

# Freedom of Information request 2015-447

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## Information request

In particular, I'm looking to find out what proportion of JSA claimants consider themselves to be disabled. If you had this information, and how it has changed over time (the past five years would be great), that would be most helpful.

I'm also looking to find out the proportion of JSA claimants with dependent children and /or those who are single parents, but I am not clear if this data is routinely collected.

## DWP response

In response to the first part of your query, the proportion of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants who have self-reported as being disabled for the last five years can be found in the table below. Please read the notes

### Jobseeker's Allowance claimants by self-declared disability status, May 2010 – May 2014 Great Britain

	Disabled	Not Disabled	Unknown/Other
<b>May 2010</b>	16%	77%	6%
<b>May 2011</b>	17%	75%	8%
<b>May 2012</b>	18%	74%	9%
<b>May 2013</b>	18%	73%	8%
<b>May 2014</b>	20%	72%	8%

**Source:** DWP Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study (WPLS) and Labour Market System (LMS)

#### Notes:

1. Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.
2. The data is a snapshot of JSA customers with a computerised claim as at the end of May in each of the last five years; and those who have indicated that they have a disability in the preceding year.

3. The data is for claimants who have self-reported as being disabled. This is a subjective assessment by the customer and may not meet the criteria as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 2005.
4. Data is up to May 2014 which is the latest data available at the time of request.

In response to the second part of your query, section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

The Department publishes information on JSA Lone Parents, including age of youngest child, here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/lone-parents-receiving-jobseekers-allowance-claimant-count>

Information on JSA claimants is also published via the Departmental Tabulation Tool which allows users to create their own tables and can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dwp-statistics-tabulation-tool>

To produce statistics on JSA claimants by number of children visit the Tabulation Tool via the link above and follow these instructions:

1. Under 'Caseload statistics' select **Benefit caseload national statistics (WPLS data) (includes ESA)**.
2. Under Benefit/Scheme select **Jobseeker's Allowance**.
3. Under Analysis select **Caseload (Thousands)**.
4. Under Row select **Time Series**.
5. Under Column select **Number of children**.
6. There are a range of variables to create a subset of your data, however if no subset is required select **NONE**.
7. Once you are satisfied, select **Get Table** to retrieve your cross-tabulation.