

Freedom of Information request 2014-5005

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Information request

Please advise me of the following numbers relating to the UK state pension for each of the years 2003/2013:

How many people started receiving their UK state pension for the first time in a) Canada and b) USA?

What was the year-end total number of UK pensioners in a) Canada and b) USA?

DWP response

In response to the second part of your query, 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 State Pension data via the tabulation tool which can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions/series/dwp-statistics-tabulation-tool>

For example, to produce a table on the number of State Pension claimants resident in USA and Canada in each year, follow the instructions below.

1. Select the [tabulation tool](#) link.
2. In the **Caseload statistics** section select the **Benefit caseload national statistics (WPLS data) (includes ESA)** link
3. In the **Benefit/Scheme** drop down menu select **State Pension**
4. In the **Analysis** drop down menu select **Caseload (thousands)**
5. In the **Row** drop down menu select **Country code for abroad cases**.
6. From the **Column** and **Subset** drop down menu select the option that best suit your analysis.
7. Now select from the **Date** drop down menu for each period you require and click **Get Table**. Please note the latest data available is **May 2014** and we advise selecting the same quarter each year to make your comparisons.

In response to the first part of your query regarding the number of new State Pension claimants resident in USA and Canada figures are shown in the table below.

Please note that State Pension (SP) data is recorded quarterly in February, May, August and November rather than by calendar year.

Please note that these figures are derived from unpublished information and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard. They should therefore be treated with caution.

**Number of new State Pension claimants resident in USA and Canada by quarter,
2003-2013**

Year	Quarter by Country								Yearly Total by Country	
	February		May		August		November		Canada	USA
	Canada	USA	Canada	USA	Canada	USA	Canada	USA	Canada	USA
2003	1,920	1,700	1,970	1,760	1,920	1,690	1,790	1,530	7,600	6,690
2004	1,950	1,640	2,040	1,790	1,780	1,560	1,810	1,380	7,580	6,370
2005	1,880	1,490	2,030	1,280	1,230	670	1,010	530	6,150	3,970
2006	1,070	560	1,150	500	1,110	500	1,110	520	4,440	2,080
2007	1,180	530	1,160	460	1,020	430	970	510	4,330	1,930
2008	1,040	570	1,070	580	1,080	630	990	620	4,180	2,390
2009	960	660	1,130	760	1,090	710	900	650	4,080	2,780
2010	910	710	1,110	680	930	630	950	830	3,910	2,850
2011	910	800	1,130	920	1,020	870	1,120	990	4,180	3,580
2012	1,020	980	1,260	1,010	1,100	860	1,030	970	4,410	3,820
2013	900	910	1,070	990	890	920	920	950	3,780	3,770

Source: DWP 100% WPLS data

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to nearest 10 therefore totals may not sum.
2. Figures provided include all SP claimants resident in Canada and USA regardless of nationality.
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