

# **Freedom of Information request 2014-597**

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## **Information request**

Would you be able to help us again or possibly know who might be the best person to contact? I appreciate that it has been a few years so you might not work in the same area, but would really appreciate any information that you could give.

The variables which we require in order to replicate the 2012 Income domain of the SIMD at LSOA level are:

- Number of Adults (aged 16-59) receiving Income Support or Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Number of Adults (aged 60 plus) receiving Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Number of Children (aged 0-15) dependent on a recipient of Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Number of Adults receiving (all) Job Seekers Allowance
- Number of Children (aged 0-15) dependent on a recipient of Job Seekers Allowance (all)

Number of Adults and Children in Tax Credit Families on low incomes

## **DWP response**

In response to your request 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 in whole 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 further.

However, available within the cost limit, is the number of children aged 0-15 dependent on a recipient of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), Income Support (IS) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) by Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) in England and Wales as at May 2012 which can be found in the attached Excel spread sheet (FOI 2014-597 Response.xls).

Also available within cost, the Department regularly publishes a range of National Statistics on Adults claiming individual benefits by LSOA and other small geographical breakdowns and can be found on the Departments website here:

<http://tabulation-tool.dwp.gov.uk/NESS/page1.htm>

The latest data currently available is August 2013.

To obtain a table for the number of JSA claimants by LSOA, age and gender visit the website provided, select **Individual Benefits** and then **Jobseeker's Allowance** and then select your preferred data source.

To obtain a table for the number of Pension Credit claimants by LSOA and type of award select **Individual Benefits** and then **Pension Credit** and then select your preferred data source.

Information is also available for **Income Support** and **Employment and Support Allowance**.

The responsibility for statistics on the number of Adults and Children in Tax Credit Families on low incomes lies with Her Majesty's Revenue and Custom (HMRC) if you require anything further on this subject then information on how to submit a freedom of information request to HMRC can be found via the following link: <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/freedom/foi-index.htm>