

## Social Security Scotland Statistics

# Summary statistics for Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance at November 2023

### Key figures

In Scotland in November 2023, there were:

- 85,597 carers in receipt of Carer's Allowance
- 76,910 people in receipt of Disability Living Allowance
- 140,716 people in receipt of Attendance Allowance
- 999 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 2024 will be released in August 2024. Carer's Allowance Supplement, April 2024 eligibility date will be released in August 2024.

Under the Code of Practice for Official Statistics<sup>1</sup> we publish a timetable of statistical releases for the twelve months ahead<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> The Code of Practice for Statistics is available on the [UK Statistics Authority website](#).

<sup>2</sup> The forthcoming publication timetable is available on the [Social Security Scotland website](#).

# Introduction

This publication provides information on recipients of Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance at November 2023.

All tables and charts relating to this publication are available in an Excel workbook on [Social Security Scotland statistics website](#).

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 is available on [Social Security Scotland statistics website](#). Carer's Allowance Supplement statistics will be updated for the April 2024 eligibility date in August 2024.

The Scotland Act 2016<sup>3</sup> 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 responsibility 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 and legal responsibilities for Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance were also transferred from the Department for Work and Pensions to Scottish Ministers.

There is a transitional period to allow administration of these benefits to be transferred, during which the Department for Work and Pensions will continue to administer Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance on Social Security Scotland's behalf. Severe Disablement Allowance is closed for new applications and so the Department for Work and Pensions will continue to administer it on the Scottish Government's behalf while individuals remain in receipt.

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 Statistics<sup>4</sup> to ensure they meet high standards of trustworthiness, quality and public value.

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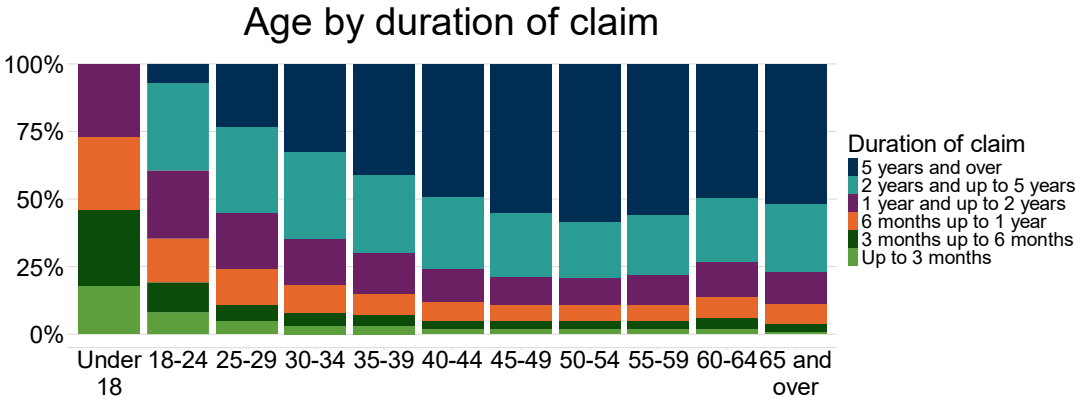
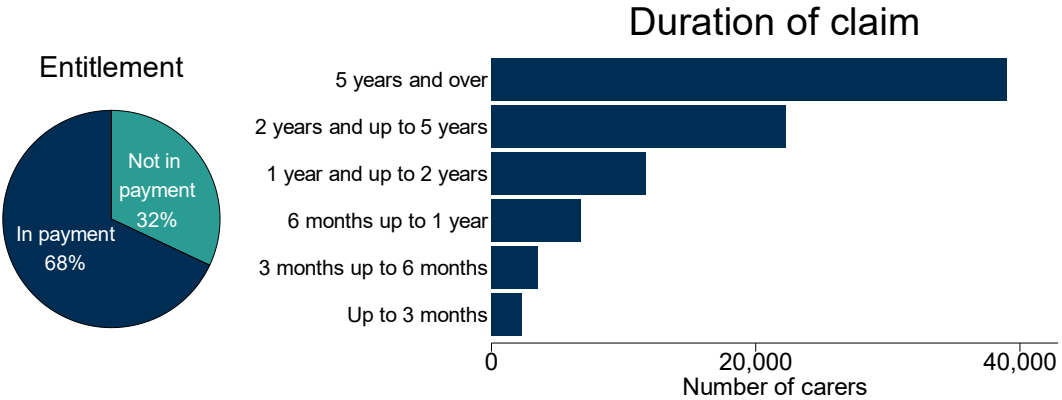
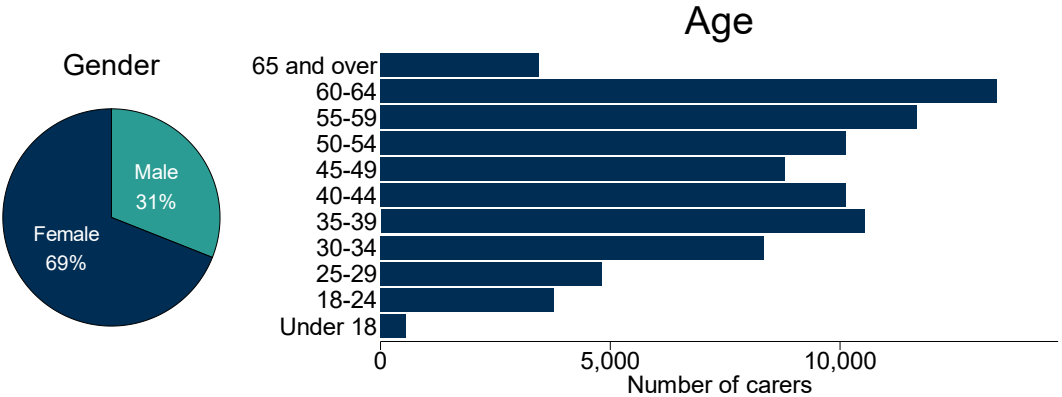
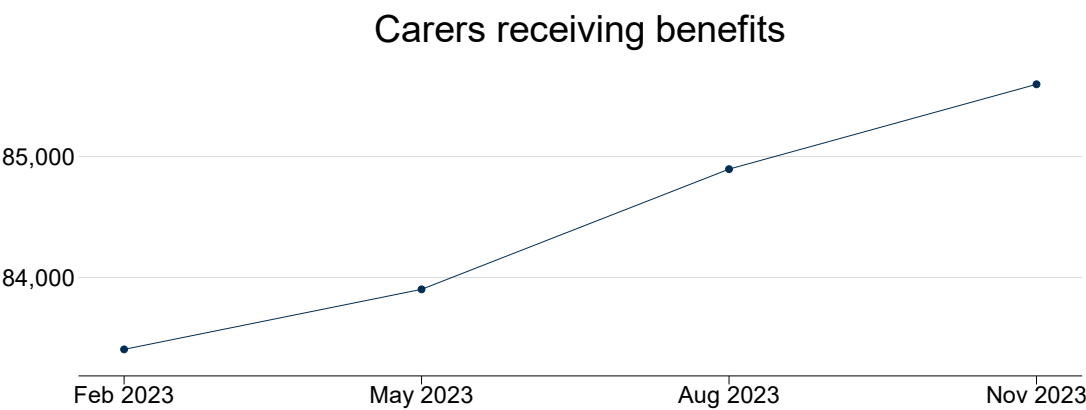
<sup>3</sup> Information is provided on [the Scotland Act 2016 website](#).

<sup>4</sup> The Code of Practice for Statistics is available on the [UK Statistics Authority website](#).

## Carer's Allowance at November 2023

- In November 2023, there were 85,597 carers in Scotland in receipt of Carer's Allowance. This is a slight increase, less than 1%, compared to the last quarter when there were 84,896 carers at August 2023. It is an increase of 3% since November 2022 when there were 83,074 carers [**Carer's Allowance Table S1**].
- A further 40,712 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 carers in receipt of payment were female and 31% were male [**Carer's Allowance Table S2**].
- Of the carers 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 72% of carers have been receiving Carer's Allowance payments for two years or more. In total, 46% have been receiving Carer's Allowance payments for five years or more [**Carer's Allowance Table S4**].

Summary Panel: Carer's Allowance at November 2023

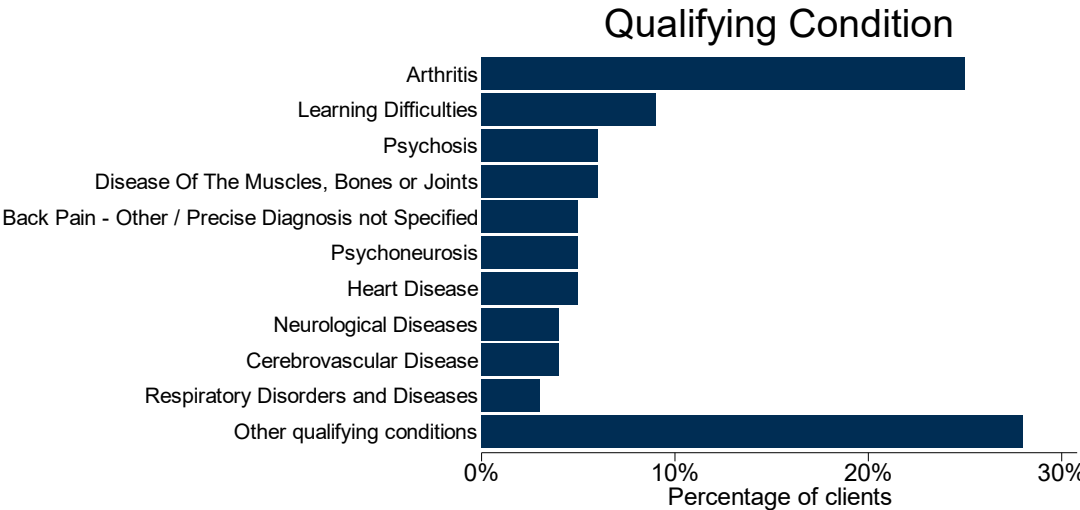
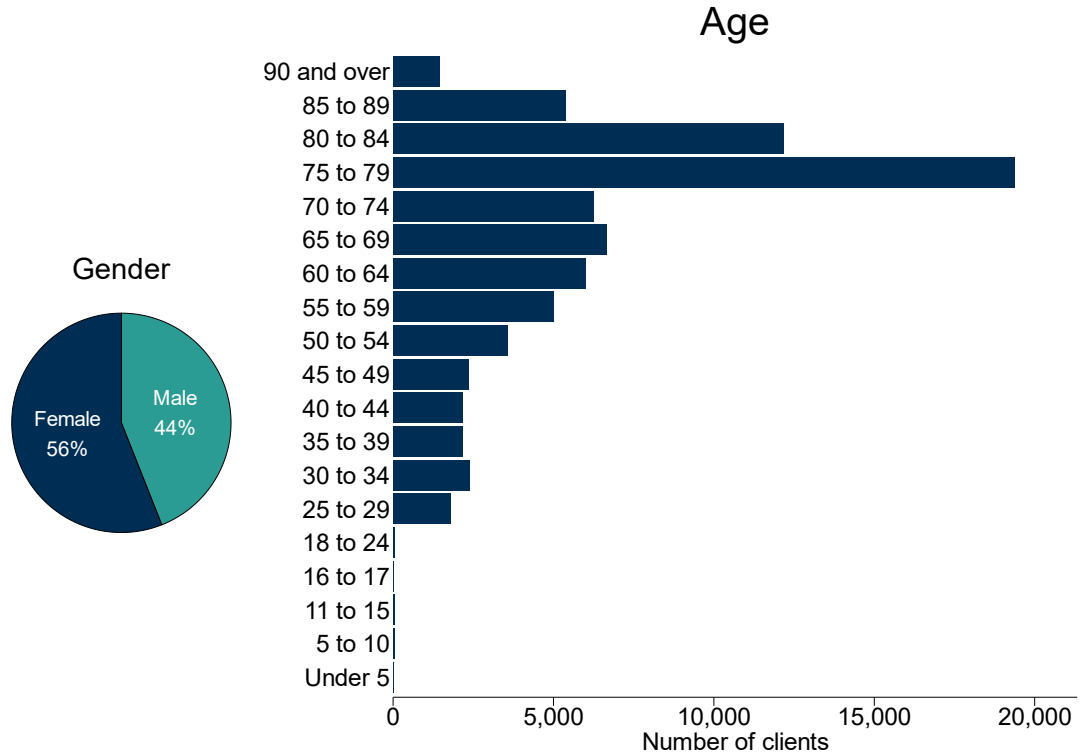
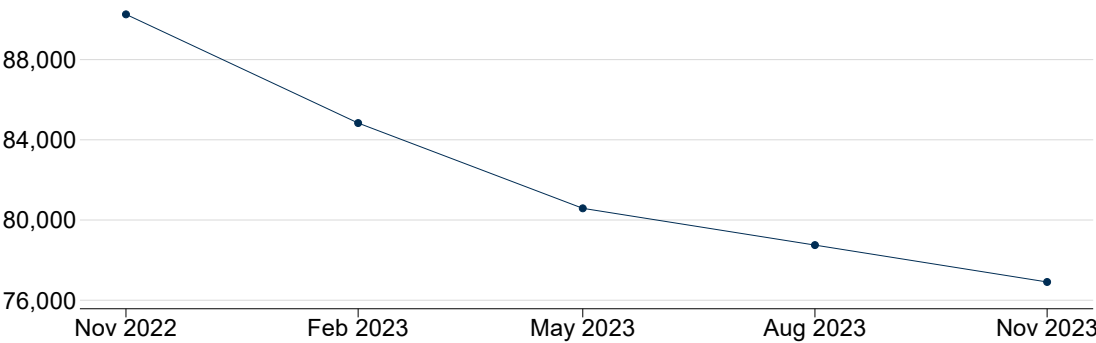


# Disability Living Allowance at November 2023

- At November 2023, there were 76,910 people in Scotland in receipt of Disability Living Allowance. This is a 2% decrease since the last quarter when there were 78,750 at August. It is a decrease of 15% since November 2022 when there were 90,257 [**Disability Living Allowance Table S1**]. Much of the decrease is attributed to planned case transfers to Child Disability Payment. Further information can be found on page 7.
- From 29 August 2022, some people who get Disability Living Allowance for adults from the Department for Work and Pensions started to have their award transferred to Adult Disability Payment.
- Around 56% of Disability Living Allowance clients were female and 44% were male [**Disability Living Allowance Table S2**].
- Less than 1% of Disability Living Allowance clients are aged under 16, and 67% are aged 65 and over [**Disability Living Allowance Table S3**].
- Only 33% of Disability Living Allowance clients are aged between 16-64 [**Disability Living Allowance Table S3**].
- Nearly all clients 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 74% of Disability Living Allowance clients received both the mobility and care element [**Disability Living Allowance Table S9**].
- Of all the Disability Living Allowance clients, in terms of the care award, 28% receive the highest rate, 32% are on the middle rate, 24% are on the lowest rate and 16% do not receive any care award [**Disability Living Allowance Table S5**].
- Of all the Disability Living Allowance clients, in terms of the mobility award, 64% receive the higher rate, 26% receive the lower rate and 10% do not receive any mobility award [**Disability Living Allowance Table S6**].
- The most common disabling condition was Arthritis which accounted for 25% of clients, followed by Learning Difficulties which accounted for 9% of clients [**Disability Living Allowance Table S7**].

Summary Panel: Disability Living Allowance clients at November 2023

Clients receiving benefits



## Child Disability Payment and Disability Living Allowance: Caseload at November 2023

- 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 are presented to the end of November 2023, relating to a period following the launch of Child Disability Payment. This overlap accounts for new applications for Child Disability Payment being accepted in pilot areas for around 28 months and nationally for around 2 years.
- 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 2023, it is estimated that 74,820 children aged 0 -18<sup>5</sup> 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 calculated based on identifying all cases who are in receipt of, or have been approved for, a payment in the caseload period, even if they have not been paid yet. The caseload includes 29,320 new applicants and 45,495 clients who have been transferred.

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<sup>5</sup> 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 2023, there were 93 children aged 0 – 18<sup>5</sup> 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 2023 (see [Background Note](#) for comparison of different measures).

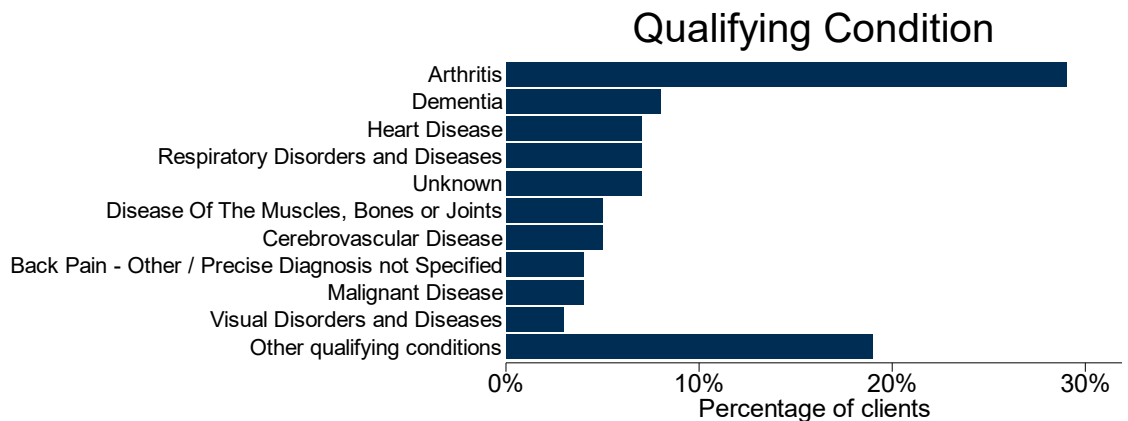
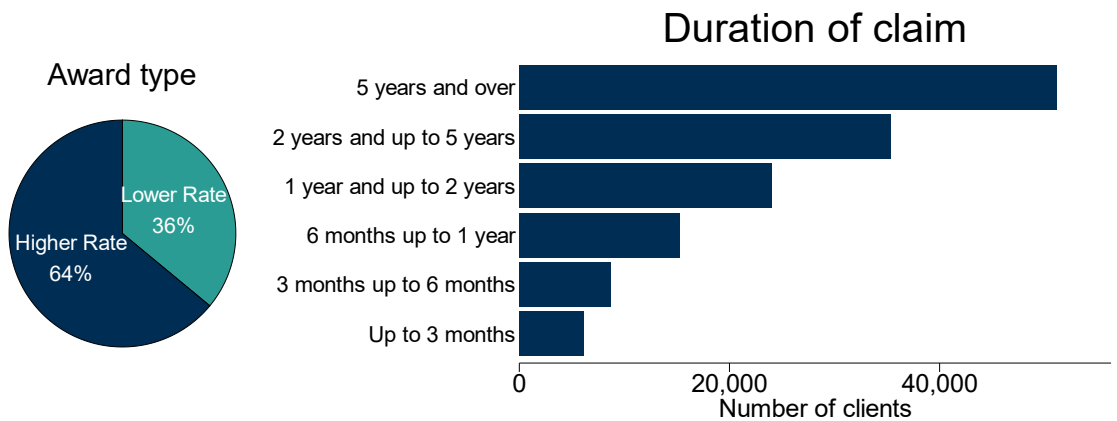
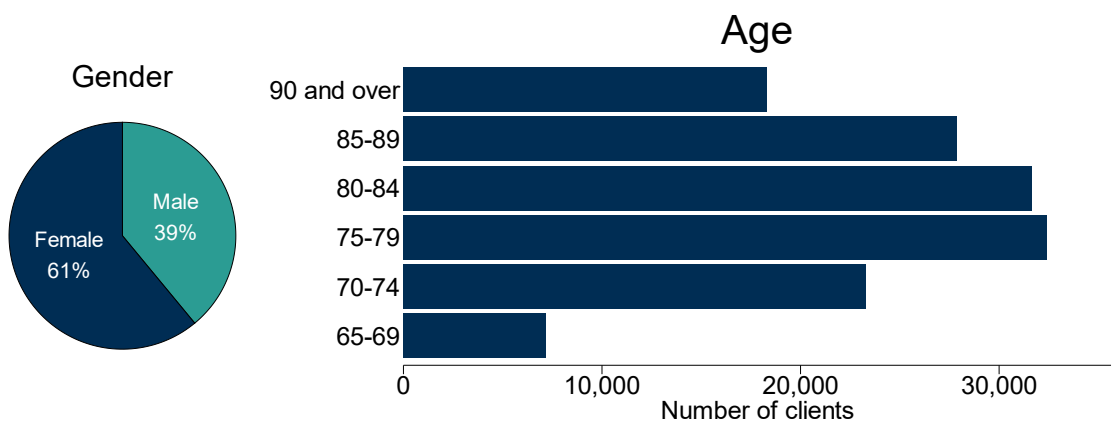
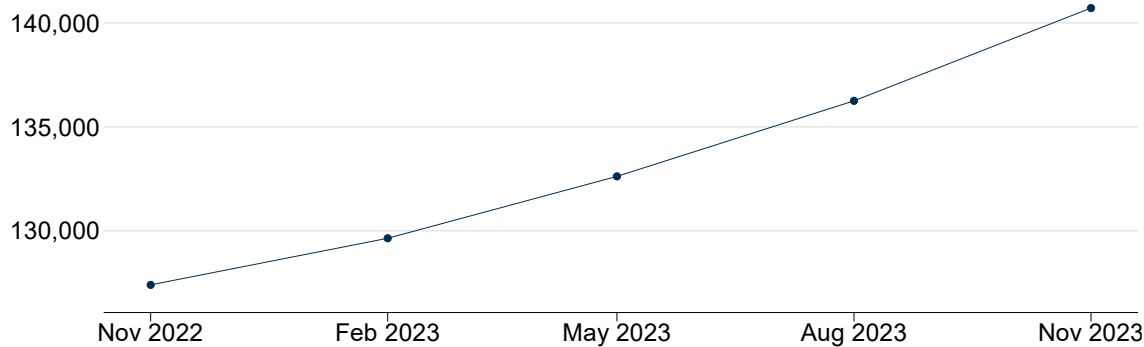


# Attendance Allowance at November 2023

- At November 2023, there were 140,716 people in Scotland in receipt of Attendance Allowance. This is an increase of 3% since the last quarter when there were 136,252 at August 2023. It is an increase of 10% since November 2022 when there were 127,399 [**Attendance Allowance Table S1**].
- A further 16,839 people were entitled to Attendance Allowance but did not receive a payment [**Attendance Allowance Table S1**]. People may be entitled to Attendance Allowance but not receive payment because, for example, they are residing in Alternative Accommodation (e.g. a publicly funded hospital, care home or prison).
- Around 61% of Attendance Allowance clients were female and 39% were male [**Attendance Allowance Table S2**].
- Of the Attendance Allowance clients in receipt of payments, 55% were aged 80 or over [**Attendance Allowance Table S3**].
- In total, 61% of clients have been receiving Attendance Allowance payments for two years or more, with 36% 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 Dementia and Heart Disease, which accounted for 8% and 7% respectively of clients [**Attendance Allowance Table S6**].

Summary Panel: Attendance Allowance at November 2023

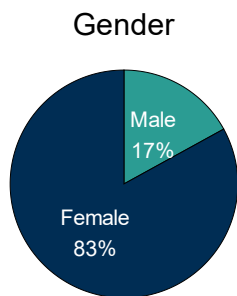
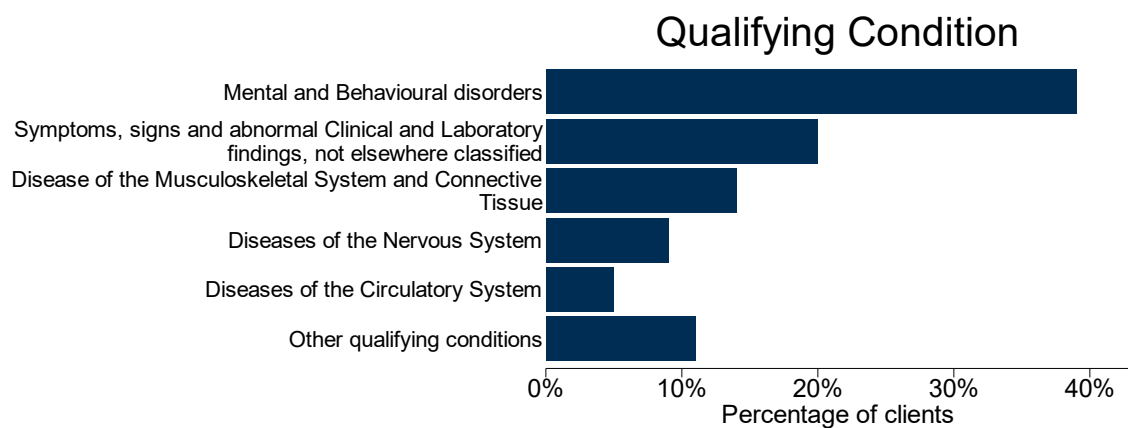
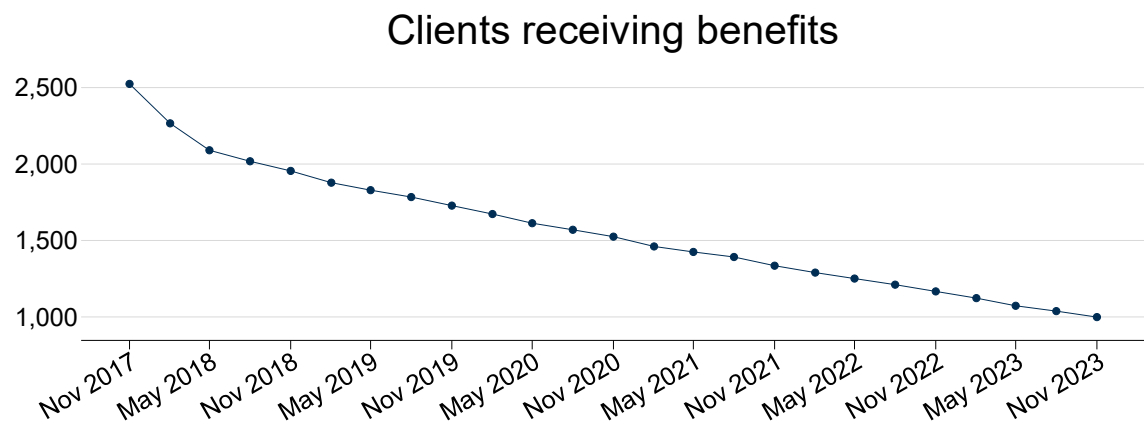
Clients receiving benefits



## Severe Disablement Allowance at November 2023

- At November 2023, there were 999 people in Scotland in receipt of Severe Disablement Allowance. This is a decrease of 4% since the last quarter when there were 1,038 at August 2023. It is a decrease of 60% since November 2017 when there were 2,524 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 39% of clients, followed by 'Symptoms, signs and abnormal Clinical and Laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified' which accounted for 20% of clients [**Severe Disablement Allowance Table S3**].

Summary Panel: Severe Disablement Allowance at November 2023



# 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 - either rate of the daily living component.
- In 2023/2024, the period covered by this publication, the carer must have earned no more than £139 a week after tax and expenses. 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) receive extra money with their Income Support/Jobseeker's Allowance/ Pension Credit/Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit.

Carer Support Payment is replacing Carer's Allowance for carers in Scotland. Carer Support Payment was launched at the end of 2023 in the pilot local authority areas of Dundee City, Perth and Kinross and Na h-Eileanan Siar (the Western Isles). The benefit will be available nationally from autumn 2024.

Carers in receipt of Carer's Allowance in Scotland do not need to apply for Carer Support Payment. Their benefit will move to Carer Support Payment starting from February 2024.

# 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. The table below shows the month and amount of payments issued per eligible date in the last five financial years.

Eligibility date	Month payments issued	Payment amount
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
10 April 2023	June 2023	£270.50
9 October 2023	December 2023	£270.50

\*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 or Carer Support Payment 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.

Carers getting Carer Support Payment will be paid Carer's Allowance Supplement in the same way as those getting Carer's Allowance until everyone's benefit has been moved to Carer Support Payment.



# 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 2024. The below tables indicate the value of the payments for the period covered by the publication (the 2023/2024 rates) and latest year following uprating (2024/2025).

Care component	Weekly amount		Level of help needed
	2023/24	2024/25	
Lower Rate	£26.90	£28.70	Help for some of the day or with preparing cooked meals
Middle Rate	£68.10	£72.65	Frequent help or constant supervision during the day, supervision at night or someone to help while they're on dialysis
Higher Rate	£101.75	£108.55	Help or supervision throughout both day and night, or they're terminally ill

Mobility component	Weekly amount		Level of help needed
	2023/2024	2024/2025	
Lower Rate	£26.90	£28.70	They can walk but need help and or supervision when outdoors
Higher Rate	£71.00	£75.75	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

From 3 April 2023, the Department for Work and Pensions changed the eligibility for Special Rules for End of Life, allowing those who have a progressive disease from which death can reasonably be expected within 12 months to apply, where previously Special Rules for End of Life were only applicable for people with 6 months or less to live. The data in this publication for Disability Living Allowance covers to November 2023 and as such the changed rules will apply to some clients accordingly.

Those meeting the eligibility for Special Rules for End of Life automatically qualify for the higher rate care component from birth. 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 applications.

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

- the department received information about a change in care or mobility needs which meant their award 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 end of life);
- or the client chose to apply for 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 apply for 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 replaces Disability Living Allowance for Children in Scotland and launched nationally on 22 November 2021.

Adult Disability Payment, the Scottish replacement benefit for Personal Independence Payment, received applications as part of a pilot from 21 March 2022. This was followed by a gradual rollout before national launch on 29 August 2022.

Information on eligibility for Child Disability Payment and Adult Disability Payment can be found in the background notes of their respective statistics publications on the [Social Security Scotland](#) website.

## **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 these benefits each use a different methodology to calculate caseload. 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 methodology used in this publication to estimate caseload, or number of children in receipt, of Child Disability Payment, reported by Social Security Scotland is consistent with the methodology used in the last release to be found on the [Social Security Scotland website](#).

A data cut from 14 April 2024 has been used to produce statistics on all cases who are in receipt of, or have been approved for, a payment in each caseload period, even if they have not been paid yet.

### **The Department for Work and Pensions Disability Living Allowance Caseload Measure**

The methodology used to calculate caseloads for Disability Living Allowance identifies awards from their entitlement start date until the entitlement ends. The Department for Work and Pensions use a point-in-time measure of the number of people entitled to Disability Living Allowance on the final day of the publication reporting period. For the latest release the reference date is 30 November 2023 ([see the Department for Work and Pensions methodology statement](#)).

### **Comparison of caseload methodology for Disability Living Allowance and Child Disability Payment**

The Disability Living Allowance publication and the Child Disability Payment (CDP) statistics are not directly comparable due to methodology differences:

The Disability Living Allowance statistics show the number of people with a claim to Disability Living Allowance from the date their claim began, whereas the Child Disability Payment statistics only include those individuals that are in receipt of or have been approved for a payment and cover from the date the case is approved for payment. [For more information on this please see Child Disability Payment background methodology note.](#)

Additionally, the Disability Living Allowance caseload snapshots are produced using time delay of four months to capture retrospective changes. This data is then frozen and is not subject to changes from one publication to the next. For Child Disability Payment the data extract used for publication is cut roughly two weeks after the

end of the month being reported on, and the data is revised with each publication as a new data extract is used.

# Background to Attendance Allowance

Attendance Allowance is for people of State Pension age or older with a disability that is severe enough that they need someone to help look after them. For example, the individual may need help with washing, dressing or eating, during the day or at night.

Attendance Allowance is currently administered by the Department for Work and Pensions on behalf of the Scottish Government under agency agreement.

To be eligible for Attendance Allowance, an individual must have reached [State Pension age](#) and have:

- a physical disability (including sensory disability, for example blindness), a mental disability (including learning difficulties), or both
- a disability that is severe enough for the individual 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 and might have 12 months or less to live)

If a person is terminally ill, i.e. they are not expected to live for more than 12 months, there are 'special rules' (Please note that the Department for Work and Pensions changed this definition from 6 months to 12 months from April 2023 onwards.)

- 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. This depends on the level of assistance or supervision needed.

The value of payments for Attendance Allowance were uprated in April 2024. The below tables indicate the value of the payments for the period covered by the publication (the 2023/2024 rates) and the latest year following uprating.

	<b>Weekly amount</b>	
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Rate	2023/2024	2024/2025	Level of help you need
<b>Lower Rate</b>	£68.10	£72.65	Frequent help or constant supervision during the day, or supervision at night
<b>Higher Rate</b>	£101.75	£108.55	Help or supervision throughout both day and night, or they're terminally ill

A person cannot receive Attendance Allowance if they already have an award of [Disability Living Allowance](#), [Personal Independence Payment](#) or [Adult Disability Payment](#).

# 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 that are now over the State Pension Age will continue to receive Severe Disablement Allowance unless their circumstances change. Recipients that are still under the State Pension Age are now being asked to undertake a re-assessment of their award 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 £167 a week (in 2023/2024)
- work and earn up to £167 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 £167 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 quarterly statistics on the [UK Government website](#).

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 on the [UK Government website](#).

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.

## **Comparisons between Carer's Allowance and Carer's Allowance Supplement Statistics**

The eligibility for Carer's Allowance Supplement is dependent on a person being in payment of Carer's Allowance on the eligibility date. The data is therefore similar to the Carer's Allowance statistics published here and by the Department for Work and Pensions<sup>6</sup>. However, there are a number of differences between these two sets of data. The key differences are:

Reference date - Carer's Allowance Supplement data refers to eligibility dates which are in mid-April or mid-October each year. Carer's Allowance data refers to the end of February, May, August or November each year.

Backdating - Carer's Allowance Supplement data is taken from scans carried out around six weeks after each eligibility date, except for the April 2018 eligibility date where the scan was run in August 2018. Therefore the April 2018 data has more than seven months of backdating and all other data has one month of backdating. Carer's Allowance data includes up to four months of backdating.

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<sup>6</sup> Carer's Allowance statistics are published as part of the [Department for Work and Pensions' benefits statistics collection](#).

Eligibility - all those who receive a payment of Carer's Allowance on the eligibility date will receive Carer's Allowance Supplement. This will include eligible carers who subsequently become entitled to a payment, including cases which may have temporarily been suspended from payment. Carer's Allowance data will exclude those who are later found to be ineligible for Carer's Allowance as part of their backdating adjustments.

Geography - the Department for Work and Pensions use different postcode address files to identify those who receive Carer's Allowance who are living in Scottish postcodes.

**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](#). This includes further information about Personal Independence registrations, payments, mandatory reconsiderations and appeals. There is also data at lower geographies e.g. Local Authority, Census Output Area, Scottish and Westminster Parliamentary Constituencies.



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