

# Distribution of benefits caseload by Parliamentary Constituency over 4 quarters

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## Background

Each quarter thousands of tables are released showing the caseload for a number of benefits. The information is released in our tabulation tool<sup>1</sup> and a wide range of breakdowns are available. The geographical breakdowns include Local Authority, Government region and Parliamentary Constituency.

A document<sup>2</sup> accompanies the release of the tables of data and it contains information on benefits that, in many cases, starts as a time series at August 1999. Charts, at national level, are included in the publication to visualise the changes in caseload over time.

The PDF file attached to this document contains charts, for all Parliamentary Constituencies, over the four quarters August 2010, May 2010, February 2010 and November 2009. **The file is large and may take a considerable time to download.** The data used for the charts may be accessed from the Excel spreadsheets<sup>3</sup> or from the tabulation tools.

## Methodology

For each Parliamentary Constituency two charts have been produced- see next page for an example. Both charts are in the same format. The charts for a Parliamentary Constituency show the caseload figures in relation to the distribution of caseload figures across all the Parliamentary Constituencies.

In the example overleaf, Attendance Allowance for August 2010 is shown as bar 1. To obtain bar 1, the caseload figures for Attendance Allowance (in payment) for August 2010 were sorted by volume. The lowest 20 percent of the ordered figures are highlighted in green on the chart. This represents the 20 percent of Parliamentary Constituencies which have the lowest absolute numbers of Attendance Allowance recipients. The highest 20% of figures are highlighted in red. The “middle” 80% of the figures are in amber. The actual figures for the particular Parliamentary Constituency are then shown as a superimposed black dot.

## Results

-The red/amber/green “boxes” for any individual benefit are very similar for each quarter i.e. the national picture changes little from quarter to quarter;

- The position of the black dot, for any individual benefit, varies little from quarter to quarter i.e. the number of cases in a Parliamentary Constituency remains, relative to that in the other Parliamentary Constituencies, stable ;

-in the chart for Parliamentary Constituency xx:

- the number receiving disability living allowance and Incapacity Benefit / Severe disability living allowance are relatively high;

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<sup>1</sup> <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool>

<sup>2</sup> [http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/stats\\_summary/stats\\_summary\\_mar2011.pdf](http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/stats_summary/stats_summary_mar2011.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=statistical\\_summaries](http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=statistical_summaries)

➤ the numbers receiving State Pension are relatively low.

Example for Parliamentary Constituency xx

Black dot shows the value in this Parliamentary constituency for each benefit for each of the last four quarters

- Parliamentary Constituencies where number of cases is in the highest 20%
- Parliamentary Constituencies where number of cases is in the lowest 20%

Chart 1. Numbers receiving Attendance, Carers, Disability Living, Employment Support and IB/SDA allowances Aug 2010 to Nov 2009 In Parl C xx

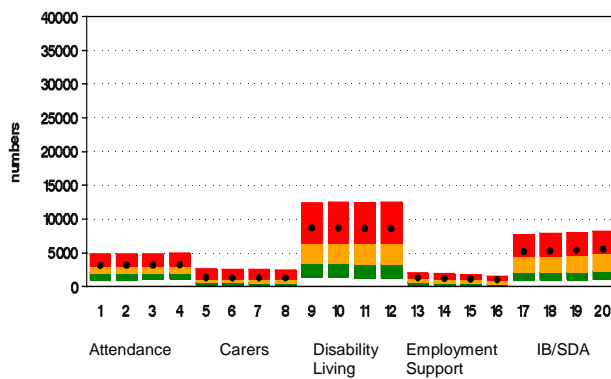
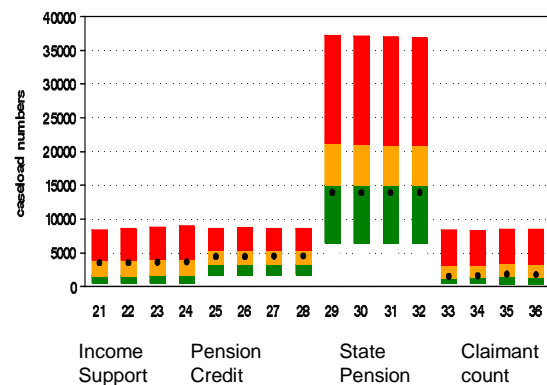


Chart 2. Numbers receiving Income support, Pension Credit, State Pension, & Claimant count for quarters Aug 2010 to Nov 2009 In Parl C xx



The charts are available for all Parliamentary constituencies.

Chart 1		Chart 2	
Bar number	Benefit	Bar Number	Benefit
1	Attendance Allowance Aug 2010	21	Income Support Aug 2010
2	Attendance Allowance May 2010	22	Income Support May 2010
3	Attendance Allowance Feb 2010	23	Income Support Feb 2010
4	Attendance Allowance Nov 2009	24	Income Support Nov 2009
5-8	Carers Allowance Aug 2010 ,May 2010, Feb 2010. Nov 2009	25-28	Pension Credit Aug 2010 ,May 2010, Feb 2010. Nov 2009
9-12	Disability Living Allowance Aug 2010-Nov2009	29-32	State Pension Aug 2010 ,May 2010, Feb 2010. Nov 2009
13-16	Employment Support Allowance Aug 2010-Nov2009	33-36	State Pension Aug 2010 ,May 2010, Feb 2010. Nov 2009
17-20	Incapacity Benefit/ Severe Disability Allowance Aug 2010-Nov2009		

Source data : DWP data at <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool> and [www.nomisweb.co.uk](http://www.nomisweb.co.uk)

**For clarity Chart 1 and Chart 2 have different vertical scales in the attached pdf files**

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