

Working Age Benefits by Statistical Group and claim duration

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Background

The Department regularly publishes National Statistics on its website and on NOMIS, the Office for National Statistics official website of labour market statistics www.nomisweb.co.uk. Both websites allow you to construct tables to your own requirements.

Claim durations by working age client group statistics are available from the DWP Tabulation Tool (<http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool>).

The Tabulation Tool covers all DWP benefits and, if a benefit recipient is in receipt of more than one benefit, then the length of the oldest claim is included in the Tabulation Tool table, irrespective of the statistical group that a recipient belongs to.

For example, if a person is in receipt of both Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and the respective claim lengths are 2 years and 10 years then the person would be recorded as a 'Jobseeker' (as the Jobseeker statistical group is first in the hierarchical order of statistical group) and would be recorded as having a claim length of 10 years (the length of the DLA claim).

This analysis excludes non out-of-work benefits (Disability Living Allowance, Carers Allowance, Attendance Allowance, and Pension Credit), and so only the duration of out-of-work benefits are included in the statistics.

Information on the benefit system, the range of benefits available, the rates in payment and eligibility conditions are available on the [Directgov](http://www.direct.gov.uk) website.

Methodology

This analysis only includes out-of-work benefits (i.e. Jobseekers Allowance (JSA), Incapacity Benefit / Severe Disability Allowance (IB/SDA), Employment Support Allowance (ESA) and Income Support (IS)). Therefore, the duration of claim will reflect length of time in receipt of these benefits only.

Statistical groups are hierarchical in the order displayed in the table.

The statistical group *Job Seeker* consists of people in receipt of JSA only.

The statistical group *ESA and incapacity benefits* consist of people in receipt of IB/SDA or ESA, and will also include people in receipt of these benefits plus IS.

The statistical groups *Lone Parent*, *Carer*, and *Others on income related benefit* will consist of people in those groups claiming IS.

The duration of claim reflects the oldest out-of-work benefit claim for each person.

For the Jobseekers statistical group this will be the length of the JSA claim.

For the Lone Parent, Carer, and Others on income related benefit statistical groups this will be the length of the IS claim.

For the ESA and incapacity benefits claim this will be the length of the IB/SDA or ESA claim if the person is only claiming that benefit, or the oldest of either the IB/SDA/ESA and IS claim if the person is claiming a combination of these benefits.

Results

Statistics are included in attached Excel file and also on following webpage:

http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=adhoc_analysis

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