

Freedom of Information request 2013-4757

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Information request

Would you please supply me with the number and percentage of Job Seeker Allowance claims in the UK that have been rejected:

a) for the year 2012, and

b) so far in 2013.

I will be happy to receive figures for financial years if that is how they are collected.

DWP response

In response to your questions the information requested is shown in the table on the page below.

Please note that the figures supplied are derived from unpublished information and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard.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.

Number and percentage¹ of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claims that have been rejected in Great Britain: April 2012 to September 2013.

| Month | Rejected claims | % of claims rejected |
|----------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Apr 2012 | 31,390 | 14.0% |
| May 2012 | 36,360 | 14.0% |
| Jun 2012 | 28,460 | 12.9% |
| Jul 2012 | 38,790 | 13.0% |
| Aug 2012 | 38,990 | 13.3% |
| Sep 2012 | 32,620 | 12.1% |
| Oct 2012 | 42,470 | 13.5% |
| Nov 2012 | 41,750 | 14.2% |
| Dec 2012 | 27,540 | 13.1% |
| Jan 2013 | 46,660 | 14.7% |
| Feb 2013 | 41,620 | 15.0% |
| Mar 2013 | 33,380 | 14.6% |
| Apr 2013 | 32,910 | 14.5% |
| May 2013 | 32,470 | 14.1% |
| Jun 2013 | 30,600 | 14.2% |
| Jul 2013 | 39,560 | 14.7% |
| Aug 2013 | 34,190 | 14.1% |
| Sep 2013 | 34,830 | 13.6% |

Data source:

MISP – is a Departmental performance management, data capture and reporting tool. This type of internal management information does not form part of the official statistics outputs that are released by the Department in accordance with the UK Statistics Authority's Code of Practice.

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten. Percentages are shown to 1 decimal place.
2. Rejected claims refer to JSA claims with a nil entitlement.
3. % refused is based on the total JSA claims processed.

Please be aware that the Department can only supply information for Great Britain as we do not hold information for Northern Ireland. The responsibility for statistics in Northern Ireland lies with the Department for Social Development (DSD).

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<http://www.delni.gov.uk/index/freedom-of-information/requesting-information.htm>