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DEPARTMENT FOR WORK AND PENSIONS WARD LEVEL BENEFITS DATA: MID 2003

The ward level Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) benefits data for mid 2003 is released today via the DWP website at:

www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/neighbourhood/neighbourhood.asp.

The data covers all census wards within **Great Britain** at August 2003. The data has also been supplied to Office for National Statistics and the Scottish Executive for loading onto their official Neighbourhood Statistics websites.

This data has been released primarily to support the Government's National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal but it is hoped that it will also benefit the wider public service, non-governmental bodies and the general public.

See below for a listing of the DWP ward level datasets included in the mid 2003 release.

	Extract Date
Income Support	August 2003
State Pension	August 2003
Attendance Allowance	August 2003
Disability Living Allowance	August 2003
Jobseeker's Allowance	August 2003
Incapacity Benefit/	
Severe Disablement Allowance	August 2003

In addition Child Benefit data at November 2003 is to be released by Inland Revenue.

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**Next Release: Mid 2003 data in
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NOTES TO EDITORS

Background information

DWP Information Centre (Information & Analysis Directorate) has developed these analyses from data drawn from administrative sources. This work has been carried out primarily to support the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal. The data are based on extracts for all claimants on each benefit at a particular point in time. Claimants have been allocated to a Local or Unitary Authority and wards current at the 2001 Census. Data is also available at mid 2001 and 2002 on the same boundaries on the DWP website. Prior to 2001, the data is available on 1998 ward boundaries via the Neighbourhood Statistics web site:

www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk

Information available on the web site varies according to the details available on the administrative computer systems. Where possible, breakdowns by gender and age of claimant and details of partners and any dependants have been included. Data has been rounded to help protect the identity of individual claimants.

Figures will now be published as soon as they become available. The next release for 2004 data is scheduled for release in December 2004. Data for Scotland will be released via the Scottish Executive's website.

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