

Social Security Scotland Statistics

Summary statistics for Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance at November 2021

Key figures

In Scotland in November 2021, there were:

- 80,383 carers in receipt of Carer's Allowance
- 140,598 people in receipt of Disability Living Allowance
- 123,909 people in receipt of Attendance Allowance
- 1,335 people in receipt of Severe Disablement Allowance

Frequency of publications

The next publication, covering Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance, at February 2022 and Carer's Allowance Supplement, April 2022 Eligibility Date will be released in August 2022.

Under the Code of Practice for Official Statistics¹ we publish a timetable of statistical releases for the twelve months ahead².

¹ The Code of Practice is found online at: <https://code.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/>

² The forthcoming publication timetable is available at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/official-statistics-forthcoming-publications/>

Introduction

This publication provides information on recipients of Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance at November 2021.

All tables and charts relating to this publication can be found at:

<https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/about/statistics/social-security-scotland-statistics-publications>

This publication does not include an update on recipients of the Carer's Allowance Supplement. This supplement is given to people in Scotland who receive Carer's Allowance on the Carer's Allowance Supplement eligibility dates. These are two dates each year - one in April and one in October - which are set by the Scottish Government. The latest statistics for Carer's Allowance Supplement can be found at <https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/reporting/publications/summary-statistics-for-carers-allowance-supplement-to-october-eligibility-date-2021>.

Carer's Allowance Supplement statistics will be updated for the April 2022 eligibility date in August 2022.

The Scotland Act 2016³ gives Scottish Parliament powers over Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance, which had been administered to Scottish clients by the Department for Work and Pensions. In September 2018, Carer's Allowance became the first of these benefits to have executive competency transferred from the Department for Work and Pensions to Social Security Scotland, the executive agency of Scottish Government which is responsible for delivering the social security benefits for Scotland. From 1 April 2020, executive competency for Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance was also transferred from the Department for Work and Pensions to Social Security Scotland.

There is a transitional period to allow administration of this benefit to be transferred, during which the Department for Work and Pensions will continue to administer Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance on Social Security Scotland's behalf.

The statistics for Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance are being published as official statistics in accordance with Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and the Code of Practice for Statistics⁴ to ensure they meet high standards of trustworthiness, quality and public value.

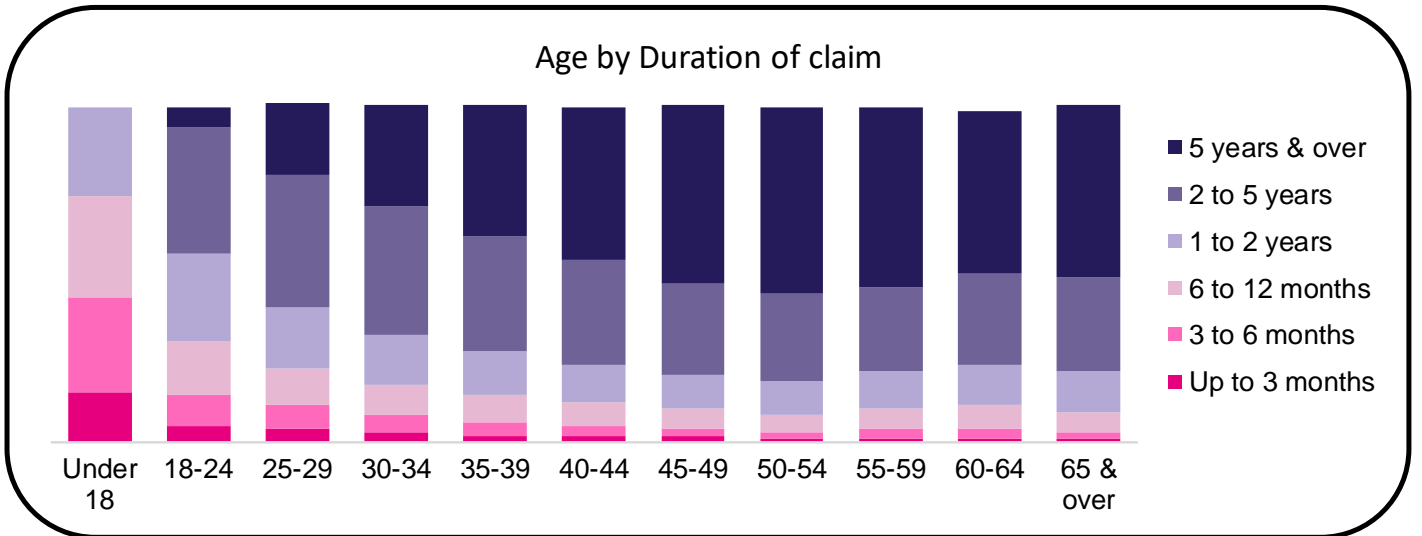
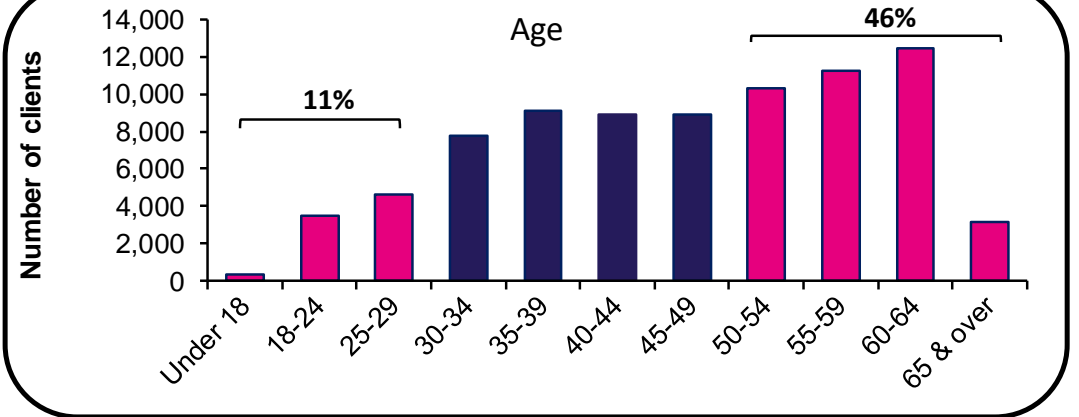
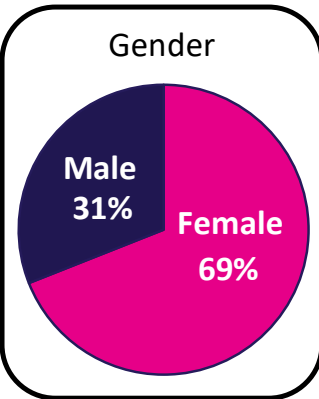
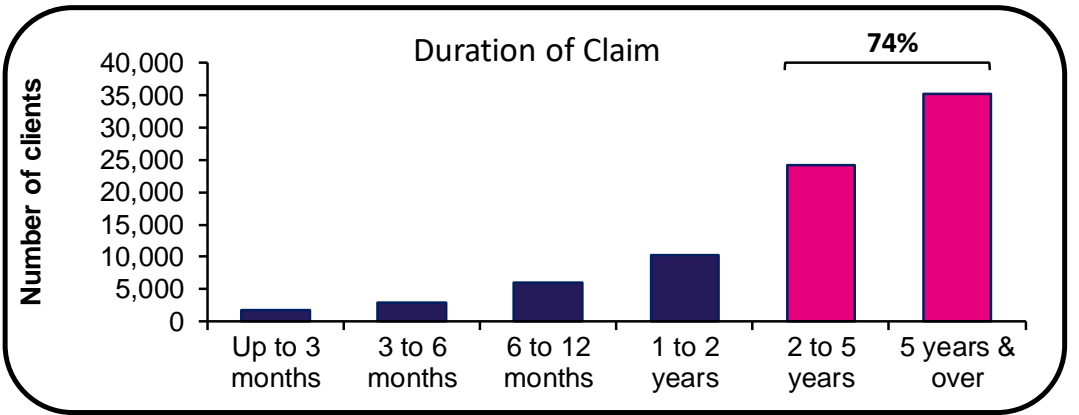
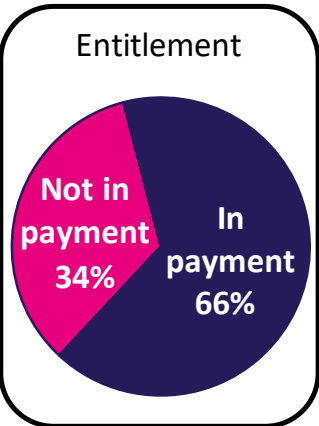
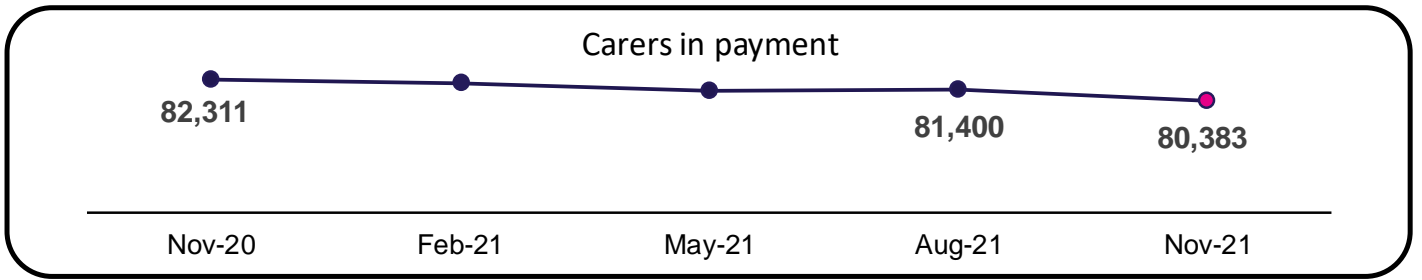
³ The Scotland Act 2016 webpage at <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/scotland.html>

⁴ <https://code.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/the-code/>

Carer's Allowance at November 2021

- In November 2021, there were 80,383 carers in Scotland in receipt of Carer's Allowance. This is a decrease of around 2% since November 2020 when there were 82,311. It is a 1% decrease compared to the last quarter as there were 81,400 carers at August 2021 [**Carer's Allowance Table S1**].
- A further 40,696 carers were entitled to Carer's Allowance but did not receive payments [**Carer's Allowance Table S1**]. This is typically people who are entitled to Carer's Allowance but are also eligible for another benefit such as a State Pension with a value equal to or exceeding their weekly rate of Carer's Allowance, which they receive instead of Carer's Allowance (see [Background Note](#)).
- Around 69% of Carer's Allowance clients were female and 31% were male [**Carer's Allowance Table S2**].
- Of the Carer's Allowance clients in receipt of payments, 46% were aged 50 or over, whereas only 11% were under the age of 30 [**Carer's Allowance Table S3**].
- Around 74% of clients have been receiving Carer's Allowance payments for two years or more. In total, 44% have been receiving Carer's Allowance payments for five years or more [**Carer's Allowance Table S4**].

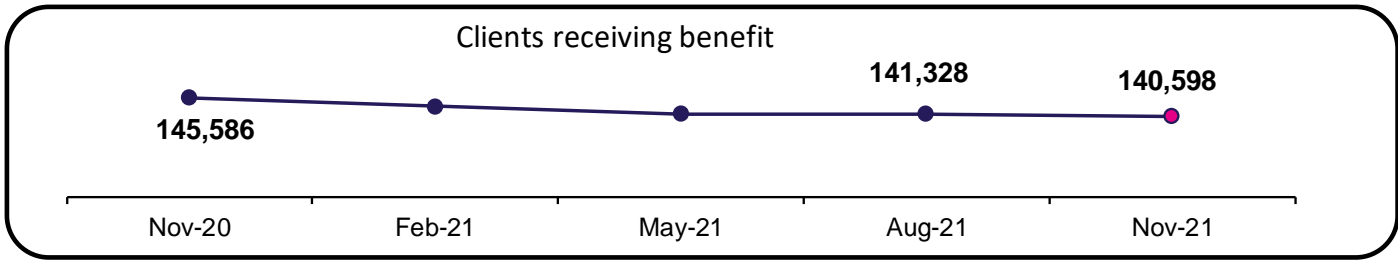
Summary Panel: Carer's Allowance at November 2021



Disability Living Allowance at November 2021

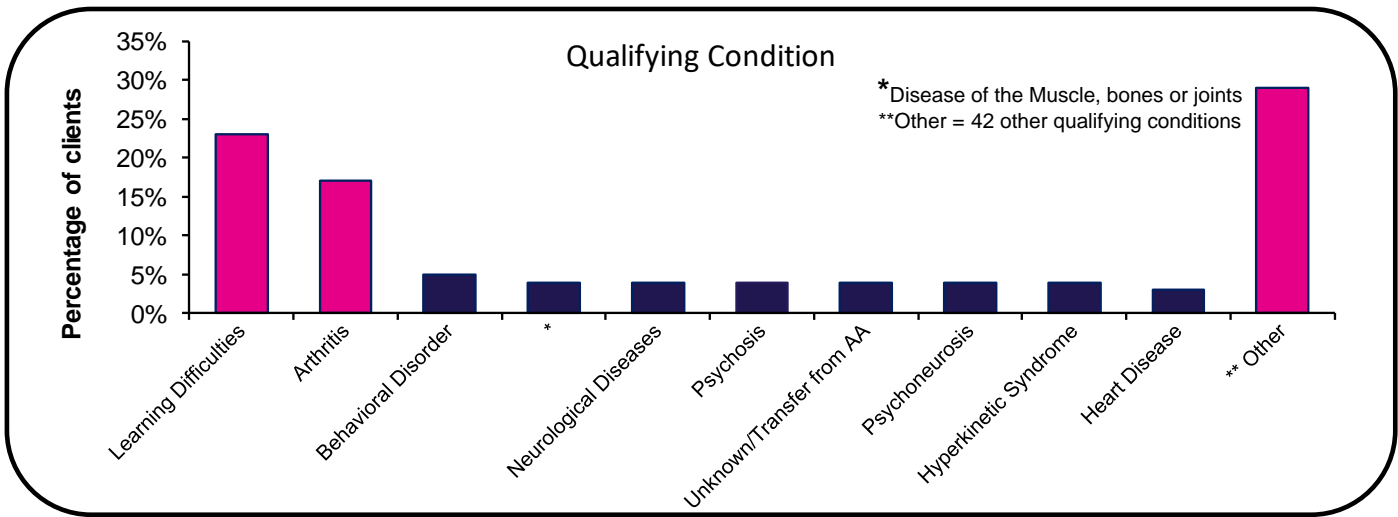
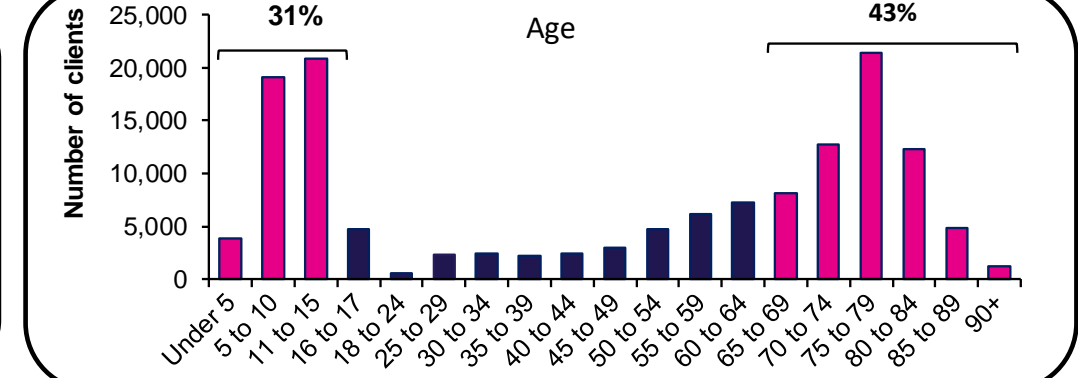
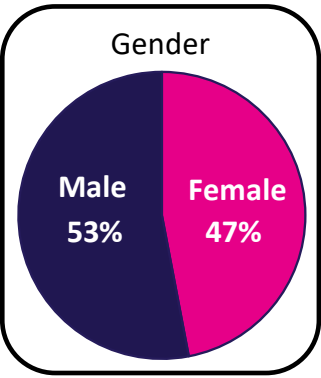
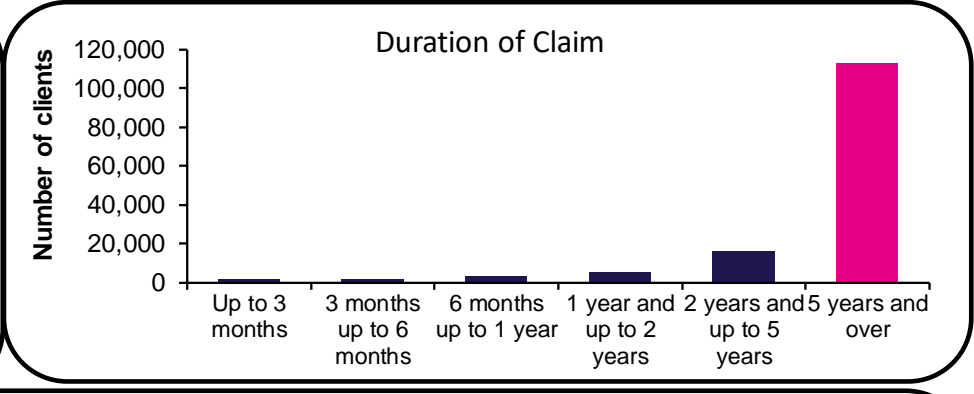
- At November 2021, there were 140,598 people in Scotland in receipt of Disability Living Allowance. This is a decrease of 3% since November 2020 when there were 145,586. It is a 1% decrease since the last quarter when there were 141,328 at August 2021 [**Disability Living Allowance Table S1**].
- The benefit is now closed to new applications from those aged 16 and over. Additionally, from 26 July 2021 those under 16 from certain local authorities were asked to apply for Child Disability Payment rather than Disability Living Allowance. This was followed by the national launch of Child Disability Payment on 22 November 2021 (see below and [Background Note](#)).
- Around 47% of Disability Living Allowance clients were female and 53% were male [**Disability Living Allowance Table S2**].
- Around 31% of Disability Living Allowance clients are aged under 16, and 43% are aged 65 and over [**Disability Living Allowance Table S3**].
- Only 26% of Disability Living Allowance clients are aged between 16-64 [**Disability Living Allowance Table S3**]. This is because Disability Living Allowance is ending for people aged 16 to 64. While people under 16 can continue to claim Disability Living Allowance, it is closed for new claims from those over 16. Working aged people aged 16 and over can make new claims for Personal Independence Payment, and those with existing Disability Living Allowance claims are being invited to apply for Personal Independence Payment. People who have reached State Pension age can apply for Attendance Allowance, although those born on or before 8 April 1948 with an existing Disability Living Allowance claim can continue to claim Disability Living Allowance.
- Around 92% of the clients have been receiving Disability Living Allowance payments for two years or more. In total, 80% have been receiving Disability Living Allowance payments for five years or more. The benefit is now closed to new applications from those aged 16 and over meaning the duration of claim of each will continue to rise (see [Background Note](#)) [**Disability Living Allowance Table S4**].
- Around 73% of Disability Living Allowance clients received both the mobility and care element (see Summary Panel: Disability Living Allowance).
- Of those receiving a care award, 47% are on the middle rate, 33% receive the highest rate and 21% are on the lowest rate [**Disability Living Allowance Table S5**].
- Of those receiving a mobility award, 55% receive the higher rate and 45% receive the lower rate [**Disability Living Allowance Table S6**].
- The most common disabling condition was Learning Difficulties which accounted for 23% of clients, followed by Arthritis which accounted for 17% of clients [**Disability Living Allowance Table S7**].

Summary Panel: Disability Living Allowance at November 2021



Award Type

Care Award Rate	Mobility Rate		
	Higher	Lower	Nil
Higher	16%	10%	3%
Middle	13%	21%	8%
Lower	8%	5%	5%
Nil	9%	2%	-



Child Disability Payment and Disability Living Allowance: Caseload at November 2021

- From 26 July 2021 in certain pilot local authorities, and from 22 November 2021 nationally, new applications were taken in Scotland for Child Disability Payment for children aged under 16. This benefit is replacing Disability Living Allowance for children in Scotland (see [Background Note](#)). Data on new applications and payments issued for this time period is available (see [Social Security Scotland](#)).
- There is a transitional period to allow the administration of this benefit to be transferred, during which the Department for Work and Pensions will continue to administer Disability Living Allowance for existing clients on Social Security Scotland's behalf. Those people already in receipt of the Department for Work and Pensions benefits will not need to apply and their awards will be transferred in phases. This case transfer process began on 11 October 2021.
- The Disability Living Allowance figures presented to the end of November 2021 overlap with both the launch of Child Disability Payment in the pilot areas and nationally in Scotland. This overlap accounts for new applications for Child Disability Payment being accepted in pilot areas for approximately four months (17 weeks) and nationally for nine days. The impact is likely to be minimal on Disability Living Allowance figures due to the short period of time where Child Disability Payment was launched nationally.
- In order to accurately reflect the active caseload for Child Disability Payment, the number of children in receipt of Child Disability Payment and Disability Living Allowance in Scotland has been calculated. However, it is important to note that Social Security Scotland and the Department for Work and Pensions are unable to use the same methodology to calculate caseload (see [Background Note](#)). As a result, the two figures are presented separately as an estimation of the active caseload in Scotland. An explanation of the limitations is included in the publication [Background Note](#) and caution is advised when considering the use of these figures.
- As of 30 November 2021, it is estimated that 180 children aged 0 -18⁵ were in receipt of Child Disability Payment [**Disability Living Allowance Table S8**]. This estimated caseload, or number of children in receipt of Child Disability Payment, is a statistic derived by Social Security Scotland. It is estimated by calculating the number of children for whom payments have been issued in the final 28-day interval of the current reporting period. For this publication that includes children in receipt of a payment from the 3 November to the 30 November 2021.

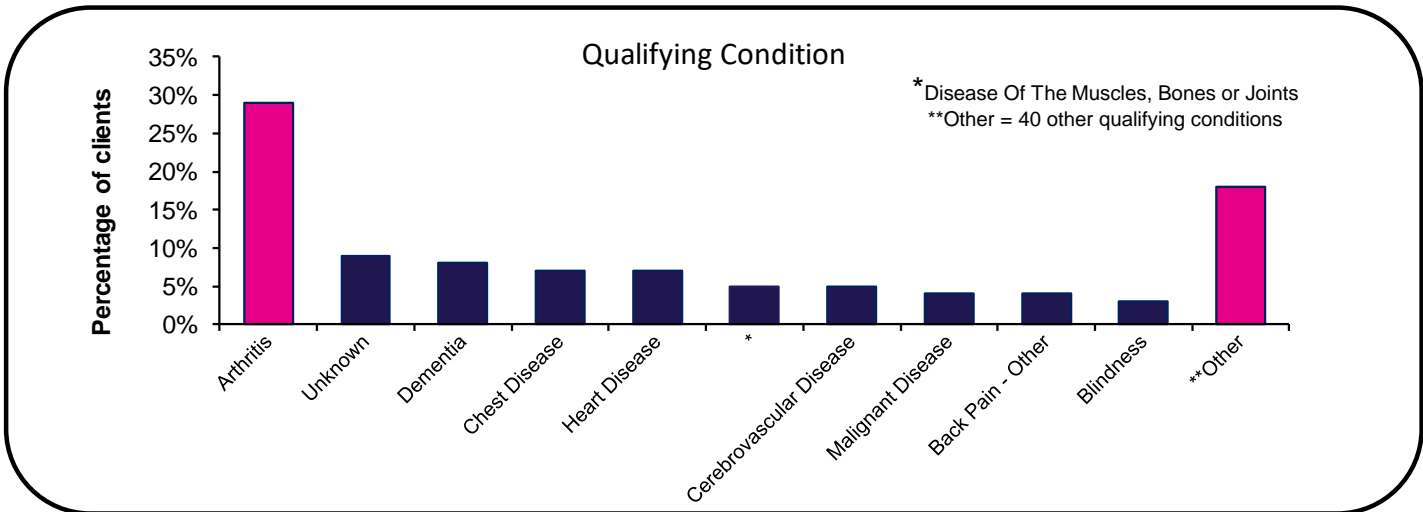
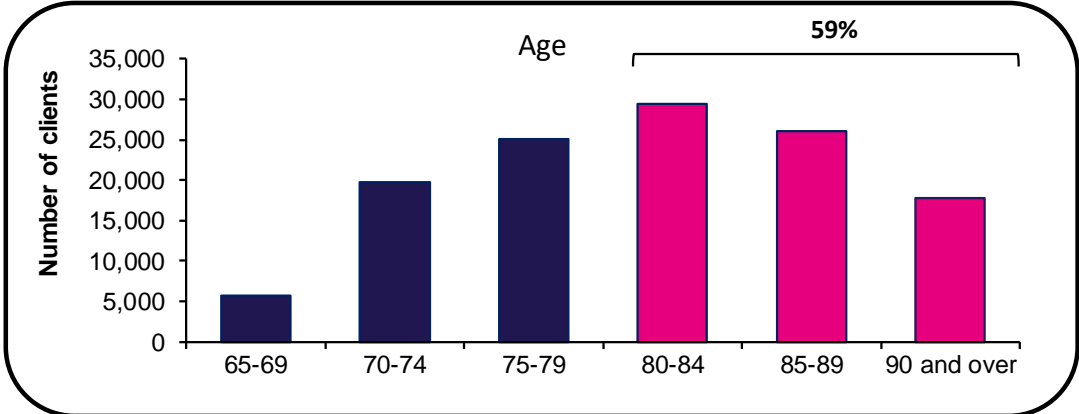
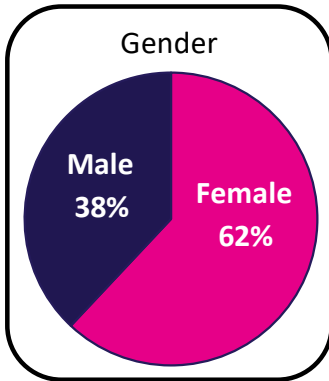
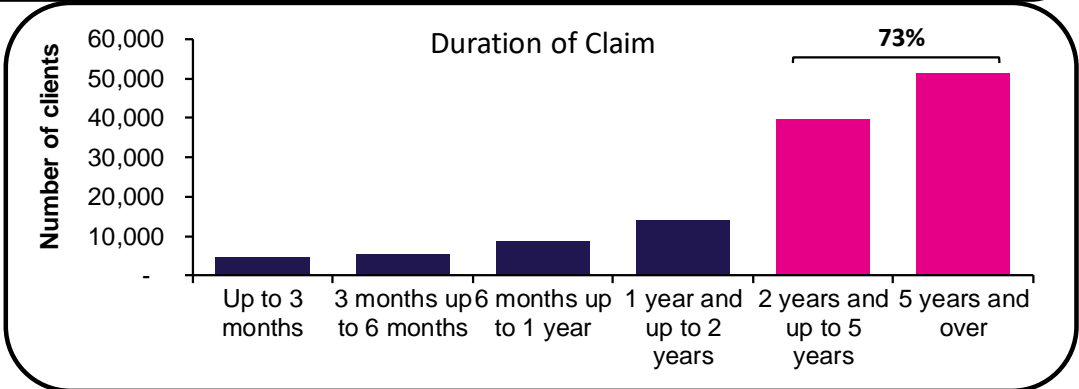
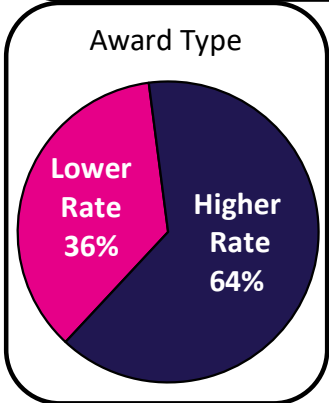
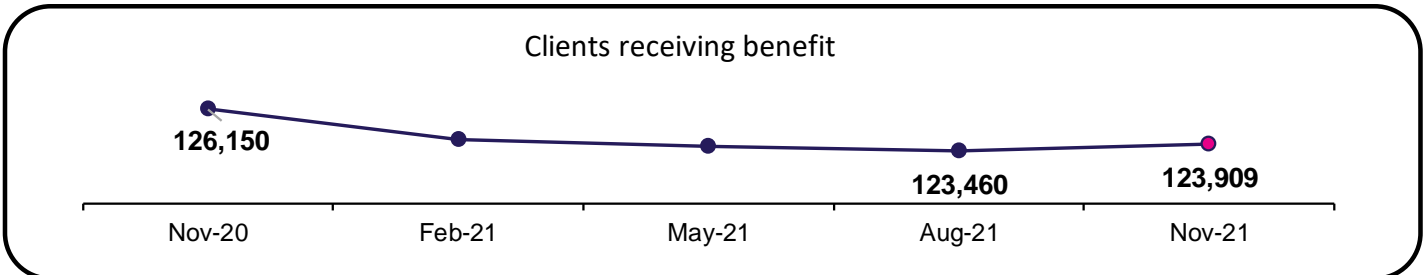
⁵ A key difference from Disability Living Allowance administered by the Department for Work and Pensions is that Social Security Scotland have extended the eligibility for Child Disability Payment from 16 to 18 years old. This is only where the applicant has already been in receipt of assistance before they were 16.

- At November 2021, there were 48,678 children aged 0 – 18⁵ in Scotland in receipt of Disability Living Allowance [**Disability Living Allowance Table S8**]. The Department for Work and Pensions use a true point-in-time measure of the number of children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance on the final day of the publication reporting period. In this publication, this is 30 November 2021 (see [Background Note](#) for comparison of different measures).

Attendance Allowance at November 2021

- At November 2021, there were 123,909 people in Scotland in receipt of Attendance Allowance. This is a decrease of 2% since November 2020 when there were 126,150. It is a decrease of less than 1% since the last quarter when there were 123,460 at August 2021 [**Attendance Allowance Table S1**].
- A further 15,888 people were entitled to Attendance Allowance but did not receive a payment [**Attendance Allowance Table S1**]. This is likely to be because they are eligible for another benefit with a value equal to or exceeding their weekly rate of Attendance Allowance, such as State Pension.
- Around 62% of Attendance Allowance clients were female and 38% were male [**Attendance Allowance Table S2**].
- Of the Attendance Allowance clients in receipt of payments, 59% were aged 80 or over [**Attendance Allowance Table S3**].
- In total, 73% of clients have been receiving Attendance Allowance payments for two years or more, with 41% receiving the payment for five years or more [**Attendance Allowance Table S4**].
- Around 64% of Attendance Allowance clients received the higher rate and 36% received the lower rate [**Attendance Allowance Table S5**].
- The most common disabling condition was Arthritis, which accounted for 29% of clients, followed by Unknown, which accounted for 9% of clients [**Attendance Allowance Table S6**].

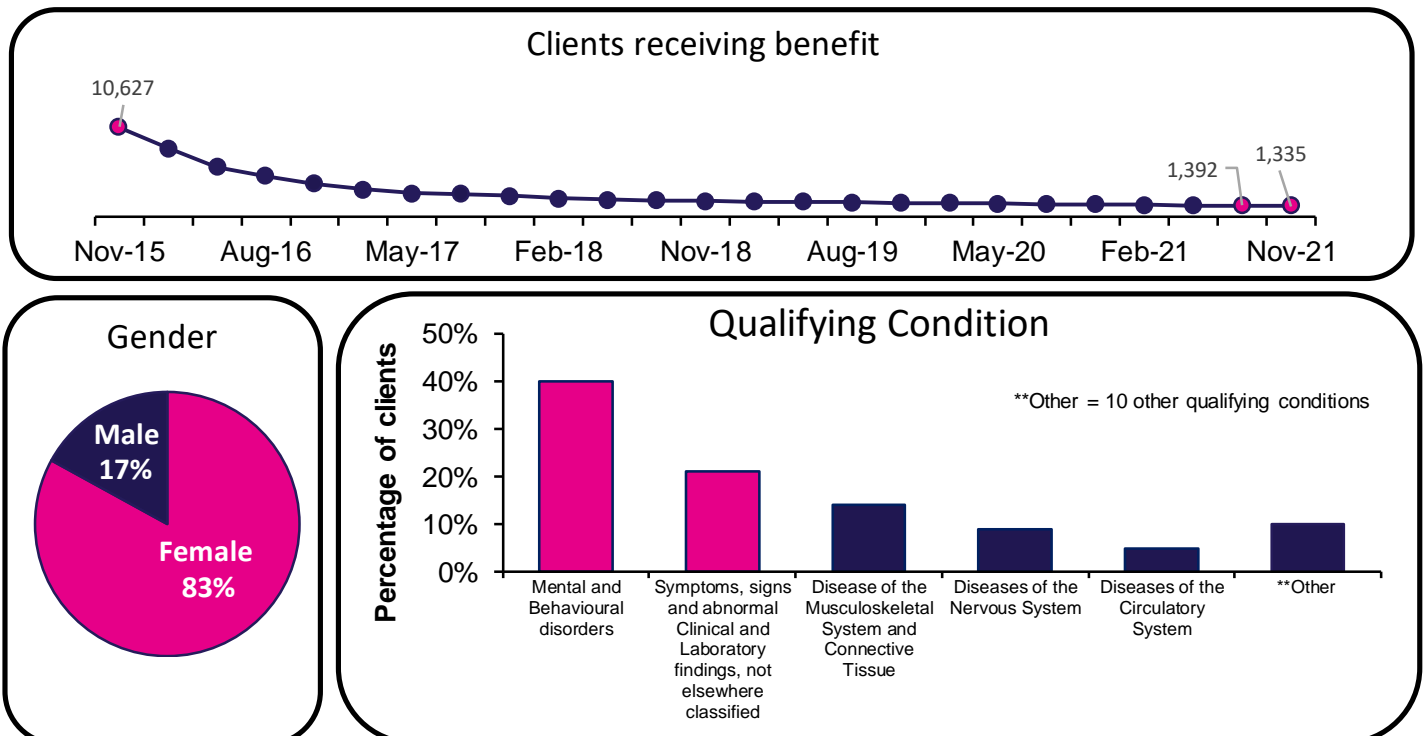
Summary Panel: Attendance Allowance at November 2021



Severe Disablement Allowance at August 2021

- At November 2021, there were 1,335 people in Scotland in receipt of Severe Disablement Allowance. This is a decrease of 4% since the last quarter when there were 1,392 at August 2021. It is a decrease of around 87% since November 2015 when there were 10,627 people in receipt [**Severe Disablement Allowance Table S1**]. Severe Disablement Allowance is a closed benefit, so the caseload will continue to decrease each year. For further detail, see the [Background Note](#).
- Around 83% of Severe Disablement Allowance clients were female and 17% were male [**Severe Disablement Allowance Table S2**].
- The most common disabling condition was Mental and Behavioural disorders which accounted for 40% of clients, followed by 'Symptoms, signs and abnormal Clinical and Laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified' which accounted for 21% of clients [**Severe Disablement Allowance Table S3**].

Summary Panel: Severe Disablement Allowance at November 2021



Background to Carer's Allowance

Carer's Allowance is for people who spend at least 35 hours a week providing regular care to someone who has a disability. It was introduced on 5th July 1976.

To be eligible for Carer's Allowance:

- The person being cared for must already get one of these benefits:
 - Personal Independence Payment - daily living component
 - Disability Living Allowance - the middle or highest care rate
 - Attendance Allowance
 - Constant Attendance Allowance at or above the normal maximum rate with an Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit
 - Constant Attendance Allowance at the basic (full day) rate with a War Disablement Pension
 - Armed Forces Independence Payment
 - Child Disability Payment - the middle or highest care rate
 - Adult Disability Payment - daily living component
- In 2021/2022, the carer must have earned no more than £128 week after tax and expenses. For 2022/2023, this amount has changed to £132. Expenses can include:
 - 50% of the carer's pension contributions
 - some of the costs of caring for the carer's children or the disabled person while they are at work
- And the carer must also:
 - be 16 or over;
 - spend at least 35 hours a week caring for someone;
 - have been in England, Scotland or Wales for at least two of the last three years (this does not apply if you're a refugee or have humanitarian protection status);
 - normally live in England, Scotland or Wales, or live abroad as a member of the armed forces;
 - not be in full-time education;
 - not be studying for 21 hours a week or more;
 - not be subject to [immigration control](#)

Some carers might still be eligible if they are moving to or already living in another [EEA country or Switzerland](#).

Some carers are entitled to receive Carer's Allowance because they satisfy the conditions listed above, but they do not actually receive a payment. This may occur as a temporary suspension of the Carer's Allowance payments, if the client is in hospital. Otherwise, this is because the client receives another benefit instead (e.g. Incapacity Benefit for people of working age, or State Pension for people of State Pension age) which equals or exceeds the weekly rate of Carer's Allowance.

Where the overlapping benefit paid is less than the weekly rate of Carer's Allowance, only the amount of Carer's Allowance which exceeds the amount of the overlapping benefit is paid. Carers who are on low incomes and entitled to Carer's Allowance (whether in payment or not) may receive extra money with their Income Support/Jobseeker's Allowance/ Pension Credit/Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit.

During the outbreak of coronavirus, some Carer's Allowance rules were relaxed. To allow for self-isolating on the part of the carer or cared for person, care did not need to take place in the physical presence of the cared for person as it usually does. Where caring did not take place due to coronavirus, this will not count as a break in care, and Carer's Allowance continued to be paid. These rules reverted to normal from 1 September 2021.

Background to Carer's Allowance Supplement

Carer's Allowance Supplement is an extra payment for people in Scotland who get Carer's Allowance on a particular date. While the Department for Work and Pensions continues to administer Carer's Allowance on Social Security Scotland's behalf, Carer's Allowance Supplement is provided as a separate payment from Social Security Scotland.

The payment was initially set at a level which would raise Carer's Allowance to the equivalent of the current rate of Jobseeker's Allowance for 25 and over, however following uprating the combined payment now exceeds the rate of Jobseeker's Allowance.

Carer's Allowance Supplement payments are paid twice a year, based on eligibility at specific eligibility dates in April and October.

Eligibility date	Month payments issued	Payment amount
16 April 2018	September 2018	£221.00
15 October 2018	December 2018	£221.00
15 April 2019	June 2019	£226.20
14 October 2019	December 2019	£226.20
13 April 2020*	June 2020*	£460.20*
12 October 2020	December 2020	£230.10
12 April 2021	June 2021	£231.40
11 October 2021**	December 2021**	£462.80**
11 April 2022	June 2022	£245.70
10 October 2022	December 2022	£245.70

*The Scottish Government issued an extra Carer's Allowance Supplement payment of £230.10 in June 2020. This payment was issued to provide some more support for carers during coronavirus. Carers receiving a payment for the 13 April 2020 eligibility date will get a total payment of £460.20, made up of £230.10 standard Carer's Allowance Supplement, plus £230.10 Coronavirus Carer's Allowance Supplement. If a Carer's Allowance claim is backdated to include 13 April 2020 they will receive the extra payment. In the statistics this is counted as one payment with a value of £460.20.

** The Scottish Government issued an extra Carer's Allowance Supplement payment of £231.40 in December 2021. Carers receiving a payment for the 11 October 2021 eligibility date will get a total payment of £462.80, made up of £231.40 standard Carer's Allowance Supplement, plus £231.40 Coronavirus Carer's Allowance Supplement. If a Carer's Allowance claim is backdated to include 11 October 2021 they will receive the extra payment. In the statistics this is counted as one payment with a value of £462.80.

To be eligible for Carer's Allowance Supplement you must:

- be getting Carer's Allowance payments on the eligibility date;
- and live in Scotland on the eligibility date;
- or if living outside of the United Kingdom, have a genuine and sufficient link to Scotland and live in the European Economic Area, Switzerland or Gibraltar on the eligibility date.

- The person you are caring for does not have to live in Scotland.

It is possible for carers to have a temporary break in Carer's Allowance Supplement payments due to a temporary suspension of Carer's Allowance, as described above.

Background to Disability Living Allowance

Disability Living Allowance is for people who became disabled before the age of 65 and who have extra care or mobility needs (difficulty getting around).

It is made up of two components, care and mobility. A person might be eligible for one or both components. The rates for each are found in the tables below.

The value of payments for Disability Living Allowance were uprated in April 2022. The below tables indicate the value of payments for the period covered by the publication (the 2021/2022 rates) as well as the value of payments following the uprating in April 2022.

Care component	Weekly amount		Level of help needed
	2021/2022	2022/2023	
Lower Rate	£23.70	£24.45	Help for some of the day or with preparing cooked meals
Middle Rate	£60.00	£61.85	Frequent help or constant supervision during the day, supervision at night or someone to help while they're on dialysis
Higher Rate	£89.60	£92.40	Help or supervision throughout both day and night, or they're terminally ill

Mobility component	Weekly amount		Level of help needed
	2021/2022	2022/2023	
Lower Rate	£23.70	£24.45	They can walk but need help and or supervision when outdoors
Higher Rate	£62.55	£64.50	They cannot walk, can only walk a short distance without severe discomfort, could become very ill if they try to walk or they're blind, severely sight impaired

Children under 16 years of age qualify for the care component or the lower rate mobility component only if their needs are substantially in excess of those of a child of the same age in normal health. They cannot qualify for the lower rate care component through the "cooking test" route - a method of assessing an adult's need to care by determining if they could prepare and cook a meal for one person given the raw ingredients. Children under 3 years of age cannot qualify for the higher-rate mobility component; children under 5 years of age cannot qualify for the lower-rate mobility component.

People who are terminally ill (i.e. have a progressive disease from which death can reasonably be expected within 6 months) automatically qualify for the higher rate care component. They can also qualify for the mobility component if they satisfy the normal rules.

Disability Living Allowance can be awarded for a fixed or an indefinite period. People can continue to receive the allowance after reaching age 65 if they continue to satisfy the entitlement conditions.

From 8 April 2013, the Department for Work and Pensions started to replace Disability Living Allowance for working age people with Personal Independence Payment for new claims. People can still apply for Disability Living Allowance if they are aged under 16.

From 28 October 2013, the Department for Work and Pensions has been inviting Disability Living Allowance working age recipients to claim Personal Independence Payment if:

- the department received information about a change in care or mobility needs which meant their claim had to be renewed;
- the client's fixed term award was due to expire;
- children turned 16 years old (unless they have been awarded Disability Living Allowance under the special rules for terminally ill people);
- or the client chose to claim Personal Independence Payment instead of Disability Living Allowance.

From July 2015, the remaining Disability Living Allowance working age recipients have started to be invited to claim Personal Independence Payment. However, since 1 April 2020, the Department for Work and Pensions have stopped proactively sending these invites to Disability Living Allowance working age recipients who live in Scotland.

Child Disability Payment, which replaced Child Disability Living Allowance, launched nationally in Scotland on Monday 22 November 2021.

Adult Disability Payment, the Scottish replacement benefit for Personal Independence Payment, has been receiving applications as part of a pilot since 21 March 2022. This will be followed by a gradual rollout before national launch on 29 August 2022.

Background to Child Disability Payment and Disability Living Allowance: Caseload

Active Caseload for Child Disability Payment in Scotland

In order to accurately reflect the active caseload for Child Disability Payment, the number of children in receipt of Child Disability Payment and Disability Living Allowance in Scotland has been calculated. However, it is important to note that Social Security Scotland and the Department for Work and Pensions are unable to use the same methodology to calculate caseload. This is due to the structure of data that Social Security Scotland currently uses for publications preventing the use of a true point-in-time measure. As a result, the two figures are presented separately as an estimation of the active caseload in Scotland and caution is advised when considering the use of these figures.

Social Security Scotland Child Disability Payment Caseload Measure

The estimated caseload, or number of children in receipt of Child Disability Payment, reported by Social Security Scotland in this publication is estimated by calculating the number of children for whom payments have been issued in the final 28-day interval of the current reporting period. For this publication that includes children in receipt of payment from the 3 November to the 30 November 2021.

Children in receipt of Child Disability Payment can be eligible for a payment containing multiple different benefit components including care, mobility and accessible vehicle leases and equipment. Additionally, children receiving payments under the special rules for terminal illness will receive multiple payments in a 28 day period as payments are issued weekly. The Social Security Scotland caseload measure does not count multiple payment components issued to children. For example a child receiving a payment containing components for both care and mobility counts as one payment towards this measure.

Payments are issued every 4 weeks, in arrears, with the start date of the application being the date that the applicant registered their part 1 form. Therefore this method is unable to count children that are:

- eligible for payment in the calculated caseload period, but that are not receiving payments yet due to it being their first payment which will be issued in arrears.
- eligible for payment, but their application has yet to be approved, and payments will be backdated to the date they became eligible (which could be in the calculated caseload date range).

To take into account the above limitations, backdating and delays between applications being authorised and payments being issued, a data cut from 2 May 2022⁶ has been used to produce statistics on applications received and decisions

⁶ The data cut in this publication has had five month settling time in order to align with the Department for Work and Pensions reporting period. This is in contrast to the Child Disability Payment publication ([see Social Security Scotland](#)) which only has a one month settling time due to a different reporting period.

and payments issued up to 11.59 pm on 30 November 2021. Later data cuts may include retrospective changes to application details, including corrections to details in the case management system, and changes that have resulted from re-determinations and appeals.

The Department for Work and Pensions Disability Living Allowance Caseload Measure

The Department for Work and Pensions use a true point-in-time measure of the number of children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance on the final day of the publication reporting period, in this publication this is the 30 November ([see the Department for Work and Pensions methodology statement](#)).

Comparison of two methods

The Social Security Scotland measure of caseload is likely to include some children that were paid in the last 28 days that are no longer eligible on the final day of the reporting period. Equally, it is possible that some children may have recently been approved for the benefit but had not yet received their first payment by the end of the reporting period. This is in contrast to the Department for Work and Pensions true point-in-time measure of caseload.

Background to Attendance Allowance

Attendance Allowance is for people aged 65 or over with an illness or disability that is severe enough that they need someone to help look after them, for example, help with washing, dressing or eating, during the day or overnight.

To be eligible for Attendance Allowance the person must have reached [State Pension age](#) and have:

- a physical disability, a mental disability, or both
- a disability that is severe enough to need help caring for themselves or someone to supervise them, for their own or someone else's safety
- have needed help for at least 6 months (unless they are terminally ill)

If a person is terminally ill, i.e. they are not expected to live for more than 6 months, there are 'special rules':

- there's no qualifying period for how long they have had the illness
- if eligible, they will automatically get the higher rate of Attendance Allowance

Attendance Allowance is usually paid every 4 weeks at 2 different rates – depending on the level of help needed.

The value of payments for Attendance Allowance were updated in April 2022. The below table indicates the value of payments for the period covered by the publication (the 2021/2022 rates) as well as the value of payments following the uprating in April 2022.

Rate	Weekly amount		Level of help you need
	2021/2022	2022/2023	
Lower Rate	£60.00	£61.85	Frequent help or constant supervision during the day, or supervision at night
Higher Rate	£89.60	£92.40	Help or supervision throughout both day and night, or they're terminally ill

A person cannot get Attendance Allowance if they already get [Disability Living Allowance \(DLA\)](#) or [Personal Independence Payment \(PIP\)](#).

Background to Severe Disablement Allowance

Severe Disablement Allowance is for people below the state pension age who cannot work for 28 weeks in a row because of illness or disability.

Severe Disablement Allowance is administered by the Department for Work and Pensions on behalf of the Scottish Government under agency agreement. It was closed to new entrants and replaced by Incapacity Benefit in April 2001, which is now replaced by Employment and Support Allowance. Recipients are now being asked to undertake a re-assessment of their claim by:

- Completing a questionnaire and returning it by the deadline
- Potentially attending a face-to-face Work Capability Assessment

If the re-assessment shows they cannot work, they will be transferred automatically onto [Employment and Support Allowance](#). They will continue to get Severe Disablement Allowance until that date.

Since Severe Disablement Allowance is a closed benefit, the caseload will continue to decrease each year.

A person's Severe Disablement Allowance is not usually affected if they:

- do volunteer work
- work for less than 16 hours a week on average and earn up to £140 a week (this has changed to £152 for 2022/2023)
- work and earn up to £140 a week, if the work is done as part of a treatment programme or is supervised by someone from a local council or voluntary organisation
- work and earn up to £140 a week and are exempt from personal capability assessment

About the data

How Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance data is collected

The Department for Work and Pensions holds information on those in payment of Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance, and publishes statistics as part of the quarterly Department for Work and Pensions benefits statistics series at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dwp-statistical-summaries>.

The Department for Work and Pensions produce summary tables for Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance in Scotland based on the data that are published in these quarterly statistical summaries, and provide these to Scottish Government for publication.

Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance data quality

Information about the methodology used to produce Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance statistics and the quality of the statistics is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dwp-statistical-summary-policies-and-statements>.

Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance data are subject to the Department for Work and Pensions' rounding techniques for disclosure control.

Further breakdowns of Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance data

The data for Carer's Allowance in Scotland is available in more detail on Stat-Xplore, where you can access data at lower geographies e.g. Local Authority, Census Output Area, Scottish and Westminster Parliamentary Constituencies:

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