

## Appendix 1

### Welfare Reform Research Overview

#### 1. Executive Summary

Around 1 in 6 people in Falkirk are of working age – approximately 17,080 people.

#### 2. Main Challenges

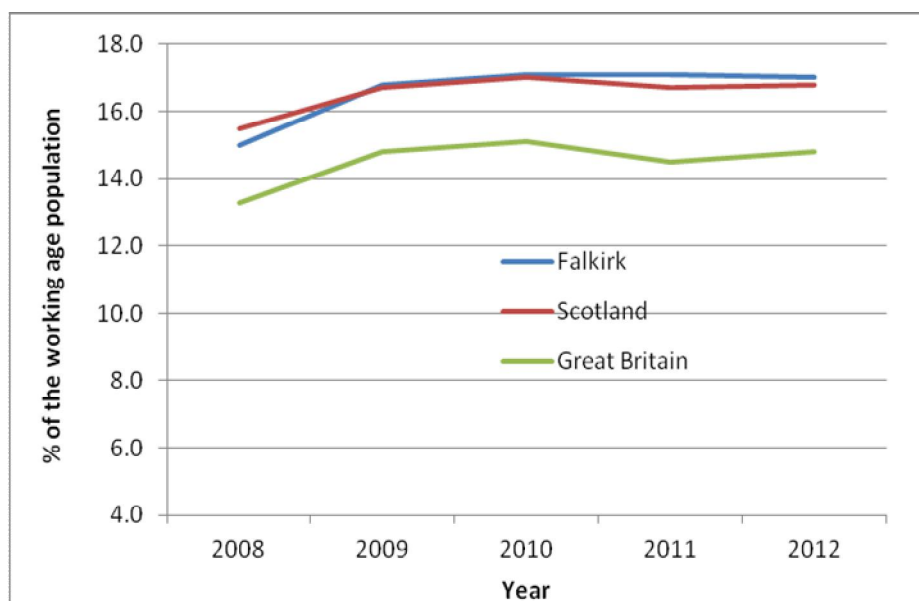
##### Sick and Disabled

People with fluctuating health conditions or mental health issues account for around 3,710 of the local population.

#### 3. Main Figures

##### 3.1 Overview

17% of the working age population in Falkirk receive DWP administered benefits



Source: DWP Benefits, NOMIS

24.2%<sup>1</sup> of households in Falkirk claim council tax or housing benefits, or both.

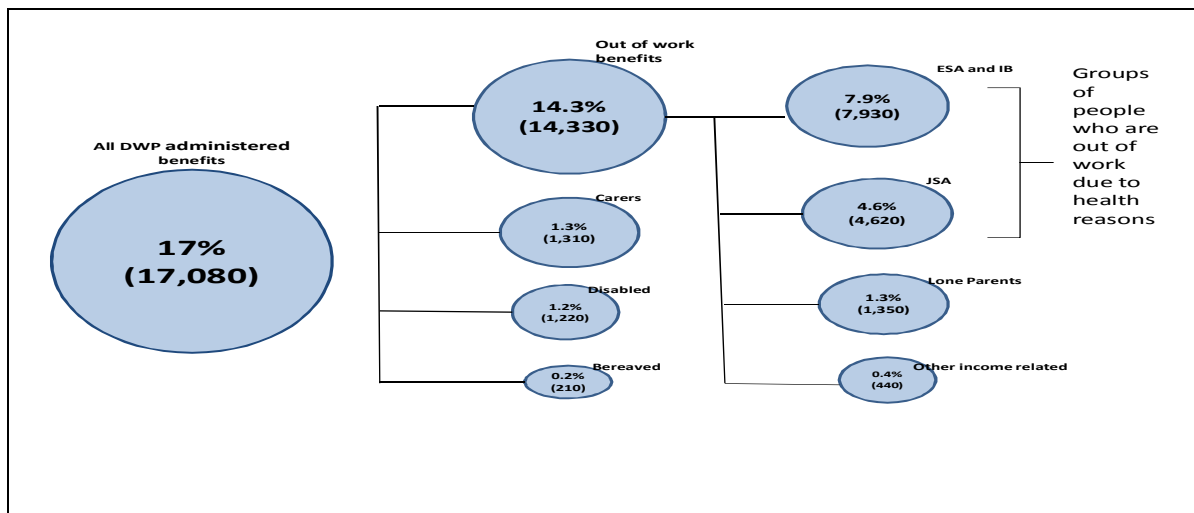
The number of benefits claimed by working age households (the focus of the cuts) is approximately 12,400.

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<sup>1</sup> 16,680 divided by 68,974 households

## Breakdown of benefits types in Falkirk

Below is a breakdown of DWP benefit claimants by statistical group based on the percentage of working age population @August 2012.

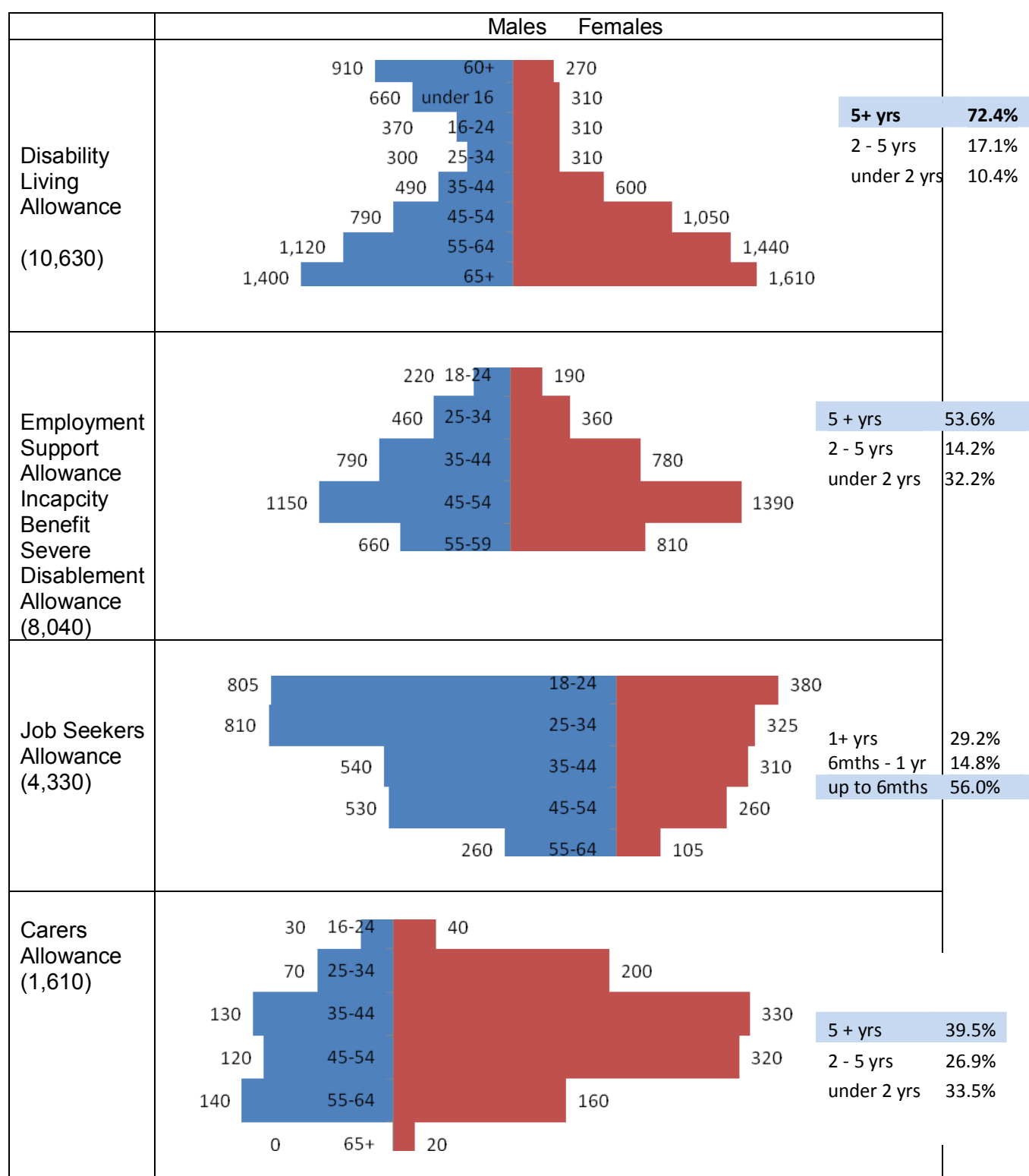


Falkirk Council administers council tax and/or housing benefit to 16,680 (out of 68,974) households in Falkirk, 74.3% of which receive both benefits. The image below represents the balance between the benefits

### 3.2 Housing and Council Tax claimants by type in Falkirk

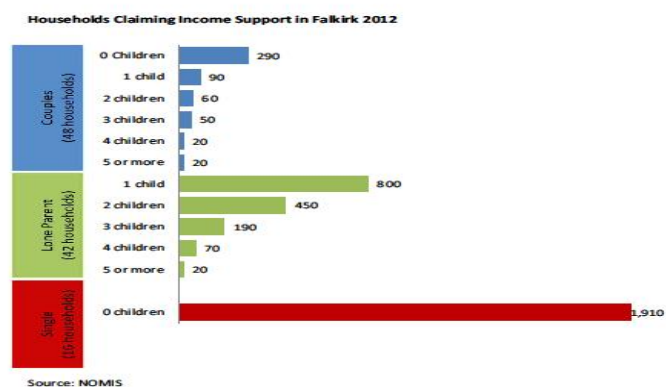
Benefit Type	No. of households	Total
Council Tax Benefit	15,520	3,130
Housing Benefit	13,450	+1,160
Both	12,390	+12,390
		= 16,680

### 3.3 Breakdown by household and individual type in Falkirk



Note: Total numbers may be different to graph due to rounding - Source: NOMIS

### 3.4 Number of Households Claiming Income Support in Falkirk in 2012



- 970 children aged 16 and under were receiving DLA in February 2012
- Number of People on Incapacity benefit 5,130 – 3.3% of Falkirk's population
- Number of people on ESA 2,930 – 1.9% of Falkirk's population
- Total % of population on ESA & IB 5.2%

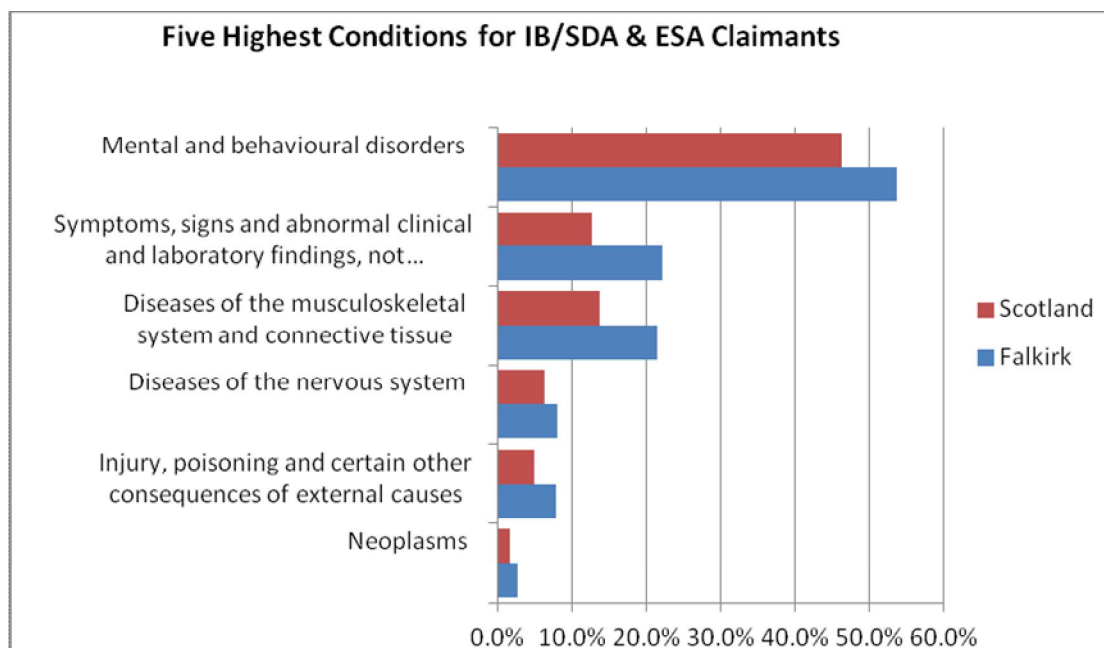
### 3.5 People in receipt of Income Support broken down by the number of dependent Children

	Number	Falkirk	Scotland	Great Britain
No Children	2,200	55.4%	58.5%	58.5%
1 Child	890	22.4%	21.2%	21.2%
2 Children	520	13.1%	12.6%	12.6%
3 Children	240	6.0%	5.2%	5.2%
4 Children	80	2.0%	1.8%	1.8%
5 or more children	30	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%

Source: Nomis 2012

- 34% of Income Support claimants with children are lone parents
- This equates to 1,350 lone parents on low incomes
- 97% of which are women

### 3.6 Most Common Conditions for Invalidity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance and Employment Support Allowance Claimants.

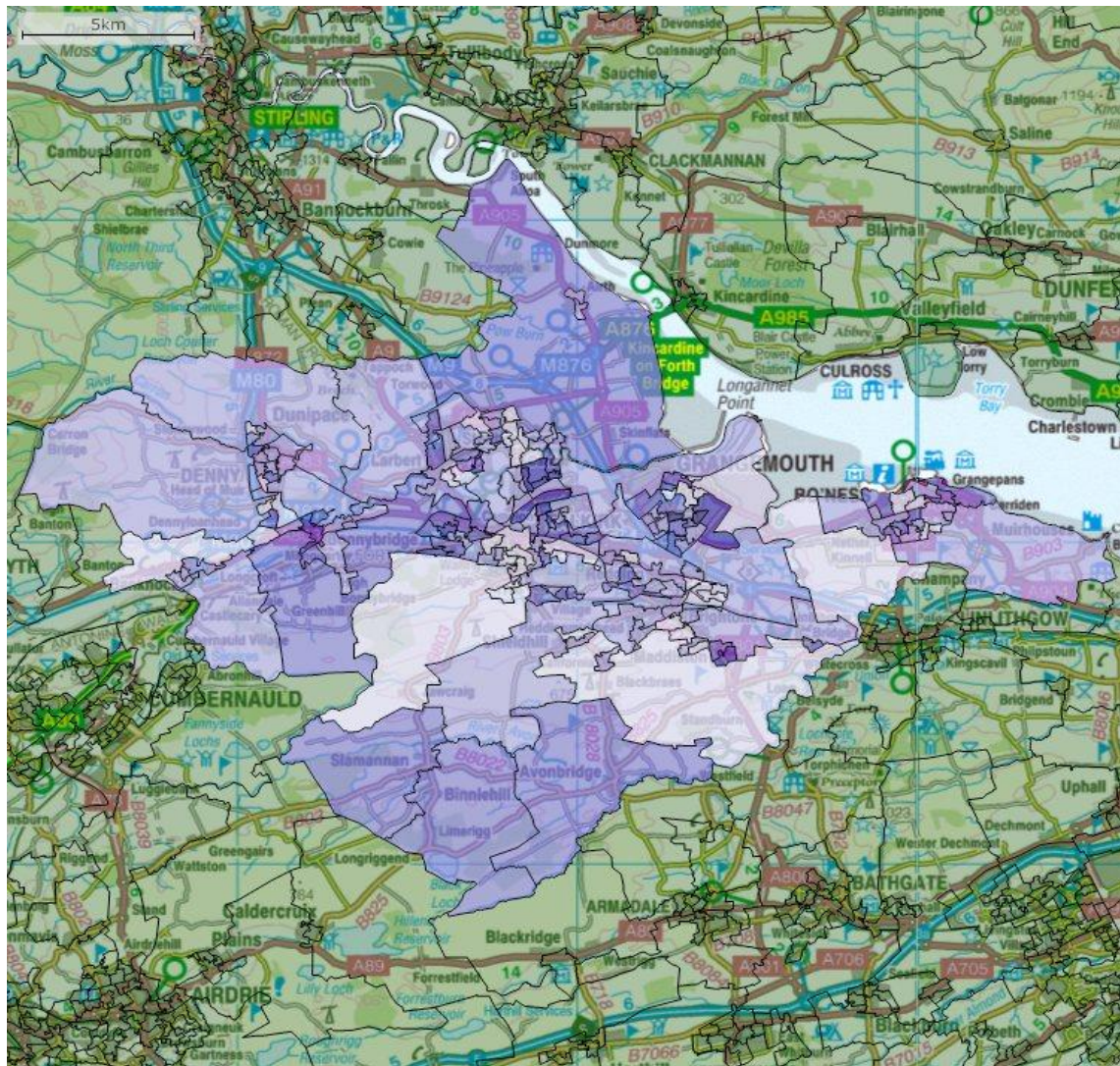


### 3.7 Disability Living Allowance by disabling condition in Falkirk

Disability Living Allowance by disabling condition	Number
Musculoskeletal	3,400
Mental health	1,400
Circulatory	1,150
Learning difficulties	1,110
Nervous system	1,050
Respiratory	460
Disease	390
Sensory loss	270
Trauma	250
Unknown	250
Hyperkinetic syndrome	240
Diabetes	200
Emotional Behavioural Disorder	150
Chronic fatigue	110
Alcohol and drug abuse	90
Terminal illness	80
Other	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,630</b>

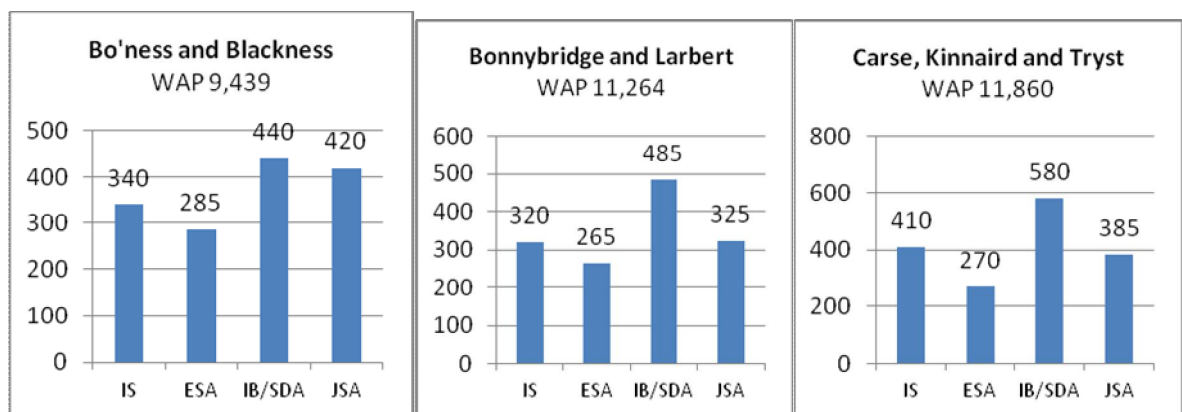
Average weekly credit pension payment in Falkirk is £50.51 (there are 7,260 claimants in receipt of Pension Credits in Falkirk).

## Impact on Places

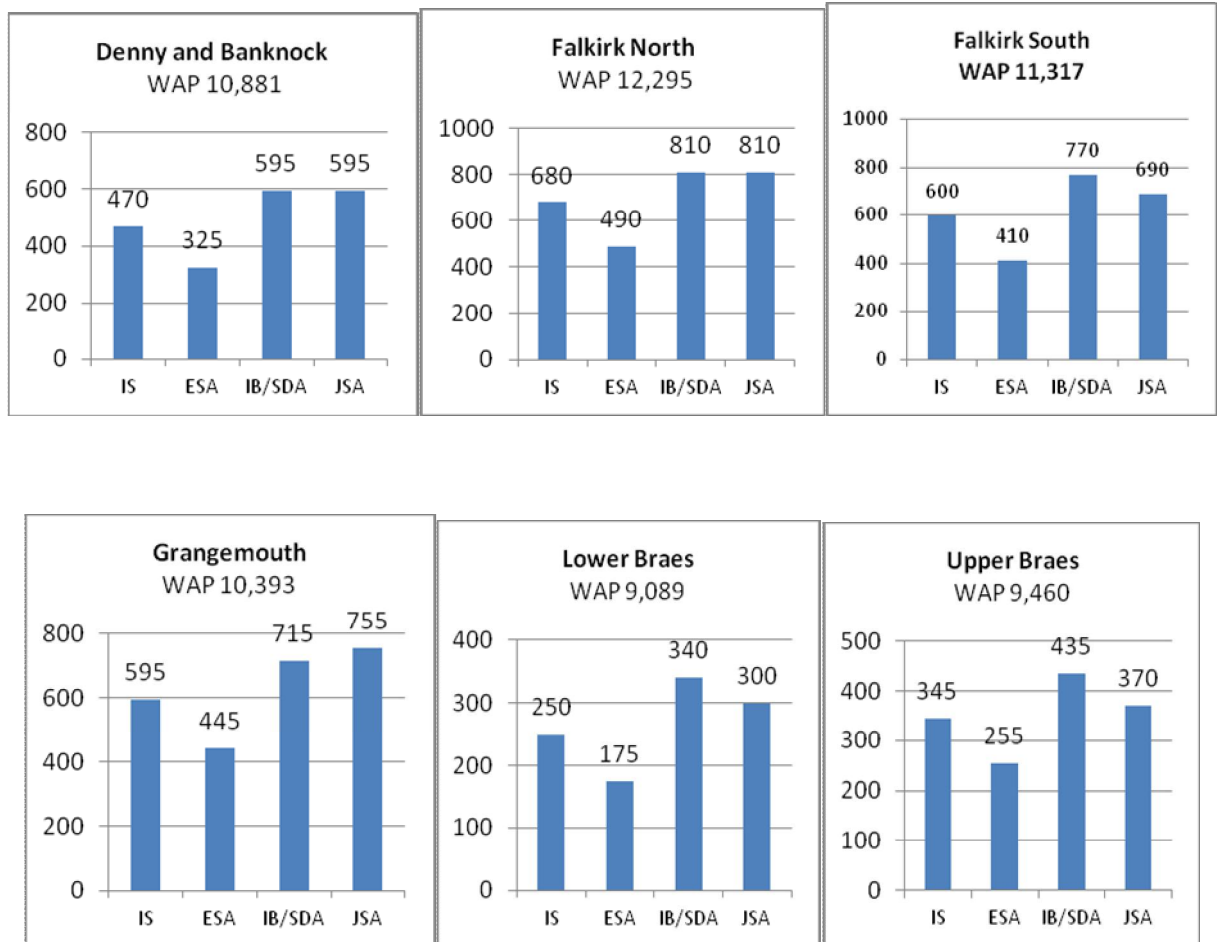


Source: NOMIS

## Claimants by Member Ward - 2012







Source: NOMIS