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The results of the November 2002 Disability Care and Mobility Benefits Quarterly Statistical Enquiry (DCM QSE) are published today via this first release. This report provides information on the characteristics of people in Great Britain making claims over time for the disability and carer benefits: Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Invalid Care Allowance. The numbers of first awards and numbers in receipt (allowances current) are broken down by age, gender and disability.

The main findings are:

Disability Living Allowance

The number of people receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) increased by 6.1 per cent in the year ending November 2002 to 2.44 million.

Of these people, 578 thousand received only the mobility component, 324 thousand received only the care component and 1.54 million received both mobility and care components.

Just over half (51 per cent) of the total recipients were males.



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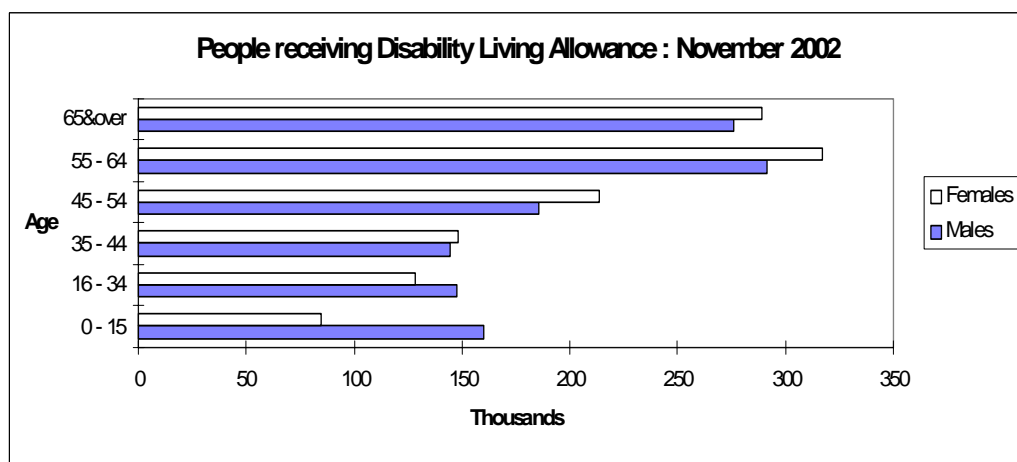
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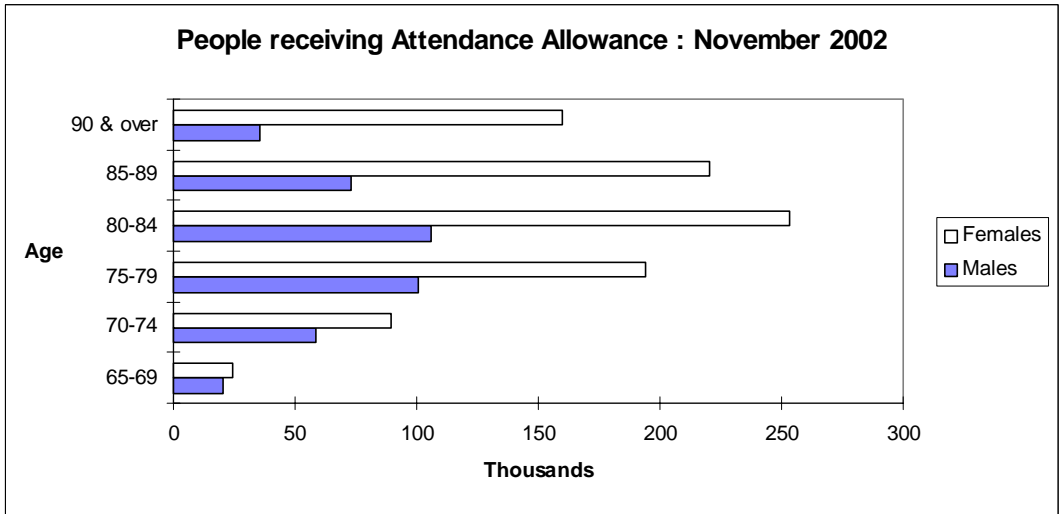
58 per cent of the total recipients were aged 50 and over.

The two main causes of disability were arthritis (497 thousand) and mental health (including learning difficulties) (561 thousand) and together these represented 43 per cent of all cases.

The proportion of people receiving DLA by government office region varied from 26 per 1,000 of the population in the South East to 68 per 1,000 of the population in Wales.

Attendance Allowance

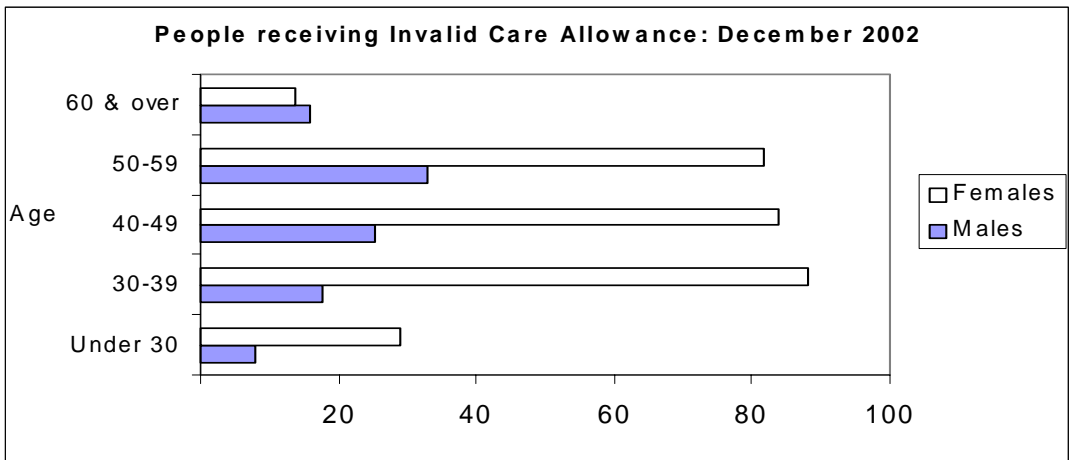
The number of people receiving Attendance Allowance at November 2002 was 1.33 million, up 3.0 per cent on a year earlier.



- ◆ The majority (71 per cent) of these were females and over a half (64 per cent) of all recipients were aged 80 and over.
- ◆ The main cause of disability was arthritis (389 thousand), representing 29 per cent of all causes.
- ◆ The proportion of people receiving AA by government office region varied from 16 per 1,000 of the population in London to 33 per 1,000 in Wales.

Invalid Care Allowance

- ◆ The number of people receiving Invalid Care Allowance at December 2002 was 403 thousand.



- ◆ The majority (75 per cent) of these were females.
- ◆ 65 per cent of all claimants are aged 40 and over.

NOTES TO EDITORS

This release contains analyses of the numbers of people in Great Britain making claims over time for the disability and carer benefits: Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance, Invalid Care Allowance and also the numbers of people in receipt of these benefits.

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Attendance Allowance (AA) provide financial help for the care and mobility needs of disabled people. Disability Living Allowance (DLA) can be awarded to a disabled person who claims before their 65th birthday.

DLA consists of two components:

- ◆ The care component: for people who need help with personal care;
- ◆ The mobility component: for people who need help with getting around.

Attendance Allowance (AA) can be awarded to a disabled person with care needs who claims on or after their 65th birthday.

Invalid Care Allowance (ICA) is awarded to people who look after a severely disabled person with care needs for at least 35 hours a week. Previous editions of this publication had included only four tables of ICA figures. This edition includes ten tables and therefore represents a substantial improvement in the range of published ICA statistics available. This has been possible because the Information and Analysis Directorate Information Centre (IAD IC) has recently begun to receive and analyse 100% case-level data from the ICA computer system. Please note that as from April 2003 ICA changes to become Carer's Allowance.

The attached set of tables summarise the main findings of the DCM QSE and give comparisons with earlier periods. The tables for ICA relate to the quarters ending in June each year.

Important Information

This is the last time the Disability Care and Mobility Benefits Quarterly Statistical Enquiry will be published in 'hard copy' or as a pdf file. Instead, the Department will be focusing on publishing client group based statistics (Working Age; Children & Families; and Pensioners.)

In future Disability Care and Mobility Benefits Quarterly Statistical Enquiry will be published on the DWP internet site (www.dwp.gov.uk/asd) in Microsoft Excel format.

If you have difficulty printing the spreadsheets please contact us on 0191 22 49233.

The *terms and conventions* used within the tables are explained below:

Allowances current

The number of people in receipt of DLA, AA or ICA. This excludes people with entitlement where the payment has been suspended.

Liveload

The number of people with entitlement to DLA, AA or ICA. This includes people where the payment has been suspended for example, because someone is in hospital.

Main disabling condition

This is the medical cause of the main disability which gives rise to the award of DLA or AA.

Award

This is first or subsequent award of benefit.

Review

A person who is dissatisfied with the result of their last claim can ask for the claim to be reviewed.

Conventions

..	Not available
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*	Figures under 500 marked * are subject to a high degree of sampling error and should only be used as a guide to the correct situation

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Section 1: Disability Living Allowance

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) replaced and extended Attendance Allowance and Mobility Allowance in April 1992 for disabled people who claim before the age of 65. People already in receipt of either Attendance Allowance or Mobility Allowance before April 1992 were invited to make a 'top up' claim for the other component.

DLA is payable to people who are disabled and who have personal care needs, mobility needs or both. DLA consists of two components:

The care component: for people who need help with personal care;

The mobility component: for people who need help with getting around (it is not currently available for children under three).

The care component is paid at one of three rates and the mobility component at one of two rates. These are shown in Table 1.11.

To qualify for DLA the need for help must have existed for three months (the qualifying period) and be expected to last for at least a further six months (the prospective test). People who are not expected to live longer than six months because of an illness do not have to satisfy either the qualifying period or the prospective test. Once awarded, DLA will continue to be paid as long as the conditions of entitlement are met.

The statistics for Tables 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8 and 1.10 are based on a 5% sample and are subject to the sampling error explained in the Appendix. Tables 1.5 and 1.9 are based on a 100% count.

Table 1.1 DLA allowances current at 30th November¹

	<i>Thousands</i>					
	Year					
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
All components:	1,959.5	2,030.2	2,098.3	2,197.7	2,298.0	2,439.3
Higher rate care only	38.0	38.1	39.0	40.8	37.0	40.7
Middle rate care only	87.6	90.7	94.7	99.0	98.1	102.0
Lower rate care only	117.7	131.8	147.4	156.8	166.9	181.2
Higher rate mobility only	532.9	521.0	506.6	486.4	474.4	473.8
Lower rate mobility only	78.6	87.5	89.6	93.0	95.1	104.0
Higher rate care & :- higher rate mobility	273.1	281.7	286.6	314.4	341.2	366.1
lower rate mobility	65.7	69.1	73.4	82.9	92.6	104.9
Middle rate care & :- higher rate mobility	282.8	287.5	298.7	321.1	339.7	358.3
lower rate mobility	182.1	196.6	213.6	234.1	255.3	274.1
Lower rate care & :- higher rate mobility	238.3	256.2	271.7	286.9	305.2	331.6
lower rate mobility	62.7	70.0	77.1	82.3	92.5	102.7

1. Cases where payment of benefit has been suspended are excluded

Chart 1.1 DLA allowances current over time

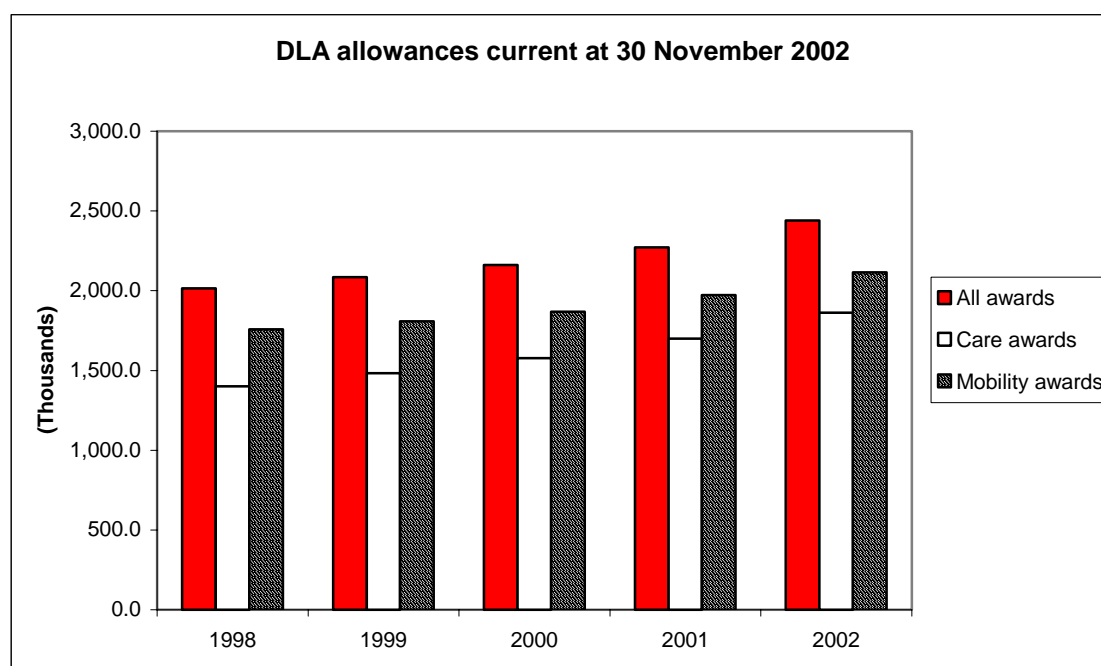


Table 1.2 DLA allowances current at 30th November 2002 by age and sex

	<i>Thousands</i>		
	Total	Men	Women
All ages	2,439.3	1,233.0	1,206.3
0 - 4	39.6	24.0	15.6
5 - 9	91.8	61.1	30.7
10-15	119.9	79.7	40.3
16-19	51.4	30.2	21.1
20-24	59.2	33.3	25.9
25-29	67.7	34.6	33.1
30-34	105.0	53.8	51.2
35-39	139.4	69.3	70.1
40-44	160.7	78.9	81.8
45-49	180.1	84.1	96.0
50-54	227.1	104.2	122.9
55-59	294.9	139.0	155.9
60-64	327.8	160.0	167.8
65-69	295.2	150.3	145.0
70-74	193.2	92.5	100.7
75-79	65.3	30.1	35.2
80 and over	21.0	8.0	13.0

Chart 1.2 DLA allowances current at 30th November 2002 by age and sex

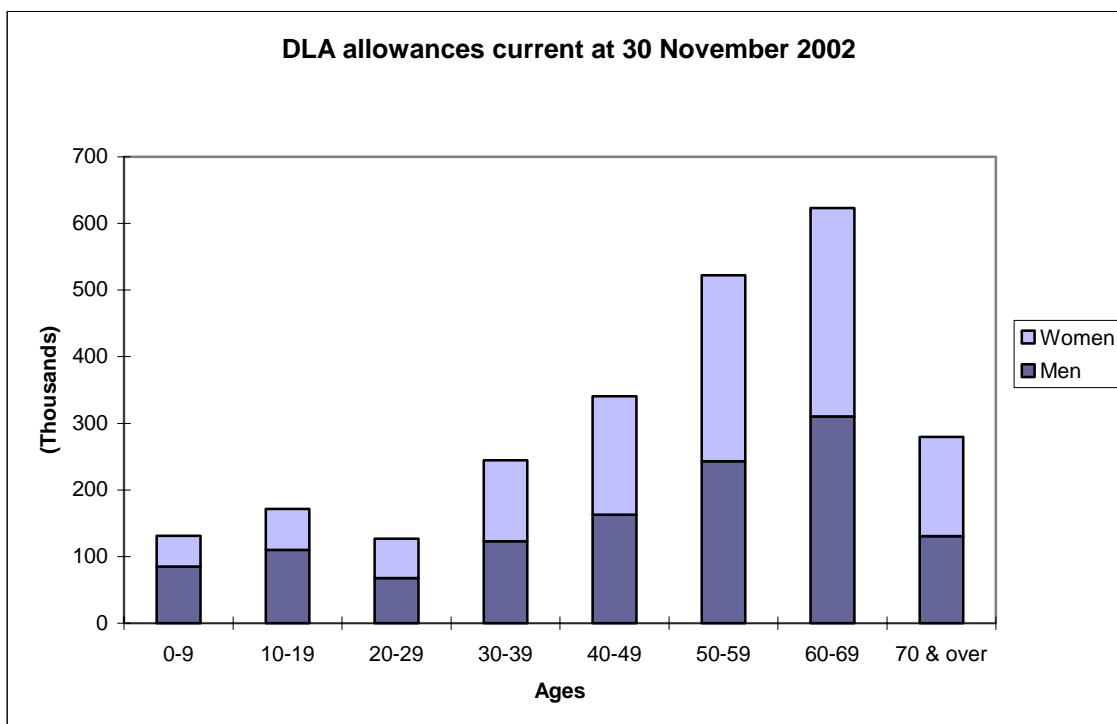


Table 1.3 DLA allowances at 30th November 2002 by country and region

Country and Government Office Region	Allowances 000s	Allowances per 1000 population ¹
GREAT BRITAIN	2,439.3	42.0
England	1,968.8	39.4
North East	152.5	59.2
North West	390.8	56.7
Yorkshire & Humber	239.1	47.3
East Midlands	174.3	41.4
West Midlands	235.6	44.2
East	170.8	31.3
London	234.5	31.8
South East	208.9	25.7
South West	162.3	32.6
Wales	199.4	67.7
Scotland	271.0	53.0

1. Population estimates for mid 2001. Sources are Office for National Statistics and General Registrar of Scotland

Table 1.4 DLA allowances current at 30th November 2002 by disability ^{1,2}

	<i>Thousands</i>			
	All awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
All conditions	2,439.3	323.9	577.8	1,537.6
Arthritis	496.8	52.3	144.4	300.1
Muscle/bone/joint disease	193.2	38.1	49.0	106.0
Blindness	60.1	2.7	8.2	49.2
Stroke related	98.0	9.4	12.6	76.0
Learning difficulties	237.5	27.1	49.9	160.4
Other mental health causes	323.8	47.1	49.3	227.4
Epilepsy	56.5	6.7	3.7	46.1
Deafness	29.7	12.2	2.4	15.1
Malignant disease	58.1	7.7	4.6	45.8
Chest disease	85.5	5.3	34.2	46.0
Back ailments	214.1	25.7	62.1	126.2
Heart disease	154.7	7.6	72.3	74.8
Parkinsons disease	13.5	1.8	1.4	10.4
Diabetes mellitus	46.4	17.8	5.9	22.6
Renal disorders	11.3	2.9	2.0	6.4
AIDS	7.1	0.7	0.3*	6.1
Skin diseases	13.4	9.6	1.2	2.6
Other	339.7	49.2	74.1	216.4

1. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded

2. For a small number of cases the main disabling condition is recorded inaccurately

** Number too small to be statistically reliable*

Table 1.5 DLA: Decisions on initial claims by financial year¹

	<i>Thousands</i>					
	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 ²	2000/01	2001/02	9 months to 30.11.02
Initial claims	461.4	398.3	392.6	410.3	407.8	323.0
Initial claims decided	467.0	383.8	371.4	417.5	403.5	321.0
First awards ¹ :						
All first awards	211.2	175.6	181.0	211.3	211.2	172.9
Higher rate care only	10.2	9.8	10.5	12.1	10.8	8.7
Middle rate care only	16.5	14.8	15.3	18.9	17.3	13.6
Lower rate care only	29.1	24.7	25.8	29.0	29.1	23.7
Higher rate mobility only	33.9	20.7	20.1	22.1	23.9	19.9
Lower rate mobility only	8.5	5.9	5.7	6.7	7.0	5.6
Higher rate care & :- higher rate mobility	32.4	30.7	31.2	35.1	33.3	27.1
lower rate mobility	9.1	8.1	9.5	12.4	12.3	11.0
Middle rate care & :- higher rate mobility	18.8	16.8	17.6	22.0	20.8	17.5
lower rate mobility	19.1	16.2	17.1	22.3	22.8	18.2
Lower rate care & :- higher rate mobility	24.8	19.8	20.5	21.5	23.8	19.4
lower rate mobility	8.8	8.2	7.7	9.2	10.2	8.3
Rejections	255.7	208.2	190.4	206.1	192.3	148.1

1. Figures do not include first awards made as a result of review or appeal decisions

2. Figures for January estimated

Table 1.6 DLA: Awards on review and appeal by financial year

	<i>Thousands</i>					
Type of decision	1997/98	1998/99	Year ¹ 1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	9 months to 30.11.02
Reviews ²	37.7	27.0	24.8	16.6	14.1	10.5
Appeals	13.1	15.4	15.5	25.9	31.9	21.4

1. Figures relate to 12 months ending February

2. Figures include reconsiderations under the new system of decision making and appeals introduced from October 1999

Table 1.7 DLA: Awards in year ending 30th November 2002 by sex and age¹

	<i>Thousands</i>		
	Total	Men	Women
All ages	262.3	137.3	124.9
0 - 4	18.9	11.9	7.0
5 - 15	25.6	17.2	8.4
16-24	13.7	6.8	6.9
25-29	10.5	5.2	5.3
30-34	15.2	7.5	7.7
35-39	19.0	9.1	9.9
40-44	21.2	10.2	10.9
45-49	24.5	11.0	13.4
50-54	32.8	14.9	17.9
55-59	39.9	19.8	20.0
60-64	40.5	23.3	17.2
65 and over	0.6	0.3*	0.3*

1. Figures relate to first awards made as a result of initial claims, reviews or appeals

* Number too small to be statistically reliable

Table 1.8 DLA: Awards in year ending 30th November 2002 by disability^{1,2,3}

	<i>Thousands</i>			
	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
All conditions	262.3	70.3	39.9	152.1
Arthritis	34.7	9.5	7.7	17.5
Muscle/Joint/Bone disease	21.8	8.3	3.9	9.6
Blindness	3.8	0.7	0.8	2.3
Stroke-related	7.5	1.4	0.5*	5.6
Learning difficulty	14.8	6.8	0.7	7.3
Other mental health problems	54.8	13.3	6.3	35.2
Epilepsy	6.3	1.3	0.2*	4.8
Deafness	2.8	1.4	0.3*	1.1
Malignant disease	29.8	3.4	1.1	25.4
Chest disease	8.8	1.5	3.2	4.1
Back ailments	19.0	5.2	4.0	9.8
Heart disease	12.5	2.0	4.9	5.5
Parkinsons disease	1.4	0.5	-	0.9
Diabetes mellitus	6.6	3.0	0.8	2.9
Renal disorders	2.1	0.7	0.3*	1.0
Skin diseases	0.5	0.1*	0.1*	0.3*
Other	35.1	11.2	5.1	18.8

1. Figures relate to first awards made as a result of initial claims, reviews or appeals

2. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded

3. For a small number of cases the main disabling condition is recorded inaccurately

* Number too small to be statistically reliable

Table 1.9 DLA: Decisions on review by financial year ¹

	Year ¹					Number
	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	9 months to 30.11.02
Requests for review	354,730	307,535	295,275	265,235	255,055	198,870
Decisions						
all decisions	370,055	300,795	276,585	301,365	248,890	198,845
review allowed	44,290	31,630	26,960	56,230	58,525	48,145
award increased ³	90,075	69,690	67,035	71,225	51,795	43,935
other decisions	235,690	199,475	182,590	173,910	138,570	106,766

1. Figures include reconsiderations and supersessions under the new system of decision making and appeals which was introduced from October 1999.

2. Figures for January estimated

3. Rates of either component are increased

Table 1.10 DLA: Historical movements on and off benefit ¹

Period	Thousands		
	Awards	Terminations	Liveload at end of period
Year ending November 1999	216.3	144.6	2,125.6
Year ending November 2000	243.6	143.0	2,226.2
Year ending November 2001	244.2	141.1	2,329.3
Year ending November 2002	262.3	117.7	2,473.9

1. Cases where payment of benefit has been suspended are included

Table 1.11 Rates of DLA

Date	Care component			Mobility component	
	Highest rate	Middle rate	Lowest rate	Higher rate	Lower rate
6 April 1992	43.35	28.95	11.55	30.30	11.55
10 April 1993	44.90	30.00	11.95	31.40	11.95
11 April 1994	45.70	30.55	12.15	31.95	12.15
10 April 1995	46.70	31.20	12.40	32.65	12.40
8 April 1996	48.50	32.40	12.90	33.90	12.90
7 April 1997	49.50	33.10	13.15	34.60	13.15
8 April 1998	51.30	34.30	13.60	35.85	13.60
12 April 1999	52.95	35.40	14.05	37.00	14.05
12 April 2000	53.55	35.80	14.20	37.40	14.20
11 April 2001	55.30	37.00	14.65	38.65	14.65
8 April 2002	56.25	37.65	14.90	39.30	14.90

Section 2: Attendance Allowance

Attendance Allowance (AA) is a benefit for people who are so severely disabled, physically or mentally, that they need someone with them to help with personal care. They could need either frequent help coping with their bodily functions or constant care to stop them hurting themselves or others. This could be either during the day or at night.

A claimant who needs help both during the day and at night can get the higher rate of AA. A claimant who needs help either during the day or at night gets the lower rate. From October 1990, people who have a terminal illness and are not expected to live longer than 6 months can receive the higher rate. Someone can make a claim on their behalf without their knowledge. Since April 1992, people who were disabled before the age of 65 receive DLA instead of AA.

The statistics for Tables 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.10 are based on a 5% sample and are subject to the sampling error explained in the Appendix. Tables 2.5 and 2.9 are based on a 100% count.

Table 2.1 AA allowances current at 30th November ¹

Year	<i>Thousands</i>		
	All awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
1995 ²	1,115.4	461.7	653.7
1996	1,159.8	483.2	676.6
1997	1,217.1	505.4	711.7
1998	1,240.9	528.1	712.8
1999	1,256.8	549.6	707.2
2000	1,291.3	593.1	698.2
2001	1,295.4	611.5	683.9
2002	1,334.3	651.3	683.0

1. Cases where payment of benefit has been suspended are excluded

2. Figures relate to 31 March

Chart 2.1 AA allowances current over time

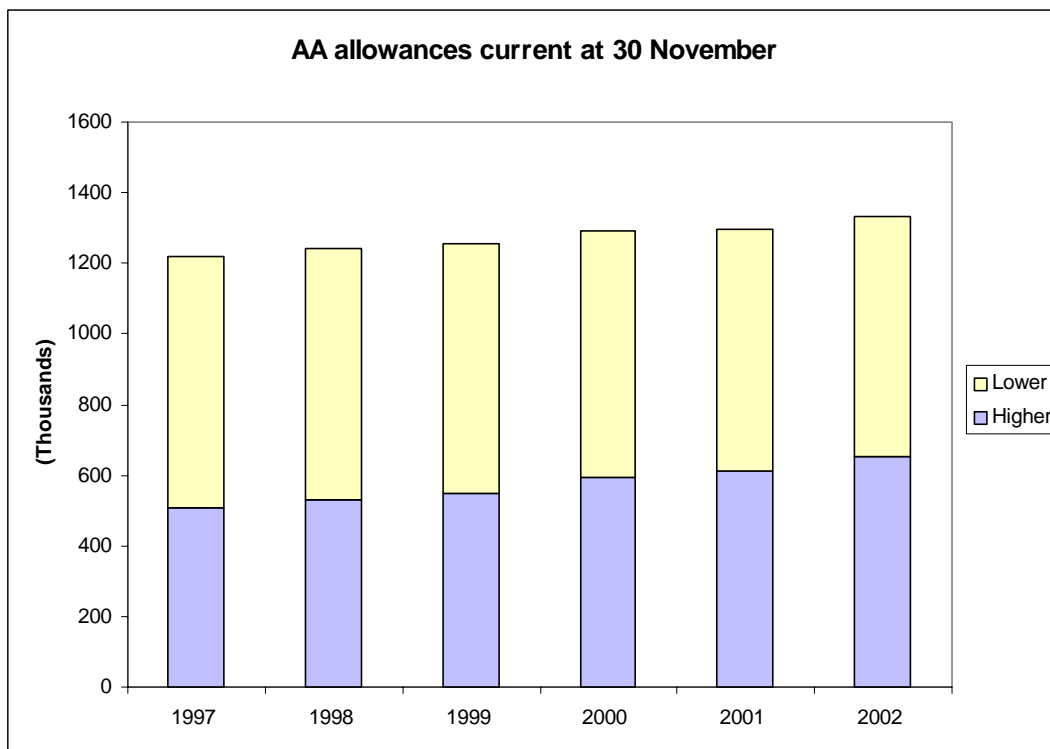


Table 2.2 AA allowances current at 30th November 2002 by age and sex

	<i>Thousands</i>		
	Total	Men	Women
All ages	1,334.3	393.7	940.7
65-69	44.2	20.1	24.2
70-74	147.7	58.3	89.4
75-79	294.9	100.7	194.2
80-84	359.3	106.2	253.1
85-89	293.2	73.0	220.2
90 & over	195.1	35.3	159.8

Chart 2.2 AA allowances current at 30th November 2002 by age and sex

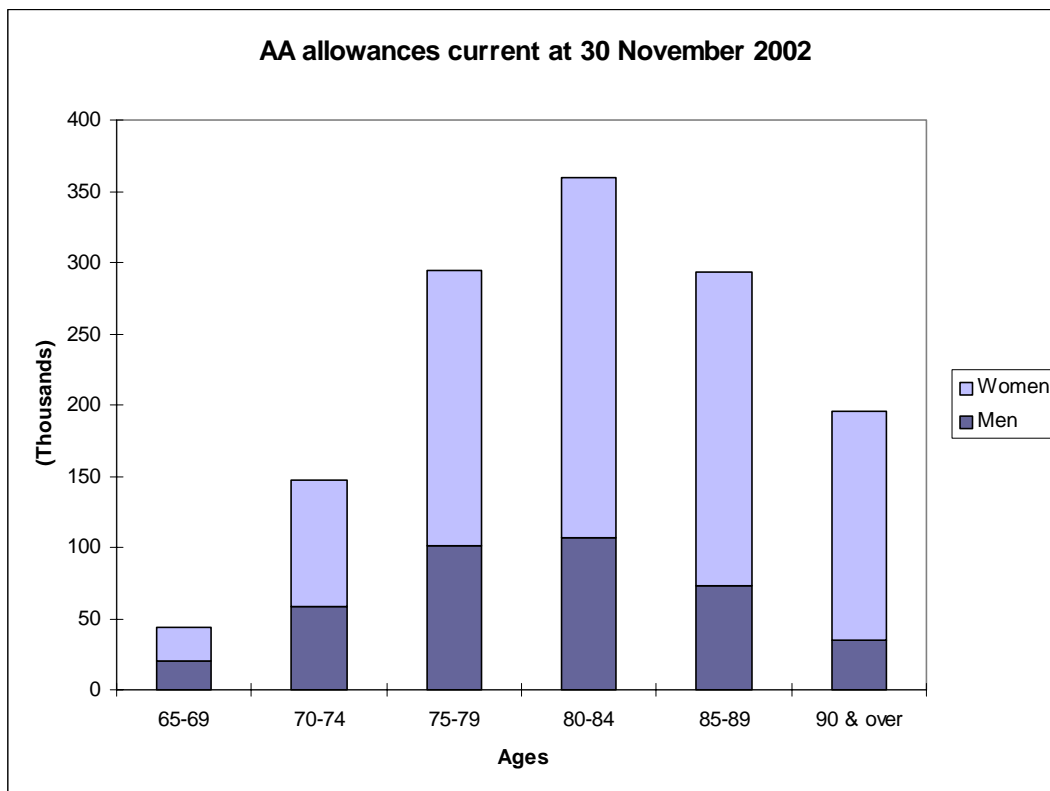


Table 2.3 AA allowances current at 30th November 2002 by Government Office Region ¹

Government Office Region	Allowances 000s	Allowances per 1000 population
GREAT BRITAIN	1,334.3	23.0
England	1,104.0	22.1
North East	64.5	25.0
North West	181.8	26.4
Yorkshire & Humber	113.2	22.4
East Midlands	100.3	23.8
West Midlands	139.1	26.1
East	120.5	22.1
London	117.7	16.0
South East	138.0	17.0
South West	128.9	25.9
Wales	98.0	33.3
Scotland	132.2	25.9

1. Population estimates for 30 June 1999. Sources are Office of National Statistics and General Registrar of Scotland

Table 2.4 AA allowances current at 30th November 2002 by disability ^{1 2}

	<i>Thousands</i>		
	All awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
All conditions	1,334.3	651.3	683.0
Arthritis	388.6	177.0	211.6
Muscle/Joint/Bone disease	59.5	26.6	32.9
Blindness	57.7	16.7	40.9
Stroke-related	108.0	61.7	46.3
Mental health causes	124.1	70.2	54.0
Epilepsy	4.7	1.8	2.8
Deafness	3.1	0.8	2.3
Malignant disease	20.9	12.1	8.9
Chest disease	61.1	30.3	30.8
Back ailments	25.5	11.2	14.3
Heart disease	121.7	55.1	66.6
Parkinsons disease	28.5	17.3	11.2
Diabetes mellitus	25.0	10.5	14.5
Renal disorders	4.1	2.0	2.1
Frailty	187.9	86.5	101.4
Multiple sclerosis	3.2	1.8	1.4
Learning difficulties	3.1	1.1	2.0
Other	107.7	68.7	39.0

1. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded

2. For a small number of cases the main disabling condition is recorded inaccurately

Table 2.5 AA: Decisions on initial claims ¹

	<i>Thousands</i>					
	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 ²	2000/01	2001/02	9 months to 30.11.02
Initial claims	412.3	414.0	395.2	408.3	386.5	296.6
Initial claims decided						
All decisions	413.0	396.8	378.3	419.8	381.3	298.4
First awards:						
Higher rate	145.0	151.1	153.0	171.7	162.1	130.4
Lower rate	151.2	141.5	128.4	144.9	130.0	101.5
Rejections	116.8	104.3	96.8	103.1	89.1	66.5

1. Figures exclude first awards made as a result of review or appeal decisions

2. Figures for January estimated

Table 2.6 AA: Awards on review and appeal by financial year

	<i>Thousands</i>					
Type of decision	1997/98	1998/99	Year ¹ 1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	9 months to 30.11.02
Reviews ²	24.7	17.1	14.6	12.3	8.4	6.6
Appeals	2.7	3.2	2.3	2.8	5.8	4.2

1. Figures relate to 12 months ending February

2. Figures include reconsiderations under the new system of decision making and appeals

Table 2.7 AA: Awards in year ending 30th November 2002 by sex and age¹

	<i>Thousands</i>		
	Total	Men	Women
All ages	312.0	121.4	190.6
65-69	31.6	15.0	16.6
70-74	51.7	23.6	28.1
75-79	74.8	30.0	44.8
80-84	76.0	27.8	48.1
85-89	54.2	18.0	36.2
90 and over	23.7	6.9	16.8

1. Figures relate to first awards made as a result of initial claims, reviews or appeals

Table 2.8 AA: Awards in year ending 30th November 2002 by disability and rate ^{1 2 3}

	<i>Thousands</i>		
	All awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
All conditions	312.0	171.3	140.7
Arthritis	60.7	30.0	30.7
Muscle/Joint/Bone disease	15.0	6.6	8.3
Blindness	9.3	2.5	6.8
Stroke-related	20.5	11.3	9.2
Mental health causes	33.4	17.7	15.7
Malignant disease	7.7	4.7	3.1
Chest disease	15.1	7.2	7.9
Back ailments	4.1	1.7	2.4
Heart disease	26.9	12.6	14.3
Parkinsons disease	7.0	4.3	2.7
Diabetes mellitus	5.9	2.6	3.3
Frailty	50.3	22.1	28.1
Other	56.1	47.9	8.2

1. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded

2. Figures relate to first awards made as a result of initial claims, reviews or appeals

3. For a small number of cases the main disabling condition is recorded inaccurately

Table 2.9 AA: Decisions on review by financial year ¹

	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 ²	2000/01	2001/02	9 months to 30.11.02
Requests for review	112,615	104,075	96,340	90,135	84,875	63,160
Decisions						
all decisions	117,225	99,305	89,630	102,140	82,180	62,728
review allowed	20,145	13,915	12,515	10,025	7,480	5,888
award increased	46,840	41,625	35,670	54,385	44,720	33,949
other decisions	50,240	43,765	41,450	37,730	29,980	22,891

1. Figures include reconsiderations and supersessions under the new system of decision making and appeals which was introduced from October 1999.

2. Figures for January estimated

Table 2.10 AA: Historical movements on and off benefit ¹

Period	Awards	Terminations	Thousands
			Liveload at end of period ¹
Year ending November 1999	302.2	274.3	1,393.3
Year ending November 2000	328.4	282.8	1,438.8
Year ending November 2001	297.7	283.4	1,453.2
Year ending November 2002	312.0	252.9	1,512.2

1. Cases where payment of benefit has been suspended are included

Table 2.11 Rates of attendance allowance

Date	£pw	
	Higher rate	Lower rate
6 April 1992	43.35	28.95
10 April 1993	44.90	30.00
11 April 1994	45.70	30.55
10 April 1995	46.70	31.20
8 April 1996	48.50	32.40
7 April 1997	49.50	33.10
8 April 1998	51.30	34.30
12 April 1999	52.95	35.40
12 April 2000	53.55	35.80
11 April 2001	55.30	37.00
8 April 2002	56.25	37.65

Section 3: Invalid Care Allowance

Invalid Care Allowance (ICA) is a non-contributory benefit for men and women:

- who look after a severely disabled person for at least 35 hours a week
- who are eligible before their 65th birthday (condition removed as from October 2002)
- who are not gainfully employed (ie not earning more than £75 per week after certain deductions) and
- who are not in full-time education

The severely disabled person must be getting either

- the highest or middle rate of DLA care component, or
- AA, or
- Constant Attendance Allowance paid at the normal maximum rate or above under the War Pensions or Industrial Injuries Scheme.

Someone who gets ICA can have extra money added on for their dependants.

Table 3.1 shows a time series of numbers of people receiving ICA at 31st December each year, up to and including 31st December 2002. Tables 3.2 to 3.9 give more detailed figures for the latest point in time, 31st December 2002. Table 3.10 provides a time series of rates of ICA for each financial year back to 1994/95.

Previous editions of this publication had included only four tables of ICA figures. This edition therefore represents a substantial improvement in the range of published ICA statistics available. This has been possible because the Information and Analysis Directorate Information Centre (IAD IC) has recently begun to receive and analyse 100% case-level data from the ICA computer system. As noted in the table titles, some of the tables report numbers with entitlement to ICA –a small proportion of whom do not actually receive the benefit e.g. due to overlapping entitlement with another benefit – and some tables cover just people where ICA is in payment (“current allowances”).

The statistics for all tables are based on a 100% extract from the ICA computer system.

All figures have been rounded to the nearest five.

Table 3.1 ICA allowances current at 31st December by sex over time ¹

Year	All persons	Men	Women
1995	316,355	74,495	241,860
1996 ¹	357,470	87,360	270,110
1997	374,320	94,160	280,165
1998	373,265	93,955	279,315
1999	379,835	96,320	283,515
2000 ¹	397,575	102,195	295,380
2001 ²	440,605	113,980	317,195
2002	402,740	101,645	301,095

1. Estimated

2. Figures for 2001 are based on 100% count of cases where there is ICA entitlement. Figures for all other years reflect ICA recipients 'in payment'.

Chart 3.1 ICA allowances current at 31st December over time

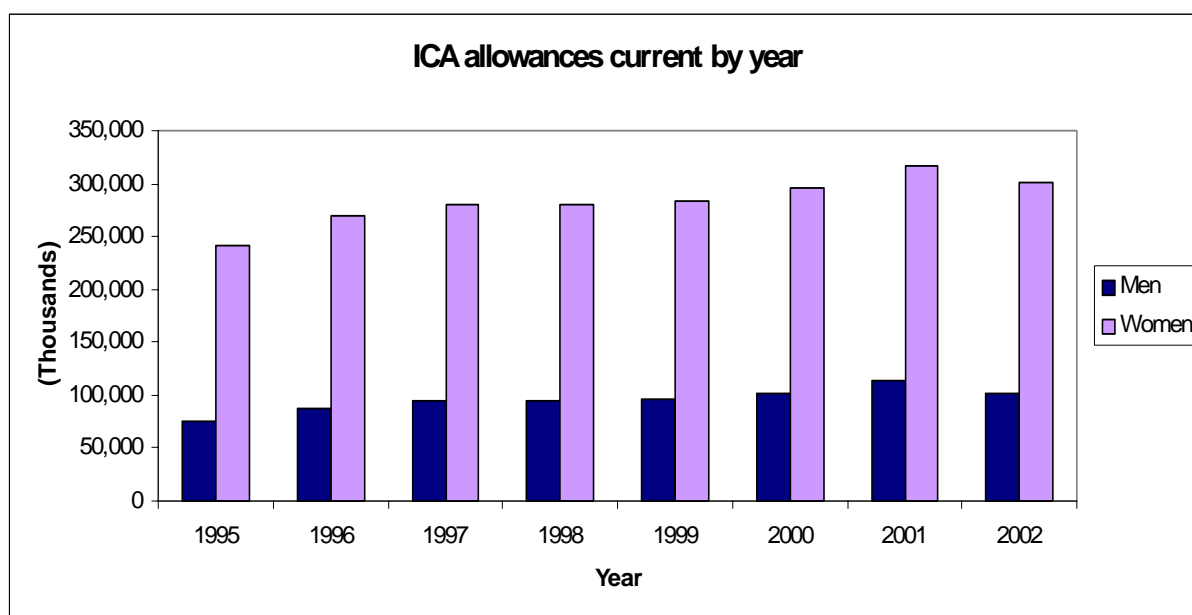


Table 3.2 ICA allowances current at 31st December 2002 by age, sex and average amount

Age	All persons	Men	Women	Average rate £pw
All ages	402,740	101,645	301,095	45.21
Under 20	3,575	1,225	2,355	42.72
20-24	11,155	2,840	8,310	45.47
25-29	22,150	3,850	18,300	48.77
30-34	45,205	7,120	38,085	49.87
35-39	60,545	10,595	49,950	48.60
40-44	58,040	12,260	45,780	46.58
45-49	51,235	13,195	38,040	44.89
50-54	53,815	15,175	38,640	43.74
55-59	60,790	17,690	43,100	43.21
60-64	29,555	15,830	13,725	37.15
65 and over	6,675	1,870	4,805	28.10
Working age	382,340	99,775	282,565	46.09
Pensioners	20,400	1,870	18,530	28.61

Chart 3.2 ICA allowances at 31st December 2002 by age and sex

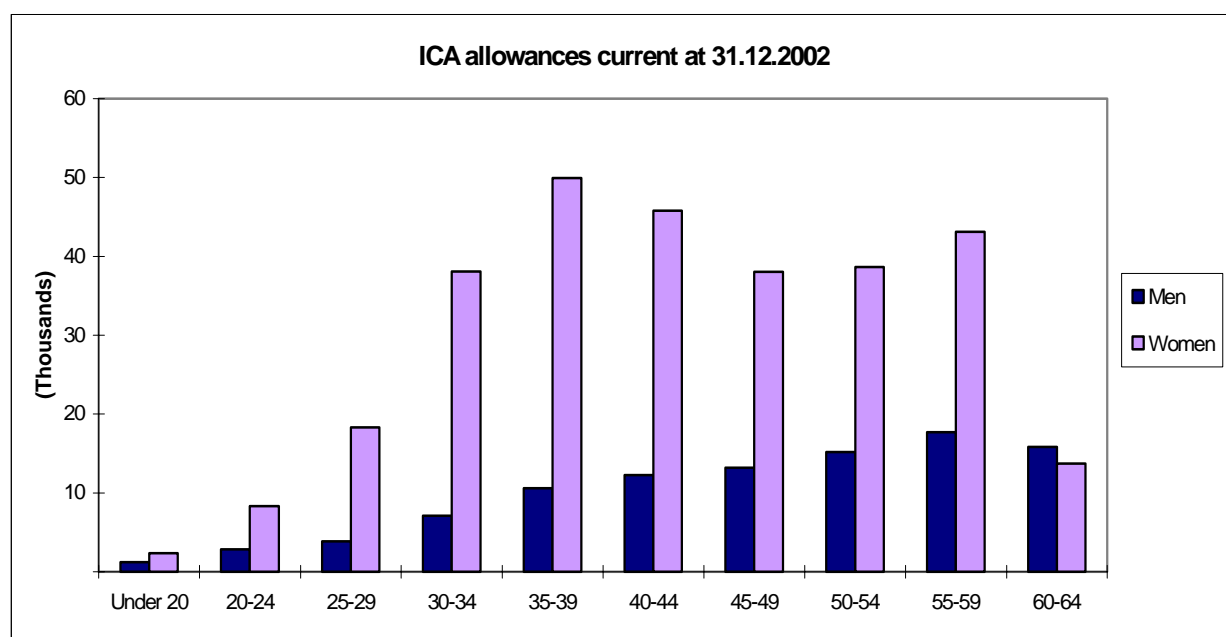


Table 3.3 ICA allowances current at 31st December 2002 by Government Office Region

Country and Government Office Region	Allowances	Allowances per 1000 population ¹
GREAT BRITAIN	402,740	7.0
England	334,740	6.8
North East	25,130	10.0
North West	59,935	8.9
Yorkshire & Humber	40,680	8.2
East Midlands	30,215	7.2
West Midlands	42,585	8.1
East	30,355	5.6
London	39,695	5.5
South East	36,700	4.6
South West	29,440	6.0
Wales	28,430	9.8
Scotland	39,570	7.8
Overseas	10	-

Table 3.4 Numbers with entitlement to ICA at 31st December 2002 by age and sex.

Age	All persons	Men	Women
All ages	491,840	131,350	360,490
Under 20	3,855	1,345	2,510
20-24	11,960	3,105	8,855
25-29	23,360	4,230	19,130
30-34	47,905	7,865	40,045
35-39	64,690	11,805	52,885
40-44	63,000	13,945	49,055
45-49	56,640	15,310	41,330
50-54	60,500	17,880	42,620
55-59	69,875	21,320	48,555
60-64	55,730	19,850	35,880
65 and over	34,320	14,695	19,620
Working Age	421,640	116,650	304,985
Pensioners	70,200	14,695	55,505

Table 3.5 Average duration of entitlement at 31st December 2002 broken down by age and sex

Age of claimant	All		Men		Women	
	Number entitled	Average duration weeks	Number entitled	Average duration weeks	Number entitled	Average duration weeks
All	491,710	245	131,310	215	460,400	256
under 20	3,850	56	1,340	55	2,510	56
20-24	11,960	107	3,105	111	8,855	105
25-29	23,335	147	4,230	146	19,125	147
30-34	47,900	186	7,865	167	40,040	190
35-39	64,685	225	11,800	189	52,885	233
40-44	63,000	260	13,945	209	49,055	274
45-49	56,635	281	15,310	228	41,325	301
50-54	60,490	281	17,875	234	42,615	301
55-59	69,860	269	21,320	236	48,540	284
60-64	55,715	287	19,840	252	35,875	307
65 and over	34,265	231	14,675	207	19,590	248
Working age	421,570	245	116,635	216	304,940	250
Pensioners	70,135	270	14,675	207	55,460	286

1. A small number of those with entitlement have been excluded due to the latest duration of ICA entitlement beginning after the extract date.

Table 3.6 Number of Adult and Child dependency increases current at 31st December 2002 broken down by sex and number of children.

	All persons	Men	Women
All CDIs	43,535	9,335	34,205
Number of children			
1	14,480	11,115	3,365
2	14,775	11,775	3,005
3	8,645	6,895	1,750
4	3,840	3,055	785
5	1,215	925	285
6 and over	580	440	145
Total number of ADIs	11,605	7,540	4,065

Table 3.7 Commencements of ICA processed in the quarter ending 31st December 2002 by age.

Age at commencement	Entitled	In payment
All	43,470	27,085
under 20	925	860
20-24	1,650	1,520
25-29	2,290	2,120
30-34	3,750	3,445
35-39	4,185	3,805
40-44	3,790	3,325
45-49	3,395	2,875
50-54	3,910	3,150
55-59	4,770	3,645
60-64	3,275	1,630
65 and over	11,530	715

Table 3.8 Terminations of ICA processed in the quarter ending 31st December 2002 by age.

Age at termination	Entitled	In payment
All	21,585	19,295
under 20	400	400
20-24	1000	975
25-29	1,170	1,140
30-34	2,120	2,065
35-39	2,740	2,640
40-44	2,800	2,650
45-49	2,385	2,245
50-54	2,525	2,325
55-59	3,115	2,815
60-64	2,665	1,760
65 and over	670	285

Table 3.9 Terminations of ICA processed in the quarter ending 31st December 2002 by reason for termination.

Reason for termination	Entitled	In payment
All	21,585	19,295
Not caring for over 35 hrs a week	7,090	6,245
Disabled person not getting appropriate benefit	4,140	3,930
Another person caring for Disabled Person	85	55
In Full time education	210	200
Earnings over limit	2,380	2,320
Death of Disabled person	6,900	5,870
Residence conditions not satisfied	50	50
Death of claimant	255	190
Requested information not sent to ICA unit	460	425
Transfer	5	5
Carer does not meet age requirements	5	-

Table 3.10 Rates of Invalid Care Allowance

	<i>£pw</i>			
	Standard	Adult	Rate for dependants	
			First child	Other children
11 April 1994	34.50	20.65	9.80	11.00
10 April 1995	35.25	21.10	9.85	11.05
8 April 1996	36.60	21.90	9.90	11.15
7 April 1997	37.35	22.35	9.90	11.20
6 April 1998	38.70	23.15	9.90	11.30
12 April 1999	39.95	23.90	9.90	11.35
12 April 2000	40.40	24.15	9.85	11.35
11 April 2001	41.75	24.95	9.70	11.35
08 April 2002	42.45	25.35	9.65	11.35

Appendix

Note about sampling error

Because some of the data in these tables are derived from a 5% sample the numbers, which appear in the tables, are only **estimates** of the true values. The people included in the sample are 5% of the population of claimants.

Although the figures are estimates, it is possible to say with confidence that the **true** value, corresponding to any particular number in the tables, lies within a certain range - the **confidence interval**.

The following table gives the 95% confidence intervals for the true value in the population, based on the estimated value from the 5% sample. For example, if a figure of 600 appears in a table, then, given that this is derived from a 5% sample (ie there were 30 cases in the sample), one can say that there is a 95% chance that there are in fact between 409 and 851 cases in the population. Confidence intervals for larger estimated values are given below and expressed as estimated value plus or minus half the width of the interval.

Estimated value in table	95% confidence interval
0	0 to 58
20	1 to 110
40	5 to 143
60	13 to 173
80	22 to 202
100	33 to 230
200	98 to 364
300	170 to 490
400	248 to 612
500	328 to 730
600	409 to 851

Estimated value in table	95% confidence interval	Confidence interval as % of the estimate
700	+/-226	+/-32%
800	+/-242	+/-30%
900	+/-256	+/-28%
1,000	+/-270	+/-27%
2,000	+/-382	+/-19%
3,000	+/-468	+/-16%
4,000	+/-540	+/-14%
5,000	+/-604	+/-12%
6,000	+/-662	+/-11%
7,000	+/-715	+/-10%
8,000	+/-764	+/-10%
9,000	+/-811	+/-9%
10,000	+/-854	+/-9%
20,000	+/-1,208	+/-6%
30,000	+/-1,480	+/-5%
40,000	+/-1,709	+/-4%
50,000	+/-1,910	+/-4%
100,000	+/-2,702	+/-3%
200,000	+/-3,821	+/-2%
300,000	+/-4,679	+/-2%
400,000	+/-5,403	+/-1%
500,000	+/-6,041	+/-1%
600,000	+/-6,618	+/-1%
700,000	+/-7,148	+/-1%
800,000	+/-7,641	+/-1%
900,000	+/-8,105	+/-1%
1,000,000	+/-8,543	+/-1%