

Freedom of Information request 2015-3367

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Information request

We would like to get data on the number of single parent Income Support claimants by the age of youngest child, with age of youngest child broken down as:

- Under 2 years
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years old
- Over 4 years old.

We would like these figures for the latest month and financial year for which data is available.

DWP response

The information requested is shown in the tables below. The tables show the number of Income Support claimants by partner status and age of the youngest child dependant.

Please note that data is only available as quarterly point in time data and February 2015 is the latest available at the time of the request, therefore we have provided the 4 latest quarterly time points.

Income Support Caseload: Partner flag by Age of youngest child dependant, Great Britain, Quarterly May 2014 to February 2015

Feb-15	All	No Partner	Partner
All	757,870	679,050	78,820
Unknown child age or no children	245,490	214,160	31,330
Aged under 2	164,240	155,640	8,590
Age 2	89,470	85,480	3,990
Age 3	78,150	74,600	3,550
Age 4	62,590	59,400	3,190
Aged over 4	117,940	89,770	28,170

Nov-14	All	No Partner	Partner
All	784,210	703,660	80,560
Unknown child age	263,840	231,210	32,640

or no children			
Aged under 2	169,610	160,600	9,010
Age 2	91,730	87,770	3,960
Age 3	78,080	74,550	3,540
Age 4	63,500	60,310	3,200
Aged over 4	117,460	89,230	28,230

Aug-14	All	No Partner	Partner
All	814,490	731,920	82,570
Unknown child age or no children	276,010	242,330	33,680
Aged under 2	174,700	165,760	8,950
Age 2	94,330	90,310	4,020
Age 3	82,060	78,440	3,620
Age 4	67,320	64,120	3,210
Aged over 4	120,060	90,970	29,090

May-14	All	No Partner	Partner
All	840,800	755,050	85,750
Unknown child age or no children	295,770	260,540	35,230
Aged under 2	179,580	170,010	9,570
Age 2	95,120	91,010	4,110
Age 3	81,720	78,020	3,700
Age 4	67,540	64,290	3,250
Aged over 4	121,080	91,190	29,890

Source: DWP 100% Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study (WPLS)

Notes

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10, totals may not sum due to rounding.
2. This data is available quarterly and February 2015 is the latest available at the time of the request.
3. The Partner flag is based on the payment of additional benefit for a partner.
4. Age of youngest child: Dependant children are those aged under 16, together with young adults aged 16 to under 19 and still in full time education, for whom an additional allowance is paid. These figures are affected by the introduction of Child Tax Credit in April 2003.