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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

	August 1999	November 1999	February 2000	May 2000	August 2000	November 2000	February 2001
All components	127745	128677	130536	132062	133965	136450	137505
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

1.1 continued

	May 2001	August 2001	November 2001	February 2002	May 2002	August 2002	November 2002
All components	139812	141451	142984	144460	145741	146979	148025
Higher rate care only	2136	2094	2046	2031	2017	2027	2022
Middle rate care only	7411	7362	7312	7355	7391	7588	7724
Lower rate care only	10218	10226	10093	10119	10122	10166	10165
Higher rate mobility only	12209	12110	12113	12159	12442	12530	12587
Lower rate mobility only	3478	3613	3641	3699	4116	4156	4177
Higher rate care and higher rate mobility	23444	23756	24184	24422	24499	24674	24879
Higher rate care and lower rate mobility	11110	11260	11500	11599	11573	11622	11731
Middle rate care and higher rate mobility	28540	29005	29442	29792	30020	30417	30646
Middle rate care and lower rate mobility	21558	22361	23055	23658	23858	24121	24368
Lower rate care and higher rate mobility	16038	16035	16018	16009	16108	16166	16357
Lower rate care and lower rate mobility	3670	3629	3580	3617	3595	3512	3369



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 30.11.02
Initial claims	35515	35055	27908	21860	21622	26963	25186	15520
Initial claims decided	35148	34822	27730	21750	20587	23791	22115	13761
First awards ¹ :								
All first awards	15495	15282	13535	12530	11657	14628	13703	8535
Higher rate care only	267	720	610	458	392	489	463	292
Middle rate care only	889	1433	1280	1017	1142	1495	1311	976
Lower rate care only	2205	2190	2331	1530	1439	1432	1251	746
Higher rate mobility only	1874	1669	1101	565	602	864	902	562
Lower rate mobility only	293	446	529	527	436	491	500	309
Higher rate care &:- higher rate mobility	1772	1768	1377	1520	1108	1268	1208	813
lower rate mobility	874	587	677	1420	1121	1436	1292	873
Middle rate care &:- higher rate mobility	3138	2578	1865	1597	1484	2290	2032	1263
lower rate mobility	1620	777	1050	1962	2510	3347	3320	1850
Lower rate care &:- higher rate mobility	2119	2543	1808	1120	1024	1188	1104	715
lower rate mobility	444	571	607	814	399	328	320	136
Rejections	19653	19540	14195	9220	8930	9163	8412	5226

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 30.11.02 ³
Requests for review	21261	22486	22556	15215	12429	16708	14597	8653
Decisions								
All decisions	19614	21699	21901	14820	12182	16352	14384	8600
Review allowed	2655	2489	1781	1080	548	1991	2346	1356
Award increased(1)	5105	4621	4347	3909	3170	4498	4321	2703
Other decisions	11854	14589	15773	9831	8464	9863	7717	4541

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 2002¹

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	17502	8695	8807
0-4	852	546	306
5-9	726	482	244
10-15	591	352	239
16-19	392	194	198
20-24	666	327	339
25-29	774	368	406
30-34	1181	543	638
35-39	1455	675	780
40-44	1617	743	874
45-49	1606	738	868
50-54	1937	893	1044
55-59	2455	1150	1305
60-64	2268	1197	1071
65 and over	982	487	495

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 2002^{1 2}

	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
All conditions	17502	6121	2137	9244
Terminally ill	710	249	12	449
Arthritis	2177	927	351	899
Back ailments	1204	361	198	645
Muscles/joint/bone disease	1661	720	225	716
Trauma to limbs	117	50	22	45
Blindness	176	65	26	85
Deafness	142	54	23	65
Heart disease	991	351	243	397
Chest disease	362	129	78	155
Asthma	487	324	76	87
Stroke-related	315	122	35	158
Epilepsy	428	87	24	317
Neurological disorder	336	108	28	200
Multiple sclerosis	162	62	8	92
Chronic fatigue	230	74	29	127
Diabetes	357	159	29	169
Learning difficulties	549	277	59	213
Other mental health causes	5159	1180	533	3446
Alcohol abuse	558	207	22	329
Renal disorders	90	40	7	43
Inflammatory bowels	95	34	14	47
Bowels/stomach disorder	106	63	11	32
Skin disease	182	144	9	29
Malignant disease	528	191	28	309
Other	380	143	47	190

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

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



Table 1.6: DLA allowances current by age and sex at 30 November 2002

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	148025	70436	77589
0-4	1978	1219	759
5-9	4495	2946	1549
10-15	5198	3260	1938
16-19	2612	1469	1143
20-24	3777	1957	1820
25-29	4643	2350	2293
30-34	6969	3305	3664
35-39	9759	4518	5241
40-44	11251	5075	6176
45-49	12024	5577	6447
50-54	14105	6366	7739
55-59	18349	8318	10031
60-64	19907	9306	10601
65-69	18578	8520	10058
70-74	12064	5315	6749
75-79	1981	803	1178
80 and over	335	132	203



Chart 1.1: DLA allowances current

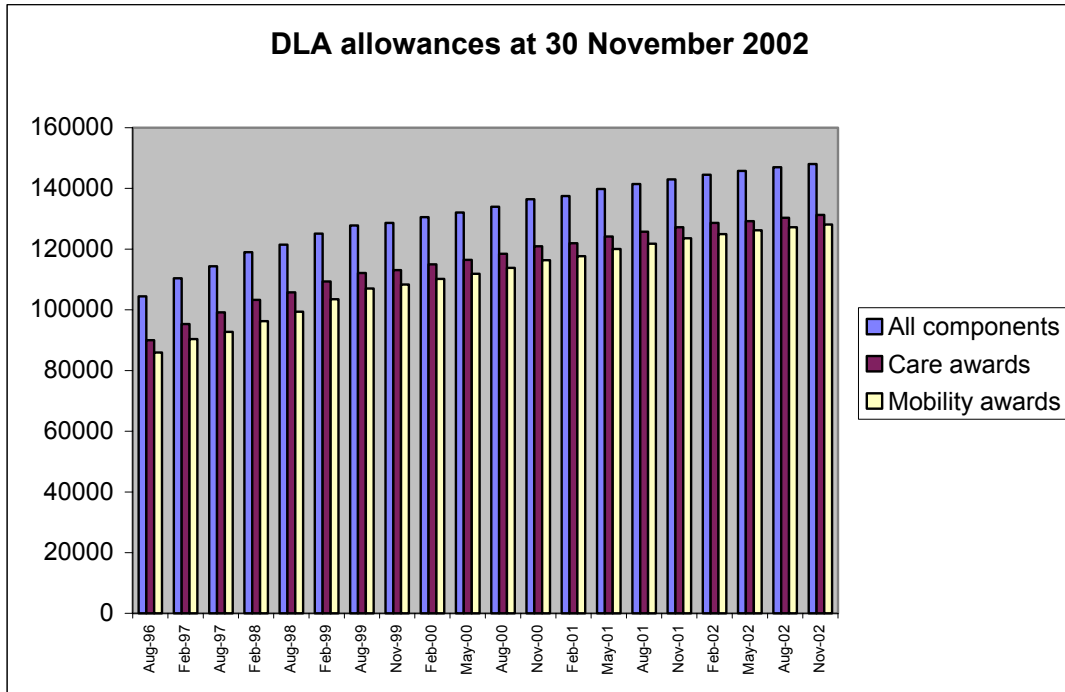


Chart 1.2: DLA allowances current by age and sex

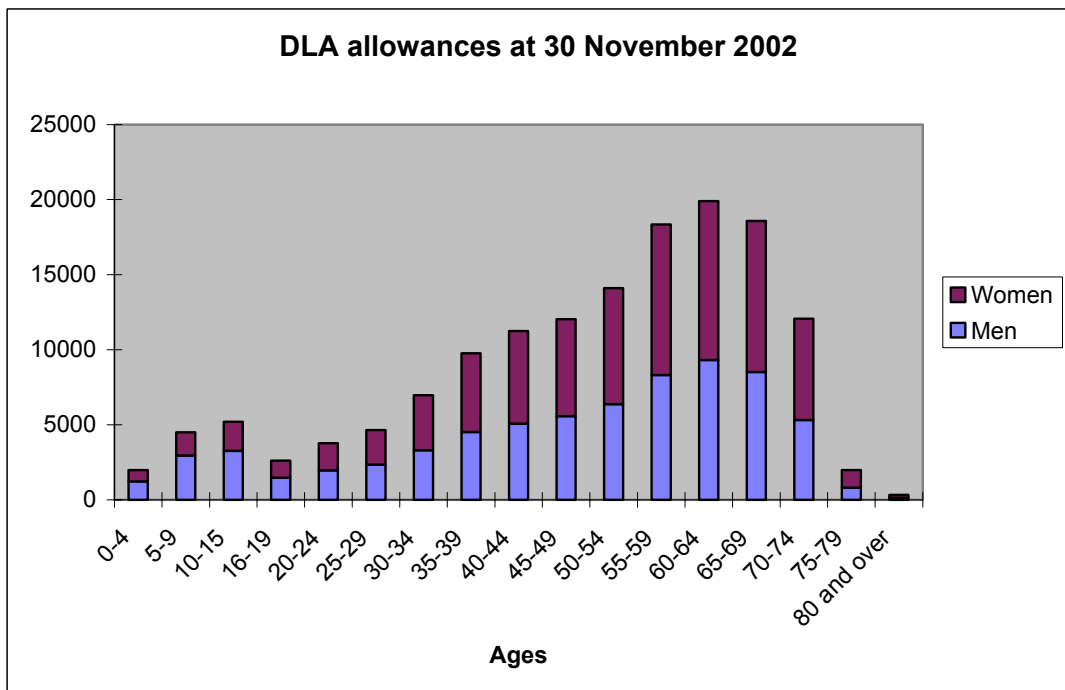


Table 1.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 30 November 2002¹

	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
All conditions	148025	19911	16764	111350
Terminally ill	1184	28	7	1149
Arthritis	28146	3672	2797	21677
Back ailments	11153	1481	1215	8457
Muscles/joint/bone disease	13873	3309	1537	9027
Blindness	2089	77	153	1859
Deafness	1741	133	124	1484
Heart disease	11589	689	2438	8462
Chest disease	4185	218	839	3128
Asthma	4371	1248	778	2345
Stroke-related	3150	255	210	2685
Peripheral vascular disease	1093	25	328	740
Epilepsy	4469	442	102	3925
Neurological disorder	2788	354	140	2294
Multiple sclerosis	1566	38	84	1444
Chronic fatigue	1376	255	96	1025
Diabetes	2289	539	104	1646
Learning difficulties	8169	620	1084	6465
Other mental health causes	29258	3402	2421	23435
Alcohol abuse	2313	535	67	1711
Skin disease	1021	693	36	292
Malignant disease	2030	398	81	1551
Conversion*	5357	264	1784	3309
Other	4815	1236	339	3240

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 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	1675	217	271	1187	1813	232	294	1287
Ards	2221	282	332	1607	2469	310	308	1851
Armagh	2102	273	306	1523	2292	270	277	1745
Ballymena	1561	213	269	1079	1660	231	235	1194
Ballymoney	935	137	133	665	1023	145	104	774
Banbridge	1555	170	226	1159	1612	184	182	1246
Belfast	15048	2216	1509	11323	17067	2195	1627	13245
Carrickfergus	1127	159	176	792	1321	191	198	932
Castlereagh	1995	265	283	1447	2334	291	312	1731
Coleraine	1521	243	196	1082	1641	261	220	1160
Cookstown	1688	230	152	1306	1793	246	161	1386
Craigavon	3668	488	394	2786	4215	533	448	3234
Derry	5558	842	606	4110	6146	822	594	4730
Down	2644	326	344	1974	2685	307	333	2045
Dungannon	2418	291	238	1889	2497	296	229	1972
Fermanagh	1965	313	241	1411	1950	268	194	1488
Larne	950	159	138	653	928	139	138	651
Limavady	1218	218	109	891	1354	242	116	996
Lisburn	3897	628	473	2796	4373	579	517	3277
Magherafelt	1264	226	140	898	1467	238	154	1075
Moyle	538	71	73	394	574	88	76	410
Newry & Mourne	4255	547	436	3272	4357	519	410	3428
Newtownabbey	2606	353	482	1771	2954	380	421	2153
North Down	1798	209	294	1295	2109	232	327	1550
Omagh	2568	346	230	1992	2668	309	185	2174
Strabane	2258	279	182	1797	2558	293	166	2099
Missing Postcode	1403	194	138	1071	1729	215	167	1347
Northern Ireland	70436	9895	8371	52170	77589	10016	8393	59180

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 2002

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	3488	449	565	2474	7.2%	0.9%	1.2%	5.1%
Ards	73435	4690	592	640	3458	6.4%	0.8%	0.9%	4.7%
Armagh	54462	4394	543	583	3268	8.1%	1.0%	1.1%	6.0%
Ballymena	58801	3221	444	504	2273	5.5%	0.8%	0.9%	3.9%
Ballymoney	27007	1958	282	237	1439	7.2%	1.0%	0.9%	5.3%
Banbridge	41549	3167	354	408	2405	7.6%	0.9%	1.0%	5.8%
Belfast	277170	32115	4411	3136	24568	11.6%	1.6%	1.1%	8.9%
Carrickfergus	37730	2448	350	374	1724	6.5%	0.9%	1.0%	4.6%
Castlereagh	66533	4329	556	595	3178	6.5%	0.8%	0.9%	4.8%
Coleraine	56408	3162	504	416	2242	5.6%	0.9%	0.7%	4.0%
Cookstown	32712	3481	476	313	2692	10.6%	1.5%	1.0%	8.2%
Craigavon	80931	7883	1021	842	6020	9.7%	1.3%	1.0%	7.4%
Derry	105335	11704	1664	1200	8840	11.1%	1.6%	1.1%	8.4%
Down	64147	5329	633	677	4019	8.3%	1.0%	1.1%	6.3%
Dungannon	47849	4915	587	467	3861	10.3%	1.2%	1.0%	8.1%
Fermanagh	57687	3915	581	435	2899	6.8%	1.0%	0.8%	5.0%
Larne	30811	1878	298	276	1304	6.1%	1.0%	0.9%	4.2%
Limavady	32639	2572	460	225	1887	7.9%	1.4%	0.7%	5.8%
Lisburn	108997	8270	1207	990	6073	7.6%	1.1%	0.9%	5.6%
Magherafelt	39891	2731	464	294	1973	6.8%	1.2%	0.7%	4.9%
Moyle	15961	1112	159	149	804	7.0%	1.0%	0.9%	5.0%
Newry & Mourne	87399	8612	1066	846	6700	9.9%	1.2%	1.0%	7.7%
Newtownabbey	80144	5560	733	903	3924	6.9%	0.9%	1.1%	4.9%
North Down	76578	3907	441	621	2845	5.1%	0.6%	0.8%	3.7%
Omagh	48109	5236	655	415	4166	10.9%	1.4%	0.9%	8.7%
Strabane	38273	4816	572	348	3896	12.6%	1.5%	0.9%	10.2%
Missing Postcode		3132	409	305	2418				
Northern Ireland	1689319	148025	19911	16764	111350	8.8%	1.2%	1.0%	6.6%

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	All awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
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

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 30.11.02
Initial claims	6246	14257	12702	11365	9455	10275	10881	5600
Initial claims decided								
All decisions	6196	14131	12569	11282	9214	9739	10173	5276
First awards:								
Higher rate	3056	7143	6652	5735	5390	5828	5756	2949
Lower rate	1525	3709	2936	3133	2288	2402	2436	1345
Rejections	1615	3279	2981	2414	1536	1509	1981	982

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 30.11.02
Requests for review	1189	3963	3455	2737	1908	2357	2744	1228
Decisions								
All decisions	1157	3814	3358	2677	1847	2333	2714	1213
Review allowed	222	908	839	378	154	132	164	76
Award increased	522	1717	1676	1646	1268	1644	1651	704
Other decisions	413	1189	843	653	425	557	899	433

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 2002¹

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	8766	3445	5302
65-69	1246	593	653
70-74	1770	738	1032
75-79	2260	917	1343
80-84	1919	740	1179
85-89	1008	326	682
90 and over	563	131	413

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 2002^{1 2}

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
All conditions	8766	6274	2473
Terminally ill	593	593	0
Arthritis	2555	1791	764
Back ailments	147	96	51
Muscles/joint/bone disease	136	95	41
Trauma to limbs	58	39	19
Blindness	148	74	74
Heart disease	944	648	296
Chest disease	350	249	101
Asthma	81	58	23
Stroke-related	445	327	118
Frailty	1079	736	343
Parkinsons disease	113	98	15
Diabetes	185	118	67
Other mental health causes	924	656	268
Malignant disease	216	168	48
Other	269	177	73
Conversion*	523	351	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 30 November 2002

	Total	Men	Women
All ages	65,100	21,201	43,899
65-69	3131	1382	1749
70-74	10271	3807	6464
75-79	19671	6866	12805
80-84	17490	5498	11992
85-89	9924	2634	7290
90 and over	4613	1014	3599



Chart 2.1: AA allowances current

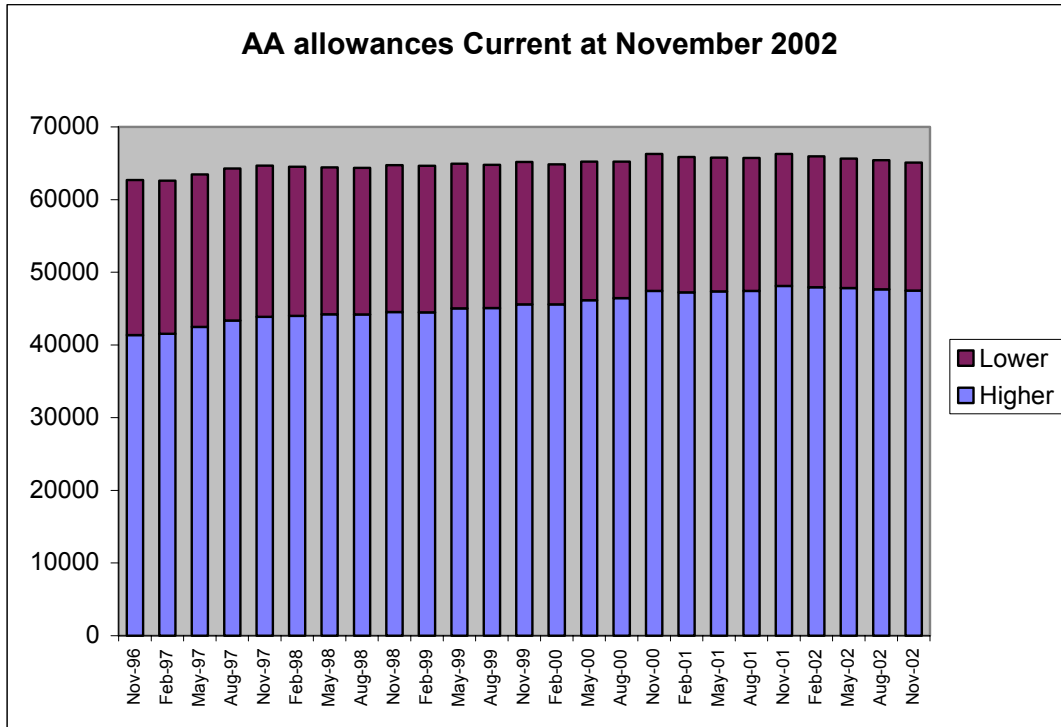


Chart 2.2: AA allowances current by age and sex

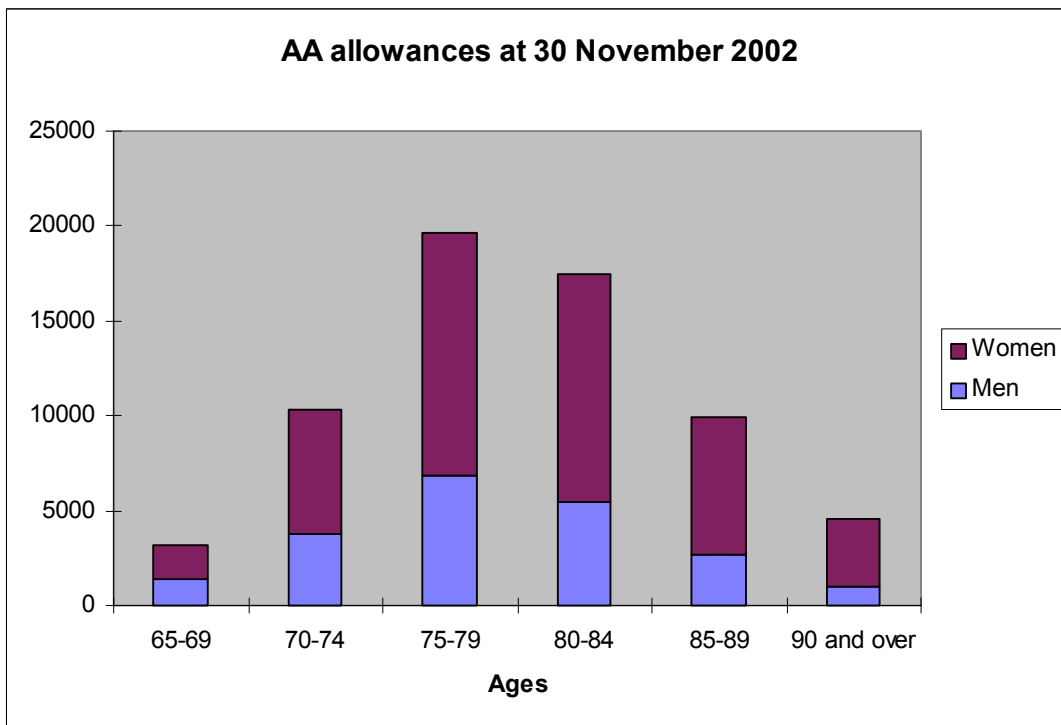


Table 2.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 30 November 2002¹

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
All conditions	65100	47472	17628
Terminally ill	669	669	0
Arthritis	18038	13119	4919
Back ailments	1153	819	334
Muscles/joint/bone disease	861	620	241
Trauma to limbs	350	246	104
Blindness	1079	525	554
Heart disease	6246	4488	1758
Chest disease	2255	1672	583
Asthma	578	446	132
Stroke-related	2320	1804	516
Peripheral vascular disease	362	258	104
Frailty	5682	4058	1624
Neurological disorder	700	497	203
Parkinsons disease	559	458	101
Diabetes	953	662	291
Other mental health causes	2981	2146	835
Malignant disease	824	658	166
Other	1104	793	311
Conversion*	18386	13534	4852

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 30 November 2002

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	1224	853	371	382	287	95	842	566	276
Ards	2728	1837	891	866	595	271	1862	1242	620
Armagh	2134	1618	516	726	564	162	1408	1054	354
Ballymena	1976	1395	581	624	461	163	1352	934	418
Ballymoney	1019	728	291	354	261	93	665	467	198
Banbridge	1564	1132	432	517	390	127	1047	742	305
Belfast	12783	9067	3716	3805	2777	1028	8978	6290	2688
Carrickfergus	1199	789	410	385	279	106	814	510	304
Castlereagh	2517	1735	782	798	579	219	1719	1156	563
Coleraine	2047	1462	585	646	472	174	1401	990	411
Cookstown	1404	1143	261	507	426	81	897	717	180
Craigavon	3021	2174	847	994	743	251	2027	1431	596
Derry	2917	2146	771	942	721	221	1975	1425	550
Down	2295	1699	596	736	552	184	1559	1147	412
Dungannon	2100	1700	400	735	596	139	1365	1104	261
Fermanagh	2523	1964	559	911	727	184	1612	1237	375
Larne	1061	719	342	345	253	92	716	466	250
Limavady	1063	841	222	364	290	74	699	551	148
Lisburn	3320	2294	1026	1040	762	278	2280	1532	748
Magherafelt	1600	1259	341	570	450	120	1030	809	221
Moyle	664	476	188	219	163	56	445	313	132
Newry & Mourne	3585	2845	740	1254	1021	233	2331	1824	507
Newtownabbey	2740	1816	924	893	612	281	1847	1204	643
North Down	2972	2114	858	929	697	232	2043	1417	626
Omagh	2012	1665	347	737	627	110	1275	1038	237
Strabane	1549	1170	379	563	427	136	986	743	243
Missing Postcode	1083	831	252	359	268	91	724	563	161
Northern Ireland	65100	47472	17628	21201	16000	5201	43899	31472	12427

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 30 November 2002

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	1224	853	371	23.8%	16.6%	7.2%
Ards	10342	2728	1837	891	26.4%	17.8%	8.6%
Armagh	6659	2134	1618	516	32.0%	24.3%	7.7%
Ballymena	8505	1976	1395	581	23.2%	16.4%	6.8%
Ballymoney	3647	1019	728	291	27.9%	20.0%	8.0%
Banbridge	5211	1564	1132	432	30.0%	21.7%	8.3%
Belfast	42374	12783	9067	3716	30.2%	21.4%	8.8%
Carrickfergus	5013	1199	789	410	23.9%	15.7%	8.2%
Castlereagh	10976	2517	1735	782	22.9%	15.8%	7.1%
Coleraine	8007	2047	1462	585	25.6%	18.3%	7.3%
Cookstown	3765	1404	1143	261	37.3%	30.4%	6.9%
Craigavon	10229	3021	2174	847	29.5%	21.3%	8.3%
Derry	10336	2917	2146	771	28.2%	20.8%	7.5%
Down	8153	2295	1699	596	28.1%	20.8%	7.3%
Dungannon	5988	2100	1700	400	35.1%	28.4%	6.7%
Fermanagh	7954	2523	1964	559	31.7%	24.7%	7.0%
Larne	4566	1061	719	342	23.2%	15.7%	7.5%
Limavady	3183	1063	841	222	33.4%	26.4%	7.0%
Lisburn	12941	3320	2294	1026	25.7%	17.7%	7.9%
Magherafelt	4573	1600	1259	341	35.0%	27.5%	7.5%
Moyle	2312	664	476	188	28.7%	20.6%	8.1%
Newry & Mourne	10204	3585	2845	740	35.1%	27.9%	7.3%
Newtownabbey	11349	2740	1816	924	24.1%	16.0%	8.1%
North Down	12547	2972	2114	858	23.7%	16.8%	6.8%
Omagh	5537	2012	1665	347	36.3%	30.1%	6.3%
Strabane	4445	1549	1170	379	34.8%	26.3%	8.5%
Missing Postcode		1083	831	252			
Northern Ireland	223966	65100	47472	17628	29.1%	21.2%	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: Allowances current at end of year by sex

Year ending	All persons	Men	Women
Nov-92	10,927	1,846	9,081
Nov-93	15,921	3,009	12,912
Nov-94	20,900	4,240	16,660
Nov-95	28,139	6,318	21,821
Nov-96	33,294	7,979	25,315
Dec-97	30,003	8,307	21,696
Dec-98 ¹	31,676	9,003	22,673
Sep-99 ²	33,673	9,857	23,816
Mar-01	33,771	10,469	23,302
Nov-01	34,570	10,832	23,738
Feb-02	34,893	11,006	23,887
May-02	35,151	11,113	24,038
Aug-02	35,414	11,224	24,190
Nov-02	35,892	11,368	24,524

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
Dec-97	11,719	7,738	1,426
Dec-98	9,692	7,714	1,763
Sep-99 ¹	6,698	5,407	1,291
Dec-00 ²	8,176		
Dec-01	10,231	8,727	1,504
Dec-02	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 30 November 2002

	All persons	Men	Women
All Ages	35,892	11,368	24,524
Under 20	377	169	208
20-24	1183	443	740
25-29	1983	578	1,405
30-34	3819	994	2,825
35-39	5187	1,527	3,660
40-44	5135	1,573	3,562
45-49	4403	1434	2,969
50-54	4300	1,332	2,968
55-59	4498	1411	3,087
60-64	3152	1208	1944
65+	1855	699	1156



Chart 3.1: ICA allowances over time

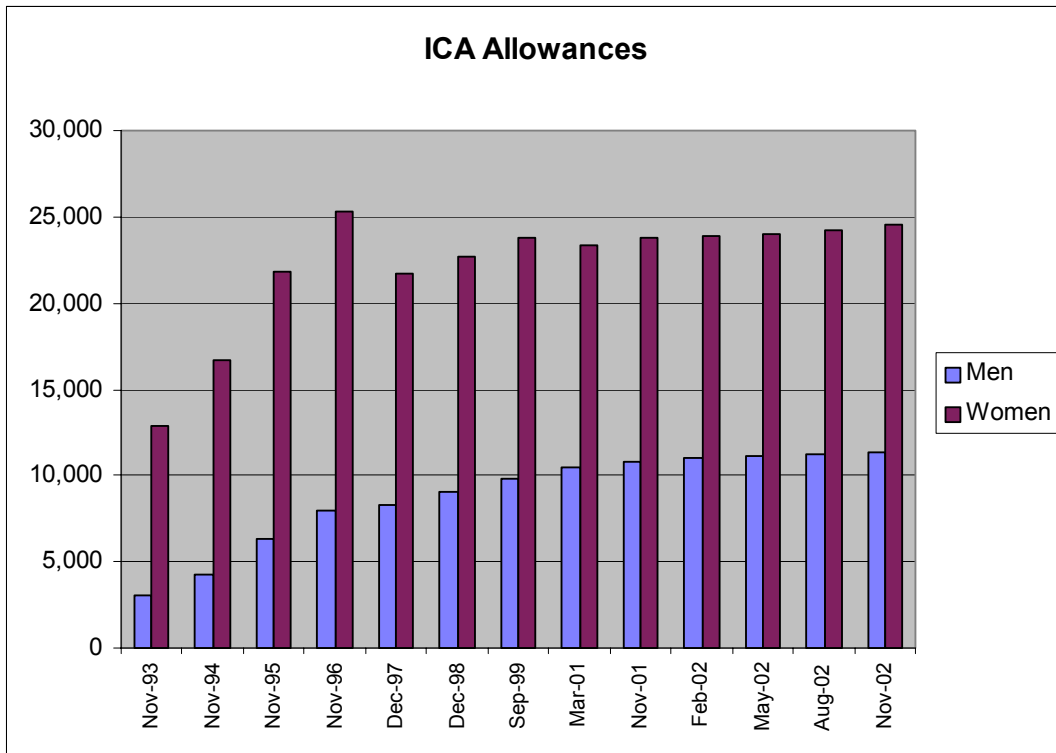


Chart 3.2: ICA allowances by age and sex

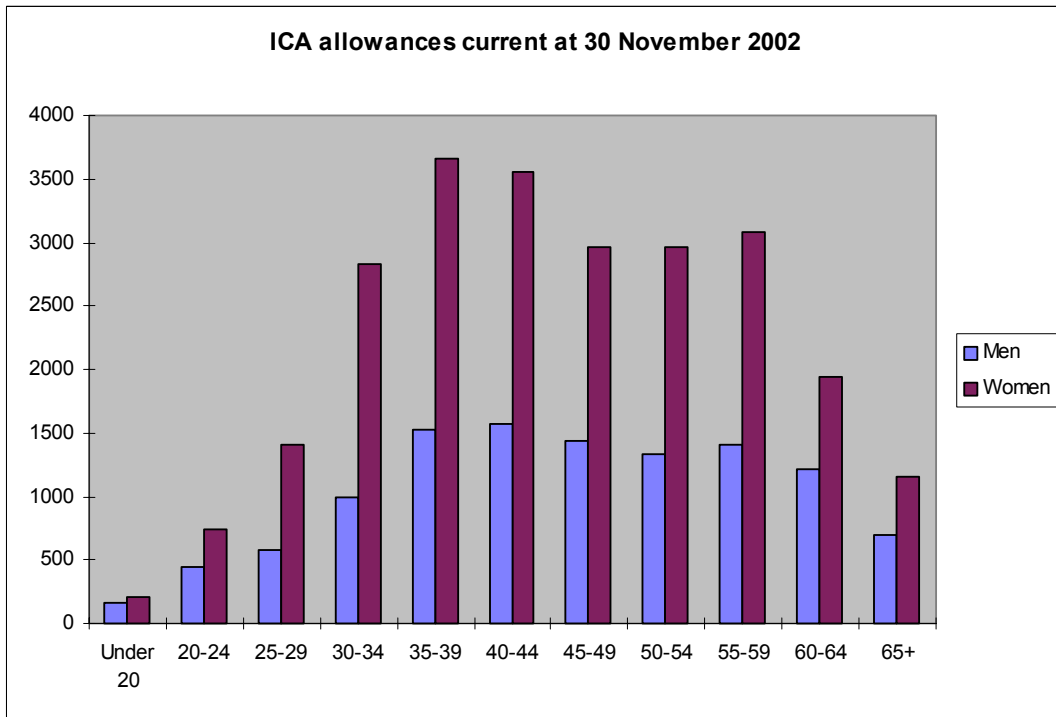


Table 3.4: Rates of Invalid Care Allowance

	£ 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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