

Freedom of Information request 2015-819

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Information request

I have been unable to establish if statistics exist that I require for my dissertation (in my final year of studying Children and Young People), where I am looking at the unemployment rate of young people who have a disability or additional need but are seeking employment.

Please can you advise if you have the following available?

Statistics 1: The number or percentage of:

- Young people aged 18 - 35 (or whatever banding you use for this type of young people description).
- Classify themselves as having a disability.
- Seeking employment but currently in receipt of an unemployment benefit.

Statistics 2: The number or percentage of:

- Young People aged 18-35 (or whatever classification age bracket you categorise).
- Classify themselves as having a disability.
- Seeking employment but currently in receipt of unemployment benefit.
- Residing in the county of 'Northumberland', or if unable to locate this then the 'North East of England'.

DWP response

In response to your query, the proportion of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants who have self-reported as being disabled can be found in the table below. Please read the notes carefully.

Please note that the figures supplied are derived from unpublished information and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard.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

Jobseeker's Allowance claimants aged 18 to 35, by self-declared disability status, in Great Britain and the Northumberland Unitary Authority Area: May 2014.

	All	Disabled	Not Disabled	Unknown/ other
Great Britain	503,430	76,840	379,410	47,180
Northumberland	3,020	520	2,240	260

Source: DWP Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study (WPLS) and Labour Market System (LMS)

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10.
2. The data is a snapshot of JSA customers with a computerised claim as at the end of May in each of the last five years and for claimants who have self-reported as being disabled. This is a subjective assessment by the customer and may not meet the criteria as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 2005.
3. Data is for May 2014 which is the latest data available at the time of request.

Information on JSA claimants is also published via the Departmental Tabulation Tool which allows users to create their own tables and can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dwp-statistics-tabulation-tool>

You can also contact the Office for National Statistics (ONS) directly to see if they hold any information that may be of use to you. Information on how to submit a freedom of information request to ONS can be found via the link below.

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/what-we-do/FOI/how-to-make-a-foi-request/index.html>