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Information request

“I’m looking for statistics on the number of qualifying years of National Insurance contributions accumulated by individuals in the UK spilt by characteristics such as age and gender. This data would be used to parameterise an extension of the NIBAX micro-simulation model currently in use at DWP, HMT and HMRC.

You originally directed me to the tabtool, but the data there is banded by 10 year age bands and we would need some more granularity. Would it be possible to obtain the mean and variance of the number of qualifying years by year of age and gender across the population cross-section in 2006?”

DWP response

In response to your query, please see the attached document FOI 2013-1351 response.xls which contains mean and variance of number of National Insurance Contributions qualifying years by age and gender of all people who had some credit or contribution in the 2006/07 tax, including those who did not accrue a qualifying year.

Please note that as these statistics are taken from a 1% sample, they are subject to sampling variation and should therefore be treated with caution.

The Quality document at

http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=stpp_cq contains details of indicative confidence intervals.

Also, these figures will not match those for 2006/07 on the DWP National Insurance Contributions & Qualifying Years tabulation tool

<http://83.244.183.180/NIRS/live/tabtool.html> due to the inclusion of those who did not accrue a qualifying year.