

TREASURY

The Hon. Member for Onchan, Ms Edge, to ask The Minister for the Treasury:

How many residents receive benefits above a full-time minimum wage salary, broken down by a) cost and b) benefit type.

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The Minister for the Treasury (Dr Allinson):

In answering I have assumed that “residents” means residents of the Isle of Man.

I have also assumed a “full-time minimum wage salary” to mean the net pay of a worker aged 18 or over working 37 hours a week and being paid the current rate of the IOM minimum wage (i.e., £12.25 an hour) after appropriate deductions for income tax and national insurance contributions. This equates to £400.01 per week.

As at 5 November 2025, excluding individuals of state pension age and those who are resident in care homes (see below), 676 individuals were receiving social security benefits which in total were worth more than £400.01 a week. The total cost of the benefits paid to these individuals was £341,936.91 per week.

Of those 676 individuals –

- 587 were receiving income support in addition other benefits, such as child benefit, incapacity benefit, maternity allowance, disability living allowance, carer’s allowance, industrial injuries benefit and bereavement support payment.
The total cost of the benefits paid to these individuals as at 5 November 2025 was £299,002.31 per week.
- 8 were receiving income support and no other benefit.
The total cost of the income support paid to these individuals as at 5 November 2025 was £4,137.21 per week.
- 60 were receiving employed person’s allowance (EPA) in addition to other benefits, such as child benefit, incapacity benefit, maternity allowance, disability living allowance, carer’s allowance, industrial injuries benefit and bereavement support payment.
The total cost of the benefits paid to these individuals as at 5 November 2025 was £28,799.15 per week.
- 2 were receiving EPA and no other benefit.
The total cost of the EPA paid to these individuals as at 5 November 2025 was £856.75 per week.
- 9 were receiving jobseeker’s allowance (JSA) in addition to child benefit and/or EPA.
The total cost of the benefits paid to these individuals as at 5 November 2025 was £4,367.07 per week.
- 4 were receiving JSA and no other benefit.

The total cost of the JSA paid to these individuals as at 5 November 2025 was £1,908.43 per week.

- 6 were not receiving either income support, employed person's allowance or jobseeker's allowance but were receiving other benefits, such as carer's allowance, child benefit, disability living allowance, incapacity benefit, industrial injuries benefit and maternity allowance.
The total cost of the benefits paid to these individuals as at 5 November 2025 was £2,865.99 per week.

In addition to the above there were –

- 1,289 individuals of state pension age (516 of whom were resident in a care home) who were receiving benefits (including their state pension) of more than £400.01 a week.
The total cost of the benefits paid to these individuals as at 5 November 2025 was £757,695.03 per week.

and

- 27 individuals of working age who were resident in a care home and who were receiving benefits, such as income support, incapacity benefit, disability living allowance and the nursing care contribution, which amounted to more than £400.01 a week.
The total cost of the benefits paid to these individuals as at 5 November 2025 was £24,970.26 per week.