

## **Freedom of Information request 2013-5860**

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### **Information request**

How many people aged 18-24 received the following in each year between 2008 and 2013:

Paternity pay  
Statutory Maternity Pay  
Maternity allowance  
Child benefit  
Statutory Adoption Pay

How many people claimed each of the following (as opposed to receiving them) in each year between 2008 and 2013?

Paternity pay  
Statutory Maternity Pay  
Maternity allowance  
Child benefit  
Statutory Adoption Pay

Are there any other benefits related to maternity or paternity?

### **DWP response**

In response to your query as a whole, 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 there is some information that is available within cost and this is given below.

### **Maternity Allowance**

The table below shows the number of 18-24 year olds claiming Maternity Allowance by year.

#### **Number of Maternity Allowance spells, current at May each year, for 18-24 year-olds in Great Britain, 2008 to 2013**

	Aged 18-24
May 2013	11,300
May 2012	12,000
May 2011	11,700
May 2010	12,400
May 2009	12,600
May 2008	12,100

Source: Dept for Work and Pensions 5% Administrative Data

Notes:

1. Figures are shown rounded to the nearest hundred and will exclude a small number of clerical cases.
2. Figures only include those with a successful claim to Maternity Allowance. Claimants who have an unsuccessful claim and are not eligible for Statutory Maternity Pay may be eligible to Employment and Support Allowance or Income Support.

### **Statutory Maternity Pay**

Estimates of 18-24 year olds who were receiving Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP) at the start of each financial year for which data is available are detailed in the table below:

#### **SMP receipts at the start of each financial year for those aged 18-24 (thousands), Great Britain, 2008/09 to 2011/12**

2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
31	35	34	27

Source: Lifetime Labour Market Database (L2)

Notes:

1. SMP estimates are based on the Lifetime Labour Market Database (L2) which is a 1 per cent sample of National Insurance Records.
2. The number of people aged 18-24 receiving SMP at the start of each year is estimated based on the number of recorded SMP receipts for 18-24 year olds. As such, there might be a small degree of double

counting of individuals with more than one job who make separate claims for SMP.

3. Estimates are subject to change due to further information becoming available through the National Insurance Recording System (NIRS).

Please note that Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay are the responsibility of the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS). Information on how to raise a Freedom of Information Request with BIS by following the instructions towards the bottom of this page:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-innovation-skills>

Please note that Child Benefit figures are the responsibility of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and can be found at

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/statistics/child-benefit.htm>

Information on how to raise a Freedom of Information request with HMRC can be found towards the bottom of this page:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs>