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## JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE STATISTICS: NOVEMBER 2002 QUARTERLY STATISTICAL ENQUIRY

The results from the November 2002 Jobseeker's Allowance Quarterly Statistical Enquiry (JSA QSE) are published today. They provide a wide range of analyses, including amounts of JSA in payment and analysis of the caseload by Government Office Region. See notes to editors for further details.

### Main findings

- The number (not adjusted for seasonal effects) of people who claimed JSA in Great Britain in November 2002 stood at 872 thousand, a reduction of 17 thousand (1.9 per cent) compared with November 2001.

Statistical group	Nov 2002 Total ( <i>'000</i> )	Nov 2001 Total ( <i>'000</i> )	Change over year (per cent)
<b>All groups</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
Contribution-based	156	151	3.6
Income-based	630	649	-2.9
<i>of which:</i>			
Contribution and income-based	18	18	-1.9
Income-based only	613	631	-2.9
No benefit in payment (National Insurance Credits only)	86	90	-4.6

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- In the year to November 2002 the number of people who had been claiming JSA for one year or more fell by 21 thousand (11.3 per cent), to stand at 162 thousand.
- In November 2002 unemployed claimants in receipt of contribution-based JSA received on average £51.68 per week, while those in receipt of income-based JSA received £62.04. Recipients of income-based JSA with partners (and no dependants) received £75.97 on average, and those with dependants (singles or couples) received on average £129.84.
- Around three-quarters of unemployed JSA claimants in November 2002 were men. 21.0 per cent of women claimants received contribution-based JSA only, compared with only 16.9 per cent of men.
- In November 2002 11 thousand (1.2 per cent) were aged under 18; 218 thousand (25.0 per cent) were aged between 18 and 24; 494 thousand (56.6 per cent) claimants were aged between 25 and 49; and 149 thousand (17.1 per cent) were aged 50 and over.
- People dependent upon income-based JSA accounted for 2.0 per cent of the Great Britain population aged under state retirement age. This proportion ranged from 1.0 per cent in the South East to 3.1 per cent in London.

## NOTES TO EDITORS

The Jobseeker's Quarterly Statistical Enquiry is a National Statistics publication and is produced to the high professional standards outlined in the National Statistics Code of Practice. National Statistics publications undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure that they meet customer needs. They are produced free from any political interference.

### **Jobseeker's Allowance**

Jobseeker's Allowance was introduced on 7 October 1996. It replaced Unemployment Benefit (UB) and Income Support (IS) paid to unemployed people and brought them together in a single structured benefit with two routes of entry. It can be claimed by people who are available for and actively seeking employment, including those in remunerative work for less than 16 hours a week, and by people on a government training course. Further details can be obtained at [www.dwp.gov.uk/asd](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd).

### **Jobseeker's Allowance Quarterly Statistical Enquiry (JSA QSE)**

The JSA QSE is based on a five per cent sample of all claimants in Great Britain whose benefit is in payment on the second Thursday in February, May, August and November.

The JSA QSE was introduced in November 1996 to provide benefit-related statistics on claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance. This replaced the Unemployed Claimants Summary Statistics formerly issued by DSS on Unemployment Benefit claimants. The JSA QSE also provides information on recipients of income-based JSA along the lines of those previously published on unemployed Income Support claimants from the Income Support QSE.

The tables that can be found at [www.dwp.gov.uk/asd](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd) give a selection of the key analysis from the JSA QSE. In addition the publication also contains analyses of duration of claim; claims that ended in the quarter to November 2002; reasons for non-entitlement; payment of benefit; JSA hardship payments; housing requirements; other benefits and incomes; and deductions from benefit.

### **Comparisons with the Office for National Statistics unemployed claimant count**

The JSA QSE is taken from the same source as the Office for National Statistics (ONS) unemployed claimants count and is designed to give consistent results. It is intended mainly to give information on benefit entitlement, whereas analyses from the ONS count are designed to give a detailed assessment of trends in the numbers of unemployed claimants (including seasonally adjusted data).

The statistics in the JSA QSE for Great Britain are less up to date than the monthly ONS unemployed claimants count covering the United Kingdom.

### **Future publications**

This is the last time the JSA QSE will be published in 'hard copy' or as a pdf file. The Department will be focusing on publishing client group based statistics (Working Age; Children & Families; and Pensioners) in hard copy.

Instead JSA QSE statistics will be published on the DWP internet site ([www.dwp.gov.uk/asd](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd)) in Microsoft Excel format as the data shown.

## Key to the tables

The attached tables give data for Great Britain that has not been seasonally adjusted.

<b>JSA(Cont)</b>	Claimants in receipt of contribution-based JSA. This is based on their national insurance contribution record.
<b>JSA(Cont) &amp; (IB)</b>	Claimants in receipt of income-based JSA but who would also be entitled via the contributory route (see "Amount of benefit").
<b>JSA(IB)</b>	Claimants in receipt of income-based JSA. This is based on their financial circumstances.
<b>Neither</b>	Claimants not entitled to JSA(Cont) or JSA(IB) who claim national insurance credits. This category also includes claimants who might be entitled to JSA(IB) or JSA(Cont) but this had not been established at the time of the enquiry.

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*Jobseeker's Allowance Quarterly Statistical Enquiry -  
Great Britain (not seasonally adjusted)*

**Table 1: JSA claimants by benefit entitlement:  
February 1997 to November 2002**

		<i>Thousands</i>					
		All claimants	All with benefit	Type of JSA			No benefit in payment
				Contribution-based only	Contribution- and income-based <sup>(1)</sup>	Income-based only <sup>(1)</sup>	
1997	Feb	<b>1,763</b>	<b>1,608</b>	251	40	1,317	155
	May	<b>1,562</b>	<b>1,406</b>	181	28	1,197	156
	Aug	<b>1,515</b>	<b>1,366</b>	176	25	1,165	149
	Nov	<b>1,331</b>	<b>1,204</b>	155	25	1,024	127
1998	Feb	<b>1,395</b>	<b>1,270</b>	181	29	1,060	124
	May	<b>1,296</b>	<b>1,181</b>	154	23	1,004	115
	Aug	<b>1,324</b>	<b>1,205</b>	169	23	1,014	118
	Nov	<b>1,231</b>	<b>1,113</b>	157	24	932	118
1999	Feb	<b>1,326</b>	<b>1,201</b>	187	30	984	125
	May	<b>1,224</b>	<b>1,106</b>	158	27	920	119
	Aug	<b>1,211</b>	<b>1,097</b>	161	22	914	113
	Nov	<b>1,103</b>	<b>996</b>	139	21	835	108
2000	Feb	<b>1,183</b>	<b>1,073</b>	172	22	880	110
	May	<b>1,067</b>	<b>973</b>	148	19	806	95
	Aug	<b>1,045</b>	<b>951</b>	147	19	785	94
	Nov	<b>961</b>	<b>868</b>	135	19	714	92
2001	Feb	<b>1,032</b>	<b>935</b>	166	22	748	97
	May	<b>942</b>	<b>848</b>	147	18	683	94
	Aug	<b>931</b>	<b>839</b>	148	17	673	92
	Nov	<b>889</b>	<b>800</b>	151	18	631	90
2002	Feb	<b>986</b>	<b>892</b>	188	21	683	94
	May	<b>919</b>	<b>827</b>	163	19	646	91
	Aug	<b>924</b>	<b>833</b>	166	17	650	91
	Nov	<b>872</b>	<b>786</b>	156	18	613	86

Notes: 1. From May 2001 this includes both members of a joint claim.  
2. These figures are not seasonally adjusted. Any comparisons should be made "year on year".

Jobseeker's Allowance Quarterly Statistical Enquiry -  
Great Britain (not seasonally adjusted)

**Table 2: JSA claimants by gender, marital status and benefit entitlement:  
November 2002**

Claimants	Thousands/Percentages					
	Total '000(=100 per cent)	All with benefit per cent	Type of JSA			
			Contribution- based only per cent	Contribution- and income- based per cent	Income- based only per cent	No benefit in payment per cent
<b>All</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>9.8</b>
<b>All males</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>91.1</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>8.9</b>
Single	506	93.7	15.6	0.3	77.8	6.3
With partner	152	82.7	21.2	9.3	52.2	17.3
<b>All females</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>12.7</b>
Single	176	90.9	16.0	0.7	74.2	9.1
With partner	38	70.4	43.8	1.7	24.9	29.6

**Table 3: Beneficiaries of income-based JSA by type:  
November 1998 to November 2002**

	Thousands/Percentages				
	All	Type of beneficiary			Beneficiaries as per cent of eligible population <sup>(1)</sup>
		Claimant	Partner	Dependant	
November 1998	1,467	956	193	318	N/a
November 1999	1,299	856	164	279	N/a
November 2000	1,100	733	137	230	N/a
November 2001	950	649	112	190	N/a
November 2002	912	630	103	178	2.0

Notes: 1.. 0-64 for men and 0-59 for women. Based on Office for National Statistics mid-year population estimates (1997-2001)  
2. Figures are not available due to the revision of population estimates but will be able to be produced from March 2003

**Table 4: JSA claimants by gender and age: November 1998 to November 2002**

	Thousands/Percentages						
	All claimants '000(=100%)	Males			Females		
		Under 25 %	25 to 49 %	50 or over %	Under 25 %	25 to 49 %	50 or over %
November 1998	1,231	17.3	46.4	12.6	7.3	12.1	4.4
November 1999	1,103	16.6	46.6	12.9	7.6	11.9	4.3
November 2000	961	17.1	46.4	12.8	7.8	11.5	4.3
November 2001	889	17.6	45.6	12.5	8.2	11.7	4.4
November 2002	872	17.8	44.9	12.7	8.5	11.8	4.4