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People with learning disabilities in England

Disability benefits: 2018 update

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Data tables

Disability benefits

Table 1: Total number of people with learning difficulties in England eligible for and claiming Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance, and the number of people with learning disabilities or autistic spectrum disorders in England claiming Personal Independence Payment. May 2011 – Feb 2019								
	Disability Living Allowance			Personal Independence Payment		Attendance Allowance		
	Eligible	In Payment	% In payment if eligible	In Payment: Adults with learning disabilities	In Payment: Adults with autistic spectrum disorders	Eligible	In Payment	% In payment if eligible
May-11	326,930	324,260	99%	0	0	1,960	1,420	72%
May-12	347,550	344,760	99%	0	0	1,820	1,340	74%
May-13	365,430	362,580	99%	0	0	1,680	1,270	76%
May-14	380,090	377,150	99%	727	843	1,670	1,280	77%
May-15	390,120	387,050	99%	7,944	9,967	1,610	1,250	78%
May-16	383,586	380,470	99%	23,925	24,392	1,524	1,209	79%
May-17	344,301	341,496	99%	63,041	43,431	1,440	1,132	79%
May-18	316,988	314,392	99%	91,518	58,178	1,382	1,130	82%
Feb-19	299,226	296,885	99%	110,437	68,847	1,361	1,127	83%
Note: All figures are based on a complete census of claimants. Source: DWP Stat-Xplore https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/webapi/jsf/login.xhtml								

Table 2: Number of people with learning difficulties claiming Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Attendance Allowance (AA) and the number of adults with learning disabilities or autistic spectrum disorders claiming Personal Independence Payment (PIP) by age group											
	Children & young people	Younger working age adults			Older working age adults			Older adults			
	DLA age 0-17	DLA age 18-44	PIP age 16-44 people with learning disabilities	PIP age 16-44 people with autistic spectrum disorders	DLA age 45-64	PIP age 45-64 people with learning disabilities	PIP age 45-64 people with autistic spectrum disorders	DLA age 65+	PIP age 65+ people with learning disabilities	PIP age 65+ people with autistic spectrum disorders	AA age 65+
May-11	138,499	121,197	0	0	52,246	0	0	12,280	0	0	1,420
May-12	148,256	129,633	0	0	53,514	0	0	13,293	0	0	1,340
May-13	155,753	137,902	0	0	54,786	0	0	14,118	0	0	1,270
May-14	162,990	143,734	397	794	55,534	142	53	14,833	0	0	1,280
May-15	168,976	146,932	6,280	9,480	55,488	1,640	484	15,612	27	0	1,250
May-16	171,935	139,641	18,114	23,276	53,084	5,332	1,100	15,796	478	27	1,209
May-17	180,504	106,118	42,628	40,912	40,827	17,774	2,373	14,045	2,628	151	1,132
May-18	194,796	76,135	60,004	54,520	30,885	27,208	3,411	12,575	4,300	253	1,130
Feb-19	208,584	54,503	71,097	64,247	22,511	33,727	4,279	11,293	5,610	329	1,127
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