

Freedom of Information request 2013-2432

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Information request

Can you please provide me with the statistical data outlining the average amount of time it took for people who applied for JSA between Jan and March (Quarter) to find employment of 16 hours or more.

How many applicants were there.

How many found employment

How many were unable to find employment during the period listed.

How many of the applicants are still on JSA.

DWP response

In response to your question on the **average amount of time it took for people who applied for Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) between January and March 2013 to find employment of 16 hours or more** we can confirm that the Department does hold some information falling within the description specified in your request. However, we estimate that the cost of fully complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £600.

The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.

The information we do have available within the appropriate limit is given below.

In response to your question on **"How many applicants were there"** please see the table below.

Please note that the figures supplied are derived from unpublished management information which was collected for internal Departmental use only, and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or

Official Statistics publication standard. They should therefore be treated with caution.

Number¹ of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claims received² in Great Britain: January 2013 - March 2013.

Month	Number of JSA claims received
January 2013	330,910
February 2013	272,140
March 2013	232,820

Source: Labour Market System (LMS): Management Information System Portal (MISP) Report

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten.
2. **Number of JSA claims received:** **The number of claims received and processed. This does not include applications made that were not pursued by the claimant and will include claimants who have made more than one claim.**

The preferred source for JSA statistics is from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) claimant count which measures the number of people claiming JSA. This is sourced from administrative records of people being paid the benefit. **As this is for those who are in receipt of the benefit then it is different to the number of claims received given in the table above.**

Statistics on the claimant count are published on the NOMIS website www.nomisweb.co.uk, the ONS official website of labour market statistics, which allows you to construct your own tables.

For example to produce a table on the number of JSA on flows go to www.nomisweb.co.uk. Select **Advanced Query** in the **Detailed Statistics** section, and then select the dataset **claimant on-flows – occupation and age** from the **Claimant Count** theme and make your table selection as follows;

1. Select the relevant geography by clicking the **geography** tab and select **Country**, then **Great Britain** from the drop down list.
2. Then select the dates you require by clicking the **date** tab
3. If you wish to include any other breakdowns on your table, these are available via the corresponding tabs on the left.
4. Finally, click the **review / save** tab, check to see if the correct variables are included. Once you are happy with the table selection, click **download data**. This will output your table into an Excel file.

In response to your question on “**How many found employment**” to produce a table on the number of JSA off flows by duration and reason go to www.nomisweb.co.uk. Select **Advanced Query** in the **Detailed Statistics**

section, and then select the dataset **claimant off-flows - reasons, age and duration** from the **Claimant Count** theme and make your table selection as follows;

5. Select the relevant geography by clicking the **geography** tab and select **Country**, then **Great Britain** from the drop down list.
6. Then select the dates you require by clicking the **date** tab
7. From the **age duration** tab, select **individual age or duration bands** from the drop down menu and select the top six duration tick boxes.
8. From the **Reason** tab, select **Found Work** and **Jobseeker increases work to 16+ hours a week**
9. If you wish to include any other breakdowns on your table, these are available via the corresponding tabs on the left.
10. Finally, click the **review / save** tab, check to see if the correct variables are included. Once you are happy with the table selection, click **download data**. This will output your table into an Excel file.

In response to your questions on “**How many were unable to find employment during the period listed**” and “**How many of the applicants are still on JSA**” to produce a table on the number of JSA claimants by duration www.nomisweb.co.uk. Select **Advanced Query** in the **Detailed Statistics** section, and then select the dataset **claimant count - age and duration** from the **Claimant Count** theme and make your table selection as follows;

1. Select the relevant geography by clicking the **geography** tab and select **Country**, then **Great Britain** from the drop down list.
2. Then select the dates you require by clicking the **date** tab
3. From the **age duration** tab, select **individual age or duration bands** from the drop down menu and select the top six duration tick boxes.
4. If you wish to include any other breakdowns on your table, these are available via the corresponding tabs on the left.
5. Finally, click the **review / save** tab, check to see if the correct variables are included. Once you are happy with the table selection, click **download data**. This will output your table into an Excel file.

Please note that this table gives the number of people who are claiming JSA at the dates requested by the duration of their current claim. This will not include all claimants who have been unable to find employment. For example claimants who have left JSA to claim another benefit will not be included but may not be in employment. A more detailed breakdown of those leaving JSA by reason is available from your second table by increasing your selection at step 4.