

Freedom of Information request 2014-742

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Information request

The local authority for my area Western Isles sometimes called Eilean Siar asked me for the number of households claiming benefits that have a child aged 2 to 3 years. They are going to be giving free child care to this age group. It is families on Income based benefits. I was looking at the site myself and I could not find where I get a breakdown in ages of children I could get the info for children aged 0 to 4 years.

DWP response

In response to your query, statistics on the Number of Households with children aged 2-3 for Out-of-work Benefit Claimants in the Western Isles Local Authority at May 2012, which is the latest information available, are shown in the table below.

	Households with Children aged 2-3
Eilean Siar Local Authority	60

Source: DWP WPLS 100% data and HMRC Child Benefit administrative data.

Notes:

1. Figures are shown rounded to the nearest 10.
2. Data represent a snapshot as at 31 May 2012. They are badged as Official Statistics. Background guidance on the use and interpretation of the figures is available at:
http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/ben_hholds/cb_hholds_guidance.pdf
3. Benefit Type: Data represent the number of households with children dependent on a parent or guardian who is claiming one or a combination of the following out-of-work benefits: Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance, and Pension Credit.
4. The postcode of the DWP claimant is used to assign Local Authorities to children. In a small number of cases the postcode is unknown or the claimant is abroad.