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Information request

Thank you for the data showing the number of people who started their pension in the year starting 1st April 2011 (which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/statistics-on-the-number-of-on-flows-to-state-pension-by-country-20112012-27652013>).

In clarification I was also requesting the total expenditure on pensions, by country, for the same group of people in the same one year period i.e. item (c) in your list of options.

However I realise that it is impossible to calculate the average pension awarded by country using this data, as people will have been in receipt of the pension for less than a full year.

Instead are you able to supply the actual average weekly pension for people starting their pensions in the year starting 1st April 2011, by country?

DWP response

In response to your question on “**the actual average weekly pension for people starting their pensions in the year starting 1st April 2011, by country?**” please see the attached document (FOI 2013-3349 WDTK Response.xls) which shows State Pension average weekly amount of benefit (At On Flow) by Country: 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012.

The Department publishes National Statistics on State Pension flows through its Tabulation Tool which can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions/about/statistics#tabulation-tool>

However we do not publish flows information by country therefore the figures supplied are derived from unpublished information and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard.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.