

Freedom of Information request 2013-2739

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Information request

“Please let me know the total number of individuals who continue to receive any form of state pension or state benefit (administered by DWP) by a giro cheque which permits encashment at a Post Office or elsewhere

1. As at the most convenient recent date

2. As at 31 May 2012, or the most convenient date nearest to 31 May 2012

One figure in each case.”

DWP response

In response to your query, the figures below relate to claimants in receipt of one or more of the following DWP administered benefits:

Employment and Support Allowance

Income Support

Jobseekers Allowance

Pension Credit

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit

Retirement Pension

Incapacity Benefit

Severe Disablement Allowance

Widow's Benefit

Bereavement Benefit

Attendance Allowance

Disability Living Allowance

Carers Allowance

The latest data available is for December 2012 and this shows 14,070 claimants receiving one or more of the listed benefits via a GIRO account. The data available for May 2012 shows 32,290 claimants receiving one or more of the listed benefits via a GIRO account.

Source: Information, Governance and Security Directorate (IGS)

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten.
2. Figures only relate to accounts live and in payment on the specified date

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They should therefore be treated with caution.