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**Next Release: Mid 2003 data in
March 2004**

Department for Work and Pensions Ward level benefits data: mid 2002

The ward level Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) benefits data for mid 2002 is released today via the DWP website at:
www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/neighbourhood/neighbourhood.asp.

The data covers all census wards within **England and Wales** at August 2002. The data has also been supplied to ONS to be loaded into the official Neighbourhood Statistics website.

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 2002 release. The domain refers to those identified in the Policy Action Team 18 Report on Better Information (April 2000).

	Extract Date
Income Support	August 2002
Child Benefit	August 2002
State Pension	August 2002
Attendance Allowance	August 2002
Disability Living Allowance	August 2002
Jobseeker's Allowance	August 2002
Incapacity Benefit	August 2002
Severe Disablement Allowance	August 2002

In addition Working Families Tax Credit data at August 2002 has also been prepared and supplied to Inland Revenue for release.

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 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 2003 data is scheduled for release in March 2004. Data for Scotland will be released via the Scottish Executive's website.

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