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Introduction

The Social Welfare Statistics and Consultancy Branch of the Department for Social Development (DSD) have developed a set of analyses from its existing scans of Social Security Benefit administrative data for the persons of Working Age and their Children and the persons over State Pension Age in Northern Ireland.

By matching data from the individual benefit scans an estimate can be made of the number of people who were claiming at least one of the key benefits that are available to the working age population and those over state pension age. People are assigned a statistical group depending on which key benefits they are claiming (see Definitions and Conventions).

Section 1 analyses persons of working age in receipt of the key benefits which are available to persons of working age with the main exception of Bereavement Benefit and Housing Benefit. Section 2 analyses the children of persons of working age on key benefits. They are designed to give a good indication of the size of the population on these benefits and how this changes over time. However, they are affected by changes to the conditions of entitlement and to the existence of the benefits themselves. No attempt has been made to adjust the series for such factors.

Section 3 analyses persons of pensionable age on key benefits that are available to persons over state pension age with the main exception of Bereavement Benefits and Housing Benefit.

Information on the key characteristics of these claimants is also available for age, gender, duration, family type and regional analysis. It is also possible to look at changes in the composition of the statistical groups in the benefits system over time. Analysis of the movement on, off and between the benefits is also included (see Methodology).

The Appendices give additional information on Child Support Agency and Maternity Allowance data which are not included in the analysis of children in section 2.

The definitive details of caseloads and characteristics of claimants of each individual benefit can be found in the separate publications and press releases that Social Welfare Statistics and Consultancy Branch issue.

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Definitions and Conventions - Sections 1 and 2

Key benefits

Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)

Incapacity Benefit (IB)

Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA)

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Income Support (IS)

[Pension Credit (PC) for males aged 60 - 64 which replaced Income Support for persons aged 60 and over in October 2003 is also included]

Symbols and conventions

Working age is 16 to 64 years for men

16 to 59 years for women

Population estimates are mid year from 1998 to 2004

16-18 year olds in full-time education from 1998/99 to 2004/05

“.” not applicable

Tax Credits

Child Tax Credit (CTC)

Statistical group

Claimants are assigned to one statistical group in the following order

Unemployed

Claimant in receipt of JSA (including credits)

Sick and Disabled

Claimant in receipt of one or more of IB (including credits), SDA, DLA, IS with a disability premium

Lone Parent

Single people with children on IS and not receiving a disability related premium

Others

IS claimants not in other groups, males aged 60 - 64 in receipt of Pension Credit

Family type

This is based mainly on whether the claimant has a partner and dependants for which additional amounts of benefit are payable. These are payable with all benefits except:

JSA (Contribution based only or Credits)

details available for partners, children's details may be incomplete

IB/SDA

details available only for claimants who qualify for a child and/or partner allowance (not payable in all cases)

DLA

no details available

Benefit type

Income replacement

IS, JSA (excluding credits), IB (excluding credits) and SDA

Other

DLA

NI Credits

Through claiming JSA or IB

Benefit entitlement

Contributory benefits

IB, Contribution based JSA

Means tested benefits

IS and Income based JSA

Other benefits

SDA, DLA

NI Credits

Through claiming JSA or IB

Definitions and Conventions - Section 3

Key benefits

Attendance Allowance (AA)
Incapacity Benefit (IB)
Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA)
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
Carer's Allowance (CA)
Pension Credit (PC)
(Income Support prior to October 2003)
Retirement Pension (RP)
Widow's Benefit (WB)

Symbols and conventions

State Pension Age is 65 years and over for men
60 years and over for women
Population estimates are mid year from 1998 to 2004
"." not applicable

Statistical group

Claimants are assigned to one statistical group based on the benefits being claimed. Claimants are classified as disabled if AA or DLA is being claimed. The statistical groups are:-

RP and PC/IS, Disabled

RP and PC/IS, Not Disabled

RP but not PC/IS, Disabled

RP but not PC/IS, Not Disabled

PC/IS but not RP, Disabled

PC/IS but not RP, Not Disabled

Not RP nor PC/IS, Disabled

Not RP nor PC/IS, Not Disabled

Note that the statistical groups refer only to SSA benefits. Claimants may also be receiving income from other sources e.g. occupational pensions and investments.

Section 1: Persons of Working Age on Key Benefits

1.1 Age and Gender

Table 1.1.1 Claimants of key benefits by gender: August 2002 to August 2005

	Aug-02	Aug-03	Aug-04	Aug-05
All	226,980	230,760	224,420	223,820
% of pop¹	22	22	21	21
Men	119,840	123,020	117,760	117,060
% of pop ¹	22	23	22	22
Women	107,140	107,740	106,660	106,760
% of pop ¹	21	21	21	21

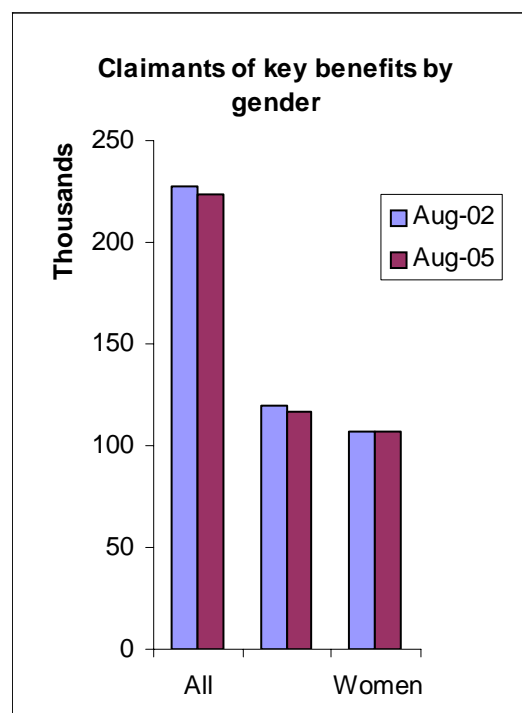
¹ Population of working age in Northern Ireland - see Methodology

Table 1.1.1a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits¹ by gender: August 2002 to August 2005

	Aug-02	Aug-03	Aug-04	Aug-05
All	208,100	211,060	202,980	201,560
% of pop²	20	20	19	19
Men	112,780	115,320	109,060	108,060
% of pop ²	21	21	20	20
Women	95,320	95,740	93,920	93,500
% of pop ²	19	19	18	18

¹ Excludes DLA only claimants

² Population of working age in Northern Ireland - see Methodology



- In August 2005 about 21% (223,820) of people of working age claimed a key benefit – down from 22% (226,980) in August 2002.
- About 117 thousand men of working age claimed a benefit, compared with 107 thousand women. Some of that difference was due to differences in retirement age and because men normally claim a means tested benefit on behalf of a couple.
- The overall number of claimants fell by 3,160 between August 2002 and August 2005.
- In August 2005 about 19% (201,560) of people of working age claimed a key out-of-work benefit - 20% (208,100) in August 2002.
- Older people were more likely to be claiming benefits. In 2005, 34% of those aged 55 to 59 claimed a benefit compared to 16% of those aged 18 to 24.
- Four age groups have increased in size since August 2002. The greatest increase was in the 45 to 54 group (up by 1,200). The largest reduction in size was in the 25 to 34 age group which fell by 5,280.

Table 1.1.2 Claimants of key benefits by age and gender: August 2005

	All		Men		Women	
		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group
All	223,820	21	117,060	22	106,760	21
Under 18	2,100	4	1,060	4	1,040	4
18 to 24	27,620	16	13,840	16	13,780	17
25 to 34	38,500	17	17,400	15	21,100	18
35 to 44	52,660	21	24,040	19	28,620	22
45 to 54	52,740	25	26,200	25	26,540	25
55 to 59	32,240	34	16,560	36	15,680	32
60 to 64	17,960	46	17,960	46	.	.

Table 1.1.3 Claimants of key benefits by age: August 2002 to August 2005

	Aug-02		Aug-03		Aug-04		Aug-05	
		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group
All	226,980	22	230,760	22	224,420	21	223,820	21
Under 18	2,100	4	2,300	4	2,420	4	2,100	4
18 to 24	28,760	18	29,440	18	26,860	16	27,620	16
25 to 34	43,780	18	41,960	18	39,780	17	38,500	17
35 to 44	52,040	21	54,600	22	52,660	21	52,660	21
45 to 54	51,540	25	52,580	25	52,100	25	52,740	25
55 to 59	31,320	34	31,760	34	32,560	34	32,240	34
60 to 64	17,440	48	18,120	48	18,040	46	17,960	46

Table 1.1.4 Claimants of key benefits by age and gender: August 2002 and August 2005

	Men				Women			
	Aug-02	% of pop in age group	Aug-05	% of pop in age group	Aug-02	% of pop in age group	Aug-05	% of pop in age group
All	119,840	22	117,060	22	107,140	21	106,760	21
Under 18	960	3	1,060	4	1,140	4	1,040	4
18 to 24	14,080	17	13,840	16	14,680	18	13,780	17
25 to 34	19,920	17	17,400	15	23,860	20	21,100	18
35 to 44	24,660	20	24,040	19	27,380	21	28,620	22
45 to 54	26,220	26	26,200	25	25,320	25	26,540	25
55 to 59	16,560	36	16,560	36	14,760	31	15,680	32
60 to 64	17,440	48	17,960	46

1.2 Family Type

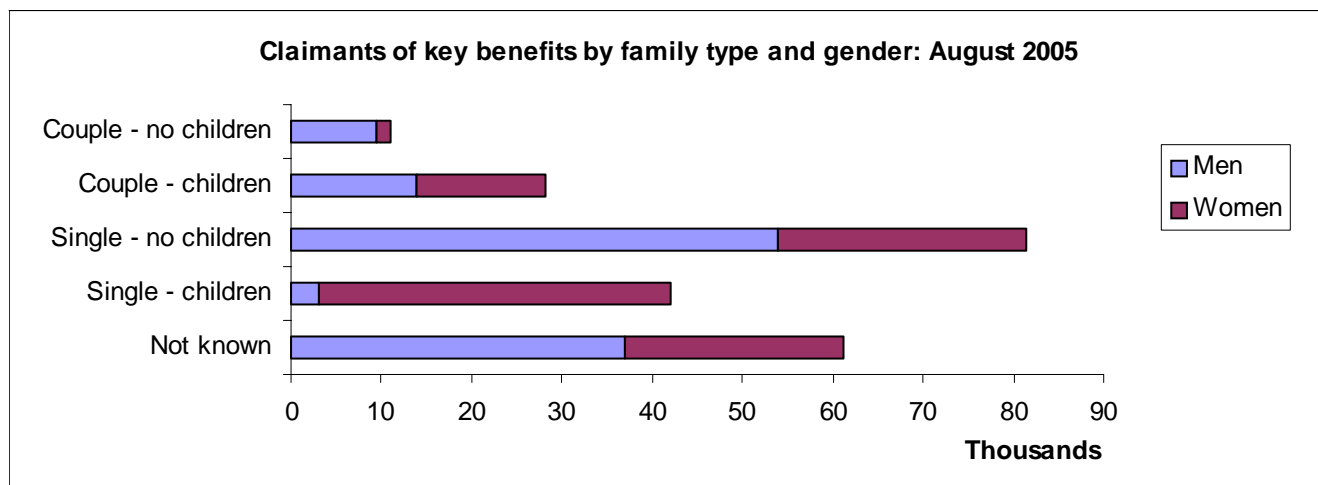
This section contains analyses of the type of family in which claimants live. Family type was assigned according to whether the claimant had a partner and/or children. It was not possible to assign a family type in every case (Not known).

Table 1.2.1 Claimants of key benefits by family type¹ and gender: August 2005

	All	%	Men	%	Women	%
All	223,820	100	117,060	100	106,760	100
All couples	39,200	18	23,200	20	16,000	15
Couple - no children	11,040	5	9,420	8	1,620	2
Couple - children	28,160	13	13,780	12	14,380	13
All single	123,400	55	56,940	49	66,460	62
Single - no children	81,340	36	53,860	46	27,480	26
Single - children	42,060	19	3,080	3	38,980	37
Not known	61,220	27	36,920	32	24,300	23

¹ See Methodology for further details

- 123,400 claimants were single in August 2005.
- 31% (70,220) of claimants had children. The majority of claimants with children (42,060) were single.
- **The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003. Comparisons of family type and comparisons over time are affected by these changes. Please see Methodology for further details.**

**Table 1.2.2 Claimants of key benefits by family type¹: August 2002 to August 2005**

	Aug-02		Aug-03		Aug-04		Aug-05	
	All	%	All	%	All	%	All	%
All	226,980	100	230,760	100	224,420	100	223,820	100
All couples	37,820	17	43,920	19	40,780	18	39,200	18
Couple - no children	11,800	5	11,880	5	11,380	5	11,040	5
Couple - children	26,020	11	32,040	14	29,400	13	28,160	13
All single	123,640	54	124,840	54	122,140	54	123,400	55
Single - no children	79,980	35	82,340	36	80,440	36	81,340	36
Single - children	43,660	19	42,500	18	41,700	19	42,060	19
Not known	65,520	29	62,000	27	61,500	27	61,220	27

¹ See Methodology for further details**Table 1.2.3 Claimants of key benefits by family type¹ and statistical group: August 2005**

	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parent	Other
All	223,820	30,520	154,760	26,900	11,640
All couples	39,200	2,760	33,540	.	2,900
Couple - no children	11,040	1,020	8,360	.	1,660
Couple - children	28,160	1,740	25,180	.	1,240
All single	123,400	27,760	60,000	26,900	8,740
Single - no children	81,340	26,440	46,120	-	8,720
Single - children	42,060	1,320	13,880	26,840	-
Not known	61,220	.	61,220	.	.

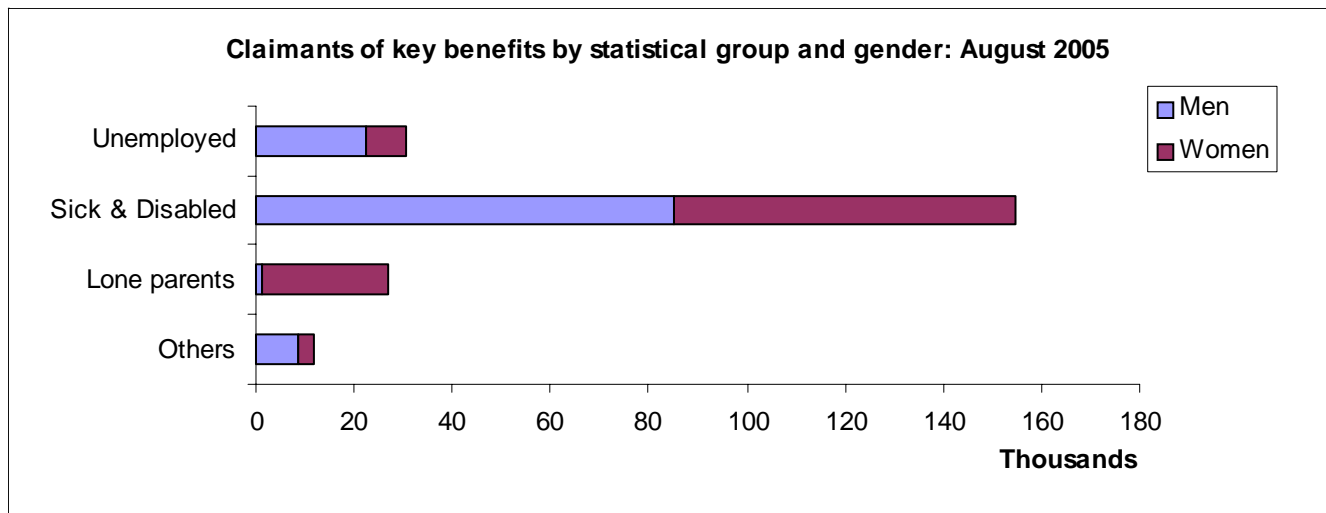
¹ See Methodology for further details² Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

1.3 Statistical group and transitions

The claimants of key benefits were divided into statistical groups, based mainly on the type of benefit they received (see 'Definitions and Conventions'). This gave an indication of the main reason why they were in the benefit system.

Table 1.3.1 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group and gender: August 2005

	All	Men	Women
All	223,820	117,060	106,760
Unemployed	30,520	22,340	8,180
Sick & Disabled	154,760	84,960	69,800
Lone parents	26,900	1,400	25,500
Others	11,640	8,360	3,280



- The overall numbers fell by 3,160 between August 2002 and August 2005, mostly because of the unemployed group which fell by 5,980 (16%) over this period.
- In August 2005, 3% (30,520) of people of working age were classed as unemployed - down from 4% (36,500) in August 2002.
- Sick & disabled claimants were consistently the largest group between August 2002 and August 2005, rising from 65% of the total to 69% of the total; unemployed claimants were the second largest group.
- The size of the sick & disabled group rose by 6,300 (4%) between August 2002 and August 2005, whilst numbers in the lone parents group fell by 2,700 (9%) over the same period.

Table 1.3.2 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group: August 2002 to August 2005

	Aug-02		Aug-03		Aug-04		Aug-05	
	All	% of pop ¹	All	% of pop ¹	All	% of pop ¹	All	% of pop ¹
All	226,980	22	230,760	22	224,420	21	223,820	21
Unemployed	36,500	4	36,800	4	31,220	3	30,520	3
Sick & Disabled	148,460	14	153,280	15	154,380	15	154,760	15
Lone parents	29,600	3	28,660	3	26,400	3	26,900	3
Others	12,420	1	12,020	1	12,420	1	11,640	1

¹ Population of working age in Northern Ireland - see Methodology

These statistical group analyses showed the stock of claimants on key benefits at a fixed point in time at the end of each quarter. An indication of how people moved in and out of the benefit system was obtained by comparing records for the individual claimants who appeared in these “snapshots” over time. The analyses also looked at how people moved between benefits and/or statistical group. This methodology did not cover all flows into and out of the benefit system. For example, it missed claims that started and ended between “snapshot” dates and did not capture changes in benefit for couples where the partner became the claimant. (See ‘Methodology’ for further details).

Table 1.3.3 Claimants of key benefits by status in previous year: August 2002 to August 2005

	<u>On benefit in current year - status in previous year¹</u>				Left benefit since previous year ²
	All	Same statistical group	Different statistical group	Not on benefit	
Aug-02	226,980
Aug-03	230,760	175,220	13,820	41,720	37,940
Aug-04	224,420	177,220	12,240	34,960	41,300
Aug-05	223,820	174,880	12,440	36,500	37,100

¹ Some claimants may have left benefit and then returned to it between years

² Includes a small number of claimants who will have remained on benefit but reached state pension age

- There was a decrease of 600 claimants between August 2004 and August 2005. The decrease was due to the number of people leaving benefit exceeding the number of people who had joined benefit. For example, 37,100 claimants on benefit in August 2004 were no longer on benefit in August 2005 whilst 36,500 of claimants in August 2005 were not on benefit in August 2004.
- The numbers in each statistical group were also affected by movements between them. For example, 12,440 claimants who were on benefit in both August 2004 and August 2005 changed statistical group over this period.

- The numbers in the individual statistical groups were affected by movements both on and off benefit and also between the groups. For example, the overall number of unemployed claimants fell by 700 between August 2004 and August 2005. The number of claimants who moved out of that group (4,540) exceeded those who moved in from another group (2,880) – a reduction of 1,660. Also, the number of new claimants who joined the group (15,780) exceeded those who left benefit from that group (14,820) – an increase of 960. When combined these figures gave a total decrease of 700.

Table 1.3.4 Claimants of key benefits - changes between August 2004 and August 2005

Statistical group	Movement between August-04 and August-05					Overall change ²	All on benefit in August-05
	All on benefit in August-04	Outflow Not on benefit in August-05	Inflow Not on benefit in August-04	Net movement between Statistical groups ¹			
All	224,420	37,100	36,500	0	-600	223,820	
Unemployed	31,220	14,820	15,780	-1,660	-700	30,520	
Sick & Disabled	154,380	16,760	15,660	1,480	380	154,760	
Lone parents	26,400	3,360	3,680	180	500	26,900	
Others	12,420	2,160	1,380	0	-780	11,640	

¹ Numbers coming into statistical group less numbers moving out - see bottom half of table 1.3.5 for breakdown

² Overall change between August 2004 and August 2005 ie column 3 minus column 2 plus column 4

Table 1.3.5 Claimants of key benefits in both August 2004 and August 2005 - comparisons of statistical group

Comparison of statistical groups in 2004 and 2005 ¹	Statistical group in August 2005				
	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone parent	Other
All	187,320	14,740	139,100	23,220	10,260
Statistical group in August 2004					
Unemployed	16,400	11,860	2,980	280	1,280
Sick & Disabled	137,620	2,040	133,580	1,040	960
Lone parents	23,040	180	1,040	21,620	200
Others	10,260	660	1,500	280	7,820
2004 and 2005					
Total with no change	174,880	11,860	133,580	21,620	7,820
Leaving original statistical group	-12,440	-4,540	-4,040	-1,420	-2,440
Joining new statistical group	12,440	2,880	5,520	1,600	2,440
Net movement between statistical groups	0	-1,660	1,480	180	0

¹ For example there were 16,400 claimants in the Unemployed group in August 2004 who were also on benefit in August 2005: of these, 11,860 were still in this group, 2,980 were now in the Sick & Disabled group, 280 in the Lone parent group, etc.

These analyses also looked at changes over longer time periods, as well as comparisons over the latest year. Tables 1.3.6 and 1.3.7 compared the status of the stock of claimants in August 2002 with that in August 2005.

Table 1.3.6 Claimants of key benefits in August 2005 - by status in August 2002

Benefit status in August 2005	All on benefit in August 2005	Benefit status in August 2002		
		Not on benefit	Same statistical group	Different statistical group
All	223,820	64,520	140,720	18,580
Unemployed	30,520	19,240	8,380	2,900
Sick & Disabled	154,760	34,880	109,760	10,120
Lone Parents	26,900	7,380	17,560	1,960
Others	11,640	3,020	5,020	3,600

- Around 71% (159,300) of key benefit claimants in August 2005 were also on benefit in August 2002; 63% of the overall total were in the same statistical group.
- Claimants in the sick & disabled group in August 2005 were the most likely to have also been on benefit in August 2002 (77% of them - 119,880), followed by claimants in the others group (74% – 8,620) and the lone parents group (73% – 19,520) – those in the unemployed group (37% – 11,280) were least likely. Claimants in the sick & disabled group were also the most likely to have stayed in the same statistical group (71% – 109,760).

Table 1.3.7 Claimants of key benefits in August 2002 - by status in August 2005

Benefit status in August 2002	All on benefit in August 2002	Benefit status in August 2005			
		Reached state pension age ¹	Not on benefit	Same statistical group	Different statistical group
All	226,980	19,940	47,740	140,720	18,580
Unemployed	36,500	540	20,320	8,380	7,260
Sick & Disabled	148,460	17,120	17,400	109,760	4,180
Lone Parents	29,600	60	7,720	17,560	4,260
Others	12,420	2,220	2,300	5,020	2,880

¹ Some of these claimants may also have left benefit

1.4 Benefit Entitlement

These analyses can give an indication of the level of support that claimants receive from the benefit system. Some benefits are designed to be a claimant's main source of income. There are also benefits for special needs, such as disability, which are not linked to financial circumstances. It is also possible to see whether claimants qualified for benefit through National Insurance contributions, a means test or by another route. Many of those in the sick and disabled group received more than one benefit.

Table 1.4.1 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group and type of benefit: August 2005

	All	Income replacement benefits ¹	Other benefits only ²	NI Credits ³
All	223,820	193,520	24,900	5,400
Unemployed	30,520	28,320	.	2,200
Sick & Disabled	154,760	126,660	24,900	3,200
Lone parents	26,900	26,900	.	.
Others	11,640	11,640	.	.

¹ Income replacement benefits are JSA (excluding credits), IS, IB (excluding credits), SDA

² Other is DLA

³ NI Credits includes JSA credits only, JSA credits and IB credits, JSA credits with DLA, IB credits only

Table 1.4.1a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits¹ by statistical group and type of benefit: August 2005

	All	Income replacement benefits ²	NI Credits ³
All	201,560	193,520	8,040
JSA	30,520	28,320	2,200
IB/SDA	119,880	114,040	5,840
IS Disabled	12,620	12,620	.
IS Lone parents	26,900	26,900	.
Others	11,640	11,640	.

¹ Excludes DLA only claimants. Hierarchy used where claiming more than one benefit

² Income replacement benefits are JSA (excluding credits), IS, IB (excluding credits), SDA

³ NI Credits includes JSA credits only, JSA credits and IB credits, JSA credits with DLA, IB credits only

- In August 2005, 193,520 claimants received an income replacement benefit, down from 199,920 in August 2002.
- Of these, 114,040 claimants received IB/SDA.

Table 1.4.2 Claimants of key benefits by type of benefit: August 2002 to August 2005

	All	Benefit type		NI Credits ³
		Income replacement benefits ¹	Other benefits only ²	
Aug-02	226,980	199,920	20,660	6,400
Aug-03	230,760	202,780	21,800	6,180
Aug-04	224,420	195,000	23,920	5,500
Aug-05	223,820	193,520	24,900	5,400

¹ Income replacement benefits are JSA (excluding credits), IS, IB (excluding credits), SDA

² Other is DLA

³ NI Credits includes JSA credits only, JSA credits and IB credits, JSA credits with DLA, IB credits only

Table 1.4.3 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group and main basis of entitlement: August 2005

	All	Basis of benefit entitlement				NI Credits ⁵
		Contributory ¹	Contributory and income related ²	Income related ³	Other ⁴	
All	223,820	57,220	17,280	116,740	27,180	5,400
Unemployed	30,520	4,780	180	23,360	.	2,200
Sick & Disabled	154,760	52,440	17,100	54,840	27,180	3,200
Lone Parents	26,900	.	.	26,900	.	.
Others	11,640	.	.	11,640	.	.

¹ Contributory benefits are contribution-based JSA, IB and not with IS

² Contributory and means tested includes JSA claimants who receive income based benefit but who also satisfy the conditions for receiving contribution-based JSA, IB with IS

³ Means tested benefits are income based JSA, IS

⁴ Other benefits are SDA, DLA

⁵ NI Credits includes JSA credits only, JSA credits and IB credits, JSA credits with DLA, IB credits only

Table 1.4.3a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits¹ by statistical group and main basis of entitlement: August 2005

	Basis of benefit entitlement					
	All	Contributory ²	Contributory and income related ³	Income related ⁴	Other ⁵	NI Credits ⁶
All	201,560	57,220	17,280	116,740	4,920	5,400
JSA	30,520	4,780	180	23,360	.	2,200
IB/SDA	119,880	52,440	17,100	42,220	4,920	3,200
IS Disabled	12,620	.	.	12,620	.	.
IS Lone parents	26,900	.	.	26,900	.	.
Others	11,640	.	.	11,640	.	.

¹ Excludes DLA only claimants. Hierarchy used where claiming more than one benefit

² Contributory benefits are contribution-based JSA, IB and not with IS

³ Contributory and income related includes JSA claimants who receive income based benefit but who also satisfy the conditions for receiving contribution-based JSA, IB with IS

⁴ Income related benefits are income based JSA, IS

⁵ Other benefits is SDA

⁶ NI Credits includes JSA credits only, JSA credits and IB credits, JSA credits with DLA, IB credits only

Table 1.4.4 Claimants of key benefits by main basis of entitlement: August 2002 to August 2005

	Basis of benefit entitlement					
	All	Contributory ¹	Contributory and income related ²	Income related ³	Other ⁴	NI Credits ⁵
Aug-02	226,980	60,120	17,340	119,500	23,620	6,400
Aug-03	230,760	61,520	18,480	120,060	24,520	6,180
Aug-04	224,420	58,840	17,280	116,380	26,420	5,500
Aug-05	223,820	57,220	17,280	116,740	27,180	5,400

¹ Contributory benefits are contribution-based JSA, IB and not with IS

² Contributory and means tested includes JSA claimants who receive income based benefit but who also satisfy the conditions for receiving contribution-based JSA, IB with IS

³ Means tested benefits are income based JSA, IS

⁴ Other benefits are SDA, DLA

⁵ NI Credits includes JSA credits only, JSA credits and IB credits, JSA credits with DLA, IB credits only

- 134,020 claimants received a benefit that was means tested in August 2005. Of those 116,740 claimants received a benefit that was means tested whilst 17,280 claimants in receipt of a means tested benefit also received or satisfied the qualifying conditions for a contributory benefit.
- In August 2005, 57,220 claimants received only a contributory benefit.

Table 1.4.5 Claimants of sickness and/or disability benefits by combinations of benefits: August 2005

	Type of benefit					
	All	IB Payment	IB Credits	SDA	Income Support	DLA
All sick and disabled	154,760	69,540	40,120	10,220	71,940	102,520
Single benefit only	55,200	25,620	3,200	180	3,940	22,260
Two or more benefits of which¹	99,560	43,920	36,920	10,040	68,000	80,260
Incapacity Benefit payment	43,920	43,920	.	.	17,100	40,200
Incapacity Benefit credits	36,920	.	36,920	.	34,280	21,840
Severe Disablement Allowance	10,040	.	.	10,040	7,940	9,540
Income Support	68,000	17,100	34,280	7,940	68,000	48,700
Disability Living Allowance	80,260	40,200	21,840	9,540	48,700	80,260

¹ Claimants with three or more benefits in payment are counted in each combination - therefore numbers by each combination of benefit exceed the overall total

- Around 64% (99,560) of sick & disabled claimants received more than one key benefit in August 2005. The main combinations included IB payments and DLA (40,200) and IS and DLA (48,700).

Table 1.4.6 Claimants of sickness and/or disability benefits by type of benefit: August 2002 to August 2005

	Aug-02		Aug-03		Aug-04		Aug-05	
	All	%	All	%	All	%	All	%
All sick and disabled	148,460	100	153,280	100	154,380	100	154,760	100
IB/SDA	117,100	79	121,060	79	119,880	78	119,880	77
IS Disabled (not also IB/SDA)	12,480	8	12,520	8	13,060	8	12,620	8
DLA only (not also IB/SDA/IS Disabled)	18,880	13	19,700	13	21,440	14	22,260	14

1.5 Duration on benefit

These analyses show the length of time for which claimants have been receiving their current benefit. In many instances this will be the same as the length of time for which they have been in the benefits system, but a significant minority may have been receiving a different benefit immediately prior to their current claim. For those who received multiple benefits, duration was based on the one they had received for the longest time.

Table 1.5.1 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group and duration of claim: August 2005

	All	Duration of oldest claim ¹				
		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 year to under 2 years	2 years or over
All	223,820	19,240	12,820	19,940	26,480	145,340
Unemployed	30,520	12,480	5,200	5,280	3,780	3,780
Sick & Disabled	154,760	4,420	5,540	11,020	17,560	116,220
Lone parents	26,900	1,440	1,400	2,080	3,280	18,700
Others	11,640	900	680	1,560	1,860	6,640

¹ Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

- Around 65% (145,340) of the claimants in August 2005 had been receiving a key benefit for 2 years or more.
- Of those longer duration claimants 80% (116,220) were in the sick & disabled group. That group was therefore more likely to have been on benefit for longer periods than all the others – 75% had been on benefits for 2 years or more compared with only 12% of those in the unemployed group.

Table 1.5.2 Claimants of key benefits by gender and duration of claim: August 2005

	All	Duration of oldest claim ¹				
		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 year to under 2 years	2 years or over
All	223,820	19,240	12,820	19,940	26,480	145,340
%	100	9	6	9	12	65
Men	117,060	11,040	7,740	11,420	13,720	73,140
%	100	9	7	10	12	62
Women	106,760	8,200	5,080	8,520	12,760	72,200
%	100	8	5	8	12	68

¹ Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

**Table 1.5.2a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits¹ by gender and duration of claim:
August 2005**

	All	Duration of oldest claim ²				
		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 year to under 2 years	2 years or over
All	201,560	18,400	11,600	17,120	22,240	132,200
%	100	9	6	8	11	66
Men	108,060	10,740	7,240	10,380	12,220	67,480
%	100	10	7	10	11	62
Women	93,500	7,660	4,360	6,740	10,020	64,720
%	100	8	5	7	11	69

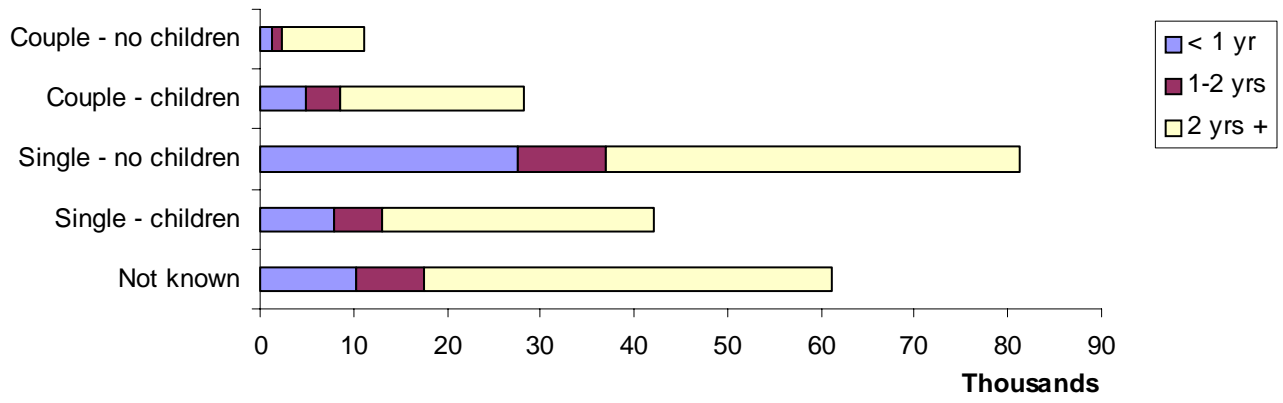
¹ Excludes DLA only claimants² Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt**Table 1.5.3 Claimants of key benefits by family type and duration of claim:
August 2005**

	All	Duration of oldest claim ¹				
		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 year to under 2 years	2 years or over
All	223,820	19,240	12,820	19,940	26,480	145,340
All Couples	39,200	1,720	1,380	3,060	4,700	28,340
Couple - no children	11,040	460	280	600	1,060	8,640
Couple - children	28,160	1,260	1,100	2,460	3,640	19,700
All single	123,400	15,200	8,800	11,560	14,580	73,260
Single - no children	81,340	12,760	6,540	8,340	9,360	44,340
Single - children	42,060	2,440	2,260	3,220	5,220	28,920
Not known	61,220	2,320	2,640	5,320	7,200	43,740

¹ Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

- Around 69% of single people with children/young adult dependants had been on benefit for 2 years or more compared with 70% of couples with children.
- **The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003. Comparisons of family type and comparisons over time are affected by these changes. Please see Methodology for further details.**

Family type by duration of oldest benefit claim: August 2005



1.6 Claimants with children and young dependants aged under 19

These analyses show the number of claimants who have children under 16 and/or young dependants aged 16 to 18.

Table 1.6.1 Claimants of key benefits with children and/or young adult dependants¹ by statistical group: August 2005

	All	All with children	Age of youngest child/dependant ³				Not known ^{2,4}
			Under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16	16 or over	
All	223,820	70,900	23,760	22,400	16,240	7,700	800
Unemployed	30,520	3,060	1,060	800	560	560	-
Sick & Disabled	154,760	39,740	9,860	12,000	10,760	6,400	720
Lone parents	26,900	26,840	12,460	9,140	4,660	580	.
Others	11,640	1,260	380	460	260	160	.

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18

² Children whose ages are not known

³ The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see methodology for further details.

⁴ Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

- In August 2005, 70,900 claimants of key benefits had children and/or young dependants.
- 34% (23,760) of claimants with children had a youngest child aged under 5. The majority of the under 5s were children of lone parents.
- **The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003.**

1.7 Children and young dependants aged under 19

These analyses show the number of children under 16 and young dependants aged 16 to 18 living with claimants of key benefits.

Table 1.7.1 Children¹ of claimants of key benefits by age of child, statistical group and family type: August 2005

	Children aged under 16 years ²³					Young dependants aged 16 to 18 years ³				
	All	% of all aged under 16 yrs	Family type			All	% of all aged 16 to 18 yrs in full-time education	Family type		
			Couple	Single	Not known			Couple	Single	Not known
All	117,000	31	46,300	69,580	1,120	20,560	41	11,240	9,320	.
Unemployed	4,640	1	2,920	1,720	.	1,140	2	640	500	.
Sick & Disabled	61,980	16	40,940	19,920	1,120	14,740	30	10,180	4,560	.
Lone Parents	47,920	13	.	47,920	.	4,260	9	.	4,260	.
Others	2,460	1	2,440	-	.	420	1	420	0	.

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 - 18

² Includes a small percentage of children whose age is not known

³ The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see methodology for further details

⁴ Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

- In August 2005, 117,000 children under the age of 16 were living in families in which a key benefit was claimed.
- The majority of these children 69,580 were living in single parent families.
- 20,560 young people aged 16 -18 (41% of all 16 - 18 year olds in full-time education) were living in families with a key benefit claimant.
- 25% of all young people aged 16 - 18 were living with key benefit claimants in August 2005.
- **The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003.**

1.8 Regional Analysis

These analyses show the number of working age claimants of key benefits in each Government Office Region and in each District Council within Northern Ireland.

Table 1.8.1 Claimants of key benefits by gender and Government Office Region: August 2005

	Thousands					
	All		Men		Women	
	(000s)	% of pop ¹	(000s)	% of pop ¹	(000s)	% of pop ¹
Great Britain	4,815	13.3	2,485		2,321	
England	3,968	12.8	2,046		1,924	
North East	281	18.0	150		131	
North West	696	16.6	368		328	
Yorkshire & the Humber	437	14.1	232		204	
East Midlands	320	12.0	167		153	
West Midlands	465	14.3	244		222	
East	329	9.8	164		165	
London	694	13.9	337		358	
South East	434	8.6	220		214	
South West	312	10.3	164		149	
Wales	317	17.7	165		152	
Scotland	518	16.3	274		245	
IB/SDA claimants living abroad ²	11	.				
			7		4	
Northern Ireland	224	21.3	117	21.6	107	21.0

¹ Population of working age, %s for Great Britain males and females are no longer available

² Great Britain claimants only, a figure for Northern Ireland claimants was not available

- The proportion of the working age population claiming a benefit ranges from 8.6% in South East England to 21.3% in Northern Ireland.
- The proportion of the working age population claiming a benefit ranges from 13% (North Down) to 31% (Derry and Strabane).
- The district councils with the greatest proportion of working age claimants in the sick & disabled group were Strabane (21%), followed by Cookstown and Derry (19%). The district council with the lowest proportion was North Down (9%).
- The proportion of the working age population in the unemployed group ranged from 6% (Strabane and Derry) to 1% (Banbridge).

Due to modernisation of statistical publications in Great Britain the format of tables have changed. As a result the figures for claimants of key out - of - work benefits by gender in Great Britain are unavailable. Therefore Table 1.8.1a is no longer included in this publication. For further information on the new Great Britain format go to www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/statistics.asp

Table 1.8.2 Claimants of key benefits by gender and District Council: August 2005

	All		Men		Women	
		% of pop ¹		% of pop ¹		% of pop ¹
Northern Ireland	223,820	21	117,060	22	106,760	21
Ards	7,440	16	3,880	16	3,560	16
Belfast	48,560	29	26,200	32	22,360	27
Castlereagh	5,340	14	2,780	14	2,560	13
Down	7,940	19	4,440	20	3,500	18
Lisburn	11,860	17	5,880	17	5,980	18
North Down	6,180	13	3,320	13	2,860	13
Antrim	5,440	17	2,720	16	2,720	19
Ballymena	5,520	15	2,740	14	2,780	16
Ballymoney	2,880	17	1,580	17	1,300	16
Carrickfergus	4,280	18	1,960	16	2,320	20
Coleraine	6,500	19	3,380	19	3,120	19
Cookstown	5,080	24	2,640	24	2,440	25
Larne	3,220	17	1,720	17	1,500	17
Magherafelt	4,060	16	1,840	14	2,220	19
Moyle	2,040	21	1,300	25	740	16
Newtownabbey	8,600	17	4,360	17	4,240	17
Armagh	5,620	17	3,060	18	2,560	16
Banbridge	3,800	14	1,820	13	1,980	15
Craigavon	11,180	22	5,120	19	6,060	25
Dungannon	6,700	22	3,600	23	3,100	22
Newry & Mourne	13,240	24	7,320	26	5,920	22
Derry	20,940	31	10,580	31	10,360	32
Fermanagh	6,720	19	3,700	19	3,020	18
Limavady	4,260	20	2,000	17	2,260	23
Omagh	7,020	23	3,920	24	3,100	21
Strabane	7,480	31	4,180	33	3,300	29
Unknown	1,920	.	1,020	.	900	.

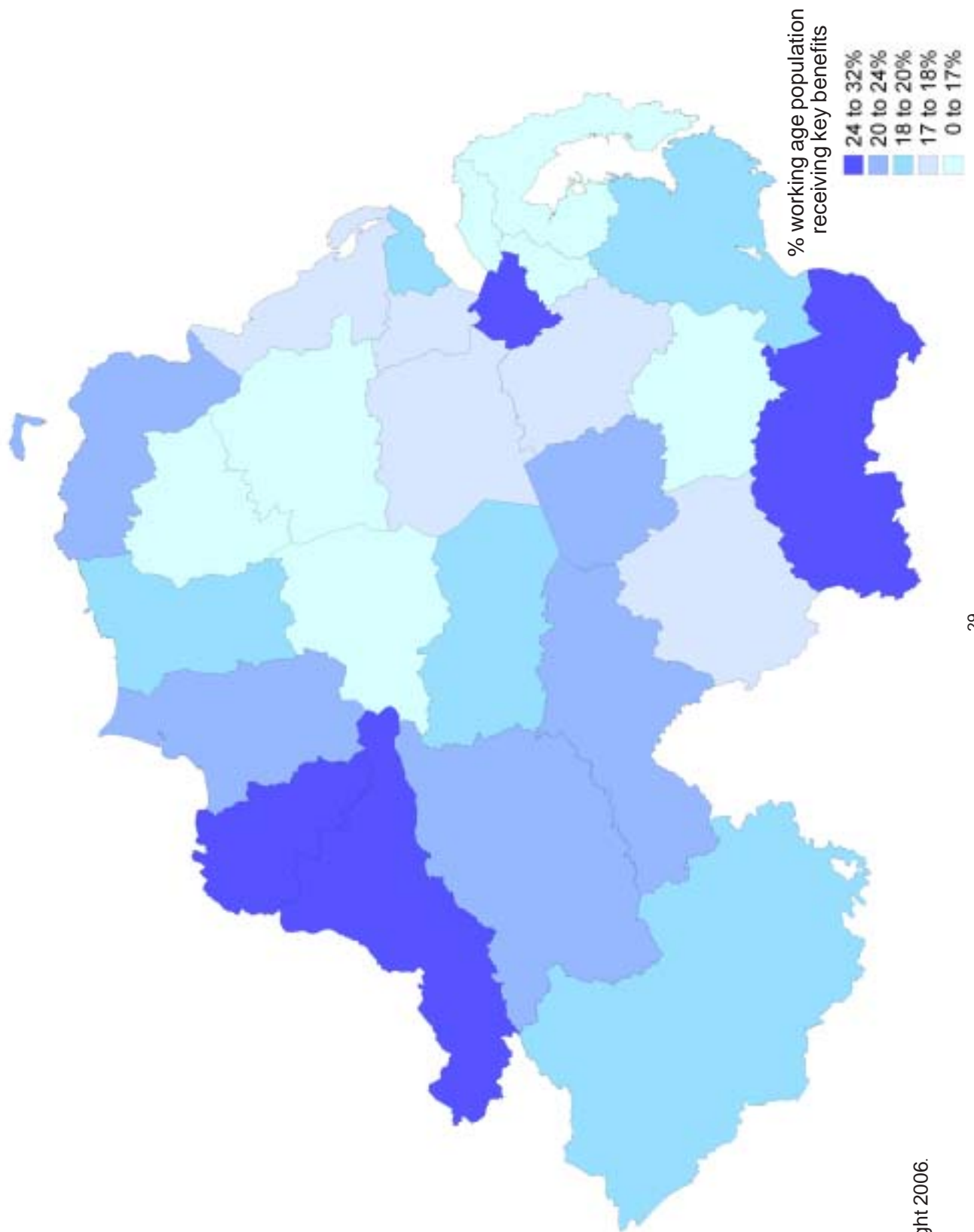
¹ Population of working age in Northern Ireland

**Table 1.8.3 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group and District Council:
August 2005**

		Statistical group				
		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone parents	Others
Northern Ireland		223,820	30,520	154,760	26,900	11,640
	% of pop ¹	21	3	15	3	1
Ards		7,440	1,020	5,460	600	360
	% of pop ¹	16	2	12	1	1
Belfast		48,560	7,440	30,580	7,100	3,440
	% of pop ¹	29	4	18	4	2
Castlereagh		5,340	600	4,160	460	120
	% of pop ¹	14	2	11	1	0
Down		7,940	1,040	5,720	780	400
	% of pop ¹	19	3	14	2	1
Lisburn		11,860	1,360	8,080	1,940	480
	% of pop ¹	17	2	12	3	1
North Down		6,180	840	4,500	600	240
	% of pop ¹	13	2	9	1	1
Antrim		5,440	600	4,080	540	220
	% of pop ¹	17	2	13	2	1
Ballymena		5,520	680	4,040	580	220
	% of pop ¹	15	2	11	2	1
Ballymoney		2,880	300	2,140	360	80
	% of pop ¹	17	2	12	2	0
Carrickfergus		4,280	520	3,060	560	140
	% of pop ¹	18	2	13	2	1
Coleraine		6,500	1,420	4,120	560	400
	% of pop ¹	19	4	12	2	1
Cookstown		5,080	360	3,940	540	240
	% of pop ¹	24	2	19	3	1
Larne		3,220	360	2,460	240	160
	% of pop ¹	17	2	13	1	1
Magherafelt		4,060	400	3,000	420	240
	% of pop ¹	16	2	12	2	1
Moyle		2,040	380	1,280	280	100
	% of pop ¹	21	4	13	3	1
Newtownabbey		8,600	1,160	6,060	1,100	280
	% of pop ¹	17	2	12	2	1
Armagh		5,620	500	4,480	460	180
	% of pop ¹	17	2	14	1	1
Banbridge		3,800	320	3,100	260	120
	% of pop ¹	14	1	11	1	0
Craigavon		11,180	980	8,380	1,260	560
	% of pop ¹	22	2	16	2	1
Dungannon		6,700	500	5,060	760	380
	% of pop ¹	22	2	17	3	1
Newry & Mourne		13,240	1,760	9,460	1,320	700
	% of pop ¹	24	3	17	2	1
Derry		20,940	3,840	12,540	3,320	1,240
	% of pop ¹	31	6	19	5	2
Fermanagh		6,720	1,120	4,680	520	400
	% of pop ¹	19	3	13	1	1
Limavady		4,260	660	2,700	560	340
	% of pop ¹	20	3	12	3	2
Omagh		7,020	920	5,120	640	340
	% of pop ¹	23	3	16	2	1
Strabane		7,480	1,320	5,080	860	220
	% of pop ¹	31	6	21	4	1
Unknown		1,920	120	1,480	280	40

¹ Population of working age of Northern Ireland

Percentage of the working age population claiming a key benefit by District Council: August 2005



1.9 Quarterly Tables

1.9.1 Age and Gender

Table 1.9.1A Claimants of key benefits by gender

		All	% Pop ¹	Men	% Pop ¹	Women	% Pop ¹
1998	Feb	235,780	23	131,220	25	104,560	21
	May	232,760	23	128,960	25	103,800	21
	Aug	240,080	24	130,500	25	109,580	22
	Nov	232,160	23	127,600	25	104,560	21
1999	Feb	233,060	23	128,120	25	104,940	21
	May	228,620	23	124,680	24	103,940	21
	Aug	231,740	23	123,540	24	108,200	22
	Nov	224,120	22	119,920	23	104,200	21
2000	Feb	223,500	22	119,880	23	103,620	21
	May	222,540	22	117,900	23	104,640	21
	Aug	227,660	22	120,320	23	107,340	22
	Nov	223,380	22	118,260	23	105,120	21
2001	Feb	226,720	22	120,860	23	105,860	21
	May	223,680	22	118,640	23	105,040	21
	Aug	226,900	22	118,520	22	108,380	22
	Nov	222,740	22	117,680	22	105,060	21
2002	Feb	224,700	22	118,900	22	105,800	21
	May	222,700	21	117,800	22	104,900	21
	Aug	226,980	22	119,840	22	107,140	21
	Nov	223,480	22	119,640	22	103,840	21
2003	Feb	227,200	22	122,340	23	104,860	21
	May	226,260	22	121,040	22	105,220	21
	Aug	230,760	22	123,020	23	107,740	21
	Nov	225,960	22	121,340	23	104,620	21
2004	Feb	225,920	21	120,840	22	105,080	21
	May	223,400	21	119,020	22	104,380	20
	Aug	224,420	21	117,760	22	106,660	21
	Nov	222,280	21	117,860	22	104,420	21
2005	Feb	225,060	21	119,740	22	105,320	21
	May	223,040	21	118,380	22	104,660	21
	Aug	223,820	21	117,060	22	106,760	21

Table 1.9.1B Claimants of key benefits by gender - Annual changes August 2001 to August 2005

	All		Men		Women	
		%		%		%
August 02 / August 01	80	0	1,320	1	-1,240	-1
August 03 / August 02	3,780	2	3,180	3	600	1
August 04 / August 03	-6,340	-3	-5,260	-4	-1,080	-1
August 05 / August 04	-600	0	-700	-1	100	0

Table 1.9.1C All claimants of key benefits by age

		All	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1998	Feb	235,780	1,960	30,600	54,980	50,080	51,180	29,160	17,820
	May	232,760	1,560	29,540	53,640	49,700	50,740	29,640	17,940
	Aug	240,080	1,860	33,980	54,200	51,840	51,140	29,460	17,600
	Nov	232,160	1,580	27,480	53,340	52,400	50,840	29,300	17,220
1999	Feb	233,060	1,680	31,000	55,300	48,300	49,560	29,940	17,280
	May	228,620	1,600	27,080	51,240	51,060	50,160	30,020	17,460
	Aug	231,740	1,620	29,100	51,220	52,000	50,500	29,820	17,480
	Nov	224,120	1,680	26,960	47,900	50,360	50,120	29,580	17,520
2000	Feb	223,500	1,540	27,120	47,480	50,340	49,600	29,960	17,460
	May	222,540	1,760	26,420	47,000	49,980	50,100	29,800	17,480
	Aug	227,660	1,780	29,160	48,140	50,920	50,480	29,760	17,420
	Nov	223,380	1,740	25,980	46,260	51,040	50,620	30,100	17,640
2001	Feb	226,720	1,680	27,700	46,600	51,680	50,800	30,660	17,600
	May	223,680	1,760	26,260	46,040	51,200	50,520	30,540	17,360
	Aug	226,900	1,700	28,560	45,860	51,780	51,200	30,560	17,240
	Nov	222,740	1,820	25,980	44,240	51,760	50,800	30,740	17,400
2002	Feb	224,700	1,960	26,760	44,160	52,260	50,880	31,460	17,220
	May	222,700	2,080	25,980	43,160	52,020	50,520	31,620	17,320
	Aug	226,980	2,100	28,760	43,780	52,040	51,540	31,320	17,440
	Nov	223,480	2,220	26,520	41,800	52,320	51,740	31,160	17,720
2003	Feb	227,200	2,180	27,720	42,260	53,340	52,840	31,220	17,640
	May	226,260	2,400	26,500	41,980	53,480	52,800	31,420	17,680
	Aug	230,760	2,300	29,440	41,960	54,600	52,580	31,760	18,120
	Nov	225,960	2,360	26,760	40,280	53,620	52,620	32,080	18,240
2004	Feb	225,920	2,360	27,260	40,060	53,480	52,220	32,500	18,040
	May	223,400	2,260	25,960	39,780	52,840	52,420	31,980	18,160
	Aug	224,420	2,420	26,860	39,780	52,660	52,100	32,560	18,040
	Nov	222,280	2,260	25,840	39,060	52,260	52,220	32,600	18,040
2005	Feb	225,060	2,080	26,540	39,540	52,940	52,760	32,620	18,580
	May	223,040	2,040	26,260	38,700	52,520	52,500	32,700	18,320
	Aug	223,820	2,100	27,620	38,500	52,660	52,740	32,240	17,960

Table 1.9.1D All claimants of key benefits by age

		Percentages							
		All	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1998	Feb	100	1	13	23	21	22	12	8
	May	100	1	13	23	21	22	13	8
	Aug	100	1	14	23	22	21	12	7
	Nov	100	1	12	23	23	22	13	7
1999	Feb	100	1	13	24	21	21	13	7
	May	100	1	12	22	22	22	13	8
	Aug	100	1	13	22	22	22	13	8
	Nov	100	1	12	21	22	22	13	8
2000	Feb	100	1	12	21	23	22	13	8
	May	100	1	12	21	22	23	13	8
	Aug	100	1	13	21	22	22	13	8
	Nov	100	1	12	21	23	23	13	8
2001	Feb	100	1	12	21	23	22	14	8
	May	100	1	12	21	23	23	14	8
	Aug	100	1	13	20	23	23	13	8
	Nov	100	1	12	20	23	23	14	8
2002	Feb	100	1	12	20	23	23	14	8
	May	100	1	12	19	23	23	14	8
	Aug	100	1	13	19	23	23	14	8
	Nov	100	1	12	19	23	23	14	8
2003	Feb	100	1	12	19	23	23	14	8
	May	100	1	12	19	24	23	14	8
	Aug	100	1	13	18	24	23	14	8
	Nov	100	1	12	18	24	23	14	8
2004	Feb	100	1	12	18	24	23	14	8
	May	100	1	12	18	24	23	14	8
	Aug	100	1	12	18	23	23	15	8
	Nov	100	1	12	18	24	23	15	8
2005	Feb	100	1	12	18	24	23	14	8
	May	100	1	12	17	24	24	15	8
	Aug	100	1	12	17	24	24	14	8

Table 1.9.1E Male claimants of key benefits by age

		All	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1998	Feb	131,220	720	16,160	26,180	26,240	28,280	15,820	17,820
	May	128,960	580	15,320	25,120	26,020	28,000	15,980	17,940
	Aug	130,500	860	17,000	24,900	26,380	27,960	15,800	17,600
	Nov	127,600	640	13,700	24,980	26,780	27,780	16,500	17,220
1999	Feb	128,120	740	16,480	26,580	23,400	26,720	16,920	17,280
	May	124,680	720	13,240	23,360	26,440	27,060	16,400	17,460
	Aug	123,540	720	13,600	22,560	25,980	27,100	16,100	17,480
	Nov	119,920	560	13,060	20,880	25,260	26,860	15,780	17,520
2000	Feb	119,880	520	13,200	20,980	25,240	26,460	16,020	17,460
	May	117,900	780	12,600	20,200	24,600	26,440	15,800	17,480
	Aug	120,320	860	13,880	21,060	25,080	26,540	15,480	17,420
	Nov	118,260	760	11,940	20,460	25,080	26,760	15,620	17,640
2001	Feb	120,860	780	13,040	21,020	25,160	27,080	16,180	17,600
	May	118,640	860	12,600	20,400	24,780	26,820	15,820	17,360
	Aug	118,520	860	13,240	20,000	24,620	26,800	15,760	17,240
	Nov	117,680	940	12,700	19,420	24,720	26,520	15,980	17,400
2002	Feb	118,900	940	13,140	19,960	24,840	26,420	16,380	17,220
	May	117,800	1,000	12,840	19,160	25,260	25,760	16,460	17,320
	Aug	119,840	960	14,080	19,920	24,660	26,220	16,560	17,440
	Nov	119,640	1,080	13,060	19,560	25,320	26,420	16,480	17,720
2003	Feb	122,340	1,040	14,360	19,520	26,100	27,040	16,640	17,640
	May	121,040	1,140	13,360	19,200	25,980	26,820	16,860	17,680
	Aug	123,020	1,080	14,560	19,380	26,460	26,800	16,620	18,120
	Nov	121,340	1,060	13,340	19,220	25,880	27,160	16,440	18,240
2004	Feb	120,840	980	13,820	18,820	25,620	26,840	16,720	18,040
	May	119,020	1,060	13,180	18,280	25,020	26,680	16,640	18,160
	Aug	117,760	1,120	13,180	18,020	24,540	26,240	16,620	18,040
	Nov	117,860	1,060	13,460	18,160	24,300	26,300	16,540	18,040
2005	Feb	119,740	860	13,920	18,420	25,000	26,300	16,660	18,580
	May	118,380	980	13,720	18,080	24,400	26,160	16,720	18,320
	Aug	117,060	1,060	13,840	17,400	24,040	26,200	16,560	17,960

Table 1.9.1F Female claimants of key benefits by age

		All	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1998	Feb	104,560	1,240	14,440	28,800	23,840	22,900	13,340	.
	May	103,800	980	14,220	28,520	23,680	22,740	13,660	.
	Aug	109,580	1,000	16,980	29,300	25,460	23,180	13,660	.
	Nov	104,560	940	13,780	28,360	25,620	23,060	12,800	.
1999	Feb	104,940	940	14,520	28,720	24,900	22,840	13,020	.
	May	103,940	880	13,840	27,880	24,620	23,100	13,620	.
	Aug	108,200	900	15,500	28,660	26,020	23,400	13,720	.
	Nov	104,200	1,120	13,900	27,020	25,100	23,260	13,800	.
2000	Feb	103,620	1,020	13,920	26,500	25,100	23,140	13,940	.
	May	104,640	980	13,820	26,800	25,380	23,660	14,000	.
	Aug	107,340	920	15,280	27,080	25,840	23,940	14,280	.
	Nov	105,120	980	14,040	25,800	25,960	23,860	14,480	.
2001	Feb	105,860	900	14,660	25,580	26,520	23,720	14,480	.
	May	105,040	900	13,660	25,640	26,420	23,700	14,720	.
	Aug	108,380	840	15,320	25,860	27,160	24,400	14,800	.
	Nov	105,060	880	13,280	24,820	27,040	24,280	14,760	.
2002	Feb	105,800	1,020	13,620	24,200	27,420	24,460	15,080	.
	May	104,900	1,080	13,140	24,000	26,760	24,760	15,160	.
	Aug	107,140	1,140	14,680	23,860	27,380	25,320	14,760	.
	Nov	103,840	1,140	13,460	22,240	27,000	25,320	14,680	.
2003	Feb	104,860	1,140	13,360	22,740	27,240	25,800	14,580	.
	May	105,220	1,260	13,140	22,780	27,500	25,980	14,560	.
	Aug	107,740	1,220	14,880	22,580	28,140	25,780	15,140	.
	Nov	104,620	1,300	13,420	21,060	27,740	25,460	15,640	.
2004	Feb	105,080	1,380	13,440	21,240	27,860	25,380	15,780	.
	May	104,380	1,200	12,780	21,500	27,820	25,740	15,340	.
	Aug	106,660	1,300	13,680	21,760	28,120	25,860	15,940	.
	Nov	104,420	1,200	12,380	20,900	27,960	25,920	16,060	.
2005	Feb	105,320	1,220	12,620	21,120	27,940	26,460	15,960	.
	May	104,660	1,060	12,540	20,620	28,120	26,340	15,980	.
	Aug	106,760	1,040	13,780	21,100	28,620	26,540	15,680	.

1.9.2 Family Type

The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003. Comparisons of family type and comparisons over time are affected by these changes. Please see Methodology for further details.

Table 1.9.2A All claimants of key benefits by family type

		All	Couples		Single			Not known	
			All	No children	With children	All	No children		With children
1998	Feb ¹	235,780	45,060	11,100	33,960	127,860	84,600	43,260	62,860
	May	232,760	44,720	10,720	34,000	124,520	82,540	41,980	63,520
	Aug	240,080	42,740	9,420	33,320	134,360	89,420	44,940	62,980
	Nov	232,160	50,820	17,680	33,140	118,540	76,600	41,940	62,800
1999	Feb ¹	233,060	37,220	17,740	19,480	132,640	77,920	54,720	63,200
	May	228,620	40,440	10,840	29,600	124,080	81,040	43,040	64,100
	Aug	231,740	40,960	10,880	30,080	127,280	83,280	44,000	63,500
	Nov	224,120	38,800	11,000	27,800	121,200	78,640	42,560	64,120
2000	Feb ¹	223,500	27,260	11,060	16,200	133,560	78,900	54,660	62,680
	May	222,540	38,840	11,040	27,800	120,020	77,320	42,700	63,680
	Aug	227,660	39,440	10,680	28,760	124,820	81,120	43,700	63,400
	Nov	223,380	39,140	11,300	27,840	121,100	77,720	43,380	63,140
2001	Feb ¹	226,720	27,080	11,400	15,680	136,620	79,960	56,660	63,020
	May	223,680	37,540	11,360	26,180	121,920	77,860	44,060	64,220
	Aug	226,900	37,760	11,240	26,520	125,100	80,400	44,700	64,040
	Nov	222,740	37,860	11,900	25,960	121,120	78,060	43,060	63,760
2002	Feb	224,700	37,640	11,700	25,940	122,920	79,540	43,380	64,140
	May	223,040	39,100	11,340	27,760	121,120	79,760	41,360	62,820
	Aug	226,980	37,820	11,800	26,020	123,640	79,980	43,660	65,520
	Nov	223,480	36,960	12,100	24,860	120,360	78,140	42,220	66,160
2003	Feb	227,200	37,200	12,040	25,160	123,460	80,980	42,480	66,540
	May	226,260	36,800	11,860	24,940	122,400	79,260	43,140	67,060
	Aug	230,760	43,920	11,880	32,040	124,840	82,340	42,500	62,000
	Nov	225,960	42,980	12,240	30,740	120,580	80,180	40,400	62,400
2004	Feb	225,920	41,420	11,720	29,700	121,580	80,700	40,880	62,920
	May	223,400	41,200	11,900	29,300	120,120	78,840	41,280	62,080
	Aug	224,420	40,780	11,380	29,400	122,140	80,440	41,700	61,500
	Nov	222,280	41,040	11,680	29,360	119,880	78,900	40,980	61,360
2005	Feb	225,060	41,740	11,940	29,800	122,540	81,140	41,400	60,780
	May	223,040	39,100	11,340	27,760	121,120	79,760	41,360	62,820
	Aug	223,820	39,200	11,040	28,160	123,400	81,340	42,060	61,220

¹ The method used to assign family type has been updated - see Methodology for further details

Table 1.9.2B Male claimants of key benefits by family type

		All	Couples			Single			Not known
			All	No children	With children	All	No children	With children	
1998	Feb ¹	131,220	28,820	10,260	18,560	60,940	58,640	2,300	41,460
	May	128,960	28,280	9,860	18,420	59,600	57,260	2,340	41,080
	Aug	130,500	24,800	8,520	16,280	65,340	61,160	4,180	40,360
	Nov	127,600	32,680	15,180	17,500	54,600	52,300	2,300	40,320
1999	Feb ¹	128,120	32,680	15,200	17,480	55,680	53,240	2,440	39,760
	May	124,680	26,560	9,760	16,800	57,820	55,420	2,400	40,300
	Aug	123,540	25,880	9,720	16,160	57,620	55,280	2,340	40,040
	Nov	119,920	24,560	9,800	14,760	54,980	52,740	2,240	40,380
2000	Feb ¹	119,880	24,160	9,840	14,320	55,520	53,040	2,480	40,200
	May	117,900	23,840	9,800	14,040	54,020	51,700	2,320	40,040
	Aug	120,320	24,040	9,420	14,620	56,620	54,260	2,360	39,660
	Nov	118,260	23,880	10,040	13,840	54,660	52,300	2,360	39,720
2001	Feb ¹	120,860	23,640	10,040	13,600	56,940	54,160	2,780	40,280
	May	118,640	23,340	10,080	13,260	55,440	52,760	2,680	39,860
	Aug	118,520	23,040	10,040	13,000	55,900	53,200	2,700	39,580
	Nov	117,680	22,860	10,580	12,280	55,100	52,480	2,620	39,720
2002	Feb	118,900	22,780	10,340	12,440	56,160	53,460	2,700	39,960
	May	117,800	22,480	10,180	12,300	53,980	51,500	2,480	41,340
	Aug	119,840	22,560	10,400	12,160	55,900	53,340	2,560	41,380
	Nov	119,640	22,460	10,540	11,920	55,720	53,240	2,480	41,460
2003	Feb	122,340	22,460	10,360	12,100	58,000	55,360	2,640	41,880
	May	121,040	22,080	10,180	11,900	56,740	54,080	2,660	42,220
	Aug	123,020	26,880	10,160	16,720	58,500	55,340	3,160	37,640
	Nov	121,340	26,180	10,540	15,640	57,120	54,060	3,060	38,040
2004	Feb	120,840	25,260	10,020	15,240	57,380	54,120	3,260	38,200
	May	119,020	25,140	10,300	14,840	56,380	53,040	3,340	37,500
	Aug	117,760	24,700	9,820	14,880	56,080	52,880	3,200	36,980
	Nov	117,860	24,600	10,080	14,520	56,000	53,020	2,980	37,260
2005	Feb	119,740	24,880	10,200	14,680	57,880	54,940	2,940	36,980
	May	118,380	23,380	9,800	13,580	57,180	54,040	3,140	37,820
	Aug	117,060	23,200	9,420	13,780	56,940	53,860	3,080	36,920

¹ The method used to assign family type has been updated - see Methodology for further details

Table 1.9.2C Female claimants of key benefits by family type

		All	Couples		Single			Not known	
			All	No children	With children	All	No children		With children
1998	Feb ¹	104,560	16,240	840	15,400	66,920	25,960	40,960	21,400
	May	103,800	16,440	860	15,580	64,920	25,280	39,640	22,440
	Aug	109,580	17,940	900	17,040	69,020	28,260	40,760	22,620
	Nov	104,560	18,140	2,500	15,640	63,940	24,300	39,640	22,480
1999	Feb ¹	104,940	4,540	2,540	2,000	76,960	24,680	52,280	23,440
	May	103,940	13,880	1,080	12,800	66,260	25,620	40,640	23,800
	Aug	108,200	15,080	1,160	13,920	69,660	28,000	41,660	23,460
	Nov	104,200	14,240	1,200	13,040	66,220	25,900	40,320	23,740
2000	Feb ¹	103,620	3,100	1,220	1,880	78,040	25,860	52,180	22,480
	May	104,640	15,000	1,240	13,760	66,000	25,620	40,380	23,640
	Aug	107,340	15,400	1,260	14,140	68,200	26,860	41,340	23,740
	Nov	105,120	15,260	1,260	14,000	66,440	25,420	41,020	23,420
2001	Feb ¹	105,860	3,440	1,360	2,080	79,680	25,800	53,880	22,740
	May	105,040	14,200	1,280	12,920	66,480	25,100	41,380	24,360
	Aug	108,380	14,720	1,200	13,520	69,200	27,200	42,000	24,460
	Nov	105,060	15,000	1,320	13,680	66,020	25,580	40,440	24,040
2002	Feb	105,800	14,860	1,360	13,500	66,760	26,080	40,680	24,180
	May	104,900	14,820	1,280	13,540	65,460	25,280	40,180	24,620
	Aug	107,140	15,260	1,400	13,860	67,740	26,640	41,100	24,140
	Nov	103,840	14,500	1,560	12,940	64,640	24,900	39,740	24,700
2003	Feb	104,860	14,740	1,680	13,060	65,460	25,620	39,840	24,660
	May	105,220	14,720	1,680	13,040	65,660	25,180	40,480	24,840
	Aug	107,740	17,040	1,720	15,320	66,340	27,000	39,340	24,360
	Nov	104,620	16,800	1,700	15,100	63,460	26,120	37,340	24,360
2004	Feb	105,080	16,160	1,700	14,460	64,200	26,580	37,620	24,720
	May	104,380	16,060	1,600	14,460	63,740	25,800	37,940	24,580
	Aug	106,660	16,080	1,560	14,520	66,060	27,560	38,500	24,520
	Nov	104,420	16,440	1,600	14,840	63,880	25,880	38,000	24,100
2005	Feb	105,320	16,860	1,740	15,120	64,660	26,200	38,460	23,800
	May	104,660	15,720	1,540	14,180	63,940	25,720	38,220	25,000
	Aug	106,760	16,000	1,620	14,380	66,460	27,480	38,980	24,300

¹ The method used to assign family type has been updated - see Methodology for further details

1.9.3 Statistical group

Table 1.9.3A All claimants of key benefits by statistical group

		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
1998	Feb	235,780	57,000	132,960	33,660	12,160
	May	232,760	54,220	133,080	33,060	12,400
	Aug	240,080	59,820	132,300	34,180	13,780
	Nov	232,160	52,960	134,940	33,060	11,200
1999	Feb	233,060	54,060	134,160	33,020	11,820
	May	228,620	49,640	133,760	32,940	12,280
	Aug	231,740	51,240	134,840	33,640	12,020
	Nov	224,120	42,820	136,860	32,240	12,200
2000	Feb	223,500	41,740	137,320	31,760	12,680
	May	222,540	39,680	137,880	32,000	12,980
	Aug	227,660	42,820	139,540	32,200	13,100
	Nov	223,380	38,920	140,720	31,300	12,440
2001	Feb	226,720	40,920	141,880	31,720	12,200
	May	223,680	37,720	142,500	31,560	11,900
	Aug	226,900	39,620	143,940	31,360	11,980
	Nov	222,740	36,140	144,200	29,840	12,560
2002	Feb	224,700	37,540	144,780	29,880	12,500
	May	222,700	33,720	147,260	29,160	12,560
	Aug	226,980	36,500	148,460	29,600	12,420
	Nov	223,480	32,500	149,680	28,720	12,580
2003	Feb	227,200	34,540	151,300	29,060	12,300
	May	226,260	33,360	152,220	28,660	12,020
	Aug	230,760	36,800	153,280	28,660	12,020
	Nov	225,960	33,100	153,940	27,140	11,780
2004	Feb	225,920	32,860	154,560	26,820	11,680
	May	223,400	30,520	154,320	26,660	11,900
	Aug	224,420	31,220	154,380	26,400	12,420
	Nov	222,280	28,260	155,580	26,080	12,360
2005	Feb	225,060	30,020	156,500	26,440	12,100
	May	223,040	28,740	156,300	26,220	11,780
	Aug	223,820	30,520	154,760	26,900	11,640

Table 1.9.3B Claimants of key benefits by statistical group - Annual changes August 2001 to August 2005

	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
August 02 / August 01	80	-3,120	4,520	-1,760	440
August 03 / August 02	3,780	300	4,820	-940	-400
August 04 / August 03	-6,340	-5,580	1,100	-2,260	400
August 05 / August 04	-600	-700	380	500	-780

Table 1.9.3C Male claimants of key benefits by statistical group

		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
1998	Feb	131,220	45,800	75,040	1,480	8,900
	May	128,960	43,460	74,880	1,560	9,060
	Aug	130,500	44,840	73,600	1,620	10,440
	Nov	127,600	42,040	75,700	1,540	8,320
1999	Feb	128,120	43,120	74,820	1,520	8,660
	May	124,680	39,420	74,700	1,520	9,040
	Aug	123,540	38,220	74,880	1,480	8,960
	Nov	119,920	33,400	76,120	1,400	9,000
2000	Feb	119,880	32,840	76,580	1,300	9,160
	May	117,900	30,780	76,700	1,380	9,040
	Aug	120,320	31,800	77,740	1,500	9,280
	Nov	118,260	29,800	78,300	1,440	8,720
2001	Feb	120,860	31,320	79,400	1,380	8,760
	May	118,640	29,540	79,020	1,540	8,540
	Aug	118,520	28,900	79,540	1,520	8,560
	Nov	117,680	27,540	79,700	1,540	8,900
2002	Feb	118,900	28,720	79,860	1,520	8,800
	May	117,800	26,100	81,580	1,400	8,720
	Aug	119,840	27,040	82,680	1,420	8,700
	Nov	119,640	25,500	83,780	1,400	8,960
2003	Feb	122,340	27,120	84,960	1,540	8,720
	May	121,040	25,880	85,040	1,560	8,560
	Aug	123,020	27,060	85,840	1,520	8,600
	Nov	121,340	25,580	86,020	1,460	8,280
2004	Feb	120,840	25,320	86,080	1,400	8,040
	May	119,020	23,380	85,780	1,420	8,440
	Aug	117,760	22,460	85,100	1,400	8,800
	Nov	117,860	21,900	85,880	1,320	8,760
2005	Feb	119,740	23,140	86,660	1,340	8,600
	May	118,380	22,620	86,000	1,360	8,400
	Aug	117,060	22,340	84,960	1,400	8,360

Table 1.9.3D Female claimants of key benefits by statistical group

		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
1998	Feb	104,560	11,200	57,920	32,180	3,260
	May	103,800	10,760	58,200	31,500	3,340
	Aug	109,580	14,980	58,700	32,560	3,340
	Nov	104,560	10,920	59,240	31,520	2,880
1999	Feb	104,940	10,940	59,340	31,500	3,160
	May	103,940	10,220	59,060	31,420	3,240
	Aug	108,200	13,020	59,960	32,160	3,060
	Nov	104,200	9,420	60,740	30,840	3,200
2000	Feb	103,620	8,900	60,740	30,460	3,520
	May	104,640	8,900	61,180	30,620	3,940
	Aug	107,340	11,020	61,800	30,700	3,820
	Nov	105,120	9,120	62,420	29,860	3,720
2001	Feb	105,860	9,600	62,480	30,340	3,440
	May	105,040	8,180	63,480	30,020	3,360
	Aug	108,380	10,720	64,400	29,840	3,420
	Nov	105,060	8,600	64,500	28,300	3,660
2002	Feb	105,800	8,820	64,920	28,360	3,700
	May	104,900	7,620	65,680	27,760	3,840
	Aug	107,140	9,460	65,780	28,180	3,720
	Nov	103,840	7,000	65,900	27,320	3,620
2003	Feb	104,860	7,420	66,340	27,520	3,580
	May	105,220	7,480	67,180	27,100	3,460
	Aug	107,740	9,740	67,440	27,140	3,420
	Nov	104,620	7,520	67,920	25,680	3,500
2004	Feb	105,080	7,540	68,480	25,420	3,640
	May	104,380	7,140	68,540	25,240	3,460
	Aug	106,660	8,760	69,280	25,000	3,620
	Nov	104,420	6,360	69,700	24,760	3,600
2005	Feb	105,320	6,880	69,840	25,100	3,500
	May	104,660	6,120	70,300	24,860	3,380
	Aug	106,760	8,180	69,800	25,500	3,280

1.9.4 Benefit entitlement

Table 1.9.4A Claimants of key benefits by type of benefit

		All	Income replacement benefits ¹	Other benefits ²	NI Credits only ³
1998	Feb	235,780	214,080	15,280	6,420
	May	232,760	211,080	15,700	5,980
	Aug	240,080	217,880	15,420	6,780
	Nov	232,160	208,340	16,240	7,580
1999	Feb	233,060	209,760	15,940	7,360
	May	228,620	205,700	16,520	6,400
	Aug	231,740	208,000	17,120	6,620
	Nov	224,120	200,860	16,980	6,280
2000	Feb	223,500	200,960	17,320	5,220
	May	222,540	198,960	17,980	5,600
	Aug	227,660	203,960	18,000	5,700
	Nov	223,380	199,680	17,940	5,760
2001	Feb	226,720	202,400	18,180	6,140
	May	223,680	198,840	18,800	6,040
	Aug	226,900	202,060	19,040	5,800
	Nov	222,740	197,760	19,320	5,660
2002	Feb	224,700	198,340	20,380	5,980
	May	222,700	196,100	20,800	5,800
	Aug	226,980	199,920	20,660	6,400
	Nov	223,480	196,600	20,880	6,000
2003	Feb	227,200	200,340	20,840	6,020
	May	226,260	198,460	21,740	6,060
	Aug	230,760	202,780	21,800	6,180
	Nov	225,960	197,860	22,260	5,840
2004	Feb	225,920	196,640	23,420	5,860
	May	223,400	194,260	23,520	5,620
	Aug	224,420	195,000	23,920	5,500
	Nov	222,280	192,240	23,960	6,080
2005	Feb	225,060	194,480	24,180	6,400
	May	223,040	192,000	24,780	6,260
	Aug	223,820	193,520	24,900	5,400

¹ Income replacement benefits are JSA (excluding credits), IS, IB (excluding credits), SDA

² Other is DLA

³ NI Credits includes JSA credits only, JSA credits and IB credits, JSA credits with DLA, IB credits only

Table 1.9.4B Claimants of key benefits by main basis of entitlement

		Basis of benefit entitlement					
		All	Contributory ¹	Contributory and means tested ²	Means tested ³	Other ⁴	NI Credits only ⁵
1998	Feb	235,780	63,300	14,820	132,220	19,020	6,420
	May	232,760	62,160	14,520	130,840	19,260	5,980
	Aug	240,080	63,520	15,240	135,580	18,960	6,780
	Nov	232,160	59,520	15,040	130,100	19,920	7,580
1999	Feb	233,060	60,260	14,920	130,840	19,680	7,360
	May	228,620	59,540	14,540	127,960	20,180	6,400
	Aug	231,740	59,780	14,920	129,720	20,700	6,620
	Nov	224,120	58,480	15,340	123,460	20,560	6,280
2000	Feb	223,500	59,180	15,220	123,000	20,880	5,220
	May	222,540	59,120	15,060	121,240	21,520	5,600
	Aug	227,660	59,480	15,700	125,160	21,620	5,700
	Nov	223,380	58,640	15,800	121,520	21,660	5,760
2001	Feb	226,720	59,560	15,980	123,320	21,720	6,140
	May	223,680	58,220	16,600	120,560	22,260	6,040
	Aug	226,900	59,220	16,880	122,440	22,560	5,800
	Nov	222,740	58,080	17,100	119,060	22,840	5,660
2002	Feb	224,700	58,120	16,880	120,020	23,700	5,980
	May	222,700	58,820	17,080	117,080	23,920	5,800
	Aug	226,980	60,120	17,340	119,500	23,620	6,400
	Nov	223,480	59,040	17,760	116,960	23,720	6,000
2003	Feb	227,200	60,040	18,280	119,120	23,740	6,020
	May	226,260	59,920	17,800	117,960	24,520	6,060
	Aug	230,760	61,520	18,480	120,060	24,520	6,180
	Nov	225,960	60,140	18,360	116,740	24,880	5,840
2004	Feb	225,920	59,360	17,700	116,980	26,020	5,860
	May	223,400	58,720	17,400	115,640	26,020	5,620
	Aug	224,420	58,840	17,280	116,380	26,420	5,500
	Nov	222,280	57,740	17,280	114,820	26,360	6,080
2005	Feb	225,060	58,000	17,860	116,340	26,460	6,400
	May	223,040	57,340	17,680	114,680	27,080	6,260
	Aug	223,820	57,220	17,280	116,740	27,180	5,400

¹ Contributory benefits are contribution-based JSA, IB and not with IS

² Contributory and means tested includes JSA claimants who receive income based benefit but who also satisfy the conditions for receiving contribution-based JSA, IB with IS

³ Means tested benefits are income based JSA, IS

⁴ Other benefits are SDA, DLA

⁵ NI Credits includes JSA credits only, JSA credits and IB credits, JSA credits with DLA, IB credits only

1.9.5 Duration on benefit

Table 1.9.5A Claimants of key benefits by duration of claim of oldest benefit¹

		All	Under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
1998	Feb	235,780	23,000	18,980	23,420	31,340	139,040
	May	232,760	19,160	16,160	25,420	32,780	139,240
	Aug	240,080	27,940	14,900	24,400	33,600	139,240
	Nov	232,160	23,480	15,560	20,840	32,700	139,580
1999	Feb	233,060	23,440	16,720	21,240	31,620	140,040
	May	228,620	21,220	16,700	21,840	29,420	139,440
	Aug	231,740	25,200	16,300	23,080	28,520	138,640
	Nov	224,120	23,040	14,940	22,320	26,300	137,520
2000	Feb	223,500	20,320	17,840	22,180	26,900	136,260
	May	222,540	20,860	15,480	23,880	27,700	134,620
	Aug	227,660	25,680	15,820	23,560	28,220	134,380
	Nov	223,380	22,200	15,740	21,180	30,200	134,060
2001	Feb	226,720	21,180	17,520	22,960	29,560	135,500
	May	223,680	19,400	15,920	22,700	29,660	136,000
	Aug	226,900	22,100	15,520	22,620	30,380	136,280
	Nov	222,740	20,960	14,020	21,700	29,040	137,020
2002	Feb	224,700	19,800	17,080	20,540	29,640	137,640
	May	222,700	18,920	14,780	22,060	29,700	137,240
	Aug	226,980	22,160	15,580	22,400	28,240	138,600
	Nov	223,480	20,480	13,600	20,840	29,880	138,680
2003	Feb	227,200	20,260	16,700	21,280	28,680	140,280
	May	226,260	19,380	15,000	22,160	29,360	140,360
	Aug	230,760	20,980	15,000	22,820	30,040	141,920
	Nov	225,960	19,200	12,900	21,180	29,720	142,960
2004	Feb	225,920	16,480	15,500	19,740	31,020	143,180
	May	223,400	16,120	12,780	20,120	29,940	144,440
	Aug	224,420	18,140	12,800	19,420	28,660	145,400
	Nov	222,280	17,200	13,100	18,340	27,560	146,080
2005	Feb	225,060	17,280	14,820	20,260	26,060	146,640
	May	223,040	16,680	12,760	21,000	26,020	146,580
	Aug	223,820	19,240	12,820	19,940	26,480	145,340

¹ Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

Table 1.9.5B Male claimants of key benefits by duration of claim of oldest benefit¹

		All	Under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
1998	Feb	131,220	14,720	11,880	13,880	17,420	73,320
	May	128,960	12,160	10,060	15,380	18,480	72,880
	Aug	130,500	15,200	8,820	14,720	19,380	72,380
	Nov	127,600	14,820	8,900	11,880	18,860	73,140
1999	Feb	128,120	15,500	9,960	11,640	17,780	73,240
	May	124,680	13,360	10,640	12,060	16,180	72,440
	Aug	123,540	14,120	9,480	13,640	15,160	71,140
	Nov	119,920	14,480	8,900	13,020	13,880	69,640
2000	Feb	119,880	13,280	10,920	13,020	14,200	68,460
	May	117,900	13,060	9,140	13,860	14,800	67,040
	Aug	120,320	15,640	9,400	13,460	15,180	66,640
	Nov	118,260	13,600	9,600	12,120	16,660	66,280
2001	Feb	120,860	13,320	10,680	13,320	16,200	67,340
	May	118,640	12,100	9,520	13,220	16,080	67,720
	Aug	118,520	12,780	8,780	12,560	16,560	67,840
	Nov	117,680	13,500	8,080	11,880	15,820	68,400
2002	Feb	118,900	12,440	10,660	11,240	15,960	68,600
	May	117,800	12,020	8,920	12,580	15,800	68,480
	Aug	119,840	13,280	9,680	12,880	14,520	69,480
	Nov	119,640	13,700	7,960	12,280	15,820	69,880
2003	Feb	122,340	13,580	10,440	12,540	15,200	70,580
	May	121,040	12,220	9,160	12,680	16,260	70,720
	Aug	123,020	13,120	8,640	13,060	16,600	71,600
	Nov	121,340	12,080	8,220	12,000	16,520	72,520
2004	Feb	120,840	10,960	8,960	11,480	17,120	72,320
	May	119,020	10,160	8,180	11,480	15,860	73,340
	Aug	117,760	10,420	7,360	11,020	15,360	73,600
	Nov	117,860	11,420	7,560	10,500	14,480	73,900
2005	Feb	119,740	10,960	9,660	11,140	13,920	74,060
	May	118,380	10,780	7,520	12,380	13,960	73,740
	Aug	117,060	11,040	7,740	11,420	13,720	73,140

¹ Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

Table 1.9.5C Female claimants of key benefits by duration of oldest benefit¹

		All	Under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
1998	Feb	104,560	8,280	7,100	9,540	13,920	65,720
	May	103,800	7,000	6,100	10,040	14,300	66,360
	Aug	109,580	12,740	6,080	9,680	14,220	66,860
	Nov	104,560	8,660	6,660	8,960	13,840	66,440
1999	Feb	104,940	7,940	6,760	9,600	13,840	66,800
	May	103,940	7,860	6,060	9,780	13,240	67,000
	Aug	108,200	11,080	6,820	9,440	13,360	67,500
	Nov	104,200	8,560	6,040	9,300	12,420	67,880
2000	Feb	103,620	7,040	6,920	9,160	12,700	67,800
	May	104,640	7,800	6,340	10,020	12,900	67,580
	Aug	107,340	10,040	6,420	10,100	13,040	67,740
	Nov	105,120	8,600	6,140	9,060	13,540	67,780
2001	Feb	105,860	7,860	6,840	9,640	13,360	68,160
	May	105,040	7,300	6,400	9,480	13,580	68,280
	Aug	108,380	9,320	6,740	10,060	13,820	68,440
	Nov	105,060	7,460	5,940	9,820	13,220	68,620
2002	Feb	105,800	7,360	6,420	9,300	13,680	69,040
	May	104,900	6,900	5,860	9,480	13,900	68,760
	Aug	107,140	8,880	5,900	9,520	13,720	69,120
	Nov	103,840	6,780	5,640	8,560	14,060	68,800
2003	Feb	104,860	6,680	6,260	8,740	13,480	69,700
	May	105,220	7,160	5,840	9,480	13,100	69,640
	Aug	107,740	7,860	6,360	9,760	13,440	70,320
	Nov	104,620	7,120	4,680	9,180	13,200	70,440
2004	Feb	105,080	5,520	6,540	8,260	13,900	70,860
	May	104,380	5,960	4,600	8,640	14,080	71,100
	Aug	106,660	7,720	5,440	8,400	13,300	71,800
	Nov	104,420	5,780	5,540	7,840	13,080	72,180
2005	Feb	105,320	6,320	5,160	9,120	12,140	72,580
	May	104,660	5,900	5,240	8,620	12,060	72,840
	Aug	106,760	8,200	5,080	8,520	12,760	72,200

¹ Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

1.9.6 Claimants with children and dependants aged under 19

Table 1.9.6 Claimants of key benefits with children and/or young adult dependants¹ by age of youngest child/dependant

		Age of youngest child/dependant					
		All with children	Under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16	16 or over	Not known ²
1998	Feb	80,360	32,820	23,160	15,680	4,400	4,300
	May	80,160	31,760	23,580	15,320	5,020	4,480
	Aug	82,320	27,840	21,680	14,240	4,740	13,820
	Nov	78,860	27,160	20,960	14,540	4,440	11,760
1999	Feb	76,940	27,800	20,780	14,040	2,740	11,580
	May	76,220	27,660	19,760	13,880	2,980	11,940
	Aug	77,440	30,440	22,920	16,360	4,080	3,640
	Nov	73,700	29,140	21,600	15,580	3,760	3,620
2000	Feb	73,180	28,360	21,320	15,760	4,220	3,520
	May	73,800	28,260	21,600	15,840	4,600	3,500
	Aug	75,700	28,920	21,800	16,500	5,060	3,420
	Nov	74,360	28,580	21,360	16,080	4,880	3,460
2001	Feb	74,620	28,180	21,700	15,720	5,580	3,440
	May	73,340	28,080	21,180	15,660	4,920	3,500
	Aug	74,260	28,400	20,920	15,940	5,640	3,360
	Nov	71,840	27,600	20,440	15,740	4,940	3,120
2002	Feb	72,200	27,300	20,360	16,080	5,260	3,200
	May	71,440	26,260	20,840	15,400	5,620	3,320
	Aug	72,500	26,580	21,140	15,500	5,980	3,300
	Nov	69,620	25,520	20,900	15,540	4,680	2,980
2003	Feb	70,280	25,700	21,160	15,600	5,000	2,820
	May	70,860	25,480	21,380	15,680	5,300	3,020
	Aug	75,760	26,100	23,920	17,240	7,140	1,360
	Nov	72,140	25,120	22,860	16,740	6,300	1,120
2004	Feb	71,580	25,080	22,980	16,340	5,940	1,240
	May	71,560	24,080	23,400	16,120	6,820	1,140
	Aug	72,080	23,660	23,300	16,080	7,920	1,120
	Nov	71,020	23,540	23,280	15,960	7,400	840
2005	Feb	71,920	23,820	22,880	16,100	8,260	860
	May	69,900	23,820	22,040	15,840	7,320	880
	Aug	70,900	23,760	22,400	16,240	7,700	800

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

² Children whose ages are not known

The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003. Comparisons over time are affected by these changes. Please see Methodology for further details.

1.9.7 Children and dependants aged under 19

Table 1.9.7A Children¹² of claimants of key benefits by age of child and family type

		Children aged under 16 years ²				Young dependants aged 16 to 18 years					
		Family type				Family type					
		All	% of all aged under 16 yrs ³	Couple	Single	Not known	All to 18 yrs ³	% of all aged 16 to 18 yrs ³	Couple	Single	Not known
1998	Feb	152,540	37	66,500	79,580	6,460	16,000	21	9,260	6,740	.
	May	151,120	37	65,820	77,300	8,000	16,800	22	10,080	6,720	.
	Aug	156,540	38	66,140	82,800	7,600	15,420	20	7,760	7,660	.
	Nov	149,100	36	64,080	78,120	6,900	13,520	18	8,020	5,500	.
1999	Feb	148,100	36	40,820	101,880	5,400	9,820	13	3,840	5,980	.
	May	145,880	36	60,340	78,900	6,640	10,600	14	4,540	6,060	.
	Aug	144,480	35	58,840	79,420	6,220	14,240	18	7,520	6,720	.
	Nov	137,600	34	54,280	77,260	6,060	12,280	16	6,520	5,760	.
2000	Feb	134,620	33	31,560	98,600	4,460	12,840	17	4,860	7,980	.
	May	134,800	33	51,940	76,800	6,060	13,820	18	7,580	6,240	.
	Aug	136,060	34	52,700	77,360	6,000	15,420	20	8,580	6,840	.
	Nov	133,640	33	51,000	77,100	5,540	14,140	18	8,120	6,020	.
2001	Feb	132,880	33	30,180	98,520	4,180	14,900	19	4,680	10,220	.
	May	131,620	33	48,580	77,360	5,680	13,660	18	7,240	6,420	.
	Aug	131,540	33	48,760	77,180	5,600	15,340	20	8,000	7,340	.
	Nov	128,420	32	47,420	75,860	5,140	13,360	17	7,300	6,060	.
2002	Feb	128,220	33	47,360	75,520	5,340	14,180	18	7,740	6,440	.
	May	126,920	32	46,720	74,540	5,660	15,180	19	8,220	6,960	.
	Aug	127,580	32	46,720	75,320	5,540	16,140	20	8,540	7,600	.
	Nov	123,960	32	45,860	73,140	4,960	13,120	16	7,060	6,060	.
2003	Feb	124,640	32	46,320	73,280	5,040	14,280	18	7,600	6,680	.
	May	124,500	32	45,680	73,540	5,280	15,520	19	7,820	7,700	.
	Aug	130,380	34	56,700	71,440	2,240	20,260	25	11,380	8,880	.
	Nov	124,900	32	54,480	68,720	1,700	17,680	22	10,560	7,120	.
2004	Feb	122,900	32	52,160	69,020	1,720	16,880	21	9,440	7,440	.
	May	120,580	31	50,000	68,900	1,680	17,940	22	9,860	8,080	.
	Aug	119,780	31	49,260	68,920	1,600	19,680	24	10,940	8,740	.
	Nov	118,480	31	49,540	67,780	1,160	17,340	21	9,580	7,760	.
2005	Feb	118,280	31	49,020	68,120	1,140	20,820	26	11,940	8,880	.
	May	116,520	30	46,660	68,620	1,240	19,220	24	10,380	8,840	.
	Aug	117,000	31	46,300	69,580	1,120	20,560	25	11,240	9,320	.

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 - 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

² Includes a small percentage of children whose age is not known

³ See Methodology

The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003. Comparisons over time are affected by these changes. Please see Methodology for further details.

Table 1.9.7B Children¹ of claimants of key benefits by age of children/dependants

		Number of children/dependants					
		All children	Under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16	16 or over	Not known ²
1998	Feb	168,540	41,640	56,400	46,020	16,000	8,480
	May	167,920	40,200	56,200	46,220	16,800	8,500
	Aug	171,960	34,940	49,900	40,880	15,420	30,820
	Nov	162,620	33,900	48,100	40,660	13,520	26,440
1999	Feb	157,920	35,080	47,100	39,800	9,820	26,120
	May	156,480	34,800	45,780	39,160	10,600	26,140
	Aug	158,720	38,940	52,560	46,420	14,240	6,560
	Nov	149,880	37,060	50,200	43,740	12,280	6,600
2000	Feb	147,460	35,700	49,060	43,520	12,840	6,340
	May	148,620	35,840	49,220	43,400	13,820	6,340
	Aug	151,480	36,560	49,500	43,780	15,420	6,220
	Nov	147,780	35,940	48,500	43,280	14,140	5,920
2001	Feb	147,780	35,000	48,640	42,880	14,900	6,360
	May	145,280	35,080	47,740	42,560	13,660	6,240
	Aug	146,880	35,660	46,840	43,060	15,340	5,980
	Nov	141,780	34,560	45,800	42,520	13,360	5,540
2002	Feb	142,400	34,200	45,320	42,960	14,180	5,740
	May	142,100	33,080	45,660	42,060	15,180	6,120
	Aug	143,720	32,740	46,020	42,660	16,140	6,160
	Nov	137,080	31,540	44,800	42,040	13,120	5,580
2003	Feb	138,920	32,060	44,960	42,340	14,280	5,280
	May	140,020	31,680	44,920	42,360	15,520	5,540
	Aug	150,640	32,040	48,820	46,780	20,260	2,740
	Nov	142,580	30,780	46,920	44,980	17,680	2,220
2004	Feb	139,780	30,600	46,560	43,700	16,880	2,040
	May	138,520	29,400	46,200	43,040	17,940	1,940
	Aug	139,460	28,680	46,240	42,980	19,680	1,880
	Nov	135,820	28,560	45,740	42,760	17,340	1,420
2005	Feb	139,100	29,100	45,000	42,880	20,820	1,300
	May	135,740	28,860	43,540	42,520	19,220	1,600
	Aug	137,560	29,140	43,340	43,140	20,560	1,380

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² Children whose age is not known

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1.9.8 Regional Analysis

Table 1.9.8A Claimants of key benefits by District Council

	Northern Ireland	Ards	Belfast	Castlereagh	Down	Lisburn	North Down	Antrim	Ballymena	Ballymoney	Carrickfergus	Coleraine	Cookstown	Larne	Magherafelt	Moyle	Newtownabbey	Armagh	Banbridge	Craigavon	Dungannon	Newry & Mourne	Derry	Fermanagh	Limavady	Omagh	Strabane	Unknown
1998 Feb	235,780	7,340	52,960	5,960	8,160	12,340	6,440	5,320	6,080	2,780	3,680	6,380	5,360	3,280	4,360	2,180	9,320	6,340	3,780	11,820	7,120	13,840	20,920	6,800	4,540	7,140	6,940	4,600
May	232,760	7,220	52,580	5,780	8,080	12,360	6,300	5,180	5,860	2,980	3,580	6,080	5,580	3,420	4,300	2,120	9,000	6,320	3,720	11,400	7,240	13,360	20,640	6,460	4,580	6,900	7,060	4,660
Aug	240,080	7,540	53,540	5,840	8,300	13,180	6,740	5,420	5,880	3,060	3,760	6,340	5,540	3,420	4,680	2,280	9,260	6,560	4,180	11,620	7,560	13,780	20,880	7,100	4,500	7,380	7,160	4,580
Nov	232,160	7,440	51,400	5,920	8,040	12,520	6,260	5,360	5,740	3,080	3,520	6,320	5,160	3,440	4,260	2,360	9,040	5,860	4,000	11,060	7,420	13,680	20,420	6,720	4,340	7,220	7,220	4,360
1999 Feb	233,060	7,080	51,120	5,760	7,840	12,300	5,960	5,400	5,620	3,260	3,800	6,520	5,160	3,240	4,140	2,200	8,700	6,060	3,820	11,060	7,360	13,200	19,820	7,000	4,080	7,060	7,200	8,300
May	228,620	7,240	51,580	5,940	7,840	12,000	5,980	5,480	5,600	3,280	3,660	6,380	5,040	3,360	4,180	2,120	8,860	5,840	3,780	11,120	7,020	13,160	20,060	6,920	4,160	6,760	7,080	4,180
Aug	231,740	7,520	52,020	6,060	8,020	12,600	6,260	5,220	5,680	3,060	3,680	6,420	5,260	3,300	4,160	2,080	8,640	5,960	3,860	11,380	7,060	13,440	20,500	6,940	4,380	6,820	7,220	4,200
Nov	224,120	7,320	50,720	5,760	7,760	11,780	6,180	5,140	5,220	2,960	3,540	6,620	5,160	3,300	4,180	2,100	8,260	5,460	3,660	10,920	6,900	12,680	19,800	6,680	4,180	6,740	7,120	3,980
2000 Feb	223,500	7,620	50,020	5,920	7,600	12,120	6,020	5,040	5,500	3,040	3,500	6,740	4,980	3,380	4,120	2,220	8,180	5,500	3,720	11,080	6,900	12,620	19,760	6,620	4,000	6,480	6,860	3,960
May	222,540	7,620	49,820	5,840	7,460	12,080	5,900	5,120	5,440	2,960	3,480	6,340	5,080	3,320	4,040	2,140	8,040	5,540	3,700	11,140	6,760	12,180	20,060	6,600	4,000	6,480	7,280	4,120
Aug	227,660	7,400	50,380	6,120	7,680	12,020	6,220	5,180	5,460	2,880	3,560	6,600	5,160	3,280	4,260	2,140	8,500	6,100	3,920	11,580	7,020	12,620	20,360	7,080	4,040	6,680	7,280	4,140
Nov	223,380	7,040	49,380	5,940	7,400	12,000	6,160	5,000	5,420	3,040	3,560	6,560	4,980	3,180	4,540	2,160	8,120	5,620	3,920	11,480	6,920	12,500	20,220	7,060	4,160	6,240	7,340	3,440
2001 Feb	226,720	7,240	50,100	5,800	7,500	12,100	6,320	4,980	5,400	3,180	3,480	6,680	4,980	3,160	4,420	2,240	8,240	5,760	3,520	11,860	6,900	13,200	20,520	7,340	4,360	6,420	7,460	3,560
May	223,680	7,320	49,240	5,700	7,360	12,280	5,960	5,080	5,500	3,080	3,280	6,640	4,940	3,000	4,400	2,220	8,380	5,600	3,760	11,480	6,980	12,780	20,280	7,020	4,260	6,200	7,440	3,500
Aug	226,900	7,260	48,940	5,620	7,480	12,100	6,060	4,960	5,500	3,220	3,360	6,840	5,000	3,260	4,460	2,460	8,660	5,980	3,800	11,720	7,000	13,280	20,680	7,200	4,260	6,640	7,560	3,600
Nov	222,740	7,240	48,340	5,620	7,420	11,880	6,000	4,940	5,220	3,140	3,620	6,480	4,980	3,240	4,060	2,340	8,420	5,740	3,800	11,460	7,000	12,680	20,000	7,080	4,240	6,540	7,360	3,900
2002 Feb	224,700	7,400	48,600	5,440	7,380	11,640	6,100	5,160	5,400	3,200	3,660	6,540	4,920	3,200	4,200	2,420	8,440	5,560	3,840	11,600	7,140	12,540	20,580	7,260	4,400	6,500	7,220	4,360
May	222,700	7,140	48,300	5,500	7,480	11,520	5,860	5,140	5,380	3,180	3,480	6,200	4,760	3,220	4,220	2,260	8,480	5,400	4,040	11,540	6,880	12,500	20,180	7,140	4,500	6,380	7,300	4,720
Aug	226,980	6,940	49,220	5,580	7,340	11,540	5,980	5,260	5,540	3,040	3,760	6,460	4,960	3,340	4,260	2,300	8,940	5,680	3,940	12,040	7,100	12,780	20,420	7,280	4,540	6,660	7,420	4,660
Nov	223,480	7,060	47,500	5,360	7,460	11,540	5,880	5,240	5,460	2,840	3,760	6,420	4,640	3,260	4,200	2,420	8,760	5,740	4,020	11,880	7,200	12,660	19,900	7,020	4,400	6,800	7,240	4,820
2003 Feb	227,200	7,080	48,740	5,420	7,500	11,800	6,000	5,100	5,520	2,920	3,880	6,500	4,800	3,400	4,200	2,320	8,960	5,840	4,100	12,180	7,280	12,740	19,880	7,480	4,420	6,800	7,260	5,080
May	226,260	7,260	48,780	5,520	7,580	12,120	6,080	5,180	5,400	2,960	3,920	6,460	4,760	3,180	4,340	2,200	9,120	6,040	4,200	11,960	7,500	12,860	20,720	7,640	4,620	7,060	7,220	1,580
Aug	230,760	7,300	49,960	5,940	7,540	12,380	6,420	5,560	5,620	3,060	3,920	6,420	4,960	3,440	4,420	2,300	8,780	6,100	4,220	12,200	7,260	13,180	21,140	7,620	4,540	7,100	7,380	2,000
Nov	225,960	7,560	49,200	5,560	7,340	11,840	6,140	5,440	5,700	3,000	3,900	6,340	4,840	3,320	4,160	2,160	8,620	6,000	4,040	11,720	7,420	12,580	20,860	7,540	4,560	6,840	7,400	1,880
2004 Feb	225,920	7,520	48,760	5,560	7,700	11,580	6,260	5,400	5,540	3,160	4,220	6,260	4,920	3,400	4,220	2,000	8,600	5,900	4,120	11,820	7,540	12,720	20,660	7,180	4,480	6,900	7,660	1,840
May	223,400	7,220	47,920	5,680	7,480	11,560	6,140	5,220	5,380	3,040	4,200	6,040	4,820	3,260	4,000	1,920	8,140	5,700	3,740	11,440	7,340	12,560	20,500	7,060	4,360	6,660	7,460	4,540
Aug	224,420	7,240	48,840	5,760	7,740	11,520	6,080	5,220	5,600	3,020	4,060	6,480	5,000	3,340	4,140	2,160	8,480	5,820	3,920	11,760	7,080	12,700	20,820	7,220	4,400	6,880	7,360	1,780
Nov	222,280	6,920	47,980	5,620	7,780	11,620	6,060	5,120	5,560	3,080	4,400	6,520	4,880	3,420	3,940	2,220	8,420	5,860	4,060	11,260	6,980	12,600	20,660	7,020	4,500	6,800	7,240	1,760
2005 Feb	225,060	7,300	48,660	5,480	8,000	11,860	6,280	5,380	5,620	3,080	4,300	6,760	5,040	3,400	4,060	2,100	8,660	5,860	4,040	11,220	7,000	12,540	20,580	6,920	4,560	6,960	7,420	1,980
May	223,040	7,460	48,580	5,660	7,980	11,660	6,100	5,400	5,700	2,860	4,100	6,500	5,160	3,220	4,060	2,100	8,620	5,660	3,940	11,300	6,840	12,620	20,380	6,800	4,460	6,860	7,280	1,740
Aug	223,820	7,440	48,560	5,340	7,940	11,860	6,180	5,440	5,520	2,880	4,280	6,500	5,080	3,220	4,060	2,040	8,600	5,620	3,800	11,180	6,700	13,240	20,940	6,720	4,260	7,020	7,480	1,920

Figures for February 1999 have been revised

Table 1.9.8B Claimants of key benefits by District Council

		Percentages ¹																											
		Northern Ireland	Ard	Belfast	Castlereagh	Down	Lisburn	North Down	Antrim	Ballymena	Ballymoney	Carrickfergus	Coleraine	Cookstown	Larne	Magherafelt	Moyle	Newtownabbey	Armagh	Banbridge	Craigavon	Dungannon	Newry & Mourne	Derry	Fermanagh	Lmavady	Omagh	Strabane	Unknown
1998	Feb	23	17	31	15	22	18	14	17	17	18	16	19	28	18	19	24	19	20	16	25	26	28	33	21	22	25	31	.
	May	23	16	29	15	22	18	14	17	17	19	16	18	29	18	19	23	18	20	16	24	26	27	33	21	22	25	31	.
	Aug	24	17	31	15	22	20	15	18	17	20	17	19	29	18	20	25	19	20	17	25	27	28	33	21	22	26	32	.
	Nov	23	17	30	15	22	19	14	17	16	20	15	19	27	18	18	26	18	18	17	24	27	27	32	20	21	25	32	.
1999	Feb ²	23	16	30	15	21	18	13	17	16	21	17	19	27	17	18	24	18	19	16	23	26	26	31	21	20	24	32	.
	May	23	16	30	15	21	18	13	18	16	21	16	19	26	18	18	23	18	19	16	23	25	26	31	21	21	23	31	.
	Aug	23	17	31	15	21	19	14	17	16	20	16	19	27	18	18	22	18	19	16	24	25	26	32	21	22	24	32	.
	Nov	22	16	30	15	20	18	13	17	15	19	15	19	27	18	18	23	17	18	15	23	25	25	31	20	21	23	31	.
2000	Feb	22	17	30	15	20	18	13	16	15	19	15	20	26	18	17	24	17	17	15	23	25	25	30	20	20	22	30	.
	May	22	17	29	15	20	18	13	17	15	19	15	19	26	18	17	23	16	17	15	23	24	24	31	19	20	22	32	.
	Aug	22	16	30	16	20	18	13	17	15	18	15	19	27	17	18	23	17	19	16	24	25	25	31	21	20	23	32	.
	Nov	22	16	29	15	19	18	13	16	15	19	15	19	26	17	19	23	16	18	16	24	25	25	31	21	21	21	32	.
2001	Feb	22	16	30	15	20	18	14	16	15	20	15	20	26	17	19	24	17	18	14	25	25	26	31	22	22	22	33	.
	May	22	16	29	14	19	18	13	16	15	19	14	19	26	16	19	24	17	18	15	24	25	25	31	21	21	21	32	.
	Aug	22	16	29	14	20	18	13	16	15	20	14	20	26	17	19	26	18	19	15	24	25	26	32	21	21	23	33	.
	Nov	22	16	29	14	20	18	13	16	15	20	16	19	26	17	17	25	17	18	15	24	25	25	31	21	21	22	32	.
2002	Feb	22	16	29	14	19	17	13	17	15	19	15	19	24	17	17	25	17	17	15	23	25	24	31	21	21	22	31	.
	May	21	15	29	14	19	17	12	17	15	19	15	18	24	17	17	23	17	16	15	23	24	23	31	20	22	21	31	.
	Aug	22	15	29	14	19	17	13	17	15	18	16	19	25	18	17	24	18	17	15	24	25	24	31	21	22	22	32	.
	Nov	22	15	28	14	19	17	12	17	15	17	16	19	23	17	17	25	18	17	15	24	25	24	30	20	21	23	31	.
2003	Feb	22	15	29	14	19	17	13	16	15	17	16	19	23	18	17	24	18	17	15	24	25	24	30	21	21	22	31	.
	May	22	16	29	14	19	18	13	17	15	18	16	19	23	17	17	23	18	18	16	24	26	24	31	21	22	23	31	.
	Aug	22	16	30	15	19	18	14	18	15	18	16	19	24	18	18	24	18	18	16	24	25	24	32	21	21	23	31	.
	Nov	22	16	29	14	19	18	13	18	16	18	16	19	24	18	17	22	17	18	15	23	25	23	32	21	22	22	31	.
2004	Feb	21	16	29	14	19	17	13	17	15	18	18	18	24	18	17	20	17	18	15	23	25	23	31	20	21	22	32	.
	May	21	16	29	14	18	17	13	17	15	18	17	18	23	17	16	19	16	17	14	22	24	23	31	19	20	21	31	.
	Aug	21	16	29	15	19	17	13	17	15	18	17	19	24	18	16	22	17	18	14	23	24	23	31	20	20	22	31	.
	Nov	21	15	29	14	19	17	13	16	15	18	18	19	24	18	15	22	17	18	15	22	23	23	31	19	21	22	30	.
2005	Feb	21	16	29	14	20	17	13	17	15	18	18	20	24	18	16	21	18	18	15	22	23	23	31	19	21	22	31	.
	May	21	16	29	14	20	17	13	17	16	17	17	19	25	17	16	21	17	17	14	22	23	23	31	19	21	22	31	.
	Aug	26	16	29	14	19	17	13	17	15	17	18	19	24	17	16	21	17	17	14	22	22	24	31	19	20	23	31	.

¹ Percentage of population of working age - see Methodology

² Figures for February 1999 have been revised

Section 2 : Families with children on key benefits

2.1 Children

Table 2.1.1 Children of claimants of key benefits by statistical group: August 2002 to August 2005

	Number of children ¹							
	Aug-02	%	Aug-03	%	Aug-04	%	Aug-05	%
All statistical groups	143,720	100	150,640	100	139,460	100	137,560	100
Unemployed	10,080	7	10,760	7	7,320	5	5,780	4
Sick & Disabled	72,700	51	80,700	54	77,740	56	76,720	56
Lone parents	57,680	40	55,580	37	51,000	37	52,180	38
Others	3,260	2	3,600	2	3,400	2	2,880	2

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

- At August 2005, 137,560 children were living in families claiming a key benefit. The total number of children in families claiming a key benefit was down by 4% (6,160) from August 2002.
- **The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003. Comparisons over time are affected by these changes. Please see Methodology for further details.**

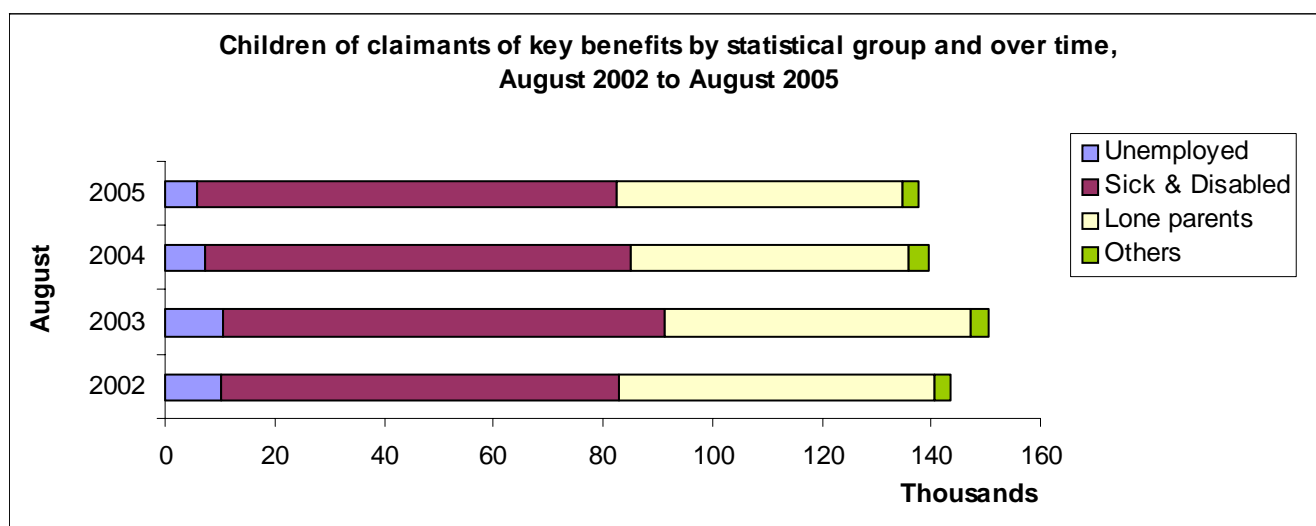


Table 2.1.2 Children¹ of claimants of key benefits by statistical group and family type: August 2005

	Children aged under 16 years ²					Young adult dependants aged 16 to 18 years				
	All	Family type			Not known	% pop aged 16 - 18 in full-time education	Family type			Not known
		under 16	Couple	Single			Couple	Single		
All statistical groups	117,000	31	46,300	69,580	1,120	20,560	41	11,240	9,320	.
Unemployed	4,640	1	2,920	1,720	.	1,140	2	640	500	.
Sick & Disabled	61,980	16	40,940	19,920	1,120	14,740	30	10,180	4,560	.
Lone parents	47,920	13	.	47,920	.	4,260	9	.	4,260	.
Others	2,460	1	2,440	-	.	420	1	420	0	.

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

² Includes a small percentage of children whose age is not known

³ Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

- The proportion of under 16s living in households claiming a key benefit was 31% in August 2005 whilst the proportion of 16 - 18 year olds was 41% of all 16 - 18 year olds in full-time education.

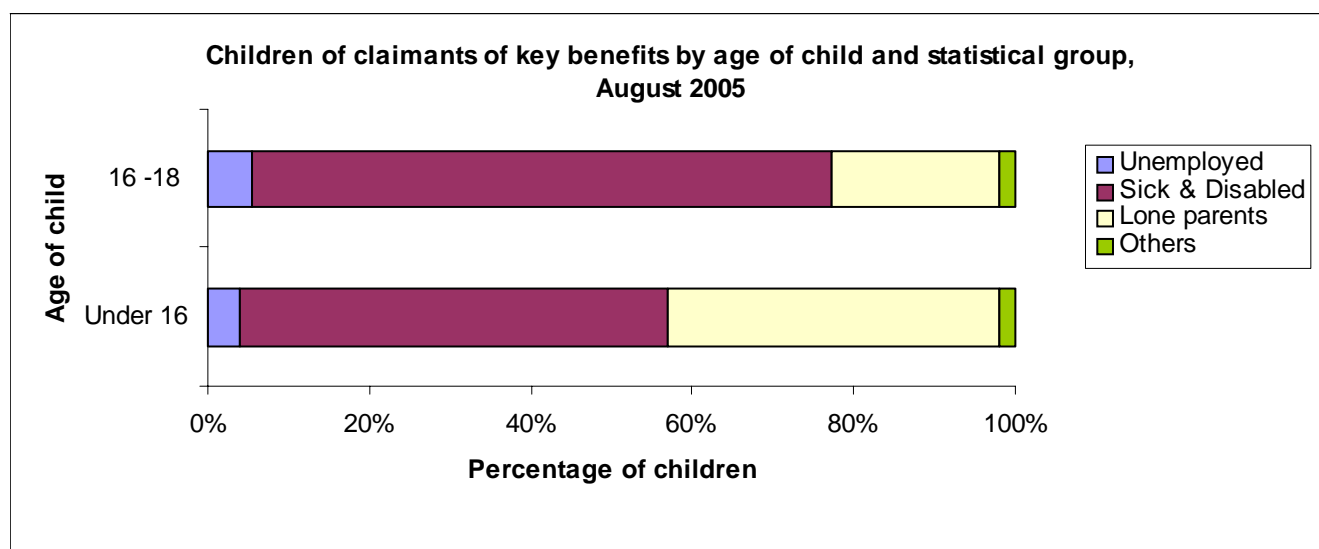


Table 2.1.3 Children¹ of claimants of key benefits by family type: August 2002 to August 2005

	Children aged under 16 years ²					Young adult dependants aged 16 to 18 years				
	All	% pop aged under 16 ³	Family type			All	% pop aged 16 - 18 in full-time education	Family type		
			Couple	Single	Not known			Couple	Single	Not known
Aug-02	127,580	32	46,720	75,320	5,540	16,140	38	8,540	7,600	.
Aug-03	130,380	34	56,700	71,440	2,240	20,260	45	11,380	8,880	.
Aug-04	119,780	31	49,260	68,920	1,600	19,680	42	10,940	8,740	.
Aug-05	117,000	31	46,300	69,580	1,120	20,560	41	11,240	9,320	.

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

² Includes a small percentage of children whose ages are not known

³ See Methodology

- The proportion of children under 16 living in a household where the claimant was single was 59% in August 2005.
- The proportion of children aged 16 - 18 living in a household where the claimant was single was 45% in August 2005.
- **The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003. Comparisons of family type and over time are affected by these changes. Please see Methodology for further details.**

Table 2.1.4 Children¹ of claimants of key benefits by statistical group and age of child: August 2005

	Number of children/dependants											
	All ages	%	Under 5	%	5 to under 11	%	11 to under 16	%	16 or over	%	Not known ²³	%
All statistical groups	137,560	100	29,140	21	43,340	32	43,140	31	20,560	15	1,380	1
Unemployed	5,780	100	1,380	24	1,680	29	1,480	26	1,140	20	100	2
Sick & Disabled	76,720	100	12,400	16	22,280	29	26,080	34	14,740	19	1,220	2
Lone parents	52,180	100	14,880	29	18,380	35	14,600	28	4,260	8	-	0
Others	2,880	100	480	17	1,000	35	980	34	420	15	.	0

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

² Children whose ages are not known

³ Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

- Amongst the sick & disabled group proportionally fewer children were under the age of five, reflecting the older age profile of those claiming a sickness and/or disability benefit (although the ages of many children in this group were unknown).
- The children of lone parents had the youngest profile with 64% aged under 11.

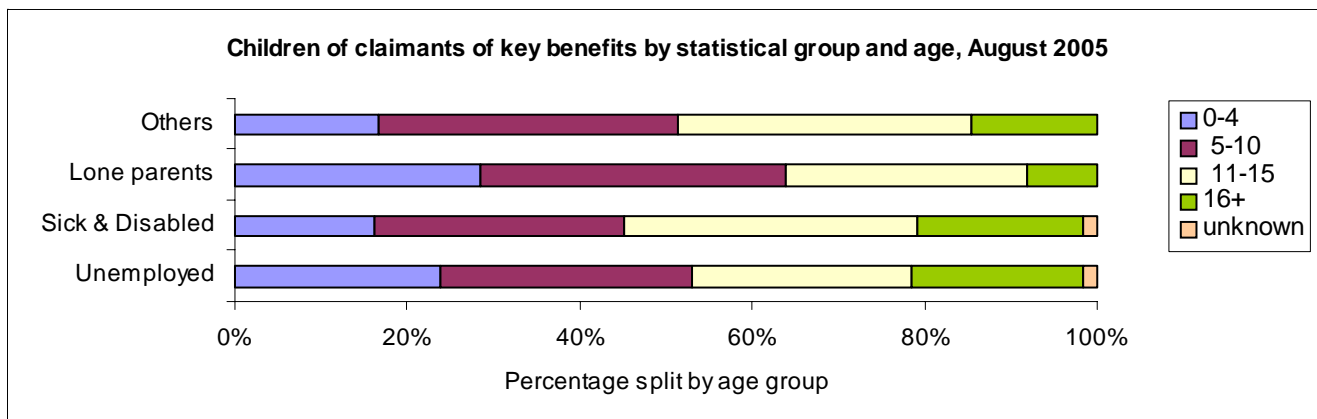


Table 2.1.5 Children¹ of claimants of key benefits by statistical group and duration of claim: August 2005

	Duration of oldest claim ²											
	All durations	Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 to under 2 years	2 years and over	%	%	%	%	%	%
All statistical groups	137,560	100	6,640	5	6,040	4	10,080	7	16,680	12	98,120	71
Unemployed	5,780	100	2,160	37	920	16	740	13	820	14	1,140	20
Sick & Disabled	76,720	100	2,020	3	2,780	4	5,540	7	9,180	12	57,200	75
Lone parents	52,180	100	2,420	5	2,280	4	3,400	7	6,220	12	37,860	73
Others	2,880	100	-	-	-	-	400	14	460	16	1,920	67

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

² Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

³ Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

- Of those children in families claiming a key benefit 71% had been on benefits for at least 2 years. For the lone parents group the figure was 73% whilst the figure for the unemployed group was 20%.
- Of those children in families classed as unemployed 66% had been on benefit for less than a year.

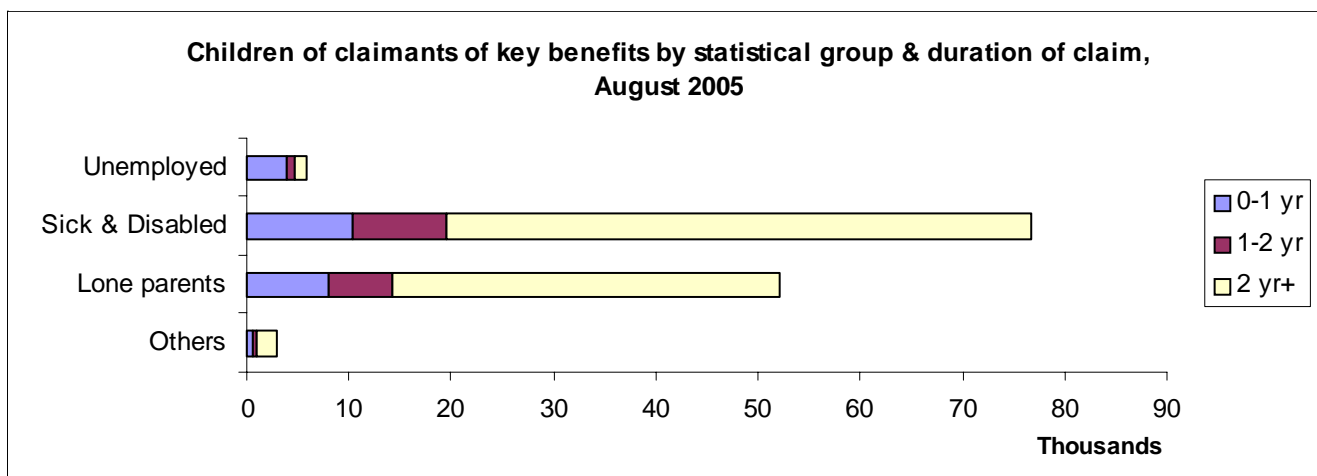


Table 2.1.6 Children¹ of claimants of key benefits by duration of claim: August 2002 to August 2005

	All durations	Duration of oldest claim ²				
		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 to under 2 years	2 years and over
Aug-02	143,720	7,620	7,520	12,480	18,500	97,600
%	100	5	5	9	13	68
Aug-03	150,640	7,300	9,100	13,020	19,920	101,300
%	100	5	6	9	13	67
Aug-04	139,460	5,260	6,140	10,020	18,780	99,260
%	100	4	4	7	13	71
Aug-05	137,560	6,640	6,040	10,080	16,680	98,120
%	100	5	4	7	12	71

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

² Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

- The percentage of children in families claiming a key benefit for less than a year was 17% in August 2005.
- **The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003. Comparisons over time are affected by these changes. Please see Methodology for further details.**

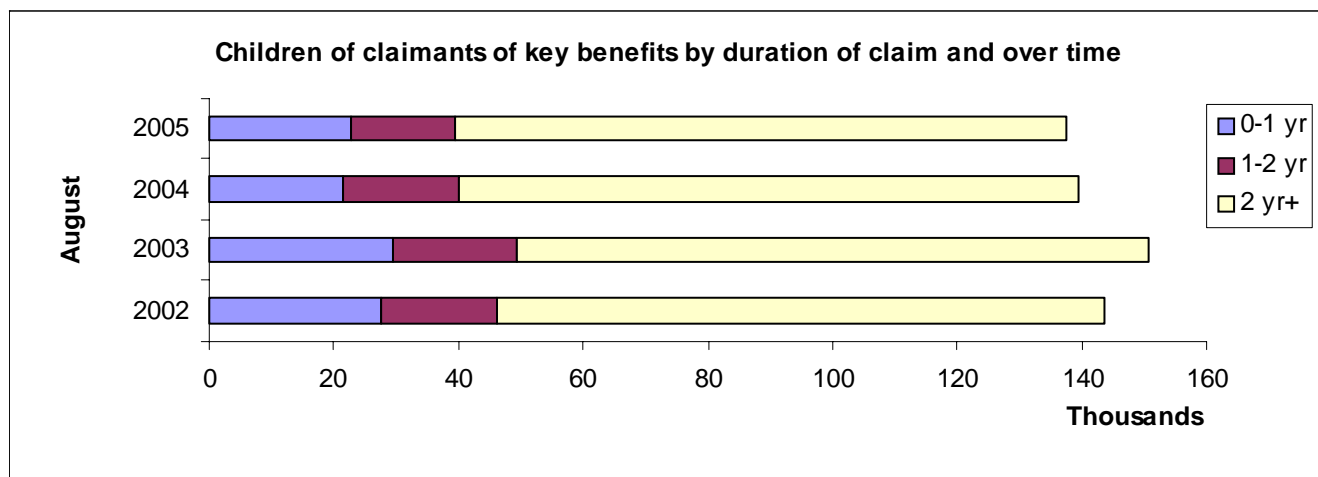


Table 2.1.7 Children¹ of claimants of key benefits by district council: August 2005

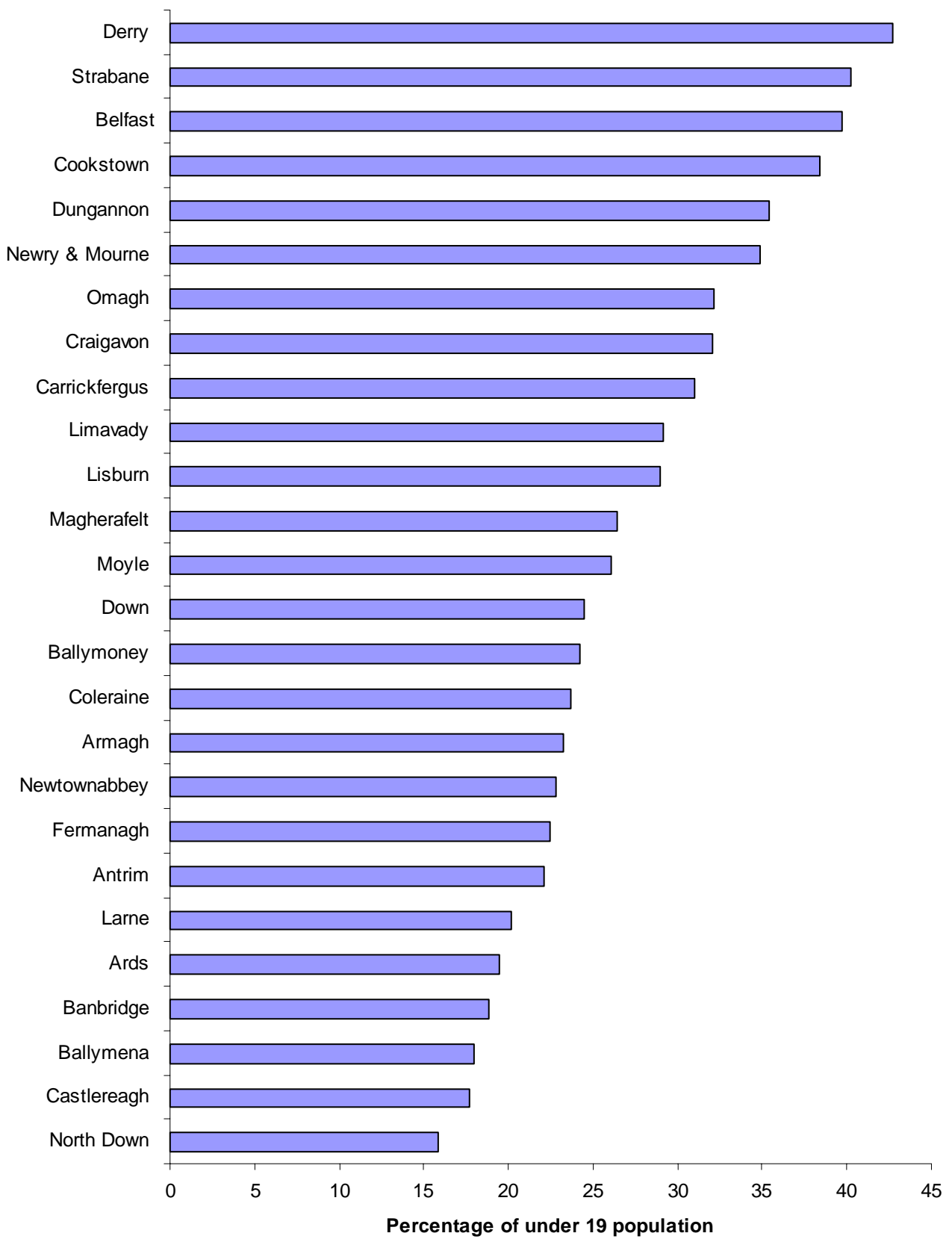
	Number of children	% of population ²
Northern Ireland	137,560	30
Ards	3,560	19
Belfast	27,100	40
Castlereagh	2,860	18
Down	4,600	24
Lisburn	8,960	29
North Down	2,840	16
Antrim	3,060	22
Ballymena	2,780	18
Ballymoney	1,860	24
Carrickfergus	3,100	31
Coleraine	3,460	24
Cookstown	3,800	38
Larne	1,560	20
Magherafelt	3,260	26
Moyle	1,160	26
Newtownabbey	4,620	23
Armagh	3,720	23
Banbridge	2,240	19
Craigavon	7,400	32
Dungannon	5,120	35
Newry & Mourne	9,660	35
Derry	14,020	43
Fermanagh	3,640	22
Limavady	2,880	29
Omagh	4,700	32
Strabane	4,580	40
Unknown	1,020	.

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

² Population aged under 16 plus population aged 16 - 18 in Northern Ireland

- The percentage of children (aged under 16 or aged 16 - 18) living in families claiming a key benefit varied from 43% in Derry to 16% in North Down.

Children on key benefits by District Council



Children of claimants of key benefits as a percentage of the population aged under 19 by District Council: August 2005

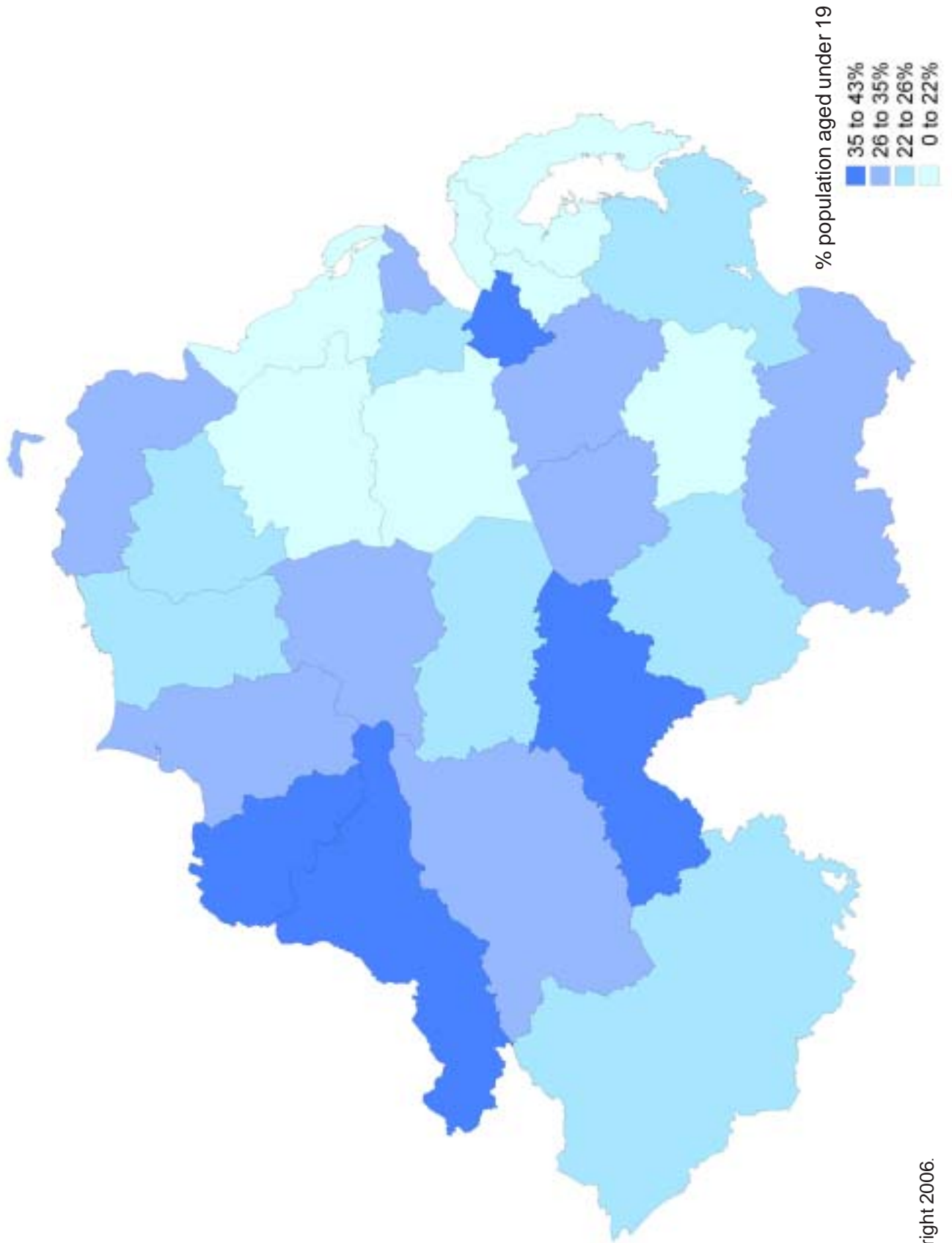


Table 2.1.8 Children¹ of claimants of combinations of key benefits: August 2005

	Number of children	% of population ²
All combinations	137,560	32
IS only	58,760	14
IB only	16,280	4
JSA only	5,460	1
IS, IB & DLA	10,920	3
DLA only	13,100	3
IB & DLA	12,020	3
IS & DLA	10,000	2
IS & IB	8,800	2
IS, DLA & SDA	960	0
DLA & SDA	660	0
IS & SDA	140	0
DLA & JSA	260	0
SDA only	140	0
Others ³⁴	-	-

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

² Population aged under 16 plus population aged 16-18 in full-time education

³ Includes anomalies such as JSA with IB due to the slight differences in dates of benefit data extracts

⁴ Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

- 65% of 'key benefit' children were living in families where Income Support was claimed.

2.2 Families

Table 2.2.1 Families¹ on key benefits by statistical group and duration of claim: August 2005

	Duration of oldest claim ²											
	All durations		Under 3 months		3 to under 6 months		6 months to under 1 year		1 to under 2 years		2 years and over	
		%		%		%		%		%		%
All statistical groups	70,900	100	3,700	5	3,360	5	5,680	8	8,860	12	49,300	70
Unemployed	3,060	100	1,160	38	500	16	400	13	440	14	560	18
Sick & Disabled	39,740	100	1,080	3	1,420	4	3,060	8	4,900	12	29,280	74
Lone parents	26,840	100	1,440	5	1,400	5	2,080	8	3,260	12	18,660	70
Others ³	1,260	100	-	-	-	-	140	11	260	21	800	63

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

² Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

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- 70% of families on key benefits had been on benefit for at least 2 years. For the sick & disabled group the figure was 74% whilst the figure for the unemployed was only 18%.
- 67% of families classed as unemployed had been on benefit for less than a year.

Table 2.2.2 Families¹ on key benefits by duration of claim: August 2002 to August 2005

	Duration of oldest claim ²					
	All durations	Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 to under 2 years	2 years and over
August-02	72,500	4,280	3,920	6,620	9,640	48,040
%	100	6	5	9	13	66
August-03	75,760	3,920	4,460	7,040	10,340	50,000
%	100	5	6	9	14	66
August-04	72,080	2,900	3,440	5,740	9,880	50,120
%	100	4	5	8	14	70
August-05	70,900	3,700	3,360	5,680	8,860	49,300
%	100	5	5	8	12	70

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

² Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

- At August 2005 70% of families on key benefits had been on benefit for at least 2 years. This compares to 71% of children in families where a key benefit was claimed.

- The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003. Comparisons over time are affected by these changes. Please see Methodology for further details.

Table 2.2.3 Families¹ on key benefits by statistical group and age of youngest child: August 2005

	Age of youngest child											
	All ages	%	Under 5	%	5 to under 11	%	11 to under 16	%	16 or over	%	Not known ²	%
All statistical groups	70,900	100	23,760	34	22,400	32	16,240	23	7,700	11	800	1
Unemployed	3,060	100	1,060	35	800	26	560	18	560	18	-	-
Sick & Disabled	39,740	100	9,860	25	12,000	30	10,760	27	6,400	16	720	2
Lone parents ³	26,840	100	12,460	46	9,140	34	4,660	17	580	2	.	0
Others ³	1,260	100	380	30	460	37	260	21	160	13	.	0

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

² Children whose ages are not known

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- 34% of the youngest children were under the age of five.
- For the sick & disabled, the age profile of the youngest children was older (although the ages of many children in this group were unknown).

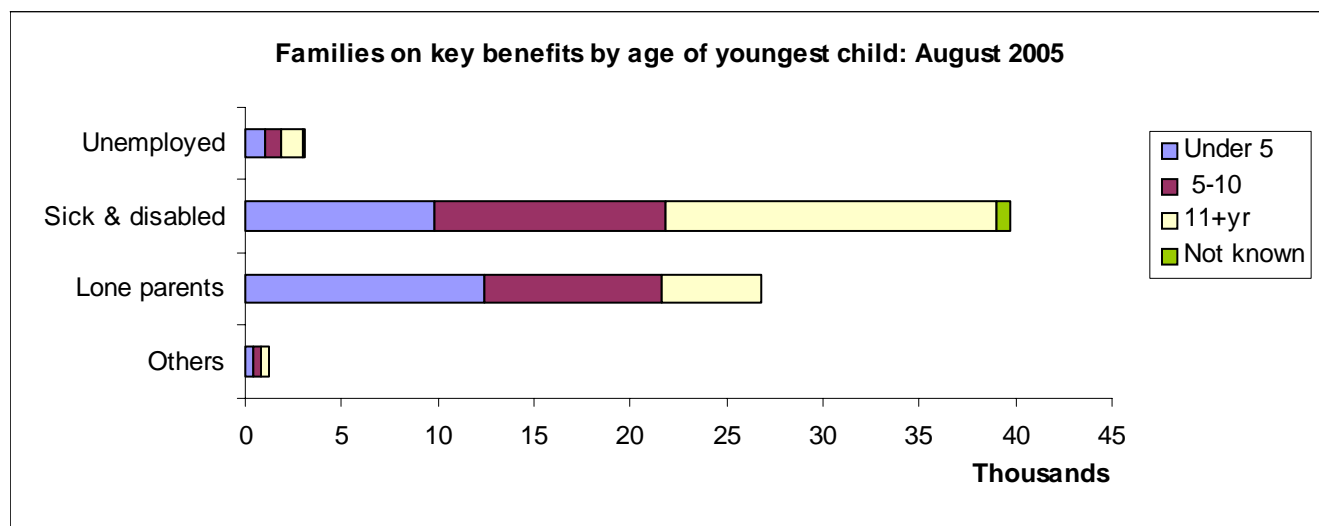


Table 2.2.4 Families¹ on key benefits by age of youngest child: August 2002 to August 2005

	Age of youngest child					
	All ages	Under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16	16 or over	Not known ²
Aug-02	72,500	26,580	21,140	15,500	5,980	3,300
%	100	37	29	21	8	5
Aug-03	75,760	26,100	23,920	17,240	7,140	1,360
%	100	34	32	23	9	2
Aug-04	72,080	23,660	23,300	16,080	7,920	1,120
%	100	33	32	22	11	2
Aug-05	70,900	23,760	22,400	16,240	7,700	800
%	100	34	32	23	11	1

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

² Children whose ages are not known

- The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003. Comparisons over time are affected by these changes. Please see Methodology for further details.

Table 2.2.5 Families¹ on key benefits by statistical group and number of children: August 2005

	Number of children				
	All families	One	Two	Three	Four or more
All statistical groups	70,900	30,360	23,500	10,920	6,120
Unemployed	3,060	1,500	880	380	300
Sick & Disabled	39,740	17,280	12,960	6,140	3,360
Lone parents	26,840	11,200	9,240	4,140	2,260
Others	1,260	380	420	260	200

¹ Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

- In August 2005, 8.6% of families on key benefits had 4 or more children.
- 43% (30,360) of claimants of key benefits had only 1 child.

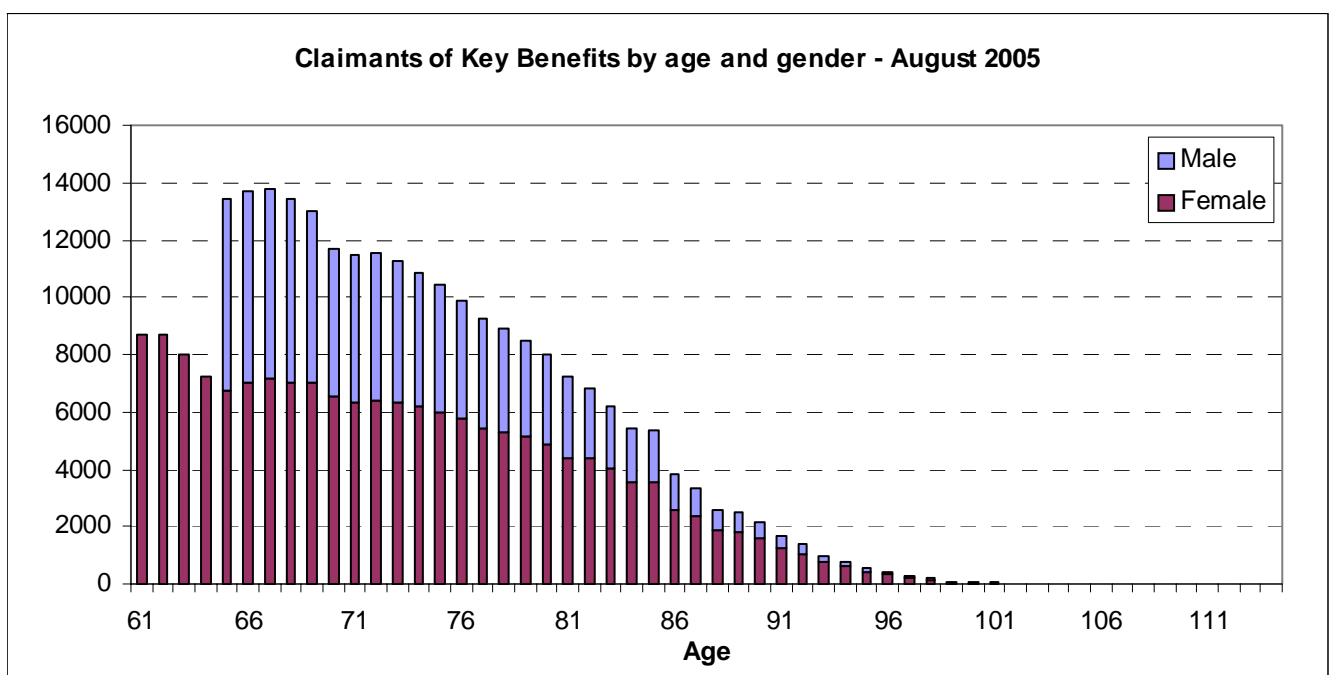
Section 3: Persons of Pensionable Age on Key Benefits

3.1 Age and gender

Table 3.1.1 Claimants over State Pension Age of key benefits by gender: August 2002 to August 2005

	Aug-02	Aug-03	Aug-04	Aug-05
Men	91,113	93,284	95,010	96,574
% of pop ¹	97	98	98	99
Women	168,070	171,447	173,728	175,776
% of pop ¹	97	98	98	99
All	259,183	264,731	268,738	272,350
% of pop ¹	97	98	98	99

¹ Population of Northern Ireland residents above state pension age - see Methodology



- In August 2005 about 99% (272,350) of people over state pension age claimed a key benefit - an increase of 5% (13,167) since August 2002.
- 99% of men and 99% of women were claiming at least one of the key state benefits in August 2005.

**Table 3.1.2 Claimants over State Pension Age of key benefits by age and gender:
August 2005**

	Male		Female		All	
		% of pop ¹²		% of pop ¹²		% of pop ¹²
60-64	.	.	41,158	98	41,158	98
65-69	32,361	100	34,956	96	67,317	98
70-74	25,091	96	31,832	97	56,923	97
75-79	19,352	99	27,601	97	46,953	98
80-84	12,397	99	21,259	99	33,656	99
85-89	5,444	109	12,132	110	17,576	110
90+	1,929	103	6,838	112	8,767	110
All ages	96,574	99	175,776	99	272,350	99

¹ Population of Northern Ireland residents above state pension age

² Percentages shown as greater than 100 indicate that the benefit caseload is higher than the corresponding population figure. This can occur because the latest population figures available are around a year behind the benefit data and/or because of inaccuracies associated with the data sources themselves.

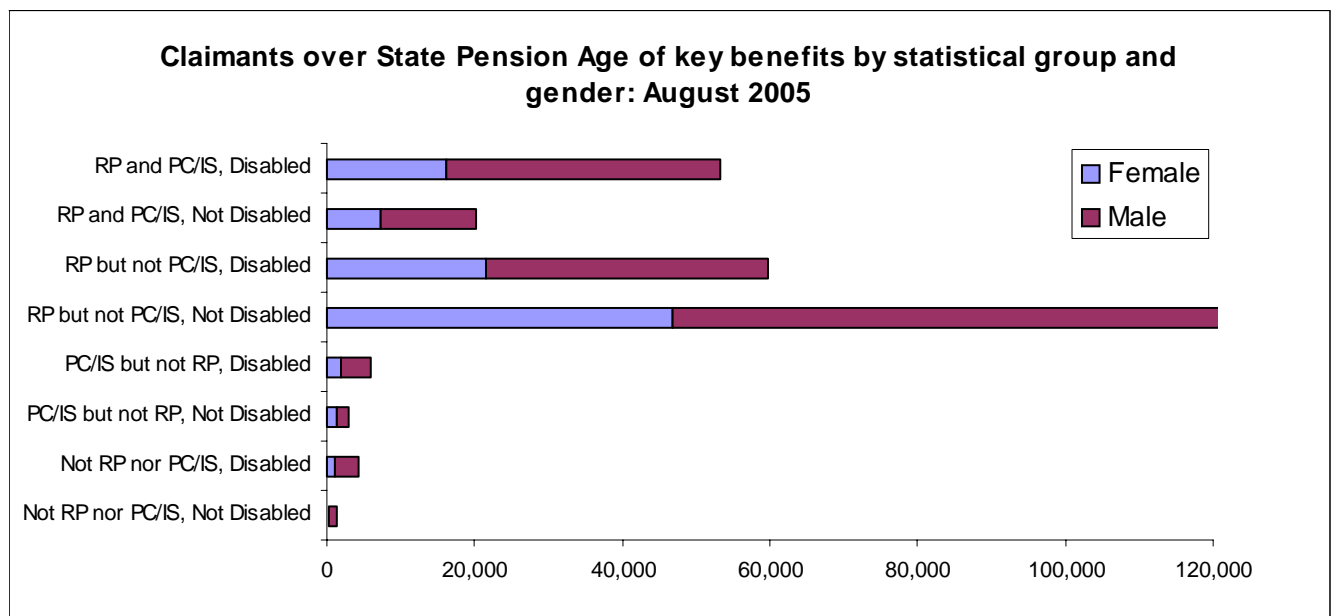
3.2 Statistical groups

The claimants of these benefits can be divided into statistical groups, based mainly on the type of benefit they received (see 'Definitions and Conventions'). The statistical groups focus on the receipt of RP and IS/PC and the claimants' disability status.

Table 3.2.1 Claimants over State Pension Age by Statistical group: August 2002 to August 2005

	Aug-02		Aug-03		Aug-04		Aug-05	
	All	% of pop ¹	All	% of pop ¹	All	% of pop ¹	All	% of pop ¹
RP and PC/IS, Disabled	44,606	17	45,964	17	50,989	19	53,343	19
RP and PC/IS, Not Disabled	14,675	6	14,611	5	18,624	7	20,155	7
RP but not PC/IS, Disabled	59,861	22	62,374	23	60,708	22	59,865	22
RP but not PC/IS, Not Disabled	127,030	48	127,321	47	123,759	45	124,365	45
PC/IS but not RP, Disabled	5,166	2	5,004	2	5,257	2	5,899	2
PC/IS but not RP, Not Disabled	2,577	1	2,472	1	2,657	1	2,962	1
Not RP nor PC/IS, Disabled	4,429	2	5,687	2	5,334	2	4,384	2
Not RP nor PC/IS, Not Disabled	839	0	1,298	0	1,410	1	1,377	1
All	259,183	97	264,731	98	268,738	98	272,350	99

¹ Population of Northern Ireland residents above state pension age - see Methodology



- The overall numbers rose by 13,167 between August 2002 and August 2005.
- The RP but not PC/IS, not disabled was consistently the largest group between August 2004 and August 2005. RP but not PC/IS, disabled claimants were the second largest group.

The statistical group analyses show the stock of claimants on key benefits at a fixed point in time. By comparing records for the individual claimants who appear in these 'snapshots' over time, the analyses can give an indication of how many people move in and out of the benefit system. They can also look at how people move between benefits and/or statistical groups.

Table 3.2.2 Cases over State Pension Age moving onto a key benefit between August 2004 and August 2005 by gender and statistical group

	Male	Female	All
RP and PC/IS, Disabled	684	493	1,177
RP and PC/IS, Not Disabled	506	325	831
RP but not PC/IS, Disabled	1,051	1,301	2,352
RP but not PC/IS, Not Disabled	3,940	5,921	9,861
PC/IS but not RP, Disabled	283	278	561
PC/IS but not RP, Not Disabled	301	186	487
Not RP nor PC/IS, Disabled	151	420	571
Not RP nor PC/IS, Not Disabled	152	484	636
All	7,068	9,408	16,476

Table 3.2.3 Cases over State Pension Age receiving key benefits at August 2004 but no longer receiving a key benefit in August 2005: by gender and statistical group

	Male	Female	All
RP and PC/IS, Disabled	1,237	2,405	3,642
RP and PC/IS, Not Disabled	221	315	536
RP but not PC/IS, Disabled	1,711	1,834	3,545
RP but not PC/IS, Not Disabled	1,253	1,072	2,325
PC/IS but not RP, Disabled	247	432	679
PC/IS but not RP, Not Disabled	67	90	157
Not RP nor PC/IS, Disabled	742	1,149	1,891
Not RP nor PC/IS, Not Disabled	26	63	89
All	5,504	7,360	12,864

Table 3.2.4 Cases over State Pension Age changing statistical group: August 2004 and August 2005

Statistical group in August 2004	Statistical group in August 2005								All
	RP and PC/IS		RP but not PC/IS		PC/IS but not RP		Not RP nor PC/IS		
	Not		Not		Not		Not		
	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	
RP and PC/IS, Disabled	.	38	290	47	546	59	161	6	1,147
RP and PC/IS, Not Disabled	1,292	.	17	238	17	91	.	.	1,655
RP but not PC/IS, Disabled	3,877	9	.	124	56	-	579	7	4,656
RP but not PC/IS, Not Disabled	541	2,679	4,357	.	5	15	81	9	7,687
PC/IS but not RP, Disabled	155	-	8	-	.	9	44	-	221
PC/IS but not RP, Not Disabled	15	99	-	7	137	.	-	5	266
Not RP nor PC/IS, Disabled	46	.	271	-	209	-	.	.	532
Not RP nor PC/IS, Not Disabled	40	65	62	336	11	61	35	.	610
All	5,966	2,891	5,006	757	981	241	902	30	16,774

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- There was an increase of 3,612 claimants between August 2004 and August 2005. The increase was due to the number of people joining benefit exceeding the number of people who had left benefit. For example, 12,864 claimants on benefit in August 2004 were no longer on benefit in August 2005. Whilst 16,476 claimants in August 2005 were not on benefit in August 2004.
- The numbers in each statistical group were also affected by movements between them. For example, 16,774 claimants who were on benefit in both August 2004 and August 2005 changed statistical group over this period.

Table 3.2.5 Cases over State Pension Age moving onto a key benefit between August 2002 and August 2005: by gender and statistical group

	Male	Female	All
RP and PC/IS, Disabled	2,389	1,833	4,222
RP and PC/IS, Not Disabled	1,707	1,350	3,057
RP but not PC/IS, Disabled	3,319	4,278	7,597
RP but not PC/IS, Not Disabled	11,510	17,776	29,286
PC/IS but not RP, Disabled	705	889	1,594
PC/IS but not RP, Not Disabled	767	475	1,242
Not RP nor PC/IS, Disabled	359	1,088	1,447
Not RP nor PC/IS, Not Disabled	173	816	989
All	20,929	28,505	49,434

Table 3.2.6 Cases over State Pension Age receiving a key benefit at August 2002 but no longer receiving key benefits in August 2005: by gender and statistical group

	Male	Female	All
RP and PC/IS, Disabled	3,253	7,047	10,300
RP and PC/IS, Not Disabled	662	1,272	1,934
RP but not PC/IS, Disabled	5,298	5,997	11,295
RP but not PC/IS, Not Disabled	4,746	3,961	8,707
PC/IS but not RP, Disabled	557	1,113	1,670
PC/IS but not RP, Not Disabled	214	306	520
Not RP nor PC/IS, Disabled	717	1,034	1,751
Not RP nor PC/IS, Not Disabled	21	69	90
All	15,468	20,799	36,267

Table 3.2.7 Cases over State Pension Age changing statistical group: August 2002 and August 2005

Statistical group in August 2002	Statistical group in August 2005								All
	RP and PC/IS		RP but not PC/IS		PC/IS but not RP		Not RP nor PC/IS		
	Not Disabled	Disabled	Not Disabled	Disabled	Not Disabled	Disabled	Not Disabled	Disabled	
RP and PC/IS, Disabled	.	52	512	64	447	45	208	-	1,331
RP and PC/IS, Not Disabled	2,913	.	77	269	28	53	8	.	3,348
RP but not PC/IS, Disabled	9,140	15	.	165	129	14	557	7	10,027
RP but not PC/IS, Not Disabled	3,568	7,444	12,639	.	39	65	213	11	23,979
PC/IS but not RP, Disabled	345	-	18	-	.	6	88	-	463
PC/IS but not RP, Not Disabled	49	155	6	20	325	.	7	-	565
Not RP nor PC/IS, Disabled	122	.	454	6	293	-	.	-	877
Not RP nor PC/IS, Not Disabled	9	36	23	210	11	44	55	.	388
All	16,146	7,705	13,729	735	1,272	228	1,136	27	40,978

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- The overall number of claimants on key benefits has risen during the period August 2002 to August 2005 by 13,167, with the number moving onto key benefits (49,434) exceeding those no longer claiming a key benefit (36,267).
- Approximately 70% of people on a key benefit in August 2002 have remained within the same statistical group in August 2005, 14% were no longer on a key benefit and 16% had moved statistical group.

Table 3.2.8 Claimants over State Pension Age by all benefit combinations¹ and gender: February 2005

	Male	Female	All
RP only	46,079	74,576	120,655
RP and PC/IS	6,567	12,026	18,593
IB only	-	-	5
RP and AA	11,999	19,614	31,613
IS/PC only	1,238	1,178	2,416
IS/PC, RP and AA	8,476	24,570	33,046
DLA only	445	1,392	1,837
IS/PC and IB	.	.	0
IB and DLA	.	.	0
RP and DLA	9,053	16,849	25,902
IS/PC, IB and DLA	.	-	-
IS/PC, RP and DLA	6,591	11,432	18,023
CA only	190	752	942
IS/PC, DLA and SDA	308	848	1,156
IS/PC and CA	91	139	230
CA and RP	657	3,046	3,703
WB only	.	323	323
DLA, SDA	46	691	737
IS/PC, CA and RP	714	848	1,562
SDA only	14	78	92
SDA and IS/PC	64	151	215
Other combination	4,039	7,260	11,299
All	96,574	175,776	272,350

¹ Numbers less than 5 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

² Includes anomalies such as IB with RP

- All benefit combinations at August 2005 are included in the above table. The main combinations were RP only (44%), RP and AA (12%), RP, PC and AA (12%) and RP and DLA (10%).

3.3 Regional Analysis

These analyses show the numbers of claimants of key benefits in each Government Office Region.

Table 3.3.1 Claimants over State Pension Age of key benefits by gender and Government Office Region: August 2005

	Thousands and percentages					
	Men		Women		All	
	(000s)	% of pop ¹	(000s)	% of pop ¹	(000s)	% of pop ¹
Great Britain	4,400.55		7,386.03		11,786.58	
North East	181.30		307.59		488.89	
North West	467.70		805.75		1,273.45	
Yorkshire & Humberside	349.31		592.28		941.59	
East Midlands	306.66		504.76		811.43	
West Midlands	376.91		631.15		1,008.06	
East of England	402.40		661.68		1,064.08	
London	373.70		631.74		1,005.43	
South East	570.83		967.95		1,538.78	
South West	406.52		677.49		1,084.01	
Wales	222.97		375.17		598.14	
Scotland	342.35		615.85		958.20	
Claimants living abroad/ Unknown ²	399.90		614.62		1,014.52	
Northern Ireland	96.57	99.20	175.78	98.81	272.35	98.95

¹ Population over state pension age, % for Great Britain are no longer available

² Great Britain claimants only, a figure for Northern Ireland was not available

³ GB statistics, provided by DWP, are based on 100% samples of data - see Methodology for changes.

NI statistics are based on 100% samples of data.

- At August 2005, there were 272.35 thousand claimants of pensionable age in Northern Ireland and 11,786.58 thousand claimants in Great Britain.

Table 3.3.2 Claimants over State Pension Age of key benefits by Statistical group and Government Office Region: August 2005

Thousands and percentages

	Statistical Group								All (000s) % of pop ¹
	RP and PC/IS		RP but not PC/IS		PC/IS but not RP		Not RP nor PC/IS		
	Not		Not		Not		Not		
	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	
Great Britain	1,065.96	1,280.72	1,298.45	7,933.04	73.71	73.80	37.60	23.30	11,786.58
North East	64.42	75.30	64.65	276.26	3.23	2.18	1.93	0.92	488.89
North West	162.72	150.47	185.45	752.54	8.96	5.88	5.06	2.37	1,273.45
Yorkshire & Humberside	98.09	132.62	109.89	585.27	5.98	4.47	3.53	1.75	941.59
East Midlands	76.54	95.00	98.11	528.34	4.78	4.30	2.84	1.51	811.43
West Midlands	114.68	129.31	125.69	619.79	6.92	6.16	3.54	1.97	1,008.06
East of England	82.31	116.14	111.48	740.47	4.59	4.57	2.75	1.76	1,064.08
London	83.44	131.99	97.97	637.80	17.90	28.48	5.36	2.49	1,005.43
South East	89.86	156.80	145.68	1,126.03	6.26	7.64	3.75	2.76	1,538.78
South West	86.71	112.48	122.83	749.72	4.26	3.61	2.60	1.80	1,084.01
Wales	82.15	58.21	110.16	336.68	4.24	2.29	3.10	1.29	598.14
Scotland	124.92	122.23	124.64	570.72	6.60	4.20	3.00	1.90	958.20
Claimants living abroad/ Unknown ²	0.11	0.18	1.91	1,009.41	0.01	0.01	0.14	2.77	1,014.52
Northern Ireland	53.34	20.16	59.87	124.37	5.90	2.96	4.38	1.38	272.35
	19.38	7.32	21.75	45.18	2.14	1.08	1.59	0.50	98.95

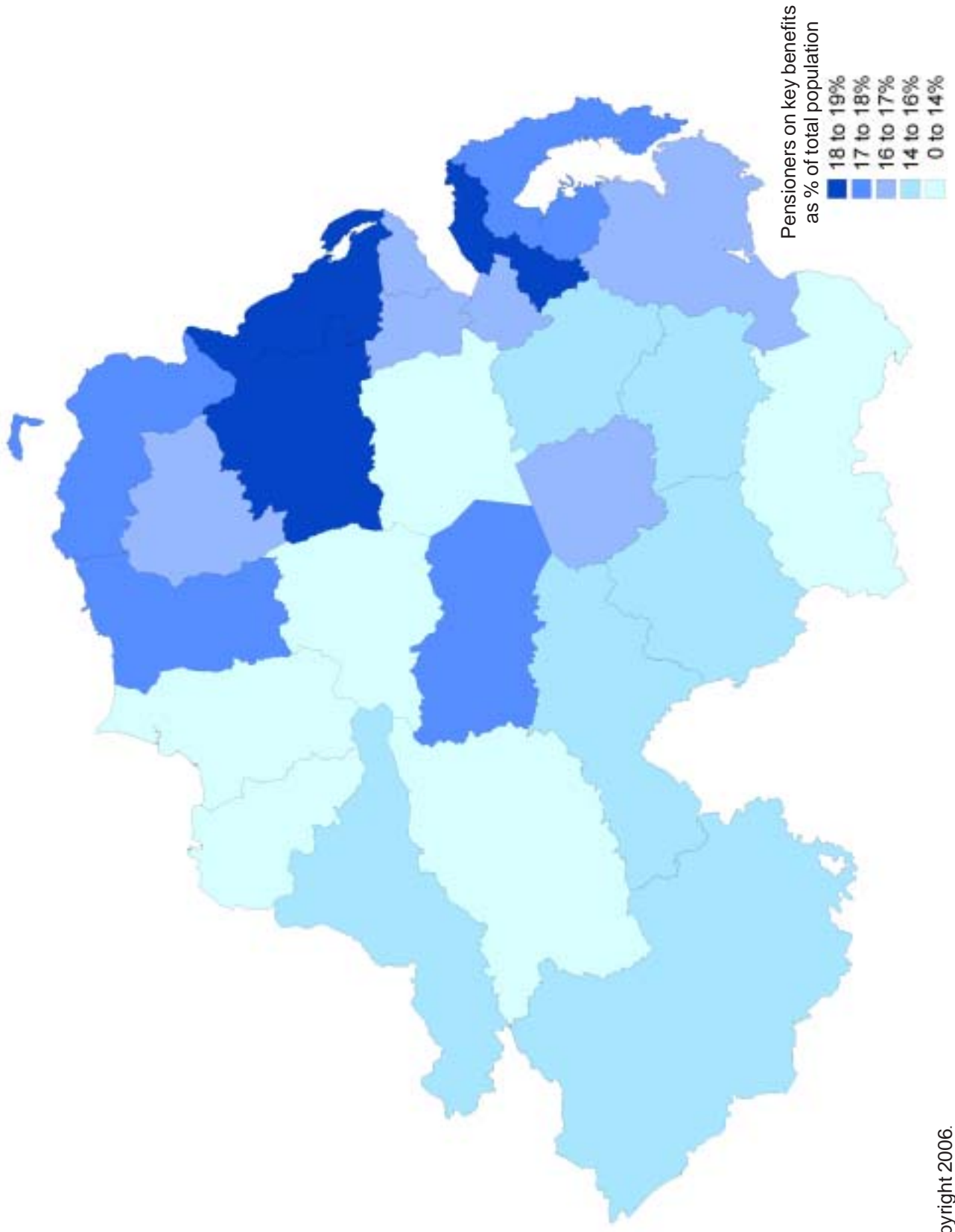
¹ Population over state pension age. % for Great Britain are no longer available

² Great Britain claimants only, a figure for Northern Ireland was not available

³ GB statistics, provided by DWP, are based on 100% samples of data - see Methodology for changes.

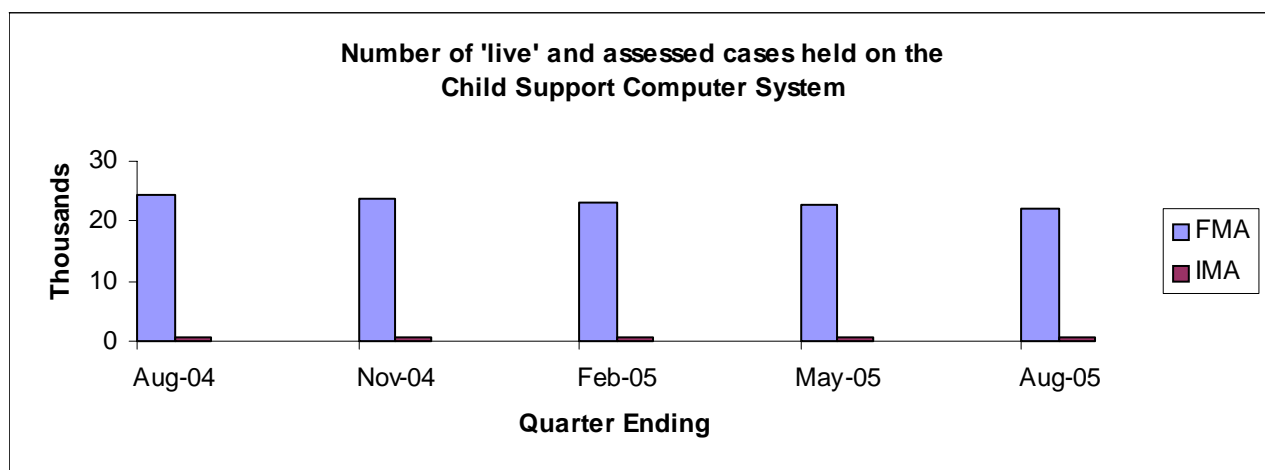
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Persons of pensionable age claiming key benefits as a percentage of the total population by District Council: August 2005



Appendix 1 - Child Support Agency

At the end of August 2005 there were 22,104 'live' and fully assessed cases held on the Child Support Computer System (CSCS) a drop of 2,382 since August 2004. This fall in the caseload is mainly due to the closure of a large number of suspended cases on the system. Also information on all new cases is held on a new computer system from which it is not possible to extract any reliable information at present. Therefore the figures for August 2005 quoted below do not give a true reflection of all cases on the CSA liveload.



The average FMA (Full Maintenance Assessment) for all non-resident parents (NRPs) increased from £14.14 in August 2004 to £14.43 in August 2005. For NRPs recorded on CSCS as an employee the average maintenance in August 2005 was £34.92 per week, a decrease of £0.05 per week from August 2004. For self-employed NRPs, the average maintenance assessment decreased from £20.37 per week in August 2004 to £21.28 in August 2005.

Table 1 Number of NRPs with full maintenance assessment and average value of assessment, August 2004 - August 2005

Month	FMA	Average, £pw
Aug-04	24,486	£14.14
Nov-04	23,805	£14.25
Feb-05	23,212	£14.40
May-05	22,596	£14.43
Aug-05	22,104	£14.43

Table 2 Benefit status of Parent/Person with Care (PWC), August 2004 - August 2005: full assessments

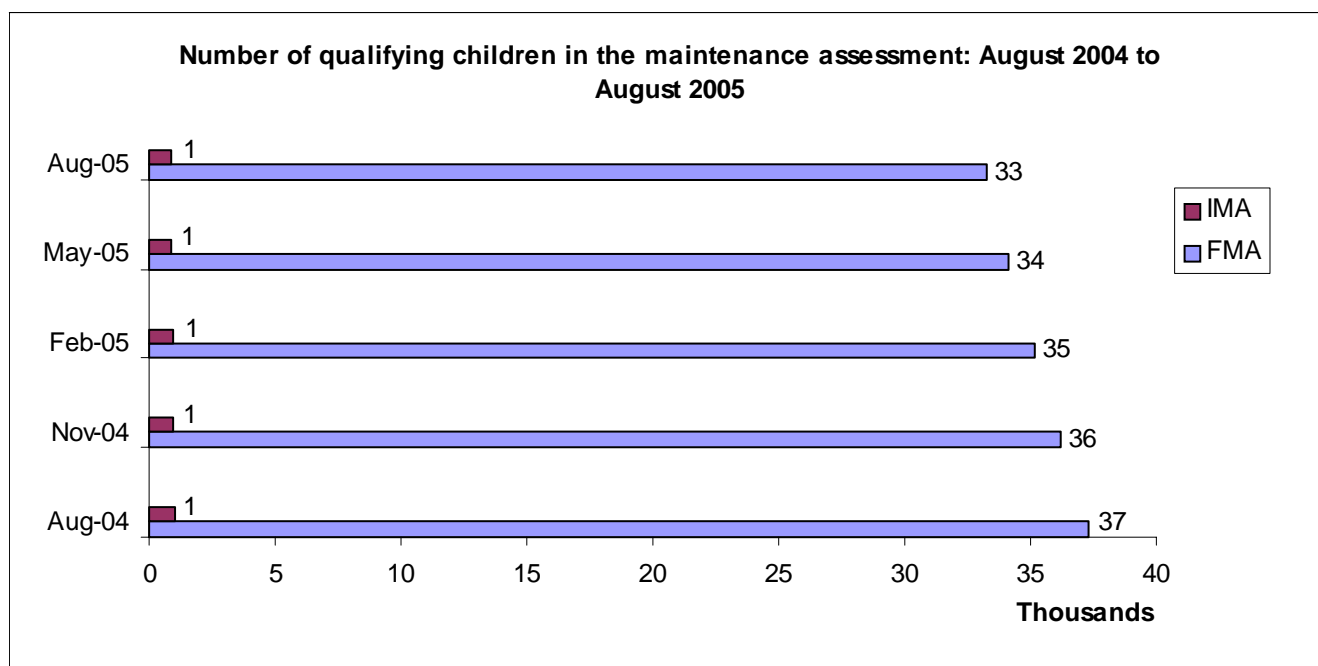
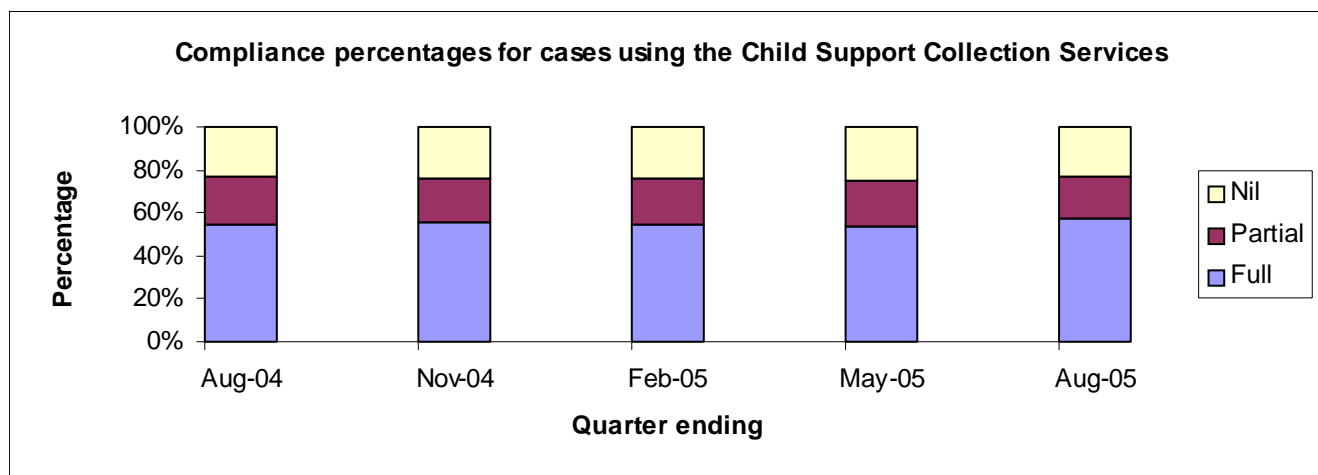
Month	PWC benefit status							
	Total	%	IS	% DPTC/WTC ¹	WFTC/	%	Other	%
Aug-04	24,486	100	12,536	51	7,387	30	4,563	19
Nov-04	23,805	100	11,599	49	7,262	31	4,944	21
Feb-05	23,212	100	11,047	48	7,121	31	5,044	22
May-05	22,596	100	10,683	47	6,982	31	4,931	22
Aug-05	22,104	100	10,417	47	6,885	31	4,802	22

¹ Working Tax Credit (WTC) replaced WFTC and DPTC in April 2003

In the following table the 'Not Applicable' category covers 2 groups of NRPs. Firstly, 'direct pay' NRPs where payment is not via the CSA Collection Service. Secondly, 'nothing charged' NRPs where no charge has been made in the Regular Payment Accounts (RPAs) or Arrears Accounts (AAs) during the last quarter.

Table 3 Compliance levels for 'live' and fully assessed cases, August 2004 - August 2005: caseload

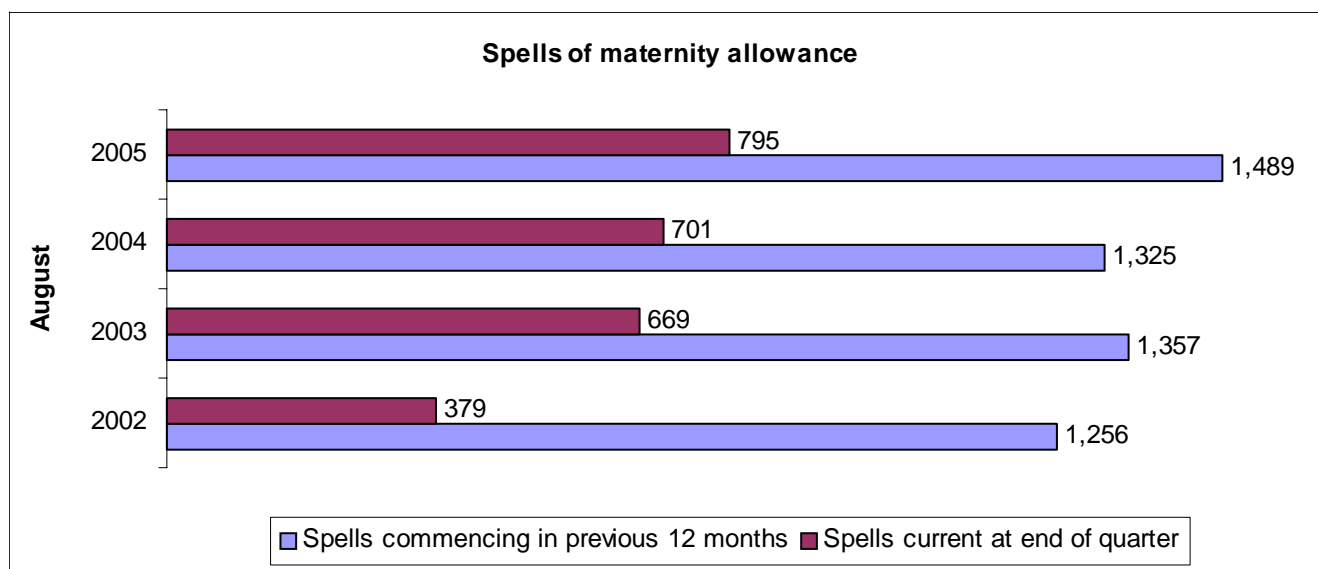
Month	Total	Not Applicable	Full	Partial	Nil
Aug-04	24,486	17,906	3,628	1,454	1,498
Nov-04	23,805	17,538	3,510	1,257	1,500
Feb-05	23,212	17,206	3,293	1,251	1,462
May-05	22,596	16,827	3,113	1,240	1,416
Aug-05	22,104	16,533	3,192	1,090	1,289



- The number of qualifying children in the fully assessed caseload has decreased by 11% since August 2004.

Appendix 2 - Maternity Allowance

At the end of August 2005 there were 795 spells of Maternity Allowance in payment an increase of 110% on 3 years earlier.



Maternity Allowance rates (£ per week)

	Higher rate ¹	Lower rate	New Standard Rate	Threshold	Increase for dependants
Apr-92	.	42.25			25.50
Apr-93	.	43.75			26.40
Apr-94	.	44.55			26.90
Oct-94	52.50	44.55			26.90
Apr-95	52.50	45.55			27.50
Apr-96	54.55	47.35			28.55
Apr-97	55.70	48.35			29.15
Apr-98	57.70	50.10			30.20
Apr-99	59.55	51.70			31.15
Apr-00	60.20	52.25			31.50
Apr-01	.		62.20	30.00	32.55
Apr-02 ²	.		75.00	30.00	33.10
Apr-03 ²	.		100.00	30.00	33.65
Apr-04 ²	.		102.80	30.00	34.60
Apr-05 ²	.		106.00	30.00	35.65

¹ The woman must be an employee in the 15th week before the baby is expected (the 'qualifying week').

² In April 2001 the higher and lower rates of maternity allowance were abolished and replaced by a standard rate.

Methodology

The following notes are for the interpretation of Persons of Working Age and their Children. A full description of the methodology used to produce these analyses and the possible uses that can be made of the data is available from the contact point listed.

These analyses are based on data collected through the administration of the individual benefits. They are designed to give a good indication of the size of the population on these benefits and how this changes over time. However, they are affected by changes to the conditions of entitlement and to the existence of the benefits themselves. This includes such things as the introduction of new tax credits in April 2003. No attempt has been made to adjust the series for such factors.

Summary of methodology

The analysis of Persons of Working Age and their Children have been constructed by matching 5% samples for the individual benefits. People in these individual samples are selected using the last two digits of the National Insurance number (NINO). This sampling scheme ensures that the same set of people will be selected for each individual benefit and time period that they have a live claim.

(Note: The analysis of Persons of Pensionable Age has been constructed by matching 100% scans for the individual benefits that they cover).

To produce the client group analyses, a common “snapshot” date is chosen and the NINOs for each person claiming a benefit on this date are selected. The NINOs are then matched to produce an overall data set for those who are claiming at least one benefit on the snapshot date. The individual data items used for the various analyses (e.g. age, sex, number of children) are then taken from the source data sets and additional variables are then derived (e.g. statistical group, family type).

This methodology gives a “best estimate” of the overall number of claimants of benefits. However, there are some minor limitations (for example, the sample of JSA claimants is taken about two weeks before the snapshot date). The best estimates of the numbers claiming each benefit are still given by the individual samples from which the data are drawn. Benefit statistics are published by Social Welfare Statistics and Consultancy Branch, Department for Social Development.

For analyses relating to family type and children/young adult dependants, Child Tax Credit (CTC) data has been used to supplement the benefit data. This provides information on partners and dependants of non income-related benefit claimants i.e. IB, SDA, DLA and JSA (Contributory and Credits) claimants, which was previously not available. In cases where both a key benefit and CTC is claimed, for example IS claimants with children, the CTC data has been the preferred source. However, where partner information is available from both benefit and CTC data, the benefit data has been the preferred source. This is because CTC is becoming the primary means of paying additional money for children, whilst benefits remain the primary means of paying money in respect of partners. In the vast majority of cases the information on children/young adult dependants and partners will be the same on both sources of data.

In addition, Social Welfare Statistics and Consultancy Branch have been able to match partner’s and dependant’s details in this publication from other data sources i.e. Child Benefit and Child Support Agency.

In sections 1.6, 1.7 and in the Children’s section, the analysis is based on Children of Working Age Claimants where we have been able to match details from either the Key Benefits themselves,

CTC or from Child Benefit and Child Support Agency scans. There are a small number of children where their age is not known. It is assumed for the purposes of the relevant sections that they are '15 or less'.

The previously published statistics for persons of pensionable age related to 6 key benefits: AA, IB, SDA, DLA, IS/PC and RP. The range of key benefits has now been extended to include CA and WB. As a result statistics for persons of pensionable age have been revised using the new methodology.

Family type and “People on benefits”

The Family Type analyses in section 1.2 cover claimants who receive additional money via benefits or tax credits for their partner and/or children and young adult dependants. Full information on children is available from benefit and/or CTC data regarding families in receipt of an income-related benefit i.e. IS and JSA (income based) claimants. Information on children is available from CTC data regarding families in receipt of a non income-related benefit i.e. IB, SDA, DLA and JSA (Contributory and Credits). The main gaps are children/young adult dependants living in families receiving non income-related benefits where there is no entitlement to CTC or where there is entitlement to CTC but it is not in payment.

The effect of New Tax Credits

In April 2003 Working Families' Tax Credit, Disabled Person's Tax Credit and Children's Tax Credit were replaced by Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Working Tax Credit (WTC). The New Tax Credits are administered by the Inland Revenue. Figures in this and future publications are affected by the introduction of the CTC. The main changes are

- Increases for child dependants paid with non-means tested benefits were abolished for new claims to Bereavement Benefit, Carer's Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and State Pension from April 2003.
- Child elements of Income Support and income-based Jobseeker's Allowance will be replaced by CTC from April 2004.

As a result particular changes may have occurred at

- April 2003, when increases for child dependants paid with non-means tested benefits were abolished for new claims
- October 2003, when families on Minimum Income Guarantee with children had the child elements transferred to CTC.
- Financial year 2004/2005, when families on Income Support and income-based Jobseeker's Allowance will have the child elements transferred to CTC.

A small number of former IS/JSA(IB) recipients will no longer be eligible once CTC is in payment. This is because CTC payments raise total income above the IS/JSA(IB) threshold, or other income exceeds the threshold once child allowances have been removed.

Therefore caution should be exercised when performing year on year comparisons or comparisons with the previous quarter. The main effect of incorporating CTC data has been to obtain additional information on partners and children/young dependants of non income-related benefits. This has resulted in many claimants' family type changing from 'not known' to another category, in particular 'couples with children' (section 1.2).

Statistical groups

Claimants have been allocated to statistical groups to give an indication of the main reason why they are claiming benefit (see Definitions and Conventions). This is only one of the possible ways in which claimants could be classified and alternative classifications are possible.

Transitions analyses

The transitions analyses shown in section 1.3 of this bulletin are produced by matching the "snapshot" data for the stock of claimants with a live claim at the end of each quarter. By matching claimants who appear in different quarters, we can get an indication of how many move on, off and between the benefits that are included. These analyses do not cover all claimants who come on and go off these benefits over the period covered by the analyses. For example, they do not cover those claims of very short duration, which start and end between the "snapshot" dates.

Also, as they are based on matching NINOs of claimants of these benefits, they do not cover all possible movements into and out of the benefit system. For example, if a claimant leaves Income Support because his partner claims Jobseeker's Allowance, the analyses will not capture this change.

The importance of these "missing flows" will depend mainly upon the use that is made of the data. If, for example, we want to analyse the number of different benefits that a claimant receives over a three-year period, these analyses should be able to produce a good measure of it. However, if we were attempting to produce a similar analysis based on benefit units, we could miss a significant number of flows - for example, where the partners in a couple alternate as to who makes the claim for a benefit when the family circumstances change.

In October 2003, Pension Credit (PC) replaced Income Support for persons aged 60 or over. PC has 2 elements: the Guarantee Credit (GC), which replaced IS for people aged 60 and over; and the Savings Credit (SC), which rewards pensioners who have modest income or savings. The majority of persons aged 60 or over receiving IS on 6 October 2003 were automatically transferred to PC. However, there were a small number of claims which were not transferred to PC. These were mainly cases where the claimant was aged under 60 and the partner was aged 60 or over.

Additional pensioner households not previously entitled to IS are entitled to PC. These are households who have deemed income from savings and/or a second pension that takes them above the guarantee level in GC but who are now rewarded for those savings via the SC. As more pensioners are entitled to PC than IS, this has resulted in an increase in the number of people of pensionable age on key benefits.

Statistics for persons of working age and their children for November 2003 - August 2004 have been revised to include males aged 60 - 64 in receipt of PC. Prior to October 2003, these individuals were included in the analysis as IS claimants.

IS claimants on Government Training schemes

Prior to the introduction of JSA, people on Government Training schemes could claim Income Support. When JSA was introduced in October 1996, these claimants now had to claim Income-based JSA. They are not included in the client group analysis in this bulletin as validated source data are not currently available.

Clerical Cases

Some of the claims to each of the key benefits featured in this bulletin are not administered using the relevant DSS computer system. These claims are administered clerically and make up a very small proportion of people of working age who claim a key benefit.

Population Estimates

The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency have revised the population estimates for 1998 - 2000 as a result of the 2001 Census.

Child Benefit

From April 2003, Child Benefit was administered by Inland Revenue. Statistics are now produced by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs and can be found on www.hmrc.gov.uk/stats/child_benefit/menu.htm

Department for Work and Pensions

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is in the process of significantly modernising and improving its statistical outputs. Part of the modernisation enables users to produce their own bespoke statistics on benefit claimants and employment scheme participants via point-and-click functionality on the Internet.

In modernising and improving its statistical outputs, DWP are moving from 5% data sources to 100% data sources within the Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study (WPLS). As a result, comprehensive benefit and employment scheme statistics based on the WPLS data were published on 27 October 2005. From this date benefit statistics and employment scheme statistics were disseminated via an Internet Tabling Tool which enables users to produce their own tabulations via point-and-click functionality. The Tabling Tool is accessible from the DWP website at www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/statistics.asp.

Sampling Errors

The analyses in this report are subject to ‘sampling error’, i.e. there is a chance that the number of cases in the sample may produce population estimates that are slightly lower or slightly higher than the true population value. An indication of the effect of these sampling errors can be gained from the tables of ‘confidence intervals’ below. The size of this range is usually indicated by a “95% confidence interval” i.e. there is only a 1 in 20 chance that the true value lies outside of this range. Usually this interval is approximately symmetric so, for example, an estimate of 10,000 is really showing that the true value lies in the range of 9,146 to 10,854.

The above method applies only to estimates of numbers of claimants and not to other characteristics.

Estimated Value	95% Confidence Interval	Confidence interval as a % of the Estimate
700	+/-226	+/-32%
800	+/-242	+/-30%
900	+/-256	+/-28%
1,000	+/-270	+/-27%
2,000	+/-382	+/-19%
3,000	+/-468	+/-16%
4,000	+/-540	+/-14%
5,000	+/-604	+/-12%
6,000	+/-662	+/-11%
7,000	+/-715	+/-10%
8,000	+/-764	+/-10%
9,000	+/-811	+/-9%
10,000	+/-854	+/-9%
20,000	+/-1,208	+/-6%
30,000	+/-1,480	+/-5%
40,000	+/-1,709	+/-4%
50,000	+/-1,910	+/-4%
100,000	+/-2,702	+/-3%
200,000	+/-3,821	+/-2%
300,000	+/-4,679	+/-2%

Warning: Figures 600 or less should be used with caution.

