

# Freedom of Information request 2012-3329

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## Information request

How many people have had their benefits cut for not taking part in mandatory work since it was first introduced for certain groups in 2011?

## DWP response

The information you have requested is shown in the table below.

### Number of Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) sanctions applied for Failing to Participate in Mandatory Work Activity (MWA): 16th May 2011 to 30th April 2012

	<b>Total</b>
Number of sanctions applied	6,580
Number of individuals with a sanction applied	6,230

Source: DWP Information Directorate: JSA Sanctions and Disallowance Decisions Statistics Database

#### Notes:

1. Figures are cumulative and rounded to the nearest ten.
2. The number of sanctions applied is the number of referrals where there has been an adverse decision.
3. Failing to Participate in MWA is a fixed length sanction
4. Fixed length sanctions: A claimant who fails to comply, without good cause, will be sanctioned for 13 weeks. A second such failure, within 12 months of the first sanction, will result in a 26 week sanction. Payment of benefit continues in full pending the Adjudication Officer's decision on a sanction question.

More information on MWA, including the latest statistics on referrals and starts, can be found by accessing the link below.

<http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/pwp/index.php?page=pwp>