

Freedom of Information request 2015-1794

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Information request

The specific data I am looking for and hope you can help with is detailed below:

Headline Claimant Count – Jobseeker's Allowance

- ▶ Age range:
 - 18-21 year olds
- ▶ Time series:
 - January 2013 – December 2014
- ▶ Data sets:
 - All computerised claims
 - Up to 6 months
 - Over 6 and up to 12 months
 - All over 12 months
 - All over 24 months
- ▶ Data type:
 - Numeric totals (thousands) for each month in the time series
- ▶ Geography
 - England"

DWP response

In response to your query on Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants, the available source data for this information is taken quarterly in February, May, August and November, with the latest available data being for August 2014. Therefore we have supplied figures for each quarter from February 2013 to August 2014 as shown in the table below.

You may be interested to know that monthly data on claimant count and duration can be found on the NOMIS website here:

<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>

Please note that the responsibility for statistics on the NOMIS website lies with the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Information on how to submit a freedom of information request to ONS can be found via the link below.

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/what-we-do/FOI/how-to-make-a-foi-request/index.html>

The figures supplied are derived from unpublished information and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard.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

**Number of JSA claimants in England aged 18 to 21 by duration of claim:
February
2013 to August 2014.**

Thousands

		Duration of claim			
		Up to 6 months	6 to 12 months	All over 12 months	All over 24 months
Feb-13	203.74	143.13	29.56	31.04	4.77
May-13	172.75	105.44	38.94	28.37	5.95
Aug-13	160.44	103.81	31.39	25.23	6.56
Nov-13	139.13	99.53	17.39	22.22	6.56
Feb-14	139.07	101.37	18.42	19.28	5.55
May-14	106.57	69.45	22.03	15.09	4.29
Aug-14	96.07	67.96	16.15	11.96	3.29

Source: DWP Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study 100% JSA computerised claims data

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten and shown in thousands.
2. Totals will not sum due to an overlap in the 'All over 12 months' and 'All over 24 months' categories.
3. Figures are up to August 2014 which is the latest data available at the time of the request.
4. Source data is quarterly point in time data as at the end of each month.