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Information request

The number of people with North Korean nationality who claim benefits, and the types of benefits they have claimed over the years, and the breakdown by any of their individual indicators such as age, gender, residential status, visa status.

DWP response

The given figures are for benefit claimants who when they first registered for a National Insurance Number (NINo) were nationals of North Korea. Please see the tables below containing the requested information;

DWP working age benefit claimants: Client Group by Nationality at NINo registration, Feb-11, Great Britain

Client Group	Nationality North Korea
Total	50
Job Seeker	20
Employment and Support Allowance and	10
incapacity benefits	
Lone Parent	20
Carer	-
Other Income Related	10
Disabled	-
Bereaved	-

DWP working age benefit claimants: Gender by Nationality at NINo registration, Feb-11, Great Britain

Nationality
North Korea
50
40
10

DWP working age benefit claimants: Age Group by Nationality at NINo registration, Feb-11, Great Britain

Age Group	Nationality North Korea
Total	50
Under 18	-
18 - 24	10
25 - 29	-
30 - 34	10
35 - 39	10
40 - 44	10
45 - 49	-
50 - 54	-
55 - 59	-
60 - 64	-

Source: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study, and HMRC National Insurance and Pay as you Earn System (NPS)

Notes:

- 1. "-" Nil or Negligible; Figures are rounded to the nearest ten. Some additional disclosure control has been applied.
- 2. Totals may not sum due to rounding method used.
- 3. Registration date is derived from the date at which a NINo is maintained on the National Insurance Recording System.
- 4. The age at which women reach State Pension age will gradually increase from 60 to 65 between April 2010 and April 2020. This will introduce a small increase to the number of working age benefit recipients and a small reduction to the number of pension age recipients. Figures from May 2010 onwards reflect this change. For more information see <u>http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/espa.pdf</u>
- 5. Statistical Group is a hierarchical variable. A person who fits into more than one category will only appear in the top-most one for which they are eligible. For example a claimant of Disability Living Allowance and Jobseekers Allowance would appear in "Job Seeker", not in "Disabled".

- 6. Lone Parents are defined as claimants on Income Support with child under 16 and no partner. Lone Parent Obligations were introduced from 24th November 2008 affecting the age of the youngest child.
- 7. From November 2008 the "incapacity benefits group" includes Employment and Support Allowance (ESA). ESA replaced Incapacity Benefit and Income Support paid on the grounds of incapacity for new claims from 27th October 2008. Prior to this the "incapacity benefits group" referred to claimants of Incapacity Benefit (including credits only) or Severe Disablement Allowance including people claiming IS on the grounds of Incapacity.

Please note that due to the small numbers involved, only totals have been shown within the tables - subgroups or further breakdowns would not be possible. Information on residential and visa status is not recorded on the datasets available for analysis.