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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.



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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

	November 1999	February 2000	May 2000	August 2000	November 2000	February 2001	May 2001
All components	128677	130536	132062	133965	136450	137505	139812
Higher rate care only	2463	2430	2352	2322	2310	2253	2136
Middle rate care only	7273	7316	7257	7323	7424	7402	7411
Lower rate care only	10639	10615	10562	10484	10340	10218	10218
Higher rate mobility only	12000	11969	11960	11903	11942	12014	12209
Lower rate mobility only	3586	3596	3639	3619	3608	3554	3478
Higher rate care and higher rate mobility	21865	22026	22213	22490	22897	23032	23444
Higher rate care and lower rate mobility	9542	9852	10040	10330	10715	10885	11110
Middle rate care and higher rate mobility	25224	25687	26096	26718	27543	27947	28540
Middle rate care and lower rate mobility	15869	16885	17899	18833	19905	20568	21558
Lower rate care and higher rate mobility	15699	15764	15831	15908	15925	15904	16038
Lower rate care and lower rate mobility	4517	4396	4213	4035	3841	3728	3670

1.1 continued

	August 2001	November 2001	February 2002	May 2002	August 2002	November 2002	February 2003
All components	141451	142984	144460	145741	146979	148025	149636
Higher rate care only	2094	2046	2031	2017	2027	2022	2045
Middle rate care only	7362	7312	7355	7391	7588	7724	7899
Lower rate care only	10226	10093	10119	10122	10166	10165	10262
Higher rate mobility only	12110	12113	12159	12442	12530	12587	12663
Lower rate mobility only	3613	3641	3699	4116	4156	4177	4200
Higher rate care and higher rate mobility	23756	24184	24422	24499	24674	24879	25135
Higher rate care and lower rate mobility	11260	11500	11599	11573	11622	11731	11885
Middle rate care and higher rate mobility	29005	29442	29792	30020	30417	30646	31020
Middle rate care and lower rate mobility	22361	23055	23658	23858	24121	24368	24711
Lower rate care and higher rate mobility	16035	16018	16009	16108	16166	16357	16548
Lower rate care and lower rate mobility	3629	3580	3617	3595	3512	3369	3268



Table 1.2: Decisions on initial claims¹

	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 ²	2000/01	2001/02	1.04.02 to 28.02.03
Initial claims	35515	35055	27908	21860	21622	26963	25186	22050
Initial claims decided	35148	34822	27730	21750	20587	23791	22115	19593
First awards ¹ :								
All first awards	15495	15282	13535	12530	11657	14628	13703	12030
Higher rate care only	267	720	610	458	392	489	463	410
Middle rate care only	889	1433	1280	1017	1142	1495	1311	1362
Lower rate care only	2205	2190	2331	1530	1439	1432	1251	1075
Higher rate mobility only	1874	1669	1101	565	602	864	902	821
Lower rate mobility only	293	446	529	527	436	491	500	430
Higher rate care &:- higher rate mobility	1772	1768	1377	1520	1108	1268	1208	1169
lower rate mobility	874	587	677	1420	1121	1436	1292	1210
Middle rate care &:- higher rate mobility	3138	2578	1865	1597	1484	2290	2032	1759
lower rate mobility	1620	777	1050	1962	2510	3347	3320	2583
Lower rate care &:- higher rate mobility	2119	2543	1808	1120	1024	1188	1104	1018
lower rate mobility	444	571	607	814	399	328	320	193
Rejections	19653	19540	14195	9220	8930	9163	8412	7563

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

2. Excludes January 2000 data, which are not available



Table 1.3: Decisions on review

Year	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 ²	2000/01 ³	2001/02 ³	1.04.02 to 28.02.03 ³
Requests for review	21261	22486	22556	15215	12429	16708	14597	11879
Decisions								
All decisions	19614	21699	21901	14820	12182	16352	14384	11807
Review allowed	2655	2489	1781	1080	548	1991	2346	1838
Award increased ¹	5105	4621	4347	3909	3170	4498	4321	3663
Other decisions	11854	14589	15773	9831	8464	9863	7717	6306

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 2003¹

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	18026	8908	9118
0-4	893	597	296
5-9	729	472	257
10-15	609	364	245
16-19	396	197	199
20-24	671	331	340
25-29	806	372	434
30-34	1244	572	672
35-39	1456	685	771
40-44	1672	775	897
45-49	1698	764	934
50-54	1990	909	1081
55-59	2471	1147	1324
60-64	2367	1216	1151
65 and over	1024	507	517

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 2003^{1 2}

	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
All conditions	18026	6348	2232	9446
Terminally ill	704	237	11	456
Arthritis	2210	939	363	908
Back ailments	1265	384	211	670
Muscles/joint/bone disease	1700	723	247	730
Trauma to limbs	130	52	20	58
Blindness	194	80	27	87
Deafness	138	54	19	65
Heart disease	987	361	241	385
Chest disease	396	138	90	168
Asthma	499	333	77	89
Stroke-related	320	123	37	160
Epilepsy	446	91	23	332
Neurological disorder	342	105	30	207
Multiple sclerosis	181	64	11	106
Chronic fatigue	252	85	34	133
Diabetes	385	167	36	182
Learning difficulties	573	297	61	215
Other mental health causes	5363	1292	543	3528
Alcohol abuse	562	205	24	333
Bowels/stomach disorder	109	65	10	34
Skin disease	183	143	11	29
Malignant disease	507	186	34	287
Other	580	224	72	284

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 2003

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	149636	71092	78544
0-4	1915	1203	712
5-9	4544	2978	1566
10-15	5215	3276	1939
16-19	2672	1493	1179
20-24	3827	1993	1834
25-29	4622	2322	2300
30-34	7069	3326	3743
35-39	9823	4584	5239
40-44	11406	5119	6287
45-49	12230	5601	6629
50-54	14191	6424	7767
55-59	18376	8310	10066
60-64	20128	9383	10745
65-69	18742	8635	10107
70-74	12331	5417	6914
75-79	2182	892	1290
80 and over	363	136	227



Chart 1.1: DLA allowances current

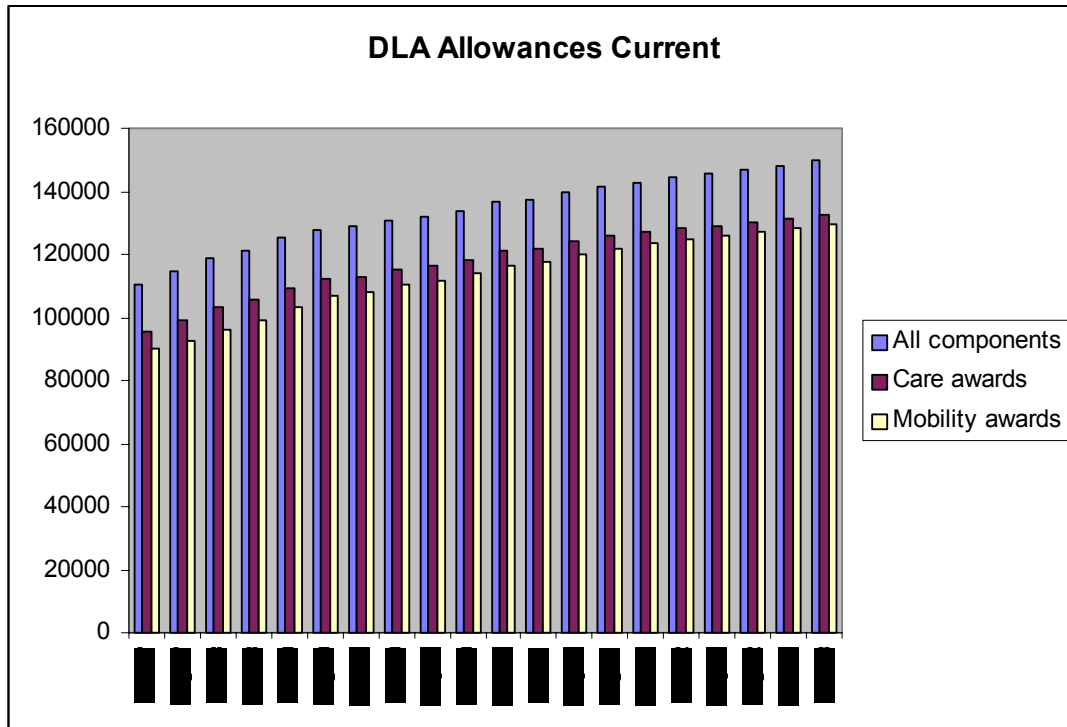


Chart 1.2: DLA allowances current by age and sex

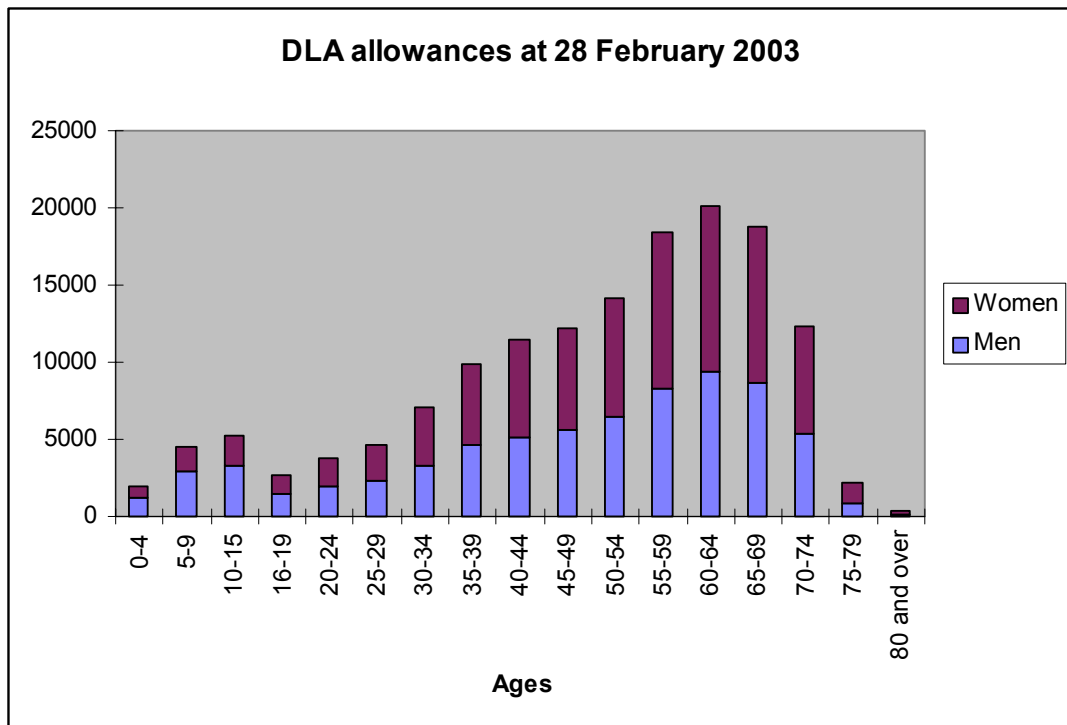


Table 1.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 28 February 2003¹

	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
All conditions	149636	20206	16863	112567
Terminally ill	1197	28	5	1164
Arthritis	28343	3685	2838	21820
Back ailments	11269	1499	1231	8539
Muscles/joint/bone disease	14019	3337	1552	9130
Trauma to limbs	750	253	92	405
Blindness	2099	83	152	1864
Deafness	1749	131	121	1497
Heart disease	11584	686	2442	8456
Chest disease	4197	215	843	3139
Asthma	4304	1193	776	2335
Stroke-related	3196	265	215	2716
Peripheral vascular disease	1100	25	328	747
Epilepsy	4517	438	101	3978
Neurological disorder	2829	343	143	2343
Multiple sclerosis	1599	41	87	1471
Chronic fatigue	1437	274	100	1063
Diabetes	2333	559	108	1666
Learning difficulties	8179	608	1073	6498
Other mental health causes	30068	3617	2457	23994
Alcohol abuse	2412	570	71	1771
Skin disease	1020	687	39	294
Malignant disease	2052	424	92	1536
Conversion*	5270	261	1741	3268
Other	4113	984	256	2873

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 2003¹

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	1684	227	271	1186	1830	231	292	1307
Ards	2253	287	329	1637	2523	315	311	1897
Armagh	2126	286	309	1531	2307	274	275	1758
Ballymena	1564	221	267	1076	1674	236	233	1205
Ballymoney	943	139	137	667	1035	147	103	785
Banbridge	1563	170	223	1170	1643	195	186	1262
Belfast	15118	2208	1512	11398	17186	2226	1641	13319
Carrickfergus	1152	167	180	805	1319	192	197	930
Castlereagh	2009	266	282	1461	2372	302	315	1755
Coleraine	1545	246	193	1106	1658	264	219	1175
Cookstown	1722	229	159	1334	1824	246	163	1415
Craigavon	3672	495	394	2783	4263	548	445	3270
Derry	5567	844	606	4117	6188	825	595	4768
Down	2674	327	350	1997	2732	315	330	2087
Dungannon	2442	295	244	1903	2529	302	234	1993
Fermanagh	2004	315	243	1446	1997	285	188	1524
Larne	971	160	141	670	934	138	138	658
Limavady	1218	222	110	886	1351	233	121	997
Lisburn	3916	619	474	2823	4415	577	519	3319
Magherafelt	1277	216	145	916	1482	238	155	1089
Moyle	535	69	72	394	585	92	73	420
Newry & Mourne	4319	567	440	3312	4451	538	408	3505
Newtownabbey	2609	358	481	1770	2999	389	436	2174
North Down	1835	213	293	1329	2134	238	334	1562
Omagh	2588	367	228	1993	2722	324	194	2204
Strabane	2279	284	187	1808	2569	280	169	2120
Missing Postcode	1507	217	145	1145	1822	242	174	1406
Northern Ireland	71092	10014	8415	52663	78544	10192	8448	59904

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 2003

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	48761	3514	458	563	2493	7.2%	0.9%	1.2%	5.1%
Ards	73435	4776	602	640	3534	6.5%	0.8%	0.9%	4.8%
Armagh	54462	4433	560	584	3289	8.1%	1.0%	1.1%	6.0%
Ballymena	58801	3238	457	500	2281	5.5%	0.8%	0.9%	3.9%
Ballymoney	27007	1978	286	240	1452	7.3%	1.1%	0.9%	5.4%
Banbridge	41549	3206	365	409	2432	7.7%	0.9%	1.0%	5.9%
Belfast	277170	32304	4434	3153	24717	11.7%	1.6%	1.1%	8.9%
Carrickfergus	37730	2471	359	377	1735	6.5%	1.0%	1.0%	4.6%
Castlereagh	66533	4381	568	597	3216	6.6%	0.9%	0.9%	4.8%
Coleraine	56408	3203	510	412	2281	5.7%	0.9%	0.7%	4.0%
Cookstown	32712	3546	475	322	2749	10.8%	1.5%	1.0%	8.4%
Craigavon	80931	7935	1043	839	6053	9.8%	1.3%	1.0%	7.5%
Derry	105335	11755	1669	1201	8885	11.2%	1.6%	1.1%	8.4%
Down	64147	5406	642	680	4084	8.4%	1.0%	1.1%	6.4%
Dungannon	47849	4971	597	478	3896	10.4%	1.2%	1.0%	8.1%
Fermanagh	57687	4001	600	431	2970	6.9%	1.0%	0.7%	5.1%
Larne	30811	1905	298	279	1328	6.2%	1.0%	0.9%	4.3%
Limavady	32639	2569	455	231	1883	7.9%	1.4%	0.7%	5.8%
Lisburn	108997	8331	1196	993	6142	7.6%	1.1%	0.9%	5.6%
Magherafelt	39891	2759	454	300	2005	6.9%	1.1%	0.8%	5.0%
Moyle	15961	1120	161	145	814	7.0%	1.0%	0.9%	5.1%
Newry & Mourne	87399	8770	1105	848	6817	10.0%	1.3%	1.0%	7.8%
Newtownabbey	80144	5608	747	917	3944	7.0%	0.9%	1.1%	4.9%
North Down	76578	3969	451	627	2891	5.2%	0.6%	0.8%	3.8%
Omagh	48109	5310	691	422	4197	11.0%	1.4%	0.9%	8.7%
Strabane	38273	4848	564	356	3928	12.7%	1.5%	0.9%	10.3%
Missing Postcode		3329	459	319	2551				
Northern Ireland	1689319	149636	20206	16863	112567	8.9%	1.2%	1.0%	6.7%

1. 2001 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
08 April 2002	56.25	37.65	14.90	39.30	14.90



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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 ending	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
30 November 2001	66286	48120	18166
28 February 2002	65954	47943	18011
31 May 2002	65657	47843	17814
31 August 2002	65422	47640	17782
30 November 2002	65100	47472	17628
28 February 2003	65526	47878	17648

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	2001/02 ⁴	1.04.02 to 28.02.03
Initial claims	6246	14257	12702	11365	9455	10275	10881	8384
Initial claims decided								
All decisions	6196	14131	12569	11282	9214	9739	10173	7960
First awards:								
Higher rate	3056	7143	6652	5735	5390	5828	5756	4432
Lower rate	1525	3709	2936	3133	2288	2402	2436	2053
Rejections	1615	3279	2981	2414	1536	1509	1981	1475

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 ²³	2001/02 ²⁴	1.04.02 to 28.02.03
Requests for review	1189	3963	3455	2737	1908	2357	2744	1824
Decisions								
All decisions	1157	3814	3358	2677	1847	2333	2714	1789
Review allowed	222	908	839	378	154	132	164	108
Award increased	522	1717	1676	1646	1268	1644	1651	1078
Other decisions	413	1189	843	653	425	557	899	603

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 2003¹

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	9264	3674	5571
65-69	1284	595	689
70-74	1883	806	1077
75-79	2377	969	1408
80-84	2049	812	1237
85-89	1060	347	713
90 and over	611	145	447

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 2003^{1 2}

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
All conditions	9264	6600	2645
Terminally ill	615	615	0
Arthritis	2713	1897	816
Back ailments	150	104	46
Muscles/joint/bone disease	154	102	52
Trauma to limbs	54	38	16
Blindness	164	77	87
Heart disease	958	647	311
Chest disease	394	278	116
Asthma	77	56	21
Stroke-related	449	331	118
Frailty	1242	860	382
Parkinsons disease	128	105	23
Diabetes	187	116	71
Other mental health causes	958	684	274
Malignant disease	221	163	58
Other	281	180	82
Conversion*	519	347	172

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 2.6: AA allowances current by age and sex at 28 February 2003

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	65,526	21,471	44,055
65-69	3138	1389	1749
70-74	10183	3832	6351
75-79	19675	6881	12794
80-84	17860	5645	12215
85-89	9935	2673	7262
90 and over	4735	1051	3684



Chart 2.1: AA allowances current

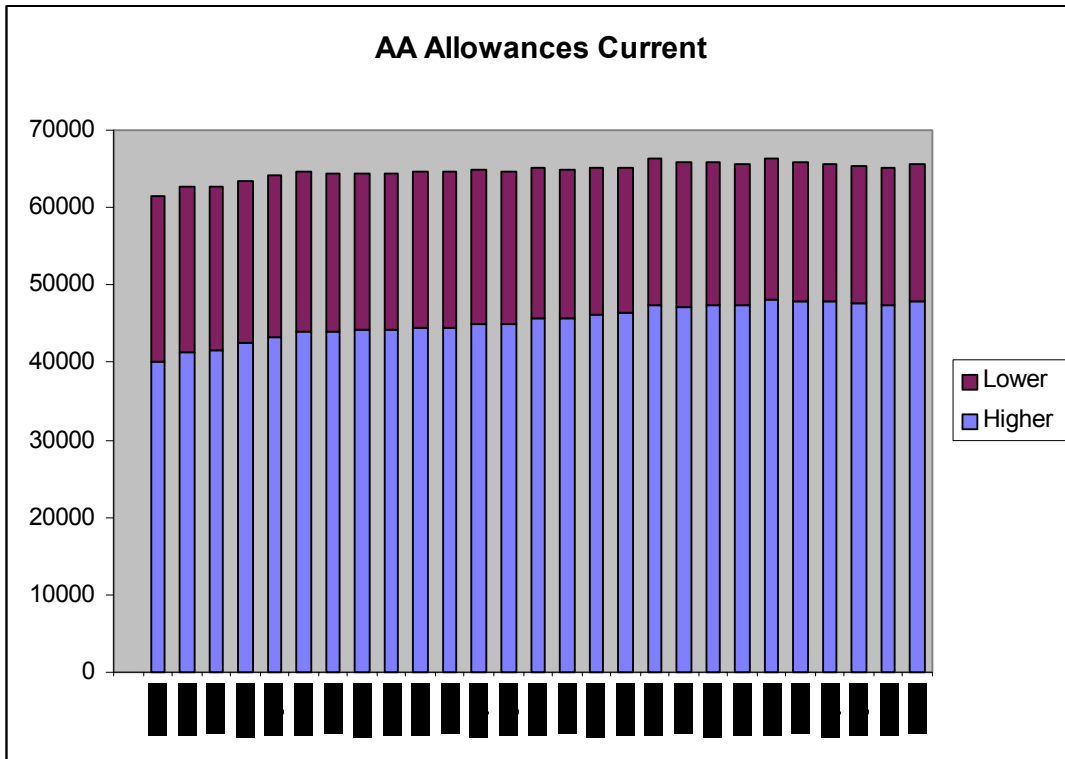


Chart 2.2: AA allowances current by age and sex

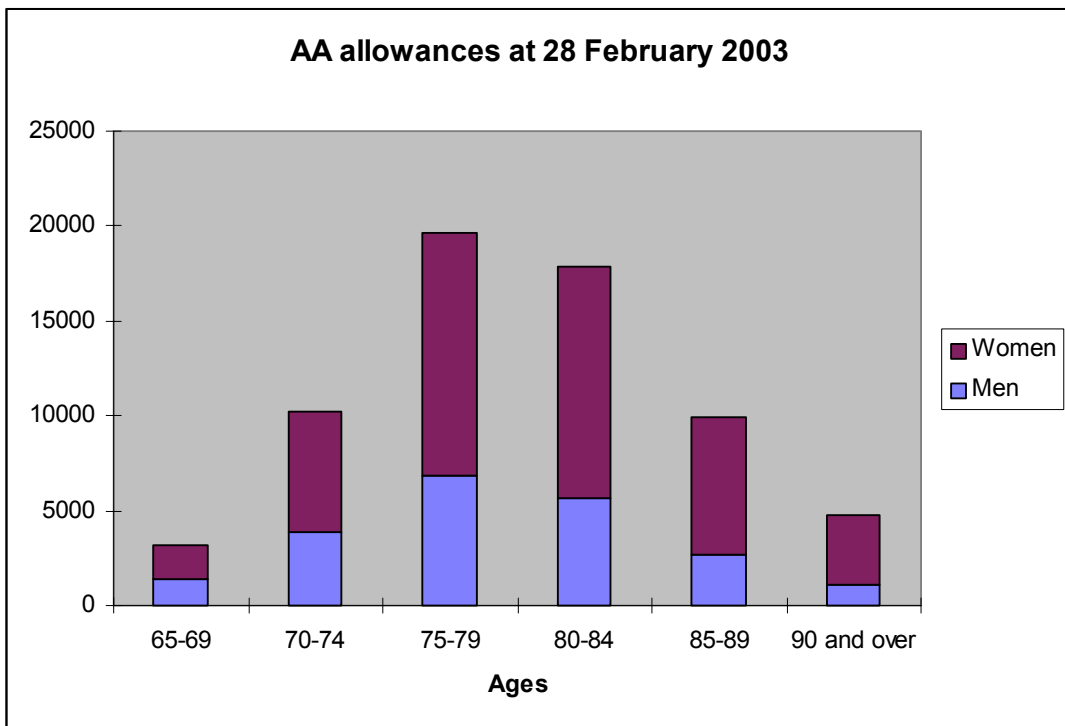


Table 2.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 28 February 2003¹

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
All conditions	65526	47878	17648
Terminally ill	711	711	0
Arthritis	18502	13482	5020
Back ailments	1168	836	332
Muscles/joint/bone disease	890	640	250
Trauma to limbs	356	254	102
Blindness	1085	529	556
Heart disease	6326	4538	1788
Chest disease	2298	1708	590
Asthma	582	451	131
Stroke-related	2359	1841	518
Peripheral vascular disease	355	249	106
Frailty	5941	4243	1698
Neurological disorder	685	485	200
Parkinsons disease	578	471	107
Diabetes	976	676	300
Other mental health causes	3044	2196	848
Malignant disease	862	689	173
Other	1132	816	316
Conversion*	17676	13064	4612

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 Council¹ at 28 February 2003

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	1230	857	373	392	296	96	838	561	277
Ards	2760	1865	895	872	599	273	1888	1266	622
Armagh	2148	1634	514	731	562	169	1417	1072	345
Ballymena	1994	1415	579	643	480	163	1351	935	416
Ballymoney	1021	736	285	360	267	93	661	469	192
Banbridge	1575	1142	433	526	400	126	1049	742	307
Belfast	12800	9109	3691	3838	2807	1031	8962	6302	2660
Carrickfergus	1222	807	415	391	282	109	831	525	306
Castlereagh	2543	1757	786	812	594	218	1731	1163	568
Coleraine	2071	1474	597	647	468	179	1424	1006	418
Cookstown	1417	1157	260	514	434	80	903	723	180
Craigavon	3011	2172	839	990	738	252	2021	1434	587
Derry	2924	2159	765	956	739	217	1968	1420	548
Down	2323	1727	596	747	563	184	1576	1164	412
Dungannon	2094	1691	403	729	593	136	1365	1098	267
Fermanagh	2557	1988	569	937	746	191	1620	1242	378
Larne	1085	739	346	359	270	89	726	469	257
Limavady	1076	849	227	375	297	78	701	552	149
Lisburn	3354	2312	1042	1045	765	280	2309	1547	762
Magherafelt	1598	1263	335	573	456	117	1025	807	218
Moyle	667	480	187	223	167	56	444	313	131
Newry & Mourne	3573	2838	735	1263	1032	231	2310	1806	504
Newtownabbey	2779	1845	934	897	605	292	1882	1240	642
North Down	3032	2160	872	964	723	241	2068	1437	631
Omagh	2015	1671	344	744	629	115	1271	1042	229
Strabane	1544	1171	373	566	432	134	978	739	239
Missing Postcode	1113	860	253	377	283	94	736	577	159
Northern Ireland	65526	47878	17648	21471	16227	5244	44055	31651	12404

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 Population¹ at 28 February 2003

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	5150	1230	857	373	23.9%	16.6%	7.2%
Ards	10342	2760	1865	895	26.7%	18.0%	8.7%
Armagh	6659	2148	1634	514	32.3%	24.5%	7.7%
Ballymena	8505	1994	1415	579	23.4%	16.6%	6.8%
Ballymoney	3647	1021	736	285	28.0%	20.2%	7.8%
Banbridge	5211	1575	1142	433	30.2%	21.9%	8.3%
Belfast	42374	12800	9109	3691	30.2%	21.5%	8.7%
Carrickfergus	5013	1222	807	415	24.4%	16.1%	8.3%
Castlereagh	10976	2543	1757	786	23.2%	16.0%	7.2%
Coleraine	8007	2071	1474	597	25.9%	18.4%	7.5%
Cookstown	3765	1417	1157	260	37.6%	30.7%	6.9%
Craigavon	10229	3011	2172	839	29.4%	21.2%	8.2%
Derry	10336	2924	2159	765	28.3%	20.9%	7.4%
Down	8153	2323	1727	596	28.5%	21.2%	7.3%
Dungannon	5988	2094	1691	403	35.0%	28.2%	6.7%
Fermanagh	7954	2557	1988	569	32.1%	25.0%	7.2%
Larne	4566	1085	739	346	23.8%	16.2%	7.6%
Limavady	3183	1076	849	227	33.8%	26.7%	7.1%
Lisburn	12941	3354	2312	1042	25.9%	17.9%	8.1%
Magherafelt	4573	1598	1263	335	34.9%	27.6%	7.3%
Moyle	2312	667	480	187	28.8%	20.8%	8.1%
Newry & Mourne	10204	3573	2838	735	35.0%	27.8%	7.2%
Newtownabbey	11349	2779	1845	934	24.5%	16.3%	8.2%
North Down	12547	3032	2160	872	24.2%	17.2%	6.9%
Omagh	5537	2015	1671	344	36.4%	30.2%	6.2%
Strabane	4445	1544	1171	373	34.7%	26.3%	8.4%
Missing Postcode		1113	860	253			
Northern Ireland	223966	65526	47878	17648	29.3%	21.4%	7.9%

1. 2001 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
08 April 2002	56.25	37.65



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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: ICA 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	33,771	10,469	23,302
November 2001	34,570	10,832	23,738
February 2002	34,893	11,006	23,887
May 2002	35,151	11,113	24,038
August 2002	35,414	11,224	24,190
November 2002	35,892	11,368	24,524
February 2003	36,637	11,701	24,936

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 ¹	6,698	5,407	1,291
December 2000 ²	8,176		
December 2001	10,231	8,727	1,504
December 2002	9,705	8,309	1,396

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 2003

	All persons	Men	Women
All Ages	36,637	11,701	24,936
Under 20	377	165	212
20-24	1198	447	751
25-29	1935	579	1,356
30-34	3824	1,008	2,816
35-39	5209	1,530	3,679
40-44	5191	1,623	3,568
45-49	4455	1450	3,005
50-54	4349	1,351	2,998
55-59	4554	1425	3,129
60-64	3283	1247	2036
65+	2262	876	1386



Chart 3.1: ICA allowances over time

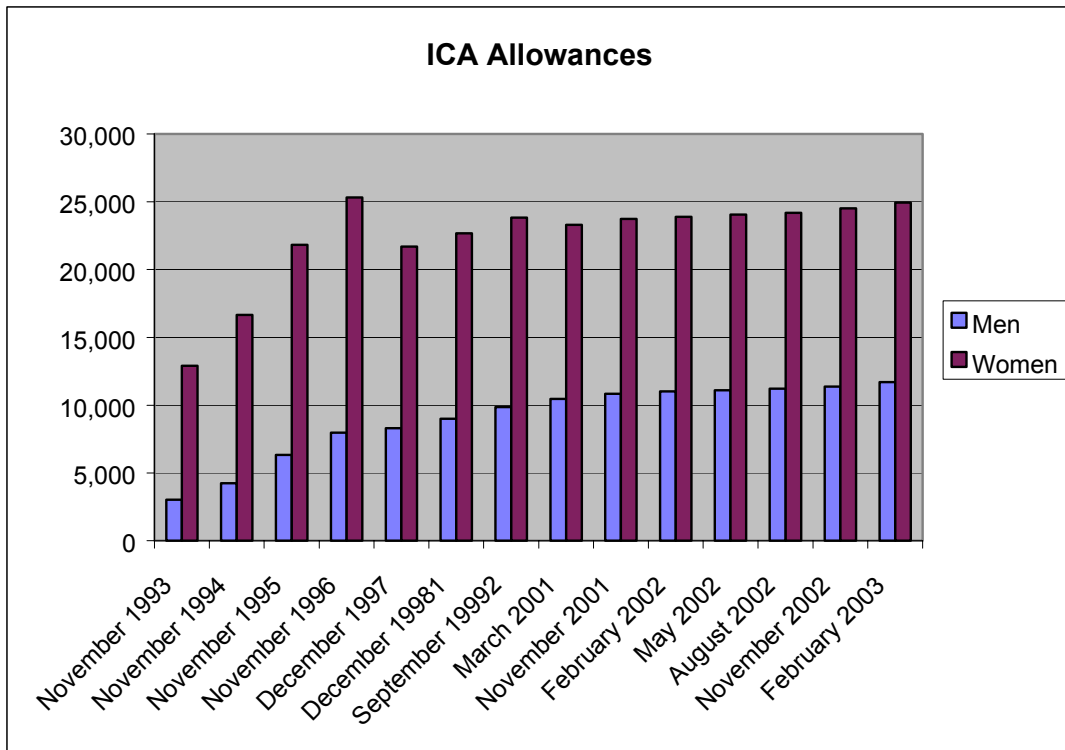


Chart 3.2: ICA allowances by age and sex

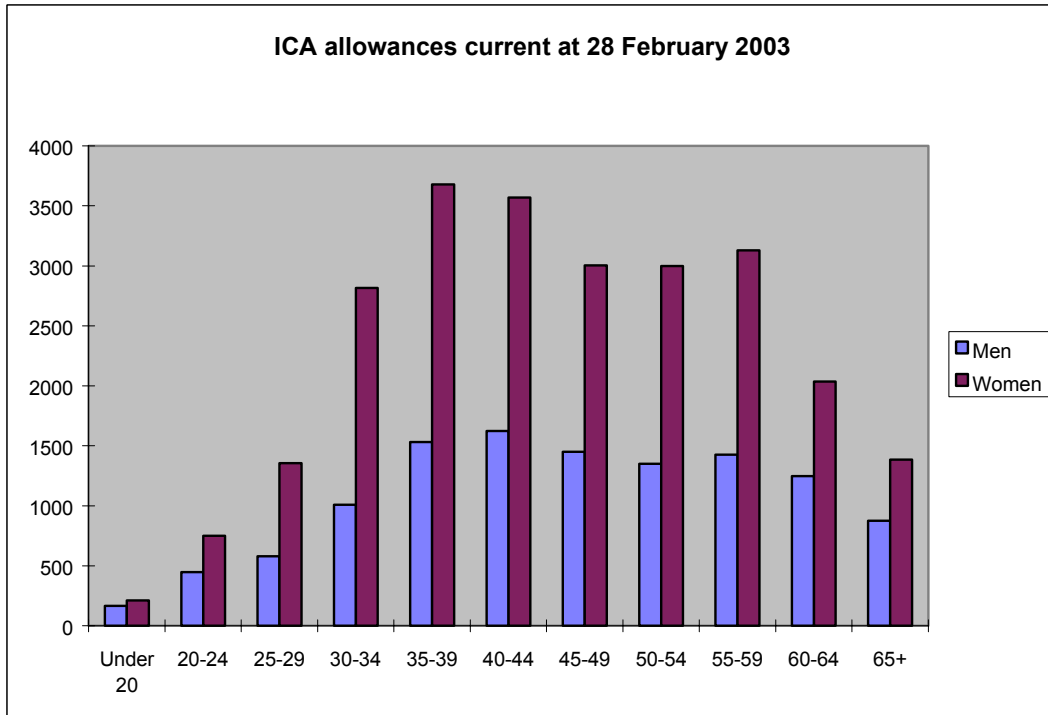


Table 3.4: Rates of Invalid Care Allowance

	£ 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
08 April 2002	42.45	25.35	9.65	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.
 - 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.



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