

Freedom of Information request 2392/2012

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Information request

How many people in Greater Manchester are claiming JSA as of the receipt of this request? I would like this information for the following age groups: 16-18, 19-21 and 22-25.

Can you please tell me from the 6th of April 2012 to the receipt of this email how many people are currently claiming housing benefits in the following age groups 16-18, 19-21, 22-25.

In the same age groups can you also let me know how many are currently in part time work, full time work and education.

DWP response

Section 21 of the Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

The Department publishes a wide range of statistics on benefit claimants on its website via the Tabulation Tool at <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool> and on the Nomis website <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/Default.asp>, which is the Office for National Statistics' official website of labour market statistics, both of which allow you to construct your own tables.

In answer to part one and two of your request, the following tables show the latest data available for the number of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants and Housing Benefit (HB) recipients in Great Britain and Greater Manchester¹ aged 16-18, 19-21 and 22-25.

Number of JSA Claimants by Age: November 2011

Age	Great Britain	Greater Manchester

¹ Greater Manchester includes the following Local Authority areas: Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford, Wigan.

Total caseload	1,478,430	80,330
16-18	62,580	3,180
19-21	215,220	12,400
22-25	210,940	12,570

Source:

DWP Information, Governance and Security Directorate. Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten.

Number of HB recipients by Age: March 2012

	Great Britain	Greater Manchester
Age	All	All
All HB recipients	5,014,650	261,890
16-18	27,570	1,130
19-21	136,890	7,390
22-25	220,550	12,280

Source: Single Housing Benefit Extract (SHBE)

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten.
2. Age groups are based on the age on the count date (second Thursday in the month), of either:

(a) the recipient if they are single, or

(b) the elder of the recipient or partner if claiming as a couple

3. SHBE is a monthly electronic scan of claimant level data direct from local authority computer systems. It replaces quarterly aggregate clerical returns. The data is available monthly from November 2008 and March 2012 is the most recent available.

5. Housing Benefit National Statistics are published at:

<http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=hbctb>

In response to your final question, the Office for National Statistics publish summary statistics via Nomis that provide a labour market profile of an area. Go to www.nomisweb.co.uk and select **Summary Statistics** and make your geography selection. The summary statistics include data on population, employment, unemployment, qualifications, earnings, benefit claimants and businesses.

You may also be interested to view various reports published via the Publication Hub which provide a range of information on the number of people in work at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/hub/labour-market/people-in-work/employment/>

Education statistics are the responsibility of the Department for Education. Official Statistics are published at:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/researchandstatistics/statistics> .