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# Introduction

The Analytical Services Unit 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 Employment and Support Allowance, Bereavement Benefits 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 Maintenance and Enforcement Division 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 Analytical Services Unit 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)

## Symbols and conventions

Working age is 16 to 64 years for men  
 16 to 59 years for women  
 See Methodology for changes to State Pension Age  
 Population estimates are mid year from 1998 to 2010  
 16-18 year olds in full-time education from 1998/99 to 2010/11  
 "." not applicable

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

## 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 State 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)  
State Pension Credit (SPC)  
(Income Support prior to October 2003)  
State Pension (SP) formerly Retirement Pension  
Widow's Benefit (WB)

### Symbols and conventions

State Pension Age is 65 years and over for men  
60 years and over for women  
See Methodology for changes to State Pension Age  
Population estimates are mid year from 1998 to 2010  
"." 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:-

SP and SPC/IS, Disabled

SP and SPC/IS, Not Disabled

SP but not SPC/IS, Disabled

SP but not SPC/IS, Not Disabled

SPC/IS but not SP, Disabled

SPC/IS but not SP, Not Disabled

Not SP nor SPC/IS, Disabled

Not SP nor SPC/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: November 2007 to November 2010**

	Nov-07	Nov-08	Nov-09	Nov-10
<b>All</b>			<b>228,820</b>	<b>228,440</b>
<b>% of pop<sup>1</sup></b>			<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>
Men			126,360	124,580
% of pop <sup>1</sup>			22	22
Women <sup>2</sup>			102,460	103,860
% of pop <sup>1</sup>			19	19

<sup>1</sup> Population of working age in Northern Ireland - see Methodology

<sup>2</sup> See Methodology for changes to State Pension Age

**Table 1.1.1a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits<sup>1</sup> by gender: November 2007 to November 2010**

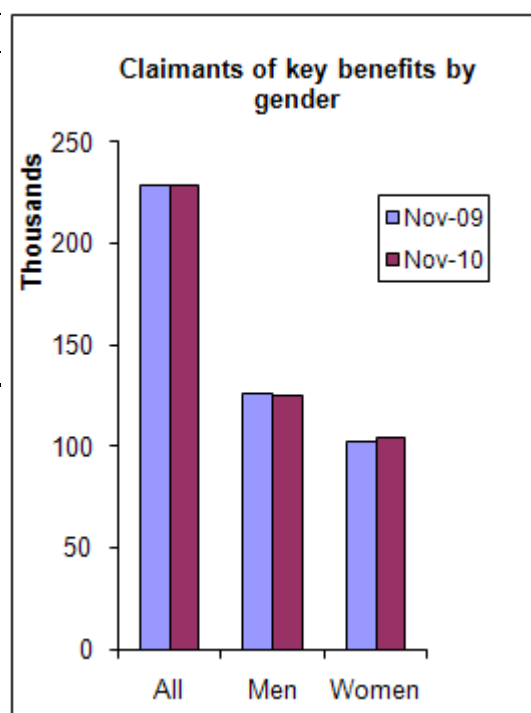
	Nov-07	Nov-08	Nov-09	Nov-10
<b>All</b>			<b>201,120</b>	<b>195,260</b>
<b>% of pop<sup>2</sup></b>			<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>
Men			114,100	109,820
% of pop <sup>2</sup>			20	19
Women <sup>3</sup>			87,020	85,440
% of pop <sup>2</sup>			16	16

<sup>1</sup> Excludes DLA only claimants

<sup>2</sup> Population of working age in Northern Ireland - see Methodology

<sup>3</sup> See Methodology for changes to State Pension Age

- In November 2010 about 21% (228,440) of people of working age claimed a key benefit – unchanged from 21% (228,820) in November 2009.
- About 125 thousand men of working age claimed a benefit, compared with 104 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 380 between November 2009 and November 2010.
- In November 2010 about 18% (195,260) of people of working age claimed a key out-of-work benefit - 18% (201,120) in November 2009.
- Older people were more likely to be claiming benefits. In 2010, 30% of those aged 55 to 59 claimed a benefit compared to 18% of those aged 18 to 24.
- Four age groups have increased in size since November 2009. The greatest increase was in the 55 to 59 age group (up by 680). The largest reduction was in the 35 to 44 age group which fell by 1,900.



**Table 1.1.2 Claimants of key benefits by age and gender: November 2010**

	All		Men		Women	
	% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group	
<b>All</b>	<b>228,440</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>124,580</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>103,860</b>	<b>19</b>
Under 18	2,100	4	1,160	5	940	4
18 to 24	32,400	18	17,400	19	15,000	17
25 to 34	40,420	16	21,700	18	18,720	15
35 to 44	46,900	19	22,740	18	24,160	19
45 to 54	58,160	24	28,940	24	29,220	24
55 to 59	29,280	30	14,100	29	15,180	31
60 to 64 <sup>1</sup>	19,180	42	18,540	41	640	1

<sup>1</sup> See Methodology for changes to State Pension Age

**Table 1.1.3 Claimants of key benefits by age: November 2007 to November 2010**

	Nov-07	Nov-08	Nov-09	Nov-10
	% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group	
<b>All</b>			<b>228,820</b>	<b>21</b>
Under 18			2,120	4
18 to 24			31,840	17
25 to 34	<b>Data is unavailable at November 2007 and November 2008</b>		40,760	17
35 to 44			48,800	19
45 to 54			57,960	25
55 to 59			28,600	29
60 to 64 <sup>1</sup>			18,740	42

<sup>1</sup> See Methodology for changes to State Pension Age

**Table 1.1.4 Claimants of key benefits by age and gender: November 2007 and November 2010**

	Men		Women	
	Nov-07	Nov-10	Nov-07	Nov-10
	% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group	
<b>All</b>				
Under 18				
18 to 24	<b>This table can not be reproduced as data for November 2007 is unavailable</b>			
25 to 34				
35 to 44				
45 to 54				
55 to 59				
60 to 64 <sup>1</sup>				

## 1.2 Family Type

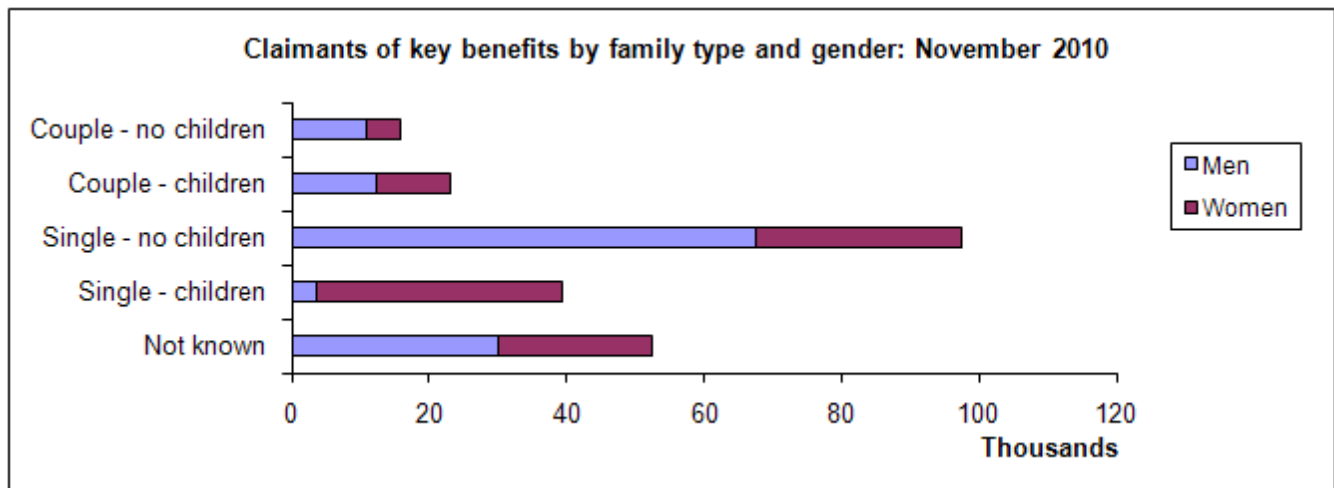
This section contains analyses of the type of family in which claimants live. Family type was assigned according to whether the claimant had a partner and/or children. It was not possible to assign a family type in every case (Not known).

**Table 1.2.1 Claimants of key benefits by family type<sup>1</sup> and gender: November 2010**

	All	%	Men	%	Women	%
<b>All</b>	<b>228,440</b>	100	<b>124,580</b>	100	<b>103,860</b>	100
<b>All couples</b>	<b>39,020</b>	17	<b>23,380</b>	19	<b>15,640</b>	15
Couple - no children	15,840	7	10,900	9	4,940	5
Couple - children	23,180	10	12,480	10	10,700	10
<b>All single</b>	<b>136,840</b>	60	<b>71,200</b>	57	<b>65,640</b>	63
Single - no children	97,600	43	67,560	54	30,040	29
Single - children	39,240	17	3,640	3	35,600	34
<b>Not known</b>	<b>52,580</b>	23	<b>30,000</b>	24	<b>22,580</b>	22

<sup>1</sup> See Methodology for further details

- 136,840 claimants were single in November 2010.
- 27% (62,420) of claimants had children. The majority of claimants with children (39,240) 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 type<sup>1</sup>: November 2007 to November 2010**

	Nov-07		Nov-08		Nov-09		Nov-10	
	All	%	All	%	All	%	All	%
<b>All</b>					<b>228,820</b>	100	<b>228,440</b>	100
<b>All couples</b>					<b>34,180</b>	15	<b>39,020</b>	17
Couple - no children					10,940	5	15,840	7
Couple - children					23,240	10	23,180	10
<b>All single</b>					<b>135,160</b>	59	<b>136,840</b>	60
Single - no children					96,060	42	97,600	43
Single - children					39,100	17	39,240	17
<b>Not known</b>					<b>59,480</b>	26	<b>52,580</b>	23

**Data is unavailable at November 2007 and November 2008**

<sup>1</sup> See Methodology for further details

**Table 1.2.3 Claimants of key benefits by family type<sup>1</sup> and statistical group: November 2010**

	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parent	Other <sup>2</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>228,440</b>	<b>56,540</b>	<b>138,560</b>	<b>22,380</b>	<b>10,960</b>
<b>All couples</b>	<b>39,020</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>30,800</b>	.	<b>3,020</b>
Couple - no children	<b>15,840</b>	1,440	12,340	.	2,060
Couple - children	<b>23,180</b>	3,760	18,460	.	960
<b>All single</b>	<b>136,840</b>	<b>51,340</b>	<b>55,180</b>	<b>22,380</b>	<b>7,940</b>
Single - no children	<b>97,600</b>	45,380	44,320	.	7,900
Single - children	<b>39,240</b>	5,960	10,860	22,380	-
<b>Not known</b>	<b>52,580</b>	.	<b>52,580</b>	.	.

<sup>1</sup> See Methodology for further details

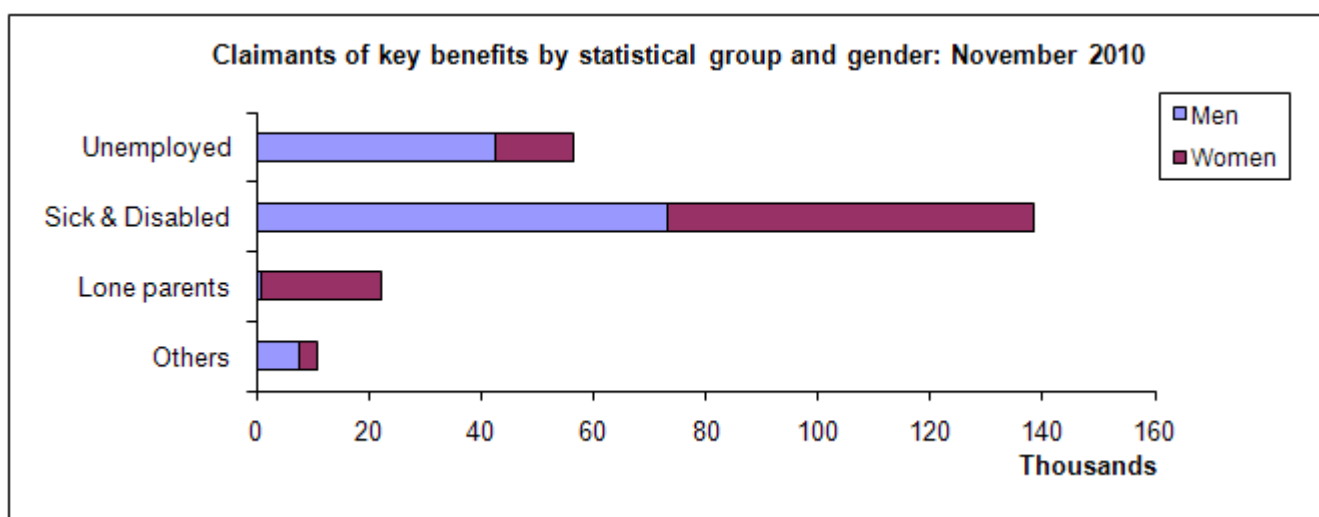
<sup>2</sup> Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

### 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: November 2010**

	All	Men	Women
<b>All</b>	<b>228,440</b>	<b>124,580</b>	<b>103,860</b>
Unemployed	56,540	42,720	13,820
Sick & Disabled	138,560	73,320	65,240
Lone parents	22,380	860	21,520
Others	10,960	7,680	3,280



- The overall numbers fell by 380 between November 2009 and November 2010, mostly because of the sick and disabled group which fell by 2,700 (2%) over this period.
- In November 2010, 5% (56,540) of people of working age were classed as unemployed - unchanged from 5% (53,140) in November 2009.
- Sick & disabled claimants were consistently the largest group between November 2009 and November 2010, decreasing from 62% of the total to 61% of the total; unemployed claimants were the second largest group in November 2009 and November 2010.
- The size of the lone parents group fell by 1,460 (6%) between November 2009 and November 2010, whilst numbers in the sick & disabled group fell by 2,700 (2%) over the same period.

**Table 1.3.2 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group: November 2007 to November 2010**

	Nov-07	Nov-08	Nov-09	Nov-10		
	All % of pop <sup>1</sup>	All % of pop <sup>1</sup>	All % of pop <sup>1</sup>	All % of pop <sup>1</sup>		
<b>All</b>			<b>228,820</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>228,440</b>	<b>21</b>
Unemployed			53,140	5	56,540	5
Sick & Disabled			141,260	13	138,560	12
Lone parents			23,840	2	22,380	2
Others			10,580	1	10,960	1

<sup>1</sup> 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: November 2007 to November 2010**

<u>On benefit in current year - status in previous year<sup>1</sup></u>					Left benefit since previous year <sup>2</sup>
All	Same statistical group	Different statistical group	Not on benefit		

**This table can not be reproduced as data for November 2007 and November 2008 is unavailable**

<sup>1</sup> Some claimants may have left benefit and then returned to it between years

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

- There was a decrease of 380 claimants between November 2009 and November 2010. The decrease was due to the number of people leaving being exceeded by the number of people who had joined benefit. For example, 41,040 claimants on benefit in November 2009 were no longer on benefit in November 2010 whilst 40,660 of claimants in November 2010 were not on benefit in November 2009.
- The numbers in each statistical group were also affected by movements between them. For example, 7,860 claimants who were on benefit in both November 2009 and November 2010 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 rose by 3,400 between November 2009 and November 2010. The number of claimants who moved out of that group (2,500) was less than those who moved in from another group (3,520) – an increase of 1,020. The number of new claimants who joined the group (27,500) was more than those who left benefit from that group (25,120) – an increase of 2,380. When combined these figures gave a total increase of 3,400.

**Table 1.3.4 Claimants of key benefits - changes between November 2009 and November 2010**

Statistical group	All on benefit in November-09	Movement between November-09 and November-10			Overall change <sup>2</sup>	All on benefit in November-10
		Outflow Not on benefit in November-10	Inflow Not on benefit in November-09	Net movement between Statistical groups <sup>1</sup>		
<b>All</b>	<b>228,820</b>	<b>41,040</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-380</b>	<b>228,440</b>
Unemployed	<b>53,140</b>	25,120	27,500	1,020	3,400	<b>56,540</b>
Sick & Disabled	<b>141,260</b>	10,100	7,680	-280	-2,700	<b>138,560</b>
Lone parents	<b>23,840</b>	4,080	3,940	-1,320	-1,460	<b>22,380</b>
Others	<b>10,580</b>	1,740	1,540	580	380	<b>10,960</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Overall change between November 2009 and November 2010 ie column 3 minus column 2 plus column 4

**Table 1.3.5 Claimants of key benefits in both November 2009 and November 2010 - comparisons of statistical group**

Comparison of statistical groups in 2009 and 2010 <sup>1</sup>	Statistical group in November 2010				
	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone parent	Other
<b>All</b>	<b>187,780</b>	29,040	130,880	18,440	9,420
<b>Statistical group in November 2009</b>					
Unemployed	<b>28,020</b>	25,520	940	540	1,020
Sick & Disabled	<b>131,160</b>	1,580	129,000	260	320
Lone parents	<b>19,760</b>	1,480	560	17,520	200
Others	<b>8,840</b>	460	380	120	7,880
<b>2009 and 2010</b>					
<b>Total with no change</b>	<b>179,920</b>	25,520	129,000	17,520	7,880
Leaving original statistical group	<b>-7,860</b>	-2,500	-2,160	-2,240	-960
Joining new statistical group	<b>7,860</b>	3,520	1,880	920	1,540
Net movement between statistical groups	<b>0</b>	1,020	-280	-1,320	580

<sup>1</sup> For example there were 28,020 claimants in the Unemployed group in November 2009 who were also on benefit in November 2010: of these, 25,520 were still in this group, 940 were now in the Sick & Disabled group, 540 in the Lone parent group, etc.

These analyses also looked at changes over longer time periods, as well as comparisons over the latest year. Data is not available for 2007 therefore it is not possible to compare the status of the stock of claimants in November 2007 with that in November 2010.

**Table 1.3.6 Claimants of key benefits in November 2010 - by status in November 2007**

Benefit status in November 2010	All on benefit in November 2010	Benefit status in November 2007		
		Not on benefit	Same statistical group	Different statistical group
<b>All</b>		<b>This table can not be reproduced as data for November 2007 is unavailable</b>		
Unemployed				
Sick & Disabled				
Lone Parents				
Others				

**Table 1.3.7 Claimants of key benefits in November 2007 - by status in November 2010**

Benefit status in November 2007	All on benefit in November 2007	Benefit status in November 2010		
		Reached state pension age <sup>1</sup>	Not on benefit	Same statistical group
<b>All</b>		<b>This table can not be reproduced as data for November 2007 is unavailable</b>		
Unemployed				
Sick & Disabled				
Lone Parents				
Others				

<sup>1</sup> Some of these claimants may also have left benefit

<sup>2</sup> Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

## 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: November 2010**

	All	Income replacement benefits <sup>1</sup>	Other benefits only <sup>2</sup>	NI Credits <sup>3</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>228,440</b>	187,240	35,420	5,780
Unemployed	<b>56,540</b>	51,940	.	4,600
Sick & Disabled	<b>138,560</b>	101,960	35,420	1,180
Lone parents	<b>22,380</b>	22,380	.	.
Others	<b>10,960</b>	10,960	.	.

<sup>1</sup> Income replacement benefits are JSA (excluding credits), IS, IB (excluding credits), SDA

<sup>2</sup> Other is DLA

<sup>3</sup> 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 benefits<sup>1</sup> by statistical group and type of benefit: November 2010**

	All	Income replacement benefits <sup>2</sup>	NI Credits <sup>3</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>195,260</b>	187,240	8,020
JSA	<b>56,540</b>	51,940	4,600
IB/SDA	<b>96,200</b>	92,780	3,420
IS Disabled	<b>9,180</b>	9,180	.
IS Lone parents	<b>22,380</b>	22,380	.
Others	<b>10,960</b>	10,960	.

<sup>1</sup> Excludes DLA only claimants. Hierarchy used where claiming more than one benefit

<sup>2</sup> Income replacement benefits are JSA (excluding credits), IS, IB (excluding credits), SDA

<sup>3</sup> NI Credits includes JSA credits only, JSA credits and IB credits, JSA credits with DLA, IB credits only, IB credits with DLA

- In November 2010, 187,240 claimants received an income replacement benefit, down from 192,860 in November 2009.
- Of these, 92,780 claimants received IB/SDA.

**Table 1.4.2 Claimants of key benefits by type of benefit: November 2007 to November 2010**

	Benefit type			
	All	Income replacement benefits <sup>1</sup>	Other benefits only <sup>2</sup>	NI Credits <sup>3</sup>
Nov-07	Data is unavailable at November 2007 and November 2008			
Nov-08	Data is unavailable at November 2007 and November 2008			
Nov-09	228,820	192,860	30,100	5,860
Nov-10	228,440	187,240	35,420	5,780

<sup>1</sup> Income replacement benefits are JSA (excluding credits), IS, IB (excluding credits), SDA

<sup>2</sup> Other is DLA

<sup>3</sup> 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: November 2010**

	Basis of benefit entitlement					
	All	Contributory <sup>1</sup>	Contributory and income related <sup>2</sup>	Income related <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	NI Credits <sup>5</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>228,440</b>	46,080	15,580	123,840	37,160	5,780
Unemployed	56,540	7,080	460	44,400	.	4,600
Sick & Disabled	138,560	39,000	15,120	46,100	37,160	1,180
Lone Parents	22,380	.	.	22,380	.	.
Others	10,960	.	.	10,960	.	.

<sup>1</sup> Contributory benefits are contribution-based JSA, IB and not with IS

<sup>2</sup> 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

<sup>3</sup> Means tested benefits are income based JSA, IS

<sup>4</sup> Other benefits are SDA, DLA

<sup>5</sup> 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 benefits<sup>1</sup> by statistical group and main basis of entitlement: November 2010**

	Basis of benefit entitlement					
	All	Contributory <sup>2</sup>	Contributory and income related <sup>3</sup>	Income related <sup>4</sup>	Other <sup>5</sup>	NI Credits <sup>6</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>195,260</b>	46,080	15,580	123,840	3,980	5,780
JSA	<b>56,540</b>	7,080	460	44,400	.	4,600
IB/SDA	<b>96,200</b>	39,000	15,120	36,920	3,980	1,180
IS Disabled	<b>9,180</b>	.	.	9,180	.	.
IS Lone parents	<b>22,380</b>	.	.	22,380	.	.
Others	<b>10,960</b>	.	.	10,960	.	.

<sup>1</sup> Excludes DLA only claimants. Hierarchy used where claiming more than one benefit

<sup>2</sup> Contributory benefits are contribution-based JSA, IB and not with IS

<sup>3</sup> 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

<sup>4</sup> Income related benefits are income based JSA, IS

<sup>5</sup> Other benefits is SDA

<sup>6</sup> 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: November 2007 to November 2010**

	Basis of benefit entitlement					
	All	Contributory <sup>1</sup>	Contributory and income related <sup>2</sup>	Income related <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	NI Credits <sup>5</sup>
<b>Nov-07</b>	<b>Data is unavailable at November 2007 and November 2008</b>					
<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Data is unavailable at November 2007 and November 2008</b>					
<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>228,820</b>	52,120	16,000	122,900	31,940	5,860
<b>Nov-10</b>	<b>228,440</b>	46,080	15,580	123,840	37,160	5,780

<sup>1</sup> Contributory benefits are contribution-based JSA, IB and not with IS

<sup>2</sup> 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

<sup>3</sup> Means tested benefits are income based JSA, IS

<sup>4</sup> Other benefits are SDA, DLA

<sup>5</sup> NI Credits includes JSA credits only, JSA credits and IB credits, JSA credits with DLA, IB credits only

- 139,420 claimants received a benefit that was means tested in November 2010. Of those 123,840 claimants received a benefit that was means tested whilst 15,580 claimants in receipt of a means tested benefit also received or satisfied the qualifying conditions for a contributory benefit.
- In November 2010, 46,080 claimants received only a contributory benefit.

**Table 1.4.5 Claimants of sickness and/or disability benefits by combinations of benefits: November 2010**

	All	Type of benefit				
		IB Payment	IB Credits	SDA	Income Support	DLA
<b>All sick and disabled</b>	<b>138,560</b>	<b>54,120</b>	<b>34,120</b>	<b>7,960</b>	<b>61,220</b>	<b>104,940</b>
<b>Single benefit only</b>	<b>53,300</b>	<b>16,080</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>33,180</b>
<b>Two or more benefits of which<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>85,260</b>	<b>38,040</b>	<b>32,940</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>58,520</b>	<b>71,760</b>
Incapacity Benefit payment	<b>38,040</b>	38,040	.	.	15,120	35,760
Incapacity Benefit credits	<b>32,940</b>	.	32,940	.	30,700	21,980
Severe Disablement Allowance	<b>7,800</b>	.	.	7,800	6,220	7,540
Income Support	<b>58,520</b>	15,120	30,700	6,220	58,520	45,020
Disability Living Allowance	<b>71,760</b>	35,760	21,980	7,540	45,020	71,760

<sup>1</sup> 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 62% (85,260) of sick & disabled claimants received more than one key benefit in November 2010. The main combinations included IB payments and DLA (35,760) and IS and DLA (45,020).

**Table 1.4.6 Claimants of sickness and/or disability benefits by type of benefit: November 2007 to November 2010**

	Nov-07		Nov-08		Nov-09		Nov-10	
	All	%	All	%	All	%	All	%
<b>All sick and disabled</b>					<b>141,260</b>	100	<b>138,560</b>	100
IB/SDA					104,420	74	96,200	69
IS Disabled (not also IB/SDA)					9,140	6	9,180	7
DLA only (not also IB/SDA/IS Disabled)					27,700	20	33,180	24

## 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: November 2010**

	All	Duration of oldest claim <sup>1</sup>				
		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 year to under 2 years	2 years or over
<b>All</b>	<b>228,440</b>	<b>22,820</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>19,940</b>	<b>26,940</b>	<b>143,740</b>
Unemployed	56,540	18,140	10,260	10,780	11,700	5,660
Sick & Disabled	138,560	2,780	2,720	5,800	9,640	117,620
Lone parents	22,380	980	1,280	2,520	3,560	14,040
Others	10,960	920	740	840	2,040	6,420

<sup>1</sup> Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

- Around 63% (143,740) of the claimants in November 2010 had been receiving a key benefit for 2 years or more.
- Of those longer duration claimants 82% (117,620) were in the sick & disabled group. That group was therefore more likely to have been on benefit for longer periods than all the others – 85% had been on benefits for 2 years or more compared with only 10% of those in the unemployed group.

**Table 1.5.2 Claimants of key benefits by gender and duration of claim: November 2010**

	All	Duration of oldest claim <sup>1</sup>				
		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 year to under 2 years	2 years or over
<b>All</b>	<b>228,440</b>	<b>22,820</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>19,940</b>	<b>26,940</b>	<b>143,740</b>
%	100	10	7	9	12	63
Men	124,580	15,280	9,060	11,440	15,400	73,400
%	100	12	7	9	12	59
Women	103,860	7,540	5,940	8,500	11,540	70,340
%	100	7	6	8	11	68

<sup>1</sup> Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

**Table 1.5.2a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits<sup>1</sup> by gender and duration of claim:  
November 2010**

	All	Duration of oldest claim <sup>2</sup>				
		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 year to under 2 years	2 years or over
<b>All</b>	<b>195,260</b>	<b>20,780</b>	<b>12,620</b>	<b>14,920</b>	<b>19,080</b>	<b>127,860</b>
%	100	11	6	8	10	65
Men	109,820	14,300	8,060	9,120	12,200	66,140
%	100	13	7	8	11	60
Women	85,440	6,480	4,560	5,800	6,880	61,720
%	100	8	5	7	8	72

<sup>1</sup> Excludes DLA only claimants

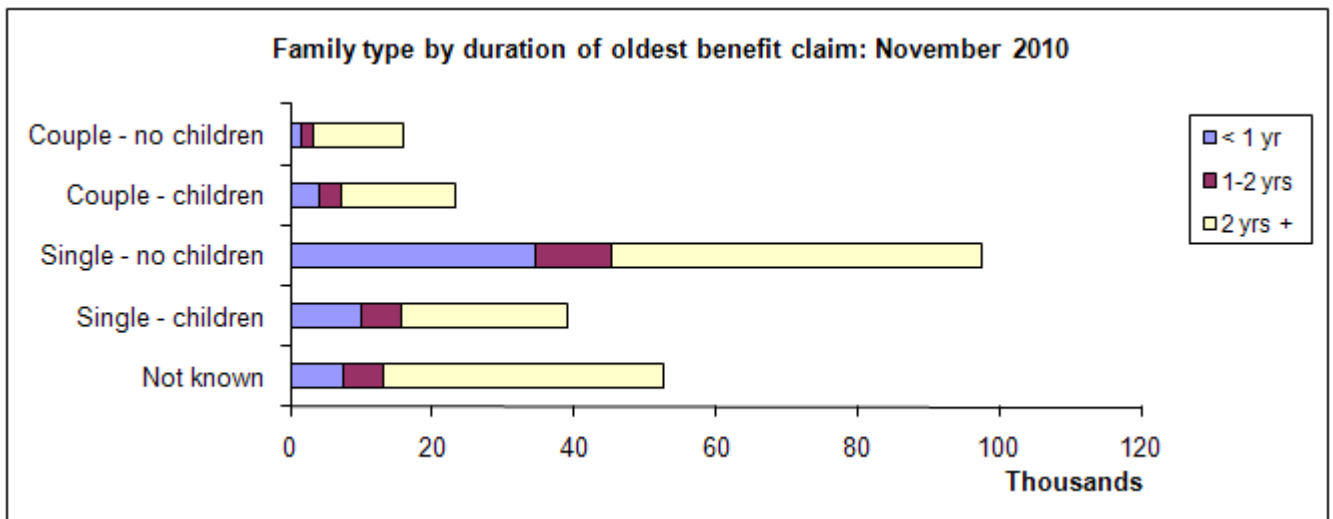
<sup>2</sup> Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

**Table 1.5.3 Claimants of key benefits by family type and duration of claim:  
November 2010**

	All	Duration of oldest claim <sup>1</sup>				
		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 year to under 2 years	2 years or over
<b>All</b>	<b>228,440</b>	<b>22,820</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>19,940</b>	<b>26,940</b>	<b>143,740</b>
<b>All Couples</b>	<b>39,020</b>	1,600	1,260	2,760	4,820	28,580
Couple - no children	15,840	340	360	940	1,640	12,560
Couple - children	23,180	1,260	900	1,820	3,180	16,020
<b>All single</b>	<b>136,840</b>	19,240	12,040	13,300	16,420	75,840
Single - no children	97,600	16,420	9,220	8,980	10,780	52,200
Single - children	39,240	2,820	2,820	4,320	5,640	23,640
<b>Not known</b>	<b>52,580</b>	1,980	1,700	3,880	5,700	39,320

<sup>1</sup> Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

- Around 60% of single people with children/young adult dependants had been on benefit for 2 years or more. Sixty nine percent of couples with children had also been on benefit for 2 years or more.
- **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.**



## 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 dependants<sup>1</sup> by statistical group: November 2010**

	All	All with children	Age of youngest child/dependant <sup>3</sup>				Not known <sup>24</sup>
			Under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16	16 or over	
<b>All</b>	<b>228,440</b>	<b>62,540</b>	<b>22,580</b>	<b>17,600</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>7,540</b>	<b>520</b>
Unemployed	56,540	<b>9,720</b>	2,540	2,280	3,260	1,460	180
Sick & Disabled	138,560	<b>29,440</b>	6,340	8,340	9,100	5,380	280
Lone parents	22,380	<b>22,380</b>	13,400	6,660	1,680	600	-
Others	10,960	<b>1,000</b>	300	320	260	100	-

<sup>1</sup> Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18

<sup>2</sup> Children whose ages are not known

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

<sup>4</sup> Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

- In November 2010, 62,540 claimants of key benefits had children and/or young dependants.
- 36% (22,580) 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 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by age of child, statistical group and family type: November 2010**

	Children aged under 16 years <sup>23</sup>					Young dependants aged 16 to 18 years <sup>3</sup>				
	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
<b>All</b>	<b>96,840</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>36,980</b>	<b>59,700</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>20,960</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>10,860</b>	<b>.</b>
Unemployed	13,440	4	7,020	6,420	.	3,920	7	1,060	2,860	.
Sick & Disabled	42,220	11	28,120	13,940	160	13,280	24	8,620	4,660	.
Lone Parents	39,300	10	.	39,300	.	3,340	6	.	3,340	.
Others <sup>4</sup>	1,880	0	1,840	-	.	420	1	420	0	.

<sup>1</sup> Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 - 18

<sup>2</sup> Includes a small percentage of children whose age is not known

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

<sup>4</sup> Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

- In November 2010, 96,840 children under the age of 16 were living in families in which a key benefit was claimed.
- The majority of these children 59,700 were living in single parent families.
- 20,960 young people aged 16 -18 (38% of all 16 - 18 year olds in full-time education) were living in families with a key benefit claimant.
- 28% of all young people aged 16 - 18 were living with key benefit claimants in November 2010.
- **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: November 2010**

	Thousands					
	All		Men		Women <sup>3</sup>	
	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>
<b>Great Britain</b>						
North East						
North West						
Yorkshire & the Humber						
East Midlands						
West Midlands						
East of England						
London						
South East						
South West						
Wales						
Scotland						
Claimants living abroad <sup>2</sup>						
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>228.4</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>124.6</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>19.5</b>

Figures at November 2010 for Government Office Regions in Great Britain are not currently available. Consequently, Table 1.8.1 has not been updated.

<sup>1</sup> Population of working age - see Methodology

<sup>2</sup> Great Britain claimants only, a figure for Northern Ireland claimants was not available

<sup>3</sup> See Methodology for changes to State Pension Age

- The proportion of the working age population claiming a benefit was 20.6% in Northern Ireland.
- The proportion of the working age population claiming a benefit ranges from 14% (Castlereagh and North Down) to 30% (Strabane).
- The District Councils with the greatest proportion of working age claimants in the sick & disabled group were Strabane (18%), followed by Derry (17%). The District Councils with the lowest proportion were Castlereagh, North Down and Ballymena (9%).
- The proportion of the working age population in the unemployed group ranged from 8% (Limavady) to 3% (Castlereagh, North Down and Antrim).

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](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/statistics.asp)

**Table 1.8.2 Claimants of key benefits by gender and District Council: November 2010**

	All		Men		Women <sup>2</sup>	
		% of pop <sup>1</sup>		% of pop <sup>1</sup>		% of pop <sup>1</sup>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>228,440</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>124,580</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>103,860</b>	<b>19</b>
Ards	7,840	17	4,600	19	3,240	14
Belfast	47,740	28	26,560	31	21,180	25
Castlereagh	5,620	14	3,020	15	2,600	13
Down	8,280	19	4,900	21	3,380	16
Lisburn	12,240	17	6,060	16	6,180	17
North Down	6,560	14	3,440	14	3,120	14
Antrim	5,200	16	2,760	16	2,440	15
Ballymena	5,660	15	2,920	15	2,740	15
Ballymoney	3,560	19	1,860	19	1,700	19
Carrickfergus	4,380	18	2,120	17	2,260	19
Coleraine	6,600	19	3,700	21	2,900	18
Cookstown	5,140	22	2,900	24	2,240	21
Larne	3,860	20	2,120	21	1,740	19
Magherafelt	4,200	15	2,240	15	1,960	15
Moyle	2,240	22	1,440	27	800	17
Newtownabbey	8,020	16	4,260	16	3,760	15
Armagh	5,980	17	3,280	18	2,700	16
Banbridge	4,700	16	2,180	14	2,520	18
Craigavon	12,180	21	6,060	20	6,120	22
Dungannon	6,860	19	4,000	21	2,860	17
Newry & Mourne	14,120	23	8,480	27	5,640	19
Derry	20,200	29	10,560	30	9,640	29
Fermanagh	6,260	16	3,520	17	2,740	15
Limavady	5,140	24	2,800	25	2,340	23
Omagh	7,260	22	4,140	24	3,120	20
Strabane	7,360	30	4,020	31	3,340	29
Unknown	1,240	.	640	.	600	.

<sup>1</sup> Population of working age in Northern Ireland - see Methodology

<sup>2</sup> See Methodology for changes to State Pension Age

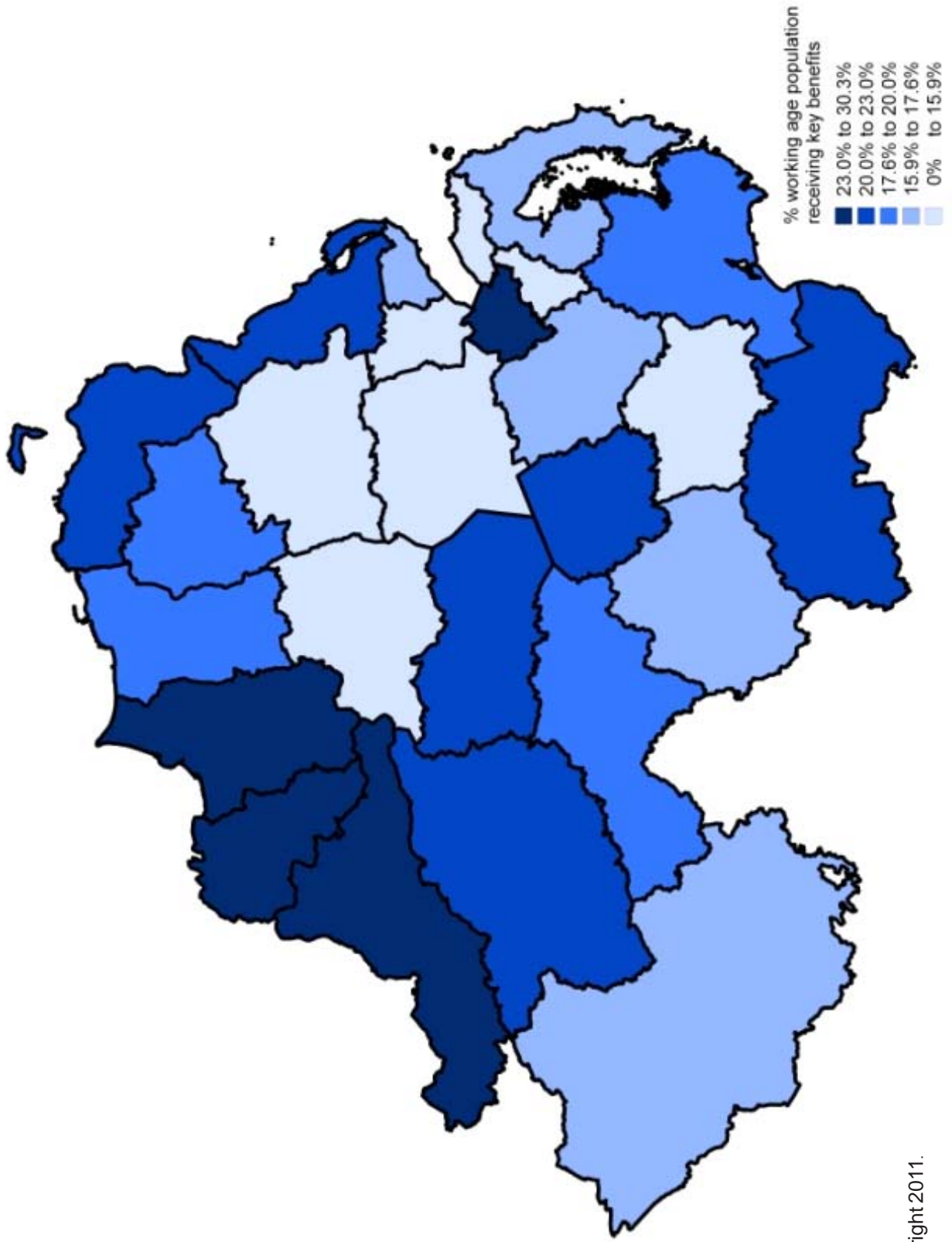
**Table 1.8.3 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group and District Council:  
November 2010**

		Statistical group				
		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone parents	Others <sup>2</sup>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>		<b>228,440</b>	<b>56,540</b>	<b>138,560</b>	<b>22,380</b>	<b>10,960</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Ards		<b>7,840</b>	1,980	4,940	520	400
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>17</b>	4	10	1	1
Belfast		<b>47,740</b>	12,120	27,060	6,180	2,380
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>28</b>	7	16	4	1
Castlereagh		<b>5,620</b>	1,320	3,760	340	200
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>14</b>	3	9	1	0
Down		<b>8,280</b>	2,080	5,200	640	360
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>19</b>	5	12	1	1
Lisburn		<b>12,240</b>	2,900	7,440	1,380	520
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>17</b>	4	10	2	1
North Down		<b>6,560</b>	1,400	4,200	800	160
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>14</b>	3	9	2	0
Antrim		<b>5,200</b>	1,120	3,480	460	140
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>16</b>	3	10	1	0
Ballymena		<b>5,660</b>	1,620	3,380	500	160
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>15</b>	4	9	1	0
Ballymoney		<b>3,560</b>	940	1,980	400	240
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>19</b>	5	11	2	1
Carrickfergus		<b>4,380</b>	1,200	2,660	420	100
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>18</b>	5	11	2	0
Coleraine		<b>6,600</b>	1,700	3,760	580	560
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>19</b>	5	11	2	2
Cookstown		<b>5,140</b>	980	3,660	240	260
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>22</b>	4	16	1	1
Larne		<b>3,860</b>	920	2,400	340	200
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>20</b>	5	12	2	1
Magherafelt		<b>4,200</b>	980	2,800	300	120
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>15</b>	4	10	1	0
Moyle		<b>2,240</b>	640	1,200	360	-
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>22</b>	6	12	4	-
Newtownabbey		<b>8,020</b>	1,820	4,940	1,000	260
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>16</b>	4	10	2	1
Armagh		<b>5,980</b>	1,520	3,840	380	240
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>17</b>	4	11	1	1
Banbridge		<b>4,700</b>	1,180	3,080	340	100
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>16</b>	4	10	1	0
Craigavon		<b>12,180</b>	2,940	7,680	900	660
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>21</b>	5	13	2	1
Dungannon		<b>6,860</b>	1,840	4,180	480	360
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>19</b>	5	12	1	1
Newry & Mourne		<b>14,120</b>	3,780	8,680	1,000	660
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>23</b>	6	14	2	1
Derry		<b>20,200</b>	4,900	11,560	2,400	1,340
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>29</b>	7	17	3	2
Fermanagh		<b>6,260</b>	1,500	4,040	400	320
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>16</b>	4	10	1	1
Limavady		<b>5,140</b>	1,740	2,520	640	240
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>24</b>	8	12	3	1
Omagh		<b>7,260</b>	1,520	4,860	420	460
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>22</b>	5	15	1	1
Strabane		<b>7,360</b>	1,700	4,380	800	480
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>30</b>	7	18	3	2
Unknown		<b>1,240</b>	200	880	160	.

<sup>1</sup> Population of working age of Northern Ireland - see Methodology for changes to State Pension Age

<sup>2</sup> Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

Percentage of the working age population claiming a key benefit by District Council: November 2010



## 1.9 Quarterly Tables

### 1.9.1 Age and Gender

**Table 1.9.1A Claimants of key benefits by gender**

		All	% Pop <sup>1</sup>	Men	% Pop <sup>1</sup>	Women	% Pop <sup>1</sup>
2003	Feb	<b>227,200</b>	22	122,340	23	104,860	21
	May	<b>226,260</b>	22	121,040	22	105,220	21
	Aug	<b>230,760</b>	22	123,020	23	107,740	21
	Nov	<b>225,960</b>	22	121,340	23	104,620	21
2004	Feb	<b>225,920</b>	21	120,840	22	105,080	21
	May	<b>223,400</b>	21	119,020	22	104,380	20
	Aug	<b>224,420</b>	21	117,760	22	106,660	21
	Nov	<b>222,280</b>	21	117,860	22	104,420	21
2005	Feb	<b>225,060</b>	21	119,740	22	105,320	20
	May	<b>223,040</b>	21	118,380	22	104,660	20
	Aug	<b>223,820</b>	21	117,060	21	106,760	21
	Nov	<b>222,360</b>	21	116,880	21	105,480	21
2006	Feb	<b>222,900</b>	21	118,100	21	104,800	20
	May	<b>220,820</b>	20	116,600	21	104,220	20
	Aug	<b>221,780</b>	21	115,340	21	106,440	20
	Nov	<b>218,200</b>	20	113,820	20	104,380	20
2007	Feb	<b>216,500</b>	20	112,360	20	104,140	20
	May	<b>213,360</b>	20	110,160	20	103,200	20
	Aug	<b>213,860</b>	20	109,940	19	103,920	20
	Nov <sup>2</sup>						
2008	Feb	<b>211,240</b>	19	109,760	19	101,480	19
	May <sup>2</sup>						
	Aug <sup>2</sup>						
	Nov <sup>2</sup>						
2009	Feb	<b>227,480</b>	21	124,720	22	102,760	19
	May	<b>228,240</b>	21	126,600	22	101,640	19
	Aug	<b>230,280</b>	21	126,260	22	104,020	20
	Nov	<b>228,820</b>	21	126,360	22	102,460	19
2010	Feb	<b>232,740</b>	21	128,920	22	103,820	19
	May <sup>3</sup>	<b>229,300</b>	21	126,000	22	103,300	19
	Aug	<b>232,060</b>	21	124,980	22	107,080	20
	Nov	<b>228,440</b>	21	124,580	22	103,860	19

<sup>1</sup> Population of working age in Northern Ireland - see Methodology

<sup>2</sup> Data unavailable

<sup>3</sup> See Methodology for changes to State Pension Age

**Table 1.9.1B Claimants of key benefits by gender - Annual changes November 2006 to November 2010**

	All	%	Men	%	Women	%
November 07 / November 06						
November 08 / November 07						
November 09 / November 08						
November 10 / November 09						

**This table can not be reproduced as data for  
November 2007 and November 2008 is unavailable**

**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
2003								
Feb	<b>227,200</b>	2,180	27,720	42,260	53,340	52,840	31,220	17,640
May	<b>226,260</b>	2,400	26,500	41,980	53,480	52,800	31,420	17,680
Aug	<b>230,760</b>	2,300	29,440	41,960	54,600	52,580	31,760	18,120
Nov	<b>225,960</b>	2,360	26,760	40,280	53,620	52,620	32,080	18,240
2004								
Feb	<b>225,920</b>	2,360	27,260	40,060	53,480	52,220	32,500	18,040
May	<b>223,400</b>	2,260	25,960	39,780	52,840	52,420	31,980	18,160
Aug	<b>224,420</b>	2,420	26,860	39,780	52,660	52,100	32,560	18,040
Nov	<b>222,280</b>	2,260	25,840	39,060	52,260	52,220	32,600	18,040
2005								
Feb	<b>225,060</b>	2,080	26,540	39,540	52,940	52,760	32,620	18,580
May	<b>223,040</b>	2,040	26,260	38,700	52,520	52,500	32,700	18,320
Aug	<b>223,820</b>	2,100	27,620	38,500	52,660	52,740	32,240	17,960
Nov	<b>222,360</b>	2,260	25,600	38,060	52,760	53,360	32,080	18,240
2006								
Feb	<b>222,900</b>	2,140	26,360	37,160	53,000	53,500	31,940	18,800
May	<b>220,820</b>	1,980	25,620	36,600	52,640	53,120	32,200	18,660
Aug	<b>221,780</b>	1,980	27,300	37,240	51,940	52,560	31,980	18,780
Nov	<b>218,200</b>	2,200	25,240	36,460	51,720	52,340	31,840	18,400
2007								
Feb	<b>216,500</b>	2,240	24,900	36,040	50,880	53,200	30,840	18,400
May	<b>213,360</b>	2,000	23,780	35,740	49,740	53,340	30,000	18,760
Aug	<b>213,860</b>	1,900	24,600	35,540	49,800	53,260	29,780	18,980
Nov <sup>1</sup>								
2008								
Feb	<b>211,240</b>	2,200	23,160	34,180	49,140	53,920	29,440	19,200
May <sup>1</sup>								
Aug <sup>1</sup>								
Nov <sup>1</sup>								
2009								
Feb	<b>227,480</b>	2,020	31,100	38,020	50,960	57,220	29,480	18,680
May	<b>228,240</b>	2,060	31,320	39,320	50,600	57,340	29,100	18,500
Aug	<b>230,280</b>	2,000	33,260	40,320	49,380	57,840	28,800	18,680
Nov	<b>228,820</b>	2,120	31,840	40,760	48,800	57,960	28,600	18,740
2010								
Feb	<b>232,740</b>	2,100	33,000	42,120	49,180	58,560	29,000	18,780
May <sup>2</sup>	<b>229,300</b>	2,140	31,740	41,480	48,580	57,980	28,660	18,720
Aug	<b>232,060</b>	2,120	33,780	42,120	47,680	58,200	29,280	18,880
Nov	<b>228,440</b>	2,100	32,400	40,420	46,900	58,160	29,280	19,180

<sup>1</sup> Data unavailable

<sup>2</sup> See Methodology for changes to State Pension Age

**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
2003	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	12	19	23	23	14	8
	May	<b>100</b>	1	12	19	24	23	14	8
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	13	18	24	23	14	8
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	12	18	24	23	14	8
2004	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	12	18	24	23	14	8
	May	<b>100</b>	1	12	18	24	23	14	8
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	12	18	23	23	15	8
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	12	18	24	23	15	8
2005	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	12	18	24	23	14	8
	May	<b>100</b>	1	12	17	24	24	15	8
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	12	17	24	24	14	8
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	12	17	24	24	14	8
2006	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	12	17	24	24	14	8
	May	<b>100</b>	1	12	17	24	24	15	8
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	12	17	23	24	14	8
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	12	17	24	24	15	8
2007	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	12	17	24	25	14	8
	May	<b>100</b>	1	11	17	23	25	14	9
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	12	17	23	25	14	9
	Nov <sup>1</sup>								
2008	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	11	16	23	26	14	9
	May <sup>1</sup>								
	Aug <sup>1</sup>								
	Nov <sup>1</sup>								
2009	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	14	17	22	25	13	8
	May	<b>100</b>	1	14	17	22	25	13	8
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	14	18	21	25	13	8
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	14	18	21	25	12	8
2010	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	14	18	21	25	12	8
	May <sup>2</sup>	<b>100</b>	1	14	18	21	25	12	8
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	15	18	21	25	13	8
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	14	18	21	25	13	8

<sup>1</sup> Data unavailable

<sup>2</sup> See Methodology for changes to State Pension Age

**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
2003	Feb	<b>122,340</b>	1,040	14,360	19,520	26,100	27,040	16,640	17,640
	May	<b>121,040</b>	1,140	13,360	19,200	25,980	26,820	16,860	17,680
	Aug	<b>123,020</b>	1,080	14,560	19,380	26,460	26,800	16,620	18,120
	Nov	<b>121,340</b>	1,060	13,340	19,220	25,880	27,160	16,440	18,240
2004	Feb	<b>120,840</b>	980	13,820	18,820	25,620	26,840	16,720	18,040
	May	<b>119,020</b>	1,060	13,180	18,280	25,020	26,680	16,640	18,160
	Aug	<b>117,760</b>	1,120	13,180	18,020	24,540	26,240	16,620	18,040
	Nov	<b>117,860</b>	1,060	13,460	18,160	24,300	26,300	16,540	18,040
2005	Feb	<b>119,740</b>	860	13,920	18,420	25,000	26,300	16,660	18,580
	May	<b>118,380</b>	980	13,720	18,080	24,400	26,160	16,720	18,320
	Aug	<b>117,060</b>	1,060	13,840	17,400	24,040	26,200	16,560	17,960
	Nov	<b>116,880</b>	1,160	12,820	17,360	24,540	26,520	16,240	18,240
2006	Feb	<b>118,100</b>	1,180	13,620	17,220	24,940	26,280	16,060	18,800
	May	<b>116,600</b>	960	13,020	16,880	24,920	25,820	16,340	18,660
	Aug	<b>115,340</b>	940	13,460	16,680	24,140	25,240	16,100	18,780
	Nov	<b>113,820</b>	1,160	12,580	16,380	24,280	25,020	16,000	18,400
2007	Feb	<b>112,360</b>	1,120	12,440	16,160	23,860	25,080	15,300	18,400
	May	<b>110,160</b>	880	11,640	16,100	22,980	25,160	14,640	18,760
	Aug	<b>109,940</b>	840	12,100	15,720	22,580	25,220	14,500	18,980
	Nov <sup>1</sup>								
2008	Feb	<b>109,760</b>	900	11,520	15,600	22,660	25,660	14,220	19,200
	May <sup>1</sup>								
	Aug <sup>1</sup>								
	Nov <sup>1</sup>								
2009	Feb	<b>124,720</b>	1,100	17,860	19,420	24,760	28,060	14,840	18,680
	May	<b>126,600</b>	1,180	18,400	20,660	24,600	28,460	14,800	18,500
	Aug	<b>126,260</b>	1,160	18,760	20,680	23,980	28,460	14,540	18,680
	Nov	<b>126,360</b>	1,260	17,800	21,380	23,880	28,820	14,480	18,740
2010	Feb	<b>128,920</b>	1,240	18,520	22,600	24,100	29,180	14,500	18,780
	May	<b>126,000</b>	1,220	17,560	22,300	23,320	28,780	14,240	18,580
	Aug	<b>124,980</b>	1,260	17,760	21,980	22,440	28,900	14,100	18,540
	Nov	<b>124,580</b>	1,160	17,400	21,700	22,740	28,940	14,100	18,540

<sup>1</sup> Data unavailable

**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
2003	Feb	<b>104,860</b>	1,140	13,360	22,740	27,240	25,800	14,580	.
	May	<b>105,220</b>	1,260	13,140	22,780	27,500	25,980	14,560	.
	Aug	<b>107,740</b>	1,220	14,880	22,580	28,140	25,780	15,140	.
	Nov	<b>104,620</b>	1,300	13,420	21,060	27,740	25,460	15,640	.
2004	Feb	<b>105,080</b>	1,380	13,440	21,240	27,860	25,380	15,780	.
	May	<b>104,380</b>	1,200	12,780	21,500	27,820	25,740	15,340	.
	Aug	<b>106,660</b>	1,300	13,680	21,760	28,120	25,860	15,940	.
	Nov	<b>104,420</b>	1,200	12,380	20,900	27,960	25,920	16,060	.
2005	Feb	<b>105,320</b>	1,220	12,620	21,120	27,940	26,460	15,960	.
	May	<b>104,660</b>	1,060	12,540	20,620	28,120	26,340	15,980	.
	Aug	<b>106,760</b>	1,040	13,780	21,100	28,620	26,540	15,680	.
	Nov	<b>105,480</b>	1,100	12,780	20,700	28,220	26,840	15,840	.
2006	Feb	<b>104,800</b>	960	12,740	19,940	28,060	27,220	15,880	.
	May	<b>104,220</b>	1,020	12,600	19,720	27,720	27,300	15,860	.
	Aug	<b>106,440</b>	1,040	13,840	20,560	27,800	27,320	15,880	.
	Nov	<b>104,380</b>	1,040	12,660	20,080	27,440	27,320	15,840	.
2007	Feb	<b>104,140</b>	1,120	12,460	19,880	27,020	28,120	15,540	.
	May	<b>103,200</b>	1,120	12,140	19,640	26,760	28,180	15,360	.
	Aug	<b>103,920</b>	1,060	12,500	19,820	27,220	28,040	15,280	.
	Nov <sup>1</sup>								.
2008	Feb	<b>101,480</b>	1,300	11,640	18,580	26,480	28,260	15,220	.
	May <sup>1</sup>								.
	Aug <sup>1</sup>								.
	Nov <sup>1</sup>								.
2009	Feb	<b>102,760</b>	920	13,240	18,600	26,200	29,160	14,640	.
	May	<b>101,640</b>	880	12,920	18,660	26,000	28,880	14,300	.
	Aug	<b>104,020</b>	840	14,500	19,640	25,400	29,380	14,260	.
	Nov	<b>102,460</b>	860	14,040	19,380	24,920	29,140	14,120	.
2010	Feb	<b>103,820</b>	860	14,480	19,520	25,080	29,380	14,500	.
	May <sup>2</sup>	<b>103,300</b>	920	14,180	19,180	25,260	29,200	14,420	140
	Aug	<b>107,080</b>	860	16,020	20,140	25,240	29,300	15,180	340
	Nov	<b>103,860</b>	940	15,000	18,720	24,160	29,220	15,180	640

<sup>1</sup> Data unavailable

<sup>2</sup> See Methodology for changes to State Pension Age

## 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	
2003	Feb	<b>227,200</b>	<b>37,200</b>	12,040	25,160	<b>123,460</b>	80,980	42,480	<b>66,540</b>
	May	<b>226,260</b>	<b>36,800</b>	11,860	24,940	<b>122,400</b>	79,260	43,140	<b>67,060</b>
	Aug	<b>230,760</b>	<b>43,920</b>	11,880	32,040	<b>124,840</b>	82,340	42,500	<b>62,000</b>
	Nov	<b>225,960</b>	<b>42,980</b>	12,240	30,740	<b>120,580</b>	80,180	40,400	<b>62,400</b>
2004	Feb	<b>225,920</b>	<b>41,420</b>	11,720	29,700	<b>121,580</b>	80,700	40,880	<b>62,920</b>
	May	<b>223,400</b>	<b>41,200</b>	11,900	29,300	<b>120,120</b>	78,840	41,280	<b>62,080</b>
	Aug	<b>224,420</b>	<b>40,780</b>	11,380	29,400	<b>122,140</b>	80,440	41,700	<b>61,500</b>
	Nov	<b>222,280</b>	<b>41,040</b>	11,680	29,360	<b>119,880</b>	78,900	40,980	<b>61,360</b>
2005	Feb	<b>225,060</b>	<b>41,740</b>	11,940	29,800	<b>122,540</b>	81,140	41,400	<b>60,780</b>
	May	<b>223,040</b>	<b>39,100</b>	11,340	27,760	<b>121,120</b>	79,760	41,360	<b>62,820</b>
	Aug	<b>223,820</b>	<b>39,200</b>	11,040	28,160	<b>123,400</b>	81,340	42,060	<b>61,220</b>
	Nov	<b>222,360</b>	<b>38,480</b>	11,200	27,280	<b>121,000</b>	79,840	41,160	<b>62,880</b>
2006	Feb	<b>222,900</b>	<b>37,780</b>	11,060	26,720	<b>122,040</b>	81,540	40,500	<b>63,080</b>
	May	<b>220,820</b>	<b>36,640</b>	11,180	25,460	<b>120,420</b>	79,340	41,080	<b>63,760</b>
	Aug	<b>221,780</b>	<b>36,340</b>	11,060	25,280	<b>122,180</b>	80,660	41,520	<b>63,260</b>
	Nov	<b>218,200</b>	<b>35,980</b>	11,340	24,640	<b>118,620</b>	78,280	40,340	<b>63,600</b>
2007	Feb	<b>216,500</b>	<b>37,180</b>	11,200	25,980	<b>117,820</b>	77,600	40,220	<b>61,500</b>
	May	<b>213,360</b>	<b>36,860</b>	11,420	25,440	<b>115,280</b>	75,040	40,240	<b>61,220</b>
	Aug	<b>213,860</b>	<b>36,420</b>	10,920	25,500	<b>116,200</b>	75,700	40,500	<b>61,240</b>
	Nov <sup>1</sup>								
2008	Feb	<b>211,240</b>	<b>35,620</b>	11,160	24,460	<b>113,700</b>	74,900	38,800	<b>61,920</b>
	May <sup>1</sup>								
	Aug <sup>1</sup>								
	Nov <sup>1</sup>								
2009	Feb	<b>227,480</b>	<b>34,340</b>	10,560	23,780	<b>131,760</b>	92,300	39,460	<b>61,380</b>
	May	<b>228,240</b>	<b>34,740</b>	10,460	24,280	<b>133,880</b>	94,280	39,600	<b>59,620</b>
	Aug	<b>230,280</b>	<b>34,680</b>	10,940	23,740	<b>136,520</b>	96,540	39,980	<b>59,080</b>
	Nov	<b>228,820</b>	<b>34,180</b>	10,940	23,240	<b>135,160</b>	96,060	39,100	<b>59,480</b>
2010	Feb	<b>232,740</b>	<b>34,480</b>	11,100	23,380	<b>138,680</b>	98,800	39,880	<b>59,580</b>
	May	<b>229,300</b>	<b>39,060</b>	15,300	23,760	<b>138,140</b>	98,000	40,140	<b>52,100</b>
	Aug	<b>232,060</b>	<b>39,080</b>	15,480	23,600	<b>140,560</b>	99,580	40,980	<b>52,420</b>
	Nov	<b>228,440</b>	<b>39,020</b>	15,840	23,180	<b>136,840</b>	97,600	39,240	<b>52,580</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data unavailable

**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
2003	Feb	<b>122,340</b>	<b>22,460</b>	10,360	12,100	<b>58,000</b>	55,360	2,640	<b>41,880</b>
	May	<b>121,040</b>	<b>22,080</b>	10,180	11,900	<b>56,740</b>	54,080	2,660	<b>42,220</b>
	Aug	<b>123,020</b>	<b>26,880</b>	10,160	16,720	<b>58,500</b>	55,340	3,160	<b>37,640</b>
	Nov	<b>121,340</b>	<b>26,180</b>	10,540	15,640	<b>57,120</b>	54,060	3,060	<b>38,040</b>
2004	Feb	<b>120,840</b>	<b>25,260</b>	10,020	15,240	<b>57,380</b>	54,120	3,260	<b>38,200</b>
	May	<b>119,020</b>	<b>25,140</b>	10,300	14,840	<b>56,380</b>	53,040	3,340	<b>37,500</b>
	Aug	<b>117,760</b>	<b>24,700</b>	9,820	14,880	<b>56,080</b>	52,880	3,200	<b>36,980</b>
	Nov	<b>117,860</b>	<b>24,600</b>	10,080	14,520	<b>56,000</b>	53,020	2,980	<b>37,260</b>
2005	Feb	<b>119,740</b>	<b>24,880</b>	10,200	14,680	<b>57,880</b>	54,940	2,940	<b>36,980</b>
	May	<b>118,380</b>	<b>23,380</b>	9,800	13,580	<b>57,180</b>	54,040	3,140	<b>37,820</b>
	Aug	<b>117,060</b>	<b>23,200</b>	9,420	13,780	<b>56,940</b>	53,860	3,080	<b>36,920</b>
	Nov	<b>116,880</b>	<b>23,060</b>	9,520	13,540	<b>56,320</b>	53,480	2,840	<b>37,500</b>
2006	Feb	<b>118,100</b>	<b>22,600</b>	9,440	13,160	<b>57,920</b>	55,020	2,900	<b>37,580</b>
	May	<b>116,600</b>	<b>21,700</b>	9,540	12,160	<b>56,180</b>	53,340	2,840	<b>38,720</b>
	Aug	<b>115,340</b>	<b>21,280</b>	9,400	11,880	<b>55,960</b>	53,120	2,840	<b>38,100</b>
	Nov	<b>113,820</b>	<b>21,140</b>	9,540	11,600	<b>54,760</b>	52,100	2,660	<b>37,920</b>
2007	Feb	<b>112,360</b>	<b>21,740</b>	9,300	12,440	<b>54,200</b>	51,600	2,600	<b>36,420</b>
	May	<b>110,160</b>	<b>21,440</b>	9,560	11,880	<b>52,420</b>	49,700	2,720	<b>36,300</b>
	Aug	<b>109,940</b>	<b>20,980</b>	9,140	11,840	<b>52,600</b>	49,700	2,900	<b>36,360</b>
	Nov <sup>1</sup>								
2008	Feb	<b>109,760</b>	<b>20,580</b>	9,240	11,340	<b>52,480</b>	49,620	2,860	<b>36,700</b>
	May <sup>1</sup>								
	Aug <sup>1</sup>								
	Nov <sup>1</sup>								
2009	Feb	<b>124,720</b>	<b>21,100</b>	8,400	12,700	<b>68,480</b>	64,860	3,620	<b>35,140</b>
	May	<b>126,600</b>	<b>21,440</b>	8,360	13,080	<b>71,100</b>	67,040	4,060	<b>34,060</b>
	Aug	<b>126,260</b>	<b>21,480</b>	8,640	12,840	<b>71,320</b>	67,600	3,720	<b>33,460</b>
	Nov	<b>126,360</b>	<b>21,520</b>	8,660	12,860	<b>71,240</b>	67,740	3,500	<b>33,600</b>
2010	Feb	<b>128,920</b>	<b>21,640</b>	8,820	12,820	<b>73,820</b>	70,100	3,720	<b>33,460</b>
	May	<b>126,000</b>	<b>23,320</b>	10,660	12,660	<b>72,560</b>	68,900	3,660	<b>30,120</b>
	Aug	<b>124,980</b>	<b>23,280</b>	10,660	12,620	<b>71,580</b>	67,800	3,780	<b>30,120</b>
	Nov	<b>124,580</b>	<b>23,380</b>	10,900	12,480	<b>71,200</b>	67,560	3,640	<b>30,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data unavailable

Table 1.9.2C Female claimants of key benefits by family type

		Couples				Single			Not known
		All	All	No children	With children	All	No children	With children	
2003	Feb	<b>104,860</b>	<b>14,740</b>	1,680	13,060	<b>65,460</b>	25,620	39,840	<b>24,660</b>
	May	<b>105,220</b>	<b>14,720</b>	1,680	13,040	<b>65,660</b>	25,180	40,480	<b>24,840</b>
	Aug	<b>107,740</b>	<b>17,040</b>	1,720	15,320	<b>66,340</b>	27,000	39,340	<b>24,360</b>
	Nov	<b>104,620</b>	<b>16,800</b>	1,700	15,100	<b>63,460</b>	26,120	37,340	<b>24,360</b>
2004	Feb	<b>105,080</b>	<b>16,160</b>	1,700	14,460	<b>64,200</b>	26,580	37,620	<b>24,720</b>
	May	<b>104,380</b>	<b>16,060</b>	1,600	14,460	<b>63,740</b>	25,800	37,940	<b>24,580</b>
	Aug	<b>106,660</b>	<b>16,080</b>	1,560	14,520	<b>66,060</b>	27,560	38,500	<b>24,520</b>
	Nov	<b>104,420</b>	<b>16,440</b>	1,600	14,840	<b>63,880</b>	25,880	38,000	<b>24,100</b>
2005	Feb	<b>105,320</b>	<b>16,860</b>	1,740	15,120	<b>64,660</b>	26,200	38,460	<b>23,800</b>
	May	<b>104,660</b>	<b>15,720</b>	1,540	14,180	<b>63,940</b>	25,720	38,220	<b>25,000</b>
	Aug	<b>106,760</b>	<b>16,000</b>	1,620	14,380	<b>66,460</b>	27,480	38,980	<b>24,300</b>
	Nov	<b>105,480</b>	<b>15,420</b>	1,680	13,740	<b>64,680</b>	26,360	38,320	<b>25,380</b>
2006	Feb	<b>104,800</b>	<b>15,180</b>	1,620	13,560	<b>64,120</b>	26,520	37,600	<b>25,500</b>
	May	<b>104,220</b>	<b>14,940</b>	1,640	13,300	<b>64,240</b>	26,000	38,240	<b>25,040</b>
	Aug	<b>106,440</b>	<b>15,060</b>	1,660	13,400	<b>66,220</b>	27,540	38,680	<b>25,160</b>
	Nov	<b>104,380</b>	<b>14,840</b>	1,800	13,040	<b>63,860</b>	26,180	37,680	<b>25,680</b>
2007	Feb	<b>104,140</b>	<b>15,440</b>	1,900	13,540	<b>63,620</b>	26,000	37,620	<b>25,080</b>
	May	<b>103,200</b>	<b>15,420</b>	1,860	13,560	<b>62,860</b>	25,340	37,520	<b>24,920</b>
	Aug	<b>103,920</b>	<b>15,440</b>	1,780	13,660	<b>63,600</b>	26,000	37,600	<b>24,880</b>
	Nov <sup>1</sup>								
2008	Feb	<b>101,480</b>	<b>15,040</b>	1,920	13,120	<b>61,220</b>	25,280	35,940	<b>25,220</b>
	May <sup>1</sup>								
	Aug <sup>1</sup>								
	Nov <sup>1</sup>								
2009	Feb	<b>102,760</b>	<b>13,240</b>	2,160	11,080	<b>63,280</b>	27,440	35,840	<b>26,240</b>
	May	<b>101,640</b>	<b>13,300</b>	2,100	11,200	<b>62,780</b>	27,240	35,540	<b>25,560</b>
	Aug	<b>104,020</b>	<b>13,200</b>	2,300	10,900	<b>65,200</b>	28,940	36,260	<b>25,620</b>
	Nov	<b>102,460</b>	<b>12,660</b>	2,280	10,380	<b>63,920</b>	28,320	35,600	<b>25,880</b>
2010	Feb	<b>103,820</b>	<b>12,840</b>	2,280	10,560	<b>64,860</b>	28,700	36,160	<b>26,120</b>
	May	<b>103,300</b>	<b>15,740</b>	4,640	11,100	<b>65,580</b>	29,100	36,480	<b>21,980</b>
	Aug	<b>107,080</b>	<b>15,800</b>	4,820	10,980	<b>68,980</b>	31,780	37,200	<b>22,300</b>
	Nov	<b>103,860</b>	<b>15,640</b>	4,940	10,700	<b>65,640</b>	30,040	35,600	<b>22,580</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data unavailable

### 1.9.3 Statistical group

**Table 1.9.3A All claimants of key benefits by statistical group**

		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
2003	Feb	<b>227,200</b>	34,540	151,300	29,060	12,300
	May	<b>226,260</b>	33,360	152,220	28,660	12,020
	Aug	<b>230,760</b>	36,800	153,280	28,660	12,020
	Nov	<b>225,960</b>	33,100	153,940	27,140	11,780
2004	Feb	<b>225,920</b>	32,860	154,560	26,820	11,680
	May	<b>223,400</b>	30,520	154,320	26,660	11,900
	Aug	<b>224,420</b>	31,220	154,380	26,400	12,420
	Nov	<b>222,280</b>	28,260	155,580	26,080	12,360
2005	Feb	<b>225,060</b>	30,020	156,500	26,440	12,100
	May	<b>223,040</b>	28,740	156,300	26,220	11,780
	Aug	<b>223,820</b>	30,520	154,760	26,900	11,640
	Nov	<b>222,360</b>	27,840	156,140	26,520	11,860
2006	Feb	<b>222,900</b>	28,980	155,920	26,080	11,920
	May	<b>220,820</b>	27,640	155,920	25,900	11,360
	Aug	<b>221,780</b>	29,120	155,280	26,380	11,000
	Nov	<b>218,200</b>	26,300	155,660	25,220	11,020
2007	Feb	<b>216,500</b>	26,080	154,240	25,280	10,900
	May	<b>213,360</b>	24,060	153,420	25,260	10,620
	Aug	<b>213,860</b>	24,300	153,920	25,360	10,280
	Nov <sup>1</sup>					
2008	Feb	<b>211,240</b>	22,840	153,760	24,420	10,220
	May <sup>1</sup>					
	Aug <sup>1</sup>					
	Nov <sup>1</sup>					
2009	Feb	<b>227,480</b>	43,380	148,600	24,840	10,660
	May	<b>228,240</b>	48,880	144,780	24,200	10,380
	Aug	<b>230,280</b>	52,960	142,460	24,360	10,500
	Nov	<b>228,820</b>	53,140	141,260	23,840	10,580
2010	Feb	<b>232,740</b>	57,140	140,840	24,000	10,760
	May	<b>229,300</b>	55,740	139,380	23,820	10,360
	Aug	<b>232,060</b>	58,920	138,880	23,760	10,500
	Nov	<b>228,440</b>	56,540	138,560	22,380	10,960

<sup>1</sup> Data unavailable

**Table 1.9.3B Claimants of key benefits by statistical group - Annual changes November 2006 to November 2010**

	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
November 07 / November 06					
November 08 / November 07					
November 09 / November 08					
November 10 / November 09					

**This table can not be reproduced as data for November 2007 and November 2008 is unavailable**

**Table 1.9.3C Male claimants of key benefits by statistical group**

		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
2003	Feb	<b>122,340</b>	27,120	84,960	1,540	8,720
	May	<b>121,040</b>	25,880	85,040	1,560	8,560
	Aug	<b>123,020</b>	27,060	85,840	1,520	8,600
	Nov	<b>121,340</b>	25,580	86,020	1,460	8,280
2004	Feb	<b>120,840</b>	25,320	86,080	1,400	8,040
	May	<b>119,020</b>	23,380	85,780	1,420	8,440
	Aug	<b>117,760</b>	22,460	85,100	1,400	8,800
	Nov	<b>117,860</b>	21,900	85,880	1,320	8,760
2005	Feb	<b>119,740</b>	23,140	86,660	1,340	8,600
	May	<b>118,380</b>	22,620	86,000	1,360	8,400
	Aug	<b>117,060</b>	22,340	84,960	1,400	8,360
	Nov	<b>116,880</b>	21,580	85,620	1,240	8,440
2006	Feb	<b>118,100</b>	22,820	85,540	1,280	8,460
	May	<b>116,600</b>	21,520	85,920	1,280	7,880
	Aug	<b>115,340</b>	21,340	85,060	1,260	7,680
	Nov	<b>113,820</b>	20,080	84,900	1,180	7,660
2007	Feb	<b>112,360</b>	20,220	83,520	1,080	7,540
	May	<b>110,160</b>	18,800	82,840	1,140	7,380
	Aug	<b>109,940</b>	18,240	83,280	1,200	7,220
	Nov <sup>1</sup>					
2008	Feb	<b>109,760</b>	18,120	83,300	1,200	7,140
	May <sup>1</sup>					
	Aug <sup>1</sup>					
	Nov <sup>1</sup>					
2009	Feb	<b>124,720</b>	35,040	80,880	1,180	7,620
	May	<b>126,600</b>	39,560	78,480	1,120	7,440
	Aug	<b>126,260</b>	41,020	76,600	1,040	7,600
	Nov	<b>126,360</b>	41,580	76,140	920	7,720
2010	Feb	<b>128,920</b>	44,680	75,600	900	7,740
	May	<b>126,000</b>	43,000	74,660	860	7,480
	Aug	<b>124,980</b>	42,740	73,880	820	7,540
	Nov	<b>124,580</b>	42,720	73,320	860	7,680

<sup>1</sup> Data unavailable

**Table 1.9.3D Female claimants of key benefits by statistical group**

		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
2003	Feb	<b>104,860</b>	7,420	66,340	27,520	3,580
	May	<b>105,220</b>	7,480	67,180	27,100	3,460
	Aug	<b>107,740</b>	9,740	67,440	27,140	3,420
	Nov	<b>104,620</b>	7,520	67,920	25,680	3,500
2004	Feb	<b>105,080</b>	7,540	68,480	25,420	3,640
	May	<b>104,380</b>	7,140	68,540	25,240	3,460
	Aug	<b>106,660</b>	8,760	69,280	25,000	3,620
	Nov	<b>104,420</b>	6,360	69,700	24,760	3,600
2005	Feb	<b>105,320</b>	6,880	69,840	25,100	3,500
	May	<b>104,660</b>	6,120	70,300	24,860	3,380
	Aug	<b>106,760</b>	8,180	69,800	25,500	3,280
	Nov	<b>105,480</b>	6,260	70,520	25,280	3,420
2006	Feb	<b>104,800</b>	6,160	70,380	24,800	3,460
	May	<b>104,220</b>	6,120	70,000	24,620	3,480
	Aug	<b>106,440</b>	7,780	70,220	25,120	3,320
	Nov	<b>104,380</b>	6,220	70,760	24,040	3,360
2007	Feb	<b>104,140</b>	5,860	70,720	24,200	3,360
	May	<b>103,200</b>	5,260	70,580	24,120	3,240
	Aug	<b>103,920</b>	6,060	70,640	24,160	3,060
	Nov <sup>1</sup>					
2008	Feb	<b>101,480</b>	4,720	70,460	23,220	3,080
	May <sup>1</sup>					
	Aug <sup>1</sup>					
	Nov <sup>1</sup>					
2009	Feb	<b>102,760</b>	8,340	67,720	23,660	3,040
	May	<b>101,640</b>	9,320	66,300	23,080	2,940
	Aug	<b>104,020</b>	11,940	65,860	23,320	2,900
	Nov	<b>102,460</b>	11,560	65,120	22,920	2,860
2010	Feb	<b>103,820</b>	12,460	65,240	23,100	3,020
	May	<b>103,300</b>	12,740	64,720	22,960	2,880
	Aug	<b>107,080</b>	16,180	65,000	22,940	2,960
	Nov	<b>103,860</b>	13,820	65,240	21,520	3,280

<sup>1</sup> Data unavailable

## 1.9.4 Benefit entitlement

**Table 1.9.4A Claimants of key benefits by type of benefit**

		All	Income replacement benefits <sup>1</sup>	Other benefits <sup>2</sup>	NI Credits only <sup>3</sup>
2003	Feb	<b>227,200</b>	200,340	20,840	6,020
	May	<b>226,260</b>	198,460	21,740	6,060
	Aug	<b>230,760</b>	202,780	21,800	6,180
	Nov	<b>225,960</b>	197,860	22,260	5,840
2004	Feb	<b>225,920</b>	196,640	23,420	5,860
	May	<b>223,400</b>	194,260	23,520	5,620
	Aug	<b>224,420</b>	195,000	23,920	5,500
	Nov	<b>222,280</b>	192,240	23,960	6,080
2005	Feb	<b>225,060</b>	194,480	24,180	6,400
	May	<b>223,040</b>	192,000	24,780	6,260
	Aug	<b>223,820</b>	193,520	24,900	5,400
	Nov	<b>222,360</b>	191,180	25,000	6,180
2006	Feb	<b>222,900</b>	191,420	25,240	6,240
	May	<b>220,820</b>	189,480	25,280	6,060
	Aug	<b>221,780</b>	191,300	24,780	5,700
	Nov	<b>218,200</b>	187,640	24,980	5,580
2007	Feb	<b>216,500</b>	186,380	25,000	5,120
	May	<b>213,360</b>	183,140	25,280	4,940
	Aug	<b>213,860</b>	182,940	25,700	5,220
	Nov <sup>4</sup>				
2008	Feb	<b>211,240</b>	180,080	26,020	5,140
	May <sup>4</sup>				
	Aug <sup>4</sup>				
	Nov <sup>4</sup>				
2009	Feb	<b>227,480</b>	195,660	26,040	5,780
	May	<b>228,240</b>	195,020	27,320	5,900
	Aug	<b>230,280</b>	195,600	28,760	5,920
	Nov	<b>228,820</b>	192,860	30,100	5,860
2010	Feb	<b>232,740</b>	195,020	31,580	6,140
	May	<b>229,300</b>	191,000	32,140	6,160
	Aug	<b>232,060</b>	192,280	33,740	6,040
	Nov	<b>228,440</b>	187,240	35,420	5,780

<sup>1</sup> Income replacement benefits are JSA (excluding credits), IS, IB (excluding credits), SDA

<sup>2</sup> Other is DLA

<sup>3</sup> NI Credits includes JSA credits only, JSA credits and IB credits, JSA credits with DLA, IB credits only

<sup>4</sup> Data unavailable

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

		Basis of benefit entitlement					
		All	Contributory <sup>1</sup>	Contributory and means tested <sup>2</sup>	Means tested <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	NI Credits only <sup>5</sup>
2003	Feb	<b>227,200</b>	60,040	18,280	119,120	23,740	6,020
	May	<b>226,260</b>	59,920	17,800	117,960	24,520	6,060
	Aug	<b>230,760</b>	61,520	18,480	120,060	24,520	6,180
	Nov	<b>225,960</b>	60,140	18,360	116,740	24,880	5,840
2004	Feb	<b>225,920</b>	59,360	17,700	116,980	26,020	5,860
	May	<b>223,400</b>	58,720	17,400	115,640	26,020	5,620
	Aug	<b>224,420</b>	58,840	17,280	116,380	26,420	5,500
	Nov	<b>222,280</b>	57,740	17,280	114,820	26,360	6,080
2005	Feb	<b>225,060</b>	58,000	17,860	116,340	26,460	6,400
	May	<b>223,040</b>	57,340	17,680	114,680	27,080	6,260
	Aug	<b>223,820</b>	57,220	17,280	116,740	27,180	5,400
	Nov	<b>222,360</b>	56,760	17,340	114,800	27,280	6,180
2006	Feb	<b>222,900</b>	56,420	17,360	115,340	27,540	6,240
	May	<b>220,820</b>	56,560	17,380	113,300	27,520	6,060
	Aug	<b>221,780</b>	57,720	16,900	114,460	27,000	5,700
	Nov	<b>218,200</b>	56,420	16,600	112,480	27,120	5,580
2007	Feb	<b>216,500</b>	55,780	16,320	112,060	27,220	5,120
	May	<b>213,360</b>	54,820	16,280	109,800	27,520	4,940
	Aug	<b>213,860</b>	55,100	16,440	109,240	27,860	5,220
	Nov <sup>6</sup>						
2008	Feb	<b>211,240</b>	55,000	15,940	107,080	28,080	5,140
	May <sup>6</sup>						
	Aug <sup>6</sup>						
	Nov <sup>6</sup>						
2009	Feb	<b>227,480</b>	58,840	16,360	118,620	27,880	5,780
	May	<b>228,240</b>	57,560	16,240	119,380	29,160	5,900
	Aug	<b>230,280</b>	55,160	15,900	122,720	30,580	5,920
	Nov	<b>228,820</b>	52,120	16,000	122,900	31,940	5,860
2010	Feb	<b>232,740</b>	50,540	16,040	126,640	33,380	6,140
	May	<b>229,300</b>	48,620	15,840	124,780	33,900	6,160
	Aug	<b>232,060</b>	48,400	15,560	126,600	35,460	6,040
	Nov	<b>228,440</b>	46,080	15,580	123,840	37,160	5,780

<sup>1</sup> Contributory benefits are contribution-based JSA, IB and not with IS

<sup>2</sup> 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

<sup>3</sup> Means tested benefits are income based JSA, IS

<sup>4</sup> Other benefits are SDA, DLA

<sup>5</sup> NI Credits includes JSA credits only, JSA credits and IB credits, JSA credits with DLA, IB credits only

<sup>6</sup> Data unavailable

## 1.9.5 Duration on benefit

**Table 1.9.5A Claimants of key benefits by duration of claim of oldest benefit<sup>1</sup>**

		All	Under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
2003	Feb	<b>227,200</b>	20,260	16,700	21,280	28,680	140,280
	May	<b>226,260</b>	19,380	15,000	22,160	29,360	140,360
	Aug	<b>230,760</b>	20,980	15,000	22,820	30,040	141,920
	Nov	<b>225,960</b>	19,200	12,900	21,180	29,720	142,960
2004	Feb	<b>225,920</b>	16,480	15,500	19,740	31,020	143,180
	May	<b>223,400</b>	16,120	12,780	20,120	29,940	144,440
	Aug	<b>224,420</b>	18,140	12,800	19,420	28,660	145,400
	Nov	<b>222,280</b>	17,200	13,100	18,340	27,560	146,080
2005	Feb	<b>225,060</b>	17,280	14,820	20,260	26,060	146,640
	May	<b>223,040</b>	16,680	12,760	21,000	26,020	146,580
	Aug	<b>223,820</b>	19,240	12,820	19,940	26,480	145,340
	Nov	<b>222,360</b>	18,120	13,540	18,680	25,860	146,160
2006	Feb	<b>222,900</b>	16,400	14,340	19,420	26,940	145,800
	May	<b>220,820</b>	16,820	12,260	20,000	25,760	145,980
	Aug	<b>221,780</b>	19,060	12,320	18,560	26,120	145,720
	Nov	<b>218,200</b>	16,660	12,440	17,640	25,980	145,480
2007	Feb	<b>216,500</b>	14,920	12,660	18,080	25,940	144,900
	May	<b>213,360</b>	14,780	10,520	17,560	26,320	144,180
	Aug	<b>213,860</b>	16,440	11,400	15,760	26,260	144,000
	Nov <sup>2</sup>						
2008	Feb	<b>211,240</b>	14,300	12,440	16,500	24,620	143,380
	May <sup>2</sup>						
	Aug <sup>2</sup>						
	Nov <sup>2</sup>						
2009	Feb	<b>227,480</b>	22,940	16,560	19,940	24,940	143,100
	May	<b>228,240</b>	21,480	16,020	22,540	26,020	142,180
	Aug	<b>230,280</b>	23,300	15,460	23,540	26,800	141,180
	Nov	<b>228,820</b>	22,620	15,400	20,840	28,340	141,620
2010	Feb	<b>232,740</b>	21,480	17,520	21,900	29,760	142,080
	May	<b>229,300</b>	19,620	15,160	23,660	28,040	142,820
	Aug	<b>232,060</b>	22,980	14,680	22,140	28,840	143,420
	Nov	<b>228,440</b>	22,820	15,000	19,940	26,940	143,740

<sup>1</sup> Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

<sup>2</sup> Data unavailable

**Table 1.9.5B Male claimants of key benefits by duration of claim of oldest benefit<sup>1</sup>**

		<b>All</b>	Under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
2003	Feb	<b>122,340</b>	13,580	10,440	12,540	15,200	70,580
	May	<b>121,040</b>	12,220	9,160	12,680	16,260	70,720
	Aug	<b>123,020</b>	13,120	8,640	13,060	16,600	71,600
	Nov	<b>121,340</b>	12,080	8,220	12,000	16,520	72,520
2004	Feb	<b>120,840</b>	10,960	8,960	11,480	17,120	72,320
	May	<b>119,020</b>	10,160	8,180	11,480	15,860	73,340
	Aug	<b>117,760</b>	10,420	7,360	11,020	15,360	73,600
	Nov	<b>117,860</b>	11,420	7,560	10,500	14,480	73,900
2005	Feb	<b>119,740</b>	10,960	9,660	11,140	13,920	74,060
	May	<b>118,380</b>	10,780	7,520	12,380	13,960	73,740
	Aug	<b>117,060</b>	11,040	7,740	11,420	13,720	73,140
	Nov	<b>116,880</b>	11,520	7,600	10,340	13,780	73,640
2006	Feb	<b>118,100</b>	11,200	8,640	10,640	13,860	73,760
	May	<b>116,600</b>	11,080	7,760	11,060	13,480	73,220
	Aug	<b>115,340</b>	10,960	7,560	10,760	13,180	72,880
	Nov	<b>113,820</b>	10,880	6,900	10,120	13,260	72,660
2007	Feb	<b>112,360</b>	9,520	7,720	9,780	13,260	72,080
	May	<b>110,160</b>	9,380	6,120	9,500	13,880	71,280
	Aug	<b>109,940</b>	10,060	6,600	8,540	13,900	70,840
	Nov <sup>2</sup>						
2008	Feb	<b>109,760</b>	9,160	7,640	9,260	12,600	71,100
	May <sup>2</sup>						
	Aug <sup>2</sup>						
	Nov <sup>2</sup>						
2009	Feb	<b>124,720</b>	16,640	11,380	12,460	13,440	70,800
	May	<b>126,600</b>	15,140	11,460	14,940	14,460	70,600
	Aug	<b>126,260</b>	14,640	9,960	15,960	15,320	70,380
	Nov	<b>126,360</b>	15,240	9,860	13,620	16,800	70,840
2010	Feb	<b>128,920</b>	14,460	11,520	13,380	18,420	71,140
	May	<b>126,000</b>	12,800	9,860	14,640	16,960	71,740
	Aug	<b>124,980</b>	13,500	8,760	13,460	16,840	72,420
	Nov	<b>124,580</b>	15,280	9,060	11,440	15,400	73,400

<sup>1</sup> Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

<sup>2</sup> Data unavailable

**Table 1.9.5C Female claimants of key benefits by duration of claim of oldest benefit<sup>1</sup>**

		<b>All</b>	Under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
2003	Feb	<b>104,860</b>	6,680	6,260	8,740	13,480	69,700
	May	<b>105,220</b>	7,160	5,840	9,480	13,100	69,640
	Aug	<b>107,740</b>	7,860	6,360	9,760	13,440	70,320
	Nov	<b>104,620</b>	7,120	4,680	9,180	13,200	70,440
2004	Feb	<b>105,080</b>	5,520	6,540	8,260	13,900	70,860
	May	<b>104,380</b>	5,960	4,600	8,640	14,080	71,100
	Aug	<b>106,660</b>	7,720	5,440	8,400	13,300	71,800
	Nov	<b>104,420</b>	5,780	5,540	7,840	13,080	72,180
2005	Feb	<b>105,320</b>	6,320	5,160	9,120	12,140	72,580
	May	<b>104,660</b>	5,900	5,240	8,620	12,060	72,840
	Aug	<b>106,760</b>	8,200	5,080	8,520	12,760	72,200
	Nov	<b>105,480</b>	6,600	5,940	8,340	12,080	72,520
2006	Feb	<b>104,800</b>	5,200	5,700	8,780	13,080	72,040
	May	<b>104,220</b>	5,740	4,500	8,940	12,280	72,760
	Aug	<b>106,440</b>	8,100	4,760	7,800	12,940	72,840
	Nov	<b>104,380</b>	5,780	5,540	7,520	12,720	72,820
2007	Feb	<b>104,140</b>	5,400	4,940	8,300	12,680	72,820
	May	<b>103,200</b>	5,400	4,400	8,060	12,440	72,900
	Aug	<b>103,920</b>	6,380	4,800	7,220	12,360	73,160
	Nov <sup>2</sup>						
2008	Feb	<b>101,480</b>	5,140	4,800	7,240	12,020	72,280
	May <sup>2</sup>						
	Aug <sup>2</sup>						
	Nov <sup>2</sup>						
2009	Feb	<b>102,760</b>	6,300	5,180	7,480	11,500	72,300
	May	<b>101,640</b>	6,340	4,560	7,600	11,560	71,580
	Aug	<b>104,020</b>	8,660	5,500	7,580	11,480	70,800
	Nov	<b>102,460</b>	7,380	5,540	7,220	11,540	70,780
2010	Feb	<b>103,820</b>	7,020	6,000	8,520	11,340	70,940
	May	<b>103,300</b>	6,820	5,300	9,020	11,080	71,080
	Aug	<b>107,080</b>	9,480	5,920	8,680	12,000	71,000
	Nov	<b>103,860</b>	7,540	5,940	8,500	11,540	70,340

<sup>1</sup> Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt<sup>2</sup> Data unavailable

## 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 dependants<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup>
2003	Feb	<b>70,280</b>	25,700	21,160	15,600	5,000	2,820
	May	<b>70,860</b>	25,480	21,380	15,680	5,300	3,020
	Aug	<b>75,760</b>	26,100	23,920	17,240	7,140	1,360
	Nov	<b>72,140</b>	25,120	22,860	16,740	6,300	1,120
2004	Feb	<b>71,580</b>	25,080	22,980	16,340	5,940	1,240
	May	<b>71,560</b>	24,080	23,400	16,120	6,820	1,140
	Aug	<b>72,080</b>	23,660	23,300	16,080	7,920	1,120
	Nov	<b>71,020</b>	23,540	23,280	15,960	7,400	840
2005	Feb	<b>71,920</b>	23,820	22,880	16,100	8,260	860
	May	<b>69,900</b>	23,820	22,040	15,840	7,320	880
	Aug	<b>70,900</b>	23,760	22,400	16,240	7,700	800
	Nov	<b>68,940</b>	23,640	22,020	16,280	6,360	640
2006	Feb	<b>67,720</b>	23,040	21,300	16,260	6,500	620
	May	<b>67,120</b>	23,060	20,440	16,140	6,800	680
	Aug	<b>67,200</b>	22,940	20,480	16,080	6,880	820
	Nov	<b>65,280</b>	22,500	20,420	15,660	6,100	600
2007	Feb	<b>66,440</b>	22,820	20,580	15,720	6,680	640
	May	<b>65,920</b>	22,620	19,960	15,480	7,120	740
	Aug	<b>66,260</b>	22,300	20,220	15,200	7,860	680
	Nov <sup>3</sup>						
2008	Feb	<b>63,540</b>	21,060	19,540	15,380	7,060	500
	May <sup>3</sup>						
	Aug <sup>3</sup>						
	Nov <sup>3</sup>						
2009	Feb	<b>63,440</b>	22,920	17,800	15,780	6,480	460
	May	<b>64,060</b>	23,520	17,580	15,740	6,740	480
	Aug	<b>63,880</b>	23,580	17,680	14,920	7,060	640
	Nov	<b>62,480</b>	23,260	18,200	14,420	6,080	520
2010	Feb	<b>63,400</b>	23,680	18,340	14,440	6,440	500
	May	<b>64,040</b>	22,980	18,480	14,080	7,880	620
	Aug	<b>64,720</b>	23,160	18,680	14,200	8,020	660
	Nov	<b>62,540</b>	22,580	17,600	14,300	7,540	520

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> Children whose ages are not known

<sup>3</sup> Data unavailable

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## 1.9.7 Children and dependants aged under 19

**Table 1.9.7A Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by age of child and family type**

		Children aged under 16 years <sup>2</sup>					Young dependants aged 16 to 18 years				
		Family type					Family type				
		All	% of all aged under 16 yrs	Couple	Single	Not known	All	% of all aged 16 to 18 yrs	Couple	Single	Not known
2003	Feb	<b>124,640</b>	32	46,320	73,280	5,040	<b>14,280</b>	18	7,600	6,680	.
	May	<b>124,500</b>	32	45,680	73,540	5,280	<b>15,520</b>	19	7,820	7,700	.
	Aug	<b>130,380</b>	34	56,700	71,440	2,240	<b>20,260</b>	25	11,380	8,880	.
	Nov	<b>124,900</b>	32	54,480	68,720	1,700	<b>17,680</b>	22	10,560	7,120	.
2004	Feb	<b>122,900</b>	32	52,160	69,020	1,720	<b>16,880</b>	21	9,440	7,440	.
	May	<b>120,580</b>	31	50,000	68,900	1,680	<b>17,940</b>	22	9,860	8,080	.
	Aug	<b>119,780</b>	31	49,260	68,920	1,600	<b>19,680</b>	24	10,940	8,740	.
	Nov	<b>118,480</b>	31	49,540	67,780	1,160	<b>17,340</b>	21	9,580	7,760	.
2005	Feb	<b>118,280</b>	31	49,020	68,120	1,140	<b>20,820</b>	26	11,940	8,880	.
	May	<b>116,520</b>	31	46,660	68,620	1,240	<b>19,220</b>	24	10,380	8,840	.
	Aug	<b>117,000</b>	31	46,300	69,580	1,120	<b>20,560</b>	26	11,240	9,320	.
	Nov	<b>115,640</b>	30	46,580	68,240	820	<b>17,440</b>	22	9,720	7,720	.
2006	Feb	<b>112,680</b>	30	44,980	66,900	800	<b>17,920</b>	23	9,820	8,100	.
	May	<b>110,240</b>	29	42,500	66,820	920	<b>18,860</b>	24	9,880	8,980	.
	Aug	<b>109,600</b>	29	42,260	66,700	640	<b>19,700</b>	25	10,120	9,580	.
	Nov	<b>108,800</b>	29	42,820	65,480	500	<b>17,780</b>	23	8,860	8,920	.
2007	Feb	<b>110,020</b>	29	44,320	65,280	420	<b>19,080</b>	25	9,960	9,120	.
	May	<b>107,960</b>	28	42,800	64,740	420	<b>19,240</b>	25	9,780	9,460	.
	Aug	<b>107,160</b>	28	41,800	64,900	460	<b>20,600</b>	27	10,400	10,200	.
	Nov <sup>3</sup>										.
2008	Feb	<b>102,120</b>	27	40,300	61,360	460	<b>19,100</b>	25	9,900	9,200	.
	May <sup>3</sup>										.
	Aug <sup>3</sup>										.
	Nov <sup>3</sup>										.
2009	Feb <sup>2</sup>	<b>102,560</b>	27	40,000	62,220	340	<b>20,060</b>	26	9,720	10,340	.
	May	<b>103,240</b>	27	40,540	62,440	260	<b>20,420</b>	27	10,040	10,380	.
	Aug	<b>101,540</b>	27	39,280	61,940	320	<b>20,760</b>	27	9,820	10,940	.
	Nov	<b>100,000</b>	26	39,400	60,380	220	<b>19,200</b>	25	9,140	10,060	.
2010	Feb	<b>101,540</b>	27	38,940	62,420	180	<b>20,400</b>	27	9,720	10,680	.
	May	<b>99,740</b>	26	37,440	62,120	180	<b>21,840</b>	29	10,840	11,000	.
	Aug	<b>100,000</b>	26	37,260	62,560	180	<b>22,060</b>	30	10,680	11,380	.
	Nov	<b>96,840</b>	25	36,980	59,700	160	<b>20,960</b>	28	10,100	10,860	.

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> Includes a small percentage of children whose age is not known. The age breakdown at Feb 09 has been revised.

<sup>3</sup> Data unavailable

**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 Children<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup>
2003	Feb	<b>138,920</b>	32,060	44,960	42,340	14,280	5,280
	May	<b>140,020</b>	31,680	44,920	42,360	15,520	5,540
	Aug	<b>150,640</b>	32,040	48,820	46,780	20,260	2,740
	Nov	<b>142,580</b>	30,780	46,920	44,980	17,680	2,220
2004	Feb	<b>139,780</b>	30,600	46,560	43,700	16,880	2,040
	May	<b>138,520</b>	29,400	46,200	43,040	17,940	1,940
	Aug	<b>139,460</b>	28,680	46,240	42,980	19,680	1,880
	Nov	<b>135,820</b>	28,560	45,740	42,760	17,340	1,420
2005	Feb	<b>139,100</b>	29,100	45,000	42,880	20,820	1,300
	May	<b>135,740</b>	28,860	43,540	42,520	19,220	1,600
	Aug	<b>137,560</b>	29,140	43,340	43,140	20,560	1,380
	Nov	<b>133,080</b>	29,100	42,320	43,120	17,440	1,100
2006	Feb	<b>130,600</b>	28,280	40,960	42,400	17,920	1,040
	May	<b>129,100</b>	28,020	40,200	40,940	18,860	1,080
	Aug	<b>129,300</b>	27,660	40,040	40,580	19,700	1,320
	Nov	<b>126,580</b>	27,700	40,180	39,700	17,780	1,220
2007	Feb	<b>129,100</b>	28,460	40,100	40,240	19,080	1,220
	May	<b>127,200</b>	28,100	38,980	39,560	19,240	1,320
	Aug	<b>127,760</b>	27,420	39,580	38,840	20,600	1,320
	Nov <sup>3</sup>						
2008	Feb	<b>121,220</b>	25,640	37,620	37,900	19,100	960
	May <sup>3</sup>						
	Aug <sup>3</sup>						
	Nov <sup>3</sup>						
2009	Feb <sup>4</sup>	<b>122,620</b>	28,600	35,820	36,840	20,060	1,300
	May	<b>123,660</b>	29,280	35,940	37,200	20,420	820
	Aug	<b>122,300</b>	28,800	35,820	35,820	20,760	1,100
	Nov	<b>119,200</b>	27,840	36,140	35,180	19,200	840
2010	Feb	<b>121,940</b>	29,060	36,260	35,460	20,400	760
	May	<b>121,580</b>	28,000	35,880	34,880	21,840	980
	Aug	<b>122,060</b>	27,920	35,960	35,040	22,060	1,080
	Nov	<b>117,800</b>	27,440	34,400	34,120	20,960	880

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> Children whose age is not known

<sup>3</sup> Data unavailable

<sup>4</sup> The age breakdown of children has been revised. The overall number of children is unaffected.

**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 1.9.8B Claimants of key benefits by District Council**

	Percentages <sup>1</sup>																														
	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			
2003 Feb	22	15	29	14	19	17	13	16	15	17	16	19	23	18	17	24	18	17	15	24	25	24	24	30	21	21	22	21	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	19	17	13	17	15	18	18	20	24	18	16	21	17	17	14	21	23	23	31	19	21	22	31	.	.		
May	21	16	29	14	19	17	13	17	15	16	17	19	25	17	16	21	17	17	14	22	22	23	30	18	20	22	31	.	.		
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<sup>1</sup> Percentage of population of working age - see Methodology

<sup>2</sup> Data unavailable

## Section 2 : Families with children on key benefits

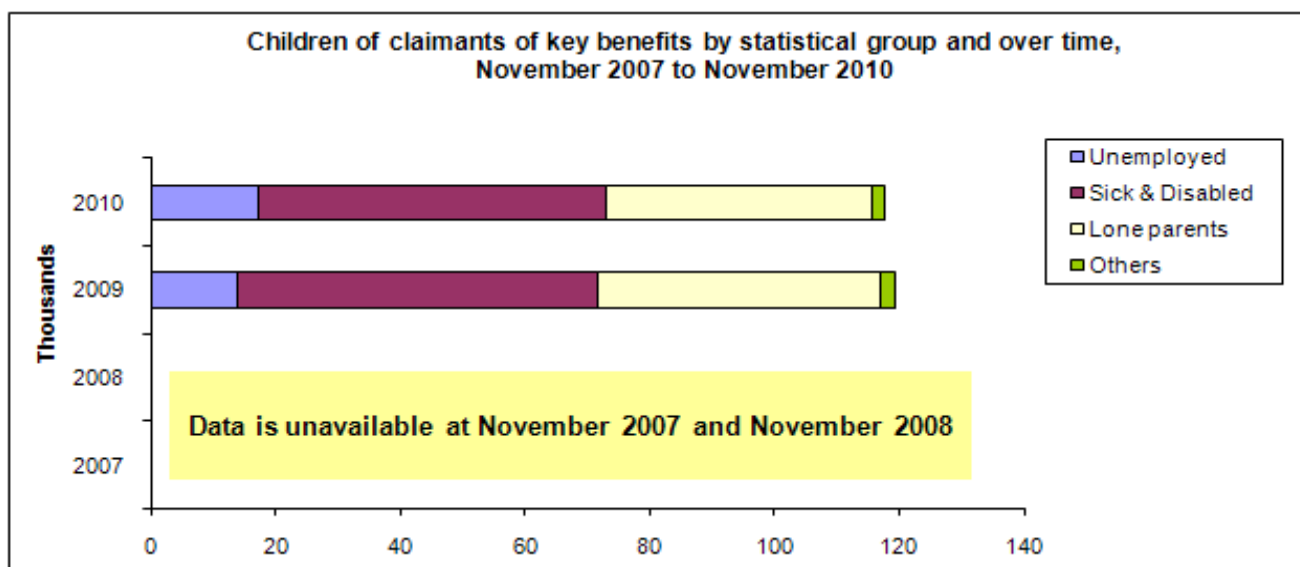
### 2.1 Children

**Table 2.1.1 Children of claimants of key benefits by statistical group: November 2007 to November 2010**

	Number of children <sup>1</sup>							
	Nov-07	%	Nov-08	%	Nov-09	%	Nov-10	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>					<b>119,200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>117,800</b>	<b>100</b>
Unemployed					14,000	12	17,360	15
Sick & Disabled					57,720	48	55,500	47
Lone parents					45,200	38	42,640	36
Others					2,280	2	2,300	2

<sup>1</sup> 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 November 2010, 117,800 children were living in families claiming a key benefit. The total number of children in families claiming a key benefit was down by 1% (1,400) from November 2009.
- **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 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by statistical group and family type: November 2010**

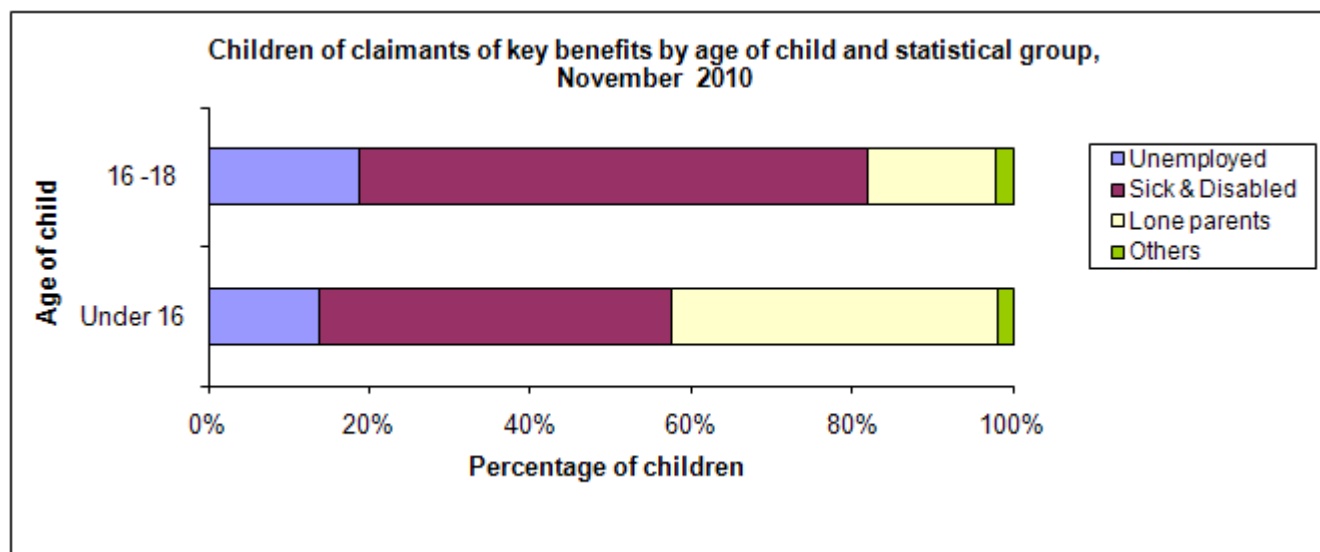
	Children aged under 16 years <sup>2</sup>					Young adult dependants aged 16 to 18 years				
	All	Family type				All	% pop aged 16 - 18 in full-time education	Family type		
		% pop aged under 16	Couple	Single	Not known			Couple	Single	Not known
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>96,840</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>36,980</b>	<b>59,700</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>20,960</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>10,860</b>	<b>.</b>
Unemployed	13,440	4	7,020	6,420	.	3,920	7	1,060	2,860	.
Sick & Disabled	42,220	11	28,120	13,940	160	13,280	24	8,620	4,660	.
Lone parents	39,300	10	.	39,300	.	3,340	6	.	3,340	.
Others <sup>3</sup>	1,880	0	1,840	-	.	420	1	420	0	.

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> Includes a small percentage of children whose age is not known

<sup>3</sup> 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 25% in November 2010 whilst the proportion of 16 - 18 year olds was 38% of all 16 - 18 year olds in full-time education.



**Table 2.1.3 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by family type: November 2007 to November 2010**

	Children aged under 16 years <sup>2</sup>					Young adult dependants aged 16 to 18 years					
	All	Family type				All	Family type				
		% pop aged under 16	Couple	Single	Not known		% pop aged 16 - 18 in full-time education	Couple	Single	Not known	
Nov-07	<b>Data is unavailable at November 2007 and November 2008</b>										.
Nov-08	<b>Data is unavailable at November 2007 and November 2008</b>										.
Nov-09	<b>100,000</b>	<b>26</b>	39,400	60,380	220	<b>19,200</b>	<b>36</b>	9,140	10,060	.	
Nov-10	<b>96,840</b>	<b>25</b>	36,980	59,700	160	<b>20,960</b>	<b>38</b>	10,100	10,860	.	

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> Includes a small percentage of children whose ages are not known

- The proportion of children under 16 living in a household where the claimant was single was 62% in November 2010.
- The proportion of children aged 16 - 18 living in a household where the claimant was single was 52% in November 2010.
- **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 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by statistical group and age of child: November 2010**

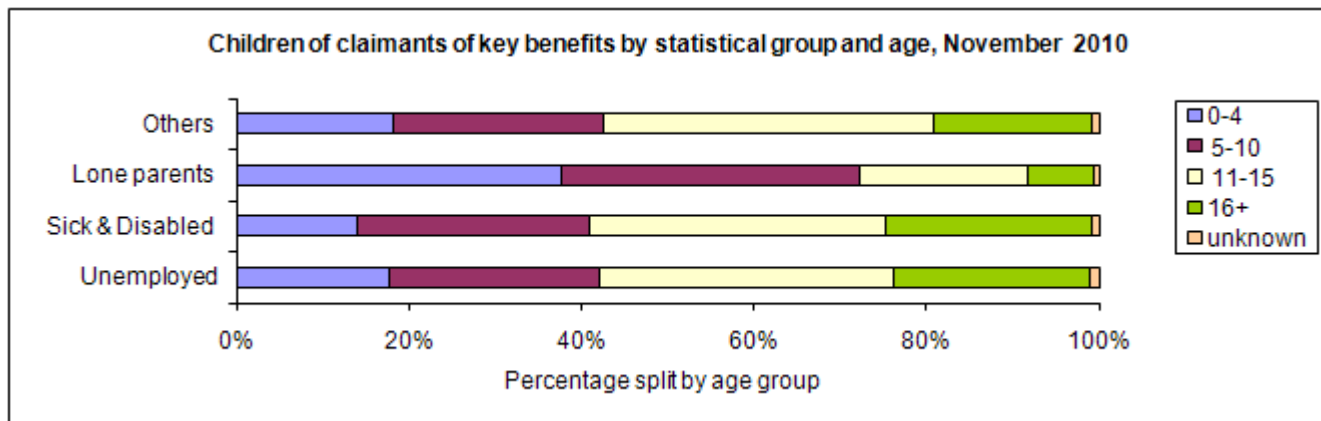
	Number of children/dependants											
	All ages	%	Under 5	%	5 to under 11	%	11 to under 16	%	16 or over	%	Not known <sup>23</sup>	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>117,800</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>27,440</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>34,400</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>34,120</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20,960</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>1</b>
Unemployed	<b>17,360</b>	<b>100</b>	3,100	18	4,200	24	5,940	34	3,920	23	200	1
Sick & Disabled	<b>55,500</b>	<b>100</b>	7,840	14	14,900	27	19,020	34	13,280	24	460	1
Lone parents	<b>42,640</b>	<b>100</b>	16,080	38	14,740	35	8,280	19	3,340	8	200	0
Others	<b>2,300</b>	<b>100</b>	420	18	560	24	880	38	420	18	-	-

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> Children whose ages are not known

<sup>3</sup> 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 some children in this group were unknown).
- The children of lone parents had the youngest profile with 72% aged under 11.



**Table 2.1.5 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by statistical group and duration of claim: November 2010**

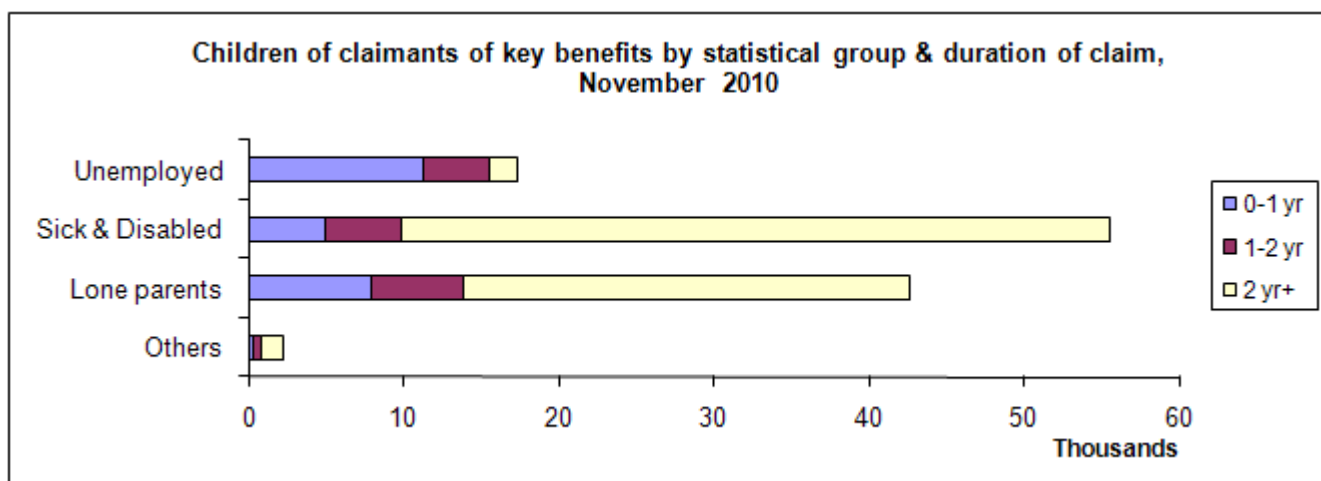
	Duration of oldest claim <sup>2</sup>											
	All durations		Under 3 months		3 to under 6 months		6 months to under 1 year		1 to under 2 years		2 years and over	
		%		%		%		%		%		%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>117,800</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7,020</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6,720</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10,780</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15,500</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>77,780</b>	<b>66</b>
Unemployed	17,360	100	4,160	24	3,340	19	3,840	22	4,200	24	1,820	10
Sick & Disabled	55,500	100	1,160	2	1,440	3	2,400	4	4,880	9	45,620	82
Lone parents	42,640	100	1,540	4	1,940	5	4,400	10	5,940	14	28,820	68
Others <sup>3</sup>	2,300	100	160	7	-	-	140	6	480	21	1,520	66

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

<sup>3</sup> Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

- Of those children in families claiming a key benefit 66% had been on benefits for at least 2 years. For the lone parents group the figure was 68% whilst the figure for the unemployed group was 10%.
- Of those children in families classed as unemployed 65% had been on benefit for less than a year.



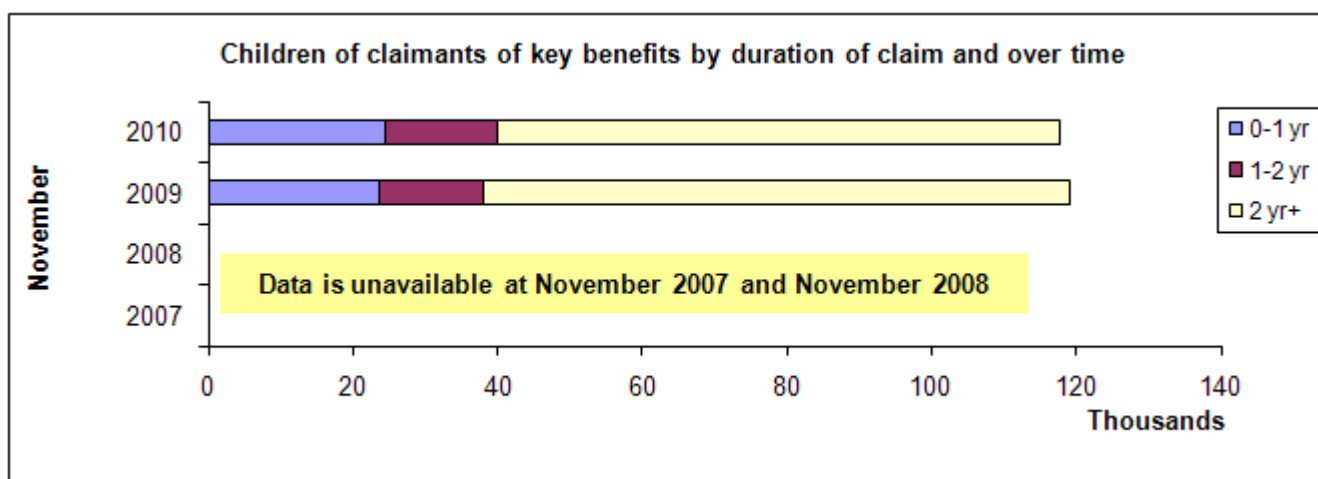
**Table 2.1.6 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by duration of claim: November 2007 to November 2010**

	All durations	Duration of oldest claim <sup>2</sup>				
		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 to under 2 years	2 years and over
Nov-07	<b>Data is unavailable at November 2007 and November 2008</b>					
%						
Nov-08	<b>Data is unavailable at November 2007 and November 2008</b>					
%						
Nov-09	<b>119,200</b>	7,340	6,040	10,360	14,280	81,180
%	<b>100</b>	6	5	9	12	68
Nov-10	<b>117,800</b>	7,020	6,720	10,780	15,500	77,780
%	<b>100</b>	6	6	9	13	66

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> 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 21% in November 2010.
- **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.**



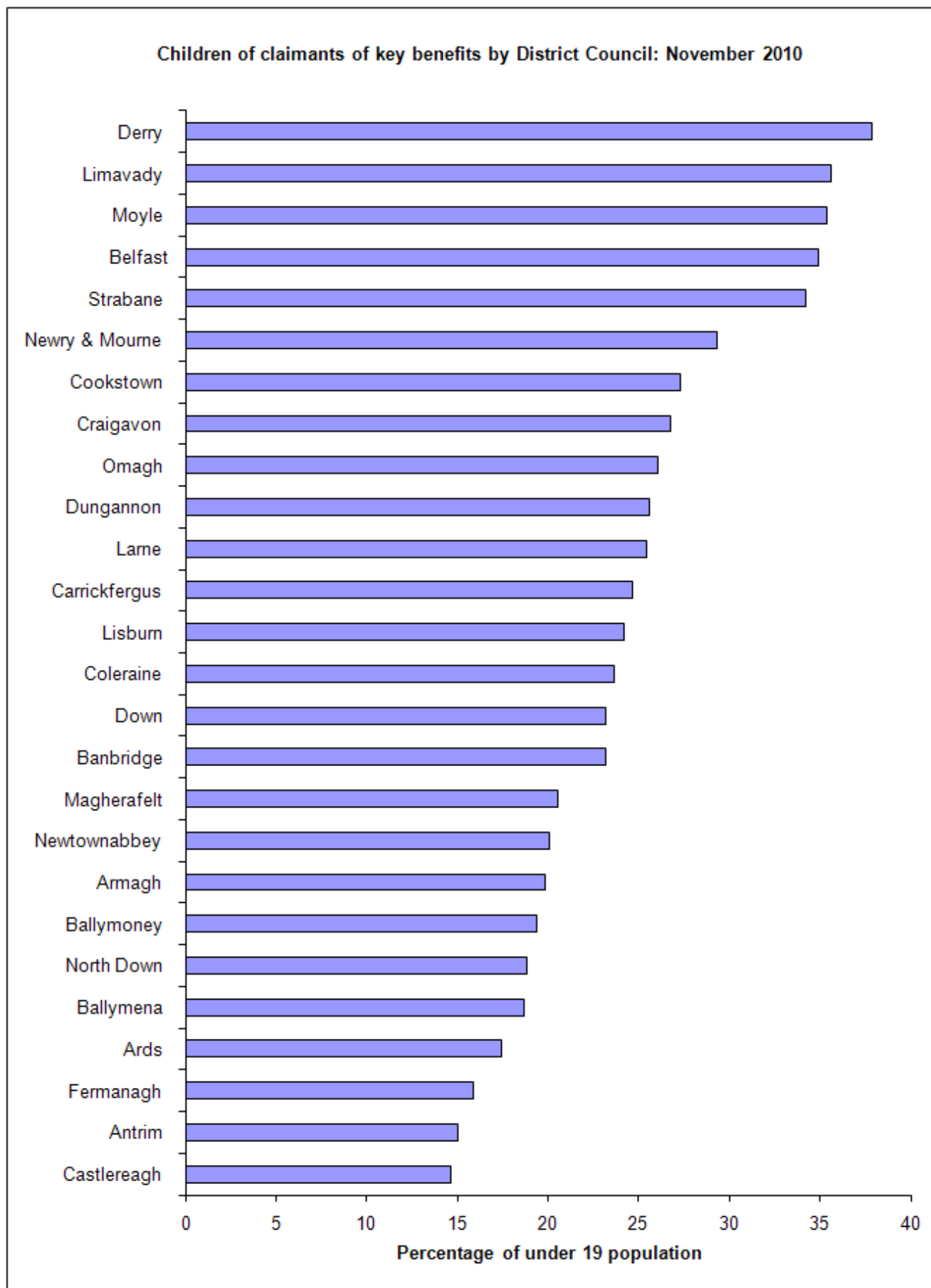
**Table 2.1.7 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by District Council: November 2010**

	Number of children	% of population <sup>2</sup>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>117,800</b>	<b>26</b>
Ards	3,160	17
Belfast	22,160	35
Castlereagh	2,280	15
Down	4,260	23
Lisburn	7,600	24
North Down	3,260	19
Antrim	2,200	15
Ballymena	2,880	19
Ballymoney	1,500	19
Carrickfergus	2,360	25
Coleraine	3,240	24
Cookstown	2,660	27
Larne	1,860	25
Magherafelt	2,520	21
Moyle	1,460	35
Newtownabbey	4,100	20
Armagh	3,240	20
Banbridge	2,880	23
Craigavon	6,520	27
Dungannon	4,000	26
Newry & Mourne	8,260	29
Derry	11,620	38
Fermanagh	2,520	16
Limavady	3,140	36
Omagh	3,680	26
Strabane	3,740	34
Unknown	700	.

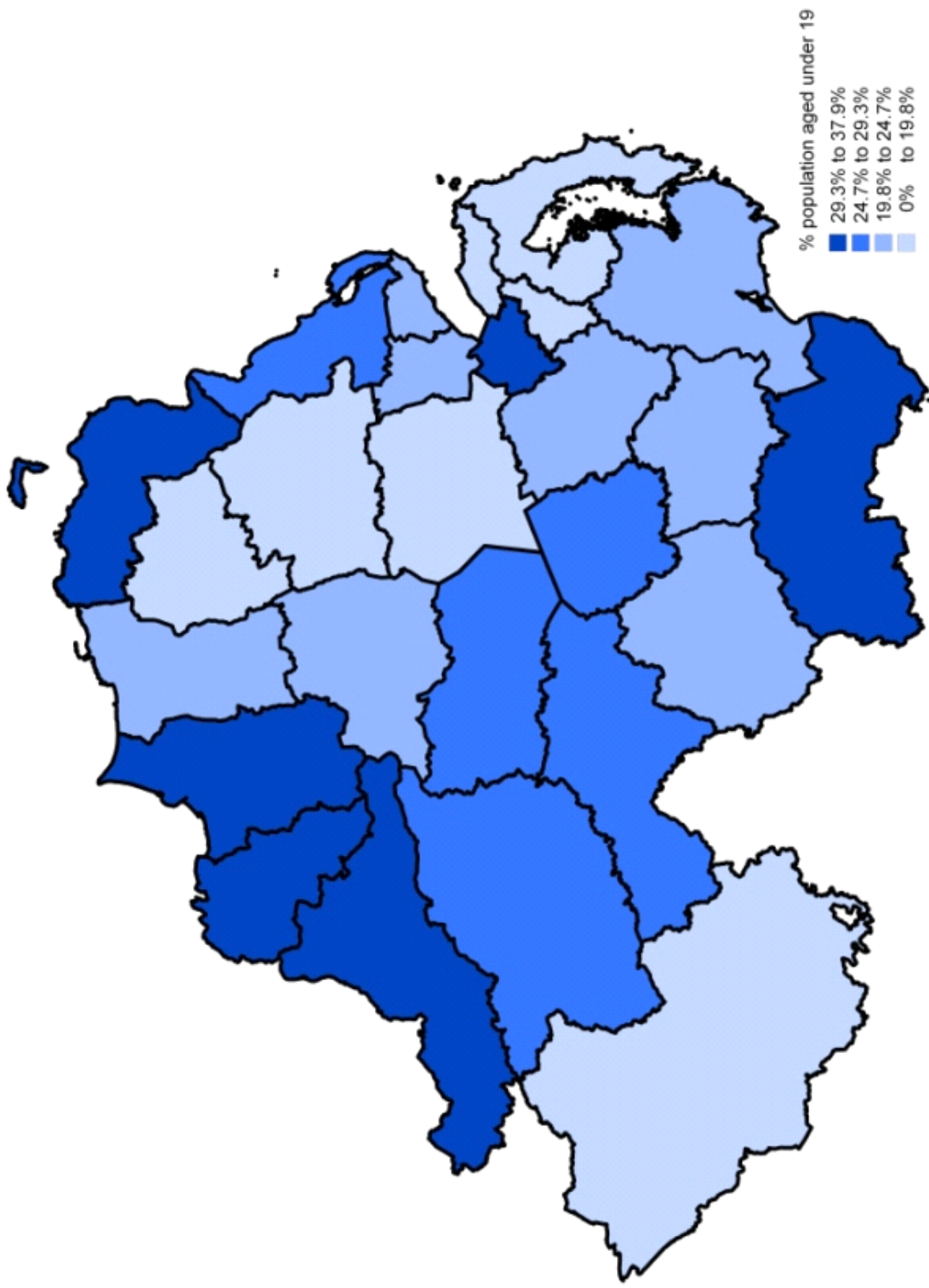
<sup>1</sup> Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18. The method used to assign children's details has been revised - see Methodology for further details

<sup>2</sup> 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 38% in Derry to 15% in Antrim and Castlereagh.



Children of claimants of key benefits as a percentage of the population aged under 19 by District Council: November 2010



**Table 2.1.8 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of combinations of key benefits: November 2010**

	Number of children	% of population <sup>2</sup>
<b>All combinations</b>	<b>117,800</b>	<b>27</b>
IS only	47,820	11
IB only	8,520	2
JSA only	16,660	4
IS, IB & DLA	8,560	2
DLA only	13,220	3
IB & DLA	9,740	2
IS & DLA	6,660	2
IS & IB	4,740	1
IS, DLA & SDA	700	0
DLA & SDA	260	0
IS & SDA	160	0
DLA & JSA	700	0
SDA only	-	-
Others <sup>3</sup>	-	-

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> Population aged under 16 plus population aged 16-18 in full-time education

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

- 58% of 'key benefit' children were living in families where Income Support was claimed.

## 2.2 Families

**Table 2.2.1 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits by statistical group and duration of claim: November 2010**

	Duration of oldest claim <sup>2</sup>											
	<b>All durations</b>	%	Under 3 months	%	3 to under 6 months	%	6 months to under 1 year	%	1 to under 2 years	%	2 years and over	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>62,540</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4,080</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3,720</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6,140</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8,820</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>39,780</b>	<b>64</b>
Unemployed	<b>9,720</b>	<b>100</b>	2,420	25	1,700	17	2,240	23	2,460	25	900	9
Sick & Disabled	<b>29,440</b>	<b>100</b>	620	2	740	3	1,300	4	2,580	9	24,200	82
Lone parents	<b>22,380</b>	<b>100</b>	980	4	1,280	6	2,520	11	3,560	16	14,040	63
Others <sup>3</sup>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>100</b>	-	-	.	.	-	-	220	22	640	64

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

<sup>3</sup> Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

- 64% of families on key benefits had been on benefit for at least 2 years. For the sick & disabled group the figure was 82% whilst the figure for the unemployed was only 9%.
- 65% of families classed as unemployed had been on benefit for less than a year.

**Table 2.2.2 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits by duration of claim: November 2007 to November 2010**

	Duration of oldest claim <sup>2</sup>					
	<b>All durations</b>	Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 to under 2 years	2 years and over
Nov-07	<b>Data is unavailable at November 2007 and November 2008</b>					
%						
Nov-08	<b>Data is unavailable at November 2007 and November 2008</b>					
%						
Nov-09	<b>62,480</b>	4,240	3,660	5,620	8,080	40,880
%	<b>100</b>	7	6	9	13	65
Nov-10	<b>62,540</b>	4,080	3,720	6,140	8,820	39,780
%	<b>100</b>	7	6	10	14	64

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

- At November 2010, 64% of families on key benefits had been on benefit for at least 2 years. This compares to 66% 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 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits by statistical group and age of youngest child: November 2010**

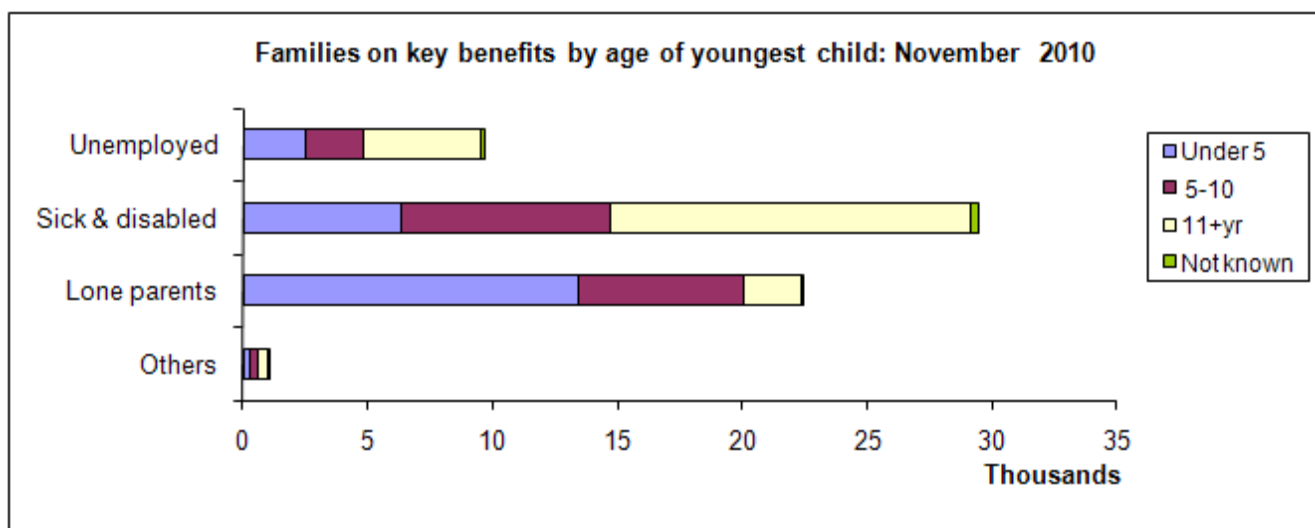
	Age of youngest child											
	All ages	%	Under 5	%	5 to under 11	%	11 to under 16	%	16 or over	%	Not known <sup>2</sup>	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>62,540</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>22,580</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>17,600</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7,540</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>1</b>
Unemployed	9,720	100	2,540	26	2,280	23	3,260	34	1,460	15	180	2
Sick & Disabled	29,440	100	6,340	22	8,340	28	9,100	31	5,380	18	280	1
Lone parents	22,380	100	13,400	60	6,660	30	1,680	8	600	3	-	-
Others	1,000	100	300	30	320	32	260	26	100	10	-	-

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> Children whose ages are not known

<sup>3</sup> Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

- 36% 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 some children in this group were unknown).



**Table 2.2.4 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits by age of youngest child: November 2007 to November 2010**

	Age of youngest child					
	All ages	Under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16	16 or over	Not known <sup>2</sup>
Nov-07	<b>Data is unavailable at November 2007 and November 2008</b>					
%						
Nov-08	<b>Data is unavailable at November 2007 and November 2008</b>					
%						
Nov-09	<b>62,480</b>	23,260	18,200	14,420	6,080	520
%	<b>100</b>	37	29	23	10	1
Nov-10	<b>62,540</b>	22,580	17,600	14,300	7,540	520
%	<b>100</b>	36	28	23	12	1

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> 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 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits by statistical group and number of children: November 2010**

	Number of children				
	All families	One	Two	Three	Four or more
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>62,540</b>	<b>27,880</b>	<b>20,680</b>	<b>9,400</b>	<b>4,580</b>
Unemployed	<b>9,720</b>	4,700	3,140	1,300	580
Sick & Disabled	<b>29,440</b>	12,700	10,300	4,420	2,020
Lone parents	<b>22,380</b>	10,140	6,980	3,440	1,820
Others	<b>1,000</b>	340	260	240	160

<sup>1</sup> 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 November 2010, 7.3% of families on key benefits had 4 or more children.
- 45% (27,880) of claimants of key benefits had only 1 child.

## Section 3: Persons of Pensionable Age on Key Benefits

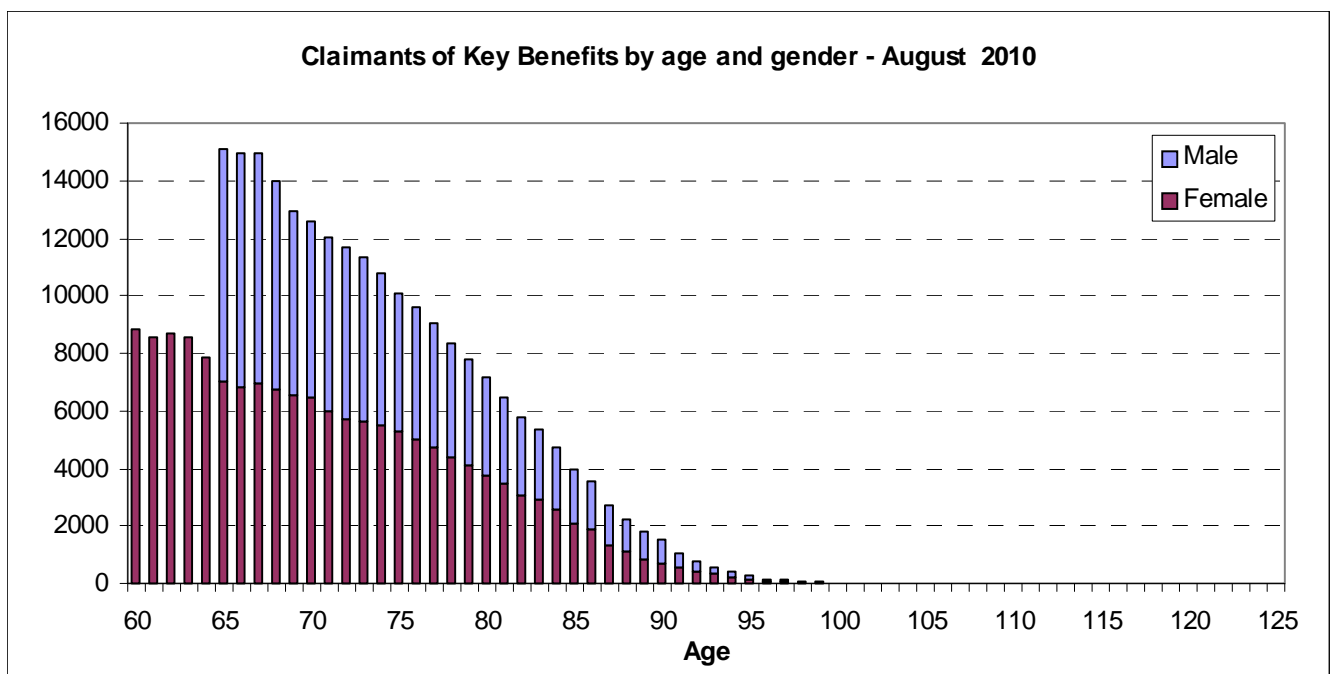
### 3.1 Age and gender

**Table 3.1.1 Claimants over State Pension Age of key benefits by gender: August 2007 to August 2010**

	Aug-07	Aug-08	Aug-09	Aug-10
Men	102,456	105,269	108,499	111,575
% of pop <sup>12</sup>	99	99	99	100
Women	183,664	186,064	188,588	189,354
% of pop <sup>12</sup>	98	98	98	98
<b>All</b>	<b>286,120</b>	<b>291,333</b>	<b>297,087</b>	<b>300,929</b>
<b>% of pop <sup>12</sup></b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Population of Northern Ireland residents above state pension age - see Methodology

<sup>2</sup> Percentages greater than 100% have been set to 100%. Percentages greater than 100% occur when 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.



- In August 2010 about 100% (300,929) of people over state pension age claimed a key benefit - an increase of 5% (14,809) since August 2007.
- 100% of men and 98% of women were claiming at least one of the key state benefits in August 2010.

**Table 3.1.2 Claimants over State Pension Age of key benefits by age and gender:  
August 2010**

	Male		Female		All	
		% of pop <sup>12</sup>		% of pop <sup>12</sup>		% of pop <sup>12</sup>
60-64	.	.	43,087	91	<b>43,087</b>	<b>91</b>
65-69	37,821	100	40,757	100	<b>78,578</b>	<b>100</b>
70-74	29,138	100	33,551	99	<b>62,689</b>	<b>100</b>
75-79	21,411	100	28,132	98	<b>49,543</b>	<b>99</b>
80-84	13,746	100	22,019	97	<b>35,765</b>	<b>99</b>
85-89	6,939	100	14,107	100	<b>21,046</b>	<b>100</b>
90+	2,520	100	7,701	100	<b>10,221</b>	<b>100</b>
All ages	111,575	100	189,354	98	<b>300,929</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Population of Northern Ireland residents above state pension age - see Methodology

<sup>2</sup> Percentages greater than 100% have been set to 100%. Percentages greater than 100% occur when 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.

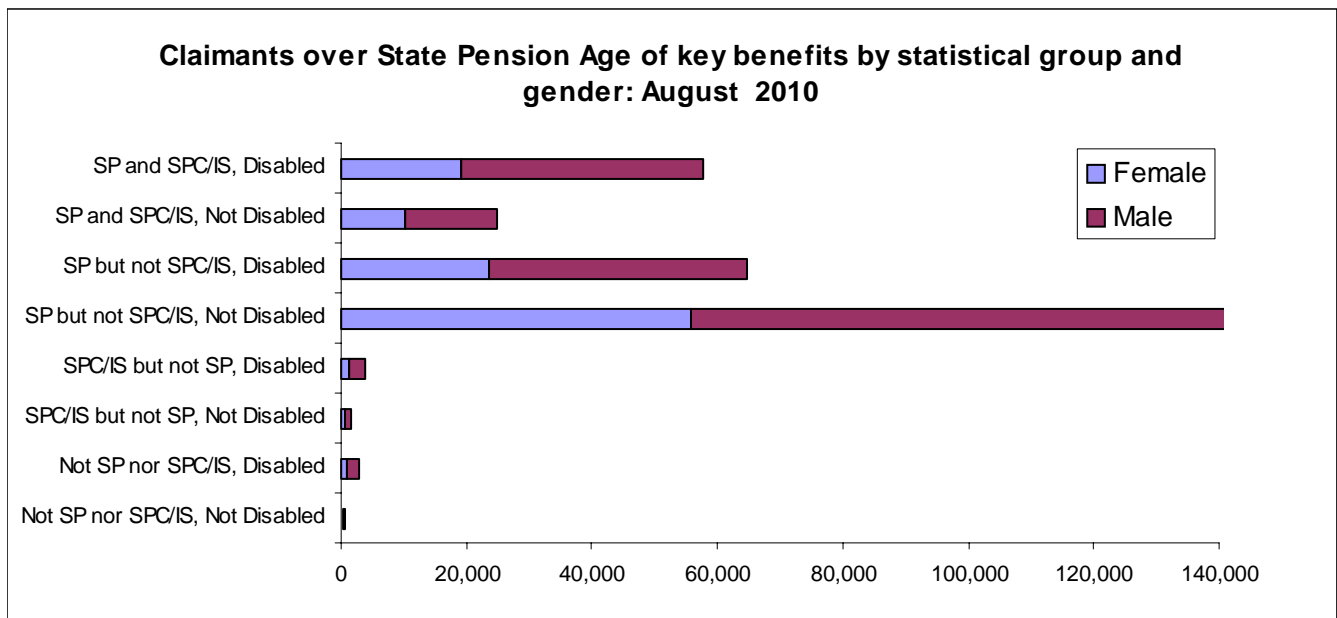
### 3.2 Statistical groups

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 SP and IS/SPC and the claimants' disability status.

**Table 3.2.1 Claimants over State Pension Age by Statistical group: August 2007 to August 2010**

	Aug-07		Aug-08		Aug-09		Aug-10	
	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>
SP and SPC/IS, Disabled	55,637	19	56,201	19	57,506	19	57,838	19
SP and SPC/IS, Not Disabled	21,471	7	22,392	8	23,782	8	24,817	8
SP but not SPC/IS, Disabled	63,520	22	63,597	21	64,119	21	64,632	21
SP but not SPC/IS, Not Disabled	133,819	46	138,280	47	141,791	47	144,657	48
SPC/IS but not SP, Disabled	4,414	2	4,290	1	4,037	1	3,914	1
SPC/IS but not SP, Not Disabled	1,774	1	1,699	1	1,578	1	1,580	1
Not SP nor SPC/IS, Disabled	4,311	1	3,766	1	3,242	1	2,939	1
Not SP nor SPC/IS, Not Disabled	1,174	0	1,108	0	1,032	0	552	0
<b>All</b>	<b>286,120</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>291,333</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>297,087</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>300,929</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Population of Northern Ireland residents above state pension age - see Methodology



- The overall numbers rose by 14,809 between August 2007 and August 2010.
- The SP but not SPC/IS, not disabled was consistently the largest group between August 2007 and August 2010. SP but not SPC/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 2009 and August 2010 by gender and statistical group**

	Male	Female	All
SP and SPC/IS, Disabled	879	639	<b>1,518</b>
SP and SPC/IS, Not Disabled	779	352	<b>1,131</b>
SP but not SPC/IS, Disabled	1,096	1,071	<b>2,167</b>
SP but not SPC/IS, Not Disabled	5,088	5,277	<b>10,365</b>
SPC/IS but not SP, Disabled	135	71	<b>206</b>
SPC/IS but not SP, Not Disabled	112	64	<b>176</b>
Not SP nor SPC/IS, Disabled	76	170	<b>246</b>
Not SP nor SPC/IS, Not Disabled	186	35	<b>221</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>8,351</b>	<b>7,679</b>	<b>16,030</b>

**Table 3.2.3 Cases over State Pension Age receiving key benefits at August 2009 but no longer receiving a key benefit in August 2010: by gender and statistical group**

	Male	Female	All
SP and SPC/IS, Disabled	1,365	2,550	<b>3,915</b>
SP and SPC/IS, Not Disabled	268	304	<b>572</b>
SP but not SPC/IS, Disabled	1,714	1,884	<b>3,598</b>
SP but not SPC/IS, Not Disabled	1,098	927	<b>2,025</b>
SPC/IS but not SP, Disabled	227	450	<b>677</b>
SPC/IS but not SP, Not Disabled	41	52	<b>93</b>
Not SP nor SPC/IS, Disabled	509	697	<b>1,206</b>
Not SP nor SPC/IS, Not Disabled	53	49	<b>102</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>5,275</b>	<b>6,913</b>	<b>12,188</b>

**Table 3.2.4 Cases over State Pension Age changing statistical group: August 2009 and August 2010**

Statistical group in August 2009	Statistical group in August 2010								All
	SP and SPC/IS		SP but not SPC/IS		SPC/IS but not SP		Not SP nor SPC/IS		
	Disabled	Not Disabled	Disabled	Not Disabled	Disabled	Not Disabled	Disabled	Not Disabled	
SP and SPC/IS, Disabled	.	90	307	24	425	12	216	5	<b>1,079</b>
SP and SPC/IS, Not Disabled	1,168	.	11	190	13	68	9	-	<b>1,460</b>
SP but not SPC/IS, Disabled	2,014	6	.	229	19	.	587	12	<b>2,867</b>
SP but not SPC/IS, Not Disabled	334	1,620	4,208	.	5	-	97	8	<b>6,274</b>
SPC/IS but not SP, Disabled	175	.	7	.	.	6	26	-	<b>215</b>
SPC/IS but not SP, Not Disabled	10	109	.	6	52	.	-	-	<b>180</b>
Not SP nor SPC/IS, Disabled	36	.	211	-	43	.	.	-	<b>295</b>
Not SP nor SPC/IS, Not Disabled	71	111	67	349	6	11	15	.	<b>630</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>3,808</b>	<b>1,936</b>	<b>4,811</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>13,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> Numbers less than 5 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

- There was an increase of 3,842 claimants between August 2009 and August 2010. The increase was due to the number of people joining benefit exceeding the number of people who had left benefit. For example, 12,188 claimants on benefit in August 2009 were no longer on benefit in August 2010. Whilst 16,030 claimants in August 2010 were not on benefit in August 2009.
- The numbers in each statistical group were also affected by movements between them. For example, 13,000 claimants who were on benefit in both August 2009 and August 2010 changed statistical group over this period.

**Table 3.2.5 Cases over State Pension Age moving onto a key benefit between August 2007 and August 2010: by gender and statistical group**

	Male	Female	All
SP and SPC/IS, Disabled	2,897	2,294	<b>5,191</b>
SP and SPC/IS, Not Disabled	2,526	1,507	<b>4,033</b>
SP but not SPC/IS, Disabled	3,416	3,975	<b>7,391</b>
SP but not SPC/IS, Not Disabled	14,958	18,032	<b>32,990</b>
SPC/IS but not SP, Disabled	424	310	<b>734</b>
SPC/IS but not SP, Not Disabled	293	193	<b>486</b>
Not SP nor SPC/IS, Disabled	235	467	<b>702</b>
Not SP nor SPC/IS, Not Disabled	195	116	<b>311</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>24,944</b>	<b>26,894</b>	<b>51,838</b>

**Table 3.2.6 Cases over State Pension Age receiving a key benefit at August 2007 but no longer receiving key benefits in August 2010: by gender and statistical group**

	Male	Female	All
SP and SPC/IS, Disabled	4,208	8,155	<b>12,363</b>
SP and SPC/IS, Not Disabled	923	1,087	<b>2,010</b>
SP but not SPC/IS, Disabled	5,127	6,034	<b>11,161</b>
SP but not SPC/IS, Not Disabled	3,920	3,330	<b>7,250</b>
SPC/IS but not SP, Disabled	475	974	<b>1,449</b>
SPC/IS but not SP, Not Disabled	141	227	<b>368</b>
Not SP nor SPC/IS, Disabled	997	1,335	<b>2,332</b>
Not SP nor SPC/IS, Not Disabled	34	62	<b>96</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>15,825</b>	<b>21,204</b>	<b>37,029</b>

**Table 3.2.7 Cases over State Pension Age changing statistical group: August 2007 and August 2010**

Statistical group in August 2007	Statistical group in August 2010								All
	SP and SPC/IS		SP but not SPC/IS		SPC/IS but not SP		Not SP nor SPC/IS		
	Not Disabled	Disabled	Not Disabled	Disabled	Not Disabled	Disabled	Not Disabled	Disabled	
SP and SPC/IS, Disabled	.	98	559	31	365	12	202	-	<b>1,270</b>
SP and SPC/IS, Not Disabled	2,930	.	59	336	25	56	15	-	<b>3,422</b>
SP but not SPC/IS, Disabled	5,527	22	.	333	47	.	509	11	<b>6,449</b>
SP but not SPC/IS, Not Disabled	1,507	4,275	10,182	.	20	17	183	13	<b>16,197</b>
SPC/IS but not SP, Disabled	426	-	10	.	.	8	32	.	<b>480</b>
SPC/IS but not SP, Not Disabled	42	229	-	16	125	.	-	-	<b>418</b>
Not SP nor SPC/IS, Disabled	135	-	434	15	112	-	.	8	<b>706</b>
Not SP nor SPC/IS, Not Disabled	76	116	85	564	-	12	21	.	<b>875</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>10,643</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>11,331</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>29,817</b>

<sup>1</sup> Numbers less than 5 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

- The overall number of claimants on key benefits has risen during the period August 2007 to August 2010 by 14,809, with the number moving onto key benefits (51,838) exceeding those no longer claiming a key benefit (37,029).
- Approximately 77% of people on a key benefit in August 2007 have remained within the same statistical group in August 2010, 13% were no longer on a key benefit and 10% had moved statistical group.

**Table 3.2.8 Claimants over State Pension Age by all benefit combinations<sup>1</sup> and gender: August 2010**

	Male	Female	All
SP only	54,333	84,414	<b>138,747</b>
SP and SPC/IS	8,665	13,107	<b>21,772</b>
IB only	.	.	<b>0</b>
SP and AA	11,231	17,845	<b>29,076</b>
IS/SPC only	630	697	<b>1,327</b>
IS/SPC, SP and AA	7,009	20,366	<b>27,375</b>
DLA only	313	699	<b>1,012</b>
IS/SPC and IB	.	.	<b>0</b>
IB and DLA	.	.	<b>0</b>
SP and DLA	10,948	19,765	<b>30,713</b>
IS/SPC, IB and DLA	.	.	<b>0</b>
IS/SPC, SP and DLA	9,532	16,202	<b>25,734</b>
CA only	221	240	<b>461</b>
IS/SPC, DLA and SDA	377	899	<b>1,276</b>
IS/SPC and CA	47	64	<b>111</b>
CA and SP	1,320	4,587	<b>5,907</b>
WB only	.	35	<b>35</b>
DLA, SDA	35	508	<b>543</b>
IS/SPC, CA and SP	1,505	1,539	<b>3,044</b>
SDA only	5	47	<b>52</b>
SDA and IS/SPC	45	85	<b>130</b>
Other combination <sup>2</sup>	5,358	8,255	<b>13,613</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>111,575</b>	<b>189,354</b>	<b>300,929</b>

<sup>1</sup> Numbers less than 5 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

<sup>2</sup> Includes anomalies such as IB with SP

- All benefit combinations at August 2010 are included in the above table. The main combinations were SP only (46%), SP and AA (10%), SP and DLA (10%), IS/SPC, SP and AA (9%) and IS/SPC, SP and DLA (9%).

### 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 2010**

	Thousands and percentages					
	Men		Women		All	
	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>4,840.95</b>		<b>7,905.24</b>		<b>12,746.19</b>	
North East	194.29		326.12		520.41	
North West	508.10		847.64		1,355.75	
Yorkshire & Humberside	379.08		627.74		1,006.82	
East Midlands	341.74		549.84		891.58	
West Midlands	415.71		670.48		1,086.19	
East of England	446.21		722.22		1,168.43	
London	385.33		646.22		1,031.55	
South East	632.18		1,043.26		1,675.43	
South West	450.83		729.24		1,180.07	
Wales	244.83		398.80		643.63	
Scotland	371.61		648.12		1,019.72	
Claimants living abroad/ Unknown <sup>2</sup>	471.05		695.56		1,166.60	
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>111.58</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>189.35</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>300.93</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Population over state pension age - see Methodology. %s for Great Britain are no longer available

<sup>2</sup> Great Britain claimants only, a figure for Northern Ireland was not available

<sup>3</sup> 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 2010, there were 300.93 thousand claimants of pensionable age in Northern Ireland and 12,746.19 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 2010**

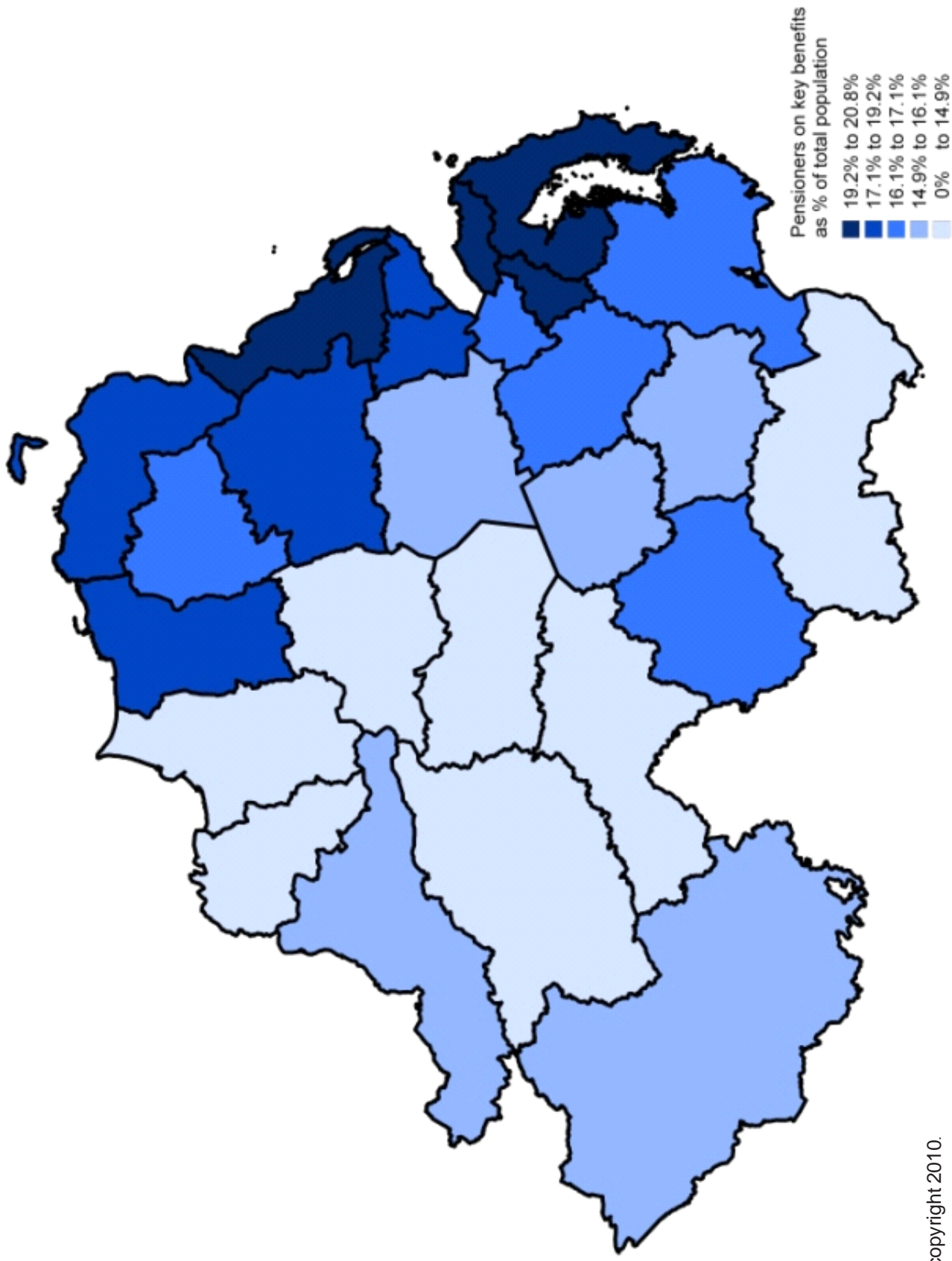
Thousands and percentages

	Statistical Group								All (000s) % of pop <sup>1</sup>
	SP and SPC/IS		SP but not SPC/IS		SPC/IS but not SP		Not SP nor SPC/IS		
	Not Disabled	Disabled	Not Disabled	Disabled	Not Disabled	Disabled	Not Disabled	Disabled	
	Disabled	Not Disabled	Disabled	Not Disabled	Disabled	Not Disabled	Disabled	Not Disabled	
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>1,184.76</b>	<b>1,166.81</b>	<b>1,550.51</b>	<b>8,658.69</b>	<b>70.41</b>	<b>66.85</b>	<b>35.34</b>	<b>12.82</b>	<b>12,746.19</b>
North East	70.59	67.46	76.04	300.00	2.58	1.61	1.66	0.46	<b>520.41</b>
North West	178.00	135.47	217.54	805.63	8.11	5.11	4.55	1.34	<b>1,355.75</b>
Yorkshire & Humberside	107.88	119.04	130.36	636.57	5.22	3.85	3.04	0.86	<b>1,006.82</b>
East Midlands	84.20	87.18	118.89	589.50	4.52	3.86	2.64	0.80	<b>891.58</b>
West Midlands	126.55	116.43	150.52	677.38	6.06	5.03	3.24	0.99	<b>1,086.19</b>
East of England	91.87	108.85	135.92	820.22	4.11	3.91	2.65	0.91	<b>1,168.43</b>
London	94.47	123.33	113.67	643.31	20.74	28.26	6.06	1.71	<b>1,031.55</b>
South East	108.79	141.94	183.72	1,222.29	6.26	7.26	3.67	1.51	<b>1,675.43</b>
South West	98.30	103.53	150.02	818.21	3.68	2.99	2.50	0.83	<b>1,180.07</b>
Wales	89.70	53.77	128.00	363.38	3.64	1.87	2.62	0.64	<b>643.63</b>
Scotland	134.33	109.65	142.71	620.97	5.48	3.08	2.58	0.93	<b>1,019.72</b>
Claimants living abroad/ Unknown <sup>2</sup>	0.08	0.15	3.13	1,161.23	-	0.02	0.14	1.84	<b>1,166.60</b>
Northern Ireland	57.84	24.82	64.63	144.66	3.91	1.58	2.94	0.55	<b>300.93</b>
	19.16	8.22	21.41	47.92	1.30	0.52	0.97	0.18	<b>99.69</b>

<sup>1</sup> Population over state pension age - see Methodology. %s for Great Britain are no longer available<sup>2</sup> Great Britain claimants only, a figure for Northern Ireland was not available<sup>3</sup> 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.

# Persons of pensionable age claiming key benefits as a percentage of the total population by District Council: August 2010



## Appendix 1 – Child Maintenance and Enforcement Division

The Child Maintenance and Enforcement Division (CMED) currently operate two computer systems to store data; the Child Support Computer System (CSCS) and CS2. The CS2 system became operational for new cases on 3 March 2003.

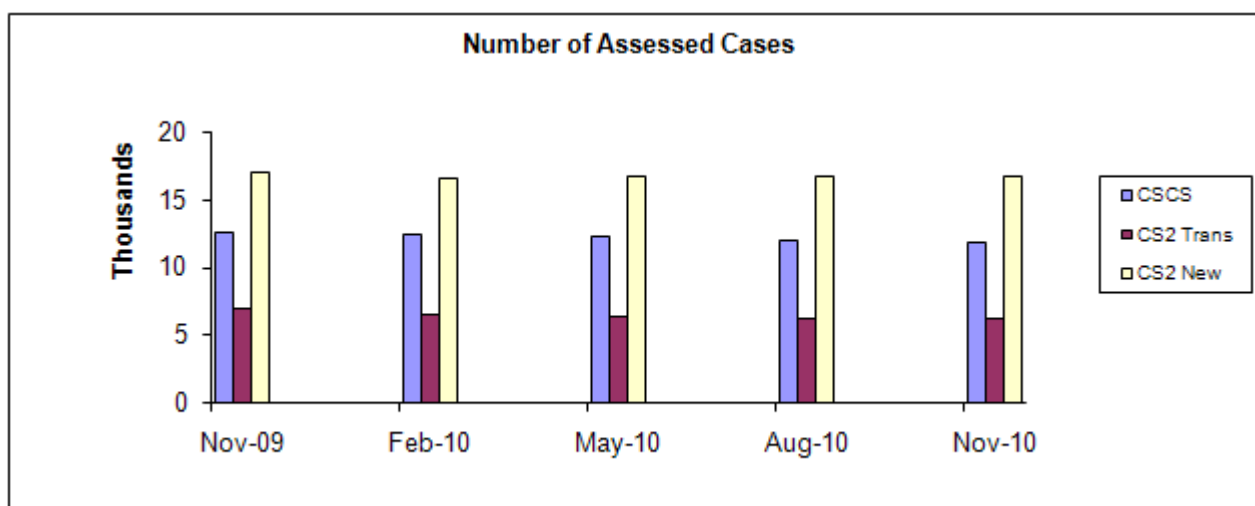
The CS2 system stores data for 2 schemes:

- CS2 Trans which records cases that have transferred from the CSCS system to CS2 but are still governed by old rules for maintenance assessment.
- CS2 New scheme includes all new cases since 3 March 2003 that are stored on CS2 and are governed by new rules for maintenance assessment.

This publication does not include Clerical Cases; that is cases that are managed off system.

At the end of November 2010 there were 34,857 assessed cases across all 3 schemes, a drop of 1,851 since November 2009. This fall in the caseload is due to the decreasing caseload within the CSCS system, as children cease to be of qualifying age.

### Number of assessed cases on the CSCS and the CS2 System, November 2009 - November 2010



The average maintenance assessment for all Non-Resident Parents (NRPs), decreased from £14.40 in November 2009 to £13.59 in November 2010. The average maintenance assessment decreased across all 3 schemes.

**Table 1 Average value of assessment for all Non-Resident Parents (NRPs), November 2009 - November 2010**

Month	Average, £pw			Total
	CSCS	CS2 Trans	CS2 New	
Nov-09	17.09	7.73	15.74	<b>14.40</b>
Feb-10	16.76	7.02	15.45	<b>14.06</b>
May-10	16.51	6.84	15.18	<b>13.82</b>
Aug-10	16.18	6.66	15.22	<b>13.71</b>
Nov-10	15.92	6.57	15.18	<b>13.59</b>

At the end of November 2010 there were 19,814 assessed cases where the Parent with Care (PWC) was claiming a prescribed benefit. A prescribed benefit is any of the following; Income Support as a claimant or partner, Jobseeker's Allowance income based as a claimant or partner, Employment and Support Allowance as a claimant or partner, Incapacity Benefit as a claimant or Jobseeker's Allowance contribution based as a claimant.

**Table 2 Number of assessed cases that have a benefit Parent/Person with care (PWC), November 2009 - November 2010**

Month	CSCS	CS2 Trans	CS2 New	Total
Nov-09	5,130	4,649	10,591	<b>20,370</b>
Feb-10	5,007	4,626	10,586	<b>20,219</b>
May-10	4,937	4,600	10,636	<b>20,173</b>
Aug-10	4,883	4,561	10,714	<b>20,158</b>
Nov-10	4,764	4,492	10,558	<b>19,814</b>

Table 3 provides the total number of cases that have had a positive outcome in the past quarter up until November 2010. This table includes those cases that have been fully and partially compliant through the CMED collection service. The 'Other with Receipts' category includes those cases that have not been scheduled to make a payment but a payment has been received nonetheless. Maintenance direct is whereby the NRP has an arrangement to make maintenance payments directly to the PWC, without using the CMED collection service.

**Table 3 Total number of cases with a positive outcome broken down by compliance, November 2009 - November 2010**

Month	Total (All schemes)	Full	Partial	Maintenance Direct	Other with Receipts <sup>1</sup>
Nov-09	<b>15,696</b>	6,718	4,362	3,849	767
Feb-10	<b>15,039</b>	5,589	5,040	3,606	804
May-10	<b>15,791</b>	7,476	3,713	3,622	980
Aug-10	<b>15,403</b>	6,789	4,075	3,620	919
Nov-10	<b>15,331</b>	6,842	3,889	3,630	970

<sup>1</sup>Includes:- Assessed not charging with a receipt, Nil assessed with a receipt and cancelled/w ithdraw n with a receipt

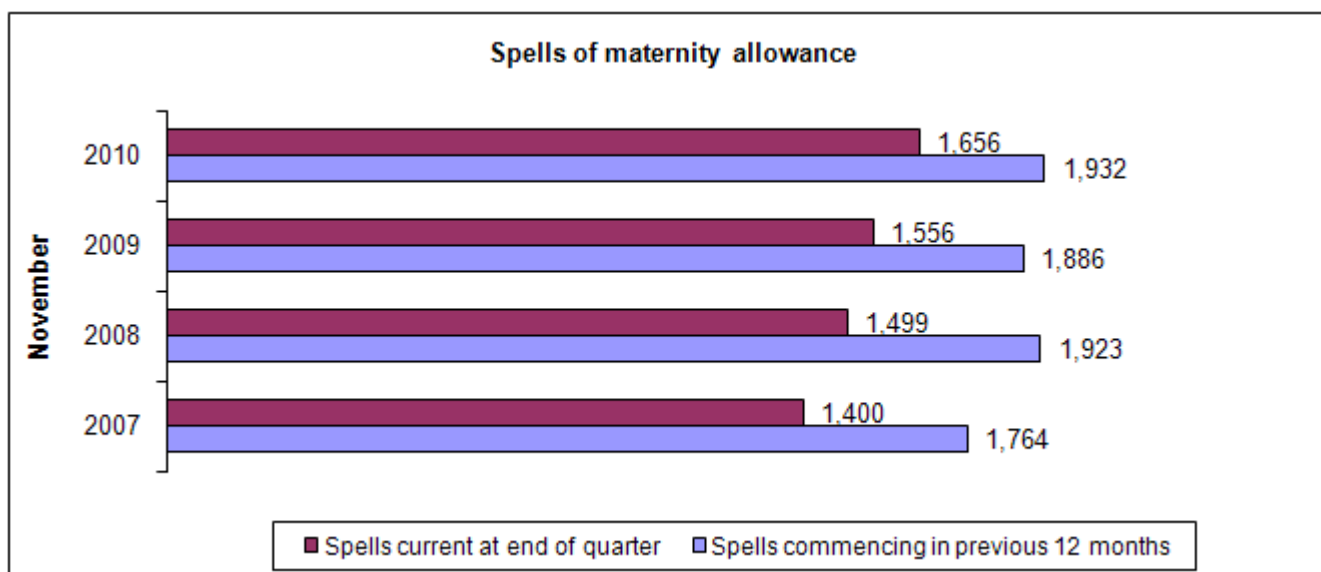
Table 4 displays the number of children who are benefiting from maintenance via a CMED assessment.

**Table 4 Number of children benefiting from maintenance by scheme, November 2009 - November 2010**

Month	CSCS	CS2 Trans	CS2 New	Total
Nov-09	5,144	1,483	14,158	<b>20,785</b>
Feb-10	4,726	1,250	14,074	<b>20,050</b>
May-10	5,319	1,354	14,340	<b>21,013</b>
Aug-10	5,106	1,358	14,080	<b>20,544</b>
Nov-10	5,019	1,367	13,864	<b>20,250</b>

## Appendix 2 - Maternity Allowance

At the end of November 2010 there were 1,656 spells of Maternity Allowance in payment an increase of 18% on 3 years earlier.



### Maternity Allowance rates (£ per week)

	Higher rate <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup>	.		75.00	30.00	33.10
Apr-03 <sup>2</sup>	.		100.00	30.00	33.65
Apr-04 <sup>2</sup>	.		102.80	30.00	34.60
Apr-05 <sup>2</sup>	.		106.00	30.00	35.65
Apr-06 <sup>2</sup>	.		108.85	30.00	36.60
Apr-07 <sup>2</sup>	.		112.75	30.00	37.90
Apr-08 <sup>2</sup>	.		117.18	30.00	39.40
Apr-09 <sup>2</sup>	.		123.06	30.00	41.35
Apr-10 <sup>23</sup>	.		124.88	30.00	41.35

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

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

<sup>3</sup> On 13 August 2010 Adult dependants addition ceased for all new claims.



# 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. From 27 October 2008, Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) replaced Incapacity Benefit and Income Support (IS) on the grounds of disability for new claims. The number of Lone Parents (LPs) claiming IS has been affected by the Lone Parent Obligations policy changes which came into effect from 2 December 2008, LPs with older children may no longer be entitled to IS solely on the grounds of being a LP, subject to certain exemptions and conditions. The changes will be introduced for LPs with:

- a youngest child aged 12 or over from 2 December 2008
- a youngest child aged 10 or over from 26 October 2009
- a youngest child aged 7 or over from October 2010

No attempt has been made to adjust the series for such factors. ESA is not included as a key benefit.

## 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 Analytical Services Unit, 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, Analytical Services Unit have been able to match partner's and dependant's details in this publication from other data sources i.e. Child Benefit and Child Maintenance and Enforcement Division. The latest available CTC scan is for June 2009. Therefore the data on children/young adult dependants may be incomplete.

For analyses using data prior to February 2009 details of family type and children/young adult dependants were obtained from either the key benefits themselves, CTC, Child Benefit or Child Maintenance and Enforcement Division scans. Due to an embargo on the Child Benefit data, Child Benefit data will no longer be used. Details of family type and children/young adult dependants will be obtained from either the key benefits themselves, CTC or Child Maintenance and Enforcement Division scans for all analyses using data from February 2009 onwards.

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 Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. 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).

## **Equalization of State Pension Age**

Changes to state pension were introduced on 6 April 2010. This included a gradual rise in women's state pension age. For men the state pension age is 65. For women born on or before 5 April 1950 the state pension age is 60. State pension age for women born between 6 April 1950 and 5 April 1955 will be between 60 and 65 depending on their date of birth. State pension age for women born on or after 6 April 1955 but before 6 April 1959 will be 65. State pension age for both men and women will rise to 68 between 2024 and 2046.

The client group statistics will reflect the gradually changing state pension age. Benefit claimants will be classed as working age or pension age based on whether they have reached state pension age at the "snapshot" date.

The equalization of state pension age will increase the working age benefit caseloads and reduce the pension age benefit caseloads. Therefore part of any increase/decrease in statistics may be due to the changes in the state pension age rather than a real change in benefit caseloads.

The percentage of the working age population claiming benefits has been calculated using populations aged 16 to 64 for men and 16 to 59 for women. The percentage of the pension age population claiming benefits has been calculated using populations aged 65 and over for men and 60 and over for women. However, the working age and pension age benefit caseloads incorporate the changing state pension age for women. The limitation of this approach is that the working age population will not include women who, under the change in state pension age, are now classified as working age. Consequently, the pension age population will include women who are now classed as working age.

State Pension Credit is included as a key benefit for both persons of working age and pension age. The minimum qualifying age for State Pension Credit for both men and women is gradually increasing in line with the equalization of state pension age.

## **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, State Pension Credit (SPC) replaced Income Support for persons aged 60 or over. SPC 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 SPC.

However, there were a small number of claims which were not transferred to SPC. 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 SPC. 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 SPC 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 SPC. 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](http://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 <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/>.

# 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.

<b>Estimated Value</b>	<b>95% Confidence Interval</b>	<b>Confidence interval as a % of the Estimate</b>
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%

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