

Freedom of Information request 2014-248

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Information request

Number of disabled people by age from 0 to 100+, for England, Wales, Scotland and UK as a total, as at 2011.

What I am asking for is effectively a more granular version of chapter 4 of the family resources survey 2011/12.

DWP response

In answer to your query, please see the table below which provides data on the number of disabled people by age group for the UK, England, Scotland and Wales for 2011/12. Please note that sample sizes are too small to provide data on a single year of age basis.

Estimated number of disabled individuals (millions) by age group 2011/12

| Age group | Area | | | |
|-----------|------|---------|----------|-------|
| | UK | England | Scotland | Wales |
| 0-4 | 0.1 | - | - | - |
| 5-9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | - | - |
| 10-14 | 0.3 | 0.2 | - | - |
| 15-19 | 0.3 | 0.2 | - | - |
| 20-24 | 0.4 | 0.3 | - | - |
| 25-29 | 0.4 | 0.3 | - | - |
| 30-34 | 0.3 | 0.3 | - | - |
| 35-39 | 0.5 | 0.5 | - | - |
| 40-44 | 0.8 | 0.6 | - | - |
| 45-49 | 0.8 | 0.6 | - | - |
| 50-54 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.1 | - |
| 55-59 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.1 | - |
| 60-64 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.1 | - |
| 65-69 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.1 | - |
| 70-74 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.1 | - |
| 75-79 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.1 | - |
| 80+ | 1.8 | 1.5 | 0.1 | - |
| Total | 11.9 | 10.0 | 1.0 | 0.6 |

Data source: Family Resources Survey 2011/12.

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest 100,000.
2. Totals may not sum due to rounding.
3. Figures based on small sample sizes (fewer than 100) have been suppressed.
4. The Family Resources Survey is a nationally representative sample of approximately 20,000 UK private households. Data for 2011/12, the latest year available, were collected between April 2011 and March 2012.
5. The figures from the Family Resources Survey are based on a sample of households which have been adjusted for non-response using multi-purpose grossing factors which align the Family Resources Survey to Government Office Region population by age and sex. Estimates are subject to sampling error and remaining non-response error.
6. The Family Resources Survey defines a disabled person as having a long-standing illness, disability or impairment which causes substantial difficulty with day-to-day activities. Everyone classified as disabled under this definition would also be classified as disabled under the general definition of disability in the Equality Act (EA) which has applied since 1 October 2010. However, some individuals classified as disabled and having rights under the EA would not be captured by this definition.