

## Freedom of Information request 2014-796

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### Information request

Number of claimants aged 16-65 making a claim for DLA/PIP in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014.

Number of claimants aged 16-65 receiving DLA/PIP in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014.

Number of claimant appeals on DLA/PIP in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and the outcome of these appeals.

Number of claimants who were on existing DLA and have moved across to PIP in 2013/2014

Number of claimants who are no longer in receipt of DLA following the introduction of PIP.

The amount the government has saved following the introduction of PIP.

### DWP response

In answer to your first and third questions with regards to Disability Living Allowance (DLA), I can confirm that the Department does hold some information falling within the description specified in your request. However, we estimate that the cost of 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.

However data available within cost can be found in the tables below.

**Please note that the figures supplied in response to your questions are derived from unpublished management information which was collected for internal Departmental use only, and have not been quality assured to**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.**

**Number of Disability Living Allowance Working Age Claims Registered, 2012 - 2013**

	<b>Jan - Dec 2012</b>	<b>Jan - Aug 2013</b>
<b>DLA Claims</b>	356,990	159,290

**Number of Disability Living Allowance Appeals made, by Decision, 2011 - 2013**

	<b>Jan - Dec 2011</b>	<b>Jan - Dec 2012</b>	<b>Jan - Aug 2013</b>
<b>Total Appeal decisions made</b>	<b>65,560</b>	<b>77,190</b>	<b>42,600</b>
<b>Number of Appeals found in the customers favour</b>	25,700	32,580	17,680
<b>Number of Appeals not found in the customers favour</b>	39,860	44,620	24,920

**Source:**

Department for Work and Pensions - RDA 60201, 60205 and 60209 reports - DLA Management Information Statistics.

**Notes:**

1. The periods are for calendar years from 1 January to 31 December apart from 2013 which is from 1 January to 31 August only as this is the latest data available.
2. Working age (WA) is those aged 16 to 64.
3. All figures have been rounded to ten. Totals may not sum due to rounding.
4. The number of WA claims received has been calculated by subtracting the number of child DLA claims received from the total number of DLA claims received.
5. All of the DLA claims figures are combined Normal and Special Rules new claims
6. The DLA Appeals data is for WA and child Appeals combined.
7. With the introduction of Personal Independence Payment in April 2013 the number of DLA claims received and Appeal decisions have decreased.
8. 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.

In answer to your second question with regards to those in receipt of DLA, Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

The Department publishes benefit caseload statistics via the Tabulation Tool at <http://tabulation-tool.dwp.gov.uk/100pc/tabtool.html> , which allows you to construct your own tables.

For example, to produce a time series of the number of people who are in receipt of DLA up to August 2013, which is the latest data available, go to the DWP Tabulation Tool website via the link above.

1. In the drop down menu that appears, select **Disability Living Allowance – cases in payment**, this should now bring up a table with 5 drop down menus.
2. From the first drop down menu, next to **Analysis**, select **Caseload number of claimants (Thousands)**.
3. From the second drop down menu, **Row**, select **Time Series**.
4. From the third drop down menu, **Column**, select **Age of Claimant**.
5. From the fourth drop down menu, **Subset**, select **NONE**.
6. The final drop down menu will be greyed out, then click on the **Get Table** button.

Guidance on how to use the tabulation tool can be found at:-

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/203439/tab-tool-guidance.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/203439/tab-tool-guidance.pdf)

In response to your queries concerning Personal Independence Payment (PIP), the Department plans to release official statistics on this subject. As the statistics are intended for future publication this information is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 22 (Information intended for future publication) of the FOIA. This exemption is qualified, and is therefore subject to a public interest test. The public interest test is where the Department considers whether the balance of the public interest falls in favour of withholding or disclosing the information requested.

Arguments in favour of disclosure: There are public interest arguments in favour of disclosure of this information at the present time. Disclosure would for example improve transparency in the operations of the Department.

Arguments against disclosure: There are public interest arguments against disclosure of this information at the present time. These arguments include that it is in the public interest to adhere to the existing publication process for official statistics, which includes time for the data to be collated and properly verified.

It is also in the public interest to ensure that the publication of official information is a properly planned and managed process, to ensure that the data are accurate once placed into the public domain. It is also in the public interest to ensure that the information is available to all members of the public at the same time, and premature publication could undermine the principle of making the information available to all at the same time through the official publication process.

On this occasion, the balance of the public interest test falls in favour of withholding this information. As explained above, statistics on this issue will be published in due course.

The Department is working to guidelines set by the UK Statistics Authority to ensure we are able to publish statistics that meet high quality standards at the earliest opportunity. We intend to publish Official Statistics on Personal Independence Payment from Spring 2014 aligned to the Disability Living Allowance National Statistics release. The Personal Independence Payment Release Strategy can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/personal-independence-payment-statistics>

You may be interested to know that an ad-hoc statistical release of **Personal Independence Payment: Management Information** was published on 11 February 2014 and can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-independence-payment-management-information>