

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team
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Our Ref: FoI 0975

Date: 04 April 2018

Dear Ella Iggulden,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 14th March 2018. You asked:

Dear Department for Work and Pensions,

I would like to request statistics on the amount of people classed as living in poverty in the UK in the last 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

Ella Iggulden

DWP Response

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

The information available on people living in low income is published annually as a National Statistic termed 'Households Below Average Income'. There are four published measures of low income; relative and absolute low income, both before and after housing costs.

Relative low income measures the number and proportion of individuals who have household incomes below a certain proportion of the average in that year whilst absolute low income measures the proportion of individuals who have household incomes a certain proportion below the average in 2010/11, adjusted for inflation.

The publication, its methodology, and data can be found via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/households-below-average-income-199495-to-201617>

The 'HBAI: Summary results' that will provide the statistics that you require can be found in table 3b.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

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