

Social Security Summary Statistics



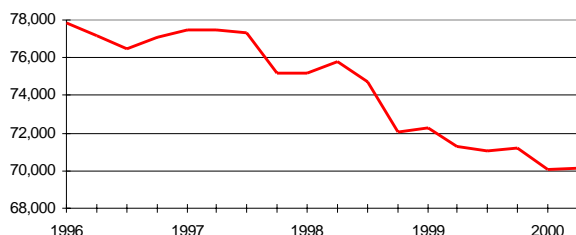
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Incapacity Benefit

Number of Recipients (excluding credits only cases)

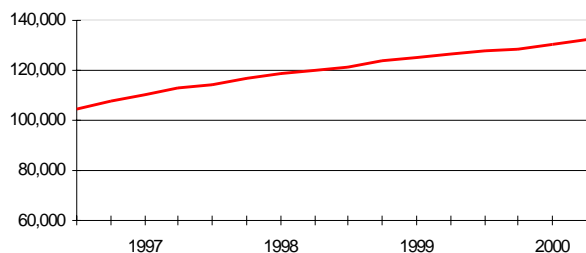


At November 2000:

Total claimants:	100,229
Total recipients:	70,330
Total long-term claimants	60,764
Average weekly entitlement: (exc. credits only cases)	£78.95
% of recipients who are male	61.6%
% of recipients who are female	38.4%

Disability Living Allowance

Number of Recipients

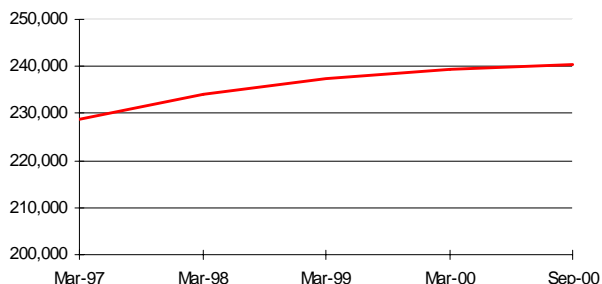


At February 2001:

Total recipients:	137,505
- receiving Mobility component only	11.3%
- receiving Care component only	14.5%
- receiving both Care and Mobility component	74.2%
Average weekly entitlement:	£57.18
% of recipients who are male	47.6%
% of recipients who are female	52.4%

Retirement Pension

Number of Recipients



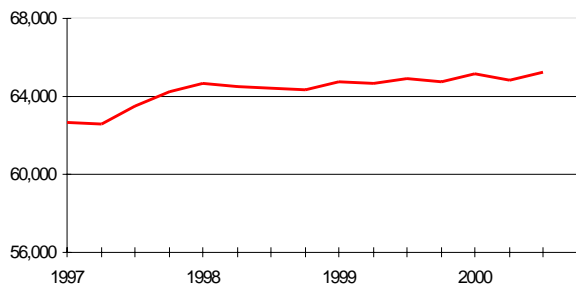
At September 2000

Total recipients:	240,354
- Male	35%
- Female	65%
Average payment (£pw)	
- All pensioners	£69.95
- Male	£82.60
- Female	£63.07

Source: Information is taken from an unvalidated 100% extract of the Retirement Pension Computer System.

Attendance Allowance

Number of Recipients

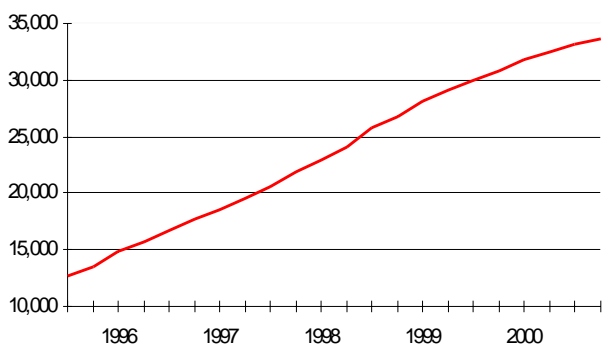


At February 2001:

Total recipients:	65,864
Average weekly entitlement:	£48.53
% of recipients who are male	32.1%
% of recipients who are female	67.9%
Average age of male recipients	78
Average age of female recipients	80

Child Support Agency

Number of Live and Assessed Cases

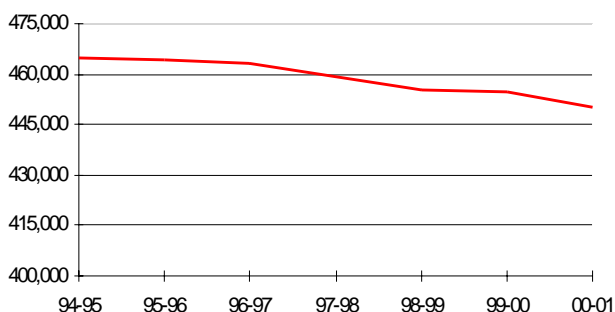


At November 2000:

Total 'live' and assessed cases:	33,725
- full maintenance assessment	32,276
- interim maintenance assessment	1,449
For fully assessed cases:	
Average assessed maintenance	
- for employees	£34.11
- for self-employed	£19.92
For those using the collection service	
- fully compliant	54%
- partially compliant	24%
- nil compliant	22%
Parents with care	
- female	95%
- male	5%

Child Benefit

Number of Children



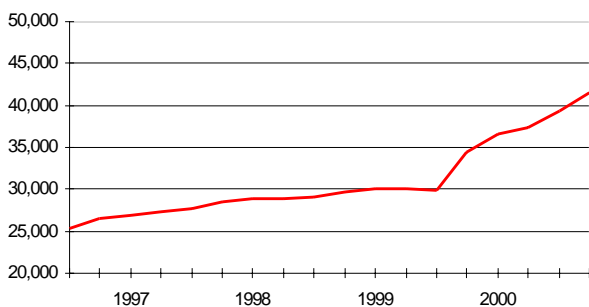
At March 2001:

Total recipient families:	229,650
- with CB (Lone Parent premium)	13.7%
- without CB (Lone Parent premium)	86.3%
Total recipient children:	449,000
- in families with CB (Lone Parent premium)	12.1%
- in families without CB (Lone Parent premium)	87.9%

Source: Information is taken from Child Benefit Summary Tables.

Family Credit/Working Families Tax Credit

Number of Recipients



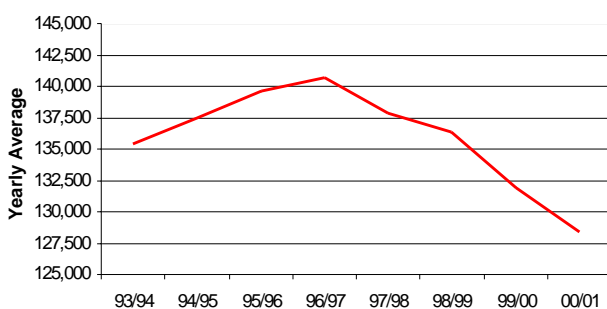
At November 2000:

Total families receiving WFTC:	41,500
- main earner is male	45%
- main earner is female	55%
Average weekly payment:	£84.94
Average gross earnings	£154.28
Average working week (hours)	31.6
% of families headed by a Lone Parent	46%

NOTE: WFTC replaced FC from October 1999.

Housing Benefit

Number of Claimants



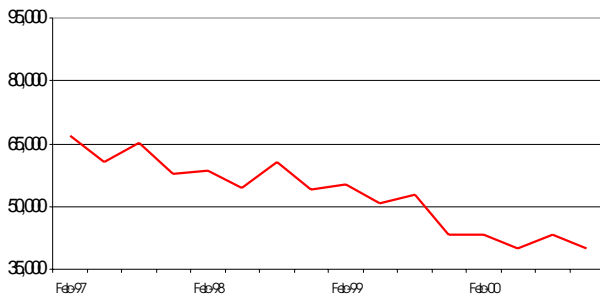
At Nov 2000:

Total claimants	128,379
Total public rented	70.2%
Total private rented	29.8%
Average weekly entitlement – Public rented	£42.02
Average weekly entitlement – Private rented	£51.43
% of recipients who are male	41.7%
% of recipients who are female	58.3%
% claiming more than 2 years	66.4%

Job Seekers Allowance (Unemployment Benefit and Income Support for the unemployed prior to 7 October 1996)

Number of Claimants

At November 2000



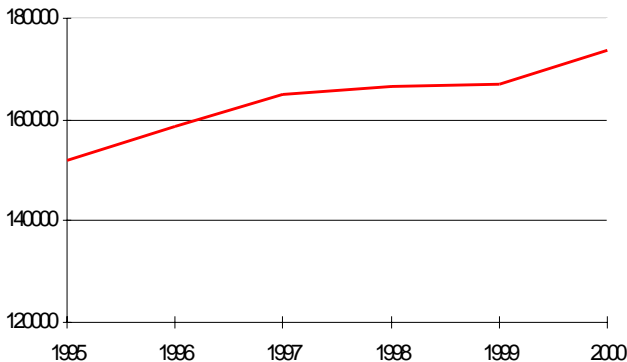
Total claimants:	40,007
Total recipients:	36,527
- income-based only	86.4%
- contribution-based only	12.4%
- contribution and income-based	1.2%
Average weekly entitlement:	
- income-based	£62.29
- contribution-based	£49.26
% of recipients who are male	78.2%
% of recipients who are female	21.8%
% claiming more than 1 year	32.4%
% claiming more than 2 years	16.9%

Source: Information is taken from a validated 20% sample

Income Support (excludes the unemployed)

Number of Recipients

At August 2000:



Total recipients	173,500
- disabled	27.9%
- lone parents	18.9%
- elderly	43.0%
- other	10.1%
Total beneficiaries:	304,900
Average weekly payment:	£66.90
% of recipients who are male	38.8%
% of recipients who are female	61.2%
% claiming more than 2 years	71.0%

Source: Information is taken from a validated 5% sample.

NOTE TO USERS:

This Bulletin provides an up to date and concise overview of the main benefits administered by the Social Security Agency, Child Support Agency and Northern Ireland Housing Executive. It also provides information on the Working Families Tax Credit administered by the Inland Revenue. It is based on data available within DSD, Statistics and Research Branch at the end of April 2001. Statistics are based on a 100% sample of information unless otherwise stated.

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