

# Freedom of Information request 2013-2055

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## Information request

As per my recent request, I'm hoping to explore the 'history' of current JSA Claimants in the Liverpool City Region compared to the national average. In order to assist me with this work, would it be possible to request the following data:

- The number of JSA on-flow between Jan - March 2013 for England, Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens, Wirral
- The number of Jan - March 2013 JSA on-flow claimants that have been in receipt of JSA previously at any point (England total and specified LA totals)
- The number of Jan - March 2013 JSA on-flow claimants that have been in receipt of JSA previously within 12 months of current claim (England total and specified LA totals)
- The number of Jan - March 2013 JSA on-flow claimants that have been in receipt of JSA previously within 6 months of current claim (England total and specified LA totals)
- The number of Jan - March 2013 JSA on-flow claimants that have been in receipt of JSA previously within 3 months of current claim (England total and specified LA totals)
- The number of Jan - March 2013 JSA on-flow claimants that have been in receipt of JSA previously within 1 month of current claim (England total and specified LA totals)
- The average length of JSA claim (in weeks) for the 2012-13 period for England, Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens, Wirral

In addition to this, any advice you can offer around the process would be much appreciated (e.g timescales, any restrictions on the republication of the data)"

**Under advice you said** that data from the 12 months prior to Dec 2012 (as opposed to March 2013) will be fine for our purposes

## DWP response

In response to your questions the information requested is shown in the tables 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**Please note that the figures supplied are derived from unpublished information and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard.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.**

There will be differences between the number of on-flows provided in the table below and those produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) from the claimant count. This is for the following reasons;

- The claimant count includes claims which are processed clerically, whereas the DWP Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) statistics only include computer processed claims.
- Claimant count statistics allow approximately 3 weeks for late processed claims to be input onto the DWP computer systems, whereas DWP JSA statistics allow at least 9 weeks.

**Number<sup>1</sup> of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) on-flows in England by Local Authority<sup>2</sup> and length of time since previous claim<sup>3</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012**

Local Authority <sup>2</sup>	Total	Length of time since previous claim <sup>3</sup>					
		Up to 1 month	1 month up to 3 months	3 months up to 6 months	6 months up to 12 months	1 year or over	No previous claim
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,739,140</b>	<b>439,430</b>	<b>421,900</b>	<b>272,510</b>	<b>254,970</b>	<b>595,150</b>	<b>755,180</b>
Knowsley	<b>12,000</b>	2,360	1,850	1,280	1,190	2,640	2,690
Liverpool	<b>37,600</b>	7,300	6,020	4,070	3,580	7,970	8,660
St. Helens	<b>11,070</b>	1,800	1,740	1,140	1,090	2,580	2,720
Sefton	<b>16,290</b>	2,780	2,450	1,720	1,530	3,510	4,310
Wirral	<b>19,860</b>	3,560	3,240	2,180	1,910	4,320	4,670
Halton	<b>8,620</b>	1,470	1,360	910	860	1,910	2,120
Other	<b>2,633,700</b>	420,170	405,250	261,220	244,820	572,220	730,020

**Source:** DWP Information, Governance and Security, Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten.
2. **Local Authority:** Local Authorities reflect the structural changes that took effect in England on April 1st 2009
3. **Length of time since previous claim:** The length of time since the previous claim is taken as the on-flow claim start date minus the claim end date from the last off-flow. If more than one off-flow is present then only the closest is given to avoid double counting.

**Average length of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claim<sup>1</sup> in England by Local Authority<sup>2</sup>: 2012**

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Average length of claim (in days)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>
Knowsley	111
Liverpool	116
St. Helens	105
Sefton	109
Wirral	88
Halton	102
Other	96

**Source:** DWP Information, Governance and Security, Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

1. **Average length of claim:** Average length of claim is the median duration shown in days and includes all JSA claims that were live at some point during 2012. Where a claim is still live at the end of 2012 the duration is taken as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012.
2. **Local Authority:** Local Authorities reflect the structural changes that took effect in England on April 1st 2009