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# Introduction

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

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

Sections 1 and 2 analyse the persons of working age and their children respectively. The Inland Revenue Tax Credits are also included in these analyses in sections 1.9 and 2.3. They are designed to give a good indication of the size of the population on these benefits and/or tax credits and how this changes over time. However, they are affected by changes to the conditions of entitlement and to the existence of the benefits/tax credits themselves. This includes such things as: the replacement of Family Credit and Disability Working Allowance with Working Families' Tax Credit and Disabled Person's Tax Credit respectively. No attempt has been made to adjust the series for such factors.

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

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

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

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



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# Definitions and Conventions - Sections 1 and 2

## Key benefits

## Symbols and conventions

Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)	Working age is 16 to 64 years for men
Incapacity Benefit (IB)	16 to 59 years for women
Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA)	Population estimates are mid year from 1998 to 2000
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	16-18 year olds in full-time education from 1998 to 2000
Income Support (IS)	“.” not applicable

## Inland Revenue Tax Credits

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

## Statistical group

Claimants are assigned to a statistical group according to the following hierarchy:

If in receipt of	JSA (including credits)	then assigned to	Unemployed
otherwise if in receipt of	IB (including credits)	then assigned to	Sick and Disabled
otherwise if in receipt of	SDA	then assigned to	Sick and Disabled
otherwise if in receipt of	IS, with a disability premium	then assigned to	Sick and Disabled
otherwise if in receipt of	IS and DLA	then assigned to	Sick and Disabled
otherwise if in receipt of	IS (single people with children and not receiving a disability related premium)	then assigned to	Lone Parent
otherwise if in receipt of	IS (claimant not in other groups)	then assigned to	Others
otherwise if in receipt of	DLA only	then assigned to	Sick and Disabled

## 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)	details available for partners
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, IB and SDA
Other	DLA
NI Credits	Through claiming JSA or IB

## Benefit entitlement

Contributory benefits	IB, Contribution-based JSA
Means tested benefits	IS and Income based JSA
Other benefits	SDA, DLA
NI Credits	Through claiming JSA or IB

## Definitions and Conventions - Section 3

### Key benefits

Attendance Allowance (AA)  
 Incapacity Benefit (IB)  
 Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA)  
 Disability Living Allowance (DLA)  
 Income Support (IS)  
 Retirement Pension (RP)

### Symbols and conventions

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

### Statistical group

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

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

### Benefit Combinations

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

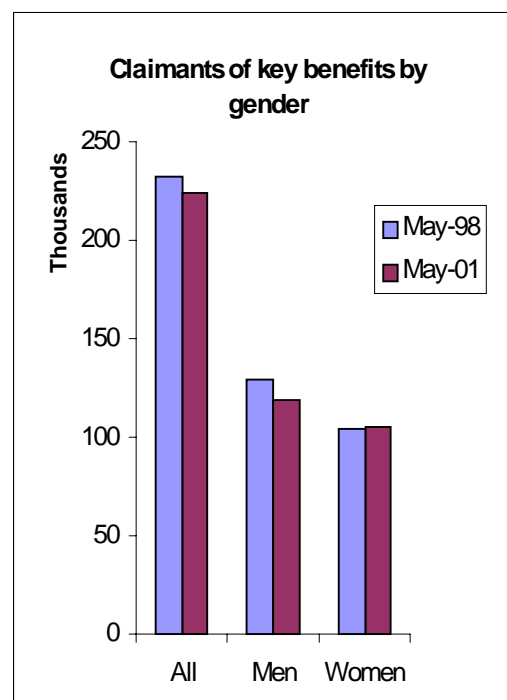
## Section 1: Persons of Working Age on Key Benefits

### 1.1 Age and Gender

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

	May-98	May-99	May-00	May-01
<b>All</b>	<b>232,760</b>	<b>228,620</b>	<b>222,540</b>	<b>223,680</b>
% of pop <sup>1</sup>	23	22	22	22
Men	128,960	124,680	117,900	118,640
% of pop <sup>1</sup>	24	24	22	22
Women	103,800	103,940	104,640	105,040
% of pop <sup>1</sup>	21	21	21	21

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



- In May 2001 about 22% (223,680) of people of working age claimed a key benefit – down from 23% (232,760) in May 1998.
- About 119 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 fell by over 9 thousand between May 1998 and May 2001. That can be accounted for by the drop in the number of male claimants – down from 129 thousand in 1998 to 119 thousand in 2001. The gap between men and women has therefore narrowed.
- Older people were more likely to be claiming benefits. In 2001, 35% of those aged 55 to 59 claimed a benefit compared to 16% of those aged 18 to 24.
- Most age groups have fallen in size since May 1998. The largest reductions were in the younger age groups (18 to 24 fell by 3,280 and 25 to 34 fell by 7,600). Of the 2 age groups that increased in size the greatest increase was in the 35 to 44 group (up by 1,500).

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

	All		Men		Women	
		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group
<b>All</b>	<b>223,680</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>118,640</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>105,040</b>	<b>21</b>
Under 18	1,760	3	860	3	900	4
18 to 24	26,260	16	12,600	15	13,660	17
25 to 34	46,040	18	20,400	16	25,640	20
35 to 44	51,200	21	24,780	21	26,420	21
45 to 54	50,520	26	26,820	27	23,700	24
55 to 59	30,540	35	15,820	37	14,720	33
60 to 64	17,360	49	17,360	49	.	.

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

	May-98		May-99		May-00		May-01	
		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group		% of pop in age group
<b>All</b>	<b>232,760</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>228,620</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>222,540</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>223,680</b>	<b>22</b>
Under 18	1,560	3	1,600	3	1,760	3	1,760	3
18 to 24	29,540	18	27,080	17	26,420	16	26,260	16
25 to 34	53,640	21	51,240	20	47,000	18	46,040	18
35 to 44	49,700	22	51,060	22	49,980	21	51,200	21
45 to 54	50,740	26	50,160	26	50,100	25	50,520	26
55 to 59	29,640	37	30,020	36	29,800	34	30,540	35
60 to 64	17,940	53	17,460	50	17,480	50	17,360	49

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

	Men				Women			
	May-98	% of pop in age group	May-01	% of pop in age group	May-98	% of pop in age group	May-01	% of pop in age group
<b>All</b>	<b>128,960</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>118,640</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>103,800</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>105,040</b>	<b>21</b>
Under 18	580	2	860	3	980	4	900	4
18 to 24	15,320	18	12,600	15	14,220	18	13,660	17
25 to 34	25,120	19	20,400	16	28,520	22	25,640	20
35 to 44	26,020	23	24,780	21	23,680	20	26,420	21
45 to 54	28,000	29	26,820	27	22,740	23	23,700	24
55 to 59	15,980	41	15,820	37	13,660	33	14,720	33
60 to 64	17,940	53	17,360	49	.	.	.	.

## 1.2 Family Type

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

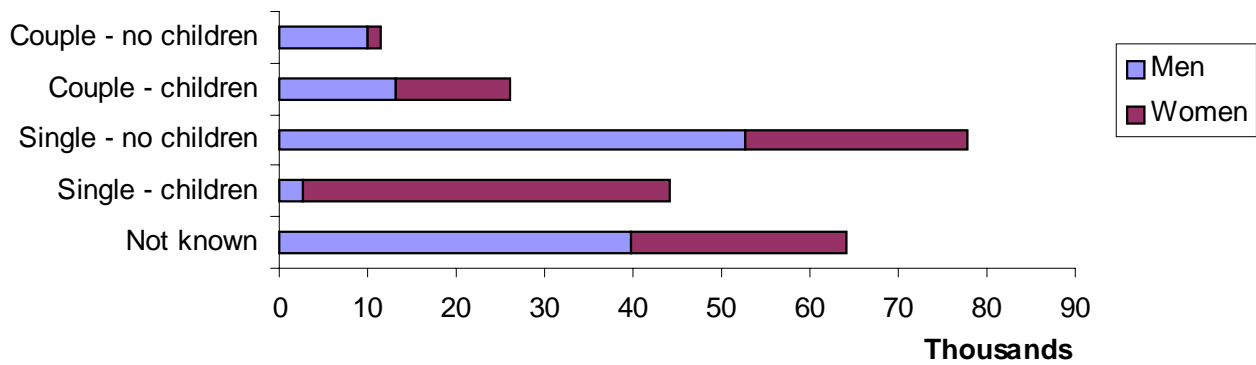
**Table 1.2.1 Claimants of key benefits by family type<sup>1</sup> and gender: May 2001**

	All	%	Men	%	Women	%
<b>All</b>	<b>223,680</b>	100	<b>118,640</b>	100	<b>105,040</b>	100
<b>All couples</b>	<b>37,540</b>	17	<b>23,340</b>	20	<b>14,200</b>	14
Couple - no children	11,360	5	10,080	8	1,280	1
Couple - children	26,180	12	13,260	11	12,920	12
<b>All single</b>	<b>121,920</b>	55	<b>55,440</b>	47	<b>66,480</b>	63
Single - no children	77,860	35	52,760	44	25,100	24
Single - children	44,060	20	2,680	2	41,380	39
<b>Not known</b>	<b>64,220</b>	29	<b>39,860</b>	34	<b>24,360</b>	23

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

- 121,920 claimants were single in May 2001.
- Over 31% (70,240) of claimants had children. The majority (44,060) were single - up 2,080 since May 1998.
- The number of single or couple families without children has fallen by 4,040 since May 1998. The number of single or couple families with children has fallen by 5,740 over the same period.

**Claimants of key benefits by family type and gender: May 2001**



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

	May-98		May-99		May-00		May-01	
	All	%	All	%	All	%	All	%
<b>All</b>	<b>232,760</b>	100	<b>228,620</b>	100	<b>222,540</b>	100	<b>223,680</b>	100
<b>All couples</b>	<b>44,720</b>	19	<b>40,440</b>	18	<b>38,840</b>	17	<b>37,540</b>	17
Couple - no children	10,720	5	10,840	5	11,040	5	11,360	5
Couple - children	34,000	15	29,600	13	27,800	12	26,180	12
<b>All single</b>	<b>124,520</b>	53	<b>124,080</b>	54	<b>120,020</b>	54	<b>121,920</b>	55
Single - no children	82,540	35	81,040	35	77,320	35	77,860	35
Single - children	41,980	18	43,040	19	42,700	19	44,060	20
<b>Not known</b>	<b>63,520</b>	27	<b>64,100</b>	28	<b>63,680</b>	29	<b>64,220</b>	29

<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 2001**

	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parent	Other
<b>All</b>	<b>223,680</b>	<b>37,720</b>	<b>142,500</b>	<b>31,560</b>	<b>11,900</b>
<b>All couples</b>	<b>37,540</b>	<b>6,560</b>	<b>27,420</b>	.	<b>3,560</b>
Couple - no children	11,360	1,840	7,560	.	1,960
Couple - children	26,180	4,720	19,860	.	1,600
<b>All single</b>	<b>121,920</b>	<b>31,160</b>	<b>50,860</b>	<b>31,560</b>	<b>8,340</b>
Single - no children	77,860	30,440	39,080	.	8,340
Single - children	44,060	720	11,780	31,560	.
<b>Not known</b>	<b>64,220</b>	.	<b>64,220</b>	.	.

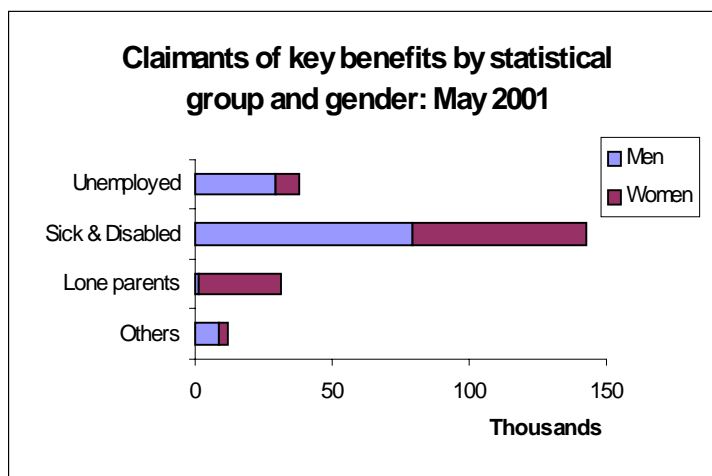
<sup>1</sup> See Methodology for further details

### 1.3 Statistical group and transitions

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

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

	All	Men	Women
<b>All</b>	<b>223,680</b>	<b>118,640</b>	<b>105,040</b>
Unemployed	37,720	29,540	8,180
Sick & Disabled	142,500	79,020	63,480
Lone parents	31,560	1,540	30,020
Others	11,900	8,540	3,360



- The overall numbers fell by 9,080 between May 1998 and May 2001, mostly because of the unemployed group which fell by 16,500 (30%) over this period.
- Sick & disabled claimants were consistently the largest group between May 1998 and May 2001, rising from 57% of the total to 64% of the total; unemployed claimants were the second largest group.
- The size of the sick & disabled group rose by 9,420 (up 7%) between May 1998 and May 2001, whilst numbers in the lone parents group fell by 1,500 (down 5%) over the same period.

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

	May-98		May-99		May-00		May-01	
	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>232,760</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>228,620</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>222,540</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>223,680</b>	<b>22</b>
Unemployed	54,220	5	49,640	5	39,680	4	37,720	4
Sick & Disabled	133,080	13	133,760	13	137,880	13	142,500	14
Lone parents	33,060	3	32,940	3	32,000	3	31,560	3
Others	12,400	1	12,280	1	12,980	1	11,900	1

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

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

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

	<u>On benefit in current year - status in previous year<sup>1</sup></u>				<b>Left benefit since previous year<sup>2</sup></b>
	<b>All</b>	Same statistical group	Different statistical group	Not on benefit	
<b>May-98</b>	<b>232,760</b>	.	.	.	.
<b>May-99</b>	<b>228,620</b>	172,340	16,160	40,120	44,260
<b>May-00</b>	<b>222,540</b>	166,660	16,500	39,380	45,460
<b>May-01</b>	<b>223,680</b>	168,940	15,880	38,860	37,720

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

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

- The overall number of claimants of key benefits fell between May 1998 and May 2001. However between May 2000 and May 2001 there was an increase of 1,140 claimants. That was due to the number of people joining benefit exceeding the number of people who had left. For example, 37,720 claimants on benefit in May 2000 were no longer on benefit in May 2001 whilst 38,860 of claimants in May 2001 were not on benefit in May 2000.
- The numbers in each statistical group were also affected by movements between them. For example, 15,880 claimants who were on benefit in both May 2000 and May 2001 changed statistical group over this period.
- The numbers in the individual statistical groups were affected by movements both on and off benefit and also between the groups. For example, the overall number of unemployed claimants fell by 1,960 between May 2000 and May 2001. The number of claimants who moved out of that group (6,060) exceeded those who moved in (4,200) – a reduction of 1,860. Also, the number of claimants who joined the group (16,040) was exceeded by those who left benefit from that group (16,140) – a decrease of 100. When combined those figures gave a total reduction of 1,960.

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

Statistical group	Movement between May-00 and May-01					Overall change <sup>2</sup>	All on benefit in May-01
	All on benefit in May-00	Outflow Not on benefit in May-01	Inflow Not on benefit in May-00	Net movement between Statistical groups <sup>1</sup>			
<b>All</b>	<b>222,540</b>	<b>37,720</b>	<b>38,860</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>223,680</b>	
Unemployed	<b>39,680</b>	16,140	16,040	-1,860	-1,960	<b>37,720</b>	
Sick & Disabled	<b>137,880</b>	14,720	16,580	2,760	4,620	<b>142,500</b>	
Lone parents	<b>32,000</b>	4,660	4,400	-180	-440	<b>31,560</b>	
Others	<b>12,980</b>	2,200	1,840	-720	-1,080	<b>11,900</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 2000 and May 2001 ie column 3 minus column 2 plus column 4

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

Comparison of statistical groups in 2000 and 2001 <sup>1</sup>	Statistical group in May 2001				
	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone parent	Other
<b>All</b>	<b>184,820</b>	21,680	125,920	27,160	10,060
<b>Statistical group in May 2000</b>					
Unemployed	<b>23,540</b>	17,480	4,160	440	1,460
Sick & Disabled	<b>123,160</b>	2,900	118,460	980	820
Lone parents	<b>27,340</b>	420	1,420	25,360	140
Others	<b>10,780</b>	880	1,880	380	7,640
<b>2000 and 2001</b>					
<b>Total with no change</b>	<b>168,940</b>	17,480	118,460	25,360	7,640
Leaving original statistical group	<b>-15,880</b>	-6,060	-4,700	-1,980	-3,140
Joining new statistical group	<b>15,880</b>	4,200	7,460	1,800	2,420
Net movement between statistical groups	<b>0</b>	-1,860	2,760	-180	-720

<sup>1</sup> For example there were 23,540 claimants in the Unemployed group in May 2000 who were also on benefit in May 2001: of these, 17,480 were still in this group, 4,160 were now in the Sick & Disabled group, 440 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 1998 with that in May 2001.

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

Benefit status in May 2001	All on benefit in May 2001	Benefit status in May 1998		
		Not on benefit	Same statistical group	Different statistical group
<b>All</b>	<b>223,680</b>	<b>66,560</b>	<b>132,240</b>	<b>24,880</b>
Unemployed	37,720	19,240	14,120	4,360
Sick & Disabled	142,500	35,020	94,300	13,180
Lone Parents	31,560	9,340	19,480	2,740
Others	11,900	2,960	4,340	4,600

- Around 70% (157,120) of key benefit claimants in May 2001 were also on benefit in May 1998; 59% of the overall total were in the same statistical group.
- Claimants in the sick & disabled and others groups in May 2001 were the most likely to have also been on benefit in May 1998 (75% of them - 107,480 and 8,940 respectively), followed by claimants in the lone parents group (70% – 22,220) – those in the unemployed group (49% – 18,480) were least likely. Claimants in the sick & disabled group were also the most likely to have stayed in the same statistical group (66% – 94,300).

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

Benefit status in May 1998	All on benefit in May 1998	Benefit status in May 2001			
		Reached state pension age <sup>1</sup>	Not on benefit	Same statistical group	Different statistical group
<b>All</b>	<b>232,760</b>	<b>19,300</b>	<b>56,340</b>	<b>132,240</b>	<b>24,880</b>
Unemployed	54,220	920	27,080	14,120	12,100
Sick & Disabled	133,080	15,600	17,460	94,300	5,720
Lone Parents	33,060	20	9,520	19,480	4,040
Others	12,400	2,760	2,280	4,340	3,020

<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 2001**

	All	Income replacement benefits <sup>1</sup>	Other benefits only <sup>2</sup>	NI Credits <sup>3</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>223,680</b>	198,840	18,800	6,040
Unemployed	<b>37,720</b>	34,540	.	3,180
Sick & Disabled	<b>142,500</b>	120,840	18,800	2,860
Lone parents	<b>31,560</b>	31,560	.	.
Others	<b>11,900</b>	11,900	.	.

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

<sup>2</sup> Other is DLA

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

- In May 2001, 198,840 claimants received an income replacement benefit, down from 211,080 in May 1998.
- In May 2001, 58,220 claimants received only a contributory benefit.
- 137,160 claimants received a benefit that was income based in May 2001. Of those 120,560 claimants received a benefit that was means tested whilst 16,600 claimants in receipt of a means tested benefit also received or satisfied the qualifying conditions for a contributory benefit.

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

	All	Benefit type		NI Credits <sup>3</sup>
		Income replacement benefits <sup>1</sup>	Other benefits only <sup>2</sup>	
<b>May-98</b>	<b>232,760</b>	211,080	15,700	5,980
<b>May-99</b>	<b>228,620</b>	205,700	16,520	6,400
<b>May-00</b>	<b>222,540</b>	198,960	17,980	5,600
<b>May-01</b>	<b>223,680</b>	198,840	18,800	6,040

<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 2001**

	Basis of benefit entitlement					
	All	Contributory <sup>1</sup>	Contributory and means tested <sup>2</sup>	Means tested <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	NI Credits <sup>5</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>223,680</b>	58,220	16,600	120,560	22,260	6,040
Unemployed	<b>37,720</b>	4,320	380	29,840	.	3,180
Sick & Disabled	<b>142,500</b>	53,900	16,220	47,260	22,260	2,860
Lone Parents	<b>31,560</b>	.	.	31,560	.	.
Others	<b>11,900</b>	.	.	11,900	.	.

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

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

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

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

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

**Table 1.4.4 Claimants of key benefits by main basis of entitlement: May 1998 to May 2001**

	Basis of benefit entitlement					
	All	Contributory <sup>1</sup>	Contributory and means tested <sup>2</sup>	Means tested <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	NI Credits <sup>5</sup>
<b>May-98</b>	<b>232,760</b>	62,160	14,520	130,840	19,260	5,980
<b>May-99</b>	<b>228,620</b>	59,540	14,540	127,960	20,180	6,400
<b>May-00</b>	<b>222,540</b>	59,120	15,060	121,240	21,520	5,600
<b>May-01</b>	<b>223,680</b>	58,220	16,600	120,560	22,260	6,040

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

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

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

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

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

**Table 1.4.5 Claimants of sickness and/or disability benefits by combinations of benefits: May 2001**

	All	Type of benefit				
		IB Payment	IB Credits	SDA	Income Support	DLA
<b>All sick and disabled</b>	<b>142,500</b>	<b>70,120</b>	<b>28,860</b>	<b>13,420</b>	<b>63,480</b>	<b>88,860</b>
<b>Single benefit only</b>	<b>52,780</b>	<b>27,720</b>	<b>2,860</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>4,280</b>	<b>17,520</b>
<b>Two or more benefits of which<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>89,720</b>	<b>42,400</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>13,020</b>	<b>59,200</b>	<b>71,340</b>
Incapacity Benefit payment	<b>42,400</b>	42,400	.	.	16,220	37,420
Incapacity Benefit credits	<b>26,000</b>	.	26,000	.	24,720	13,480
Severe Disablement Allowance	<b>13,020</b>	.	.	13,020	9,960	12,140
Income Support	<b>59,200</b>	16,220	24,720	9,960	59,200	40,820
Disability Living Allowance	<b>71,340</b>	37,420	13,480	12,140	40,820	71,340

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

- Around 63% (89,720) of sick & disabled claimants received more than one key benefit in May 2001. The main combinations included IB payments and DLA (37,420) and IS and DLA (40,820).

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

	May-98		May-99		May-00		May-01	
	All	%	All	%	All	%	All	%
<b>All sick and disabled</b>	<b>133,080</b>	100	<b>133,760</b>	100	<b>137,880</b>	100	<b>142,500</b>	100
Incapacity Only <sup>1</sup>	55,880	42	53,100	40	53,860	39	53,640	38
Incapacity and Disability	62,240	47	65,260	49	67,420	49	71,340	50
Disability Only <sup>2</sup>	14,960	11	15,400	12	16,600	12	17,520	12

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

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

## 1.5 Duration on benefit

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

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

	All	Duration of oldest claim <sup>1</sup>				
		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 year to under 2 years	2 years or over
<b>All</b>	<b>223,680</b>	<b>19,400</b>	<b>15,920</b>	<b>22,700</b>	<b>29,660</b>	<b>136,000</b>
Unemployed	37,720	10,940	6,700	7,320	5,540	7,220
Sick & Disabled	142,500	5,980	6,860	10,960	17,440	101,260
Lone parents	31,560	1,380	1,400	2,900	4,580	21,300
Others	11,900	1,100	960	1,520	2,100	6,220

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

- Around 61% (136,000) of the claimants in May 2001 had been receiving a key benefit for 2 years or more.
- Of those longer duration claimants 74% (101,260) were in the sick & disabled group. That group was therefore more likely to have been on benefit for longer periods than all the others – 71% had been on benefits for 2 years or more compared with only 19% of those in the unemployed group.

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

	All	Duration of oldest claim <sup>1</sup>				
		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 year to under 2 years	2 years or over
<b>All</b>	<b>223,680</b>	<b>19,400</b>	<b>15,920</b>	<b>22,700</b>	<b>29,660</b>	<b>136,000</b>
%	100	9	7	10	13	61
Men	118,640	12,100	9,520	13,220	16,080	67,720
%	100	10	8	11	14	57
Women	105,040	7,300	6,400	9,480	13,580	68,280
%	100	7	6	9	13	65

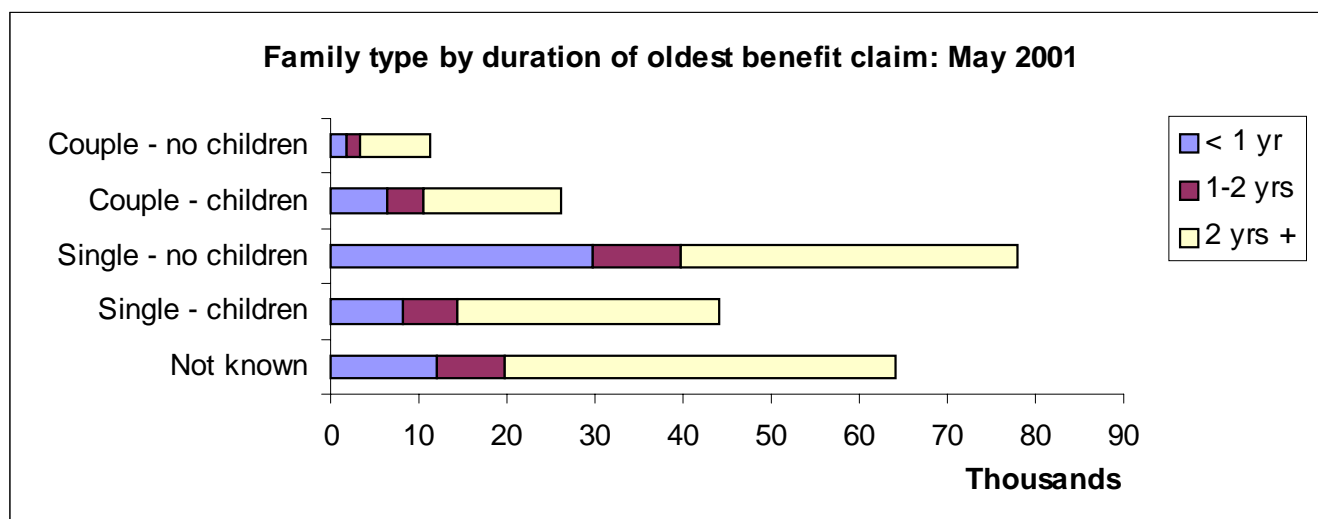
<sup>1</sup> Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

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

	All	Duration of oldest claim <sup>1</sup>				
		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 year to under 2 years	2 years or over
<b>All</b>	<b>223,680</b>	<b>19,400</b>	<b>15,920</b>	<b>22,700</b>	<b>29,660</b>	<b>136,000</b>
<b>All Couples</b>	<b>37,540</b>	2,380	2,120	3,560	5,660	23,820
Couple - no children	11,360	600	480	680	1,480	8,120
Couple - children	26,180	1,780	1,640	2,880	4,180	15,700
<b>All single</b>	<b>121,920</b>	13,640	10,540	13,720	16,280	67,740
Single - no children	77,860	11,620	8,260	9,860	10,020	38,100
Single - children	44,060	2,020	2,280	3,860	6,260	29,640
<b>Not known</b>	<b>64,220</b>	3,380	3,260	5,420	7,720	44,440

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

- Around 67% of single people with children/young adult dependants had been on benefit for 2 years or more compared with 60% of couples with children.



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

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

**Table 1.6.1 Claimants of key benefits with children and/or young adult dependants<sup>1</sup> by statistical group: May 2001**

	All	All with children	Age of youngest child/dependant				Not known <sup>2</sup>
			Under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16	16 or over	
<b>All</b>	<b>223,680</b>	<b>73,340</b>	<b>28,080</b>	<b>21,180</b>	<b>15,660</b>	<b>4,920</b>	<b>3,500</b>
Unemployed	37,720	<b>5,440</b>	2,160	1,260	1,040	980	.
Sick & Disabled	142,500	<b>34,740</b>	9,720	8,900	9,200	3,440	3,480
Lone parents	31,560	<b>31,560</b>	15,660	10,560	4,940	380	20
Others	11,900	<b>1,600</b>	540	460	480	120	.

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

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

- In May 2001, 73,340 claimants of key benefits had children and/or young dependants.
- 38% (28,080) of claimants with children had a youngest child aged under 5. The majority of the under 5s were children of lone parents.

## 1.7 Children and young dependants aged under 19

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

**Table 1.7.1 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by age of child, statistical group and family type: May 2001**

	Children aged under 16 years <sup>2</sup>					Young dependants aged 16 to 18 years				
	All	Family type				All	% of all aged 16 to 18 yrs in full-time education	Family type		
		% of all aged under 16 yrs	Couple	Single	Not known			Couple	Single	Not known
<b>All</b>	<b>131,620</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>48,580</b>	<b>77,360</b>	<b>5,680</b>	<b>13,660</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7,240</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>.</b>
Unemployed	<b>9,080</b>	2	8,760	320	.	<b>1,820</b>	<b>4</b>	1,260	560	.
Sick & Disabled	<b>61,220</b>	15	36,640	18,900	5,680	<b>8,100</b>	<b>19</b>	5,520	2,580	.
Lone Parents	<b>58,140</b>	14	.	58,140	.	<b>3,280</b>	<b>8</b>	.	3,280	.
Others	<b>3,180</b>	1	3,180	0	.	<b>460</b>	<b>1</b>	460	0	.

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

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

- In May 2001, 131,620 children under the age of 16 were living in families in which a key benefit was claimed.
- The majority of these children 77,360 were living in single parent families.
- 13,660 young people aged 16 -18 (32% of all 16 - 18 year olds in full-time education) were living in families with a key benefit claimant.
- 22% of all young people aged 16 - 18 were living with key benefit claimants in May 2001.

## 1.8 Regional Analysis

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

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

	Thousands					
	All		Men		Women	
	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>4,973</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2,634</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2,339</b>	<b>14</b>
England	4,069	13	2,149	13	1,920	13
North East	316	20	176	21	139	19
North West <sup>2</sup>	756	18	410	18	346	17
Yorkshire & Humberside	465	15	256	16	209	14
East Midlands	333	13	178	13	155	13
West Midlands	472	14	254	15	218	14
East	318	9	160	9	158	10
London	677	14	336	13	341	15
South East	413	8	210	8	204	9
South West	319	11	169	11	150	11
Wales	343	19	183	20	160	19
Scotland	561	18	302	18	259	17
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>21</b>
IB/SDA claimants living abroad <sup>3</sup>	9	.	6	.	3	.

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

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

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

- The proportion of the working age population claiming a benefit ranges from 8% in South East England to 22% in Northern Ireland.
- The proportion of the working age population claiming a benefit ranges from 13% (North Down) to 32% (Strabane).
- The district council with the greatest proportion of working age claimants in the sick & disabled group was Cookstown (21%), followed by Strabane (20%) and Derry (18%). The district council with the lowest proportions were North Down (8%) and Castlereagh (9%).
- The proportion of the working age population in the unemployed group ranged from 7% (Strabane) to 1% (Cookstown).

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

	All		Men		Women	
		% of pop <sup>1</sup>		% of pop <sup>1</sup>		% of pop <sup>1</sup>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>223,680</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>118,640</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>105,040</b>	<b>21</b>
Ards	7,320	16	3,560	15	3,760	17
Belfast	49,240	30	26,780	32	22,460	27
Castlereagh	5,700	14	3,180	15	2,520	13
Down	7,360	19	4,100	20	3,260	18
Lisburn	12,280	18	6,140	18	6,140	18
North Down	5,960	13	3,180	13	2,780	13
Antrim	5,080	15	2,520	14	2,560	17
Ballymena	5,500	15	3,040	16	2,460	14
Ballymoney	3,080	19	1,720	21	1,360	17
Carrickfergus	3,280	14	1,620	13	1,660	14
Coleraine	6,640	19	3,480	20	3,160	19
Cookstown	4,940	26	2,560	26	2,380	26
Larne	3,000	16	1,520	16	1,480	16
Magherafelt	4,400	19	2,260	18	2,140	19
Moyle	2,220	24	1,320	27	900	20
Newtownabbey	8,380	17	4,380	17	4,000	16
Armagh	5,600	17	3,200	18	2,400	16
Banbridge	3,760	15	1,920	14	1,840	15
Craigavon	11,480	23	5,480	22	6,000	26
Dungannon	6,980	24	3,880	25	3,100	22
Newry & Mourne	12,780	24	7,240	27	5,540	22
Derry	20,280	31	10,240	31	10,040	32
Fermanagh	7,020	20	3,920	22	3,100	19
Limavady	4,260	22	2,240	21	2,020	22
Omagh	6,200	21	3,520	23	2,680	19
Strabane	7,440	32	4,200	34	3,240	30
Unknown	3,500	.	1,440	.	2,060	.

<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 2001**

		Statistical group				
		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone parents	Others
<b>Northern Ireland</b>		<b>223,680</b>	<b>37,720</b>	<b>142,500</b>	<b>31,560</b>	<b>11,900</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
Ards		<b>7,320</b>	1,260	5,120	740	200
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>16</b>	3	11	2	0
Belfast		<b>49,240</b>	9,100	28,560	8,600	2,980
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>30</b>	5	17	5	2
Castlereagh		<b>5,700</b>	1,020	3,540	740	400
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>14</b>	3	9	2	1
Down		<b>7,360</b>	1,180	4,840	980	360
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>19</b>	3	13	3	1
Lisburn		<b>12,280</b>	1,920	7,600	2,360	400
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>18</b>	3	11	3	1
North Down		<b>5,960</b>	1,060	3,880	760	260
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>13</b>	2	8	2	1
Antrim		<b>5,080</b>	780	3,480	620	200
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>15</b>	2	11	2	1
Ballymena		<b>5,500</b>	780	3,780	740	200
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>15</b>	2	10	2	1
Ballymoney		<b>3,080</b>	720	1,800	360	200
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>19</b>	5	11	2	1
Carrickfergus		<b>3,280</b>	360	2,420	380	120
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>14</b>	2	10	2	1
Coleraine		<b>6,640</b>	1,540	3,820	840	440
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>19</b>	4	11	2	1
Cookstown		<b>4,940</b>	280	4,000	440	220
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>26</b>	1	21	2	1
Larne		<b>3,000</b>	440	2,020	380	160
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>16</b>	2	11	2	1
Magherafelt		<b>4,400</b>	700	2,960	520	220
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>19</b>	3	13	2	1
Moyle		<b>2,220</b>	500	1,220	360	140
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>24</b>	5	13	4	2
Newtownabbey		<b>8,380</b>	1,460	5,540	1,020	360
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>17</b>	3	11	2	1
Armagh		<b>5,600</b>	920	3,900	600	180
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>17</b>	3	12	2	1
Banbridge		<b>3,760</b>	500	2,720	400	140
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>15</b>	2	11	2	1
Craigavon		<b>11,480</b>	1,580	7,960	1,260	680
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>23</b>	3	16	3	1
Dungannon		<b>6,980</b>	780	4,800	940	460
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>24</b>	3	16	3	2
Newry & Mourne		<b>12,780</b>	2,180	8,400	1,520	680
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>24</b>	4	16	3	1
Derry		<b>20,280</b>	3,440	11,980	3,560	1,300
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>31</b>	5	18	5	2
Fermanagh		<b>7,020</b>	1,620	4,140	800	460
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>20</b>	5	12	2	1
Limavady		<b>4,260</b>	780	2,540	580	360
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>22</b>	4	13	3	2
Omagh		<b>6,200</b>	1,060	4,200	700	240
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>21</b>	4	14	2	1
Strabane		<b>7,440</b>	1,520	4,680	880	360
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>32</b>	7	20	4	2
Unknown		<b>3,500</b>	240	2,600	480	180

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

## 1.9 Quarterly Tables

### 1.9.1 Age and Gender

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

		All	% Pop <sup>1</sup>	Men	% Pop <sup>1</sup>	Women	% Pop <sup>1</sup>
1998	Feb	<b>235,780</b>	23	131,220	25	104,560	21
	May	<b>232,760</b>	23	128,960	24	103,800	21
1999	Feb	<b>233,060</b>	23	128,120	24	104,940	21
	May	<b>228,620</b>	22	124,680	24	103,940	21
2000	Feb	<b>223,500</b>	22	119,880	22	103,620	21
	May	<b>222,540</b>	22	117,900	22	104,640	21
2001	Feb	<b>226,720</b>	22	120,860	23	105,860	21
	May	<b>223,680</b>	22	118,640	22	105,040	21

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

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

	All	%	Men	%	Women	%
May 98 / May 99	<b>-4,140</b>	-2	-4,280	-3	140	0
May 99 / May 00	<b>-6,080</b>	-3	-6,780	-5	700	1
May 00 / May 01	<b>1,140</b>	1	740	1	400	0

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

		All	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1998	Feb	<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
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
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
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

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

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

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

		All	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1998	Feb	<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
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
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
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

**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	.
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	.
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	.
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	.

## 1.9.2 Family Type

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

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

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

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

	All	Couples		Single			Not known	
		All	No children	With children	All	No children		With children
May 98 / May 99	<b>-4,140</b>	<b>-4,280</b>	120	-4,400	<b>-440</b>	-1,500	1,060	<b>580</b>
May 99 / May 00	<b>-6,080</b>	<b>-1,600</b>	200	-1,800	<b>-4,060</b>	-3,720	-340	<b>-420</b>
May 00 / May 01	<b>1,140</b>	<b>-1,300</b>	320	-1,620	<b>1,900</b>	540	1,360	<b>540</b>

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

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

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

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

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

		All	Couples		Single			Not known	
			All	No children	With children	All	No children		With children
1998	Feb	<b>104,560</b>	<b>16,240</b>	840	15,400	<b>66,920</b>	25,960	40,960	<b>21,400</b>
	May	<b>103,800</b>	<b>16,440</b>	860	15,580	<b>64,920</b>	25,280	39,640	<b>22,440</b>
1999	Feb	<b>104,940</b>	<b>4,540</b>	2,540	2,000	<b>76,960</b>	24,680	52,280	<b>23,440</b>
	May	<b>103,940</b>	<b>13,880</b>	1,080	12,800	<b>66,260</b>	25,620	40,640	<b>23,800</b>
2000	Feb	<b>103,620</b>	<b>3,100</b>	1,220	1,880	<b>78,040</b>	25,860	52,180	<b>22,480</b>
	May	<b>104,640</b>	<b>15,000</b>	1,240	13,760	<b>66,000</b>	25,620	40,380	<b>23,640</b>
2001	Feb	<b>105,860</b>	<b>3,440</b>	1,360	2,080	<b>79,680</b>	25,800	53,880	<b>22,740</b>
	May	<b>105,040</b>	<b>14,200</b>	1,280	12,920	<b>66,480</b>	25,100	41,380	<b>24,360</b>

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

### 1.9.3 Statistical group

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

		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
1998	Feb	<b>235,780</b>	57,000	132,960	33,660	12,160
	May	<b>232,760</b>	54,220	133,080	33,060	12,400
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
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
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

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

	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
May 98 / May 99	<b>-4,140</b>	-4,580	680	-120	-120
May 99 / May 00	<b>-6,080</b>	-9,960	4,120	-940	700
May 00 / May 01	<b>1,140</b>	-1,960	4,620	-440	-1,080

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

		All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
1998	Feb	<b>131,220</b>	45,800	75,040	1,480	8,900
	May	<b>128,960</b>	43,460	74,880	1,560	9,060
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
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
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

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

		<b>All</b>	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
1998	Feb	<b>104,560</b>	11,200	57,920	32,180	3,260
	May	<b>103,800</b>	10,760	58,200	31,500	3,340
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
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
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

## 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
1999	Feb	<b>233,060</b>	209,760	15,940	7,360
	May	<b>228,620</b>	205,700	16,520	6,400
2000	Feb	<b>223,500</b>	200,960	17,320	5,220
	May	<b>222,540</b>	198,960	17,980	5,600
2001	Feb	<b>226,720</b>	202,400	18,180	6,140
	May	<b>223,680</b>	198,840	18,800	6,040

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

<sup>2</sup> Other is DLA

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

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

		Basis of benefit entitlement					NI Credits only <sup>5</sup>
		All	Contributory <sup>1</sup>	Contributory and means tested <sup>2</sup>	Means tested <sup>3</sup>	Other <sup>4</sup>	
1998	Feb	<b>235,780</b>	63,300	14,820	132,220	19,020	6,420
	May	<b>232,760</b>	62,160	14,520	130,840	19,260	5,980
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
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
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

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

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

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

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

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

## 1.9.5 Duration on benefit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

		All	Under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
1998	Feb	<b>104,560</b>	8,280	7,100	9,540	13,920	65,720
	%	<b>100</b>	8	7	9	13	63
	May	<b>103,800</b>	7,000	6,100	10,040	14,300	66,360
	%	<b>100</b>	7	6	10	14	64
1999	Feb	<b>104,940</b>	7,940	6,760	9,600	13,840	66,800
	%	<b>100</b>	8	6	9	13	64
	May	<b>103,940</b>	7,860	6,060	9,780	13,240	67,000
	%	<b>100</b>	8	6	9	13	64
2000	Feb	<b>103,620</b>	7,040	6,920	9,160	12,700	67,800
	%	<b>100</b>	7	7	9	12	65
	May	<b>104,640</b>	7,800	6,340	10,020	12,900	67,580
	%	<b>100</b>	7	6	10	12	65
2001	Feb	<b>105,860</b>	7,860	6,840	9,640	13,360	68,160
	%	<b>100</b>	7	6	9	13	64
	May	<b>105,040</b>	7,300	6,400	9,480	13,580	68,280
	%	<b>100</b>	7	6	9	13	65

<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
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
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
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

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

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

## 1.9.7 Children and dependants aged under 19

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

		Children aged under 16 years <sup>2</sup>					Young dependants aged 16 to 18 years				
		All	Family type				All	Family type			
			% of all aged under 16 yrs	Couple	Single	Not known		% of all aged 16 to 18 yrs	Couple	Single	Not known
1998	Feb	<b>152,540</b>	37	66,500	79,580	6,460	<b>16,000</b>	21	9,260	6,740	.
	May	<b>151,120</b>	37	65,820	77,300	8,000	<b>16,800</b>	22	10,080	6,720	.
1999	Feb	<b>148,100</b>	36	40,820	101,880	5,400	<b>9,820</b>	13	3,840	5,980	.
	May	<b>145,880</b>	35	60,340	78,900	6,640	<b>10,600</b>	14	4,540	6,060	.
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	.
2001	Feb	<b>132,880</b>	33	30,180	98,520	4,180	<b>14,900</b>	19	4,680	10,220	.
	May	<b>131,620</b>	32	48,580	77,360	5,680	<b>13,660</b>	18	7,240	6,420	.

<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

**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 to under	16 or over	Not known <sup>2</sup>
				11	16		
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
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
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
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

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

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

## 1.9.8 Regional Analysis

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

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

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

		Northern Ireland	Ards	Belfast	Castlereagh	Down	Lisburn North Down	Antrim	Ballymena	Ballymoney	Carrickfergus	Coleraine	Cookstown	Larne	Magherafelt	Moyle	Newtownabbey	Armagh	Banbridge	Craigavon	Dungannon	Newry & Mourne	Derry	Fermanagh	Limavady	Omagh	Strabane	Unknown	
1998	Feb	<b>23</b>	17	31	15	22	18	14	16	17	18	16	19	28	18	19	24	19	15	25	25	27	33	20	23	25	31	.	
	May	<b>23</b>	16	30	15	22	18	14	16	16	19	15	18	29	18	19	23	18	19	24	25	26	33	20	23	25	31	.	
1999	Feb	<b>23</b>	13	29	16	16	13	10	12	12	17	13	15	21	14	15	19	14	16	13	17	19	20	22	16	15	19	24	.
	May	<b>22</b>	16	31	15	20	18	13	17	15	21	16	19	26	18	18	23	18	18	15	23	24	25	31	20	21	23	31	.
2000	Feb	<b>22</b>	17	30	15	20	18	13	15	15	19	15	20	26	18	18	24	16	17	14	23	24	24	30	19	20	22	30	.
	May	<b>22</b>	17	30	15	19	18	13	16	15	19	15	18	26	18	17	23	16	17	14	23	23	23	31	19	20	22	31	.
2001	Feb	<b>22</b>	16	30	14	20	18	14	15	20	15	19	26	17	19	24	16	17	14	24	24	25	31	21	22	22	32	.	
	May	<b>22</b>	16	30	14	19	18	13	15	19	14	19	26	16	19	24	17	17	15	23	24	24	31	20	22	21	32	.	

## 1.10 Benefits and Tax Credits

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

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

This grouping is defined as:

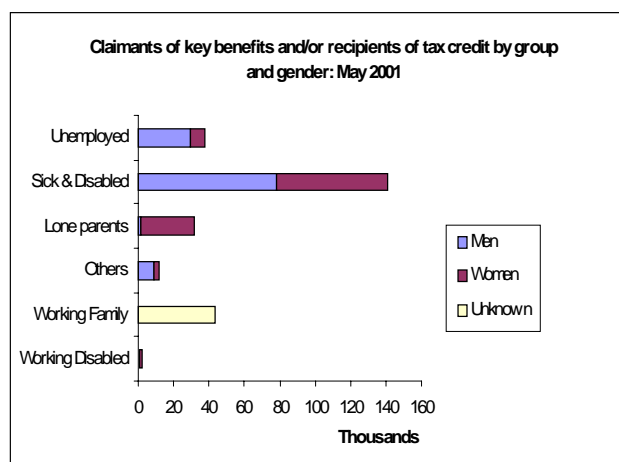
Unemployed	JSA
Sick & disabled <sup>1</sup>	IB, SDA, DLA or IS with a disability premium
Lone parent	Single people with children on IS and not receiving a disability related premium
Other	IS claimant not in other groups
Working Family	FC or WFTC
Working Disabled	DWA or DPTC

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

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

	All	Men	Women	Unknown
<b>All</b>	<b>267,282</b>	<b>118,732</b>	<b>105,030</b>	<b>43,520</b>
Unemployed	37,720	29,540	8,180	.
Sick & Disabled <sup>1</sup>	140,540	78,060	62,480	.
Lone parents	31,560	1,540	30,020	.
Others	11,900	8,540	3,360	.
Working Family	43,600	.	80	43,520
Working Disabled	1,962	1,052	910	.

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



- The overall number of claimants of key benefits and/or tax credits rose by 6,621 between May 1998 and May 2001. The largest reduction was in the unemployed group which fell by 16,500 (down 30%). However, this fall was offset by an increase of 15,860 (up 57%) in the working family group.

- Sick and disabled claimants were consistently the largest group over the period May 1998 to May 2001, rising from 51% of the total to 53% of the total; unemployed claimants were the second largest group but have been overtaken by the working family group.
- The size of the sick & disabled group rose by 8,280 (6%), working families by 15,860 (57%) and working disabled by 981 (100%) between May 1998 and May 2001. The numbers in the lone parents group fell by 1,500 (5%).

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

	May-98		May-99		May-00		May-01	
	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>260,661</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>257,350</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>259,943</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>267,282</b>	<b>26</b>
Unemployed	54,220	5	49,640	5	39,680	4	37,720	4
Sick & Disabled <sup>2</sup>	132,260	13	132,740	13	136,400	13	140,540	14
Lone parents	33,060	3	32,940	3	32,000	3	31,560	3
Others	12,400	1	12,280	1	12,980	1	11,900	1
Working Family	27,740	3	28,600	3	37,340	4	43,600	4
Working Disabled	981	0	1,150	0	1,543	0	1,962	0

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

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

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

- The overall number of people claiming key benefits and/or tax credits has increased since May 2000. This is because the number of people who had started to claim benefit and/or receive a tax credit exceeded the numbers who had stopped. For example, 41,206 of those claiming benefits and/or receiving tax credits in May 2000 were no longer there in May 2001. However, 48,545 people claiming benefits and/or tax credits in May 2001 were not there in May 2000.
- The numbers in each group are also affected by movements between the groups. For example, 22,664 people who were on benefit and/or tax credits in both May 2000 and May 2001 changed group over this period.
- The numbers in the individual statistical groups were affected by movements both on and off benefits and tax credits and also between the groups. For example, the overall number of unemployed claimants fell by 1,960 between May 2000 and May 2001. The number of claimants who moved out of that group (6,921) exceeded those who moved in (4,722) – a reduction of

2,199. However, the number of claimants who left benefit from that group (15,241) was exceeded by those who joined the group (15,480) – an increase of 239. When combined those figures gave a total reduction of 1,960.

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

	On benefit/tax credit in current year - status in previous year <sup>1</sup>				Left benefit and/or tax credit since previous year <sup>2</sup>
	All	Same group	Different group	Not on benefit or tax credit	
<b>May-98</b>	<b>260,661</b>	.	.	.	.
<b>May-99</b>	<b>257,350</b>	191,195	22,620	43,535	<b>46,846</b>
<b>May-00</b>	<b>259,943</b>	185,952	24,373	49,618	<b>47,025</b>
<b>May-01</b>	<b>267,282</b>	196,073	22,664	48,545	<b>41,206</b>

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

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

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

	All on benefit and/or tax credit in May-00	Movement between May-00 and May-01			Overall change <sup>2</sup>	All on benefit and/or tax credit in May-01
		Outflow Not on benefit and/or tax credit in May-01	Inflow Not on benefit and/or tax credit in May-00	Net movement between groups <sup>1</sup>		
<b>All</b>	<b>259,943</b>	41,206	48,545	0	7,339	<b>267,282</b>
Unemployed	<b>39,680</b>	15,241	15,480	-2,199	-1,960	<b>37,720</b>
Sick & Disabled <sup>3</sup>	<b>136,400</b>	14,633	15,660	3,113	4,140	<b>140,540</b>
Lone parents	<b>32,000</b>	2,120	3,280	-1,600	-440	<b>31,560</b>
Others	<b>12,980</b>	2,140	1,760	-700	-1,080	<b>11,900</b>
Working Family	<b>37,340</b>	6,697	11,600	1,357	6,260	<b>43,600</b>
Working Disabled	<b>1,543</b>	375	765	29	419	<b>1,962</b>

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

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

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

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

	Statistical group in May 2001						
	All	Unemployed	Sick & Disabled <sup>2</sup>	Lone parent	Other	Working Family	Working Disabled
<b>Comparison of groups in 2000 and 2001<sup>1</sup></b>							
<b>All</b>	<b>218,737</b>	22,240	124,880	28,280	10,140	32,000	1,197
<b>Group in May 2000</b>							
Unemployed	<b>24,439</b>	17,518	4,140	440	1,460	880	1
Sick & Disabled <sup>2</sup>	<b>121,767</b>	2,880	116,609	980	820	440	38
Lone parents	<b>29,880</b>	420	1,420	25,360	140	2,540	0
Others	<b>10,840</b>	880	1,880	380	7,640	60	0
Working Family	<b>30,643</b>	540	820	1,120	80	28,078	5
Working Disabled	<b>1,168</b>	2	11	0	0	2	1,153
<b>2000 and 2001</b>							
<b>Total with no change</b>	<b>196,358</b>	17,518	116,609	25,360	7,640	28,078	1,153
Leaving original group	<b>-22,379</b>	-6,921	-5,158	-4,520	-3,200	-2,565	-15
Joining new group	<b>22,379</b>	4,722	8,271	2,920	2,500	3,922	44
Net movement between groups	<b>0</b>	-2,199	3,113	-1,600	-700	1,357	29

<sup>1</sup> For example, there were 24,439 claimants in the unemployed group in May 2000 who were also on benefit/tax credits in May 2001. Of these 17,518 were still in this group, 4,140 were now in the sick & disabled group, 440 in the lone parents group, etc.

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

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

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

Group in May 2001	All on benefit and/or tax credit in May 2001	Benefit status in May 1998		
		Not on benefit	Same group	Different group <sup>2</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>267,282</b>	<b>83,977</b>	<b>145,653</b>	<b>37,652</b>
Unemployed	37,720	18,760	14,120	4,840
Sick & Disabled <sup>1</sup>	140,540	33,289	92,720	14,531
Lone Parents	31,560	7,900	19,480	4,180
Others	11,900	2,760	4,340	4,800
Working Family	43,600	21,059	14,460	8,081
Working Disabled	1,962	209	533	1,220

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

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

- Over two thirds (183,305) of claimants of key benefits and/or recipients of tax credits in May 2001 were also on benefit in May 1998 and just over half of the overall total were in the same group.
- People in the working disabled group in May 2001 were the most likely to have been on benefit in May 1998 (89% of them – 1,753), followed by those in the others group (77% - 9,140) and those in the sick & disabled group (76% - 107,251). Those in the unemployed group were the least likely (50% - 18,960). Sick & disabled claimants were the most likely to have stayed in the same group (66% - 92,720).

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

Group in May 1998	All on benefit and/or tax credit in May 1998	Benefit and/or tax credit status in May 2001			
		Reached state pension age <sup>1</sup>	Not on benefit or tax credit	Same group	Different group <sup>3</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>260,661</b>	<b>19,310</b>	<b>58,977</b>	<b>145,653</b>	<b>36,721</b>
Unemployed	54,220	920	24,778	14,120	14,402
Sick & Disabled <sup>2</sup>	132,260	15,600	17,128	92,720	6,812
Lone Parents	33,060	20	5,019	19,480	8,541
Others	12,400	2,760	2,119	4,340	3,181
Working Family	27,740	.	9,735	14,460	3,545
Working Disabled	981	10	198	533	240

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

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

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



## Section 2 : Families with children on key benefits

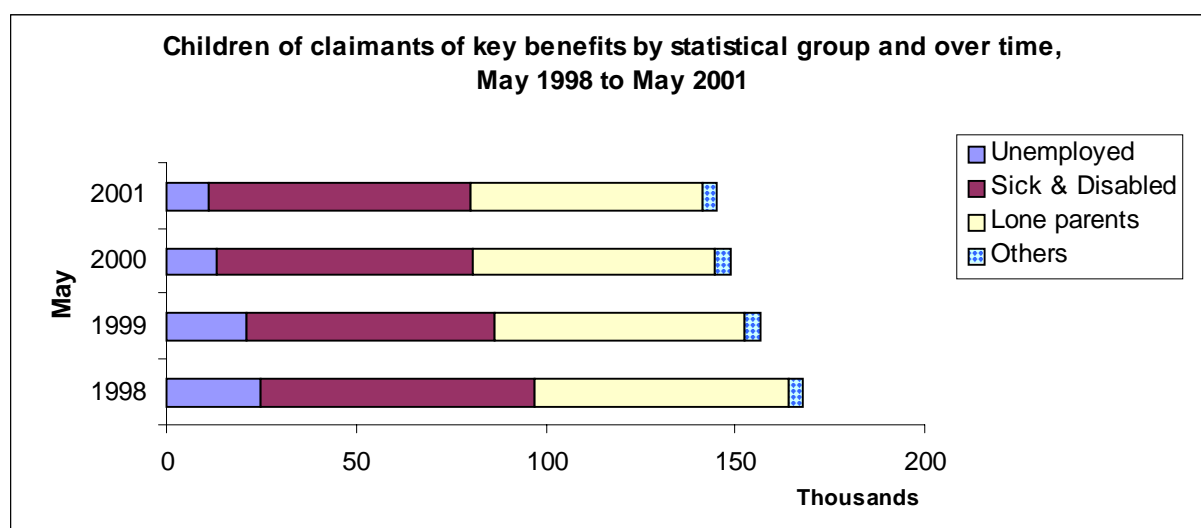
### 2.1 Children

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

	Number of children <sup>1</sup>							
	May-98	%	May-99	%	May-00	%	May-01	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>167,920</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>156,480</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>148,620</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>145,280</b>	<b>100</b>
Unemployed	24,600	15	20,880	13	13,020	9	10,900	8
Sick & Disabled	72,420	43	65,700	42	67,920	46	69,320	48
Lone parents	67,120	40	65,840	42	63,440	43	61,420	42
Others	3,780	2	4,060	3	4,240	3	3,640	3

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

- At May 2001, 145,280 children were living in families claiming a key benefit. The total number of children in families claiming a key benefit was down by 13% (22,640) from May 1998.
- The number of children in the unemployed group fell by 56% between May 1998 and May 2001, whilst the number in the lone parents and sick & disabled groups fell by 8% and 4% respectively.

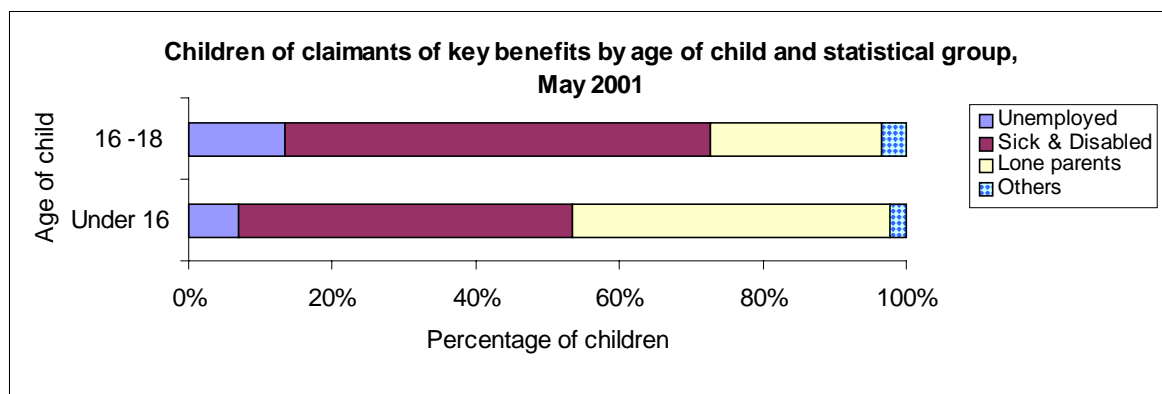


**Table 2.1.2 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by statistical group and family type: May 2001**

	Children aged under 16 years <sup>2</sup>					Young adult dependants aged 16 to 18 years				
	All	Family type				All	Family type			
		% pop aged under 16	Couple	Single	Not known		% pop aged 16 - 18 in full-time education	Couple	Single	Not known
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>131,620</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>48,580</b>	<b>77,360</b>	<b>5,680</b>	<b>13,660</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7,240</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>.</b>
Unemployed	9,080	2	8,760	320	.	1,820	4	1,260	560	.
Sick & Disabled	61,220	15	36,640	18,900	5,680	8,100	19	5,520	2,580	.
Lone parents	58,140	14	.	58,140	.	3,280	8	.	3,280	.
Others	3,180	1	3,180	0	.	460	1	460	0	.

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

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

	Children aged under 16 years <sup>2</sup>					Young adult dependants aged 16 to 18 years				
	All	Family type				All	Family type			
		% pop aged under 16	Couple	Single	Not known		% pop aged 16 - 18 in full-time education	Couple	Single	Not known
May-98	<b>151,120</b>	<b>37</b>	65,820	77,300	8,000	<b>16,800</b>	<b>41</b>	10,080	6,720	.
May-99	<b>145,880</b>	<b>35</b>	60,340	78,900	6,640	<b>10,600</b>	<b>25</b>	4,540	6,060	.
May-00	<b>134,800</b>	<b>33</b>	51,940	76,800	6,060	<b>13,820</b>	<b>32</b>	7,580	6,240	.
May-01	<b>131,620</b>	<b>32</b>	48,580	77,360	5,680	<b>13,660</b>	<b>32</b>	7,240	6,420	.

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

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

- The number of children under 16 living in families where the benefit claimant was single rose between May 1998 and May 2001. (The number of children under 16 living in households where the claimant had a partner fell over this period). The proportion of children under 16 living in a household where the claimant was single rose from 51% in May 1998 to 59% in May 2001.
- For under 16s the figure was 59% in May 2001 while the figure for 16 - 18 year olds was 47%.

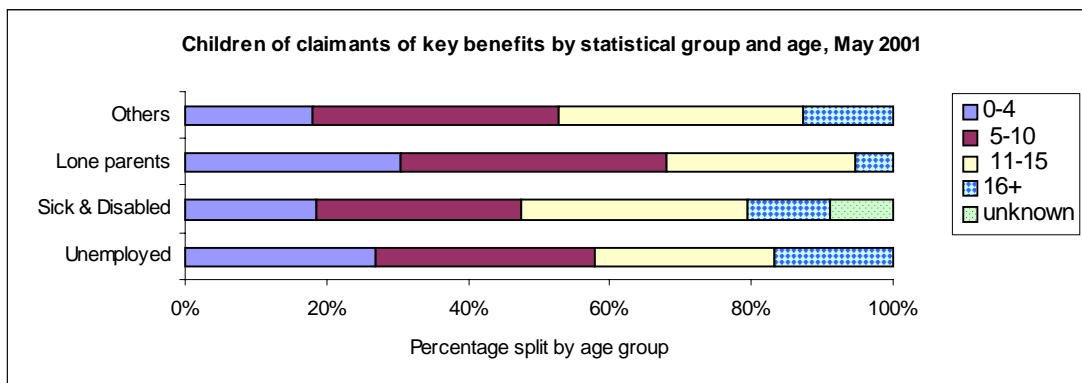
**Table 2.1.4 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by statistical group and age of child: May 2001**

	Number of children/dependants											
	All ages	%	Under 5	%	5 to under 11	%	11 to under 16	%	16 or over	%	Not known <sup>2</sup>	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>145,280</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>35,080</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>47,740</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>42,560</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13,660</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6,240</b>	<b>4</b>
Unemployed	<b>10,900</b>	<b>100</b>	2,920	27	3,380	31	2,780	26	1,820	17	.	0
Sick & Disabled	<b>69,320</b>	<b>100</b>	12,780	18	20,080	29	22,140	32	8,100	12	6,220	9
Lone parents	<b>61,420</b>	<b>100</b>	18,720	30	23,020	37	16,380	27	3,280	5	20	0
Others	<b>3,640</b>	<b>100</b>	660	18	1,260	35	1,260	35	460	13	.	0

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

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

- Amongst the sick & disabled group proportionally fewer children were under the age of five, reflecting the older age profile of those claiming a sickness and/or disability benefit (although the ages of many children in this group were unknown).
- The children of lone parents had the youngest profile with 68% aged under 11.



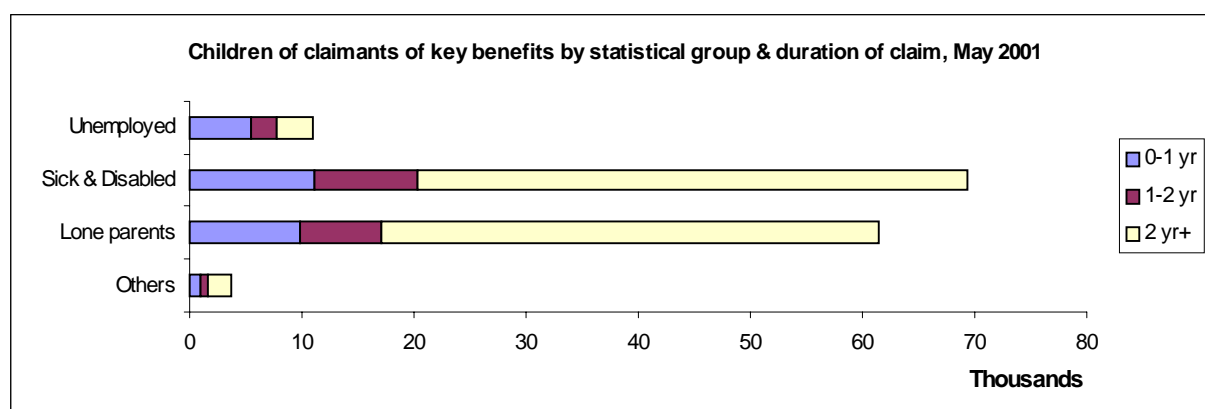
**Table 2.1.5 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by statistical group and duration of claim: May 2001**

	Duration of oldest claim <sup>2</sup>											
	All durations	%	Under 3 months	%	3 to under 6 months	%	6 months to under 1 year	%	1 to under 2 years	%	2 years and over	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>145,280</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7,260</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7,120</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13,120</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19,460</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>98,320</b>	<b>68</b>
Unemployed	10,900	100	2,260	21	1,240	11	2,020	19	2,260	21	3,120	29
Sick & Disabled	69,320	100	2,420	3	3,240	5	5,440	8	9,240	13	48,980	71
Lone parents	61,420	100	2,400	4	2,300	4	5,160	8	7,300	12	44,260	72
Others	3,640	100	180	5	340	9	500	14	660	18	1,960	54

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

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

- Of those children in families claiming a key benefit 68% had been on benefits for at least 2 years. For the lone parents group the figure was 72% whilst the figure for the unemployed group was 29%.
- Of those children in families classed as unemployed 51% had been on benefit for less than a year.



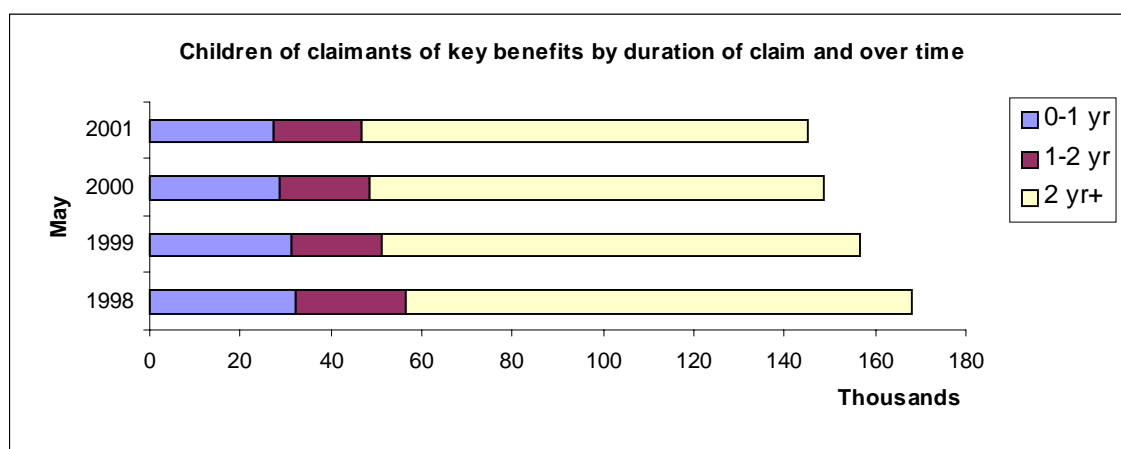
**Table 2.1.6 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by duration of claim: May 1998 to May 2001**

	All durations	Duration of oldest claim <sup>2</sup>				
		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 to under 2 years	2 years and over
May-98	<b>167,920</b>	8,800	7,760	15,760	24,020	111,580
%	<b>100</b>	5	5	9	14	66
May-99	<b>156,480</b>	8,920	8,420	13,940	19,940	105,260
%	<b>100</b>	6	5	9	13	67
May-00	<b>148,620</b>	8,600	7,400	12,660	20,040	99,920
%	<b>100</b>	6	5	9	13	67
May-01	<b>145,280</b>	7,260	7,120	13,120	19,460	98,320
%	<b>100</b>	5	5	9	13	68

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

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

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



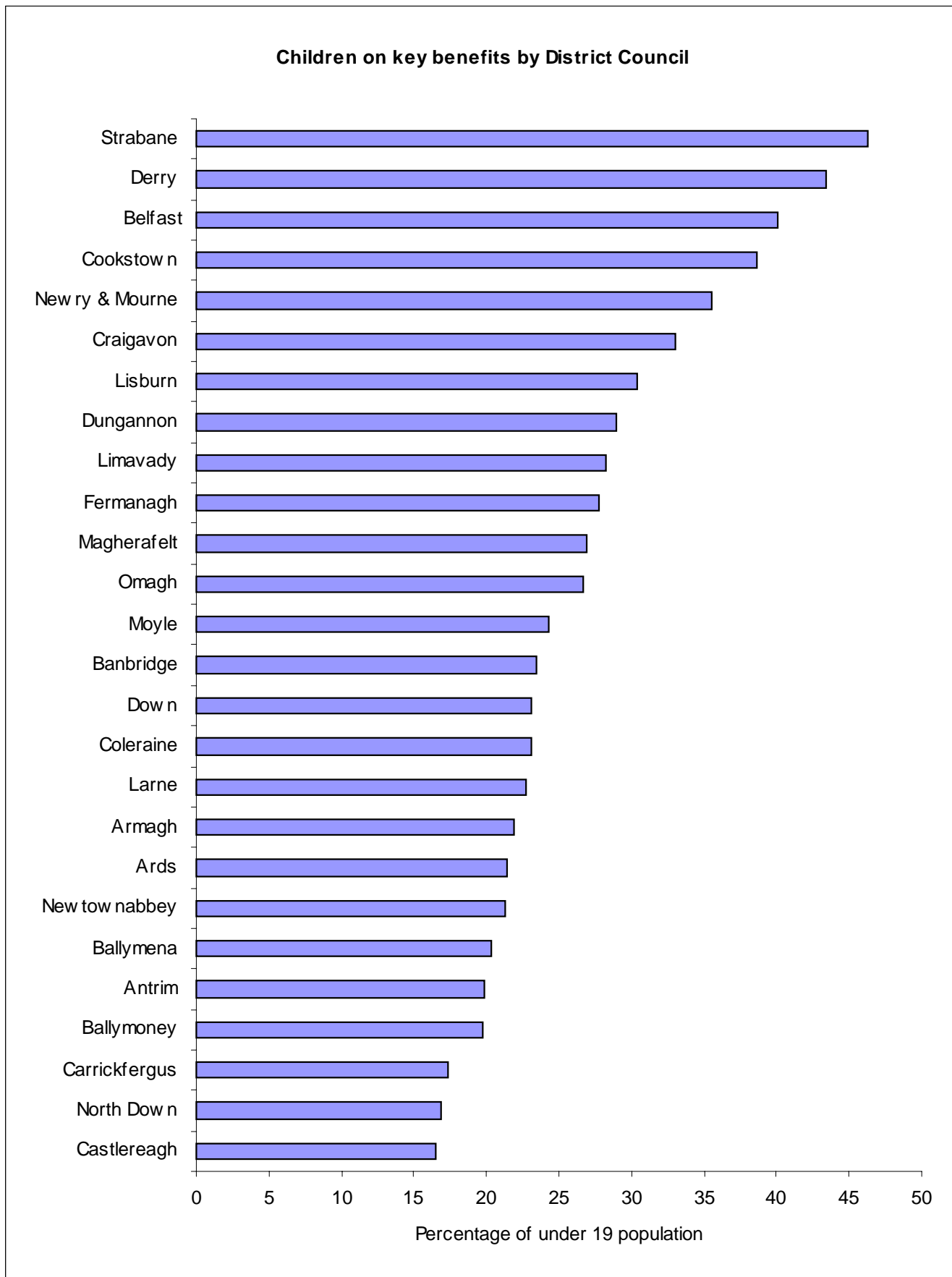
**Table 2.1.7 Children<sup>1</sup> of claimants of key benefits by district council: May 2001**

	Number of children	% of population <sup>2</sup>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>145,280</b>	<b>30</b>
Ards	3,960	21
Belfast	31,180	40
Castlereagh	2,680	17
Down	4,440	23
Lisburn	9,780	30
North Down	3,080	17
Antrim	2,820	20
Ballymena	3,220	20
Ballymoney	1,500	20
Carrickfergus	1,780	17
Coleraine	3,360	23
Cookstown	3,580	39
Larne	1,820	23
Magherafelt	3,460	27
Moyle	1,020	24
Newtownabbey	4,560	21
Armagh	3,540	22
Banbridge	2,560	23
Craigavon	7,760	33
Dungannon	4,360	29
Newry & Mourne	10,180	36
Derry	15,480	43
Fermanagh	4,780	28
Limavady	2,820	28
Omagh	4,040	27
Strabane	5,320	46
Unknown	2,200	.

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

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

- The percentage of children (aged under 16 or aged 16 - 18 and in full-time education) living in families claiming a key benefit varied from 46% in Strabane to 17% in Carrickfergus, Castlereagh and North Down.



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

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	Number of children	% of population <sup>2</sup>
<b>All combinations</b>	<b>145,280</b>	<b>32</b>
IS only	69,320	15
IB only	14,000	3
JSA only	10,560	2
IS, IB & DLA	10,960	2
DLA only	9,220	2
IB & DLA	9,480	2
IS & DLA	9,520	2
IS & IB	9,180	2
IS, DLA & SDA	1,400	0
DLA & SDA	960	0
IS & SDA	180	0
DLA & JSA	240	0
SDA only	160	0
Others <sup>3</sup>	100	0

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

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

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

- 69% of 'key benefit' children were living in families where Income Support was claimed.

## 2.2 Families

**Table 2.2.1 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits by statistical group and duration of claim: May 2001**

	Duration of oldest claim <sup>2</sup>											
	All durations		Under 3 months		3 to under 6 months		6 months to under 1 year		1 to under 2 years		2 years and over	
		%		%		%		%		%		%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>73,340</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4,020</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6,840</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10,680</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>47,920</b>	<b>65</b>
Unemployed	5,440	100	1,080	20	700	13	1,000	18	1,180	22	1,480	27
Sick & Disabled	34,740	100	1,320	4	1,780	5	2,700	8	4,580	13	24,360	70
Lone parents	31,560	100	1,380	4	1,400	4	2,900	9	4,580	15	21,300	67
Others	1,600	100	100	6	140	9	240	15	340	21	780	49

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

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

- 65% of families on key benefits had been on benefit for at least 2 years. For the sick & disabled group the figure was 70% whilst the figure for the unemployed was only 27%.
- 51% 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 1998 to May 2001**

	Duration of oldest claim <sup>2</sup>					
	All durations	Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 to under 2 years	2 years and over
May-98	<b>80,160</b>	4,460	4,080	7,840	12,100	51,680
%	<b>100</b>	6	5	10	15	64
May-99	<b>76,220</b>	4,560	4,340	7,260	10,300	49,760
%	<b>100</b>	6	6	10	14	65
May-00	<b>73,800</b>	4,460	4,000	6,960	10,240	48,140
%	<b>100</b>	6	5	9	14	65
May-01	<b>73,340</b>	3,880	4,020	6,840	10,680	47,920
%	<b>100</b>	5	5	9	15	65

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

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

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

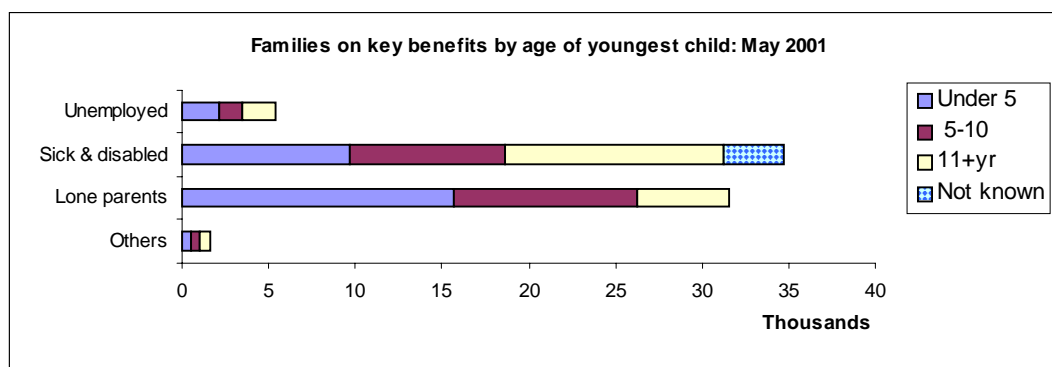
**Table 2.2.3 Families<sup>1</sup> on key benefits by statistical group and age of youngest child: May 2001**

	All ages	%	Age of youngest child							%	Not known <sup>2</sup>	%
			Under 5	%	5 to under 11	%	11 to under 16	%	16 or over			
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>73,340</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>28,080</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>21,180</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15,660</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4,920</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>5</b>
Unemployed	5,440	100	2,160	40	1,260	23	1,040	19	980	18	.	0
Sick & Disabled	34,740	100	9,720	28	8,900	26	9,200	26	3,440	10	3,480	10
Lone parents	31,560	100	15,660	50	10,560	33	4,940	16	380	1	20	0
Others	1,600	100	540	34	460	29	480	30	120	8	.	0

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

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

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



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

	All ages	Age of youngest child				Not known <sup>2</sup>
		Under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16	16 or over	
May-98	<b>80,160</b>	31,760	23,580	15,320	5,020	4,480
%	<b>100</b>	40	29	19	6	6
May-99	<b>76,220</b>	27,660	19,760	13,880	2,980	11,940
%	<b>100</b>	36	26	18	4	16
May-00	<b>73,800</b>	28,260	21,600	15,840	4,600	3,500
%	<b>100</b>	38	29	21	6	5
May-01	<b>73,340</b>	28,080	21,180	15,660	4,920	3,500
%	<b>100</b>	38	29	21	7	5

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

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

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

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

	Number of children				
	All families	One	Two	Three	Four or more
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>73,340</b>	<b>31,380</b>	<b>23,160</b>	<b>11,060</b>	<b>7,740</b>
Unemployed	5,440	2,140	1,880	960	460
Sick & Disabled	34,740	14,600	11,060	5,260	3,820
Lone parents	31,560	14,100	9,760	4,500	3,200
Others	1,600	540	460	340	260

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

- In May 2001, 7.8% of families (see appendix 1) claiming child benefit had 4 or more children while the figure was 10.6% of families on key benefits.
- Over 42% (31,380) claimants of key benefits had only 1 child.

## 2.3 Benefits and Tax Credits

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

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

This grouping is defined as:

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

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

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

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

	Number of children							
	May-98	%	May-99	%	May-00	%	May-01	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>229,366</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>219,641</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>228,659</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>237,458</b>	<b>100</b>
Unemployed <sup>2</sup>	24,600	11	20,880	10	13,120	6	10,900	5
Sick & disabled <sup>2</sup>	72,280	32	65,680	30	67,580	30	68,280	29
Lone parents	67,120	29	65,840	30	63,440	28	61,420	26
Working family	60,500	26	61,940	28	78,520	34	91,020	38
Working disabled	1,086	0	1,241	1	1,759	1	2,198	1
Others	3,780	2	4,060	2	4,240	2	3,640	2

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

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

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

	Children aged under 16 years <sup>2</sup>					Young adult dependants aged 16 to 18 years				
	% pop aged All	Family type				% pop aged 16-18 in full- time All	Family type			
		% pop aged under 16	Couple	Single	Not known		education	Couple	Single	Not known
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>214,906</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>102,252</b>	<b>106,994</b>	<b>5,660</b>	<b>22,552</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>12,646</b>	<b>9,906</b>	<b>.</b>
Unemployed <sup>3</sup>	9,080	2	8,760	320	.	<b>1,820</b>	4	1,260	560	.
Sick & disabled <sup>3</sup>	60,180	15	36,500	18,020	5,660	<b>8,100</b>	19	5,540	2,560	.
Lone parents	58,140	14	.	58,140	.	<b>3,280</b>	8	.	3,280	.
Working family	82,400	20	52,540	29,860	.	<b>8,620</b>	20	5,220	3,400	.
Working disabled	1,926	0	1,272	654	.	<b>272</b>	1	166	106	.
Others	3,180	1	3,180	0	.	<b>460</b>	1	460	0	.

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

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

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

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

	Age of children											
	All ages	%	Under 5	%	5 to under 11	%	11 to under 16	%	16 or over	%	Not known	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>237,458</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>59,795</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>80,151</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>68,800</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22,552</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6,160</b>	<b>3</b>
Unemployed <sup>2</sup>	10,900	100	2,920	27	3,380	31	2,780	26	1,820	17	.	0
Sick & disabled <sup>2</sup>	68,280	100	12,580	18	19,680	29	21,780	32	8,100	12	6,140	9
Lone parents	61,420	100	18,720	30	23,020	37	16,380	27	3,280	5	20	0
Working family	91,020	100	24,500	27	32,060	35	25,840	28	8,620	9	.	0
Working disabled	2,198	100	415	19	751	34	760	35	272	12	.	0
Others	3,640	100	660	18	1,260	35	1,260	35	460	13	.	0

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

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

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

	Duration of oldest claim <sup>2</sup>											
	All durations	%	Under 3 months	%	3 to under 6 months	%	6 months to under 1 year	%	1 to under 2 years	%	2 years or over	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>237,458</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>59,279</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>47,956</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13,153</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19,120</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>97,950</b>	<b>41</b>
Unemployed <sup>3</sup>	10,900	100	2,040	19	1,460	13	2,020	19	2,260	21	3,120	29
Sick & disabled <sup>3</sup>	68,280	100	2,380	3	3,200	5	5,280	8	8,880	13	48,540	71
Lone parents	61,420	100	2,380	4	2,320	4	5,160	8	7,300	12	44,260	72
Working family	91,020	100	51,320	56	39,660	44	20	0	0	0	20	0
Working disabled	2,198	100	979	45	976	44	173	8	20	1	50	2
Others	3,640	100	180	5	340	9	500	14	660	18	1,960	54

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

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

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

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

	Duration of oldest claim <sup>2</sup>											
	All durations	%	Under 3 months	%	3 to under 6 months	%	6 months to under 1 year	%	1 to under 2 years	%	2 years or over	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>117,389</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>29,067</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23,218</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6,849</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10,549</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>47,706</b>	<b>41</b>
Unemployed <sup>3</sup>	5,440	100	1,020	19	760	14	1,000	18	1,180	22	1,480	27
Sick & disabled <sup>3</sup>	34,160	100	1,300	4	1,720	5	2,600	8	4,440	13	24,100	71
Lone parents	31,560	100	1,360	4	1,420	4	2,900	9	4,580	15	21,300	67
Working family	43,580	100	24,820	57	18,720	43	20	0	0	0	20	0
Working disabled	1,049	100	467	45	458	44	89	8	9	1	26	2
Others	1,600	100	100	6	140	9	240	15	340	21	780	49

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

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

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

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

	Age of youngest child											
	All ages	%	Under 5	%	5 to under 11	%	11 to under 16	%	16 or over	%	Not known <sup>2</sup>	%
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>117,389</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>47,322</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34,979</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24,324</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7,344</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3,420</b>	<b>3</b>
Unemployed <sup>3</sup>	<b>5,440</b>	<b>100</b>	2,160	40	1,260	23	1,040	19	980	18	.	0
Sick & disabled <sup>3</sup>	<b>34,160</b>	<b>100</b>	9,520	28	8,720	26	9,060	27	3,460	10	3,400	10
Lone parents	<b>31,560</b>	<b>100</b>	15,660	50	10,560	33	4,940	16	380	1	20	0
Working family	<b>43,580</b>	<b>100</b>	19,100	44	13,640	31	8,520	20	2,320	5	.	0
Working disabled	<b>1,049</b>	<b>100</b>	342	33	339	32	284	27	84	8	.	0
Others	<b>1,600</b>	<b>100</b>	540	34	460	29	480	30	120	8	.	0

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

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

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

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

	All families	Number of children			
		One	Two	Three	Four or more
<b>All statistical groups</b>	<b>117,389</b>	<b>48,228</b>	<b>37,041</b>	<b>19,333</b>	<b>12,787</b>
Unemployed <sup>2</sup>	<b>5,440</b>	2,140	1,880	960	460
Sick & Disabled <sup>2</sup>	<b>34,160</b>	14,320	10,880	5,160	3,800
Lone Parents	<b>31,560</b>	14,100	9,760	4,500	3,200
Working family	<b>43,580</b>	16,740	13,720	8,180	4,940
Working disabled	<b>1,049</b>	388	341	193	127
Others	<b>1,600</b>	540	460	340	260

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

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



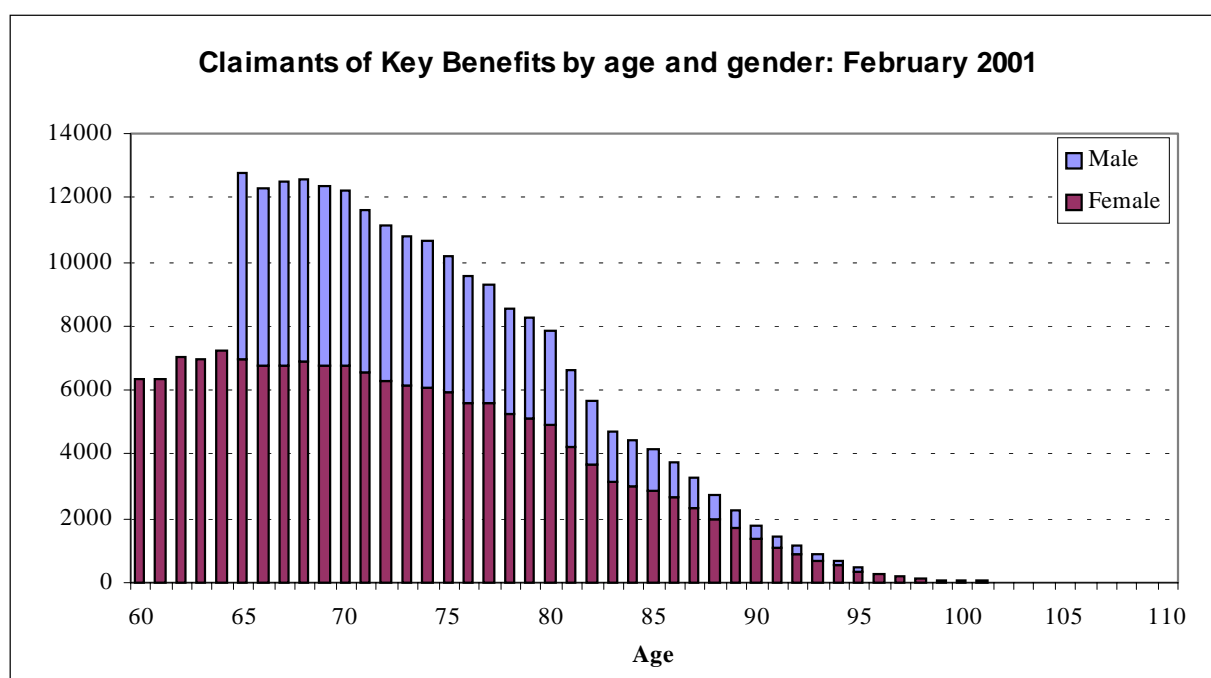
## Section 3: Persons of Pensionable Age on Key Benefits

### 3.1 Age and gender

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

	Feb-98	Feb-99	Feb-00	Feb-01
Men	86,216	86,703	86,784	87,839
% of pop <sup>1</sup>	99	98	98	98
Women	161,875	162,831	162,691	163,646
% of pop <sup>1</sup>	97	97	96	96
<b>All</b>	<b>248,091</b>	<b>249,534</b>	<b>249,475</b>	<b>251,485</b>
<b>% of pop <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>97</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>97</b>

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



- In February 2001 about 97% (251,485) of people over state pension age claimed a key benefit - an unchanged proportion since February 1999.
- The proportion of women claiming at least one of the key state benefits is slightly lower than for men; 96% compared with 98% respectively.

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

	Male		Female		All	
		% of pop <sup>12</sup>		% of pop <sup>12</sup>		% of pop <sup>12</sup>
60-64	-	-	33,909	89	<b>33,909</b>	<b>89</b>
65-69	28,433	96	34,106	98	<b>62,539</b>	<b>97</b>
70-74	24,572	99	31,841	97	<b>56,413</b>	<b>98</b>
75-79	18,293	98	27,543	98	<b>45,836</b>	<b>98</b>
80-84	10,422	103	18,907	102	<b>29,329</b>	<b>103</b>
85-89	4,628	99	11,604	100	<b>16,232</b>	<b>100</b>
90+	1,491	87	5,736	95	<b>7,227</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>All ages</b>	<b>87,839</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>163,646</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>251,485</b>	<b>97</b>

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

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

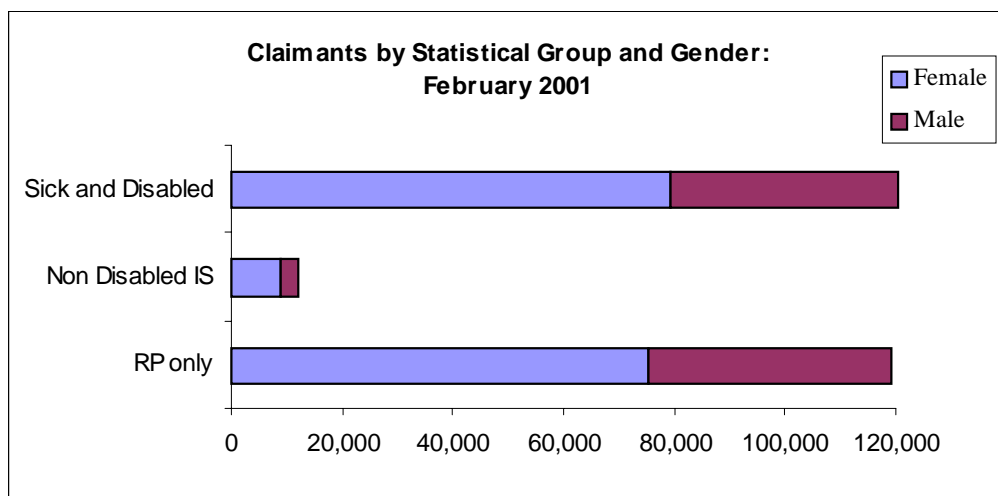
**Table 3.1.3 Claimants over State Pension Age by Statistical group: February 1998 - February 2001**

	Feb-98		Feb-99		Feb-00		Feb-01	
	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	All	% of pop <sup>1</sup>
Sick and/or Disabled	109,620	43	111,817	44	114,872	45	120,372	46
Non Disabled IS	14,833	6	13,883	5	12,756	5	11,962	5
RP only	123,638	49	123,834	48	121,847	47	119,151	46
<b>All</b>	<b>248,091</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>249,534</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>249,475</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>251,485</b>	<b>97</b>

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

### 3.2 Statistical groups

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



- The overall numbers rose by 3,394 between February 1998 and February 2001.
- Sick and/or disabled claimants rose from 109,620 to 120,372 between February 1998 and February 2001, rising from 43% to 46% of the total pensioner population.
- Over the same period, the non-disabled IS statistical group fell by 2,871.
- The relative size of the RP only statistical group has also decreased, from 49% of the total pensioner population at February 1998 to 46% at February 2001.

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

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

	Male	Female	All
Sick and/or Disabled	2,678	2,540	<b>5,218</b>
Non Disabled IS	374	387	<b>761</b>
RP only	3,181	5,006	<b>8,187</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>6,233</b>	<b>7,933</b>	<b>14,166</b>

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

	Male	Female	All
Sick and/or Disabled	3,642	5,436	<b>9,078</b>
Non Disabled IS	136	228	<b>364</b>
RP only	1,400	1,314	<b>2,714</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>5,178</b>	<b>6,978</b>	<b>12,156</b>

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

Statistical group in February 2000	Statistical group in February 2001			All
	Sick and/or Disabled	Non Disabled IS	RP only	
Sick and/or Disabled	0	78	212	<b>290</b>
Non Disabled IS	2,495	0	291	<b>2,786</b>
RP only	7,155	1,517	0	<b>8,672</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>9,650</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>11,748</b>

- 51% of claimants moving onto a key benefit(s) between February 2000 and February 2001 received the state Retirement Pension as their only benefit.
- The number in the sick and/or disabled statistical group rose by 5,500 between February 2000 and February 2001. However more people stopped claiming a key benefit in this statistical group (9,078) than moved onto benefit directly into the sick and/or disabled statistical group (5,218). This rise is due to a net 9,360 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 1998 and February 2001: by gender and statistical group**

	Male	Female	All
Sick and/or Disabled	7,871	7,811	<b>15,682</b>
Non Disabled IS	906	1,104	<b>2,010</b>
RP only	9,002	14,566	<b>23,568</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>17,779</b>	<b>23,481</b>	<b>41,260</b>

**Table 3.2.5 Cases over State Pension Age receiving a key benefit at February 1998 but no longer receiving key benefits in February 2001: by gender and statistical group**

	Male	Female	All
Sick and/or Disabled	10,478	16,124	<b>26,602</b>
Non Disabled IS	536	905	<b>1,441</b>
RP only	5,142	4,681	<b>9,823</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>16,156</b>	<b>21,710</b>	<b>37,866</b>

**Table 3.2.6 Cases over State Pension Age changing statistical group: February 1998 and February 2001**

Statistical group in February 1998	Statistical group in February 2001			All
	Sick and/or Disabled	Non Disabled IS	RP only	
Sick and/or Disabled	0	207	1,162	<b>1,369</b>
Non Disabled IS	5,235	0	527	<b>5,762</b>
Rp only	17,806	2,115	0	<b>19,921</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>23,041</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>1,689</b>	<b>27,052</b>

- The overall number of claimants on key benefits has risen during the period February 1998 to February 2001 by 3,394, with the number moving onto key benefits (41,260) exceeding those no longer claiming a key benefit (37,866).
- Approximately 74% of people on a key benefit in February 1998 have remained within the same statistical group in February 2001, 15% were no longer on a key benefit and 11% had moved statistical group.

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

	Feb-98		Feb-99		Feb-00		Feb-01	
		%		%		%		%
AA or DLA	3,028	3	2,829	3	2,766	2	2,836	2
IB or SDA	2,000	2	1,007	1	241	0	179	0
AA or DLA and IB or SDA	2,743	3	1,704	2	882	1	851	1
IS only/IS with AA or DLA or IB or SDA	5,255	5	5,645	5	5,156	4	5,739	5
RP only (IVA or in hospital)	5,158	5	5,687	5	5,907	5	5,967	5
RP and one of AA or DLA	47,604	43	51,279	46	54,892	48	56,850	47
RP and IS	3,996	4	3,110	3	2,750	2	3,547	3
RP and IS and AA or DLA	39,777	36	40,556	36	42,235	37	44,402	37
<b>All</b>	<b>109,561</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>111,817</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>114,829</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>120,371</b>	<b>100</b>

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

	Male	%	Female	%	All	%
AA or DLA	800	2	2,036	3	2,836	2
IB or SDA	43	0	136	0	179	0
AA or DLA and IB or SDA	51	0	800	1	851	1
IS only/IS with AA or DLA or IB or SDA	1,658	4	4,081	5	5,739	5
RP only (IVA or in hospital)	4,056	10	1,911	2	5,967	5
RP and one of AA or DLA	20,730	51	36,120	45	56,850	47
RP and IS	1,597	4	1,950	2	3,547	3
RP and IS and AA or DLA	12,039	29	32,363	41	44,402	37
<b>All</b>	<b>40,974</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>79,397</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>120,371</b>	<b>100</b>

- The sick and/or disabled statistical group as a whole increased by 10,810 (+10%) between February 1998 and February 2001.
- RP plus AA or DLA in February 2001 accounted for 47% of the total claimants within the sick and/or disabled statistical group. This compares with only 43% in February 1998.
- The numbers claiming RP, plus IS and AA or DLA rose more slowly but maintained its relative size (from 36% to 37%) in terms of the overall proportion.

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

	Male	Female	All
DLA only	310	1,257	<b>1,567</b>
AA only	487	775	<b>1,262</b>
DLA, AA	3	4	<b>7</b>
SDA only	34	128	<b>162</b>
SDA, DLA	40	707	<b>747</b>
SDA, AA	9	61	<b>70</b>
SDA, DLA, AA	1	17	<b>18</b>
IB only	9	8	<b>17</b>
IB, DLA	.	15	<b>15</b>
IB, AA	1	.	<b>1</b>
IS only	794	1,426	<b>2,220</b>
IS, DLA	345	868	<b>1,213</b>
IS, AA	578	1,540	<b>2,118</b>
IS, DLA, AA	4	21	<b>25</b>
IS, SDA	100	233	<b>333</b>
IS, SDA, DLA	220	638	<b>858</b>
IS, SDA, AA	88	194	<b>282</b>
IS, SDA, AA, DLA	8	16	<b>24</b>
IS, IB	18	31	<b>49</b>
IS, IB, DLA	45	116	<b>161</b>
IS, IB, AA	2	.	<b>2</b>
RP only	47,806	77,309	<b>125,115</b>
RP, DLA	7,536	14,062	<b>21,598</b>
RP, AA	13,026	21,859	<b>34,885</b>
RP, AA, DLA	168	203	<b>371</b>
RP, IS	4,168	9,795	<b>13,963</b>
RP, IS, DLA	3,636	7,249	<b>10,885</b>
RP, IS, AA	8,285	24,862	<b>33,147</b>
RP, IS, AA, DLA	118	252	<b>370</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>87,839</b>	<b>163,646</b>	<b>251,485</b>

### 3.3 Regional Analysis

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

**Table 3.3.1 Claimants over State Pension Age of key benefits by gender and Government Office Region: November 2000**

	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>3,759</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,514</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>10,273</b>	<b>98</b>
England	3,237	100	5,564	97	8,801	98
North East	175	102	304	97	479	99
North West <sup>2</sup>	444	101	787	97	1,231	99
Yorkshire & Humberside	331	101	576	97	907	98
East Midlands	283	100	470	97	753	98
West Midlands	352	100	601	97	952	98
East	376	102	621	98	996	99
London	361	96	642	94	1,003	94
South East	535	100	919	96	1,454	98
South West	381	101	644	98	1,025	99
Wales	207	98	356	95	563	96
Scotland	316	100	594	98	910	99
<b>Northern Ireland<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>88</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>97</b>

<sup>1</sup> Population over state pension age

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

<sup>3</sup> Northern Ireland data is at February 2001

- The proportion of the population over state pension age claiming a key benefit ranges from 94% in London to 99% in several other government office regions.
- The figure for Northern Ireland of 97% claiming a key benefit is below the Great Britain average of 98% and only London and Wales have a lower percentage of claimants than Northern Ireland.

**Table 3.3.2 Claimants over State Pension Age of key benefits by Statistical group and Government Office Region: November 2000**

Thousands and percentages

		Statistical Group			
		Sick and/or Disabled	on Disabled IS	RP only	All
<b>Great Britain</b>	(000s)	<b>2,415</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>7,245</b>	<b>10,273</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	23	6	69	<b>98</b>
England	(000s)	1,958	535	6,308	<b>8,801</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	22	6	70	<b>98</b>
North East	(000s)	146	31	302	<b>479</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	30	6	62	<b>99</b>
North West <sup>2</sup>	(000s)	368	71	792	<b>1,231</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	29	6	63	<b>99</b>
Yorkshire & Humberside	(000s)	230	58	618	<b>907</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	25	6	67	<b>98</b>
East Midlands	(000s)	174	40	539	<b>753</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	23	5	70	<b>98</b>
West Midlands	(000s)	240	63	650	<b>952</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	25	6	67	<b>98</b>
East	(000s)	182	54	761	<b>996</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	18	5	76	<b>99</b>
London	(000s)	200	92	711	<b>1,003</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	19	9	67	<b>94</b>
South East	(000s)	220	75	1,160	<b>1,454</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	15	5	78	<b>98</b>
South West	(000s)	199	51	776	<b>1,025</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	19	5	75	<b>99</b>
Wales	(000s)	198	26	339	<b>563</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	34	4	58	<b>96</b>
Scotland	(000s)	259	53	598	<b>910</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	28	6	65	<b>99</b>
Northern Ireland <sup>3</sup>	(000s)	120	12	119	<b>251</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	46	5	46	<b>97</b>

<sup>1</sup> Population over state pension age

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

<sup>3</sup> Northern Ireland data is at February 2001

- Northern Ireland has by far the highest proportion claiming a key sickness and/or disability benefit at 46% compared to Wales (34%), which is next, with the South East lowest at 15%.
- For the RP only category Northern Ireland (46%) is considerably lower than any other office region, with Wales (58%) next. The highest proportion is the South East (78%).



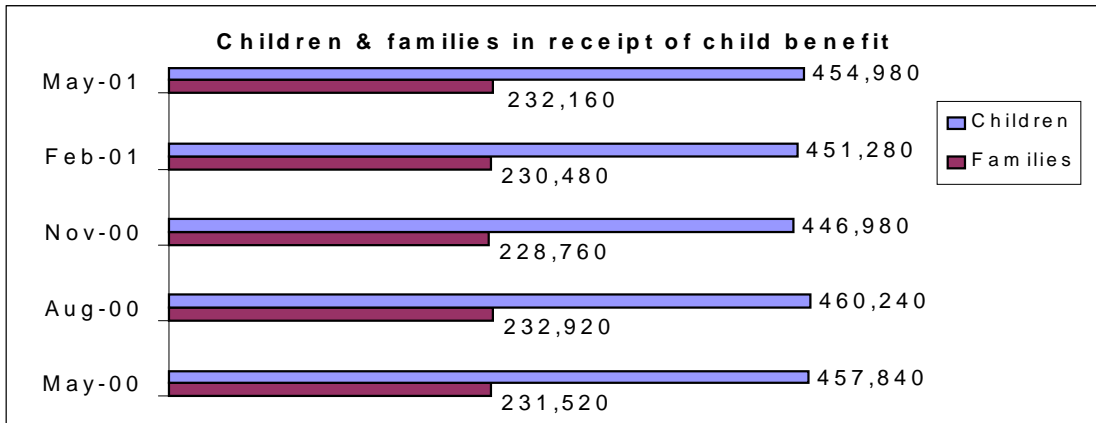
# Appendices

## Appendix 1 - Child Benefit

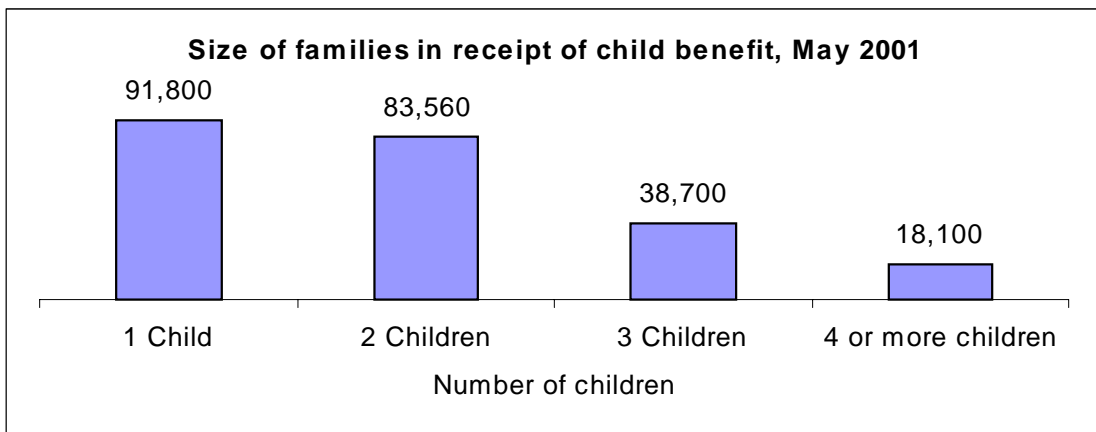
At the end of May 2001 there were 232,160 families receiving child benefit and 454,980 children in respect of whom the payment was being made.

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

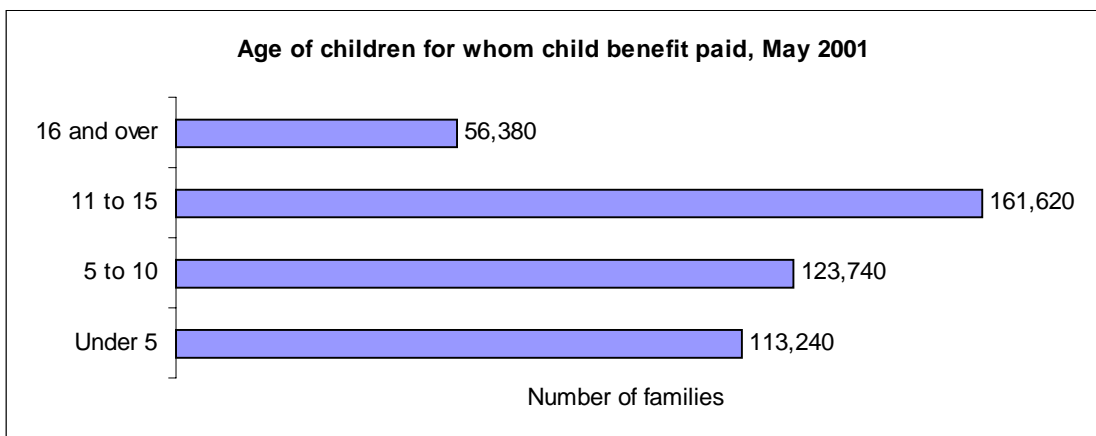
### Child Benefit caseload: families and children



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



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

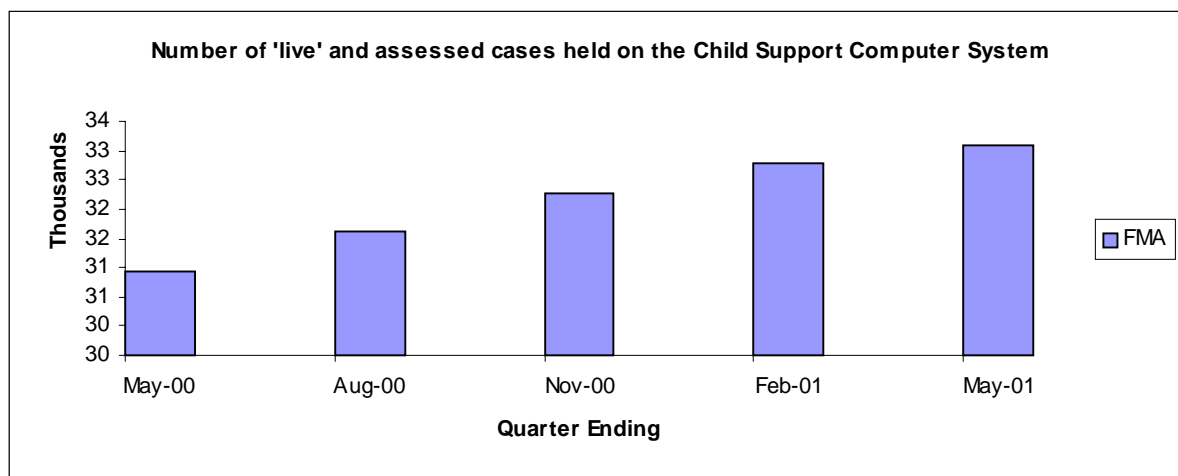


## Child Benefit rates (£ per week)

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

## Appendix 2 - Child Support Agency

At the end of May 2001 there were 33,084 'live' and fully assessed cases held on the Child Support Computer System (CSCS).



The average FMA (Full Maintenance Assessment) for all non-resident parents (NRPs) rose from £13.64 in May 2000 to £13.86 in May 2001. For NRPs recorded on CSCS as an employee the average maintenance in May 2001 was £34.22 per week, an increase of £0.24 per week from May 2000. For self-employed NRPs, the average maintenance assessment was £20.36 per week in May 2000 and May 2001.

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

Month	FMA	Average, £pw
May-00	30,940	£13.64
Aug-00	31,630	£13.71
Nov-00	32,276	£13.72
Feb-01	32,793	£13.75
May-01	33,084	£13.86

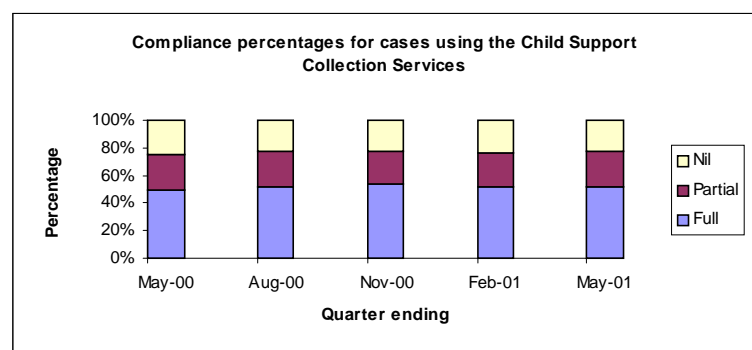
**Table 2 Benefit status of PWC, May 2000 - May 2001: full assessments**

Month	PWC benefit status							
	Total	%	IS	%	WFTC/ DPTC	%	Other	%
May-00	<b>30,940</b>	100	19,726	64	7,850	25	3,364	11
Aug-00	<b>31,630</b>	100	19,946	63	8,053	25	3,631	11
Nov-00	<b>32,276</b>	100	20,303	63	8,181	25	3,792	12
Feb-01	<b>32,793</b>	100	20,448	62	8,455	26	3,890	12
May-01	<b>33,084</b>	100	20,602	62	8,564	26	3,918	12

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

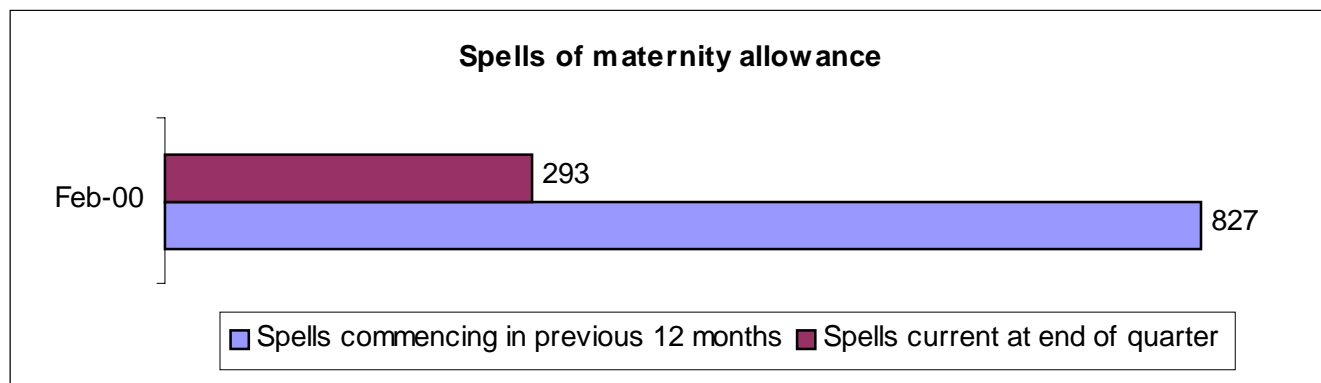
**Table 3 Compliance levels for 'live' and fully assessed cases, May 2000 - May 2001: caseload**

Month	Total	Not Applicable	Full	Partial	Nil
May-00	<b>30,940</b>	22,298	4,246	2,286	2,110
Aug-00	<b>31,630</b>	22,976	4,538	2,167	1,949
Nov-00	<b>32,276</b>	23,727	4,592	2,057	1,900
Feb-01	<b>32,793</b>	24,192	4,495	2,074	2,032
May-01	<b>33,084</b>	24,421	4,521	2,173	1,969



## Appendix 3 - Maternity Allowance

At the end of May 2000 there were 293 spells of maternity allowance in payment.



### Maternity Allowance rates (£ per week)

	Higher rate <sup>1</sup>	Lower rate	Increase for dependants
Apr-92	.	42.25	25.50
Apr-93	.	43.75	26.40
Apr-94	.	44.55	26.90
Oct-94	52.50	44.55	26.90
Apr-95	52.50	45.55	27.50
Apr-96	54.55	47.35	28.55
Apr-97	55.70	48.35	29.15
Apr-98	57.70	50.10	30.20
Apr-99	59.55	51.70	31.15
Apr-00	60.20	52.25	31.50
Apr-01	62.20 <sup>2</sup>		32.55

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

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



# Methodology

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

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

## Summary of methodology

The analysis of Persons of Working Age and their Children have been constructed by matching 5% samples for the individual benefits/ tax credits that they cover, with the exception of Disabled Person's Tax Credit. Due to the low number of individuals receiving Disabled Person's Tax Credit each person was included in these analyses rather than using a sample. People in these individual samples are selected using the last two digits of the National Insurance number (NINO). This sampling scheme ensures that the same set of people will be selected for each individual benefit/ tax credit and time period that they have a live claim.

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

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

This methodology gives a "best estimate" of the overall number of claimants of benefits and recipients of tax credits. However, there are some minor limitations (for example, the sample of JSA claimants is taken about two weeks before the snapshot date). The best estimates of the numbers claiming each benefit or receiving each tax credit are still given by the individual samples from which the data are drawn. Benefit statistics are published by Statistics and Research Branch, Department for Social Development and tax credit statistics are published by Inland Revenue Analytical Services Division.

## Family type and "People on benefits"

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

However, Statistics and Research Branch have been able to match partner's and dependant's details in this publication from other data sources i.e. Child Benefit and Child Support Agency. This has reduced the percentage of 'Not Known' cases from 35% to 29% at May 2001. The 'Not Known' group is made up of the remaining Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance and Disability Living Allowance cases. It includes a small number (1% at May 2001) who receive allowances for dependants but not partners.

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

## **Statistical groups**

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

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

## **Transitions analyses**

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

Also, as they are based on matching NINOs of claimants of these benefits, they do not cover all possible movements into and out of the benefit system. For example, if a claimant leaves Income Support because his partner claims Jobseeker's Allowance, the analyses will not capture this change. The transitions analysis shown in section 1.10 of this bulletin additionally shows movements between benefits and tax credits. They are subject to similar constraints as the analysis in section 1.3 described above.

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

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

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

## **Clerical Cases**

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

# Sampling Errors

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

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

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

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



