

# Freedom of Information request 2015-104

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## Information request

Under the freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the amount of people in Lincoln, LN postcode area, under the age of 21 that are currently claiming Jobseekers allowance. I would also like to request the number of people under 21 that are claiming Jobseekers allowance nationwide. Should the current numbers be unavailable, the most up to date statistics available will suffice.

## DWP response

In response to your query, the table below shows the number of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants aged 20 years and under living in the Lincoln 'LN' postcode area and in Great Britain as at May 2014, which is the latest data available.

### The number of Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants aged 20 years and under in Lincoln postcode area and Great Britain: May 2014

Geography	Number of JSA claimants aged 20 years and under
Lincoln Postcodes (LN)	500
Great Britain	95,100

#### Source:

DWP Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study (WPLS) 100% JSA computerised claims data,  
DWP National Benefits Database

#### Notes

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10.
2. Figures are at May 2014 which is the latest data available at the time of request.

You may find it useful to know that the claimant count measures the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA). This is sourced from

administrative records of people being paid the benefit and is published by Office for National Statistics (ONS) on the NOMIS website here:

<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>

Claimant count data is available up to December 2014 on NOMIS but the only age breakdowns readily available are for “19 years and under” or “24 years and under”. The responsibility for these statistics lies with ONS. Information on how to submit a freedom of information request to ONS can be found via the link below.

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/what-we-do/FOI/how-to-make-a-foi-request/index.html>