

Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance

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Introduction

Incapacity Benefit replaced Sickness Benefit and Invalidity Benefit from 13 April 1995. It is paid to people who are assessed as being incapable of work and who meet certain contribution conditions.

There are three rates of Incapacity Benefit. There are two short-term rates: the lower rate (IBST(L)) is paid for the first 28 weeks of sickness and the higher rate (IBST(H)) for weeks 29 to 52. The long-term rate (IBLT) applies to people who have been sick for more than a year. The higher short-term rate and the long-term rate are treated as taxable income.

Incapacity Benefit will be paid at the short term rate for people over pension age for up to a year from the date of claim, but only if the incapacity began before they reached pension age.

Increases are paid for dependant adults who are caring for a child or where the spouse is aged 60 or over. Increases for children are paid with the short-term higher rate and with the long-term rate. An age addition is paid with the long-term rate at one of two rates depending on the age when incapacity began.

For the first 28 weeks of incapacity, people previously in work are assessed on the 'own occupation' test - the claimant's ability to do their own job. Otherwise incapacity is based on the 'personal capability assessment' (formerly 'all work test') which assesses ability to carry out a range of work-related activities. The test applies after 28 weeks of incapacity or from the start of the claim for people who did not previously have a job.

Certain people are exempt from the personal capability assessment. These include, those in receipt of Disability Living Allowance care component at the higher rate, those registered blind, and those suffering from a severe illness (for example: tetraplegia, persistent vegetative state, dementia).

There were transitional provisions for people who were on Sickness or Invalidity Benefit on 12 April 1995. They were automatically transferred to Incapacity Benefit payable on the same basis as before. Former Invalidity Benefit recipients continued to get additional pension entitlement, but frozen at 1994 rates. If they were over state pension age on 12 April 1995 they may have received Incapacity Benefit for up to 5 years beyond pension age. Benefit received by former Invalidity Benefit claimants is not subject to tax.

From April 2001, there have been no new claims to SDA. From this date claimants under the age of 20 (or 25 if receiving training or education) may become entitled to Incapacity Benefit.

The statistics in this publication are based on a 5% sample and are subject to the sampling error explained in the Appendix. Figures include a small number of overseas cases and exclude a small number of cases not held on the INCAP computer system.

Main Findings

This section summarises the main findings from the August 2002 Quarterly Summary Statistics.

Caseload

At the end of August 2002, the number of **IB claimants** stood at 2.38 million – 1.7% higher than the same point a year earlier, and 1.8% lower than when IB was introduced. Of the 2.38 million claimants 855 thousand were receiving National Insurance credits only, while 1.52 million claimants were eligible for one of the other elements of IB :

Numbers on **short term lower rate** fell by 3.6% in the year to August 2002, to stand at 90 thousand.

Numbers on **short term higher rate** fell by 8.7% in the year to August 2002, to stand at 89 thousand.

Numbers on **long term rate** rose by 1.2% in the year to August 2002, to stand at 1,341 thousand (Table A3). Some of this can be attributed to the conversion in April 2002 of SDA beneficiaries aged under 20 to the IB long term rate. Estimates suggest that around 15 thousand cases were converted from SDA to IBLT.

Number of credits only claimants rose by 4.3% in the year to August 2002, to stand at 855 thousand (Table A3).

There were 1.07 million IB claimants in August 2002, (5.3% higher than in August 2001) whose duration on benefit was 5 years or more. This was 45% of the total IB caseload. (Table B8).

IB credits only cases over pension age have been excluded from the August 2002 figures. Credits to IB cease at pension age; these cases have erroneously remained on the INCAP computer system even though credits are no longer applicable.

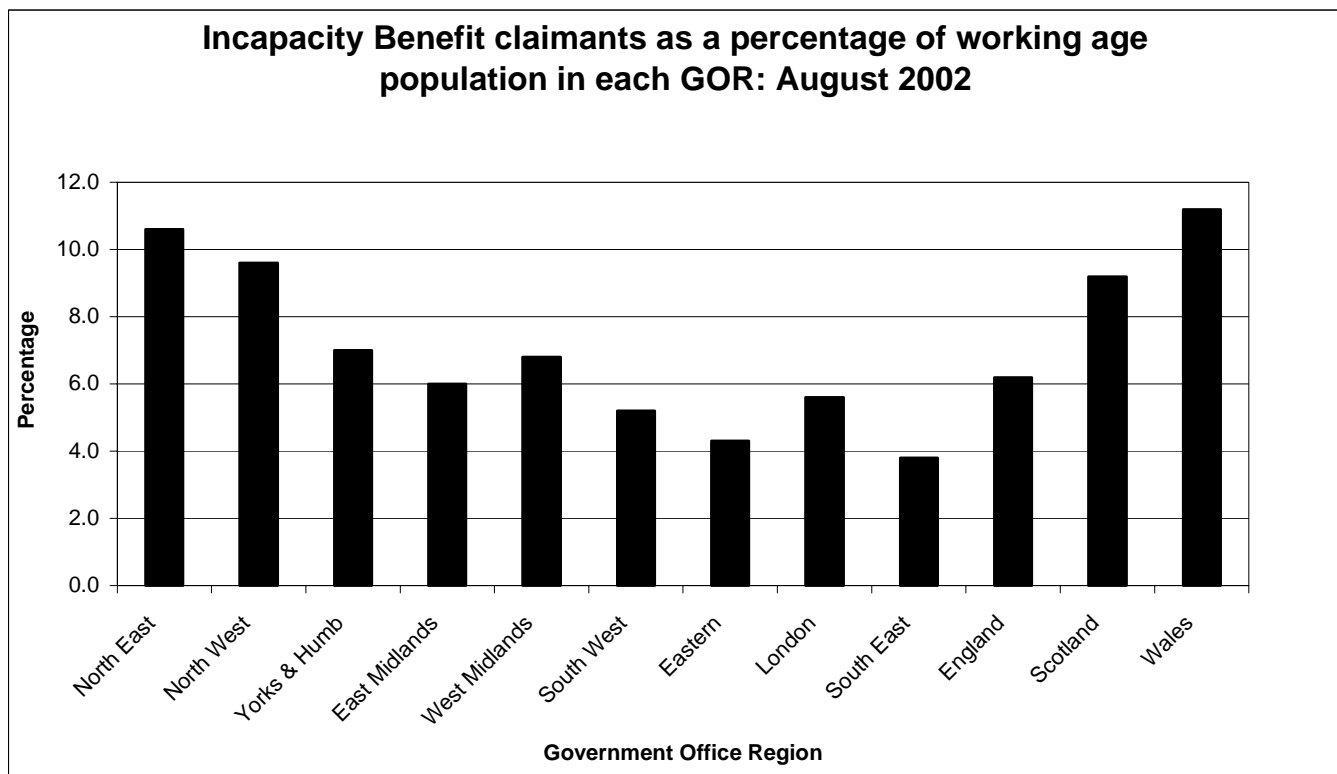
Of the other age groups, 1.5 million claimants were men, of whom 46% were under 50. For women the figures were 0.9 million and 57% respectively (Table B1).

There was a 73.7% decline in the number of beneficiaries with an adult dependant since the introduction of IB. This drop is due to the change in rules for claiming adult dependency increases with the introduction of IB. All cases previously on IVB getting an adult dependency increase were transitionally protected. Currently to qualify for an increase in benefit, an adult dependant must be caring for a child, or the claimant's spouse must be aged 60 or over (Table A5).

The number of beneficiaries exempt from the Personal Capability Assessment (previously the 'all work test') rose to 395 thousand in the August 2002 quarter. It should be noted that people who are found to be exempt are less likely to leave the benefit due to the severity of their illness. See Introduction and Table A6.

In August 2002, 6.6% of the working age population of GB was claiming IB. This varied among the regions from 11.0% in Wales to 3.7% in the South East (Table B3).

The number claiming SDA fell by 9.9% in the year up to August 2002, to stand at 330 thousand. The number of SDA beneficiaries stood at 329 thousand at August 2002, down 9.8% on a year earlier (Table A9).



Commencements and Terminations

The number of spells commencing in the August 2002 quarter was 151 thousand – 6.6% lower than a year earlier, and 38% lower than when IB was introduced. The number of credit only cases commencing in the August 2002 quarter was 67 thousand, 45% of all commencements. The number of credit only cases commencing when IB was first introduced was 97 thousand, 40% of all commencements. (Table A1).

There were 111 thousand terminations during the August 2002 quarter, down from 114 thousand during the same quarter a year earlier. This was despite the number deemed ‘not incapable’ following a Personal Capability Assessment, which rose from 24 thousand in August 2001 to 27 thousand in August 2002 (Table A2).

Glossary of terms and conventions

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Claimants

“Claimants” include people who are in receipt of benefit and also those who have applied for the benefit and continue to submit medical evidence, but who either are not entitled because of failing the contribution conditions (in the case of IB), or have their benefit extinguished for reasons such as an overlap with another benefit, or because of hospitalisation (in the case of both IB and SDA).

Beneficiaries

“Beneficiaries” are people who are actually in receipt of an Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disablement Allowance payment.

Conventions

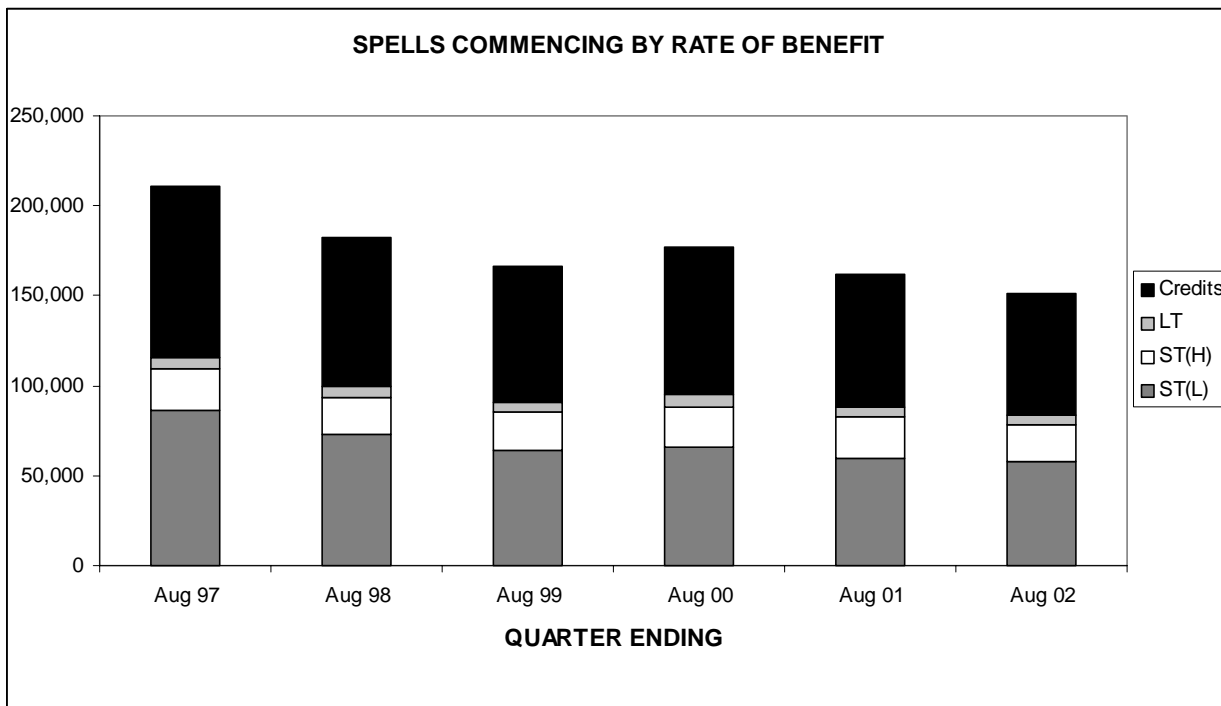
..	Not available
.	Not applicable
-	Nil or Negligible
*	Figures under 500 are subject to a high degree of sampling error and should only be used as a guide.

A1 Spells of Incapacity Benefit commencing¹ in the period by rate of benefit

Thousands

Quarter ending		All IB	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT	Credits Only
1995	May	242.7	46.6	13.7	4.0	97.0
1997	Aug	210.6	86.5	22.7	6.6	94.8
	Nov	210.4	86.0	24.4	6.5	93.6
1998	Feb	190.5	81.7	22.5	6.7	79.6
	May	180.0	74.9	22.6	6.4	76.1
	Aug	182.0	72.9	20.6	6.2	82.3
	Nov	190.4	74.7	22.1	6.1	87.4
1999	Feb	188.0	75.0	23.1	5.4	84.6
	May	171.3	66.2	21.1	5.8	78.2
	Aug	166.2	64.4	20.9	5.5	75.4
	Nov	181.6	68.9	24.0	6.2	82.6
2000	Feb	169.1	69.0	22.1	5.9	72.1
	May	176.7	68.2	24.1	6.4	78.0
	Aug	176.6	66.2	22.3	6.5	81.7
	Nov	174.6	67.9	23.9	6.2	76.6
2001	Feb	162.3	68.5	22.5	6.0	65.3
	May	168.2	66.5	24.0	6.3	71.3
	Aug	161.7	60.0	22.7	5.4	73.5
	Nov	165.2	60.7	23.6	5.3	75.6
2002	Feb	146.8	59.1	21.0	5.3	61.4
	May	152.8	60.1	21.6	5.5	65.7
	Aug	151.0	57.8	20.2	5.6	67.4

Note: ¹ Includes some cases which have been "rebuilt" onto the system, e.g. where a case has been removed for updating. These figures also exclude late notifications onto the system.



A2 Incapacity Benefit spells terminating¹ by reason and rate of benefit

Thousands

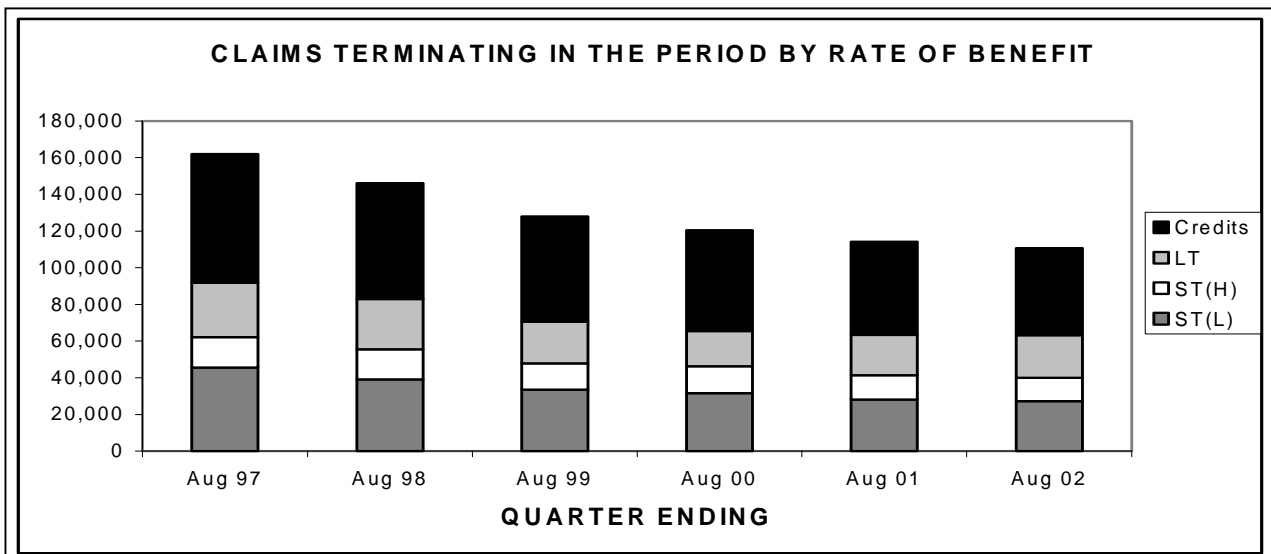
		Number of claims terminating by reason				Number of claims terminating by rate of benefit					
		Not incapable				IBLT					
Quarter ending	Total terminations	PCA ³	Own occ. test	Other ⁴ reason	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	Total IBLT	Ex-IVB (protected)	Other IBLT	Credits only	
1995	May	161.0	..	..	..	62.5	0.5	33.5	..	..	64.5
1997	Aug	162.0	42.0	0.6	119.4	45.6	16.6	29.6	16.2	13.4	70.3
	Nov	164.5	42.2	0.7	121.6	45.4	16.6	31.3	16.2	15.1	71.2
1998	Feb	157.5	43.0	1.0	113.6	43.2	17.4	29.6	13.5	16.2	67.3
	May	160.6	40.1	0.9	119.6	45.1	17.4	29.6	12.2	17.4	68.5
	Aug	146.2	40.7	1.3	104.2	39.1	16.5	27.4	10.4	16.9	63.2
	Nov	149.7	.. ²	1.1	.. ²	39.3	16.5	27.4	10.0	17.4	66.4
1999	Feb	144.4	35.5	1.4	107.4	41.8	14.9	23.6	7.7	15.9	64.0
	May	135.7	33.8	1.3	100.6	36.3	15.5	22.4	6.8	15.6	61.5
	Aug	128.0	32.1	0.9	95.1	33.6	14.2	22.8	7.1	15.8	57.3
	Nov	134.0	30.9	1.1	102.1	35.1	15.2	21.5	5.9	15.6	62.2
2000	Feb	129.4	30.9	1.3	97.2	36.1	15.0	20.7	5.6	15.1	57.6
	May	128.7	27.5	1.2	100.0	36.2	14.2	20.5	4.3	16.2	57.9
	Aug	120.4	25.4	1.6	93.4	31.7	14.5	19.3	4.3	15.0	54.9
	Nov	120.4	22.6	1.5	96.4	32.4	13.5	21.9	4.6	17.3	52.7
2001	Feb	112.8	21.4	1.3	90.0	32.3	13.3	20.4	4.0	16.4	46.8
	May	118.7	23.2	1.3	94.2	32.7	13.7	22.6	4.1	18.5	49.7
	Aug	114.2	24.3	1.3	88.6	28.0	13.3	22.1	3.7	18.4	50.8
	Nov	125.8	29.4	1.4	95.1	31.2	16.7	24.0	4.3	19.7	53.9
2002	Feb	114.6	27.0	1.1	86.5	27.8	13.1	23.3	4.2	19.0	50.4
	May	116.5	29.5	1.0	86.1	29.5	15.1	23.3	3.6	19.6	48.7
	Aug	110.6	26.7	0.8	83.1	27.2	12.7	23.2	3.7	19.5	47.4

Notes: ¹ These figures exclude terminations notified late onto the system, and cases transferring onto Retirement Pension, Widows Benefit and Bereavement Benefit.

² Because of changes to the recording system, terminations due to the all work test are unreliable.

³ 'Personal capability assessment' (formerly the 'all work test')

⁴ Due to operational procedures a small number of the all work test/PCA terminations appear in "Other reason".

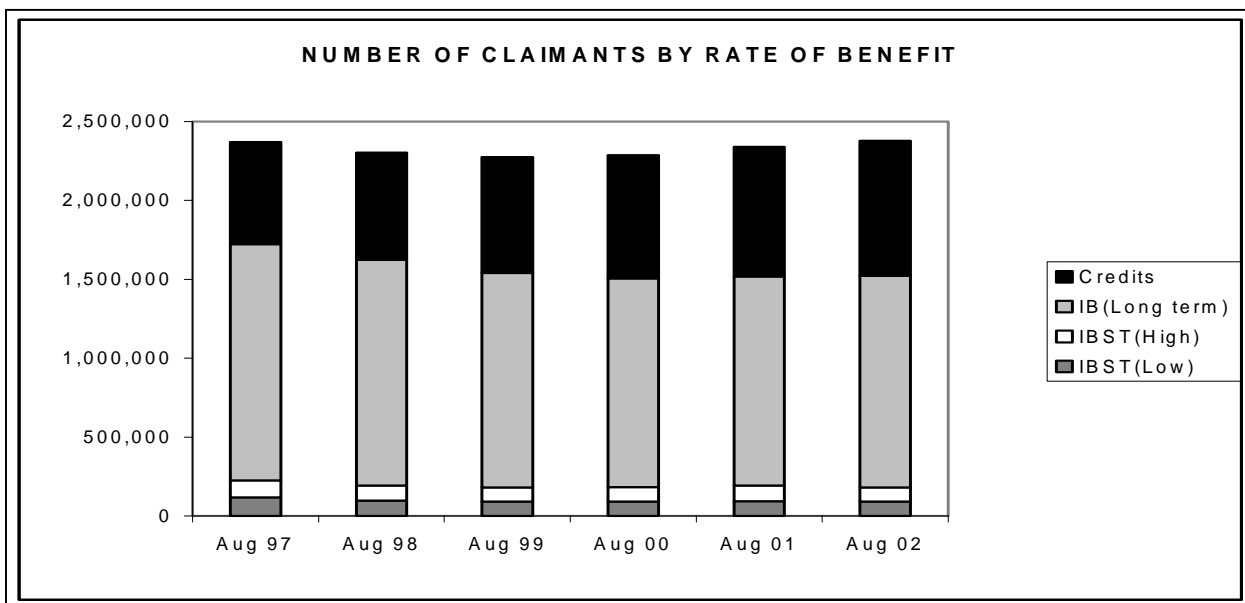


A3 Incapacity Benefit claimants by rate of benefit and split between ex-IVB and other claimants

Thousands

		Number of IB claimants						
					IBLT			
Quarter ending	Total	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	Total IBLT	Ex-IVB (protected)	Other IBLT	Credits only	
1995	May	2,419.7	128.1	35.7	1,699.4	..	..	556.5
1997	Aug	2,369.8	118.9	106.6	1,498.3	1,181.2	317.2	646.0
	Nov	2,368.1	116.4	107.6	1,482.5	1,132.6	349.9	661.6
1998	Feb	2,340.9	111.4	103.4	1,461.3	1,080.9	380.4	664.8
	May	2,316.9	103.8	99.7	1,445.6	1,036.0	409.6	667.8
	Aug	2,301.7	97.9	96.5	1,428.4	990.8	437.5	678.9
	Nov	2,299.7	97.8	91.4	1,415.0	953.3	461.7	695.5
1999	Feb	2,273.9	98.4	88.0	1,377.7	895.5	482.2	709.8
	May	2,277.5	91.6	87.3	1,379.3	871.9	507.4	719.4
	Aug	2,275.3	92.1	87.9	1,361.7	833.4	528.3	733.6
	Nov	2,267.4	93.3	91.4	1,336.1	788.8	547.3	746.5
2000	Feb	2,259.5	93.8	89.0	1,327.0	758.6	568.3	749.8
	May ¹	2,263.2	93.3	90.3	1,320.3	733.2	587.1	759.3
	Aug ¹	2,286.2	93.3	90.8	1,323.0	714.4	608.6	779.1
	Nov ¹	2,310.4	94.1	92.4	1,327.9	697.0	630.9	796.0
2001	Feb ¹	2,324.4	96.7	92.0	1,330.5	679.4	651.2	805.2
	May	2,327.0	97.4	94.2	1,327.8	658.1	669.7	807.5
	Aug	2,337.8	94.1	97.9	1,326.1	639.1	687.0	819.7
	Nov	2,342.9	87.4	99.1	1,324.3	621.1	703.2	832.0
2002	Feb	2,337.7	88.5	94.2	1,323.1	602.6	720.5	832.0
	May	2,365.7	90.0	86.6	1,347.0	586.1	760.9	842.1
	Aug	2,377.0	90.8	89.4	1,341.7	568.5	773.2	855.1

Note: ¹ Includes a small number of Credits only cases over pension age incorrectly held on the INCAP computer system



A4 Incapacity Benefit beneficiaries by whether over pension age, rate of benefit and average amount in payment

Thousands/£ per week

		Number of beneficiaries						Average amount in payment (£pw)			
Year	Quarter ending	Total	Total under pension age	Total over pension age	All beneficiaries			IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT	
					IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT				
1995	May	1,845.7	1,559.0	286.7	124.7	34.8	1,686.2	83.48	46.74	55.22	86.37
1997	Aug	1,718.4	1,564.1	154.3	116.6	106.3	1,495.5	81.57	48.45	58.38	85.80
	Nov	1,700.9	1,561.6	139.3	114.0	107.2	1,479.7	81.07	48.49	58.25	85.23
1998	Feb	1,671.2	1,549.1	122.0	109.4	103.0	1,458.7	80.69	48.21	58.21	84.71
	May	1,644.6	1,538.8	105.8	102.4	99.2	1,443.1	82.96	50.02	60.22	86.86
1999	Aug	1,617.9	1,528.6	89.3	96.2	96.0	1,425.7	82.59	49.98	60.19	86.30
	Nov	1,599.5	1,523.1	76.4	95.9	91.1	1,412.4	82.15	50.06	59.85	85.77
	Feb	1,557.1	1,504.8	52.3	94.7	87.6	1,374.9	81.68	49.86	59.99	85.26
2000	May	1,552.8	1,509.1	43.7	89.1	86.9	1,376.8	83.72	51.39	62.03	87.19
	Aug	1,537.5	1,508.7	28.8	90.3	87.3	1,360.0	83.19	51.25	61.95	86.68
	Nov	1,515.7	1,504.6	11.1	91.1	90.8	1,333.8	82.54	51.30	61.87	86.08
2001	Feb	1,504.3	1,500.8	3.5	90.9	88.5	1,324.9	82.15	51.43	61.42	85.64
	May	1,498.3	1,497.8	0.5	90.0	89.6	1,318.7	82.59	51.76	62.50	86.06
	Aug	1,501.8	1,501.3	0.5	90.4	90.1	1,321.3	82.19	51.65	62.48	85.63
2002	Nov	1,509.7	1,509.1	0.6	91.5	92.1	1,326.1	81.73	51.60	62.23	85.17
	Feb	1,515.2	1,514.7	0.5	93.6	91.8	1,329.8	81.40	51.73	62.34	84.81
	May	1,516.2	1,515.8	0.4*	96.0	93.9	1,326.3	83.40	53.16	64.12	86.95
2002	Aug	1,511.1	1,511.0	0.1*	90.7	96.8	1,323.6	83.07	52.75	64.12	86.53
	Nov	1,503.8	1,503.1	0.6	84.3	97.6	1,321.9	82.76	52.62	63.55	86.09
	Feb	1,496.9	1,496.6	0.3*	84.1	92.6	1,320.3	82.47	52.54	63.17	85.73
2002	May	1,514.4	1,514.4	-	86.3	84.6	1,343.5	83.53	53.72	63.91	86.68
	Aug	1,512.6	1,512.6	-	87.1	88.0	1,337.6	83.17	53.59	63.79	86.37

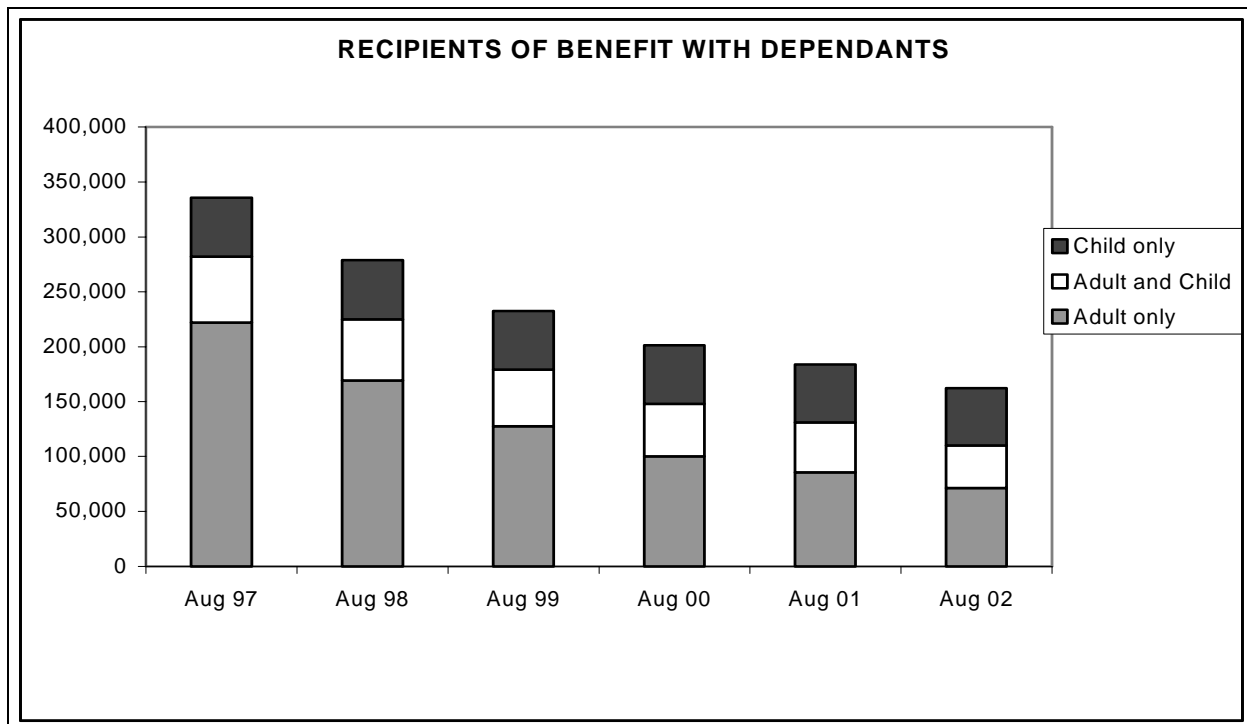
Notes: Pension age = 65 and over for men, and 60 and over for women.

A5 Incapacity Benefit beneficiaries by dependency

Thousands

Number of beneficiaries by dependency

	Quarter ending	Total beneficiaries	No dependants	Adult dep(s).only	Adult & child deps.	Child dep(s).only	Total children
1995	May	1,845.7	1,364.9	354.0	76.4	50.4	233.5
1997	Aug	1,718.4	1,382.7	221.9	60.3	53.5	205.0
	Nov	1,700.9	1,378.9	211.6	58.9	51.5	199.0
1998	Feb	1,671.2	1,363.8	197.3	59.1	51.0	198.1
	May	1,644.6	1,349.6	185.3	59.2	50.6	197.1
	Aug	1,617.9	1,338.9	169.3	55.6	54.1	196.8
	Nov	1,599.5	1,331.4	162.3	53.6	52.1	188.1
1999	Feb	1,557.1	1,304.7	146.6	55.6	50.3	187.4
	May	1,552.8	1,309.5	137.7	52.4	53.2	187.6
	Aug	1,537.5	1,305.0	127.6	51.7	53.3	186.3
	Nov	1,515.7	1,297.4	117.4	48.9	52.0	177.8
2000	Feb	1,504.3	1,291.9	112.1	51.1	49.2	176.7
	May	1,498.3	1,292.2	104.7	49.2	52.2	179.3
	Aug	1,501.8	1,300.4	100.0	47.9	53.5	179.2
	Nov	1,509.7	1,314.3	97.1	46.2	52.1	172.4
2001	Feb	1,515.2	1,319.6	96.6	49.2	49.8	174.3
	May	1,516.2	1,328.3	89.1	46.0	52.8	174.7
	Aug	1,511.1	1,327.3	85.6	45.3	52.9	173.5
	Nov	1,503.8	1,324.1	85.3	45.8	48.6	166.1
2002	Feb	1,496.9	1,323.6	80.0	44.5	48.9	163.8
	May	1,514.4	1,346.1	76.9	41.7	49.8	161.9
	Aug	1,512.6	1,350.3	71.3	38.7	52.3	160.5



A6 Incapacity Benefit beneficiaries by reason exempt from Personal Capability Assessment

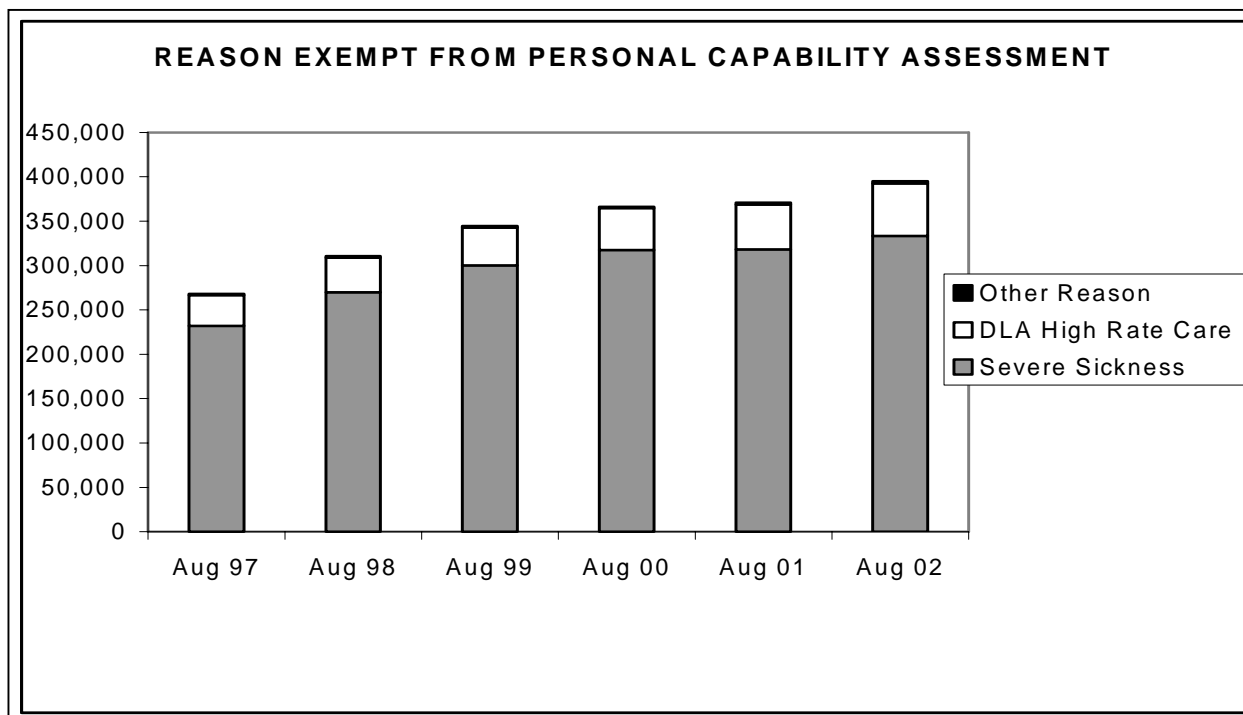
Thousands

Beneficiaries exempt from Personal Capability Assessment by reason					
	Quarter ending	Total exempt ¹	Severe sickness	DLA high rate care	Other reason ²
1995	May	58.8	45.2	13.2	0.3*
1997	Aug	268.1	232.1	34.4	1.6
	Nov	282.4	245.3	35.7	1.4
1998	Feb	290.7	252.3	36.6	1.8
	May	299.5	260.3	37.5	1.8
	Aug	310.5	269.9	38.9	1.7
1999	Nov	320.4	278.9	39.9	1.6
	Feb	334.1	291.5	40.7	1.8
	May	337.7	294.3	41.4	2.1
2000	Aug	344.7	300.2	42.7	1.8
	Nov	351.0	306.6	42.7	1.7
	Feb	355.0	310.1	43.2	1.7
	May	361.0	313.9	45.3	1.7
2001	Aug	366.3	317.7	46.8	1.8
	Nov	367.1	317.9	47.6	1.6
	Feb	366.7	316.5	48.4	1.8
	May	366.4	315.0	49.2	2.2
2002	Aug	370.9	318.2	50.5	2.1
	Nov	373.8	319.9	51.7	2.1
	Feb	375.1	320.4	52.8	1.9
	May	391.8	330.7	58.4	2.7
	Aug	395.3	333.3	59.3	2.7

Notes: From April 2000 the Personal Capability Assessment replaced the 'All Work Test'

¹ Excludes 'Exempt because claimant over 58 and in receipt of IVB since Dec 93.'

² Other reason includes terminally ill and SDA passports.

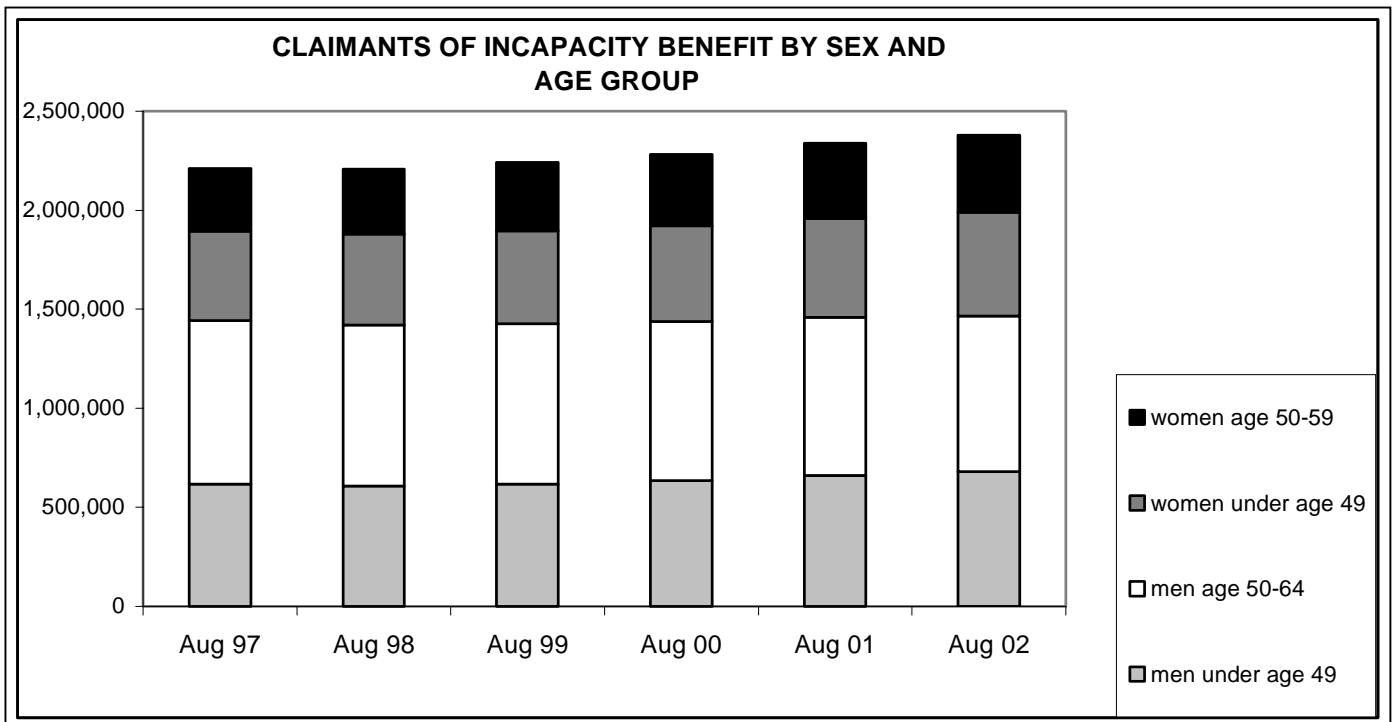


A7 Incapacity Benefit claimants by sex and age

Thousands

Quarter ending		Men							Women				
		All Persons	All Ages	Under 25	25-49	50-59	60-64	65 and over	All Ages	Under 25	25-49	50-59	60 and over
1995	May	2,419.7	1,655.9	56.0	545.2	476.8	348.0	229.9	763.8	48.1	381.8	271.9	62.0
1997	Aug	2,369.8	1,562.7	54.6	564.0	473.5	351.2	119.5	807.1	48.6	402.0	317.1	39.3
	Nov	2,368.1	1,554.4	53.5	568.3	475.7	349.3	107.7	813.7	47.9	408.1	321.5	36.1
1998	Feb	2,340.9	1,530.1	52.6	565.2	474.1	344.2	94.0	810.8	46.7	408.5	323.1	32.5
	May	2,316.9	1,506.0	52.5	556.7	470.7	344.6	81.5	811.0	46.2	409.5	326.3	28.9
	Aug	2,301.7	1,489.4	50.8	557.0	468.8	343.6	69.2	812.3	46.4	411.4	329.6	24.9
	Nov	2,299.7	1,482.1	52.5	559.3	466.5	344.6	59.1	817.6	46.7	414.1	334.9	22.0
1999	Feb	2,273.9	1,458.4	52.9	561.5	467.3	336.0	40.7	815.5	46.8	419.2	333.2	16.3
	May	2,277.5	1,458.9	52.8	561.7	466.6	343.6	34.1	818.6	46.6	417.4	340.6	14.0
	Aug	2,275.3	1,449.5	54.2	564.2	465.0	343.2	22.9	825.8	47.4	422.0	345.4	11.0
	Nov	2,267.4	1,439.2	54.7	570.0	467.5	338.0	9.0	828.2	47.0	425.5	348.7	6.9
2000	Feb	2,259.5	1,432.0	54.5	570.4	469.8	334.2	3.1	827.5	46.9	426.0	349.9	4.8
	May ¹	2,263.2	1,426.9	54.5	571.6	469.2	330.5	1.2	836.3	46.7	431.1	354.7	3.8
	Aug ¹	2,286.2	1,438.3	56.0	579.0	469.5	332.6	1.2	847.9	47.4	436.2	360.4	3.8
	Nov ¹	2,310.4	1,450.7	57.2	585.5	472.6	334.2	1.2	859.7	47.9	440.5	366.9	4.4
2001	Feb ¹	2,324.4	1,458.5	57.1	592.2	473.5	334.3	1.4	865.9	48.9	440.9	371.5	4.6
	May	2,327.0	1,455.8	60.1	593.1	472.6	330.0	-	871.2	50.1	444.5	376.2	0.4*
	Aug	2,337.8	1,459.5	62.6	597.8	471.5	327.6	-	878.3	51.4	447.5	379.2	0.1*
	Nov	2,342.9	1,460.1	63.2	600.3	470.7	326.0	-	882.8	52.1	448.9	381.2	0.6
2002	Feb	2,337.7	1,454.7	63.2	600.8	468.9	321.9	-	883.0	52.8	448.5	381.3	0.3*
	May	2,365.7	1,465.8	78.5	607.4	473.2	306.7	-	899.9	64.2	457.4	378.3	-
	Aug	2,377.0	1,466.0	78.0	603.0	464.4	320.6	-	911.0	64.9	457.4	388.7	-

Note: ¹ Includes a small number of Credits only cases over pension age incorrectly held on the INCAP computer system



A8 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit, by Government Office Region¹

Thousands

Quarter ending	All Cases	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	South West	South East	London	South East	England	Scotland	Wales	Overseas
1995 May	2,419.7	183.2	443.1	225.1	139.5	210.0	133.3	128.2	237.5	168.9	1,868.8	314.5	227.3	9.1
1997 Aug	2,369.8	168.6	418.9	215.5	144.1	207.9	140.2	134.1	249.3	176.5	1,855.1	300.9	204.6	9.2
Nov	2,368.1	167.9	419.7	215.6	144.9	206.8	141.3	132.6	251.5	176.0	1,856.4	298.8	203.9	9.0
1998 Feb	2,340.9	164.5	413.0	213.4	144.1	205.4	141.0	131.2	249.2	174.5	1,836.2	294.8	201.0	8.9
May	2,316.9	161.4	408.9	210.5	143.1	203.4	139.4	129.5	248.4	173.9	1,818.6	290.6	198.9	8.9
Aug	2,301.7	159.5	404.5	209.4	142.6	201.0	139.8	130.2	247.8	175.5	1,810.3	287.8	195.0	8.6
Nov	2,299.7	160.7	402.7	207.8	143.3	202.4	139.5	130.6	248.0	175.4	1,810.4	286.3	194.1	8.8
1999 Feb	2,273.9	158.7	394.6	204.5	142.8	200.4	139.3	129.9	248.8	171.8	1,790.8	281.5	192.9	8.6
May	2,277.5	158.9	393.4	204.9	143.5	200.6	140.8	130.4	248.8	171.2	1,792.4	283.3	193.3	8.5
Aug	2,275.3	157.7	390.4	205.0	144.1	201.5	140.8	130.3	249.3	172.2	1,791.3	283.2	192.2	8.5
Nov	2,267.4	157.5	386.8	201.9	143.9	201.5	141.2	130.0	250.4	173.3	1,786.5	281.8	190.4	8.6
2000 Feb	2,259.5	156.6	384.9	201.2	143.5	201.7	140.2	130.1	248.6	172.2	1,779.0	282.2	189.5	8.7
May ²	2,263.2	156.3	384.8	202.7	143.8	203.7	141.0	130.3	248.5	171.9	1,783.0	282.2	189.6	8.4
Aug ²	2,286.2	157.2	387.5	204.0	145.0	204.9	142.6	132.6	252.3	175.0	1,801.0	285.8	191.0	8.4
Nov ²	2,310.4	159.4	392.0	205.5	146.4	207.6	144.5	134.0	256.1	177.0	1,822.7	287.1	192.0	8.6
2001 Feb ²	2,324.4	160.9	393.4	207.1	148.4	208.5	146.3	135.3	257.0	178.1	1,835.0	288.2	192.6	8.6
May	2,327.0	160.8	392.1	208.9	150.8	208.9	145.9	136.4	257.1	178.5	1,839.4	286.7	192.3	8.6
Aug	2,337.8	162.6	392.9	211.0	151.0	212.0	146.7	138.1	258.6	179.7	1,852.7	283.7	192.6	8.7
Nov	2,342.9	163.5	390.3	210.5	152.0	213.2	147.3	138.8	258.0	180.9	1,854.5	286.8	192.6	9.0
2002 Feb	2,337.7	162.1	389.3	210.3	152.6	212.9	147.7	138.9	256.4	180.5	1,850.7	285.6	192.5	8.9
May	2,365.7	163.2	393.1	211.3	155.0	216.5	151.2	141.2	259.1	183.4	1,874.0	289.0	193.2	9.5
Aug	2,377.0	162.3	394.2	212.2	154.9	218.7	152.8	141.3	261.7	185.0	1,883.1	289.7	194.2	10.0

Notes: ¹ Government Office Regions figures have been derived using the claimant's postcode. Earlier Government Office Region figures were derived using the local office serial number. Comparisons with figures produced in publications prior to February 2000 may not be appropriate.

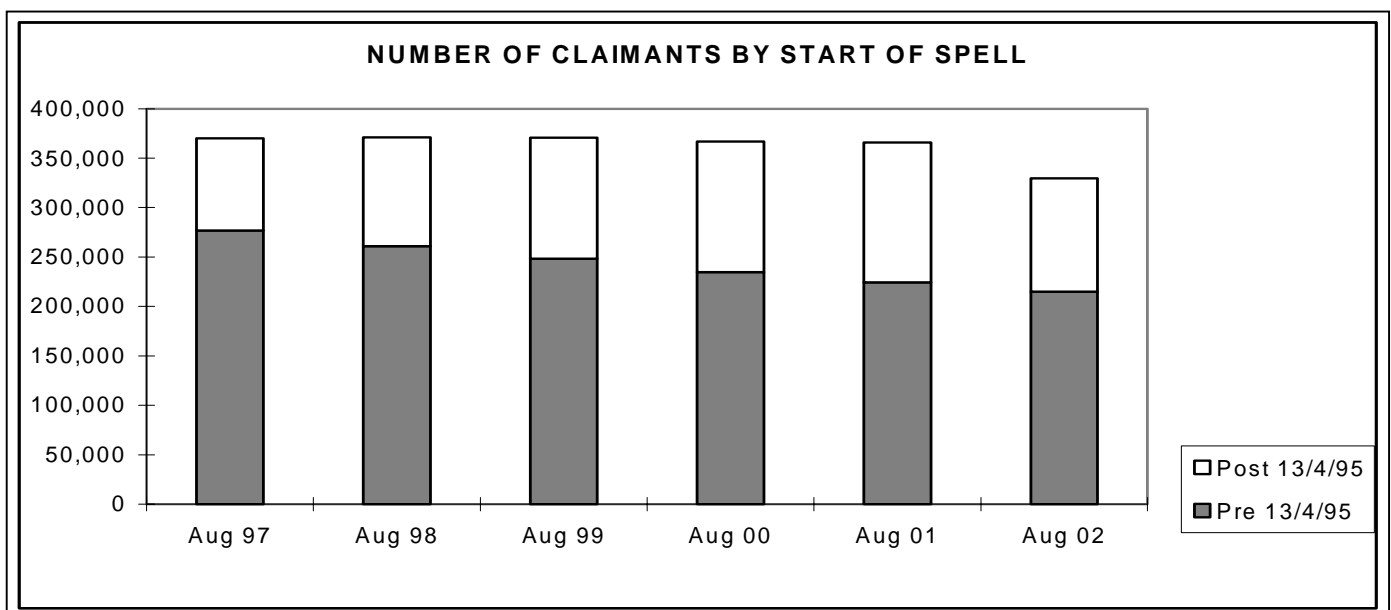
² Includes a small number of Credits only cases over pension age – incorrectly held on the INCAP computer system.

A9 Severe Disablement Allowance claimants and beneficiaries by start of spell

Thousands

		SDA claimants			SDA beneficiaries		
Year	Quarter ending	Total	Pre 13th	Post 13th	Total	Pre 13th	Post 13th
			April 95 cases	April 95 cases		April 95 cases	April 95 cases
1995	May	325.7	320.6	5.1	324.5	319.4	5.0
1997	Aug	370.1	277.0	93.1	368.6	276.5	92.1
	Nov	370.7	272.1	98.6	369.2	271.7	97.5
1998	Feb	370.5	268.0	102.5	369.2	267.7	101.5
	May	370.7	264.6	106.1	369.6	264.3	105.2
1999	Aug	370.9	261.0	109.9	369.8	260.7	109.1
	Nov	371.6	257.9	113.7	370.3	257.7	112.7
	Feb	371.4	253.5	118.0	369.6	253.2	116.4
	May	371.4	251.2	120.2	370.2	251.0	119.2
2000	Aug	370.6	248.3	122.3	369.6	248.1	121.5
	Nov	370.1	244.4	125.7	368.7	244.2	124.5
	Feb	368.8	241.0	127.9	367.1	240.6	126.5
	May	367.8	237.5	130.3	366.0	237.2	128.8
2001	Aug	367.2	234.7	132.4	365.1	234.3	130.9
	Nov	367.5	232.2	135.3	366.1	232.0	134.2
	Feb	367.7	229.5	138.2	367.0	229.4	137.7
	May	367.7	226.7	141.0	366.7	226.5	140.2
2002	Aug	365.8	224.3	141.6	364.7	224.0	140.6
	Nov	362.3	221.8	140.5	361.3	221.6	139.8
	Feb	357.9	219.4	138.5	357.2	219.2	138.0
	May	333.4	217.2	116.2	332.8	216.9	115.8
	Aug	329.7	215.1	114.6	329.0	214.8	114.2

Note: The explanation of the terms "Claimants" and "Beneficiaries" is shown in the Glossary.



**B1 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit at
31 August 2002, by age, sex and rate of benefit**

Thousands

	All IB ¹	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT			Credits Only ¹
				Total IBLT	Ex-IVB (protected)	Other IBLT	
All Persons							
All Ages	2,377.0	90.8	89.4	1,341.7	568.5	773.2	855.1
Under 20 ²	40.9	3.6	2.6	14.9	-	14.9	19.8
20 - 24 ²	102.0	8.1	5.0	22.7	-	22.7	66.2
25 - 29	119.8	8.2	5.6	29.5	0.7	28.8	76.6
30 - 34	177.8	9.3	7.9	62.4	13.4	49.1	98.2
35 - 39	224.9	9.1	8.9	98.1	33.2	64.9	108.8
40 - 44	253.1	9.2	8.8	126.6	53.6	73.0	108.5
45 - 49	284.7	9.1	10.6	158.1	71.7	86.5	106.9
50 - 54	373.1	11.8	13.5	234.0	106.8	127.1	113.8
55 - 59	480.0	13.2	16.8	334.5	155.2	179.3	115.6
60 - 64	320.6	9.2	9.7	260.9	134.0	126.9	40.8
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Men							
All Ages	1,466.0	62.7	55.8	872.5	386.8	485.8	475.0
Under 20 ²	21.3	1.5	1.4	9.3	-	9.3	9.1
20 - 24 ²	56.6	5.0	2.8	11.9	-	11.9	36.9
25 - 29	71.6	5.4	3.5	16.9	0.4*	16.5	45.9
30 - 34	105.3	6.6	4.6	33.0	6.5	26.5	61.0
35 - 39	131.2	6.3	5.2	54.8	17.3	37.5	64.9
40 - 44	142.5	6.3	4.8	73.1	30.5	42.6	58.3
45 - 49	152.4	5.5	6.0	88.0	41.0	46.9	52.9
50 - 54	195.5	7.5	7.3	128.7	62.1	66.6	52.1
55 - 59	268.9	9.4	10.5	196.0	94.9	101.1	53.0
60 - 64	320.6	9.2	9.7	260.9	134.0	126.9	40.8
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Women							
All Ages	911.0	28.1	33.6	469.2	181.8	287.4	380.1
Under 20 ²	19.5	2.1	1.2	5.6	-	5.6	10.6
20 - 24 ²	45.4	3.1	2.2	10.8	-	10.8	29.3
25 - 29	48.2	2.7	2.1	12.6	0.3*	12.4	30.7
30 - 34	72.5	2.6	3.2	29.5	6.9	22.6	37.2
35 - 39	93.7	2.9	3.6	43.3	15.9	27.4	43.9
40 - 44	110.6	2.9	4.0	53.5	23.1	30.4	50.1
45 - 49	132.3	3.6	4.7	70.2	30.6	39.5	54.0
50 - 54	177.6	4.3	6.3	105.3	44.7	60.6	61.7
55 - 59	211.1	3.8	6.3	138.4	60.2	78.2	62.6
60 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: ¹ Includes SDA cases where incapacity has not yet been decided

² Includes beneficiaries converted from SDA to IBLT in April 2002

**B1a Number of beneficiaries of Incapacity Benefit at
31 August 2002, by age, sex and rate of benefit**

Thousands

	All IB	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT		
				Total IBLT	Ex-IVB (protected)	Other IBLT
All Persons						
All Ages	1,512.6	87.1	88.0	1,337.6	568.0	769.6
Under 20 ¹	20.9	3.4	2.6	14.9	-	14.9
20 - 24 ¹	35.5	7.9	5.0	22.6	-	22.6
25 - 29	42.6	7.8	5.4	29.4	0.7	28.7
30 - 34	78.6	8.8	7.7	62.1	13.3	48.8
35 - 39	115.4	8.8	8.8	97.8	33.1	64.6
40 - 44	144.0	8.9	8.8	126.3	53.6	72.7
45 - 49	176.8	8.6	10.6	157.6	71.6	86.0
50 - 54	257.6	11.3	13.3	232.9	106.7	126.2
55 - 59	362.5	12.6	16.3	333.6	155.1	178.5
60 - 64	278.7	8.8	9.5	260.4	133.8	126.5
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-
Men						
All Ages	983.7	59.8	54.6	869.3	386.2	483.1
Under 20 ¹	12.1	1.4	1.4	9.3	-	9.3
20 - 24 ¹	19.6	4.9	2.8	11.9	-	11.9
25 - 29	25.3	5.2	3.4	16.7	0.4*	16.4
30 - 34	43.6	6.3	4.6	32.8	6.4	26.3
35 - 39	65.8	6.0	5.2	54.6	17.2	37.4
40 - 44	83.5	6.0	4.7	72.8	30.5	42.4
45 - 49	98.7	5.2	5.9	87.6	41.0	46.6
50 - 54	142.1	7.1	7.1	127.9	62.1	65.9
55 - 59	214.3	9.0	10.0	195.3	94.8	100.4
60 - 64	278.7	8.8	9.5	260.4	133.8	126.5
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-
Women						
All Ages	528.9	27.3	33.3	468.3	181.7	286.6
Under 20 ¹	8.8	2.0	1.2	5.6	-	5.6
20 - 24 ¹	15.9	3.0	2.1	10.8	-	10.8
25 - 29	17.4	2.7	2.1	12.6	0.3*	12.4
30 - 34	35.0	2.5	3.2	29.3	6.9	22.5
35 - 39	49.5	2.8	3.6	43.1	15.9	27.2
40 - 44	60.4	2.9	4.0	53.5	23.1	30.4
45 - 49	78.1	3.5	4.6	70.0	30.6	39.4
50 - 54	115.5	4.2	6.2	105.0	44.7	60.3
55 - 59	148.3	3.6	6.3	138.3	60.2	78.1
60 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: ¹ Includes beneficiaries converted from SDA to IBLT in April 2002

B2 Number of terminations¹ of Incapacity Benefit (excluding awards of Retirement Pension) in the period 1 June 2002 to 31 August 2002, by rate of benefit and reason

Thousands

	All Cases	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT			Credits Only
				Total IBLT	Ex-IVB IBLT	Other IBLT	
All Persons	110.6	27.2	12.7	23.2	3.7	19.5	47.4
Closed Certificate	45.9	19.0	5.3	4.1	0.5	3.6	17.5
Death of Claimant	5.5	0.2*	0.1*	3.0	1.3	1.7	2.2
At request of claimant	12.8	4.3	1.1	2.0	0.3*	1.7	5.3
Failure to attend medical	5.5	0.2*	0.2*	1.0	0.1*	0.9	4.1
Failure to provide Information	4.8	0.4*	0.5	0.7	-	0.7	3.2
Not incapable Own Occupation Test	0.8	0.4*	-	-	-	-	0.4*
Not incapable Personal Capability Assessment	26.7	1.3	3.1	9.3	1.2	8.1	13.0
Other	3.0	0.8	0.3*	0.3*	-	0.2*	1.6
Return to work	5.6	0.7	2.0	2.9	0.3*	2.6	-

Notes: ¹ These figures exclude terminations notified late onto the system, and cases transferring onto Retirement Pension, Widows Benefit and Bereavement Benefit.

**B3 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit at 31 August 2002,
by rate of benefit and Government Office Region¹**

Thousands

	All Rates	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT	Credits only	All IB as % of working age population ²
All Cases	2,377.0	90.8	89.4	1,341.7	855.1	6.8
North East	162.3	5.8	5.7	99.7	51.1	10.6
North West	394.2	15.6	14.3	225.2	139.2	9.6
Yorks & Humber	212.2	8.6	8.2	123.9	71.5	7.0
East Midlands	154.9	5.3	6.6	95.9	47.1	6.0
West Midlands	218.7	9.0	10.1	126.0	73.6	6.8
South West	152.8	6.7	6.0	84.9	55.3	5.2
Eastern	141.3	5.8	6.0	80.6	49.0	4.3
London	261.7	7.2	6.7	104.4	143.4	5.6
South East	185.0	7.4	7.8	100.0	69.8	3.8
England	1,883.1	71.4	71.3	1,040.5	699.9	6.2
Scotland	289.7	12.2	10.6	167.3	99.6	9.2
Wales	194.2	7.2	7.3	124.6	55.0	11.2
Overseas	10.0	-	0.2*	9.2	0.6	0.0

**B3a Number of beneficiaries of Incapacity Benefit at 31 August 2002,
by rate of benefit and Government Office Region¹**

Thousands

	All Rates	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT	All IB as % of working age population ²
All Beneficiaries	1,512.6	87.1	88.0	1,337.6	4.3
North East	110.7	5.6	5.6	99.5	7.2
North West	253.6	14.9	14.1	224.6	6.2
Yorks & Humber	139.9	8.2	8.2	123.5	4.6
East Midlands	107.1	5.0	6.4	95.7	4.2
West Midlands	144.4	8.7	10.0	125.7	4.6
South West	96.8	6.4	5.8	84.6	3.3
Eastern	91.4	5.4	5.8	80.2	2.8
London	117.5	6.9	6.5	104.1	2.5
South East	114.2	7.1	7.7	99.4	2.3
England	1,175.6	68.2	70.2	1,037.2	3.9
Scotland	189.4	11.8	10.5	167.1	6.0
Wales	138.4	7.0	7.1	124.2	8.0
Overseas	9.3	-	0.2*	9.1	0.0

Notes: ¹ Government Office Region figures have been derived using the claimants postcode. Earlier Government Office Region figures were derived using the local office serial number. Comparisons with figures produced in publications prior to February 2000 may not be appropriate.

² Office for National Statistics, Mid 2001 population estimates.

B4 Number of beneficiaries of Incapacity Benefit at 31 August 2002, by rate of benefit, dependency and sex

Thousands

	All rates	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT		
				Total IBLT	Ex-IVB IBLT	Other IBLT
All Cases	1,512.6	87.1	88.0	1,337.6	568.0	769.6
No Dependants	1,350.3	84.5	82.7	1,183.1	473.2	709.9
Adult Dependant only	71.3	2.6	0.9	67.8	57.8	10.0
Adult and:						
1 child	16.9	-	0.6	16.3	8.3	8.0
2 children	12.7	-	0.4*	12.2	4.5	7.7
3 children	5.9	-	0.4*	5.6	1.9	3.6
4 children	2.3	-	0.1*	2.2	0.8	1.4
5 or more children	0.8	-	0.1*	0.8	0.4*	0.4*
No Adult and:						
1 child	28.5	-	1.4	27.1	12.2	14.9
2 children	16.4	-	0.9	15.5	6.0	9.4
3 children	5.2	-	0.3*	4.8	2.0	2.8
4 children	1.9	-	0.1*	1.8	0.6	1.2
5 or more children	0.4*	-	-	0.4*	0.1*	0.3*
Total number of children	160.5	-	7.9	152.6	61.9	90.7

Thousands

	All rates	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT		
				Total IBLT	Ex-IVB IBLT	Other IBLT
All Men	983.7	59.8	54.6	869.3	386.2	483.1
No Dependants	844.5	57.3	50.6	736.6	301.0	435.6
Adult Dependant only	70.3	2.5	0.9	67.0	57.1	9.9
Adult and:						
1 child	16.0	-	0.6	15.5	7.9	7.5
2 children	12.2	-	0.4*	11.7	4.3	7.4
3 children	5.6	-	0.3*	5.3	1.8	3.5
4 children	2.3	-	0.1*	2.2	0.8	1.4
5 or more children	0.8	-	0.1*	0.8	0.4*	0.4*
No Adult and:						
1 child	16.3	-	0.7	15.6	7.5	8.1
2 children	10.3	-	0.6	9.7	3.5	6.2
3 children	3.5	-	0.2*	3.3	1.3	2.0
4 children	1.5	-	0.1*	1.4	0.5*	0.9
5 or more children	0.3*	-	-	0.3*	0.1*	0.2*
Total number of children	125.9	-	6.1	119.8	48.0	71.7

**B4 Number of beneficiaries of Incapacity Benefit at 31 August 2002,
by rate of benefit, dependency and sex**

Thousands

	All rates	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT		
				Total IBLT	Ex-IVB IBLT	Other IBLT
All Women	528.9	27.3	33.3	468.3	181.7	286.6
No Dependants	505.8	27.2	32.1	446.5	172.2	274.3
Adult Dependant only	1.0	0.1*	0.1*	0.8	0.7	0.1*
Adult and:						
1 child	0.9	-	-	0.9	0.4*	0.4*
2 children	0.5*	-	-	0.5*	0.2*	0.3*
3 children	0.3*	-	-	0.3*	0.2*	0.1*
4 children	0.1*	-	-	0.1*	-	-
5 or more children	-	-	-	-	-	-
No Adult and:						
1 child	12.2	-	0.7	11.5	4.7	6.8
2 children	6.0	-	0.3*	5.7	2.5	3.2
3 children	1.6	-	0.1*	1.5	0.6	0.9
4 children	0.4*	-	-	0.4*	0.1*	0.3*
5 or more children	0.1*	-	-	0.1*	0.1*	0.1*
Total number of children	34.6	-	1.8	32.8	13.8	19.0

**B5 Number of beneficiaries of Incapacity Benefit at 31 August 2002,
by rate of benefit and weekly amount in payment**

Thousands/£

	All Beneficiaries (000)	Total weekly amount paid (£000)	Average weekly amount paid (£p)
All Persons			
All IB Rates	1,512.6	125,801.0	83.17
IBST(L)	87.1	4,665.2	53.59
IBST(H)	88.0	5,610.9	63.79
IBLT (All)	1,337.6	115,524.9	86.37
IBLT (Ex-IVB)	568.0	55,580.7	97.86
Invalidity Allowance	302.1	2,923.0	9.67
Additional Pension	495.7	9,210.1	18.58
Graduated Retirement Benefit	-	-	-
IBLT (Other)	769.6	59,944.1	77.89
Incapacity Age Addition	321.1	3,632.0	11.31

**B6 Number of beneficiaries¹ of Incapacity Benefit at 31 August 2002,
by rate of benefit and reason exempt from the personal capability
assessment**

Thousands

	All IB	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT
All Persons	395.3	2.1	7.7	385.5
DLA High Care rate	59.3	0.8	1.0	57.5
Severe Sickness	333.3	1.2	6.6	325.5
Other reason ²	2.7	0.1*	0.1*	2.5

Note: ¹ Figures released prior to the August 2000 edition of Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance Quarterly Summary of Statistics in Table A6 & B6, excluded some credits only cases exempt from the AWT/PCA, due to deficiencies in the raw data. Tables A6 & B6 now focus on Incapacity Benefit beneficiaries.

² Other reason includes terminally ill and SDA passports

**B7 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit at 31 August 2002,
by Diagnosis Group¹**

Thousands

	All IB	Men	Women
All Cases	2,377.0	1,466.0	911.0
Claimants without any diagnosis code on the system	4.9	3.1	1.8
Certain Infectious and Parasitic Diseases (A00 - B99)	17.6	11.8	5.8
Neoplasms (C00 - D48)	33.5	18.6	14.9
Diseases of the Blood and Blood forming organs and certain diseases involving the immune mechanism (D50 - D89)	3.9	2.0	1.9
Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases (E00 - E90)	35.6	24.5	11.1
Mental and Behavioural Disorders (F00 - F99)	833.0	477.2	355.9
Diseases of the Nervous System (G00 - G99)	122.5	67.5	55.1
Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa (H00 - H59)	14.7	10.5	4.2
Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process (H60 - H95)	9.9	6.4	3.5
Diseases of the Circulatory System (I00 - I99)	179.1	144.2	34.9
Diseases of the Respiratory System (J00 - J99)	66.4	43.9	22.5
Diseases of the Digestive System (K00 - K93)	40.2	26.4	13.8
Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous System (L00 - L99)	15.4	10.2	5.3
Diseases of the Musculoskeletal system and Connective Tissue (M00 - M99)	521.2	314.1	207.1
Diseases of the Genitourinary System (N00 - N99)	17.5	8.2	9.4
Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (O00 - O99)	4.7	-	4.7
Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period (P00 - P96)	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations, Deformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities (Q00 - Q99)	5.1	2.8	2.4
Symptoms, Signs and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00 - R99)	272.0	168.8	103.2
Injury, Poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00 - U23)	150.2	106.6	43.6
Factors influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (Z00 - Z99)	29.5	19.7	9.8

Note: ¹ Diagnosis Group is taken from ICD10 published by the World Health Organisation

B8 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit at 31 August 2002, by age, sex and duration on benefit

Thousands

	All	Up to 1 month	Over 1 month up to 3 months	Over 3 months up to 6 months	Over 6 months up to 1 year
All Persons					
All Ages	2,377.0	36.4	94.8	121.8	175.9
Under 20 ¹	40.9	2.2	6.1	6.8	7.5
20 - 24 ¹	102.0	4.3	11.1	11.6	17.0
25 - 29	119.8	3.4	8.4	10.9	15.1
30 - 34	177.8	4.1	9.8	13.1	18.0
35 - 39	224.9	3.6	10.6	13.8	20.5
40 - 44	253.1	4.3	10.7	13.4	19.1
45 - 49	284.7	3.6	10.4	12.7	18.7
50 - 54	373.1	4.3	10.6	15.1	22.1
55 - 59	480.0	4.7	11.3	16.5	24.6
60 - 64	320.6	1.9	5.7	8.0	13.4
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-
Men					
All Ages	1,466.0	23.0	57.3	73.0	107.3
Under 20 ¹	21.3	0.8	2.9	2.9	3.9
20 - 24 ¹	56.6	2.8	6.5	6.6	10.0
25 - 29	71.6	2.5	5.1	7.0	9.3
30 - 34	105.3	2.7	5.9	8.3	11.4
35 - 39	131.2	2.2	6.6	8.1	12.5
40 - 44	142.5	2.5	6.2	7.4	10.5
45 - 49	152.4	1.8	5.6	7.0	10.2
50 - 54	195.5	2.5	5.8	7.8	11.9
55 - 59	268.9	3.2	7.1	9.7	14.1
60 - 64	320.6	1.9	5.7	8.0	13.4
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-
Women					
All Ages	911.0	13.4	37.5	48.8	68.7
Under 20 ¹	19.5	1.4	3.3	3.9	3.6
20 - 24 ¹	45.4	1.5	4.6	4.9	7.0
25 - 29	48.2	0.9	3.3	3.9	5.8
30 - 34	72.5	1.4	3.9	4.8	6.5
35 - 39	93.7	1.4	4.1	5.6	8.0
40 - 44	110.6	1.8	4.6	6.0	8.6
45 - 49	132.3	1.8	4.8	5.8	8.4
50 - 54	177.6	1.8	4.8	7.3	10.3
55 - 59	211.1	1.5	4.3	6.7	10.4
60 - 64	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-

Note: ¹ Duration for claimants converted from SDA to IBLT in April 2002 has been calculated from the start date of the commencement of SDA

B8 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit at 31 August 2002, by age, sex and duration on benefit

Thousands

	Over 1 year up to 2 years	Over 2 years up to 3 years	Over 3 years up to 4 years	Over 4 years up to 5 years	Over 5 years
All Persons					
All Ages	284.0	228.5	195.8	173.5	1,066.1
Under 20 ¹	9.4	5.3	3.5	-	-
20 - 24 ¹	23.6	11.8	8.7	8.4	5.5
25 - 29	21.7	16.0	11.2	9.5	23.6
30 - 34	27.1	20.5	16.6	14.7	53.9
35 - 39	29.8	24.0	20.0	17.3	85.3
40 - 44	32.2	25.9	21.6	18.3	107.7
45 - 49	32.8	27.1	24.4	21.8	133.2
50 - 54	37.8	33.9	29.8	27.6	191.8
55 - 59	44.5	40.5	36.5	34.2	267.3
60 - 64	25.2	23.4	23.5	21.8	197.7
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-
Men					
All Ages	168.0	138.4	116.5	101.8	680.8
Under 20 ¹	5.1	3.5	2.2	-	-
20 - 24 ¹	12.5	6.6	4.3	4.4	2.9
25 - 29	13.4	10.2	6.2	5.0	12.9
30 - 34	16.3	12.5	9.9	7.8	30.4
35 - 39	17.2	13.9	11.7	9.9	49.1
40 - 44	17.9	14.0	11.6	10.0	62.3
45 - 49	16.7	14.0	12.1	11.1	73.9
50 - 54	19.2	17.8	15.1	13.4	102.2
55 - 59	24.5	22.5	19.9	18.4	149.5
60 - 64	25.2	23.4	23.5	21.8	197.7
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-
Women					
All Ages	116.0	90.1	79.3	71.8	385.3
Under 20 ¹	4.3	1.8	1.3	-	-
20 - 24 ¹	11.1	5.2	4.4	4.0	2.7
25 - 29	8.3	5.8	5.0	4.5	10.8
30 - 34	10.8	8.0	6.7	6.8	23.6
35 - 39	12.6	10.1	8.3	7.4	36.2
40 - 44	14.2	11.8	9.9	8.2	45.4
45 - 49	16.1	13.2	12.3	10.6	59.3
50 - 54	18.6	16.2	14.7	14.3	89.7
55 - 59	20.0	18.0	16.6	15.8	117.8
60 - 64	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-

Note: ¹ Duration for claimants converted from SDA to IBLT in April 2002 has been calculated from the start date of the commencement of SDA

C1 Number of claimants and beneficiaries of Severe Disablement Allowance at 31 August 2002, by age, sex and commencement of benefit

Thousands

	All SDA		SDA Pre 13 April 1995		SDA Post 13 April 1995	
	Claimants	Beneficiaries	Claimants	Beneficiaries	Claimants	Beneficiaries
All Persons						
All Ages	329.7	329.0	215.1	214.8	114.6	114.2
Under 20 ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	22.5	22.5	5.0	5.0	17.5	17.5
25 - 29	29.2	29.2	21.0	21.0	8.2	8.2
30 - 34	35.2	35.1	27.0	27.0	8.2	8.1
35 - 39	37.8	37.6	28.2	28.2	9.5	9.5
40 - 44	35.5	35.4	25.0	25.0	10.4	10.3
45 - 49	34.4	34.4	23.4	23.3	11.1	11.0
50 - 54	39.0	38.9	26.4	26.3	12.6	12.6
55 - 59	42.4	42.3	27.0	27.0	15.5	15.4
60 - 64	25.9	25.8	13.0	13.0	12.8	12.8
65 and over	27.8	27.8	19.0	19.0	8.8	8.8
Men						
All Ages	137.5	137.2	93.1	93.0	44.4	44.2
Under 20 ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	12.6	12.6	3.0	3.0	9.6	9.6
25 - 29	14.8	14.8	10.7	10.7	4.1	4.1
30 - 34	18.0	18.0	14.1	14.1	4.0	3.9
35 - 39	19.2	19.1	15.4	15.4	3.7	3.7
40 - 44	16.2	16.1	12.2	12.2	4.0	3.9
45 - 49	13.3	13.3	9.7	9.7	3.6	3.6
50 - 54	13.3	13.3	9.3	9.3	4.0	4.0
55 - 59	12.9	12.8	8.1	8.1	4.7	4.7
60 - 64	10.7	10.6	6.0	6.0	4.6	4.6
65 and over	6.5	6.5	4.4	4.4	2.1	2.1
Women						
All Ages	192.2	191.8	122.0	121.8	70.2	69.9
Under 20 ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	9.9	9.9	2.0	2.0	7.9	7.9
25 - 29	14.5	14.4	10.3	10.3	4.1	4.1
30 - 34	17.2	17.1	12.9	12.9	4.2	4.2
35 - 39	18.6	18.5	12.8	12.8	5.8	5.7
40 - 44	19.3	19.2	12.8	12.8	6.5	6.4
45 - 49	21.1	21.1	13.6	13.6	7.5	7.4
50 - 54	25.6	25.6	17.1	17.0	8.6	8.6
55 - 59	29.6	29.5	18.8	18.8	10.7	10.7
60 - 64	15.2	15.1	7.0	7.0	8.2	8.2
65 and over	21.3	21.3	14.6	14.6	6.7	6.7

Note: The explanation of the terms "Claimant" and "Beneficiary" is shown in the Glossary

¹ From April 2002 cases aged under 20 were converted to IBLT

C2 Number of claimants and beneficiaries¹ of Severe Disablement Allowance at 31 August 2002, by Government Office Region²

Thousands

	Claimants	Beneficiaries
All Persons		
All Cases	329.7	329.0
North East	18.4	18.4
North West	44.2	44.1
Yorks & Humber	30.9	30.9
East Midlands	25.5	25.5
West Midlands	28.4	28.4
South West	28.7	28.6
Eastern	25.4	25.3
London	29.8	29.6
South East	37.8	37.8
England	269.1	268.5
Scotland	38.1	38.1
Wales	22.0	21.9
Overseas	0.4*	0.4*

Notes: ¹ The explanation of the terms "Claimant" and "Beneficiary" is shown in the Glossary
² Government Office Region figures have been derived using the claimant's postcode. Earlier Government Office Region figures were derived using the local office serial number. Comparisons with figures produced in publications prior to Feb 2000 may not be appropriate.

C3 Number of beneficiaries of Severe Disablement Allowance at 31 August 2002 by dependency

Thousands

	All Persons	Men	Women
All Cases	329.0	137.2	191.8
No Dependents	322.2	134.4	187.8
Adult Dependant only	1.2	0.9	0.3*
Adult and children	1.4	1.0	0.4*
Children only	4.3	1.0	3.3
Total number of children	9.1	3.2	5.9

C4 Number of beneficiaries of Severe Disablement Allowance at 31 August 2002, by weekly amount paid

Thousands/£

	Number of Beneficiaries (000)	Total weekly amount paid (£000)	Average weekly amount paid (£p)
All in receipt of SDA	329.0	18,069.0	54.93
Of which:			
In receipt of Age Related Addition	328.2	4,313.3	13.14

C5 Number of claimants of Severe Disablement Allowance at 31 August 2002, by reason exempt from Personal Capability Assessment

Thousands

	All Persons
All Exempt	285.2
DLA High Care rate	11.3
Severe Sickness	30.9
Other reason ¹	28.0
In Receipt of SDA at 12.4.95	215.1

Note: ¹ Other reason includes terminally ill and SDA passports

C6 Number of claimants of Severe Disablement Allowance at 31 August 2002, by Diagnosis Group¹

Thousands

	All SDA	Men	Women
All Cases	329.7	137.5	192.2
Claimants without any diagnosis code on the system	0.1*	-	-
Certain Infectious and Parasitic Diseases (A00 - B99)	1.7	0.7	1.0
Neoplasms (C00 - D48)	3.3	0.9	2.3
Diseases of the Blood and Blood forming organs and certain diseases involving the immune mechanism (D50 - D89)	0.2*	0.1*	0.1*
Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases (E00 - E90)	3.7	1.1	2.6
Mental and Behavioural Disorders (F00 - F99)	126.8	62.2	64.6
Diseases of the Nervous System (G00 - G99)	39.5	14.1	25.4
Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa (H00 - H59)	5.6	2.0	3.6
Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process (H60 - H95)	2.7	0.9	1.8
Diseases of the Circulatory System (I00 - I99)	12.6	4.3	8.3
Diseases of the Respiratory System (J00 - J99)	6.9	1.9	5.0
Diseases of the Digestive System (K00 - K93)	2.3	0.7	1.7
Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous System (L00 - L99)	0.8	0.2*	0.6
Diseases of the Musculoskeletal system and Connective Tissue (M00 - M99)	30.8	5.4	25.3
Diseases of the Genitourinary System (N00 - N99)	1.5	0.5	1.0
Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (O00 - O99)	-	-	-
Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period (P00 - P96)	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations, Deformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities (Q00 - Q99)	20.0	10.6	9.4
Symptoms, Signs and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00 - R99)	60.4	26.0	34.5
Injury, Poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00 - U23)	5.2	2.4	2.9
Factors influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (Z00 - Z99)	5.5	3.4	2.1

Note: ¹ Diagnosis Group is taken from ICD10 published by the World Health Organisation

Appendix

Sampling and confidence intervals

Because the data in these tables are derived from a 5% sample the numbers which appear in the tables are only **estimates** of the true, unknown, values. The people included in the sample are those claiming the benefit and whose last two digits of their National Insurance number end in certain numbers, ie 5% of the population of claimants. If different last digits had been used then the figures in the tables would be different.

Although the figures are estimates we can nevertheless say with confidence that the **true** value, corresponding to any particular number in the tables, lies within a certain range. Such a range is called a **confidence interval**. If we want to be very confident, say 95% confident, that the true value lies within a range, then that range will necessarily be wider than if we only need to be, say, 90% confident of the true value.

The figures below give the 95% confidence intervals for the true value in the population, based on the estimated value from the 5% sample.

Estimated value (thousands)	95% confidence interval	Confidence interval as a % of the estimate
0	(0,58)	.
0.1	(33,230)	.
0.2	(98,364)	.
0.3	(170,490)	.
0.4	(248,612)	.
0.5	(328,730)	.
0.6	(409,851)	.
0.7	+/-226	+/-32%
0.8	+/-242	+/-30%
0.9	+/-256	+/-28%
1.0	+/-270	+/-27%
2.0	+/-382	+/-19%
3.0	+/-468	+/-16%
4.0	+/-540	+/-14%
5.0	+/-604	+/-12%
6.0	+/-662	+/-11%
7.0	+/-715	+/-10%
8.0	+/-764	+/-10%
9.0	+/-811	+/-9%
10.0	+/-854	+/-9%
20.0	+/-1,208	+/-6%
30.0	+/-1,480	+/-5%
40.0	+/-1,709	+/-4%
50.0	+/-1,910	+/-4%
100.0	+/-2,702	+/-3%
200.0	+/-3,821	+/-2%
300.0	+/-4,679	+/-2%

400.0	+/-5,403	+/-1%
500.0	+/-6,041	+/-1%
600.0	+/-6,618	+/-1%
700.0	+/-7,148	+/-1%
800.0	+/-7,641	+/-1%
900.0	+/-8,105	+/-1%
1,000.0	+/-8,543	+/-1%

Thus, for example, if a figure of 1,000 appears in a table, then, given that this is derived from a 5% sample (ie there were 50 cases in the sample), we can say that there is a 95% chance that there are in fact between 730 and 1,270 cases in the population.

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