glasgow City	12,770	400	Inverclyde	1,790	80
Manchester	8,250	290	City of Edinburgh	6,050	250
City of Edinburgh	6,050	250	Aberdeen City	2,510	100
Birmingham	14,720	200	Camden	3,810	140
City of Bristol	6,580	190	Manchester	8,250	290
Drug Abuse			Drug Abuse		
Local Authority	IB/SDA caseload	Condition: No.	Local Authority	IB/SDA caseload	Condition: No.
City of Bristol	6,580	340	Bournemouth	2,330	150
City of Edinburgh	6,050	270	Aberdeen City	2,510	140
Glasgow City	12,770	200	City of Bristol	6,580	340
Bournemouth	2,330	150	City of Edinburgh	6,050	270
Aberdeen City	2,510	140	North Somerset	2,120	70

Local Authority	IB/SDA caseload Total	Condition: Reaction to Severe Stress No.	Local Authority	IB/SDA caseload Total	Condition: Reaction to Severe Stress	
					No.	%
Birmingham	14,720	170	York	1,310	40	3
City of Bristol	6,580	150	East Dorset	570	20	3
Liverpool	9,840	140	South Bucks	360	10	3
Glasgow City	12,770	130	Rugby	770	20	3
Leeds	7,830	120	Exeter	1,320	30	2
Local Authority	IB/SDA caseload Total	Condition: Obesity No.	Local Authority	IB/SDA caseload Total	Condition: Obesity	
					No.	%
Abroad/Unknown	39,340	30	Gosport	1,130	-	-
Newham	4,270	10	Lincoln	1,440	10	-
Birmingham	14,720	10	Burnley	4,270	10	-
Leicester	5,010	10	Newham	640	-	-
Hackney	4,270	10	Babergh	-	-	-

The five Local Authorities with the highest number and the highest percentage of ESA claimants with a primary medical condition of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, Reaction to Severe Stress and Obesity: May 2013

Local Authority	ESA caseload Total	Condition: Alcoholism No.	Local Authority	ESA caseload Total	Condition: Alcoholism	
					No.	%
Glasgow City	38,130	1,860	City of London	80	10	9
Manchester	23,940	950	City of Edinburgh	14,140	730	5
Birmingham	37,240	890	Bournemouth	6,440	330	5
Leeds	22,410	760	Aberdeen City	6,470	320	5
City of Edinburgh	14,140	730	Glasgow City	38,130	1,860	5
Local Authority	ESA caseload Total	Condition: Drug Abuse No.	Local Authority	ESA caseload Total	Condition: Drug Abuse	
					No.	%
City of Edinburgh	14,140	840	Bournemouth	6,440	470	7
Glasgow City	38,130	840	Aberdeen City	6,470	410	6
City of Bristol	14,050	810	City of Edinburgh	14,140	840	6
Birmingham	37,240	560	City of Bristol	14,050	810	6
Bournemouth	6,440	470	North Somerset	5,520	250	5
Local Authority	ESA caseload Total	Condition: Reaction to Severe Stress No.	Local Authority	ESA caseload Total	Condition: Reaction to Severe Stress	
					No.	%
Glasgow City	38,130	910	South Hams	1,560	60	4
Birmingham	37,240	670	Halton	5,300	190	4

Liverpool	26,230	640	Stirling	2,730	80	3
Leeds	22,410	580	Mendip	2,440	80	3
Manchester	23,940	460	Tamworth	1,990	60	3
Local Authority	ESA caseload Total	Condition: Obesity No.	Local Authority	ESA caseload Total	Condition: Obesity No.	%
Abroad/Unknown	87,420	50	Windsor and Maidenhead	1,810	10	-
Birmingham	37,240	30	Chichester	1,830	10	-
Liverpool	26,230	20	Tonbridge and Malling	2,010	10	-
Manchester	23,940	20	Sevenoaks	1,650	-	-
Glasgow City	38,130	20	Hart	850	-	-

Source: DWP Information Directorate 100% WPLS

Notes:

1. Caseload figures are rounded to the nearest 10. Totals may not sum due to rounding." - " denotes nil or negligible.
2. Percentages are calculated against the total caseload and are rounded to the nearest whole number.
3. Causes of incapacity are based on the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, published by the World Health Organisation.
4. The medical condition recorded on the claim form does not itself confer entitlement to Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Benefit (IB/SDA) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA). So, for example, a decision on entitlement for a customer claiming on the basis of drug abuse would be based on their ability to carry out the range of activities related to physical and mental function, assessed by the Personal/Work Capability Assessment.
5. Medical condition is based on evidence provided at the start of the claim and this in itself does not confer entitlement to IB/SDA or ESA and may not represent a claimant's most recent medical condition. Please also note that where someone has more than one diagnosis or disabling condition only the predominant one is used.

ESA replaced IB/SDA for new claims from 27th October 2008.