

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Dear Dr Joseph Reddington,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 22 October 2014. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding.

You asked:

**“For ongoing research, I would like to request the number of people receiving Disability Living Allowance on behalf of an under-16 year old. I would like this information broken down by the overall amount of child benefit claimed by the person.**

**For clarification - I am researching the number of siblings of disabled children - and so the breakdown is the part that I am particularly interested in.**

**I would expect the answer to be of the form, (using example figures)**

**10,000 recipients of DLA are claiming child benefit for one child. 8,000 recipients of DLA are claiming child benefit for two children. 11,000 recipients of DLA are claiming child benefit for three children. ...and so on. (In the example above I would thus expect that there were at least 30,000 siblings of disabled children  $(8,000 + 2 \times 11,000)$ )”**

In response to your first question section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you. Information on Disability Living Allowance claimants is published via the Departmental Tabulation Tool which allows users to create their own tables and can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dwp-statistics-tabulation-tool>

To produce the statistics you require, visit the Tabulation Tool via the link above and follow these instructions:

1. Under ‘Caseload statistics’ select **Benefit caseload national statistics (WPLS data) (includes ESA)**.
2. Under Benefit/Scheme select **Disability Living Allowance (all entitled cases)**.
3. Under Analysis select **Caseload (Thousands)**.

4. Under Row select **Age of claimant**.
5. Under Column select any option you require.
6. There are a range of variables to create a subset of your data, however if no subset is required select **NONE**.
7. Under Date, select your required date - **May 2014** is the latest data available for analysis. Please note data is held quarterly.
8. Once you are satisfied, select **Get Table** to retrieve your cross-tabulation.

In response to the rest of your query the table below shows the number of children per household in receipt of Child Benefit where a child under 16 is receiving Disability Living Allowance in May 2104.

Please note that the figures available exclude any children that do not have a Child Benefit interest.

**Please note that the figures supplied are derived from unpublished information and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics.**

**Number of children per household in receipt of Child Benefit where a child under 16 is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance, Great Britain: May 2014**

Number of Children per Household	Frequency
1	101,100
2	144,590
3	81,270
4	34,310
5	12,120
6	4,200
7	1,520
8	540
9	210
10	80
11	30
12	10
13	-

Source: DWP Statistical Services

Notes:

1. Data is rounded to nearest 10. “-“denotes nil or negligible.
2. Number of children per households only includes those who are receiving child benefit.
3. Children within a household are not necessarily siblings; all children with a child benefit interest are included.

4. Please note that the figures supplied are derived from unpublished information and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central FoI Team

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