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Introduction

This is the first in a series of annual publications which will present data from the Incapacity Benefit Computer System (OPSTRAT). The statistics in this publication are based on 100% of cases from OPSTRAT. Clerical cases are not included. (These on average number between 2,300 and 2,500 cases).

The publication provides numbers of Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance claimants for each quarter from February 1996 through to August 1999, with a more in-depth analysis for August 1999.

Incapacity benefit replaced Sickness Benefit and Invalidity Benefit from 13 April 1995. It is paid to people who are assessed as being incapable of work and who meet the same contribution conditions as for Sickness Benefit.

For the first 28 weeks of incapacity, people previously in work will be assessed on the 'own occupation' test - the claimant's ability to do their own job. Otherwise incapacity will be based on the 'all work' test which assesses the ability to carry out a range of work-related activities. The test will apply after 28 weeks of incapacity or from the start of the claim for people who did not previously have a job. Certain people will be exempt from this test.

There are three rates of Incapacity Benefit. For people under state pension age there are two short-term rates: the lower rate (IBST(L)) is paid for the first 28 weeks of sickness and the higher rate (IBST(H)) for weeks 29 to 52. The long-term rate (IBLT) applies to people who have been sick for more than a year. The higher short-term rate and the long-term rate are treated as taxable income.

Increases are paid for a dependant who is caring for a child or where the spouse is aged 60 or over. Increases for children are paid with the short-term higher rate and with the long-term rate. An age addition is paid with the long-term rate at one of two rates depending on the age when incapacity began.

There were transitional provisions for people who were on Sickness or Invalidity Benefit on 12 April 1995. They were automatically transferred to Incapacity Benefit payable on the same basis as before. Former Invalidity Benefit recipients continue to get additional pension entitlement, but frozen at 1994 rates. If they were over state pension age on 12 April 1995 they may get Incapacity Benefit for up to 5 years beyond pension age. Benefit received by former Invalidity Benefit claimants is not subject to tax.



Glossary of terms and conventions

Glossary of terms

Claimant

“Claimants” include people who are in receipt of benefit and also those who have applied for the benefit and continue to submit medical evidence, but who either are not entitled because of failing the contribution conditions (in the case of IB), or have their benefit extinguished for reasons such as an overlap with another benefit, or because of hospitalisation (in the case of both IB and SDA).

Recipients

“Recipients” are people who are actually in receipt of payment.

Conventions

..	Not available
-	Nil or Negligible

Abbreviations

IB – Incapacity Benefit

SDA – Severe Disablement Allowance

Own occ. Test – ‘Own Occupation’ test (See Introduction)

AWT – All Work test (See Introduction)

IBST (L) – Incapacity benefit short-term, lower rate (See Introduction)

IBST (H) - Incapacity benefit short-term, higher rate (See Introduction)

IBLT - Incapacity benefit long-term (See Introduction)

Ex-IVB – Ex-Invalidity Benefit protected cases (See Introduction)

BAMS - Benefits Agency Medical Service



Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance - August 1999

At the end of August 1999 there were 97,587 **IB claimants**, down 1192 (1%) on the previous year. Of these, 71,053 were in receipt of the benefit, 5% down on twelve months earlier. The corresponding figure for Great Britain as a whole was also down 5% on the previous year.

Numbers claiming the different rates of the benefit were as follows (see table A1):

- Numbers on **short term lower rate** rose to 4,855.
- Numbers on **short term higher rate** rose to 4,512.
- Numbers on **long term rate** continued falling, reaching 62,154.

The numbers claiming the different rates of the benefit for Great Britain as a whole, mirrored that of Northern Ireland.

Total **terminations** averaged 2,360 per month during the latest quarter (see table A5); 12% of these were due to the All Work Test ⁽¹⁾. This figure is lower than that of Great Britain, which has a proportion of terminations of 25% due to the All Work Test. (GB figure excludes awards of Retirement Pensions).

There has been a 57% decline in the number of recipients with Adult dependants since February 1996 (see table A6). To qualify for an increase in benefit, an adult dependant must now be caring for a child or have a wife or husband aged 60 or over.

At the end of August 1999 there were 19,685 IB claimants exempt from the All Work Test, down 5% on the previous year.

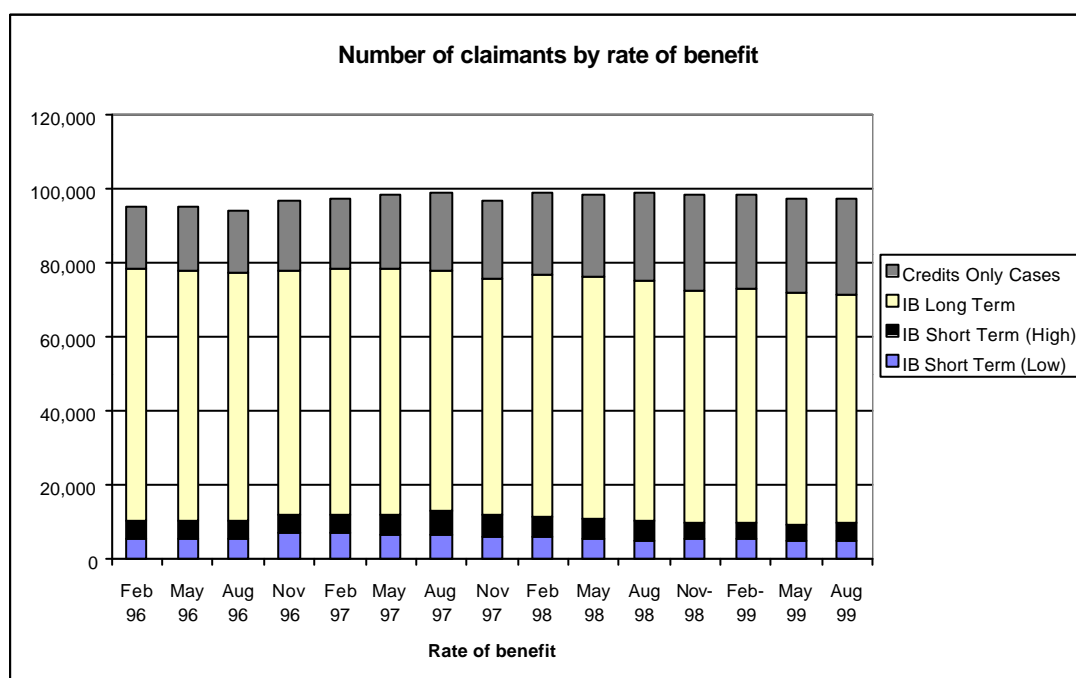
Numbers claiming SDA remain constant (see table C1). This is also the case for Great Britain as a whole. At the end of August 1999 there were 15,571 claimants and 15,494 recipients of SDA.

⁽¹⁾ The All Work Test is used to assess the ability of claimants to carry out a range of work-related activities.



A1 Incapacity Benefit claimants by rate of benefit and split between ex-IVB and other claimants

		Number of IB claimants						
					IBLT			
Quarter ending	Total	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	Total IBLT	Ex-IVB (protected)	Other IBLT	Credits only	
1996	Feb	95,525	5,505	4,624	68,526	66,272	2,254	16,870
	May	95,072	5,476	4,927	67,488	63,462	4,026	17,181
	Aug	94,218	5,462	5,026	66,711	60,713	5,998	17,019
	Nov	96,654	6,711	4,947	66,306	58,324	7,982	18,690
1997	Feb	97,683	7,063	4,846	66,280	56,388	9,892	19,494
	May	98,469	6,286	5,722	66,168	54,257	11,911	20,293
	Aug	98,956	6,228	6,527	65,309	51,613	13,696	20,892
	Nov	97,034	5,782	5,863	64,136	47,952	16,184	21,253
1998	Feb	99,141	5,946	5,338	65,753	47,499	18,254	22,104
	May	98,342	5,134	5,416	65,601	45,454	20,147	22,191
	Aug	98,779	5,050	5,333	64,872	43,510	21,362	23,524
	Nov	98,656	5,131	4,732	62,602	40,090	22,512	26,191
1999	Feb	98,637	5,133	4,328	63,534	39,753	23,781	25,642
	May	97,332	4,657	4,329	62,963	38,446	24,517	25,383
	Aug	97,587	4,855	4,512	62,154	36,858	25,296	26,066



A2 Incapacity Benefit claimants by rate of benefit and split between ex-IVB and other claimants

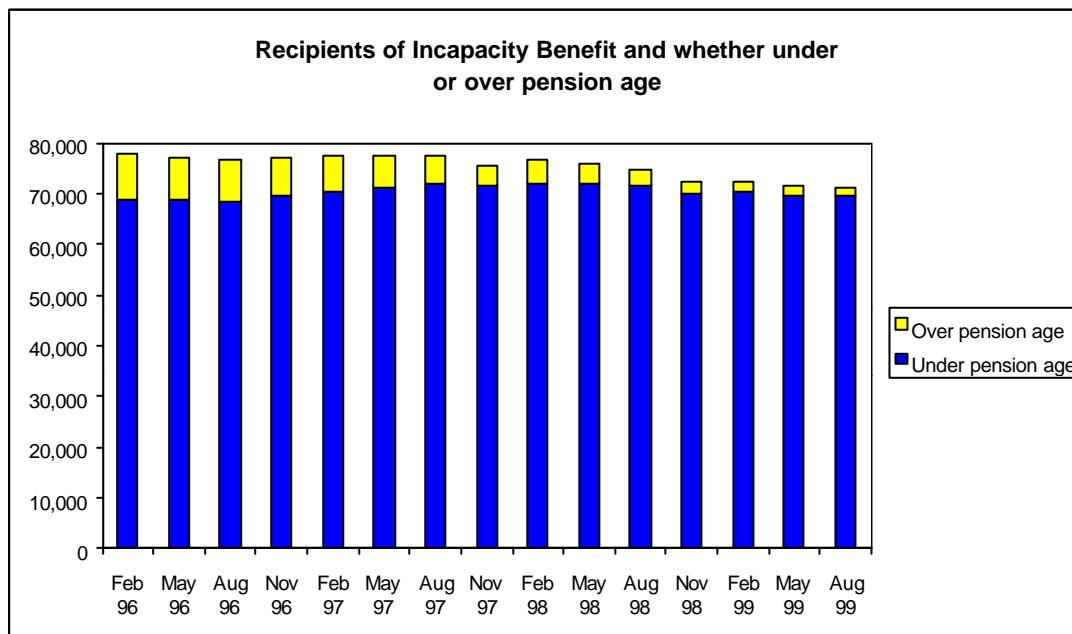
		Number of IB claimants					
		IBLT					Credits only
Quarter ending	Total	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	Ex-IVB (protected)	Other IBLT		
1996	Feb	95,525	5.8%	4.8%	69.4%	2.4%	17.7%
	May	95,072	5.8%	5.2%	66.8%	4.2%	18.1%
	Aug	94,218	5.8%	5.3%	64.4%	6.4%	18.1%
	Nov	96,654	6.9%	5.1%	60.3%	8.3%	19.3%
1997	Feb	97,683	7.2%	5.0%	57.7%	10.1%	20.0%
	May	98,469	6.4%	5.8%	55.1%	12.1%	20.6%
	Aug	98,956	6.3%	6.6%	52.2%	13.8%	21.1%
	Nov	97,034	6.0%	6.0%	49.4%	16.7%	21.9%
1998	Feb	99,141	6.0%	5.4%	47.9%	18.4%	22.3%
	May	98,342	5.2%	5.5%	46.2%	20.5%	22.6%
	Aug	98,779	5.1%	5.4%	44.0%	21.6%	23.8%
	Nov	98,656	5.2%	4.8%	40.6%	22.8%	26.5%
1999	Feb	98,637	5.2%	4.4%	40.3%	24.1%	26.0%
	May	97,332	4.8%	4.4%	39.5%	25.2%	26.1%
	Aug	97,587	5.0%	4.6%	37.8%	25.9%	26.7%



A3 Incapacity Benefit recipients by whether over pension age, rate of benefit and average amount in payment

Quarter ending	Number of recipients						Average amount in payment (£pw)			
	Total	Total under pension age	Total over pension age	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT	All recipients	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT
1996 Feb	77,930	68,776	9,154	5,179	4,582	68,169	76.54	45.06	54.41	80.42
May	77,193	68,638	8,555	5,140	4,879	67,174	78.67	46.88	56.69	82.70
Aug	76,520	68,496	8,024	5,146	4,975	66,399	78.17	46.85	56.60	82.21
Nov	77,082	69,667	7,415	6,191	4,896	65,995	77.27	46.72	56.31	81.69
1997 Feb	77,439	70,446	6,993	6,611	4,802	66,026	76.72	46.65	56.25	81.22
May	77,496	71,105	6,391	5,901	5,669	65,926	77.81	47.64	57.26	82.28
Aug	77,528	71,830	5,698	5,899	6,453	65,176	77.21	47.47	57.38	81.86
Nov	75,340	71,664	3,676	5,529	5,812	63,999	77.28	47.50	57.45	81.65
1998 Feb	76,632	72,047	4,585	5,694	5,298	65,640	73.13	45.28	54.50	77.05
May	75,771	71,715	4,056	4,910	5,382	65,479	79.00	49.33	59.19	82.85
Aug	74,870	71,442	3,428	4,888	5,290	64,692	78.72	49.31	59.29	82.53
Nov	72,118	70,056	2,062	5,005	4,699	62,414	78.19	49.45	59.11	81.93
1999 Feb	72,471	70,392	2,079	4,850	4,282	63,339	78.22	49.45	59.07	81.72
May	71,394	69,565	1,829	4,314	4,276	62,804	80.46	50.85	61.13	83.81
Aug	71,053	69,716	1,337	4,549	4,467	62,037	80.00	50.88	61.14	83.49

Note: Pension age = over age 65 for men and over age 60 for women



A4 Incapacity Benefit recipients by whether over pension age and rate of benefit

Quarter ending	Number of recipients					
	Total	Total under pension age	Total over pension age	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT
1996 Feb	77,930	88.3%	11.7%	6.6%	5.9%	87.5%
May	77,193	88.9%	11.1%	6.7%	6.3%	87.0%
Aug	76,520	89.5%	10.5%	6.7%	6.5%	86.8%
Nov	77,082	90.4%	9.6%	8.0%	6.4%	85.6%
1997 Feb	77,439	91.0%	9.0%	8.5%	6.2%	85.3%
May	77,496	91.8%	8.2%	7.6%	7.3%	85.1%
Aug	77,528	92.7%	7.3%	7.6%	8.3%	84.1%
Nov	75,340	95.1%	4.9%	7.3%	7.7%	84.9%
1998 Feb	76,632	94.0%	6.0%	7.4%	6.9%	85.7%
May	75,771	94.6%	5.4%	6.5%	7.1%	86.4%
Aug	74,870	95.4%	4.6%	6.5%	7.1%	86.4%
Nov	72,118	97.1%	2.9%	6.9%	6.5%	86.5%
1999 Feb	72,471	97.1%	2.9%	6.7%	5.9%	87.4%
May	71,394	97.4%	2.6%	6.0%	6.0%	88.0%
Aug	71,053	98.1%	1.9%	6.4%	6.3%	87.3%

Note: Pension age = over age 65 for men and over age 60 for women

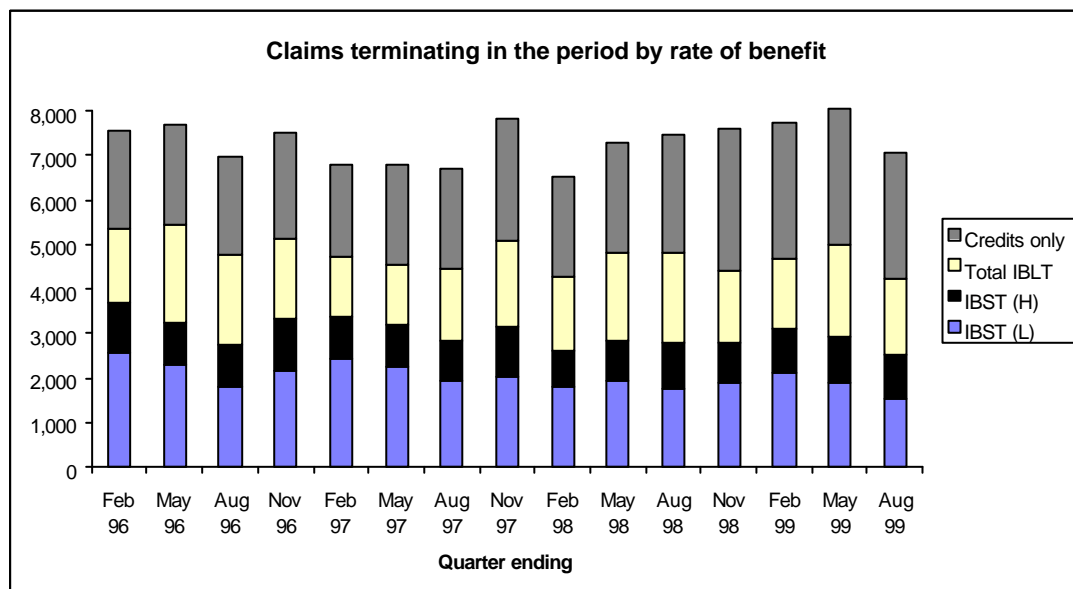


A5 Incapacity Benefit spells terminating by reason and rate of benefit

		Number of claims terminating by reason				Number of claims terminating by rate of benefit					
		Not incapable				IBLT					
Quarter ending	Total terminations	All work test	Own occ. test	Other reason	IBST (L)	IBST (H)	Total IBLT (protected)	Ex-IVB IBLT	Other IBLT	Credits only	
1996	Feb	7,585	2,158	44	5,383	2,561	1,131	1,644	1,404	240	2,249
	May	7,682	2,381	44	5,257	2,284	957	2,188	1,923	265	2,253
	Aug	6,960	2,617	50	4,293	1,808	937	2,007	1,632	375	2,208
	Nov	7,533	2,777	68	4,688	2,182	1,154	1,797	1,171	626	2,400
1997	Feb	6,802	2,399	50	4,353	2,431	939	1,356	880	476	2,076
	May	6,788	2,584	71	4,133	2,274	925	1,355	850	505	2,234
	Aug	6,719	2,468	37	4,214	1,954	870	1,625	1,041	584	2,270
	Nov	7,814	3,040	63	4,711	2,044	1,101	1,920	1,070	850	2,749
1998	Feb	6,528	2,406	28	4,094	1,785	843	1,660	827	833	2,240
	May	7,290	2,643	68	4,579	1,931	902	1,982	819	1,163	2,475
	Aug	7,466	3,055	53	4,358	1,759	1,016	2,018	699	1,319	2,673
	Nov	7,590	2,343	308	4,939	1,898	889	1,625	448	1,177	3,178
1999	Feb	7,758	1,672	1,171	4,915	2,099	1,003	1,582	404	1,178	3,074
	May	8,062	1,199	2,490	4,373	1,878	1,072	2,067	678	1,389	3,045
	Aug	7,081	862	2,250	3,969	1,536	998	1,709	570	1,139	2,838

Notes: *Includes "Failure to return questionnaire" and "Did not attend BAMS"

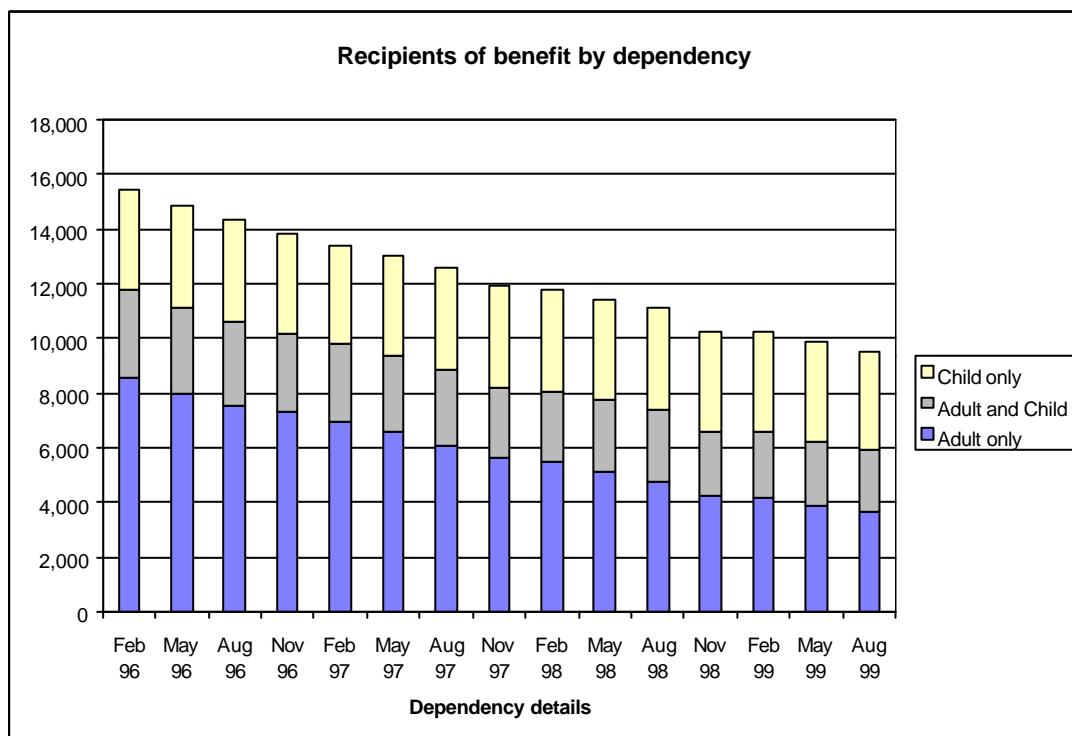
Due to operational procedures a small number of All Work Test terminations appear in "Other reason".



A6 Incapacity Benefit recipients by dependency

Number of recipients by dependency							
Quarter ending	Total recipients	No dependants	Adult dep(s), only	Adult & child deps.	Child dep(s), only	Total children	
1996	Feb	77,930	62,521	8,523	3,221	3,665	13,694
	May	77,193	62,343	7,973	3,168	3,709	13,718
	Aug	76,520	62,201	7,556	3,044	3,719	13,412
	Nov	77,082	63,278	7,338	2,859	3,607	12,697
1997	Feb	77,439	64,032	6,976	2,815	3,616	12,627
	May	77,496	64,449	6,555	2,809	3,683	12,799
	Aug	77,528	64,919	6,056	2,809	3,744	12,888
	Nov	75,340	63,442	5,611	2,613	3,674	12,158
1998	Feb	76,632	64,823	5,445	2,625	3,739	12,350
	May	75,771	64,340	5,116	2,597	3,718	12,205
	Aug	74,870	63,766	4,752	2,593	3,759	12,366
	Nov	72,118	61,858	4,205	2,389	3,666	11,622
1999	Feb	72,471	62,262	4,170	2,376	3,663	11,555
	May	71,394	61,540	3,893	2,346	3,615	11,413
	Aug	71,053	61,526	3,651	2,283	3,593	11,222

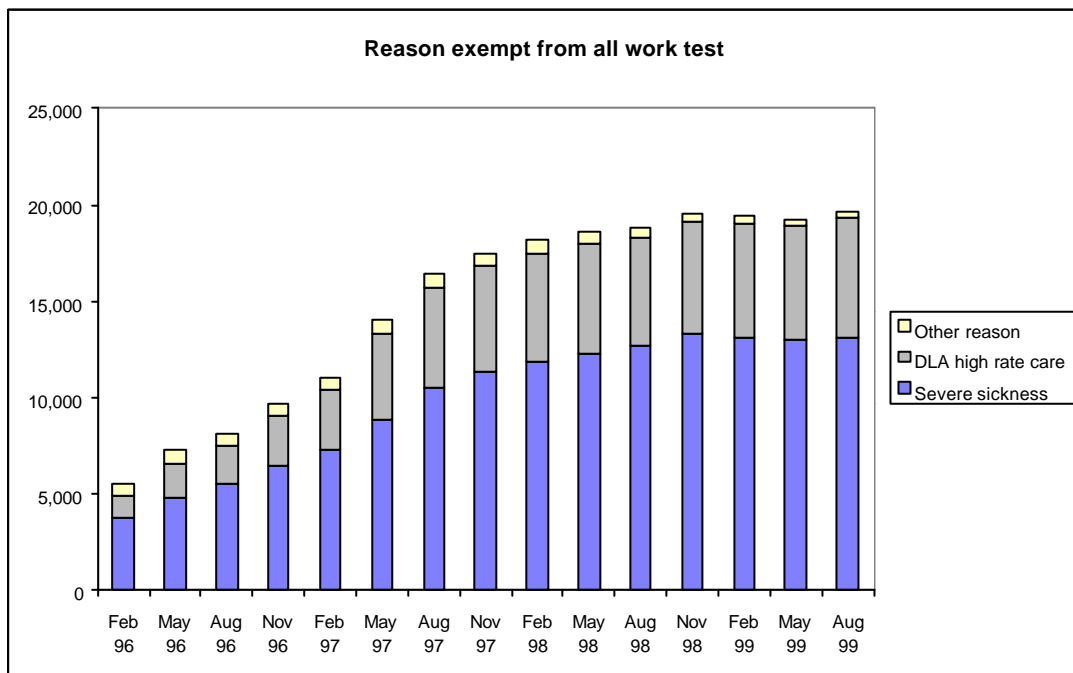
Note: Table does not reflect dependency status of IB claimants, but to those who have a dependency increase in payment.



A7 Incapacity Benefit claimants by reason exempt from All Work Test

Claimants exempt from All Work Test by reason				
Quarter ending	Total exempt ⁽¹⁾	Severe sickness	DLA high rate care	Other reason ⁽²⁾
1996 Feb	5,491	3,761	1,181	549
1996 May	7,245	4,833	1,775	637
1996 Aug	8,083	5,507	1,970	606
1996 Nov	9,717	6,461	2,632	624
1997 Feb	11,033	7,251	3,155	627
1997 May	14,030	8,877	4,390	763
1997 Aug	16,460	10,474	5,205	781
1997 Nov	17,458	11,309	5,494	655
1998 Feb	18,144	11,840	5,639	665
1998 May	18,561	12,275	5,677	609
1998 Aug	18,832	12,660	5,650	522
1998 Nov	19,504	13,268	5,839	397
1999 Feb	19,412	13,146	5,874	392
1999 May	19,254	12,980	5,912	362
1999 Aug	19,685	13,110	6,243	332

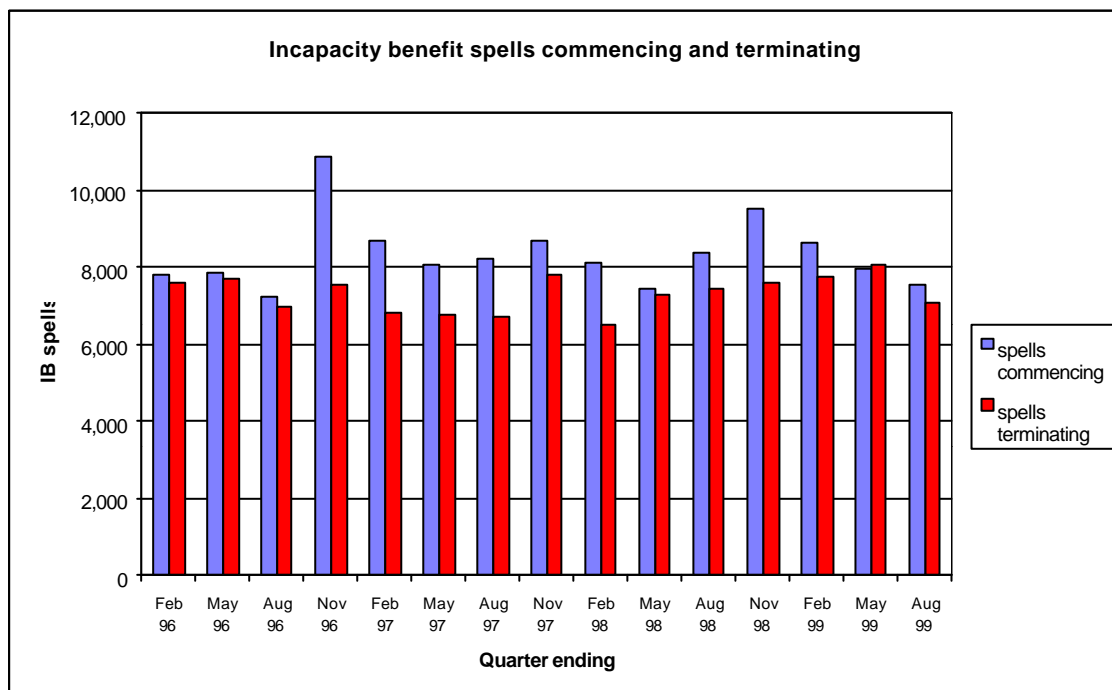
Note: (1) excludes exempt because claimant over 58 and in receipt of IVB since Dec 93
 (2) other reason includes terminally ill and SDA passports



A8 Incapacity Benefit spells commencing and terminating in the quarter

	Quarter ending	Spells Commencing	Spells Terminating	Average duration of spells terminated (days)	Ratio of new claims to terminations
1996	Feb	7,785	7,585	220	1.03
	May	7,876	7,682	292	1.03
	Aug	7,250	6,960	330	1.04
	Nov	10,893	7,533	290	1.45
1997	Feb	8,685	6,802	268	1.28
	May	8,050	6,788	287	1.19
	Aug	8,238	6,719	351	1.23
	Nov	8,676	7,814	370	1.11
1998	Feb	8,133	6,528	379	1.25
	May	7,460	7,290	394	1.02
	Aug	8,387	7,466	398	1.12
	Nov	9,519	7,590	337	1.25
1999	Feb	8,656	7,758	345	1.12
	May	7,933	8,062	434	0.98
	Aug	7,566	7,081	445	1.07

Note: Average duration is an approximate measure because of the way date of claim was recorded when IVB claimants moved to the new IB computer system.



**B1 Number of claimants of Incapacity
Benefit at 31 August 1999, by age, sex,
and rate of benefit**

Sheet 1

	All IB	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT			Credits Only
				Total IBLT	Ex-IVB (protected)	Other IBLT	
All Persons							
All Ages	97,587	4,855	4,512	62,154	36,858	25,296	26,066
Under 20	1,151	6	-	-	0	-	1143
20-24	3,599	326	201	333	-	331	2739
25-29	5,583	573	428	2,104	488	1,616	2478
30-34	8,125	618	501	4,231	1,819	2,412	2775
35-39	9,724	560	543	5,558	2,952	2,606	3063
40-44	10,109	527	456	6,219	3,582	2,637	2907
45-49	11,636	537	490	7,445	4,476	2,969	3164
50-54	15,294	615	693	10,425	6,270	4,155	3561
55-59	18,327	712	722	13,720	8,573	5,147	3173
60-64	13,073	378	475	11,203	7,799	3,404	1017
65 and over	966	-	-	915	897	18	46
Men							
All Ages	59,553	3,246	2,720	38,202	22,875	15,327	15,385
Under 20	526	-	-	-	0	-	520
20-24	1,984	171	99	150	0	150	1564
25-29	2,852	284	187	748	125	623	1633
30-34	4,048	300	228	1,628	585	1,043	1892
35-39	5,177	378	304	2,476	1,148	1,328	2019
40-44	5,584	392	256	3,232	1,736	1,496	1704
45-49	6,434	364	294	4,083	2,392	1,691	1693
50-54	8,557	451	412	5,898	3,496	2,402	1796
55-59	10,910	522	465	8,289	5,107	3,182	1634
60-64	12,524	377	472	10,790	7,397	3,393	885
65 and over	957	-	-	907	889	18	45
Women							
All Ages	38,034	1,609	1,792	23,952	13,983	9,969	10,681
Under 20	625	-	0	0	0	0	623
20-24	1,615	155	102	183	-	181	1175
25-29	2,731	289	241	1,356	363	993	845
30-34	4,077	318	273	2,603	1,234	1,369	883
35-39	4,547	182	239	3,082	1,804	1,278	1044
40-44	4,525	135	200	2,987	1,846	1,141	1203
45-49	5,202	173	196	3,362	2,084	1,278	1471
50-54	6,737	164	281	4,527	2,774	1,753	1765
55-59	7,417	190	257	5,431	3,466	1,965	1539
60 and over	558	-	-	421	410	11	133

* includes SDA cases where incapacity has not yet been decided



**B1 Number of recipients of Incapacity
Benefit at 31 August 1999, by age, sex,
and rate of benefit**

Sheet 2

	All IB	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT		
				Total IBLT	Ex-IVB (protected)	Other IBLT
All Persons						
All Ages	71,053	4,549	4,467	62,037	36,816	25,221
Under 20	8	6	-	-	0	-
20-24	829	302	199	328	-	326
25-29	3,058	535	426	2,097	487	1,610
30-34	5,288	579	490	4,219	1,813	2,406
35-39	6,587	511	538	5,538	2,944	2,594
40-44	7,143	487	450	6,206	3,577	2,629
45-49	8,425	509	484	7,432	4,472	2,960
50-54	11,664	572	690	10,402	6,262	4,140
55-59	15,087	673	715	13,699	8,565	5,134
60-64	12,044	372	472	11,200	7,797	3,403
65 and over	920	-	-	915	897	18
Men						
All Ages	43,830	3,015	2,690	38,125	22,852	15,273
Under 20	6	-	-	-	0	-
20-24	401	157	98	146	0	146
25-29	1,187	259	185	743	125	618
30-34	2,109	268	219	1,622	582	1,040
35-39	3,106	343	301	2,462	1,143	1,319
40-44	3,842	363	254	3,225	1,735	1,490
45-49	4,707	343	290	4,074	2,390	1,684
50-54	6,712	415	410	5,887	3,493	2,394
55-59	9,221	489	461	8,271	5,100	3,171
60-64	11,627	371	469	10,787	7,395	3,392
65 and over	912	-	-	907	889	18
Women						
All Ages	27,223	1,534	1,777	23,912	13,964	9,948
Under 20	-	-	0	0	0	0
20-24	428	145	101	182	-	180
25-29	1,871	276	241	1,354	362	992
30-34	3,179	311	271	2,597	1,231	1,366
35-39	3,481	168	237	3,076	1,801	1,275
40-44	3,301	124	196	2,981	1,842	1,139
45-49	3,718	166	194	3,358	2,082	1,276
50-54	4,952	157	280	4,515	2,769	1,746
55-59	5,866	184	254	5,428	3,465	1,963
60 and over	425	-	-	421	410	11



**B2 Number of terminations of Incapacity Benefit
in the period 1 June 1999 to 31 August 1999,
by rate of benefit and reason**

	All cases	IBLT			Credits only
		IBST(L)	IBST(H)	Total IBLT	
All Persons	7,081	1,536	998	1,709	2,838
Closed Certificate	2,414	1,077	304	180	853
Death of Claimant	275	8	10	191	66
At request of claimant	435	163	56	64	152
Failure to attend medical	221	7	22	49	143
Failure to provide information	316	14	23	25	254
Not incapable Own Occ Test	2,250	123	385	904	838
Not incapable AWT	862	46	106	234	476
Return to work	202	74	84	44	0
Other	106	24	8	18	56



**B3 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit at
31 August 1999, by rate of benefit
and District Council**

Sheet 1

	All IB	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT	Credits only	Working age Population*	All IB as % of population
Claimants							
All Persons							
All Cases	97,587	4,359	4,047	57,198	24,191	1,018,137	9.58%
Ards	3,190	162	154	2259	615	44,054	7.24%
Belfast	19,070	737	651	11341	6341	168,188	11.34%
Castlereagh	1,957	83	103	1431	340	40,160	4.87%
Down	3,178	152	132	2119	775	37,300	8.52%
Lisburn	4,884	225	274	3140	1245	68,461	7.13%
North Down	2,485	109	145	1729	502	45,556	5.45%
Antrim	2,271	132	119	1416	604	32,279	7.04%
Ballymena	2,631	143	117	1734	637	36,287	7.25%
Ballymoney	1,410	74	64	928	344	15,326	9.20%
Carrickfergus	1,601	75	89	1163	274	23,186	6.91%
Coleraine	2,553	132	134	1573	714	34,133	7.48%
Cookstown	2,552	141	95	1623	693	19,200	13.29%
Larne	1,554	82	84	1025	363	18,574	8.37%
Magherafelt	2,299	117	103	1572	507	22,715	10.12%
Moyle	853	50	42	502	259	9,104	9.37%
Newtownabbey	3,794	186	182	2568	858	50,158	7.56%
Armagh	3,033	154	160	2055	664	33,105	9.16%
Banbridge	2,133	134	130	1465	404	24,602	8.67%
Craigavon	5,406	273	267	3742	1124	47,697	11.33%
Dungannon	2,985	199	131	1809	846	28,596	10.44%
Newry & Mourne	5,580	305	223	3407	1645	51,035	10.93%
Derry	7,182	306	275	4218	2383	63,797	11.26%
Fermanagh	2,219	133	115	1294	677	33,462	6.63%
Limavady	1,754	79	78	1091	506	20,088	8.73%
Omagh	3,221	176	180	1994	871	28,584	11.27%
Strabane	2,928	154	110	1800	864	22,492	13.02%
Missing postcode	4,864	342	355	3156	1011

* = Mid 1998 estimates. Population of working age. Namely ages 16-59 for Females, and ages 16-64 for Males.

.. = Not available

Note: Approximately 5% of records on the August 1999 dataset had missing or invalid postcodes, without which district council cannot be assigned.



**B3 Number of recipients of Incapacity Benefit at
31 August 1999, by rate of benefit
and District Council**

Sheet 2

	All IB	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT	Working age Population*	All IB as % of population
Recipients						
All Persons						
All Cases	71,053	4,218	4,115	58,885	1,018,137	6.98%
Ards	2,565	154	153	2,258	44,054	5.82%
Belfast	12,625	667	644	11,314	168,188	7.51%
Castlereagh	1,613	80	102	1,431	40,160	4.02%
Down	2,390	140	131	2,119	37,300	6.41%
Lisburn	3,621	216	270	3,135	68,461	5.29%
North Down	1,972	103	144	1,725	45,556	4.33%
Antrim	1,661	128	118	1,415	32,279	5.15%
Ballymena	1,983	136	116	1,731	36,287	5.46%
Ballymoney	1,057	68	63	926	15,326	6.90%
Carrickfergus	1,318	71	88	1,159	23,186	5.68%
Coleraine	1,822	119	131	1,572	34,133	5.34%
Cookstown	1,848	132	95	1,621	19,200	9.63%
Larne	1,183	77	83	1,023	18,574	6.37%
Magherafelt	1,783	113	101	1,569	22,715	7.85%
Moyle	591	48	41	502	9,104	6.49%
Newtownabbey	2,919	175	179	2,565	50,158	5.82%
Armagh	2,352	144	160	2,048	33,105	7.10%
Banbridge	1,722	129	129	1,464	24,602	7.00%
Craigavon	4,247	250	264	3,733	47,697	8.90%
Dungannon	2,120	185	131	1,804	28,596	7.41%
Newry & Mourne	3,916	294	223	3,399	51,035	7.67%
Derry	4,750	273	271	4,206	63,797	7.45%
Fermanagh	1,528	123	115	1,290	33,462	4.57%
Limavady	1,240	75	77	1,088	20,088	6.17%
Omagh	2,340	171	178	1,991	28,584	8.19%
Strabane	2,052	147	108	1,797	22,492	9.12%
Missing postcode	3,835	331	352	3,152

* = Mid 1998 estimates. Population of working age. Namely ages 16-59 for Females, and ages 16-64 for Males.

.. = Not available

Note: Approximately 5% of records on the August 1999 dataset had missing or invalid postcodes, without which district council cannot be assigned.



**B4 Number of recipients of Incapacity Benefit at
31 August 1999 by rate of benefit, dependency and sex**

Sheet 1

	All cases	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT		
				Total IBLT	Ex-IVB IBLT	Other IBLT
All Persons						
All Cases	71,053	4,549	4,467	62,037	36,816	25,221
No Dependants	61,526	4,416	4,197	52,913	29,984	22,929
Adult Dependant only	3,651	133	26	3,492	3,258	234
Adult and:						
1 child	1,021	0	39	982	622	360
2 children	669	0	44	625	385	240
3 children	375	0	19	356	198	158
4 children	161	0	8	153	93	60
5 or more children	57	0	-	54	35	19
No Adult and:						
1 child	1,663	0	60	1,603	1,060	543
2 children	1,101	0	41	1,060	674	386
3 children	541	0	21	520	316	204
4 children	194	0	7	187	124	63
5 or more children	94	0	-	92	67	25
Total number of children	11,222	0	474	10,748	6,771	3,977

Note: Table does not reflect actual dependency status of all IB claimants, but only those who have declared dependants for benefit purposes.



**B4 Number of recipients of Incapacity Benefit at
31 August 1999 by rate of benefit, dependency and sex**

Sheet 2

	All cases	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT		
				Total IBLT	Ex-IVB IBLT	Other IBLT
Men						
All Cases	43,830	3,015	2,690	38,125	22,852	15,273
No Dependants	35,770	2,887	2,472	30,411	16,974	13,437
Adult Dependant only	3,597	128	24	3,445	3,212	233
Adult and:						
1 child	983	0	37	946	600	346
2 children	632	0	41	591	363	228
3 children	348	0	18	330	179	151
4 children	148	0	7	141	86	55
5 or more children	56	0	-	53	35	18
No Adult and:						
1 child	1,078	0	40	1,038	699	339
2 children	663	0	26	637	396	241
3 children	368	0	16	352	196	156
4 children	126	0	5	121	71	50
5 or more children	61	0	-	60	41	19
Total number of children	8,536	0	381	8,155	4,984	3,171

Note: Table does not reflect actual dependency status of all IB claimants, but only those who have declared dependants for benefit purposes.

**B4 Number of recipients of Incapacity Benefit at
31 August 1999 by rate of benefit, dependency and sex**

Sheet 3

	All cases	IBLT				
		IBST(L)	IBST(H)	Total IBLT	Ex-IVB IBLT	Other IBLT
Women						
All Cases	27,223	1,534	1,777	23,912	13,964	9,948
No Dependants	25,756	1,529	1,725	22,502	13,010	9,492
Adult Dependant only	54	5	-	47	46	-
Adult and:						
1 child	38	0	-	36	22	14
2 children	37	0	-	34	22	12
3 children	27	0	-	26	19	7
4 children	13	0	-	12	7	5
5 or more children	-	0	0	-	0	-
No Adult and:						
1 child	585	0	20	565	361	204
2 children	438	0	15	423	278	145
3 children	173	0	5	168	120	48
4 children	68	0	-	66	53	13
5 or more children	33	0	-	32	26	6
Total number of children	2,686	0	93	2,593	1,787	806

Note: Table does not reflect actual dependency status of all IB claimants, but only those who have declared dependants for benefit purposes.



**B5 Number of recipients of Incapacity Benefit at 31 August 1999
by rate of benefit, and weekly amounts in payment**

	All Recipients	Total weekly amount paid £	Average weekly amount paid £
All Persons			
All IB Rates	71,053	5,684,068	80.00
IBST(L)	4,549	231,471	50.88
IBST(H)	4,467	273,118	61.14
IBLT (All)	62,037	5,179,480	83.49
IBLT (Ex-IVB)	36,816	3,300,796	89.66
Invalidity Allowance	21,521	202,967	9.43
Additional Pension	27,320	442,030	16.18
Graduated Retirement Benefit	1,041	2,971	2.85
IBLT (Other)	25,221	1,878,684	74.49
Incapacity Age Addition	10,464	112,290	10.73



**B6 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit at
31 August by rate of benefit and
reason exempt from the all work test**

	All IB	IBST(L)	IBST (H)	IBLT
All Persons	19,685	68	321	19,296
Severe Sickness	13,110	42	217	12,851
DLA High Care rate	6,243	25	103	6,115
Other reason ⁽¹⁾	332	-	-	330

(1) other reason includes terminally ill and SDA passports



**B7 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit at
31 August 1999, by Diagnosis Group***

	All IB	% of all IB	Men	Women
All Cases	97,587	100.0%	59,553	38,034
Claimants without any diagnosis code on the system	85	0.1%	60	25
Certain infectious and Parasitic Diseases (A00 - B99)	861	0.9%	520	341
Neoplasms (C00 - D48)	927	0.9%	509	418
Diseases of the Blood and Blood forming organs and certain diseases involving the immune mechanism (D50 - D89)	271	0.3%	119	152
Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases (E00 -E90)	1,334	1.4%	871	463
Mental and Behavioural Disorders (F00 - F99)	26,478	27.1%	14,038	12,440
Diseases of the Nervous System (G00 - G99)	3,747	3.8%	2,149	1,598
Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa (H00 -H59)	479	0.5%	389	90
Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process (H60 - H95)	354	0.4%	228	126
Disease of the Circulatory System (I00 - I99)	10,438	10.7%	8,414	2,024
Diseases of the Respiratory System (J00 - J99)	3,299	3.4%	2,044	1,255
Diseases of the Digestive System (K00 - K93)	1,689	1.7%	1,105	584
Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous System (L00 - L99)	1,124	1.2%	696	428
Diseases of the Musculoskeletal system and Connective Tissue (M00 - M99)	21,892	22.4%	13,022	8,870
Diseases of the Genitourinary System (N00 - N99)	817	0.8%	303	514
Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (O00 - O99)	931	1.0%	0	931
Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period (P00 - P96)	-	0.0%	0	-
Congenital Malformations, Deformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities (Q00 - Q99)	93	0.1%	59	34
Symptoms, Signs and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00 - R99)	15,019	15.4%	9,109	5,910
Injury, Poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00 - U22)	6,856	7.0%	5,298	1,558
Factors influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (Z00 - Z99)	890	0.9%	620	270

*Diagnosis Group is taken from ICD10 published by the World Health Organisation.



**B8 Number of claimants of Incapacity
Benefit at 31 August 1999, by age, sex,
and duration of benefit**

	All IB	Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 to under 4 years	4 years and over
All Persons							
All Ages	97,587	6,476	6,189	8,057	11,880	19,296	45,689
Under 20	1,151	358	244	305	184	60	0
20-24	3,599	647	567	731	715	712	227
25-29	5,583	696	623	798	1,025	1,342	1099
30-34	8,125	777	687	911	1,250	1,857	2643
35-39	9,724	793	747	918	1,291	2,065	3910
40-44	10,109	700	692	845	1,265	2,076	4531
45-49	11,636	728	662	853	1,398	2,369	5626
50-54	15,294	780	855	1,031	1,757	3,076	7795
55-59	18,327	712	782	1,092	1,935	3,556	10250
60-64	13,073	284	329	568	1,056	2,171	8665
65 and over	966	-	-	5	-	12	943
Men							
All Ages	59,553	4,062	3,810	4,906	7,104	11,806	27,865
Under 20	526	172	113	118	94	29	0
20-24	1,984	386	317	413	380	377	111
25-29	2,852	394	360	446	532	652	468
30-34	4,048	438	410	509	671	961	1059
35-39	5,177	502	457	571	719	1,180	1748
40-44	5,584	459	425	488	687	1,241	2284
45-49	6,434	454	388	499	777	1,329	2987
50-54	8,557	493	516	608	995	1,756	4189
55-59	10,910	480	496	685	1,198	2,132	5919
60-64	12,524	283	327	564	1,047	2,137	8166
65 and over	957	-	-	5	-	12	934
Women							
All Ages	38,034	2,414	2,379	3,151	4,776	7,490	17,824
Under 20	625	186	131	187	90	31	0
20-24	1,615	261	250	318	335	335	116
25-29	2,731	302	263	352	493	690	631
30-34	4,077	339	277	402	579	896	1584
35-39	4,547	291	290	347	572	885	2162
40-44	4,525	241	267	357	578	835	2247
45-49	5,202	274	274	354	621	1,040	2639
50-54	6,737	287	339	423	762	1,320	3606
55-59	7,417	232	286	407	737	1,424	4331
60 and over	558	-	-	-	9	34	508

* includes SDA cases where incapacity has not yet been decided

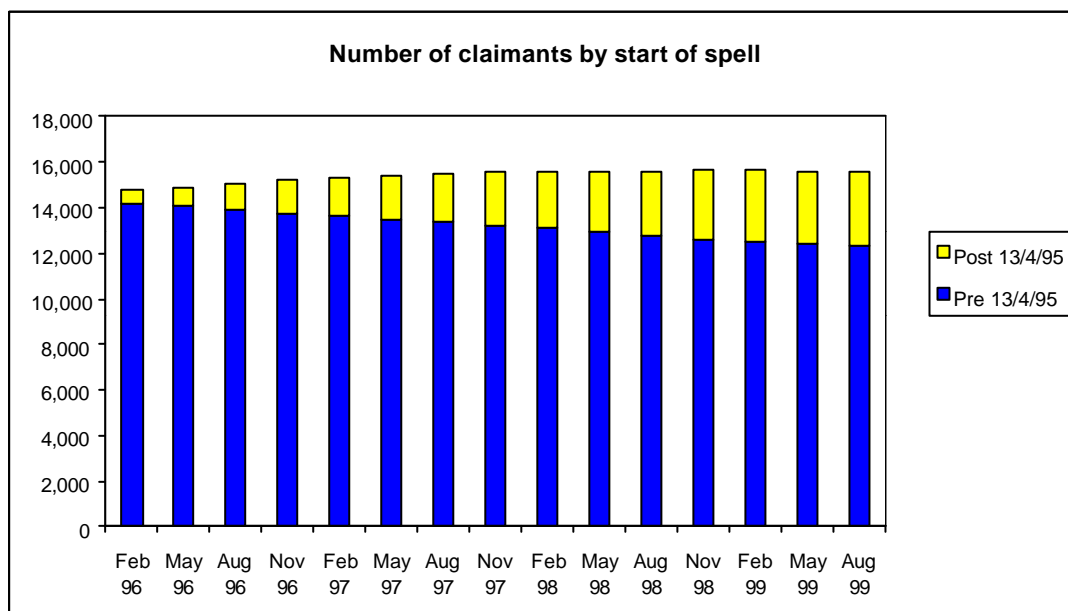


C1 Severe Disablement Allowance claimants and recipients by start of spell

Quarter ending	SDA claimants ⁽¹⁾			SDA recipients ⁽¹⁾		
	Total	Pre 13th ⁽²⁾	Post 13th ⁽²⁾	Total	Pre 13th ⁽²⁾	Post 13th ⁽²⁾
		April '95 cases	April '95 cases		April '95 cases	April '95 cases
1996 Feb	14,812	14,185	627	14,684	14,101	583
May	14,901	14,049	852	14,784	13,981	803
Aug	15,045	13,922	1,123	14,892	13,854	1,038
Nov	15,239	13,770	1,469	15,077	13,702	1,375
1997 Feb	15,306	13,634	1,672	15,177	13,582	1,595
May	15,400	13,506	1,894	15,278	13,457	1,821
Aug	15,504	13,350	2,154	15,376	13,312	2,064
Nov	15,559	13,216	2,343	15,449	13,191	2,258
1998 Feb	15,579	13,068	2,511	15,470	13,041	2,429
May	15,589	12,939	2,650	15,502	12,915	2,587
Aug	15,612	12,799	2,813	15,498	12,767	2,731
Nov	15,689	12,599	3,090	15,520	12,573	2,947
1999 Feb	15,629	12,517	3,112	15,514	12,497	3,017
May	15,593	12,430	3,163	15,509	12,415	3,094
Aug	15,571	12,330	3,241	15,494	12,308	3,186

(1): Claimants include all those on the benefit, while recipients only include claimants who are in receipt of payment

(2): Incapacity Benefit was introduced on 13th April 1995, replacing Sickness and Invalidity benefit



C2 Severe Disablement Allowance claimants and recipients by start of spell

		SDA claimants ⁽¹⁾			SDA recipients ⁽¹⁾		
Quarter ending		Total	Pre 13th ⁽²⁾ April '95 cases	Post 13th ⁽²⁾ April '95 cases	Total	Pre 13th ⁽²⁾ April '95 cases	Post 13th ⁽²⁾ April '95 cases
1996	Feb	14,812	95.8%	4.2%	14,684	96.0%	4.0%
	May	14,901	94.3%	5.7%	14,784	94.6%	5.4%
	Aug	15,045	92.5%	7.5%	14,892	93.0%	7.0%
	Nov	15,239	90.4%	9.6%	15,077	90.9%	9.1%
1997	Feb	15,306	89.1%	10.9%	15,177	89.5%	10.5%
	May	15,400	87.7%	12.3%	15,278	88.1%	11.9%
	Aug	15,504	86.1%	13.9%	15,376	86.6%	13.4%
	Nov	15,559	84.9%	15.1%	15,449	85.4%	14.6%
1998	Feb	15,579	83.9%	16.1%	15,470	84.3%	15.7%
	May	15,589	83.0%	17.0%	15,502	83.3%	16.7%
	Aug	15,612	82.0%	18.0%	15,498	82.4%	17.6%
	Nov	15,689	80.3%	19.7%	15,520	81.0%	19.0%
1999	Feb	15,629	80.1%	19.9%	15,514	80.6%	19.4%
	May	15,593	79.7%	20.3%	15,509	80.1%	19.9%
	Aug	15,571	79.2%	20.8%	15,494	79.4%	20.6%

(1): Claimants include all those on the benefit, while recipients only include claimants who are in receipt of payment

(2): Incapacity Benefit was introduced on 13th April 1995, replacing Sickness and Invalidity benefit



**C3 Number of claimants and recipients of Severe
Disablement Allowance at 31 August 1999
by age, sex, and commencement of benefit**

	All SDA		SDA Pre 13 April 1995		SDA Post 13 April 1995	
	Claimants	Recipients	Claimants	Recipients	Claimants	Recipients
All Persons						
All Ages	15,571	15,494	12,330	12,308	3,241	3,186
Under 20	1,180	1,233	677	675	579	558
20 - 24	1,443	1,701	1,208	1,204	503	497
25 - 29	1,512	1,496	1,268	1,267	235	229
30 - 34	1,587	1,549	1,319	1,312	244	237
35 - 39	1,496	1,480	1,217	1,215	268	265
40 - 44	1,506	1,517	1,247	1,244	279	273
45 - 49	1,701	1,648	1,394	1,392	259	256
50 - 54	1,620	1,598	1,294	1,293	307	305
55 - 59	1,276	1,407	1,082	1,082	326	325
60 - 64	1,671	1,818	1,624	1,624	194	194
65 and over	47	47	0	0	47	47
Men						
All Ages	6,857	6,817	5,430	5,420	1,427	1,397
Under 20	701	688	365	364	336	324
20 - 24	915	908	663	661	252	247
25 - 29	869	866	742	742	127	124
30 - 34	830	823	713	710	117	113
35 - 39	694	691	567	566	127	125
40 - 44	641	636	536	534	105	102
45 - 49	597	595	522	521	75	74
50 - 54	530	530	428	428	102	102
55 - 59	497	497	407	407	90	90
60 - 64	564	564	487	487	77	77
65 and over	19	19	0	0	19	19
Women						
All Ages	8,714	8,677	6,900	6,888	1,814	1,789
Under 20	555	545	312	311	243	234
20 - 24	796	793	545	543	251	250
25 - 29	634	630	526	525	108	105
30 - 34	733	726	606	602	127	124
35 - 39	791	789	650	649	141	140
40 - 44	885	881	711	710	174	171
45 - 49	1,056	1,053	872	871	184	182
50 - 54	1,071	1,068	866	865	205	203
55 - 59	911	910	675	675	236	235
60 and over	1,282	1,282	1,137	1,137	145	145



**C4 Number of terminations of Severe Disablement Allowance
in the period 1 September 1998 to 31 August 1999, by age and reason**

	All cases	Closed certificate	Death of claimant	At request of claimant	Other reason *
All Persons	473	48	294	26	105
All Ages					
Under 20	35	-	-	-	25
20 - 24	65	17	10	11	27
25 - 29	26	10	5	-	8
30 - 34	24	-	8	-	9
35 - 39	26	-	11	-	11
40 - 44	25	5	12	0	8
45 - 49	32	-	21	-	5
50 - 54	45	-	34	-	7
55 - 59	54	0	48	-	5
60 - 64	41	0	41	0	0
65 and over	100	0	100	0	0

* Other reason includes failure to attend medical, failure to provide information, and not incapable (own occ. test / all work test).



C5 Number of claimants and recipients of Severe Disablement Allowance at 31 August 1999, by District Council

	Claimants	Recipients	Population aged 16 and over *	Recipients as % of Population
All Persons				
All Cases	15,571	15,494	1,274,850	1.22%
Ards	460	459	55,108	0.83%
Belfast	2,642	2,632	220,239	1.20%
Castlereagh	333	331	52,868	0.63%
Down	603	598	46,475	1.29%
Lisburn	782	781	83,656	0.93%
North Down	545	542	60,304	0.90%
Antrim	721	717	38,292	1.87%
Ballymena	418	417	45,524	0.92%
Ballymoney	247	247	19,215	1.29%
Carrickfergus	274	273	28,785	0.95%
Coleraine	408	408	43,220	0.94%
Cookstown	308	306	23,818	1.28%
Larne	229	228	23,887	0.95%
Magherafelt	354	353	27,727	1.27%
Moyle	166	165	11,745	1.40%
Newtownabbey	529	528	62,768	0.84%
Armagh	596	586	40,995	1.43%
Banbridge	316	314	30,254	1.04%
Craigavon	649	645	59,017	1.09%
Dungannon	460	457	34,980	1.31%
Newry & Mourne	947	944	62,201	1.52%
Derry	949	942	75,207	1.25%
Fermanagh	563	562	42,439	1.32%
Limavady	287	285	23,771	1.20%
Omagh	531	526	34,828	1.51%
Strabane	456	455	27,527	1.65%
Missing postcode	798	793

Note: Approximately 5% of records on the August 1999 dataset had missing or invalid postcodes, without which district council cannot be assigned.

* = Mid 1998 estimates. Population aged 16 and over

.. = Not available



C6 Number of recipients of Severe Disablement Allowance at 31 August 1999 by dependency

	All Persons	Men	Women
All Persons			
All Cases	15,494	6,817	8,677
No Dependants	15,204	6,649	8,555
Adult Dependant only	50	47	-
Adult and:			
1 child	13	11	-
2 children	20	18	-
3 children	11	10	-
4 children	-	-	0
5 or more children	-	-	-
No Adult and:			
1 child	93	33	60
2 children	56	20	36
3 children	26	17	9
4 children	8	-	5
5 or more children	9	6	-
Total number of children	469	259	210

Note: Table does not reflect actual dependency status of all IB claimants, but only those who have declared dependants for benefit purposes.

C7 Number of Severe Disablement Allowance recipients at 31 August 1999 by total weekly amounts in payment

	Number of Recipients	Total weekly amount paid £	Average weekly amount paid £
All in receipt of SDA	15,494	789,267	50.94
Of which:			
In receipt of Age Related Addition	15,420	188,023	12.19



**C8 Number of claimants of Severe Disablement Allowance
at 31 August 1999, by reason exempt from All Work Test**

	All Persons
All Exempt	15,166
DLA High Care rate	1,148
Severe Sickness	1,169
Other reason ⁽¹⁾	332
In receipt of SDA at 12.4.95	12,517

(1) other reason includes terminally ill and SDA passports



C9 Number of claimants of Severe Disablement Allowance at 31 August 1999, by Diagnosis Group *

	All SDA	% of all SDA	Men	Women
All Cases	15,571	100.0%	6,857	8,714
Claimants without any diagnosis code on the system	9	0.1%	-	6
Certain infectious and Parasitic Diseases (A00 - B99)	68	0.4%	22	46
Neoplasms (C00 - D48)	114	0.7%	34	80
Diseases of the Blood and Blood forming organs and certain diseases involving the immune mechanism (D50 - D89)	14	0.1%	5	9
Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases (E00 - E90)	153	1.0%	57	96
Mental and Behavioural Disorders (F00 - F99)	5,940	38.1%	2,968	2,972
Diseases of the Nervous System (G00 - G99)	1,505	9.7%	594	911
Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa (H00 - H59)	216	1.4%	87	129
Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process (H60 - H95)	156	1.0%	53	103
Disease of the Circulatory System (I00 - I99)	809	5.2%	291	518
Diseases of the Respiratory System (J00 - J99)	388	2.5%	99	289
Diseases of the Digestive System (K00 - K93)	106	0.7%	34	72
Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous System (L00 - L99)	51	0.3%	15	36
Diseases of the Musculoskeletal system and Connective Tissue (M00 - M99)	1,464	9.4%	327	1,137
Diseases of the Genitourinary System (N00 - N99)	91	0.6%	33	58
Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (O00 - O99)	8	0.1%	0	8
Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period (P00 - P96)	0	0.0%	0	0
Congenital Malformations, Deformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities (Q00 - Q99)	1,044	6.7%	567	477
Symptoms, Signs and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00 - R99)	2,390	15.3%	1,036	1,354
Injury, Poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00 - U22)	366	2.4%	230	136
Factors influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (Z00 - Z99)	679	4.4%	402	277

*Diagnosis Group is taken from ICD10 published by the World Health Organisation.



**C10 Number of claimants of Severe Disablement
Allowance at 31 August 1999, by age, sex,
and duration of benefit**

	All IB	Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 to under 4 years	4 years and over
All Persons							
All Ages	15,571	38	75	283	665	1,843	12,667
Under 20	579	18	26	99	184	249	-
20-24	1,180	-	-	36	91	289	761
25-29	1,443	-	5	27	43	135	1229
30-34	1,512	-	6	17	51	144	1293
35-39	1,587	-	8	24	56	154	1343
40-44	1,496	-	8	16	51	174	1244
45-49	1,506	-	7	15	42	161	1280
50-54	1,701	-	-	15	65	178	1439
55-59	1,620	-	-	22	51	207	1335
60-64	1,276	-	-	8	23	131	1107
65 and over	1,671	-	-	-	8	21	1633
Men							
All Ages	6,857	15	38	134	287	816	5,567
Under 20	336	9	15	64	115	131	-
20-24	617	0	-	15	37	157	406
25-29	790	-	-	14	26	73	673
30-34	859	-	-	11	19	72	754
35-39	840	-	-	9	19	81	725
40-44	672	-	-	-	16	74	573
45-49	611	0	-	-	9	49	546
50-54	624	-	-	-	21	62	537
55-59	518	0	-	6	14	59	438
60-64	484	0	-	-	8	50	421
65 and over	506	0	-	-	-	8	492
Women							
All Ages	8,714	23	37	149	378	1,027	7,100
Under 20	243	9	11	35	69	118	-
20-24	563	-	0	21	54	132	355
25-29	653	-	-	13	17	62	556
30-34	653	0	-	6	32	72	539
35-39	747	0	-	15	37	73	618
40-44	824	-	-	12	35	100	671
45-49	895	-	-	11	33	112	734
50-54	1,077	0	-	13	44	116	902
55-59	1,102	-	-	16	37	148	897
60 and over	1,957	6	-	7	20	94	1827

