

# Freedom of Information request 2013-3365

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## Information request

- Housing benefit by tenure 2008-2013 in Stoke on Trent.
- Number of Housing Benefit recipients by Passported Status 2008 - 2013 in Stoke on Trent
  - o Not passported Overall
  - o Not passported and unemployed
  - o Passported Overall
  - o Passported and income support
  - o Passported and JSA
  - o Passported and ESA
  - o Passported and pension
  - o Passported and pension credit
- Number of LHA recipients 2008 - 2013 in Stoke on Trent
- Average Length of Income Support claim 2008 to 2013 in Stoke on Trent
- Average Length of ESA claim 2008 to 2013 in Stoke on Trent
- Average Length of JSA claim 2008 to 2013 in Stoke on Trent

## DWP response

In response to your questions on Housing Benefit the information requested is shown in the tables below;

<b>Housing Benefit caseload for Stoke on Trent, by housing type, passport status and employment status:</b>						
Timeseries						
<b>Detailed Housing Type</b>	Feb-13	Feb-12	Feb-11	Feb-10	Feb-09	Nov-08
LA tenant	13,253	13,367	13,259	13,441	13,263	13,052
Registered social landlord tenant	4,882	4,833	4,631	4,512	4,308	4,193
Private regulated tenant	120	135	146	161	178	176
Private deregulated tenant (LHA)	7,366	6,822	5,925	4,652	2,618	1,744
Private deregulated tenant (non-LHA)	1,179	1,335	1,717	2,190	3,132	3,409
Total	26,799	26,501	25,677	24,956	23,490	22,567

<b>Passport status</b>						
All Passported:	18,048	18,217	17,891	18,164	17,039	16,477
of which In receipt of IS	4,991	7,013	8,020	8,679	9,378	9,432
of which In receipt of Pension Credit (GC)	4,690	4,961	5,135	5,173	4,917	4,881
of which In receipt of JSA (IB)	4,088	3,789	3,373	3,444	2,589	2,159
of which In receipt of ESA (IB)	4,282	2,451	1,362	862	154	6
Unknown or missing passported benefit	14	18	21	29	32	-
All Non Passported	8,741	8,264	7,764	6,769	6,425	6,093
Total	26,799	26,501	25,677	24,956	23,490	22,567
<b>Employment status</b>						
In employment	3,606	3,161	2,683	1,912	1,502	1,321
Not in employment	5,137	5,105	5,082	4,855	4,924	4,767
Not Applicable (on Passported Benefit)	18,048	18,217	17,891	18,164	17,039	16,477
Unknown or missing employment status	14	18	21	29	32	-
Total	26,799	26,501	25,677	24,956	23,490	22,567

Source: Stat-Xplore, Department for Work and Pensions

**Notes:**

1. The data refers to benefit units, which may be a single person or a couple.
2. Cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data.
3. Recipients are as at the second Thursday of the month.
4. SHBE is a monthly electronic scan of claimant level data direct from local authority computer systems. It replaces quarterly aggregate clerical returns. The data is available monthly from November 2008 and February 2013 is the most recent available
5. “ – “ denotes nil or negligible.
6. The economic status of all Housing Benefit (HB) recipients is not available. Information is only available for those HB recipients whose claim is not passported: that is for those who do not receive either Income Support (IS), Jobseekers Allowance Income-Based (JSA(IB), Employment and Support Allowance Income-Based (ESA(IB), or Pension Credit (Guaranteed Credit)
7. State Pension has not been included in this analysis because it is not a passported benefit.
8. This data is available at:

<https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk>

Guidance on how to extract the information required can be found at:

[https://sw.stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/webapi/online-help/Stat-Xplore\\_User\\_Guide.htm](https://sw.stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/webapi/online-help/Stat-Xplore_User_Guide.htm)

In response to your questions on the average length of Income Support, Employment and Support Allowance and Jobseeker's Allowance claims, the information requested is shown in the tables below:

**Please note that the figures supplied, in the table below, are derived from unpublished information and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard. They should therefore be treated with caution.**

<b>Median length of claims (days) in Stoke on Trent: 2008-2012</b>			
Date	Employment and Support Allowance	Income Support	Jobseeker's Allowance
2008	37	1,301	70
2009	139	1,501	94
2010	186	1,611	94
2011	178	1,684	92
2012	240	1,649	93

**Source:** DWP Information, Governance and Security, Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

Notes:

1. Average length of claim is the median duration shown in days and includes claims that were live at some point during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December for each year. Where a claim is still live at the end of the year the duration is taken as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December that year. Average duration of claims for 2013 is not available as the latest data available is February 2013.
2. The median duration indicates that half of the claims were shorter than this value and half were longer. Median is a better measure of "average" than arithmetic mean for skewed distributions such as duration of claim.
3. Durations are shown in the number of days and are rounded to the nearest whole number.