

# Carer's Allowance and Disability Living Allowance recipients by local authority

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# Background

People who look after somebody with caring needs for 35 hours or more per week may be eligible to claim Carer's Allowance (CA). The person receiving care must be in receipt of the highest or middle rate care component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA), or Attendance Allowance (AA), or a Constant Attendance Allowance, at a specified rate.

Further information on CA, DLA, AA and Constant Attendance Allowance can be found at the following pages: <https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/disability> and <https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/jobseekers-allowance>.

This publication gives the number of CA recipients who were also receiving DLA at February 2012, broken down by local authority. This encompasses those who only receive CA and DLA, as well as those who receive CA, DLA and other benefit(s). It should be noted that the data does not include Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit or Tax Credits. The figures in this publication are based on administrative data held by the Department for Work and Pensions. The information is derived from quarterly snapshots.

The Department regularly publishes National Statistics on CA, DLA and AA claimants. These can be found at: <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool>, and include benefit combinations at a regional level (formerly known as Government Office Regions). This ad hoc publication expands on the existing tables by providing a local authority breakdown of claimants who receive both CA and DLA.

# Results

In summary, at February 2012, 42,280 people were receiving CA and DLA. This comprises around 7% of those in receipt of CA.

Of the 42,280 people who were receiving CA and DLA:

- 15,140 (36 per cent) were receiving CA and DLA only; and
- 27,140 (64 per cent) were receiving, CA, DLA and other benefit(s).

The accompanying spreadsheet gives a breakdown of these figures by local authority.

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