

Freedom of Information request 1817/2011

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Information request

- A) Number of persons in (i) the UK and (ii) London receiving both a state pension and Housing Benefit
- B) Number of persons in (i) the UK and (ii) London receiving both Incapacity Benefit and Housing Benefit
- C) Number of persons in (i) the UK and (ii) London that are both in work and receiving Housing Benefit

DWP response

The Department regularly publishes Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit National Statistics at Great Britain (GB), region and local authority level on its website at: <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=hbctb>.

Further information on Housing Benefit is published on Directgov at: http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/MoneyTaxAndBenefits/BenefitsTaxCreditsAndOtherSupport/On_a_low_income/DG_10018926.

In response to parts A and B of your request, information is not available to fully answer your question. The following table shows the number of people who receive Housing Benefit split by statistical group (see note 3 for further information). The table includes: Incapacity Benefits, Elderly on income related benefits and State Pension only. Information at Region level is not available.

Number of Housing Benefit recipients by statistical group, Great Britain

Figures are consistent with the Budget 2011 statement.

	Thousands
	2010-2011
	Forecast
All recipients by statistical group	4,788
Of which:	
Job seeker	642
Incapacity benefits	1,213
Lone parent	567
Carer	101
Working age on income related benefit	144
Elderly on income related benefit	1,146
Disabled	38
Bereaved	7
Receiving State Pension only	247
In receipt of HB/CTB only	683

Sources:

Single Housing Benefit Extract (SHBE)
Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest thousand.
2. Totals may not sum due to rounding.
3. Statistical group is a hierarchical variable. A person who fits into more than one category will only appear in the top-most one for which they are eligible. For example a claimant of Disability Living Allowance and Jobseekers Allowance would appear in "Job seeker", not in "Disabled". For more information see Annex A.
4. From November 2008 the "Incapacity benefits group" includes Employment and Support Allowance (ESA). ESA replaced Incapacity Benefit and Income Support paid on the grounds of incapacity for new claims from 27 October 2008. Prior to this the "Incapacity benefits group" referred to claimants of Incapacity Benefit (including credits only) or Severe Disablement Allowance including people claiming Income Support on the grounds of incapacity.

In response to part C of your request, ad hoc analysis was published on the Department's website on 13 May 2011 which shows Housing Benefit claimants in and out of work, by age and region at December 2010. See table 3:

http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/adhoc_analysis/2011/lha_regional_impacts_tables_may_2011.pdf . You are able to access a full list of ad hoc analysis on the Department's website at:
http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=adhoc_analysis .

You may also find it useful to view the following published statistics <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=hbctb>. Table 6 includes information on passported benefits which give automatic entitlement to Housing Benefit. Passported benefits include Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance (income-based), Employment and Support Allowance (income-based) and Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit). The table also provides information on recipients that are non-passported (standard claims) in employment. Table 8 includes information on Housing Benefit recipients by age group, including age 65 and over.

The table at annex A provides a further breakdown of table 6 for the London region, at August 2010 and April 2011, which is the latest available information.

You may also be interested to be aware that the Department regularly publishes a range of National Statistics on its website at:
<http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool> and on NOMIS, the Office for National Statistics official website of labour market statistics www.nomisweb.co.uk. Both websites allow you to construct tables to your own requirements.

For example, to produce statistics on how many people are in receipt of State Pension, go to <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool> , scroll down and select **Benefit Caseloads National Statistics (WPLS) data** in the **Benefit Data** section then under **Benefit/Scheme**, select **State Pension** and make your table selection.

Finally, DWP does not hold benefit statistics for Northern Ireland. Benefit statistics are published on the Department for Social Development Northern Ireland's (DSDNI) website at:
http://www.dsdni.gov.uk/index/stats_and_research/benefit_publications.htm .

Information on Freedom of Information at DSDNI is available at:
<http://www.dsdni.gov.uk/foi> .

Annex A

Housing Benefit (HB) recipients in London region by passported status, August 2010 and April 2011

London region		Non-passported (standard claims)		Passported benefit				
All HB recipients		Non-passported	of which, in employment	Passported	Income Support	Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)	Jobseekers Allowance (Income based)	Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
Aug-10	807,220	280,240	159,740	526,700	252,610	145,970	99,660	28,450
Apr-11	818,300	298,990	186,050	519,050	230,160	144,640	107,720	36,540

Source: Single Housing Benefit Extract (SHBE).

Notes:

1. Recipients are as at second Thursday of the month.
2. Passported status does not include recipients with unknown passported status.
3. Components may not sum to total due to (i) independent rounding (ii) exclusion of unknown passported status
4. Passported benefit as recorded on systems within the local authority.
5. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten.