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Information request

I would like to know the number of JSA sanctions imposed on claimants who live in Hull since 2010. I would like a month by month breakdown starting from January 2010 and ending with March 2013.

DWP response

In response to your request, the table below contains a monthly time series, from January 2010 to May 2012, on the number of Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) sanction referrals where an adverse decision has been made in Kingston upon Hull, including fixed and varied length sanctions and entitlement decisions.

Total number of Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) Sanction referrals where an adverse decision has been made, in Kingston upon Hull Local Authority: 1st January 2010 - 31st May 2012

	Kingston upon Hull
Jan-10	300
Feb-10	240
Mar-10	430
Apr-10	390
May-10	400
Jun-10	620
Jul-10	530
Aug-10	560
Sep-10	520
Oct-10	570
Nov-10	480
Dec-10	400
Jan-11	490
Feb-11	560
Mar-11	570
Apr-11	420

May-11	400
Jun-11	400
Jul-11	420
Aug-11	360
Sep-11	420
Oct-11	390
Nov-11	430
Dec-11	410
Jan-12	440
Feb-12	550
Mar-12	700
Apr-12	550
May-12	680

Source:

DWP Information, Governance and Security Directorate: JSA Sanctions and Disallowance Decisions Statistics Database.

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten; "-" denotes nil or negligible.
2. The number of sanctions applied is the number of referrals where there has been an adverse decision.
3. The 31st of May 2012 is the latest date for which figures are currently available by Local Authority.
4. **Varied Length sanctions:** A sanction of between 1 week and 26 weeks is imposed for leaving employment voluntarily without just cause, refusing employment without good cause, or losing employment through misconduct. The actual period in each case is at the discretion of the Adjudication Officer who makes the decision.
5. **Fixed Length sanctions:** A sanction of between 1 week and 26 weeks is imposed for refusal, without good cause, to attend an employment programme or carry out a Jobseeker's Direction. Payment of benefit continues in full pending the Adjudication Officer's decision on a sanction question.
6. **Entitlement Decisions:** These are questions on which entitlement to JSA depends. For example, if there is doubt around whether the Jobseeker's agreement (JSAg) is suitable, whether they are actively looking for work or making themselves available for work. In most cases payment of JSA will be suspended by benefit processing until the doubt is resolved.

JSA sanctions statistics by local authority from June 2012 onwards will be published on the Department's website and an announcement on the exact timing and content will be made here:

<http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=news>