

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: 232 VTR

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Dear Mr Jones,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 19th January. You asked for the following information:

How many unemployed disabled adults are in the UK.

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

There are two main measures of unemployment in use in the UK.

- (i) Unemployment, which is the headline figure, measures all people who meet the internationally agreed definition of unemployment, namely those who are without a job, want a job, are seeking a job, and are available to start work. This is measured by the Labour Force Survey (LFS), and is not dependent on being in receipt of benefit.
- (ii) The claimant count measures the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA). This is sourced from administrative records of people being paid the benefit.

Statistics on unemployment based on the LFS and the claimant count are published on the Nomis website www.nomisweb.co.uk, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) official website of labour market statistics, which allows you to construct your own tables.

To produce a table of the number of unemployed who are disabled based on the LFS, go to www.nomisweb.co.uk. Select **Advanced Query** in the **Detailed Statistics** and then select the dataset **Annual Population Survey/Labour Force Survey** and choose **Annual Population Survey**. From here select **variables** and use the drop down menu to select **Disability Level by Economic Activity**. From here you can create your table by choosing **Unemployment Rate/Disabled**.

To produce a table of the number of people in receipt of JSA from the claimant count by Age, go to www.nomisweb.co.uk. Select **Advanced Query** in the **Detailed Statistics** and then select the dataset **Claimant count age duration with proportions** and make your choices.

In addition, to the above, ONS publish a table alongside their monthly Labour Market Statistics bulletin that includes unemployment numbers and rates for different definitions of disability. The list of latest releases is available at: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/all-releases.html?definition=tcm%3A77-21589> .

Select the latest release (currently January 2012 <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/lms/labour-market-statistics/january-2012/index.html>). Select "Data tables" and download Table A08.

Finally, you may also be interested to be aware that the Office for Disability Issues publishes a range of information and statistics on its website which you may find useful:

<http://odi.dwp.gov.uk/disability-statistics-and-research/index.php> . For example the following Disability Facts and Figures publication provides an overview of official UK disability statistics: <http://odi.dwp.gov.uk/disability-statistics-and-research/disability-facts-and-figures.php> .

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

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