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How many lone parents claiming jobseeker's allowance have been subject to a benefit sanction between (and including) May and December 2012?

DWP response

There were 17,100 lone parents claiming Jobseeker's Allowance that received a sanction between 1st May and 21st October 2012.

From 22nd October 2012, there were changes to the Jobseeker's Allowance sanctions regime. For information about plans for release of Jobseeker's Allowance sanctions statistics after this date, please see the consultation document here:

http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/jsa/jsa_sanctions_consultation.pdf.

For those lone parents receiving Jobseeker's Allowance there are specific flexibilities to help them balance their caring responsibilities with work search and availability requirements. For example, lone parents with a child aged under 13 can restrict their availability for work to their child's normal school hours.