

Freedom of Information request 2014-2156

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Information request

1. We would like to get data on the number of households capped since the introduction of the benefit cap (15th April 2013 to the most recent month with available data, e.. March 2014), by household type and age of dependent child (under 5, 5-10, 11+).

2. If the full breakdown by household type and age of dependent child as stated above is not possible, please could you provide the base number for the statistic in your latest benefit cap data release which states, 'For single households with a child dependent under 5, approximately 29% who have (previously) been capped are no longer subject to the cap' (see p8, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/benefit-cap-number-of-households-capped-to-march-2014>) – i.e. the number of single households with at least one dependent child under 5 who have been capped since the introduction of the benefit cap.

DWP response

In response to your first query, the number of households capped since the introduction of the benefit cap by household type and age of youngest dependent child as at March 2014 is shown in the attached Excel spreadsheet (FOI 2014-2156 Response.xls).

In response to your second query, of the 16,680 households in the attached table where the youngest child is under 5 and the household type is 'Single with child dependent(s)', 4,830 households had moved off the cap at March 2014 i.e. 29%.