

## Attendance Allowance

<b>General details</b>	Data derived from a 100% scan of Attendance Allowance Claimants
<b>Area output</b>	National, regional, district and ward (2003) boundaries
<b>Time period</b>	May 31 <sup>st</sup> 2001, August 24 <sup>th</sup> 2002, August 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2003
<b>Source</b>	Department for Work and Pensions (DWO)
<b>Provider</b>	ONS, Neighbourhood Statistics
<b>Comments</b>	

### 1 Introduction

1.1 Attendance Allowance is a tax-free benefit for people aged 65 who need help with personal care because of illness or disability. Normally the help must have been needed for at least 6 months.

1.2 People with disability or illness who need help with mobility or personal care who are aged under 65 are eligible for Disability Living Allowance.

1.3 The rate depends on a person's care requirements.

- Higher rate (day and night) £58.80
- Lower rate (day or night) £39.35

### 2 National and Regional Figures

2.1 Approximately 57,000 residents of Kirklees are over 65 years according to the 2001 Census. Of those, 7,755 were eligible for Attendance Allowance in 2001, about 13.6% of the total.

2.2 As a proportion, Kirklees has fewer claimants than the national average and the West Yorkshire average. Leeds and Calderdale are the two West Yorkshire districts that have a lower proportion than Kirklees.

Table 1: Attendance Allowance Claimants 2001, national and West Yorkshire

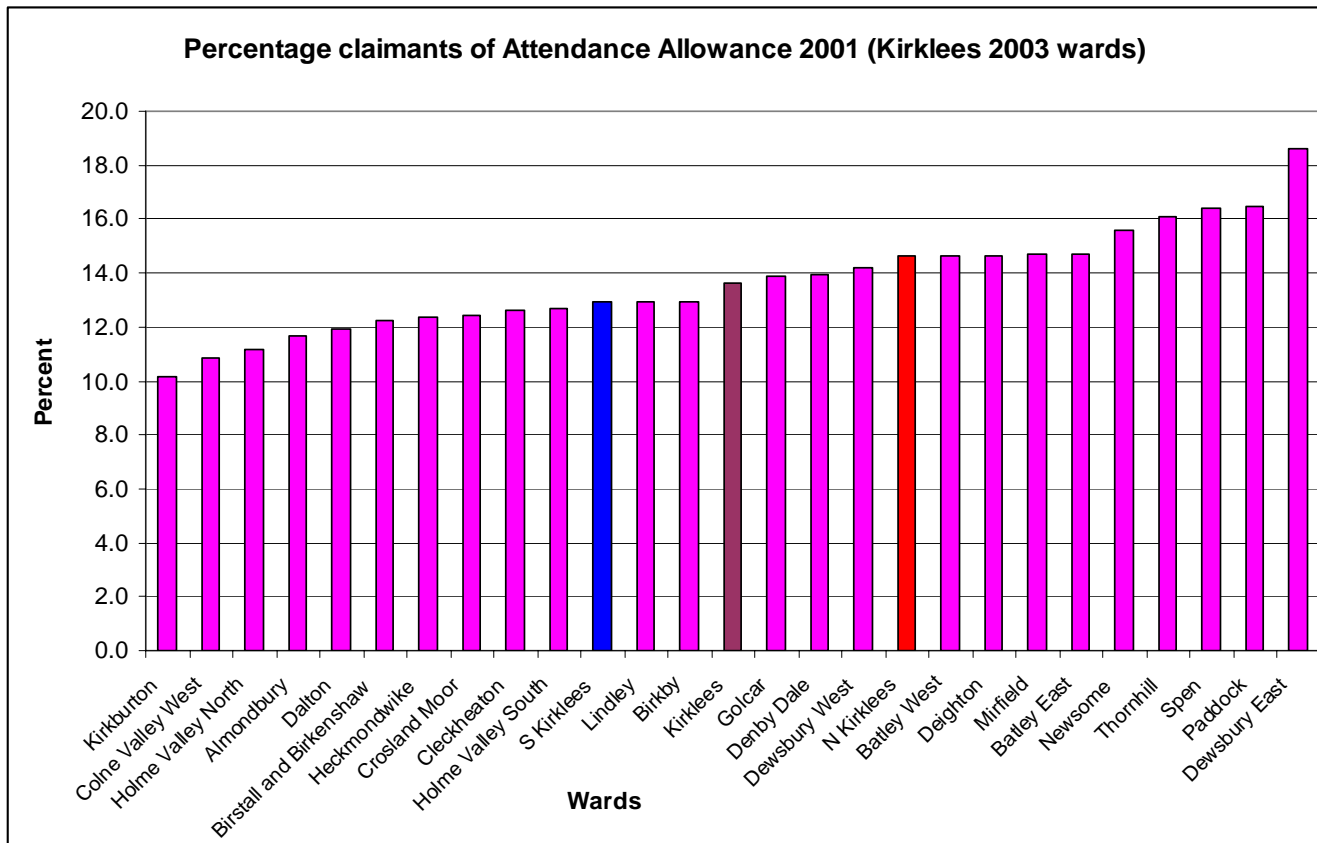
	All persons aged over 65 years (Census 2001)	Claimants 2001	
		Number	Percent
England and Wales	8312774	1164628	14.0
Bradford	67661	9560	14.1
Calderdale	30002	4025	13.4
<b>Kirklees</b>	<b>56844</b>	<b>7755</b>	<b>13.6</b>
Leeds	109558	13965	12.7
Wakefield	48632	8005	16.5
West Yorkshire	312697	43310	13.9

2.3 Over the last three years, the number of claimants of Attendance Allowance has risen in England and Wales. In West Yorkshire, the number has fallen slightly overall, although a fall between 2001 and 2002 was countered by a small rise between 2002 and 2003. The fall in Kirklees between 2001 and 2003 was about 230 claimants.

Table 2: Attendance Allowance Claimants 2001 to 2003, national and West Yorkshire

	Numbers			Increase		
	2001	2002	2003	2001 - 2	2002 - 3	2001 - 3
Eng and Wales	1164628	1162653	1216823	-0.2	4.7	4.5
Bradford	9560	9070	9205	-5.1	1.5	-3.7
Calderdale	4025	3925	3960	-2.5	0.9	-1.6
<b>Kirklees</b>	<b>7755</b>	<b>7420</b>	<b>7525</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
Leeds	13965	13935	14150	-0.2	1.5	1.3
Wakefield	8005	7815	7845	-2.4	0.4	-2.0
West Yorkshire	43310	42165	42685	-2.6	1.2	-1.4

### 3 Kirklees Figures



3.1 Dewsbury East Ward had both the highest number and greatest proportion of Attendance Allowance claimants in 2001. Wards with the lowest figures were Colne Valley West and Kirkburton.

3.2 North Kirklees has a greater proportion of Attendance Allowance claimants than South Kirklees.

Table 3: Attendance Allowance Claimants 2001, Kirklees 2003 Wards

Ward	Over 65 years	Claimants Number	Claimants Percent
Almondbury	2437	285	11.7
Batley East	2209	325	14.7
Batley West	2291	335	14.6
Birkby	2238	290	13.0
Birstall and Birkenshaw	2530	310	12.3
Cleckheaton	2417	305	12.6
Colne Valley West	2073	225	10.9
Crosland Moor	2613	325	12.4
Dalton	2428	290	11.9
Deighton	1675	245	14.6
Denby Dale	2615	365	14.0
Dewsbury East	2387	445	18.6
Dewsbury West	2149	305	14.2
Golcar	2130	295	13.8
Heckmondwike	2541	315	12.4
Holme Valley North	2590	290	11.2
Holme Valley South	2204	280	12.7
Kirkburton	2368	240	10.1
Lindley	2939	380	12.9
Mirfield	2755	405	14.7
Newsome	2181	340	15.6
Paddock	2579	425	16.5
Spen	2440	400	16.4
Thornhill	2055	330	16.1
Kirklees	56844	7755	13.6
N Kirklees	23774	3475	14.6
S Kirklees	33070	4275	12.9

3.3 As with the regional and district figures, the ward figures for Kirklees show considerable fluctuation over the last three years. Unfortunately, detailed annual estimates of population are unavailable at ward level, so it is not possible to produce a reliable annual rate (and therefore remove fluctuations due to a changing population).

3.4 Relatively large increases in the number of claimants occurred in Colne Valley West whilst Batley East showed a similarly large decrease.

Table 4: Attendance Allowance Claimants 2001 to 2003, Kirklees 2003 wards

Ward	2001	2002	2003	Change 2001 - 2	Change 2002 - 3	Change 2001 - 3
Almondbury	285	285	280	0.0	-1.8	-1.8
Batley East	325	290	265	-10.8	-8.6	-18.5
Batley West	335	295	295	-11.9	0.0	-11.9
Birkby	290	280	250	-3.4	-10.7	-13.8
Birstall and Birkenshaw	310	300	330	-3.2	10.0	6.5
Cleckheaton	305	310	320	1.6	3.2	4.9
Colne Valley West	225	245	280	8.9	14.3	24.4
Crosland Moor	325	335	345	3.1	3.0	6.2
Dalton	290	320	300	10.3	-6.3	3.4
Deighton	245	235	220	-4.1	-6.4	-10.2
Denby Dale	365	350	365	-4.1	4.3	0.0
Dewsbury East	445	390	400	-12.4	2.6	-10.1
Dewsbury West	305	305	305	0.0	0.0	0.0
Golcar	295	300	290	1.7	-3.3	-1.7
Heckmondwike	315	310	335	-1.6	8.1	6.3
Holme Valley North	290	285	325	-1.7	14.0	12.1
Holme Valley South	280	225	255	-19.6	13.3	-8.9
Kirkburton	240	235	255	-2.1	8.5	6.3
Lindley	380	380	365	0.0	-3.9	-3.9
Mirfield	405	385	385	-4.9	0.0	-4.9
Newsome	340	315	325	-7.4	3.2	-4.4
Paddock	425	365	365	-14.1	0.0	-14.1
Spennithorne	400	370	370	-7.5	0.0	-7.5
Thornhill	330	310	295	-6.1	-4.8	-10.6
Kirklees	7755	7420	7525	-4.3	1.4	-3.0
N Kirklees	3475	3265	3300	-6.0	1.1	-5.0
S Kirklees	4275	4155	4220	-2.8	1.6	-1.3

4 Links and further information

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