

Freedom of Information request 2015-2004

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Information request

Could you please tell me the number of JSA claimants by method of payment (e.g. Bank/building society account, POCA, Simple Payment, Cheque etc.) in each government region as at the latest date for which data is available?

If the split by region would require more time to carry out than the statutory limit, I would be happy to receive the data on a national basis

DWP response

In response to your query, the table below relates to the number of payment accounts where the claimant is in receipt of Jobseeker's Allowance in May 2014, which is the latest information available at the time of request.

Please note that the figures supplied are derived from unpublished information and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard.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.

**Jobseeker's Allowance accounts by method of payment, Great Britain:
May 2014**

	All methods	Method of Payment			
		Bank / building society accounts	Cheque	Post Office Card Accounts (POCA)	Simple Payment Accounts
Great Britain	1,001,865	891,135	495	101,175	9,060
North East	63,385	54,975	20	7,775	620
North West	129,150	111,980	55	15,595	1,520
Yorkshire and Humberside	112,675	99,270	45	12,185	1,175
East Midlands	70,980	64,055	60	6,330	535
West Midlands	112,670	99,425	45	11,770	1,435
East of England	71,060	65,460	45	4,910	650
London	149,015	133,750	110	13,600	1,555
South East	82,490	76,360	30	5,625	475
South West	53,805	49,795	35	3,750	230
Wales	57,520	50,325	20	6,835	340
Scotland	99,100	85,740	30	12,805	525

Source: DWP 100% data.

Notes

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest five. Totals may not sum due to rounding.
2. Figures only relate to accounts live and in payment on the specified date.
3. Figures refer to payment accounts. Claimants with more than one account will be counted for each account.
4. From October 2012 Simple Payment Accounts were introduced.