

# Freedom of Information request 2014-1130

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## Information request

1. The caseload (in thousands, rounded to the nearest ten) of DLA claimants comparing employment status (defined as employed, unemployed or economically inactive) against care award type (lowest, middle and highest) and mobility award type (lower and higher) in England and Wales, split by age group (defined as under 16, 16-64 and 65 or over).
2. The caseload (in thousands, rounded to the nearest ten) of DLA claimants of each award type (as defined above) compared against other benefits that they are in receipt of (as per the list below), split by age group (as defined above).
  - Attendance Allowance
  - Bereavement Benefit
  - Carer's Allowance
  - Disability Living Allowance
  - Employment and Support Allowance
  - Incapacity Benefit
  - Income Support
  - Jobseekers Allowance
  - Pension Credit
  - Severe Disablement Allowance
  - State Pension
  - Widow's Benefit

## DWP response

In response to question 1, the caseload of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) claimants comparing employment status (employed and unemployed) against care award type (nil, lowest, middle and highest) and mobility award type (nil, lower and higher) in England and Wales, split by age group (defined as under 16, 16-64 and 65 or over) is given in the tables below.

**Please note that the figures supplied are derived from analysis which was produced for internal Departmental use only and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard. They should therefore be treated with caution.**

**DLA cases in payment (by rate) and aged under 16<sup>(\*)</sup> in England and Wales: August 2013**

Thousands

Care		Total	Mobility		
			Higher Rate	Lower Rate	Nil Rate
	Higher Rate	130	40	60	30
	Middle Rate	180	10	110	50
	Lower Rate	20	-	-	10
	Nil Rate	-	-	-	-
	Total	330	60	180	90

\*Under 16s are not entitled to work

**DLA Cases in payment (by rate) aged 16-64 in England and Wales: August 2013**

Thousands

Care		Total	Mobility		
			Higher Rate	Lower Rate	Nil Rate
	Higher Rate	390	260	120	10
	Middle Rate	600	230	330	30
	Lower Rate	570	230	190	160
	Nil Rate	210	130	70	-
	Total	1770	860	710	200

**DLA Cases in payment (by rate) aged 16-64 and NOT in employment in England and Wales: August 2013**

Thousands

Care		Total	Mobility		
			Higher Rate	Lower Rate	Nil Rate
	Higher Rate	320	210	110	-
	Middle Rate	480	180	270	20
	Lower Rate	410	170	140	100
	Nil Rate	150	90	60	-
	Total	1370	650	590	130

**DLA Cases in payment (by rate) aged 16-64 and IN employment in England and Wales: August 2013**

Thousands

		Total	Mobility		
			Higher Rate	Lower Rate	Nil Rate

<b>Care</b>	<b>Higher Rate</b>	70	50	20	-
	<b>Middle Rate</b>	120	50	50	10
	<b>Lower Rate</b>	160	60	40	60
	<b>Nil Rate</b>	50	40	10	-
	<b>Total</b>	400	210	120	70

**Source:** DWP Information Governance and Security Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study 100%

**Notes:**

1. Figures are in thousands and rounded to the nearest ten. Totals may not sum due to rounding. “-“denotes nil or negligible.
2. DLA is a non-means-tested, non-contributory benefit which is not dependent on a claimant’s employment status. Figures show the number of people in receipt of DLA, and exclude people with entitlement where the payment has been suspended, for example if they are in hospital.
3. DLA recipients with a claim in payment as at 31 August 2013 were merged with Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (HMRC) P45/46 data to ascertain the number of which who were in employment on this date and the remainder of the recipients have been classed as unemployed. The HMRC data does not include individuals who are self-employed.
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We can confirm that the department does hold some information for the 65 and over age group. However, this would require removing Occupational Pensions information from Employment Records and we estimate that the additional work required to do that would lead us to 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 (FOIA) the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.

In response to question 2, the number of DLA claimants by age, award type and benefit combination as at August 2013, which is the latest data available,

can be found in the attached Excel spread sheet (FOI 2014-1130 Response.xls).