

Disability Living Allowance

General details	Data drawn from 100% scan of Disability Allowance claimants
Area output	National, regional, district and ward (2003) boundaries
Time period	25 th August 2001, 24 th August 2002, 23 rd August 2003
Source	Department of Work and Pensions
Provider	ONS Neighbourhood Statistics
Comments	The data is regarded as being of very high quality.

1 Introduction

1.1 Disability Living Allowance is a tax-free benefit for adults and children with a disability or illness who need help with getting around or help with personal care or help with both of these.

1.2 Normally help must have been needed for at least 3 months and must be likely to be needed for at least a further 6 months.

1.3 People cannot claim Disability Living Allowance on or after their 65th birthday, even if the need for help started before then, however if they are claimants on their 65th birthday, they can continue to receive the benefit. (People aged 65 or over who need help with personal care may be able to get Attendance Allowance.)

1.4 Payment is for two components

Care component (for people who need to be looked after)

Highest rate £58.80

Middle rate £39.95

Lowest rate £15.55

Mobility component (for people who need help to get around)

Higher rate £41.05

Lower rate £15.55

2 National and Regional Figures

2.1 In 2003, almost 19,000 people claimed Disability Living Allowance in Kirklees. Of these over 51% were aged between 17 and 59 years, about 11% were under 16 years and 38% were over 60 years. These are the same proportions found in the national and West Yorkshire figures.

2.2 Approximately 4% of the population in West Yorkshire aged 17 to 59 years claimed Disability Living Allowance in 2001. This is slightly higher than the national rate.

Table 1: Percentage of population aged 17 to 59 years claiming Disability Living Allowance in 2001.

	Popn. Aged 17-59 2001 Census	Claimants 17 – 59 in 2001	
		Number	Percent
England and Wales	30042402	1058286	3.5
Bradford	262946	10525	4.0
Calderdale	109657	3770	3.4
Kirklees	224693	8875	3.9
Leeds	420947	14535	3.5
Wakefield	181967	9730	5.3
West Yorkshire	1200209	47435	4.0

2.3 Over the last 3 years the number of claimants of Disability Living Allowance has risen by about 11% nationally, although the proportionate rise in Kirklees and Wakefield has been smaller.

Table 2: Claimants of Disability Living Allowance 2001 to 2003

Period	All Claimants Total			Change		
	2001	2002	2003	2001 - 2	2002 - 3	2001 - 3
England and Wales	2026439	2126175	2243206	4.9	5.5	10.7
Bradford	20700	21730	22955	5.0	5.6	10.9
Calderdale	7320	7690	8140	5.1	5.9	11.2
Kirklees	17240	18135	18905	5.2	4.2	9.7
Leeds	27845	29300	30725	5.2	4.9	10.3
Wakefield	19705	20545	21385	4.3	4.1	8.5
West Yorkshire	92810	97400	102110	4.9	4.8	10.0

3 Kirklees Figures

3.1 In common with other benefits, there are significantly fewer claimants in the southern rural wards of Kirklees than the urban wards. For example, in 2001, over 5% of the population aged 17 to 59 years in Crosland Moor, Deighton, Dewsbury West and Paddock were claimants, whilst only 2.2% of the same population of Kirkburton and Holme Valley South were claimants.

Table 3: Percentage of population aged 17 to 59 years claiming Disability Living Allowance in 2001 by Kirklees 2003 wards.

	Popn. Aged 17-59 2001 Census	Claimants 17 – 59, 2001	
		Number	Percent
Almondbury	7050	315	4.5
Batley East	10690	435	4.1
Batley West	10780	535	5.0
Birkby	8767	410	4.7
Birstall and Birkenshaw	10156	335	3.3
Cleckheaton	8774	255	2.9
Colne Valley West	8037	240	3.0
Crosland Moor	8772	475	5.4
Dalton	9014	450	5.0
Deighton	7378	420	5.7
Denby Dale	10672	280	2.6
Dewsbury East	8789	440	5.0
Dewsbury West	10382	560	5.4
Golcar	10271	340	3.3
Heckmondwike	10453	385	3.7
Holme Valley North	8975	275	3.1
Holme Valley South	10489	225	2.1
Kirkburton	10406	230	2.2
Lindley	9273	280	3.0
Mirfield	8993	305	3.4
Newsome	8299	425	5.1
Paddock	8885	470	5.3
Spennings	9341	310	3.3
Thornhill	10054	490	4.9
North Kirklees	98409	4050	4.1
South Kirklees	126285	4835	3.8
Kirklees	224693	8875	3.9

3.2 If they are reliable, the figures for Kirklees wards show that some wards have seen very large increases in the number of Disability Living Allowance Claimants over the last three years. Cleckheaton and Colne Valley West had increases of almost 21% and 17%.

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Period	All Claimants Total			Change		
	2001	2002	2003	2001 - 2	2002 - 3	2001 - 3
Area						
Almondbury	605	650	695	7.4	6.9	14.9
Batley East	840	890	905	6.0	1.7	7.7
Batley West	990	1040	1085	5.1	4.3	9.6
Birkby	770	830	875	7.8	5.4	13.6
Birstall and Birkenshaw	675	685	715	1.5	4.4	5.9
Cleckheaton	505	570	610	12.9	7.0	20.8
Colne Valley West	480	525	560	9.4	6.7	16.7
Crosland Moor	960	990	1055	3.1	6.6	9.9
Dalton	875	920	950	5.1	3.3	8.6
Deighton	825	845	870	2.4	3.0	5.5
Denby Dale	610	635	640	4.1	0.8	4.9
Dewsbury East	850	920	950	8.2	3.3	11.8
Dewsbury West	1015	1055	1100	3.9	4.3	8.4
Golcar	655	685	735	4.6	7.3	12.2
Heckmondwike	750	775	790	3.3	1.9	5.3
Holme Valley North	565	560	585	-0.9	4.5	3.5
Holme Valley South	425	455	485	7.1	6.6	14.1
Kirkburton	440	470	480	6.8	2.1	9.1
Lindley	545	570	590	4.6	3.5	8.3
Mirfield	635	670	690	5.5	3.0	8.7
Newsome	740	790	830	6.8	5.1	12.2
Paddock	855	915	945	7.0	3.3	10.5
Spennithorne	680	705	760	3.7	7.8	11.8
Thornhill	940	985	1015	4.8	3.0	8.0
North Kirklees	7880	8295	8620	5.3	3.9	9.4
South Kirklees	9350	9840	10295	5.2	4.6	10.1
Kirklees	17240	18135	18905	5.2	4.2	9.7

4 Links and further information

Office for National Statistics
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/default.asp>
 Department for Work and Pensions
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5 Indicator archive

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