

Freedom of Information request 2013-1822

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Information request

You originally asked:

I am searching for information on various disability benefits in the period 1980-2012. Specifically, I am looking for the figures for the outturn of:

- Employment and Support Allowance;
- Disability Living Allowance;
- Incapacity Benefit;
- Invalidity Benefit;
- Income Support and;
- Severe Disablement Allowance.

I have already tried using the DWP tabulation tool and the statistical archives, but results only seem to be accessible up to 1999 at best. Obviously for certain benefits in question (e.g. ESA) this doesn't matter, but it does mean that I can't get a wider picture of the many of the older forms of disability benefits and how outturn has changed over time. I assume this data does exist somewhere, and was wondering if it would be possible to access it and if so how I would go about doing so.

I am hoping to break down this information regionally so if data or results which allowed me to do that were accessible it would be appreciated.

We provided you with the following information:

For longer time series tables for the specific benefits you are interested in please see the links below.

It is possible to claim some benefits and yet not actually receive a payment. Often, this is because of other "overlapping benefits" or because entitlement to the benefit passports claimants to other payments. Where this applies they are identified as 'all entitled cases'.

Attendance Allowance (all entitled cases, some of these do not receive a payment).

Long time series:

<http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/tabtools/timeseriesAA.xls>

Disability Living Allowance.

Long time series:

<http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/tabtools/timeseriesDLA.xls>

Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance (all entitled cases, some of these do not receive a payment).

Long time series:

<http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/tabtools/timeseriesIBSDA.xls>

Income Support.

Long time series:

<http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/tabtools/timeseriesIS.xls>

You subsequently asked:

“The information you have provided is extremely useful at filling in some of missing dates. However, I am still searching for older information from the period 1980-1995 which, aside from IS figures for lone parents, seems to be excluded. I was also hoping to get a regional breakdown of these figures for each benefit so that I can make a more effective comparison of where different forms of disability benefit are prevalent.

Is it possible to access such figures? I appreciate that data may be less accessible going further back to 1980, or that spreadsheets with this information may not be readily available. If that is the case then is there a raw resource I could use to access these figures?”

DWP response

Historic figures are not available on Disability Living Allowance (DLA) as it was introduced in 1992. Likewise, Employment Support Allowance (ESA) which replaced Incapacity Benefit (IB) for new claimants was introduced in October 2008.

In response to your request, the figures that we have been able to locate within the appropriate FOI cost limit are contained in the table below. Please note that figures for Non-Contributory Invalidity Pension (NCIVP) and Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA) are not available at regional level.

All Areas	Sickness Benefit	Invalidity Benefit	Total SB/InvB	Non cont IVP 1980-84 SDA 1985-94
31-May-80	450.3	615.0	1,065.3	171.1
30-May-81	410.0	633.1	1,043.1	182.4
29-May-82	469.2	683.5	1,152.7	192.3
02-Apr-83	407.6	736.9	1,144.5	202.2
31-Mar-84	247.5	797.3	1,044.8	219.0
30-Mar-85	225.2	849.3	1,074.6	251.9

05-Apr-86	237.5	899.4	1,136.9	261.3
04-Apr-87	187.2	968.0	1,155.2	260.2
02-Apr-88	227.8	1,047.5	1,275.3	263.4
01-Apr-89	266.4	1,126.1	1,392.5	274.6
31-Mar-90	308.7	1,209.4	1,518.1	284.8
30-Mar-91	372.0	1,306.3	1,678.3	293.7
01-Apr-92	458.2	1,439.1	1,897.3	302.4
01-Apr-93	533.8	1,580.3	2,114.1	316.0
01-Apr-94	567.8	1,681.3	2,249.1	329.6
All regions (England)	Sickness Benefit	Invalidity Benefit	Total SB/InvB	Non cont IVP 1980-84 SDA 1985-94
31-May-80	362.9	464.4	827.3	-
30-May-81	330.8	468.6	799.4	-
29-May-82	375.1	504.3	879.4	-
02-Apr-83	325.1	541.6	866.7	-
31-Mar-84	-	-	778.0	-
30-Mar-85	172.3	618.8	791.1	-
05-Apr-86	181.4	654.2	835.6	-
04-Apr-87	147.5	704.0	851.5	-
02-Apr-88	180.4	766.6	947.0	-
01-Apr-89	211.4	829.2	1,040.6	-
31-Mar-90	243.5	895.8	1,139.3	-
30-Mar-91	291.5	970.8	1,262.3	-
01-Apr-92	359.8	1,071.8	1,431.6	-
01-Apr-93	422.9	1,184.0	1,606.9	-
01-Apr-94	452.8	1,265.1	1,717.9	-
Northern	Sickness Benefit	Invalidity Benefit	Total SB/InvB	Non cont IVP 1980-84 SDA 1985-94
31-May-80	32.8	60.8	93.6	-
30-May-81	26.7	58.9	85.6	-
29-May-82	30.3	62.8	93.1	-
02-Apr-83	30.2	71.1	101.3	-
31-Mar-84	-	-	96.8	-
30-Mar-85	17.5	83.6	101.1	-
05-Apr-86	18.3	86.6	104.9	-
04-Apr-87	14.9	96.6	111.5	-
02-Apr-88	16.1	102.7	118.8	-
01-Apr-89	20.4	110.0	130.4	-
31-Mar-90	24.5	117.0	141.5	-
30-Mar-91	27.1	126.4	153.5	-
01-Apr-92	35.4	136.9	172.3	-

01-Apr-93	40.5	148.6	189.1	-
01-Apr-94	40.7	159.4	200.1	-
Yorks & Humber	Sickness Benefit	Invalidity Benefit	Total SB/InvB	Non cont IVP 1980-84 SDA 1985-94
31-May-80	43.7	63.9	107.6	-
30-May-81	38.9	64.2	103.1	-
29-May-82	46.2	67.8	114.0	-
02-Apr-83	39.8	71.7	111.5	-
31-Mar-84	-	-	98.3	-
30-Mar-85	22.5	77.2	99.7	-
05-Apr-86	25.0	83.5	108.5	-
04-Apr-87	18.3	89.1	107.4	-
02-Apr-88	22.9	98.0	120.9	-
01-Apr-89	25.8	107.5	133.3	-
31-Mar-90	27.3	118.4	145.7	-
30-Mar-91	35.3	124.5	159.8	-
01-Apr-92	40.5	136.5	177.0	-
01-Apr-93	48.0	150.7	198.7	-
01-Apr-94	49.5	153.9	203.4	-
East Midlands	Sickness Benefit	Invalidity Benefit	Total SB/InvB	Non cont IVP 1980-84 SDA 1985-94
31-May-80	30.7	33.9	64.6	-
30-May-81	27.6	33.6	61.3	-
29-May-82	27.6	36.7	64.3	-
02-Apr-83	26.3	39.2	65.5	-
31-Mar-84	-	-	55.3	-
30-Mar-85	13.7	44.3	58.0	-
05-Apr-86	12.7	47.6	60.3	-
04-Apr-87	10.1	50.4	60.5	-
02-Apr-88	14.9	55.7	70.6	-
01-Apr-89	15.8	61.0	76.8	-
31-Mar-90	17.2	66.3	83.5	-
30-Mar-91	16.8	74.3	91.1	-
01-Apr-92	21.1	80.4	101.5	-
01-Apr-93	26.8	85.7	112.5	-
01-Apr-94	28.7	94.4	123.1	-
East Anglia	Sickness Benefit	Invalidity Benefit	Total SB/InvB	Non cont IVP 1980-84 SDA 1985-94
31-May-80	7.8	11.1	18.9	-
30-May-81	9.6	13.9	23.5	-

29-May-82	9.2	15.2	24.4	-
02-Apr-83	10.8	15.6	26.4	-
31-Mar-84	-	-	21.5	-
30-Mar-85	4.6	17.7	22.3	-
05-Apr-86	4.8	17.9	22.7	-
04-Apr-87	4.9	19.3	24.2	-
02-Apr-88	5.9	20.7	26.6	-
01-Apr-89	6.2	23.6	29.8	-
31-Mar-90	6.6	26.3	32.9	-
30-Mar-91	7.9	28.8	36.7	-
01-Apr-92	9.5	30.5	40.0	-
01-Apr-93	10.9	32.5	43.4	-
01-Apr-94	11.4	37.0	48.4	-
South East GLC	Sickness Benefit	Invalidity Benefit	Total SB/InvB	Non cont IVP 1980-84 SDA 1985-94
31-May-80	60.6	48.6	109.2	-
30-May-81	48.4	49.3	97.7	-
29-May-82	56.3	54.7	111.0	-
02-Apr-83	43.8	53.8	97.6	-
31-Mar-84	-	-	84.1	-
30-Mar-85	19.2	61.1	80.3	-
05-Apr-86	22.0	64.3	86.3	-
04-Apr-87	19.4	66.6	86.0	-
02-Apr-88	23.9	72.7	96.6	-
01-Apr-89	29.5	76.5	106.0	-
31-Mar-90	36.3	84.1	120.4	-
30-Mar-91	51.8	97.3	149.1	-
01-Apr-92	64.2	108.9	173.1	-
01-Apr-93	74.1	118.6	192.7	-
01-Apr-94	77.1	124.9	202.0	-
South East Remainder	Sickness Benefit	Invalidity Benefit	Total SB/InvB	Non cont IVP 1980-84 SDA 1985-94
31-May-80	52.0	61.5	113.5	-
30-May-81	49.5	64.5	114.0	-
29-May-82	60.9	66.6	127.5	-
02-Apr-83	53.5	77.2	130.7	-
31-Mar-84	-	-	112.5	-
30-Mar-85	28.0	86.6	114.6	-
05-Apr-86	28.2	91.7	119.9	-
04-Apr-87	22.4	97.1	119.5	-
02-Apr-88	28.2	106.5	134.7	-

01-Apr-89	31.6	115.5	147.1	-
31-Mar-90	34.7	120.6	155.3	-
30-Mar-91	39.2	121.9	161.1	-
01-Apr-92	46.5	134.3	180.8	-
01-Apr-93	55.4	151.1	206.5	-
01-Apr-94	64.8	166.2	231.0	-
South West	Sickness Benefit	Invalidity Benefit	Total SB/InvB	Non cont IVP 1980-84 SDA 1985-94
31-May-80	23.7	35.4	59.1	-
30-May-81	26.2	35.8	62.0	-
29-May-82	26.1	37.9	64.0	-
02-Apr-83	22.3	40.0	62.3	-
31-Mar-84	-	-	55.9	-
30-Mar-85	14.0	44.0	58.0	-
05-Apr-86	13.5	48.2	61.7	-
04-Apr-87	10.7	53.4	64.1	-
02-Apr-88	13.1	57.4	70.5	-
01-Apr-89	14.6	60.2	74.8	-
31-Mar-90	17.9	66.1	84.0	-
30-Mar-91	21.0	71.9	92.9	-
01-Apr-92	25.6	77.7	103.3	-
01-Apr-93	29.2	86.4	115.6	-
01-Apr-94	28.8	88.4	117.2	-
West Midlands	Sickness Benefit	Invalidity Benefit	Total SB/InvB	Non cont IVP 1980-84 SDA 1985-94
31-May-80	43.3	49.0	92.3	-
30-May-81	37.8	49.7	87.5	-
29-May-82	40.2	55.2	95.4	-
02-Apr-83	39.3	58.9	98.2	-
31-Mar-84	-	-	91.3	-
30-Mar-85	18.2	69.1	87.3	-
05-Apr-86	19.6	70.8	90.4	-
04-Apr-87	16.6	76.2	92.8	-
02-Apr-88	18.3	85.4	103.7	-
01-Apr-89	24.2	90.3	114.5	-
31-Mar-90	26.5	97.3	123.8	-
30-Mar-91	31.3	105.9	137.2	-
01-Apr-92	39.8	120.0	159.8	-
01-Apr-93	45.2	131.7	176.9	-
01-Apr-94	51.1	141.7	192.8	-
North West	Sickness Benefit	Invalidity Benefit	Total SB/InvB	Non cont IVP 1980-84

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31-May-80	68.3	100.2	168.5	-
30-May-81	66.3	98.6	164.9	-
29-May-82	78.3	107.4	185.7	-
02-Apr-83	59.2	114.1	173.3	-
31-Mar-84	-	-	162.3	-
30-Mar-85	34.6	135.1	169.7	-
05-Apr-86	37.3	143.6	180.9	-
04-Apr-87	30.2	155.3	185.5	-
02-Apr-88	37.1	167.5	204.6	-
01-Apr-89	43.3	184.6	227.9	-
31-Mar-90	52.5	199.7	252.2	-
30-Mar-91	61.1	219.8	280.9	-
01-Apr-92	77.2	246.6	323.8	-
01-Apr-93	92.8	278.7	371.5	-
01-Apr-94	100.7	299.2	399.9	-
Scotland	Sickness Benefit	Invalidity Benefit	Total SB/InvB	Non cont IVP 1980-84 SDA 1985-94
31-May-80	54.6	78.1	132.7	-
30-May-81	49.4	88.4	137.8	-
29-May-82	57.2	95.2	152.4	-
02-Apr-83	50.6	102.3	152.9	-
31-Mar-84	-	-	138.7	-
30-Mar-85	31.5	115.8	147.4	-
05-Apr-86	32.0	125.6	157.6	-
04-Apr-87	23.9	135.3	159.2	-
02-Apr-88	28.6	146.9	175.5	-
01-Apr-89	33.7	157.9	191.6	-
31-Mar-90	37.4	169.4	206.8	-
30-Mar-91	50.2	181.4	231.6	-
01-Apr-92	62.1	200.2	262.3	-
01-Apr-93	68.5	215.7	284.2	-
01-Apr-94	72.5	227.6	300.1	-
Wales	Sickness Benefit	Invalidity Benefit	Total SB/InvB	Non cont IVP 1980-84 SDA 1985-94
31-May-80	32.4	67.4	99.8	-
30-May-81	29.4	71.3	100.7	-
29-May-82	36.5	79.3	115.8	-
02-Apr-83	31.4	87.5	118.9	-
31-Mar-84	-	-	120.5	-
30-Mar-85	20.7	108.0	128.7	-

05-Apr-86	23.9	112.4	136.3	-
04-Apr-87	15.6	122.0	137.6	-
02-Apr-88	18.6	126.9	145.5	-
01-Apr-89	21.2	131.8	153.0	-
31-Mar-90	27.3	137.6	164.9	-
30-Mar-91	30.0	146.7	176.7	-
01-Apr-92	36.0	159.4	195.4	-
01-Apr-93	42.2	172.2	214.4	-
01-Apr-94	42.3	181.0	223.3	-
Overseas	Sickness Benefit	Invalidity Benefit	Total SB/InvB	Non cont IVP 1980-84 SDA 1985-94
31-May-80	*0.4	5.1	5.5	-
30-May-81	*0.4	4.7	5.1	-
29-May-82	*0.3	4.7	5.0	-
02-Apr-83	0.5	5.5	6.0	-
31-Mar-84	-	-	7.6	-
30-Mar-85	0.6	6.7	7.3	-
05-Apr-86	*0.2	7.2	7.4	-
04-Apr-87	*0.2	6.7	6.9	-
02-Apr-88	*0.2	7.1	7.3	-
01-Apr-89	*0.1	7.2	7.3	-
31-Mar-90	0.5	6.6	7.1	-
30-Mar-91	*0.3	7.4	7.7	-
01-Apr-92	*0.3	7.7	8.0	-
01-Apr-93	*0.2	8.4	8.6	-
01-Apr-94	*0.2	7.6	7.8	-

Source: DWP Information, Governance & Security Directorate 1% Samples

Notes:

1. Figures are shown in thousands and rounded to the nearest hundred.
2. Figures for Non-Contributory IVP include Housewives Non-Contributory IVB.
3. Figures marked "*" are based on very few sample cases and therefore subject to a high degree of sampling variation, such figures should be used as a guide only.
4. Figures marked '-' are not available.

FOI cost limit

We estimate that the cost of complying fully with your request would 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 the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request any further than the information that has been provided above.