

# Social Security Summary Statistics

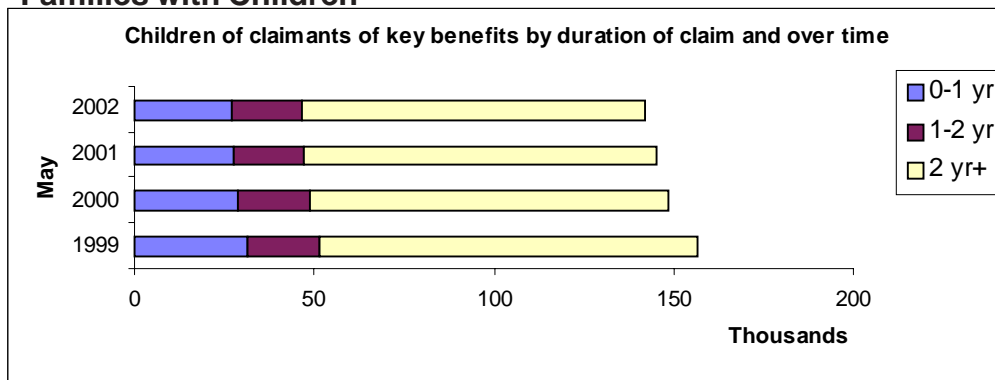


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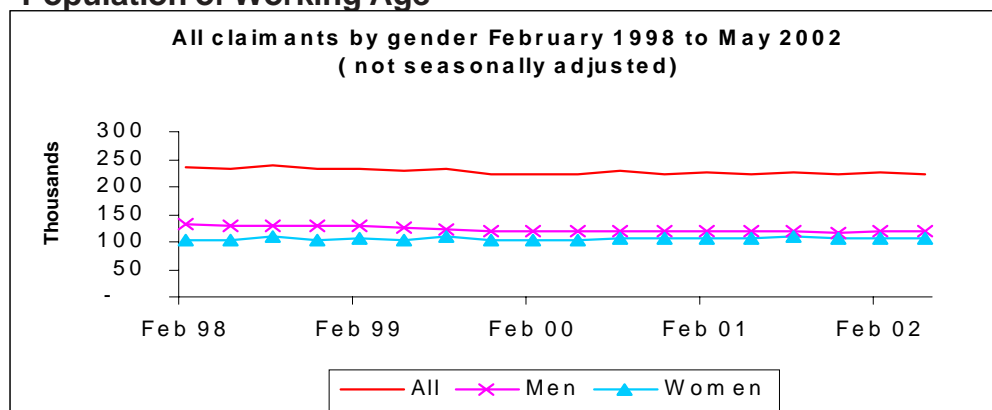
### Client Group Analysis: Families with Children



At May 2002:

- 142,100 children were living in families claiming a key benefit. This number was down by 9% (14,380) from May 1999
- 67% were children of claimants who had been on benefit for at least 2 years

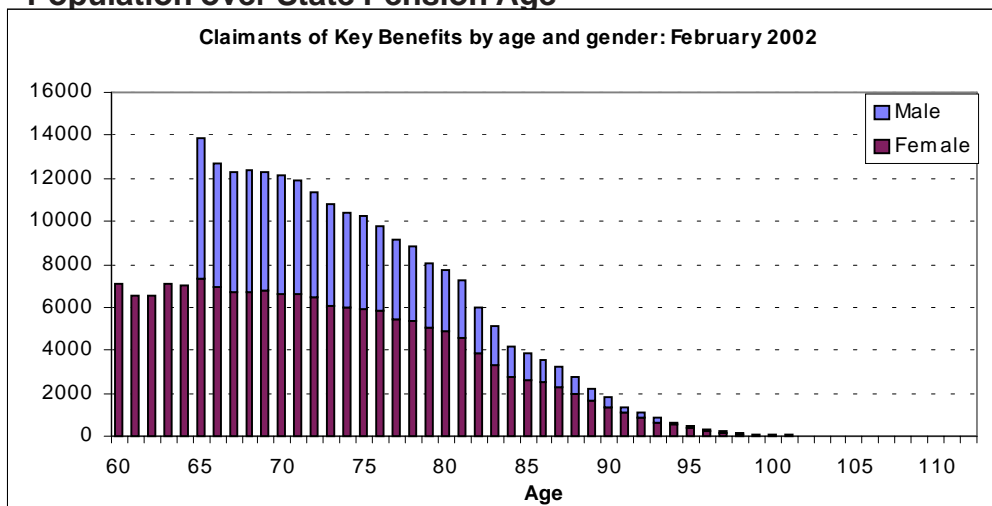
### Population of Working Age



At May 2002:

- 22% (222,700) of people of working age claimed a key benefit
- 53% of claimants are men and 47% are women

### Population over State Pension Age

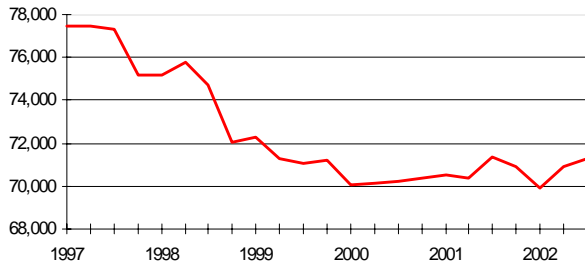


At February 2002:

- 97% (253,762) of people over state pension age claimed a key benefit
- 35% of claimants are men and 65% are women

## Incapacity Benefit

**Number of Recipients (excluding credits only cases)**

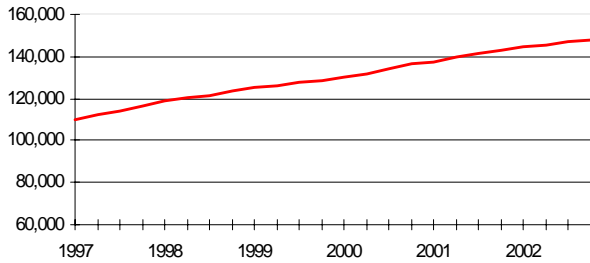


**At August 2002:**

<b>Total claimants:</b>	<b>106,308</b>
<b>Total recipients:</b>	<b>71,252</b>
<b>Total long-term claimants</b>	<b>62,891</b>
<b>Average weekly entitlement:</b> (exc. credits only cases)	<b>£81.23</b>
<b>% of recipients who are male</b>	<b>60.8%</b>
<b>% of recipients who are female</b>	<b>39.2%</b>

## Disability Living Allowance

**Number of Recipients**

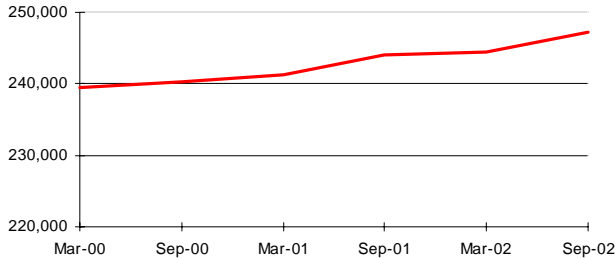


**At November 2002:**

<b>Total recipients:</b>	<b>148,025</b>
- receiving Mobility component only	11.3%
- receiving Care component only	13.5%
- receiving both Care and Mobility component	75.2%
<b>Average weekly entitlement:</b>	<b>£60.47</b>
<b>% of recipients who are male</b>	<b>47.6%</b>
<b>% of recipients who are female</b>	<b>52.4%</b>

## Retirement Pension

**Number of Recipients**

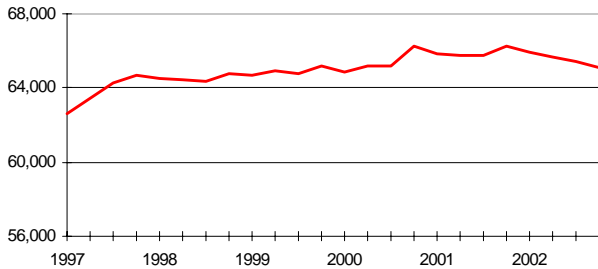


**At September 2002**

<b>Total recipients</b>	<b>247,165</b>
- Male	36%
- Female	64%
<b>Average payment (£pw)</b>	
- All pensioners	£78.71
- Male	£92.49
- Female	£71.11

## Attendance Allowance

**Number of Recipients**

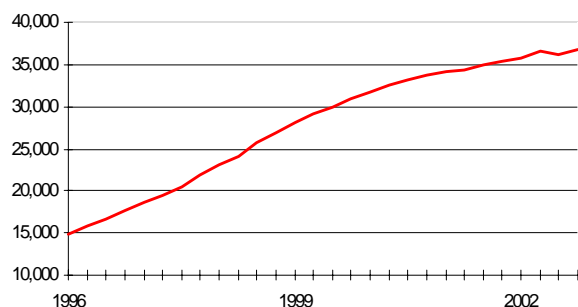


**At November 2002:**

<b>Total recipients:</b>	<b>65,100</b>
<b>Average weekly entitlement:</b>	<b>£51.21</b>
% of recipients who are male	32.6%
% of recipients who are female	67.4%
<b>Average age of male recipients</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Average age of female recipients</b>	<b>80</b>

## Child Support Agency

Number of Live and Assessed Cases

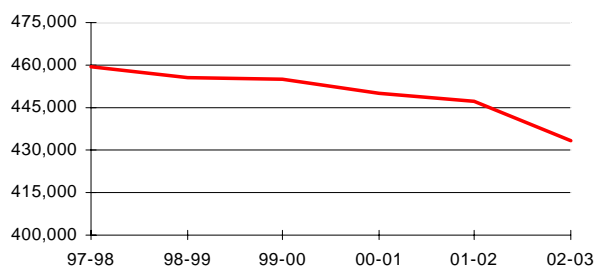


At November 2002:

<b>Total 'live' and assessed cases:</b>	<b>36,812</b>
- full maintenance assessment	35,619
- interim maintenance assessment	1,193
<b>For fully assessed cases:</b>	
Average assessed maintenance	
- for employees	£35.41
- for self-employed	£19.97

## Child Benefit

Number of Children



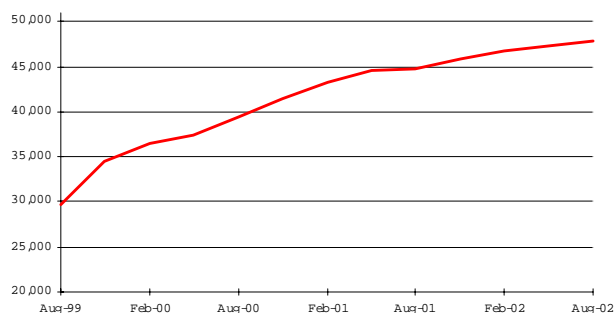
At October 2002:

<b>Total recipient families:</b>	<b>224,725</b>
<b>Total recipient children:</b>	<b>433,150</b>

Source:  
Information is taken from Child Benefit Summary Tables

## Family Credit/Working Families Tax Credit

Number of Recipients



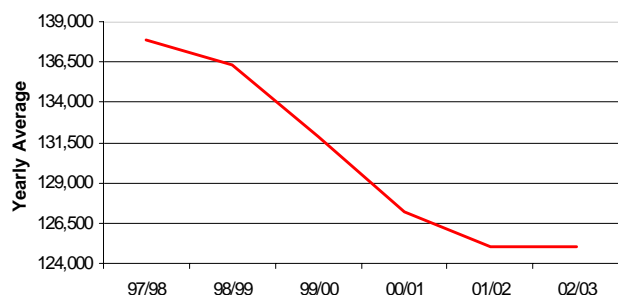
At August 2002:

<b>Total families receiving WFTC:</b>	<b>47,899</b>
- main earner is male	41%
- main earner is female	59%
<b>Average weekly payment:</b>	<b>£90</b>
<b>Average gross earnings</b>	<b>£168</b>
<b>Average working week (hours)</b>	<b>31.1</b>
<b>% of families headed by a Lone Parent</b>	<b>49%</b>

Note: WFTC replaced Family Credit from October 1999.

## Housing Benefit

Number of Claimants

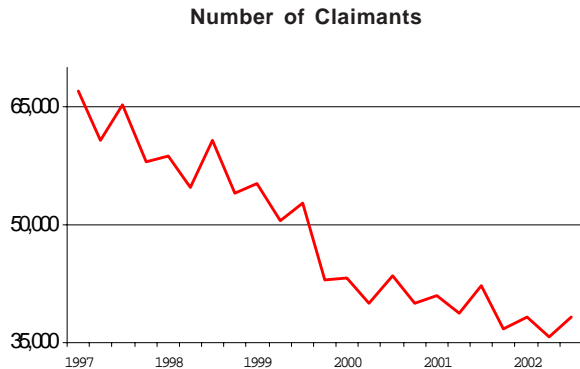


At December 2002:

<b>Total claimants</b>	<b>125,035</b>
<b>Total public rented</b>	<b>64.1%</b>
<b>Total private rented</b>	<b>35.9%</b>
<b>Average weekly entitlement – Public rented</b>	<b>£45.43</b>
<b>Average weekly entitlement – Private rented</b>	<b>£58.06</b>
<b>% of recipients who are male</b>	<b>41.4%</b>
<b>% of recipients who are female</b>	<b>58.6%</b>
<b>% claiming more than 2 years</b>	<b>66.2%</b>

Information is taken from Housing Benefit scan

## Jobseeker's Allowance

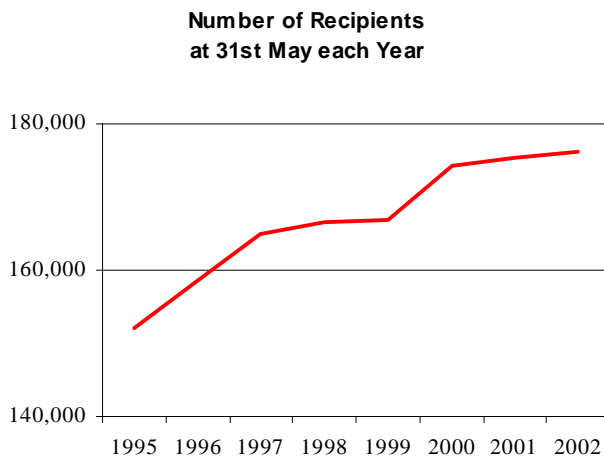


**At August 2002**

<b>Total claimants:</b>	<b>38,257</b>
<b>Total recipients:</b>	<b>34,987</b>
- income-based only	83.5%
- contribution-based only	15.2%
- contribution and income-based	1.3%
<b>Average weekly entitlement:</b>	
- income-based	<b>£60.67</b>
- contribution-based	<b>£50.52</b>
<b>% of recipients who are male</b>	<b>74.8%</b>
<b>% of recipients who are female</b>	<b>25.2%</b>
<b>% claiming more than 1 year</b>	<b>27.1%</b>
<b>% claiming more than 2 years</b>	<b>12.9%</b>

Source: ASD 20% sample which has been grossed.

## Income Support



**At August 2002**

<b>Total recipients:</b>	<b>178,080</b>
- disabled	29.7%
- lone parents	17.0%
- elderly	44.0%
- other	9.2%
<b>Total beneficiaries:</b>	<b>306,840</b>
<b>Average weekly payment:</b>	<b>£73.32</b>
<b>% of recipients who are male</b>	<b>40.2%</b>
<b>% of recipients who are female</b>	<b>59.8%</b>
<b>% claiming more than 2 years</b>	<b>74.0%</b>

Source: Information is taken from a validated 5% sample

### A brief description of the analyses included in this publication:

- Client Group Analysis (**Families with children**) combines data collected for Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Disability Living Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance.
- Client Group Analysis (**Working Age**) combines data collected for Jobseekers Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance, Disability Living Allowance and Income Support.
- Client Group Analysis (**Over State Pension Age**) combines data for Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, Income Support, Retirement Pension and Severe Disablement Allowance.

### 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 February 2003. Statistics are based on a 100% sample of information unless otherwise stated.

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