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## **Information request**

How many women in the UK will be eligible to receive a State Pension as at 1 January 2015 but will be under the age of 65 years on that date?

## **DWP response**

Based on the most recent ONS 2012-based population projections, the number of women in the UK who will be at least State Pension Age at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 but under the age of 65 years on that date will be approximately 910,000-920,000.

The figure above includes all women who will be at least State Pension Age and does not take into account their eligibility to receive a basic State Pension. For those reaching State Pension Age on or after 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010, eligibility for a basic State Pension is dependent on the individual having at least one qualifying year of National Insurance contributions or credits. A minimum of 30 qualifying years of National Insurance contributions or credits is required to receive a full basic State Pension. If someone has fewer than 30 years, they will receive less than the full basic State Pension but they may be able to top up by paying voluntary National Insurance contributions.