

Social Security Summary Statistics

Northern Ireland

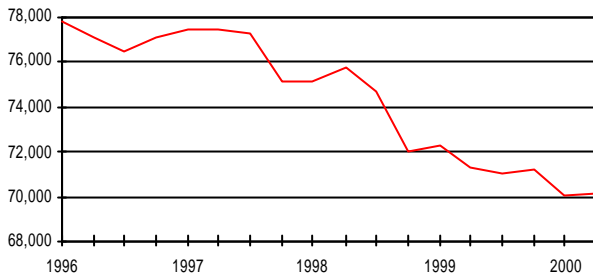


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Incapacity Benefit

Number of Recipients (excluding credits only cases)

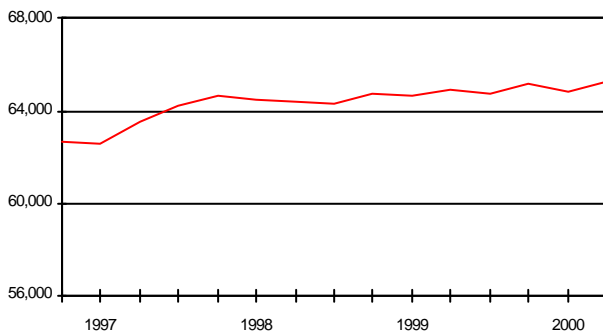


At May 2000:

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| Total claimants: | 99,040 |
| Total recipients: | 70,128 |
| Total long-term claimants | 60,417 |
| Average weekly entitlement: | £79.53 |
| (exc. credits only cases) | |
| % of recipients who are male | 61.6% |
| % of recipients who are female | 38.4% |

Attendance Allowance

Number of Recipients

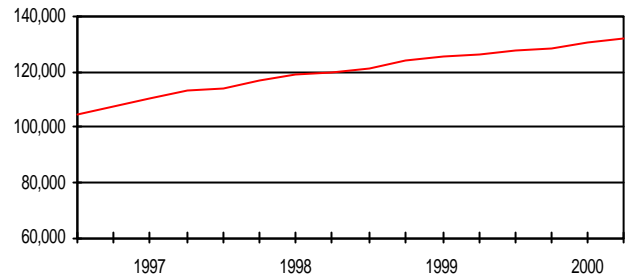


At May 2000:

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| Total recipients: | 65,217 |
| Average weekly entitlement: | £48.36 |
| % of recipients who are male | 31.9% |
| % of recipients who are female | 68.1% |
| Average age of male recipients | 78 |
| Average age of female recipients | 80 |

Disability Living Allowance

Number of Recipients

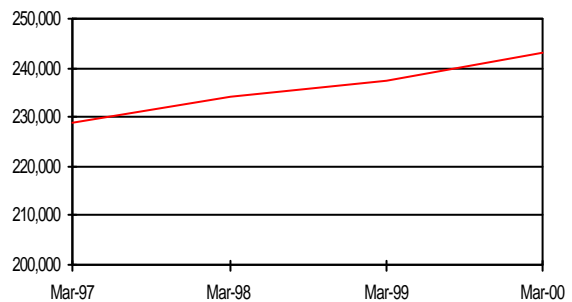


At May 2000:

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| Total recipients: | 132,062 |
| - receiving Mobility component only | 11.8% |
| - receiving Care component only | 15.3% |
| - receiving both Care and Mobility component | 72.9% |
| Average weekly entitlement: | £56.61 |
| % of recipients who are male | 47.6% |
| % of recipients who are female | 52.4% |

Retirement Pension

Number of Recipients



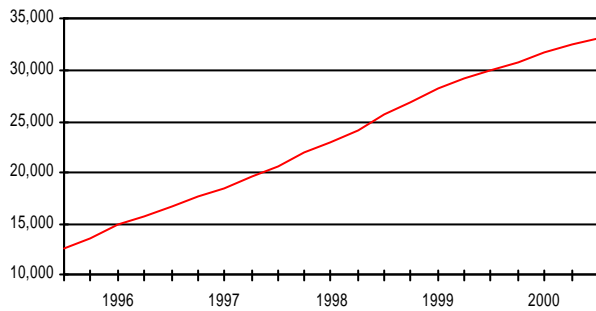
At March 2000:

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| Total recipients: | 242,940 |
| - Male | 35% |
| - Female | 65% |
| Average payment (£pw) | |
| - All pensioners | £69.18 |
| - Male | £81.75 |
| - Female | £62.30 |

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

Child Support Agency

Number of Live and Assessed Cases



At August 2000:

Total 'live' and assessed cases: 33,215

- full maintenance assessment 31,630
- interim maintenance assessment 1,585

For fully assessed cases:

- Average assessed maintenance
- for employees £34.22
 - for self-employed £20.35

For those using the collection service

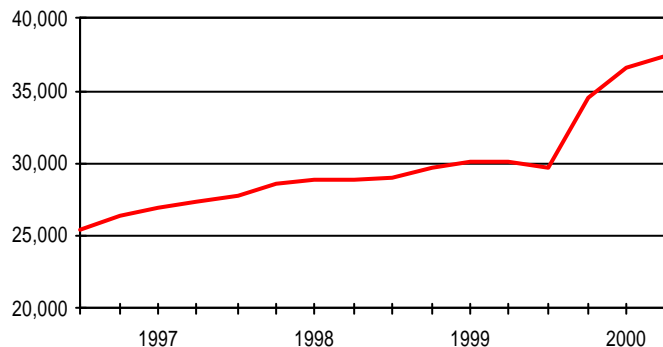
- fully compliant 52%
- partially compliant 25%
- nil compliant 23%

Parents with care

- female 95%
- male 5%

Family Credit / Working Families Tax Credit

Number of Recipients



At May 2000:

Total families receiving WFTC: 37,400

- main earner is male 44%
- main earner is female 56%

Average weekly payment: £77.30

Average gross earnings £144.84

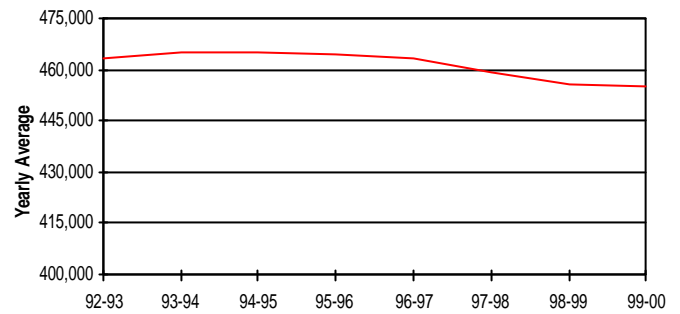
Average working week (hours) 31.3

% of families headed by a Lone Parent 46%

Note: Working Families Tax Credit replaced Family Credit from October 1999.

Child Benefit

Number of Children



At October 2000:

Total recipient families: 225,625

- with CB (Lone Parent premium) 14.3%
- without CB (Lone Parent premium) 85.7%

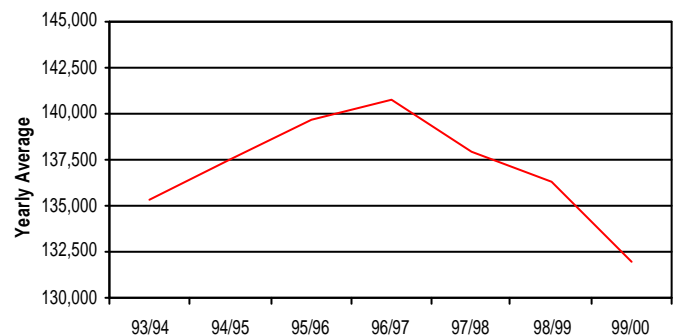
Total recipient children: 440,700

- in families with CB (Lone Parent premium) 12.4%
- in families without CB (Lone Parent premium) 87.6%

Source: Information is taken from an unvalidated 100% extract of the Child Benefit Computer System

Housing Benefit

Number of Claimants



At Feb 1999:

Total claimants 138,454

Total public rented 73.7%

Total private rented 26.3%

Average weekly entitlement – Public rented £37.76

Average weekly entitlement – Private rented £45.53

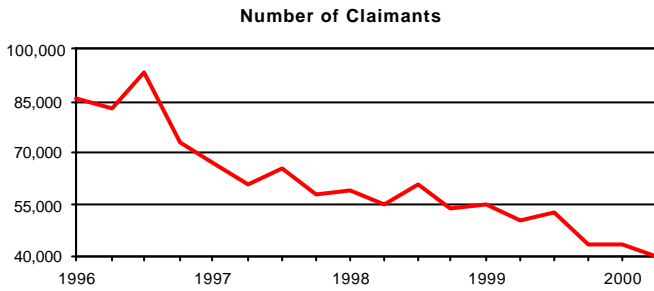
% of recipients who are male 42.5%

% of recipients who are female 57.5%

% claiming more than 2 years 67.0%

Note: Figures for recent years have been revised.

Jobseeker's Allowance (Unemployment Benefit and Income Support for the unemployed prior to 7 October 1996)

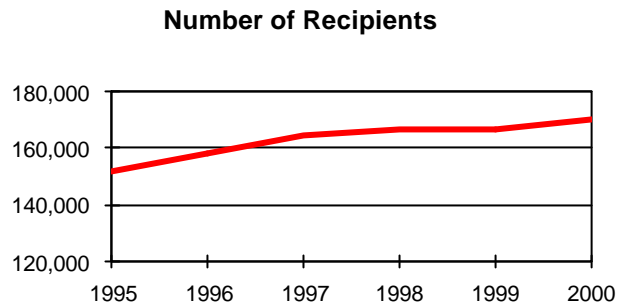


At May 2000

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| Total claimants: | 40,035 |
| Total recipients: | 36,850 |
| - income-based only | 87.1% |
| - contribution-based only | 11.7% |
| - contribution and income-based | 1.3% |
| Average weekly entitlement: | |
| - income-based | £61.73 |
| - contribution-based | £49.05 |
| % of recipients who are male | 78.4% |
| % of recipients who are female | 21.6% |
| % claiming more than 1 year | 33.7% |
| % claiming more than 2 years | 18.6% |

Sources: ASD 20% sample which has been grossed.

Income Support (excludes the unemployed)



At May 2000:

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| Total recipients: | 170,600 |
| - disabled | 27.6% |
| - lone parents | 19.1% |
| - elderly | 43.3% |
| - other | 10.0% |
| Total beneficiaries: | 298,620 |
| Average weekly payment: | £66.70 |
| % of recipients who are male | 38.3% |
| % of recipients who are female | 61.7% |
| % claiming more than 2 years | 72.0% |

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 SSA, CSA and NIHE. It is based on data available within DSD, Statistics and Research Branch at the end of October 2000, Statistics are based on a 100% sample of information unless otherwise stated.

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