

Dear Thomas Fairhurst,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 14th March 2013.
You asked:

“Can you please give me the numbers of how many people who are currently claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) that have been claiming this benefit for longer than 10 years. For example: i don't want to know how many people have sporadically claimed JSA then ended their claim and gone on to ESA or Income Support then back on to JSA over the past 10 years, i just want to know how many have claimed JSA constantly for the past decade.”

In response to your question please see the table below.

Please note that the underlying data source used to produce these figures contains a small number of cases where the dates recorded for when the claimant starts and ends their Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claim are either invalid or missing. The figures shown below should therefore be treated with caution.

Number of JSA claimants and of which those with current continuous claim of over 10 years: August 2012

Number of claimants	Of which those with current claim of over 10 years
1,471,070	1,070

Source: DWP Information, Governance and Security, Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10.
2. **Coverage:** All cases in payment in Great Britain. This **excludes** cases in Northern Ireland.
3. Data is at August 2012 which is the latest data available.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central FoI Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF www.ico.gov.uk