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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 November 2002, with a more in-depth analysis for November 2002.

Glossary of terms and conventions

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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 – November 2002

At the end of November 2002 there were 107,926 **IB claimants**, up 4,259 (4.1%) on the previous year. Of these, 71,771 were in receipt of the benefit, a 1.2% increase on the previous twelve months. The corresponding figure for Great Britain as a whole was down (0.1%) 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 rose to 4,585.
- Numbers on **short term higher rate** in the year fell to 4,671.
- Numbers on **long term rate** in the year rose to 63,376.

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

Total **terminations** averaged 1,910 per month during the latest quarter (see table A5); 32% 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 25% due to the Personal Capability Assessment.

There has been a 76% 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.

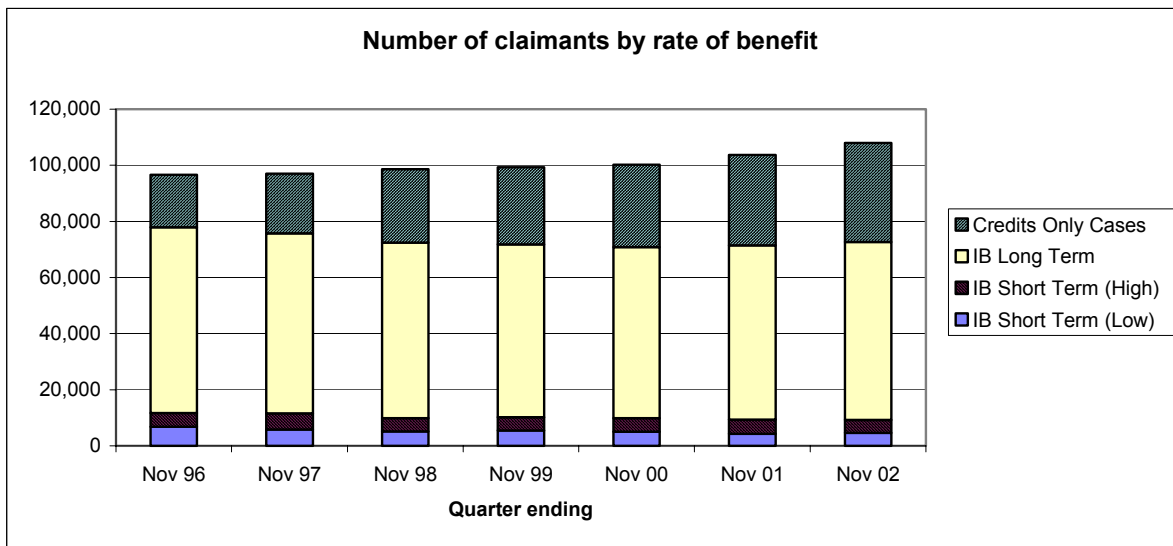
At the end of November 2002 there were 21,384 IB recipients exempt from the Personal Capability Assessment, up (5%) on the previous year.

Numbers claiming SDA remain constant (see table C1). This is also the case for Great Britain as a whole. At the end of November 2002 there were 14,146 claimants and 14,115 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
	May	105,135	4,089	4,523	63,084	25,730	37,354	33,439
	Aug	106,308	4,298	4,736	63,105	25,050	38,055	34,169
	Nov	107,926	4,585	4,671	63,376	24,409	38,967	35,294



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

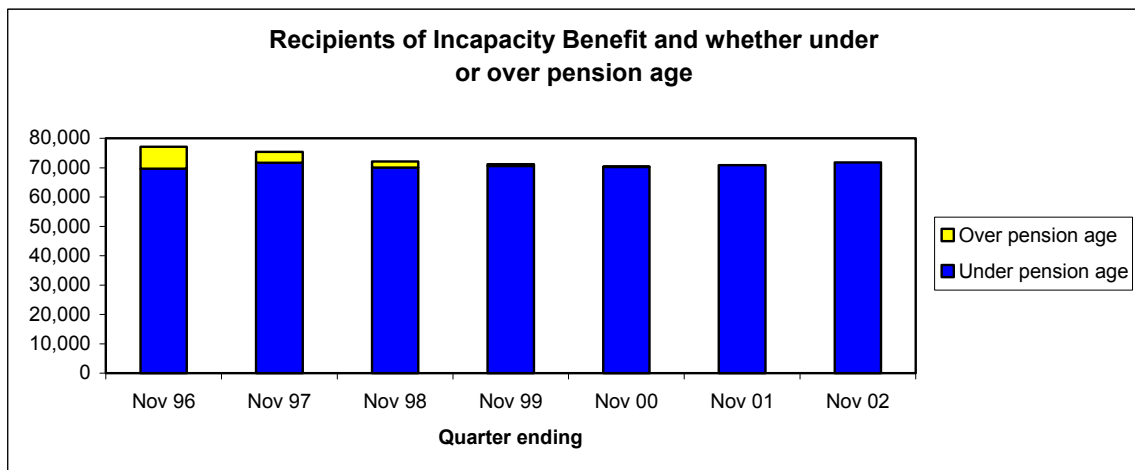
		Number of IB claimants					
		Total	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT		Credits only
Quarter ending	Ex-IVB (protected)				Other IBLT		
1996	Feb	95,525	5.8%	4.8%	69.4%	2.4%	17.7%
	May	95,072	5.8%	5.2%	66.8%	4.2%	18.1%
	Aug	94,218	5.8%	5.3%	64.4%	6.4%	18.1%
	Nov	96,654	6.9%	5.1%	60.3%	8.3%	19.3%
1997	Feb	97,683	7.2%	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%
	May	105,135	3.9%	4.3%	24.5%	35.5%	31.8%
	Aug	106,308	4.0%	4.5%	23.6%	35.8%	32.1%
	Nov	107,926	4.2%	4.3%	22.6%	36.1%	32.7%

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
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
May	70,872	70,872	0	3,618	4,364	62,890	81.61	52.76	63.05	84.55
Aug	71,252	71,251	1	3,798	4,563	62,891	81.23	52.75	63.00	84.27
Nov	71,771	71,771	0	4,133	4,509	63,129	80.75	52.71	62.76	83.87

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

May include 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

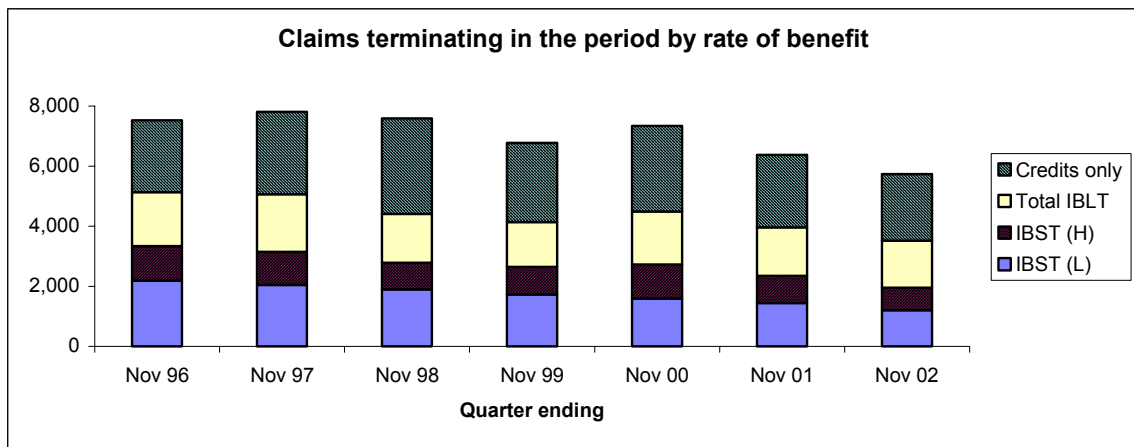
		Number of recipients					
Quarter ending	Total	Total under pension age	Total over pension age	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT	
1996	Feb	77,930	88.3%	11.7%	6.6%	5.9%	87.5%
	May	77,193	88.9%	11.1%	6.7%	6.3%	87.0%
	Aug	76,520	89.5%	10.5%	6.7%	6.5%	86.8%
	Nov	77,082	90.4%	9.6%	8.0%	6.4%	85.6%
1997	Feb	77,439	91.0%	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%
	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%
	May	70,872	100.0%	0.0%	5.1%	6.2%	88.7%
	Aug	71,252	100.0%	0.0%	5.3%	6.4%	88.3%
	Nov	71,771	100.0%	0.0%	5.8%	6.3%	88.0%

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			IBLT						
		PCA*	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	2,433	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
	May	5,056	1,486	37	3,533	1,211	707	1,231	230	1,001	1,907
	Aug	5,321	2,064	42	3,215	1,055	674	1,534	263	1,271	2,058
	Nov	5,731	1,837	24	3,870	1,206	751	1,566	205	1,361	2,208

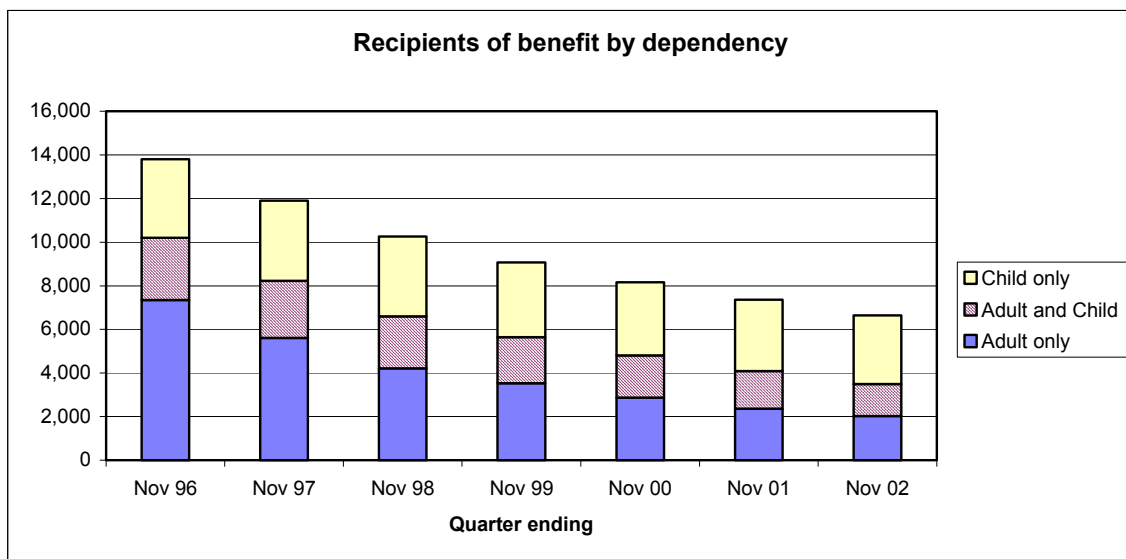
Notes: ** Includes "Failure to return questionnaire" and "Did not attend BAMS"
 Due to operational procedures a small number of All Work Test PCA terminations appear in "Other reason".
 * Personal Capability Assessment* formerly the 'all work test'



A6 Incapacity Benefit recipients by dependency

Number of recipients by dependency							
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
	May	70,872	63,785	2,147	1,662	3,278	8,993
	Aug	71,252	64,291	2,060	1,625	3,276	8,885
	Nov	71,771	65,134	2,028	1,462	3,147	8,275

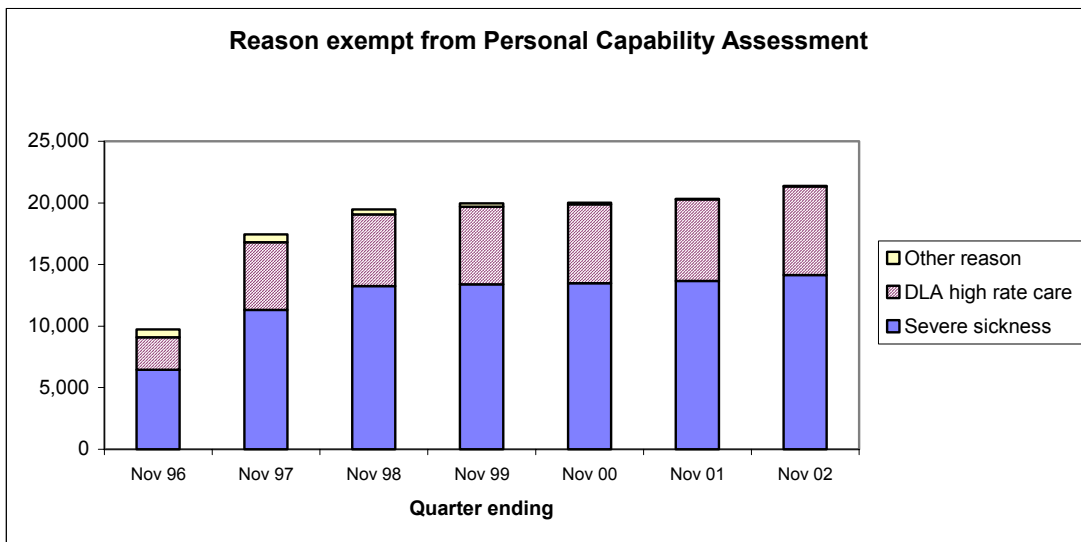
Note: Table does not reflect dependency status of all IB claimants, but only those who have declared dependants for benefit purposes.



A7 Incapacity Benefit recipients by reason exempt from Personal Capability Assessment

Claimants exempt from PCA by reason					
Year	Quarter ending	Total exempt ⁽¹⁾	Severe sickness	DLA high rate care	Other reason ⁽²⁾
1996	Feb	5,491	3,761	1,181	549
	May	7,245	4,833	1,775	637
	Aug	8,083	5,507	1,970	606
	Nov	9,717	6,461	2,632	624
1997	Feb	11,033	7,251	3,155	627
	May	14,030	8,877	4,390	763
	Aug	16,460	10,474	5,205	781
	Nov	17,458	11,309	5,494	655
1998	Feb	18,120	11,824	5,631	665
	May	18,534	12,254	5,671	609
	Aug	18,808	12,637	5,649	522
	Nov	19,467	13,242	5,828	397
1999	Feb	19,369	13,119	5,861	389
	May	19,226	12,961	5,903	362
	Aug	19,666	13,096	6,238	332
	Nov	19,960	13,391	6,317	252
2000	Feb	19,879	13,406	6,261	212
	May	19,866	13,417	6,279	170
	Aug	19,869	13,433	6,295	141
	Nov	20,008	13,479	6,406	123
2001	Feb	20,160	13,553	6,503	104
	May	20,087	13,534	6,470	83
	Aug	20,155	13,550	6,539	66
	Nov	20,343	13,673	6,615	55
2002	Feb	20,405	13,685	6,674	46
	May	21,052	13,968	7,043	41
	Aug	21,210	14,052	7,118	40
	Nov	21,384	14,147	7,191	46

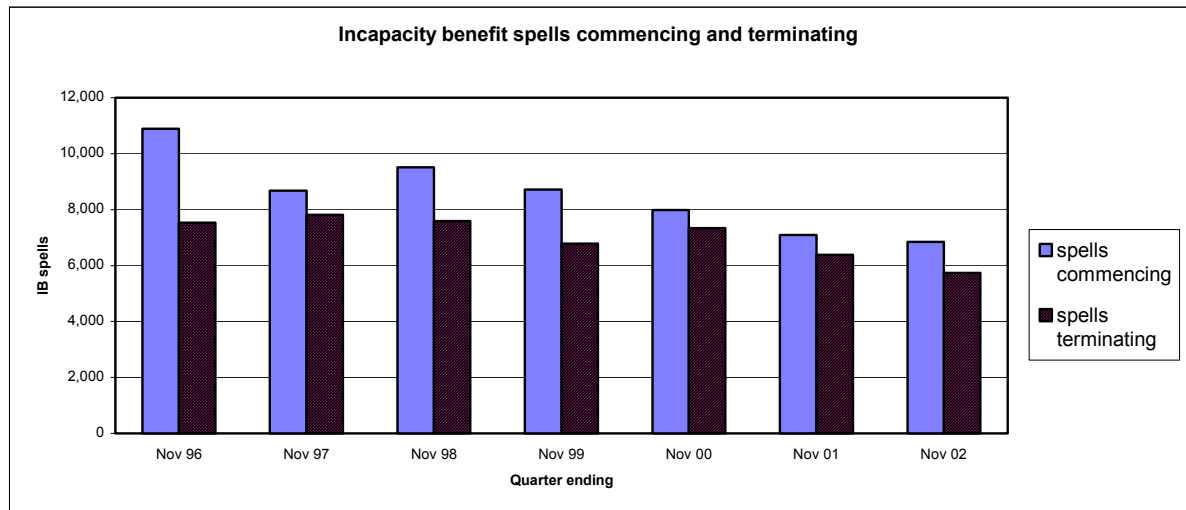
Notes: From April 2000 the Personal Capability Assessment replaced the 'All Work Test'
 (1) excludes exempt because claimant over 58 and in receipt of IVB since Dec 93
 (2) other reason includes terminally ill and SDA passports



A8 Incapacity Benefit spells commencing and terminating in the quarter

Quarter ending	Spells Commencing	Spells Terminating	Average duration of terminated 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
May	6,251	5,056	533	1.24
Aug	5,964	5,321	613	1.12
Nov	6,845	5,731	578	1.19

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 30 November 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	107,926	4,585	4,671	63,376	24,409	38,967	35,294
Under 20	2,017	101	83	493	0	493	1340
20-24	5,064	402	310	1039	0	1039	3313
25-29	5,563	473	434	1690	32	1658	2966
30-34	8,492	590	504	3898	703	3195	3500
35-39	11,102	543	532	5736	1715	4021	4291
40-44	12,687	487	553	7096	2716	4380	4551
45-49	13,524	479	525	7973	3326	4647	4547
50-54	16,116	559	601	10369	4451	5918	4587
55-59	20,641	614	704	14639	6451	8188	4684
60-64	12,720	337	425	10443	5015	5428	1515
65 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Men							
All Ages	65,462	3,241	2,761	38,430	14,658	23,772	21,030
Under 20	1,044	57	50	284	0	284	653
20-24	2,915	257	192	547	0	547	1919
25-29	3,228	293	222	804	9	795	1909
30-34	4,592	383	240	1588	202	1386	2381
35-39	6,154	392	285	2619	575	2044	2858
40-44	7,023	351	342	3607	1148	2459	2723
45-49	7,481	340	280	4401	1738	2663	2460
50-54	8,594	395	328	5628	2293	3335	2243
55-59	11,713	436	397	8509	3678	4831	2371
60-64	12,718	337	425	10443	5015	5428	1513
65 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Women							
All Ages	42,464	1,344	1,910	24,946	9,751	15,195	14,264
Under 20	973	44	33	209	0	209	687
20-24	2,149	145	118	492	0	492	1394
25-29	2,335	180	212	886	23	863	1057
30-34	3,900	207	264	2310	501	1809	1119
35-39	4,948	151	247	3117	1140	1977	1433
40-44	5,664	136	211	3489	1568	1921	1828
45-49	6,043	139	245	3572	1588	1984	2087
50-54	7,522	164	273	4741	2158	2583	2344
55-59	8,928	178	307	6130	2773	3357	2313
60 and over	2	0	0	0	0	0	2

Includes SDA cases where incapacity has not yet been decided.

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

**B1 Number of recipients of Incapacity
Benefit at 30 November 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	71,771	4,133	4,509	63,129	24,399	38,730
Under 20	627	74	76	477	0	477
20-24	1,680	355	296	1029	0	1029
25-29	2,511	416	418	1677	32	1645
30-34	4,907	532	500	3875	701	3174
35-39	6,726	491	515	5720	1712	4008
40-44	8,066	437	540	7089	2715	4374
45-49	8,895	437	511	7947	3326	4621
50-54	11,399	508	577	10314	4449	5865
55-59	15,813	564	669	14580	6451	8129
60-64	11,147	319	407	10421	5013	5408
65 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0
Men						
All Ages	43,794	2,897	2,646	38,251	14,651	23,600
Under 20	362	40	45	277	0	277
20-24	954	229	183	542	0	542
25-29	1,253	246	212	795	9	786
30-34	2,149	338	239	1572	201	1371
35-39	3,233	352	273	2608	573	2035
40-44	4,248	312	334	3602	1147	2455
45-49	4,964	310	273	4381	1738	2643
50-54	6,253	354	312	5587	2292	3295
55-59	9,231	397	368	8466	3678	4788
60-64	11,147	319	407	10421	5013	5408
65 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0
Women						
All Ages	27,977	1,236	1,863	24,878	9,748	15,130
Under 20	265	34	31	200	0	200
20-24	726	126	113	487	0	487
25-29	1,258	170	206	882	23	859
30-34	2,758	194	261	2303	500	1803
35-39	3,493	139	242	3112	1139	1973
40-44	3,818	125	206	3487	1568	1919
45-49	3,931	127	238	3566	1588	1978
50-54	5,146	154	265	4727	2157	2570
55-59	6,582	167	301	6114	2773	3341
60 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0

May include 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 September 2002 to 30 November 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	5,731	1,206	751	1,566	205	1,361	2,208
Closed Certificate	2,355	978	378	266	20	246	733
Death of Claimant	280	5	9	183	70	113	83
At request of claimant	286	92	54	49	0	49	91
Failure to attend medical	244	6	11	52	4	48	175
Failure to provide information	270	16	22	33	3	30	199
Not incapable Own Occ Test	24	16	0	0	0	0	8
Not incapable PCA	1,837	19	173	844	81	763	801
Return to work	241	43	95	103	12	91	0
Other	194	31	9	36	15	21	118

**B3 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit at
30 November 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	107,926	2,514	2,578	34,570	19,311	1,030,400	10.47%
Ards	3,588	169	182	2338	899	45,500	7.89%
Belfast	21,019	757	754	11030	8478	165,800	12.68%
Castlereagh	2,969	110	149	2041	669	40,200	7.39%
Down	3,589	162	151	2198	1078	38,400	9.35%
Lisburn	5,499	226	254	3292	1727	68,500	8.03%
North Down	2,696	106	141	1792	657	45,700	5.90%
Antrim	2,410	135	123	1435	717	32,900	7.33%
Ballymena	2,982	151	168	1789	874	37,000	8.06%
Ballymoney	1,705	91	81	1035	498	15,900	10.72%
Carrickfergus	1,799	79	86	1218	416	23,800	7.56%
Coleraine	2,849	116	133	1674	926	34,300	8.31%
Cookstown	2,710	143	111	1603	853	19,200	14.11%
Larne	1,681	101	94	1000	486	18,900	8.89%
Magherafelt	2,493	132	113	1556	692	23,300	10.70%
Moyle	984	36	38	569	341	9,300	10.58%
Newtownabbey	3,968	168	217	2553	1030	50,700	7.83%
Armagh	3,390	158	163	2113	956	33,100	10.24%
Banbridge	2,445	156	133	1568	588	25,700	9.51%
Craigavon	5,817	279	272	3793	1473	48,900	11.90%
Dungannon	3,401	157	133	2002	1109	29,300	11.61%
Newry & Mourne	6,405	259	272	3511	2363	52,400	12.22%
Derry	9,215	273	260	4970	3712	65,300	14.11%
Fermanagh	2,914	133	126	1652	1003	34,300	8.50%
Limavady	2,122	83	92	1247	700	19,700	10.77%
Omagh	3,585	158	148	2140	1139	29,100	12.32%
Strabane	3,327	128	132	1931	1136	23,200	14.34%
Missing postcode	2,364	119	145	1326	774

* = 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 November 2002 dataset had missing or invalid postcodes, without which district council cannot be assigned.

**B3 Number of recipients of Incapacity Benefit at
30 November 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	71,771	2,560	2,850	39,081	1,030,400	6.97%
Ards	2,667	160	178	2329	45,500	5.86%
Belfast	12,373	655	723	10995	165,800	7.46%
Castlereagh	2,281	102	144	2035	40,200	5.67%
Down	2,488	149	147	2192	38,400	6.48%
Lisburn	3,708	194	243	3271	68,500	5.41%
North Down	2,008	94	133	1781	45,700	4.39%
Antrim	1,674	125	119	1430	32,900	5.09%
Ballymena	2,088	136	165	1787	37,000	5.64%
Ballymoney	1,194	86	78	1030	15,900	7.51%
Carrickfergus	1,375	76	86	1213	23,800	5.78%
Coleraine	1,893	99	127	1667	34,300	5.52%
Cookstown	1,824	128	105	1591	19,200	9.50%
Larne	1,183	94	91	998	18,900	6.26%
Magherafelt	1,788	125	110	1553	23,300	7.67%
Moyle	641	35	37	569	9,300	6.89%
Newtownabbey	2,903	156	209	2538	50,700	5.73%
Armagh	2,403	146	155	2102	33,100	7.26%
Banbridge	1,841	146	128	1567	25,700	7.16%
Craigavon	4,301	257	267	3777	48,900	8.80%
Dungannon	2,275	146	131	1998	29,300	7.76%
Newry & Mourne	3,997	241	261	3495	52,400	7.63%
Derry	5,424	226	248	4950	65,300	8.31%
Fermanagh	1,885	121	123	1641	34,300	5.50%
Limavady	1,401	69	90	1242	19,700	7.11%
Omagh	2,426	144	146	2136	29,100	8.34%
Strabane	2,163	112	128	1923	23,200	9.32%
Missing postcode	1,567	111	137	1319

* = 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 November 2002 dataset had missing or invalid postcodes, without which district council cannot be assigned.

**B4 Number of recipients of Incapacity Benefit at
30 November 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	71,771	4,133	4,509	63,129	24,399	38,730
No Dependants	65,134	4,062	4,333	56,739	20,761	35,978
Adult Dependant only	2,028	71	12	1,945	1,706	239
Adult and:						
1 child	718	0	21	697	311	386
2 children	425	0	26	399	149	250
3 children	209	0	9	200	67	133
4 children	84	0	3	81	27	54
5 or more children	26	0	0	26	8	18
No Adult and:						
1 child	1,551	0	51	1,500	684	816
2 children	981	0	35	946	422	524
3 children	443	0	16	427	181	246
4 children	127	0	3	124	58	66
5 or more children	45	0	0	45	25	20
Total number of children	8,275	0	293	7,982	3,405	4,577

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
30 November 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	43,794	2,897	2,646	38,251	14,651	23,600
No Dependants	38,522	2,830	2,523	33,169	11,661	21,508
Adult Dependant only	1,985	67	9	1,909	1,677	232
Adult and:						
1 child	683	0	20	663	296	367
2 children	386	0	22	364	135	229
3 children	200	0	8	192	62	130
4 children	73	0	2	71	23	48
5 or more children	24	0	0	24	7	17
No Adult and:						
1 child	958	0	27	931	425	506
2 children	569	0	20	549	224	325
3 children	281	0	13	268	96	172
4 children	88	0	2	86	32	54
5 or more children	25	0	0	25	13	12
Total number of children	5,913	0	210	5,703	2,247	3,456

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
30 November 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	27,977	1,236	1,863	24,878	9,748	15,130
No Dependants	26,612	1,232	1,810	23,570	9,100	14,470
Adult Dependant only	43	4	3	36	29	7
Adult and:						
1 child	35	0	1	34	15	19
2 children	39	0	4	35	14	21
3 children	9	0	1	8	5	3
4 children	11	0	1	10	4	6
5 or more children	2	0	0	2	1	1
No Adult and:						
1 child	593	0	24	569	259	310
2 children	412	0	15	397	198	199
3 children	162	0	3	159	85	74
4 children	39	0	1	38	26	12
5 or more children	20	0	0	20	12	8
Total number of children	2,362	0	83	2,279	1,158	1,121

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 30 November 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	71,771	5,795,204	80.75
IBST(L)	4,133	217,859	52.71
IBST(H)	4,509	282,979	62.76
IBLT (All)	63,129	5,294,366	83.87
IBLT (Ex-IVB)	24,399	2,268,920	92.99
Invalidity Allowance	15,720	166,094	10.57
Additional Pension	17,650	270,355	15.32
Graduated Retirement Benefit	0	0	0.00
IBLT (Other)	38,730	3,025,446	78.12
Incapacity Age Addition	17,718	200,718	11.33

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

	All IB	IBST(L)	IBST (H)	IBLT
All Persons	21,384	93	323	20,968
Severe Sickness	14,147	54	218	13,875
DLA High Care rate	7,191	34	103	7,054
Other reason ⁽¹⁾	46	5	2	39

(1) other reason includes terminally ill and SDA passports

B7 Number of claimants of Incapacity Benefit at 30 November 2002, by Diagnosis Group*

	All IB	% of all IB	Men	Women
All Cases	107,926	100.0%	65,462	42,464
Claimants without any diagnosis code on the system	100	0.1%	57	43
Certain infectious and Parasitic Diseases (A00 - B99)	897	0.8%	561	336
Neoplasms (C00 - D48)	1,207	1.1%	631	576
Diseases of the Blood and Blood forming organs and certain diseases involving the immune mechanism (D50 - D89)	267	0.2%	127	140
Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases (E00 -E90)	1,432	1.3%	939	493
Mental and Behavioural Disorders (F00 - F99)	37,370	34.6%	20,546	16,824
Diseases of the Nervous System (G00 - G99)	4,401	4.1%	2,425	1,976
Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa (H00 -H59)	474	0.4%	352	122
Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process (H60 - H95)	432	0.4%	274	158
Disease of the Circulatory System (I00 - I99)	9,018	8.4%	7,141	1,877
Diseases of the Respiratory System (J00 - J99)	3,113	2.9%	1,925	1,188
Diseases of the Digestive System (K00 - K93)	1,974	1.8%	1,261	713
Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous System (L00 - L99)	1,147	1.1%	711	436
Diseases of the Musculoskeletal system and Connective Tissue (M00 - M99)	22,430	20.8%	13,529	8,901
Diseases of the Genitourinary System (N00 - N99)	887	0.8%	352	535
Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (O00 - O99)	802	0.7%	9	793
Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period (P00 - P96)	3	0.0%	0	3
Congenital Malformations, Deformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities (Q00 - Q99)	247	0.2%	144	103
Symptoms, Signs and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00 - R99)	12,764	11.8%	7,558	5,206
Injury, Poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00 - U22)	8,053	7.5%	6,286	1,767
Factors influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (Z00 - Z99)	908	0.8%	634	274

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

**B8 Number of claimants of Incapacity
Benefit at 30 November 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	107,926	6,172	5,957	9,183	13,346	20,025	53,243
Under 20	2,017	388	397	424	502	306	0
20-24	5,064	675	636	924	1313	901	615
25-29	5,563	572	597	792	1011	1251	1340
30-34	8,492	703	664	975	1224	1865	3061
35-39	11,102	758	685	1113	1497	2280	4769
40-44	12,687	752	693	1185	1600	2486	5971
45-49	13,524	692	664	1085	1627	2525	6931
50-54	16,116	664	650	1054	1675	2941	9132
55-59	20,641	701	675	1106	1966	3579	12614
60-64	12,720	267	296	525	931	1891	8810
65 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Men							
All Ages	65,462	3,941	3,658	5,567	7,896	12,310	32,090
Under 20	1,044	205	200	197	264	178	0
20-24	2,915	420	392	532	729	509	333
25-29	3,228	359	371	479	582	727	710
30-34	4,592	455	418	569	709	1027	1414
35-39	6,154	507	439	677	886	1390	2255
40-44	7,023	474	417	753	899	1455	3025
45-49	7,481	407	372	623	892	1435	3752
50-54	8,594	400	360	575	890	1586	4783
55-59	11,713	447	393	637	1115	2112	7009
60-64	12,718	267	296	525	930	1891	8809
65 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Women							
All Ages	42,464	2,231	2,299	3,616	5,450	7,715	21,153
Under 20	973	183	197	227	238	128	0
20-24	2,149	255	244	392	584	392	282
25-29	2,335	213	226	313	429	524	630
30-34	3,900	248	246	406	515	838	1647
35-39	4,948	251	246	436	611	890	2514
40-44	5,664	278	276	432	701	1,031	2946
45-49	6,043	285	292	462	735	1,090	3179
50-54	7,522	264	290	479	785	1,355	4349
55-59	8,928	254	282	469	851	1,467	5605
60 and over	2	0	0	0	1	0	1

Includes SDA cases where incapacity has not yet been decided.

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

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

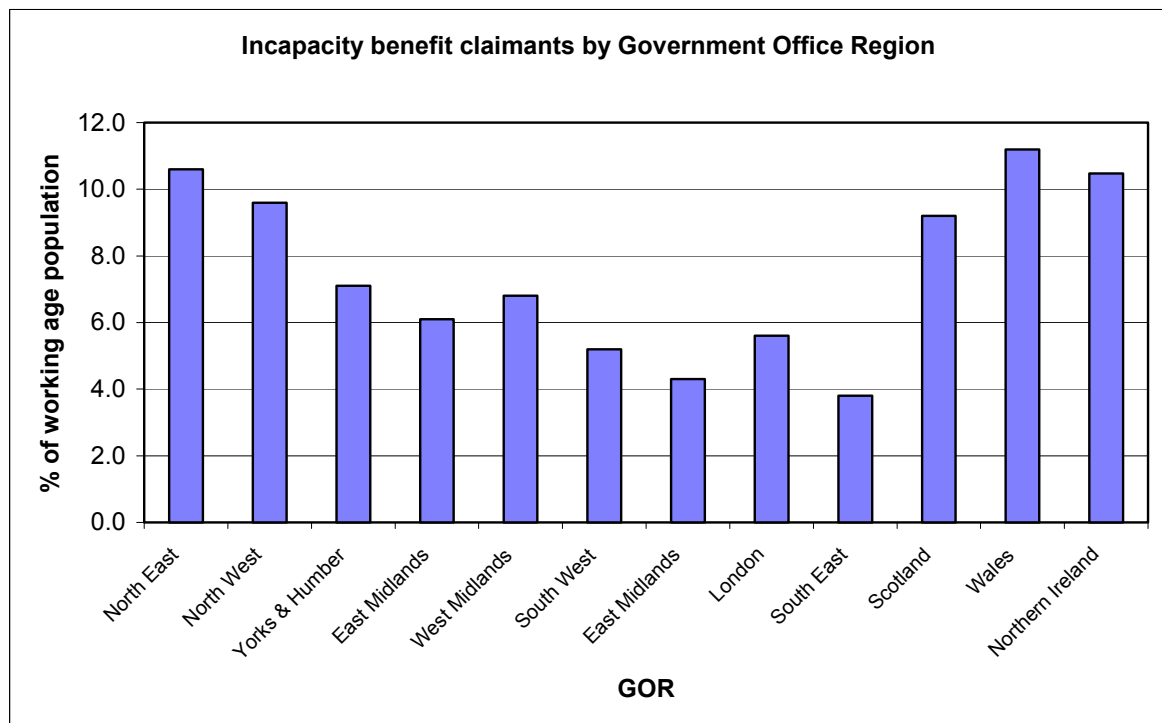
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Thousands

	All IB	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT	Credits only	All IB as % of working age population
All Cases (GB)	2,384.2	91.3	89.3	1,334.9	868.7	6.8
North East	163.2	6.5	5.6	98.9	52.2	10.6
North West	392.4	14.7	13.4	223.8	140.5	9.6
Yorks & Humber	214.5	8.4	9.1	123.5	73.5	7.1
East Midlands	155.7	6.2	6.2	95.1	48.2	6.1
West Midlands	218.4	8.5	9.5	126.4	74.0	6.8
South West	154.0	7.4	6.1	84.6	55.8	5.2
Eastern	142.2	6.3	6.0	80.4	49.4	4.3
London	264.8	7.0	7.2	103.4	147.2	5.6
South East	186.8	7.5	8.1	100.0	71.1	3.8
England	1,891.9	72.3	71.2	1,036.3	712.0	6.3
Scotland	288.3	11.9	10.7	165.6	100.6	9.2
Wales	193.6	7.0	7.2	123.9	55.5	11.2
Northern Ireland	107.9	4.6	4.7	63.4	35.3	10.5
Overseas	9.9	0.1*	0.1*	9.1	0.6	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
30 November 2002, by rate of benefit
and Government Office Region**

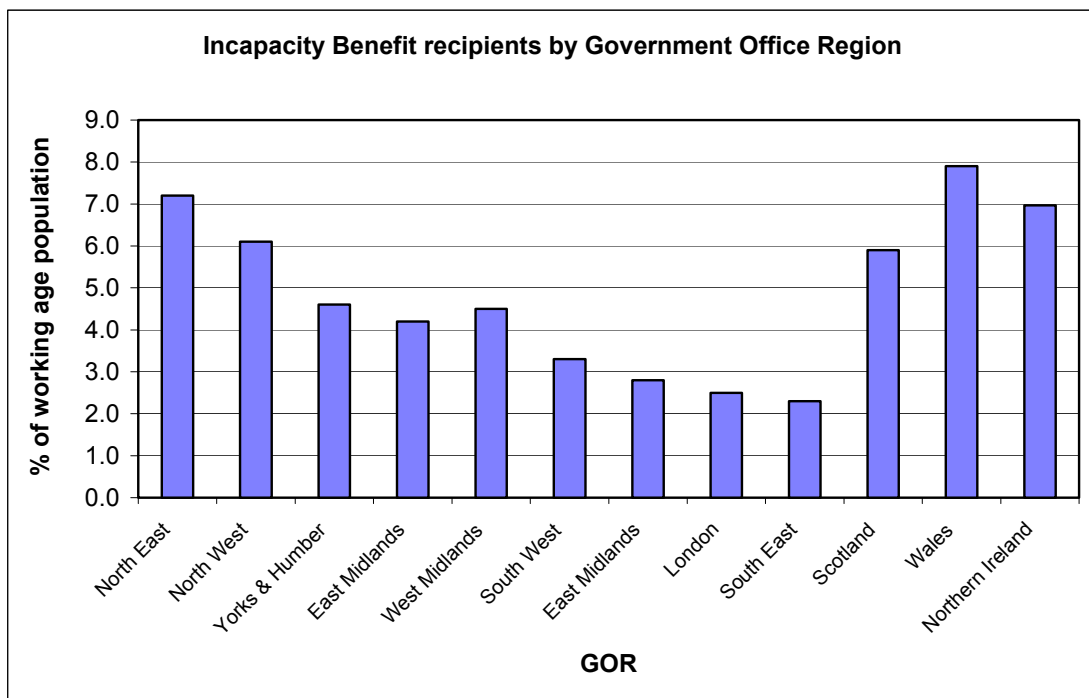
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Thousands

	All IB	IBST(L)	IBST(H)	IBLT	All IB as % of working age population
All Cases (GB)	1,505.8	87.9	87.7	1,330.2	4.3
North East	110.4	6.3	5.5	98.7	7.2
North West	250.5	14.2	13.2	223.1	6.1
Yorks & Humber	140.0	8.0	9.0	123.0	4.6
East Midlands	106.8	5.9	6.0	94.8	4.2
West Midlands	143.6	8.2	9.4	125.9	4.5
South West	97.4	7.1	6.0	84.2	3.3
Eastern	91.9	6.0	5.9	80.0	2.8
London	116.7	6.6	7.0	103.1	2.5
South East	114.8	7.3	8.0	99.6	2.3
England	1,172.1	69.6	70.0	1,032.5	3.9
Scotland	187.1	11.3	10.6	165.3	5.9
Wales	137.5	6.9	7.1	123.5	7.9
Northern Ireland	71.8	4.1	4.5	63.1	7.0
Overseas	9.1	-	0.1*	9.0	0.0

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

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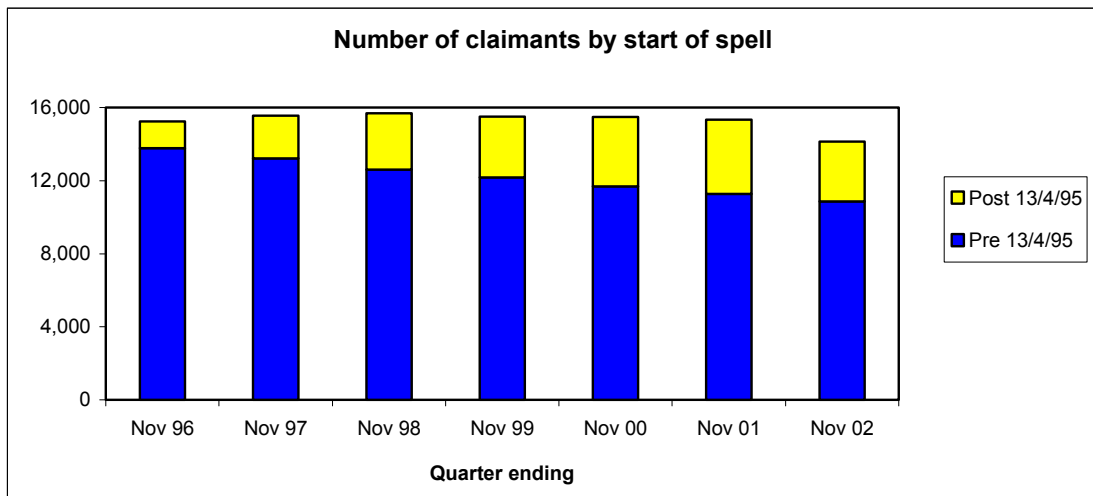


C1 Severe Disablement Allowance claimants and recipients by start of spell

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
	May	14,412	11,070	3,342	14,371	11,057	3,314
	Aug	14,290	10,976	3,314	14,245	10,959	3,286
	Nov	14,146	10,854	3,292	14,115	10,842	3,273

(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

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	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%
	May	14,412	76.8%	23.2%	14,371	76.9%	23.1%
	Aug	14,290	76.8%	23.2%	14,245	76.9%	23.1%
	Nov	14,146	76.7%	23.3%	14,115	76.8%	23.2%

(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 30 November 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	14,146	14,115	10,854	10,842	3,292	3,273
Under 20	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 - 24	703	697	130	130	573	567
25 - 29	1,219	1,215	870	867	349	348
30 - 34	1,423	1,421	1,171	1,170	252	251
35 - 39	1,580	1,577	1,252	1,251	328	326
40 - 44	1,556	1,551	1,206	1,205	350	346
45 - 49	1,470	1,470	1,136	1,136	334	334
50 - 54	1,515	1,508	1,220	1,217	295	291
55 - 59	1,694	1,692	1,288	1,287	406	405
60 - 64	1,156	1,154	872	870	284	284
65 and over	1,830	1,830	1,709	1,709	121	121
Men						
All Ages	6,196	6,181	4,826	4,821	1,370	1,360
Under 20	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 - 24	379	375	73	73	306	302
25 - 29	660	660	467	467	193	193
30 - 34	778	777	653	652	125	125
35 - 39	879	878	728	728	151	150
40 - 44	739	735	593	592	146	143
45 - 49	650	650	538	538	112	112
50 - 54	596	593	518	516	78	77
55 - 59	567	566	449	449	118	117
60 - 64	460	459	354	353	106	106
65 and over	488	488	453	453	35	35
Women						
All Ages	7,950	7,934	6,028	6,021	1,922	1,913
Under 20	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 - 24	324	322	57	57	267	265
25 - 29	559	555	403	400	156	155
30 - 34	645	644	518	518	127	126
35 - 39	701	699	524	523	177	176
40 - 44	817	816	613	613	204	203
45 - 49	820	820	598	598	222	222
50 - 54	919	915	702	701	217	214
55 - 59	1,127	1,126	839	838	288	288
60 and over	2,038	2,037	1,774	1,773	264	264

**C4 Number of terminations of Severe Disablement Allowance
in the period 1 December 2001 to 30 November 2002, by age and reason**

	All cases	Closed certificate	Death of claimant	At request of claimant	Other reason *
All Persons	335	35	246	5	49
All Ages					
Under 20	16	3	2	1	10
20 - 24	24	8	6	2	8
25 - 29	14	2	6	0	6
30 - 34	18	5	6	1	6
35 - 39	12	4	5	0	3
40 - 44	27	3	13	1	10
45 - 49	23	2	20	0	1
50 - 54	33	3	29	0	1
55 - 59	42	3	37	0	2
60 - 64	79	2	76	0	1
65 and over	47	0	46	0	1

* 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 30 November 2002, by District Council

	Claimants	Recipients	Population aged 16 and over *	Recipients as % of Population
All Persons				
All Cases	14,146	14,115	1,289,600	1.09%
Ards	415	415	56,700	0.73%
Belfast	2,386	2,382	216,900	1.10%
Castlereagh	385	385	53,000	0.73%
Down	569	568	47,700	1.19%
Lisburn	694	692	84,300	0.82%
North Down	512	512	60,600	0.84%
Antrim	645	644	39,000	1.65%
Ballymena	397	397	46,400	0.86%
Ballymoney	246	246	19,800	1.24%
Carrickfergus	281	281	29,700	0.95%
Coleraine	376	376	43,700	0.86%
Cookstown	265	265	24,000	1.10%
Larne	198	198	24,300	0.81%
Magherafelt	328	328	28,400	1.15%
Moyle	169	169	11,900	1.42%
Newtownabbey	474	474	63,600	0.75%
Armagh	572	564	41,100	1.37%
Banbridge	297	297	31,300	0.95%
Craigavon	610	608	60,500	1.00%
Dungannon	454	452	35,700	1.27%
Newry & Mourne	827	826	63,600	1.30%
Derry	985	980	77,000	1.27%
Fermanagh	520	518	43,300	1.20%
Limavady	261	261	23,500	1.11%
Omagh	491	490	35,300	1.39%
Strabane	446	444	28,300	1.57%
Missing postcode	343	343

Note: Approximately 2% of records on the November 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 30 November 2002 by dependency**

	All Persons	Men	Women
All Persons			
All Cases	14,115	6,181	7,934
No Dependants	13,884	6,051	7,833
Adult Dependant only	40	35	5
Adult and:			
1 child	15	14	1
2 children	9	9	0
3 children	2	2	0
4 children	4	3	1
5 or more children	2	1	1
No Adult and:			
1 child	89	29	60
2 children	37	16	21
3 children	20	11	9
4 children	8	8	0
5 or more children	5	2	3
Total number of children	347	192	155

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
30 November 2002 by total weekly amounts in payment**

	Number of Recipients	Total weekly amount paid £	Average weekly amount paid £
All in receipt of SDA	14,115	766,832	54.33
Of which:			
In receipt of Age Related Addition	14,068	183,692	13.06

C8 Number of claimants of Severe Disablement Allowance at 30 November 2002, by reason exempt from Personal Capability Assessment

	All Persons
All Exempt	13,829
DLA High Care rate	1,132
Severe Sickness	1,216
Other reason ⁽¹⁾	411
In receipt of SDA at 12.4.95	11,070

(1) other reason includes terminally ill and SDA passports

C9 Number of claimants of Severe Disablement Allowance at 30 November 2002, by Diagnosis Group *

	All SDA	% of all SDA	Men	Women
All Cases	14,146	100.0%	6,196	7,950
Claimants without any diagnosis code on the system	11	0.1%	4	7
Certain infectious and Parasitic Diseases (A00 - B99)	51	0.4%	20	31
Neoplasms (C00 - D48)	114	0.8%	34	80
Diseases of the Blood and Blood forming organs and certain diseases involving the immune mechanism (D50 - D89)	17	0.1%	8	9
Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases (E00 -E90)	144	1.0%	54	90
Mental and Behavioural Disorders (F00 - F99)	5732	40.5%	2,858	2,874
Diseases of the Nervous System (G00 - G99)	1471	10.4%	589	882
Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa (H00 -H59)	218	1.5%	92	126
Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process (H60 - H95)	128	0.9%	46	82
Disease of the Circulatory System (I00 - I99)	728	5.1%	244	484
Diseases of the Respiratory System (J00 - J99)	365	2.6%	88	277
Diseases of the Digestive System (K00 - K93)	116	0.8%	37	79
Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous System (L00 - L99)	57	0.4%	12	45
Diseases of the Musculoskeletal system and Connective Tissue (M00 - M99)	1342	9.5%	285	1,057
Diseases of the Genitourinary System (N00 - N99)	82	0.6%	32	50
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)	967	6.8%	516	451
Symptoms, Signs and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00 - R99)	1737	12.3%	758	979
Injury, Poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes (S00 - U22)	317	2.2%	200	117
Factors influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services (Z00 - Z99)	543	3.8%	317	226

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

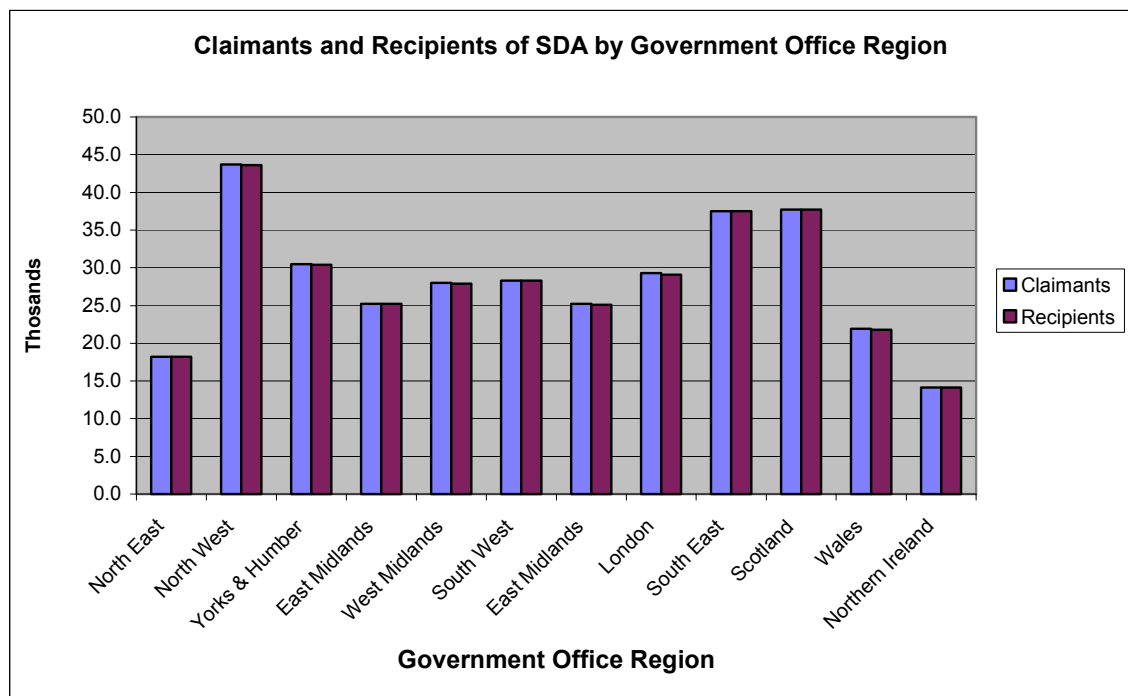
C10 Number of claimants of Severe Disablement Allowance at 30 November 2002, by age, sex, and duration of benefit

	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	14,146	14	25	26	155	774	13,152
Under 20	703	0	4	3	13	115	568
20-24	1,219	1	1	7	19	71	1120
25-29	1,423	3	2	0	15	60	1343
30-34	1,580	0	3	2	20	96	1459
35-39	1,556	0	5	2	19	102	1428
40-44	1,470	1	2	2	9	86	1370
45-49	1,515	1	1	0	15	71	1427
50-54	1,694	1	1	1	21	96	1574
55-59	1,156	4	5	8	19	63	1057
60-64	1,830	3	1	1	5	14	1806
65 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Men							
All Ages	6,196	5	10	7	61	311	5,802
Under 20	379	0	1	0	7	60	311
20-24	660	0	1	3	13	40	603
25-29	778	3	2	0	6	30	737
30-34	879	0	1	1	6	42	829
35-39	739	0	4	1	4	41	689
40-44	650	0	1	2	4	26	617
45-49	596	0	0	0	7	18	571
50-54	567	1	0	0	8	24	534
55-59	460	0	0	0	4	26	430
60-64	488	1	0	0	2	4	481
65 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Women							
All Ages	7,950	9	15	19	94	463	7,350
Under 20	324	0	3	3	6	55	257
20-24	559	1	0	4	6	31	517
25-29	645	0	0	0	9	30	606
30-34	701	0	2	1	14	54	630
35-39	817	0	1	1	15	61	739
40-44	820	1	1	0	5	60	753
45-49	919	1	1	0	8	53	856
50-54	1,127	0	1	1	13	72	1040
55-59	2,038	6	6	9	18	47	1952
60 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

C11 Number of claimants and recipients of Severe Disablement Allowance at 30 November 2002 by Government Office Region

Thousands

	Claimants	Recipients
All Persons		
All Cases (Great Britain)	325.9	325.2
North East	18.2	18.2
North West	43.7	43.6
Yorks & Humber	30.5	30.4
East Midlands	25.2	25.2
West Midlands	28.0	27.9
South West	28.3	28.3
Eastern	25.2	25.1
London	29.3	29.1
South East	37.5	37.5
England	265.8	265.3
Scotland	37.7	37.7
Wales	21.9	21.8
Northern Ireland	14.1	14.1
Overseas	0.4*	0.4*



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