

Dear Martin Buchanan,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.  
You asked:

- 1. What percentage of Beaumont Leys is economically inactive?**
- 2. What is the population size of Beaumont Leys?**
- 3. How many JSA claimants are there in Beaumont Leys?**
- 4. How many residents of Beaumont Leys are living in poverty?**
- 5. How many DLA Claimants are there in Beaumont Leys?**
- 6. How many young people are economically inactive in Beaumont Leys?**

In response to questions 1), 2) and 6) of your request regarding the percentage of people and number of young people who are economically inactive in Beaumont Leys and the population size of Beaumont Leys; the responsibility for these statistics lies with the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Information on how to submit a freedom of information request to ONS can be found via the link below.

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/what-we-do/FOI/how-to-make-a-foi-request/index.html>

In response to questions 3) and 5) of your request; 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.

1. 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.
2. 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](http://www.nomisweb.co.uk), the Office for National Statistics official website of labour market statistics, which allows you to construct your own tables.

To produce a table of the number of people who claim JSA in Beaumont Leys, from the claimant count, go to [www.nomisweb.co.uk](http://www.nomisweb.co.uk). Select **Advanced Query** in the **Detailed Statistics** section, and then select the dataset **claimant count with rates and proportions** and make your table selection as follows;

1. Select the relevant geography by clicking the **geography** tab and select **2009 statistical wards (Oct 2004 onwards)** and then **Leicester** from the drop-down list, then select **E05001786 : Beaumont Leys**.
2. Then select the dates you require. The claimant count data for rates and proportions goes back to June 1983.
3. If you wish to include any other breakdowns on your table such as **rates, proportions** or **sex**, these are available via the corresponding tabs on the left.
4. Finally, click the **review / save** tab, check to see if the correct variables are included. Once you are happy with the table selection, click **download data**. This will output your table into an Excel file available for your analysis.

To produce a table of the number of who claim DLA in Beaumont Leys, go to the NOMIS link provided above and this time, when choosing your dataset, select the folder for **DWP Benefits** and then **benefit claimants – disability living allowance for small areas** and make your table selection as follows;

1. Select the relevant geography by clicking the **geography** tab and select **2003 CAS wards** and then **Leicester City** from the drop-down list, then select **00FNNH : Beaumont Leys**.
2. Then select the dates you require. The claimant count data for rates and proportions goes back to May 2002.
3. If you wish to include any other breakdowns on your table such as **age, gender, duration** etc, these are available via the **variable** tab on the left.
4. Finally, click the **review / save** tab, check to see if the correct variables are included. Once you are happy with the table selection, click **download data**. This will output your table into an Excel file available for your analysis.

Finally, in response to question 4) of your request;

Estimates of the number and proportion of individuals living in poverty are published in the Households Below Average Income (HBAI) series. HBAI uses household income adjusted (or 'equivalised') for household size and composition, to provide a proxy for standard of living and is available at [http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=hbai\\_arc](http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=hbai_arc).

The sample size of this survey is not sufficient to provide estimates at local authority or constituency level. Data at regional level is available in the HBAI publication.

There are other sources of low level poverty estimates outlined below:

### **The revised local child poverty measure**

The revised local child poverty measure published by HM Revenue and Customs gives the proportion of children living in families in receipt of out of work (means-tested) benefits or in receipt of tax credits where their reported income is less than 60 per cent of median income. The means-tested out of work benefits are Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance and Pension Credit. The median income used is based on the HBAI publication, but as income on tax credit records is at family not household level, a series of manipulations have to be made to calculate this. The 2010 data, which is the most recent published, is available for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland at the following geographic levels: region, county, local authority, ward, parliamentary constituency and Lower Layer Super Output Area (LSOA)/Data Zone/SOA. Statistics for 2006-2008 only include local child poverty figures for England. Data is available here:

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/statistics/child-poverty-stats.htm>

### **The local child proxy poverty measure**

The local child poverty proxy measure estimates the proportion of children living in families in receipt of out of work benefits. The out of work benefits are Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance, Pension Credit and Employment Support Allowance. The proportion of children in poverty is calculated using the out of work benefits data and ONS mid-year population estimates. Data is published to Lower Layer Super Output Area (LSOA) level. Data is available from 2004 to 2011 and can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/families/childpoverty/b0066347/child-poverty-data>

### **Neighbourhood Statistics model-based poverty levels for England and Wales**

The Neighbourhood Statistics website has model-based estimates of average income and proportions of households in low income at Middle Layer Super Output Area (MSOA) level for 2007/08. This is available at:

<http://neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/Download1.do>

### **English Indices of Deprivation**

The English Indices of Deprivation, produced by the Department for Communities and Local Government is a measure of relative levels of deprivation in small areas of England called Lower Layer Super Output Areas and is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-indices-of-deprivation-2010>

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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### **Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act**

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing [freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk) or by writing to DWP, Central FoI Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)