

Freedom of Information request 2015-4724

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Information request

I would like to request data on the number of people who are assigned to the ESA Support Group but are not in receipt of DLA/PIP. I wish to also request information on the characteristics of this group of recipients including; a. Type of health condition suffered b. Duration of ESA claim c. Age of claimant d. Gender of claimant.

DWP response

In response to your query, the tables below contain the information requested for May 2015 which is the latest data available at the time of request.

Employment and Support Allowance claimants in the Support Group, not in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments by health condition, gender, age and duration of ESA claim: May 2015

Gender		Age group		Claim duration	
Male	211,320	Under 18	350	Up to 3 months	3,870
Female	168,440	18-24	28,640	3 months up to 6 months	16,780
Unknown	-	25-34	59,500	6 months up to 1 year	47,210
		35-44	79,350	1 year up to 2 years	106,890
		45-49	53,590	2 years up to 5 years	187,520
		50-54	57,700	5 years and over	17,500
		55-59	57,290		
		Over 60	43,270		
		Unknown	-		
Total	379,760	Total	379,760	Total	379,760

Health Condition by Summary ICD Group	
Certain Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	3,330
Neoplasms	15,010
Diseases of the Blood and Blood forming organs and certain diseases involving the immune mechanism	840
Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases	4,320
Mental and Behavioural Disorders	223,820

Diseases of the Nervous System	11,460
Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa	990
Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process	740
Diseases of the Circulatory System	14,220
Diseases of the Respiratory System	8,40
Diseases of the Digestive System	9,240
Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous System	2,100
Diseases of the Musculoskeletal system and Connective Tissue	33,480
Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium	1,010
Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period	10
Congenital Malformations, Deformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities	210
Symptoms, Signs and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified	29,950
Injury, Poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	12,810
Factors influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services	4,640
Claimants without any diagnosis code on the system	10
Diseases of the Genitourinary System	3,190
All conditions	379,760

Source: DWP Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study 100% data. PIP data.

Notes:

1. Caseload figures are rounded to the nearest ten. Totals may not sum due to rounding. “-“denotes nil or negligible.
2. Table includes Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) claimants in the support group and excludes those who are also claiming Personal Independence Payment or Disability Living Allowance.
3. Figures are as at 31 May 2015 which is the latest data available at the time of request.
4. Causes of incapacity are based on the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, published by the World Health Organisation.
5. The medical condition recorded on the claim form does not itself confer entitlement to Incapacity Benefit or Employment and Support Allowance. So for example, a decision on entitlement for a customer claiming on the basis of a learning difficulty 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.
6. Medical condition is based on evidence provided at the start of the claim and may not represent a claimants most recent medical condition. Where someone has more than one diagnosis or disabling condition only the predominant one is used.