

Freedom of Information request 2773/2011

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Follow up information request

- Size of lump sum paid to deferring pensioners
- Age of pensioners at point of claiming deferred pension

DWP response

Information to answer your first question is given below:

Lump sum average payment

	2009/10
Average (£)	8,800

Source: DWP 5% sample data and expenditure forecasts.

Notes: Amounts are rounded to the nearest £100

In response to your second question, concerning age of pensioners at point of claiming deferred pension the available information is given below. Please note: this information is drawn from a different statistical source to that used to answer your original FOI request. This is because exact age at time of deferral is not available on the data source which provides information on type of deferral (lump sum / increments) which was used to answer your FOI request. This analysis is based on 100% of claimants; the previous analysis source is a 5% sample (therefore previous figures produced are subject to sampling variation).

	6 months to February 2010				6 months to August 2010		
	Gender				Gender		
	All	Female	Male		All	Female	Male
Age	36,160	26,400	9,760		47,650	34,560	13,080
60	1,760	1,760	-		1,870	1,870	-
61	7,730	7,730	-		9,720	9,720	-
62	5,330	5,330	-		6,390	6,390	-
63	4,010	4,010	-		5,210	5,210	-
64	2,340	2,340	-		3,190	3,190	-

	6 months to February 2010				6 months to August 2010		
		Gender				Gender	
	All	Female	Male		All	Female	Male
65	3,970	2,910	1,060		5,160	3,880	1,290
66	4,480	630	3,850		6,040	810	5,230
67	2,190	420	1,770		2,940	550	2,390
68	1,150	270	870		1,660	340	1,310
69	840	150	690		1,000	230	780
70 plus	2,380	860	1,520		4,480	2,390	2,090

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study
100% data

Notes:

1. Caseloads are rounded to the nearest ten. Some additional disclosure control has also been applied. Totals may not sum due to rounding, and exclude some short term flows not captured by the relevant scans
2. In this analysis deferrers are defined as those people who began claiming State Pension more than 5 weeks after reaching State Pension Age (SPA). The minimum time that someone can defer their State Pension for is 5 weeks. There are a small number of people who begin to claim State Pension more than 5 weeks after reaching SPA who are not deferrers. These people are mainly women who (1) are above State Pension age and did not qualify for State Pension in their own right, but qualify on the basis of their spouse's contributions; and (2) reach SPA before their spouse.

You may be interested to know that DWP publishes information on flows on and off a range of benefits, including State Pension, on its website. To access this information follow the link below:

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

To access State Pension on-flow statistics scroll down to the section "Benefit flows data", select "click here for on-flows data (excludes JSA); select "State Pension" as your benefit/scheme and use the available options to construct your table of choice.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.