

## **Freedom of Information request 2017-110**

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### **Information request**

I would like to know from the Department for Work and Pensions, please, the breakdown by F00-F99 code (or any other diagnostic system that is used) of the figure for “mental and behavioural disorders” in the most recent Employment and Support Allowance statistics (May 2016 according to the tabulation tool; more recent if available).

The split between work-related activity group and support group for each category would also be useful if it is possible to provide it.

### **DWP response**

In response to your query please find the number of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) claimants in either the Work Related Activity Group or Support Group with lower level main disabling condition that falls under the main heading of ‘Mental and Behavioural Disorders’ in the table below. We have provided figures for May 2016 which is the latest data available at the time of your request

Please note that the medical condition recorded on a benefit claim form does not itself confer entitlement to ESA. So, for example, a decision on entitlement for a customer claiming on the basis of “alcohol misuse” or “drug misuse” would be based on their ability to carry out the range of activities related to physical and mental function, assessed by the Work Capability Assessment.

**Table 1: Number of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) Claimants by main disabling condition from Mental and Behavioural Disorders category, in the Work Related Activity Group and Support Group, May 2016**

	<b>Total with Mental and Behavioural Disorder</b>	<b>Work Related Activity Group</b>	<b>Support Group</b>
<b>All Mental and Behavioural</b>	1,165,440	228,650	772,670
<b>Unspecified Dementia</b>	1,300	30	1,000
<b>Alcohol Misuse</b>	56,050	13,130	34,820
<b>Drug Misuse</b>	28,830	8,150	17,370
<b>Schizophrenia</b>	51,740	2,930	46,510
<b>Persistent Delusional Disorder</b>	4,370	370	3,620
<b>Unspecified Nonorganic Psychosis</b>	20,620	1,250	17,750
<b>Manic Episode</b>	570	70	490
<b>Depressive Episode</b>	490,460	111,290	309,740
<b>Recurrent Depressive Disorder</b>	1,670	320	1,010
<b>Persistent Mood Disorder</b>	780	150	610
<b>Unspecified Mood Disorder</b>	6,030	700	4,720
<b>Phobic Anxiety Disorders</b>	10,920	3,010	6,700
<b>Other Anxiety Disorders</b>	210,480	48,270	112,120
<b>Reaction to Severe Stress</b>	41,920	9,520	24,330
<b>Dissociative Disorders</b>	130	20	90
<b>Somatoform Disorders</b>	10	-	-
<b>Other Neurotic Disorders</b>	29,690	6,180	22,640
<b>Eating Disorder</b>	2,670	200	2,100
<b>Mental and Behavioural Disorders associated with the Puerperium, not elsewhere classified</b>	1,900	440	1,090
<b>Specific Personality Disorders</b>	8,460	690	6,720
<b>Unspecified Mental Retardation</b>	17,350	910	16,260
<b>Specific Development Disorders of Scholastic Skills</b>	83,810	10,580	69,480
<b>Pervasive Development Disorders</b>	10,540	1,910	7,570
<b>Mental Disorder not otherwise specified</b>	85,140	8,520	65,920

**Source:** DWP 100% Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study (WPLS)

**Notes:**

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10. Totals may not sum due to rounding.

2. "-" Denotes nil or negligible.
3. Figures are to May 2016, the latest date available at time of request
4. Medical condition is based on evidence provided at the start of the claim; this in itself does not confer entitlement to ESA and may not represent a claimant's most recent medical condition. For example, a decision on entitlement for a customer claiming on the basis of "alcohol misuse" or "drug misuse" would be based on their ability to carry out the range of activities related to physical and mental function, assessed by the Work Capability Assessment.