

Freedom of Information request 45/2011

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Information request

1. The total number of Contribution based Job Seeker Allowance (JSA) claimants aged under 50 years of age.
2. The total number of Contribution based JSA claimants in the age group 50 up to but not including 65 years of age.
3. The total number of Contribution based JSA claimants under the age of 50 whose Contributions based job seekers allowance was either reduced or refused because the person was in receipt of an occupational pension.
4. The total number of Contribution based JSA claimants in the age group 50 up to but not including 65 years of age whose Contributions based job seekers allowance was either reduced or refused because the person was in receipt of an occupational pension.

DWP response

The Department regularly publishes 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.

The preferred source for Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) is the monthly Claimant Count in NOMIS.

Information to answer part 1 and 2 of your request is provided in the table below. The information is sourced from 5% sample data. Further information on data sources and differences between DWP JSA statistics and ONS Claimant Count statistics is available at: <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool> .

Jobseeker's Allowance Contributory-Based Benefit claimants by age, May 2010

	All	Aged under 50	Aged 50 to 64
All	1,354,700	1,151,100	203,500
Contributory-Based JSA	226,400	181,100	45,300

Source:

DWP Information Directorate Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study (WPLS)

Information Directorate, 5% samples

Notes:

1. Totals may not sum due to rounding.
2. Figures have been uprated using 5% proportions against 100% WPLS totals.
3. Figures are rounded to the nearest hundred.
4. Contributory-Based benefit figures include claimants entitled to both contributory and income based JSA.

For part 3 and 4 of your request, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you have requested on Jobseeker's Allowance claims that were refused because of an Occupational Pension is not available.

Information is available to show the total number of Jobseeker's Allowance claimants with a reduction because of an Occupational Pension.

Please note that the data supplied for occupational pension reduction in the table below has been derived from unpublished information which has not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard. They should therefore be treated with caution.

Jobseeker's Allowance claimants with a reduction for an Occupational Pension by age, May 2010

	All	Aged under 50		Aged 50 to 64	
	All	All	JSA reduced because of an Occupational Pension	All	JSA reduced because of an Occupational Pension
All JSA claimants	1,354,620	1,141,680	1,240	212,730	18,740

Source:

DWP Information Directorate Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study (WPLS)

Notes:

1. Totals may not sum due to rounding.
2. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten.
3. Analysis excludes a small number of claimants with an unknown age.