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Invalid Care Allowance**

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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.

### **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 1.8.

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**

	February 1996	August 1996	February 1997	August 1997	February 1998	August 1998	February 1999
<b>All components</b>	<b>98107</b>	<b>104447</b>	<b>110390</b>	<b>114386</b>	<b>118973</b>	<b>121481</b>	<b>125082</b>
Higher rate care only	2636	2633	2968	3160	3239	3019	2849
Middle rate care only	6648	6992	7701	8450	8843	8452	7936
Lower rate care only	8570	8882	9359	10035	10619	10637	10800
Higher rate mobility only	11912	12167	12495	12509	12646	12453	12262
Lower rate mobility only	1992	2335	2560	2750	3069	3292	3451
Higher rate care and higher rate mobility	17414	18533	19457	20028	20459	20777	21388
Higher rate care and lower rate mobility	5977	6916	6985	6885	7072	7568	8547
Middle rate care and higher rate mobility	19773	21091	22315	22971	23578	23735	24336
Middle rate care and lower rate mobility	9785	10373	10308	10269	10745	11726	13179
Lower rate care and higher rate mobility	11033	11989	13424	14242	15067	15481	15620
Lower rate care and lower rate mobility	2367	2536	2818	3087	3636	4341	4714

**1.1 continued**

	August 1999	November 1999	February 2000	May 2000	August 2000	November 2000	February 2001
<b>All components</b>	<b>127745</b>	<b>128677</b>	<b>130536</b>	<b>132062</b>	<b>133965</b>	<b>136450</b>	<b>137505</b>
Higher rate care only	2547	2463	2430	2352	2322	2310	2253
Middle rate care only	7447	7273	7316	7257	7323	7424	7402
Lower rate care only	10730	10639	10615	10562	10484	10340	10218
Higher rate mobility only	12041	12000	11969	11960	11903	11942	12014
Lower rate mobility only	3571	3586	3596	3639	3619	3608	3554
Higher rate care and higher rate mobility	21769	21865	22026	22213	22490	22897	23032
Higher rate care and lower rate mobility	9296	9542	9852	10040	10330	10715	10885
Middle rate care and higher rate mobility	24944	25224	25687	26096	26718	27543	27947
Middle rate care and lower rate mobility	15108	15869	16885	17899	18833	19905	20568
Lower rate care and higher rate mobility	15723	15699	15764	15831	15908	15925	15904
Lower rate care and lower rate mobility	4569	4517	4396	4213	4035	3841	3728



**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>	1.4.00 to 28.02.01
Initial claims	17999	41751	40572	35515	35055	27908	21860	21622	24235
<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>21354</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>13155</b>
Higher rate care only	861	853	572	267	720	610	458	392	443
Middle rate care only	1536	2265	1455	889	1433	1280	1017	1142	1363
Lower rate care only	1071	3065	2874	2205	2190	2331	1530	1439	1283
Higher rate mobility only	2625	2687	2506	1874	1669	1101	565	602	782
Lower rate mobility only	791	900	277	293	446	529	527	436	426
Higher rate care &:- higher rate mobility	1073	2180	2463	1772	1768	1377	1520	1108	1142
lower rate mobility	470	983	873	874	587	677	1420	1121	1299
Middle rate care &:- higher rate mobility	1520	3537	4044	3138	2578	1865	1597	1484	1274
lower rate mobility	1132	2344	1538	1620	777	1050	1962	2510	2998
Lower rate care &:- higher rate mobility	1405	2589	2507	2119	2543	1808	1120	1024	1077
lower rate mobility	821	1136	437	444	571	607	814	399	295
Rejections	4654	18932	20601	19653	19540	14195	9220	8930	8199

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	1999/00 <sup>2</sup>	1.4.00 to 28.02.01 <sup>3</sup>
Requests for review	392	15840	22270	21261	22486	22556	15215	12429	15532
<b>Decisions</b>									
<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>15205</b>
Review allowed	279	4319	3457	2655	2489	1781	1080	548	1803
Award increased(1)	14	4113	6380	5105	4621	4347	3909	3170	4139
Other decisions	84	6924	11333	11854	14589	15773	9831	8464	9263

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 28 February 2001<sup>1</sup>**

	Total	Men	Women
<b>All ages</b>	<b>18866</b>	<b>9552</b>	<b>9314</b>
0-4	913	592	321
5-9	776	532	244
10-15	551	339	212
16-19	417	232	185
20-24	679	344	335
25-29	900	449	451
30-34	1248	575	673
35-39	1579	719	860
40-44	1614	754	860
45-49	1774	882	892
50-54	2156	1019	1137
55-59	2602	1262	1340
60-64	2616	1334	1282
65 and over	1041	519	522

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 28 February 2001<sup>1 2</sup>**

	<b>All Awards</b>	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
<b>All conditions</b>	<b>18866</b>	<b>6513</b>	<b>2091</b>	<b>10262</b>
Terminally ill	576	158	13	405
Arthritis	2478	1094	378	1006
Back ailments	1494	453	203	838
Muscles/joint/bone disease	1720	775	206	739
Trauma to limbs	160	65	18	77
Blindness	185	71	17	97
Deafness	138	43	17	78
Heart disease	1122	385	251	486
Chest disease	446	176	88	182
Asthma	541	358	76	107
Stroke-related	360	137	13	210
Epilepsy	515	112	27	376
Neurological disorder	329	110	25	194
Multiple sclerosis	141	61	13	67
Chronic fatigue	266	83	33	150
Diabetes	344	125	27	192
Learning difficulties	610	329	61	220
Other mental health causes	5324	1168	479	3677
Alcohol abuse	593	185	11	397
Bowels/stomach disorder	112	67	13	32
Skin disease	152	123	6	23
Malignant disease	606	166	32	408
Other	654	269	84	301

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

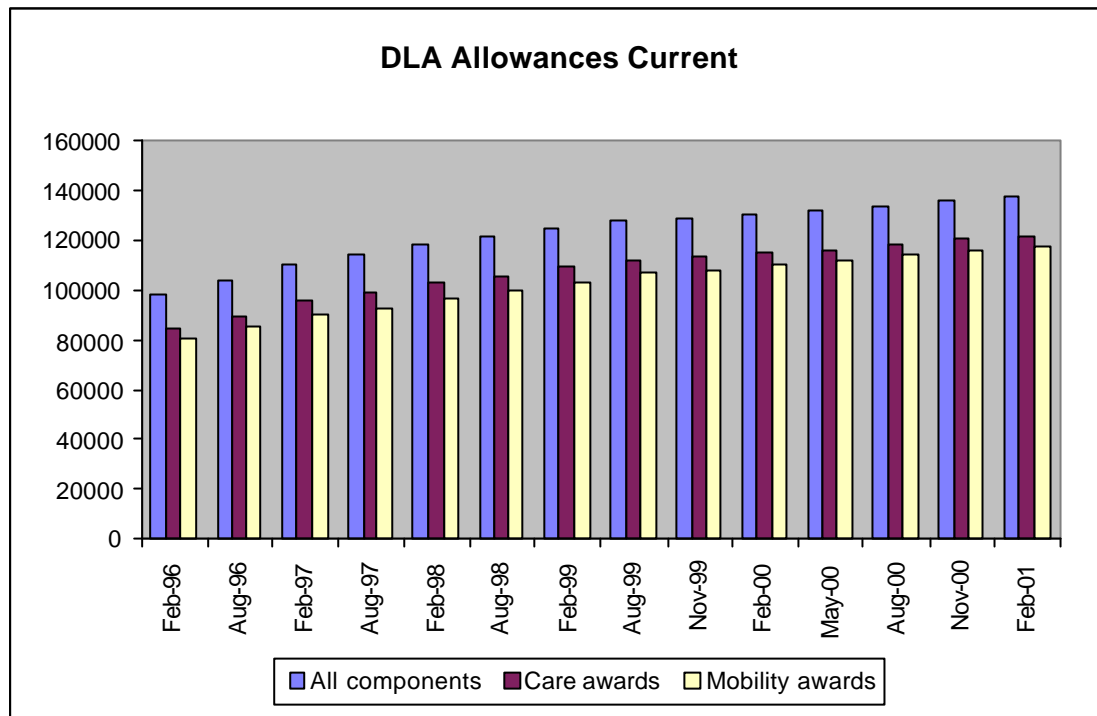
2. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded



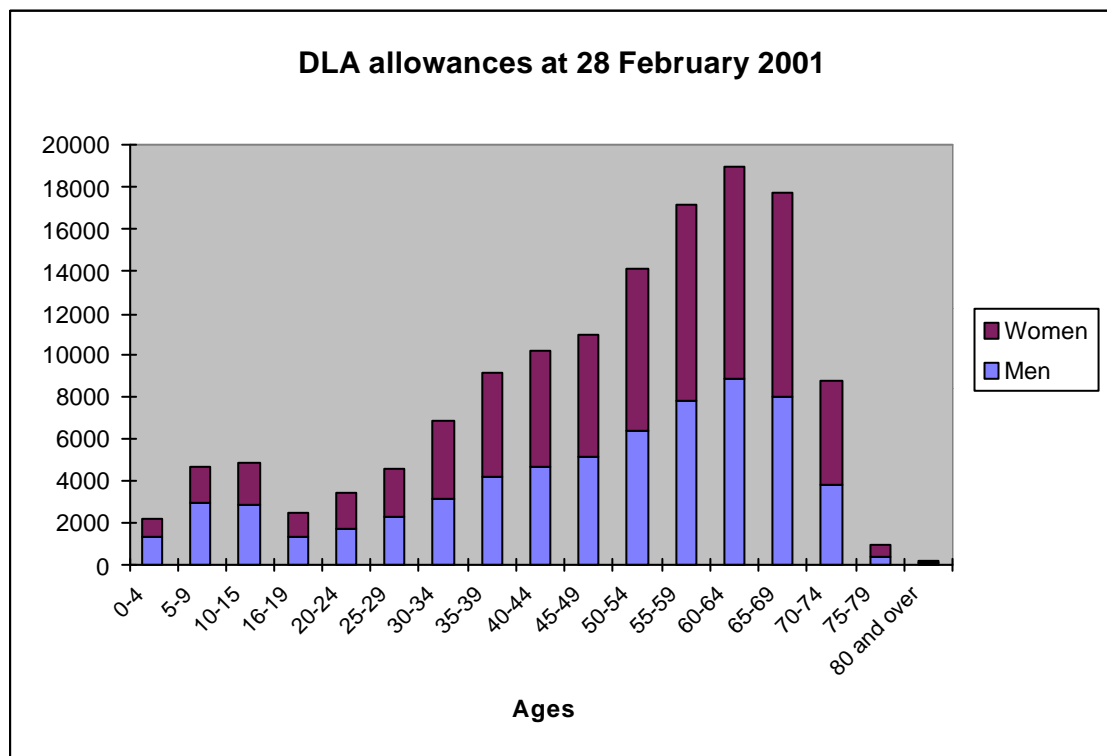
**Table 1.6: DLA allowances current by age and sex at 28 February 2001**

	Total	Men	Women
<b>All ages</b>	<b>137505</b>	<b>65477</b>	<b>72028</b>
0-4	2156	1331	825
5-9	4689	3004	1685
10-15	4822	2951	1871
16-19	2426	1372	1054
20-24	3450	1779	1671
25-29	4610	2311	2299
30-34	6890	3238	3652
35-39	9154	4200	4954
40-44	10257	4625	5632
45-49	10953	5126	5827
50-54	14190	6426	7764
55-59	17186	7819	9367
60-64	19022	8862	10160
65-69	17688	8064	9624
70-74	8764	3880	4884
75-79	1029	407	622
80 and over	219	82	137

**Chart 1.1: DLA allowances current<sup>1</sup>**



**Chart 1.2: DLA allowances current by age and sex at 28 February 2001**



**Table 1.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 28 February 2001<sup>1</sup>**

	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
<b>All conditions</b>	<b>137505</b>	<b>19873</b>	<b>15568</b>	<b>102064</b>
Terminally ill	956	33	5	918
Arthritis	26860	3626	2640	20594
Back ailments	10498	1500	1093	7905
Muscles/joint/bone disease	12965	3190	1408	8367
Blindness	2015	77	143	1795
Deafness	1658	122	125	1411
Heart disease	11229	681	2382	8166
Chest disease	4141	222	864	3055
Asthma	4848	1746	759	2343
Stroke-related	2958	270	182	2506
Peripheral vascular disease	1134	35	346	753
Epilepsy	4300	558	84	3658
Neurological disorder	2596	415	137	2044
Multiple sclerosis	1410	36	80	1294
Chronic fatigue	1151	217	82	852
Diabetes	2034	530	86	1418
Learning difficulties	7680	695	654	6331
Other mental health causes	23931	2892	2082	18957
Alcohol abuse	1589	406	41	1142
Skin disease	1017	725	35	257
Malignant disease	1952	380	77	1495
Conversion*	6127	318	1975	3834
Other	4456	1199	288	2969

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 28 February 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	<b>1573</b>	230	254	1089	<b>1680</b>	217	271	1192
Ards	<b>2050</b>	310	327	1413	<b>2192</b>	317	280	1595
Armagh	<b>1938</b>	278	248	1412	<b>2131</b>	292	258	1581
Ballymena	<b>1396</b>	196	240	960	<b>1469</b>	209	201	1059
Ballymoney	<b>835</b>	121	123	591	<b>887</b>	131	95	661
Banbridge	<b>1364</b>	167	228	969	<b>1416</b>	171	190	1055
Belfast	<b>14363</b>	2303	1458	10602	<b>16319</b>	2283	1608	12428
Carrickfergus	<b>1024</b>	164	137	723	<b>1159</b>	186	169	804
Castlereagh	<b>1858</b>	263	281	1314	<b>2169</b>	298	300	1571
Coleraine	<b>1378</b>	251	176	951	<b>1460</b>	257	184	1019
Cookstown	<b>1586</b>	222	156	1208	<b>1635</b>	227	142	1266
Craigavon	<b>3493</b>	502	354	2637	<b>4043</b>	536	412	3095
Derry	<b>5199</b>	798	533	3868	<b>5835</b>	821	549	4465
Down	<b>2360</b>	328	314	1718	<b>2455</b>	289	295	1871
Dungannon	<b>2285</b>	315	222	1748	<b>2338</b>	286	189	1863
Fermanagh	<b>1720</b>	306	202	1212	<b>1691</b>	253	157	1281
Larne	<b>892</b>	146	145	601	<b>846</b>	127	117	602
Limavady	<b>1088</b>	185	105	798	<b>1222</b>	225	86	911
Lisburn	<b>3637</b>	652	453	2532	<b>4096</b>	580	513	3003
Magherafelt	<b>1146</b>	208	110	828	<b>1280</b>	208	120	952
Moyle	<b>498</b>	72	69	357	<b>521</b>	80	71	370
Newry & Mourne	<b>3866</b>	560	399	2907	<b>3966</b>	492	365	3109
Newtownabbey	<b>2440</b>	354	431	1655	<b>2803</b>	387	404	2012
North Down	<b>1628</b>	185	267	1176	<b>1908</b>	224	280	1404
Omagh	<b>2355</b>	341	203	1811	<b>2451</b>	313	173	1965
Strabane	<b>2114</b>	294	169	1651	<b>2388</b>	300	163	1925
Missing Postcode	<b>1391</b>	199	179	1013	<b>1668</b>	214	193	1261
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>65477</b>	<b>9950</b>	<b>7783</b>	<b>47744</b>	<b>72028</b>	<b>9923</b>	<b>7785</b>	<b>54320</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 28 February 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 component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component	All component Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
Antrim	50728	<b>3253</b>	447	525	2281	<b>6.4%</b>	0.9%	1.0%	4.5%
Ards	71402	<b>4242</b>	627	607	3008	<b>5.9%</b>	0.9%	0.9%	4.2%
Armagh	53972	<b>4069</b>	570	506	2993	<b>7.5%</b>	1.1%	0.9%	5.5%
Ballymena	59246	<b>2865</b>	405	441	2019	<b>4.8%</b>	0.7%	0.7%	3.4%
Ballymoney	25867	<b>1722</b>	252	218	1252	<b>6.7%</b>	1.0%	0.8%	4.8%
Banbridge	39860	<b>2780</b>	338	418	2024	<b>7.0%</b>	0.8%	1.0%	5.1%
Belfast	284360	<b>30682</b>	4586	3066	23030	<b>10.8%</b>	1.6%	1.1%	8.1%
Carrickfergus	37882	<b>2183</b>	350	306	1527	<b>5.8%</b>	0.9%	0.8%	4.0%
Castlereagh	66763	<b>4027</b>	561	581	2885	<b>6.0%</b>	0.8%	0.9%	4.3%
Coleraine	55682	<b>2838</b>	508	360	1970	<b>5.1%</b>	0.9%	0.6%	3.5%
Cookstown	31694	<b>3221</b>	449	298	2474	<b>10.2%</b>	1.4%	0.9%	7.8%
Craigavon	79716	<b>7536</b>	1038	766	5732	<b>9.5%</b>	1.3%	1.0%	7.2%
Derry	106638	<b>11034</b>	1619	1082	8333	<b>10.3%</b>	1.5%	1.0%	7.8%
Down	63831	<b>4815</b>	617	609	3589	<b>7.5%</b>	1.0%	1.0%	5.6%
Dungannon	48235	<b>4623</b>	601	411	3611	<b>9.6%</b>	1.2%	0.9%	7.5%
Fermanagh	57472	<b>3411</b>	559	359	2493	<b>5.9%</b>	1.0%	0.6%	4.3%
Larne	30921	<b>1738</b>	273	262	1203	<b>5.6%</b>	0.9%	0.8%	3.9%
Limavady	31862	<b>2310</b>	410	191	1709	<b>7.3%</b>	1.3%	0.6%	5.4%
Lisburn	111245	<b>7733</b>	1232	966	5535	<b>7.0%</b>	1.1%	0.9%	5.0%
Magherafelt	38976	<b>2426</b>	416	230	1780	<b>6.2%</b>	1.1%	0.6%	4.6%
Moyle	15392	<b>1019</b>	152	140	727	<b>6.6%</b>	1.0%	0.9%	4.7%
Newry & Mourne	87651	<b>7832</b>	1052	764	6016	<b>8.9%</b>	1.2%	0.9%	6.9%
Newtownabbey	81279	<b>5243</b>	741	835	3667	<b>6.5%</b>	0.9%	1.0%	4.5%
North Down	75696	<b>3536</b>	409	547	2580	<b>4.7%</b>	0.5%	0.7%	3.4%
Omagh	47825	<b>4806</b>	654	376	3776	<b>10.0%</b>	1.4%	0.8%	7.9%
Strabane	37629	<b>4502</b>	594	332	3576	<b>12.0%</b>	1.6%	0.9%	9.5%
Missing Postcode		<b>3059</b>	413	372	2274				
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>1691824</b>	<b>137505</b>	19873	15568	102064	<b>8.1%</b>	1.2%	0.9%	6.0%

1. 1999 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**

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

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

Year	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 <sup>2</sup>	1.4.00 to 28.02.01
Initial claims	14257	12702	11365	9455	10275
Initial claims decided					
<b>All decisions</b>	<b>14131</b>	<b>12569</b>	<b>11282</b>	<b>9214</b>	<b>9739</b>
First awards:					
Higher rate	7143	6652	5735	5390	5828
Lower rate	3709	2936	3133	2288	2402
Rejections	3279	2981	2414	1536	1509

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	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 <sup>1</sup>	1.4.00 to 28.02.01 <sup>2</sup>
Requests for review	3963	3455	2737	1908	2357
Decisions					
<b>All decisions</b>	<b>3814</b>	<b>3358</b>	<b>2677</b>	<b>1847</b>	<b>2333</b>
Review allowed	908	839	378	154	132
Award increased	1717	1676	1646	1268	1644
Other decisions	1189	843	653	425	557

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

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

**Table 2.4: Awards by sex and age in year ending 28 February 2001<sup>1</sup>**

	Total	Men	Women
<b>All ages</b>	<b>10727</b>	<b>4194</b>	<b>6533</b>
65-69	1546	658	888
70-74	2452	969	1483
75-79	2848	1139	1709
80-84	2256	872	1384
85-89	1174	419	755
90 and over	451	137	314

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 28 February 2001<sup>1 2</sup>**

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
<b>All conditions</b>	<b>10727</b>	<b>7991</b>	<b>2736</b>
Terminally ill	600	600	0
Arthritis	3217	2315	902
Back ailments	213	159	54
Muscles/joint/bone disease	194	140	54
Trauma to limbs	70	53	17
Blindness	202	95	107
Heart disease	1359	968	391
Chest disease	554	418	136
Asthma	119	92	27
Stroke-related	508	394	114
Frailty	1535	1154	381
Neurological disorder	116	83	33
Parkinsons disease	152	107	45
Diabetes	253	170	83
Other mental health causes	902	667	235
Bowels/stomach disorder	58	49	9
Malignant disease	267	209	58
Other	257	173	84
Conversion*	151	145	6

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

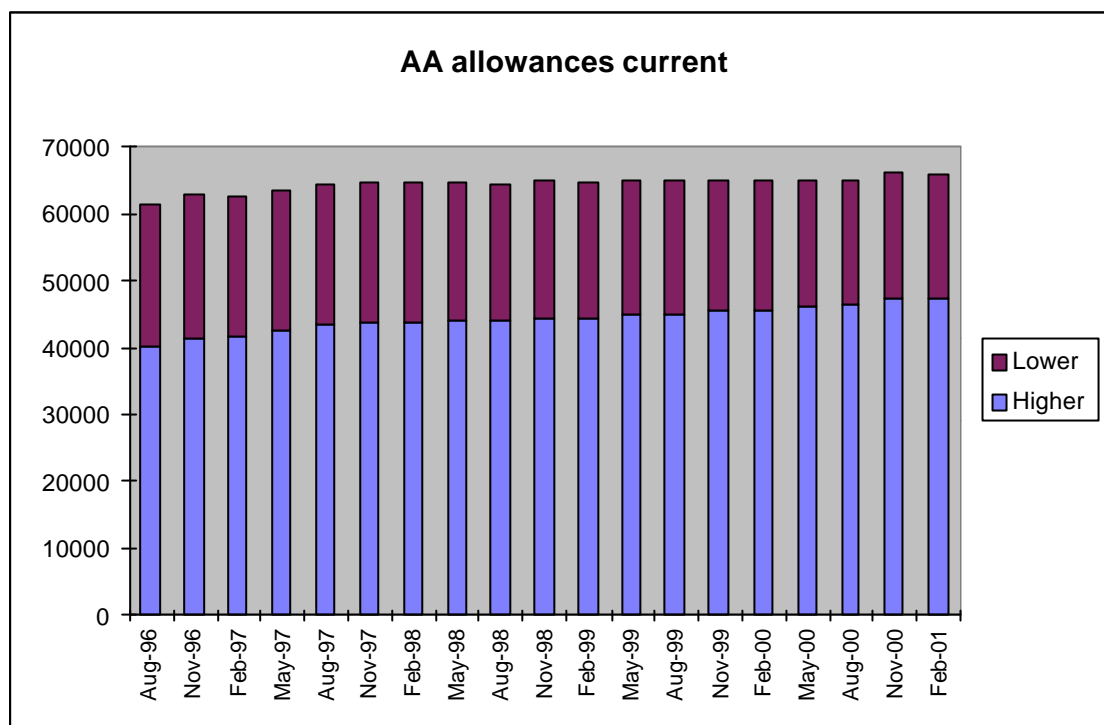
2. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded.

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

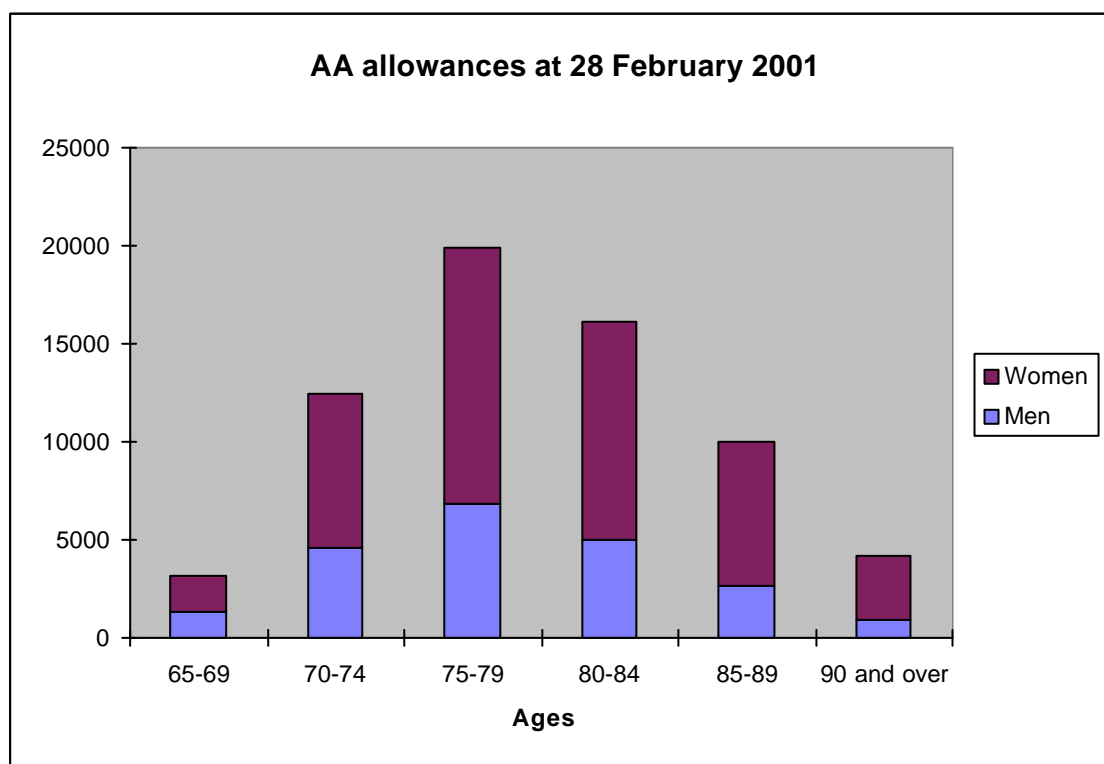
**Table 2.6: AA allowances current by age and sex at 28 February 2001**

	Total	Men	Women
<b>All ages</b>	<b>65,864</b>	<b>21,165</b>	<b>44,699</b>
65-69	3144	1253	1891
70-74	12441	4571	7870
75-79	19939	6831	13108
80-84	16117	4969	11148
85-89	10007	2647	7360
90 and over	4216	894	3322

**Chart 2.1: AA allowances current**



**Chart 2.2: AA allowances current by age and sex at 28 February 2001**



**Table 2.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 28 February 2001<sup>1</sup>**

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
<b>All conditions</b>	<b>65864</b>	<b>47235</b>	<b>18629</b>
Terminally ill	585	585	0
Arthritis	15633	11180	4453
Back ailments	1038	729	309
Muscles/joint/bone disease	779	546	233
Blindness	1038	488	550
Heart disease	5578	3953	1625
Chest disease	2139	1566	573
Asthma	565	435	130
Stroke-related	2082	1610	472
Peripheral vascular disease	351	248	103
Frailty	4897	3473	1424
Neurological disorder	759	526	233
Parkinsons disease	520	410	110
Diabetes	786	549	237
Other mental health causes	2649	1905	744
Malignant disease	711	557	154
Other	1338	932	406
Conversion*	24416	17543	6873

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 28 February 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	1183	830	353	359	277	82	824	553	271
Ards	2726	1809	917	852	585	267	1874	1224	650
Armagh	2146	1616	530	733	566	167	1413	1050	363
Ballymena	1866	1276	590	561	414	147	1305	862	443
Ballymoney	978	684	294	337	248	89	641	436	205
Banbridge	1594	1128	466	502	370	132	1092	758	334
Belfast	13444	9308	4136	4000	2879	1121	9444	6429	3015
Carrickfergus	1138	742	396	342	246	96	796	496	300
Castlereagh	2508	1683	825	775	554	221	1733	1129	604
Coleraine	1951	1358	593	631	460	171	1320	898	422
Cookstown	1414	1136	278	500	417	83	914	719	195
Craigavon	3075	2164	911	1003	739	264	2072	1425	647
Derry	3072	2231	841	1002	740	262	2070	1491	579
Down	2278	1659	619	736	536	200	1542	1123	419
Dungannon	2180	1772	408	759	626	133	1421	1146	275
Fermanagh	2516	1926	590	917	727	190	1599	1199	400
Larne	1029	671	358	333	239	94	696	432	264
Limavady	1088	851	237	376	296	80	712	555	157
Lisburn	3302	2238	1064	1003	728	275	2299	1510	789
Magherafelt	1663	1296	367	603	467	136	1060	829	231
Moyle	645	463	182	196	154	42	449	309	140
Newry & Mourne	3669	2897	772	1271	1022	249	2398	1875	523
Newtownabbey	2664	1697	967	830	552	278	1834	1145	689
North Down	2906	2021	885	854	622	232	2052	1399	653
Omagh	2081	1696	385	764	639	125	1317	1057	260
Strabane	1603	1204	399	572	430	142	1031	774	257
Missing Postcode	1145	879	266	354	280	74	791	599	192
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>65864</b>	<b>47235</b>	<b>18629</b>	<b>21165</b>	<b>15813</b>	<b>5352</b>	<b>44699</b>	<b>31422</b>	<b>13277</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 28 February 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	5000	1183	830	353	23.7%	16.6%	7.1%
Ards	9400	2726	1809	917	29.0%	19.2%	9.8%
Armagh	6900	2146	1616	530	31.1%	23.4%	7.7%
Ballymena	7900	1866	1276	590	23.6%	16.2%	7.5%
Ballymoney	3400	978	684	294	28.8%	20.1%	8.6%
Banbridge	4800	1594	1128	466	33.2%	23.5%	9.7%
Belfast	44600	13444	9308	4136	30.1%	20.9%	9.3%
Carrickfergus	4900	1138	742	396	23.2%	15.1%	8.1%
Castlereagh	11000	2508	1683	825	22.8%	15.3%	7.5%
Coleraine	7800	1951	1358	593	25.0%	17.4%	7.6%
Cookstown	4100	1414	1136	278	34.5%	27.7%	6.8%
Craigavon	9500	3075	2164	911	32.4%	22.8%	9.6%
Derry	9600	3072	2231	841	32.0%	23.2%	8.8%
Down	7800	2278	1659	619	29.2%	21.3%	7.9%
Dungannon	5400	2180	1772	408	40.4%	32.8%	7.6%
Fermanagh	7700	2516	1926	590	32.7%	25.0%	7.7%
Larne	4500	1029	671	358	22.9%	14.9%	8.0%
Limavady	3100	1088	851	237	35.1%	27.5%	7.6%
Lisburn	13200	3302	2238	1064	25.0%	17.0%	8.1%
Magherafelt	4200	1663	1296	367	39.6%	30.9%	8.7%
Moyle	2400	645	463	182	26.9%	19.3%	7.6%
Newry & Mourne	9500	3669	2897	772	38.6%	30.5%	8.1%
Newtownabbey	10700	2664	1697	967	24.9%	15.9%	9.0%
North Down	13000	2906	2021	885	22.4%	15.5%	6.8%
Omagh	5300	2081	1696	385	39.3%	32.0%	7.3%
Strabane	4300	1603	1204	399	37.3%	28.0%	9.3%
Missing Postcode		1145	879	266			
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>220000</b>	<b>65864</b>	<b>47235</b>	<b>18629</b>	<b>29.9%</b>	<b>21.5%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>

1. 1999 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<sup>1</sup>**

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	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

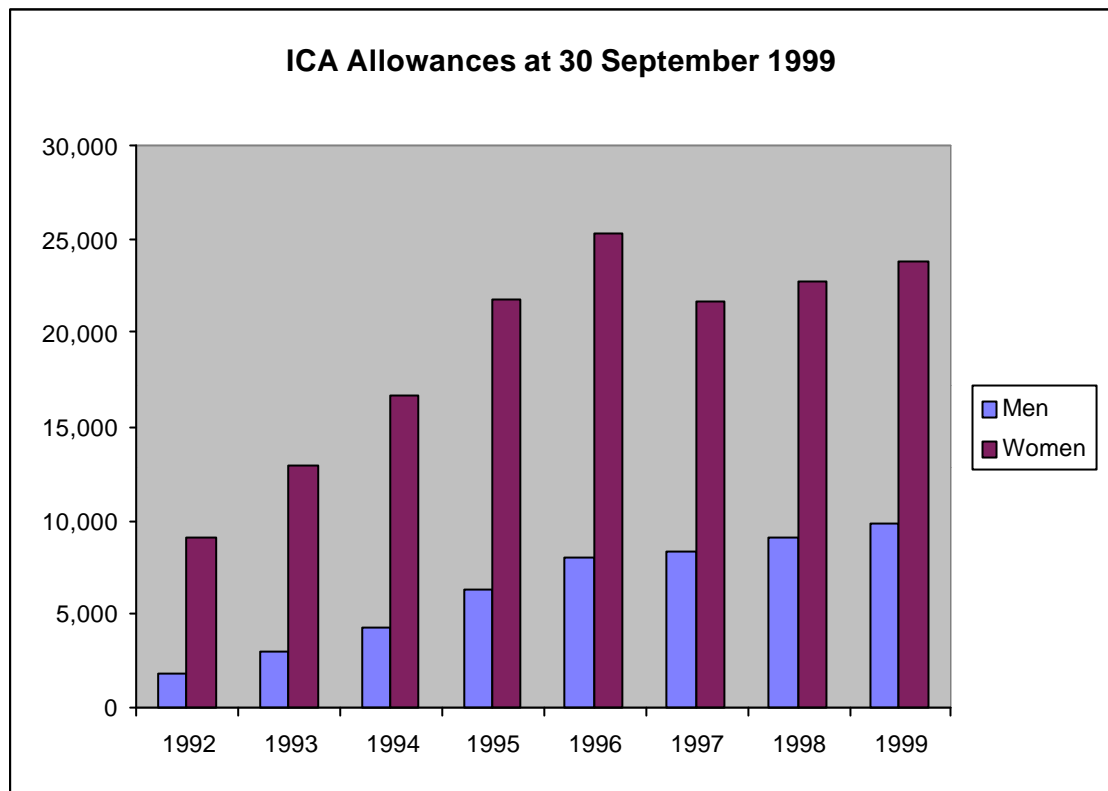
1. 9 months ending September 1999

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

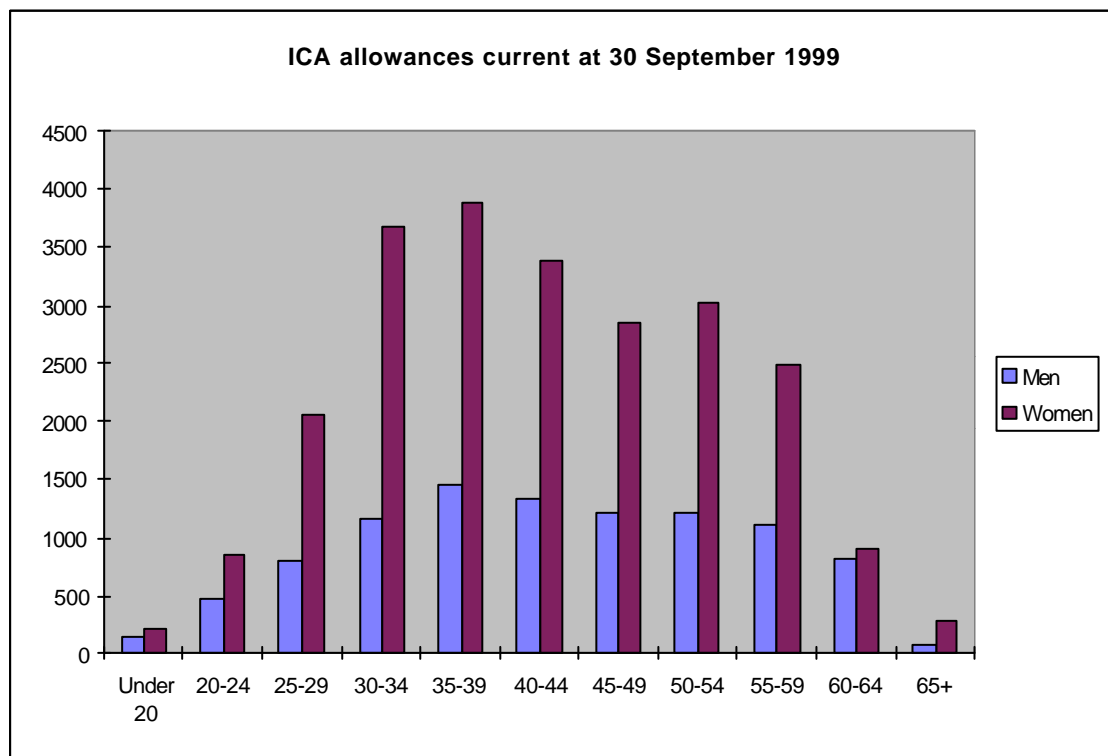
	All persons	Men	Women
<b>All Ages</b>	<b>33,370</b>	<b>9,774</b>	<b>23,596</b>
Under 20	366	147	219
20-24	1311	468	843
25-29	2847	791	2,056
30-34	4825	1,159	3,666
35-39	5345	1,460	3,885
40-44	4728	1,337	3,391
45-49	4048	1202	2,846
50-54	4234	1,206	3,028
55-59	3582	1106	2,476
60-64	1714	812	902
65+	370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

## 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.
  - C. Awards of mobility by medical code and rate.
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  - J. Quarterly payload by care and mobility rates
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  - L. Payload by disability by rate of mobility.
  - M. Payload by age and sex.
  - N. Care and mobility payload by age.

