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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

.. Not available



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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

	February 1997	August 1997	February 1998	August 1998	February 1999	August 1999	February 2000
All components	110390	114386	118973	121481	125082	127745	130536
Higher rate care only	2968	3160	3239	3019	2849	2547	2430
Middle rate care only	7701	8450	8843	8452	7936	7447	7316
Lower rate care only	9359	10035	10619	10637	10800	10730	10615
Higher rate mobility only	12495	12509	12646	12453	12262	12041	11969
Lower rate mobility only	2560	2750	3069	3292	3451	3571	3596
Higher rate care and higher rate mobility	19457	20028	20459	20777	21388	21769	22026
Higher rate care and lower rate mobility	6985	6885	7072	7568	8547	9296	9852
Middle rate care and higher rate mobility	22315	22971	23578	23735	24336	24944	25687
Middle rate care and lower rate mobility	10308	10269	10745	11726	13179	15108	16885
Lower rate care and higher rate mobility	13424	14242	15067	15481	15620	15723	15764
Lower rate care and lower rate mobility	2818	3087	3636	4341	4714	4569	4396

1.1 continued

	August 2000	November 2000	February 2001	May 2001	August 2001	November 2001	February 2002
All components	133965	136450	137505	139812	141451	142984	144460
Higher rate care only	2322	2310	2253	2136	2094	2046	2031
Middle rate care only	7323	7424	7402	7411	7362	7312	7355
Lower rate care only	10484	10340	10218	10218	10226	10093	10119
Higher rate mobility only	11903	11942	12014	12209	12110	12113	12159
Lower rate mobility only	3619	3608	3554	3478	3613	3641	3699
Higher rate care and higher rate mobility	22490	22897	23032	23444	23756	24184	24422
Higher rate care and lower rate mobility	10330	10715	10885	11110	11260	11500	11599
Middle rate care and higher rate mobility	26718	27543	27947	28540	29005	29442	29792
Middle rate care and lower rate mobility	18833	19905	20568	21558	22361	23055	23658
Lower rate care and higher rate mobility	15908	15925	15904	16038	16035	16018	16009
Lower rate care and lower rate mobility	4035	3841	3728	3670	3629	3580	3617



Table 1.2: Decisions on initial claims¹

	1992/93 ²	1993/94 ²	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 ³	2000/01	1.4.01 to 28.02.02 ⁴
Initial claims	17999	41751	40572	35515	35055	27908	21860	21622	26963	20985
Initial claims decided	17959	41471	40147	35148	34822	27730	21750	20587	23791	18463
First awards ¹ :										
All first awards	13305	22539	19546	15495	15282	13535	12530	11657	14628	11494
Higher rate care only	861	853	572	267	720	610	458	392	489	389
Middle rate care only	1536	2265	1455	889	1433	1280	1017	1142	1495	1099
Lower rate care only	1071	3065	2874	2205	2190	2331	1530	1439	1432	1057
Higher rate mobility only	2625	2687	2506	1874	1669	1101	565	602	864	752
Lower rate mobility only	791	900	277	293	446	529	527	436	491	416
Higher rate care &:-										
higher rate mobility	1073	2180	2463	1772	1768	1377	1520	1108	1268	998
lower rate mobility	470	983	873	874	587	677	1420	1121	1436	1080
Middle rate care &:-										
higher rate mobility	1520	3537	4044	3138	2578	1865	1597	1484	2290	1694
lower rate mobility	1132	2344	1538	1620	777	1050	1962	2510	3347	2817
Lower rate care &:-										
higher rate mobility	1405	2589	2507	2119	2543	1808	1120	1024	1188	921
lower rate mobility	821	1136	437	444	571	607	814	399	328	271
Rejections	4654	18932	20601	19653	19540	14195	9220	8930	9163	6969

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 ²	2000/01 ³	1.4.01 to 28.02.02 ³
Requests for review	392	15840	22270	21261	22486	22556	15215	12429	16708	12378
Decisions										
All decisions	377	15356	21170	19614	21699	21901	14820	12182	15943	12201
Review allowed	279	4319	3457	2655	2489	1781	1080	548	1991	2002
Award increased(1)	14	4113	6380	5105	4621	4347	3909	3170	4498	3629
Other decisions	84	6924	11333	11854	14589	15773	9831	8464	9621	6570

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 2002¹

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	18932	9445	9487
0-4	919	562	357
5-9	763	521	242
10-15	568	359	209
16-19	461	243	218
20-24	681	351	330
25-29	881	408	473
30-34	1226	562	664
35-39	1691	761	930
40-44	1722	793	929
45-49	1692	793	899
50-54	2162	1002	1160
55-59	2621	1293	1328
60-64	2515	1315	1200
65 and over	1030	482	548

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 2002^{1 2}

	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
All conditions	18932	6397	2226	10309
Terminally ill	709	234	15	460
Arthritis	2395	1083	349	963
Back ailments	1380	399	216	765
Muscles/joint/bone disease	1831	778	255	798
Trauma to limbs	162	71	17	74
Blindness	160	52	28	80
Deafness	124	38	23	63
Heart disease	1091	387	261	443
Chest disease	409	159	67	183
Asthma	539	336	80	123
Stroke-related	348	126	22	200
Epilepsy	458	88	28	342
Neurological disorder	363	120	25	218
Multiple sclerosis	149	60	6	83
Chronic fatigue	226	76	32	118
Diabetes	381	152	34	195
Learning difficulties	509	228	67	214
Other mental health causes	5652	1216	556	3880
Alcohol abuse	639	182	18	439
Renal disorders	96	43	13	40
Inflammatory bowels	98	32	13	53
Bowels/stomach disorder	114	69	10	35
Skin disease	166	148	4	14
Malignant disease	528	165	30	333
Other	405	155	57	193

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

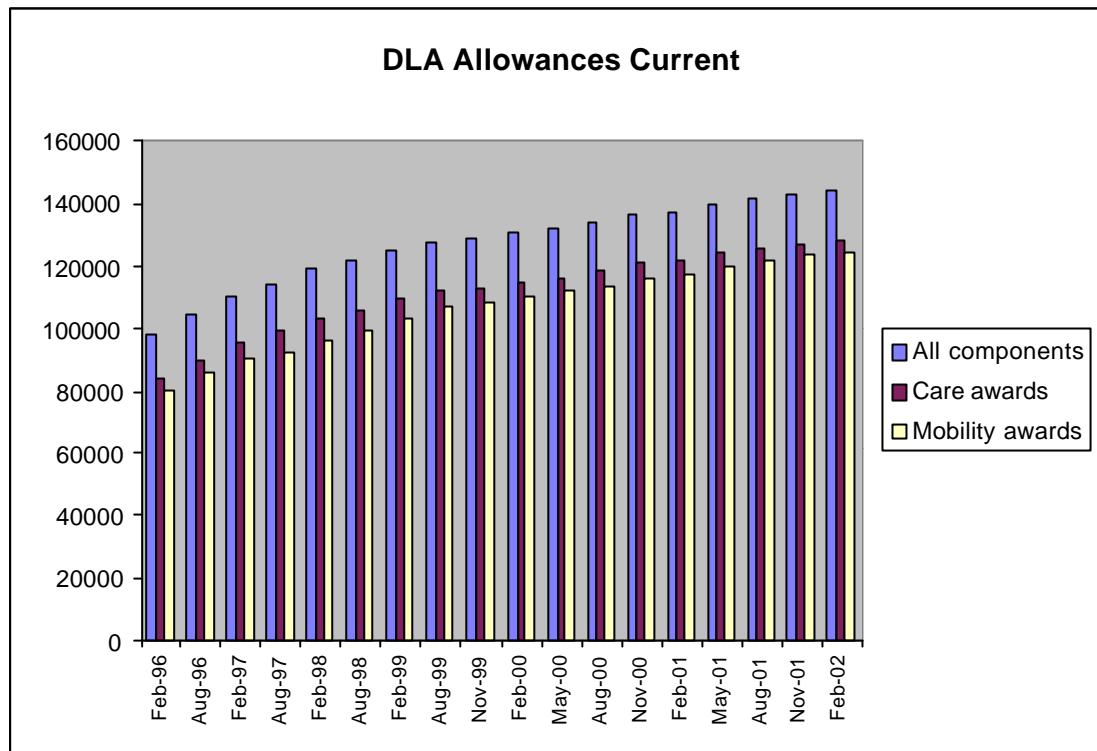
2. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded.



Table 1.6: DLA allowances current by age and sex at 28 February 2002

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	144460	68798	75662
0-4	2059	1251	808
5-9	4580	2998	1582
10-15	5106	3233	1873
16-19	2528	1426	1102
20-24	3708	1923	1785
25-29	4698	2363	2335
30-34	7045	3294	3751
35-39	9731	4487	5244
40-44	10918	4915	6003
45-49	11559	5372	6187
50-54	14252	6423	7829
55-59	18201	8262	9939
60-64	19409	9103	10306
65-69	18152	8225	9927
70-74	10818	4839	5979
75-79	1424	588	836
80 and over	272	96	176

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 28 February 2002

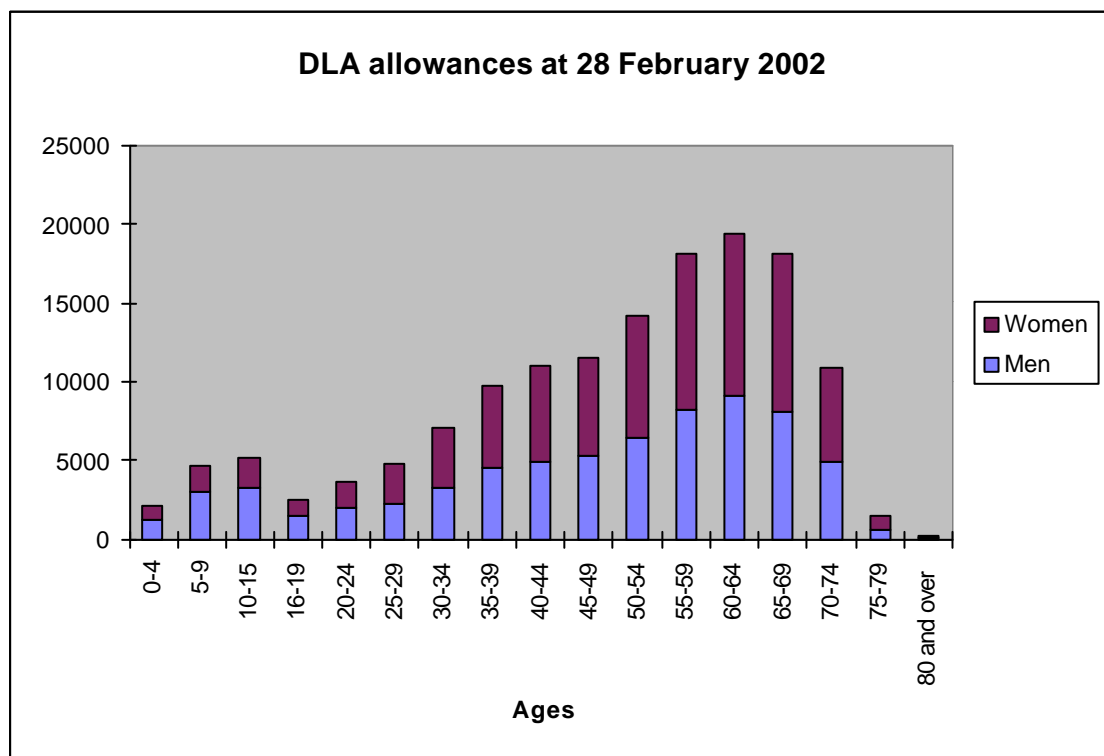


Table 1.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 28 February 2002¹

	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
All conditions	144460	19505	15858	109097
Terminally ill	1111	30	5	1076
Arthritis	27637	3656	2720	21261
Back ailments	10912	1465	1163	8284
Muscles/joint/bone disease	13568	3219	1489	8860
Blindness	2065	77	148	1840
Deafness	1692	120	122	1450
Heart disease	11461	671	2433	8357
Chest disease	4179	210	842	3127
Asthma	4545	1402	763	2380
Stroke-related	3114	250	196	2668
Peripheral vascular disease	1107	34	331	742
Epilepsy	4397	467	76	3854
Neurological disorder	2725	364	136	2225
Multiple sclerosis	1497	39	76	1382
Chronic fatigue	1279	228	89	962
Diabetes	2210	510	98	1602
Learning difficulties	7994	632	646	6716
Other mental health causes	27543	3084	2239	22220
Alcohol abuse	2095	470	53	1572
Skin disease	1013	704	35	274
Malignant disease	1995	382	79	1534
Conversion*	5660	282	1802	3576
Other	4661	1209	317	3135

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 2002¹

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	1654	224	256	1174	1761	219	289	1253
Ards	2146	277	322	1547	2373	311	301	1761
Armagh	2007	262	260	1485	2249	280	256	1713
Ballymena	1501	209	253	1039	1574	213	210	1151
Ballymoney	883	123	122	638	953	121	99	733
Banbridge	1500	179	234	1087	1531	174	184	1173
Belfast	14813	2182	1448	11183	16744	2142	1604	12998
Carrickfergus	1074	162	154	758	1244	186	175	883
Castlereagh	1965	256	281	1428	2272	287	294	1691
Coleraine	1441	236	174	1031	1566	259	188	1119
Cookstown	1660	232	159	1269	1725	233	147	1345
Craigavon	3610	480	377	2753	4164	528	435	3201
Derry	5437	810	553	4074	6019	798	551	4670
Down	2499	313	318	1868	2611	304	297	2010
Dungannon	2379	301	232	1846	2429	283	197	1949
Fermanagh	1858	293	217	1348	1835	260	170	1405
Larne	927	144	134	649	904	132	126	646
Limavady	1185	199	107	879	1305	227	96	982
Lisburn	3790	618	471	2701	4243	559	494	3190
Magherafelt	1234	219	115	900	1367	222	136	1009
Moyle	529	78	70	381	550	83	68	399
Newry & Mourne	4140	539	408	3193	4234	503	364	3367
Newtownabbey	2539	340	452	1747	2926	388	403	2135
North Down	1750	203	259	1288	2016	232	280	1504
Omagh	2507	338	208	1961	2559	286	172	2101
Strabane	2190	279	169	1742	2530	288	167	2075
Missing Postcode	1580	237	188	1155	1978	254	214	1510
Northern Ireland	68798	9733	7941	51124	75662	9772	7917	57973

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 2002¹

District Council	Total Population ¹	All DLA Awards				All DLA Awards as a % of Total Population ¹			
		All component Awards	Care only	Mobility only	Care and mobility component	All component Awards	Care only	Mobility only	Care and mobility component
Antrim	51249	3415	443	545	2427	6.7%	0.9%	1.1%	4.7%
Ards	72330	4519	588	623	3308	6.2%	0.8%	0.9%	4.6%
Armagh	54658	4256	542	516	3198	7.8%	1.0%	0.9%	5.9%
Ballymena	59620	3075	422	463	2190	5.2%	0.7%	0.8%	3.7%
Ballymoney	26220	1836	244	221	1371	7.0%	0.9%	0.8%	5.2%
Banbridge	40532	3031	353	418	2260	7.5%	0.9%	1.0%	5.6%
Belfast	282544	31557	4324	3052	24181	11.2%	1.5%	1.1%	8.6%
Carrickfergus	38468	2318	348	329	1641	6.0%	0.9%	0.9%	4.3%
Castlereagh	67001	4237	543	575	3119	6.3%	0.8%	0.9%	4.7%
Coleraine	55875	3007	495	362	2150	5.4%	0.9%	0.6%	3.8%
Cookstown	31567	3385	465	306	2614	10.7%	1.5%	1.0%	8.3%
Craigavon	80465	7774	1008	812	5954	9.7%	1.3%	1.0%	7.4%
Derry	106931	11456	1608	1104	8744	10.7%	1.5%	1.0%	8.2%
Down	63995	5110	617	615	3878	8.0%	1.0%	1.0%	6.1%
Dungannon	48468	4808	584	429	3795	9.9%	1.2%	0.9%	7.8%
Fermanagh	57623	3693	553	387	2753	6.4%	1.0%	0.7%	4.8%
Larne	30989	1831	276	260	1295	5.9%	0.9%	0.8%	4.2%
Limavady	31855	2490	426	203	1861	7.8%	1.3%	0.6%	5.8%
Lisburn	111685	8033	1177	965	5891	7.2%	1.1%	0.9%	5.3%
Magherafelt	39271	2601	441	251	1909	6.6%	1.1%	0.6%	4.9%
Moyle	15402	1079	161	138	780	7.0%	1.0%	0.9%	5.1%
Newry & Mourne	87786	8374	1042	772	6560	9.5%	1.2%	0.9%	7.5%
Newtownabbey	81793	5465	728	855	3882	6.7%	0.9%	1.0%	4.7%
North Down	75802	3766	435	539	2792	5.0%	0.6%	0.7%	3.7%
Omagh	47819	5066	624	380	4062	10.6%	1.3%	0.8%	8.5%
Strabane	37827	4720	567	336	3817	12.5%	1.5%	0.9%	10.1%
Missing Postcode		3558	491	402	2665				
Northern Ireland	1697775	144460	19505	15858	109097	8.5%	1.1%	0.9%	6.4%

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 ^{1 2}

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
28 February 2002	66286	48120	18166
28 February 2002	65954	47943	18011

Table 2.2: Decisions on initial claims¹

Year	1.10.95 to 31.3.96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 ²	2000/01 ³	1.4.01 to 28.02.02 ⁴
Initial claims	6246	14257	12702	11365	9455	10275	8935
Initial claims decided							
All decisions	6196	14131	12569	11282	9214	9739	8324
First awards:							
Higher rate	3056	7143	6652	5735	5390	5828	4386
Lower rate	1525	3709	2936	3133	2288	2402	1849
Rejections	1615	3279	2981	2414	1536	1509	1628

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

4. Excludes September 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 ¹	2000/01 ^{2c}	1.4.01 to 28.02.02 ²⁴
Requests for review	1189	3963	3455	2737	1908	2357	2183
Decisions							
All decisions	1157	3814	3358	2677	1847	2333	2157
Review allowed	222	908	839	378	154	132	134
Award increased	522	1717	1676	1646	1268	1644	1282
Other decisions	413	1189	843	653	425	557	741

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
4. Excludes September 2001 data, which are not available

Table 2.4: Awards by sex and age in year ending 28 February 2002¹

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	9707	3922	5785
65-69	1429	668	761
70-74	2223	922	1301
75-79	2601	1074	1527
80-84	2056	809	1247
85-89	1013	358	655
90 and over	385	91	294

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 2002¹²

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
All conditions	9707	7195	2512
Terminally ill	634	634	0
Arthritis	2938	2140	798
Back ailments	151	102	49
Muscles/joint/bone disease	112	90	22
Trauma to limbs	77	48	29
Blindness	173	90	83
Heart disease	1173	819	354
Chest disease	437	325	112
Asthma	83	62	21
Stroke-related	524	414	110
Peripheral vascular disease	49	36	13
Frailty	1442	1056	386
Parkinsons disease	117	91	26
Diabetes	238	160	78
Other mental health causes	1022	708	314
Malignant disease	243	193	50
Other	245	180	65
Conversion*	49	47	2

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 2002

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	65,954	21,395	44,559
65-69	3255	1388	1867
70-74	11099	4091	7008
75-79	20119	7000	13119
80-84	17030	5310	11720
85-89	10023	2656	7367
90 and over	4428	950	3478

Chart 2.1: AA allowances current

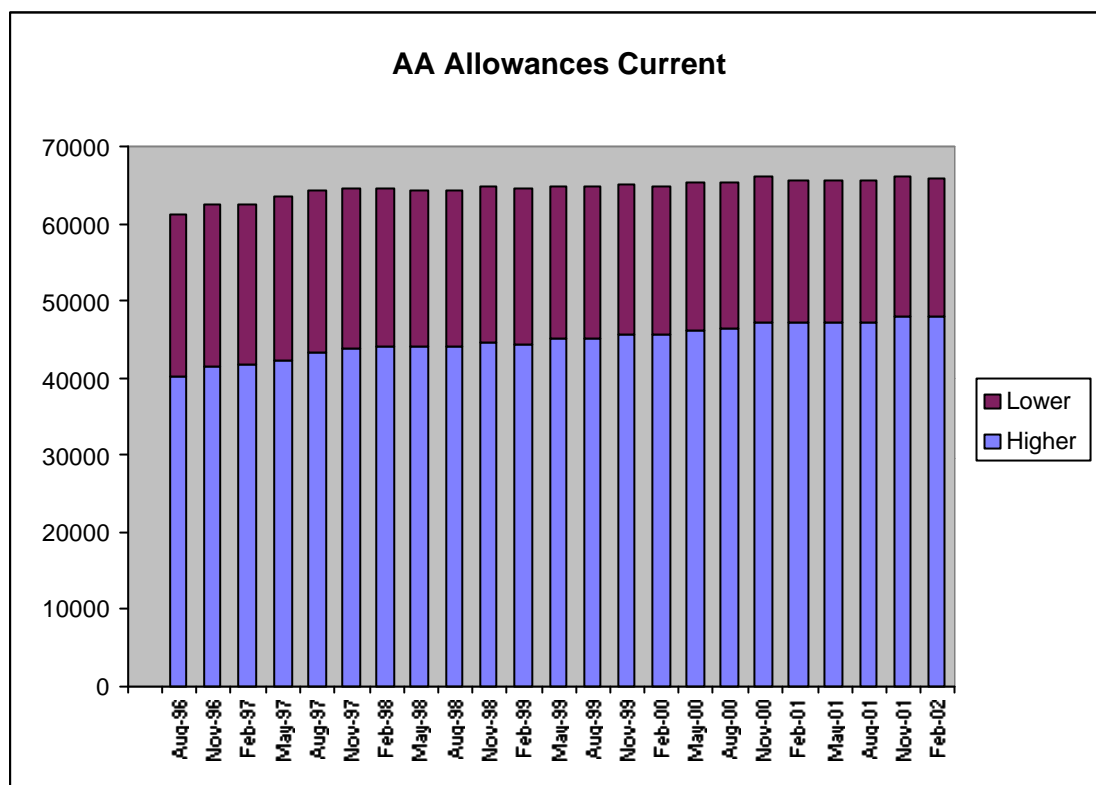


Chart 2.2: AA allowances current by age and sex at 28 February 2002

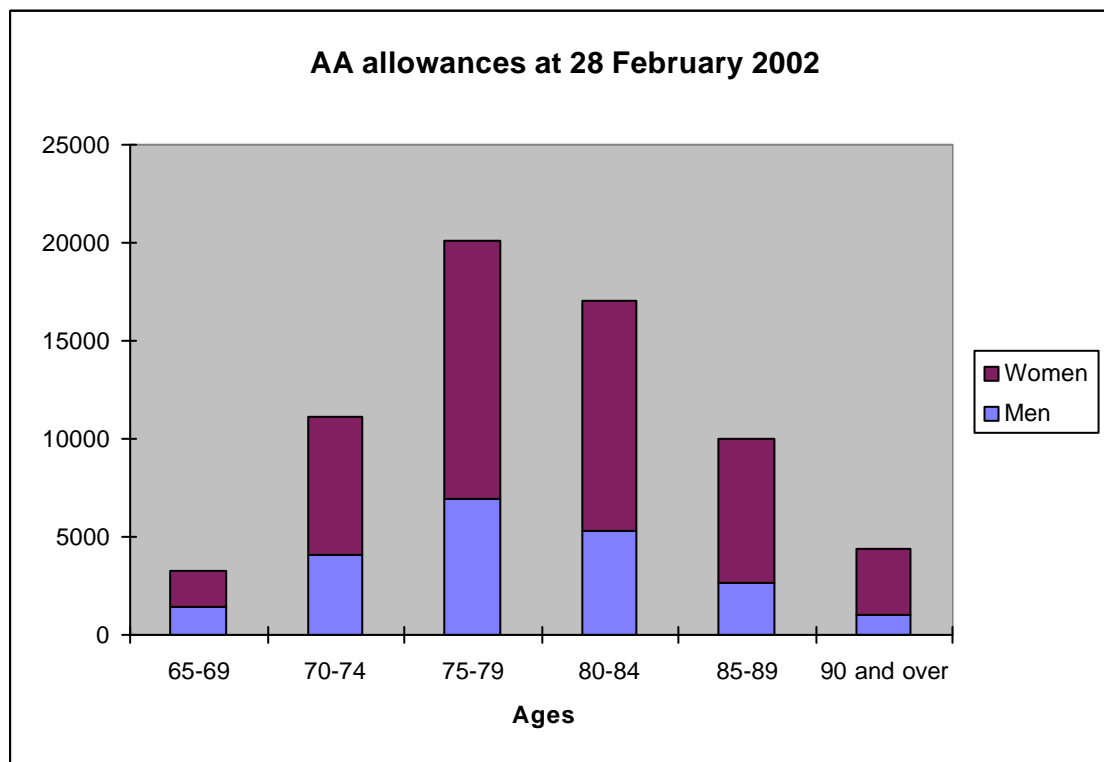


Table 2.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 28 February 2002¹

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
All conditions	65954	47943	18011
Terminally ill	637	637	0
Arthritis	17245	12503	4742
Back ailments	1104	783	321
Muscles/joint/bone disease	805	584	221
Trauma to limbs	338	237	101
Blindness	1068	513	555
Heart disease	6098	4376	1722
Chest disease	2237	1665	572
Asthma	577	448	129
Stroke-related	2271	1778	493
Peripheral vascular disease	361	257	104
Frailty	5492	3926	1566
Neurological disorder	727	517	210
Parkinsons disease	545	439	106
Diabetes	912	643	269
Other mental health causes	2926	2087	839
Malignant disease	797	635	162
Other	1088	773	315
Conversion*	20726	15142	5584

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 2002¹

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	1214	849	365	380	289	91	834	560	274
Ards	2729	1848	881	870	594	276	1859	1254	605
Armagh	2143	1643	500	728	573	155	1415	1070	345
Ballymena	1979	1385	594	607	450	157	1372	935	437
Ballymoney	999	705	294	342	247	95	657	458	199
Banbridge	1583	1143	440	507	379	128	1076	764	312
Belfast	13082	9228	3854	3899	2842	1057	9183	6386	2797
Carrickfergus	1180	777	403	363	268	95	817	509	308
Castlereagh	2556	1767	789	819	597	222	1737	1170	567
Coleraine	2045	1446	599	645	477	168	1400	969	431
Cookstown	1425	1150	275	514	430	84	911	720	191
Craigavon	3035	2172	863	997	745	252	2038	1427	611
Derry	3011	2202	809	971	731	240	2040	1471	569
Down	2311	1698	613	730	541	189	1581	1157	424
Dungannon	2156	1752	404	747	609	138	1409	1143	266
Fermanagh	2534	1954	580	915	722	193	1619	1232	387
Larne	1076	724	352	347	257	90	729	467	262
Limavady	1070	851	219	375	299	76	695	552	143
Lisburn	3303	2250	1053	1019	742	277	2284	1508	776
Magherafelt	1651	1302	349	598	476	122	1053	826	227
Moyle	664	483	181	221	170	51	443	313	130
Newry & Mourne	3688	2942	746	1289	1049	240	2399	1893	506
Newtownabbey	2706	1766	940	876	594	282	1830	1172	658
North Down	2972	2088	884	914	686	228	2058	1402	656
Omagh	2025	1671	354	746	629	117	1279	1042	237
Strabane	1582	1201	381	580	442	138	1002	759	243
Missing Postcode	1235	946	289	396	312	84	839	634	205
Northern Ireland	65954	47943	18011	21395	16150	5245	44559	31793	12766

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 2002¹

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	5106	1214	849	365	23.8%	16.6%	7.1%
Ards	9621	2729	1848	881	28.4%	19.2%	9.2%
Armagh	6839	2143	1643	500	31.3%	24.0%	7.3%
Ballymena	7832	1979	1385	594	25.3%	17.7%	7.6%
Ballymoney	3343	999	705	294	29.9%	21.1%	8.8%
Banbridge	4755	1583	1143	440	33.3%	24.0%	9.3%
Belfast	44313	13082	9228	3854	29.5%	20.8%	8.7%
Carrickfergus	4956	1180	777	403	23.8%	15.7%	8.1%
Castlereagh	10992	2556	1767	789	23.3%	16.1%	7.2%
Coleraine	7924	2045	1446	599	25.8%	18.2%	7.6%
Cookstown	4097	1425	1150	275	34.8%	28.1%	6.7%
Craigavon	9682	3035	2172	863	31.3%	22.4%	8.9%
Derry	9756	3011	2202	809	30.9%	22.6%	8.3%
Down	7852	2311	1698	613	29.4%	21.6%	7.8%
Dungannon	5402	2156	1752	404	39.9%	32.4%	7.5%
Fermanagh	7781	2534	1954	580	32.6%	25.1%	7.5%
Larne	4602	1076	724	352	23.4%	15.7%	7.6%
Limavady	3195	1070	851	219	33.5%	26.6%	6.9%
Lisburn	13312	3303	2250	1053	24.8%	16.9%	7.9%
Magherafelt	4311	1651	1302	349	38.3%	30.2%	8.1%
Moyle	2269	664	483	181	29.3%	21.3%	8.0%
Newry & Mourne	9564	3688	2942	746	38.6%	30.8%	7.8%
Newtownabbey	10874	2706	1766	940	24.9%	16.2%	8.6%
North Down	13058	2972	2088	884	22.8%	16.0%	6.8%
Omagh	5312	2025	1671	354	38.1%	31.5%	6.7%
Strabane	4329	1582	1201	381	36.5%	27.7%	8.8%
Missing Postcode		1235	946	289			
Northern Ireland	221077	65954	47943	18011	29.8%	21.7%	8.1%

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 ¹	31,676	9,003	22,673
September 1999 ²	33,673	9,857	23,816
March 2001 ³	33,771	10,469	23,302
November 2001 ³	34,570	10,832	23,738
February 2002 ³	34,893	11,006	23,887

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

3. Information retrieved from ICA database

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 ¹	6,698	5,407	1,291
December 2000 ²	8,176		
December 2001	10,231	8,727	1,504

1. 9 months ending September 1999. Final quarterly data not available

2. Awards and disallowances statistics not available



Table 3.3: Allowances current by age and sex at 28 February 2002

	All persons	Men	Women
All Ages	34,893	11,006	23,887
Under 20	388	162	226
20-24	1178	423	755
25-29	2150	644	1,506
30-34	4009	1,075	2,934
35-39	5140	1,513	3,627
40-44	4986	1,519	3,467
45-49	4259	1361	2,898
50-54	4352	1,323	3,029
55-59	4265	1373	2,892
60-64	2773	1084	1689
65+	1393	529	864

Chart 3.1: ICA allowances over time

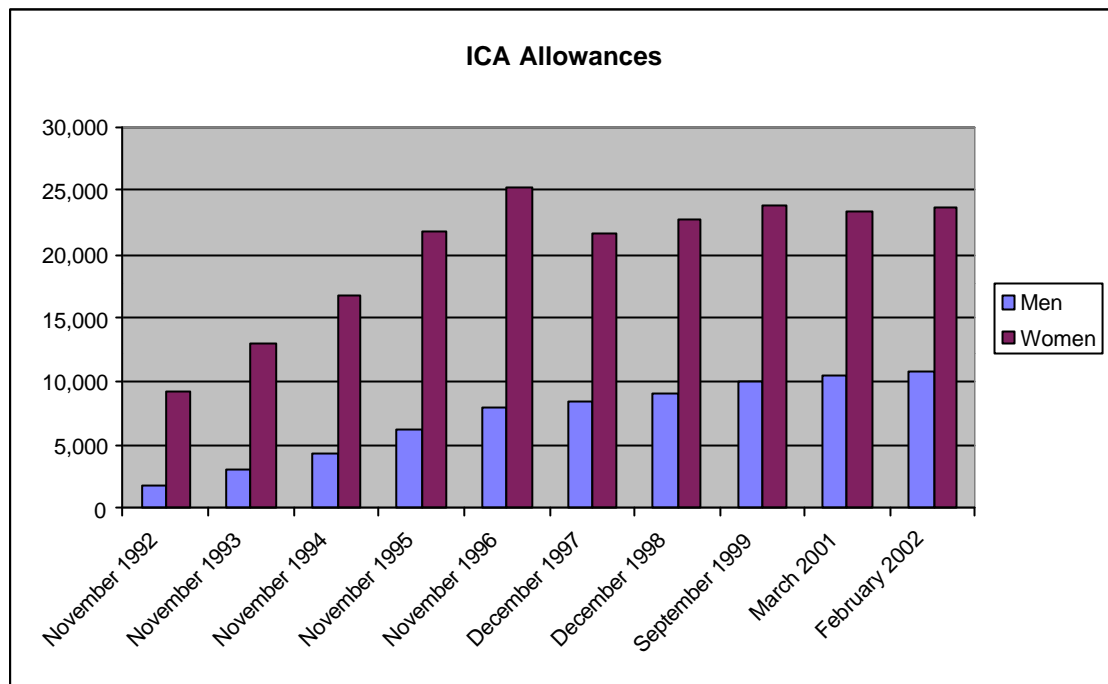


Chart 3.2: ICA allowances by age and sex at February 2002

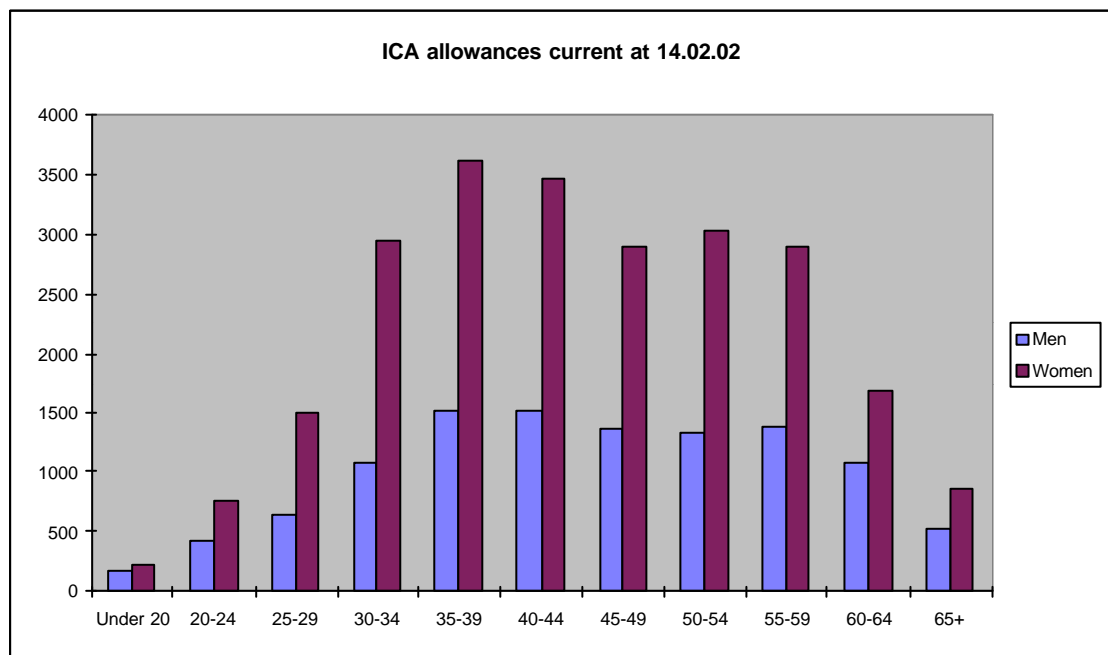


Table 3.3: Rates of Invalid Care Allowance

	£ 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.
 - C. Awards of mobility by medical code and rate.
 - D. Awards of mobility by sex, age and rate.
 - E. First awards by medical code.
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 - J. Quarterly payload by care and mobility rates
 - K. Payload by disability by rate of care.
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 - M. Payload by age and sex.
 - N. Care and mobility payload by age.



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