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Introduction

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.

There are three rates of Incapacity Benefit. 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 adult 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.

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 'personal capability assessment' (formerly 'all work' test) which assesses the ability to carry out a range of work-related activities. The test applies after 28 weeks of incapacity or from the start of the claim for people who did not previously have a job.

Certain people are exempt from the personal capability assessment. This includes, those in receipt of Disability Living Allowance care at a higher rate, those registered blind, or those suffering from a severe illness for example: tetraplegia, persistent vegetative state, dementia.

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.

The statistics in this publication are based on 100% of cases from the Incapacity Benefit Computer System (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 February 2002, with a more in-depth analysis for February 2002.

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)

PCA – Personal Capability Assessment (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 – February 2002

At the end of February 2002 there were 102,821 **IB claimants**, up 1,610 (1.6%) on the previous year. Of these, 69,877 were in receipt of the benefit, a 0.9% decrease on the previous twelve months. The corresponding figure for Great Britain as a whole was down (1.2%) on the previous year.

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

- Numbers on **short term lower rate** in the year fell to 4,049.
- Numbers on **short term higher rate** in the year fell to 4,531.
- Numbers on **long term rate** in the year rose to 61,914.

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

Total **terminations** averaged 1,996 per month during the latest quarter (see table A5); 44% of these were due to the 'Personal Capability Assessment' (formerly 'all work test') ⁽¹⁾. This figure is higher than that of Great Britain, which has a proportion of terminations of 24% due to the Personal Capability Assessment.

There has been a 73% decline in the number of recipients with Adult dependants only 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.

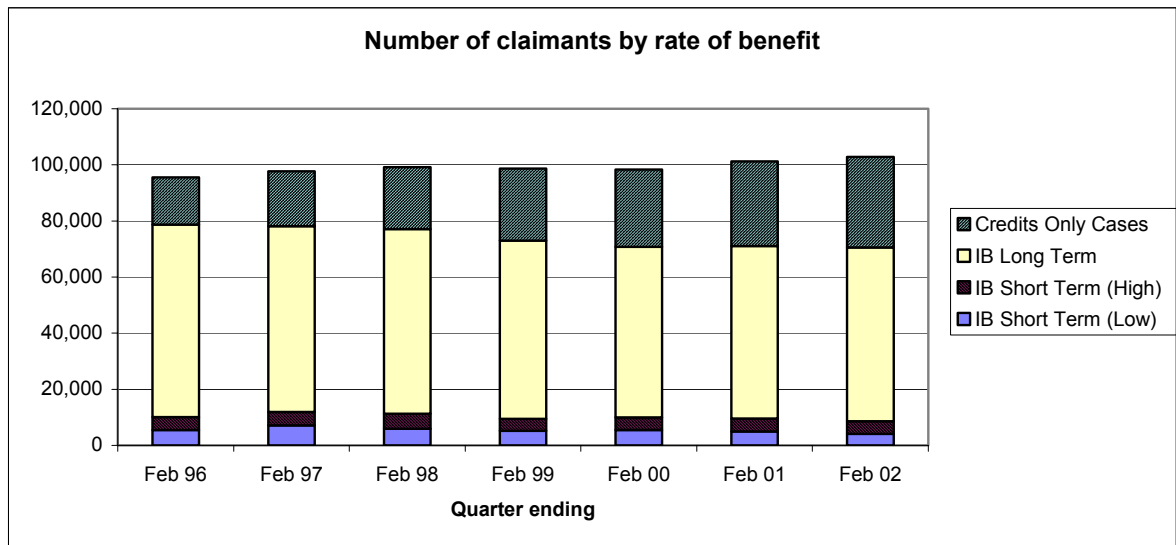
At the end of February 2002 there were 20,405 IB recipients exempt from the Personal Capability Assessment, up (1%) on the previous year.

Numbers claiming SDA remain constant (see table C1). This is also the case for Great Britain as a whole. At the end of February 2002 there were 15,199 claimants and 15,149 recipients of SDA.

⁽¹⁾ The 'Personal Capability Assessment' (formerly '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
	Nov	99,303	5,489	4,692	61,608	35,076	26,532	27,514
2000	Feb	98,296	5,477	4,555	60,670	33,422	27,248	27,594
	May	99,040	5,089	5,069	60,556	32,253	28,303	28,326
	Aug	99,368	4,893	5,164	60,654	31,402	29,252	28,657
	Nov	100,229	5,042	4,886	60,879	30,571	30,308	29,422
2001	Feb	101,211	4,904	4,682	61,418	29,858	31,560	30,207
	May	100,989	4,854	4,888	61,278	28,931	32,347	29,969
	Aug	103,253	4,987	5,201	61,743	28,094	33,649	31,322
	Nov	103,667	4,260	5,098	62,112	27,311	34,801	32,197
2002	Feb	102,821	4,049	4,531	61,914	26,520	35,394	32,327



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

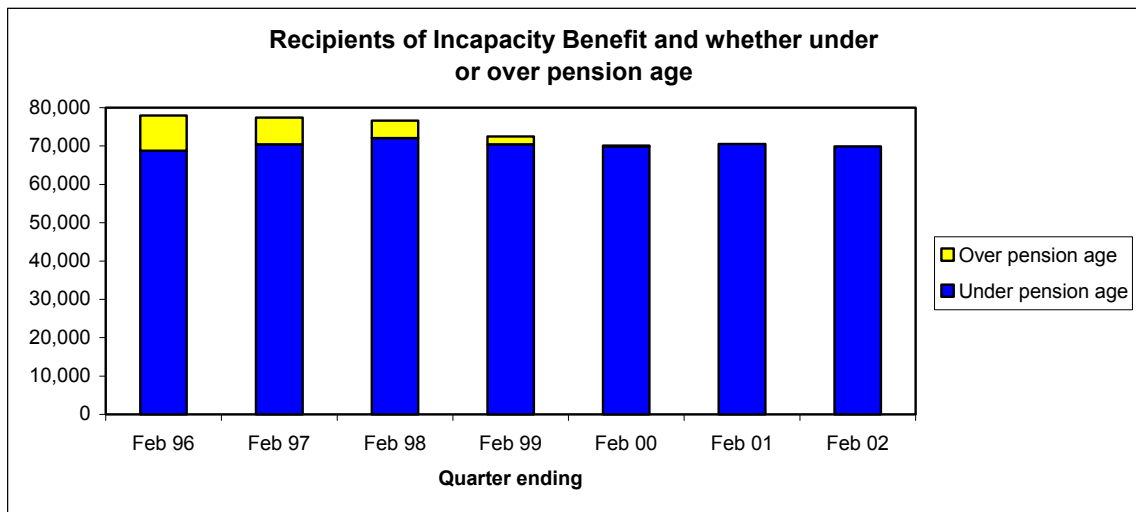
		Number of IB claimants					
		Total	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT		Credits only
Quarter ending	Ex-IVB (protected)				Other IBLT		
1996	Feb	95,525	5.8%	4.8%	69.4%	2.4%	17.7%
	May	95,072	5.8%	5.2%	66.8%	4.2%	18.1%
	Aug	94,218	5.8%	5.3%	64.4%	6.4%	18.1%
	Nov	96,654	6.9%	5.1%	60.3%	8.3%	19.3%
1997	Feb	97,683	7.2%	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%
	Nov	99,303	5.5%	4.7%	35.3%	26.7%	27.7%
2000	Feb	98,296	5.6%	4.6%	34.0%	27.7%	28.1%
	May	99,040	5.1%	5.1%	32.6%	28.6%	28.6%
	Aug	99,368	4.9%	5.2%	31.6%	29.4%	28.8%
	Nov	100,229	5.0%	4.9%	30.5%	30.2%	29.4%
2001	Feb	101,211	4.8%	4.6%	29.5%	31.2%	29.8%
	May	100,989	4.8%	4.8%	28.6%	32.0%	29.7%
	Aug	103,253	4.8%	5.0%	27.2%	32.6%	30.3%
	Nov	103,667	4.1%	4.9%	26.3%	33.6%	31.1%
2002	Feb	102,821	3.9%	4.4%	25.8%	34.4%	31.4%



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
Nov	71,171	70,524	647	5,021	4,655	61,495	79.25	50.79	60.93	82.96
2000 Feb	70,091	69,907	184	5,058	4,489	60,544	78.98	50.86	60.99	82.66
May	70,128	70,091	37	4,715	4,996	60,417	79.53	51.27	61.84	83.20
Aug	70,176	70,153	23	4,540	5,093	60,543	79.37	51.35	61.90	82.94
Nov	70,330	70,295	35	4,736	4,830	60,764	78.95	51.22	61.67	82.49
2001 Feb	70,503	70,475	28	4,577	4,601	61,325	78.84	51.06	61.42	82.23
May	70,344	70,343	1	4,412	4,790	61,142	81.03	52.50	63.35	84.48
Aug	71,333	71,333	0	4,598	5,092	61,643	80.59	52.20	62.96	84.16
Nov	70,905	70,904	1	3,922	4,992	61,991	80.43	52.11	62.24	83.69
2002 Feb	69,877	69,858	19	3,694	4,394	61,789	80.47	51.98	62.01	83.49

Note: Pension age = over age 65 for men and over age 60 for women
Includes a small number of cases over pension age - incorrectly held or recorded on the computer system



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

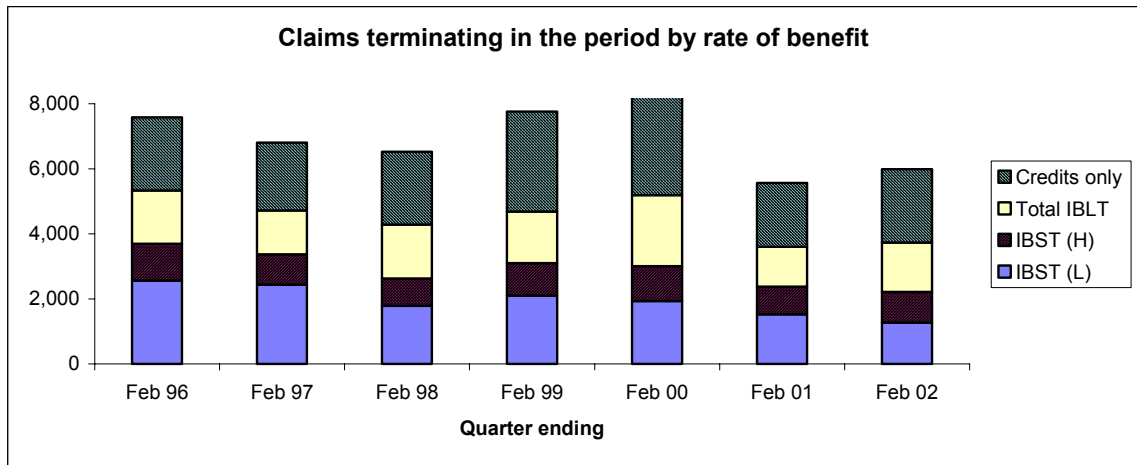
Quarter ending		Number of recipients					IBLT
		Total	Total under pension age	Total over pension age	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	
1996	Feb	77,930	88.3%	11.7%	6.6%	5.9%	87.5%
	May	77,193	88.9%	11.1%	6.7%	6.3%	87.0%
	Aug	76,520	89.5%	10.5%	6.7%	6.5%	86.8%
	Nov	77,082	90.4%	9.6%	8.0%	6.4%	85.6%
1997	Feb	77,439	91.0%	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%
	Nov	71,171	99.1%	0.9%	7.1%	6.5%	86.4%
2000	Feb	70,091	99.7%	0.3%	7.2%	6.4%	86.4%
	May	70,128	99.9%	0.1%	6.7%	7.1%	86.2%
	Aug	70,176	100.0%	0.0%	6.5%	7.3%	86.3%
	Nov	70,330	100.0%	0.0%	6.7%	6.9%	86.4%
2001	Feb	70,503	100.0%	0.0%	6.5%	6.5%	87.0%
	May	70,344	100.0%	0.0%	6.3%	6.8%	86.9%
	Aug	71,333	100.0%	0.0%	6.4%	7.1%	86.4%
	Nov	70,905	100.0%	0.0%	5.5%	7.0%	87.4%
2002	Feb	69,877	100.0%	0.0%	5.3%	6.3%	88.4%

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

Quarter ending	Number of claims terminating by reason					Number of claims terminating by rate of benefit					
	Total terminations	Not incapable			Credits only	IBLT					
		PCA*	Own occ. test	Other reason**		IBST (L)	IBST (H)	Total IBLT (protected)	Ex-IVB IBLT		
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	2,433	218	4,939	1,898	889	1,625	448	1,177	3,178
1999	Feb	7,758	2,689	154	4,915	2,099	1,003	1,582	404	1,178	3,074
	May	8,062	3,616	73	4,373	1,878	1,072	2,067	678	1,389	3,045
	Aug	7,081	3,044	68	3,969	1,536	998	1,709	570	1,139	2,838
	Nov	6,775	2,121	72	4,582	1,722	926	1,490	510	980	2,637
2000	Feb	8,316	3,771	68	4,477	1,934	1,071	2,188	714	1,474	3,123
	May	7,262	2,756	107	4,399	1,775	1,030	1,564	372	1,192	2,893
	Aug	6,865	2,966	90	3,809	1,496	1,148	1,445	280	1,165	2,776
	Nov	7,336	2,926	81	4,329	1,592	1,136	1,768	370	1,398	2,840
2001	Feb	5,562	1,887	62	3,613	1,526	852	1,225	206	1,019	1,959
	May	6,650	2,684	72	3,894	1,608	997	1,587	285	1,302	2,458
	Aug	4,770	1,303	43	3,424	1,211	688	1,049	244	805	1,822
	Nov	6,378	2,123	68	4,187	1,445	902	1,614	287	1,327	2,417
2001	Feb	5,989	2,647	40	3,302	1,268	948	1,516	222	1,294	2,257

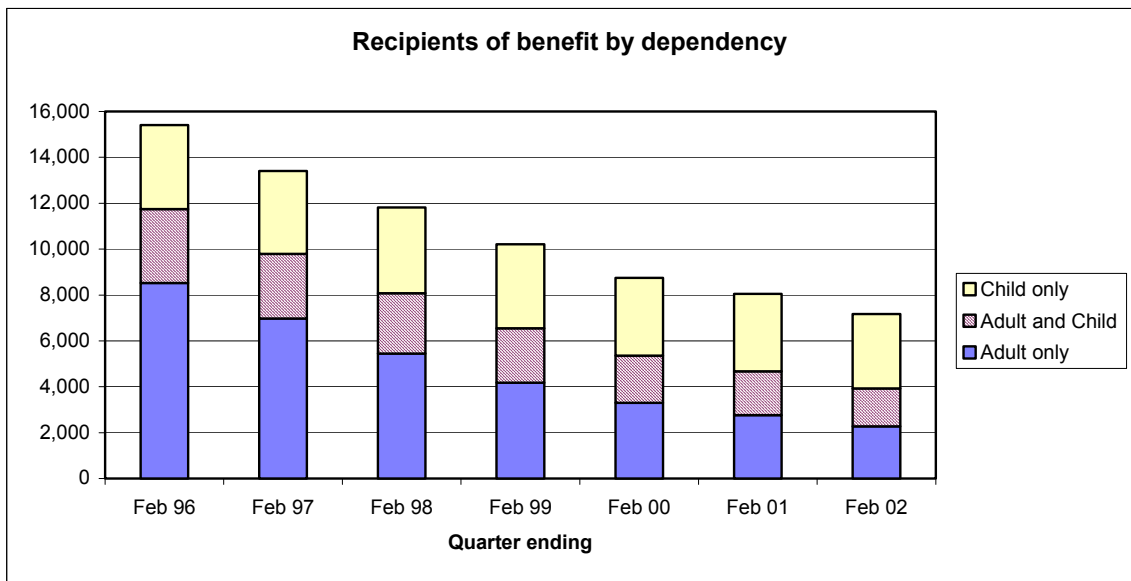
Notes: ** Includes "Failure to return questionnaire" and "Did not attend BAMS"
 Due to operational procedures a small number of All Work Test PCA terminations appear in "Other reason".
 * Personal Capability Assessment' formerly the 'all work test'



A6 Incapacity Benefit recipients by dependency

		Number of recipients by dependency					
Year	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
	Nov	71,171	62,099	3,528	2,112	3,432	10,434
2000	Feb	70,091	61,343	3,289	2,069	3,390	10,270
	May	70,128	61,525	3,053	2,085	3,465	10,482
	Aug	70,176	61,682	2,940	2,071	3,483	10,506
	Nov	70,330	62,173	2,871	1,935	3,351	9,850
2001	Feb	70,503	62,453	2,757	1,913	3,380	9,895
	May	70,344	62,467	2,578	1,901	3,398	9,920
	Aug	71,333	63,581	2,433	1,865	3,454	9,886
	Nov	70,905	63,551	2,367	1,725	3,262	9,117
2002	Feb	69,877	62,708	2,266	1,660	3,243	8,952

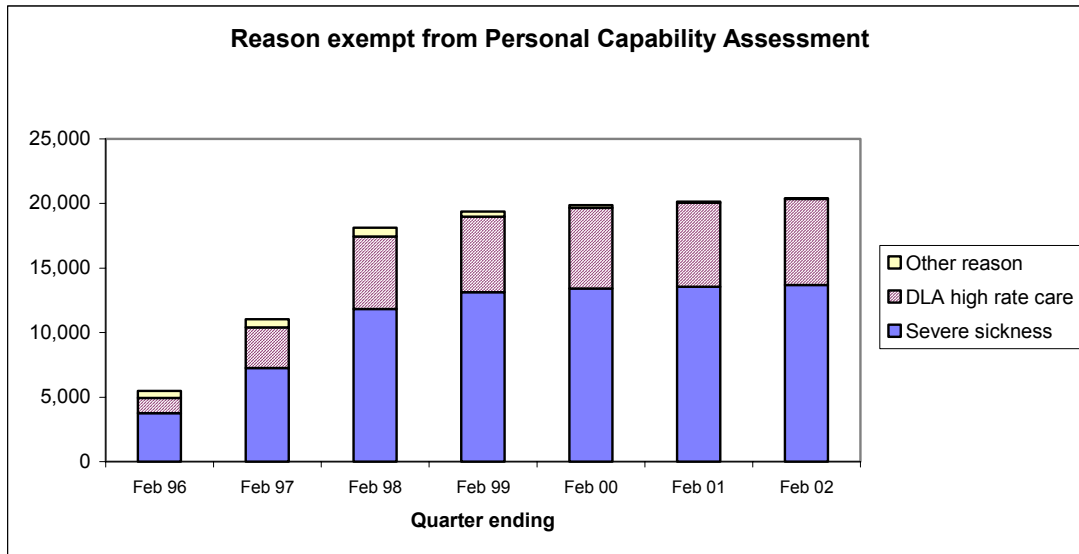
Note: Table does not reflect dependency status of all IB claimants, but only those who have declared dependants for benefit purposes.



A7 Incapacity Benefit recipients by reason exempt from Personal Capability Assessment

Claimants exempt from PCA 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	18,120	11,824	5,631	665	
1998 May	18,534	12,254	5,671	609	
1998 Aug	18,808	12,637	5,649	522	
1998 Nov	19,467	13,242	5,828	397	
1999 Feb	19,369	13,119	5,861	389	
1999 May	19,226	12,961	5,903	362	
1999 Aug	19,666	13,096	6,238	332	
1999 Nov	19,960	13,391	6,317	252	
2000 Feb	19,879	13,406	6,261	212	
2000 May	19,866	13,417	6,279	170	
2000 Aug	19,869	13,433	6,295	141	
2000 Nov	20,008	13,479	6,406	123	
2001 Feb	20,160	13,553	6,503	104	
2001 May	20,087	13,534	6,470	83	
2001 Aug	20,155	13,550	6,539	66	
2001 Nov	20,343	13,673	6,615	55	
2002 Feb	20,405	13,685	6,674	46	

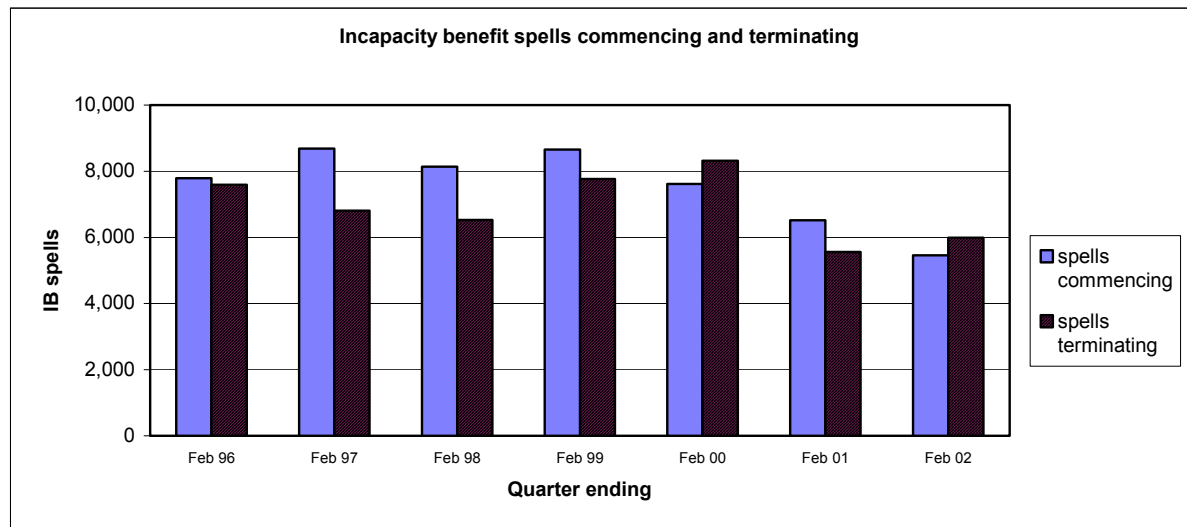
Notes: From April 2000 the Personal Capability Assessment replaced the 'All Work Test'
 (1) excludes exempt because claimant over 58 and in receipt of IVB since Dec 93
 (2) other reason includes terminally ill and SDA passports



A8 Incapacity Benefit spells commencing and terminating in the quarter

	Quarter ending	Spells Commencing	Spells Terminating	Average duration of spells (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
	Nov	8,716	6,775	428	1.29
2000	Feb	7,618	8,316	494	0.92
	May	7,834	7,262	427	1.08
	Aug	7,459	6,865	420	1.09
	Nov	7,989	7,336	459	1.09
2001	Feb	6,515	5,562	411	1.17
	May	7,131	6,650	469	1.07
	Aug	6,864	4,770	474	1.44
	Nov	7,094	6,378	475	1.11
2002	Feb	5,462	5,989	471	0.91

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 28 February 2002, 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	102,821	4,049	4,531	61,914	26,520	35,394	32,327
Under 20	1,440	73	187	18	0	18	1162
20-24	4,201	342	408	370	0	370	3081
25-29	5,330	491	343	1764	80	1684	2732
30-34	8,216	517	461	4027	896	3131	3211
35-39	10,683	484	526	5681	1989	3692	3992
40-44	11,928	444	505	6921	2857	4064	4058
45-49	12,766	396	496	7837	3569	4268	4037
50-54	15,914	457	597	10433	4806	5627	4427
55-59	20,029	558	679	14520	6962	7558	4272
60-64	12,297	287	329	10335	5356	4979	1346
65 and over	17	0	0	8	5	3	9
Men							
All Ages	62,325	2,750	2,696	37,708	16,030	21,678	19,171
Under 20	697	37	97	8	0	8	555
20-24	2,384	209	216	182	0	182	1777
25-29	2,956	271	189	775	22	753	1721
30-34	4,332	294	251	1596	257	1339	2191
35-39	5,880	326	294	2579	690	1889	2681
40-44	6,557	308	291	3587	1277	2310	2371
45-49	7,060	287	280	4323	1848	2475	2170
50-54	8,591	326	329	5768	2539	3229	2168
55-59	11,583	406	420	8557	4040	4517	2200
60-64	12,268	286	329	10325	5352	4973	1328
65 and over	17	0	0	8	5	3	9
Women							
All Ages	40,496	1,299	1,835	24,206	10,490	13,716	13,156
Under 20	743	36	90	10	0	10	607
20-24	1,817	133	192	188	0	188	1304
25-29	2,374	220	154	989	58	931	1011
30-34	3,884	223	210	2431	639	1792	1020
35-39	4,803	158	232	3102	1299	1803	1311
40-44	5,371	136	214	3334	1580	1754	1687
45-49	5,706	109	216	3514	1721	1793	1867
50-54	7,323	131	268	4665	2267	2398	2259
55-59	8,446	152	259	5963	2922	3041	2072
60 and over	29	1	0	10	4	6	18

* includes SDA cases where incapacity has not yet been decided.

Includes a small number of cases over pension age - incorrectly held or recorded on the computer system

**B1 Number of recipients of Incapacity
Benefit at 28 February 2002, 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	69,877	3,694	4,394	61,789	26,503	35,286
Under 20	255	60	178	17	0	17
20-24	1,080	313	400	367	0	367
25-29	2,528	433	335	1760	80	1680
30-34	4,944	478	448	4018	896	3122
35-39	6,618	440	509	5669	1985	3684
40-44	7,791	403	492	6896	2852	4044
45-49	8,661	362	485	7814	3567	4247
50-54	11,417	422	581	10414	4804	5610
55-59	15,657	511	643	14503	6960	7543
60-64	10,918	272	323	10323	5354	4969
65 and over	8	0	0	8	5	3
Men						
All Ages	42,697	2,490	2,598	37,609	16,018	21,591
Under 20	132	30	94	8	0	8
20-24	582	190	212	180	0	180
25-29	1,179	227	181	771	22	749
30-34	2,098	263	246	1589	257	1332
35-39	3,143	294	281	2568	687	1881
40-44	4,131	282	282	3567	1274	2293
45-49	4,838	260	274	4304	1846	2458
50-54	6,374	302	316	5756	2539	3217
55-59	9,305	371	389	8545	4038	4507
60-64	10,907	271	323	10313	5350	4963
65 and over	8	0	0	8	5	3
Women						
All Ages	27,180	1,204	1,796	24,180	10,485	13,695
Under 20	123	30	84	9	0	9
20-24	498	123	188	187	0	187
25-29	1,349	206	154	989	58	931
30-34	2,846	215	202	2429	639	1790
35-39	3,475	146	228	3101	1298	1803
40-44	3,660	121	210	3329	1578	1751
45-49	3,823	102	211	3510	1721	1789
50-54	5,043	120	265	4658	2265	2393
55-59	6,352	140	254	5958	2922	3036
60 and over	11	1	0	10	4	6

Includes a small number of cases over pension age - incorrectly held or recorded on the computer system

**B2 Number of terminations of Incapacity Benefit
in the period 1 December 2001 to 28 February 2002,
by rate of benefit and reason**

	All cases	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT			Credits only
				Total IBLT	Ex-IVB IBLT	Other IBLT	
All Persons	5,989	1,268	948	1,516	222	1,294	2,257
Closed Certificate	2,073	997	293	220	23	197	563
Death of Claimant	271	7	11	174	71	103	79
At request of claimant	254	80	31	39	3	36	104
Failure to attend medical	229	9	19	34	6	28	167
Failure to provide information	218	16	21	19	1	18	162
Not incapable Own Occ Test	40	22	0	0	0	0	18
Not incapable PCA	2,647	75	494	948	106	842	1130
Return to work	183	40	73	69	7	62	1
Other	74	22	6	13	5	8	33

**B3 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit at
28 February 2002, 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	102,821	2,616	2,957	40,059	20,331	1,030,400	9.98%
Ards	3,471	134	195	2329	813	45,500	7.63%
Belfast	20,155	626	780	10871	7878	165,800	12.16%
Castlereagh	2,897	125	147	2022	603	40,200	7.21%
Down	3,433	119	149	2148	1017	38,400	8.94%
Lisburn	5,320	217	248	3231	1624	68,500	7.77%
North Down	2,642	103	123	1799	617	45,700	5.78%
Antrim	2,287	107	114	1374	692	32,900	6.95%
Ballymena	2,847	143	118	1737	849	37,000	7.69%
Ballymoney	1,564	55	65	1000	444	15,900	9.84%
Carrickfergus	1,729	85	111	1173	360	23,800	7.26%
Coleraine	2,736	114	114	1625	883	34,300	7.98%
Cookstown	2,605	111	103	1595	796	19,200	13.57%
Larne	1,576	69	86	980	441	18,900	8.34%
Magherafelt	2,368	110	102	1533	623	23,300	10.16%
Moyle	947	42	42	556	307	9,300	10.18%
Newtownabbey	3,901	182	213	2503	1003	50,700	7.69%
Armagh	3,181	160	136	2024	861	33,100	9.61%
Banbridge	2,304	114	111	1559	520	25,700	8.96%
Craigavon	5,694	257	263	3817	1357	48,900	11.64%
Dungannon	3,318	154	124	1985	1055	29,300	11.32%
Newry & Mourne	6,112	229	254	3464	2165	52,400	11.66%
Derry	8,633	238	290	4844	3261	65,300	13.22%
Fermanagh	2,723	99	137	1571	916	34,300	7.94%
Limavady	2,017	81	95	1204	637	19,700	10.24%
Omagh	3,376	155	165	2046	1010	29,100	11.60%
Strabane	3,148	144	124	1857	1023	23,200	13.57%
Missing postcode	1,837	76	122	1067	572

* = Mid 2000 estimates. Population of working age. Namely 16-59 for Females, 16-64 for Males.

.. = Not available

Note: Approximately 2% of records on the February 2002 dataset had missing or invalid postcodes, without which district council cannot be assigned.

**B3 Number of recipients of Incapacity Benefit at
28 February 2002, 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	69,877	2,619	3,123	43,801	1,030,400	6.78%
Ards	2,639	121	192	2326	45,500	5.80%
Belfast	12,155	542	762	10851	165,800	7.33%
Castlereagh	2,276	115	142	2019	40,200	5.66%
Down	2,403	114	143	2146	38,400	6.26%
Lisburn	3,665	198	241	3226	68,500	5.35%
North Down	2,009	95	118	1796	45,700	4.40%
Antrim	1,586	98	114	1374	32,900	4.82%
Ballymena	1,970	127	111	1732	37,000	5.32%
Ballymoney	1,112	50	64	998	15,900	6.99%
Carrickfergus	1,363	82	109	1172	23,800	5.73%
Coleraine	1,833	104	107	1622	34,300	5.34%
Cookstown	1,790	103	99	1588	19,200	9.32%
Larne	1,120	63	80	977	18,900	5.93%
Magherafelt	1,733	103	99	1531	23,300	7.44%
Moyle	636	40	40	556	9,300	6.84%
Newtownabbey	2,872	169	202	2501	50,700	5.66%
Armagh	2,302	150	132	2020	33,100	6.95%
Banbridge	1,776	107	110	1559	25,700	6.91%
Craigavon	4,303	238	258	3807	48,900	8.80%
Dungannon	2,249	147	123	1979	29,300	7.68%
Newry & Mourne	3,922	215	248	3459	52,400	7.48%
Derry	5,307	198	276	4833	65,300	8.13%
Fermanagh	1,787	90	133	1564	34,300	5.21%
Limavady	1,370	74	93	1203	19,700	6.95%
Omagh	2,348	150	161	2037	29,100	8.07%
Strabane	2,102	131	121	1850	23,200	9.06%
Missing postcode	1,249	70	116	1063

* = Mid 2000 estimates. Population of working age. Namely 16-59 for Females, 16-64 for Males.

.. = Not available

Note: Approximately 2% of records on the February 2002 dataset had missing or invalid postcodes, without which district council cannot be assigned.

**B4 Number of recipients of Incapacity Benefit at
28 February 2002 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	69,877	3,694	4,394	61,789	26,503	35,286
No Dependants	62,709	3,625	4,235	54,849	22,314	32,535
Adult Dependant only	2,266	69	18	2,179	1,938	241
Adult and:						
1 child	795	0	22	773	362	411
2 children	469	0	25	444	189	255
3 children	262	0	10	252	103	149
4 children	98	0	3	95	37	58
5 or more children	36	0	1	35	12	23
No Adult and:						
1 child	1,580	0	39	1,541	783	758
2 children	1,010	0	22	988	469	519
3 children	446	0	14	432	190	242
4 children	153	0	4	149	78	71
5 or more children	53	0	1	52	28	24
Total number of children	8,952	0	265	8,687	4,026	4,661

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
28 February 2002 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	42,697	2,490	2,598	37,609	16,018	21,591
No Dependants	36,893	2,422	2,471	32,000	12,541	19,459
Adult Dependant only	2,226	68	16	2,142	1,905	237
Adult and:						
1 child	764	0	21	743	346	397
2 children	431	0	24	407	172	235
3 children	246	0	10	236	94	142
4 children	87	0	3	84	33	51
5 or more children	34	0	1	33	12	21
No Adult and:						
1 child	988	0	26	962	492	470
2 children	616	0	12	604	267	337
3 children	280	0	10	270	99	171
4 children	105	0	3	102	44	58
5 or more children	27	0	1	26	13	13
Total number of children	6,532	0	213	6,319	2,747	3,572

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
28 February 2002 by rate of benefit, dependency and sex**

Sheet 3

	All cases	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT		
				Total IBLT	Ex-IVB IBLT	Other IBLT
Women						
All Cases	27,180	1,204	1,796	24,180	10,485	13,695
No Dependants	25,816	1,203	1,764	22,849	9,773	13,076
Adult Dependant only	40	1	2	37	33	4
Adult and:						
1 child	31	0	1	30	16	14
2 children	38	0	1	37	17	20
3 children	16	0	0	16	9	7
4 children	11	0	0	11	4	7
5 or more children	2	0	0	2	0	2
No Adult and:						
1 child	592	0	13	579	291	288
2 children	394	0	10	384	202	182
3 children	166	0	4	162	91	71
4 children	48	0	1	47	34	13
5 or more children	26	0	0	26	15	11
Total number of children	2,420	0	52	2,368	1,279	1,089

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 28 February 2002
by rate of benefit, and weekly amounts in payment**

	All Recipients	Total weekly amount paid £	Average weekly amount paid £
All Persons			
All IB Rates	69,877	5,622,970	80.47
IBST(L)	3,694	192,016	51.98
IBST(H)	4,394	272,460	62.01
IBLT (All)	61,789	5,158,493	83.49
IBLT (Ex-IVB)	26,503	2,439,770	92.06
Invalidity Allowance	16,734	171,971	10.28
Additional Pension	19,254	300,127	15.59
Graduated Retirement Benefit	0	0	0.00
IBLT (Other)	35,286	2,718,724	77.05
Incapacity Age Addition	15,358	168,506	10.97

**B6 Number of recipients of Incapacity Benefit at
28 February 2002 by rate of benefit and
reason exempt from the Personal Capability Assessment**

	All IB	IBST(L)	IBST (H)	IBLT
All Persons	20,405	85	396	19,924
Severe Sickness	13,685	52	255	13,378
DLA High Care rate	6,674	32	140	6,502
Other reason ⁽¹⁾	46	1	1	44

(1) other reason includes terminally ill and SDA passports

B7 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit at 28 February 2002, by Diagnosis Group*

	All IB	% of all IB	Men	Women
All Cases	102,821	100.0%	62,325	40,496
Claimants without any diagnosis code on the system	229	0.2%	129	100
Certain infectious and Parasitic Diseases (A00 - B99)	868	0.8%	528	340
Neoplasms (C00 - D48)	1,127	1.1%	600	527
Diseases of the Blood and Blood forming organs and certain diseases involving the immune mechanism (D50 - D89)	269	0.3%	128	141
Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases (E00 -E90)	1,426	1.4%	933	493
Mental and Behavioural Disorders (F00 - F99)	33,673	32.7%	18,377	15,296
Diseases of the Nervous System (G00 - G99)	4,069	4.0%	2,237	1,832
Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa (H00 -H59)	462	0.4%	349	113
Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process (H60 - H95)	403	0.4%	260	143
Disease of the Circulatory System (I00 - I99)	9,212	9.0%	7,316	1,896
Diseases of the Respiratory System (J00 - J99)	3,097	3.0%	1,919	1,178
Diseases of the Digestive System (K00 - K93)	1,836	1.8%	1,211	625
Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous System (L00 - L99)	1,113	1.1%	693	420
Diseases of the Musculoskeletal system and Connective Tissue (M00 - M99)	22,105	21.5%	13,281	8,824
Diseases of the Genitourinary System (N00 - N99)	849	0.8%	338	511
Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (O00 - O99)	836	0.8%	3	833
Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period (P00 - P96)	3	0.0%	0	3
Congenital Malformations, Deformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities (Q00 - Q99)	122	0.1%	70	52
Symptoms, Signs and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00 - R99)	12,786	12.4%	7,597	5,189
Injury, Poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00 - U22)	7,449	7.2%	5,735	1,714
Factors influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (Z00 - Z99)	887	0.9%	621	266

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

**B8 Number of claimants of Incapacity
Benefit at 28 February 2002, 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	102,821	4,908	6,189	8,617	12,698	18,945	51,464
Under 20	1,440	306	435	487	185	27	0
20-24	4,201	519	673	981	814	804	410
25-29	5,330	474	572	741	1053	1193	1297
30-34	8,216	560	682	817	1355	1762	3040
35-39	10,683	634	741	1021	1490	2187	4610
40-44	11,928	585	700	1025	1543	2388	5687
45-49	12,766	556	683	974	1539	2346	6668
50-54	15,914	514	704	1018	1760	2939	8979
55-59	20,029	563	718	1077	1979	3436	12256
60-64	12,297	197	281	475	979	1861	8504
65 and over	17	0	0	1	1	2	13
Men							
All Ages	62,325	3,059	3,768	5,124	7,690	11,602	31,082
Under 20	697	159	206	232	91	9	0
20-24	2,384	326	400	535	482	437	204
25-29	2,956	261	338	431	622	648	656
30-34	4,332	315	431	490	781	942	1373
35-39	5,880	406	468	634	874	1316	2182
40-44	6,557	371	410	586	880	1387	2923
45-49	7,060	350	413	542	852	1315	3588
50-54	8,591	307	399	559	926	1630	4770
55-59	11,583	367	425	639	1205	2064	6883
60-64	12,268	197	278	475	976	1852	8490
65 and over	17	0	0	1	1	2	13
Women							
All Ages	40,496	1,849	2,421	3,493	5,008	7,343	20,382
Under 20	743	147	229	255	94	18	0
20-24	1,817	193	273	446	332	367	206
25-29	2,374	213	234	310	431	545	641
30-34	3,884	245	251	327	574	820	1667
35-39	4,803	228	273	387	616	871	2428
40-44	5,371	214	290	439	663	1,001	2764
45-49	5,706	206	270	432	687	1,031	3080
50-54	7,323	207	305	459	834	1,309	4209
55-59	8,446	196	293	438	774	1,372	5373
60 and over	29	0	3	0	3	9	14

* includes SDA cases where incapacity has not yet been decided.

Includes a small number of cases over pension age - incorrectly held or recorded on the computer system

**B9 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit at
28 February 2002, by rate of benefit
and Government Office Region**

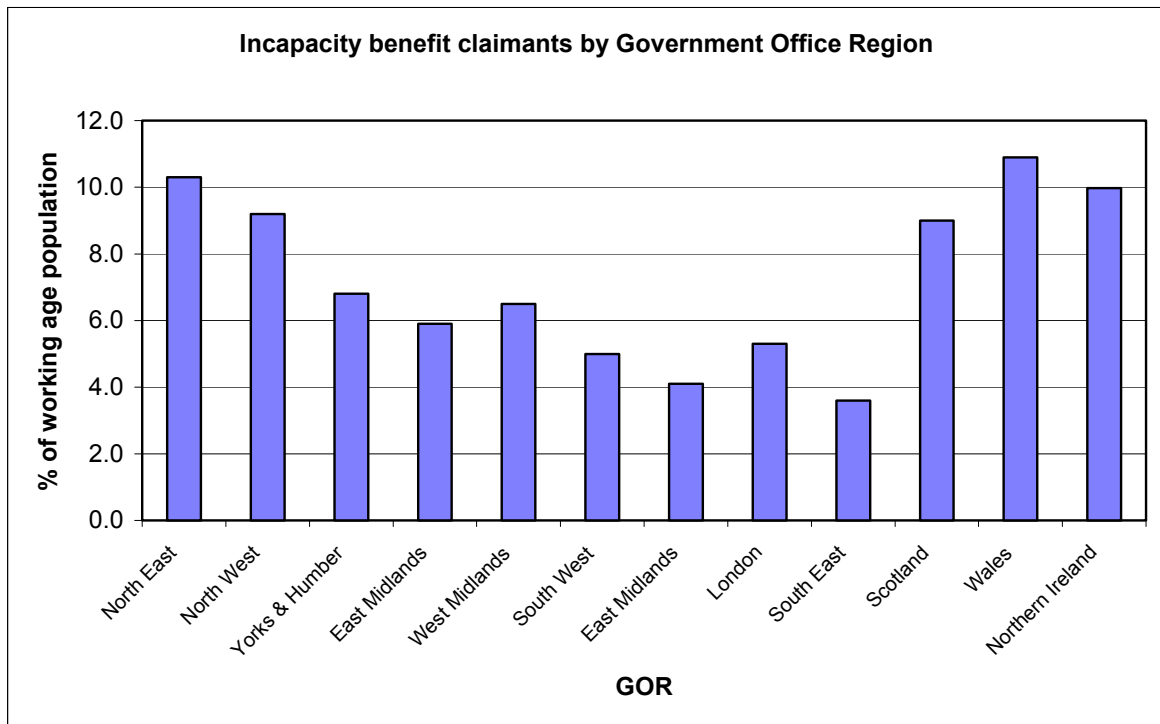
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Thousands

	All IB	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT	Credits only	All IB as % of working age population
All Cases (GB)	2,337.7	88.5	94.2	1,323.1	832.0	6.5
North East	162.1	6.4	7.4	98.3	50.0	10.3
North West	389.3	13.9	14.3	224.7	136.3	9.2
Yorks & Humber	210.3	8.6	9.5	123.3	68.8	6.8
East Midlands	152.6	6.2	7.0	93.7	45.7	5.9
West Midlands	212.9	8.8	8.8	123.4	71.9	6.5
South West	147.7	6.5	5.6	82.6	53.0	5.0
East Midlands	138.9	5.7	6.6	78.0	48.6	4.1
London	256.4	6.3	7.2	103.1	139.8	5.3
South East	180.5	7.7	7.4	98.2	67.1	3.6
England	1,850.7	69.4	78.3	1,025.3	681.5	6.0
Scotland	285.6	11.1	12.1	167.6	96.0	9.0
Wales	192.5	6.9	8.6	123.0	54.1	10.9
Northern Ireland	102.8	4.0	4.5	61.9	32.3	10.0
Overseas	8.9	-	0.2*	8.3	0.4*	0.0

Mid 2000 estimates. Population of working age. Namely 16-59 for Females, 16-64 for Males.

*Figures under 500 are subject to a high degree of sampling error and should only be used as a guide to the current situation as GB data are taken from a 5% extract of the computer system.



**B9 Number of recipients of Incapacity Benefit at
28 February 2002, by rate of benefit
and Government Office Region**

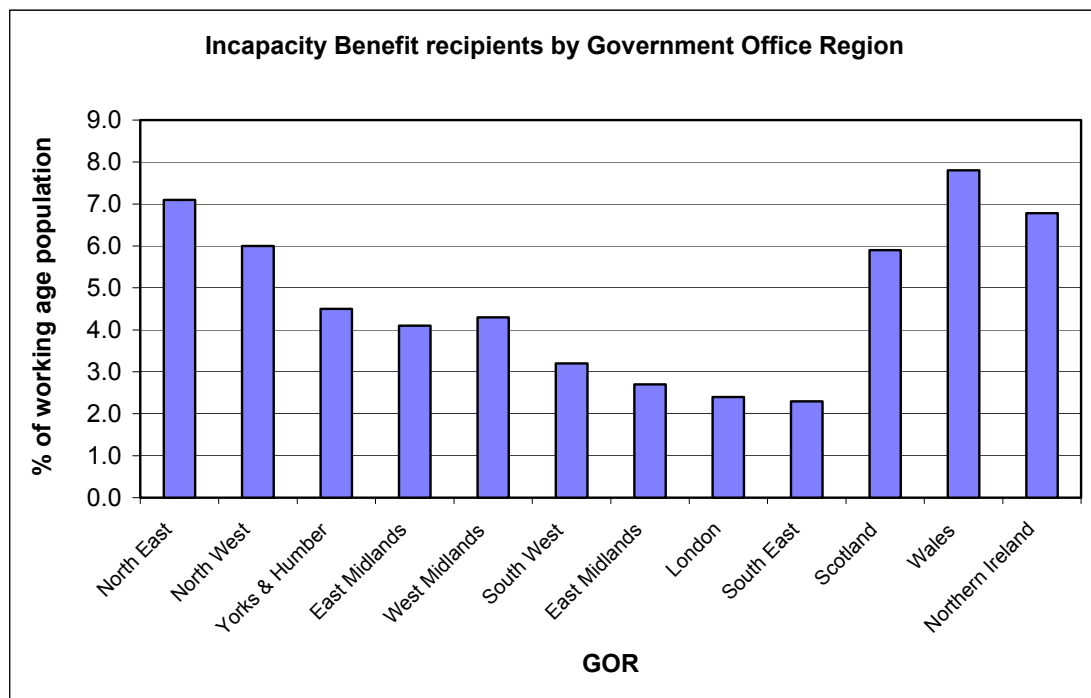
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Thousands

	All IB	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT	All IB as % of working age population
All Cases (GB)	1,496.9	84.1	92.6	1,320.3	4.2
North East	111.6	6.1	7.3	98.1	7.1
North West	251.7	13.3	14.1	224.3	6.0
Yorks & Humber	140.5	8.1	9.3	123.1	4.5
East Midlands	106.2	5.8	6.8	93.5	4.1
West Midlands	140.3	8.4	8.7	123.3	4.3
South West	94.1	6.3	5.5	82.3	3.2
East Midlands	89.6	5.4	6.4	77.8	2.7
London	115.9	6.0	7.2	102.8	2.4
South East	112.6	7.4	7.3	97.8	2.3
England	1,162.6	66.9	72.7	1,023.0	3.8
Scotland	188.2	10.4	11.5	166.3	5.9
Wales	137.7	6.7	8.3	122.7	7.8
Northern Ireland	69.9	3.7	4.4	61.8	6.8
Overseas	8.4	-	0.1*	8.2	0.0

Mid 2000 estimates. Population of working age. Namely 16-59 for Females, 16-64 for Males.

*Figures under 500 are subject to a high degree of sampling error and should only be used as a guide to the current situation as GB data are taken from a 5% extract of the computer system.

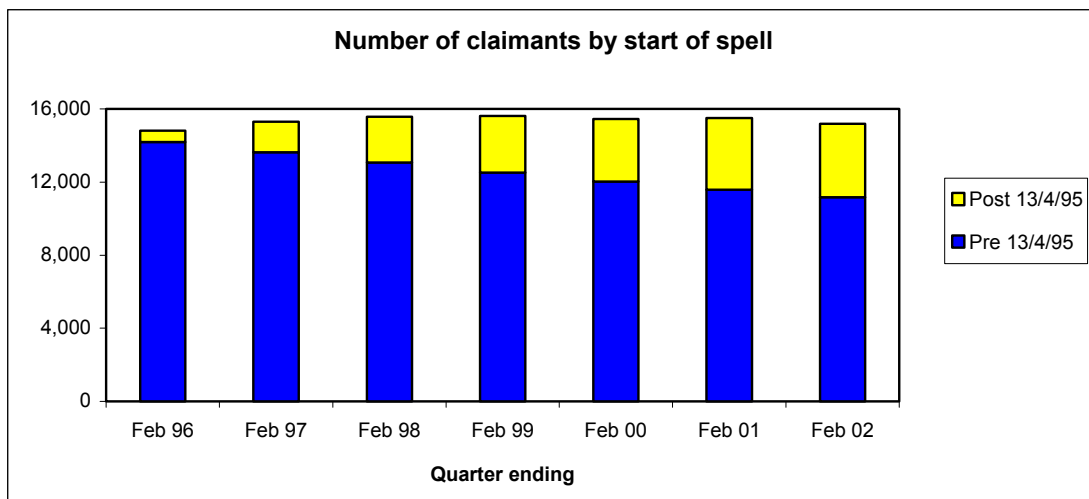


C1 Severe Disablement Allowance claimants and recipients by start of spell

Year	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
	Nov	15,507	12,180	3,327	15,407	12,158	3,249
2000	Feb	15,463	12,028	3,435	15,366	12,011	3,355
	May	15,470	11,904	3,566	15,352	11,886	3,466
	Aug	15,458	11,795	3,663	15,355	11,772	3,583
	Nov	15,489	11,690	3,799	15,385	11,668	3,717
2001	Feb	15,507	11,582	3,925	15,397	11,564	3,833
	May	15,494	11,467	4,027	15,384	11,452	3,932
	Aug	15,443	11,370	4,073	15,364	11,353	4,011
	Nov	15,333	11,266	4,067	15,274	11,253	4,021
2002	Feb	15,199	11,169	4,030	15,149	11,157	3,992

(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

	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	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%
	Nov	15,507	78.5%	21.5%	15,407	78.9%	21.1%
2000	Feb	15,463	77.8%	22.2%	15,366	78.2%	21.8%
	May	15,470	76.9%	23.1%	15,352	77.4%	22.6%
	Aug	15,458	76.3%	23.7%	15,355	76.7%	23.3%
	Nov	15,489	75.5%	24.5%	15,385	75.8%	24.2%
2001	Feb	15,507	74.7%	25.3%	15,397	75.1%	24.9%
	May	15,494	74.0%	26.0%	15,384	74.4%	25.6%
	Aug	15,443	73.6%	26.4%	15,364	73.9%	26.1%
	Nov	15,333	73.5%	26.5%	15,274	73.7%	26.3%
2002	Feb	15,199	73.5%	26.5%	15,149	73.6%	26.4%

(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 28 February 2002
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	15,199	15,149	11,169	11,157	4,030	3,992
Under 20	482	471	0	0	482	471
20 - 24	1,066	1,058	224	223	842	835
25 - 29	1,273	1,270	947	945	326	325
30 - 34	1,439	1,436	1,192	1,191	247	245
35 - 39	1,638	1,633	1,293	1,291	345	342
40 - 44	1,552	1,549	1,206	1,206	346	343
45 - 49	1,451	1,447	1,133	1,132	318	315
50 - 54	1,594	1,588	1,265	1,263	329	325
55 - 59	1,743	1,740	1,325	1,324	418	416
60 - 64	1,156	1,154	885	883	271	271
65 and over	1,805	1,803	1,699	1,699	106	104
Men						
All Ages	6,722	6,695	4,936	4,931	1,786	1,764
Under 20	298	291	0	0	298	291
20 - 24	575	571	123	123	452	448
25 - 29	690	690	517	517	173	173
30 - 34	795	793	668	667	127	126
35 - 39	894	892	740	739	154	153
40 - 44	721	718	592	592	129	126
45 - 49	632	630	529	528	103	102
50 - 54	606	603	512	511	94	92
55 - 59	569	568	447	447	122	121
60 - 64	441	440	344	343	97	97
65 and over	501	499	464	464	37	35
Women						
All Ages	8,477	8,454	6,233	6,226	2,244	2,228
Under 20	184	180	0	0	184	180
20 - 24	491	487	101	100	390	387
25 - 29	583	580	430	428	153	152
30 - 34	644	643	524	524	120	119
35 - 39	744	741	553	552	191	189
40 - 44	831	831	614	614	217	217
45 - 49	819	817	604	604	215	213
50 - 54	988	985	753	752	235	233
55 - 59	1,174	1,172	878	877	296	295
60 and over	2,019	2,018	1,776	1,775	243	243

**C4 Number of terminations of Severe Disablement Allowance
in the period 1 March 2001 to 28 February 2002, by age and reason**

	All cases	Closed certificate	Death of claimant	At request of claimant	Other reason *
All Persons	457	56	276	18	107
All Ages					
Under 20	44	18	4	2	20
20 - 24	50	13	5	7	25
25 - 29	31	6	7	4	14
30 - 34	23	6	8	0	9
35 - 39	29	6	12	2	9
40 - 44	28	2	16	1	9
45 - 49	27	1	21	0	5
50 - 54	31	1	20	2	8
55 - 59	45	3	37	0	5
60 - 64	44	0	41	0	3
65 and over	105	0	105	0	0

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

C5 Number of claimants and recipients of Severe Disablement Allowance at 28 February 2002, by District Council

	Claimants	Recipients	Population aged 16 and over *	Recipients as % of Population
All Persons				
All Cases	15,199	15,149	1,289,600	1.17%
Ards	450	450	56,700	0.79%
Belfast	2,571	2,566	216,900	1.18%
Castlereagh	425	424	53,000	0.80%
Down	613	612	47,700	1.28%
Lisburn	767	765	84,300	0.91%
North Down	551	551	60,600	0.91%
Antrim	690	688	39,000	1.76%
Ballymena	426	425	46,400	0.92%
Ballymoney	260	259	19,800	1.31%
Carrickfergus	305	304	29,700	1.02%
Coleraine	408	406	43,700	0.93%
Cookstown	287	287	24,000	1.20%
Larne	220	219	24,300	0.90%
Magherafelt	355	355	28,400	1.25%
Moyle	182	182	11,900	1.53%
Newtownabbey	516	516	63,600	0.81%
Armagh	604	594	41,100	1.45%
Banbridge	325	325	31,300	1.04%
Craigavon	643	640	60,500	1.06%
Dungannon	467	465	35,700	1.30%
Newry & Mourne	889	886	63,600	1.39%
Derry	1,054	1,049	77,000	1.36%
Fermanagh	553	549	43,300	1.27%
Limavady	291	291	23,500	1.24%
Omagh	529	527	35,300	1.49%
Strabane	475	472	28,300	1.67%
Missing postcode	343	342

Note: Approximately 2% of records on the February 2002 dataset had missing or invalid postcodes, without which district council cannot be assigned.

* = Mid 2000 estimates. Population aged 16 and over

.. = Not available

**C6 Number of recipients of Severe Disablement Allowance
at 28 February 2002 by dependency**

	All Persons	Men	Women
All Persons			
All Cases	15,149	6,695	8,454
No Dependants	14,906	6,559	8,347
Adult Dependant only	43	38	5
Adult and:			
1 child	12	11	1
2 children	10	10	0
3 children	2	2	0
4 children	6	4	2
5 or more children	2	2	0
No Adult and:			
1 child	90	28	62
2 children	40	17	23
3 children	23	14	9
4 children	10	8	2
5 or more children	5	2	3
Total number of children	378	210	168

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
28 February 2002 by total weekly amounts in payment**

	Number of Recipients	Total weekly amount paid £	Average weekly amount paid £
All in receipt of SDA	15,149	810,111	53.48
Of which:			
In receipt of Age Related Addition	15,096	193,944	12.85

C8 Number of claimants of Severe Disablement Allowance at 28 February 2002, by reason exempt from Personal Capability Assessment

	All Persons
All Exempt	14,911
DLA High Care rate	1,338
Severe Sickness	1,561
Other reason ⁽¹⁾	430
In receipt of SDA at 12.4.95	11,582

(1) other reason includes terminally ill and SDA passports

C9 Number of claimants of Severe Disablement Allowance at 28 February 2002, by Diagnosis Group *

	All SDA	% of all SDA	Men	Women
All Cases	15,199	100.0%	6,722	8,477
Claimants without any diagnosis code on the system	66	0.4%	34	32
Certain infectious and Parasitic Diseases (A00 - B99)	57	0.4%	23	34
Neoplasms (C00 - D48)	125	0.8%	38	87
Diseases of the Blood and Blood forming organs and certain diseases involving the immune mechanism (D50 - D89)	14	0.1%	7	7
Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases (E00 -E90)	161	1.1%	60	101
Mental and Behavioural Disorders (F00 - F99)	6,120	40.3%	3,064	3,056
Diseases of the Nervous System (G00 - G99)	1,615	10.6%	670	945
Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa (H00 -H59)	231	1.5%	97	134
Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process (H60 - H95)	153	1.0%	60	93
Disease of the Circulatory System (I00 - I99)	758	5.0%	251	507
Diseases of the Respiratory System (J00 - J99)	387	2.5%	96	291
Diseases of the Digestive System (K00 - K93)	120	0.8%	38	82
Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous System (L00 - L99)	61	0.4%	14	47
Diseases of the Musculoskeletal system and Connective Tissue (M00 - M99)	1,403	9.2%	305	1,098
Diseases of the Genitourinary System (N00 - N99)	86	0.6%	34	52
Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (O00 - O99)	6	0.0%	2	4
Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period (P00 - P96)	0	0.0%	0	0
Congenital Malformations, Deformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities (Q00 - Q99)	1,071	7.0%	575	496
Symptoms, Signs and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00 - R99)	1,870	12.3%	812	1,058
Injury, Poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00 - U22)	335	2.2%	213	122
Factors influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (Z00 - Z99)	560	3.7%	329	231

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

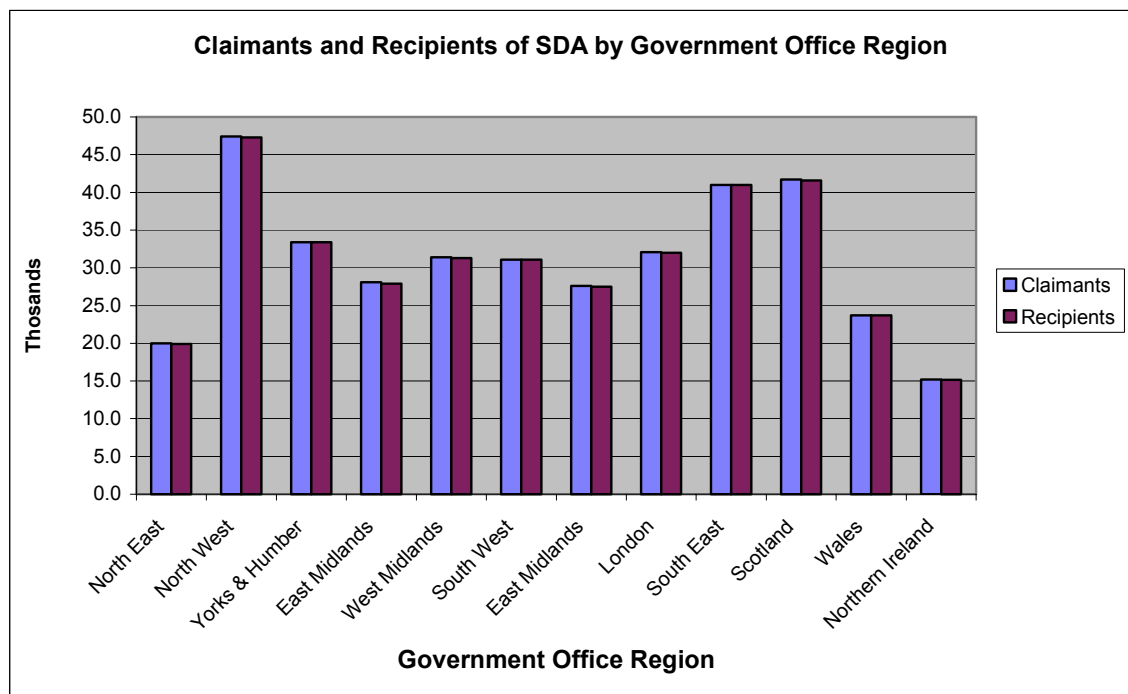
C10 Number of claimants of Severe Disablement Allowance at 28 February 2002, by age, sex, and duration of benefit

	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	15,199	11	23	76	608	1,153	13,328
Under 20	482	2	2	18	206	254	0
20-24	1,066	2	0	9	80	233	742
25-29	1,273	1	4	7	35	72	1154
30-34	1,439	0	2	6	28	71	1332
35-39	1,638	1	4	6	51	91	1485
40-44	1,552	0	1	4	49	92	1406
45-49	1,451	0	0	5	34	85	1327
50-54	1,594	0	1	4	49	78	1462
55-59	1,743	0	3	5	56	97	1582
60-64	1,156	5	5	9	17	61	1059
65 and over	1,805	0	1	3	3	19	1779
Men							
All Ages	6,722	4	10	36	274	526	5,872
Under 20	298	2	1	12	125	158	0
20-24	575	1	0	4	42	125	403
25-29	690	0	3	5	17	39	626
30-34	795	0	1	4	11	39	740
35-39	894	1	1	1	17	42	832
40-44	721	0	0	0	17	29	675
45-49	632	0	0	3	9	25	595
50-54	606	0	1	3	15	15	572
55-59	569	0	2	3	11	26	527
60-64	441	0	1	0	8	23	409
65 and over	501	0	0	1	2	5	493
Women							
All Ages	8,477	7	13	40	334	627	7,456
Under 20	184	0	1	6	81	96	0
20-24	491	1	0	5	38	108	339
25-29	583	1	1	2	18	33	528
30-34	644	0	1	2	17	32	592
35-39	744	0	3	5	34	49	653
40-44	831	0	1	4	32	63	731
45-49	819	0	0	2	25	60	732
50-54	988	0	0	1	34	63	890
55-59	1,174	0	1	2	45	71	1055
60 and over	2,019	5	5	11	10	52	1936

C11 Number of claimants and recipients of Severe Disablement Allowance at 28 February 2002 by Government Office Region

Thousands

	Claimants	Recipients
All Persons		
All Cases (Great Britain)	357.9	357.2
North East	20.0	19.9
North West	47.4	47.3
Yorks & Humber	33.4	33.4
East Midlands	28.1	27.9
West Midlands	31.4	31.3
South West	31.1	31.1
East Midlands	27.6	27.5
London	32.1	32.0
South East	41.0	41.0
England	292.2	291.5
Scotland	41.7	41.6
Wales	23.7	23.7
Northern Ireland	15.2	15.1
Overseas	0.4*	0.4*



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