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## **Glossary of terms and conventions**

### **Glossary of terms**

#### *Allowances current*

The number of people in receipt of DLA or AA. This excludes people with entitlement where payment has been suspended.

#### *Main disabling condition*

This is the medical cause of the main disability which gives rise to the award of DLA or AA.

#### *Review*

A person who is dissatisfied with the result of their last claim can ask for the claim to be reviewed.

### **Conventions**

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## Introduction

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) replaced and extended Attendance Allowance and Mobility Allowance in April 1992 for people who became disabled before the age of 65. People already in receipt of either Attendance Allowance or Mobility Allowance before April 1992 were invited to make a 'top up' claim for the other component.

DLA is payable to people who are disabled and who have personal care needs, mobility needs or both. DLA consists of two components:

The care component: for people who need help with personal care;

The mobility component: for people who need help with getting around (this component is not available to children under five).

The care component is paid at one of three rates and the mobility component at one of two rates. These are shown in table 1.10.

To qualify for DLA the need for help must have existed for three months (the qualifying period) and be expected to last for at least a further six months (the prospective test). People who are not expected to live longer than six months because of an illness do not have to satisfy either the qualifying period or the prospective test. Once awarded, DLA will continue to be paid as long as the conditions of entitlement are met.



**Table 1.1: DLA allowances current**

	August 1996	February 1997	August 1997	February 1998	August 1998	February 1999	August 1999
<b>All components</b>	<b>104447</b>	<b>110390</b>	<b>114386</b>	<b>118973</b>	<b>121481</b>	<b>125082</b>	<b>127745</b>
Higher rate care only	2633	2968	3160	3239	3019	2849	2547
Middle rate care only	6992	7701	8450	8843	8452	7936	7447
Lower rate care only	8882	9359	10035	10619	10637	10800	10730
Higher rate mobility only	12167	12495	12509	12646	12453	12262	12041
Lower rate mobility only	2335	2560	2750	3069	3292	3451	3571
Higher rate care and higher rate mobility	18533	19457	20028	20459	20777	21388	21769
Higher rate care and lower rate mobility	6916	6985	6885	7072	7568	8547	9296
Middle rate care and higher rate mobility	21091	22315	22971	23578	23735	24336	24944
Middle rate care and lower rate mobility	10373	10308	10269	10745	11726	13179	15108
Lower rate care and higher rate mobility	11989	13424	14242	15067	15481	15620	15723
Lower rate care and lower rate mobility	2536	2818	3087	3636	4341	4714	4569

**1.1 continued**

	February 2000	May 2000	August 2000	November 2000	February 2001	May 2001	August 2001
<b>All components</b>	<b>130536</b>	<b>132062</b>	<b>133965</b>	<b>136450</b>	<b>137505</b>	<b>139812</b>	<b>141451</b>
Higher rate care only	2430	2352	2322	2310	2253	2136	2094
Middle rate care only	7316	7257	7323	7424	7402	7411	7362
Lower rate care only	10615	10562	10484	10340	10218	10218	10226
Higher rate mobility only	11969	11960	11903	11942	12014	12209	12110
Lower rate mobility only	3596	3639	3619	3608	3554	3478	3613
Higher rate care and higher rate mobility	22026	22213	22490	22897	23032	23444	23756
Higher rate care and lower rate mobility	9852	10040	10330	10715	10885	11110	11260
Middle rate care and higher rate mobility	25687	26096	26718	27543	27947	28540	29005
Middle rate care and lower rate mobility	16885	17899	18833	19905	20568	21558	22361
Lower rate care and higher rate mobility	15764	15831	15908	15925	15904	16038	16035
Lower rate care and lower rate mobility	4396	4213	4035	3841	3728	3670	3629



**Table 1.2: Decisions on initial claims<sup>1</sup>**

	1992/93 <sup>2</sup>	1993/94 <sup>2</sup>	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 <sup>3</sup>	2000/01	1.4.01 to 31.08.01 <sup>4</sup>
Initial claims	17999	41751	40572	35515	35055	27908	21860	21622	26963	9283
<b>Initial claims decided</b>	<b>17959</b>	<b>41471</b>	<b>40147</b>	<b>35148</b>	<b>34822</b>	<b>27730</b>	<b>21750</b>	<b>20587</b>	<b>23791</b>	<b>8228</b>
First awards <sup>1</sup> :										
<b>All first awards</b>	<b>13305</b>	<b>22539</b>	<b>19546</b>	<b>15495</b>	<b>15282</b>	<b>13535</b>	<b>12530</b>	<b>11657</b>	<b>14628</b>	<b>5048</b>
Higher rate care only	861	853	572	267	720	610	458	392	489	173
Middle rate care only	1536	2265	1455	889	1433	1280	1017	1142	1495	493
Lower rate care only	1071	3065	2874	2205	2190	2331	1530	1439	1432	452
Higher rate mobility only	2625	2687	2506	1874	1669	1101	565	602	864	334
Lower rate mobility only	791	900	277	293	446	529	527	436	491	172
Higher rate care &:-										
higher rate mobility	1073	2180	2463	1772	1768	1377	1520	1108	1268	394
lower rate mobility	470	983	873	874	587	677	1420	1121	1436	477
Middle rate care &:-										
higher rate mobility	1520	3537	4044	3138	2578	1865	1597	1484	2290	783
lower rate mobility	1132	2344	1538	1620	777	1050	1962	2510	3347	1258
Lower rate care &:-										
higher rate mobility	1405	2589	2507	2119	2543	1808	1120	1024	1188	396
lower rate mobility	821	1136	437	444	571	607	814	399	328	116
Rejections	4654	18932	20601	19653	19540	14195	9220	8930	9163	3180

1. Figures do not include first awards made as a result of review or appeal decisions

2. Includes top ups

3. Excludes January 2000 data, which are not available

4. Excludes April 2001 data, which are not available



**Table 1.3: Decisions on review**

Year	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 <sup>2</sup>	2000/01 <sup>3</sup>	1.4.01 to 31.08.01 <sup>3</sup>
Requests for review	392	15840	22270	21261	22486	22556	15215	12429	16708	4939
Decisions										
<b>All decisions</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>15356</b>	<b>21170</b>	<b>19614</b>	<b>21699</b>	<b>21901</b>	<b>14820</b>	<b>12182</b>	<b>15943</b>	<b>4854</b>
Review allowed	279	4319	3457	2655	2489	1781	1080	548	1991	830
Award increased(1)	14	4113	6380	5105	4621	4347	3909	3170	4498	1392
Other decisions	84	6924	11333	11854	14589	15773	9831	8464	9621	2632

1. Rates of either component are increased

2. Excludes January 2000 data, which are not available

3. Includes in and out-of-time reviews, reconsiderations and supersessions

**Table 1.4: Awards by sex and age in year ending 31 August 2001<sup>1</sup>**

	Total	Men	Women
<b>All ages</b>	<b>19483</b>	<b>9853</b>	<b>9630</b>
0-4	970	603	367
5-9	798	550	248
10-15	577	355	222
16-19	473	258	215
20-24	677	346	331
25-29	931	449	482
30-34	1300	606	694
35-39	1663	738	925
40-44	1771	822	949
45-49	1780	895	885
50-54	2219	1039	1180
55-59	2672	1324	1348
60-64	2600	1362	1238
65 and over	1052	506	546

1. Figures relate to first awards made as a result of initial claims, reviews or appeals.



**Table 1.5: Awards by main disabling condition in year ending 31 August 2001<sup>1 2</sup>**

	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
<b>All conditions</b>	<b>19483</b>	<b>6595</b>	<b>2176</b>	<b>10712</b>
Terminally ill	643	198	18	427
Arthritis	2479	1093	357	1029
Back ailments	1520	449	223	848
Muscles/joint/bone disease	1844	775	246	823
Trauma to limbs	172	78	16	78
Blindness	171	61	26	84
Deafness	117	35	19	63
Heart disease	1155	398	270	487
Chest disease	431	173	74	184
Asthma	592	394	77	121
Stroke-related	384	145	18	221
Epilepsy	479	103	25	351
Neurological disorder	362	117	26	219
Multiple sclerosis	152	66	9	77
Chronic fatigue	260	71	33	156
Diabetes	376	143	29	204
Learning difficulties	540	267	63	210
Other mental health causes	5737	1259	498	3980
Alcohol abuse	614	169	13	432
Inflammatory bowels	108	40	14	54
Bowels/stomach disorder	121	66	13	42
Skin disease	173	145	5	23
Malignant disease	542	146	32	364
Other	511	204	72	235

1. Figures relate to first awards made as a result of initial claims, reviews and appeals

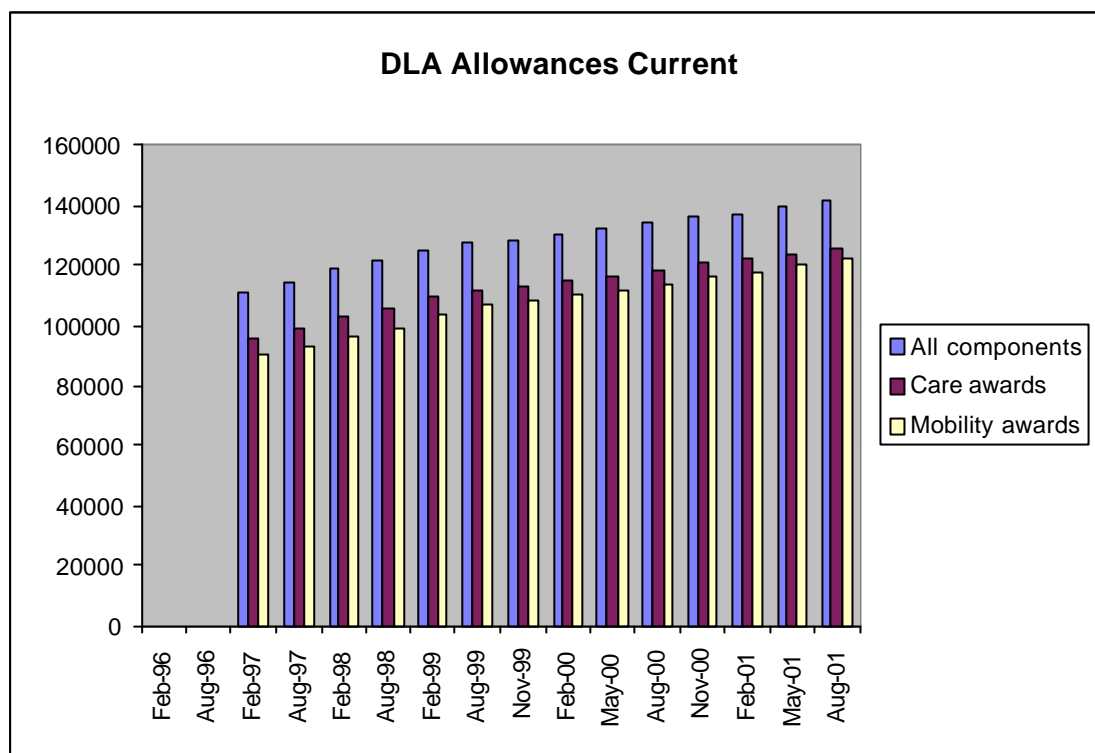
2. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded



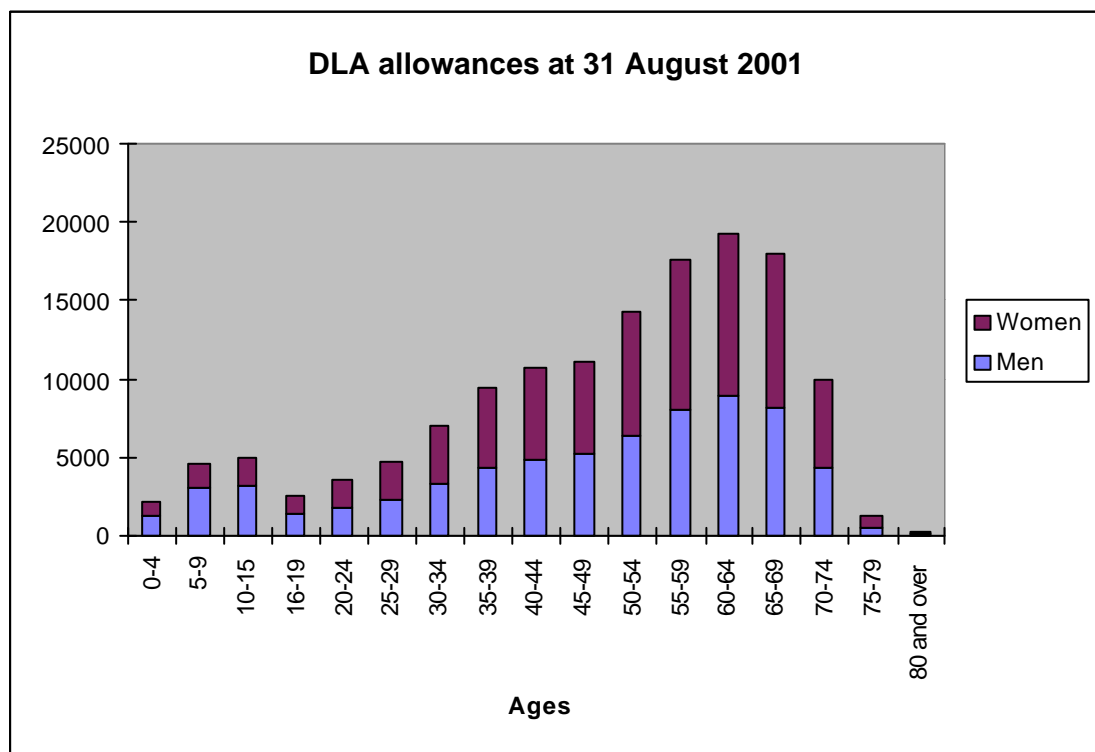
**Table 1.6: DLA allowances current by age and sex at 31 August 2001**

	Total	Men	Women
<b>All ages</b>	<b>141451</b>	<b>67429</b>	<b>74022</b>
0-4	2192	1352	840
5-9	4633	2984	1649
10-15	4978	3103	1875
16-19	2498	1425	1073
20-24	3569	1825	1744
25-29	4722	2359	2363
30-34	7004	3284	3720
35-39	9483	4378	5105
40-44	10642	4823	5819
45-49	11218	5264	5954
50-54	14362	6482	7880
55-59	17566	8034	9532
60-64	19268	9010	10258
65-69	17939	8127	9812
70-74	9926	4403	5523
75-79	1206	489	717
80 and over	245	87	158

**Chart 1.1: DLA allowances current**



**Chart 1.2: DLA allowances current by age and sex at 31 August 2001**



**Table 1.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 31 August 2001<sup>1</sup>**

	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
<b>All conditions</b>	<b>141451</b>	<b>19682</b>	<b>15723</b>	<b>106046</b>
Terminally ill	1022	28	6	988
Arthritis	27299	3683	2658	20958
Back ailments	10754	1481	1140	8133
Muscles/joint/bone disease	13333	3201	1469	8663
Blindness	2040	74	149	1817
Deafness	1672	122	124	1426
Heart disease	11384	678	2422	8284
Chest disease	4154	215	843	3096
Asthma	4730	1583	770	2377
Stroke-related	3047	272	184	2591
Peripheral vascular disease	1128	35	345	748
Epilepsy	4350	498	85	3767
Neurological disorder	2664	375	140	2149
Multiple sclerosis	1462	37	77	1348
Chronic fatigue	1245	225	93	927
Diabetes	2104	502	87	1515
Learning difficulties	7853	632	649	6572
Other mental health causes	25945	3012	2151	20782
Alcohol abuse	1846	421	46	1379
Skin disease	1039	742	35	262
Malignant disease	1956	358	71	1527
Conversion*	5869	300	1888	3681
Other	4555	1208	291	3056

\* Disabling conditions were not recorded for existing cases when they were transferred to the computer system.

**Table 1.8: Allowances current by District Council and Sex at 31 August 2001<sup>1</sup>**

District Council	Male				Female			
	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
Antrim	1615	223	260	1132	1733	229	276	1228
Ards	2115	289	347	1479	2290	317	286	1687
Armagh	1973	268	252	1453	2180	287	254	1639
Ballymena	1449	198	246	1005	1527	208	214	1105
Ballymoney	879	122	126	631	926	133	94	699
Banbridge	1431	177	223	1031	1471	176	188	1107
Belfast	14666	2267	1463	10936	16554	2219	1599	12736
Carrickfergus	1053	160	142	751	1205	180	162	863
Castlereagh	1924	270	282	1372	2212	281	289	1642
Coleraine	1410	241	170	999	1513	267	187	1059
Cookstown	1630	225	161	1244	1707	231	147	1329
Craigavon	3576	489	371	2716	4114	533	429	3152
Derry	5368	816	550	4002	5908	785	551	4572
Down	2433	321	316	1796	2521	291	295	1935
Dungannon	2350	303	223	1824	2400	291	193	1916
Fermanagh	1840	315	216	1309	1777	256	166	1355
Larne	903	150	136	617	875	125	121	629
Limavady	1132	184	104	844	1260	229	87	944
Lisburn	3699	620	448	2631	4202	570	511	3121
Magherafelt	1205	212	117	876	1311	198	129	984
Moyle	513	74	68	371	536	80	70	386
Newry & Mourne	4015	552	413	3050	4125	504	366	3255
Newtownabbey	2468	333	432	1703	2875	385	395	2095
North Down	1701	203	270	1228	1984	228	283	1473
Omagh	2443	339	202	1902	2492	294	167	2031
Strabane	2153	280	171	1702	2491	309	167	2015
Missing Postcode	1485	208	192	1085	1833	237	196	1400
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>67429</b>	<b>9839</b>	<b>7901</b>	<b>49689</b>	<b>74022</b>	<b>9843</b>	<b>7822</b>	<b>56357</b>

1. The allocation of allowances to District Councils is based on the post code of the recipient. There is evidence that this process is not equally accurate for all District Councils.



**Table 1.9: Allowances current by District Council and Population at 31 August 2001<sup>1</sup>**

District Council	Total Population <sup>1</sup>	All DLA Awards				All DLA Awards as a % of Total Population <sup>1</sup>			
		All component Awards	Care only	Mobility only	Care and mobility component	All component Awards	Care only	Mobility only	Care and mobility component
Antrim	51249	<b>3348</b>	452	536	2360	<b>6.5%</b>	0.9%	1.0%	4.6%
Ards	72330	<b>4405</b>	606	633	3166	<b>6.1%</b>	0.8%	0.9%	4.4%
Armagh	54658	<b>4153</b>	555	506	3092	<b>7.6%</b>	1.0%	0.9%	5.7%
Ballymena	59620	<b>2976</b>	406	460	2110	<b>5.0%</b>	0.7%	0.8%	3.5%
Ballymoney	26220	<b>1805</b>	255	220	1330	<b>6.9%</b>	1.0%	0.8%	5.1%
Banbridge	40532	<b>2902</b>	353	411	2138	<b>7.2%</b>	0.9%	1.0%	5.3%
Belfast	282544	<b>31220</b>	4486	3062	23672	<b>11.0%</b>	1.6%	1.1%	8.4%
Carrickfergus	38468	<b>2258</b>	340	304	1614	<b>5.9%</b>	0.9%	0.8%	4.2%
Castlereagh	67001	<b>4136</b>	551	571	3014	<b>6.2%</b>	0.8%	0.9%	4.5%
Coleraine	55875	<b>2923</b>	508	357	2058	<b>5.2%</b>	0.9%	0.6%	3.7%
Cookstown	31567	<b>3337</b>	456	308	2573	<b>10.6%</b>	1.4%	1.0%	8.2%
Craigavon	80465	<b>7690</b>	1022	800	5868	<b>9.6%</b>	1.3%	1.0%	7.3%
Derry	106931	<b>11276</b>	1601	1101	8574	<b>10.5%</b>	1.5%	1.0%	8.0%
Down	63995	<b>4954</b>	612	611	3731	<b>7.7%</b>	1.0%	1.0%	5.8%
Dungannon	48468	<b>4750</b>	594	416	3740	<b>9.8%</b>	1.2%	0.9%	7.7%
Fermanagh	57623	<b>3617</b>	571	382	2664	<b>6.3%</b>	1.0%	0.7%	4.6%
Larne	30989	<b>1778</b>	275	257	1246	<b>5.7%</b>	0.9%	0.8%	4.0%
Limavady	31855	<b>2392</b>	413	191	1788	<b>7.5%</b>	1.3%	0.6%	5.6%
Lisburn	111685	<b>7901</b>	1190	959	5752	<b>7.1%</b>	1.1%	0.9%	5.2%
Magherafelt	39271	<b>2516</b>	410	246	1860	<b>6.4%</b>	1.0%	0.6%	4.7%
Moyle	15402	<b>1049</b>	154	138	757	<b>6.8%</b>	1.0%	0.9%	4.9%
Newry & Mourne	87786	<b>8140</b>	1056	779	6305	<b>9.3%</b>	1.2%	0.9%	7.2%
Newtownabbey	81793	<b>5343</b>	718	827	3798	<b>6.5%</b>	0.9%	1.0%	4.6%
North Down	75802	<b>3685</b>	431	553	2701	<b>4.9%</b>	0.6%	0.7%	3.6%
Omagh	47819	<b>4935</b>	633	369	3933	<b>10.3%</b>	1.3%	0.8%	8.2%
Strabane	37827	<b>4644</b>	589	338	3717	<b>12.3%</b>	1.6%	0.9%	9.8%
Missing Postcode		<b>3318</b>	445	388	2485				
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>1697775</b>	<b>141451</b>	19682	15723	106046	<b>8.3%</b>	1.2%	0.9%	6.2%

1. 2000 Mid Year Estimates, Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency



**Table 1.10: Rates of DLA**

Date	<i>£ per week</i>					
	Care component			Mobility component		
	Higher rate	Middle rate	Lower rate	Higher rate	Lower rate	
06 April 1992	43.35	28.95	11.55	30.30	11.55	
10 April 1993	44.90	30.00	11.95	31.40	11.95	
11 April 1994	45.70	30.55	12.15	31.95	12.15	
10 April 1995	46.70	31.20	12.40	32.65	12.40	
08 April 1996	48.50	32.40	12.90	33.90	12.90	
07 April 1997	49.50	33.10	13.15	34.60	13.15	
06 April 1998	51.30	34.30	13.60	35.85	13.60	
05 April 1999	52.95	35.40	14.05	37.00	14.05	
10 April 2000	53.55	35.80	14.20	37.40	14.20	
09 April 2001	55.30	37.00	14.65	38.65	14.65	

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## Introduction

Attendance allowance (AA) is a benefit for people who are so severely disabled, physically or mentally, that they need someone with them to help with personal care. They could need either frequent help coping with their bodily functions or constant care to stop them hurting themselves or others. This could be either during the day or night.

A claimant who needs help both during the day and at night can get the higher rate of AA. A claimant who needs help either during the day or at night gets the lower rate. Since October 1990, people who have a terminal illness, and are therefore not likely to live for more than 6 months, have also been invited to claim. Since April 1992, people who were disabled before the age of 65 receive Disability Living Allowance instead of AA.



**Table 2.1: AA allowances current**

Year	All awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
31 August 1996	61389	40120	21269
30 November 1996	62697	41350	21347
28 February 1997	62607	41542	21065
31 May 1997	63472	42491	20981
31 August 1997	64282	43350	20932
30 November 1997	64671	43880	20791
28 February 1998	64517	44010	20507
31 May 1998	64422	44231	20191
31 August 1998	64367	44208	20159
30 November 1998	64747	44514	20233
28 February 1999	64664	44473	20191
31 May 1999	64941	45044	19897
31 August 1999	64770	45083	19687
30 November 1999	65169	45576	19593
29 February 2000	64850	45594	19256
31 May 2000	65217	46153	19064
31 August 2000	65221	46447	18774
30 November 2000	66265	47434	18831
28 February 2001	65864	47235	18629
31 May 2001	65764	47368	18396
31 August 2001	65730	47447	18283

**Table 2.2: Decisions on initial claims<sup>1</sup>**

Year	1.10.95 to						1.4.01 to
	31.3.96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 <sup>2</sup>	2000/01 <sup>3</sup>	31.08.01
Initial claims	6246	14257	12702	11365	9455	10275	4063
Initial claims decided							
<b>All decisions</b>	<b>6196</b>	<b>14131</b>	<b>12569</b>	<b>11282</b>	<b>9214</b>	<b>9739</b>	<b>3822</b>
First awards:							
Higher rate	3056	7143	6652	5735	5390	5828	2183
Lower rate	1525	3709	2936	3133	2288	2402	916
Rejections	1615	3279	2981	2414	1536	1509	723

1. Figures exclude first awards made as a result of review or appeal decisions

2. Excludes November 1999 and January 2000 data, which are not available

3. Excludes March 2001 data, which are not available



**Table 2.3: Decisions on review**

Year	1.10.95 to 31.3.96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 <sup>1</sup>	2000/01 <sup>2c</sup>	1.4.01 to 31.08.01 <sup>2</sup>
Requests for review	1189	3963	3455	2737	1908	2357	911
<b>Decisions</b>							
<b>All decisions</b>	<b>1157</b>	<b>3814</b>	<b>3358</b>	<b>2677</b>	<b>1847</b>	<b>2333</b>	<b>894</b>
Review allowed	222	908	839	378	154	132	41
Award increased	522	1717	1676	1646	1268	1644	566
Other decisions	413	1189	843	653	425	557	287

1. Excludes November 1999 and January 2000 data, which are not available

2. Includes in and out-of-time reviews, reconsiderations and supersessions

3. Excludes March 2001 data, which are not available

**Table 2.4: Awards by sex and age in year ending 31 August 2001<sup>1</sup>**

	Total	Men	Women
<b>All ages</b>	<b>10049</b>	<b>3974</b>	<b>6075</b>
65-69	1419	624	795
70-74	2345	942	1403
75-79	2707	1093	1614
80-84	2083	841	1242
85-89	1087	382	705
90 and over	408	92	316

1. Figures relate to first awards made as a result of initial claims, reviews or appeals.

**Table 2.5: Awards by main disabling condition in year ending 31 August 2001<sup>1 2</sup>**

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
<b>All conditions</b>	<b>10049</b>	<b>7387</b>	<b>2662</b>
Terminally ill	599	599	0
Arthritis	3080	2202	878
Back ailments	192	134	58
Muscles/joint/bone disease	142	104	38
Trauma to limbs	75	52	23
Blindness	207	95	112
Heart disease	1278	881	397
Chest disease	478	353	125
Asthma	100	76	24
Stroke-related	533	418	115
Frailty	1338	1014	324
Neurological disorder	66	41	25
Parkinsons disease	136	102	34
Diabetes	244	161	83
Other mental health causes	945	665	280
Bowels/stomach disorder	53	44	9
Malignant disease	263	208	55
Other	239	163	76
Conversion*	81	75	6

1. Figures relate to first awards made as a result of initial claims, reviews and appeals.

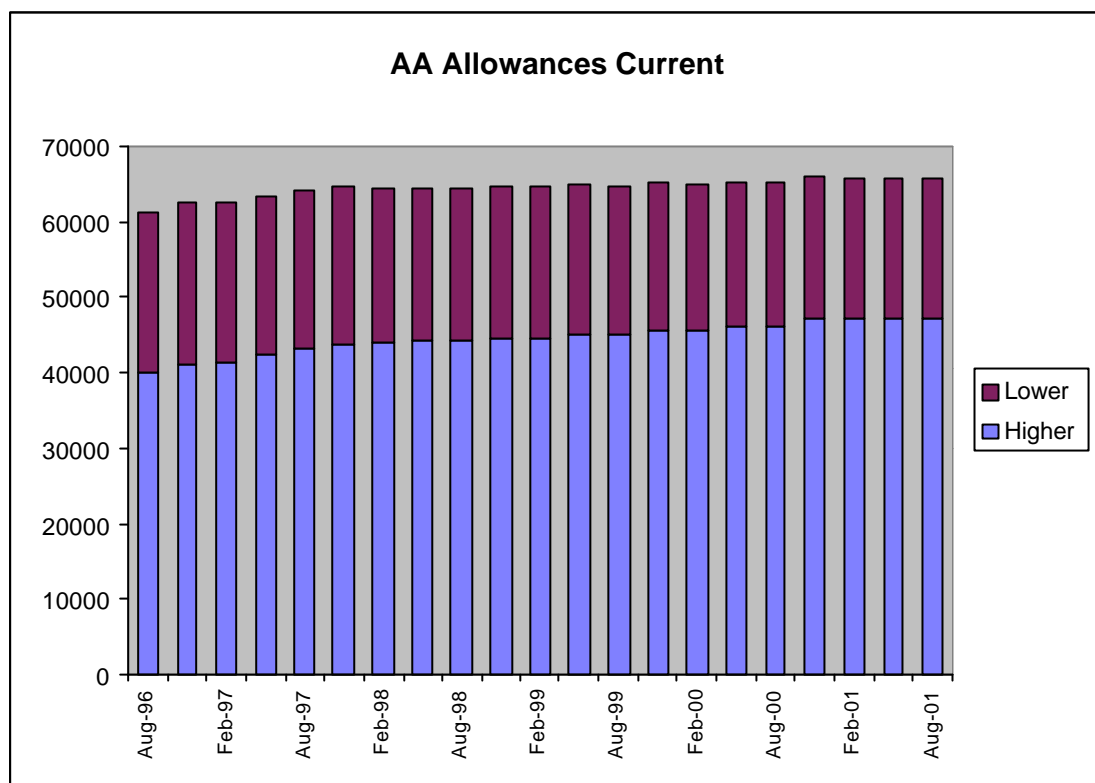
2. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded.

\* Disabling conditions were not recorded for existing cases when they were transferred to the computer system.

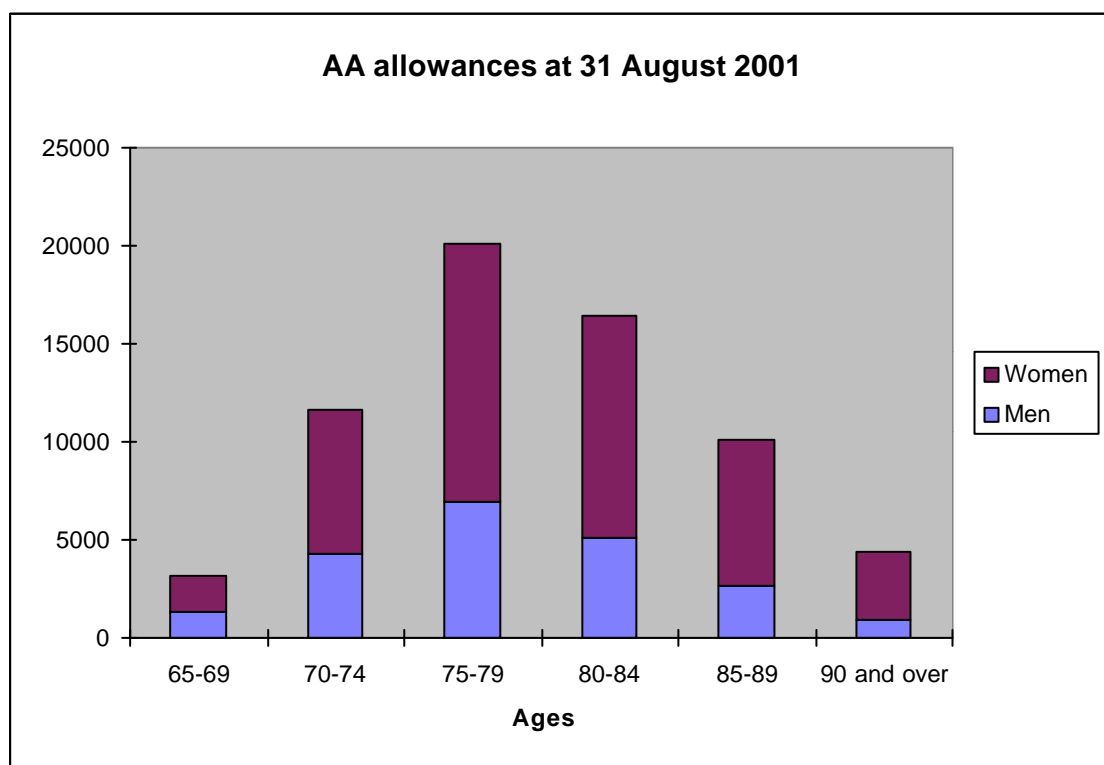
**Table 2.6: AA allowances current by age and sex at 31 August 2001**

	Total	Men	Women
<b>All ages</b>	<b>65,730</b>	<b>21,168</b>	<b>44,562</b>
65-69	3093	1266	1827
70-74	11631	4278	7353
75-79	20081	6918	13163
80-84	16484	5134	11350
85-89	10071	2648	7423
90 and over	4370	924	3446

**Chart 2.1: AA allowances current**



**Chart 2.2: AA allowances current by age and sex at 31 August 2001**



**Table 2.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 31 August 2001<sup>1</sup>**

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
<b>All conditions</b>	<b>65730</b>	<b>47447</b>	<b>18283</b>
Terminally ill	656	656	0
Arthritis	16364	11766	4598
Back ailments	1065	748	317
Muscles/joint/bone disease	784	556	228
Blindness	1041	491	550
Heart disease	5816	4136	1680
Chest disease	2199	1620	579
Asthma	573	439	134
Stroke-related	2179	1703	476
Peripheral vascular disease	351	246	105
Frailty	5061	3636	1425
Neurological disorder	752	521	231
Parkinsons disease	533	425	108
Diabetes	851	591	260
Other mental health causes	2765	1983	782
Malignant disease	773	607	166
Other	1394	978	416
Conversion*	22573	16345	6228

1. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded.

\* Disabling conditions were not recorded for existing cases when they were transferred to the computer system.

**Table 2.8: Allowances current by District Council at 31 August 2001<sup>1</sup>**

District Council	All Awards			Male			Female		
	All Awards	Higher Rate	Lower Rate	All Awards	Higher Rate	Lower Rate	All Awards	Higher Rate	Lower Rate
Antrim	1196	842	354	375	290	85	821	552	269
Ards	2731	1845	886	863	593	270	1868	1252	616
Armagh	2130	1605	525	718	551	167	1412	1054	358
Ballymena	1912	1324	588	578	429	149	1334	895	439
Ballymoney	983	691	292	335	242	93	648	449	199
Banbridge	1572	1129	443	495	369	126	1077	760	317
Belfast	13237	9264	3973	3911	2841	1070	9326	6423	2903
Carrickfergus	1151	753	398	346	250	96	805	503	302
Castlereagh	2540	1731	809	801	571	230	1739	1160	579
Coleraine	1986	1396	590	631	463	168	1355	933	422
Cookstown	1396	1122	274	502	420	82	894	702	192
Craigavon	3027	2141	886	985	734	251	2042	1407	635
Derry	3017	2198	819	976	729	247	2041	1469	572
Down	2280	1670	610	725	538	187	1555	1132	423
Dungannon	2173	1771	402	748	616	132	1425	1155	270
Fermanagh	2521	1930	591	922	723	199	1599	1207	392
Larne	1066	701	365	350	257	93	716	444	272
Limavady	1080	853	227	372	296	76	708	557	151
Lisburn	3305	2243	1062	1004	733	271	2301	1510	791
Magherafelt	1655	1290	365	598	463	135	1057	827	230
Moyle	652	469	183	206	161	45	446	308	138
Newry & Mourne	3666	2908	758	1269	1026	243	2397	1882	515
Newtownabbey	2671	1715	956	853	572	281	1818	1143	675
North Down	2948	2068	880	903	672	231	2045	1396	649
Omagh	2052	1674	378	758	634	124	1294	1040	254
Strabane	1575	1192	383	563	427	136	1012	765	247
Missing Postcode	1208	922	286	381	301	80	827	621	206
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>65730</b>	<b>47447</b>	<b>18283</b>	<b>21168</b>	<b>15901</b>	<b>5267</b>	<b>44562</b>	<b>31546</b>	<b>13016</b>

1. The allocation of allowances to District Councils is based on the post code of the recipient. There is evidence that this process is not equally accurate for all District Councils.



**Table 2.9: Allowances current by District Council and Population at 31 August 2001<sup>1</sup>**

District Council	Population Aged 65+ <sup>1</sup>	All AA Awards			All AA Awards as a % of Population Aged 65+ <sup>1</sup>		
		All Awards	Higher Rate	Lower Rate	All Awards	Higher Rate	Lower Rate
Antrim	5106	<b>1196</b>	842	354	<b>23.4%</b>	16.5%	6.9%
Ards	9621	<b>2731</b>	1845	886	<b>28.4%</b>	19.2%	9.2%
Armagh	6839	<b>2130</b>	1605	525	<b>31.1%</b>	23.5%	7.7%
Ballymena	7832	<b>1912</b>	1324	588	<b>24.4%</b>	16.9%	7.5%
Ballymoney	3343	<b>983</b>	691	292	<b>29.4%</b>	20.7%	8.7%
Banbridge	4755	<b>1572</b>	1129	443	<b>33.1%</b>	23.7%	9.3%
Belfast	44313	<b>13237</b>	9264	3973	<b>29.9%</b>	20.9%	9.0%
Carrickfergus	4956	<b>1151</b>	753	398	<b>23.2%</b>	15.2%	8.0%
Castlereagh	10992	<b>2540</b>	1731	809	<b>23.1%</b>	15.7%	7.4%
Coleraine	7924	<b>1986</b>	1396	590	<b>25.1%</b>	17.6%	7.4%
Cookstown	4097	<b>1396</b>	1122	274	<b>34.1%</b>	27.4%	6.7%
Craigavon	9682	<b>3027</b>	2141	886	<b>31.3%</b>	22.1%	9.2%
Derry	9756	<b>3017</b>	2198	819	<b>30.9%</b>	22.5%	8.4%
Down	7852	<b>2280</b>	1670	610	<b>29.0%</b>	21.3%	7.8%
Dungannon	5402	<b>2173</b>	1771	402	<b>40.2%</b>	32.8%	7.4%
Fermanagh	7781	<b>2521</b>	1930	591	<b>32.4%</b>	24.8%	7.6%
Larne	4602	<b>1066</b>	701	365	<b>23.2%</b>	15.2%	7.9%
Limavady	3195	<b>1080</b>	853	227	<b>33.8%</b>	26.7%	7.1%
Lisburn	13312	<b>3305</b>	2243	1062	<b>24.8%</b>	16.8%	8.0%
Magherafelt	4311	<b>1655</b>	1290	365	<b>38.4%</b>	29.9%	8.5%
Moyle	2269	<b>652</b>	469	183	<b>28.7%</b>	20.7%	8.1%
Newry & Mourne	9564	<b>3666</b>	2908	758	<b>38.3%</b>	30.4%	7.9%
Newtownabbey	10874	<b>2671</b>	1715	956	<b>24.6%</b>	15.8%	8.8%
North Down	13058	<b>2948</b>	2068	880	<b>22.6%</b>	15.8%	6.7%
Omagh	5312	<b>2052</b>	1674	378	<b>38.6%</b>	31.5%	7.1%
Strabane	4329	<b>1575</b>	1192	383	<b>36.4%</b>	27.5%	8.8%
Missing Postcode		<b>1208</b>	922	286			
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>221077</b>	<b>65730</b>	<b>47447</b>	<b>18283</b>	<b>29.7%</b>	21.5%	8.3%

1. 2000 Mid Year Estimates, Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency



**Table 2.10: Rates of AA**

Date	<i>£ per week</i>	
	Higher rate	Lower rate
06 April 1992	43.35	28.95
10 April 1993	44.90	30.00
11 April 1994	45.70	30.55
10 April 1995	46.70	31.20
08 April 1996	48.50	32.40
07 April 1997	49.50	33.10
06 April 1998	51.30	34.30
05 April 1999	52.95	35.40
10 April 2000	53.55	35.80
09 April 2001	55.30	37.00

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## Introduction

Invalid Care Allowance (ICA) is a non-contributory benefit for men and women:

- who look after a severely disabled person for at least 35 hours a week
- who are eligible before their 65th birthday
- who are not gainfully employed (i.e. not earning more than £72 per week after certain deductions) and
- who are not in full-time education for 21 hours or more per week

The severely disabled person must be getting either

- the higher or middle rate of DLA care component, or
- AA, or
- a Constant Attendance Allowance at the maximum rate under the War Pensions or Industrial Injuries Scheme.

Someone who gets ICA can have extra money added on for their dependants.



**Table 3.1: Allowances current at end of year by sex**

Year ending	All persons	Men	Women
November 1992	10,927	1,846	9,081
November 1993	15,921	3,009	12,912
November 1994	20,900	4,240	16,660
November 1995	28,139	6,318	21,821
November 1996	33,294	7,979	25,315
December 1997	30,003	8,307	21,696
December 1998 <sup>1</sup>	31,676	9,003	22,673
September 1999 <sup>2</sup>	33,673	9,857	23,816

1. The December 1998 figures onwards were obtained from the new ICA computer system which was introduced in May 1997. These figures are therefore not directly comparable to those for previous years.

2. 9 months ending September 1999

**Table 3.2: Claims and awards**

Year ending	Claims received	Awards	Disallowances
December 1997	11,719	7,738	1,426
December 1998	9,692	7,714	1,763
September 1999 <sup>1</sup>	6,698	5,407	1,291

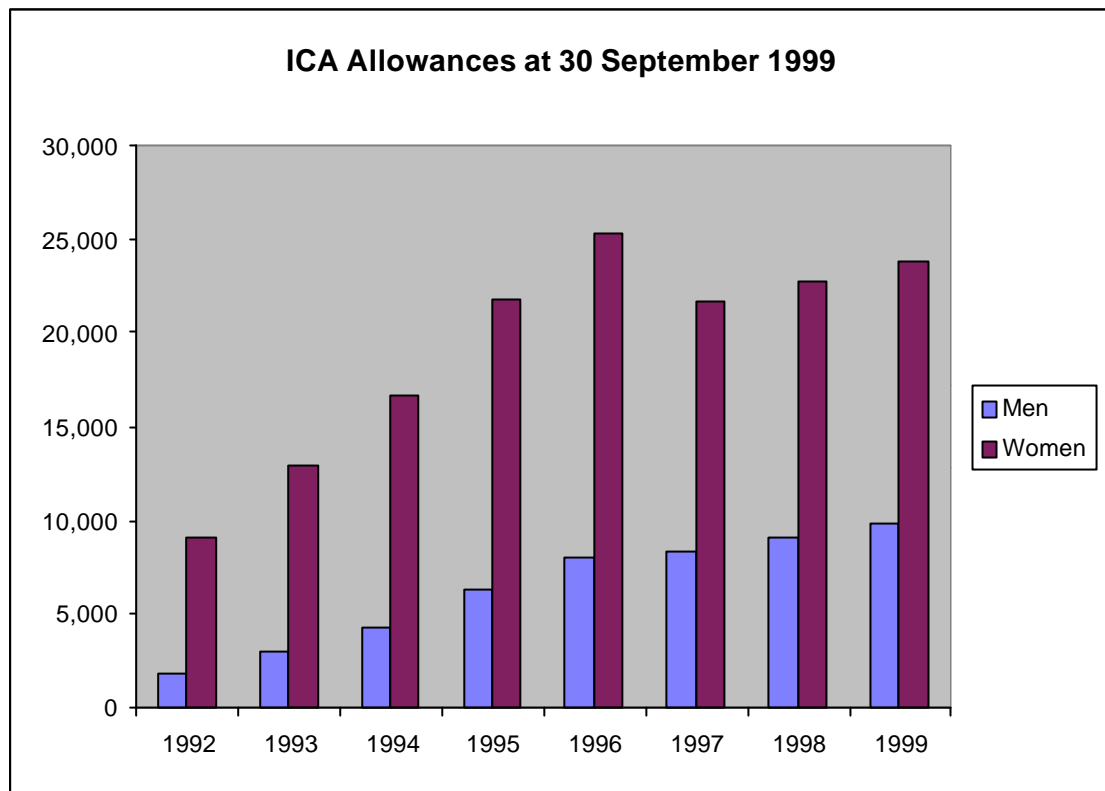
1. 9 months ending September 1999

**Table 3.3: Allowances current by age and sex at 30 September 1999**

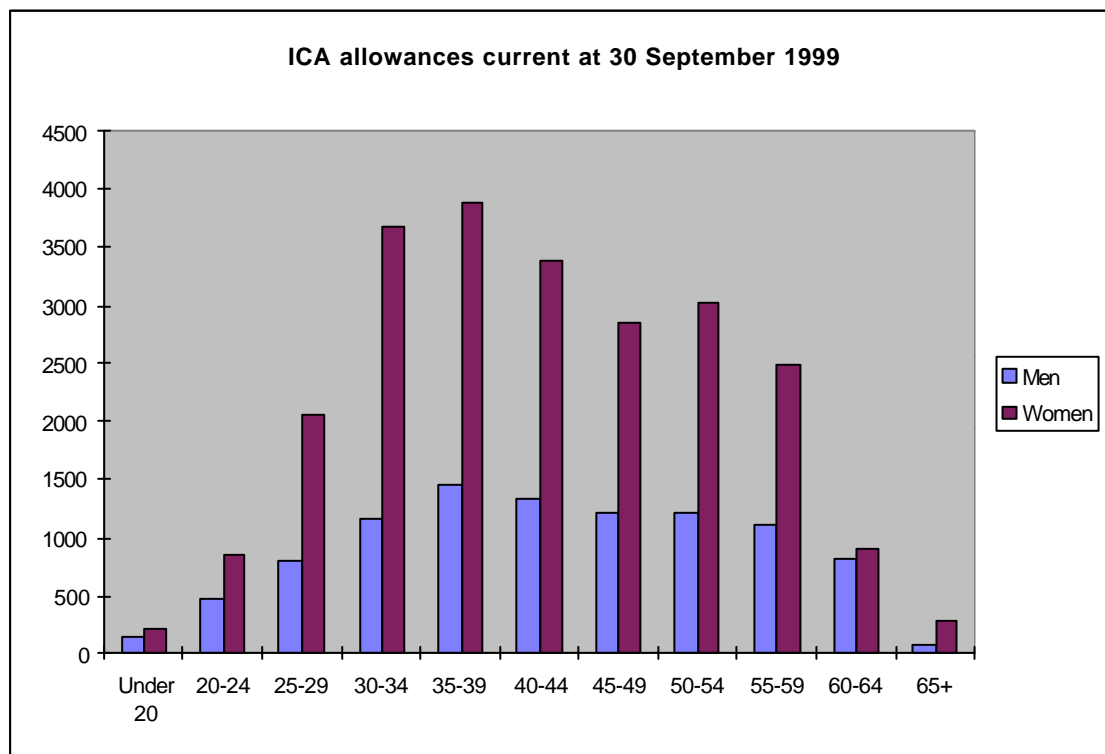
	All persons	Men	Women
<b>All Ages</b>	<b>33,370</b>	<b>9,774</b>	<b>23,596</b>
Under 20	366	147	219
20-24	1311	468	843
25-29	2847	791	2,056
30-34	4825	1,159	3,666
35-39	5345	1,460	3,885
40-44	4728	1,337	3,391
45-49	4048	1202	2,846
50-54	4234	1,206	3,028
55-59	3582	1106	2,476
60-64	1714	812	902
65+	370	86	284



**Chart 3.1: ICA allowances over time**



**Chart 3.2: ICA allowances by age and sex at 30 September 1999**



**Table 3.4: Rates of Invalid Care Allowance**

	£ per week			
	Standard	Adult	Rate for dependants	
			First child	Other children
06 April 1992	32.25	19.45	10.85	10.85
12 April 1993	33.70	20.15	9.80	9.80
11 April 1994	34.50	20.65	9.80	11.00
10 April 1995	35.25	21.10	9.85	11.05
08 April 1996	36.60	21.90	9.90	11.15
07 April 1997	37.35	22.35	9.90	11.20
06 April 1998	38.70	23.15	9.90	11.30
05 April 1999	39.95	23.90	9.90	11.35
10 April 2000	40.40	24.15	9.85	11.35
09 April 2001	41.75	24.95	9.70	11.35

## Annex

1. The following tables for DLA, while not included in this publication, are also available on request.
  - A. Awards of care by medical code and rate.
  - B. Awards of care by sex, age and rate.
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