

Freedom of Information request 2013-1854

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Information request

1 - The number of people claiming incapacity benefit, severe disablement allowance and employment support allowance with a main condition of alcoholism or drug abuse for;

- a) Great Britain
- b) East Midlands
- c) Bassetlaw
- d) Worksop

Could you also please break down the number of people in these areas in 2008/09 09/10 10/11 11/12.

DWP response

In response to your request please see the tables below which are based on the latest available information.

The number of Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance (IB/SDA) claimants with Alcoholism or Drug Abuse as main disabling condition by Area: August 2008 - August 2012

		Great Britain	East Midlands Region	Bassetlaw Local Authority	Worksop Wards
Aug-08	Total	2,632,000	180,790	6,220	2,920
	Other Diagnosis	2,526,990	175,020	5,990	2,780
	Alcoholism	53,980	2,840	80	50
	Drug abuse	51,020	2,930	150	90

Aug-09	Total	2,299,580	158,960	5,320	2,470
	Other Diagnosis	2,209,010	153,980	5,130	2,360
	Alcoholism	47,760	2,520	70	40
	Drug abuse	42,800	2,470	110	60

Aug-10	Total	2,082,570	145,720	4,850	2,250
	Other Diagnosis	2,002,730	141,160	4,690	2,160
	Alcoholism	42,360	2,330	60	40
	Drug abuse	37,480	2,220	90	50

Aug-11	Total	1,887,730	132,830	4,350	2,050
	Other Diagnosis	1,817,090	128,750	4,200	1,970
	Alcoholism	37,600	2,070	60	40
	Drug abuse	33,040	2,020	90	50

Aug-12	Total	1,265,930	87,680	2,720	1,280
	Other Diagnosis	1,225,910	85,530	2,650	1,240
	Alcoholism	21,980	1,140	30	20
	Drug abuse	18,050	1,020	40	20

The number of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) claimants with Alcoholism or Drug Abuse as main disabling condition by Area: August 2010 - August 2012

		Great Britain	East Midlands Region	Bassetlaw Local Authority	Worksop Wards
Aug-10	Total	563,980	37,030	1,050	530
	Other Diagnosis	539,410	35,730	1,000	500
	Alcoholism	14,700	790	20	10
	Drug abuse	9,870	510	30	20

Aug-11	Total	731,950	47,910	1,350	630
	Other Diagnosis	702,620	46,310	1,300	600
	Alcoholism	18,710	1,040	30	20
	Drug abuse	10,620	560	30	10

Aug-12	Total	1,286,410	87,260	2,620	1,270
	Other Diagnosis	1,233,040	84,230	2,510	1,210
	Alcoholism	32,760	1,850	50	30
	Drug abuse	20,610	1,180	60	30

Source: DWP Information, Governance and Security Directorate 100% WPLS

Notes:

- 1) Figures are rounded to the nearest 10, totals may not sum due to rounding.
- 2) The medical condition recorded on the claim form does not itself confer entitlement to Incapacity Benefit or Employment Support Allowance.

So, for example, a decision on entitlement for a customer claiming IB or ESA on the basis of drug abuse would be based on their ability to carry out the range of activities assessed by the Personal / Work Capability Assessment. Please also note that where someone has more than one diagnosis or disabling condition, only the predominant one is currently recorded.

- 3) Incapacity Benefit was replaced by Employment Support Allowance (ESA) from October 2008. Information by main disabling condition on ESA is not available for August 2008 and August 2009.
- 4) Data includes people in receipt of benefit and also those who fail the contributions conditions but receive a National Insurance Credit, i.e. 'credits only cases'.
- 5) Great Britain total includes a small number of cases who are resident abroad.
- 6) The Wards used for Worksop are: Worksop East, Worksop North, Worksop North East, Worksop North West, Worksop South and Worksop South East.