

Freedom of Information request 2013-5292

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Information request

With reference to the Freedom of Information request received by your offices on the 18th April 2013 and the response you published on the 17th May 2013 regarding "The number of people claiming incapacity benefit, severe disablement allowance and employment support allowance with a main condition of alcoholism or drug abuse" I would be grateful if you could provide me with the same information on the following topic:

"The number of people claiming incapacity benefit, severe disablement allowance and employment support allowance including Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) with a main condition of alcoholism or drug abuse in Lincoln city"

Please provide all data from January 2010 to October 2013.

Please break it down into the specific type of benefit being claimed and the number of alcohol or drug dependent claimants claiming them.

DWP response

In response to your request please see the tables below which are based on the latest available information.

The number of Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance (IB/SDA) claimants with Alcohol or Drugs Misuse as main disabling condition by Area: November 2009 - May 2013

	Area	Total	Other Diagnosis	Alcohol misuse	Drugs misuse
Nov 2009	GB	2,233,880	2,146,570	46,080	41,230
	Lincoln	3,860	3,670	70	120
Feb 2010	GB	2,176,530	2,091,940	44,740	39,840
	Lincoln	3780	3,590	70	110
May 2010	GB	2,126,690	2,044,590	43,510	38,580
	Lincoln	3,720	3540	70	110
Aug 2010	GB	2,082,570	2,002,730	42,360	37,480
	Lincoln	3,640	3,460	70	110
Nov 2010	GB	2,031,930	1,954,830	40,990	36,110
	Lincoln	3,580	3,410	70	100

Feb 2011	GB	1,985,920	1,911,270	39,710	34,940
	Lincoln	3,480	3,320	60	100
May 2011	GB	1,946,200	1,873,210	38,910	34,080
	Lincoln	3,400	3,240	60	100
Aug 2011	GB	1,887,730	1,817,090	37,600	33,040
	Lincoln	3,290	3,130	60	90
Nov 2011	GB	1,754,630	1,690,190	34,410	30,030
	Lincoln	3,070	2,920	60	90
Feb 2012	GB	1,602,670	1,546,260	30,360	26,040
	Lincoln	2,750	2,620	50	80
May 2012	GB	1,429,680	1,381,860	26,000	21,820
	Lincoln	2,390	2,280	40	60
Aug 2012	GB	1,265,930	1,225,910	21,980	18,050
	Lincoln	1,920	1,840	30	40
Nov 2012	GB	1,086,820	1,054,560	17,980	14,290
	Lincoln	1,630	1,580	20	30
Feb 2013	GB	918,560	893,100	14,360	11,100
	Lincoln	1,370	1,330	20	20
May 2013	GB	742,320	723,090	10,920	8,310
	Lincoln	1,130	1,090	20	20

The number of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) claimants with Alcohol or Drugs Misuse as main disabling condition by Area: Feb 2010 - May 2013

	Area	Total	Other Diagnosis	Alcohol misuse	Drugs misuse
Feb 2010	GB	479,430	458,830	11,830	8,770
	Lincoln	760	730	10	10
May 2010	GB	527,120	504,100	13,430	9,590
	Lincoln	860	830	20	10
Aug 2010	GB	563,980	539,410	14,700	9,870
	Lincoln	930	890	30	10
Nov 2010	GB	593,930	568,220	15,640	10,070
	Lincoln	1,010	970	30	10
Feb 2011	GB	631,350	604,940	16,280	10,140
	Lincoln	1,060	1,020	30	20
May 2011	GB	662,230	635,110	16,990	10,140
	Lincoln	1,160	1,110	30	20
Aug 2011	GB	731,950	702,620	18,710	10,620
	Lincoln	1,330	1,280	30	20
Nov 2011	GB	857,890	823,330	21,890	12,670
	Lincoln	1,570	1,500	40	20
Feb 2012	GB	991,190	950,750	25,260	15,180
	Lincoln	1,790	1,730	40	30

May 2012	GB	1,134,290	1,087,110	29,050	18,120
	Lincoln	2,180	2,080	60	40
Aug 2012	GB	1,286,410	1,233,040	32,760	20,610
	Lincoln	2,560	2,450	60	50
Nov 2012	GB	1,447,980	1,388,440	36,500	23,030
	Lincoln	2,790	2,670	70	50
Feb 2013	GB	1,591,040	1,527,000	39,290	24,740
	Lincoln	3,010	2,890	70	60
May 2013	GB	1,747,610	1,678,360	42,600	26,650
	Lincoln	3,250	3,120	80	50

Source: DWP Information, Governance and Security Directorate 100% WPLS

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10, totals may not sum due to rounding.
2. The medical condition recorded on the claim form does not itself confer entitlement to IB/SDA or ESA. So, for example, a decision on entitlement for a customer claiming IB/SDA or ESA on the basis of drugs misuse would be based on their ability to carry out the range of activities assessed by the Personal / Work Capability Assessment. Please also note that where someone has more than one diagnosis or disabling condition, only the predominant one is currently recorded.
3. IB was replaced by ESA from October 2008. Information by main disabling condition on ESA is not available prior to February 2010.
4. Data includes people in receipt of benefit and also those who fail the contributions conditions but receive a National Insurance Credit, i.e. 'credits only cases'.
5. Great Britain total includes a small number of cases who are resident abroad.
6. The area for Lincoln is Lincoln Local Authority

Information on Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) claimants with Alcohol or Drugs Misuse recorded as a **main disabling condition** is not collected however some general information is recorded for JSA claimants with alcohol and drug abuse problems but we estimate that the cost of complying with this part of 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.