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



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 30.11.01 ⁴
Initial claims	17999	41751	40572	35515	35055	27908	21860	21622	26963	15468
Initial claims decided	17959	41471	40147	35148	34822	27730	21750	20587	23791	13575
First awards ¹ :										
All first awards	13305	22539	19546	15495	15282	13535	12530	11657	14628	8449
Higher rate care only	861	853	572	267	720	610	458	392	489	289
Middle rate care only	1536	2265	1455	889	1433	1280	1017	1142	1495	786
Lower rate care only	1071	3065	2874	2205	2190	2331	1530	1439	1432	769
Higher rate mobility only	2625	2687	2506	1874	1669	1101	565	602	864	551
Lower rate mobility only	791	900	277	293	446	529	527	436	491	302
Higher rate care &:-										
higher rate mobility	1073	2180	2463	1772	1768	1377	1520	1108	1268	723
lower rate mobility	470	983	873	874	587	677	1420	1121	1436	813
Middle rate care &:-										
higher rate mobility	1520	3537	4044	3138	2578	1865	1597	1484	2290	1267
lower rate mobility	1132	2344	1538	1620	777	1050	1962	2510	3347	2086
Lower rate care &:-										
higher rate mobility	1405	2589	2507	2119	2543	1808	1120	1024	1188	666
lower rate mobility	821	1136	437	444	571	607	814	399	328	197
Rejections	4654	18932	20601	19653	19540	14195	9220	8930	9163	5126

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 30.11.01 ³
Requests for review	392	15840	22270	21261	22486	22556	15215	12429	16708	9174
Decisions										
All decisions	377	15356	21170	19614	21699	21901	14820	12182	15943	9019
Review allowed	279	4319	3457	2655	2489	1781	1080	548	1991	1511
Award increased(1)	14	4113	6380	5105	4621	4347	3909	3170	4498	2681
Other decisions	84	6924	11333	11854	14589	15773	9831	8464	9621	4827

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 30 November 2001¹

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	18524	9294	9230
0-4	916	565	351
5-9	734	512	222
10-15	541	335	206
16-19	445	238	207
20-24	632	318	314
25-29	881	408	473
30-34	1202	555	647
35-39	1653	740	913
40-44	1698	795	903
45-49	1685	821	864
50-54	2084	973	1111
55-59	2537	1261	1276
60-64	2497	1295	1202
65 and over	1019	478	541

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 30 November 2001^{1 2}

	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
All conditions	18524	6263	2128	10133
Terminally ill	641	198	15	428
Arthritis	2327	1062	327	938
Back ailments	1443	429	224	790
Muscles/joint/bone disease	1757	743	245	769
Trauma to limbs	175	80	15	80
Blindness	164	58	27	79
Deafness	111	34	18	59
Heart disease	1079	387	248	444
Chest disease	413	170	71	172
Asthma	556	353	82	121
Stroke-related	325	114	19	192
Epilepsy	445	91	25	329
Neurological disorder	360	115	25	220
Multiple sclerosis	150	68	7	75
Chronic fatigue	226	72	33	121
Diabetes	369	148	31	190
Learning difficulties	500	236	62	202
Other mental health causes	5495	1163	514	3818
Alcohol abuse	607	160	13	434
Inflammatory bowels	99	32	13	54
Bowels/stomach disorder	117	67	10	40
Skin disease	159	140	4	15
Malignant disease	514	142	30	342
Other	492	201	70	221

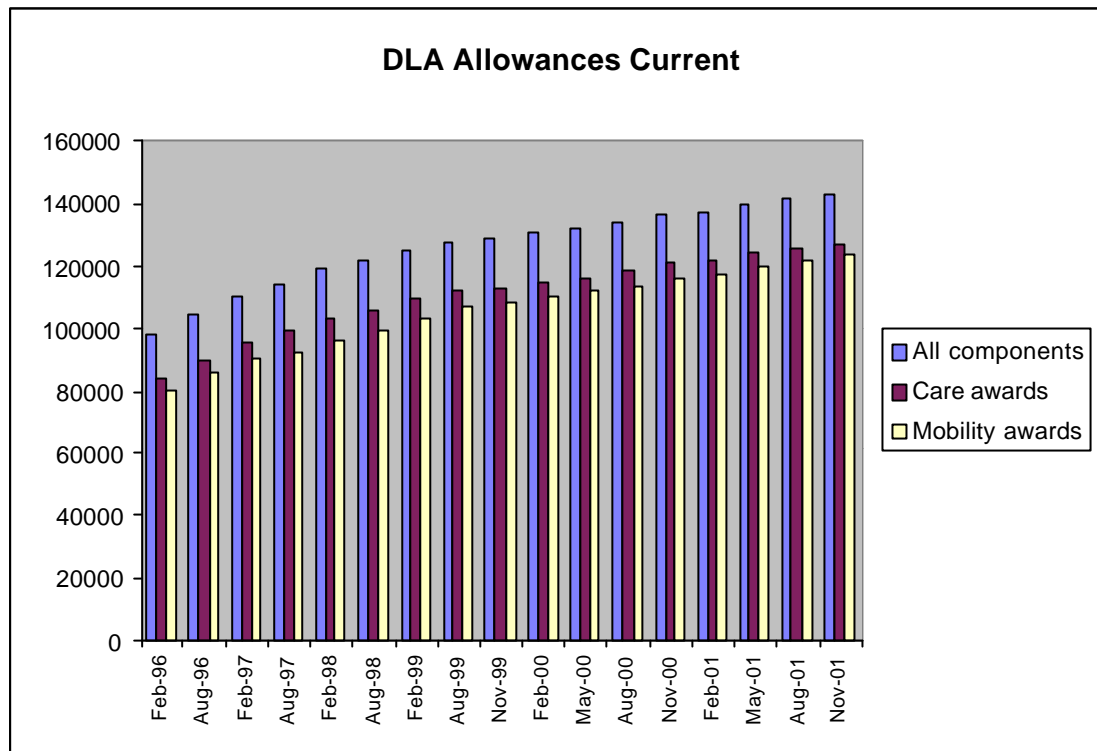
1. Figures relate to first awards made as a result of initial claims, reviews and appeals.
2. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded.



Table 1.6: DLA allowances current by age and sex at 30 November 2001

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	142984	68105	74879
0-4	2128	1313	815
5-9	4590	2984	1606
10-15	5052	3172	1880
16-19	2528	1418	1110
20-24	3613	1856	1757
25-29	4719	2366	2353
30-34	7039	3288	3751
35-39	9635	4437	5198
40-44	10791	4885	5906
45-49	11412	5336	6076
50-54	14292	6436	7856
55-59	17831	8122	9709
60-64	19380	9046	10334
65-69	18035	8212	9823
70-74	10380	4608	5772
75-79	1304	536	768
80 and over	255	90	165

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 30 November 2001

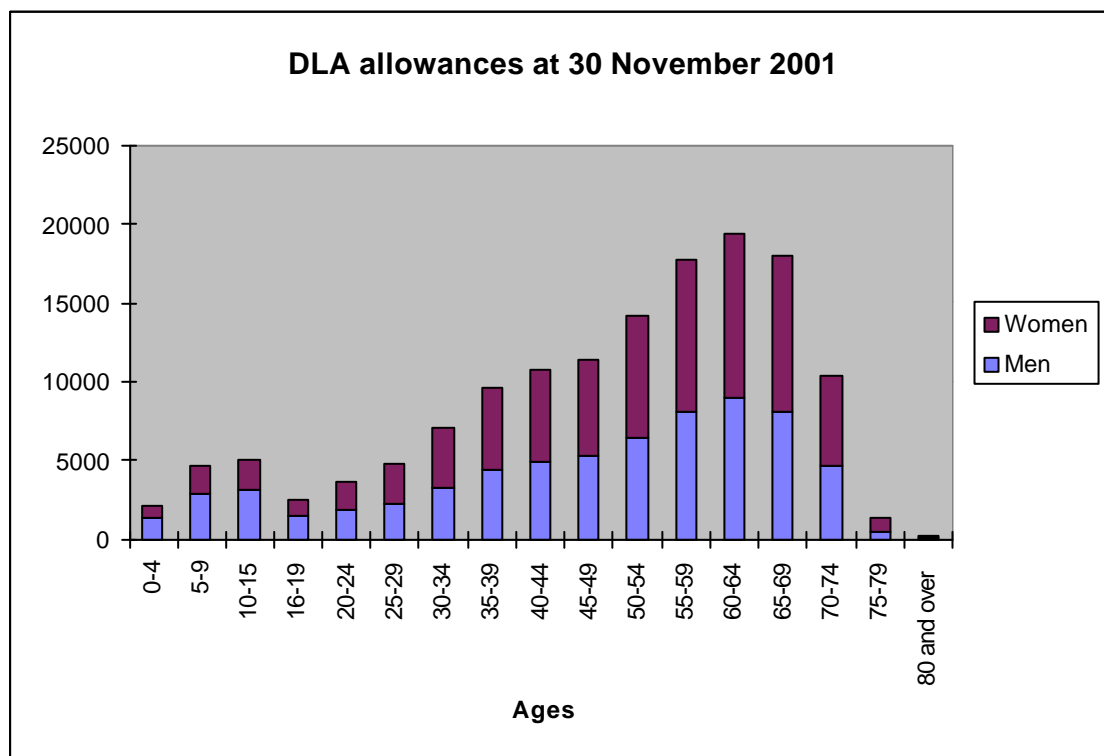


Table 1.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 30 November 2001¹

	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
All conditions	142984	19451	15754	107779
Terminally ill	1043	27	5	1011
Arthritis	27424	3657	2679	21088
Back ailments	10842	1472	1152	8218
Muscles/joint/bone disease	13429	3185	1482	8762
Blindness	2054	77	151	1826
Deafness	1674	117	122	1435
Heart disease	11428	665	2435	8328
Chest disease	4184	208	841	3135
Asthma	4610	1469	761	2380
Stroke-related	3067	249	195	2623
Peripheral vascular disease	1117	34	337	746
Epilepsy	4381	478	79	3824
Neurological disorder	2701	368	137	2196
Multiple sclerosis	1476	37	79	1360
Chronic fatigue	1265	230	92	943
Diabetes	2169	506	95	1568
Learning difficulties	7945	633	644	6668
Other mental health causes	26832	3034	2179	21619
Alcohol abuse	1985	435	47	1503
Skin disease	1024	721	33	270
Malignant disease	1963	360	75	1528
Conversion*	5745	284	1829	3632
Other	4626	1205	305	3116

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 30 November 2001¹

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	1647	217	263	1167	1740	221	276	1243
Ards	2135	280	334	1521	2334	316	288	1730
Armagh	1992	272	257	1463	2220	275	261	1684
Ballymena	1480	203	251	1026	1545	209	211	1125
Ballymoney	889	121	125	643	945	126	101	718
Banbridge	1471	180	227	1064	1510	169	184	1157
Belfast	14717	2217	1450	11050	16642	2156	1576	12910
Carrickfergus	1065	161	146	758	1229	183	169	877
Castlereagh	1947	262	276	1409	2239	284	290	1665
Coleraine	1417	238	176	1003	1547	261	187	1099
Cookstown	1638	226	157	1255	1713	227	145	1341
Craigavon	3590	480	373	2737	4120	522	425	3173
Derry	5399	802	560	4037	5944	784	547	4613
Down	2479	314	317	1848	2578	296	301	1981
Dungannon	2358	294	222	1842	2404	287	191	1926
Fermanagh	1851	301	221	1329	1814	259	168	1387
Larne	913	146	135	632	895	129	123	643
Limavady	1158	195	104	859	1276	229	92	955
Lisburn	3729	615	454	2660	4228	563	499	3166
Magherafelt	1214	217	116	881	1340	201	136	1003
Moyle	515	72	70	373	546	83	67	396
Newry & Mourne	4089	532	412	3145	4208	507	368	3333
Newtownabbey	2514	332	449	1733	2901	389	399	2113
North Down	1721	200	262	1259	1997	230	284	1483
Omagh	2452	334	201	1917	2528	285	170	2073
Strabane	2176	279	168	1729	2503	296	169	2038
Missing Postcode	1549	226	186	1137	1933	248	215	1470
Northern Ireland	68105	9716	7912	50477	74879	9735	7842	57302

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 30 November 2001¹

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	3387	438	539	2410	6.6%	0.9%	1.1%	4.7%
Ards	72330	4469	596	622	3251	6.2%	0.8%	0.9%	4.5%
Armagh	54658	4212	547	518	3147	7.7%	1.0%	0.9%	5.8%
Ballymena	59620	3025	412	462	2151	5.1%	0.7%	0.8%	3.6%
Ballymoney	26220	1834	247	226	1361	7.0%	0.9%	0.9%	5.2%
Banbridge	40532	2981	349	411	2221	7.4%	0.9%	1.0%	5.5%
Belfast	282544	31359	4373	3026	23960	11.1%	1.5%	1.1%	8.5%
Carrickfergus	38468	2294	344	315	1635	6.0%	0.9%	0.8%	4.3%
Castlereagh	67001	4186	546	566	3074	6.2%	0.8%	0.8%	4.6%
Coleraine	55875	2964	499	363	2102	5.3%	0.9%	0.6%	3.8%
Cookstown	31567	3351	453	302	2596	10.6%	1.4%	1.0%	8.2%
Craigavon	80465	7710	1002	798	5910	9.6%	1.2%	1.0%	7.3%
Derry	106931	11343	1586	1107	8650	10.6%	1.5%	1.0%	8.1%
Down	63995	5057	610	618	3829	7.9%	1.0%	1.0%	6.0%
Dungannon	48468	4762	581	413	3768	9.8%	1.2%	0.9%	7.8%
Fermanagh	57623	3665	560	389	2716	6.4%	1.0%	0.7%	4.7%
Larne	30989	1808	275	258	1275	5.8%	0.9%	0.8%	4.1%
Limavady	31855	2434	424	196	1814	7.6%	1.3%	0.6%	5.7%
Lisburn	111685	7957	1178	953	5826	7.1%	1.1%	0.9%	5.2%
Magherafelt	39271	2554	418	252	1884	6.5%	1.1%	0.6%	4.8%
Moyle	15402	1061	155	137	769	6.9%	1.0%	0.9%	5.0%
Newry & Mourne	87786	8297	1039	780	6478	9.5%	1.2%	0.9%	7.4%
Newtownabbey	81793	5415	721	848	3846	6.6%	0.9%	1.0%	4.7%
North Down	75802	3718	430	546	2742	4.9%	0.6%	0.7%	3.6%
Omagh	47819	4980	619	371	3990	10.4%	1.3%	0.8%	8.3%
Strabane	37827	4679	575	337	3767	12.4%	1.5%	0.9%	10.0%
Missing Postcode		3482	474	401	2607				
Northern Ireland	1697775	142984	19451	15754	107779	8.4%	1.1%	0.9%	6.3%

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
30 November 2001	66286	48120	18166

Table 2.2: Decisions on initial claims¹

Year	1.10.95 to				1.4.01 to		
	31.3.96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 ²	2000/01 ³	30.11.01 ⁴
Initial claims	6246	14257	12702	11365	9455	10275	6614
Initial claims decided							
All decisions	6196	14131	12569	11282	9214	9739	6185
First awards:							
Higher rate	3056	7143	6652	5735	5390	5828	3501
Lower rate	1525	3709	2936	3133	2288	2402	1465
Rejections	1615	3279	2981	2414	1536	1509	1219

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 30.11.01 ^{2d}
Requests for review	1189	3963	3455	2737	1908	2357	1534
Decisions							
All decisions	1157	3814	3358	2677	1847	2333	1511
Review allowed	222	908	839	378	154	132	80
Award increased	522	1717	1676	1646	1268	1644	915
Other decisions	413	1189	843	653	425	557	516

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 30 November 2001¹

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	9526	3791	5735
65-69	1427	638	789
70-74	2216	911	1305
75-79	2551	1049	1502
80-84	1954	769	1185
85-89	1000	340	660
90 and over	378	84	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 30 November 2001¹²

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
All conditions	9526	7087	2439
Terminally ill	598	598	0
Arthritis	2872	2089	783
Back ailments	160	111	49
Muscles/joint/bone disease	113	85	28
Trauma to limbs	70	46	24
Blindness	179	88	91
Heart disease	1157	803	354
Chest disease	459	349	110
Asthma	86	66	20
Stroke-related	519	414	105
Frailty	1421	1062	359
Parkinsons disease	122	90	32
Diabetes	237	158	79
Other mental health causes	926	657	269
Malignant disease	238	185	53
Other	314	235	79
Conversion*	55	51	4

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 30 November 2001

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	66,286	21,409	44,877
65-69	3253	1349	1904
70-74	11478	4214	7264
75-79	20244	7009	13235
80-84	16799	5245	11554
85-89	10102	2634	7468
90 and over	4410	958	3452

Table 2.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 30 November 2001¹

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
All conditions	66286	48120	18166
Terminally ill	655	655	0
Arthritis	16945	12254	4691
Back ailments	1085	773	312
Muscles/joint/bone disease	801	575	226
Blindness	1064	507	557
Heart disease	5991	4287	1704
Chest disease	2257	1676	581
Asthma	575	445	130
Stroke-related	2243	1762	481
Peripheral vascular disease	360	255	105
Frailty	5454	3909	1545
Neurological disorder	740	519	221
Parkinsons disease	540	430	110
Diabetes	887	626	261
Other mental health causes	2887	2065	822
Malignant disease	780	614	166
Other	1428	1017	411
Conversion*	21594	15751	5843

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 30 November 2001¹

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	1205	851	354	373	287	86	832	564	268
Ards	2752	1861	891	869	596	273	1883	1265	618
Armagh	2148	1640	508	724	566	158	1424	1074	350
Ballymena	1966	1374	592	610	453	157	1356	921	435
Ballymoney	987	690	297	340	246	94	647	444	203
Banbridge	1586	1142	444	504	378	126	1082	764	318
Belfast	13218	9295	3923	3928	2858	1070	9290	6437	2853
Carrickfergus	1188	779	409	355	261	94	833	518	315
Castlereagh	2547	1758	789	810	587	223	1737	1171	566
Coleraine	2034	1434	600	638	469	169	1396	965	431
Cookstown	1422	1145	277	516	432	84	906	713	193
Craigavon	3061	2189	872	986	742	244	2075	1447	628
Derry	3017	2204	813	979	733	246	2038	1471	567
Down	2322	1712	610	738	551	187	1584	1161	423
Dungannon	2168	1765	403	752	617	135	1416	1148	268
Fermanagh	2537	1953	584	916	719	197	1621	1234	387
Larne	1066	715	351	352	263	89	714	452	262
Limavady	1086	862	224	374	297	77	712	565	147
Lisburn	3351	2283	1068	1028	749	279	2323	1534	789
Magherafelt	1662	1306	356	605	478	127	1057	828	229
Moyle	661	485	176	214	166	48	447	319	128
Newry & Mourne	3697	2943	754	1284	1042	242	2413	1901	512
Newtownabbey	2717	1760	957	870	580	290	1847	1180	667
North Down	3008	2112	896	914	678	236	2094	1434	660
Omagh	2051	1692	359	759	645	114	1292	1047	245
Strabane	1585	1210	375	571	435	136	1014	775	239
Missing Postcode	1244	960	284	400	316	84	844	644	200
Northern Ireland	66286	48120	18166	21409	16144	5265	44877	31976	12901

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 30 November 2001¹

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	1205	851	354	23.6%	16.7%	6.9%
Ards	9621	2752	1861	891	28.6%	19.3%	9.3%
Armagh	6839	2148	1640	508	31.4%	24.0%	7.4%
Ballymena	7832	1966	1374	592	25.1%	17.5%	7.6%
Ballymoney	3343	987	690	297	29.5%	20.6%	8.9%
Banbridge	4755	1586	1142	444	33.4%	24.0%	9.3%
Belfast	44313	13218	9295	3923	29.8%	21.0%	8.9%
Carrickfergus	4956	1188	779	409	24.0%	15.7%	8.3%
Castlereagh	10992	2547	1758	789	23.2%	16.0%	7.2%
Coleraine	7924	2034	1434	600	25.7%	18.1%	7.6%
Cookstown	4097	1422	1145	277	34.7%	27.9%	6.8%
Craigavon	9682	3061	2189	872	31.6%	22.6%	9.0%
Derry	9756	3017	2204	813	30.9%	22.6%	8.3%
Down	7852	2322	1712	610	29.6%	21.8%	7.8%
Dungannon	5402	2168	1765	403	40.1%	32.7%	7.5%
Fermanagh	7781	2537	1953	584	32.6%	25.1%	7.5%
Larne	4602	1066	715	351	23.2%	15.5%	7.6%
Limavady	3195	1086	862	224	34.0%	27.0%	7.0%
Lisburn	13312	3351	2283	1068	25.2%	17.1%	8.0%
Magherafelt	4311	1662	1306	356	38.6%	30.3%	8.3%
Moyle	2269	661	485	176	29.1%	21.4%	7.8%
Newry & Mourne	9564	3697	2943	754	38.7%	30.8%	7.9%
Newtownabbey	10874	2717	1760	957	25.0%	16.2%	8.8%
North Down	13058	3008	2112	896	23.0%	16.2%	6.9%
Omagh	5312	2051	1692	359	38.6%	31.9%	6.8%
Strabane	4329	1585	1210	375	36.6%	28.0%	8.7%
Missing Postcode		1244	960	284			
Northern Ireland	221077	66286	48120	18166	30.0%	21.8%	8.2%

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

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: Allowances current by age and sex at 30 November 2001

	All persons	Men	Women
All Ages	34,570	10,832	23,738
Under 20	295	136	159
20-24	1130	406	724
25-29	2018	610	1,408
30-34	3817	1,007	2,810
35-39	5080	1,497	3,583
40-44	4977	1,473	3,504
45-49	4263	1374	2,889
50-54	4265	1,276	2,989
55-59	4285	1354	2,931
60-64	2900	1111	1789
65+	1540	588	952



Chart 3.1: ICA allowances over time

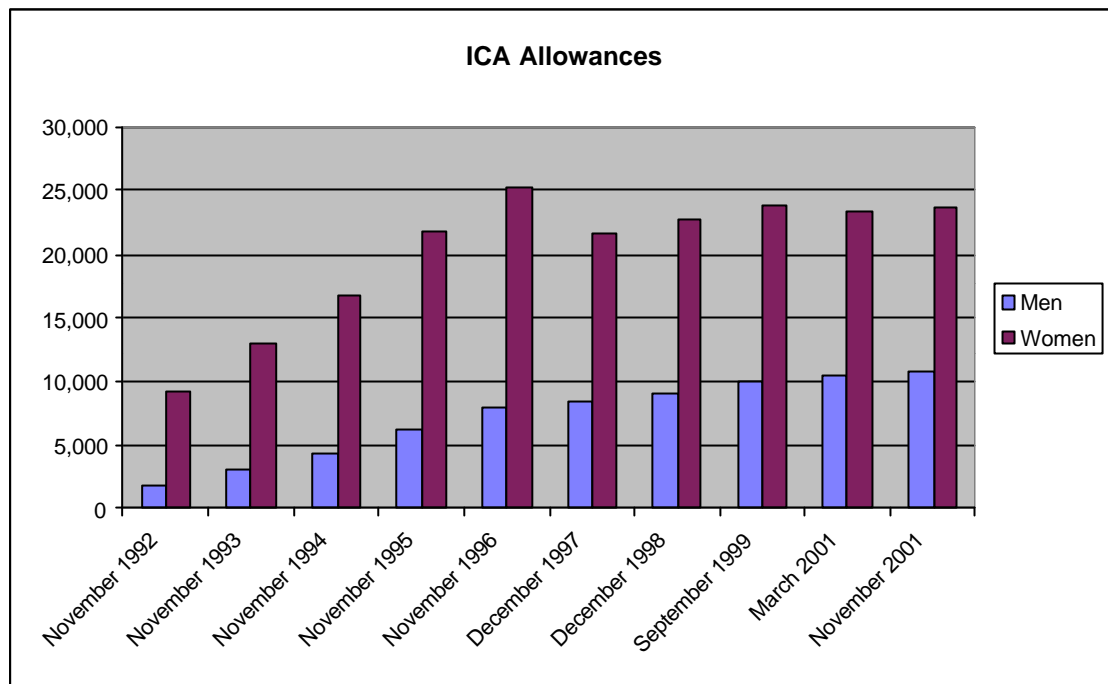


Chart 3.2: ICA allowances by age and sex at 30 November 2001

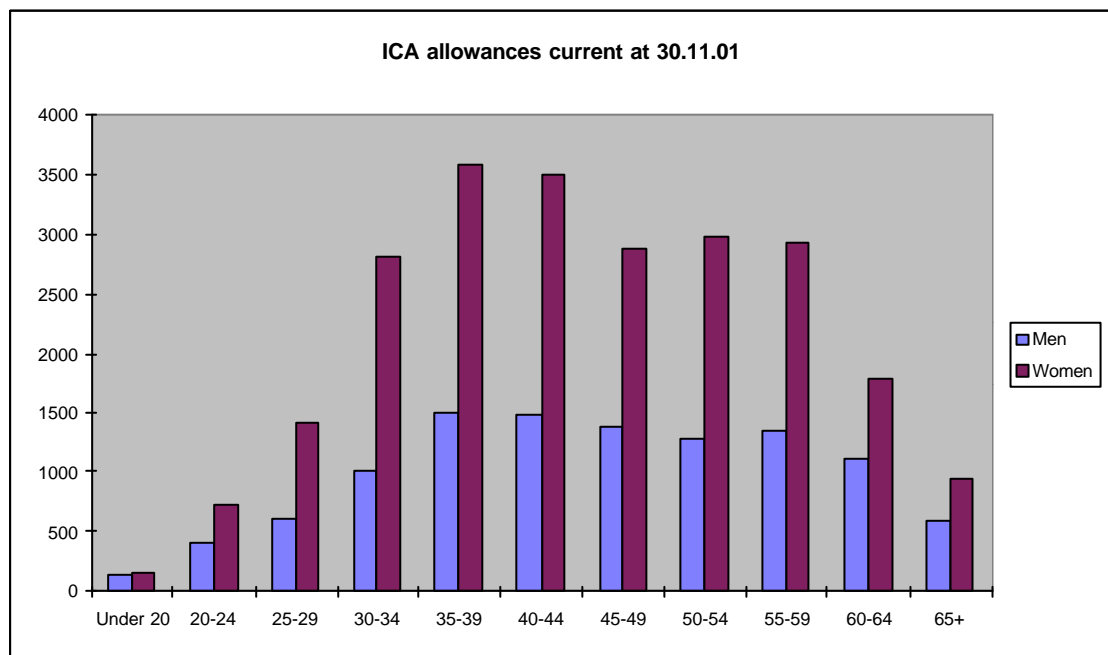


Table 3.3: Rates of Invalid Care Allowance

	£ 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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 - H. Terminally ill beneficiaries.
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