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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 November 2002 Quarterly Summary Statistics.

Caseload

At the end of November 2002, the number of **IB claimants** stood at 2.38 million – 1.8% higher than at the same point a year earlier, and 1.5% lower than when IB was introduced. Of the 2.38 million claimants 869 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** rose by 4.5% in the year to November 2002, to stand at 91 thousand.

Numbers on **short term higher rate** fell by 10.0% in the year to November 2002, to stand at 89 thousand.

Numbers on **long term rate** rose by 1.0% in the year to November 2002, to stand at 1,335 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 11 thousand cases were converted from SDA to IBLT.

The number of credits only claimants rose by 4.4% in the year to November 2002, to stand at 869 thousand (Table A3).

There were 1.08 million IB claimants in November 2002 (5.0% higher than in November 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 November 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.

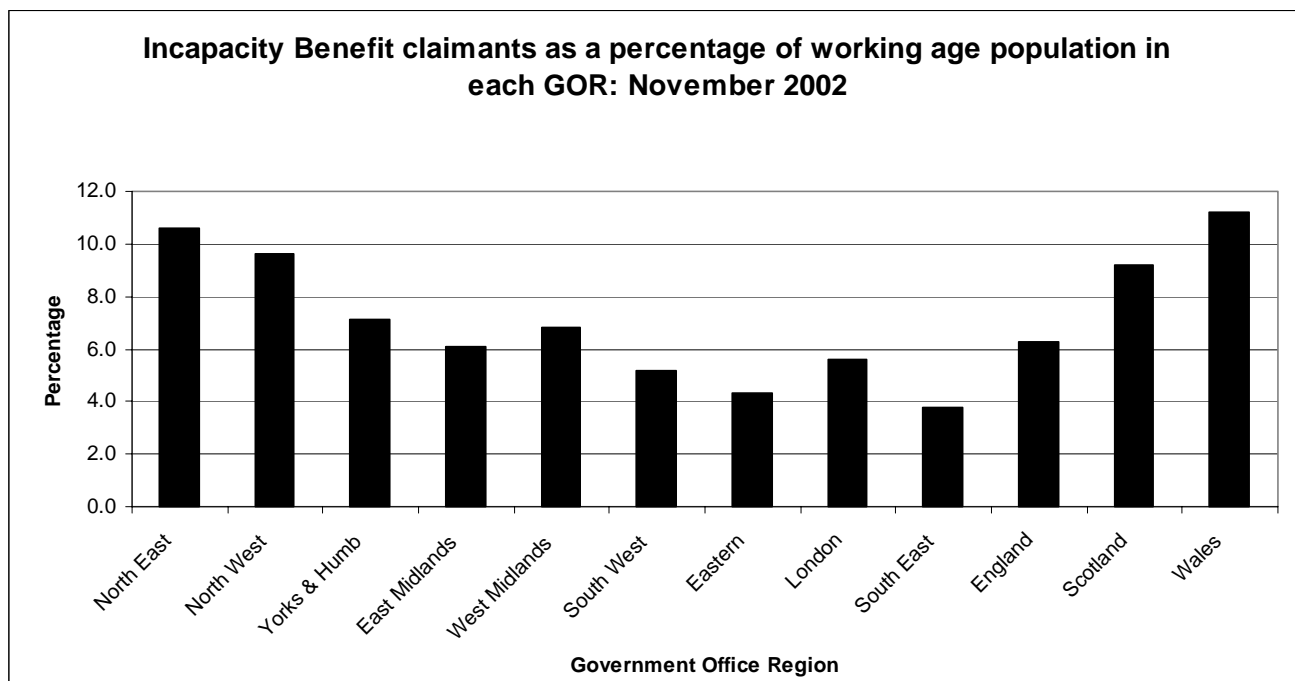
Of the other age groups, 1.5 million claimants were men, of whom 47% were under 50. For women the figures were 0.9 million and 57% respectively (Table B1).

There has been a 74.9% 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 399 thousand in the November 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 November 2002, 6.8% of the working age population of GB was claiming IB. This varied among the regions from 11.2% in Wales to 3.8% in the South East (Table B3).

The number claiming SDA fell by 10.0% in the year to November 2002, to stand at 326 thousand. The number of SDA beneficiaries stood at 325 thousand at November 2002, down 10.0% on a year earlier (Table A9).



Commencements and Terminations

The number of spells commencing in the November 2002 quarter was 163 thousand – 1.4% lower than a year earlier, and 33% lower than when IB was introduced. The number of credits only cases commencing in the November 2002 quarter was 76 thousand, 46% of all commencements. The number of credits only cases commencing when IB was first introduced was 97 thousand, 40% of all commencements (Table A1).

There were 125 thousand terminations during the November 2002 quarter, down from 126 thousand during the same quarter a year earlier. This was despite the number deemed ‘not incapable’ following a Personal Capability Assessment, which rose from 29 thousand in November 2001 to 31 thousand in November 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

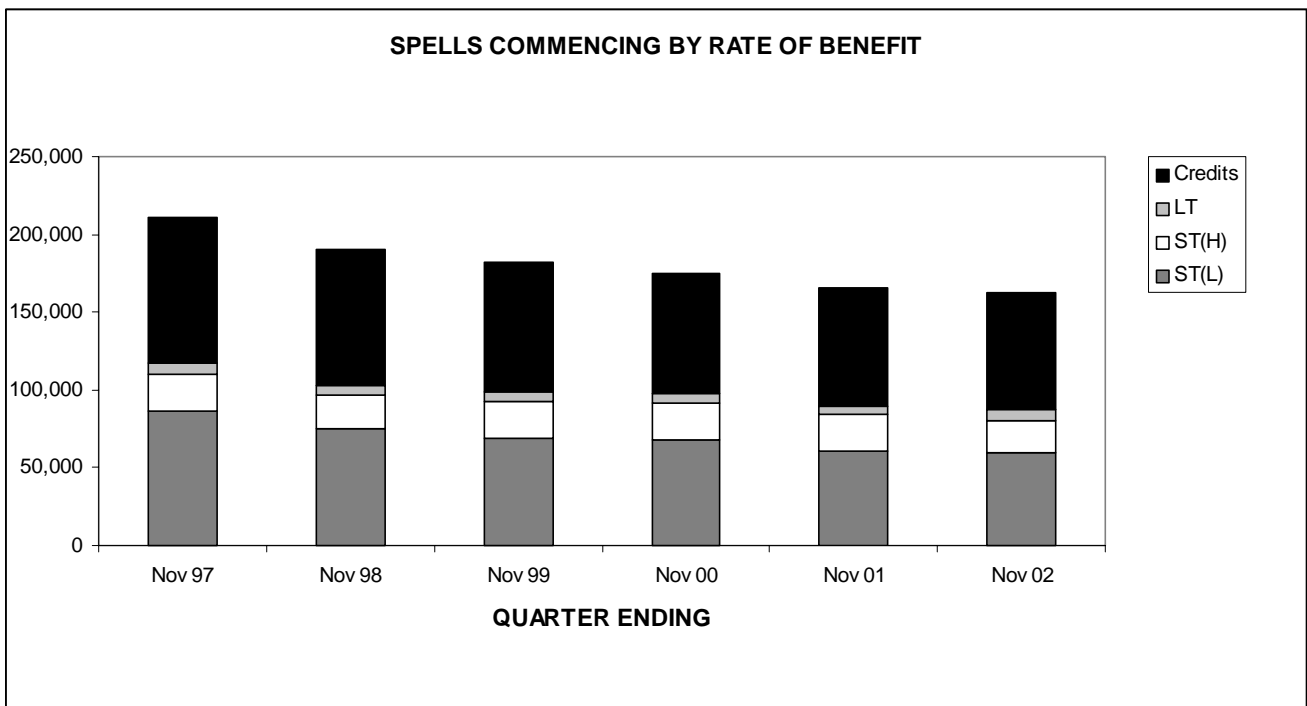
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|----|--|
| .. | Not available |
| . | Not applicable |
| - | Nil or Negligible |
| * | Figures under 500 are subject to a high degree of sampling error and should only be used as a guide. |

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 | 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 |
| | Nov | 162.8 | 59.4 | 20.6 | 7.2 | 75.6 |

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

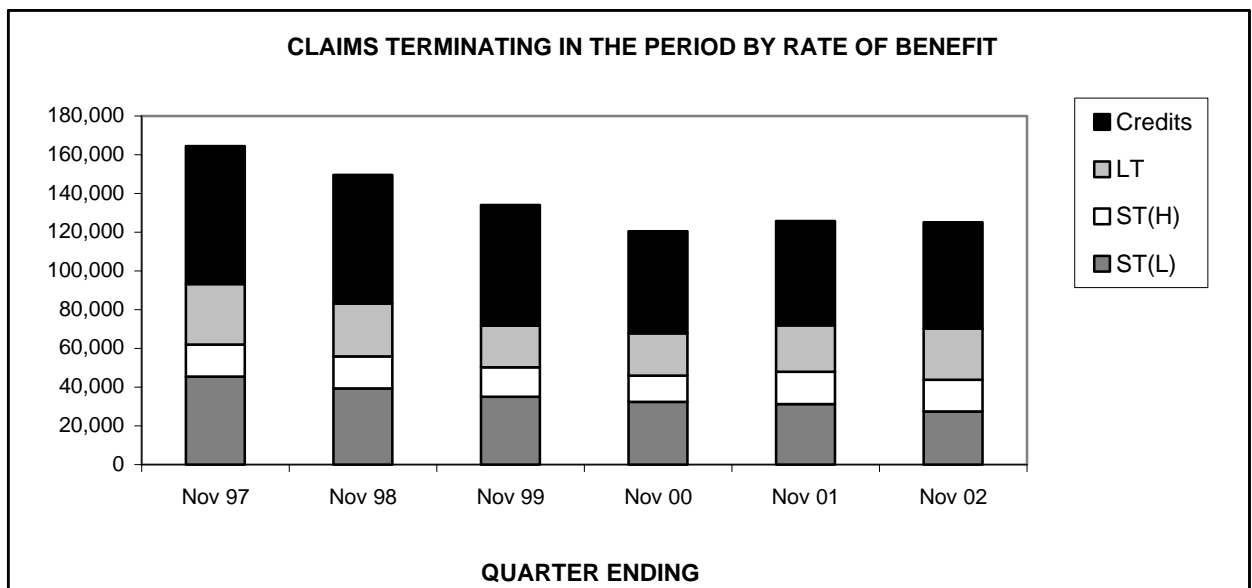
| Quarter ending | Number of claims terminating by reason | | | | | Number of claims terminating by rate of benefit | | | | | |
|----------------|--|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------|---|------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|--|
| | Total terminations | Not incapable | | | IBLT | | | | | | |
| | | 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 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 | |
| Nov | 125.0 | 31.5 | 1.2 | 92.4 | 27.5 | 16.3 | 26.5 | 4.0 | 22.5 | 54.8 | |

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".

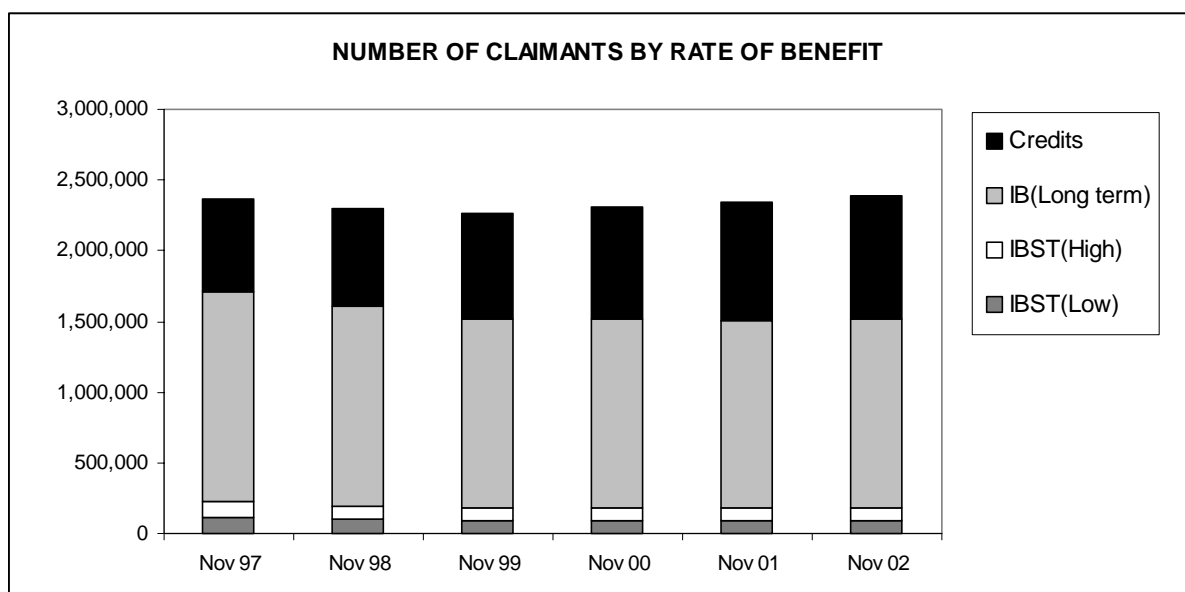


A3 Incapacity Benefit claimants by rate of benefit and split between ex-IVB and other claimants

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 | 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 |
| | Nov | 2,384.2 | 91.3 | 89.3 | 1,334.9 | 551.9 | 783.0 | 868.7 |

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) | | | |
|----------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| 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 | 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 |
| | 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 |
| 1999 | Feb | 1,557.1 | 1,504.8 | 52.3 | 94.7 | 87.6 | 1,374.9 | 81.68 | 49.86 | 59.99 | 85.26 |
| | 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 |
| 2000 | 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 |
| | Nov | 1,509.7 | 1,509.1 | 0.6 | 91.5 | 92.1 | 1,326.1 | 81.73 | 51.60 | 62.23 | 85.17 |
| 2001 | 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 |
| | 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 |
| 2002 | Feb | 1,496.9 | 1,496.6 | 0.3* | 84.1 | 92.6 | 1,320.3 | 82.47 | 52.54 | 63.17 | 85.73 |
| | 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 |
| | Nov | 1,505.8 | 1,505.8 | 0.1.* | 87.9 | 87.7 | 1,330.2 | 82.75 | 53.53 | 63.85 | 85.93 |

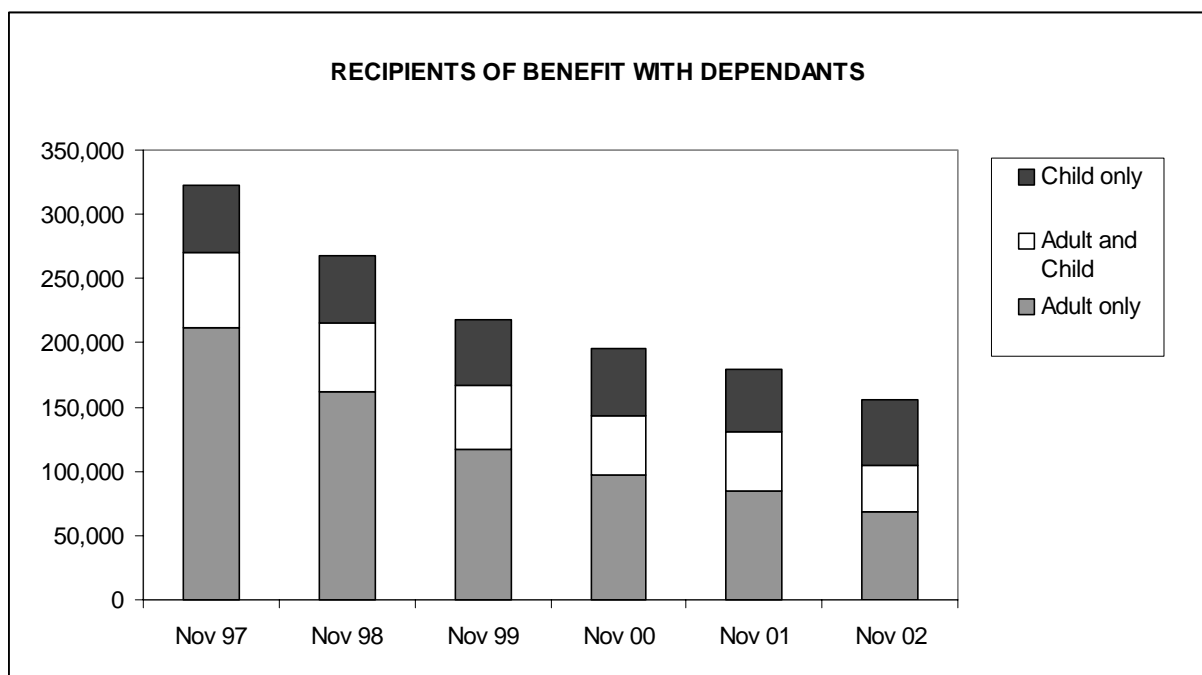
Notes: Pension age = 65 and over for men, and 60 and over for women.

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 | 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 |
| | Nov | 1,505.8 | 1,350.5 | 68.0 | 36.8 | 50.6 | 152.4 |



A6 Incapacity Benefit beneficiaries by reason exempt from Personal Capability Assessment

Thousands

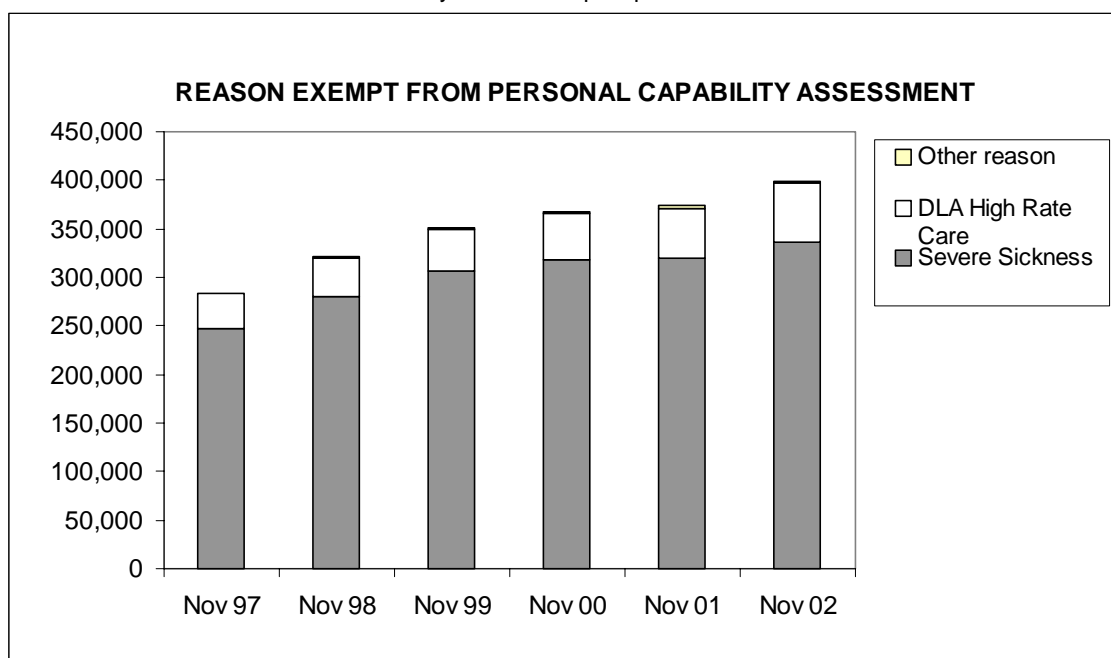
Beneficiaries exempt from Personal Capability Assessment by reason

| | 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 | 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 |
| | Nov | 320.4 | 278.9 | 39.9 | 1.6 |
| 1999 | Feb | 334.1 | 291.5 | 40.7 | 1.8 |
| | May | 337.7 | 294.3 | 41.4 | 2.1 |
| | Aug | 344.7 | 300.2 | 42.7 | 1.8 |
| | Nov | 351.0 | 306.6 | 42.7 | 1.7 |
| 2000 | Feb | 355.0 | 310.1 | 43.2 | 1.7 |
| | May | 361.0 | 313.9 | 45.3 | 1.7 |
| | Aug | 366.3 | 317.7 | 46.8 | 1.8 |
| | Nov | 367.1 | 317.9 | 47.6 | 1.6 |
| 2001 | Feb | 366.7 | 316.5 | 48.4 | 1.8 |
| | May | 366.4 | 315.0 | 49.2 | 2.2 |
| | Aug | 370.9 | 318.2 | 50.5 | 2.1 |
| | Nov | 373.8 | 319.9 | 51.7 | 2.1 |
| 2002 | 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 |
| | Nov | 399.2 | 336.2 | 60.4 | 2.6 |

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.

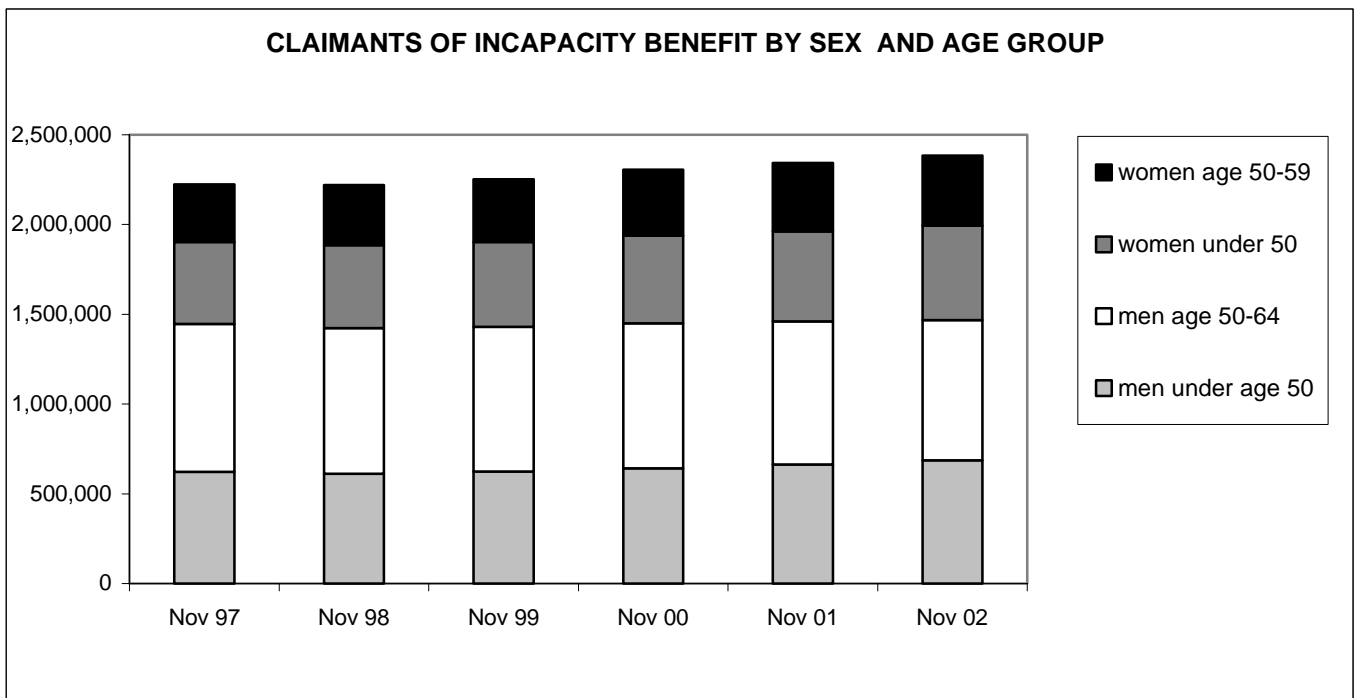


A7 Incapacity Benefit claimants by sex and age

Thousands

| Quarter ending | All Persons | Men | | | | | | | Women | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------------|--|
| | | 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 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 | |
| 1998 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 | |
| 1998 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 | |
| 1998 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 | |
| 1999 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 | |
| 1999 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 | |
| 1999 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 | |
| 2000 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 | |
| 2000 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 | |
| 2000 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 | |
| 2001 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* | |
| 2001 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* | |
| 2001 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* | |
| 2002 May | 2,365.7 | 1,465.8 | 78.5 | 607.4 | 473.2 | 306.7 | - | 899.9 | 64.2 | 457.4 | 378.3 | - | |
| 2002 Aug | 2,377.0 | 1,466.0 | 78.0 | 603.0 | 464.4 | 320.6 | - | 911.0 | 64.9 | 457.4 | 388.7 | - | |
| 2002 Nov | 2,384.2 | 1,467.7 | 80.3 | 606.5 | 465.5 | 315.3 | - | 916.5 | 67.9 | 458.3 | 390.2 | 0.1* | |

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 Yorks & West | Yorks & Humber | East Midlands | West Midlands | South West | Eastern | 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 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 |
| Nov | 2,384.2 | 163.2 | 392.4 | 214.5 | 155.7 | 218.4 | 154.0 | 142.2 | 264.8 | 186.8 | 1,891.9 | 288.8 | 193.6 | 9.9 |

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.

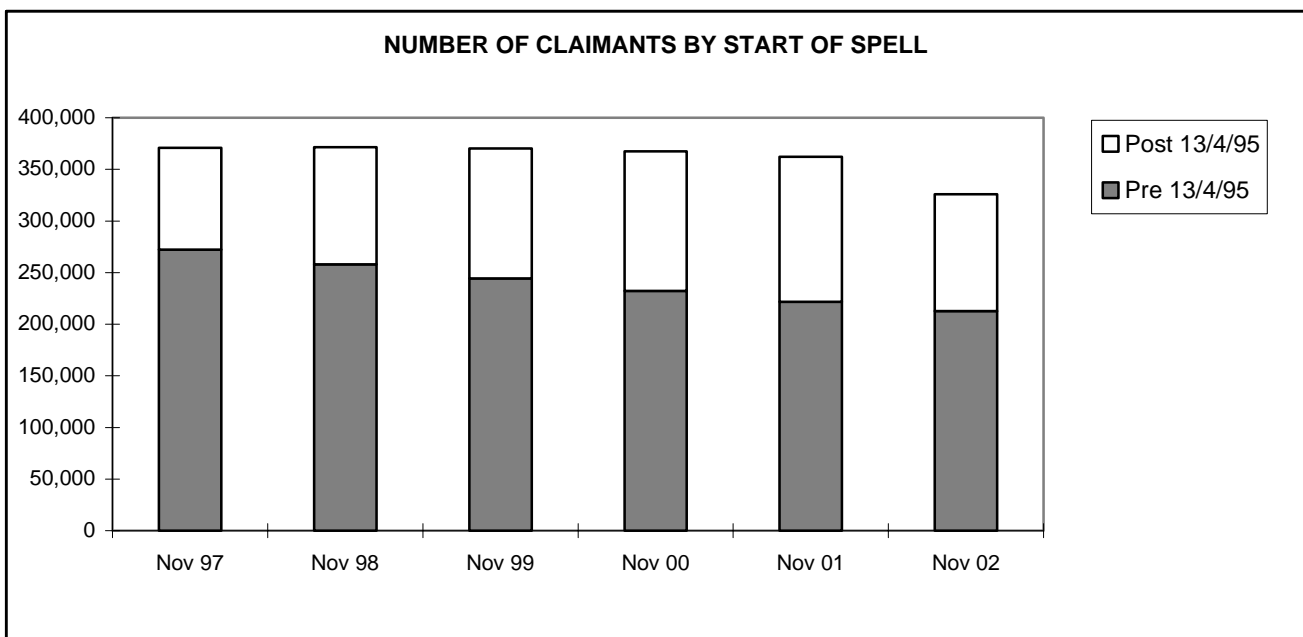
² Includes a small number of Credits only cases over pension age – incorrectly held on the INCAP computer system.

A9 Severe Disablement Allowance claimants and beneficiaries by start of spell

Thousands

| | | SDA claimants | | | SDA beneficiaries | | |
|----------------|-----|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Quarter ending | | Total | Pre 13th April 95 cases | Post 13th April 95 cases | Total | Pre 13th April 95 cases | Post 13th April 95 cases |
| 1995 | May | 325.7 | 320.6 | 5.1 | 324.5 | 319.4 | 5.0 |
| 1997 | 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 |
| | 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 |
| 1999 | May | 371.4 | 251.2 | 120.2 | 370.2 | 251.0 | 119.2 |
| | 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 |
| 2000 | 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 |
| | Aug | 367.2 | 234.7 | 132.4 | 365.1 | 234.3 | 130.9 |
| 2001 | 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 |
| 2002 | 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 |
| | Nov | 325.9 | 212.6 | 113.2 | 325.2 | 212.4 | 112.8 |

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



**B1 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit at
30 November 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 | 2,384.2 | 91.3 | 89.3 | 1,334.9 | 551.9 | 783.0 | 868.7 |
| Under 20 | 43.1 | 3.7 | 2.9 | 14.6 | - | 14.6 | 21.9 |
| 20 - 24 | 105.1 | 7.4 | 4.9 | 24.9 | - | 24.9 | 67.8 |
| 25 - 29 | 120.4 | 8.3 | 5.8 | 28.8 | 0.4* | 28.4 | 77.6 |
| 30 - 34 | 178.7 | 9.5 | 8.2 | 61.7 | 12.3 | 49.4 | 99.4 |
| 35 - 39 | 226.8 | 9.5 | 9.1 | 97.3 | 31.4 | 65.9 | 110.8 |
| 40 - 44 | 253.3 | 9.4 | 8.9 | 124.8 | 52.2 | 72.7 | 110.2 |
| 45 - 49 | 285.5 | 9.4 | 9.9 | 158.9 | 70.1 | 88.9 | 107.3 |
| 50 - 54 | 371.0 | 11.1 | 13.3 | 231.2 | 103.7 | 127.6 | 115.4 |
| 55 - 59 | 484.8 | 14.4 | 16.5 | 335.9 | 152.8 | 183.1 | 117.9 |
| 60 - 64 | 315.4 | 8.6 | 9.7 | 256.7 | 129.1 | 127.6 | 40.4 |
| 65 and over | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Men | | | | | | | |
| All Ages | 1,467.7 | 64.2 | 55.3 | 865.9 | 374.7 | 491.2 | 482.3 |
| Under 20 | 22.4 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 8.9 | - | 8.9 | 10.2 |
| 20 - 24 | 58.0 | 4.7 | 2.7 | 13.2 | - | 13.2 | 37.4 |
| 25 - 29 | 72.2 | 5.6 | 3.7 | 16.5 | 0.2* | 16.2 | 46.5 |
| 30 - 34 | 106.3 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 32.5 | 6.1 | 26.4 | 62.0 |
| 35 - 39 | 132.9 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 54.4 | 16.1 | 38.3 | 66.3 |
| 40 - 44 | 142.7 | 6.6 | 4.8 | 72.1 | 29.6 | 42.5 | 59.2 |
| 45 - 49 | 152.3 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 88.1 | 40.0 | 48.2 | 53.0 |
| 50 - 54 | 193.9 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 126.5 | 60.3 | 66.2 | 53.1 |
| 55 - 59 | 271.7 | 10.4 | 9.9 | 197.1 | 93.4 | 103.7 | 54.3 |
| 60 - 64 | 315.3 | 8.5 | 9.7 | 256.6 | 129.0 | 127.6 | 40.4 |
| 65 and over | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Women | | | | | | | |
| All Ages | 916.5 | 27.2 | 34.0 | 469.0 | 177.2 | 291.8 | 386.4 |
| Under 20 | 20.8 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 5.7 | - | 5.7 | 11.7 |
| 20 - 24 | 47.1 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 11.7 | - | 11.7 | 30.4 |
| 25 - 29 | 48.2 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 12.3 | 0.2* | 12.1 | 31.1 |
| 30 - 34 | 72.4 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 29.2 | 6.2 | 23.0 | 37.4 |
| 35 - 39 | 93.9 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 43.0 | 15.3 | 27.7 | 44.6 |
| 40 - 44 | 110.6 | 2.8 | 4.1 | 52.7 | 22.5 | 30.2 | 51.0 |
| 45 - 49 | 133.2 | 3.5 | 4.6 | 70.8 | 30.1 | 40.7 | 54.3 |
| 50 - 54 | 177.1 | 4.0 | 6.1 | 104.8 | 43.4 | 61.3 | 62.3 |
| 55 - 59 | 213.1 | 3.9 | 6.7 | 138.8 | 59.4 | 79.5 | 63.7 |
| 60 - 64 | 0.1* | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 65 and over | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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

**B1a Number of beneficiaries of Incapacity Benefit at
30 November 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 | 1,505.8 | 87.9 | 87.7 | 1,330.2 | 551.4 | 778.8 |
| Under 20 | 21.0 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 14.5 | - | 14.5 |
| 20 - 24 | 37.0 | 7.3 | 4.8 | 24.9 | - | 24.9 |
| 25 - 29 | 42.0 | 7.8 | 5.7 | 28.5 | 0.4* | 28.1 |
| 30 - 34 | 78.5 | 9.1 | 8.1 | 61.4 | 12.3 | 49.1 |
| 35 - 39 | 115.1 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 96.9 | 31.3 | 65.6 |
| 40 - 44 | 142.4 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 124.5 | 52.1 | 72.4 |
| 45 - 49 | 177.2 | 9.0 | 9.7 | 158.5 | 70.1 | 88.4 |
| 50 - 54 | 254.0 | 10.8 | 13.0 | 230.2 | 103.6 | 126.5 |
| 55 - 59 | 364.7 | 13.7 | 16.2 | 334.8 | 152.7 | 182.2 |
| 60 - 64 | 273.9 | 8.3 | 9.5 | 256.1 | 129.0 | 127.1 |
| 65 and over | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Men | | | | | | |
| All Ages | 977.8 | 61.5 | 54.0 | 862.3 | 374.3 | 488.0 |
| Under 20 | 12.0 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 8.9 | - | 8.9 |
| 20 - 24 | 20.5 | 4.7 | 2.6 | 13.2 | - | 13.2 |
| 25 - 29 | 25.2 | 5.3 | 3.7 | 16.3 | 0.2* | 16.0 |
| 30 - 34 | 43.7 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 32.3 | 6.0 | 26.3 |
| 35 - 39 | 66.0 | 6.6 | 5.4 | 54.1 | 16.0 | 38.1 |
| 40 - 44 | 83.0 | 6.4 | 4.7 | 71.9 | 29.6 | 42.3 |
| 45 - 49 | 98.5 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 87.8 | 39.9 | 47.9 |
| 50 - 54 | 139.5 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 125.7 | 60.2 | 65.5 |
| 55 - 59 | 215.6 | 9.9 | 9.5 | 196.2 | 93.3 | 102.9 |
| 60 - 64 | 273.8 | 8.3 | 9.5 | 256.1 | 128.9 | 127.1 |
| 65 and over | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Women | | | | | | |
| All Ages | 528.0 | 26.3 | 33.8 | 467.9 | 177.1 | 290.8 |
| Under 20 | 9.0 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 5.6 | - | 5.6 |
| 20 - 24 | 16.6 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 11.7 | - | 11.7 |
| 25 - 29 | 16.9 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 12.3 | 0.2* | 12.1 |
| 30 - 34 | 34.8 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 29.1 | 6.2 | 22.8 |
| 35 - 39 | 49.1 | 2.6 | 3.7 | 42.8 | 15.3 | 27.5 |
| 40 - 44 | 59.5 | 2.7 | 4.1 | 52.6 | 22.5 | 30.1 |
| 45 - 49 | 78.7 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 70.7 | 30.1 | 40.6 |
| 50 - 54 | 114.5 | 3.9 | 6.1 | 104.5 | 43.4 | 61.1 |
| 55 - 59 | 149.1 | 3.8 | 6.6 | 138.6 | 59.4 | 79.3 |
| 60 - 64 | 0.1* | - | - | - | - | - |
| 65 and over | - | - | - | - | - | - |

B2 Number of terminations¹ of Incapacity Benefit (excluding awards of Retirement Pension) in the period 1 September 2002 to 30 November 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 | 125.0 | 27.5 | 16.3 | 26.5 | 4.0 | 22.5 | 54.8 |
| Closed Certificate | 47.5 | 18.9 | 5.7 | 3.9 | 0.4* | 3.5 | 19.0 |
| Death of Claimant | 6.1 | 0.1* | 0.3* | 3.5 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| At request of claimant | 16.2 | 4.5 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 0.2* | 2.2 | 7.0 |
| Failure to attend medical | 6.8 | 0.2* | 0.4* | 1.0 | 0.1* | 0.9 | 5.2 |
| Failure to provide Information | 4.7 | 0.4* | 0.2* | 0.5* | - | 0.4* | 3.6 |
| Not incapable Own Occupation Test | 1.2 | 0.5* | - | - | - | - | 0.7 |
| Not incapable Personal Capability Assessment | 31.5 | 1.5 | 4.4 | 10.6 | 1.2 | 9.4 | 14.9 |
| Other | 3.6 | 0.9 | 0.3* | 0.4* | - | 0.3* | 2.1 |
| Return to work | 7.5 | 0.6 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 0.5* | 3.7 | - |

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 30 November 2002,
by rate of benefit and Government Office Region¹**

Thousands

| | All Rates | IBST(L) | IBST(H) | IBLT | Credits of working age only | All IB as % of working age population ² |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| All Cases | 2,384.2 | 91.3 | 89.3 | 1,334.9 | 868.7 | 6.8 |
| North East | 163.2 | 6.5 | 5.6 | 98.9 | 52.2 | 10.6 |
| North West | 392.4 | 14.7 | 13.4 | 223.8 | 140.5 | 9.6 |
| Yorks & Humber | 214.5 | 8.4 | 9.1 | 123.5 | 73.5 | 7.1 |
| East Midlands | 155.7 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 95.1 | 48.2 | 6.1 |
| West Midlands | 218.4 | 8.5 | 9.5 | 126.4 | 74.0 | 6.8 |
| South West | 154.0 | 7.4 | 6.1 | 84.6 | 55.8 | 5.2 |
| Eastern | 142.2 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 80.4 | 49.4 | 4.3 |
| London | 264.8 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 103.4 | 147.2 | 5.6 |
| South East | 186.8 | 7.5 | 8.1 | 100.0 | 71.1 | 3.8 |
| England | 1,891.9 | 72.3 | 71.2 | 1,036.3 | 712.0 | 6.3 |
| Scotland | 288.8 | 11.9 | 10.7 | 165.6 | 100.6 | 9.2 |
| Wales | 193.6 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 123.9 | 55.5 | 11.2 |
| Overseas | 9.9 | 0.1* | 0.1* | 9.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 |

**B3a Number of beneficiaries of Incapacity Benefit at 30 November 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 | 1,505.8 | 87.9 | 87.7 | 1,330.2 | 4.3 |
| North East | 110.4 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 98.7 | 7.2 |
| North West | 250.5 | 14.2 | 13.2 | 223.1 | 6.1 |
| Yorks & Humber | 140.0 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 123.0 | 4.6 |
| East Midlands | 106.8 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 94.8 | 4.2 |
| West Midlands | 143.6 | 8.2 | 9.4 | 125.9 | 4.5 |
| South West | 97.4 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 84.2 | 3.3 |
| Eastern | 91.9 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 80.0 | 2.8 |
| London | 116.7 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 103.1 | 2.5 |
| South East | 114.8 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 99.6 | 2.3 |
| England | 1,172.1 | 69.6 | 70.0 | 1,032.5 | 3.9 |
| Scotland | 187.1 | 11.3 | 10.6 | 165.3 | 5.9 |
| Wales | 137.5 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 123.5 | 7.9 |
| Overseas | 9.1 | - | 0.1* | 9.0 | 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 30 November 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 | 1,505.8 | 87.9 | 87.7 | 1,330.2 | 551.4 | 778.8 |
| No Dependants | 1,350.5 | 85.5 | 82.2 | 1,182.8 | 461.8 | 720.9 |
| Adult Dependant only | 68.0 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 64.4 | 55.0 | 9.5 |
| Adult and: | | | | | | |
| 1 child | 16.7 | - | 0.6 | 16.1 | 7.9 | 8.2 |
| 2 children | 11.9 | - | 0.6 | 11.3 | 4.3 | 7.0 |
| 3 children | 5.3 | - | 0.2* | 5.0 | 1.8 | 3.3 |
| 4 children | 2.1 | - | 0.1* | 2.0 | 0.6 | 1.4 |
| 5 or more children | 0.8 | - | - | 0.8 | 0.4* | 0.4* |
| No Adult and: | | | | | | |
| 1 child | 27.7 | - | 1.4 | 26.4 | 11.7 | 14.7 |
| 2 children | 15.7 | - | 0.9 | 14.8 | 5.6 | 9.2 |
| 3 children | 5.1 | - | 0.4* | 4.7 | 1.8 | 2.9 |
| 4 children | 1.6 | - | - | 1.6 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| 5 or more children | 0.4* | - | - | 0.4* | 0.1* | 0.3* |
| Total number of children | 152.4 | - | 7.9 | 144.5 | 57.1 | 87.4 |

Thousands

| | All rates | IBST(L) | IBST(H) | IBLT | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | Total IBLT | Ex-IVB IBLT | Other IBLT |
| All Men | 977.8 | 61.5 | 54.0 | 862.3 | 374.3 | 488.0 |
| No Dependants | 845.4 | 59.3 | 50.0 | 736.2 | 293.9 | 442.3 |
| Adult Dependant only | 66.9 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 63.5 | 54.2 | 9.3 |
| Adult and: | | | | | | |
| 1 child | 15.8 | - | 0.5 | 15.3 | 7.5 | 7.8 |
| 2 children | 11.4 | - | 0.5 | 10.9 | 4.1 | 6.7 |
| 3 children | 4.9 | - | 0.2* | 4.7 | 1.6 | 3.1 |
| 4 children | 2.1 | - | 0.1* | 1.9 | 0.6 | 1.4 |
| 5 or more children | 0.8 | - | - | 0.7 | 0.4* | 0.4* |
| No Adult and: | | | | | | |
| 1 child | 15.6 | - | 0.6 | 15.0 | 7.1 | 7.9 |
| 2 children | 10.0 | - | 0.6 | 9.4 | 3.2 | 6.2 |
| 3 children | 3.5 | - | 0.3* | 3.2 | 1.2 | 2.0 |
| 4 children | 1.3 | - | - | 1.2 | 0.4* | 0.8 |
| 5 or more children | 0.3* | - | - | 0.3* | - | 0.3* |
| Total number of children | 118.4 | - | 5.7 | 112.7 | 43.9 | 68.8 |

**B4 Number of beneficiaries of Incapacity Benefit at 30 November 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 | 528.0 | 26.3 | 33.8 | 467.9 | 177.1 | 290.8 |
| No Dependants | 505.0 | 26.2 | 32.2 | 446.6 | 167.9 | 278.7 |
| Adult Dependant only | 1.1 | 0.1* | 0.1* | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.1* |
| Adult and: | | | | | | |
| 1 child | 0.9 | - | 0.1* | 0.9 | 0.4* | 0.4* |
| 2 children | 0.5* | - | 0.1* | 0.4* | 0.2* | 0.3* |
| 3 children | 0.4* | - | - | 0.4* | 0.2* | 0.2* |
| 4 children | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 or more children | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| No Adult and: | | | | | | |
| 1 child | 12.2 | - | 0.8 | 11.4 | 4.6 | 6.8 |
| 2 children | 5.8 | - | 0.4* | 5.4 | 2.3 | 3.1 |
| 3 children | 1.6 | - | 0.1* | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| 4 children | 0.3* | - | - | 0.3* | 0.1* | 0.2* |
| 5 or more children | 0.1* | - | - | 0.1* | 0.1* | 0.1* |
| Total number of children | 34.0 | - | 2.2 | 31.9 | 13.2 | 18.7 |

**B5 Number of beneficiaries of Incapacity Benefit at 30 November 2002,
by rate of benefit and weekly amount in payment**

Thousands/£

| | All Beneficiaries (000) | Total weekly amount paid (£000) | Average weekly amount paid (£) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| All Persons | | | |
| All IB Rates | 1,505.8 | 124,610.7 | 82.75 |
| IBST(L) | 87.9 | 4,702.8 | 53.53 |
| IBST(H) | 87.7 | 5,601.9 | 63.85 |
| IBLT (All) | 1,330.2 | 114,306.0 | 85.93 |
| IBLT (Ex-IVB) | 551.4 | 53,815.5 | 97.60 |
| Invalidity Allowance | 295.7 | 2,874.3 | 9.72 |
| Additional Pension | 480.4 | 8,872.2 | 18.47 |
| Graduated Retirement Benefit | - | - | - |
| IBLT (Other) | 778.8 | 60,490.5 | 77.67 |
| Incapacity Age Addition | 326.5 | 3,697.4 | 11.32 |

**B6 Number of beneficiaries¹ of Incapacity Benefit at 30 November 2002,
by rate of benefit and reason exempt from the personal capability
assessment**

Thousands

| | All IB | IBST(L) | IBST(H) | IBLT |
|---------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| All Persons | 399.2 | 3.4 | 8.2 | 387.5 |
| DLA High Care rate | 60.4 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 58.3 |
| Severe Sickness | 336.2 | 2.2 | 7.1 | 326.9 |
| Other reason ² | 2.6 | 0.1* | 0.2* | 2.3 |

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 30 November 2002, by Diagnosis Group¹

Thousands

| | All IB | Men | Women |
|--|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| All Cases | 2,384.2 | 1,467.7 | 916.5 |
| Claimants without any diagnosis code on the system | 6.1 | 3.6 | 2.4 |
| Certain Infectious and Parasitic Diseases (A00 - B99) | 18.1 | 12.1 | 6.0 |
| Neoplasms (C00 - D48) | 34.4 | 19.2 | 15.2 |
| Diseases of the Blood and Blood forming organs and certain diseases involving the immune mechanism (D50 - D89) | 4.1 | 2.0 | 2.1 |
| Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases (E00 - E90) | 35.5 | 24.0 | 11.5 |
| Mental and Behavioural Disorders (F00 - F99) | 843.8 | 483.2 | 360.6 |
| Diseases of the Nervous System (G00 - G99) | 123.7 | 68.1 | 55.6 |
| Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa (H00 - H59) | 14.6 | 10.4 | 4.2 |
| Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process (H60 - H95) | 9.7 | 6.3 | 3.4 |
| Diseases of the Circulatory System (I00 - I99) | 175.8 | 141.3 | 34.5 |
| Diseases of the Respiratory System (J00 - J99) | 65.4 | 43.1 | 22.4 |
| Diseases of the Digestive System (K00 - K93) | 40.3 | 26.2 | 14.2 |
| Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous System (L00 - L99) | 15.4 | 9.9 | 5.6 |
| Diseases of the Musculoskeletal system and Connective Tissue (M00 - M99) | 518.3 | 311.9 | 206.4 |
| Diseases of the Genitourinary System (N00 - N99) | 17.5 | 7.8 | 9.7 |
| Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (O00 - O99) | 5.0 | - | 5.0 |
| Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period (P00 - P96) | - | - | - |
| Congenital Malformations, Deformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities (Q00 - Q99) | 5.3 | 2.8 | 2.5 |
| Symptoms, Signs and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00 - R99) | 272.1 | 169.6 | 102.5 |
| Injury, Poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00 - U23) | 149.8 | 107.1 | 42.7 |
| Factors influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (Z00 - Z99) | 29.3 | 19.2 | 10.0 |

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

B8 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit at 30 November 2002, by age, sex and duration¹ 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 | 2,384.2 | 41.8 | 99.5 | 120.4 | 173.6 |
| Under 20 | 43.1 | 3.1 | 7.9 | 6.9 | 7.1 |
| 20 - 24 | 105.1 | 4.3 | 11.2 | 13.2 | 15.3 |
| 25 - 29 | 120.4 | 3.9 | 9.5 | 10.9 | 14.4 |
| 30 - 34 | 178.7 | 4.5 | 10.3 | 12.8 | 18.0 |
| 35 - 39 | 226.8 | 5.2 | 10.5 | 13.8 | 20.0 |
| 40 - 44 | 253.3 | 4.6 | 10.4 | 13.3 | 19.2 |
| 45 - 49 | 285.5 | 4.0 | 10.0 | 12.7 | 18.7 |
| 50 - 54 | 371.0 | 4.3 | 11.0 | 14.4 | 22.3 |
| 55 - 59 | 484.8 | 5.7 | 13.2 | 15.4 | 25.5 |
| 60 - 64 | 315.4 | 2.1 | 5.5 | 7.2 | 13.1 |
| 65 and over | - | - | - | - | - |
| Men | | | | | |
| All Ages | 1,467.7 | 26.1 | 61.0 | 72.2 | 103.7 |
| Under 20 | 22.4 | 1.5 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| 20 - 24 | 58.0 | 2.4 | 6.7 | 7.8 | 8.7 |
| 25 - 29 | 72.2 | 2.8 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 8.8 |
| 30 - 34 | 106.3 | 2.8 | 6.8 | 8.0 | 11.4 |
| 35 - 39 | 132.9 | 3.4 | 6.7 | 8.3 | 11.9 |
| 40 - 44 | 142.7 | 2.8 | 5.7 | 7.5 | 10.5 |
| 45 - 49 | 152.3 | 2.1 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 10.2 |
| 50 - 54 | 193.9 | 2.6 | 6.1 | 7.8 | 11.4 |
| 55 - 59 | 271.7 | 3.6 | 8.0 | 9.4 | 14.5 |
| 60 - 64 | 315.3 | 2.1 | 5.5 | 7.2 | 13.0 |
| 65 and over | - | - | - | - | - |
| Women | | | | | |
| All Ages | 916.5 | 15.8 | 38.5 | 48.3 | 69.8 |
| Under 20 | 20.8 | 1.6 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| 20 - 24 | 47.1 | 1.9 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 6.5 |
| 25 - 29 | 48.2 | 1.1 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 5.6 |
| 30 - 34 | 72.4 | 1.7 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 6.6 |
| 35 - 39 | 93.9 | 1.8 | 3.8 | 5.5 | 8.1 |
| 40 - 44 | 110.6 | 1.9 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 8.7 |
| 45 - 49 | 133.2 | 2.0 | 4.5 | 6.3 | 8.5 |
| 50 - 54 | 177.1 | 1.7 | 4.9 | 6.6 | 10.9 |
| 55 - 59 | 213.1 | 2.1 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 11.0 |
| 60 - 64 | 0.1* | - | - | - | - |
| 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 30 November 2002, by age, sex and duration¹ 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 | 282.0 | 225.2 | 194.4 | 169.6 | 1,077.6 |
| Under 20 | 9.3 | 5.4 | 3.5 | - | - |
| 20 - 24 | 24.7 | 12.3 | 8.6 | 9.2 | 6.3 |
| 25 - 29 | 21.2 | 15.7 | 11.6 | 9.6 | 23.6 |
| 30 - 34 | 26.5 | 20.9 | 16.1 | 13.8 | 55.6 |
| 35 - 39 | 29.5 | 23.9 | 20.4 | 17.1 | 86.3 |
| 40 - 44 | 31.6 | 25.6 | 21.2 | 18.0 | 109.5 |
| 45 - 49 | 33.2 | 25.8 | 23.7 | 22.0 | 135.4 |
| 50 - 54 | 36.7 | 33.0 | 30.1 | 26.4 | 192.7 |
| 55 - 59 | 44.3 | 39.5 | 36.7 | 32.5 | 272.0 |
| 60 - 64 | 25.0 | 23.1 | 22.4 | 21.0 | 196.2 |
| 65 and over | - | - | - | - | - |
| Men | | | | | |
| All Ages | 168.3 | 134.7 | 116.8 | 98.8 | 686.1 |
| Under 20 | 5.2 | 3.3 | 2.2 | - | - |
| 20 - 24 | 13.0 | 6.7 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 3.3 |
| 25 - 29 | 13.1 | 10.0 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 13.0 |
| 30 - 34 | 16.4 | 12.2 | 9.8 | 7.3 | 31.5 |
| 35 - 39 | 17.0 | 14.1 | 11.7 | 10.0 | 49.7 |
| 40 - 44 | 17.7 | 13.7 | 11.9 | 9.8 | 63.1 |
| 45 - 49 | 17.3 | 12.9 | 11.9 | 11.1 | 75.0 |
| 50 - 54 | 18.3 | 17.1 | 15.6 | 12.8 | 102.2 |
| 55 - 59 | 25.2 | 21.7 | 20.0 | 17.1 | 152.1 |
| 60 - 64 | 25.0 | 23.1 | 22.4 | 21.0 | 196.2 |
| 65 and over | - | - | - | - | - |
| Women | | | | | |
| All Ages | 113.7 | 90.5 | 77.6 | 70.8 | 391.5 |
| Under 20 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 1.2 | - | - |
| 20 - 24 | 11.7 | 5.5 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 3.0 |
| 25 - 29 | 8.1 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 10.6 |
| 30 - 34 | 10.1 | 8.7 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 24.1 |
| 35 - 39 | 12.4 | 9.8 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 36.6 |
| 40 - 44 | 13.9 | 11.9 | 9.3 | 8.2 | 46.3 |
| 45 - 49 | 15.9 | 13.0 | 11.8 | 10.9 | 60.4 |
| 50 - 54 | 18.4 | 15.9 | 14.5 | 13.7 | 90.5 |
| 55 - 59 | 19.0 | 17.8 | 16.7 | 15.4 | 119.9 |
| 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 30 November 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 | 325.9 | 325.2 | 212.6 | 212.4 | 113.2 | 112.8 |
| Under 20 ¹ | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 20 - 24 | 20.7 | 20.6 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 16.5 | 16.5 |
| 25 - 29 | 28.9 | 28.8 | 20.4 | 20.4 | 8.5 | 8.5 |
| 30 - 34 | 34.8 | 34.8 | 26.9 | 26.9 | 8.0 | 7.9 |
| 35 - 39 | 37.5 | 37.4 | 28.1 | 28.1 | 9.4 | 9.4 |
| 40 - 44 | 35.4 | 35.2 | 25.2 | 25.2 | 10.1 | 10.0 |
| 45 - 49 | 34.2 | 34.1 | 23.0 | 22.9 | 11.3 | 11.2 |
| 50 - 54 | 38.8 | 38.7 | 26.2 | 26.2 | 12.6 | 12.6 |
| 55 - 59 | 42.1 | 42.0 | 26.6 | 26.6 | 15.5 | 15.4 |
| 60 - 64 | 25.8 | 25.7 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 12.5 | 12.5 |
| 65 and over | 27.7 | 27.7 | 18.9 | 18.9 | 8.8 | 8.8 |
| Men | | | | | | |
| All Ages | 135.9 | 135.5 | 92.1 | 92.0 | 43.8 | 43.5 |
| Under 20 ¹ | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 20 - 24 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 9.2 | 9.2 |
| 25 - 29 | 14.6 | 14.6 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| 30 - 34 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 14.1 | 14.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| 35 - 39 | 18.9 | 18.8 | 15.2 | 15.1 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| 40 - 44 | 16.1 | 16.0 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| 45 - 49 | 13.3 | 13.2 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 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 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| 60 - 64 | 10.7 | 10.7 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| 65 and over | 6.5 | 6.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Women | | | | | | |
| All Ages | 190.0 | 189.7 | 120.5 | 120.5 | 69.5 | 69.2 |
| Under 20 ¹ | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 20 - 24 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 7.4 | 7.4 |
| 25 - 29 | 14.3 | 14.3 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| 30 - 34 | 16.9 | 16.8 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| 35 - 39 | 18.6 | 18.6 | 12.9 | 12.9 | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| 40 - 44 | 19.2 | 19.2 | 12.9 | 12.9 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| 45 - 49 | 20.9 | 20.9 | 13.3 | 13.3 | 7.6 | 7.6 |
| 50 - 54 | 25.5 | 25.4 | 16.9 | 16.8 | 8.6 | 8.6 |
| 55 - 59 | 29.3 | 29.2 | 18.5 | 18.5 | 10.8 | 10.7 |
| 60 - 64 | 15.1 | 15.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.9 | 7.9 |
| 65 and over | 21.2 | 21.2 | 14.5 | 14.5 | 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 30 November 2002, by Government Office Region²

Thousands

| | Claimants | Beneficiaries |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| All Persons | | |
| All Cases | 325.9 | 325.2 |
| North East | 18.2 | 18.2 |
| North West | 43.7 | 43.6 |
| Yorks & Humber | 30.5 | 30.4 |
| East Midlands | 25.2 | 25.2 |
| West Midlands | 28.0 | 27.9 |
| South West | 28.3 | 28.3 |
| Eastern | 25.2 | 25.1 |
| London | 29.3 | 29.1 |
| South East | 37.5 | 37.5 |
| England | 265.8 | 265.3 |
| Scotland | 37.7 | 37.7 |
| Wales | 21.9 | 21.8 |
| 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 30 November 2002 by dependency

Thousands

| | All Persons | Men | Women |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| All Cases | 325.2 | 135.5 | 189.7 |
| No Dependants | 318.8 | 132.9 | 185.9 |
| Adult Dependant only | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.3* |
| Adult and children | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.4* |
| Children only | 4.0 | 0.8 | 3.1 |
| Total number of children | 8.6 | 3.0 | 5.6 |

C4 Number of beneficiaries of Severe Disablement Allowance at 30 November 2002, by weekly amount paid

Thousands/£

| | Number of Beneficiaries (000) | Total weekly amount paid (£000) | Average weekly amount paid (£) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| All in receipt of SDA | 325.2 | 17,885.2 | 55.00 |
| Of which: | | | |
| In receipt of Age Related Addition | 324.5 | 4,272.2 | 13.16 |

C5 Number of claimants of Severe Disablement Allowance at 30 November 2002, by reason exempt from Personal Capability Assessment

Thousands

| | All Persons |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| All Exempt | 282.1 |
| DLA High Care rate | 11.2 |
| Severe Sickness | 30.5 |
| Other reason ¹ | 27.7 |
| In Receipt of SDA at 12.4.95 | 212.6 |

Note: ¹ Other reason includes terminally ill and SDA passports

**C6 Number of claimants of Severe Disablement Allowance at 30 November 2002,
by Diagnosis Group¹**

Thousands

| | All SDA | Men | Women |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| All Cases | 325.9 | 135.9 | 190.0 |
| Claimants without any diagnosis code on the system | 0.1* | - | 0.1* |
| Certain Infectious and Parasitic Diseases (A00 - B99) | 1.6 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| Neoplasms (C00 - D48) | 3.2 | 1.0 | 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 | 1.0 | 2.6 |
| Mental and Behavioural Disorders (F00 - F99) | 126.1 | 61.9 | 64.3 |
| Diseases of the Nervous System (G00 - G99) | 39.1 | 14.0 | 25.1 |
| Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa (H00 - H59) | 5.7 | 2.1 | 3.6 |
| Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process (H60 - H95) | 2.6 | 0.9 | 1.7 |
| Diseases of the Circulatory System (I00 - I99) | 12.2 | 4.1 | 8.1 |
| Diseases of the Respiratory System (J00 - J99) | 6.8 | 1.9 | 4.9 |
| Diseases of the Digestive System (K00 - K93) | 2.3 | 0.6 | 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) | 30.3 | 5.3 | 25.1 |
| 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) | 19.9 | 10.6 | 9.3 |
| Symptoms, Signs and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00 - R99) | 59.3 | 25.5 | 33.8 |
| Injury, Poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00 - U23) | 5.1 | 2.3 | 2.8 |
| Factors influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (Z00 - Z99) | 5.3 | 3.2 | 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% |

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|---------|----------|-------|
| 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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