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Information request

How many people receiving state pension continue to be eligible for carers allowance but can not receive it under the ruling that you can not receive both benefits?

DWP response

In response to your question please see the table below.

Number¹ of State Pension² (SP) recipients and of which those entitled to but not in receipt of Carers Allowance³ (CA), Great Britain and Abroad⁴: August 2012⁵

	Number of SP ² recipients	Of which those entitled to but not in receipt of CA ³
Total	12,798,530	383,060

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

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten.
2. The age at which women reach State Pension age is gradually increasing from 60 to 65 between April 2010 and April 2016 to November 2018. Under current legislation, State Pension age for men and women is planned to increase to: 66 between November 2018 and October 2020; 67 between 2034 and 2036; 68 between 2044 and 2046. More information is available at: <http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/espa.pdf>
3. Some claimants are entitled to receive CA, because they satisfy the eligibility criteria, but do not actually receive a payment. This is because they receive another benefit (e.g. Incapacity Benefit for people of working age, or State Pension for people of State Pension age) which equals or exceeds their weekly rate of CA. Where the overlapping benefit paid is less than the weekly rate of CA, only the amount of CA which exceeds the amount of the overlapping benefit is paid. Carers who are on low income and entitled to Carer's Allowance (whether in payment or not) may receive extra money with their Income

Support/Jobseeker's Allowance/ Pension Credit/Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit. More information on the eligibility criteria for CA can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/carers-allowance/eligibility>

4. All cases are for Great Britain, plus claimants residing abroad for SP. This **excludes** cases in Northern Ireland.
5. Figures are as at the 31st August 2012, which is the latest data available.