

Freedom of Information request 2013-5345

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Information request

I am requesting the number of people who have had their Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) benefit sanctioned in Nottingham local government area (as first preference, if not available in greater Nottingham). I'm interested in figures going back for a year (October 2012-October 2013), broken down by month.

DWP response

New regulations introduced a new revised sanctions regime for JSA and ESA claimants from 22nd October and 3rd December 2012 respectively. The information given in the table below covers the period from the start of the new regimes to the 30th of June 2013, which is the latest data available.

Number of individuals with a sanction applied² by month of decision³ and benefit, Nottingham Local Authority⁴: 22nd October 2012 to 30th June 2013

Month of decision	Benefit	
	JSA	ESA
Oct-12	310	..
Nov-12	750	..
Dec-12	460	10
Jan-13	450	20
Feb-13	320	20
Mar-13	340	20
Apr-13	580	10
May-13	570	20
Jun-13	500	10

Source: DWP Information, Governance and Security Directorate: Sanctions and Disallowance Decisions Statistics Database

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten and will include individuals who have had more than one sanction applied in more than one month or in the same month but for a different benefit e.g. if an individual has a

JSA sanction applied in Dec-12 and an ESA sanction applied in Jun-13 then they will appear twice. “..” denotes not applicable.

2. **Sanctions applied:** The number of sanctions applied is the number of sanction or disallowance referrals where the decision was found against the claimant.
3. **Month of decision:** The month in which the decision to apply a sanction was made.
4. **Local Authority:** On April 1st 2009 structural changes to the Local Authorities of England took effect. These changes are reflected in this table.

You may also be interested to know that the Department publishes information on JSA and ESA sanctions which can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/jobseekers-allowance-sanctions>