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# Introduction

The Statistics and Research Branch of the Department for Social Development (DSD) have developed a new 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 Housing Benefit. Section 2 analyses the children of persons of working age on key benefits. The Inland Revenue Tax Credits are also included in these analyses in sections 1.10 and 2.3. They are designed to give a good indication of the size of the population on these benefits and/or tax credits and how this changes over time. However, they are affected by changes to the conditions of entitlement and to the existence of the benefits/tax credits themselves. This includes such things as: the replacement of Family Credit and Disability Working Allowance with Working Families' Tax Credit and Disabled Person's Tax Credit respectively. 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 Widow's Benefit 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 Benefit, Child Support Agency and Maternity Allowance data which are not included in the analysis of children in section 2.

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



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# Definitions and Conventions - Sections 1 and 2

## Key benefits

Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)

Incapacity Benefit (IB)

Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA)

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Income Support (IS)

## Symbols and conventions

Working age is 16 to 64 years for men

16 to 59 years for women

Population estimates are mid year from 1998 to 2000

16-18 year olds in full-time education from 1998 to 2000

“.” not applicable

## Inland Revenue Tax Credits

Working Families' Tax Credit (WFTC) [Family Credit (FC) prior to October 1999]

Disabled Person's Tax Credit (DPTC) [Disability Working Allowance (DWA) prior to October 1999]

## Statistical group

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

## 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)  
 Income Support (IS)  
 Retirement Pension (RP)

### Symbols and conventions

State Pension Age is 65 years and over for men  
 60 years and over for women  
 Population estimates are mid year from 1997 to 2000  
 “.” not applicable

### Statistical group

Sick and/or disabled	Claimant receiving one or more of AA, DLA, IB, SDA or on IS and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- single and aged 60-79 in receipt of a Higher Pensioner Premium (HPP) due to disability;</li> <li>- in a residential care or nursing home;</li> <li>- sick days being recorded;</li> <li>- hospitalised cases or an RP claimant and</li> <li>- in hospital</li> <li>- receiving Invalidity Allowance (IVA)</li> </ul>
Non Disabled IS	IS claimants not included in the sick and/or disabled category
RP only	RP claimant not in other statistical groups above.

Note that the statistical groups refer only to SSA benefits. The majority of claimants within the RP only statistical group will also be receiving income from other sources e.g. occupational pensions and investments.

### Benefit Combinations

Statistical group	Description
Sick and/or Disabled	1 AA or DLA
	2 IB or SDA
	3 One of AA or DLA and one of IB or SDA
	4 IS only (disability related higher pensioner premium) or IS with one or more of AA, DLA, IB and SDA
	5 RP only (receiving IVA or in hospital)
	6 RP and one of AA or DLA
	7 RP and IS
	8 RP and IS and one of AA or DLA
Non Disabled IS	9 IS claimants not in sick and disabled statistical group
RP Only	10 Receiving RP only and not in other statistical group

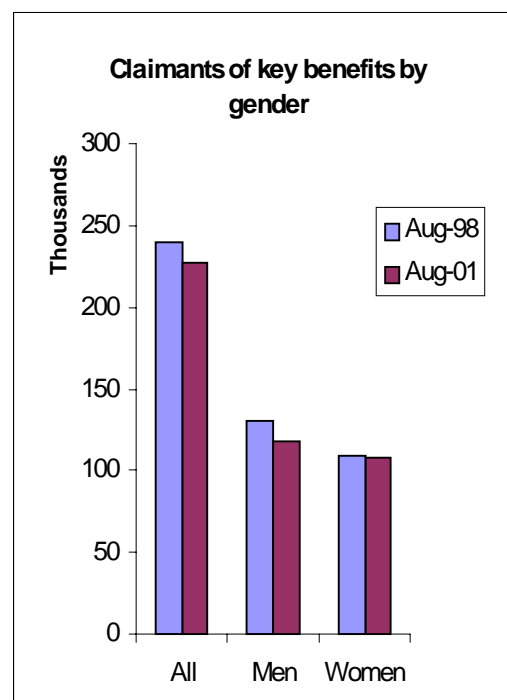
## Section 1: Persons of Working Age on Key Benefits

### 1.1 Age and Gender

**Table 1.1.1 Claimants of key benefits by gender: August 1998 to August 2001**

	Aug-98	Aug-99	Aug-00	Aug-01
<b>All</b>	<b>240,080</b>	<b>231,740</b>	<b>227,660</b>	<b>226,900</b>
% of pop <sup>1</sup>	24	23	22	22
Men	130,500	123,540	120,320	118,520
% of pop <sup>1</sup>	25	23	23	22
Women	109,580	108,200	107,340	108,380
% of pop <sup>1</sup>	22	22	22	22

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



- In August 2001 about 22% (226,900) of people of working age claimed a key benefit – down from 24% (240,080) in August 1998.
- About 119 thousand men of working age claimed a benefit, compared with 108 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 over 13 thousand between August 1998 and August 2001. That can be accounted for by the drop in the number of male claimants – down from 131 thousand in 1998 to 119 thousand in 2001. The gap between men and women has therefore narrowed.
- Older people were more likely to be claiming benefits. In 2001, 35% of those aged 55 to 59 claimed a benefit compared to 18% of those aged 18 to 24.
- Most age groups have fallen in size since August 1998. The largest reductions were in the younger age groups (18 to 24 fell by 5,420 and 25 to 34 fell by 8,340). Of the 2 age groups that increased in size the greatest increase was in the 55 to 59 group (up by 1,100).

**Table 1.1.2 Claimants of key benefits by age and gender: August 2001**

	All		Men		Women	
		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group
<b>All</b>	<b>226,900</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>118,520</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>108,380</b>	<b>22</b>
Under 18	1,700	3	860	3	840	3
18 to 24	28,560	18	13,240	16	15,320	20
25 to 34	45,860	18	20,000	15	25,860	20
35 to 44	51,780	21	24,620	21	27,160	22
45 to 54	51,200	26	26,800	27	24,400	25
55 to 59	30,560	35	15,760	37	14,800	33
60 to 64	17,240	49	17,240	49	.	.

**Table 1.1.3 Claimants of key benefits by age: August 1998 to August 2001**

	Aug-98		Aug-99		Aug-00		Aug-01	
		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group
<b>All</b>	<b>240,080</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>231,740</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>227,660</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>226,900</b>	<b>22</b>
Under 18	1,860	4	1,620	3	1,780	3	1,700	3
18 to 24	33,980	21	29,100	18	29,160	18	28,560	18
25 to 34	54,200	21	51,220	20	48,140	19	45,860	18
35 to 44	51,840	23	52,000	22	50,920	21	51,780	21
45 to 54	51,140	26	50,500	26	50,480	26	51,200	26
55 to 59	29,460	37	29,820	36	29,760	34	30,560	35
60 to 64	17,600	52	17,480	50	17,420	49	17,240	49

**Table 1.1.4 Claimants of key benefits by age and gender: August 1998 and August 2001**

	Men				Women			
	Aug-98	% of pop in age group	Aug-01	% of pop in age group	Aug-98	% of pop in age group	Aug-01	% of pop in age group
<b>All</b>	<b>130,500</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>118,520</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>109,580</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>108,380</b>	<b>22</b>
Under 18	860	3	860	3	1,000	4	840	3
18 to 24	17,000	20	13,240	16	16,980	21	15,320	20
25 to 34	24,900	19	20,000	15	29,300	23	25,860	20
35 to 44	26,380	23	24,620	21	25,460	22	27,160	22
45 to 54	27,960	29	26,800	27	23,180	24	24,400	25
55 to 59	15,800	40	15,760	37	13,660	33	14,800	33
60 to 64	17,600	52	17,240	49	.	.	.	.

## 1.2 Family Type

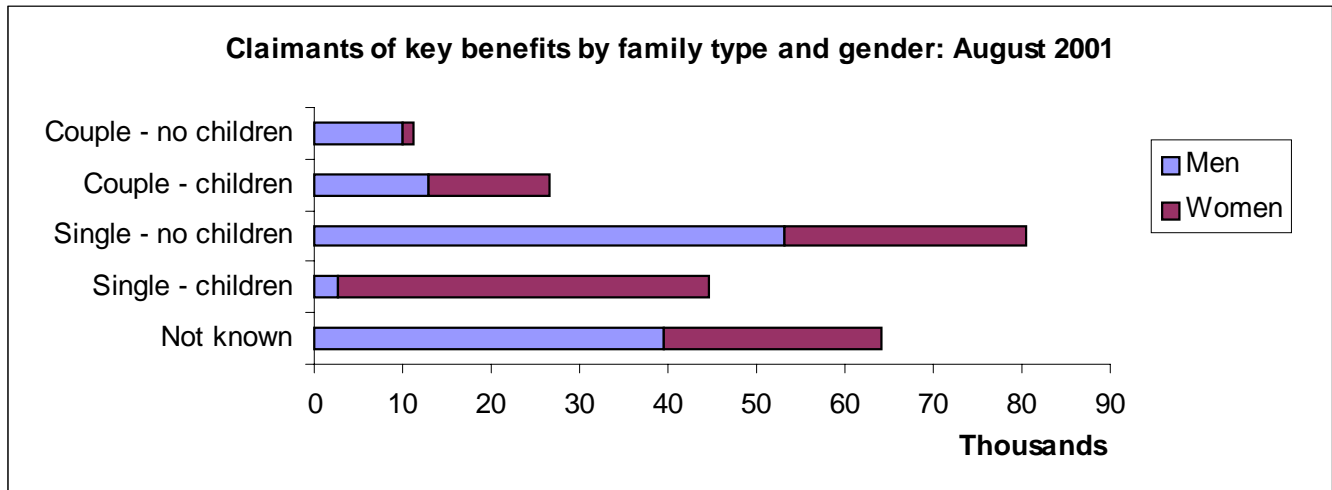
This section contains analyses of the type of family in which claimants live. Family type was assigned according to whether the claimant had a partner and/or children. It was not possible to assign a family type in every case (Not known).

**Table 1.2.1 Claimants of key benefits by family type<sup>1</sup> and gender: August 2001**

	All	%	Men	%	Women	%
<b>All</b>	<b>226,900</b>	100	<b>118,520</b>	100	<b>108,380</b>	100
<b>All couples</b>	<b>37,760</b>	17	<b>23,040</b>	19	<b>14,720</b>	14
Couple - no children	11,240	5	10,040	8	1,200	1
Couple - children	26,520	12	13,000	11	13,520	12
<b>All single</b>	<b>125,100</b>	55	<b>55,900</b>	47	<b>69,200</b>	64
Single - no children	80,400	35	53,200	45	27,200	25
Single - children	44,700	20	2,700	2	42,000	39
<b>Not known</b>	<b>64,040</b>	28	<b>39,580</b>	33	<b>24,460</b>	23

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

- 125,100 claimants were single in August 2001.
- Over 31% (71,220) of claimants had children. The majority (44,700) were single.
- The number of couples with children has fallen by 6,800 between August 1998 and August 2001.
- The number of single families without children has fallen by 9,020 over the same period.



**Table 1.2.2 Claimants of key benefits by family type<sup>1</sup>: August 1998 to August 2001**

	Aug-98		Aug-99		Aug-00		Aug-01	
	All	%	All	%	All	%	All	%
<b>All</b>	<b>240,080</b>	100	<b>231,740</b>	100	<b>227,660</b>	100	<b>226,900</b>	100
<b>All couples</b>	<b>42,740</b>	18	<b>40,960</b>	18	<b>39,440</b>	17	<b>37,760</b>	17
Couple - no children	9,420	4	10,880	5	10,680	5	11,240	5
Couple - children	33,320	14	30,080	13	28,760	13	26,520	12
<b>All single</b>	<b>134,360</b>	56	<b>127,280</b>	55	<b>124,820</b>	55	<b>125,100</b>	55
Single - no children	89,420	37	83,280	36	81,120	36	80,400	35
Single - children	44,940	19	44,000	19	43,700	19	44,700	20
<b>Not known</b>	<b>62,980</b>	26	<b>63,500</b>	27	<b>63,400</b>	28	<b>64,040</b>	28

<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: August 2001**

	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parent	Other
<b>All</b>	<b>226,900</b>	<b>39,620</b>	<b>143,940</b>	<b>31,360</b>	<b>11,980</b>
<b>All couples</b>	<b>37,760</b>	<b>6,280</b>	<b>27,900</b>	.	<b>3,580</b>
Couple - no children	11,240	1,660	7,660	.	1,920
Couple - children	26,520	4,620	20,240	.	1,660
<b>All single</b>	<b>125,100</b>	<b>33,340</b>	<b>52,000</b>	<b>31,360</b>	<b>8,400</b>
Single - no children	80,400	32,400	39,600	.	8,400
Single - children	44,700	940	12,400	31,360	.
<b>Not known</b>	<b>64,040</b>	.	<b>64,040</b>	.	.

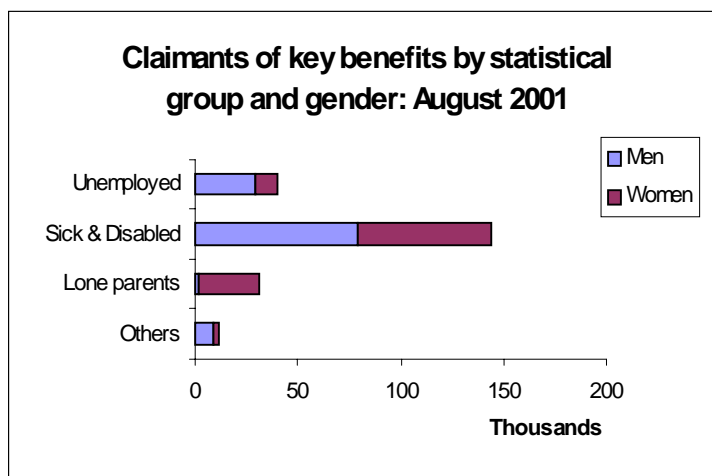
<sup>1</sup> See Methodology for further details

### 1.3 Statistical group and transitions

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

**Table 1.3.1 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group and gender: August 2001**

	All	Men	Women
<b>All</b>	<b>226,900</b>	<b>118,520</b>	<b>108,380</b>
Unemployed	39,620	28,900	10,720
Sick & Disabled	143,940	79,540	64,400
Lone parents	31,360	1,520	29,840
Others	11,980	8,560	3,420



- The overall numbers fell by 13,180 between August 1998 and August 2001, mostly because of the unemployed group which fell by 20,200 (34%) over this period.
- In August 2001, 4% (39,620) of people of working age were classed as unemployed - down from 6% (59,820) in August 1998. All other groups remained constant.
- Sick & disabled claimants were consistently the largest group between August 1998 and August 2001, rising from 55% of the total to 63% of the total; unemployed claimants were the second largest group.
- The size of the sick & disabled group rose by 11,640 (up 9%) between August 1998 and August 2001, whilst numbers in the lone parents group fell by 2,820 (down 8%) over the same period.

**Table 1.3.2 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group: August 1998 to August 2001**

	Aug-98		Aug-99		Aug-00		Aug-01	
	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>240,080</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>231,740</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>227,660</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>226,900</b>	<b>22</b>
Unemployed	59,820	6	51,240	5	42,820	4	39,620	4
Sick & Disabled	132,300	13	134,840	13	139,540	14	143,940	14
Lone parents	34,180	3	33,640	3	32,200	3	31,360	3
Others	13,780	1	12,020	1	13,100	1	11,980	1

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

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

**Table 1.3.3 Claimants of key benefits by status in previous year: August 1998 to August 2001**

	<u>On benefit in current year - status in previous year<sup>1</sup></u>				<b>Left benefit since previous year<sup>2</sup></b>
	<b>All</b>	Same statistical group	Different statistical group	Not on benefit	
<b>Aug-98</b>	<b>240,080</b>	.	.	.	.
<b>Aug-99</b>	<b>231,740</b>	171,940	18,640	41,160	49,500
<b>Aug-00</b>	<b>227,660</b>	167,920	16,360	43,380	47,460
<b>Aug-01</b>	<b>226,900</b>	171,860	14,820	40,220	40,980

<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

- The overall number of claimants of key benefits fell between August 1998 and August 2001. There was an decrease of 760 claimants between August 2000 and August 2001. That was due to the number of people who had left benefit exceeding the number of people who had joined. For example, 40,980 claimants on benefit in August 2000 were no longer on benefit in August 2001 whilst 40,220 of claimants in August 2001 were not on benefit in August 2000.
- The numbers in each statistical group were also affected by movements between them. For example, 14,820 claimants who were on benefit in both August 2000 and August 2001 changed statistical group over this period.
- The numbers in the individual statistical groups were affected by movements both on and off benefit and also between the groups. For example, the overall number of unemployed claimants fell by 3,200 between August 2000 and August 2001. The number of claimants who moved out of that group (5,580) exceeded those who moved in from another group (4,160) – a reduction of 1,420. Also, the number of new claimants who joined the group (16,920) was exceeded by those who left benefit from that group (18,700) – a decrease of 1,780. When combined those figures gave a total reduction of 3,200.

**Table 1.3.4 Claimants of key benefits - changes between August 2000 and August 2001**

Statistical group	Movement between Aug-00 and Aug-01					Overall change <sup>2</sup>	All on benefit in Aug-01
	All on benefit in Aug-00	Outflow Not on benefit in Aug-01	Inflow Not on benefit in Aug-00	Net movement between Statistical groups <sup>1</sup>			
<b>All</b>	<b>227,660</b>	<b>40,980</b>	<b>40,220</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-760</b>	<b>226,900</b>	
Unemployed	<b>42,820</b>	18,700	16,920	-1,420	-3,200	<b>39,620</b>	
Sick & Disabled	<b>139,540</b>	15,100	17,220	2,280	4,400	<b>143,940</b>	
Lone parents	<b>32,200</b>	4,740	4,300	-400	-840	<b>31,360</b>	
Others	<b>13,100</b>	2,440	1,780	-460	-1,120	<b>11,980</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 August 2000 and August 2001 ie column 3 minus column 2 plus column 4

**Table 1.3.5 Claimants of key benefits in both August 2000 and August 2001 - comparisons of statistical group**

Comparison of statistical groups in 2000 and 2001 <sup>1</sup>	Statistical group in August 2001				
	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone parent	Other
<b>All</b>	<b>186,680</b>	22,700	126,720	27,060	10,200
<b>Statistical group in August 2000</b>					
Unemployed	<b>24,120</b>	18,540	3,800	460	1,320
Sick & Disabled	<b>124,440</b>	2,760	119,940	800	940
Lone parents	<b>27,460</b>	520	1,260	25,560	120
Others	<b>10,660</b>	880	1,720	240	7,820
<b>2000 and 2001</b>					
<b>Total with no change</b>	<b>171,860</b>	18,540	119,940	25,560	7,820
Leaving original statistical group	<b>-14,820</b>	-5,580	-4,500	-1,900	-2,840
Joining new statistical group	<b>14,820</b>	4,160	6,780	1,500	2,380
Net movement between statistical groups	<b>0</b>	-1,420	2,280	-400	-460

<sup>1</sup> For example there were 24,120 claimants in the Unemployed group in August 2000 who were also on benefit in August 2001: of these, 18,540 were still in this group, 3,800 were now in the Sick & Disabled group, 460 in the Lone parent group, etc.

These analyses also looked at changes over longer time periods, as well as comparisons over the latest year. Tables 1.3.6 and 1.3.7 compared the status of the stock of claimants in August 1998 with that in August 2001.

**Table 1.3.6 Claimants of key benefits in August 2001 - by status in August 1998**

Benefit status in August 2001	All on benefit in August 2001	Benefit status in August 1998		
		Not on benefit	Same statistical group	Different statistical group
<b>All</b>	<b>226,900</b>	<b>68,260</b>	<b>131,800</b>	<b>26,840</b>
Unemployed	39,620	20,980	13,660	4,980
Sick & Disabled	143,940	35,480	93,580	14,880
Lone Parents	31,360	9,080	19,960	2,320
Others	11,980	2,720	4,600	4,660

- Around 70% (158,640) of key benefit claimants in August 2001 were also on benefit in August 1998; 58% of the overall total were in the same statistical group.
- Claimants in the others groups in August 2001 were the most likely to have also been on benefit in August 1998 (77% of them - 9,260), followed by claimants in the sick & disabled group (75% – 108,460) and the lone parents group (71% – 22,280) – those in the unemployed group (47% – 18,640) were least likely. Claimants in the sick & disabled group were also the most likely to have stayed in the same statistical group (65% – 93,580).

**Table 1.3.7 Claimants of key benefits in August 1998 - by status in August 2001**

Benefit status in August 1998	All on benefit in August 1998	Benefit status in August 2001			
		Reached state pension age <sup>1</sup>	Not on benefit	Same statistical group	Different statistical group
<b>All</b>	<b>240,080</b>	<b>19,260</b>	<b>62,180</b>	<b>131,800</b>	<b>26,840</b>
Unemployed	<b>59,820</b>	800	32,660	13,660	12,700
Sick & Disabled	<b>132,300</b>	15,780	17,260	93,580	5,680
Lone Parents	<b>34,180</b>	20	9,840	19,960	4,360
Others	<b>13,780</b>	2,660	2,420	4,600	4,100

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

## 1.4 Benefit Entitlement

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

**Table 1.4.1 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group and type of benefit: August 2001**

	All	Income replacement benefits <sup>1</sup>	Other benefits only <sup>2</sup>	NI Credits <sup>3</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>226,900</b>	202,060	19,040	5,800
Unemployed	<b>39,620</b>	36,540	.	3,080
Sick & Disabled	<b>143,940</b>	122,180	19,040	2,720
Lone parents	<b>31,360</b>	31,360	.	.
Others	<b>11,980</b>	11,980	.	.

<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

- In August 2001, 202,060 claimants received an income replacement benefit, down from 217,880 in August 1998.
- In August 2001, 59,220 claimants received only a contributory benefit.
- 139,320 claimants received a benefit that was means tested in August 2001. Of those 122,440 claimants received a benefit that was means tested whilst 16,880 claimants in receipt of a means tested benefit also received or satisfied the qualifying conditions for a contributory benefit.

**Table 1.4.2 Claimants of key benefits by type of benefit: August 1998 to August 2001**

	All	Benefit type		
		Income replacement benefits <sup>1</sup>	Other benefits only <sup>2</sup>	NI Credits <sup>3</sup>
<b>Aug-98</b>	<b>240,080</b>	217,880	15,420	6,780
<b>Aug-99</b>	<b>231,740</b>	208,000	17,120	6,620
<b>Aug-00</b>	<b>227,660</b>	203,960	18,000	5,700
<b>Aug-01</b>	<b>226,900</b>	202,060	19,040	5,800

<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: August 2001**

	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 <sup>5</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>226,900</b>	59,220	16,880	122,440	22,560	5,800
Unemployed	<b>39,620</b>	5,080	400	31,060	.	3,080
Sick & Disabled	<b>143,940</b>	54,140	16,480	48,040	22,560	2,720
Lone Parents	<b>31,360</b>	.	.	31,360	.	.
Others	<b>11,980</b>	.	.	11,980	.	.

<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 1.4.4 Claimants of key benefits by main basis of entitlement: August 1998 to August 2001**

	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 <sup>5</sup>
<b>Aug-98</b>	<b>240,080</b>	63,520	15,240	135,580	18,960	6,780
<b>Aug-99</b>	<b>231,740</b>	59,780	14,920	129,720	20,700	6,620
<b>Aug-00</b>	<b>227,660</b>	59,480	15,700	125,160	21,620	5,700
<b>Aug-01</b>	<b>226,900</b>	59,220	16,880	122,440	22,560	5,800

<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 1.4.5 Claimants of sickness and/or disability benefits by combinations of benefits: August 2001**

	All	Type of benefit				
		IB Payment	IB Credits	SDA	Income Support	DLA
<b>All sick and disabled</b>	<b>143,940</b>	<b>70,620</b>	<b>29,800</b>	<b>13,440</b>	<b>64,520</b>	<b>89,620</b>
<b>Single benefit only</b>	<b>53,280</b>	<b>28,100</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>17,560</b>
<b>Two or more benefits of which<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>90,660</b>	<b>42,520</b>	<b>27,080</b>	<b>13,040</b>	<b>60,020</b>	<b>72,060</b>
Incapacity Benefit payment	<b>42,520</b>	42,520	.	.	16,480	37,700
Incapacity Benefit credits	<b>27,080</b>	.	27,080	.	25,600	14,140
Severe Disablement Allowance	<b>13,040</b>	.	.	13,040	9,920	12,200
Income Support	<b>60,020</b>	16,480	25,600	9,920	60,020	41,420
Disability Living Allowance	<b>72,060</b>	37,700	14,140	12,200	41,420	72,060

<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 63% (90,660) of sick & disabled claimants received more than one key benefit in August 2001. The main combinations included IB payments and DLA (37,700) and IS and DLA (41,420).

**Table 1.4.6 Claimants of sickness and/or disability benefits by type of benefit: August 1998 to August 2001**

	Aug-98		Aug-99		Aug-00		Aug-01	
	All	%	All	%	All	%	All	%
<b>All sick and disabled</b>	<b>132,300</b>	100	<b>134,840</b>	100	<b>139,540</b>	100	<b>143,940</b>	100
Incapacity Only <sup>1</sup>	54,560	41	52,860	39	53,880	39	54,320	38
Incapacity and Disability	63,260	48	66,100	49	69,060	49	72,060	50
Disability Only <sup>2</sup>	14,480	11	15,880	12	16,600	12	17,560	12

<sup>1</sup> Incapacity benefits include IB payments, IB credits, IS on grounds of sickness and SDA

<sup>2</sup> Disability benefit is DLA. Some of these claimants may also be working.

## 1.5 Duration on benefit

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

**Table 1.5.1 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group and duration of claim: August 2001**

	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>226,900</b>	<b>22,100</b>	<b>15,520</b>	<b>22,620</b>	<b>30,380</b>	<b>136,280</b>
Unemployed	39,620	14,160	5,620	7,020	5,820	7,000
Sick & Disabled	143,940	5,600	7,180	11,540	18,060	101,560
Lone parents	31,360	1,160	1,640	2,720	4,460	21,380
Others	11,980	1,180	1,080	1,340	2,040	6,340

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

- Around 60% (136,280) of the claimants in August 2001 had been receiving a key benefit for 2 years or more.
- Of those longer duration claimants 75% (101,560) were in the sick & disabled group. That group was therefore more likely to have been on benefit for longer periods than all the others – 71% had been on benefits for 2 years or more compared with only 18% of those in the unemployed group.

**Table 1.5.2 Claimants of key benefits by gender and duration of claim: August 2001**

	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>226,900</b>	<b>22,100</b>	<b>15,520</b>	<b>22,620</b>	<b>30,380</b>	<b>136,280</b>
%	100	10	7	10	13	60
Men	118,520	12,780	8,780	12,560	16,560	67,840
%	100	11	7	11	14	57
Women	108,380	9,320	6,740	10,060	13,820	68,440
%	100	9	6	9	13	63

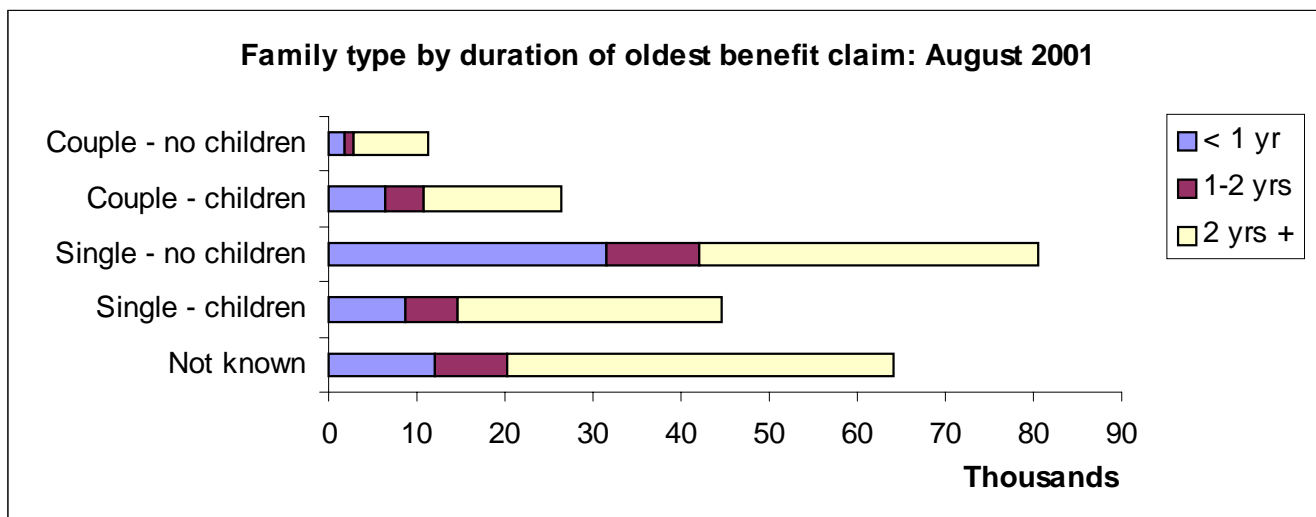
<sup>1</sup> Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

**Table 1.5.3 Claimants of key benefits by family type and duration of claim: August 2001**

	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>226,900</b>	<b>22,100</b>	<b>15,520</b>	<b>22,620</b>	<b>30,380</b>	<b>136,280</b>
<b>All Couples</b>	<b>37,760</b>	2,280	2,320	3,480	5,560	24,120
Couple - no children	11,240	360	540	780	1,200	8,360
Couple - children	26,520	1,920	1,780	2,700	4,360	15,760
<b>All single</b>	<b>125,100</b>	16,680	9,900	13,480	16,740	68,300
Single - no children	80,400	14,520	7,680	9,240	10,660	38,300
Single - children	44,700	2,160	2,220	4,240	6,080	30,000
<b>Not known</b>	<b>64,040</b>	3,140	3,300	5,660	8,080	43,860

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

- Around 67% of single people with children/young adult dependants had been on benefit for 2 years or more compared with 59% of couples with children.



## 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: August 2001**

	All	All with children	Age of youngest child/dependant				Not known <sup>2</sup>
			Under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16	16 or over	
<b>All</b>	<b>226,900</b>	<b>74,260</b>	<b>28,400</b>	<b>20,920</b>	<b>15,940</b>	<b>5,640</b>	<b>3,360</b>
Unemployed	39,620	<b>5,560</b>	2,120	1,240	1,080	1,120	.
Sick & Disabled	143,940	<b>35,680</b>	10,200	8,900	9,280	3,940	3,360
Lone parents	31,360	<b>31,360</b>	15,420	10,360	5,160	420	.
Others	11,980	<b>1,660</b>	660	420	420	160	.

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

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

- In August 2001, 74,260 claimants of key benefits had children and/or young dependants.
- 38% (28,400) of claimants with children had a youngest child aged under 5. The majority of the under 5s were children of lone parents.

## 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: August 2001**

	Children aged under 16 years <sup>2</sup>					Young dependants aged 16 to 18 years				
	All	Family type				All	% of all aged 16 to 18 yrs in full-time education	Family type		
		% of all aged under 16 yrs	Couple	Single	Not known			Couple	Single	Not known
<b>All</b>	<b>131,540</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>48,760</b>	<b>77,180</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>15,340</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>7,340</b>	<b>.</b>
Unemployed	<b>9,020</b>	2	8,640	380	.	<b>2,060</b>	<b>5</b>	1,320	740	.
Sick & Disabled	<b>61,720</b>	15	36,640	19,480	5,600	<b>9,140</b>	<b>21</b>	6,200	2,940	.
Lone Parents	<b>57,320</b>	14	.	57,320	.	<b>3,660</b>	<b>9</b>	.	3,660	.
Others	<b>3,480</b>	1	3,480	0	.	<b>480</b>	<b>1</b>	480	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

- In August 2001, 131,540 children under the age of 16 were living in families in which a key benefit was claimed.
- The majority of these children 77,180 were living in single parent families.
- 15,340 young people aged 16 -18 (36% of all 16 - 18 year olds in full-time education) were living in families with a key benefit claimant.
- 20% of all young people aged 16 - 18 were living with key benefit claimants in August 2001.

## 1.8 Regional Analysis

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

**Table 1.8.1 Claimants of key benefits by gender and Government Office Region: August 2001**

	Thousands					
	All		Men		Women	
	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>4,961</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2,603</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>14</b>
England	4,056	13	2,120	13	1,936	13
North East	315	20	175	21	141	19
North West <sup>2</sup>	751	18	403	18	348	17
Yorkshire & Humberside	464	15	252	15	212	15
East Midlands	329	13	173	13	156	13
West Midlands	473	15	252	15	221	14
East	316	9	157	9	159	10
London	678	14	333	13	345	15
South East	412	8	208	8	204	9
South West	316	11	166	11	150	11
Wales	342	19	181	19	161	19
Scotland	563	18	302	18	261	17
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>22</b>
IB/SDA claimants living abroad <sup>3</sup>	9	.	6	.	3	.

<sup>1</sup> Population of working age

<sup>2</sup> The old Merseyside GOR was merged with North West GOR on 3rd August 1998

<sup>3</sup> Great Britain claimants only, a figure for Northern Ireland claimants was not available

- The proportion of the working age population claiming a benefit ranges from 8% in South East England to 22% in Northern Ireland.
- The proportion of the working age population claiming a benefit ranges from 13% (North Down) to 33% (Strabane).
- The district council with the greatest proportion of working age claimants in the sick & disabled group was Cookstown (21%), followed by Strabane (20%) and Derry (18%). The district councils with the lowest proportion were Castlereagh and North Down (both 9%).
- The proportion of the working age population in the unemployed group ranged from 7% (Moyle and Strabane) to 2% (Ards, Antrim, Ballymena, Banbridge, Carrickfergus, Cookstown and North Down).

**Table 1.8.2 Claimants of key benefits by gender and District Council: August 2001**

	All		Men		Women	
		% of pop <sup>1</sup>		% of pop <sup>1</sup>		% of pop <sup>1</sup>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>226,900</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>118,520</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>108,380</b>	<b>22</b>
Ards	7,260	16	3,420	15	3,840	18
Belfast	48,940	30	26,620	32	22,320	27
Castlereagh	5,620	14	3,140	15	2,480	13
Down	7,480	19	4,060	20	3,420	19
Lisburn	12,100	18	5,740	16	6,360	19
North Down	6,060	13	3,260	14	2,800	13
Antrim	4,960	15	2,300	13	2,660	17
Ballymena	5,500	15	3,140	16	2,360	14
Ballymoney	3,220	20	1,580	19	1,640	21
Carrickfergus	3,360	14	1,640	13	1,720	15
Coleraine	6,840	20	3,500	20	3,340	20
Cookstown	5,000	26	2,540	26	2,460	26
Larne	3,260	17	1,640	17	1,620	18
Magherafelt	4,460	19	2,220	18	2,240	20
Moyle	2,460	27	1,520	31	940	21
Newtownabbey	8,660	17	4,320	17	4,340	18
Armagh	5,980	18	3,400	19	2,580	17
Banbridge	3,800	15	1,820	14	1,980	16
Craigavon	11,720	24	5,500	22	6,220	26
Dungannon	7,000	24	3,880	25	3,120	22
Newry & Mourne	13,280	25	7,320	27	5,960	24
Derry	20,680	32	10,520	31	10,160	32
Fermanagh	7,200	21	3,820	21	3,380	21
Limavady	4,260	22	2,160	21	2,100	23
Omagh	6,640	23	3,760	25	2,880	21
Strabane	7,560	33	4,120	34	3,440	32
Unknown	3,600	.	1,580	.	2,020	.

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

**Table 1.8.3 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group and District Council:  
August 2001**

		Statistical group				
		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone parents	Others
<b>Northern Ireland</b>		<b>226,900</b>	<b>39,620</b>	<b>143,940</b>	<b>31,360</b>	<b>11,980</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
Ards		<b>7,260</b>	1,060	5,180	760	260
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>16</b>	2	11	2	1
Belfast		<b>48,940</b>	9,240	28,280	8,360	3,060
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>30</b>	6	17	5	2
Castlereagh		<b>5,620</b>	1,020	3,660	600	340
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>14</b>	3	9	1	1
Down		<b>7,480</b>	1,240	4,880	1,060	300
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>19</b>	3	13	3	1
Lisburn		<b>12,100</b>	1,840	7,600	2,280	380
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>18</b>	3	11	3	1
North Down		<b>6,060</b>	1,000	4,020	780	260
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>13</b>	2	9	2	1
Antrim		<b>4,960</b>	520	3,580	660	200
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>15</b>	2	11	2	1
Ballymena		<b>5,500</b>	800	3,820	660	220
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>15</b>	2	10	2	1
Ballymoney		<b>3,220</b>	760	1,860	400	200
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>20</b>	5	12	3	1
Carrickfergus		<b>3,360</b>	480	2,420	360	100
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>14</b>	2	10	2	0
Coleraine		<b>6,840</b>	1,660	3,920	840	420
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>20</b>	5	11	2	1
Cookstown		<b>5,000</b>	320	4,060	380	240
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>26</b>	2	21	2	1
Larne		<b>3,260</b>	560	2,100	420	180
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>17</b>	3	11	2	1
Magherafelt		<b>4,460</b>	720	3,020	540	180
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>19</b>	3	13	2	1
Moyle		<b>2,460</b>	680	1,320	340	120
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>27</b>	7	14	4	1
Newtownabbey		<b>8,660</b>	1,520	5,820	1,000	320
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>17</b>	3	11	2	1
Armagh		<b>5,980</b>	1,040	4,140	620	180
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>18</b>	3	13	2	1
Banbridge		<b>3,800</b>	480	2,760	440	120
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>15</b>	2	11	2	0
Craigavon		<b>11,720</b>	1,760	8,000	1,240	720
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>24</b>	4	16	3	1
Dungannon		<b>7,000</b>	800	4,780	900	520
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>24</b>	3	16	3	2
Newry & Mourne		<b>13,280</b>	2,460	8,600	1,580	640
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>25</b>	5	16	3	1
Derry		<b>20,680</b>	3,780	11,940	3,600	1,360
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>32</b>	6	18	6	2
Fermanagh		<b>7,200</b>	1,660	4,240	840	460
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>21</b>	5	12	2	1
Limavady		<b>4,260</b>	780	2,520	560	400
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>22</b>	4	13	3	2
Omagh		<b>6,640</b>	1,440	4,260	640	300
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>23</b>	5	15	2	1
Strabane		<b>7,560</b>	1,620	4,740	880	320
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>33</b>	7	20	4	1
Unknown		<b>3,600</b>	380	2,420	620	180

<sup>1</sup> Population of working age of Northern Ireland

## 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>
1998	Feb	<b>235,780</b>	23	131,220	25	104,560	21
	May	<b>232,760</b>	23	128,960	24	103,800	21
	Aug	<b>240,080</b>	24	130,500	25	109,580	22
1999	Feb	<b>233,060</b>	23	128,120	24	104,940	21
	May	<b>228,620</b>	22	124,680	24	103,940	21
	Aug	<b>231,740</b>	23	123,540	23	108,200	22
2000	Feb	<b>223,500</b>	22	119,880	22	103,620	21
	May	<b>222,540</b>	22	117,900	22	104,640	21
	Aug	<b>227,660</b>	22	120,320	23	107,340	22
2001	Feb	<b>226,720</b>	22	120,860	23	105,860	21
	May	<b>223,680</b>	22	118,640	22	105,040	21
	Aug	<b>226,900</b>	22	118,520	22	108,380	22

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

**Table 1.9.1B Claimants of key benefits by gender - Annual changes August 1998 to August 2001**

	All	Men		Women		
		%	%	%	%	
August 99 / August 98	<b>-8,340</b>	-3	-6,960	-5	-1,380	-1
August 00 / August 99	<b>-4,080</b>	-2	-3,220	-3	-860	-1
August 01 / August 00	<b>-760</b>	0	-1,800	-1	1,040	1

**Table 1.9.1C All claimants of key benefits by age**

		All	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1998	Feb	<b>235,780</b>	1,960	30,600	54,980	50,080	51,180	29,160	17,820
	May	<b>232,760</b>	1,560	29,540	53,640	49,700	50,740	29,640	17,940
	Aug	<b>240,080</b>	1,860	33,980	54,200	51,840	51,140	29,460	17,600
1999	Feb	<b>233,060</b>	1,680	31,000	55,300	48,300	49,560	29,940	17,280
	May	<b>228,620</b>	1,600	27,080	51,240	51,060	50,160	30,020	17,460
	Aug	<b>231,740</b>	1,620	29,100	51,220	52,000	50,500	29,820	17,480
2000	Feb	<b>223,500</b>	1,540	27,120	47,480	50,340	49,600	29,960	17,460
	May	<b>222,540</b>	1,760	26,420	47,000	49,980	50,100	29,800	17,480
	Aug	<b>227,660</b>	1,780	29,160	48,140	50,920	50,480	29,760	17,420
2001	Feb	<b>226,720</b>	1,680	27,700	46,600	51,680	50,800	30,660	17,600
	May	<b>223,680</b>	1,760	26,260	46,040	51,200	50,520	30,540	17,360
	Aug	<b>226,900</b>	1,700	28,560	45,860	51,780	51,200	30,560	17,240

**Table 1.9.1D All claimants of key benefits by age**

		Percentages							
		All	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1998	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	13	23	21	22	12	8
	May	<b>100</b>	1	13	23	21	22	13	8
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	14	23	22	21	12	7
1999	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	13	24	21	21	13	7
	May	<b>100</b>	1	12	22	22	22	13	8
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	13	22	22	22	13	8
2000	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	12	21	23	22	13	8
	May	<b>100</b>	1	12	21	22	23	13	8
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	13	21	22	22	13	8
2001	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	12	21	23	22	14	8
	May	<b>100</b>	1	12	21	23	23	14	8
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	13	20	23	23	13	8

**Table 1.9.1E Male claimants of key benefits by age**

		All	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1998	Feb	<b>131,220</b>	720	16,160	26,180	26,240	28,280	15,820	17,820
	May	<b>128,960</b>	580	15,320	25,120	26,020	28,000	15,980	17,940
	Aug	<b>130,500</b>	860	17,000	24,900	26,380	27,960	15,800	17,600
1999	Feb	<b>128,120</b>	740	16,480	26,580	23,400	26,720	16,920	17,280
	May	<b>124,680</b>	720	13,240	23,360	26,440	27,060	16,400	17,460
	Aug	<b>123,540</b>	720	13,600	22,560	25,980	27,100	16,100	17,480
2000	Feb	<b>119,880</b>	520	13,200	20,980	25,240	26,460	16,020	17,460
	May	<b>117,900</b>	780	12,600	20,200	24,600	26,440	15,800	17,480
	Aug	<b>120,320</b>	860	13,880	21,060	25,080	26,540	15,480	17,420
2001	Feb	<b>120,860</b>	780	13,040	21,020	25,160	27,080	16,180	17,600
	May	<b>118,640</b>	860	12,600	20,400	24,780	26,820	15,820	17,360
	Aug	<b>118,520</b>	860	13,240	20,000	24,620	26,800	15,760	17,240

**Table 1.9.1F Female claimants of key benefits by age**

		All	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1998	Feb	<b>104,560</b>	1,240	14,440	28,800	23,840	22,900	13,340	.
	May	<b>103,800</b>	980	14,220	28,520	23,680	22,740	13,660	.
	Aug	<b>109,580</b>	1,000	16,980	29,300	25,460	23,180	13,660	.
1999	Feb	<b>104,940</b>	940	14,520	28,720	24,900	22,840	13,020	.
	May	<b>103,940</b>	880	13,840	27,880	24,620	23,100	13,620	.
	Aug	<b>108,200</b>	900	15,500	28,660	26,020	23,400	13,720	.
2000	Feb	<b>103,620</b>	1,020	13,920	26,500	25,100	23,140	13,940	.
	May	<b>104,640</b>	980	13,820	26,800	25,380	23,660	14,000	.
	Aug	<b>107,340</b>	920	15,280	27,080	25,840	23,940	14,280	.
2001	Feb	<b>105,860</b>	900	14,660	25,580	26,520	23,720	14,480	.
	May	<b>105,040</b>	900	13,660	25,640	26,420	23,700	14,720	.
	Aug	<b>108,380</b>	840	15,320	25,860	27,160	24,400	14,800	.

## 1.9.2 Family Type

**Table 1.9.2A All claimants of key benefits by family type<sup>1</sup>**

		All	Couples		Single			Not known	
			All	No children	With children	All	No children		With children
1998	Feb	<b>235,780</b>	<b>45,060</b>	11,100	33,960	<b>127,860</b>	84,600	43,260	<b>62,860</b>
	May	<b>232,760</b>	<b>44,720</b>	10,720	34,000	<b>124,520</b>	82,540	41,980	<b>63,520</b>
	Aug	<b>240,080</b>	<b>42,740</b>	9,420	33,320	<b>134,360</b>	89,420	44,940	<b>62,980</b>
1999	Feb	<b>233,060</b>	<b>37,220</b>	17,740	19,480	<b>132,640</b>	77,920	54,720	<b>63,200</b>
	May	<b>228,620</b>	<b>40,440</b>	10,840	29,600	<b>124,080</b>	81,040	43,040	<b>64,100</b>
	Aug	<b>231,740</b>	<b>40,960</b>	10,880	30,080	<b>127,280</b>	83,280	44,000	<b>63,500</b>
2000	Feb	<b>223,500</b>	<b>27,260</b>	11,060	16,200	<b>133,560</b>	78,900	54,660	<b>62,680</b>
	May	<b>222,540</b>	<b>38,840</b>	11,040	27,800	<b>120,020</b>	77,320	42,700	<b>63,680</b>
	Aug	<b>227,660</b>	<b>39,440</b>	10,680	28,760	<b>124,820</b>	81,120	43,700	<b>63,400</b>
2001	Feb	<b>226,720</b>	<b>27,080</b>	11,400	15,680	<b>136,620</b>	79,960	56,660	<b>63,020</b>
	May	<b>223,680</b>	<b>37,540</b>	11,360	26,180	<b>121,920</b>	77,860	44,060	<b>64,220</b>
	Aug	<b>226,900</b>	<b>37,760</b>	11,240	26,520	<b>125,100</b>	80,400	44,700	<b>64,040</b>

<sup>1</sup> Between February and May the method used to assign family type was updated - see methodology for further details

**Table 1.9.2B Claimants of key benefits by family type<sup>1</sup> - Annual changes August 1998 to August 2001**

	All	Couples		Single			Not known	
		All	No children	With children	All	No children		With children
August 99 / August 98	<b>-8,340</b>	<b>-1,780</b>	1,460	-3,240	<b>-7,080</b>	-6,140	-940	<b>520</b>
August 00 / August 99	<b>-4,080</b>	<b>-1,520</b>	-200	-1,320	<b>-2,460</b>	-2,160	-300	<b>-100</b>
August 01 / August 00	<b>-760</b>	<b>-1,680</b>	560	-2,240	<b>280</b>	-720	1,000	<b>640</b>

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

**Table 1.9.2C Male claimants of key benefits by family type<sup>1</sup>**

		All	Couples		Single			Not known	
			All	No children	With children	All	No children		With children
1998	Feb	<b>131,220</b>	<b>28,820</b>	10,260	18,560	<b>60,940</b>	58,640	2,300	<b>41,460</b>
	May	<b>128,960</b>	<b>28,280</b>	9,860	18,420	<b>59,600</b>	57,260	2,340	<b>41,080</b>
	Aug	<b>130,500</b>	<b>24,800</b>	8,520	16,280	<b>65,340</b>	61,160	4,180	<b>40,360</b>
1999	Feb	<b>128,120</b>	<b>32,680</b>	15,200	17,480	<b>55,680</b>	53,240	2,440	<b>39,760</b>
	May	<b>124,680</b>	<b>26,560</b>	9,760	16,800	<b>57,820</b>	55,420	2,400	<b>40,300</b>
	Aug	<b>123,540</b>	<b>25,880</b>	9,720	16,160	<b>57,620</b>	55,280	2,340	<b>40,040</b>
2000	Feb	<b>119,880</b>	<b>24,160</b>	9,840	14,320	<b>55,520</b>	53,040	2,480	<b>40,200</b>
	May	<b>117,900</b>	<b>23,840</b>	9,800	14,040	<b>54,020</b>	51,700	2,320	<b>40,040</b>
	Aug	<b>120,320</b>	<b>24,040</b>	9,420	14,620	<b>56,620</b>	54,260	2,360	<b>39,660</b>
2001	Feb	<b>120,860</b>	<b>23,640</b>	10,040	13,600	<b>56,940</b>	54,160	2,780	<b>40,280</b>
	May	<b>118,640</b>	<b>23,340</b>	10,080	13,260	<b>55,440</b>	52,760	2,680	<b>39,860</b>
	Aug	<b>118,520</b>	<b>23,040</b>	10,040	13,000	<b>55,900</b>	53,200	2,700	<b>39,580</b>

<sup>1</sup> Between February and May the method used to assign family type was updated - see methodology for further details

**Table 1.9.2D Female claimants of key benefits by family type<sup>1</sup>**

		<b>All</b>	<b>Couples</b>		<b>Single</b>		<b>Not known</b>		
			<b>All</b>	No children	With children	<b>All</b>		No children	With children
1998	Feb	<b>104,560</b>	<b>16,240</b>	840	15,400	<b>66,920</b>	25,960	40,960	<b>21,400</b>
	May	<b>103,800</b>	<b>16,440</b>	860	15,580	<b>64,920</b>	25,280	39,640	<b>22,440</b>
	Aug	<b>109,580</b>	<b>17,940</b>	900	17,040	<b>69,020</b>	28,260	40,760	<b>22,620</b>
1999	Feb	<b>104,940</b>	<b>4,540</b>	2,540	2,000	<b>76,960</b>	24,680	52,280	<b>23,440</b>
	May	<b>103,940</b>	<b>13,880</b>	1,080	12,800	<b>66,260</b>	25,620	40,640	<b>23,800</b>
	Aug	<b>108,200</b>	<b>15,080</b>	1,160	13,920	<b>69,660</b>	28,000	41,660	<b>23,460</b>
2000	Feb	<b>103,620</b>	<b>3,100</b>	1,220	1,880	<b>78,040</b>	25,860	52,180	<b>22,480</b>
	May	<b>104,640</b>	<b>15,000</b>	1,240	13,760	<b>66,000</b>	25,620	40,380	<b>23,640</b>
	Aug	<b>107,340</b>	<b>15,400</b>	1,260	14,140	<b>68,200</b>	26,860	41,340	<b>23,740</b>
2001	Feb	<b>105,860</b>	<b>3,440</b>	1,360	2,080	<b>79,680</b>	25,800	53,880	<b>22,740</b>
	May	<b>105,040</b>	<b>14,200</b>	1,280	12,920	<b>66,480</b>	25,100	41,380	<b>24,360</b>
	Aug	<b>108,380</b>	<b>14,720</b>	1,200	13,520	<b>69,200</b>	27,200	42,000	<b>24,460</b>

<sup>1</sup> Between February and May the method used to assign family type was updated - see methodology for further details

### 1.9.3 Statistical group

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

		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
1998	Feb	<b>235,780</b>	57,000	132,960	33,660	12,160
	May	<b>232,760</b>	54,220	133,080	33,060	12,400
	Aug	<b>240,080</b>	59,820	132,300	34,180	13,780
1999	Feb	<b>233,060</b>	54,060	134,160	33,020	11,820
	May	<b>228,620</b>	49,640	133,760	32,940	12,280
	Aug	<b>231,740</b>	51,240	134,840	33,640	12,020
2000	Feb	<b>223,500</b>	41,740	137,320	31,760	12,680
	May	<b>222,540</b>	39,680	137,880	32,000	12,980
	Aug	<b>227,660</b>	42,820	139,540	32,200	13,100
2001	Feb	<b>226,720</b>	40,920	141,880	31,720	12,200
	May	<b>223,680</b>	37,720	142,500	31,560	11,900
	Aug	<b>226,900</b>	39,620	143,940	31,360	11,980

**Table 1.9.3B Claimants of key benefits by statistical group - Annual changes August 1998 to August 2001**

	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
August 99 / August 98	<b>-8,340</b>	-8,580	2,540	-540	-1,760
August 00 / August 99	<b>-4,080</b>	-8,420	4,700	-1,440	1,080
August 01 / August 00	<b>-760</b>	-3,200	4,400	-840	-1,120

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

		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
1998	Feb	<b>131,220</b>	45,800	75,040	1,480	8,900
	May	<b>128,960</b>	43,460	74,880	1,560	9,060
	Aug	<b>130,500</b>	44,840	73,600	1,620	10,440
1999	Feb	<b>128,120</b>	43,120	74,820	1,520	8,660
	May	<b>124,680</b>	39,420	74,700	1,520	9,040
	Aug	<b>123,540</b>	38,220	74,880	1,480	8,960
2000	Feb	<b>119,880</b>	32,840	76,580	1,300	9,160
	May	<b>117,900</b>	30,780	76,700	1,380	9,040
	Aug	<b>120,320</b>	31,800	77,740	1,500	9,280
2001	Feb	<b>120,860</b>	31,320	79,400	1,380	8,760
	May	<b>118,640</b>	29,540	79,020	1,540	8,540
	Aug	<b>118,520</b>	28,900	79,540	1,520	8,560

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

		<b>All</b>	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
1998	Feb	<b>104,560</b>	11,200	57,920	32,180	3,260
	May	<b>103,800</b>	10,760	58,200	31,500	3,340
	Aug	<b>109,580</b>	14,980	58,700	32,560	3,340
1999	Feb	<b>104,940</b>	10,940	59,340	31,500	3,160
	May	<b>103,940</b>	10,220	59,060	31,420	3,240
	Aug	<b>108,200</b>	13,020	59,960	32,160	3,060
2000	Feb	<b>103,620</b>	8,900	60,740	30,460	3,520
	May	<b>104,640</b>	8,900	61,180	30,620	3,940
	Aug	<b>107,340</b>	11,020	61,800	30,700	3,820
2001	Feb	<b>105,860</b>	9,600	62,480	30,340	3,440
	May	<b>105,040</b>	8,180	63,480	30,020	3,360
	Aug	<b>108,380</b>	10,720	64,400	29,840	3,420

## 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>
1998	Feb	<b>235,780</b>	214,080	15,280	6,420
	May	<b>232,760</b>	211,080	15,700	5,980
	Aug	<b>240,080</b>	217,880	15,420	6,780
1999	Feb	<b>233,060</b>	209,760	15,940	7,360
	May	<b>228,620</b>	205,700	16,520	6,400
	Aug	<b>231,740</b>	208,000	17,120	6,620
2000	Feb	<b>223,500</b>	200,960	17,320	5,220
	May	<b>222,540</b>	198,960	17,980	5,600
	Aug	<b>227,660</b>	203,960	18,000	5,700
2001	Feb	<b>226,720</b>	202,400	18,180	6,140
	May	<b>223,680</b>	198,840	18,800	6,040
	Aug	<b>226,900</b>	202,060	19,040	5,800

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

		Basis of benefit entitlement					NI Credits only <sup>5</sup>
		All	Contributory <sup>1</sup>	Contributory and means tested <sup>2</sup>	Means tested <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	
1998	Feb	<b>235,780</b>	63,300	14,820	132,220	19,020	6,420
	May	<b>232,760</b>	62,160	14,520	130,840	19,260	5,980
	Aug	<b>240,080</b>	63,520	15,240	135,580	18,960	6,780
1999	Feb	<b>233,060</b>	60,260	14,920	130,840	19,680	7,360
	May	<b>228,620</b>	59,540	14,540	127,960	20,180	6,400
	Aug	<b>231,740</b>	59,780	14,920	129,720	20,700	6,620
2000	Feb	<b>223,500</b>	59,180	15,220	123,000	20,880	5,220
	May	<b>222,540</b>	59,120	15,060	121,240	21,520	5,600
	Aug	<b>227,660</b>	59,480	15,700	125,160	21,620	5,700
2001	Feb	<b>226,720</b>	59,560	15,980	123,320	21,720	6,140
	May	<b>223,680</b>	58,220	16,600	120,560	22,260	6,040
	Aug	<b>226,900</b>	59,220	16,880	122,440	22,560	5,800

<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

## 1.9.5 Duration on benefit

**Table 1.9.5A Claimants of key benefits by duration of claim of oldest benefit<sup>1</sup>:  
February 1998 to August 2001**

		All	Under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
1998	Feb	<b>235,780</b>	23,000	18,980	23,420	31,340	139,040
	%	<b>100</b>	10	8	10	13	59
	May	<b>232,760</b>	19,160	16,160	25,420	32,780	139,240
	%	<b>100</b>	8	7	11	14	60
1999	Aug	<b>240,080</b>	27,940	14,900	24,400	33,600	139,240
	%	<b>100</b>	12	6	10	14	58
	Feb	<b>233,060</b>	23,440	16,720	21,240	31,620	140,040
	%	<b>100</b>	10	7	9	14	60
2000	May	<b>228,620</b>	21,220	16,700	21,840	29,420	139,440
	%	<b>100</b>	9	7	10	13	61
	Aug	<b>231,740</b>	25,200	16,300	23,080	28,520	138,640
	%	<b>100</b>	11	7	10	12	60
2001	Feb	<b>223,500</b>	20,320	17,840	22,180	26,900	136,260
	%	<b>100</b>	9	8	10	12	61
	May	<b>222,540</b>	20,860	15,480	23,880	27,700	134,620
	%	<b>100</b>	9	7	11	12	60
2001	Aug	<b>227,660</b>	25,680	15,820	23,560	28,220	134,380
	%	<b>100</b>	11	7	10	12	59
	Feb	<b>226,720</b>	21,180	17,520	22,960	29,560	135,500
	%	<b>100</b>	9	8	10	13	60
2001	May	<b>223,680</b>	19,400	15,920	22,700	29,660	136,000
	%	<b>100</b>	9	7	10	13	61
	Aug	<b>226,900</b>	22,100	15,520	22,620	30,380	136,280
	%	<b>100</b>	10	7	10	13	60

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

**Table 1.9.5B Male claimants of key benefits by duration of claim of oldest benefit<sup>1</sup>:  
February 1998 to August 2001**

		All	Under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
1998	Feb	<b>131,220</b>	14,720	11,880	13,880	17,420	73,320
	%	<b>100</b>	11	9	11	13	56
	May	<b>128,960</b>	12,160	10,060	15,380	18,480	72,880
	%	<b>100</b>	9	8	12	14	57
Aug		<b>130,500</b>	15,200	8,820	14,720	19,380	72,380
	%	<b>100</b>	12	7	11	15	55
1999	Feb	<b>128,120</b>	15,500	9,960	11,640	17,780	73,240
	%	<b>100</b>	12	8	9	14	57
	May	<b>124,680</b>	13,360	10,640	12,060	16,180	72,440
	%	<b>100</b>	11	9	10	13	58
Aug		<b>123,540</b>	14,120	9,480	13,640	15,160	71,140
	%	<b>100</b>	11	8	11	12	58
2000	Feb	<b>119,880</b>	13,280	10,920	13,020	14,200	68,460
	%	<b>100</b>	11	9	11	12	57
	May	<b>117,900</b>	13,060	9,140	13,860	14,800	67,040
	%	<b>100</b>	11	8	12	13	57
Aug		<b>120,320</b>	15,640	9,400	13,460	15,180	66,640
	%	<b>100</b>	13	8	11	13	55
2001	Feb	<b>120,860</b>	13,320	10,680	13,320	16,200	67,340
	%	<b>100</b>	11	9	11	13	56
	May	<b>118,640</b>	12,100	9,520	13,220	16,080	67,720
	%	<b>100</b>	10	8	11	14	57
Aug		<b>118,520</b>	12,780	8,780	12,560	16,560	67,840
	%	<b>100</b>	11	7	11	14	57

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

**Table 1.9.5C Female claimants of key benefits by duration of oldest benefit<sup>1</sup>:  
February 1998 to August 2001**

		<b>All</b>	Under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
1998	Feb	<b>104,560</b>	8,280	7,100	9,540	13,920	65,720
	%	<b>100</b>	8	7	9	13	63
	May	<b>103,800</b>	7,000	6,100	10,040	14,300	66,360
	%	<b>100</b>	7	6	10	14	64
Aug		<b>109,580</b>	12,740	6,080	9,680	14,220	66,860
	%	<b>100</b>	12	6	9	13	61
1999	Feb	<b>104,940</b>	7,940	6,760	9,600	13,840	66,800
	%	<b>100</b>	8	6	9	13	64
	May	<b>103,940</b>	7,860	6,060	9,780	13,240	67,000
	%	<b>100</b>	8	6	9	13	64
Aug		<b>108,200</b>	11,080	6,820	9,440	13,360	67,500
	%	<b>100</b>	10	6	9	12	62
2000	Feb	<b>103,620</b>	7,040	6,920	9,160	12,700	67,800
	%	<b>100</b>	7	7	9	12	65
	May	<b>104,640</b>	7,800	6,340	10,020	12,900	67,580
	%	<b>100</b>	7	6	10	12	65
Aug		<b>107,340</b>	10,040	6,420	10,100	13,040	67,740
	%	<b>100</b>	9	6	9	12	63
2001	Feb	<b>105,860</b>	7,860	6,840	9,640	13,360	68,160
	%	<b>100</b>	7	6	9	13	64
	May	<b>105,040</b>	7,300	6,400	9,480	13,580	68,280
	%	<b>100</b>	7	6	9	13	65
Aug		<b>108,380</b>	9,320	6,740	10,060	13,820	68,440
	%	<b>100</b>	9	6	9	13	63

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

## 1.9.6 Claimants with children and dependants aged under 19

**Table 1.9.6 Claimants of key benefits with children and/or young adult dependants<sup>1</sup> by age of youngest child/dependant**

		Age of youngest child/dependant					
		All with children	5 to under		11 to under		Not known <sup>2</sup>
			Under 5	11	16	16 or over	
1998	Feb	<b>80,360</b>	32,820	23,160	15,680	4,400	4,300
	May	<b>80,160</b>	31,760	23,580	15,320	5,020	4,480
	Aug	<b>82,320</b>	27,840	21,680	14,240	4,740	13,820
1999	Feb	<b>76,940</b>	27,800	20,780	14,040	2,740	11,580
	May	<b>76,220</b>	27,660	19,760	13,880	2,980	11,940
	Aug	<b>77,440</b>	30,440	22,920	16,360	4,080	3,640
2000	Feb	<b>73,180</b>	28,360	21,320	15,760	4,220	3,520
	May	<b>73,800</b>	28,260	21,600	15,840	4,600	3,500
	Aug	<b>75,700</b>	28,920	21,800	16,500	5,060	3,420
2001	Feb	<b>74,620</b>	28,180	21,700	15,720	5,580	3,440
	May	<b>73,340</b>	28,080	21,180	15,660	4,920	3,500
	Aug	<b>74,260</b>	28,400	20,920	15,940	5,640	3,360

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

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

## 1.9.7 Children and dependants aged under 19

**Table 1.9.7A Children<sup>12</sup> of claimants of key benefits by age of child and family type**

		Children aged under 16 years <sup>3</sup>					Young dependants aged 16 to 18 years				
		All	Family type				All	Family type			
			% of all aged under 16 yrs	Couple	Single	Not known		% of all aged 16 to 18 yrs	Couple	Single	Not known
1998	Feb	<b>152,540</b>	37	66,500	79,580	6,460	<b>16,000</b>	21	9,260	6,740	.
	May	<b>151,120</b>	37	65,820	77,300	8,000	<b>16,800</b>	22	10,080	6,720	.
	Aug	<b>156,540</b>	38	66,140	82,800	7,600	<b>15,420</b>	20	7,760	7,660	.
1999	Feb	<b>148,100</b>	36	40,820	101,880	5,400	<b>9,820</b>	13	3,840	5,980	.
	May	<b>145,880</b>	35	60,340	78,900	6,640	<b>10,600</b>	14	4,540	6,060	.
	Aug	<b>144,480</b>	35	58,840	79,420	6,220	<b>14,240</b>	19	7,520	6,720	.
2000	Feb	<b>134,620</b>	33	31,560	98,600	4,460	<b>12,840</b>	17	4,860	7,980	.
	May	<b>134,800</b>	33	51,940	76,800	6,060	<b>13,820</b>	18	7,580	6,240	.
	Aug	<b>136,060</b>	33	52,700	77,360	6,000	<b>15,420</b>	20	8,580	6,840	.
2001	Feb	<b>132,880</b>	33	30,180	98,520	4,180	<b>14,900</b>	19	4,680	10,220	.
	May	<b>131,620</b>	32	48,580	77,360	5,680	<b>13,660</b>	18	7,240	6,420	.
	Aug	<b>131,540</b>	32	48,760	77,180	5,600	<b>15,340</b>	20	8,000	7,340	.

<sup>1</sup> Between February and May the method used to assign family type was updated - see methodology for further details

<sup>2</sup> Children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 - 18

<sup>3</sup> Includes a small percentage of children whose age is not known

**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>
1998	Feb	<b>168,540</b>	41,640	56,400	46,020	16,000	8,480
	May	<b>167,920</b>	40,200	56,200	46,220	16,800	8,500
	Aug	<b>171,960</b>	34,940	49,900	40,880	15,420	30,820
1999	Feb	<b>157,920</b>	35,080	47,100	39,800	9,820	26,120
	May	<b>156,480</b>	34,800	45,780	39,160	10,600	26,140
	Aug	<b>158,720</b>	38,940	52,560	46,420	14,240	6,560
2000	Feb	<b>147,460</b>	35,700	49,060	43,520	12,840	6,340
	May	<b>148,620</b>	35,840	49,220	43,400	13,820	6,340
	Aug	<b>151,480</b>	36,560	49,500	43,780	15,420	6,220
2001	Feb	<b>147,780</b>	35,000	48,640	42,880	14,900	6,360
	May	<b>145,280</b>	35,080	47,740	42,560	13,660	6,240
	Aug	<b>146,880</b>	35,660	46,840	43,060	15,340	5,980

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

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

## 1.9.8 Regional Analysis

**Table 1.9.8A Claimants of key benefits by District Council**

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

<sup>1</sup> Figures for February 1999 have been revised

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Percentage of population of working age

<sup>2</sup> Figures for February 1999 have been revised

## 1.10 Benefits and Tax Credits

Working Families' Tax Credit (WFTC) is a tax credit available to working families with children. Disabled Person's Tax Credit (DPTC) is a tax credit available to working people who have an illness or disability, which puts them at a disadvantage in getting a job. On 5 October 1999 Working Families' Tax Credit and Disabled Person's Tax Credit replaced Family Credit (FC) and Disability Working Allowance (DWA) respectively. The Inland Revenue administers both tax credits. A small number of people are in receipt of both key benefits and tax credits.

Claimants of key benefits and recipients of tax credits can be divided into groups based mainly on the type of benefit and/or tax credit they receive. This gives an indication of the main reason why they are claiming a benefit and/or receiving a tax credit.

This grouping is defined as:

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Unemployed	JSA
Sick & disabled <sup>1</sup>	IB, SDA, DLA or IS with a disability premium
Lone parent	Single people with children on IS and not receiving a disability related premium
Other	IS claimant not in other groups
Working Family	FC or WFTC
Working Disabled	DWA or DPTC

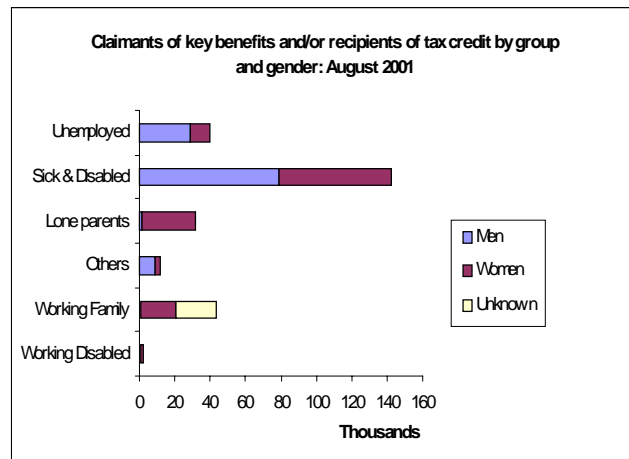
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<sup>1</sup>Due to the inclusion of FC/WFTC and DWA/DPTC data, the "Sick & Disabled" group figures in this section differ slightly from those given elsewhere in the publication as "statistical group". Includes DLA only cases who may be working.

**Table 1.10.1 Claimants of key benefits and/or recipients of tax credits by group and gender: August 2001**

	All	Men	Women	Unknown
<b>All</b>	<b>270,513</b>	<b>119,324</b>	<b>128,549</b>	<b>22,640</b>
Unemployed	39,620	28,900	10,720	.
Sick & Disabled <sup>1</sup>	142,020	78,580	63,440	.
Lone parents	31,360	1,520	29,840	.
Others	11,980	8,560	3,420	.
Working Family	43,520	680	20,200	22,640
Working Disabled	2,013	1,084	929	.

<sup>1</sup> Due to the inclusion of FC/WFTC and DWA/DPTC data, the "Sick & Disabled" group figures in this section differ slightly from those given elsewhere in the publication as "statistical group". Includes DLA only claimants who may be working.



- The overall number of claimants of key benefits and/or tax credits rose by 3,131 between August 1998 and August 2001. The largest reduction was in the unemployed group which fell by 20,200 (down 34%). However, this fall was offset by an increase of 16,400 (up 60%) in the working family group.

- Sick and disabled claimants were consistently the largest group over the period August 1998 to August 2001, rising from 49% of the total to 53% of the total; unemployed claimants were the second largest group but have been overtaken by the working family group.
- The size of the sick & disabled group rose by 10,560 (8%), working families by 16,400 (60%) and working disabled by 991 (97%) between August 1998 and August 2001. The numbers in the lone parents group fell by 2,820 (8%).

**Table 1.10.2 Claimants of key benefits and/or recipients of tax credits by group: August 1998 to August 2001**

	Aug-98		Aug-99		Aug-00		Aug-01	
	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>267,382</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>260,312</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>266,767</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>270,513</b>	<b>26</b>
Unemployed	59,820	6	51,240	5	42,820	4	39,620	4
Sick & Disabled <sup>2</sup>	131,460	13	133,740	13	137,880	13	142,020	14
Lone parents	34,180	3	33,640	3	32,200	3	31,360	3
Others	13,780	1	12,020	1	13,100	1	11,980	1
Working Family	27,120	3	28,520	3	39,140	4	43,520	4
Working Disabled	1,022	0	1,152	0	1,627	0	2,013	0

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

<sup>2</sup>Due to the inclusion of FC/WFTC and DWA/DPTC data, the Sick & Disabled group figures in this section differ slightly from those given elsewhere in the publication as "statistical group". Includes DLA only claimants who may be working.

These statistical analyses showed the stock of people claiming key benefits and/or receiving tax credits 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, tax credits 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).

- The overall number of people claiming key benefits and/or tax credits has increased since August 2000. This is because the number of people who had started to claim benefit and/or receive a tax credit exceeded the numbers who had stopped. For example, 44,498 of those claiming benefits and/or receiving tax credits in August 2000 were no longer there in August 2001. However, 48,244 people claiming benefits and/or tax credits in August 2001 were not there in August 2000.
- The numbers in each group are also affected by movements between the groups. For example, 22,160 people who were on benefit and/or tax credits in both August 2000 and August 2001 changed group over this period.
- The numbers in the individual statistical groups were affected by movements both on and off benefits and tax credits and also between the groups. For example, the overall number of unemployed claimants fell by 3,200 between August 2000 and August 2001. The number of

claimants who moved out of that group (6,400) exceeded those who moved in from another group (4,760) – a reduction of 1,640. The number of claimants who left benefit from that group (17,880) exceeded new claimants who joined the group (16,320) – a decrease of 1,560. When combined those figures gave a total reduction of 3,200.

**Table 1.10.3 Claimants of key benefits and/or recipients of tax credits by status in previous year: August 1998 to August 2001**

	On benefit/tax credit in current year - status in previous year <sup>1</sup>				Left benefit and/or tax credit since previous year <sup>2</sup>
	All	Same group	Different group	Not on benefit or tax credit	
<b>Aug-98</b>	<b>267,382</b>	.	.	.	.
<b>Aug-99</b>	<b>260,312</b>	190,325	25,398	44,589	<b>51,659</b>
<b>Aug-00</b>	<b>266,767</b>	187,773	24,916	54,078	<b>47,623</b>
<b>Aug-01</b>	<b>270,513</b>	200,109	22,160	48,244	<b>44,498</b>

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

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

**Table 1.10.4 Claimants of key benefits and/or recipients of tax credits - changes between August 2000 and August 2001**

	All on benefit and/or tax credit in Aug-00	Movement between Aug-00 and Aug-01			Overall change <sup>2</sup>	All on benefit and/or tax credit in Aug-01
		Outflow Not on benefit and/or tax credit in Aug-01	Inflow Not on benefit and/or tax credit in Aug-00	Net movement between groups <sup>1</sup>		
<b>All</b>	<b>266,767</b>	44,498	48,244	0	3,746	<b>270,513</b>
Unemployed	<b>42,820</b>	17,880	16,320	-1,640	-3,200	<b>39,620</b>
Sick & Disabled <sup>3</sup>	<b>137,880</b>	14,820	16,060	2,900	4,140	<b>142,020</b>
Lone parents	<b>32,200</b>	2,201	3,060	-1,699	-840	<b>31,360</b>
Others	<b>13,100</b>	2,300	1,660	-480	-1,120	<b>11,980</b>
Working Family	<b>39,140</b>	6,897	10,380	897	4,380	<b>43,520</b>
Working Disabled	<b>1,627</b>	400	764	22	386	<b>2,013</b>

<sup>1</sup> Numbers coming into group less numbers moving out - see bottom half of table 1.10.5 for breakdown

<sup>2</sup> Overall change between August 2000 and August 2001 ie column 3 minus column 2 plus column 4

<sup>3</sup> Due to the inclusion of FC/WFTC and DWA/DPTC data, the Sick & Disabled group figures in this section differ slightly from those given elsewhere in the publication as "statistical group". Includes DLA only claimants who may be working.

**Table 1.10.5 Claimants of key benefits and/or recipients of tax credits in both August 2000 and August 2001 - comparisons of grouping**

	Statistical group in August 2001						Working Disabled
	All Unemployed	Sick & Disabled <sup>2</sup>	Lone parent	Other	Working Family		
<b>Comparison of groups in 2000 and 2001<sup>1</sup></b>							
<b>All</b>	<b>222,269</b>	23,300	125,960	28,300	10,320	33,140	1,249
<b>Group in August 2000</b>							
Unemployed	<b>24,940</b>	18,540	3,800	460	1,320	820	0
Sick & Disabled <sup>2</sup>	<b>123,060</b>	2,760	118,085	800	940	440	35
Lone parents	<b>29,999</b>	520	1,260	25,579	120	2,520	0
Others	<b>10,800</b>	880	1,720	240	7,820	140	0
Working Family	<b>32,243</b>	600	1,080	1,220	120	29,218	5
Working Disabled	<b>1,227</b>	0	15	1	0	2	1,209
<b>2000 and 2001</b>							
<b>Total with no change</b>	<b>200,451</b>	18,540	118,085	25,579	7,820	29,218	1,209
Leaving original group	<b>-21,818</b>	-6,400	-4,975	-4,420	-2,980	-3,025	-18
Joining new group	<b>21,818</b>	4,760	7,875	2,721	2,500	3,922	40
Net movement between groups	<b>0</b>	-1,640	2,900	-1,699	-480	897	22

<sup>1</sup> For example, there were 24,940 claimants in the unemployed group in August 2000 who were also on benefit/tax credits in August 2001. Of these 18,540 were still in this group, 3,800 were now in the sick & disabled group, 460 in the lone parents group, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Due to the inclusion of FC/WFTC and DWA/DPTC data, the Sick & Disabled group figures in this section differ slightly from those given elsewhere in the publication as "statistical group". Includes DLA only claimants who may be working.

These analyses also looked at changes over longer time periods, as well as comparisons over the latest year. Tables 1.10.6 and 1.10.7 compared the status of the stock of claimants in August 1998 with that in August 2001.

**Table 1.10.6 Claimants of key benefits and/or recipients of tax credits in August 2001 - by status in August 1998**

Group in August 2001	All on benefit and/or tax credit in August 2001	Benefit status in August 1998		
		Not on benefit	Same group	Different group <sup>2</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>270,513</b>	<b>85,455</b>	<b>144,824</b>	<b>40,234</b>
Unemployed	39,620	20,460	13,660	5,500
Sick & Disabled <sup>1</sup>	142,020	33,609	92,080	16,331
Lone Parents	31,360	7,579	19,960	3,821
Others	11,980	2,520	4,600	4,860
Working Family	43,520	20,998	13,980	8,542
Working Disabled	2,013	289	544	1,180

<sup>1</sup> Due to the inclusion of FC/WFTC and DWA/DPTC data, the Sick & Disabled group figures in this section differ slightly from those given elsewhere in the publication as "statistical group". Includes DLA only claimants who may be working.

<sup>2</sup> Since samples were used for all benefits except DWA/DPTC figures in this table differ from those given in table 1.10.7

- Over two thirds (185,058) of claimants of key benefits and/or recipients of tax credits in August 2001 were also on benefit in August 1998 and just over half of the overall total were in the same group.
- People in the working disabled group in August 2001 were the most likely to have been on benefit in August 1998 (86% of them – 1,724), followed by those in the others group (79% - 9,460), the sick & disabled group (76% - 108,411) and those in the lone parents group (76% - 23,781). Those in the unemployed group were the least likely (48% - 19,160). Sick & disabled claimants were the most likely to have stayed in the same group (65% - 92,080).

**Table 1.10.7 Claimants of key benefits in August 1998 - by status in August 2001**

Group in August 1998	All on benefit and/or tax credit in August 1998	Benefit and/or tax credit status in August 2001			
		Reached state pension age <sup>1</sup>	Not on benefit or tax credit	Same group	Different group <sup>3</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>267,382</b>	<b>19,254</b>	<b>63,925</b>	<b>144,824</b>	<b>39,379</b>
Unemployed	59,820	800	30,096	13,660	15,264
Sick & Disabled <sup>2</sup>	131,460	15,760	16,913	92,080	6,707
Lone Parents	34,180	20	5,199	19,960	9,001
Others	13,780	2,660	2,199	4,600	4,321
Working Family	27,120	.	9,334	13,980	3,806
Working Disabled	1,022	14	184	544	280

<sup>1</sup> Some of these people may also have left benefit/tax credits.

<sup>2</sup> Due to the inclusion of FC/WFTC and DWA/DPTC data, the Sick & Disabled group figures in this section differ slightly from those given elsewhere in the publication as "statistical group". Includes DLA only claimants who may be working.

<sup>3</sup> Since samples were used for all benefits except DWA/DPTC figures in this table differ from those given in table 1.10.6

## Section 2 : Families with children on key benefits

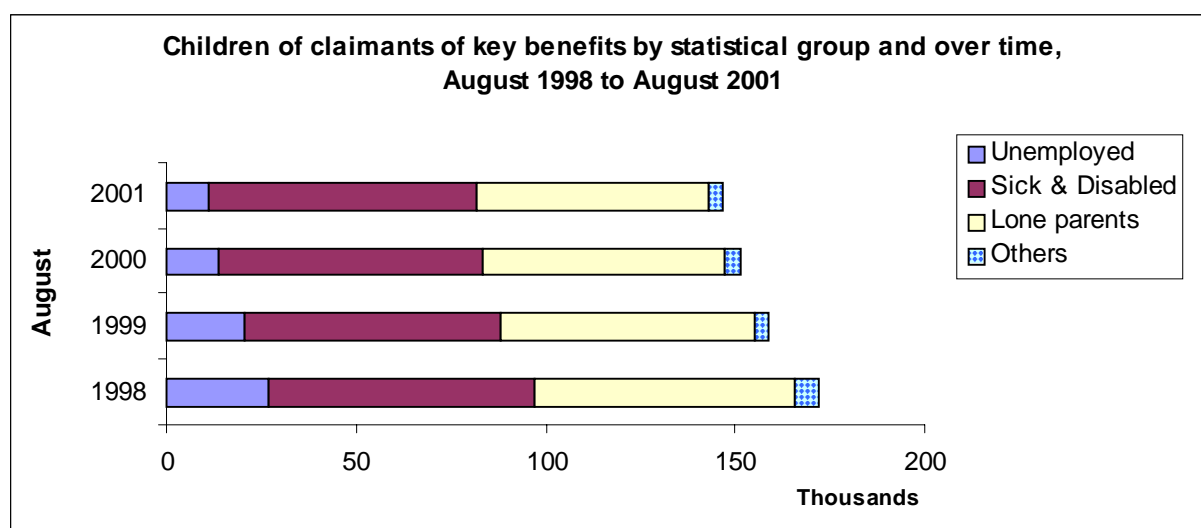
### 2.1 Children

**Table 2.1.1 Children of claimants of key benefits by statistical group: August 1998 to August 2001**

	Number of children <sup>1</sup>							
	Aug-98	%	Aug-99	%	Aug-00	%	Aug-01	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>171,960</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>158,720</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>151,480</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>146,880</b>	<b>100</b>
Unemployed	26,700	16	20,760	13	13,560	9	11,080	8
Sick & Disabled	70,340	41	67,180	42	70,000	46	70,860	48
Lone parents	68,660	40	66,980	42	63,420	42	60,980	42
Others	6,260	4	3,800	2	4,500	3	3,960	3

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

- At August 2001, 146,880 children were living in families claiming a key benefit. The total number of children in families claiming a key benefit was down by 15% (25,080) from August 1998.
- The number of children in the unemployed group fell by 59% between August 1998 and August 2001, whilst the number in the lone parents group fell by 11% and the number in the sick & disabled group rose by 1%.

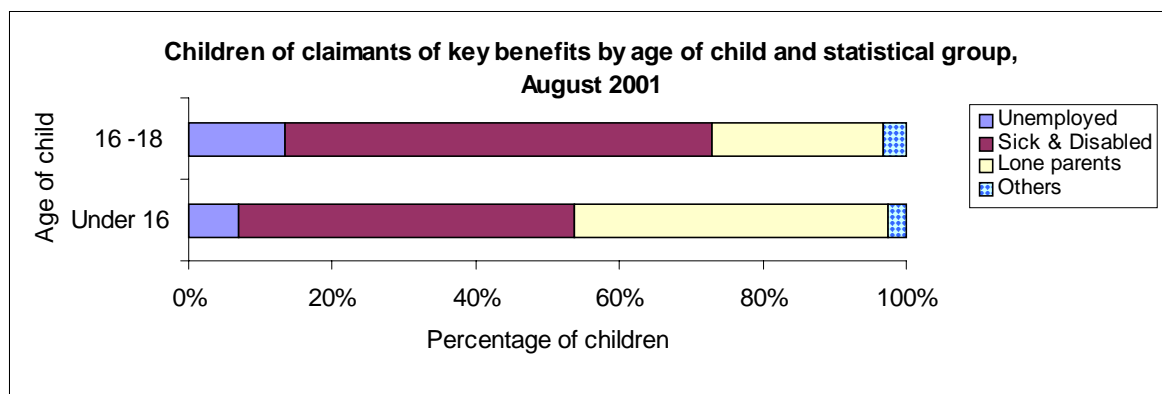


**Table 2.1.2 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by statistical group and family type: August 2001**

	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>131,540</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>48,760</b>	<b>77,180</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>15,340</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>7,340</b>	<b>.</b>
Unemployed	9,020	2	8,640	380	.	2,060	5	1,320	740	.
Sick & Disabled	61,720	15	36,640	19,480	5,600	9,140	21	6,200	2,940	.
Lone parents	57,320	14	.	57,320	.	3,660	9	.	3,660	.
Others	3,480	1	3,480	0	.	480	1	480	0	.

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

- The proportion of under 16s living in households claiming a key benefit was 32% in August 2001 whilst the proportion of 16 - 18 year olds was 36% 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: August 1998 to August 2001**

	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
Aug-98	<b>156,540</b>	<b>38</b>	66,140	82,800	7,600	<b>15,420</b>	<b>37</b>	7,760	7,660	.
Aug-99	<b>144,480</b>	<b>35</b>	58,840	79,420	6,220	<b>14,240</b>	<b>34</b>	7,520	6,720	.
Aug-00	<b>136,060</b>	<b>33</b>	52,700	77,360	6,000	<b>15,420</b>	<b>36</b>	8,580	6,840	.
Aug-01	<b>131,540</b>	<b>32</b>	48,760	77,180	5,600	<b>15,340</b>	<b>36</b>	8,000	7,340	.

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

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

- The number of children under 16 living in families where the benefit claimant was single fell between August 1998 and August 2001. The number of children under 16 living in households where the claimant had a partner also fell over this period.
- The proportion of children under 16 living in a household where the claimant was single rose from 53% in August 1998 to 59% in August 2001.
- The proportion of children under 16 living in a household where the claimant was single was 59% in August 2001 whilst the figure for 16 - 18 year olds was 48%.

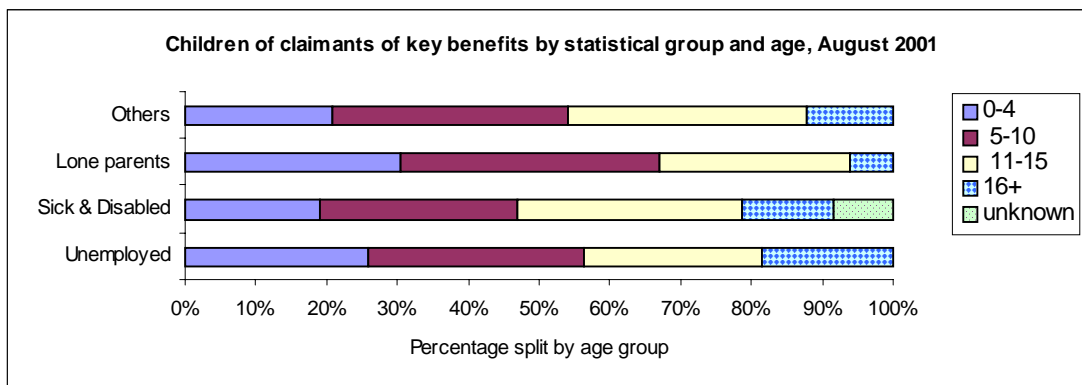
**Table 2.1.4 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by statistical group and age of child: August 2001**

	Number of children/dependants											
	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>146,880</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>35,660</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>46,840</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>43,060</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15,340</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5,980</b>	<b>4</b>
Unemployed	<b>11,080</b>	<b>100</b>	2,860	26	3,380	31	2,780	25	2,060	19	.	0
Sick & Disabled	<b>70,860</b>	<b>100</b>	13,420	19	19,860	28	22,460	32	9,140	13	5,980	8
Lone parents	<b>60,980</b>	<b>100</b>	18,560	30	22,280	37	16,480	27	3,660	6	.	0
Others	<b>3,960</b>	<b>100</b>	820	21	1,320	33	1,340	34	480	12	.	0

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

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

- Amongst the sick & disabled group proportionally fewer children were under the age of five, reflecting the older age profile of those claiming a sickness and/or disability benefit (although the ages of many children in this group were unknown).
- The children of lone parents had the youngest profile with 67% aged under 11.



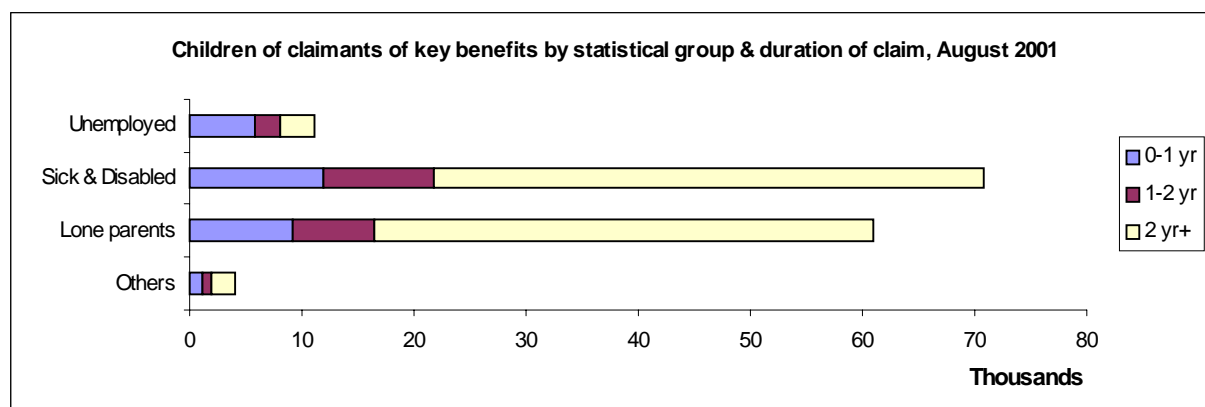
**Table 2.1.5 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by statistical group and duration of claim: August 2001**

	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>146,880</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7,440</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7,680</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12,960</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19,940</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>98,860</b>	<b>67</b>
Unemployed	11,080	100	2,680	24	1,300	12	1,860	17	2,160	19	3,080	28
Sick & Disabled	70,860	100	2,480	3	3,340	5	6,140	9	9,760	14	49,140	69
Lone parents	60,980	100	1,740	3	2,720	4	4,720	8	7,200	12	44,600	73
Others	3,960	100	540	14	320	8	240	6	820	21	2,040	52

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

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

- Of those children in families claiming a key benefit 67% had been on benefits for at least 2 years. For the lone parents group the figure was 73% whilst the figure for the unemployed group was 28%.
- Of those children in families classed as unemployed 53% had been on benefit for less than a year.



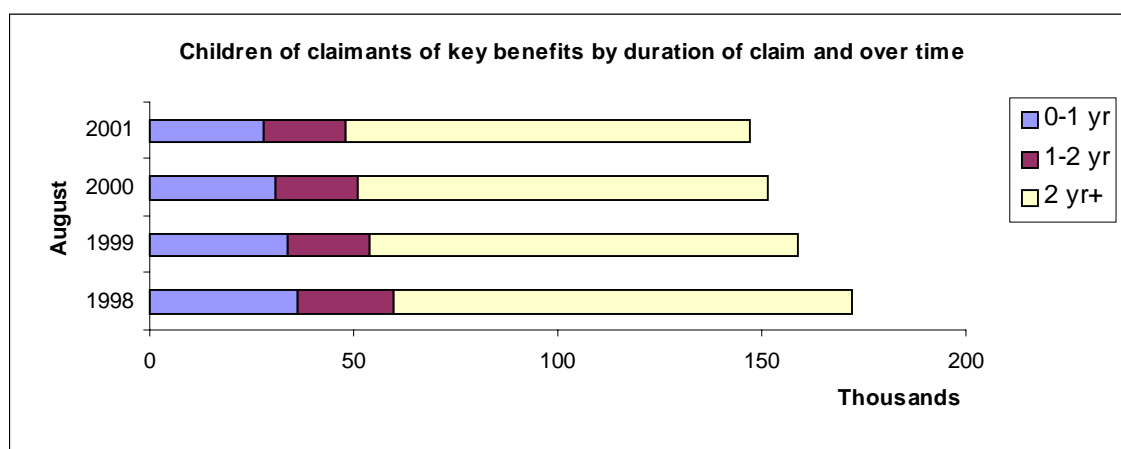
**Table 2.1.6 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by duration of claim: August 1998 to August 2001**

	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
Aug-98	<b>171,960</b>	12,940	8,500	14,780	23,540	112,200
%	<b>100</b>	8	5	9	14	65
Aug-99	<b>158,720</b>	10,060	9,440	14,100	20,440	104,680
%	<b>100</b>	6	6	9	13	66
Aug-00	<b>151,480</b>	9,860	8,340	12,920	19,660	100,700
%	<b>100</b>	7	6	9	13	66
Aug-01	<b>146,880</b>	7,440	7,680	12,960	19,940	98,860
%	<b>100</b>	5	5	9	14	67

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

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

- Between August 1998 and August 2001 there was little change in the pattern of duration on key benefits.



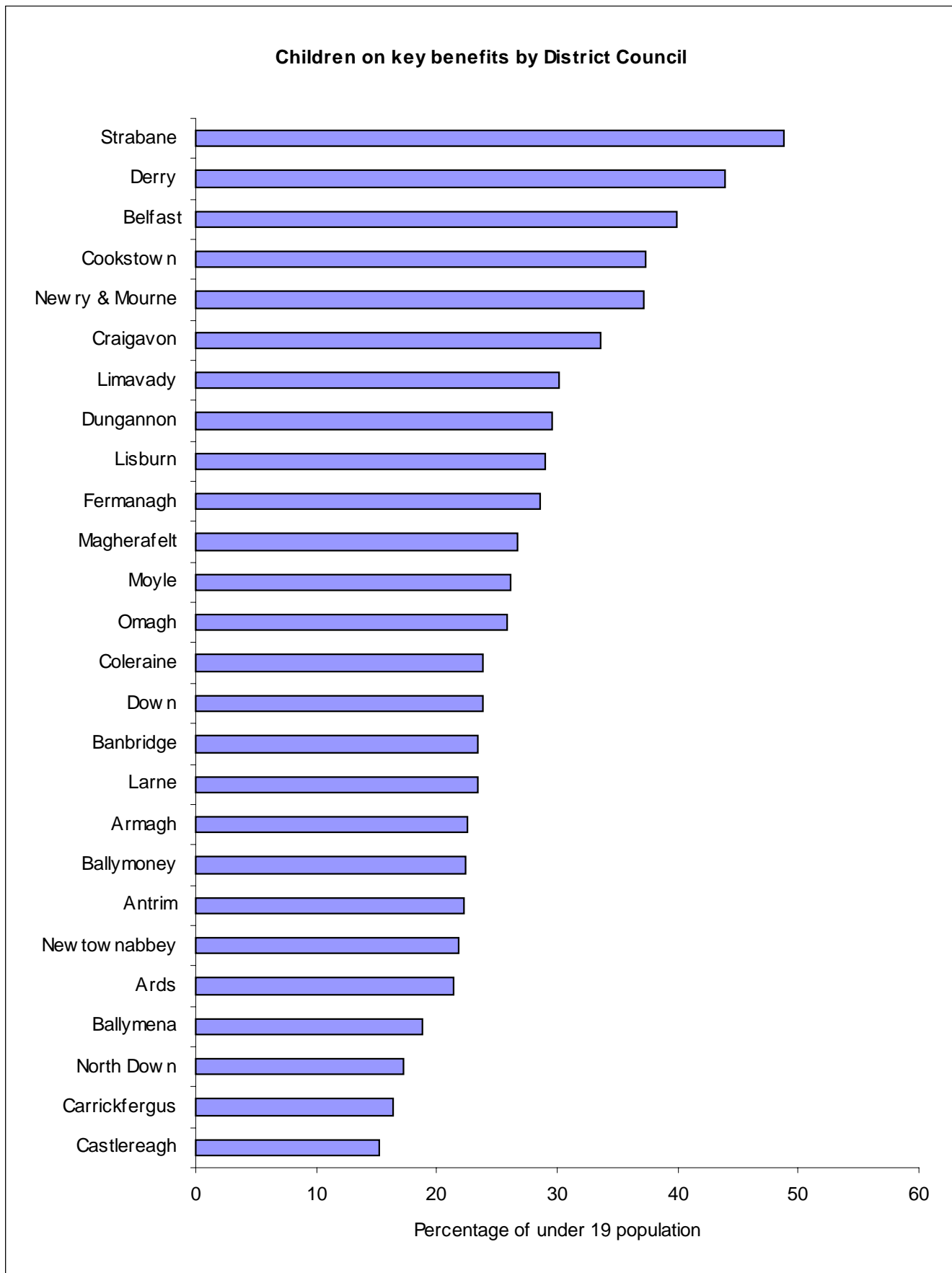
**Table 2.1.7 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by district council: August 2001**

	Number of children	% of population <sup>2</sup>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>146,880</b>	<b>30</b>
Ards	3,940	21
Belfast	31,020	40
Castlereagh	2,480	15
Down	4,580	24
Lisburn	9,360	29
North Down	3,140	17
Antrim	3,160	22
Ballymena	2,980	19
Ballymoney	1,700	22
Carrickfergus	1,680	16
Coleraine	3,480	24
Cookstown	3,460	37
Larne	1,880	23
Magherafelt	3,420	27
Moyle	1,100	26
Newtownabbey	4,700	22
Armagh	3,660	23
Banbridge	2,560	23
Craigavon	7,920	34
Dungannon	4,460	30
Newry & Mourne	10,640	37
Derry	15,640	44
Fermanagh	4,920	29
Limavady	3,020	30
Omagh	3,900	26
Strabane	5,600	49
Unknown	2,480	.

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

<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 49% in Strabane to 15% in Castlereagh.



**Table 2.1.8 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of combinations of key benefits: August 2001**

	Number of children	% of population <sup>2</sup>
<b>All combinations</b>	<b>146,880</b>	<b>33</b>
IS only	69,360	15
IB only	14,640	3
JSA only	10,720	2
IS, IB & DLA	11,100	2
DLA only	9,320	2
IB & DLA	9,820	2
IS & DLA	9,680	2
IS & IB	9,200	2
IS, DLA & SDA	1,300	0
DLA & SDA	1,000	0
IS & SDA	180	0
DLA & JSA	240	0
SDA only	200	0
Others <sup>3</sup>	120	0

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

<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

- 69% 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: August 2001**

	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>74,260</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4,060</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7,060</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10,680</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>48,360</b>	<b>65</b>
Unemployed	5,560	100	1,440	26	580	10	980	18	1,040	19	1,520	27
Sick & Disabled	35,680	100	1,300	4	1,700	5	3,220	9	4,820	14	24,640	69
Lone parents	31,360	100	1,160	4	1,640	5	2,720	9	4,460	14	21,380	68
Others	1,660	100	200	12	140	8	140	8	360	22	820	49

<sup>1</sup> Claimants with children aged under 16 or young adults aged 16 to 18

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

- 65% of families on key benefits had been on benefit for at least 2 years. For the sick & disabled group the figure was 69% whilst the figure for the unemployed was only 27%.
- 54% 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: August 1998 to August 2001**

	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
August-98	<b>82,320</b>	6,480	4,380	7,560	11,860	52,040
%	<b>100</b>	8	5	9	14	63
August-99	<b>77,440</b>	5,460	4,560	7,420	10,360	49,640
%	<b>100</b>	7	6	10	13	64
August-00	<b>75,700</b>	5,300	4,580	7,100	10,260	48,460
%	<b>100</b>	7	6	9	14	64
August-01	<b>74,260</b>	4,100	4,060	7,060	10,680	48,360
%	<b>100</b>	6	5	10	14	65

<sup>1</sup> Claimants with children aged under 16 or young adults aged 16 to 18

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

- Between August 1998 and August 2001 there was little change in the pattern of duration on benefit.

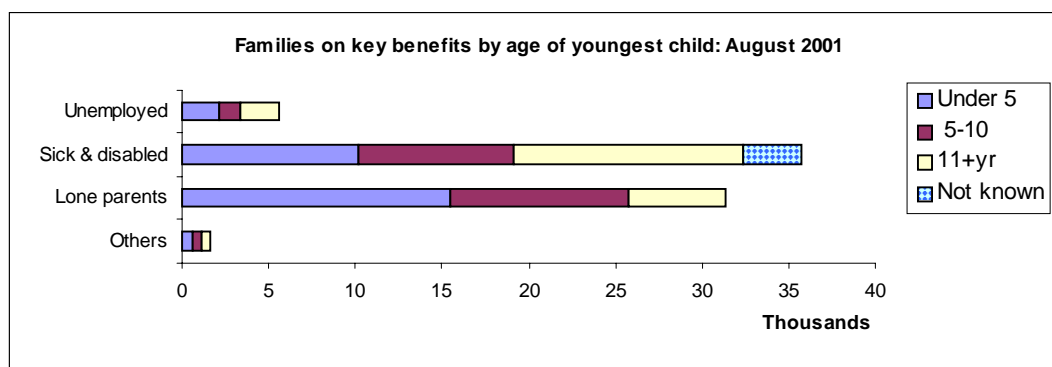
**Table 2.2.3 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits by statistical group and age of youngest child: August 2001**

	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>74,260</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>28,400</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>20,920</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15,940</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5,640</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3,360</b>	<b>5</b>
Unemployed	5,560	100	2,120	38	1,240	22	1,080	19	1,120	20	.	0
Sick & Disabled	35,680	100	10,200	29	8,900	25	9,280	26	3,940	11	3,360	9
Lone parents	31,360	100	15,420	49	10,360	33	5,160	16	420	1	.	0
Others	1,660	100	660	40	420	25	420	25	160	10	.	0

<sup>1</sup> Claimants with children aged under 16 or young adults aged 16 to 18

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

- 38% of the youngest children were under the age of five.
- For the sick & disabled the age profile of the youngest children was older (although the ages of many children in this group were unknown).



**Table 2.2.4 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits by age of youngest child: August 1998 to August 2001**

	Age of youngest child					
	All ages	Under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16	16 or over	Not known <sup>2</sup>
Aug-98	<b>82,320</b>	27,840	21,680	14,240	4,740	13,820
%	<b>100</b>	34	26	17	6	17
Aug-99	<b>77,440</b>	30,440	22,920	16,360	4,080	3,640
%	<b>100</b>	39	30	21	5	5
Aug-00	<b>75,700</b>	28,920	21,800	16,500	5,060	3,420
%	<b>100</b>	38	29	22	7	5
Aug-01	<b>74,260</b>	28,400	20,920	15,940	5,640	3,360
%	<b>100</b>	38	28	21	8	5

<sup>1</sup> Claimants with children aged under 16 or young adults aged 16 to 18

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

- Between August 1998 and August 2001 there was little change in the age profile of the youngest child in families on key benefits.

**Table 2.2.5 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits by statistical group and number of children:  
August 2001**

	Number of children				
	All families	One	Two	Three	Four or more
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>74,260</b>	<b>31,820</b>	<b>23,720</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>8,020</b>
Unemployed	5,560	2,200	1,960	880	520
Sick & Disabled	35,680	14,980	11,560	5,320	3,820
Lone parents	31,360	14,120	9,720	4,180	3,340
Others	1,660	520	480	320	340

<sup>1</sup> Claimants with children aged under 16 or young adults aged 16 to 18

- In August 2001, 7.8% of families (see appendix 1) claiming child benefit had 4 or more children while the figure was 10.8% of families on key benefits.
- Over 42% (31,820) claimants of key benefits had only 1 child.
- The average family had 2 children.

## 2.3 Benefits and Tax Credits

Working Families' Tax Credit (WFTC) is a tax credit available to working families with children. Disabled Person's Tax Credit (DPTC) is a tax credit available to working people who have an illness or disability, which puts them at a disadvantage in getting a job. On 5 October 1999 Working Families' Tax Credit and Disabled Person's Tax Credit replaced Family Credit (FC) and Disability Working Allowance (DWA) respectively. The Inland Revenue administers both tax credits. A small number of people are in receipt of both key benefits and tax credits.

Claimants of key benefits and recipients of tax credits can be divided into groups based mainly on the type of benefit and/or tax credit they receive. This gives an indication of the main reason why they are claiming a benefit and/or receiving a tax credit.

This grouping is defined as:

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Unemployed <sup>1</sup>	JSA
Sick & disabled <sup>1</sup>	IB, SDA, DLA or IS with a disability premium
Lone parent	Single people with children on IS and not receiving a disability related premium
Other	IS claimant not in other groups
Working Family	FC or WFTC
Working Disabled	DWA or DPTC

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<sup>1</sup>Due to the inclusion of FC/WFTC and DWA/DPTC data, the "Unemployed" group and "Sick & Disabled" group figures in this section differ slightly from those given elsewhere in the publication as "statistical group". The sick & disabled group includes DLA only cases who may be working.

Dependent children do not affect the amounts of award of 'Contribution-based' or 'Credits only' JSA/IB and as such information relating to these children can be incomplete. However when combined with information from means-tested benefits as in sections 2.1 and 2.2 a much better indication of dependants is obtained. In section 2.3 information from tax credits is also used therefore the figures relating to 'Unemployed' and 'Sick & Disabled' may differ slightly to those shown in the benefits only tables.

**Table 2.3.1 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits and/or recipients of tax credits by statistical group: August 1998 to August 2001**

	Number of children							
	Aug-98	%	Aug-99	%	Aug-00	%	Aug-01	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>232,132</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>222,154</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>235,086</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>239,354</b>	<b>100</b>
Unemployed <sup>2</sup>	26,720	12	20,760	9	13,560	6	11,180	5
Sick & disabled <sup>2</sup>	70,100	30	66,860	30	69,540	30	70,180	29
Lone parents	68,660	30	66,980	30	63,420	27	60,980	25
Working family	59,260	26	62,500	28	82,260	35	90,860	38
Working disabled	1,132	0	1,254	1	1,806	1	2,194	1
Others	6,260	3	3,800	2	4,500	2	3,960	2

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

<sup>2</sup> Due to the inclusion of FC/WFTC and DWA/DPTC data, the Unemployed and the Sick & Disabled group figures in this section differ slightly from those given elsewhere in the publication.

**Table 2.3.2 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits and/or recipients of tax credits by statistical group and family type: August 2001**

	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			Not known
		% pop aged under 16	Couple	Single	Not known			Couple	Single	Not known	
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>215,344</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>101,994</b>	<b>107,830</b>	<b>5,520</b>	<b>24,010</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>13,240</b>	<b>10,770</b>	<b>.</b>	
Unemployed <sup>3</sup>	9,120	2	8,640	480	.	<b>2,060</b>	5	1,320	740	.	
Sick & disabled <sup>3</sup>	60,940	15	36,780	18,640	5,520	<b>9,240</b>	22	6,340	2,900	.	
Lone parents	57,320	14	.	57,320	.	<b>3,660</b>	9	.	3,660	.	
Working family	82,580	20	51,820	30,760	.	<b>8,280</b>	19	4,920	3,360	.	
Working disabled	1,904	0	1,274	630	.	<b>290</b>	1	180	110	.	
Others	3,480	1	3,480	0	.	<b>480</b>	1	480	0	.	

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Due to the inclusion of FC/WFTC and DWA/DPTC data, the Unemployed and the Sick & Disabled group figures in this section differ slightly from those given elsewhere in the publication.

**Table 2.3.3 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits and/or recipients of tax credits by statistical group and age of children: August 2001**

	Age of children											
	All ages	%	Under 5	%	5 to under 11	%	11 to under 16	%	16 or over	%	Not known	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>239,354</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>60,563</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>79,032</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>69,909</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24,010</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5,840</b>	<b>2</b>
Unemployed <sup>2</sup>	11,180	100	2,920	26	3,420	31	2,780	25	2,060	18	.	0
Sick & disabled <sup>2</sup>	70,180	100	13,280	19	19,640	28	22,180	32	9,240	13	5,840	8
Lone parents	60,980	100	18,560	30	22,280	37	16,480	27	3,660	6	.	0
Working family	90,860	100	24,560	27	31,640	35	26,380	29	8,280	9	.	0
Working disabled	2,194	100	423	19	732	33	749	34	290	13	.	0
Others	3,960	100	820	21	1,320	33	1,340	34	480	12	.	0

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

<sup>2</sup> Due to the inclusion of FC/WFTC and DWA/DPTC data, the Unemployed and the Sick & Disabled group figures in this section differ slightly from those given elsewhere in the publication.

**Table 2.3.4 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits and/or recipients of tax credits by statistical group and duration of claim: August 2001**

	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 or over	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>239,354</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>47,278</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>60,731</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13,103</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19,640</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>98,602</b>	<b>41</b>
Unemployed <sup>3</sup>	11,180	100	2,420	22	1,660	15	1,860	17	2,160	19	3,080	28
Sick & disabled <sup>3</sup>	70,180	100	2,360	3	3,700	5	5,860	8	9,440	13	48,820	70
Lone parents	60,980	100	1,560	3	2,900	5	4,720	8	7,200	12	44,600	73
Working family	90,860	100	39,700	44	50,980	56	160	0	0	0	20	0
Working disabled	2,194	100	738	34	1,131	52	263	12	20	1	42	2
Others	3,960	100	500	13	360	9	240	6	820	21	2,040	52

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Due to the inclusion of FC/WFTC and DWA/DPTC data, the Unemployed and the Sick & Disabled group figures in this section differ slightly from those given elsewhere in the publication.

**Table 2.3.5 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits and/or tax credits by statistical group and duration of claim: August 2001**

	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 or over	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>118,437</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>22,776</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29,798</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7,130</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10,549</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>48,184</b>	<b>41</b>
Unemployed <sup>3</sup>	5,600	100	1,320	24	740	13	980	18	1,040	19	1,520	27
Sick & disabled <sup>3</sup>	35,260	100	1,240	4	1,820	5	3,100	9	4,680	13	24,420	69
Lone parents	31,360	100	980	3	1,820	6	2,720	9	4,460	14	21,380	68
Working family	43,500	100	18,700	43	24,720	57	60	0	0	0	20	0
Working disabled	1,057	100	356	34	538	51	130	12	9	1	24	2
Others	1,660	100	180	11	160	10	140	8	360	22	820	49

<sup>1</sup> Claimants with children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18

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

<sup>3</sup> Due to the inclusion of FC/WFTC and DWA/DPTC data, the Unemployed and the Sick & Disabled group figures in this section differ slightly from those given elsewhere in the publication.

**Table 2.3.6 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits and/or tax credits by statistical group and age of youngest child: August 2001**

	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>118,437</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>47,761</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34,754</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24,810</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7,832</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3,280</b>	<b>3</b>
Unemployed <sup>3</sup>	5,600	100	2,140	38	1,260	23	1,080	19	1,120	20	.	0
Sick & disabled <sup>3</sup>	35,260	100	10,040	28	8,740	25	9,260	26	3,940	11	3,280	9
Lone parents	31,360	100	15,420	49	10,360	33	5,160	16	420	1	.	0
Working family	43,500	100	19,160	44	13,640	31	8,600	20	2,100	5	.	0
Working disabled	1,057	100	341	32	334	32	290	27	92	9	.	0
Others	1,660	100	660	40	420	25	420	25	160	10	.	0

<sup>1</sup> Claimants with children aged under 16 and young adults aged 16 to 18

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

<sup>3</sup> Due to the inclusion of FC/WFTC and DWA/DPTC data, the Unemployed and the Sick & Disabled group figures in this section differ slightly from those given elsewhere in the publication.

**Table 2.3.7 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits and/or tax credits by statistical group and number of children: August 2001**

	All families	Number of children			
		One	Two	Three	Four or more
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>118,437</b>	<b>48,657</b>	<b>37,648</b>	<b>19,109</b>	<b>13,023</b>
Unemployed <sup>2</sup>	5,600	2,200	1,980	900	520
Sick & Disabled <sup>2</sup>	35,260	14,740	11,420	5,320	3,780
Lone Parents	31,360	14,120	9,720	4,180	3,340
Working family	43,500	16,680	13,700	8,200	4,920
Working disabled	1,057	397	348	189	123
Others	1,660	520	480	320	340

<sup>1</sup> Claimants with children aged under 16 or young adults aged 16 to 18

<sup>2</sup> Due to the inclusion of FC/WFTC and DWA/DPTC data, the Unemployed and the Sick & Disabled group figures in this section differ slightly from those given elsewhere in the publication.



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

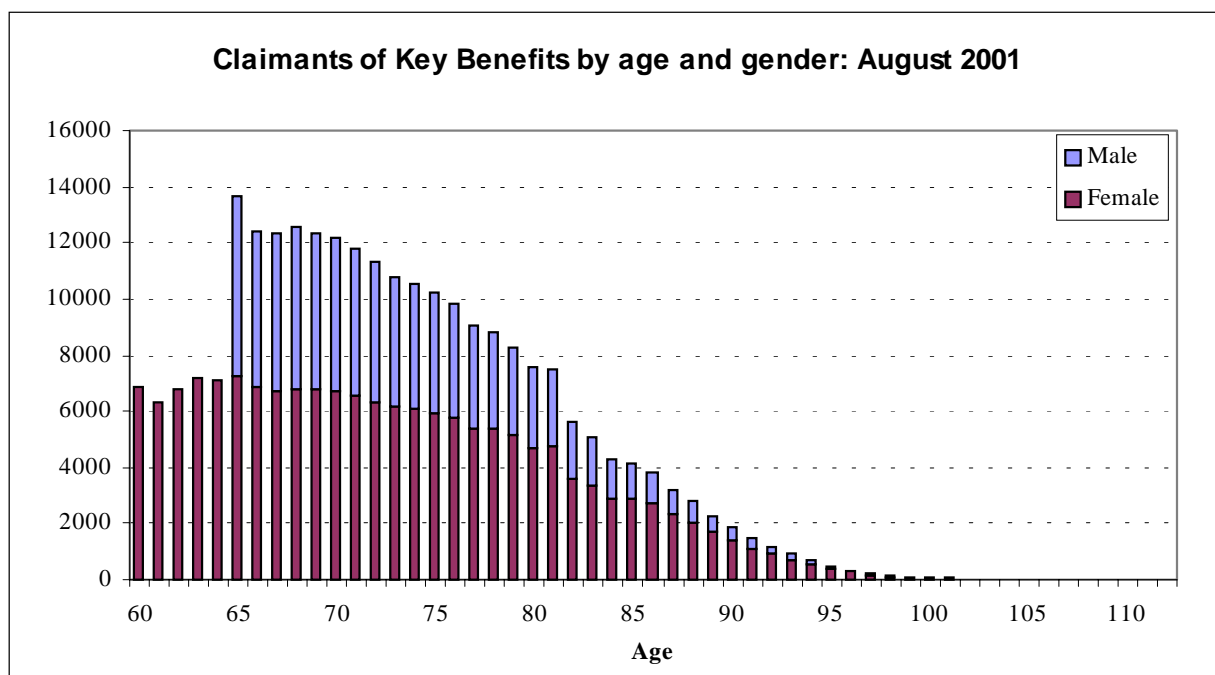
### 3.1 Age and gender

**Table 3.1.1 Claimants over State Pension Age of key benefits by gender: August 1998 - August 2001**

	Aug-98 <sup>2</sup>	Aug-99	Aug-00	Aug-01
Men	85,615	87,165	87,292	89,073
% of pop <sup>1</sup>	98	99	98	100
Women	159,847	163,325	163,403	164,994
% of pop <sup>1</sup>	95	97	97	97
<b>All</b>	<b>245,462</b>	<b>250,490</b>	<b>250,695</b>	<b>254,067</b>
<b>% of pop <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>96</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>98</b>

<sup>1</sup> Population of Northern Ireland residents above state pension age.

<sup>2</sup> Data on RP claimants at August 1998 was extracted from scans taken at March 1998 and March 1999



- In August 2001 about 98% (254,067) of people over state pension age claimed a key benefit - an increase of 4% (8,605) since August 1998.
- The proportion of women claiming at least one of the key state benefits is slightly lower than for men; 97% compared with 100% respectively.

**Table 3.1.2 Claimants over State Pension Age of key benefits by age and gender: August 2001**

	Male		Female		All	
		% of pop <sup>12</sup>		% of pop <sup>12</sup>		% of pop <sup>12</sup>
60-64	-	-	34,234	90	<b>34,234</b>	<b>90</b>
65-69	28,898	98	34,364	99	<b>63,262</b>	<b>98</b>
70-74	24,696	100	31,879	97	<b>56,575</b>	<b>98</b>
75-79	18,513	100	27,691	99	<b>46,204</b>	<b>99</b>
80-84	10,730	106	19,239	104	<b>29,969</b>	<b>105</b>
85-89	4,689	101	11,660	100	<b>16,349</b>	<b>100</b>
90+	1,547	90	5,927	99	<b>7,474</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>All ages</b>	<b>89,073</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>164,994</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>254,067</b>	<b>98</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> The population estimates for the very elderly may be inaccurate

**Table 3.1.3 Claimants over State Pension Age by Statistical group: August 1998 - August 2001**

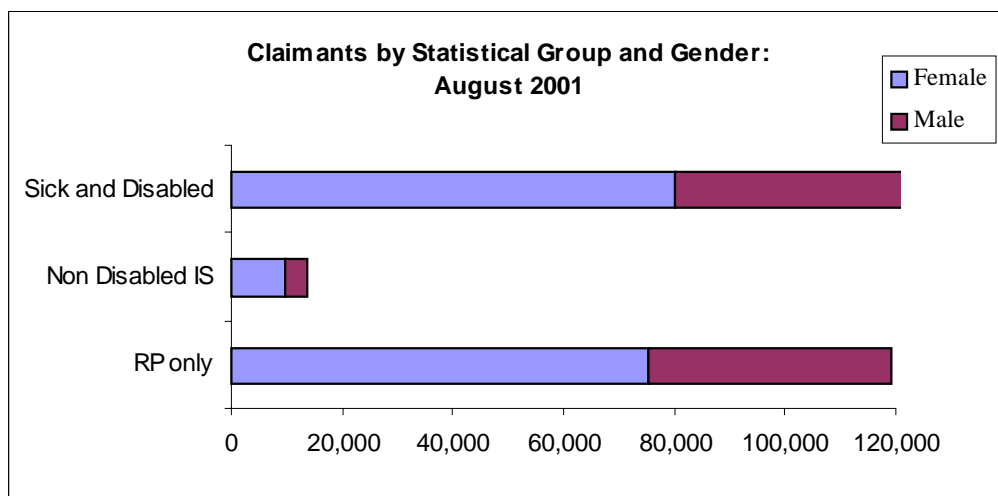
	Aug-98 <sup>1</sup>		Aug-99		Aug-00		Aug-01	
	All	% of pop <sup>2</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>2</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>2</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>2</sup>
Sick and/or Disabled	111,134	44	113,746	44	117,318	45	121,077	47
Non Disabled IS	14,735	6	13,483	5	12,990	5	13,698	5
RP only	119,593	47	123,261	48	120,387	47	119,292	46
<b>All</b>	<b>245,462</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>250,490</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>250,695</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>254,067</b>	<b>98</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data on RP claimants at August 1998 was extracted from scans taken at March 1998 and March 1999

<sup>2</sup> Population of Northern Ireland residents above state pension age

### 3.2 Statistical groups

The claimants of these benefits can be divided into statistical groups, based mainly on their statistical group (see 'Definitions and Conventions').



- The overall numbers rose by 8,605 between August 1998 and August 2001.
- Sick and/or disabled claimants rose from 111,134 to 121,077 between August 1998 and August 2001, rising from 44% to 47% of the total pensioner population.
- Over the same period, the non-disabled IS statistical group fell by 1,037.
- The size of the RP only statistical group has also decreased, from 47% of the total pensioner population at August 1998 to 46% at August 2001.

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 3.2.1 Cases over State Pension Age moving onto a key benefit between August 2000 and August 2001 by gender and statistical group**

	Male	Female	All
Sick and/or Disabled	2,597	2,471	<b>5,068</b>
Non Disabled IS	531	493	<b>1,024</b>
RP only	3,833	5,545	<b>9,378</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>6,961</b>	<b>8,509</b>	<b>15,470</b>

**Table 3.2.2 Cases over State Pension Age receiving key benefits at August 2000 but no longer receiving a key benefit in August 2001: by gender and statistical group**

	Male	Female	All
Sick and/or Disabled	3,748	5,573	<b>9,321</b>
Non Disabled IS	158	208	<b>366</b>
RP only	1,274	1,137	<b>2,411</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>5,180</b>	<b>6,918</b>	<b>12,098</b>

**Table 3.2.3 Cases over State Pension Age changing statistical group: August 2000 and August 2001**

Statistical group in August 2000	Statistical group in August 2001			All
	Sick and/or Disabled	Non Disabled IS	RP only	
Sick and/or Disabled	0	223	189	<b>412</b>
Non Disabled IS	1,700	0	325	<b>2,025</b>
RP only	6,724	1,852	0	<b>8,576</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>8,424</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>11,013</b>

- 61% of claimants moving onto a key benefit(s) between August 2000 and August 2001 received the state Retirement Pension as their only benefit.
- The number in the sick and/or disabled statistical group rose by 3,759 between August 2000 and August 2001. However more people stopped claiming a key benefit in this statistical group (9,321) than moved onto benefit directly into the sick and/or disabled statistical group (5,068). This rise is due to a net 8,012 moving from the other statistical groups (most importantly RP only) into the sick and/or disabled group.

**Table 3.2.4 Cases over State Pension Age moving onto a key benefit between August 1998<sup>1</sup> and August 2001: by gender and statistical group**

	Male	Female	All
Sick and/or Disabled	7,663	8,217	<b>15,880</b>
Non Disabled IS	1,272	1,459	<b>2,731</b>
RP only	9,314	16,388	<b>25,702</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>18,249</b>	<b>26,064</b>	<b>44,313</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data on RP claimants at August 1998 was extracted from scans taken at March 1998 and March 1999

**Table 3.2.5 Cases over State Pension Age receiving a key benefit at August 1998<sup>1</sup> but no longer receiving key benefits in August 2001: by gender and statistical group**

	Male	Female	All
Sick and/or Disabled	10,622	16,747	<b>27,369</b>
Non Disabled IS	667	1,051	<b>1,718</b>
RP only	3,502	3,119	<b>6,621</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>14,791</b>	<b>20,917</b>	<b>35,708</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data on RP claimants at August 1998 was extracted from scans taken at March 1998 and March 1999

**Table 3.2.6 Cases over State Pension Age changing statistical group: August 1998<sup>1</sup> and August 2001**

Statistical group in August 1998	Statistical group in August 2001			All
	Sick and/or Disabled	Non Disabled IS	RP only	
Sick and/or Disabled	0	301	827	<b>1,128</b>
Non Disabled IS	4,748	0	624	<b>5,372</b>
Rp only	17,812	3,021	0	<b>20,833</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>22,560</b>	<b>3,322</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>27,333</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data on RP claimants at August 1998 was extracted from scans taken at March 1998 and March 1999

- The overall number of claimants on key benefits has risen during the period August 1998 to August 2001 by 8,605, with the number moving onto key benefits (44,313) exceeding those no longer claiming a key benefit (35,708).
- Approximately 74% of people on a key benefit in August 1998 have remained within the same statistical group in August 2001, 15% were no longer on a key benefit and 11% had moved statistical group.

**Table 3.2.7 Sick and/or Disabled claimants over State Pension Age by benefit combination: August 1998 to August 2001**

	Aug-98 <sup>1</sup>		Aug-99		Aug-00		Aug-01	
		%		%		%		%
AA or DLA	7,576	7	2,571	2	3,251	3	3,288	3
IB or SDA	1,481	1	682	1	189	0	152	0
AA or DLA and IB or SDA	2,237	2	1,374	1	852	1	859	1
IS only/IS with AA or DLA or IB or SDA	11,652	10	5,370	5	5,148	4	4,796	4
RP only (IVA or in hospital)	4,990	4	5,638	5	6,001	5	5,981	5
RP and one of AA or DLA	44,546	40	53,366	47	55,748	48	58,246	48
RP and IS	2,735	2	2,964	3	2,712	2	2,595	2
RP and IS and AA or DLA	35,799	32	41,708	37	43,417	37	45,159	37
<b>All</b>	<b>111,016</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>113,673</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>117,318</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>121,076</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data on RP claimants at August 1998 was extracted from scans taken at March 1998 and March 1999

**Table 3.2.8 Sick and/or Disabled over State Pension Age statistical group cases by benefit combination and gender: August 2001**

	Male	%	Female	%	All	%
AA or DLA	954	2	2,334	3	3,288	3
IB or SDA	33	0	119	0	152	0
AA or DLA and IB or SDA	62	0	797	1	859	1
IS only/IS with AA or DLA or IB or SDA	1,298	3	3,498	4	4,796	4
RP only (IVA or in hospital)	4,071	10	1,910	2	5,981	5
RP and one of AA or DLA	21,321	52	36,925	46	58,246	48
RP and IS	924	2	1,671	2	2,595	2
RP and IS and AA or DLA	12,312	30	32,847	41	45,159	37
<b>All</b>	<b>40,975</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>80,101</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>121,076</b>	<b>100</b>

- The sick and/or disabled statistical group as a whole increased by 10,060 (+9%) between August 1998 and August 2001.
- RP plus AA or DLA in August 2001 accounted for 48% of the total claimants within the sick and/or disabled statistical group. This compares with only 40% in August 1998.
- The numbers claiming RP, plus IS and AA or DLA rose more slowly. The relative size of the RP, plus IS and AA or DLA group has increased from 32% within the sick and/or disabled statistical group at August 1998 to 37% at August 2001.

**Table 3.2.9 Claimants over State Pension Age by all benefit combinations and gender:  
August 2001**

	Male	Female	All
DLA only	314	1,278	<b>1,592</b>
AA only	632	1,047	<b>1,679</b>
DLA, AA	8	9	<b>17</b>
SDA only	33	119	<b>152</b>
SDA, DLA	46	721	<b>767</b>
SDA, AA	15	62	<b>77</b>
SDA, DLA, AA	1	14	<b>15</b>
IB only	.	.	<b>0</b>
IB, DLA	.	.	<b>0</b>
IB, AA	.	.	<b>0</b>
IS only	765	1,339	<b>2,104</b>
IS, DLA	376	980	<b>1,356</b>
IS, AA	401	1,135	<b>1,536</b>
IS, DLA, AA	3	16	<b>19</b>
IS, SDA	89	212	<b>301</b>
IS, SDA, DLA	234	670	<b>904</b>
IS, SDA, AA	76	194	<b>270</b>
IS, SDA, AA, DLA	8	17	<b>25</b>
IS, IB	.	.	<b>0</b>
IS, IB, DLA	.	.	<b>0</b>
IS, IB, AA	.	.	<b>0</b>
RP only	48,036	77,233	<b>125,269</b>
RP, DLA	8,047	14,706	<b>22,753</b>
RP, AA	13,122	22,030	<b>35,152</b>
RP, AA, DLA	153	192	<b>345</b>
RP, IS	4,402	10,171	<b>14,573</b>
RP, IS, DLA	3,901	7,753	<b>11,654</b>
RP, IS, AA	8,299	24,854	<b>33,153</b>
RP, IS, AA, DLA	112	240	<b>352</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>89,073</b>	<b>164,992</b>	<b>254,065</b>

### 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: May 2001**

	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>3,780</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,513</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>10,293</b>	<b>98</b>
England	3,254	100	5,561	96	8,816	98
North East	175	101	303	97	478	99
North West <sup>2</sup>	448	102	786	97	1,234	99
Yorkshire & Humberside	333	101	575	96	907	98
East Midlands	284	99	471	96	755	98
West Midlands	354	100	602	97	957	98
East	377	101	621	97	998	99
London	361	96	640	94	1,001	94
South East	538	100	920	96	1,458	98
South West	383	100	644	97	1,027	99
Wales	208	98	357	95	565	96
Scotland	318	100	595	98	913	99
Northern Ireland <sup>3</sup>	89	100	165	97	254	98

1 Population over state pension age

2 The old Merseyside GOR was merged with North West GOR on 3rd August 1998

3 Northern Ireland data is at August 2001

- The proportion of the population over state pension age claiming a key benefit ranges from 94% in London to 99% in several other government office regions.
- The figure for Northern Ireland of 98% claiming a key benefit is the same as the Great Britain average, only London and Wales have a lower percentage of claimants than Northern Ireland and Great Britain.

**Table 3.3.2 Claimants over State Pension Age of key benefits by Statistical group and Government Office Region: May 2001**

Thousands and percentages

		Statistical Group			
		Sick and/or Disabled	on Disabled IS	RP only	All
<b>Great Britain</b>	(000s)	<b>2,400</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>7,212</b>	<b>10,293</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	23	6	68	<b>98</b>
England	(000s)	1,944	591	6,281	<b>8,816</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	22	7	70	<b>98</b>
North East	(000s)	145	35	298	<b>478</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	30	7	61	<b>98</b>
North West <sup>2</sup>	(000s)	266	80	787	<b>1,234</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	29	6	63	<b>99</b>
Yorkshire & Humberside	(000s)	229	64	614	<b>907</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	25	7	66	<b>98</b>
East Midlands	(000s)	174	46	536	<b>755</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	22	6	69	<b>97</b>
West Midlands	(000s)	239	69	649	<b>957</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	25	7	67	<b>98</b>
East	(000s)	180	58	760	<b>998</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	18	6	75	<b>99</b>
London	(000s)	196	100	706	<b>1,001</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	18	9	67	<b>95</b>
South East	(000s)	218	82	1,158	<b>1,458</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	15	5	77	<b>97</b>
South West	(000s)	197	56	774	<b>1,027</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	19	5	74	<b>98</b>
Wales	(000s)	199	29	337	<b>565</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	34	5	57	<b>96</b>
Scotland	(000s)	257	61	595	<b>913</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	28	7	64	<b>99</b>
Northern Ireland	(000s)	121	14	119	<b>254</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	47	5	46	<b>98</b>

1 Population over state pension age

2 The old Merseyside GOR was merged with North West GOR on 3rd August 1998

3 Northern Ireland data is at August 2001

- Northern Ireland has by far the highest proportion claiming a key sickness and/or disability benefit at 47% compared to Wales (34%), which is next, with the South East lowest at 15%.
- For the RP only category Northern Ireland (46%) is considerably lower than any other office region, with Wales (57%) next. The highest proportion is the South East (77%).



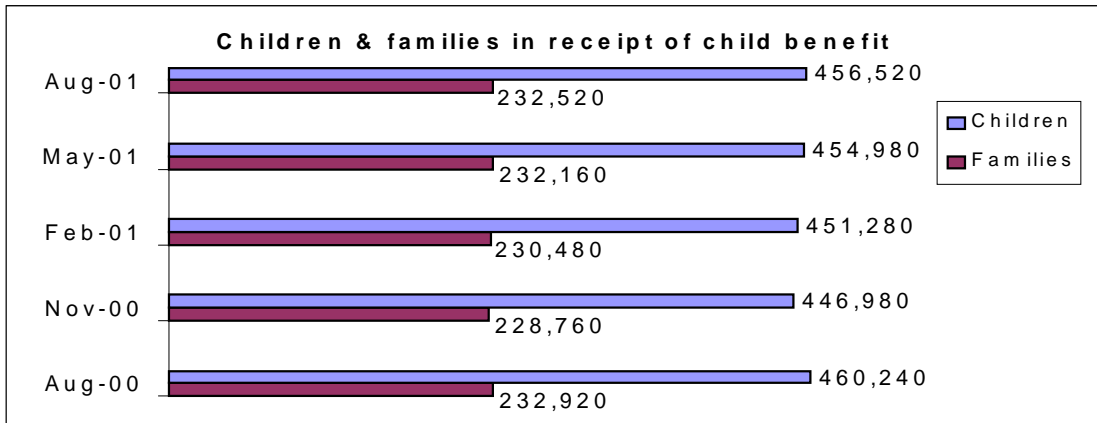
# Appendices

## Appendix 1 - Child Benefit

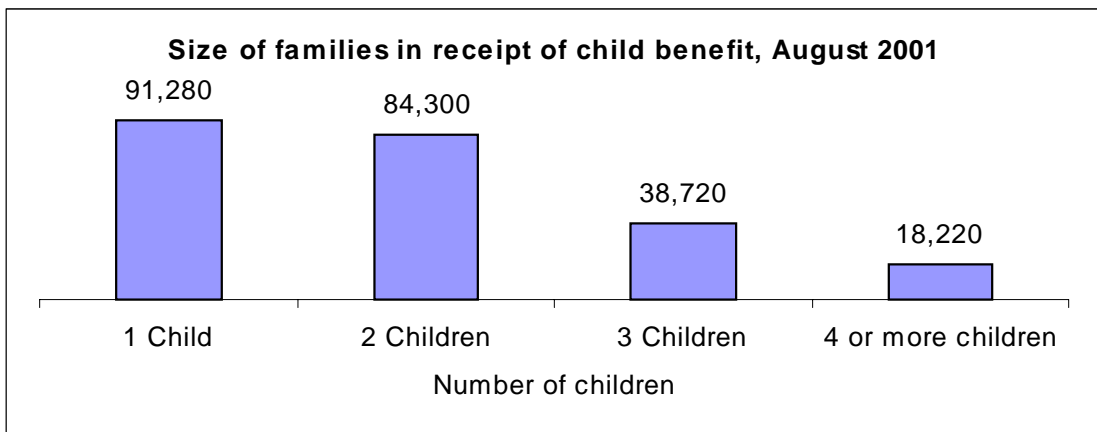
At the end of August 2001 there were 232,520 families receiving child benefit and 456,520 children in respect of whom the payment was being made.

76% of families were receiving child benefit for either 1 or 2 children only.

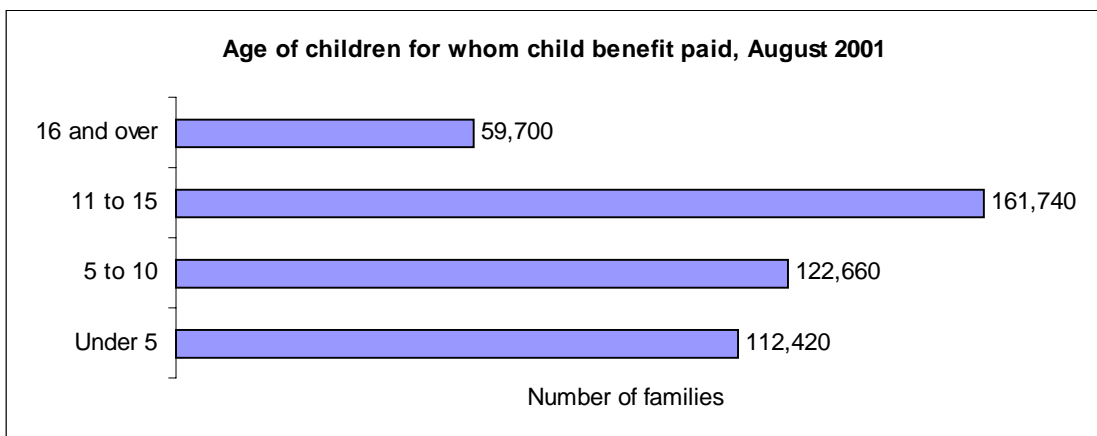
### Child Benefit caseload: families and children



### Child Benefit families by number of children, August 2001



### Child Benefit caseload by age of children, August 2001



## Child Benefit rates (£ per week)

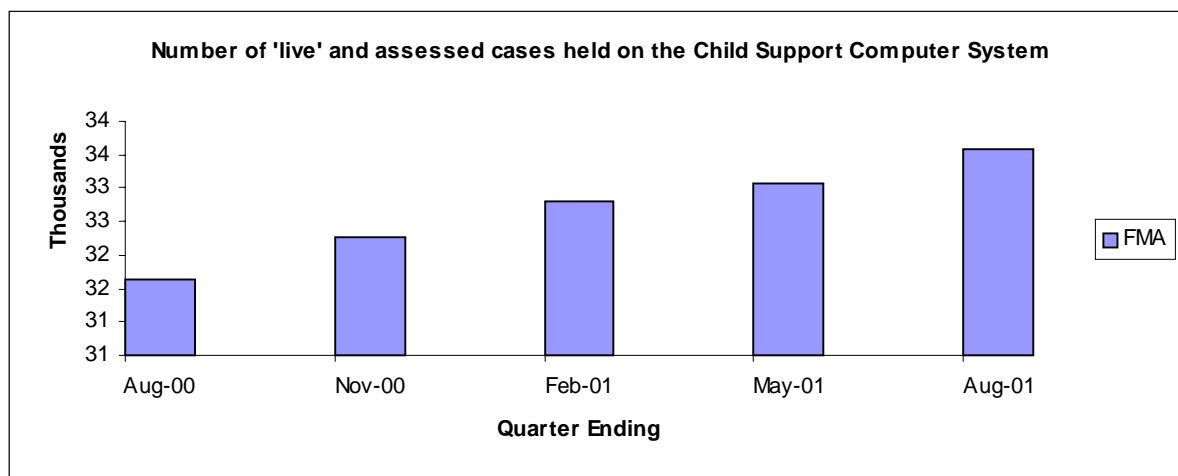
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	Eldest qualifying child of a couple	Eldest qualifying child of a lone parent	Each other child
Apr-92	9.65	15.50	7.80
Apr-93	10.00	16.05	8.10
Apr-94	10.20	16.35	8.25
Apr-95	10.40	16.70	8.45
Apr-96	10.80	17.10	8.80
Apr-97	11.05	17.10	9.00
Apr-98	11.45	17.10	9.30
Apr-99	14.40	17.10	9.60
Apr-00	15.00	17.55	10.00
Apr-01	15.50	17.55	10.35
Apr-02	15.75	17.55	10.55

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## Appendix 2 - Child Support Agency

At the end of August 2001 there were 33,590 'live' and fully assessed cases held on the Child Support Computer System (CSCS).



The average FMA (Full Maintenance Assessment) for all non-resident parents (NRPs) rose from £13.71 in August 2000 to £13.96 in August 2001. For NRPs recorded on CSCS as an employee the average maintenance in August 2001 was £34.37 per week, an increase of £0.15 per week from August 2000. For self-employed NRPs, the average maintenance assessment increased from £20.35 per week in August 2000 to £20.39 in August 2001.

**Table 1 Number of NRPs with maintenance assessment and average value of assessment, August 2000 - August 2001**

Month	FMA	Average, £pw
Aug-00	31,630	£13.71
Nov-00	32,276	£13.72
Feb-01	32,793	£13.75
May-01	33,084	£13.86
Aug-01	33,590	£13.96

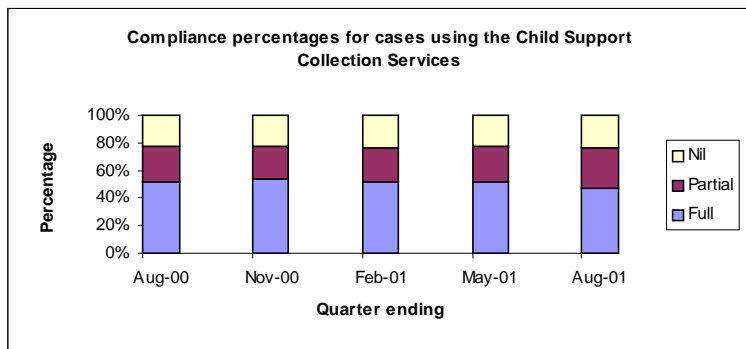
**Table 2 Benefit status of PWC, August 2000 - August 2001: full assessments**

Month	PWC benefit status							
	Total	%	IS	%	WFTC/ DPTC	%	Other	%
Aug-00	<b>31,630</b>	100	19,946	63	8,053	25	3,631	11
Nov-00	<b>32,276</b>	100	20,303	63	8,181	25	3,792	12
Feb-01	<b>32,793</b>	100	20,448	62	8,455	26	3,890	12
May-01	<b>33,084</b>	100	20,602	62	8,564	26	3,918	12
Aug-01	<b>33,590</b>	100	20,850	62	8,747	26	3,993	12

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

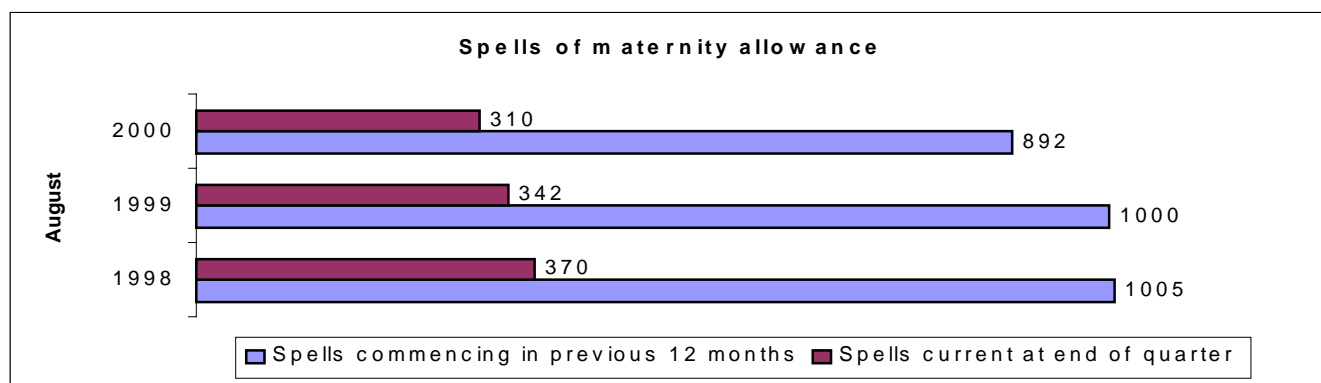
**Table 3 Compliance levels for 'live' and fully assessed cases, August 2000 - August 2001: caseload**

Month	Total	Not Applicable	Full	Partial	Nil
Aug-00	<b>31,630</b>	22,976	4,538	2,167	1,949
Nov-00	<b>32,276</b>	23,727	4,592	2,057	1,900
Feb-01	<b>32,793</b>	24,192	4,495	2,074	2,032
May-01	<b>33,084</b>	24,421	4,521	2,173	1,969
Aug-01	<b>33,590</b>	24,862	4,129	2,521	2,078



## Appendix 3 - Maternity Allowance

At the end of August 2000 there were 310 spells of maternity allowance in payment a decrease of 16% on 2 years earlier.



### Maternity Allowance rates (£ per week)

	Higher rate <sup>1</sup>	Lower rate	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 <sup>2</sup>		32.55
Apr-02	75.00		33.10

<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.



# 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 and tax credits. They are designed to give a good indication of the size of the population on these benefits and/or tax credits and how this changes over time. However, they are affected by changes to the conditions of entitlement and to the existence of the benefits/tax credits themselves. This includes such things as: the replacement of Family Credit and Disability Working Allowance with Working Families' Tax Credit and Disabled Person's Tax Credit respectively. No attempt has been made to adjust the series for such factors.

## Summary of methodology

The analysis of Persons of Working Age and their Children have been constructed by matching 5% samples for the individual benefits/ tax credits that they cover, with the exception of Disabled Person's Tax Credit. Due to the low number of individuals receiving Disabled Person's Tax Credit each person was included in these analyses rather than using a sample. 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/ tax credit 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 or receiving a tax credit 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 or receiving a tax credit 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 and recipients of tax credits. 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 or receiving each tax credit are still given by the individual samples from which the data are drawn. Benefit statistics are published by Statistics and Research Branch, Department for Social Development and tax credit statistics are published by Inland Revenue Analytical Services Division.

## Family type and "People on benefits"

The Family Type analyses in section 1.2 are based mainly on claimants who receive additional amounts of benefit for their partner and/or children and young adult dependants. These amounts are payable for all partners and dependants of claimants of means tested benefits, which are received by the majority of claimants covered by these analyses. The main gap comes from claimants of Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance where additional benefit is payable only to those who have a partner who is not working and is looking after children. For Disability Living Allowance, partner and/or children information is not required since claimants make a claim in their own right from birth to pensionable age. For Jobseeker's Allowance, Contributory and Credits, no additional payment is made for partners or children.

However, Statistics and Research Branch have been able to match partner's and dependant's details in this publication from other data sources i.e. Child Benefit and Child Support Agency. This has reduced the percentage of 'Not Known' cases from 35% to 28% at August 2001. The 'Not Known' group is made up of the remaining Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance and Disability Living Allowance cases. It includes a small number (1% at August 2001) who receive allowances for dependants but not partners.

In sections 1.6, 1.7 and in the Children's section, the analysis is based on Children of Working Age Claimants where we have been able to match details from either the Key Benefits themselves or from Child Benefit and Child Support Agency scans. There are a small number of children where their age is not known. It is assumed for the purposes of the relevant sections that they are '15 or less'.

## **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.

In sections 1.10 and 2.3, claimants of key benefits and recipients of tax credits have been divided into groups based mainly on the type of benefit and/or tax credit they receive. This gives an indication of the main reason why they are claiming a benefit and/or receiving a tax credit. As WFTC and DPTC awards can remain in payment after employment has ended (they are paid for six months irrespective of circumstances), those people who also receive a key benefit (other than DLA) are allocated to the appropriate group based on the benefit received. For example, a person receiving WFTC who also receives IS as a lone parent has been allocated to the "Lone Parent" group. This explains why the numbers in some groups shown in this bulletin can differ from those shown in the separate DSD and IR benefit and tax credit publications.

## **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 transitions analysis shown in section 1.10 of this bulletin additionally shows movements between benefits and tax credits. They are subject to similar constraints as the analysis in section 1.3 described above.

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 flows - for example, where the partners in a couple alternate as to who makes the claim for a benefit when the family circumstances change.

## **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.

# 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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