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Glossary of terms and conventions

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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.



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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 1.8.

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 1995	February 1996	August 1996	February 1997	August 1997	February 1998	May 1998
All components	90866	98107	104447	110390	114386	118973	120202
Higher rate care only	2827	2636	2633	2968	3160	3239	3131
Middle rate care only	6631	6648	6992	7701	8450	8843	8662
Lower rate care only	7825	8570	8882	9359	10035	10619	10571
Higher rate mobility only	11357	11912	12167	12495	12509	12646	12561
Lower rate mobility only	1856	1992	2335	2560	2750	3069	3188
Higher rate care and higher rate mobility	16027	17414	18533	19457	20028	20459	20634
Higher rate care and lower rate mobility	5347	5977	6916	6985	6885	7072	7274
Middle rate care and higher rate mobility	18084	19773	21091	22315	22971	23578	23664
Middle rate care and lower rate mobility	8917	9785	10373	10308	10269	10745	11144
Lower rate care and higher rate mobility	9831	11033	11989	13424	14242	15067	15335
Lower rate care and lower rate mobility	2164	2367	2536	2818	3087	3636	4038

1.1 continued

	August 1998	November 1998	February 1999	May 1999	August 1999	November 1999	February 2000
All components	121481	123720	125082	126190	127745	128677	130536
Higher rate care only	3019	2913	2849	2681	2547	2463	2430
Middle rate care only	8452	8166	7936	7618	7447	7273	7316
Lower rate care only	10637	10754	10800	10701	10730	10639	10615
Higher rate mobility only	12453	12358	12262	12139	12041	12000	11969
Lower rate mobility only	3292	3417	3451	3521	3571	3586	3596
Higher rate care and higher rate mobility	20777	21168	21388	21611	21769	21865	22026
Higher rate care and lower rate mobility	7568	8151	8547	8903	9296	9542	9852
Middle rate care and higher rate mobility	23735	24066	24336	24549	24944	25224	25687
Middle rate care and lower rate mobility	11726	12463	13179	14163	15108	15869	16885
Lower rate care and higher rate mobility	15481	15600	15620	15669	15723	15699	15764
Lower rate care and lower rate mobility	4341	4664	4714	4635	4569	4517	4396

Table 1.2: Decisions on initial claims¹

	1992/93 ²	1993/94 ²	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1.4.99 to 29.2.00 ³
Initial claims	17999	41751	40572	35515	35055	27908	21860	19340
Initial claims decided	17959	41471	40147	35148	34822	27730	21750	18818
First awards ¹ :								
All first awards	13305	22539	19546	15495	15282	13535	12530	10659
Higher rate care only	861	853	572	267	720	610	458	363
Middle rate care only	1536	2265	1455	889	1433	1280	1017	1058
Lower rate care only	1071	3065	2874	2205	2190	2331	1530	1326
Higher rate mobility only	2625	2687	2506	1874	1669	1101	565	524
Lower rate mobility only	791	900	277	293	446	529	527	401
Higher rate care &:- higher rate mobility	1073	2180	2463	1772	1768	1377	1520	1009
lower rate mobility	470	983	873	874	587	677	1420	1048
Middle rate care &:- higher rate mobility	1520	3537	4044	3138	2578	1865	1597	1356
lower rate mobility	1132	2344	1538	1620	777	1050	1962	2281
Lower rate care &:- higher rate mobility	1405	2589	2507	2119	2543	1808	1120	923
lower rate mobility	821	1136	437	444	571	607	814	370
Rejections	4654	18932	20601	19653	19540	14195	9220	8159

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

Table 1.3: Decisions on review

Year	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1.4.99 to 29.2.00 ²
Requests for review	392	15840	22270	21261	22486	22556	15215	12184
Decisions								
All decisions	377	15356	21170	19614	21699	21901	14820	11942
Review allowed	279	4319	3457	2655	2489	1781	1080	541
Award increased(1)	14	4113	6380	5105	4621	4347	3909	3073
Other decisions	84	6924	11333	11854	14589	15773	9831	8328

1. Rates of either component are increased.

2. Excludes January 2000 data, which are not available

Table 1.4: Awards by sex and age in year ending 29 February 2000¹

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	17303	8527	8776
0-4	948	603	345
5-9	760	467	293
10-15	549	332	217
16-19	358	175	183
20-24	586	281	305
25-29	816	351	465
30-34	1351	632	719
35-39	1519	652	867
40-44	1542	744	798
45-49	1576	752	824
50-54	1988	904	1084
55-59	2257	1074	1183
60-64	2189	1165	1024
65 and over	864	395	469

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 29 February 2000^{1 2}

	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
All conditions	17303	6031	1858	9414
Terminally ill	447	87	9	351
Arthritis	2222	976	297	949
Back ailments	1372	461	158	753
Muscles/joint/bone disease	1762	797	201	764
Trauma to limbs	124	52	13	59
Blindness	183	57	28	98
Deafness	159	45	16	98
Heart disease	1003	331	219	453
Chest disease	427	176	90	161
Asthma	616	433	55	128
Stroke-related	292	104	16	172
Peripheral vascular disease	100	34	25	41
Epilepsy	563	119	23	421
Neurological disorder	324	132	16	176
Multiple sclerosis	178	53	10	115
Chronic fatigue	196	70	17	109
Diabetes	317	141	24	152
Learning difficulties	520	218	59	243
Other mental health causes	4640	954	492	3194
Alcohol abuse	421	131	13	277
Bowels/stomach disorder	87	49	11	27
Skin disease	202	172	9	21
Malignant disease	664	184	18	462
Other	484	255	39	190

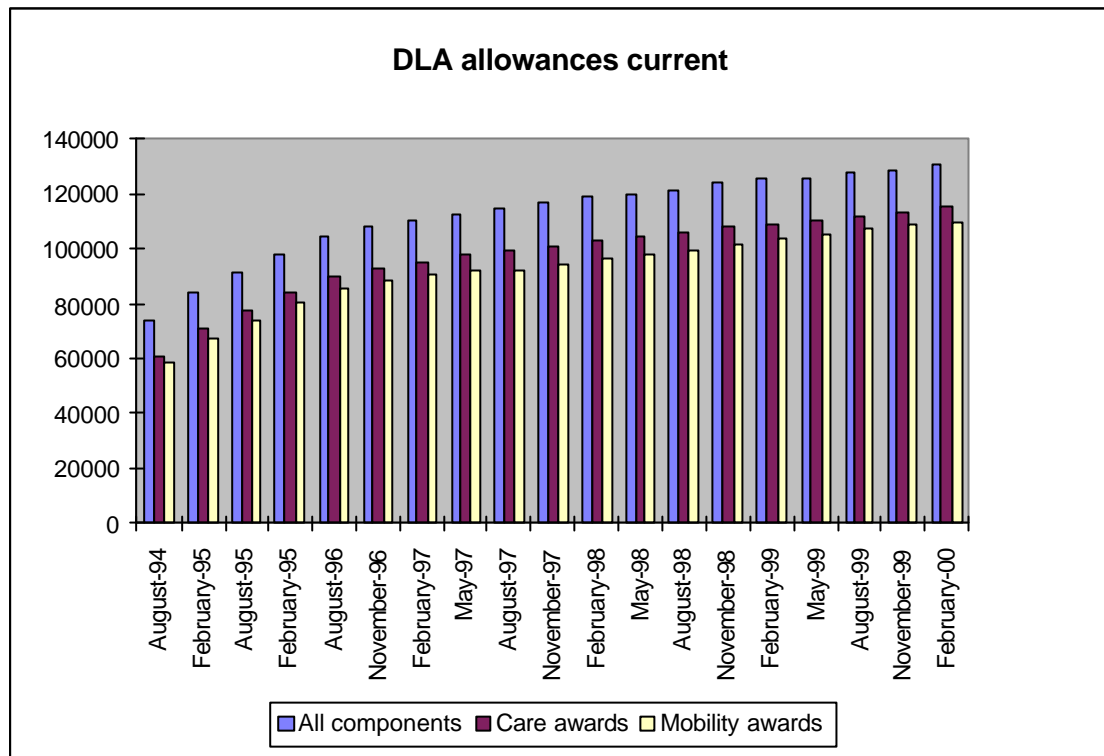
1. Figures relate to first awards made as a result of initial claims, reviews and appeals

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 29 February 2000

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	130536	62004	68532
0-4	2300	1417	883
5-9	4868	3022	1846
10-15	4689	2837	1852
16-19	2218	1191	1027
20-24	3288	1701	1587
25-29	4500	2242	2258
30-34	6737	3149	3588
35-39	8702	3962	4740
40-44	9472	4329	5143
45-49	10363	4768	5595
50-54	13627	6111	7516
55-59	16331	7472	8859
60-64	18546	8543	10003
65-69	17277	7925	9352
70-74	6584	2925	3659
75-79	871	352	519
80 and over	163	58	105

Chart 1.1: DLA allowances current¹



1. 1994 figures are based on clerical counts.

Chart 1.2: DLA allowances current by age and sex at 29 February 2000

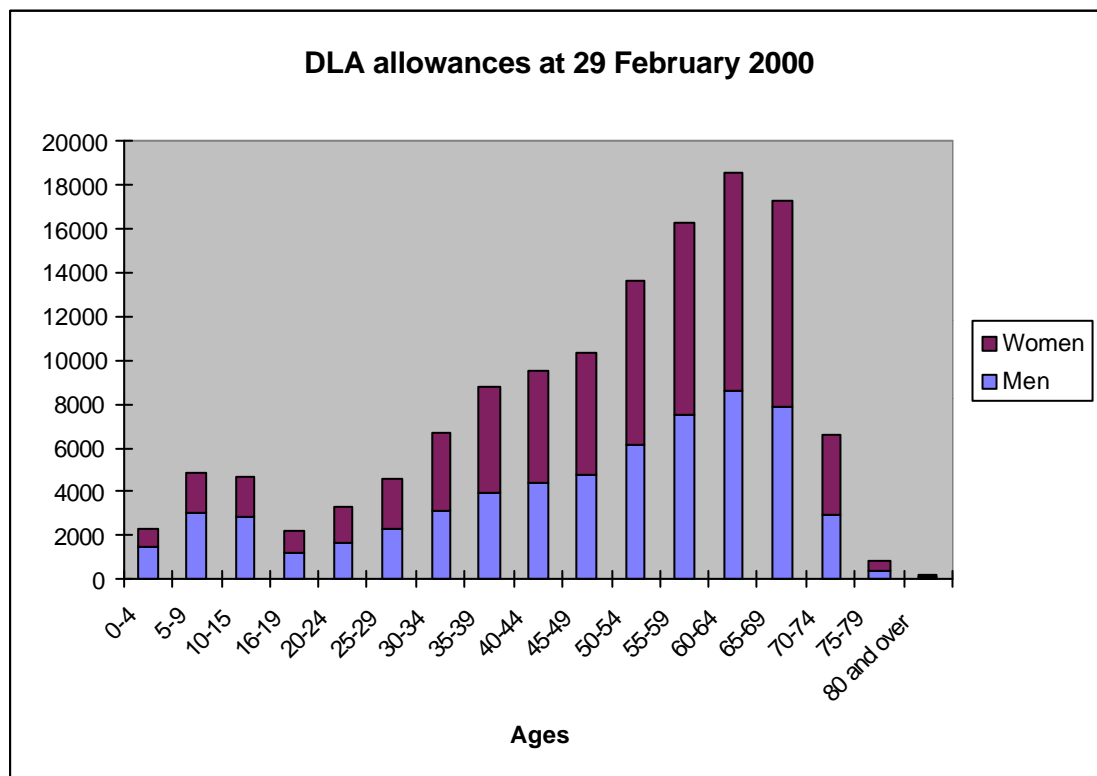


Table 1.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 29 February 2000¹

	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
All conditions	130536	20361	15565	94610
Terminally ill	872	34	3	835
Arthritis	25889	3581	2601	19707
Back ailments	9942	1505	1022	7415
Muscles/joint/bone disease	12466	3134	1403	7929
Blindness	1955	78	155	1722
Deafness	1598	130	121	1347
Heart disease	10972	677	2420	7875
Chest disease	4136	224	883	3029
Asthma	5338	2246	752	2340
Stroke-related	2792	255	164	2373
Peripheral vascular disease	1146	33	355	758
Epilepsy	4187	782	75	3330
Neurological disorder	2490	439	133	1918
Multiple sclerosis	1347	42	75	1230
Chronic fatigue	910	194	64	652
Diabetes	1881	584	93	1204
Learning difficulties	7370	671	656	6043
Other mental health causes	20459	2772	2049	15638
Alcohol abuse	1078	301	32	745
Skin disease	1056	766	34	256
Malignant disease	1857	375	72	1410
Conversion*	6602	362	2144	4096
Other	4193	1176	259	2758

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 1.8: Allowances current by District Council and Sex at 29 February 2000¹

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	1498	231	257	1010	1625	231	268	1126
Ards	1836	299	319	1218	2008	296	266	1446
Armagh	1832	296	244	1292	2012	295	230	1487
Ballymena	1294	199	236	859	1369	202	204	963
Ballymoney	744	118	123	503	822	131	83	608
Banbridge	1276	180	226	870	1305	174	186	945
Belfast	13810	2436	1497	9877	15672	2359	1652	11661
Carrickfergus	932	165	140	627	1089	181	165	743
Castlereagh	1318	187	226	905	1503	203	232	1068
Coleraine	1270	230	166	874	1319	221	183	915
Cookstown	1470	217	148	1105	1503	231	143	1129
Craigavon	3323	539	330	2454	3917	576	419	2922
Derry	4534	747	511	3276	5076	742	493	3841
Down	2155	347	299	1509	2272	303	304	1665
Dungannon	2094	309	196	1589	2163	304	180	1679
Fermanagh	1519	266	189	1064	1513	240	150	1123
Larne	844	138	142	564	783	123	107	553
Limavady	1035	196	108	731	1107	205	90	812
Lisburn	3400	672	432	2296	3958	636	498	2824
Magherafelt	1082	204	117	761	1200	196	129	875
Moyle	450	76	62	312	461	73	66	322
Newry & Mourne	3515	552	392	2571	3605	471	372	2762
Newtownabbey	2283	359	414	1510	2670	373	406	1891
North Down	1499	176	278	1045	1732	219	276	1237
Omagh	2156	335	195	1626	2264	302	180	1782
Strabane	1993	296	168	1529	2255	325	158	1772
Missing Postcode	2842	469	351	2022	3329	510	359	2460
Northern Ireland	62004	10239	7766	43999	68532	10122	7799	50611

Table 1.9: Allowances current by District Council and Population at 29 February 2000¹

District Council	Total Population ¹	All DLA Awards				All DLA Awards as a % of Total Population ¹			
		All component Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component	All component Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
Antrim	50200	3123	462	525	2136	6.2%	0.9%	1.0%	4.3%
Ards	70600	3844	595	585	2664	5.4%	0.8%	0.8%	3.8%
Armagh	54900	3844	591	474	2779	7.0%	1.1%	0.9%	5.1%
Ballymena	59100	2663	401	440	1822	4.5%	0.7%	0.7%	3.1%
Ballymoney	25500	1566	249	206	1111	6.1%	1.0%	0.8%	4.4%
Banbridge	39300	2581	354	412	1815	6.6%	0.9%	1.0%	4.6%
Belfast	287500	29482	4795	3149	21538	10.3%	1.7%	1.1%	7.5%
Carrickfergus	37700	2021	346	305	1370	5.4%	0.9%	0.8%	3.6%
Castlereagh	66600	2821	390	458	1973	4.2%	0.6%	0.7%	3.0%
Coleraine	55500	2589	451	349	1789	4.7%	0.8%	0.6%	3.2%
Cookstown	32000	2973	448	291	2234	9.3%	1.4%	0.9%	7.0%
Craigavon	79100	7240	1115	749	5376	9.2%	1.4%	0.9%	6.8%
Derry	105800	9610	1489	1004	7117	9.1%	1.4%	0.9%	6.7%
Down	62900	4427	650	603	3174	7.0%	1.0%	1.0%	5.0%
Dungannon	47900	4257	613	376	3268	8.9%	1.3%	0.8%	6.8%
Fermanagh	57200	3032	506	339	2187	5.3%	0.9%	0.6%	3.8%
Larne	30700	1627	261	249	1117	5.3%	0.9%	0.8%	3.6%
Limavady	32400	2142	401	198	1543	6.6%	1.2%	0.6%	4.8%
Lisburn	111500	7358	1308	930	5120	6.6%	1.2%	0.8%	4.6%
Magherafelt	38500	2282	400	246	1636	5.9%	1.0%	0.6%	4.2%
Moyle	15300	911	149	128	634	6.0%	1.0%	0.8%	4.1%
Newry & Mourne	86500	7120	1023	764	5333	8.2%	1.2%	0.9%	6.2%
Newtownabbey	80900	4953	732	820	3401	6.1%	0.9%	1.0%	4.2%
North Down	75800	3231	395	554	2282	4.3%	0.5%	0.7%	3.0%
Omagh	47800	4420	637	375	3408	9.2%	1.3%	0.8%	7.1%
Strabane	37300	4248	621	326	3301	11.4%	1.7%	0.9%	8.8%
Missing Postcode		6171	979	710	4482				
Northern Ireland	1688500	130536	20361	15565	94610	7.7%	1.2%	0.9%	5.6%

1. 1998 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
6 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
8 April 1996	48.50	32.40	12.90	33.90	12.90
7 April 1997	49.50	33.10	13.15	34.60	13.15
6 April 1998	51.30	34.30	13.60	35.85	13.60
5 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



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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 ^{1 2}

Year	All awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
31 December 1988	29394	14999	14395
31 December 1989	32374	16287	16087
31 December 1990	36455	18637	17818
31 December 1991	38877	19258	19619
31 December 1992	32977	17392	15585
31 December 1993	54767	29033	25734
31 December 1994	56111		
31 December 1995	63137		
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

1. 1988-1995 figures are taken from the Northern Ireland Annual Abstract of Statistics and are based on clerical counts. 1996 figures and beyond are taken from the quarterly computer scan and do not include clerical cases.

2. Due to computerisation, rate breakdowns for 1994 and 1995 are not available.

Table 2.2: Decisions on initial claims¹

Year	1.10.95 to		1.4.99 to		
	31.3.96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	28.2.00 ²
Initial claims	6246	14257	12702	11365	8241
Initial claims decided					
All decisions	6196	14131	12569	11282	8056
First awards:					
Higher rate	3056	7143	6652	5735	4652
Lower rate	1525	3709	2936	3133	2029
Rejections	1615	3279	2981	2414	1375

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



Table 2.3: Decisions on review

Year	1.10.95 to 31.3.96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1.4.99 to 28.2.00 ¹
Requests for review	1189	3963	3455	2737	1897
Decisions					
All decisions	1157	3814	3358	2677	1836
Review allowed	222	908	839	378	150
Award increased	522	1717	1676	1646	1263
Other decisions	413	1189	843	653	423

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

Table 2.4: Awards by sex and age in year ending 29 February 2000¹

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	11415	4362	7053
65-69	1613	662	951
70-74	2648	1042	1606
75-79	3113	1224	1889
80-84	2284	836	1448
85-89	1276	443	833
90 and over	481	155	326

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 29 February 2000^{1 2}

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
All conditions	11415	8432	2983
Terminally ill	646	645	1
Arthritis	3765	2723	1042
Back ailments	248	167	81
Muscles/joint/bone disease	144	105	39
Blindness	218	101	117
Heart disease	1200	852	348
Chest disease	531	368	163
Asthma	134	99	35
Stroke-related	506	404	102
Peripheral vascular disease	68	45	23
Frailty	1682	1211	471
Neurological disorder	82	63	19
Parkinsons disease	145	118	27
Diabetes	159	108	51
Other mental health causes	964	652	312
Malignant disease	212	163	49
Other	280	181	99
Conversion*	431	427	4

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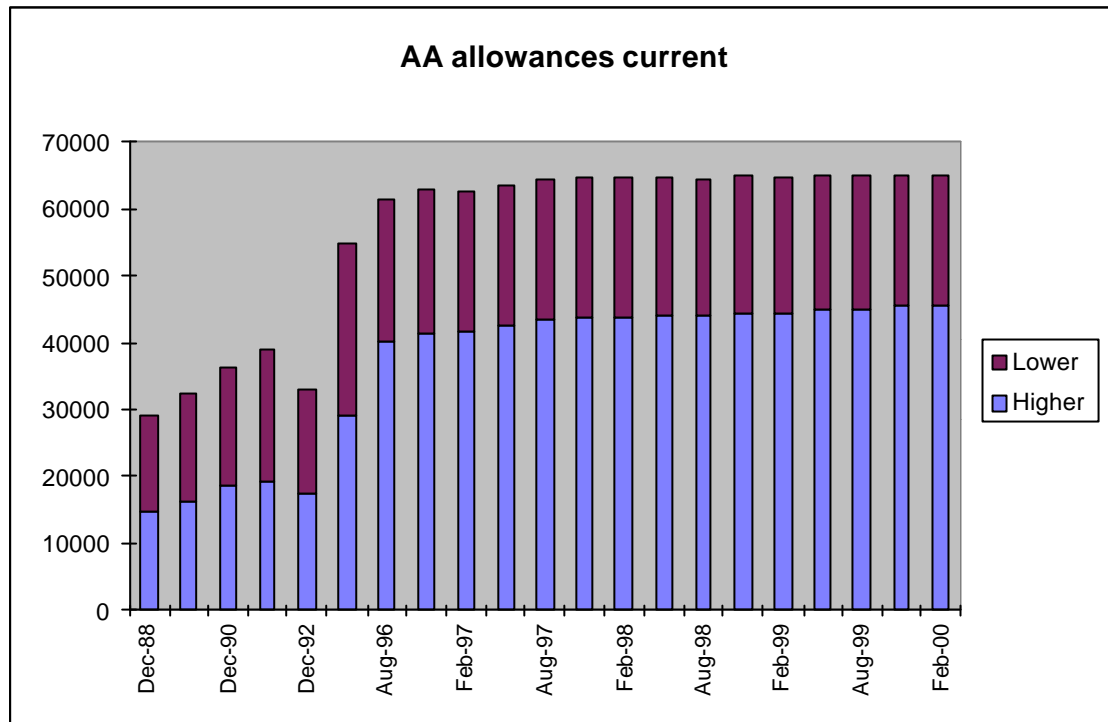
2. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded.

* 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 29 February 2000

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	64,850	20,668	44,182
65-69	2989	1163	1826
70-74	13696	5043	8653
75-79	19507	6558	12949
80-84	15010	4555	10455
85-89	9584	2498	7086
90 and over	4064	851	3213

Chart 2.1: AA allowances current¹



1. 1988-1995 figures are taken from the Northern Ireland Annual Abstract of Statistics. Due to computerisation, rate breakdowns for 1994 and 1995 are not available.

Chart 2.2: AA allowances current by age and sex at 29 February 2000

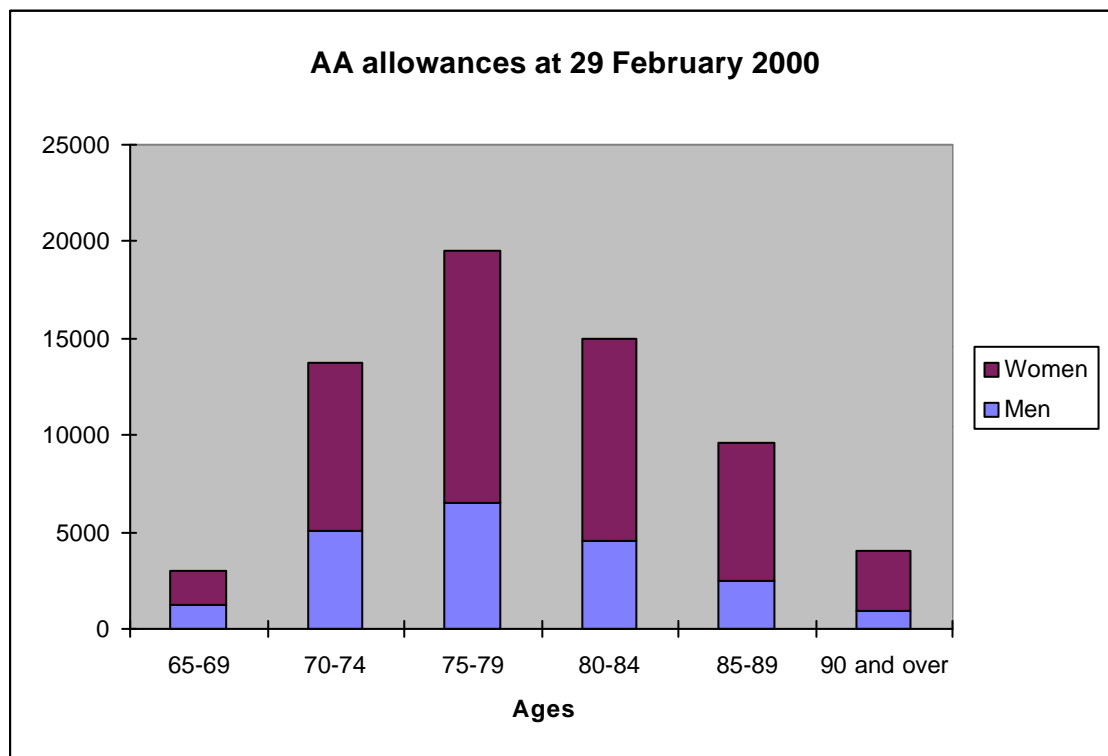


Table 2.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 29 February 2000¹

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
All conditions	64850	45594	19256
Terminally ill	610	610	0
Arthritis	13635	9580	4055
Back ailments	895	601	294
Muscles/joint/bone disease	653	444	209
Blindness	962	453	509
Heart disease	4833	3367	1466
Chest disease	1902	1371	531
Asthma	501	374	127
Stroke-related	1895	1443	452
Peripheral vascular disease	338	234	104
Frailty	4033	2743	1290
Neurological disorder	724	493	231
Parkinsons disease	443	349	94
Diabetes	642	435	207
Other mental health causes	2397	1682	715
Malignant disease	590	463	127
Other	1151	785	366
Conversion*	28646	20167	8479

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 29 February 2000

	All Awards			Male			Female		
District Council	All Awards	Higher Rate	Lower Rate	All Awards	Higher Rate	Lower Rate	All Awards	Higher Rate	Lower Rate
Antrim	1163	782	381	357	266	91	806	516	290
Ards	2627	1715	912	800	537	263	1827	1178	649
Armagh	2137	1600	537	746	579	167	1391	1021	370
Ballymena	1754	1175	579	508	365	143	1246	810	436
Ballymoney	915	631	284	311	218	93	604	413	191
Banbridge	1522	1058	464	468	334	134	1054	724	330
Belfast	13457	9070	4387	3993	2788	1205	9464	6282	3182
Carrickfergus	1063	658	405	321	217	104	742	441	301
Castlereagh	1962	1303	659	613	435	178	1349	868	481
Coleraine	1856	1264	592	582	412	170	1274	852	422
Cookstown	1444	1156	288	510	418	92	934	738	196
Craigavon	3034	2104	930	966	696	270	2068	1408	660
Derry	2833	2057	776	920	676	244	1913	1381	532
Down	2252	1576	676	718	499	219	1534	1077	457
Dungannon	2164	1736	428	745	603	142	1419	1133	286
Fermanagh	2377	1771	606	851	653	198	1526	1118	408
Larne	1010	651	359	311	216	95	699	435	264
Limavady	1044	805	239	368	285	83	676	520	156
Lisburn	3151	2091	1060	923	652	271	2228	1439	789
Magherafelt	1596	1235	361	564	430	134	1032	805	227
Moyle	633	448	185	184	143	41	449	305	144
Newry & Mourne	3592	2780	812	1232	967	265	2360	1813	547
Newtownabbey	2602	1590	1012	818	524	294	1784	1066	718
North Down	2817	1958	859	838	612	226	1979	1346	633
Omagh	2118	1697	421	784	647	137	1334	1050	284
Strabane	1600	1187	413	581	434	147	1019	753	266
Missing Postcode	2127	1496	631	656	502	154	1471	994	477
Northern Ireland	64850	45594	19256	20668	15108	5560	44182	30486	13696

Table 2.9: Allowances current by District Council and Population at 29 February 2000

District Council	Population Aged 65+ ¹	All AA Awards			All AA Awards as a % of Population Aged 65+ ¹		
		All Awards	Higher Rate	Lower Rate	All Awards	Higher Rate	Lower Rate
Antrim	5026	1163	782	381	23.1%	15.6%	7.6%
Ards	9539	2627	1715	912	27.5%	18.0%	9.6%
Armagh	6754	2137	1600	537	31.6%	23.7%	8.0%
Ballymena	7763	1754	1175	579	22.6%	15.1%	7.5%
Ballymoney	3311	915	631	284	27.6%	19.1%	8.6%
Banbridge	4762	1522	1058	464	32.0%	22.2%	9.7%
Belfast	45057	13457	9070	4387	29.9%	20.1%	9.7%
Carrickfergus	4716	1063	658	405	22.5%	14.0%	8.6%
Castlereagh	10949	1962	1303	659	17.9%	11.9%	6.0%
Coleraine	7770	1856	1264	592	23.9%	16.3%	7.6%
Cookstown	4050	1444	1156	288	35.7%	28.5%	7.1%
Craigavon	9488	3034	2104	930	32.0%	22.2%	9.8%
Derry	9513	2833	2057	776	29.8%	21.6%	8.2%
Down	7799	2252	1576	676	28.9%	20.2%	8.7%
Dungannon	5417	2164	1736	428	39.9%	32.0%	7.9%
Fermanagh	7796	2377	1771	606	30.5%	22.7%	7.8%
Larne	4514	1010	651	359	22.4%	14.4%	8.0%
Limavady	3158	1044	805	239	33.1%	25.5%	7.6%
Lisburn	12936	3151	2091	1060	24.4%	16.2%	8.2%
Magherafelt	4257	1596	1235	361	37.5%	29.0%	8.5%
Moyle	2306	633	448	185	27.5%	19.4%	8.0%
Newry & Mourne	9450	3592	2780	812	38.0%	29.4%	8.6%
Newtownabbey	10644	2602	1590	1012	24.4%	14.9%	9.5%
North Down	12927	2817	1958	859	21.8%	15.1%	6.6%
Omagh	5407	2118	1697	421	39.2%	31.4%	7.8%
Strabane	4283	1600	1187	413	37.4%	27.7%	9.6%
Missing Postcode		2127	1496	631			
Northern Ireland	219592	64850	45594	19256	29.5%	20.8%	8.8%

1. 1998 Mid Year Estimates, Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency

Table 2.10: Rates of AA

Date	<i>£ per week</i>	
	Higher rate	Lower rate
6 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
8 April 1996	48.50	32.40
7 April 1997	49.50	33.10
6 April 1998	51.30	34.30
5 April 1999	52.95	35.40
10 April 2000	53.55	35.80



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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 £50 per week after certain deductions) and
- who are not in full-time education

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 ¹	8,307	21,696
December 1998	31,676	9,003	22,673

1. The January 1998 figures 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.

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

Table 3.3: Allowances current by age and sex at 2 January 1999

	All persons	Men	Women
All Ages	31,676	9,003	22,673
Under 20	382	153	229
20-24	1265	440	825
25-29	2839	716	2,123
30-34	4723	1,102	3,621
35-39	5034	1,335	3,699
40-44	4425	1,242	3,183
45-49	3871	1097	2,774
50-54	3950	1,107	2,843
55-59	3260	988	2,272
60-64	1609	755	854
65+	318	68	250

Chart 3.1: ICA allowances over time

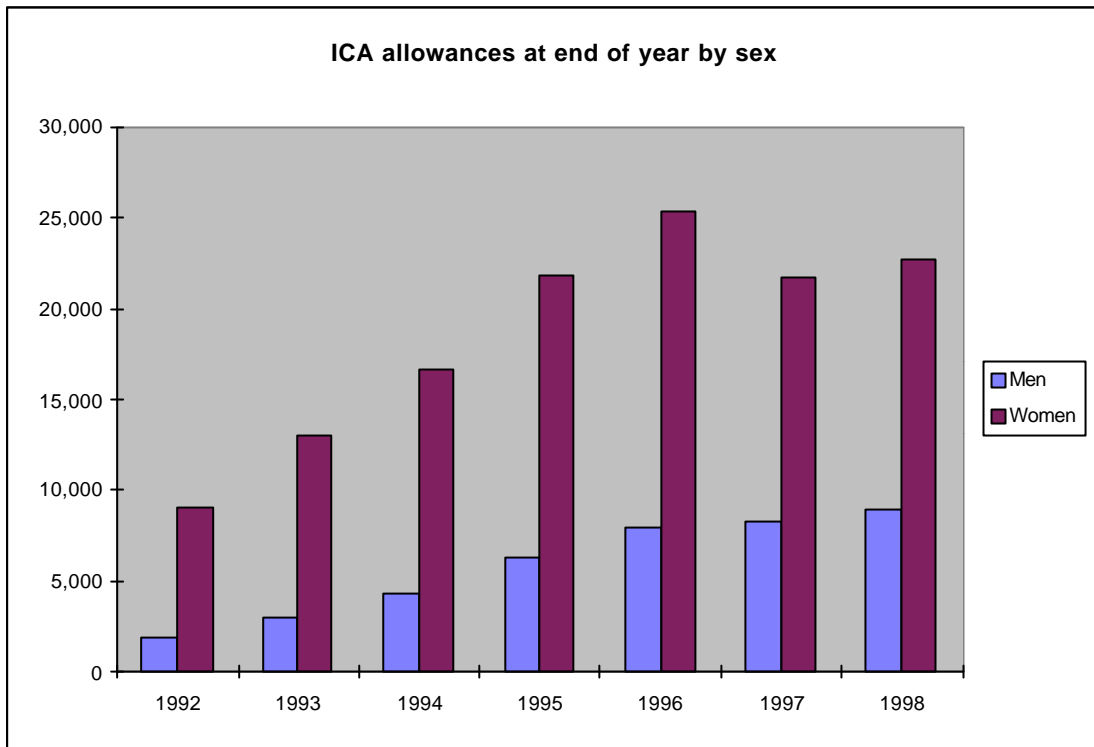


Chart 3.2: ICA allowances by age and sex at 2 January 1999

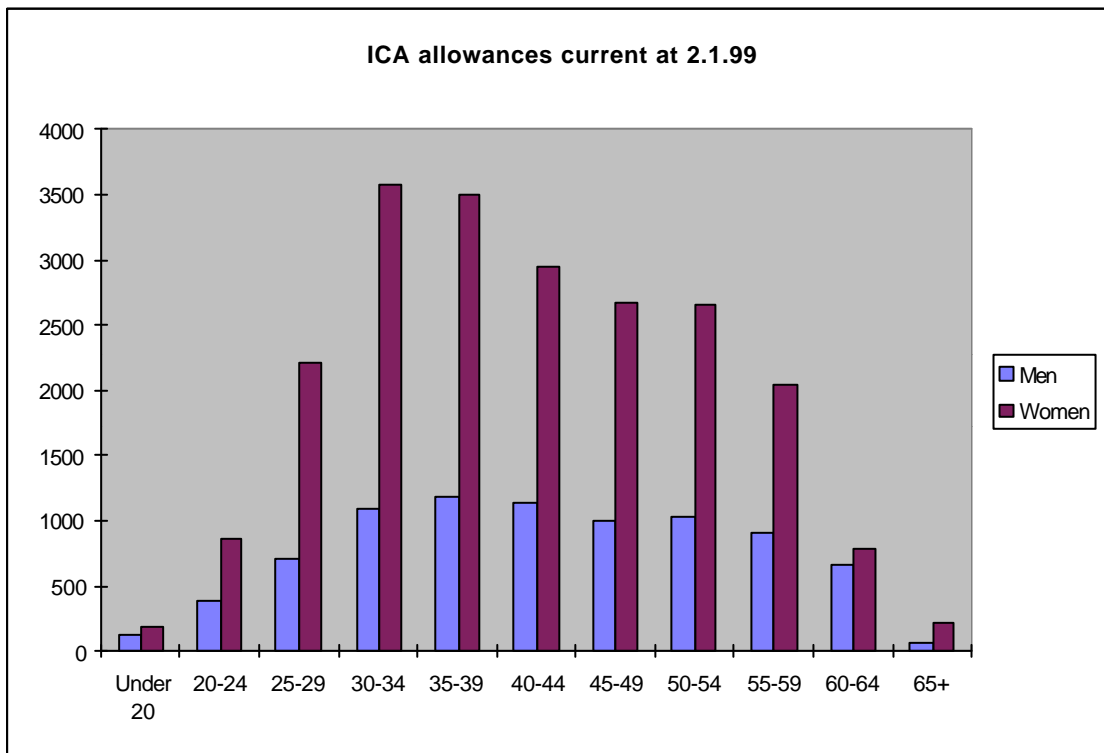


Table 3.4: Rates of Invalid Care Allowance

	£ per week			
	Standard	Adult	Rate for dependants	
			First child	Other children
14 November 1977	10.50	6.30	7.40	5.95
13 November 1978	11.70	7.05	6.35	6.35
12 November 1979	14.00	8.40	7.10	7.10
24 November 1980	16.30	9.80	7.50	7.50
23 November 1981	17.75	10.65	7.70	7.70
22 November 1982	19.70	11.80	7.95	7.95
21 November 1983	20.45	12.25	7.60	7.60
26 November 1984	21.50	12.85	7.65	7.65
25 November 1985	23.00	13.75	8.05	8.05
30 July 1986	23.25	13.90	8.05	8.05
06 April 1987	23.75	14.20	8.05	8.05
11 April 1988	24.75	14.80	8.40	8.40
10 April 1989	26.20	15.65	8.95	8.95
09 April 1990	28.20	16.85	9.65	9.65
08 April 1991	31.25	18.70	10.70	10.70
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

Annex

1. Figures for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Attendance Allowance (AA) for February and May 1997 are available on request.
2. The following tables for DLA, while not included in this publication, are also available for August 1997 on request.
 - A. Awards of care by medical code and rate.
 - B. Awards of care by sex, age and rate.
 - C. Awards of mobility by medical code and rate.
 - D. Awards of mobility by sex, age and rate.
 - E. First awards by medical code.
 - F. Decision on length of awards for claims awarded.
 - G. Decision on length of awards for claims awarded by rate.
 - H. Terminally ill beneficiaries.
 - I. Terminally ill durations on benefit for awards terminating.
 - J. Quarterly payload by care and mobility rates
 - K. Payload by disability by rate of care.
 - L. Payload by disability by rate of mobility.
 - M. Payload by age and sex.
 - N. Care and mobility payload by age.

