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# Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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# Definitions and Conventions - Sections 1 and 2

## Key benefits

Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)

Incapacity Benefit (IB)

Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA)

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Income Support (IS)

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

## Symbols and conventions

Working age is 16 to 64 years for men

16 to 59 years for women

Population estimates are mid year from 1998 to 2004

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

“.” not applicable

## Tax Credits

Child Tax Credit (CTC)

## Statistical group

Claimants are assigned to one statistical group in the following order

Unemployed

Claimant in receipt of JSA (including credits)

Sick and Disabled

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

Lone Parent

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

Others

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

## Family type

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

JSA (Contribution based only or Credits)

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

IB/SDA

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

DLA

no details available

## Benefit type

Income replacement

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

Other

DLA

NI Credits

Through claiming JSA or IB

## Benefit entitlement

Contributory benefits

IB, Contribution based JSA

Means tested benefits

IS and Income based JSA

Other benefits

SDA, DLA

NI Credits

Through claiming JSA or IB

## Definitions and Conventions - Section 3

### Key benefits

Attendance Allowance (AA)  
 Incapacity Benefit (IB)  
 Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA)  
 Disability Living Allowance (DLA)  
 Pension Credit (PC)  
 (Income Support prior to October 2003)  
 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 1998 to 2004  
 “.” not applicable

### Statistical group

Claimants are assigned to one statistical group in the following order

Sick and/or disabled	Claimant receiving one or more of AA, DLA, IB, SDA or on PC and - in a residential care or nursing home; - sick days being recorded; - hospitalised cases  or an RP claimant and  - in hospital - receiving Invalidity Allowance (IVA)
Non Disabled PC	PC 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 PC only or PC 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 PC
	8 RP and PC and one of AA or DLA
Non Disabled PC	9 PC 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: May 2002 to May 2005**

	May-02	May-03	May-04	May-05
<b>All</b>	<b>222,700</b>	<b>226,260</b>	<b>223,400</b>	<b>223,040</b>
<b>% of pop<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>
Men	117,800	121,040	119,020	118,380
% of pop <sup>1</sup>	22	22	22	22
Women	104,900	105,220	104,380	104,660
% of pop <sup>1</sup>	21	21	20	21

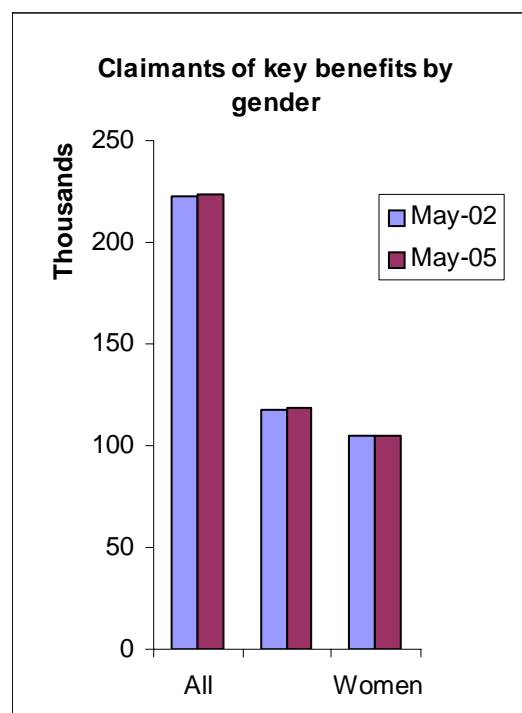
<sup>1</sup> Population of working age in Northern Ireland - see Methodology

**Table 1.1.1a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits<sup>1</sup> by gender: May 2002 to May 2005**

	May-02	May-03	May-04	May-05
<b>All</b>	<b>203,560</b>	<b>206,540</b>	<b>202,420</b>	<b>200,800</b>
<b>% of pop<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>
Men	110,700	113,300	110,480	109,480
% of pop <sup>2</sup>	21	21	20	20
Women	92,860	93,240	91,940	91,320
% of pop <sup>2</sup>	18	18	18	18

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

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



- In May 2005 about 21% (223,040) of people of working age claimed a key benefit – up from 21% (222,700) in May 2002.
- About 118 thousand men of working age claimed a benefit, compared with 105 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 rose by 340 between May 2002 and May 2005.
- In May 2005 about 19% (200,800) of people of working age claimed a key out-of-work benefit - 20% (203,560) in May 2002.
- Older people were more likely to be claiming benefits. In 2005, 34% of those aged 55 to 59 claimed a benefit compared to 16% of those aged 18 to 24.
- Five age groups have increased in size since May 2002. The greatest increase was in the 45 to 54 group (up by 1,980). The largest reduction in size was in the 25 to 34 age group which fell by 4,460.

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

	<b>All</b>		<b>Men</b>		<b>Women</b>	
		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group
<b>All</b>	<b>223,040</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>118,380</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>104,660</b>	<b>21</b>
Under 18	2,040	4	980	4	1,060	4
18 to 24	26,260	16	13,720	16	12,540	15
25 to 34	38,700	17	18,080	16	20,620	18
35 to 44	52,520	21	24,400	19	28,120	22
45 to 54	52,500	25	26,160	25	26,340	25
55 to 59	32,700	34	16,720	36	15,980	33
60 to 64	18,320	47	18,320	47	.	.

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

	<b>May-02</b>		<b>May-03</b>		<b>May-04</b>		<b>May-05</b>	
		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group
<b>All</b>	<b>222,700</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>226,260</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>223,400</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>223,040</b>	<b>21</b>
Under 18	2,080	4	2,400	4	2,260	4	2,040	4
18 to 24	25,980	16	26,500	16	25,960	15	26,260	16
25 to 34	43,160	18	41,980	18	39,780	17	38,700	17
35 to 44	52,020	21	53,480	21	52,840	21	52,520	21
45 to 54	50,520	25	52,800	26	52,420	25	52,500	25
55 to 59	31,620	34	31,420	33	31,980	34	32,700	34
60 to 64	17,320	48	17,680	47	18,160	46	18,320	47

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

	<b>Men</b>				<b>Women</b>			
	<b>May-02</b>		<b>May-05</b>		<b>May-02</b>		<b>May-05</b>	
		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group
<b>All</b>	<b>117,800</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>118,380</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>104,900</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>104,660</b>	<b>21</b>
Under 18	1,000	4	980	4	1,080	4	1,060	4
18 to 24	12,840	16	13,720	16	13,140	17	12,540	15
25 to 34	19,160	16	18,080	16	24,000	20	20,620	18
35 to 44	25,260	20	24,400	19	26,760	21	28,120	22
45 to 54	25,760	25	26,160	25	24,760	24	26,340	25
55 to 59	16,460	36	16,720	36	15,160	32	15,980	33
60 to 64	17,320	48	18,320	47	.	.	.	.

## 1.2 Family Type

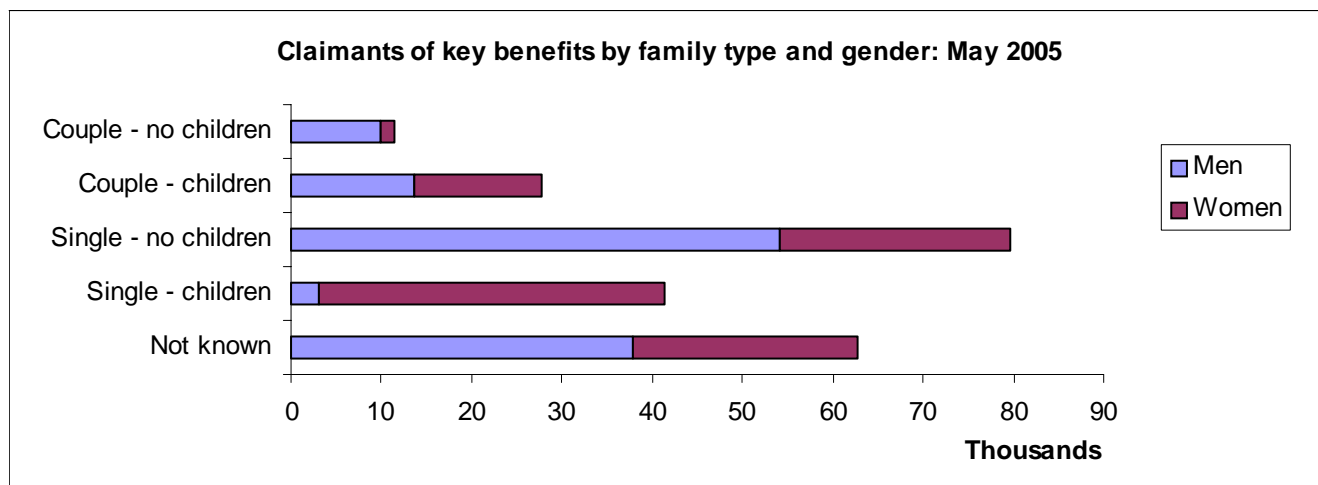
This section contains analyses of the type of family in which claimants live. Family type was assigned according to whether the claimant had a partner and/or children. It was not possible to assign a family type in every case (Not known).

**Table 1.2.1 Claimants of key benefits by family type<sup>1</sup> and gender: May 2005**

	All	%	Men	%	Women	%
<b>All</b>	<b>223,040</b>	100	<b>118,380</b>	100	<b>104,660</b>	100
<b>All couples</b>	<b>39,100</b>	18	<b>23,380</b>	20	<b>15,720</b>	15
Couple - no children	11,340	5	9,800	8	1,540	1
Couple - children	27,760	12	13,580	11	14,180	14
<b>All single</b>	<b>121,120</b>	54	<b>57,180</b>	48	<b>63,940</b>	61
Single - no children	79,760	36	54,040	46	25,720	25
Single - children	41,360	19	3,140	3	38,220	37
<b>Not known</b>	<b>62,820</b>	28	<b>37,820</b>	32	<b>25,000</b>	24

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

- 121,120 claimants were single in May 2005.
- 31% (69,120) of claimants had children. The majority of claimants with children (41,360) were single.
- **The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003. Comparisons of family type and comparisons over time are affected by these changes. Please see Methodology for further details.**

**Table 1.2.2 Claimants of key benefits by family type<sup>1</sup>: May 2002 to May 2005**

	May-02		May-03		May-04		May-05	
	All	%	All	%	All	%	All	%
<b>All</b>	<b>222,700</b>	100	<b>226,260</b>	100	<b>223,400</b>	100	<b>223,040</b>	100
<b>All couples</b>	<b>37,300</b>	17	<b>36,800</b>	16	<b>41,200</b>	18	<b>39,100</b>	18
Couple - no children	11,460	5	11,860	5	11,900	5	11,340	5
Couple - children	25,840	12	24,940	11	29,300	13	27,760	12
<b>All single</b>	<b>119,440</b>	54	<b>122,400</b>	54	<b>120,120</b>	54	<b>121,120</b>	54
Single - no children	76,780	34	79,260	35	78,840	35	79,760	36
Single - children	42,660	19	43,140	19	41,280	18	41,360	19
<b>Not known</b>	<b>65,960</b>	30	<b>67,060</b>	30	<b>62,080</b>	28	<b>62,820</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: May 2005**

	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parent	Other
<b>All</b>	<b>223,040</b>	<b>28,740</b>	<b>156,300</b>	<b>26,220</b>	<b>11,780</b>
<b>All couples</b>	<b>39,100</b>	<b>2,780</b>	<b>33,340</b>	.	<b>2,980</b>
Couple - no children	11,340	1,040	8,480	.	1,820
Couple - children	27,760	1,740	24,860	.	1,160
<b>All single</b>	<b>121,120</b>	<b>25,960</b>	<b>60,140</b>	<b>26,220</b>	<b>8,800</b>
Single - no children	79,760	24,660	46,260	-	8,780
Single - children	41,360	1,300	13,880	26,160	-
<b>Not known</b>	<b>62,820</b>	.	<b>62,820</b>	.	.

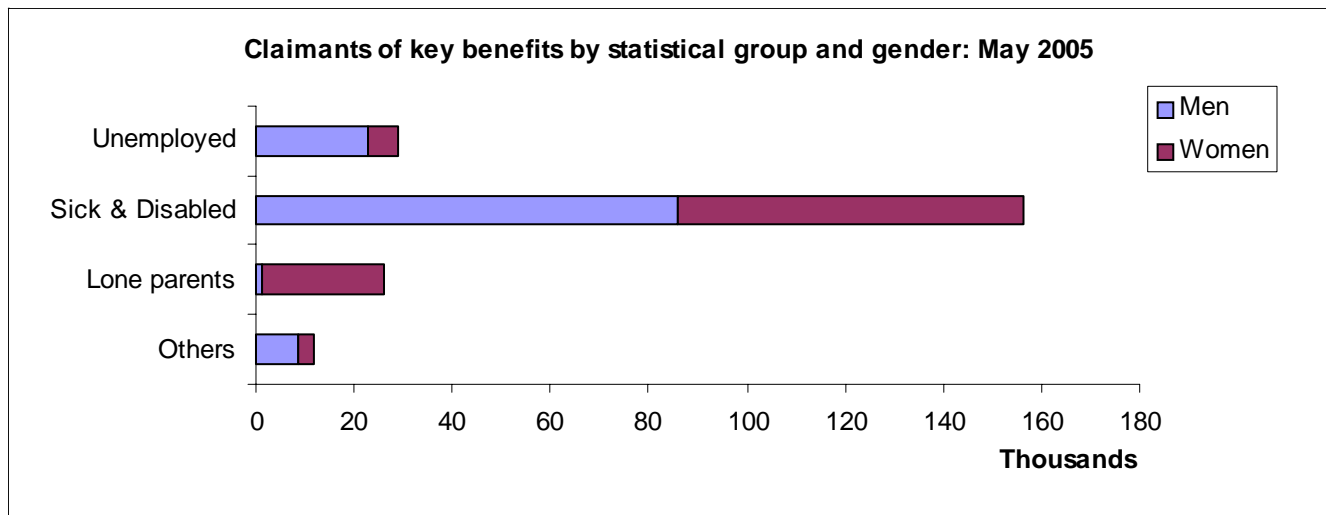
<sup>1</sup> See Methodology for further details<sup>2</sup> Numbers less than 100 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

### 1.3 Statistical group and transitions

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

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

	All	Men	Women
<b>All</b>	<b>223,040</b>	<b>118,380</b>	<b>104,660</b>
Unemployed	28,740	22,620	6,120
Sick & Disabled	156,300	86,000	70,300
Lone parents	26,220	1,360	24,860
Others	11,780	8,400	3,380



- The overall numbers rose by 340 between May 2002 and May 2005, mostly because of the sick and disabled group which rose by 9,040 (6%) over this period.
- In May 2005, 3% (28,740) of people of working age were classed as unemployed - unchanged from 3% (33,720) in May 2002.
- Sick & disabled claimants were consistently the largest group between May 2002 and May 2005, rising from 66% of the total to 70% of the total; unemployed claimants were the second largest group.
- The size of the sick & disabled group rose by 9,040 (6%) between May 2002 and May 2005, whilst numbers in the lone parents group fell by 2,940 (10%) over the same period.

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

	May-02		May-03		May-04		May-05	
	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>222,700</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>226,260</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>223,400</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>223,040</b>	<b>21</b>
Unemployed	33,720	3	33,360	3	30,520	3	28,740	3
Sick & Disabled	147,260	14	152,220	15	154,320	15	156,300	15
Lone parents	29,160	3	28,660	3	26,660	3	26,220	2
Others	12,560	1	12,020	1	11,900	1	11,780	1

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

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

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

	<u>On benefit in current year - status in previous year<sup>1</sup></u>				Left benefit since previous year <sup>2</sup>
	All	Same statistical group	Different statistical group	Not on benefit	
<b>May-02</b>	<b>222,700</b>	.	.	.	.
<b>May-03</b>	<b>226,260</b>	171,860	14,180	40,220	36,660
<b>May-04</b>	<b>223,400</b>	176,460	12,280	34,660	37,520
<b>May-05</b>	<b>223,040</b>	175,760	12,320	34,960	35,320

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

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

- There was a decrease of 360 claimants between May 2004 and May 2005. The decrease was due to the number of people leaving benefit exceeding the number of people who had joined benefit. For example, 35,320 claimants on benefit in May 2004 were no longer on benefit in May 2005 whilst 34,960 of claimants in May 2005 were not on benefit in May 2004.
- The numbers in each statistical group were also affected by movements between them. For example, 12,320 claimants who were on benefit in both May 2004 and May 2005 changed statistical group over this period.

- The numbers in the individual statistical groups were affected by movements both on and off benefit and also between the groups. For example, the overall number of unemployed claimants fell by 1,780 between May 2004 and May 2005. The number of claimants who moved out of that group (4,680) exceeded those who moved in from another group (2,780) – a reduction of 1,900. Also, the number of new claimants who joined the group (13,800) exceeded those who left benefit from that group (13,680) – an increase of 120. When combined these figures gave a total decrease of 1,780.

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

Statistical group	Movement between May-04 and May-05					Overall change <sup>2</sup>	All on benefit in May-05
	All on benefit in May-04	Outflow Not on benefit in May-05	Inflow Not on benefit in May-04	Net movement between Statistical groups <sup>1</sup>			
<b>All</b>	<b>223,400</b>	<b>35,320</b>	<b>34,960</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-360</b>	<b>223,040</b>	
Unemployed	<b>30,520</b>	13,680	13,800	-1,900	-1,780	<b>28,740</b>	
Sick & Disabled	<b>154,320</b>	16,020	16,100	1,900	1,980	<b>156,300</b>	
Lone parents	<b>26,660</b>	3,620	3,300	-120	-440	<b>26,220</b>	
Others	<b>11,900</b>	2,000	1,760	120	-120	<b>11,780</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 May 2004 and May 2005 ie column 3 minus column 2 plus column 4

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

Comparison of statistical groups in 2004 and 2005 <sup>1</sup>	Statistical group in May 2005				
	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone parent	Other
<b>All</b>	<b>188,080</b>	14,940	140,200	22,920	10,020
<b>Statistical group in May 2004</b>					
Unemployed	<b>16,840</b>	12,160	3,440	160	1,080
Sick & Disabled	<b>138,300</b>	2,160	134,180	980	980
Lone parents	<b>23,040</b>	140	1,200	21,580	120
Others	<b>9,900</b>	480	1,380	200	7,840
<b>2004 and 2005</b>					
<b>Total with no change</b>	<b>175,760</b>	12,160	134,180	21,580	7,840
Leaving original statistical group	<b>-12,320</b>	-4,680	-4,120	-1,460	-2,060
Joining new statistical group	<b>12,320</b>	2,780	6,020	1,340	2,180
Net movement between statistical groups	<b>0</b>	-1,900	1,900	-120	120

<sup>1</sup> For example there were 16,840 claimants in the Unemployed group in May 2004 who were also on benefit in May 2005: of these, 12,160 were still in this group, 3,440 were now in the Sick & Disabled group, 160 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 May 2002 with that in May 2005.

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

Benefit status in May 2005	All on benefit in May 2005	Benefit status in May 2002		
		Not on benefit	Same statistical group	Different statistical group
<b>All</b>	<b>223,040</b>	<b>63,880</b>	<b>140,060</b>	<b>19,100</b>
Unemployed	28,740	17,680	8,340	2,720
Sick & Disabled	156,300	35,720	109,660	10,920
Lone Parents	26,220	7,280	17,020	1,920
Others	11,780	3,200	5,040	3,540

- Around 71% (159,160) of key benefit claimants in May 2005 were also on benefit in May 2002; 63% of the overall total were in the same statistical group.
- Claimants in the sick & disabled group in May 2005 were the most likely to have also been on benefit in May 2002 (77% of them - 120,580), followed by claimants in the others group (73% – 8,580) and the lone parents group (72% – 18,940) – those in the unemployed group (38% – 11,060) were least likely. Claimants in the sick & disabled group were also the most likely to have stayed in the same statistical group (70% – 109,660).

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

Benefit status in May 2002	All on benefit in May 2002	Benefit status in May 2005			
		Reached state pension age <sup>1</sup>	Not on benefit	Same statistical group	Different statistical group
<b>All</b>	<b>222,700</b>	<b>19,840</b>	<b>43,700</b>	<b>140,060</b>	<b>19,100</b>
Unemployed	<b>33,720</b>	620	16,900	8,340	7,860
Sick & Disabled	<b>147,260</b>	16,900	16,440	109,660	4,260
Lone Parents	<b>29,160</b>	40	7,820	17,020	4,280
Others	<b>12,560</b>	2,280	2,540	5,040	2,700

<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: May 2005**

	<b>All</b>	Income replacement benefits <sup>1</sup>	Other benefits only <sup>2</sup>	NI Credits <sup>3</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>223,040</b>	192,000	24,780	6,260
Unemployed	<b>28,740</b>	26,120	.	2,620
Sick & Disabled	<b>156,300</b>	127,880	24,780	3,640
Lone parents	<b>26,220</b>	26,220	.	.
Others	<b>11,780</b>	11,780	.	.

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

<sup>2</sup> Other is DLA

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

**Table 1.4.1a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits<sup>1</sup> by statistical group and type of benefit: May 2005**

	<b>All</b>	Income replacement benefits <sup>2</sup>	NI Credits <sup>3</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>200,800</b>	192,000	8,800
JSA	<b>28,740</b>	26,120	2,620
IB/SDA	<b>121,720</b>	115,540	6,180
IS Disabled	<b>12,340</b>	12,340	.
IS Lone parents	<b>26,220</b>	26,220	.
Others	<b>11,780</b>	11,780	.

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

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

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

- In May 2005, 192,000 claimants received an income replacement benefit, down from 196,100 in May 2002.
- Of these, 115,540 claimants received IB/SDA.

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

	All	Benefit type		
		Income replacement benefits <sup>1</sup>	Other benefits only <sup>2</sup>	NI Credits <sup>3</sup>
<b>May-02</b>	<b>222,700</b>	196,100	20,800	5,800
<b>May-03</b>	<b>226,260</b>	198,460	21,740	6,060
<b>May-04</b>	<b>223,400</b>	194,260	23,520	5,620
<b>May-05</b>	<b>223,040</b>	192,000	24,780	6,260

<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: May 2005**

	All	Basis of benefit entitlement				
		Contributory <sup>1</sup>	Contributory and income related <sup>2</sup>	Income related <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	NI Credits <sup>5</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>223,040</b>	57,340	17,680	114,680	27,080	6,260
Unemployed	<b>28,740</b>	3,940	240	21,940	.	2,620
Sick & Disabled	<b>156,300</b>	53,400	17,440	54,740	27,080	3,640
Lone Parents	<b>26,220</b>	.	.	26,220	.	.
Others	<b>11,780</b>	.	.	11,780	.	.

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

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

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

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

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

**Table 1.4.3a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits<sup>1</sup> by statistical group and main basis of entitlement: May 2005**

	Basis of benefit entitlement					
	All	Contributory <sup>2</sup>	Contributory and income related <sup>3</sup>	Income related <sup>4</sup>	Other <sup>5</sup>	NI Credits <sup>6</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>200,800</b>	57,340	17,680	114,680	4,840	6,260
JSA	<b>28,740</b>	3,940	240	21,940	.	2,620
IB/SDA	<b>121,720</b>	53,400	17,440	42,400	4,840	3,640
IS Disabled	<b>12,340</b>	.	.	12,340	.	.
IS Lone parents	<b>26,220</b>	.	.	26,220	.	.
Others	<b>11,780</b>	.	.	11,780	.	.

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> NI Credits includes JSA credits only, JSA credits and IB credits, JSA credits with DLA, IB credits only

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

	Basis of benefit entitlement					
	All	Contributory <sup>1</sup>	Contributory and income related <sup>2</sup>	Income related <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	NI Credits <sup>5</sup>
<b>May-02</b>	<b>222,700</b>	58,820	17,080	117,080	23,920	5,800
<b>May-03</b>	<b>226,260</b>	59,920	17,800	117,960	24,520	6,060
<b>May-04</b>	<b>223,400</b>	58,720	17,400	115,640	26,020	5,620
<b>May-05</b>	<b>223,040</b>	57,340	17,680	114,680	27,080	6,260

<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

- 132,360 claimants received a benefit that was means tested in May 2005. Of those 114,680 claimants received a benefit that was means tested whilst 17,680 claimants in receipt of a means tested benefit also received or satisfied the qualifying conditions for a contributory benefit.
- In May 2005, 57,340 claimants received only a contributory benefit.

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

	Type of benefit					
	All	IB Payment	IB Credits	SDA	Income Support	DLA
<b>All sick and disabled</b>	<b>156,300</b>	<b>70,840</b>	<b>40,400</b>	<b>10,480</b>	<b>72,180</b>	<b>102,480</b>
<b>Single benefit only</b>	<b>56,500</b>	<b>26,580</b>	<b>3,640</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>3,840</b>	<b>22,240</b>
<b>Two or more benefits of which<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>99,800</b>	<b>44,260</b>	<b>36,760</b>	<b>10,280</b>	<b>68,340</b>	<b>80,240</b>
Incapacity Benefit payment	<b>44,260</b>	44,260	.	.	17,440	40,440
Incapacity Benefit credits	<b>36,760</b>	.	36,760	.	34,220	21,600
Severe Disablement Allowance	<b>10,280</b>	.	.	10,280	8,180	9,700
Income Support	<b>68,340</b>	17,440	34,220	8,180	68,340	48,780
Disability Living Allowance	<b>80,240</b>	40,440	21,600	9,700	48,780	80,240

<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 64% (99,800) of sick & disabled claimants received more than one key benefit in May 2005. The main combinations included IB payments and DLA (40,440) and IS and DLA (48,780).

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

	May-02		May-03		May-04		May-05	
	All	%	All	%	All	%	All	%
<b>All sick and disabled</b>	<b>147,260</b>	100	<b>152,220</b>	100	<b>154,320</b>	100	<b>156,300</b>	100
IB/SDA	115,600	79	119,880	79	120,480	78	121,720	78
IS Disabled (not also IB/SDA)	12,520	9	12,620	8	12,860	8	12,340	8
DLA only (not also IB/SDA/IS Disabled)	19,140	13	19,720	13	20,980	14	22,240	14

## 1.5 Duration on benefit

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

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

	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>223,040</b>	<b>16,680</b>	<b>12,760</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>26,020</b>	<b>146,580</b>
Unemployed	28,740	10,120	5,240	5,660	3,620	4,100
Sick & Disabled	156,300	4,620	5,620	11,660	17,380	117,020
Lone parents	26,220	980	1,040	2,220	3,100	18,880
Others	11,780	960	860	1,460	1,920	6,580

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

- Around 66% (146,580) of the claimants in May 2005 had been receiving a key benefit for 2 years or more.
- Of those longer duration claimants 80% (117,020) were in the sick & disabled group. That group was therefore more likely to have been on benefit for longer periods than all the others – 75% had been on benefits for 2 years or more compared with only 14% of those in the unemployed group.

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

	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>223,040</b>	<b>16,680</b>	<b>12,760</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>26,020</b>	<b>146,580</b>
%	100	7	6	9	12	66
Men	118,380	10,780	7,520	12,380	13,960	73,740
%	100	9	6	10	12	62
Women	104,660	5,900	5,240	8,620	12,060	72,840
%	100	6	5	8	12	70

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

**Table 1.5.2a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits<sup>1</sup> by gender and duration of claim:  
May 2005**

	All	Duration of oldest claim <sup>2</sup>				
		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 year to under 2 years	2 years or over
<b>All</b>	<b>200,800</b>	<b>15,840</b>	<b>11,520</b>	<b>18,240</b>	<b>21,820</b>	<b>133,380</b>
%	100	8	6	9	11	66
Men	109,480	10,440	7,020	11,360	12,580	68,080
%	100	10	6	10	11	62
Women	91,320	5,400	4,500	6,880	9,240	65,300
%	100	6	5	8	10	72

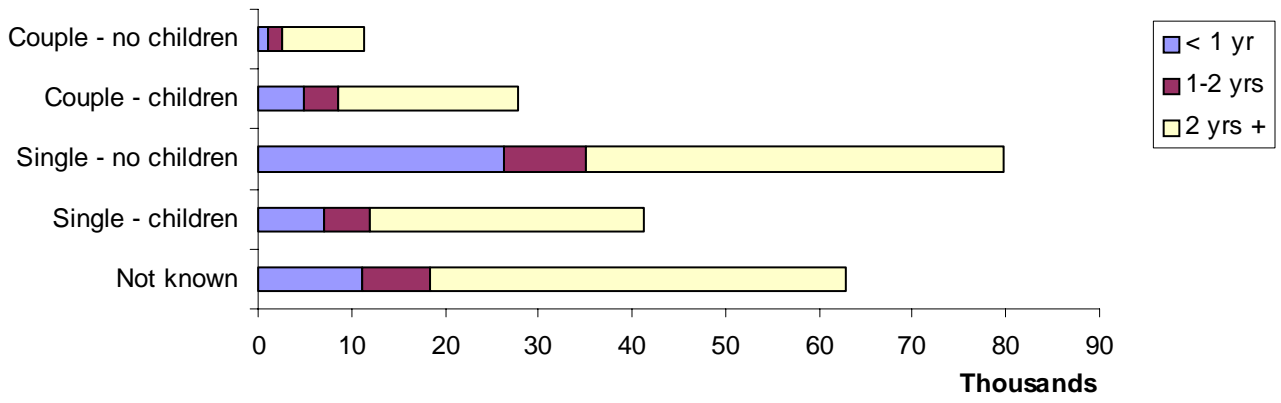
<sup>1</sup> Excludes DLA only claimants<sup>2</sup> Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt**Table 1.5.3 Claimants of key benefits by family type and duration of claim:  
May 2005**

	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>223,040</b>	<b>16,680</b>	<b>12,760</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>26,020</b>	<b>146,580</b>
<b>All Couples</b>	<b>39,100</b>	1,360	1,620	3,080	4,960	28,080
Couple - no children	11,340	240	340	580	1,380	8,800
Couple - children	27,760	1,120	1,280	2,500	3,580	19,280
<b>All single</b>	<b>121,120</b>	12,900	8,280	12,100	13,840	74,000
Single - no children	79,760	10,840	6,620	8,860	8,740	44,700
Single - children	41,360	2,060	1,660	3,240	5,100	29,300
<b>Not known</b>	<b>62,820</b>	2,420	2,860	5,820	7,220	44,500

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

- Around 71% of single people with children/young adult dependants had been on benefit for 2 years or more compared with 69% of couples with children.
- **The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003. Comparisons of family type and comparisons over time are affected by these changes. Please see Methodology for further details.**

**Family type by duration of oldest benefit claim: May 2005**



## 1.6 Claimants with children and young dependants aged under 19

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

**Table 1.6.1 Claimants of key benefits with children and/or young adult dependants<sup>1</sup> by statistical group: May 2005**

	All	All with children	Age of youngest child/dependant <sup>3</sup>				Not known <sup>2,4</sup>
			Under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16	16 or over	
<b>All</b>	<b>223,040</b>	<b>69,900</b>	<b>23,820</b>	<b>22,040</b>	<b>15,840</b>	<b>7,320</b>	<b>880</b>
Unemployed	28,740	<b>3,040</b>	1,200	560	600	620	-
Sick & Disabled	156,300	<b>39,520</b>	10,120	12,060	10,540	5,980	820
Lone parents	26,220	<b>26,160</b>	12,100	8,980	4,560	520	.
Others	11,780	<b>1,180</b>	400	440	140	200	.

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

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

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

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

- In May 2005, 69,900 claimants of key benefits had children and/or young dependants.
- 34% (23,820) of claimants with children had a youngest child aged under 5. The majority of the under 5s were children of lone parents.
- **The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003.**

## 1.7 Children and young dependants aged under 19

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

**Table 1.7.1 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by age of child, statistical group and family type: May 2005**

	Children aged under 16 years <sup>23</sup>					Young dependants aged 16 to 18 years <sup>3</sup>				
	All	% of all aged under 16 yrs	Family type			All	% of all aged 16 to 18 yrs in full-time education	Family type		
			Couple	Single	Not known			Couple	Single	Not known
<b>All</b>	<b>116,520</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>46,660</b>	<b>68,620</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>19,220</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>10,380</b>	<b>8,840</b>	<b>.</b>
Unemployed	<b>4,560</b>	<b>1</b>	2,900	1,660	.	<b>1,060</b>	<b>2</b>	540	520	.
Sick & Disabled	<b>62,780</b>	<b>16</b>	41,540	20,000	1,240	<b>13,920</b>	<b>28</b>	9,500	4,420	.
Lone Parents	<b>46,940</b>	<b>12</b>	.	46,940	.	<b>3,900</b>	<b>8</b>	.	3,900	.
Others	<b>2,240</b>	<b>1</b>	2,220	-	.	<b>340</b>	<b>1</b>	340	0	.

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

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

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

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

- In May 2005, 116,520 children under the age of 16 were living in families in which a key benefit was claimed.
- The majority of these children 68,620 were living in single parent families.
- 19,220 young people aged 16 -18 (39% of all 16 - 18 year olds in full-time education) were living in families with a key benefit claimant.
- 24% of all young people aged 16 - 18 were living with key benefit claimants in May 2005.
- **The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003.**

## 1.8 Regional Analysis

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

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

	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>4,802</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>2,498</b>		<b>2,304</b>	
England	3,956	12.7	2,050		1,906	
North East	283	18.1	152		131	
North West	696	16.6	370		326	
Yorkshire & the Humber	433	14.0	232		201	
East Midlands	315	11.9	164		151	
West Midlands	465	14.3	245		220	
East	328	9.7	165		163	
London	690	13.8	337		353	
South East	434	8.7	221		213	
South West	312	10.3	165		148	
Wales	316	17.7	166		150	
Scotland	519	16.3	275		243	
IB/SDA claimants living abroad <sup>2</sup>	11	.	7		4	
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>20.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Population of working age, % for Great Britain males and females are no longer available

<sup>2</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 8.7% in South East England to 21.2% in Northern Ireland.
- The proportion of the working age population claiming a benefit ranges from 13% (North Down) to 31% (Derry & Strabane).
- The district councils with the greatest proportion of working age claimants in the sick & disabled group were Strabane and Cookstown (20%), followed by Belfast and Derry (19%). The district council with the lowest proportion was North Down (9%).
- The proportion of the working age population in the unemployed group ranged from 6% (Strabane) to 1% (Ballymoney, Magherafelt and Banbridge).

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

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

	All		Men		Women	
		% of pop <sup>1</sup>		% of pop <sup>1</sup>		% of pop <sup>1</sup>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>223,040</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>118,380</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>104,660</b>	<b>21</b>
Ards	7,460	16	3,940	16	3,520	16
Belfast	48,580	29	26,360	32	22,220	27
Castlereagh	5,660	14	3,000	15	2,660	14
Down	7,980	20	4,520	21	3,460	18
Lisburn	11,660	17	5,880	17	5,780	17
North Down	6,100	13	3,400	14	2,700	12
Antrim	5,400	17	2,800	17	2,600	18
Ballymena	5,700	16	3,020	16	2,680	15
Ballymoney	2,860	17	1,600	18	1,260	15
Carrickfergus	4,100	17	2,020	16	2,080	18
Coleraine	6,500	19	3,440	20	3,060	18
Cookstown	5,160	25	2,780	26	2,380	24
Larne	3,220	17	1,700	17	1,520	17
Magherafelt	4,060	16	1,860	14	2,200	18
Moyle	2,100	21	1,360	26	740	16
Newtownabbey	8,620	17	4,400	18	4,220	17
Armagh	5,660	17	3,100	18	2,560	16
Banbridge	3,940	14	1,900	13	2,040	16
Craigavon	11,300	22	5,240	20	6,060	25
Dungannon	6,840	23	3,780	24	3,060	22
Newry & Mourne	12,620	23	6,960	25	5,660	21
Derry	20,380	31	10,520	31	9,860	30
Fermanagh	6,800	19	3,800	20	3,000	18
Limavady	4,460	21	2,300	20	2,160	22
Omagh	6,860	22	3,840	23	3,020	21
Strabane	7,280	31	4,100	33	3,180	28
Unknown	1,740	.	760	.	980	.

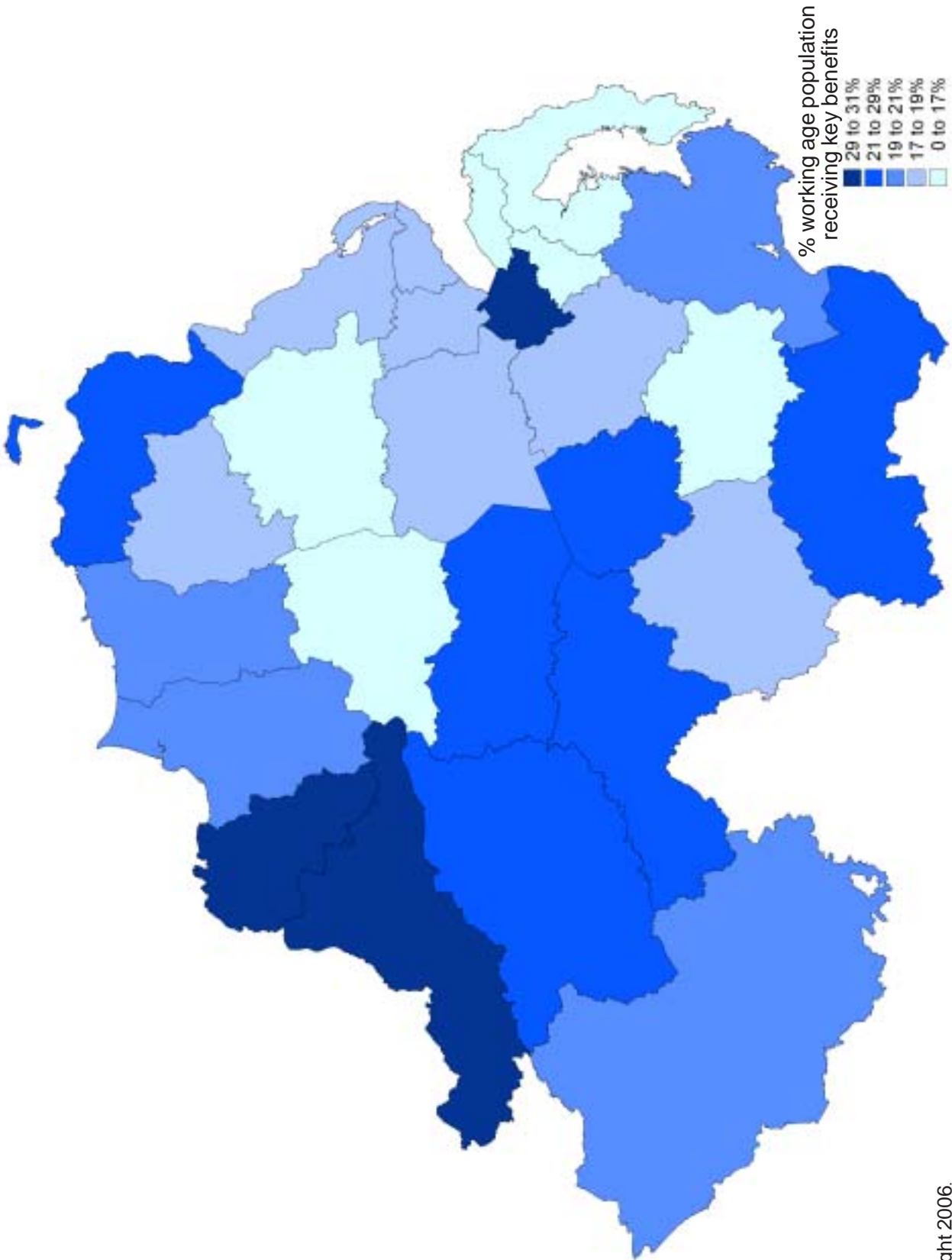
<sup>1</sup> Population of working age in Northern Ireland

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

		Statistical group				
		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone parents	Others
<b>Northern Ireland</b>		<b>223,040</b>	<b>28,740</b>	<b>156,300</b>	<b>26,220</b>	<b>11,780</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Ards		7,460	1,040	5,460	580	380
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	16	2	12	1	1
Belfast		48,580	7,160	30,920	7,180	3,320
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	29	4	19	4	2
Castlereagh		5,660	700	4,200	540	220
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	14	2	11	1	1
Down		7,980	1,040	5,780	820	340
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	20	3	14	2	1
Lisburn		11,660	1,320	8,140	1,820	380
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	17	2	12	3	1
North Down		6,100	780	4,500	600	220
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	13	2	9	1	0
Antrim		5,400	560	4,100	520	220
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	17	2	13	2	1
Ballymena		5,700	680	4,200	600	220
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	16	2	11	2	1
Ballymoney		2,860	220	2,200	340	100
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	17	1	13	2	1
Carrickfergus		4,100	460	3,040	440	160
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	17	2	13	2	1
Coleraine		6,500	1,460	4,080	560	400
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	19	4	12	2	1
Cookstown		5,160	320	4,080	500	260
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	25	2	20	2	1
Larne		3,220	300	2,500	220	200
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	17	2	13	1	1
Magherafelt		4,060	280	3,100	440	240
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	16	1	12	2	1
Moyle		2,100	360	1,340	280	120
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	21	4	14	3	1
Newtownabbey		8,620	1,180	6,100	1,040	300
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	17	2	12	2	1
Armagh		5,660	560	4,400	480	220
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	17	2	13	1	1
Banbridge		3,940	360	3,080	280	220
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	14	1	11	1	1
Craigavon		11,300	1,000	8,580	1,120	600
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	22	2	17	2	1
Dungannon		6,840	540	5,180	700	420
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	23	2	17	2	1
Newry & Mourne		12,620	1,280	9,380	1,300	660
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	23	2	17	2	1
Derry		20,380	3,100	12,860	3,180	1,240
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	31	5	19	5	2
Fermanagh		6,800	1,140	4,820	500	340
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	19	3	13	1	1
Limavady		4,460	700	2,880	520	360
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	21	3	13	2	2
Omagh		6,860	720	5,180	620	340
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	22	2	17	2	1
Strabane		7,280	1,400	4,820	840	220
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	31	6	20	4	1
Unknown		1,740	80	1,380	200	80

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

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



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

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

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

	All		Men		Women	
		%		%		%
May 02 / May 01	<b>-980</b>	0	-840	-1	-140	0
May 03 / May 02	<b>3,560</b>	2	3,240	3	320	0
May 04 / May 03	<b>-2,860</b>	-1	-2,020	-2	-840	-1
May 05 / May 04	<b>-360</b>	0	-640	-1	280	0

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

		<b>All</b>	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
	Nov	<b>232,160</b>	1,580	27,480	53,340	52,400	50,840	29,300	17,220
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
	Nov	<b>224,120</b>	1,680	26,960	47,900	50,360	50,120	29,580	17,520
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
	Nov	<b>223,380</b>	1,740	25,980	46,260	51,040	50,620	30,100	17,640
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
	Nov	<b>222,740</b>	1,820	25,980	44,240	51,760	50,800	30,740	17,400
2002	Feb	<b>224,700</b>	1,960	26,760	44,160	52,260	50,880	31,460	17,220
	May	<b>222,700</b>	2,080	25,980	43,160	52,020	50,520	31,620	17,320
	Aug	<b>226,980</b>	2,100	28,760	43,780	52,040	51,540	31,320	17,440
	Nov	<b>223,480</b>	2,220	26,520	41,800	52,320	51,740	31,160	17,720
2003	Feb	<b>227,200</b>	2,180	27,720	42,260	53,340	52,840	31,220	17,640
	May	<b>226,260</b>	2,400	26,500	41,980	53,480	52,800	31,420	17,680
	Aug	<b>230,760</b>	2,300	29,440	41,960	54,600	52,580	31,760	18,120
	Nov	<b>225,960</b>	2,360	26,760	40,280	53,620	52,620	32,080	18,240
2004	Feb	<b>225,920</b>	2,360	27,260	40,060	53,480	52,220	32,500	18,040
	May	<b>223,400</b>	2,260	25,960	39,780	52,840	52,420	31,980	18,160
	Aug	<b>224,420</b>	2,420	26,860	39,780	52,660	52,100	32,560	18,040
	Nov	<b>222,280</b>	2,260	25,840	39,060	52,260	52,220	32,600	18,040
2005	Feb	<b>225,060</b>	2,080	26,540	39,540	52,940	52,760	32,620	18,580
	May	<b>223,040</b>	2,040	26,260	38,700	52,520	52,500	32,700	18,320

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

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

**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
	Nov	<b>127,600</b>	640	13,700	24,980	26,780	27,780	16,500	17,220
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
	Nov	<b>119,920</b>	560	13,060	20,880	25,260	26,860	15,780	17,520
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
	Nov	<b>118,260</b>	760	11,940	20,460	25,080	26,760	15,620	17,640
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
	Nov	<b>117,680</b>	940	12,700	19,420	24,720	26,520	15,980	17,400
2002	Feb	<b>118,900</b>	940	13,140	19,960	24,840	26,420	16,380	17,220
	May	<b>117,800</b>	1,000	12,840	19,160	25,260	25,760	16,460	17,320
	Aug	<b>119,840</b>	960	14,080	19,920	24,660	26,220	16,560	17,440
	Nov	<b>119,640</b>	1,080	13,060	19,560	25,320	26,420	16,480	17,720
2003	Feb	<b>122,340</b>	1,040	14,360	19,520	26,100	27,040	16,640	17,640
	May	<b>121,040</b>	1,140	13,360	19,200	25,980	26,820	16,860	17,680
	Aug	<b>123,020</b>	1,080	14,560	19,380	26,460	26,800	16,620	18,120
	Nov	<b>121,340</b>	1,060	13,340	19,220	25,880	27,160	16,440	18,240
2004	Feb	<b>120,840</b>	980	13,820	18,820	25,620	26,840	16,720	18,040
	May	<b>119,020</b>	1,060	13,180	18,280	25,020	26,680	16,640	18,160
	Aug	<b>117,760</b>	1,120	13,180	18,020	24,540	26,240	16,620	18,040
	Nov	<b>117,860</b>	1,060	13,460	18,160	24,300	26,300	16,540	18,040
2005	Feb	<b>119,740</b>	860	13,920	18,420	25,000	26,300	16,660	18,580
	May	<b>118,380</b>	980	13,720	18,080	24,400	26,160	16,720	18,320

**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	.
	Nov	<b>104,560</b>	940	13,780	28,360	25,620	23,060	12,800	.
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	.
	Nov	<b>104,200</b>	1,120	13,900	27,020	25,100	23,260	13,800	.
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	.
	Nov	<b>105,120</b>	980	14,040	25,800	25,960	23,860	14,480	.
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	.
	Nov	<b>105,060</b>	880	13,280	24,820	27,040	24,280	14,760	.
2002	Feb	<b>105,800</b>	1,020	13,620	24,200	27,420	24,460	15,080	.
	May	<b>104,900</b>	1,080	13,140	24,000	26,760	24,760	15,160	.
	Aug	<b>107,140</b>	1,140	14,680	23,860	27,380	25,320	14,760	.
	Nov	<b>103,840</b>	1,140	13,460	22,240	27,000	25,320	14,680	.
2003	Feb	<b>104,860</b>	1,140	13,360	22,740	27,240	25,800	14,580	.
	May	<b>105,220</b>	1,260	13,140	22,780	27,500	25,980	14,560	.
	Aug	<b>107,740</b>	1,220	14,880	22,580	28,140	25,780	15,140	.
	Nov	<b>104,620</b>	1,300	13,420	21,060	27,740	25,460	15,640	.
2004	Feb	<b>105,080</b>	1,380	13,440	21,240	27,860	25,380	15,780	.
	May	<b>104,380</b>	1,200	12,780	21,500	27,820	25,740	15,340	.
	Aug	<b>106,660</b>	1,300	13,680	21,760	28,120	25,860	15,940	.
	Nov	<b>104,420</b>	1,200	12,380	20,900	27,960	25,920	16,060	.
2005	Feb	<b>105,320</b>	1,220	12,620	21,120	27,940	26,460	15,960	.
	May	<b>104,660</b>	1,060	12,540	20,620	28,120	26,340	15,980	.

## 1.9.2 Family Type

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

**Table 1.9.2A All claimants of key benefits by family type**

		All	Couples		Single			Not known	
			All	No children	With children	All	No children		With children
1998	Feb <sup>1</sup>	<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>
	Nov	<b>232,160</b>	<b>50,820</b>	17,680	33,140	<b>118,540</b>	76,600	41,940	<b>62,800</b>
1999	Feb <sup>1</sup>	<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>
	Nov	<b>224,120</b>	<b>38,800</b>	11,000	27,800	<b>121,200</b>	78,640	42,560	<b>64,120</b>
2000	Feb <sup>1</sup>	<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>
	Nov	<b>223,380</b>	<b>39,140</b>	11,300	27,840	<b>121,100</b>	77,720	43,380	<b>63,140</b>
2001	Feb <sup>1</sup>	<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>
	Nov	<b>222,740</b>	<b>37,860</b>	11,900	25,960	<b>121,120</b>	78,060	43,060	<b>63,760</b>
2002	Feb	<b>224,700</b>	<b>37,640</b>	11,700	25,940	<b>122,920</b>	79,540	43,380	<b>64,140</b>
	May	<b>223,040</b>	<b>39,100</b>	11,340	27,760	<b>121,120</b>	79,760	41,360	<b>62,820</b>
	Aug	<b>226,980</b>	<b>37,820</b>	11,800	26,020	<b>123,640</b>	79,980	43,660	<b>65,520</b>
	Nov	<b>223,480</b>	<b>36,960</b>	12,100	24,860	<b>120,360</b>	78,140	42,220	<b>66,160</b>
2003	Feb	<b>227,200</b>	<b>37,200</b>	12,040	25,160	<b>123,460</b>	80,980	42,480	<b>66,540</b>
	May	<b>226,260</b>	<b>36,800</b>	11,860	24,940	<b>122,400</b>	79,260	43,140	<b>67,060</b>
	Aug	<b>230,760</b>	<b>43,920</b>	11,880	32,040	<b>124,840</b>	82,340	42,500	<b>62,000</b>
	Nov	<b>225,960</b>	<b>42,980</b>	12,240	30,740	<b>120,580</b>	80,180	40,400	<b>62,400</b>
2004	Feb	<b>225,920</b>	<b>41,420</b>	11,720	29,700	<b>121,580</b>	80,700	40,880	<b>62,920</b>
	May	<b>223,400</b>	<b>41,200</b>	11,900	29,300	<b>120,120</b>	78,840	41,280	<b>62,080</b>
	Aug	<b>224,420</b>	<b>40,780</b>	11,380	29,400	<b>122,140</b>	80,440	41,700	<b>61,500</b>
	Nov	<b>222,280</b>	<b>41,040</b>	11,680	29,360	<b>119,880</b>	78,900	40,980	<b>61,360</b>
2005	Feb	<b>225,060</b>	<b>41,740</b>	11,940	29,800	<b>122,540</b>	81,140	41,400	<b>60,780</b>
	May	<b>223,040</b>	<b>39,100</b>	11,340	27,760	<b>121,120</b>	79,760	41,360	<b>62,820</b>

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

**Table 1.9.2B Male claimants of key benefits by family type**

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

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

**Table 1.9.2C Female claimants of key benefits by family type**

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

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

### 1.9.3 Statistical group

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

		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
1998	Feb	<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
	Nov	<b>232,160</b>	52,960	134,940	33,060	11,200
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
	Nov	<b>224,120</b>	42,820	136,860	32,240	12,200
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
	Nov	<b>223,380</b>	38,920	140,720	31,300	12,440
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
	Nov	<b>222,740</b>	36,140	144,200	29,840	12,560
2002	Feb	<b>224,700</b>	37,540	144,780	29,880	12,500
	May	<b>222,700</b>	33,720	147,260	29,160	12,560
	Aug	<b>226,980</b>	36,500	148,460	29,600	12,420
	Nov	<b>223,480</b>	32,500	149,680	28,720	12,580
2003	Feb	<b>227,200</b>	34,540	151,300	29,060	12,300
	May	<b>226,260</b>	33,360	152,220	28,660	12,020
	Aug	<b>230,760</b>	36,800	153,280	28,660	12,020
	Nov	<b>225,960</b>	33,100	153,940	27,140	11,780
2004	Feb	<b>225,920</b>	32,860	154,560	26,820	11,680
	May	<b>223,400</b>	30,520	154,320	26,660	11,900
	Aug	<b>224,420</b>	31,220	154,380	26,400	12,420
	Nov	<b>222,280</b>	28,260	155,580	26,080	12,360
2005	Feb	<b>225,060</b>	30,020	156,500	26,440	12,100
	May	<b>223,040</b>	28,740	156,300	26,220	11,780

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

	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
May 02 / May 01	<b>-980</b>	-4,000	4,760	-2,400	660
May 03 / May 02	<b>3,560</b>	-360	4,960	-500	-540
May 04 / May 03	<b>-2,860</b>	-2,840	2,100	-2,000	-120
May 05 / May 04	<b>-360</b>	-1,780	1,980	-440	-120

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

		<b>All</b>	<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>Sick &amp; Disabled</b>	<b>Lone Parents</b>	<b>Others</b>
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
	Nov	<b>127,600</b>	42,040	75,700	1,540	8,320
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
	Nov	<b>119,920</b>	33,400	76,120	1,400	9,000
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
	Nov	<b>118,260</b>	29,800	78,300	1,440	8,720
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
	Nov	<b>117,680</b>	27,540	79,700	1,540	8,900
2002	Feb	<b>118,900</b>	28,720	79,860	1,520	8,800
	May	<b>117,800</b>	26,100	81,580	1,400	8,720
	Aug	<b>119,840</b>	27,040	82,680	1,420	8,700
	Nov	<b>119,640</b>	25,500	83,780	1,400	8,960
2003	Feb	<b>122,340</b>	27,120	84,960	1,540	8,720
	May	<b>121,040</b>	25,880	85,040	1,560	8,560
	Aug	<b>123,020</b>	27,060	85,840	1,520	8,600
	Nov	<b>121,340</b>	25,580	86,020	1,460	8,280
2004	Feb	<b>120,840</b>	25,320	86,080	1,400	8,040
	May	<b>119,020</b>	23,380	85,780	1,420	8,440
	Aug	<b>117,760</b>	22,460	85,100	1,400	8,800
	Nov	<b>117,860</b>	21,900	85,880	1,320	8,760
2005	Feb	<b>119,740</b>	23,140	86,660	1,340	8,600
	May	<b>118,380</b>	22,620	86,000	1,360	8,400

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

		All	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
	Nov	<b>104,560</b>	10,920	59,240	31,520	2,880
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
	Nov	<b>104,200</b>	9,420	60,740	30,840	3,200
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
	Nov	<b>105,120</b>	9,120	62,420	29,860	3,720
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
	Nov	<b>105,060</b>	8,600	64,500	28,300	3,660
2002	Feb	<b>105,800</b>	8,820	64,920	28,360	3,700
	May	<b>104,900</b>	7,620	65,680	27,760	3,840
	Aug	<b>107,140</b>	9,460	65,780	28,180	3,720
	Nov	<b>103,840</b>	7,000	65,900	27,320	3,620
2003	Feb	<b>104,860</b>	7,420	66,340	27,520	3,580
	May	<b>105,220</b>	7,480	67,180	27,100	3,460
	Aug	<b>107,740</b>	9,740	67,440	27,140	3,420
	Nov	<b>104,620</b>	7,520	67,920	25,680	3,500
2004	Feb	<b>105,080</b>	7,540	68,480	25,420	3,640
	May	<b>104,380</b>	7,140	68,540	25,240	3,460
	Aug	<b>106,660</b>	8,760	69,280	25,000	3,620
	Nov	<b>104,420</b>	6,360	69,700	24,760	3,600
2005	Feb	<b>105,320</b>	6,880	69,840	25,100	3,500
	May	<b>104,660</b>	6,120	70,300	24,860	3,380

## 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
	Nov	<b>232,160</b>	208,340	16,240	7,580
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
	Nov	<b>224,120</b>	200,860	16,980	6,280
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
	Nov	<b>223,380</b>	199,680	17,940	5,760
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
	Nov	<b>222,740</b>	197,760	19,320	5,660
2002	Feb	<b>224,700</b>	198,340	20,380	5,980
	May	<b>222,700</b>	196,100	20,800	5,800
	Aug	<b>226,980</b>	199,920	20,660	6,400
	Nov	<b>223,480</b>	196,600	20,880	6,000
2003	Feb	<b>227,200</b>	200,340	20,840	6,020
	May	<b>226,260</b>	198,460	21,740	6,060
	Aug	<b>230,760</b>	202,780	21,800	6,180
	Nov	<b>225,960</b>	197,860	22,260	5,840
2004	Feb	<b>225,920</b>	196,640	23,420	5,860
	May	<b>223,400</b>	194,260	23,520	5,620
	Aug	<b>224,420</b>	195,000	23,920	5,500
	Nov	<b>222,280</b>	192,240	23,960	6,080
2005	Feb	<b>225,060</b>	194,480	24,180	6,400
	May	<b>223,040</b>	192,000	24,780	6,260

<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					
		All	Contributory <sup>1</sup>	Contributory and means tested <sup>2</sup>	Means tested <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	NI Credits only <sup>5</sup>
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
	Nov	<b>232,160</b>	59,520	15,040	130,100	19,920	7,580
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
	Nov	<b>224,120</b>	58,480	15,340	123,460	20,560	6,280
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
	Nov	<b>223,380</b>	58,640	15,800	121,520	21,660	5,760
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
	Nov	<b>222,740</b>	58,080	17,100	119,060	22,840	5,660
2002	Feb	<b>224,700</b>	58,120	16,880	120,020	23,700	5,980
	May	<b>222,700</b>	58,820	17,080	117,080	23,920	5,800
	Aug	<b>226,980</b>	60,120	17,340	119,500	23,620	6,400
	Nov	<b>223,480</b>	59,040	17,760	116,960	23,720	6,000
2003	Feb	<b>227,200</b>	60,040	18,280	119,120	23,740	6,020
	May	<b>226,260</b>	59,920	17,800	117,960	24,520	6,060
	Aug	<b>230,760</b>	61,520	18,480	120,060	24,520	6,180
	Nov	<b>225,960</b>	60,140	18,360	116,740	24,880	5,840
2004	Feb	<b>225,920</b>	59,360	17,700	116,980	26,020	5,860
	May	<b>223,400</b>	58,720	17,400	115,640	26,020	5,620
	Aug	<b>224,420</b>	58,840	17,280	116,380	26,420	5,500
	Nov	<b>222,280</b>	57,740	17,280	114,820	26,360	6,080
2005	Feb	<b>225,060</b>	58,000	17,860	116,340	26,460	6,400
	May	<b>223,040</b>	57,340	17,680	114,680	27,080	6,260

<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>

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

<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>**

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

<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>**

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

<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	Under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16	16 or over	Not known <sup>2</sup>
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
	Nov	<b>78,860</b>	27,160	20,960	14,540	4,440	11,760
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
	Nov	<b>73,700</b>	29,140	21,600	15,580	3,760	3,620
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
	Nov	<b>74,360</b>	28,580	21,360	16,080	4,880	3,460
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
	Nov	<b>71,840</b>	27,600	20,440	15,740	4,940	3,120
2002	Feb	<b>72,200</b>	27,300	20,360	16,080	5,260	3,200
	May	<b>71,440</b>	26,260	20,840	15,400	5,620	3,320
	Aug	<b>72,500</b>	26,580	21,140	15,500	5,980	3,300
	Nov	<b>69,620</b>	25,520	20,900	15,540	4,680	2,980
2003	Feb	<b>70,280</b>	25,700	21,160	15,600	5,000	2,820
	May	<b>70,860</b>	25,480	21,380	15,680	5,300	3,020
	Aug	<b>75,760</b>	26,100	23,920	17,240	7,140	1,360
	Nov	<b>72,140</b>	25,120	22,860	16,740	6,300	1,120
2004	Feb	<b>71,580</b>	25,080	22,980	16,340	5,940	1,240
	May	<b>71,560</b>	24,080	23,400	16,120	6,820	1,140
	Aug	<b>72,080</b>	23,660	23,300	16,080	7,920	1,120
	Nov	<b>71,020</b>	23,540	23,280	15,960	7,400	840
2005	Feb	<b>71,920</b>	23,820	22,880	16,100	8,260	860
	May	<b>69,900</b>	23,820	22,040	15,840	7,320	880

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

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

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

## 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>2</sup>					Young dependants aged 16 to 18 years				
		Family type					Family type				
		All	% of all aged under 16 yrs <sup>3</sup>	Couple	Single	Not known	All	% of all aged 16 to 18 yrs <sup>3</sup>	Couple	Single	Not known
Year	Month										
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	.
	Nov	<b>149,100</b>	36	64,080	78,120	6,900	<b>13,520</b>	18	8,020	5,500	.
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>	36	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>	18	7,520	6,720	.
	Nov	<b>137,600</b>	34	54,280	77,260	6,060	<b>12,280</b>	16	6,520	5,760	.
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>	34	52,700	77,360	6,000	<b>15,420</b>	20	8,580	6,840	.
	Nov	<b>133,640</b>	33	51,000	77,100	5,540	<b>14,140</b>	18	8,120	6,020	.
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>	33	48,580	77,360	5,680	<b>13,660</b>	18	7,240	6,420	.
	Aug	<b>131,540</b>	33	48,760	77,180	5,600	<b>15,340</b>	20	8,000	7,340	.
	Nov	<b>128,420</b>	32	47,420	75,860	5,140	<b>13,360</b>	17	7,300	6,060	.
2002	Feb	<b>128,220</b>	33	47,360	75,520	5,340	<b>14,180</b>	18	7,740	6,440	.
	May	<b>126,920</b>	32	46,720	74,540	5,660	<b>15,180</b>	19	8,220	6,960	.
	Aug	<b>127,580</b>	32	46,720	75,320	5,540	<b>16,140</b>	20	8,540	7,600	.
	Nov	<b>123,960</b>	32	45,860	73,140	4,960	<b>13,120</b>	16	7,060	6,060	.
2003	Feb	<b>124,640</b>	32	46,320	73,280	5,040	<b>14,280</b>	18	7,600	6,680	.
	May	<b>124,500</b>	32	45,680	73,540	5,280	<b>15,520</b>	19	7,820	7,700	.
	Aug	<b>130,380</b>	34	56,700	71,440	2,240	<b>20,260</b>	25	11,380	8,880	.
	Nov	<b>124,900</b>	32	54,480	68,720	1,700	<b>17,680</b>	22	10,560	7,120	.
2004	Feb	<b>122,900</b>	32	52,160	69,020	1,720	<b>16,880</b>	21	9,440	7,440	.
	May	<b>120,580</b>	31	50,000	68,900	1,680	<b>17,940</b>	22	9,860	8,080	.
	Aug	<b>119,780</b>	31	49,260	68,920	1,600	<b>19,680</b>	24	10,940	8,740	.
	Nov	<b>118,480</b>	31	49,540	67,780	1,160	<b>17,340</b>	21	9,580	7,760	.
2005	Feb	<b>118,280</b>	31	49,020	68,120	1,140	<b>20,820</b>	26	11,940	8,880	.
	May	<b>116,520</b>	30	46,660	68,620	1,240	<b>19,220</b>	24	10,380	8,840	.

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

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

<sup>3</sup> See Methodology

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

**Table 1.9.7B 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
	Nov	<b>162,620</b>	33,900	48,100	40,660	13,520	26,440
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
	Nov	<b>149,880</b>	37,060	50,200	43,740	12,280	6,600
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
	Nov	<b>147,780</b>	35,940	48,500	43,280	14,140	5,920
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
	Nov	<b>141,780</b>	34,560	45,800	42,520	13,360	5,540
2002	Feb	<b>142,400</b>	34,200	45,320	42,960	14,180	5,740
	May	<b>142,100</b>	33,080	45,660	42,060	15,180	6,120
	Aug	<b>143,720</b>	32,740	46,020	42,660	16,140	6,160
	Nov	<b>137,080</b>	31,540	44,800	42,040	13,120	5,580
2003	Feb	<b>138,920</b>	32,060	44,960	42,340	14,280	5,280
	May	<b>140,020</b>	31,680	44,920	42,360	15,520	5,540
	Aug	<b>150,640</b>	32,040	48,820	46,780	20,260	2,740
	Nov	<b>142,580</b>	30,780	46,920	44,980	17,680	2,220
2004	Feb	<b>139,780</b>	30,600	46,560	43,700	16,880	2,040
	May	<b>138,520</b>	29,400	46,200	43,040	17,940	1,940
	Aug	<b>139,460</b>	28,680	46,240	42,980	19,680	1,880
	Nov	<b>135,820</b>	28,560	45,740	42,760	17,340	1,420
2005	Feb	<b>139,100</b>	29,100	45,000	42,880	20,820	1,300
	May	<b>135,740</b>	28,860	43,540	42,520	19,220	1,600

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

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

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

# 1.9.8 Regional Analysis

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

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

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

Table 1.9.8B Claimants of key benefits by District Council

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

<sup>1</sup> Percentage of population of working age - see Methodology<sup>2</sup> Figures for February 1999 have been revised

## Section 2 : Families with children on key benefits

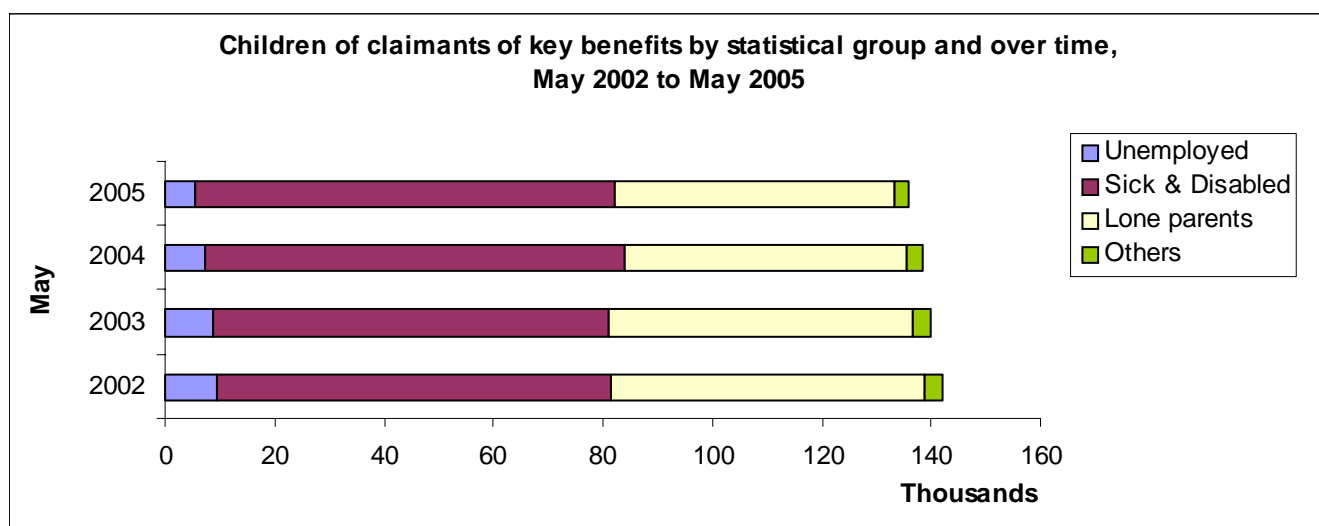
### 2.1 Children

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

	Number of children <sup>1</sup>							
	May-02	%	May-03	%	May-04	%	May-05	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>142,100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>140,020</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>138,520</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>135,740</b>	<b>100</b>
Unemployed	9,640	7	8,620	6	7,220	5	5,620	4
Sick & Disabled	71,860	51	72,420	52	76,960	56	76,700	57
Lone parents	57,320	40	55,440	40	51,260	37	50,840	37
Others	3,280	2	3,540	3	3,080	2	2,580	2

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

- At May 2005, 135,740 children were living in families claiming a key benefit. The total number of children in families claiming a key benefit was down by 4% (6,360) from May 2002.
- **The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003. Comparisons over time are affected by these changes. Please see Methodology for further details.**



**Table 2.1.2 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by statistical group and family type: May 2005**

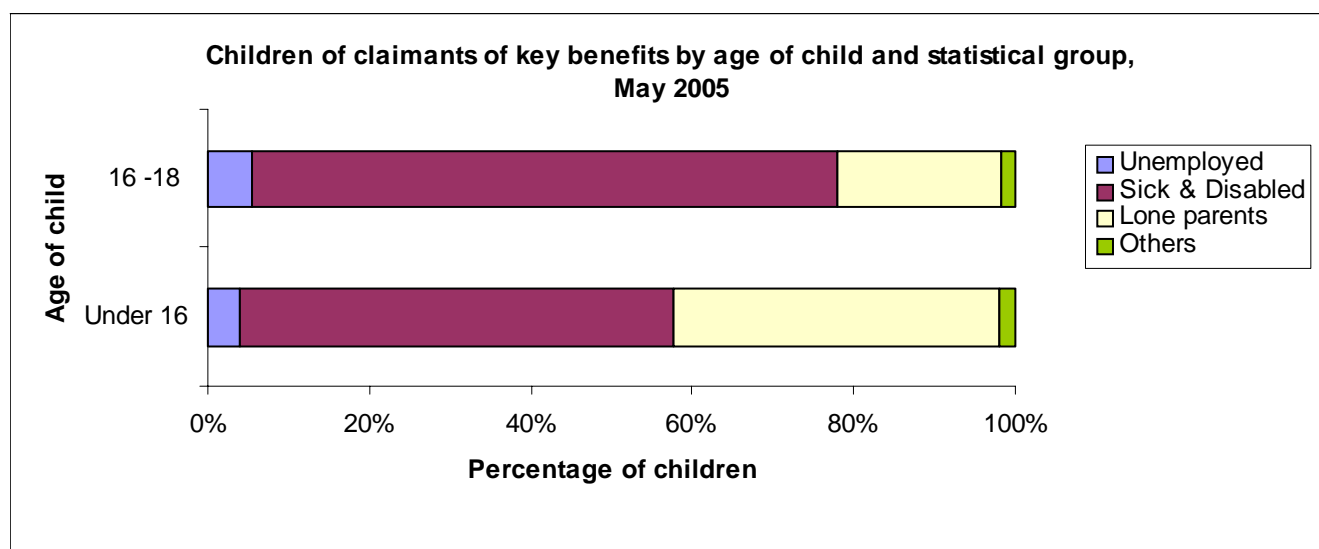
	Children aged under 16 years <sup>2</sup>					Young adult dependants aged 16 to 18 years					
	All	Family type				% pop aged 16 - 18 in full-time education	All	Family type			Not known
		% pop aged under 16	Couple	Single	Not known			Couple	Single	Not known	
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>116,520</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>46,660</b>	<b>68,620</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>19,220</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>10,380</b>	<b>8,840</b>	<b>.</b>	
Unemployed	4,560	1	2,900	1,660	.	1,060	2	540	520	.	
Sick & Disabled	62,780	16	41,540	20,000	1,240	13,920	28	9,500	4,420	.	
Lone parents	46,940	12	.	46,940	.	3,900	8	.	3,900	.	
Others	2,240	1	2,220	-	.	340	1	340	0	.	

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

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

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

- The proportion of under 16s living in households claiming a key benefit was 30% in May 2005 whilst the proportion of 16 - 18 year olds was 39% 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: May 2002 to May 2005**

	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 <sup>3</sup>	Couple	Single	Not known			Couple	Single		
May-02	<b>126,920</b>	<b>32</b>	46,720	74,540	5,660	<b>15,180</b>	<b>35</b>	8,220	6,960	.	
May-03	<b>124,500</b>	<b>32</b>	45,680	73,540	5,280	<b>15,520</b>	<b>35</b>	7,820	7,700	.	
May-04	<b>120,580</b>	<b>31</b>	50,000	68,900	1,680	<b>17,940</b>	<b>38</b>	9,860	8,080	.	
May-05	<b>116,520</b>	<b>30</b>	46,660	68,620	1,240	<b>19,220</b>	<b>39</b>	10,380	8,840	.	

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

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

<sup>3</sup> See Methodology

- The proportion of children under 16 living in a household where the claimant was single was 59% in May 2005.
- The proportion of children aged 16 - 18 living in a household where the claimant was single was 46% in May 2005.
- **The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003. Comparisons of family type and over time are affected by these changes. Please see Methodology for further details.**

**Table 2.1.4 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by statistical group and age of child: May 2005**

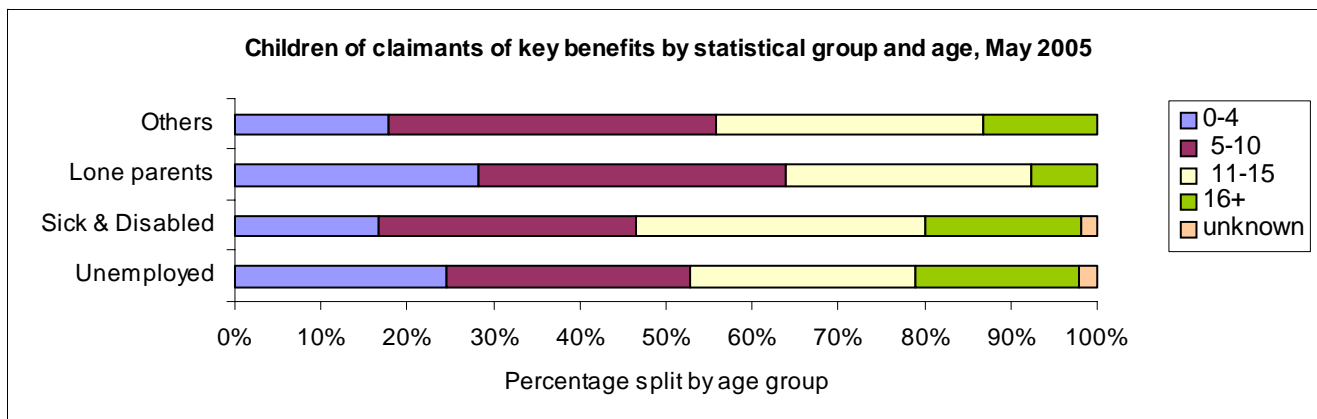
	Number of children/dependants											
	All ages	%	Under 5	%	5 to under 11	%	11 to under 16	%	16 or over	%	Not known <sup>23</sup>	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>135,740</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>28,860</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>43,540</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42,520</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>19,220</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1</b>
Unemployed	<b>5,620</b>	<b>100</b>	1,380	25	1,580	28	1,480	26	1,060	19	120	2
Sick & Disabled	<b>76,700</b>	<b>100</b>	12,740	17	22,860	30	25,800	34	13,920	18	1,380	2
Lone parents	<b>50,840</b>	<b>100</b>	14,280	28	18,120	36	14,440	28	3,900	8	100	0
Others	<b>2,580</b>	<b>100</b>	460	18	980	38	800	31	340	13	.	0

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

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

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

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



**Table 2.1.5 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by statistical group and duration of claim: May 2005**

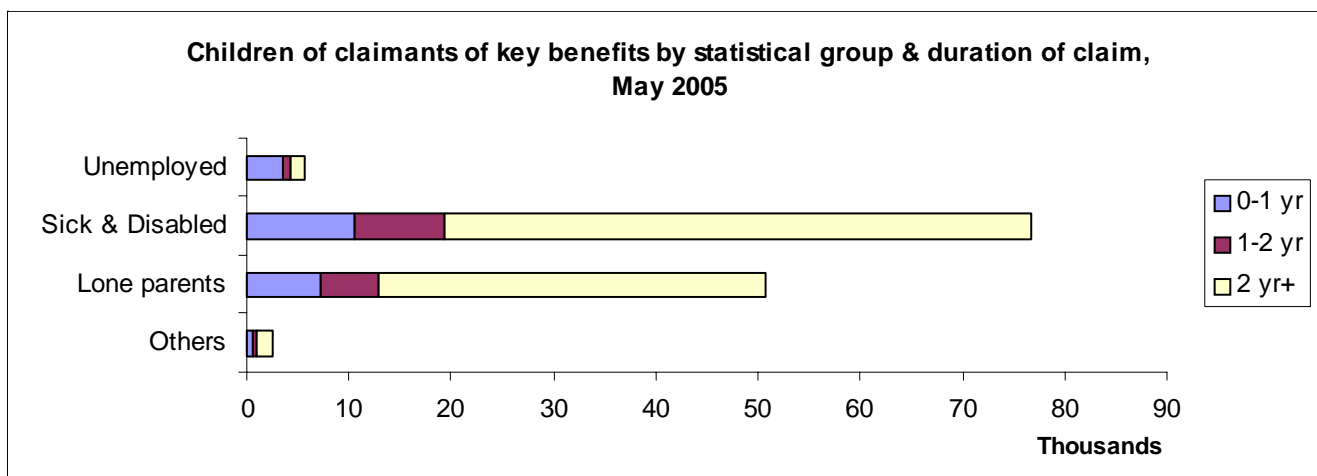
	Duration of oldest claim <sup>2</sup>											
	All durations	Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 to under 2 years	2 years and over	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>135,740</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5,960</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5,380</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10,360</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15,920</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>98,120</b>	<b>72</b>
Unemployed	5,620	100	1,600	28	780	14	1,080	19	860	15	1,300	23
Sick & Disabled	76,700	100	2,500	3	2,800	4	5,280	7	8,840	12	57,280	75
Lone parents	50,840	100	1,760	3	1,740	3	3,640	7	5,780	11	37,920	75
Others	2,580	100	100	4	-	-	360	14	440	17	1,620	63

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

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

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

- Of those children in families claiming a key benefit 72% had been on benefits for at least 2 years. For the lone parents group the figure was 75% whilst the figure for the unemployed group was 23%.
- Of those children in families classed as unemployed 62% had been on benefit for less than a year.



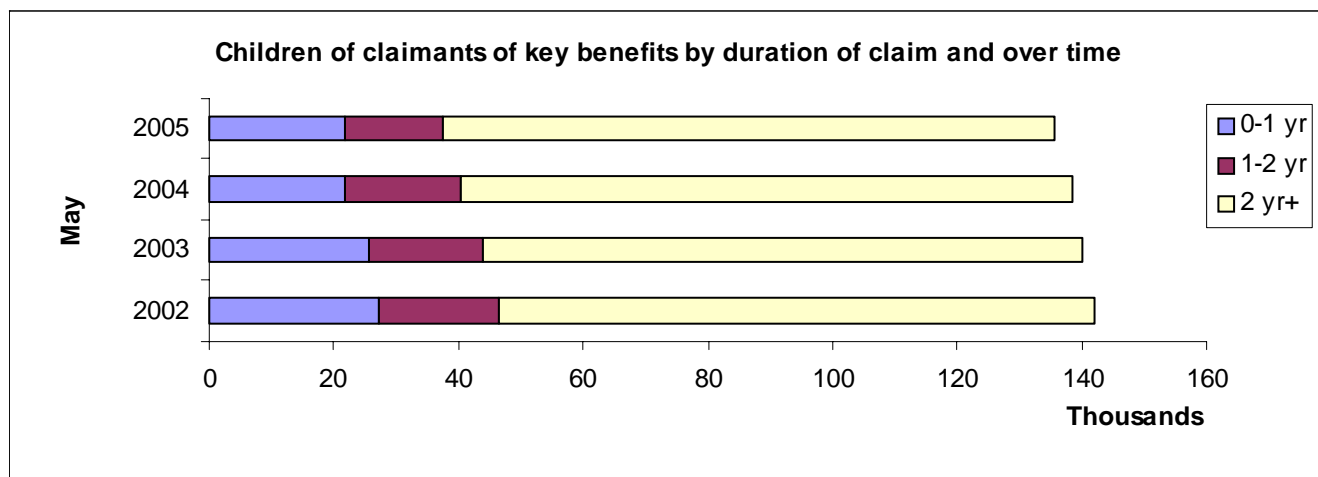
**Table 2.1.6 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by duration of claim: May 2002 to May 2005**

	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
May-02	142,100	7,940	6,640	12,560	19,400	95,560
%	100	6	5	9	14	67
May-03	140,020	7,940	6,620	11,100	18,180	96,180
%	100	6	5	8	13	69
May-04	138,520	6,080	5,680	9,980	18,700	98,080
%	100	4	4	7	13	71
May-05	135,740	5,960	5,380	10,360	15,920	98,120
%	100	4	4	8	12	72

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

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

- The percentage of children in families claiming a key benefit for less than a year was 16% in May 2005.
- **The methodology used to assign information about children's details has been revised following the introduction of CTC in April 2003. Comparisons over time are affected by these changes. Please see Methodology for further details.**



**Table 2.1.7 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by district council: May 2005**

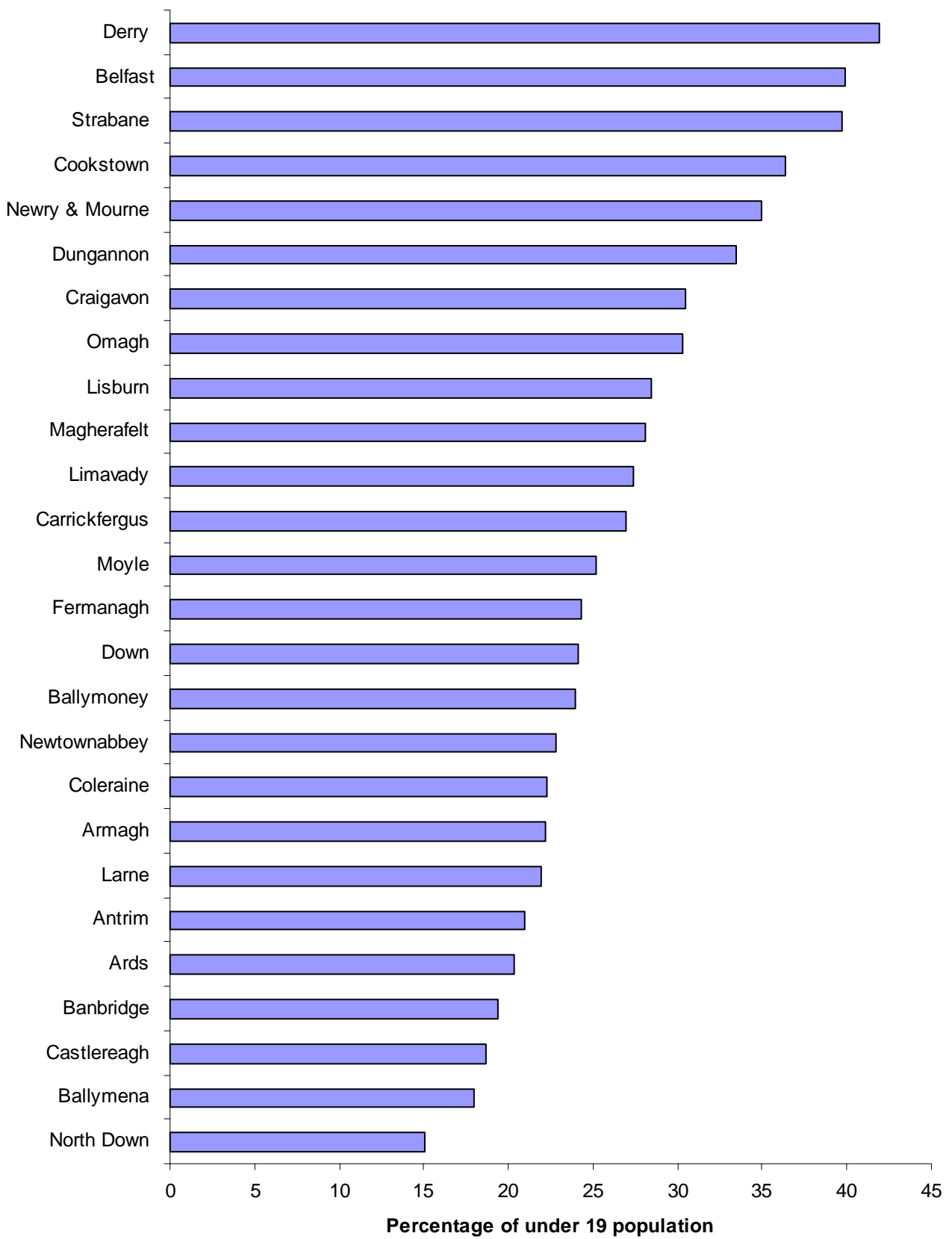
	Number of children	% of population <sup>2</sup>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>135,740</b>	<b>29</b>
Ards	3,720	20
Belfast	27,240	40
Castlereagh	3,020	19
Down	4,540	24
Lisburn	8,800	28
North Down	2,700	15
Antrim	2,900	21
Ballymena	2,780	18
Ballymoney	1,840	24
Carrickfergus	2,700	27
Coleraine	3,260	22
Cookstown	3,600	36
Larne	1,700	22
Magherafelt	3,460	28
Moyle	1,120	25
Newtownabbey	4,620	23
Armagh	3,540	22
Banbridge	2,300	19
Craigavon	7,040	30
Dungannon	4,840	33
Newry & Mourne	9,680	35
Derry	13,760	42
Fermanagh	3,940	24
Limavady	2,700	27
Omagh	4,440	30
Strabane	4,520	40
Unknown	980	.

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

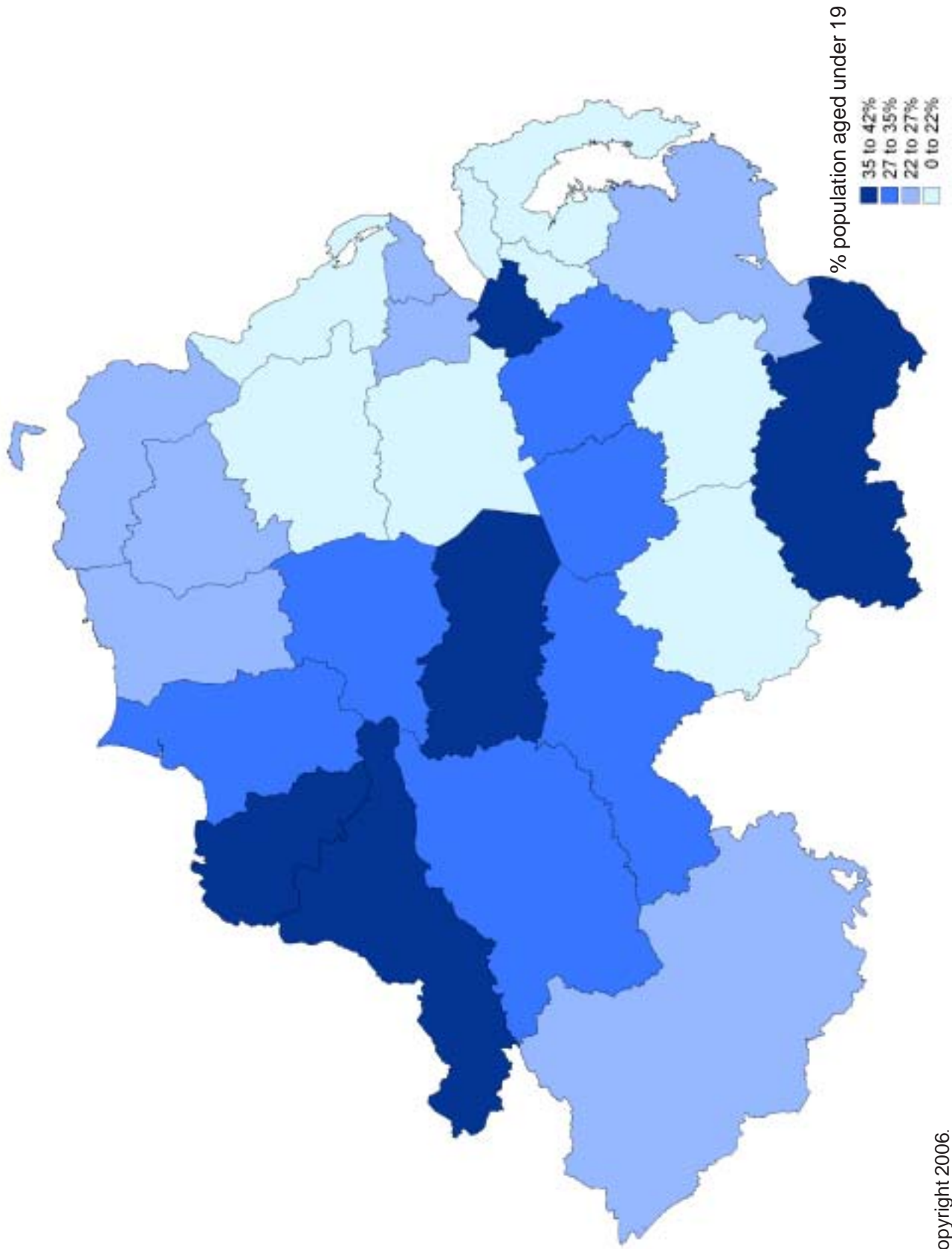
<sup>2</sup> Population aged under 16 plus population aged 16 - 18 in Northern Ireland

- The percentage of children (aged under 16 or aged 16 - 18) living in families claiming a key benefit varied from 42% in Derry to 15% in North Down.

### Children on key benefits by District Council



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



**Table 2.1.8 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of combinations of key benefits: May 2005**

	Number of children	% of population <sup>2</sup>
<b>All combinations</b>	<b>135,740</b>	<b>31</b>
IS only	57,140	13
IB only	16,260	4
JSA only	5,340	1
IS, IB & DLA	10,500	2
DLA only	12,720	3
IB & DLA	12,060	3
IS & DLA	10,020	2
IS & IB	9,520	2
IS, DLA & SDA	940	0
DLA & SDA	620	0
IS & SDA	140	0
DLA & JSA	200	0
SDA only	200	0
Others <sup>34</sup>	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

## 2.2 Families

**Table 2.2.1 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits by statistical group and duration of claim: May 2005**

	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>69,900</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,180</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2,940</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5,740</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8,680</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>49,360</b>	<b>71</b>
Unemployed	3,040	100	920	30	440	14	560	18	480	16	640	21
Sick & Disabled	39,520	100	1,220	3	1,440	4	2,760	7	4,920	12	29,180	74
Lone parents	26,160	100	980	4	1,040	4	2,220	8	3,080	12	18,840	72
Others <sup>3</sup>	1,180	100	-	-	-	-	200	17	200	17	700	59

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

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

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

- 71% of families on key benefits had been on benefit for at least 2 years. For the sick & disabled group the figure was 74% whilst the figure for the unemployed was only 21%.
- 63% 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: May 2002 to May 2005**

	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
May-02	71,440	4,040	3,620	6,780	9,980	47,020
%	100	6	5	9	14	66
May-03	70,860	4,140	3,500	6,180	9,660	47,380
%	100	6	5	9	14	67
May-04	71,560	3,280	3,340	5,560	9,900	49,480
%	100	5	5	8	14	69
May-05	69,900	3,180	2,940	5,740	8,680	49,360
%	100	5	4	8	12	71

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

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

- At May 2005 71% of families on key benefits had been on benefit for at least 2 years. This compares to 72% of children in families where a key benefit was claimed.

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

**Table 2.2.3 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits by statistical group and age of youngest child: May 2005**

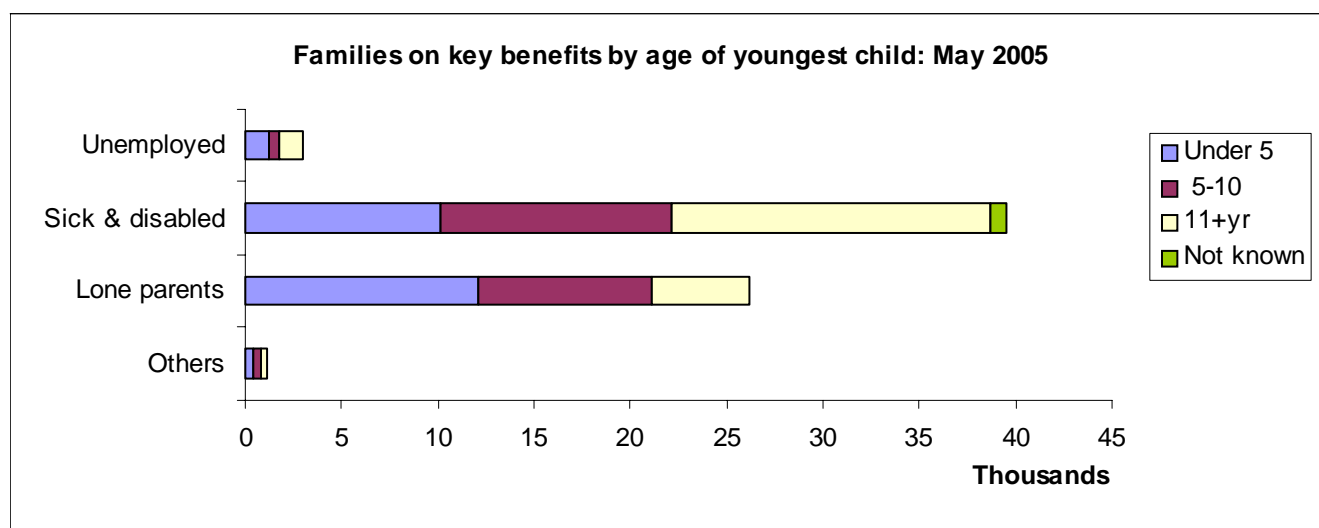
	Age of youngest child											
	All ages	%	Under 5	%	5 to 11	%	11 to 16	%	16 or over	%	Not known <sup>2</sup>	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>69,900</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>23,820</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22,040</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15,840</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7,320</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>1</b>
Unemployed	3,040	100	1,200	39	560	18	600	20	620	20	-	-
Sick & Disabled	39,520	100	10,120	26	12,060	31	10,540	27	5,980	15	820	2
Lone parents <sup>3</sup>	26,160	100	12,100	46	8,980	34	4,560	17	520	2	.	0
Others <sup>3</sup>	1,180	100	400	34	440	37	140	12	200	17	.	0

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

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

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

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



**Table 2.2.4 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits by age of youngest child: May 2002 to May 2005**

	Age of youngest child					
	All ages	Under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16	16 or over	Not known <sup>2</sup>
May-02	<b>71,440</b>	26,260	20,840	15,400	5,620	3,320
%	<b>100</b>	37	29	22	8	5
May-03	<b>70,860</b>	25,480	21,380	15,680	5,300	3,020
%	<b>100</b>	36	30	22	7	4
May-04	<b>71,560</b>	24,080	23,400	16,120	6,820	1,140
%	<b>100</b>	34	33	23	10	2
May-05	<b>69,900</b>	23,820	22,040	15,840	7,320	880
%	<b>100</b>	34	32	23	10	1

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

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

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

**Table 2.2.5 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits by statistical group and number of children: May 2005**

	Number of children				
	All families	One	Two	Three	Four or more
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>69,900</b>	<b>29,780</b>	<b>23,180</b>	<b>11,020</b>	<b>5,920</b>
Unemployed	<b>3,040</b>	1,500	900	400	240
Sick & Disabled	<b>39,520</b>	16,880	13,120	6,120	3,400
Lone parents	<b>26,160</b>	11,020	8,720	4,300	2,120
Others	<b>1,180</b>	380	440	200	160

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

- In May 2005, 8.5% of families on key benefits had 4 or more children.
- 43% (29,780) of claimants of key benefits had only 1 child.

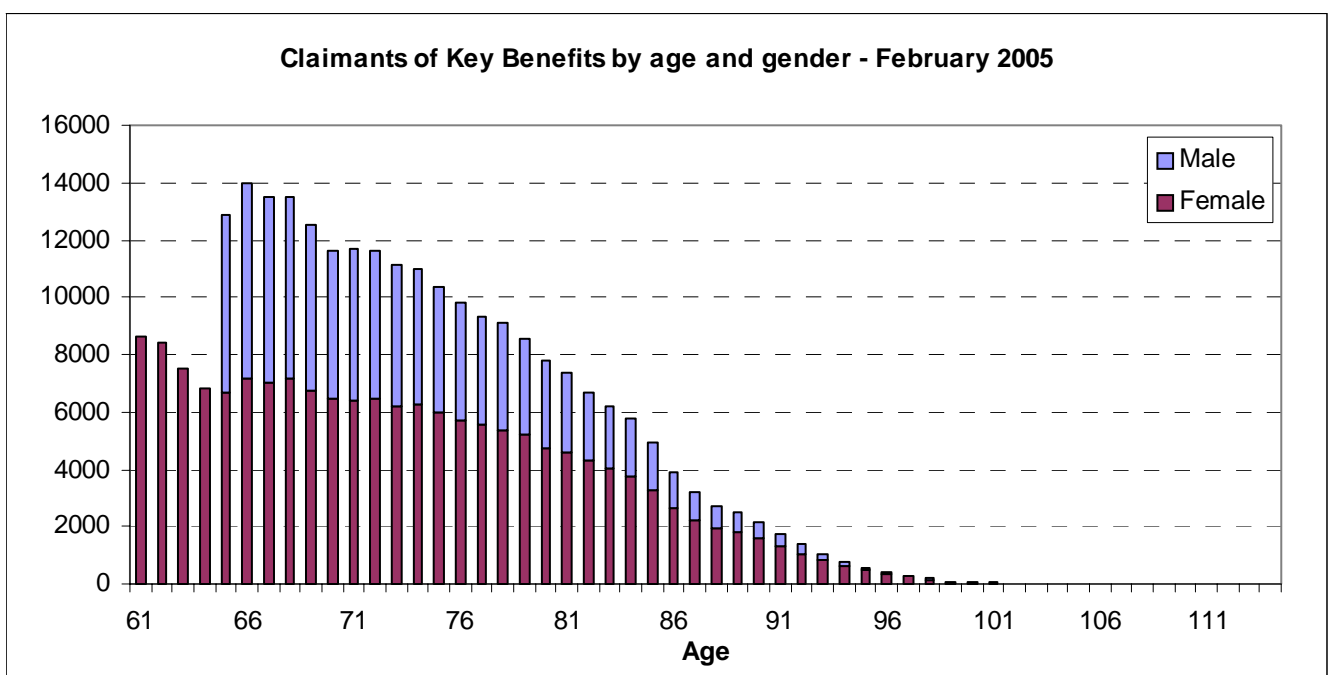
## Section 3: Persons of Pensionable Age on Key Benefits

### 3.1 Age and gender

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

	Feb-02	Feb-03	Feb-04	Feb-05
Men	89,424	91,511	93,694	95,806
% of pop <sup>1</sup>	95	96	96	98
Women	164,338	167,514	171,087	174,044
% of pop <sup>1</sup>	95	96	96	98
<b>All</b>	<b>253,762</b>	<b>259,025</b>	<b>264,781</b>	<b>269,850</b>
<b>% of pop <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>95</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>98</b>

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



- In February 2005 about 98% (269,850) of people over state pension age claimed a key benefit - an increase of 6% (16,088) since February 2002.
- 98% of men and 98% of women were claiming at least one of the key state benefits in February 2005.

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

	Male		Female		All	
		% of pop <sup>12</sup>		% of pop <sup>12</sup>		% of pop <sup>12</sup>
60-64	.	.	39,311	94	<b>39,311</b>	<b>94</b>
65-69	31,541	97	34,838	96	<b>66,379</b>	<b>97</b>
70-74	25,219	97	31,822	97	<b>57,041</b>	<b>97</b>
75-79	19,364	99	27,761	98	<b>47,125</b>	<b>98</b>
80-84	12,420	100	21,391	99	<b>33,811</b>	<b>99</b>
85-89	5,305	106	11,956	108	<b>17,261</b>	<b>108</b>
90+	1,957	105	6,965	114	<b>8,922</b>	<b>112</b>
All ages	95,806	98	174,044	98	<b>269,850</b>	<b>98</b>

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

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

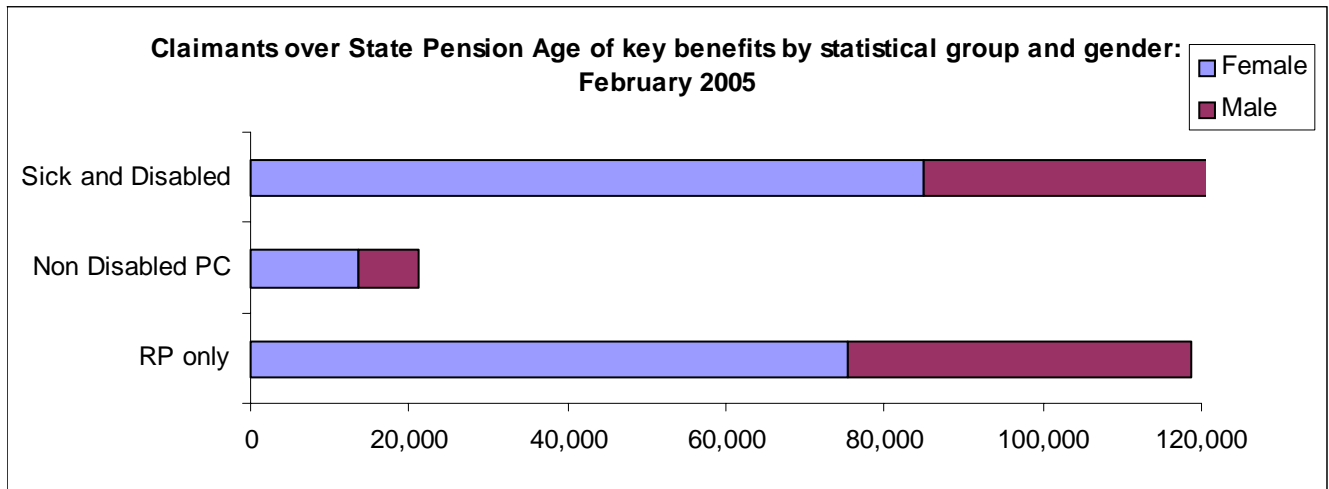
**Table 3.1.3 Claimants over State Pension Age by Statistical group: February 2002 to February 2005**

	Feb-02		Feb-03		Feb-04		Feb-05	
	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>
Sick and/or Disabled	122,260	46	124,338	46	126,957	46	129,918	47
Non Disabled PC	12,575	5	14,547	5	17,622	6	21,168	8
RP only	118,927	45	120,140	44	120,202	44	118,764	43
<b>All</b>	<b>253,762</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>259,025</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>264,781</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>269,850</b>	<b>98</b>

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

### 3.2 Statistical groups

The claimants of these benefits can be divided into statistical groups, based mainly on the type of benefit they received (see 'Definitions and Conventions').



- The overall numbers rose by 16,088 between February 2002 and February 2005.
- Sick and/or disabled claimants rose from 122,260 to 129,918 between February 2002 and February 2005, rising from 46% to 47% of the total pensioner population.
- Over the same period, the non-disabled PC statistical group grew by 8,593.
- Over the same period, the RP only statistical group fell by 163.

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 February 2004 and February 2005 by gender and statistical group**

	Male	Female	All
Sick and/or Disabled	2,498	2,944	<b>5,442</b>
Non Disabled PC	843	621	<b>1,464</b>
RP only	4,227	6,804	<b>11,031</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>7,568</b>	<b>10,369</b>	<b>17,937</b>

**Table 3.2.2 Cases over State Pension Age receiving key benefits at February 2004 but no longer receiving a key benefit in February 2005: by gender and statistical group**

	Male	Female	All
Sick and/or Disabled	4,023	5,873	<b>9,896</b>
Non Disabled PC	255	435	<b>690</b>
RP only	1,178	1,104	<b>2,282</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>5,456</b>	<b>7,412</b>	<b>12,868</b>

**Table 3.2.3 Cases over State Pension Age changing statistical group: February 2004 and February 2005**

Statistical group in February 2004	Statistical group in February 2005			All
	Sick and/or Disabled	Non Disabled PC	RP only	
Sick and/or Disabled	0	70	125	<b>195</b>
Non Disabled PC	1,458	0	176	<b>1,634</b>
RP only	6,152	4,336	0	<b>10,488</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>7,610</b>	<b>4,406</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>12,317</b>

- 61% of claimants moving onto a key benefit(s) between February 2004 and February 2005 received the state Retirement Pension as their only benefit.
- The number in the sick and/or disabled statistical group rose by 2,961 between February 2004 and February 2005. However, more people stopped claiming a key benefit in this statistical group (9,896) than moved onto benefit directly into the sick and/or disabled statistical group (5,442). This rise is due to a net 7,415 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 February 2002 and February 2005: by gender and statistical group**

	Male	Female	All
Sick and/or Disabled	7,809	9,163	<b>16,972</b>
Non Disabled PC	2,254	1,952	<b>4,206</b>
RP only	11,269	18,347	<b>29,616</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>21,332</b>	<b>29,462</b>	<b>50,794</b>

**Table 3.2.5 Cases over State Pension Age receiving a key benefit at February 2002 but no longer receiving key benefits in February 2005: by gender and statistical group**

	Male	Female	All
Sick and/or Disabled	10,271	15,251	<b>25,522</b>
Non Disabled PC	463	765	<b>1,228</b>
RP only	4,215	3,741	<b>7,956</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>14,949</b>	<b>19,757</b>	<b>34,706</b>

**Table 3.2.6 Cases over State Pension Age changing statistical group: February 2002 and February 2005**

Statistical group in February 2002	Statistical group in February 2005			All
	Sick and/or Disabled	Non Disabled PC	RP only	
Sick and/or Disabled	0	1,520	257	<b>1,777</b>
Non Disabled PC	2,515	0	242	<b>2,757</b>
RP only	15,470	6,852	0	<b>22,322</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>17,985</b>	<b>8,372</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>26,856</b>

- The overall number of claimants on key benefits has risen during the period February 2002 to February 2005 by 16,088, with the number moving onto key benefits (50,794) exceeding those no longer claiming a key benefit (34,706).
- Approximately 76% of people on a key benefit in February 2002 have remained within the same statistical group in February 2005, 14% 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: February 2002 to February 2005**

	Feb-02	%	Feb-03	%	Feb-04	%	Feb-05	%
AA or DLA	3,003	2	4,341	3	4,445	4	4,055	3
IB or SDA	149	0	119	0	107	0	95	0
AA or DLA and IB or SDA	870	1	896	1	875	1	856	1
PC only/PC with AA or DLA or IB or SDA	4,704	4	4,600	4	5,573	4	5,972	5
RP only (IVA or in hospital)	5,970	5	5,946	5	5,698	4	5,362	4
RP and one of AA or DLA	59,612	49	61,320	49	61,876	49	59,576	46
RP and PC	2,995	2	1,643	1	1,045	1	1,267	1
RP and PC and AA or DLA	44,948	37	45,472	37	47,335	37	52,732	41
Others <sup>12</sup>	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>All</b>	<b>122,260</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>124,338</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>126,957</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>129,918</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes anomalies such as IB with RP

<sup>2</sup> Numbers less than 5 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

**Table 3.2.8 Sick and/or Disabled over State Pension Age statistical group cases by benefit combination and gender: February 2005**

	Male	%	Female	%	All	%
AA or DLA	1,254	3	2,801	3	4,055	3
IB or SDA	14	0	81	0	95	0
AA or DLA and IB or SDA	59	0	797	1	856	1
PC only/PC with AA or DLA or IB or SDA	1,952	4	4,020	5	5,972	5
RP only (IVA or in hospital)	3,479	8	1,883	2	5,362	4
RP and one of AA or DLA	21,564	48	38,012	45	59,576	46
RP and PC	799	2	468	1	1,267	1
RP and PC and AA or DLA	15,931	35	36,801	43	52,732	41
Others <sup>12</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>All</b>	<b>45,055</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>84,863</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>129,918</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes anomalies such as IB with RP

<sup>2</sup> Numbers less than 5 are not disclosed due to DSD customer confidentiality policy

- The sick and/or disabled statistical group as a whole increased by 7,658 (6%) between February 2002 and February 2005.
- RP plus AA or DLA in February 2005 accounted for 46% of the total claimants within the sick and/or disabled statistical group. This compares with 49% in February 2002.

- The numbers claiming RP, plus PC and AA or DLA have also risen. The RP, plus PC and AA or DLA group has increased from 37% to 41% of the total claimants within the sick and/or disabled statistical group over the period February 2002 to February 2005.

**Table 3.2.9 Claimants over State Pension Age by all benefit combinations<sup>1</sup> and gender: February 2005**

	Male	Female	All
DLA only	554	1,781	<b>2,335</b>
AA only	696	1,018	<b>1,714</b>
DLA, AA	-	-	<b>6</b>
SDA only	14	81	<b>95</b>
SDA, DLA	49	737	<b>786</b>
SDA, AA	9	52	<b>61</b>
SDA, DLA, AA	-	7	<b>8</b>
IB only	.	.	<b>0</b>
IB, DLA	.	-	<b>-</b>
IB, AA	.	.	<b>0</b>
PC only	1,211	1,361	<b>2,572</b>
PC, DLA	872	1,464	<b>2,336</b>
PC, AA	618	1,346	<b>1,964</b>
PC, DLA, AA	5	15	<b>20</b>
PC, SDA	62	161	<b>223</b>
PC, SDA, DLA	297	833	<b>1,130</b>
PC, SDA, AA	67	171	<b>238</b>
PC, SDA, AA, DLA	7	13	<b>20</b>
PC, IB	.	.	<b>0</b>
PC, IB, DLA	.	-	<b>-</b>
PC, IB, AA	.	.	<b>0</b>
RP only	46,740	77,380	<b>124,120</b>
RP, DLA	9,044	17,351	<b>26,395</b>
RP, AA	12,437	20,566	<b>33,003</b>
RP, AA, DLA	85	101	<b>186</b>
RP, PC	7,102	12,800	<b>19,902</b>
RP, PC, DLA	6,764	11,440	<b>18,204</b>
RP, PC, AA	9,082	25,187	<b>34,269</b>
RP, PC, AA, DLA	85	174	<b>259</b>
Other <sup>2</sup>	-	-	<b>-</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>95,806</b>	<b>174,044</b>	<b>269,850</b>

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

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

- All benefit combinations at February 2005 are included in the above table. The main combinations were RP only (46%), RP and AA (12%), RP, PC and AA (13%) and RP and DLA (10%).

### 3.3 Regional Analysis

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

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

	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>3,995</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,748</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>10,743</b>	<b>100</b>
England	3,432	100	5,762	99	9,193	100
North East	182	100	309	99	491	100
North West	470	100	803	99	1,273	100
Yorkshire & Humberside	351	100	588	98	939	100
East Midlands	304	100	499	100	803	100
West Midlands	379	100	629	100	1,008	100
East of England	403	100	657	100	1,060	100
London	370	98	639	97	1,009	98
South East	570	100	960	98	1,531	99
South West	403	100	677	100	1,080	100
Wales	225	100	371	98	596	100
Scotland	338	100	615	99	953	100
Northern Ireland <sup>2</sup>	<b>96</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>98</b>

<sup>1</sup> Population over state pension age. Percentages shown as 100 may actually have been calculated as slightly higher than 100 - this can occur because the latest population estimates available are around a year behind the benefit data and/or because of slight inaccuracies associated with the data sources themselves

<sup>2</sup> Northern Ireland data is at February 2005

<sup>3</sup> GB statistics, provided by DWP, are based on 5% samples of data - see Methodology for changes.

NI statistics are based on 100% samples of data.

- The proportion of the population over state pension age claiming a key benefit ranges from 98% in London and Northern Ireland to 100% in all regions except South East England.

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

Thousands and percentages

		Statistical Group			All
		Sick and/or Disabled	Non Disabled PC	RP only	
<b>Great Britain</b>	(000s)	<b>2,727</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>6,742</b>	<b>10,743</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	25	11	64	100
England	(000s)	2,211	1,106	5,876	9,193
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	24	11	65	100
North East	(000s)	162	71	258	491
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	33	14	54	100
North West	(000s)	408	144	720	1,273
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	32	11	58	100
Yorkshire & Humberside	(000s)	245	129	565	939
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	26	13	61	100
East Midlands	(000s)	199	95	510	803
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	25	11	65	100
West Midlands	(000s)	270	131	607	1,008
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	27	12	62	100
East of England	(000s)	214	114	733	1,060
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	20	10	71	100
London	(000s)	225	154	630	1,009
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	21	14	62	98
South East	(000s)	261	154	1,116	1,531
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	16	9	73	99
South West	(000s)	228	114	738	1,080
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	21	10	69	100
Wales	(000s)	226	55	316	596
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	37	9	54	100
Scotland	(000s)	289	115	550	953
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	30	11	59	100
Northern Ireland <sup>2</sup>	(000s)	130	21	119	270
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	47	8	43	98

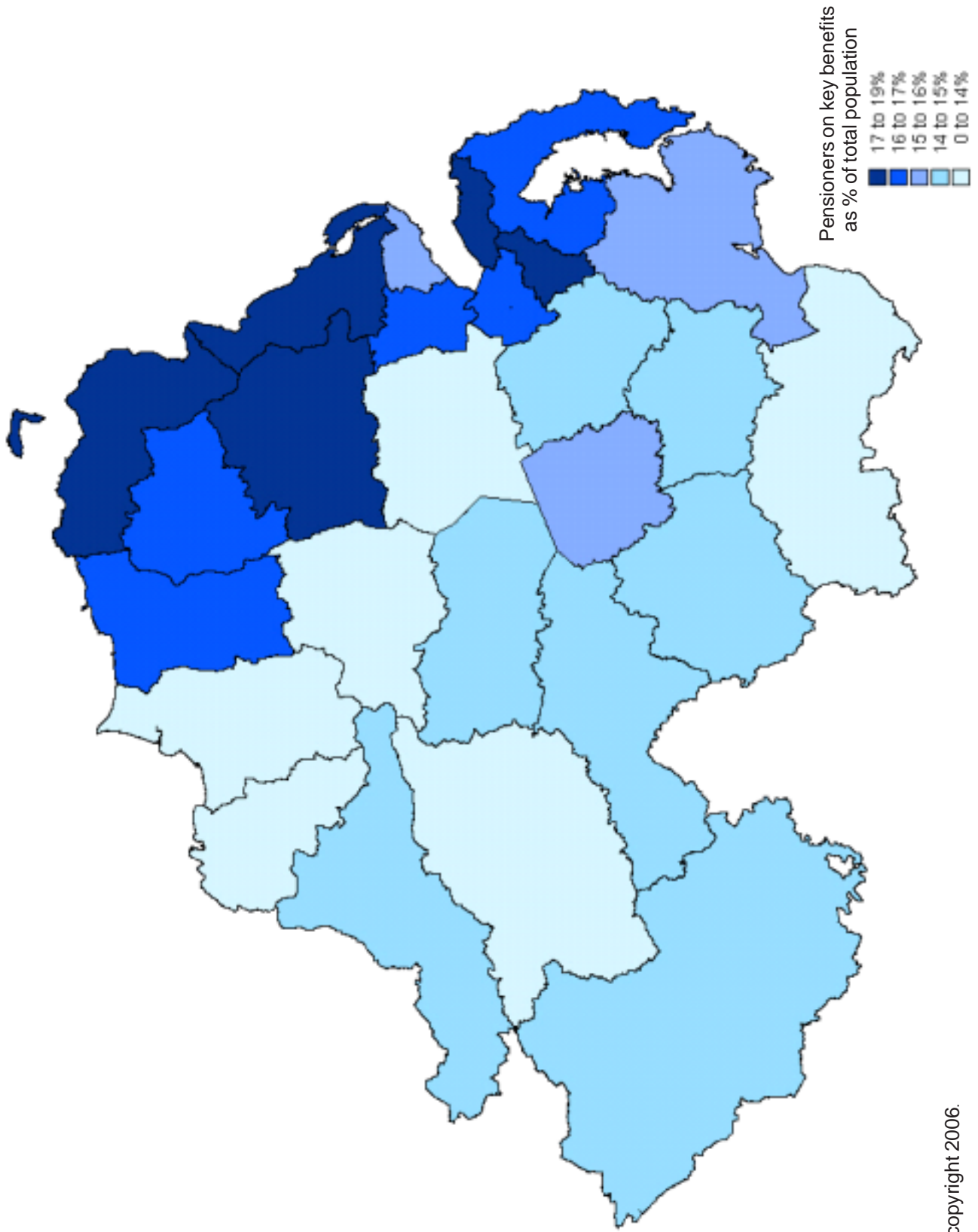
<sup>1</sup> Population over state pension age. Percentages shown as 100 may actually have been calculated as slightly higher than 100 - this can occur because the latest population estimates available are around a year behind the benefit data and/or because of slight inaccuracies associated with the data sources themselves

<sup>2</sup> Northern Ireland data is at February 2005

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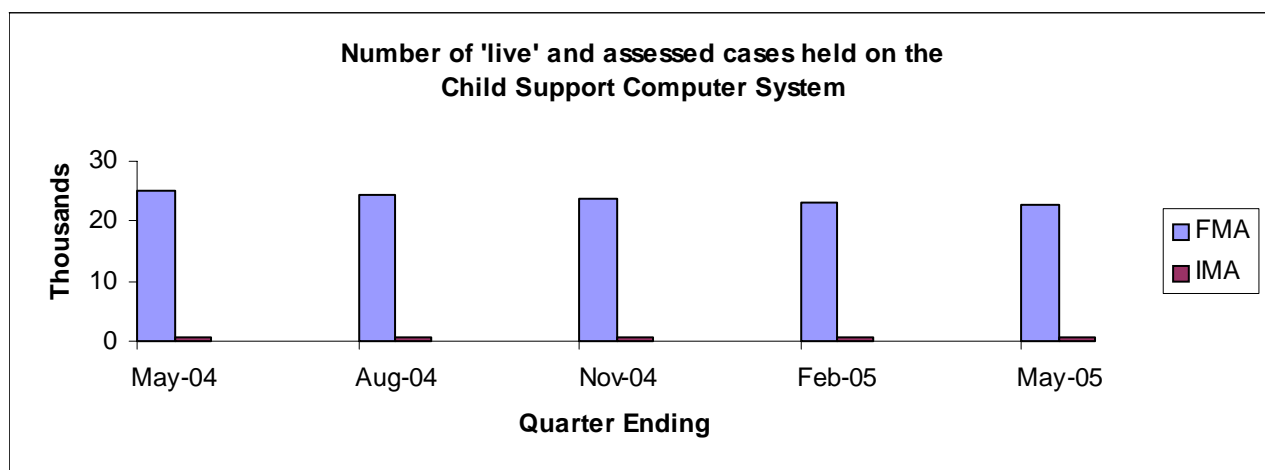
- Northern Ireland has by far the highest proportion claiming a key sickness and/or disability benefit at 47% compared to Wales (37%), which is next, with the South East lowest at 16%.
- For the RP only category Northern Ireland (43%) is considerably lower than any other office region, with Wales and the North East (54%) next. The highest proportion is the South East (73%).

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



## Appendix 1 - Child Support Agency

At the end of May 2005 there were 22,596 'live' and fully assessed cases held on the Child Support Computer System (CSCS) a drop of 2,538 since May 2004. This fall in the caseload is mainly due to the closure of a large number of suspended cases on the system. Also information on all new cases is held on a new computer system from which it is not possible to extract any reliable information at present. Therefore the figures for May 2005 quoted below do not give a true reflection of all cases on the CSA live load.



The average FMA (Full Maintenance Assessment) for all non-resident parents (NRPs) increased from £14.03 in May 2004 to £14.43 in May 2005. For NRPs recorded on CSCS as an employee the average maintenance in May 2005 was £35.05 per week, an increase of £0.04 per week from May 2004. For self-employed NRPs, the average maintenance assessment increased from £20.44 per week in May 2004 to £21.43 in May 2005.

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

Month	FMA	Average, £pw
May-04	25,134	£14.03
Aug-04	24,486	£14.14
Nov-04	23,805	£14.25
Feb-05	23,212	£14.40
May-05	22,596	£14.43

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

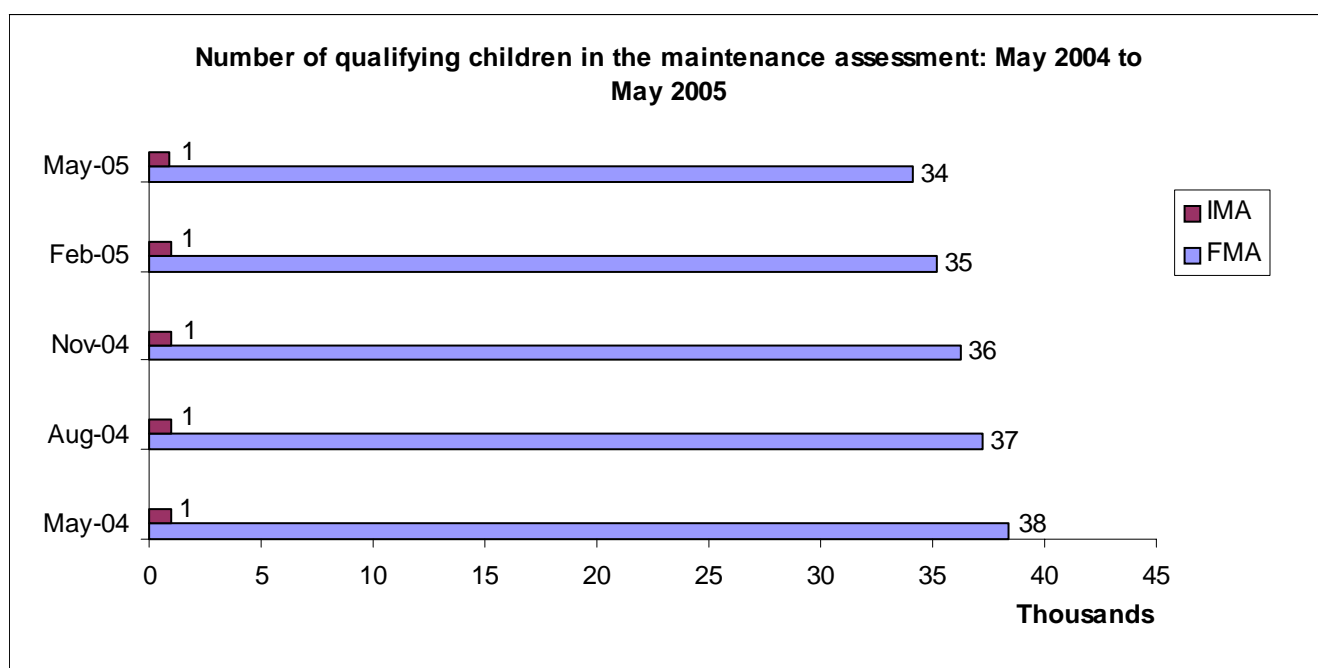
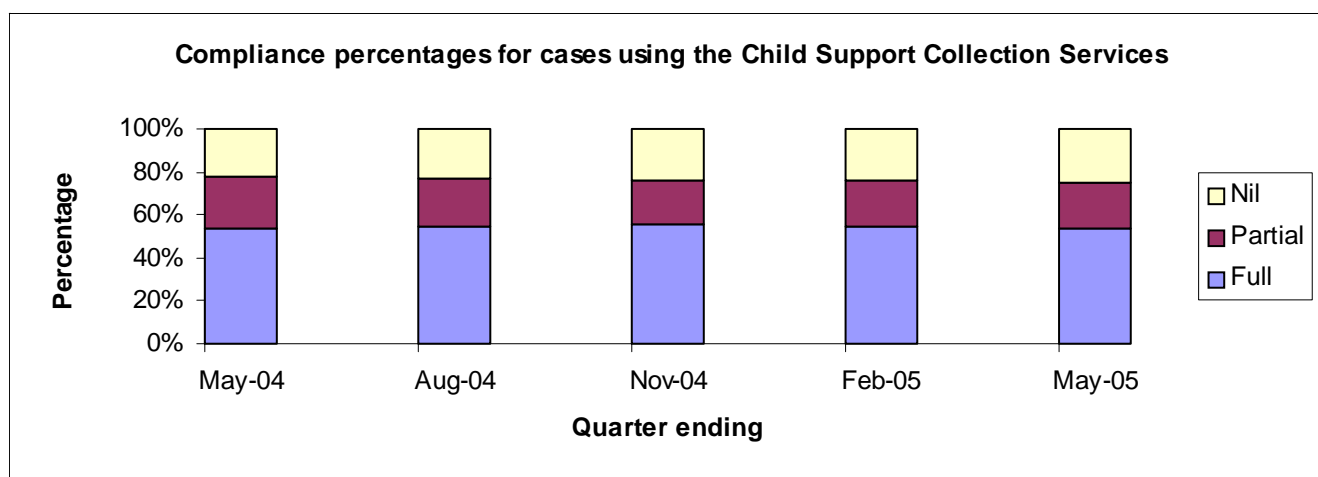
Month	PWC benefit status							
	Total	%	IS	% DPTC/WTC <sup>1</sup>	WFTC/	%	Other	%
May-04	<b>25,134</b>	100	13,146	52	7,526	30	4,462	18
Aug-04	<b>24,486</b>	100	12,536	51	7,387	30	4,563	19
Nov-04	<b>23,805</b>	100	11,599	49	7,262	31	4,944	21
Feb-05	<b>23,212</b>	100	11,047	48	7,121	31	5,044	22
May-05	<b>22,596</b>	100	10,683	47	6,982	31	4,931	22

<sup>1</sup> Working Tax Credit (WTC) replaced WFTC and DPTC in April 2003

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

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

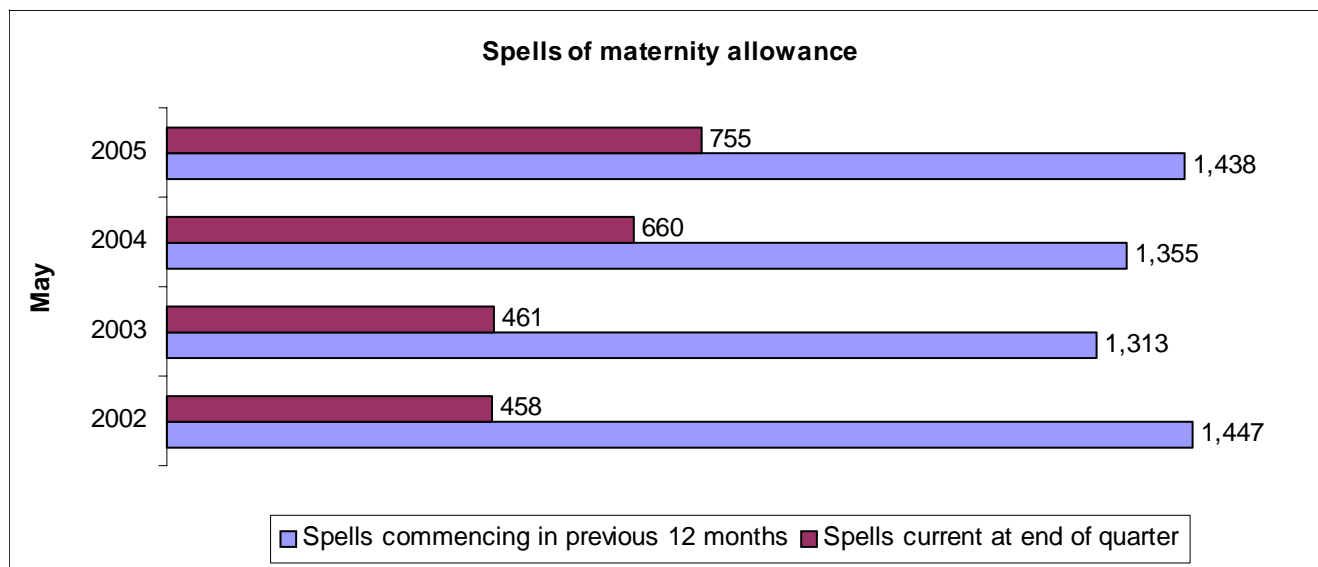
Month	Total	Not Applicable	Full	Partial	Nil
May-04	25,134	18,277	3,689	1,681	1,537
Aug-04	24,486	17,906	3,628	1,454	1,498
Nov-04	23,805	17,538	3,510	1,257	1,500
Feb-05	23,212	17,206	3,293	1,251	1,462
May-05	22,596	16,827	3,113	1,240	1,416



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

## Appendix 2 - Maternity Allowance

At the end of May 2005 there were 755 spells of Maternity Allowance in payment an increase of 65% on 3 years earlier.



### Maternity Allowance rates (£ per week)

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

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

## Summary of methodology

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Family type and "People on benefits"**

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

### **The effect of New Tax Credits**

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

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

As a result particular changes may have occurred at

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

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

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

## **Statistical groups**

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

## **Transitions analyses**

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

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

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

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

Additional pensioner households not previously entitled to IS are entitled to PC. These are households who have deemed income from savings and/or a second pension that takes them above the guarantee level in GC but who are now rewarded for those savings via the SC. The knock on effect for the analysis of persons of pensionable age is that the non-disabled PC group is larger than the previous non-disabled IS group.

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

## **IS claimants on Government Training schemes**

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

## **Clerical Cases**

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

## **Population Estimates**

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

## **Child Benefit**

From April 2003, Child Benefit was administered by Inland Revenue. Statistics are now produced by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs and can be found on [www.hmrc.gov.uk/stats/child\\_benefit/menu.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/stats/child_benefit/menu.htm)

## **Department for Work and Pensions**

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

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

# Sampling Errors

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

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

<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%

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

