

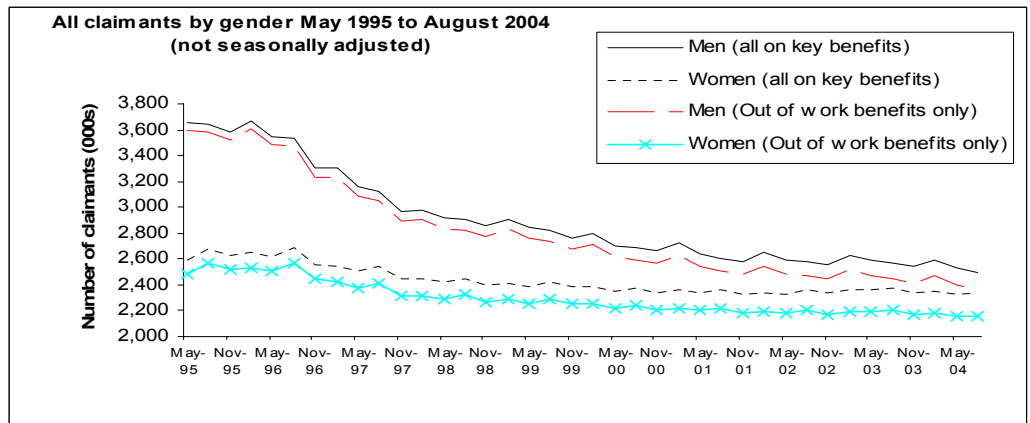
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4.83 million people of working age were claiming a key benefit in August 2004, down 110 thousand from a year previously, and down 21 thousand from May 2004. The number of male claimants fell by 73 thousand to 2.50 million and the number of female claimants fell by 37 thousand to 2.34 million over the year.

4.52 million people of working age were claiming a key out-of-work benefit in August 2004. There were 2.36 million male claimants and 2.16 million female claimants.



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The number of unemployed claimants fell by 92 thousand between August 2003 and August 2004 and the number of others rose by 4 thousand, while lone parents fell by 40 thousand. The number of claimants who were sick/disabled increased by 17 thousand.

13.5% of the working age population were claiming a key benefit in August 2004 down slightly from a year previous. The unemployed statistical group showed the largest decrease over the year.

12.6% of the working age population were claiming a key out-of-work benefit in August 2004. The number of IB/SDA claimants decreased slightly over the year.

	August 04		Change on a year ago	
	Claimants (Thousands)	% of population working age	Thousands	Percentage points
All	4,835	13.5	-110	-0.4
Unemployed	775	2.2	-92	-0.3
Sick/Disabled	3,080	8.6	17	0.0
Lone Parents	783	2.2	-40	-0.1
Others	196	0.5	4	0.0
All out-of-work benefits¹	4,524	12.6	-133	-0.5
JSA	775	2.2	-92	-0.3
IB/SDA	2,653	7.4	-9	-0.1
IS Dis (not also on IB/SDA)	117	0.3	3	0.0
IS Lone Parents	783	2.2	-40	-0.1
Other (IS others and PC)	196	0.5	4	0.0

¹ Excludes DLA only claimants. Hierarchy used where claiming more than one benefit.

These figures are not seasonally adjusted. Any comparisons should be made "year on year".

Flows

There were 454 thousand new claimants in the quarter to August 2004 i.e. people receiving a key benefit in August 2004 who were not in May 2004. There were 505 thousand new claimants between May and August 2003.

There were 476 thousand people who flowed off key benefits between May and August 2004 i.e. people receiving a key benefit in May 2004 who were not in August 2004. There were 511 thousand off-flows between May and August 2003.

The number of May to August on-flows to the sick/disabled group has decreased between 2003 and 2004. There were 110 thousand sick/disabled on-flows between May and August 2004, falling from 115 thousand between May and August 2003.

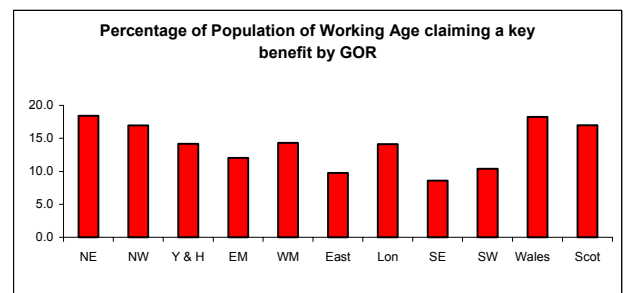
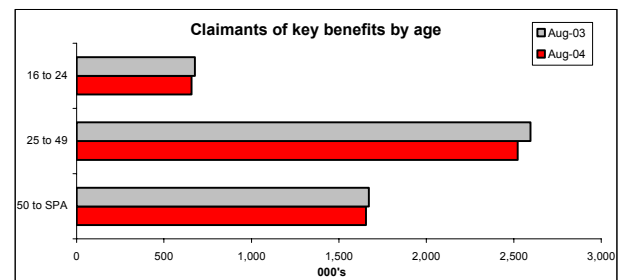
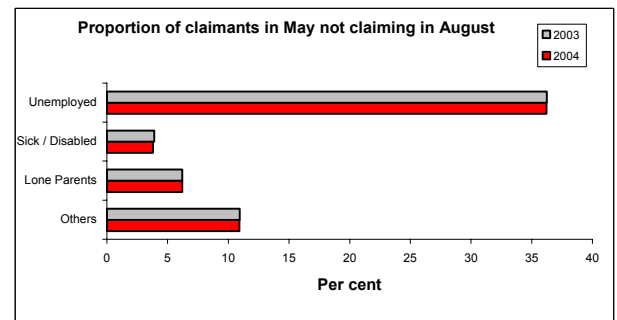
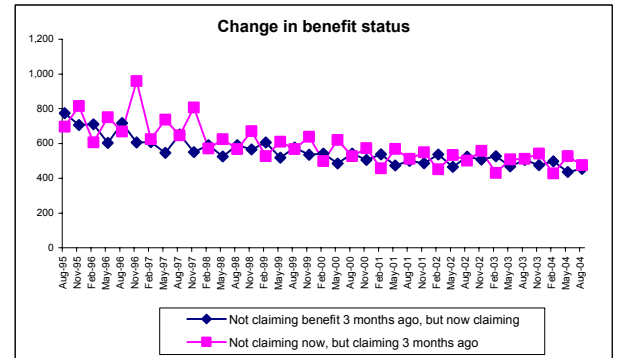
Age Groups

A decrease has been seen in the number of claimants in all age groups 16 to 24, 25 to 49 and 50 to State Pension age in the year to May 2004. The number of unemployed claimants in the 25 to 49 age group fell by 55 thousand (11.7%) between August 2003 and August 2004.

Regions

The proportion of the working age population claiming a key benefit ranged from 18.4% in the North East to 8.6% in the South East.

The proportion of the working age population on key benefits was unchanged in the year to August 2004 in London but decreased in all other regions.



Key Benefits

Claimants who receive at least one of:

- Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA);
- Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance (IB & SDA);
- Disability Living Allowance (DLA);
- Income Support (IS);
- National Insurance Credits (through JSA or IB).

Notes to editors

DWP Information and Analysis Directorate (IAD) have developed these analyses from its existing samples of administrative data on the population of working age. This work was done primarily to help improve the relevance of DWP data to monitor the Government's Welfare Reform agenda.

By matching data from individual 5% samples, 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 population of working age with the main exception of Bereavement Benefit, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit. Information on the key characteristics of these claimants is also available, such as age, sex, geography, family type, statistical group and duration of claim. It is also possible to look at changes in the composition of this group in the benefits system over time, including those that affect individual claimants.

Sections 6 and 7, which previously contained information on children, are no longer included in this bulletin. This information is included in "Client Group Analysis: Quarterly Bulletin on families with children on key benefits", which is also published on 15th September 2004.

These analyses are based on information collected for the administration of benefits. This means that analyses of such things as family type are based mainly on those for whom some additional money via benefits or tax credits is payable.

Figures in these tables are affected by the introduction of new tax credits in April 2003. Please see the Methodology section for further details.

Figures are published on a quarterly basis via the attached statistical bulletin. The definitive estimates of caseloads and characteristics of claimants of each individual benefit can be found in the separate tables that IAD also issues on behalf of DWP.

Previous issues of the bulletin relating to November 1999 and before included those claiming Family Credit (FC) or Disability Working Allowance (DWA). These benefits ceased to be available to new claimants in October 1999 and were completely phased out by April 2000. They were replaced by Working Families' Tax Credit (WFTC) and Disabled Person's Tax Credit (DPTC) which were administered by Inland Revenue. WFTC and DPTC were replaced by the Working Tax Credit (WTC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) in April 2003. (WTC and CTC are collectively known as 'new tax credits').

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Quarterly bulletin on the population of working age on key benefits

August 2004

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Definitions and conventions

Key benefits

Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
Incapacity Benefit (IB)
Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA)
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
Income Support (IS)

Symbols and conventions

Working age is 16 to 64 years for men
16 to 59 years for women

Population estimates are mid year 1995 - 2002
“..” not available
“-” less than 500
“.” not applicable

Figures in these tables are affected by the introduction of Child Tax Credits in April 2003. Please see the Methodology section for further details.

Inland Revenue Tax Credits

Working Tax Credit (WTC)
Child Tax Credit (CTC)
Working Families' Tax Credit (WFTC) prior to April 2003
Disabled Person's Tax Credit (DPTC) prior to April 2003
Family Credit (FC) prior to October 1999
Disability Working Allowance (DWA) prior to October 1999

Statistical group

Claimant of at least one of:

Unemployed	JSA
Sick/Disabled	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, e.g. carers, asylum seekers, pensioners (Minimum Income Guarantee/Pension Credit) (Men aged 60-64)

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 still available for partners)
DLA	no details available
IB/SDA	details available only for claimants who qualify for a child and/or partner allowance (not payable in all cases)

Benefit type

Income replacement	IS, JSA, IB and SDA
Other	DLA
NI Credits only	Through claiming JSA or IB

Benefit entitlement

Contributory benefits	IB, Contribution-based JSA
Income related benefits	IS and Income based JSA
Other benefits	SDA, DLA

Summaries

Sections 1 to 6 summarise the main finding from the analysis, whilst section 7 gives quarterly time series.

Section 1. Age and Gender

Table 1.1 Claimants of key benefits by gender: Aug 2001 to Aug 2004

	<i>Thousands</i>			
	Aug-01	Aug-02	Aug-03	Aug-04
All	4,970	4,947	4,945	4,835
% of pop.¹	14.2	14.0	13.9	13.5
Men	2,609	2,584	2,569	2,496
% of pop.¹	14.5	14.1	14.0	13.5
Women	2,361	2,362	2,376	2,339
% of pop.¹	14.0	13.9	13.9	13.6

¹ Population of working age

Table 1.1a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits² by gender: Aug 2001 to Aug 2004

	<i>Thousands</i>			
	Aug-01	Aug-02	Aug-03	Aug-04
All	4,728	4,685	4,657	4,524
% of pop.¹	13.6	13.3	13.1	12.6
Men	2,510	2,477	2,447	2,361
% of pop.¹	14.0	13.5	13.3	12.7
Women	2,218	2,209	2,211	2,163
% of pop.¹	13.1	13.0	12.9	12.5

¹ Population of working age

² Excludes DLA only claimants. Hierarchy used where claiming more than one benefit.

- In August 2004 about 13.5% (4.83 million) of **people of working age** claimed a key benefit - 14.2% (4.97 million) in August 2001.
- About 2.50 million **men** of working age claimed one, compared with 2.34 million **women**. The difference is mainly due to differences in retirement age.
- The **overall number of claimants** fell by 135 thousand between August 2001 and August 2004. The number of male claimants has fallen by 113 thousand and female claimants by 22 thousand. The gap between men and women has therefore narrowed.
- In August 2004 about 12.6% (4.52 million) of **people of working age** claimed a **key out-of-work benefit** - 13.6% (4.73 million) in August 2001.
- About 2.36 million **men** of working age claimed one, compared with 2.16 million **women**.
- The **overall number of claimants** fell by 204 thousand between August 2001 and August 2004. The number of male claimants has fallen by 149 thousand and female claimants by 55 thousand. The gap between men and women has therefore narrowed.

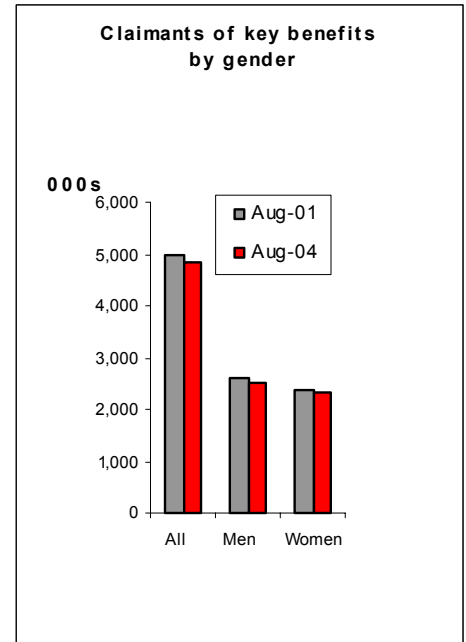


Table 1.2 Claimants of key benefits by age and gender: Aug 2004

Thousands and percentages

	All		Men		Women	
	(000s)	% of pop in age group	(000s)	% of pop in age group	(000s)	% of pop in age group
All	4,835	13.5	2,496	13.5	2,339	13.6
Under 18	62	4.2	31	4.0	31	4.3
18 to 24	595	11.7	258	10.0	337	13.4
25 to 34	922	11.8	404	10.4	518	13.2
35 to 44	1,102	12.5	516	11.7	587	13.1
45 to 54	1,041	14.1	516	14.1	525	14.0
55 to 59	689	18.6	349	19.0	340	18.1
60 to 64	423	30.2	423	30.2	.	.

Table 1.3 Claimants of key benefits by age: Aug 2001 to Aug 2004

Thousands and percentages

	Aug 2001		Aug 2002		Aug 2003		Aug 2004	
	All	% of pop in age group	All	% of pop in age group	All	% of pop in age group	All	% of pop in age group
All	4,970	14.2	4,947	14.0	4,945	13.9	4,835	13.5
Under 18	55	4.0	54	3.8	61	4.1	62	4.2
18 to 24	592	12.5	599	12.4	616	12.5	595	11.7
25 to 34	1,050	12.7	1,010	12.3	982	12.2	922	11.8
35 to 44	1,098	13.1	1,108	12.9	1,115	12.8	1,102	12.5
45 to 54	1,082	14.3	1,062	14.0	1,055	14.2	1,041	14.1
55 to 59	651	20.6	682	20.7	693	19.5	689	18.6
60 to 64	442	32.0	431	31.4	422	30.7	423	30.2

Table 1.4 Claimants of key benefits by age and gender: Aug 2001 and Aug 2004

Thousands and percentages

	Men				Women			
	Aug 2001		Aug 2004		Aug 2001		Aug 2004	
	(000s)	% of pop in age group	(000s)	% of pop in age group	(000s)	% of pop in age group	(000s)	% of pop in age group
All	2,609	14.5	2,496	13.5	2,361	14.0	2,339	13.6
Under 18	25	3.5	31	4.0	30	4.4	31	4.3
18 to 24	262	11.1	258	10.0	331	13.9	337	13.4
25 to 34	462	11.4	404	10.4	587	13.9	518	13.2
35 to 44	521	12.5	516	11.7	577	13.6	587	13.1
45 to 54	552	14.8	516	14.1	530	13.9	525	14.0
55 to 59	345	22.1	349	19.0	305	19.1	340	18.1
60 to 64	442	32.0	423	30.2

- Older people are more likely to be claiming a key benefit than younger ones – 18.6% of those aged 55 to 59 claimed one in August 2004, compared to only 11.7% of those aged 18 to 24. This is mainly due to the fact that older people are more likely to claim a disability benefit.
- Three of the seven age groups have fallen in size since August 2001 with the largest reduction in the 25 to 34 age group (down 128 thousand).

Section 2. Family Type

Analyses of the type of family in which claimants live can be produced, based mainly on whether they receive additional amounts of benefit and/or tax credits for partners or dependants. Some benefits do not have these allowances so a family type cannot be assigned in every case (Not known) - about half are thought to be single. A small proportion of the partners of these claimants also claim at least one of the key benefits in their own right.

Table 2.1 Claimants of key benefits by family type¹ and gender: Aug 2004

<i>Thousands and percentages</i>						
	All	%	Men	%	Women	%
All	4,835	100	2,496	100	2,339	100
All couples	785	16	546	22	239	10
Couple - no children	321	7	255	10	66	3
Couple – children	464	10	290	12	173	7
All single	2,626	54	1,138	46	1,488	64
Single - no children	1,654	34	1,076	43	579	25
Single – children	972	20	63	3	909	39
Not known	1,424	29	812	33	612	26

- Around 2.63 million claimants were **single** or did not receive any additional benefit for a partner in August 2004.
- Just under 30% (1.44 million) of all claimants received **additional benefit or CTC for children**. The majority (0.97 million) were single.
- Comparisons over time are affected by the introduction of CTC. The changes made and the effect on the figures are described in the Methodology.

¹ This analysis is based on claimants who receive additional amounts of benefit and/or CTC for their partner and/or children and young adult dependants. See 'Methodology' at the end of this bulletin for further details.

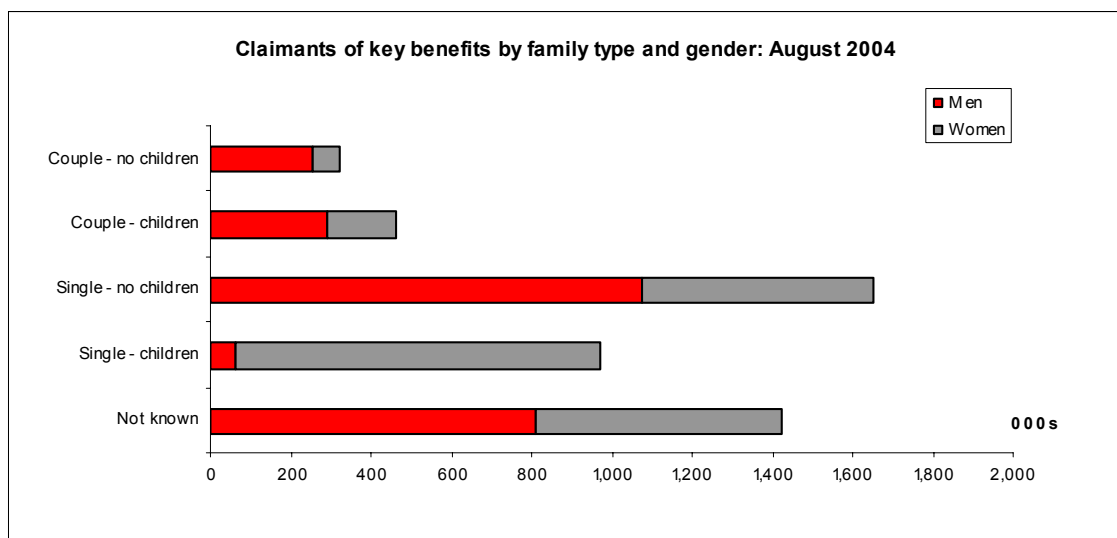


Table 2.2 Claimants of key benefits by family type¹ : Aug 2001 to Aug 2004

Thousands and percentages

	Aug 2001		Aug 2002		Aug 2003		Aug 2004	
	All	%	All	%	All	%	All	%
All	4,970	100	4,947	100	4,945	100	4,835	100
All couples	684	14	667	13	813	16	785	16
Couple - no children	376	8	374	8	338	7	321	7
Couple - children	308	6	293	6	475	10	464	10
All single	2,725	55	2,698	55	2,718	55	2,626	54
Single - no children	1,714	34	1,711	35	1,718	35	1,654	34
Single - children	1,011	20	986	20	1,001	20	972	20
Not known	1,560	31	1,582	32	1,414	29	1,424	29

Table 2.3 Claimants of key benefits by family type¹ and statistical group: Aug 2004

Thousands

	All	Unemployed	Sick / Disabled	Lone Parents	Other
All	4,835	775	3,080	783	196
All couples	785	166	557	.	61
Couple - no children	321	78	203	.	41
Couple - children	464	88	355	.	21
All single	2,626	609	1,099	783	135
Single - no children	1,654	592	931	.	131
Single - children	972	17	168	783	4
Not known	1,424	.	1,424	.	.

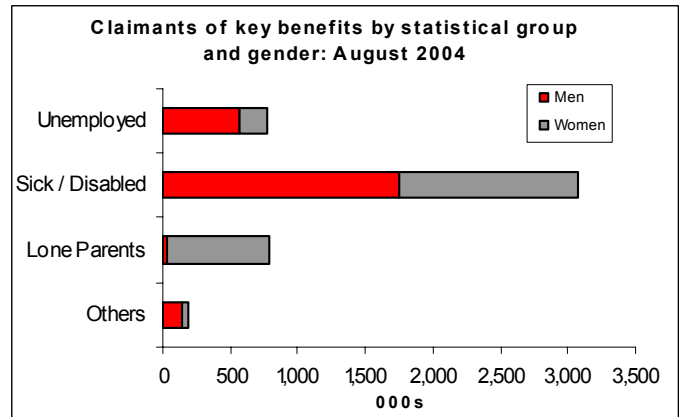
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Section 3. Statistical group and transitions

The claimants of these benefits can be divided into statistical groups, based mainly on the type of benefit they receive (see 'Definitions and conventions'). This gives an indication of the main reason why they are in the benefit system.

Table 3.1 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group and gender: Aug 2004

	<i>Thousands</i>		
	All	Men	Women
All	4,835	2,496	2,339
Unemployed	775	566	210
Sick / Disabled	3,080	1,756	1,324
Lone Parents	783	37	746
Others	196	137	59



- The **overall numbers** fell by 0.14 million between August 2001 and August 2004, mostly because of the **unemployed** group which fell by 0.12 million (down 13%) over the period.
- **Sick / disabled** claimants were consistently the largest group between August 2001 and August 2004, rising from 60% of the total to 64% of the total; **unemployed** claimants were the second largest group.
- The size of the **sick / disabled** group rose by 80 thousand (up 3%) between August 2001 and August 2004, whilst numbers in the **lone parents** and **others** groups have fallen.

Table 3.2 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group: Aug 2001 to Aug 2004

	<i>Thousands and percentages</i>							
	Aug 2001		Aug 2002		Aug 2003		Aug 2004	
	All	% of pop	All	% of pop	All	% of pop	All	% of pop
All	4,970	14.2	4,947	14.0	4,945	13.9	4,835	13.5
Unemployed	895	2.6	889	2.5	867	2.4	775	2.2
Sick / Disabled	3,000	8.6	3,023	8.6	3,063	8.6	3,080	8.6
Lone Parents	871	2.5	839	2.4	823	2.3	783	2.2
Others	203	0.6	195	0.6	192	0.5	196	0.5

These statistical group analyses show the stock of claimants on key benefits at a fixed point in time at the end of each quarter. By comparing records for the individual claimants who appear in these “snapshots” over time, the analyses can give an indication of how people move in and out of the benefit system. They can also look at how people move between benefits and/or statistical group. This methodology does not therefore cover all flows into and out of the benefit system. For example, it misses claims that start and end between “snapshot” dates and does not capture changes in benefit for couples where the partner becomes the claimant (see ‘Methodology’ at the end of this bulletin).

Table 3.3 Claimants of key benefits by status in previous year: Aug 2001 to Aug 2004

Thousands

	On benefit in current year - status in previous year¹			Left benefit since previous year²
	All	Same statistical group	Different statistical group	
Aug 2001	4,970	.	.	.
Aug 2002	4,947	3,674	256	1,039
Aug 2003	4,945	3,664	256	1,027
Aug 2004	4,835	3,660	246	1,039

1 Some claimants may have left benefit and then returned to it between years

2 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 has fallen since August 2001 because the numbers who have left benefit have exceeded those who have joined. For example, 1.04 million claimants who were on benefit in August 2003 were no longer there in August 2004 - but only 0.93 million of those on benefit in August 2004 were not there in August 2003.
- Changes in the numbers in each statistical group are also affected by movements between them. For example, 246 thousand claimants who were on benefit in both August 2003 and August 2004 changed statistical group over this period.

Table 3.4 Claimants of key benefits - changes between Aug 2003 and Aug 2004

Thousands

Statistical group	All on benefit in Aug 2003	Movement between Aug 03 and Aug 04			Overall change ²	All on benefit in Aug 2004
		Not on Benefit in Aug 2004	Not on benefit in Aug 2003	Net movement between Statistical groups ¹		
All	4,945	1,039	929	0	-110	4,835
Unemployed	867	485	433	-40	-92	775
Sick / Disabled	3,063	346	324	39	17	3,080
Lone Parents	823	156	118	-2	-40	783
Others	192	52	54	3	4	196

¹ Numbers coming into statistical group less numbers moving out - see bottom half of table 3.5 for breakdown

² Overall change between Aug 2003 and Aug 2004 i.e. column 3 minus column 2 plus column 4

Table 3.5 Claimants of key benefits in both Aug 2003 and Aug 2004 - comparisons of statistical group

Thousands

Comparison of statistical groups in 2003 and 2004 ¹	Statistical group in Aug 2004				
	All	Unemployed	Sick / Disabled	Lone Parent	Other
All	3,906	342	2,756	665	142
Statistical group in Aug 2003					
Unemployed	382	282	72	11	17
Sick / Disabled	2,717	43	2,642	14	18
Lone Parents	668	9	22	633	4
Others	140	8	20	8	104
2003 and 2004					
Total with no change	3,660	282	2,642	633	104
Leaving original statistical group	-246	-100	-75	-35	-36
Joining new statistical group	246	61	114	33	39
Net movement between Statistical groups	-	-40	39	-2	3

¹ For example there were 397 thousand claimants in the Unemployed group in Aug 2003 who were also on benefit in Aug 2004:

Of these, 293 thousand were still in this group, 76 thousand were now in the Sick / Disabled group, 12 thousand in the Lone Parent group, etc.

- Both movements onto and off benefit and movements between groups can affect the numbers in individual statistical groups. For example, the overall number of **lone parents** claimants fell by 40 thousand between August 2003 and August 2004. The fall was due to the fact **that less claimants moved into this group** (33 thousand), than out of it (35 thousand), in addition more lone parents left benefit (156 thousand) than joined (118 thousand).

These analyses can also look at changes over longer time periods, as well as comparisons over the latest year. Tables 3.6 and 3.7 compare the status of the stock of claimants in August 2001 with that in August 2004.

Table 3.6 Claimants of key benefits in Aug 2004 - by status in Aug 2001

Thousands

Benefit status in Aug 2004	All on benefit in Aug 2004	Benefit status in Aug 2001		
		Not on Benefit	Same statistical group	Different statistical group
All	4,835	1,600	2,868	367
Unemployed	775	524	186	65
Sick / Disabled	3,080	728	2,153	199
Lone Parents	783	261	473	49
Others	196	87	56	53

- Over two thirds (3.2 million) of **claimants of key benefits** in August 2004 were also on benefit in August 2001 and 59% of the overall total (2.87 million) were in the same statistical group.
- Claimants in the **sick / disabled group** in August 2004 were the most likely to have also been on benefit in August 2001 (76% of them – 2.4 million), followed by those in the lone parent group (67% - 0.5 million) - those in the unemployed group (32% - 0.25 million) were least likely. Sick / disabled claimants were also the most likely to have stayed in the same statistical group (70% - 2.15 million).

Table 3.7 Claimants of key benefits in Aug 2001 - by status in Aug 2004

Thousands

Benefit status in Aug 2001	All on Benefit in Aug 2001	Reached state pension age ¹	Benefit status in Aug 2004		
			Not on benefit	Same statistical group	Different statistical group
All	4,970	469	1,266	2,868	367
Unemployed	895	14	533	186	162
Sick / Disabled	3,000	389	373	2,153	86
Lone Parents	871	2	317	473	79
Others	203	64	44	56	40

¹ Some of these claimants may also have left benefit.

Section 4. Benefit entitlement

The 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, an income assessment or by another route. Many of those in the sick / disabled group receive more than one benefit.

Table 4.1 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group and type of benefit: Aug 2004

	<i>Thousands</i>			
	All	Income replacement benefits	Other benefits only	NI Credits only
All	4,835	4,314	351	170
Unemployed	775	698	.	77
Sick / Disabled	3,080	2,636	351	93
Lone Parents	783	783	.	.
Others	196	196	.	.

Table 4.1a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits¹ by statistical group and type of benefit: Aug 2004

	<i>Thousands</i>		
	All	Income replacement benefits	NI Credits ²
All	4,524	4,314	211
JSA	775	698	77
IB/SDA	2,653	2,519	134
IS Dis (not also on IB/SDA)	117	117	-
IS Lone Parents	783	783	-
Others (IS others and PC claimants)	196	196	-

¹ Excludes DLA only claimants. Hierarchy used where claiming more than one benefit.

² This will include claimants receiving DLA and an NI credit.

- 4.31 million claimants received an **income replacement benefit** in August 2004, down from 4.53 million in August 2001.
- Of these 4.31 million, 2.52 million were receiving IB/SDA.

Table 4.2 Claimants of key benefits by type of benefit: Aug 2001 to Aug 2004

		<i>Thousands</i>		
		Benefit type		
	All	Income replacement benefits	Other Benefits Only	NI Credits Only
Aug 2001	4,970	4,526	267	176
Aug 2002	4,947	4,480	291	176
Aug 2003	4,945	4,448	324	173
Aug 2004	4,835	4,314	351	170

Table 4.3 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group and main basis of entitlement: Aug 2004

		<i>Thousands</i>				
		Basis of benefit entitlement				
	All	Contributory	Contributory and income related ¹	Income related	Other	NI Credits only
All	4,835	1,315	307	2,626	418	170
Unemployed	775	132	12	554	.	77
Sick / Disabled	3,080	1,182	295	1,092	418	93
Lone Parents	783	.	.	783	.	.
Others	196	.	.	196	.	.

¹ "Contributory and income related" includes JSA claimants who receive income based benefit but who also satisfy the conditions for receiving contribution-based JSA

Table 4.3a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits by main benefit and main basis of entitlement: Aug 2004

		<i>Thousands</i>				
		Basis of benefit entitlement				
	All	Contributory	Contributory and income related ¹	Income related	Other	NI Credits
All	4,524	1,315	307	2,626	108	170
JSA	775	132	12	554	.	77
IB/SDA	2,653	1,182	295	975	108	93
IS Dis (not also on IB/SDA)	117	.	.	117	.	.
IS Lone Parents	783	.	.	783	.	.
Others (IS others and PC claimants)	196	.	.	196	.	.

¹ "Contributory and income related" includes JSA claimants who receive income based benefit but who also satisfy the conditions for receiving contribution-based JSA

² Excludes DLA only claimants. Hierarchy used where claiming more than one benefit.

Table 4.4 Claimants of key benefits by main basis of entitlement: Aug 2001 to Aug 2004

Thousands

	Basis of benefit entitlement					
	All	Contributory	Contributory and income related ¹	Income related	Other	NI Credits only
Aug 2001	4,970	1,354	322	2,758	359	176
Aug 2002	4,947	1,367	328	2,706	369	176
Aug 2003	4,945	1,344	335	2,697	395	173
Aug 2004	4,835	1,315	307	2,626	418	170

¹ "Contributory and income related" includes JSA claimants who receive income based benefit but who also satisfy the conditions for receiving contribution-based JSA

- 1.31 million people received only a **contributory benefit** in August 2004.
- 2.93 million people received a benefit that is **income related** in August 2004 (including those who also received or satisfied the qualifying conditions for a contributory benefit).

Table 4.5 Claimants of sickness / disability benefits by combinations of benefits: Aug 2004

Thousands

	Type of benefit					
	All	IB Payment	IB Credits	SDA	Income Support	DLA
All Sick / Disabled	3,080	1,477	918	258	1,387	1,549
Single benefit only	1,183	715	93	10	56	310
Two or more benefits of which¹	1,897	762	825	248	1,331	1,239
Incapacity Benefit payment	762	762	.	.	295	639
Incapacity Benefit credits	825	.	825	.	784	306
Severe Disablement Allowance	248	.	.	248	191	232
Income Support	1,331	295	784	191	1,331	673
Disability Living Allowance	1,239	639	306	232	673	1,239

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

² Headline totals for incapacity benefits normally combine the figures for working age IB payments, IB credits and SDA claimants.

- 62% (1.90 million) of the **sick / disabled** claimants received more than one of the key benefits in May 2004 (including those who receive IB National Insurance credits). The main combinations include IB credits and IS (0.78 million), DLA and IS (0.67 million) and IB payments and DLA (0.64 million).

Table 4.6 Claimants of sickness / disability benefits by main benefit: Aug 2001 to Aug 2004

Thousands and percentages

	Aug 2001		Aug 2002		Aug 2003		Aug 2004	
	All	%	All	%	All	%	All	%
All Sick / Disabled	3,000	100	3,023	100	3,063	100	3,080	100
IB/SDA	1,644	55	1,605	53	1,566	51	1,531	50
IS Disabled (not also IB/SDA)	1,114	37	1,157	38	1,209	39	1,239	40
DLA only (not also IB/SDA/IS Disabled)	242	8	261	9	288	9	310	10

Section 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 receive multiple benefits, duration is based on the one they have received for the longest time.

Table 5.1 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group and duration of claim: Aug 2004

		<i>Thousands</i>				
		Duration of oldest claim ¹				
All		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
All	4,835	517	325	419	530	3,043
Unemployed	775	345	145	132	85	68
Sick / Disabled	3,080	112	115	175	292	2,386
Lone Parents	783	37	45	76	123	503
Others	196	24	20	36	30	86

¹ Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

- 63% (3.04 million) of the **claimants of key benefits** in August 2004 had been receiving one for 2 years or more.
- Around 78% of these “longer duration” claimants (2.39 million) were in the **sick / disabled** group. This group was therefore more likely to have been on benefit for longer periods than all others - 77% had been on for 2 years or more compared with only 9% of those in the unemployed group.

Table 5.2 Claimants of key benefits by gender and duration of claim: Aug 2004

		<i>Thousands and percentages</i>					
		Duration of oldest claim ¹					
All		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over	
All	(000s)	4,835	517	325	419	530	3,043
	%	100	11	7	9	11	63
Men	(000s)	2,496	320	189	235	264	1,489
	%	100	13	8	9	11	60
Women	(000s)	2,339	198	136	185	267	1,554
	%	100	8	6	8	11	66

¹ Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

Table 5.2a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits by gender and duration of claim: Aug 2004

Thousands and percentages

		Duration of oldest claim ¹					
		All	Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
All	(000s)	4,524	526	326	418	514	2,742
	%	100	12	7	9	11	61
Men	(000s)	2,361	326	191	237	259	1,348
	%	100	14	8	10	11	57
Women	(000s)	2,163	200	134	181	254	1,394
	%	100	9	6	8	12	64

¹ Oldest out-of-work benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

Table 5.3 Claimants of key benefits by family type and duration of claim: Aug 2004

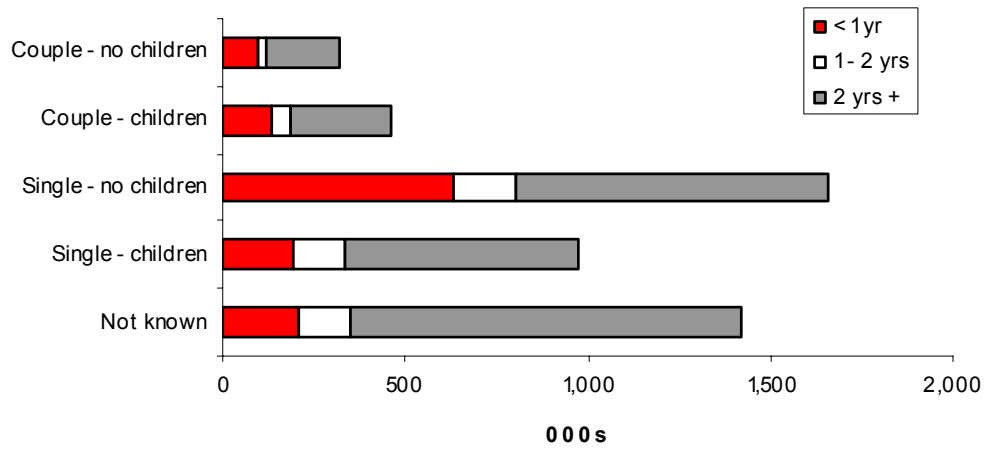
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		Duration of oldest claim ¹					
		All	Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 Year	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
All		4,835	517	325	419	530	3,043
All couples		785	98	58	70	82	477
Couple - no children		321	45	22	27	26	201
Couple - children		464	53	36	43	56	276
All single		2,626	357	207	263	309	1,490
Single - no children		1,654	308	152	174	167	854
Single - children		972	49	55	89	142	636
Not known		1,424	63	60	86	139	1,076

¹ Oldest benefit payable during current spell of benefit receipt

- About 65% of **single people** who received additional benefit / CTC for children or young adult dependants had been on benefit for two years or more compared with only 59% of couples who did so.
- Comparisons over time are affected by the introduction of CTC. The changes made, and the effect on the figures, are described in the Methodology.

**Claimants of key benefits by family type and duration :
August 2004**



Section 6. Regional Analysis

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

Table 6.1 Claimants of key benefits by gender and Government Office Region : Aug 2004

	<i>Thousands and percentages</i>					
	All		Men		Women	
	(000s)	% of pop ¹	(000s)	% of pop ¹	(000s)	% of pop ¹
Great Britain	4,824	13.5	2,489	13.4	2,335	13.5
England	3,965	12.8	2,035	12.7	1,930	13.0
North East	288	18.4	153	19.0	135	17.8
North West ²	708	17.0	372	17.3	335	16.6
Yorkshire and the Humber	436	14.2	232	14.6	203	13.7
East Midlands	315	12.0	163	12.0	152	12.1
West Midlands	465	14.3	240	14.2	224	14.5
East	325	9.7	161	9.3	164	10.3
London	693	14.1	337	13.3	355	15.0
South East	427	8.6	215	8.3	212	8.9
South West	311	10.4	162	10.4	149	10.4
Wales	322	18.2	168	18.5	154	18.0
Scotland	537	17.0	286	17.7	251	16.3
IB/SDA claimants living abroad	11	.	7	.	4	.

¹ Population of working age

² The old Merseyside GOR was merged with North West GOR on 3rd May 1999

Table 6.1 Claimants of key out-of-work benefits by gender and Government Office Region : Aug 2004

	<i>Thousands and percentages</i>					
	All		Men		Women	
	(000s)	% of pop ¹	(000s)	% of pop ¹	(000s)	% of pop ¹
Great Britain	4,514	12.6	2,355	12.7	2,159	12.5
England	3,705	12.0	1,922	12.0	1,783	12.0
North East	272	17.4	146	18.2	126	16.6
North West ²	664	15.9	353	16.4	311	15.4
Yorkshire and the Humber	406	13.2	219	13.8	187	12.6
East Midlands	291	11.1	153	11.2	138	11.0
West Midlands	433	13.4	227	13.4	206	13.3
East	299	9.0	149	8.6	150	9.4
London	660	13.4	323	12.8	337	14.2
South East	394	7.9	200	7.8	194	8.1
South West	286	9.6	152	9.8	134	9.4
Wales	301	17.0	159	17.4	142	16.6
Scotland	508	16.1	274	16.9	234	15.2
IB/SDA claimants living abroad	11	.	7	.	4	.

¹ Population of working age

² The old Merseyside GOR was merged with North West GOR on 3rd May 1999

- The proportion of the population of working age **claiming a key benefit** in August 2004 ranges from 8.6% in the South East of England to 18.4% in the North East.
- 12.6% of the population of working age in Great Britain were **claiming a key out-of-work benefit** in May 2004. This ranges from 17.4% in the North East to 7.9% in the South East.

Table 6.2 Claimants of key benefits by statistical group and Government Office Region : Aug 2004

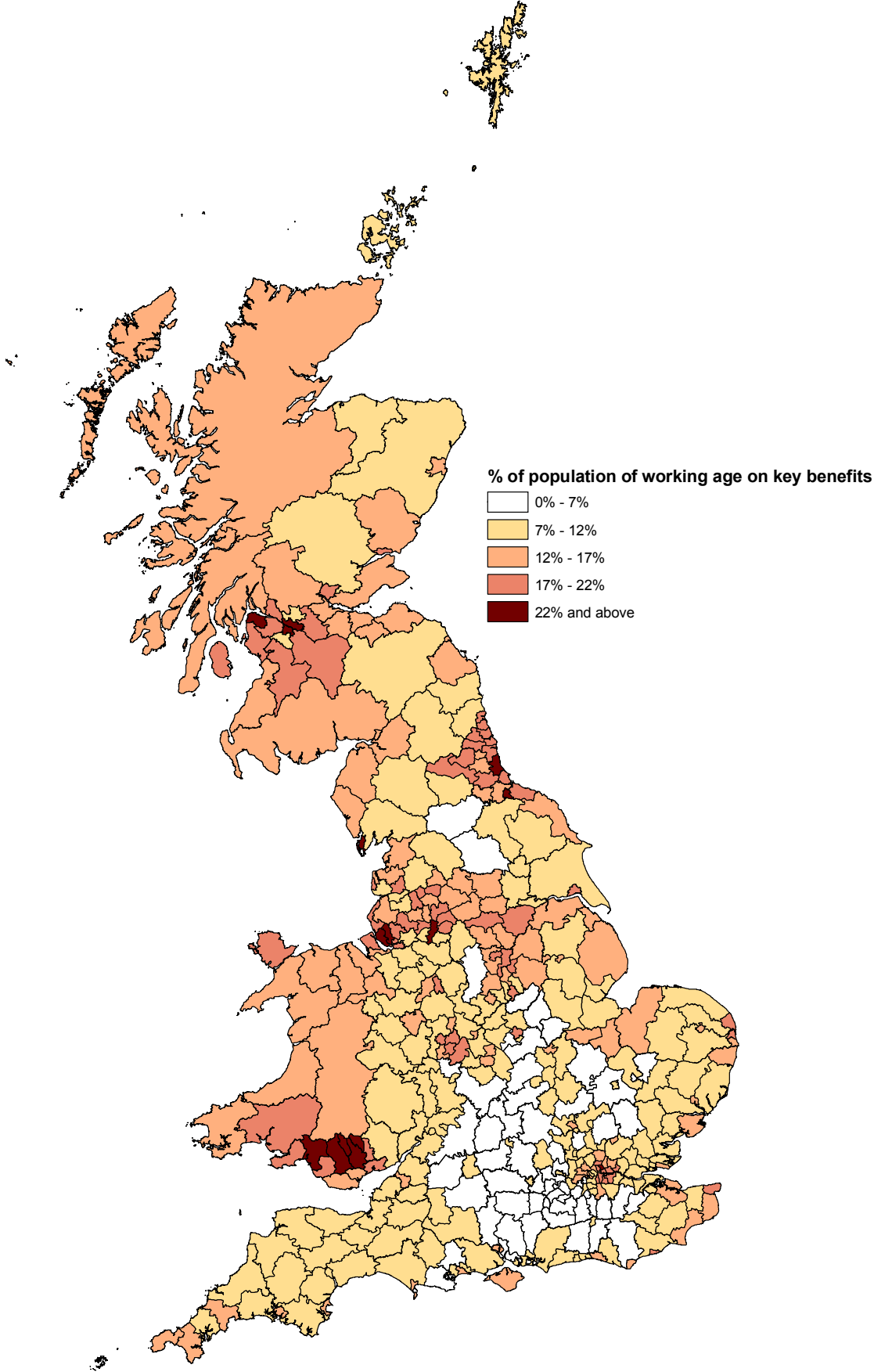
		<i>Thousands and percentages</i>				
		Statistical group				
		All	Unemployed	Sick / Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
Great Britain	(000s)	4,824	775	3,069	783	196
	% of pop ¹	13.6	2.2	8.6	2.2	0.5
England	(000s)	3,965	646	2,482	673	164
	% of pop ¹	12.8	2.1	8.0	2.2	0.5
North East	(000s)	288	42	193	40	12
	% of pop ¹	18.4	2.7	12.4	2.6	0.8
North West ²	(000s)	708	94	485	103	25
	% of pop ¹	17.0	2.3	11.6	2.5	0.6
Yorkshire and the Humber	(000s)	436	70	281	65	19
	% of pop ¹	14.2	2.3	9.1	2.1	0.6
East Midlands	(000s)	315	47	208	47	13
	% of pop ¹	12.0	1.8	7.9	1.8	0.5
West Midlands	(000s)	465	84	283	77	21
	% of pop ¹	14.3	2.6	8.7	2.4	0.6
East	(000s)	325	52	203	57	13
	% of pop ¹	9.7	1.5	6.1	1.7	0.4
London	(000s)	693	155	347	159	32
	% of pop ¹	14.1	3.2	7.1	3.2	0.6
South East	(000s)	427	63	269	77	17
	% of pop ¹	8.6	1.3	5.4	1.6	0.3
South West	(000s)	311	38	213	47	12
	% of pop ¹	10.4	1.3	7.1	1.6	0.4
Wales	(000s)	322	39	231	42	11
	% of pop ¹	18.2	2.2	13.1	2.4	0.6
Scotland	(000s)	537	91	356	68	22
	% of pop ¹	17.0	2.9	11.3	2.2	0.7
IB/SDA claimants living abroad	(000s)	11	.	11	.	.

¹ Population of working age

² The old Merseyside GOR was merged with North West GOR on 3rd November 1998

- A similar pattern is revealed when the figures are broken down by statistical group. The region with the greatest proportion of the working age population claiming a key **sickness / disability benefit** is Wales (13.1%), followed by the North East (12.4%), North West (11.6%) and Scotland (11.3%). The South East (5.4%) and East of England (6.1%) have the lowest proportions.
- The proportion of the population of working age in the unemployed group ranges from 3.2% in London to 1.3% in the South East and South West.
- For more information on regional statistics and ward level figures visit the National Statistics - Neighbourhood Statistics Website using the following URL
<http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/home.asp>

Percentage of the population of working age claiming a key benefit by Local Authority: Aug 2004



These figures are not seasonally adjusted. Any comparisons should be made "year on year".

Section 7. Quarterly Tables

7.1: Age and Gender

Table 7.1A: Claimants of key benefits by gender

		<i>Thousands and percentages</i>					
		All % Pop¹		Men % Pop¹		Women % Pop¹	
1995	May	6,244	17.9	3,652	20.6	2,592	15.6
	Aug	6,322	18.1	3,645	20.5	2,677	16.2
	Nov	6,213	18.1	3,588	20.2	2,625	15.8
1996	Feb	6,317	18.4	3,668	20.6	2,649	15.9
	May	6,169	17.9	3,549	20.0	2,620	15.7
	Aug	6,218	18.1	3,533	19.9	2,685	16.1
	Nov	5,866	17.0	3,305	18.6	2,561	15.4
1997	Feb	5,850	17.0	3,302	18.5	2,549	15.3
	May	5,659	16.4	3,157	17.7	2,502	15.0
	Aug	5,665	16.4	3,126	17.6	2,539	15.2
	Nov	5,409	15.7	2,963	16.6	2,446	14.6
1998	Feb	5,429	15.7	2,982	16.7	2,447	14.6
	May	5,331	15.4	2,914	16.3	2,417	14.4
	Aug	5,355	15.5	2,903	16.3	2,452	14.6
	Nov	5,249	15.2	2,853	16.0	2,396	14.3
1999	Feb	5,328	15.3	2,912	16.3	2,416	14.4
	May	5,235	15.1	2,846	15.9	2,389	14.2
	Aug	5,245	15.1	2,822	15.8	2,423	14.4
	Nov	5,143	14.8	2,758	15.4	2,385	14.2
2000	Feb	5,185	14.9	2,802	15.6	2,383	14.1
	May	5,049	14.5	2,703	15.0	2,346	13.9
	Aug	5,063	14.5	2,688	15.0	2,374	14.0
	Nov	4,996	14.3	2,659	14.8	2,336	13.8
2001	Feb	5,077	14.4	2,719	14.9	2,358	13.8
	May	4,982	14.1	2,640	14.4	2,342	13.7
	Aug	4,970	14.1	2,609	14.3	2,361	13.9
	Nov	4,907	13.9	2,583	14.1	2,325	13.6
2002	Feb	4,992	14.1	2,650	14.4	2,342	13.7
	May	4,923	13.9	2,592	14.1	2,332	13.6
	Aug	4,947	13.9	2,584	14.1	2,362	13.8
	Nov	4,896	13.8	2,561	13.9	2,335	13.6
2003	Feb	4,992	14.1	2,634	14.3	2,358	13.8
	May	4,951	13.9	2,591	14.1	2,359	13.8
	Aug	4,945	13.9	2,569	14.0	2,376	13.9
	Nov	4,878	13.7	2,541	13.8	2,337	13.6
2004	Feb	4,947	13.9	2,593	14.1	2,354	13.7
	May	4,856	13.7	2,527	13.8	2,329	13.6
	Aug	4,835	13.5	2,496	13.5	2,339	13.6

¹ Population of working age

Table 7.1A: Claimants of key out-of-work benefits by gender

		<i>Thousands and percentages</i>					
		All	% Pop¹	Men	% Pop¹	Women	% Pop¹
1995	May	6,076	17.4	3,590	20.2	2,486	15.0
	Aug	6,156	17.6	3,586	20.2	2,570	15.5
	Nov	6,041	17.6	3,526	19.9	2,515	15.2
1996	Feb	6,140	17.8	3,605	20.3	2,535	15.2
	May	5,992	17.4	3,486	19.6	2,506	15.1
	Aug	6,038	17.5	3,469	19.5	2,570	15.4
	Nov	5,681	16.5	3,238	18.2	2,442	14.7
1997	Feb	5,660	16.4	3,232	18.2	2,428	14.5
	May	5,466	15.8	3,087	17.3	2,380	14.2
	Aug	5,468	15.8	3,053	17.2	2,414	14.5
	Nov	5,208	15.1	2,889	16.2	2,320	13.9
1998	Feb	5,223	15.1	2,904	16.3	2,319	13.8
	May	5,124	14.8	2,835	15.9	2,289	13.7
	Aug	5,146	14.9	2,823	15.8	2,323	13.9
	Nov	5,040	14.6	2,773	15.6	2,267	13.5
1999	Feb	5,113	14.7	2,828	15.8	2,286	13.6
	May	5,022	14.5	2,763	15.4	2,259	13.4
	Aug	5,030	14.5	2,738	15.3	2,292	13.6
	Nov	4,924	14.2	2,671	14.9	2,253	13.4
2000	Feb	4,965	14.2	2,715	15.1	2,250	13.3
	May	4,826	13.8	2,614	14.5	2,212	13.1
	Aug	4,837	13.9	2,598	14.5	2,239	13.2
	Nov	4,765	13.7	2,566	14.3	2,199	13.0
2001	Feb	4,846	13.7	2,625	14.4	2,221	13.0
	May	4,744	13.4	2,544	13.9	2,200	12.9
	Aug	4,728	13.4	2,510	13.7	2,218	13.0
	Nov	4,660	13.2	2,482	13.6	2,178	12.8
2002	Feb	4,740	13.3	2,546	13.9	2,193	12.8
	May	4,666	13.1	2,486	13.5	2,180	12.7
	Aug	4,685	13.2	2,477	13.5	2,209	12.9
	Nov	4,621	13.0	2,446	13.3	2,175	12.7
2003	Feb	4,712	13.3	2,517	13.7	2,195	12.8
	May	4,667	13.1	2,470	13.4	2,197	12.8
	Aug	4,657	13.1	2,447	13.3	2,211	12.9
	Nov	4,584	12.9	2,415	13.1	2,169	12.6
2004	Feb	4,649	13.1	2,466	13.4	2,183	12.7
	May	4,550	12.8	2,395	13.0	2,155	12.6
	Aug	4,524	12.6	2,361	12.7	2,163	12.5

¹ Population of working age

Table 7.1B: Claimants of key benefits by gender - Annual changes Aug 2000 to Aug 2004

		<i>Thousands and percentages</i>					
		All		Men		Women	
		(000s)	%	(000s)	%	(000s)	%
Aug 01 / Aug 00		-93	-1.8	-79	-3.0	-13	-0.6
Aug 02 / Aug 01		-23	-0.5	-24	-0.9	1	0.1
Aug 03 / Aug 02		-2	0.0	-15	-0.6	14	0.6
Aug 04 / Aug 03		-110	-2.2	-73	-2.8	-37	-1.6

Table 7.1C: All Claimants of key benefits by age

		<i>Thousands</i>							
		All	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1995	May	6,244	54	993	1,614	1,177	1,198	703	506
	Aug	6,322	55	1,046	1,622	1,186	1,201	704	507
	Nov	6,213	57	970	1,595	1,176	1,203	705	507
1996	Feb	6,317	59	981	1,629	1,204	1,225	714	505
	May	6,169	58	917	1,583	1,188	1,218	703	502
	Aug	6,218	58	966	1,576	1,197	1,222	697	501
	Nov	5,866	57	827	1,468	1,145	1,185	689	496
1997	Feb	5,850	59	823	1,456	1,151	1,184	686	492
	May	5,659	58	760	1,394	1,126	1,164	672	486
	Aug	5,665	58	791	1,387	1,125	1,156	664	484
	Nov	5,409	55	700	1,304	1,084	1,131	655	481
1998	Feb	5,429	57	710	1,306	1,093	1,135	650	477
	May	5,331	56	674	1,268	1,084	1,127	648	475
	Aug	5,355	55	700	1,263	1,089	1,129	647	472
	Nov	5,249	55	639	1,231	1,084	1,119	648	472
1999	Feb	5,328	59	662	1,245	1,109	1,136	647	469
	May	5,235	58	628	1,212	1,098	1,122	647	470
	Aug	5,245	58	656	1,201	1,101	1,117	645	467
	Nov	5,143	56	612	1,168	1,092	1,105	646	464
2000	Feb	5,185	56	629	1,166	1,107	1,115	650	461
	May	5,049	54	588	1,121	1,089	1,101	642	455
	Aug	5,063	54	612	1,113	1,091	1,098	640	455
	Nov	4,996	54	582	1,084	1,089	1,090	643	453
2001	Feb	5,077	56	613	1,094	1,110	1,104	647	453
	May	4,982	56	582	1,063	1,096	1,093	646	445
	Aug	4,970	55	592	1,050	1,098	1,082	651	442
	Nov	4,907	53	568	1,023	1,093	1,074	656	440
2002	Feb	4,992	56	600	1,035	1,113	1,080	669	438
	May	4,923	55	575	1,012	1,103	1,069	675	434
	Aug	4,947	54	599	1,010	1,108	1,062	682	431
	Nov	4,896	57	574	992	1,100	1,057	688	428
2003	Feb	4,992	60	614	1,005	1,119	1,069	696	428
	May	4,951	61	597	992	1,119	1,063	694	425
	Aug	4,945	61	616	982	1,115	1,055	693	422
	Nov	4,878	60	589	951	1,107	1,055	695	422
2004	Feb	4,947	63	617	961	1,119	1,064	702	421
	May	4,856	62	586	930	1,104	1,054	695	425
	Aug	4,835	62	595	922	1,102	1,041	689	423

Table 7.1D: All Claimants of key benefits by age

		<i>Percentages</i>								
		All	<i>Under 18</i>	<i>18 to 24</i>	<i>25 to 34</i>	<i>35 to 44</i>	<i>45 to 54</i>	<i>55 to 59</i>	<i>60 to 64</i>	
1995	May	100	1	16	26	19	19	11	8	
	Aug	100	1	17	26	19	19	11	8	
	Nov	100	1	16	26	19	19	11	8	
1996	Feb	100	1	16	26	19	19	11	8	
	May	100	1	15	26	19	20	11	8	
	Aug	100	1	16	25	19	20	11	8	
	Nov	100	1	14	25	20	20	12	8	
1997	Feb	100	1	14	25	20	20	12	8	
	May	100	1	13	25	20	21	12	9	
	Aug	100	1	14	24	20	20	12	9	
	Nov	100	1	13	24	20	21	12	9	
1998	Feb	100	1	13	24	20	21	12	9	
	May	100	1	13	24	20	21	12	9	
	Aug	100	1	13	24	20	21	12	9	
	Nov	100	1	12	23	21	21	12	9	
1999	Feb	100	1	12	23	21	21	12	9	
	May	100	1	12	23	21	21	12	9	
	Aug	100	1	13	23	21	21	12	9	
	Nov	100	1	12	23	21	21	13	9	
2000	Feb	100	1	12	22	21	22	13	9	
	May	100	1	12	22	22	22	13	9	
	Aug	100	1	12	22	22	22	13	9	
	Nov	100	1	12	22	22	22	13	9	
2001	Feb	100	1	12	22	22	22	13	9	
	May	100	1	12	21	22	22	13	9	
	Aug	100	1	12	21	22	22	13	9	
	Nov	100	1	12	21	22	22	13	9	
2002	Feb	100	1	12	21	22	22	13	9	
	May	100	1	12	21	22	22	14	9	
	Aug	100	1	12	20	22	21	14	9	
	Nov	100	1	12	20	22	22	14	9	
2003	Feb	100	1	12	20	22	21	14	9	
	May	100	1	12	20	23	21	14	9	
	Aug	100	1	12	20	23	21	14	9	
	Nov	100	1	12	19	23	22	14	9	
2004	Feb	100	1	12	19	23	22	14	9	
	May	100	1	12	19	23	22	14	9	
	Aug	100	1	12	19	23	22	14	9	

Table 7.1E: Male Claimants of key benefits by age

		<i>Thousands</i>							
		All	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1995	May	3,652	24	521	829	647	697	430	506
	Aug	3,645	23	543	819	641	686	425	507
	Nov	3,588	24	501	805	637	690	425	507
1996	Feb	3,668	26	514	832	659	703	430	505
	May	3,549	25	476	794	641	692	419	502
	Aug	3,533	25	496	783	633	685	411	501
	Nov	3,305	23	412	713	599	659	403	496
1997	Feb	3,302	25	415	709	602	658	401	492
	May	3,157	25	374	667	577	640	387	486
	Aug	3,126	25	384	655	570	629	379	484
	Nov	2,963	24	331	603	542	610	372	481
1998	Feb	2,982	26	342	610	548	611	369	477
	May	2,914	25	322	584	541	604	364	475
	Aug	2,903	24	332	580	536	598	361	472
	Nov	2,853	24	299	565	537	595	362	472
1999	Feb	2,912	26	317	581	553	604	362	469
	May	2,846	26	294	558	544	594	359	470
	Aug	2,822	25	304	547	539	586	355	467
	Nov	2,758	24	277	528	532	579	355	464
2000	Feb	2,802	25	294	534	543	587	358	461
	May	2,703	24	267	505	527	574	352	455
	Aug	2,688	24	273	497	523	568	348	455
	Nov	2,659	24	260	486	525	563	348	453
2001	Feb	2,719	27	285	497	537	570	349	453
	May	2,640	26	262	476	525	562	345	445
	Aug	2,609	25	262	462	521	552	345	442
	Nov	2,583	24	253	452	520	547	347	440
2002	Feb	2,650	26	278	466	534	552	355	438
	May	2,592	26	257	451	525	543	357	434
	Aug	2,584	25	266	446	523	536	357	431
	Nov	2,561	26	253	440	522	532	360	428
2003	Feb	2,634	28	282	455	536	541	365	428
	May	2,591	28	266	443	532	535	362	425
	Aug	2,569	29	272	436	525	528	359	422
	Nov	2,541	28	261	421	524	528	356	422
2004	Feb	2,593	30	283	432	532	534	361	421
	May	2,527	31	259	412	520	527	354	425
	Aug	2,496	31	258	404	516	516	349	423

Table 7.1F: Female Claimants of key benefits by age

		<i>Thousands</i>							
		All	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1995	May	2,592	31	472	785	530	501	273	-
	Aug	2,677	32	503	804	545	515	279	-
	Nov	2,625	33	470	791	539	514	280	-
1996	Feb	2,649	33	467	797	545	522	284	-
	May	2,620	33	440	789	547	526	285	-
	Aug	2,685	33	470	793	565	538	286	-
	Nov	2,561	34	414	754	547	526	286	-
1997	Feb	2,549	33	408	747	549	526	285	-
	May	2,502	32	386	728	548	524	285	-
	Aug	2,539	32	408	733	555	528	285	-
	Nov	2,446	30	369	701	542	521	283	-
1998	Feb	2,447	31	368	697	546	524	281	-
	May	2,417	31	352	684	543	524	284	-
	Aug	2,452	31	368	683	553	531	287	-
	Nov	2,396	31	340	666	547	524	287	-
1999	Feb	2,416	33	345	664	556	532	286	-
	May	2,389	33	333	654	553	528	288	-
	Aug	2,423	33	352	654	563	531	290	-
	Nov	2,385	32	335	640	560	526	291	-
2000	Feb	2,383	31	335	632	564	528	292	-
	May	2,346	30	321	616	562	527	290	-
	Aug	2,374	30	338	616	568	530	292	-
	Nov	2,336	30	322	598	564	527	295	-
2001	Feb	2,358	30	328	597	573	533	298	-
	May	2,342	30	321	588	571	532	301	-
	Aug	2,361	30	331	587	577	530	305	-
	Nov	2,325	29	315	571	573	527	309	-
2002	Feb	2,342	30	322	569	579	528	314	-
	May	2,332	30	318	562	578	526	319	-
	Aug	2,362	29	333	564	585	526	325	-
	Nov	2,335	31	321	551	578	525	328	-
2003	Feb	2,358	33	331	550	583	529	331	-
	May	2,359	33	331	549	587	528	332	-
	Aug	2,376	32	345	546	591	527	335	-
	Nov	2,337	32	328	530	583	526	339	-
2004	Feb	2,354	33	334	529	587	530	341	-
	May	2,329	31	327	518	584	527	341	-
	Aug	2,339	31	337	518	587	525	340	-

7.2: Family Type

Comparisons over time are affected by the introduction of CTC. The changes made, and the effect on the figures, are described in the Methodology.

Table 7.2A: All Claimants of key benefits by family type¹

		<i>Thousands</i>							
		Couples				Single			Not Known
		All	No Children	With Children	All	No Children	With Children		
1995	May	6,244	1,300	770	530	3,510	2,392	1,118	1,434
	Aug	6,322	1,283	772	511	3,582	2,450	1,131	1,457
	Nov	6,213	1,247	740	507	3,508	2,381	1,127	1,458
1996	Feb	6,317	1,274	759	515	3,583	2,454	1,128	1,461
	May	6,169	1,218	721	496	3,487	2,356	1,130	1,465
	Aug	6,218	1,195	716	479	3,551	2,417	1,134	1,472
1997	Nov	5,866	1,083	635	448	3,298	2,186	1,112	1,486
	Feb	5,850	1,068	611	458	3,288	2,173	1,115	1,494
	May	5,659	999	564	435	3,171	2,060	1,110	1,489
1998	Aug	5,665	972	563	409	3,201	2,091	1,110	1,492
	Nov	5,409	917	519	398	2,993	1,915	1,078	1,500
	Feb	5,429	915	517	398	3,013	1,943	1,070	1,501
1999	May	5,331	881	497	385	2,947	1,886	1,061	1,503
	Aug	5,355	876	497	379	2,974	1,917	1,057	1,505
	Nov	5,249	851	482	369	2,887	1,847	1,040	1,511
2000	Feb	5,328	860	485	375	2,963	1,918	1,045	1,505
	May	5,235	828	464	364	2,894	1,851	1,043	1,513
	Aug	5,245	809	452	357	2,919	1,868	1,051	1,517
2001	Nov	5,143	783	438	345	2,836	1,798	1,038	1,523
	Feb	5,185	795	448	347	2,865	1,835	1,030	1,524
	May	5,049	752	420	332	2,773	1,751	1,023	1,523
2002	Aug	5,063	739	410	329	2,794	1,767	1,026	1,530
	Nov	4,996	725	403	322	2,728	1,720	1,008	1,543
	Feb	5,077	740	413	328	2,791	1,781	1,010	1,546
2003	May	4,982	701	385	315	2,725	1,720	1,005	1,556
	Aug	4,970	684	376	308	2,725	1,714	1,011	1,560
	Nov	4,907	685	387	298	2,664	1,680	983	1,559
2004	Feb	4,992	699	396	304	2,734	1,753	981	1,559
	May	4,923	677	379	297	2,667	1,688	979	1,580
	Aug	4,947	667	374	293	2,698	1,711	986	1,582
2005	Nov	4,896	655	370	286	2,647	1,679	968	1,594
	Feb	4,992	673	382	291	2,724	1,759	965	1,595
	May	4,951	658	370	289	2,695	1,717	978	1,598
2006	Aug	4,945	813	338	475	2,718	1,718	1,001	1,414
	Nov	4,878	805	334	472	2,656	1,682	974	1,418
	Feb	4,947	816	340	476	2,718	1,740	979	1,413
2007	May	4,856	803	328	474	2,631	1,659	972	1,422
	Aug	4,835	785	321	464	2,626	1,654	972	1,424

¹ This analysis is based mainly on claimants who receive additional amounts of benefit and/or CTC for their partner and/or children and young adult dependants. See notes on 'Methodology', at the end of this bulletin for further details

Table 7.2B: Male Claimants of key benefits by family type¹

Thousands

		All	Couples		Single			Not known	
			All	No Children	With Children	All	No Children		With Children
1995	May	3,652	1,125	633	492	1,715	1,646	70	812
	Aug	3,645	1,094	620	473	1,727	1,657	70	824
	Nov	3,588	1,075	608	467	1,691	1,621	70	822
1996	Feb	3,668	1,094	620	473	1,753	1,683	70	822
	May	3,549	1,044	590	455	1,682	1,613	70	822
	Aug	3,533	1,009	572	437	1,700	1,630	70	824
	Nov	3,305	930	523	407	1,545	1,475	70	830
1997	Feb	3,302	922	506	416	1,546	1,476	70	834
	May	3,157	865	472	393	1,466	1,396	70	826
	Aug	3,126	831	465	366	1,467	1,399	68	827
	Nov	2,963	789	435	354	1,345	1,279	66	829
1998	Feb	2,982	781	428	353	1,372	1,306	65	830
	May	2,914	753	412	341	1,333	1,267	65	828
	Aug	2,903	735	400	335	1,339	1,276	64	829
	Nov	2,853	723	398	325	1,297	1,236	62	833
1999	Feb	2,912	729	400	329	1,355	1,292	63	829
	May	2,846	702	384	318	1,309	1,246	63	835
	Aug	2,822	681	371	310	1,306	1,243	63	835
	Nov	2,758	664	364	299	1,256	1,193	63	838
2000	Feb	2,802	669	369	301	1,294	1,232	62	839
	May	2,703	634	348	285	1,233	1,171	62	836
	Aug	2,688	619	338	281	1,229	1,166	63	840
	Nov	2,659	609	335	274	1,202	1,140	62	848
2001	Feb	2,719	618	340	278	1,250	1,188	62	851
	May	2,640	585	318	267	1,203	1,141	62	853
	Aug	2,609	567	307	260	1,187	1,125	62	855
	Nov	2,583	566	317	249	1,165	1,105	60	852
2002	Feb	2,650	574	320	254	1,224	1,165	60	851
	May	2,592	554	308	246	1,176	1,116	60	861
	Aug	2,584	541	300	242	1,182	1,122	60	861
	Nov	2,561	533	298	234	1,161	1,102	60	868
2003	Feb	2,634	542	303	239	1,225	1,165	60	867
	May	2,591	529	294	236	1,192	1,131	60	871
	Aug	2,569	579	271	307	1,188	1,123	65	803
	Nov	2,541	570	269	301	1,166	1,103	63	806
2004	Feb	2,593	577	272	305	1,214	1,150	64	803
	May	2,527	563	263	301	1,152	1,089	64	812
	Aug	2,496	546	255	290	1,138	1,076	63	812

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Table 7.2C: Female Claimants of key benefits by family type¹

Thousands

		Couples				Single			Not known
		All	All	No Children	With Children	All	No Children	With Children	
1995	May	2,592	175	137	38	1,795	747	1,048	622
	Aug	2,677	190	151	38	1,854	793	1,061	633
	Nov	2,625	172	132	40	1,817	760	1,057	635
1996	Feb	2,649	180	139	41	1,830	772	1,058	639
	May	2,620	173	132	41	1,804	743	1,061	642
	Aug	2,685	186	144	42	1,851	787	1,064	648
	Nov	2,561	153	112	41	1,753	711	1,042	656
1997	Feb	2,549	147	105	42	1,742	697	1,045	660
	May	2,502	135	92	42	1,705	665	1,040	663
	Aug	2,539	141	98	43	1,734	692	1,042	665
	Nov	2,446	128	84	44	1,648	636	1,012	671
1998	Feb	2,447	134	90	44	1,641	636	1,005	671
	May	2,417	128	84	44	1,615	619	996	674
	Aug	2,452	141	97	44	1,635	641	993	676
	Nov	2,396	128	83	45	1,590	612	978	678
1999	Feb	2,416	131	85	46	1,609	626	983	676
	May	2,389	126	80	46	1,585	605	980	678
	Aug	2,423	128	81	47	1,613	626	987	681
	Nov	2,385	120	74	46	1,580	604	976	685
2000	Feb	2,383	126	79	47	1,571	603	968	686
	May	2,346	118	71	47	1,541	580	961	687
	Aug	2,374	120	72	48	1,565	602	963	690
	Nov	2,336	116	67	49	1,526	580	946	695
2001	Feb	2,358	122	73	49	1,541	593	948	695
	May	2,342	116	67	49	1,522	579	943	703
	Aug	2,361	117	69	48	1,538	589	949	706
	Nov	2,325	119	70	49	1,499	575	924	707
2002	Feb	2,342	125	75	50	1,509	588	921	708
	May	2,332	122	71	51	1,490	571	919	719
	Aug	2,362	125	74	51	1,516	590	926	721
	Nov	2,335	123	71	51	1,486	578	908	727
2003	Feb	2,358	131	79	52	1,499	593	906	728
	May	2,359	129	76	53	1,503	585	918	728
	Aug	2,376	234	66	168	1,531	595	935	611
	Nov	2,337	236	65	171	1,490	579	911	612
2004	Feb	2,354	239	68	171	1,504	590	914	610
	May	2,329	239	65	174	1,479	571	908	611
	Aug	2,339	239	66	173	1,488	579	909	612

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7.3: Statistical group

Table 7.3A: All Claimants of key benefits by statistical group

Thousands

		All	Unemployed	Sick / Disabled	Lone Parents	Others ¹
1995	May	6,244	2,219	2,662	1,020	344
	Aug	6,322	2,258	2,702	1,029	332
	Nov	6,213	2,117	2,719	1,026	351
1996	Feb	6,317	2,222	2,728	1,025	342
	May	6,169	2,069	2,740	1,024	337
	Aug	6,218	2,099	2,758	1,025	336
	Nov	5,866	1,784	2,784	1,002	298
1997	Feb	5,850	1,755	2,801	1,001	293
	May	5,659	1,574	2,809	993	283
	Aug	5,665	1,565	2,828	991	281
	Nov	5,409	1,320	2,854	963	273
1998	Feb	5,429	1,363	2,849	953	264
	May	5,331	1,293	2,841	941	257
	Aug	5,355	1,320	2,844	935	256
	Nov	5,249	1,223	2,853	920	253
1999	Feb	5,328	1,303	2,855	920	250
	May	5,235	1,208	2,865	917	246
	Aug	5,245	1,200	2,879	920	245
	Nov	5,143	1,096	2,893	909	244
2000	Feb	5,185	1,151	2,895	900	240
	May	5,049	1,024	2,902	891	232
	Aug	5,063	1,023	2,926	889	225
	Nov	4,996	954	2,954	874	214
2001	Feb	5,077	1,026	2,968	875	208
	May	4,982	925	2,984	868	205
	Aug	4,970	895	3,000	871	203
	Nov	4,907	853	3,008	845	201
2002	Feb	4,992	946	3,009	840	197
	May	4,923	880	3,011	836	196
	Aug	4,947	889	3,023	839	195
	Nov	4,896	836	3,044	823	194
2003	Feb	4,992	936	3,049	817	191
	May	4,951	883	3,052	826	190
	Aug	4,945	867	3,063	823	192
	Nov	4,878	816	3,074	798	190
2004	Feb	4,947	884	3,072	798	193
	May	4,856	797	3,077	788	194
	Aug	4,835	775	3,080	783	196

Table 7.3B: Claimants of key benefits by statistical group - Annual changes Aug 2000 to Aug 2004

Thousands

	All	Unemployed	Sick / Disabled	Lone Parents	Others ¹
Aug 01 / Aug 00	-93	-127	74	-18	-22
Aug 02 / Aug 01	-23	-6	23	-32	-8
Aug 03 / Aug 02	-2	-22	40	-16	-3
Aug 04 / Aug 03	-110	-92	17	-40	4

¹ Prior to the introduction of JSA in October 1996, the "others" group includes IS claimants who were on Government Training schemes. See notes on 'Methodology', at the end of this bulletin for further details

Table 7.3C: Male Claimants of key benefits by statistical group*Thousands*

		All	Unemployed	Sick / Disabled	Lone Parents	Others ¹
1995	May	3,652	1,701	1,640	54	257
	Aug	3,645	1,684	1,659	54	248
	Nov	3,588	1,610	1,664	54	260
1996	Feb	3,668	1,696	1,665	54	254
	May	3,549	1,582	1,664	54	249
	Aug	3,533	1,560	1,670	54	249
	Nov	3,305	1,354	1,681	53	217
1997	Feb	3,302	1,344	1,690	53	215
	May	3,157	1,210	1,687	52	208
	Aug	3,126	1,174	1,696	51	205
	Nov	2,963	1,006	1,709	49	200
1998	Feb	2,982	1,039	1,701	48	194
	May	2,914	987	1,690	48	190
	Aug	2,903	982	1,687	47	188
	Nov	2,853	933	1,689	45	187
1999	Feb	2,912	996	1,686	45	185
	May	2,846	928	1,692	45	180
	Aug	2,822	901	1,697	45	180
	Nov	2,758	832	1,702	44	180
2000	Feb	2,802	880	1,702	43	177
	May	2,703	785	1,702	43	173
	Aug	2,688	765	1,713	43	167
	Nov	2,659	730	1,729	43	158
2001	Feb	2,719	785	1,737	43	154
	May	2,640	707	1,741	43	149
	Aug	2,609	670	1,748	44	148
	Nov	2,583	646	1,749	42	146
2002	Feb	2,650	719	1,748	41	142
	May	2,592	667	1,743	41	141
	Aug	2,584	662	1,744	41	138
	Nov	2,561	630	1,753	41	138
2003	Feb	2,634	706	1,753	40	135
	May	2,591	662	1,755	40	134
	Aug	2,569	638	1,756	40	134
	Nov	2,541	610	1,758	39	134
2004	Feb	2,593	664	1,756	39	134
	May	2,527	596	1,758	38	136
	Aug	2,496	566	1,756	37	137

¹ Prior to the introduction of JSA in October 1996, the "others" group includes IS claimants who were on Government Training schemes. See notes on 'Methodology', at the end of this bulletin for further details

Table 7.3D: Female Claimants of key benefits by statistical group*Thousands*

		All	Unemployed	Sick / Disabled	Lone Parents	Others ¹
1995	May	2,592	517	1,021	966	87
	Aug	2,677	574	1,043	975	84
	Nov	2,625	507	1,055	972	91
1996	Feb	2,649	526	1,063	971	89
	May	2,620	487	1,076	970	88
	Aug	2,685	539	1,088	971	87
	Nov	2,561	430	1,102	948	81
1997	Feb	2,549	411	1,111	947	79
	May	2,502	364	1,122	941	75
	Aug	2,539	391	1,133	941	76
	Nov	2,446	314	1,145	914	73
1998	Feb	2,447	325	1,147	905	70
	May	2,417	306	1,151	893	67
	Aug	2,452	338	1,157	889	68
	Nov	2,396	290	1,164	874	67
1999	Feb	2,416	307	1,169	875	65
	May	2,389	280	1,173	871	65
	Aug	2,423	300	1,183	875	65
	Nov	2,385	264	1,191	866	65
2000	Feb	2,383	271	1,193	857	63
	May	2,346	239	1,200	848	59
	Aug	2,374	258	1,212	846	59
	Nov	2,336	224	1,225	831	56
2001	Feb	2,358	241	1,231	832	54
	May	2,342	218	1,243	824	56
	Aug	2,361	225	1,253	827	56
	Nov	2,325	207	1,259	803	55
2002	Feb	2,342	227	1,262	799	55
	May	2,332	213	1,268	796	55
	Aug	2,362	228	1,279	799	57
	Nov	2,335	206	1,291	782	56
2003	Feb	2,358	230	1,296	776	55
	May	2,359	221	1,297	786	56
	Aug	2,376	229	1,306	783	58
	Nov	2,337	206	1,316	759	56
2004	Feb	2,354	220	1,316	760	59
	May	2,329	202	1,319	750	58
	Aug	2,339	210	1,324	746	59

¹ Prior to the introduction of JSA in October 1996, the "others" group includes IS claimants who were on Government Training schemes. See notes on 'Methodology', at the end of this bulletin for further details

7.4: Benefit entitlement

Table 7.4A: Claimants of key benefits by type of benefit

Thousands

		All	Income replacement benefits	Other benefits	NI Credits only
1995	May	6,244	5,768	177	300
	Aug	6,322	5,831	176	315
	Nov	6,213	5,746	182	285
1996	Feb	6,317	5,835	188	295
	May	6,169	5,707	189	273
	Aug	6,218	5,732	192	295
	Nov	5,866	5,441	199	226
1997	Feb	5,850	5,421	205	224
	May	5,659	5,230	207	222
	Aug	5,665	5,234	212	220
	Nov	5,409	4,999	216	195
1998	Feb	5,429	5,017	222	190
	May	5,331	4,922	224	185
	Aug	5,355	4,939	226	190
	Nov	5,249	4,827	228	194
1999	Feb	5,328	4,894	234	201
	May	5,235	4,809	232	194
	Aug	5,245	4,818	235	191
	Nov	5,143	4,714	240	189
2000	Feb	5,185	4,755	241	189
	May	5,049	4,633	244	172
	Aug	5,063	4,639	249	175
	Nov	4,996	4,565	254	177
2001	Feb	5,077	4,643	254	180
	May	4,982	4,540	263	179
	Aug	4,970	4,526	267	176
	Nov	4,907	4,455	275	178
2002	Feb	4,992	4,533	280	180
	May	4,923	4,460	286	177
	Aug	4,947	4,480	291	176
	Nov	4,896	4,417	307	172
2003	Feb	4,992	4,502	312	178
	May	4,951	4,459	317	174
	Aug	4,945	4,448	324	173
	Nov	4,878	4,367	333	179
2004	Feb	4,947	4,431	337	179
	May	4,856	4,337	346	173
	Aug	4,835	4,314	351	170

Table 7.4A: Claimants of key out-of-work benefits by main benefit¹

		<i>Thousands</i>					
		All	JSA	IB/SDA	IS Dis (not also on IB/SDA)	IS Lone Parents	Others (IS others and PC claimants)
1995	May	6,076	2,219	2,390	103	1,020	344
	Aug	6,156	2,258	2,437	99	1,029	332
	Nov	6,041	2,117	2,443	104	1,026	351
1996	Feb	6,140	2,222	2,445	106	1,025	342
	May	5,992	2,069	2,456	107	1,024	337
	Aug	6,038	2,099	2,468	110	1,025	336
	Nov	5,681	1,784	2,486	112	1,002	298
1997	Feb	5,660	1,755	2,499	111	1,001	293
	May	5,466	1,574	2,507	109	993	283
	Aug	5,468	1,565	2,521	110	991	281
	Nov	5,208	1,320	2,543	109	963	273
1998	Feb	5,223	1,363	2,534	108	953	264
	May	5,124	1,293	2,527	107	941	257
	Aug	5,146	1,320	2,528	108	935	256
	Nov	5,040	1,223	2,539	105	920	253
1999	Feb	5,113	1,303	2,534	107	920	250
	May	5,022	1,208	2,549	102	917	246
	Aug	5,030	1,200	2,562	103	920	245
	Nov	4,924	1,096	2,570	105	909	244
2000	Feb	4,965	1,151	2,571	104	900	240
	May	4,826	1,024	2,576	103	891	232
	Aug	4,837	1,023	2,598	102	889	225
	Nov	4,765	954	2,620	103	874	214
2001	Feb	4,846	1,026	2,635	102	875	208
	May	4,744	925	2,643	103	868	205
	Aug	4,728	895	2,652	106	871	203
	Nov	4,660	853	2,653	107	845	201
2002	Feb	4,740	946	2,647	110	840	197
	May	4,666	880	2,647	107	836	196
	Aug	4,685	889	2,652	109	839	195
	Nov	4,621	836	2,658	111	823	194
2003	Feb	4,712	936	2,657	111	817	191
	May	4,667	883	2,659	110	826	190
	Aug	4,657	867	2,661	114	823	192
	Nov	4,584	816	2,666	113	798	190
2004	Feb	4,649	884	2,659	115	798	193
	May	4,550	797	2,657	114	788	194
	Aug	4,524	775	2,653	117	783	196

¹ Excludes DLA only claimants. Hierarchy used where claiming more than one benefit.

Table 7.4B: Claimants of key benefits by main basis of entitlement

Thousands

		Basis of benefit entitlement					
		All	Contributory	Contributory and income related ¹	Income related	Other	NI Credits only
1995	May	6,244	1,624	354	3,695	271	300
	Aug	6,322	1,649	355	3,732	271	315
	Nov	6,213	1,610	356	3,684	279	285
1996	Feb	6,317	1,633	374	3,730	286	295
	May	6,169	1,666	299	3,643	287	273
	Aug	6,218	1,669	298	3,666	290	295
	Nov	5,866	1,605	293	3,442	299	226
1997	Feb	5,850	1,559	298	3,463	306	224
	May	5,659	1,484	289	3,356	307	222
	Aug	5,665	1,475	294	3,363	313	220
	Nov	5,409	1,442	299	3,158	317	195
1998	Feb	5,429	1,454	300	3,163	322	190
	May	5,331	1,423	292	3,107	324	185
	Aug	5,355	1,429	291	3,119	326	190
	Nov	5,249	1,408	295	3,022	329	194
1999	Feb	5,328	1,417	301	3,074	334	201
	May	5,235	1,400	293	3,016	332	194
	Aug	5,245	1,400	292	3,029	333	191
	Nov	5,143	1,373	292	2,951	337	189
2000	Feb	5,185	1,399	295	2,965	337	189
	May	5,049	1,366	296	2,876	340	172
	Aug	5,063	1,363	303	2,878	343	175
	Nov	4,996	1,355	309	2,808	347	177
2001	Feb	5,077	1,388	317	2,845	348	180
	May	4,982	1,361	319	2,767	356	179
	Aug	4,970	1,354	322	2,758	359	176
	Nov	4,907	1,346	325	2,695	364	178
2002	Feb	4,992	1,377	330	2,739	367	180
	May	4,923	1,370	326	2,683	367	177
	Aug	4,947	1,367	328	2,706	369	176
	Nov	4,896	1,349	332	2,659	385	172
2003	Feb	4,992	1,379	336	2,712	388	178
	May	4,951	1,355	336	2,695	391	174
	Aug	4,945	1,344	335	2,697	395	173
	Nov	4,878	1,333	330	2,634	404	179
2004	Feb	4,947	1,347	330	2,684	406	179
	May	4,856	1,325	313	2,631	414	173
	Aug	4,835	1,315	307	2,626	418	170

¹ "Contributory and income related" includes JSA claimants who receive income based benefit, but who also satisfy the conditions for receiving contribution-based JSA

7.5: Duration of benefit¹

**Table 7.5A Claimants of key benefits by duration of claim of oldest benefit:²
May 1997 –August 2004**

Thousands

		All	Under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
1997	May	5,659	742	466	586	726	3,140
	Aug	5,665	792	454	575	694	3,149
	Nov	5,409	720	450	538	633	3,069
1998	Feb	5,429	712	474	574	638	3,030
	May	5,331	633	428	593	658	3,019
	Aug	5,355	722	399	553	682	2,999
	Nov	5,249	704	401	491	672	2,981
1999	Feb	5,328	728	459	509	661	2,971
	May	5,235	650	421	541	640	2,983
	Aug	5,245	699	407	523	624	2,991
	Nov	5,143	661	395	490	605	2,992
2000	Feb	5,185	654	427	505	609	2,990
	May	5,049	590	384	501	604	2,971
	Aug	5,063	648	371	471	601	2,971
	Nov	4,996	624	368	446	587	2,972
2001	Feb	5,077	642	403	470	582	2,981
	May	4,982	578	372	473	577	2,983
	Aug	4,970	597	356	451	574	2,991
	Nov	4,907	581	345	430	560	2,991
2002	Feb	4,992	603	385	449	562	2,993
	May	4,923	562	356	448	562	2,995
	Aug	4,947	588	359	432	559	3,009
	Nov	4,896	582	346	416	546	3,006
2003	Feb	4,992	602	392	442	541	3,014
	May	4,951	555	369	458	541	3,028
	Aug	4,945	561	363	449	536	3,036
	Nov	4,878	551	334	421	539	3,034
2004	Feb	4,947	560	376	428	546	3,038
	May	4,856	497	344	434	540	3,040
	Aug	4,835	517	325	419	530	3,043

¹ Reliable information on the duration of claim for IB/SDA claimants is only available from May 1997 onwards.

² Duration is based on the benefit which the claimant has been receiving for the longest time during their current claim

**Table 7.5B Male claimants of key benefits by duration¹ of claim of oldest benefit:²
May 1997 – August 2004**

Thousands

		All	Under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
1997	May	3,157	479	289	341	393	1,655
	Aug	3,126	486	274	337	369	1,660
	Nov	2,963	457	269	311	327	1,599
1998	Feb	2,982	463	288	330	334	1,567
	May	2,914	403	263	342	349	1,556
	Aug	2,903	439	238	320	368	1,538
	Nov	2,853	450	234	281	358	1,530
1999	Feb	2,912	476	279	286	351	1,520
	May	2,846	422	258	304	337	1,525
	Aug	2,822	437	244	295	323	1,523
	Nov	2,758	424	232	274	308	1,520
2000	Feb	2,802	435	262	282	308	1,516
	May	2,703	382	236	280	304	1,500
	Aug	2,688	408	220	265	301	1,494
	Nov	2,659	407	218	248	296	1,491
2001	Feb	2,719	426	246	261	294	1,491
	May	2,640	374	227	262	290	1,486
	Aug	2,609	376	210	251	288	1,484
	Nov	2,583	380	205	236	280	1,482
2002	Feb	2,650	405	238	246	282	1,478
	May	2,592	364	220	251	279	1,478
	Aug	2,584	372	212	246	276	1,479
	Nov	2,561	375	205	231	274	1,476
2003	Feb	2,634	399	238	244	275	1,478
	May	2,591	353	227	254	275	1,482
	Aug	2,569	352	211	252	271	1,484
	Nov	2,541	357	196	229	272	1,486
2004	Feb	2,593	370	230	233	274	1,487
	May	2,527	318	209	243	268	1,488
	Aug	2,496	320	189	235	264	1,489

¹ Reliable information on the duration of claim for IB/SDA claimants is only available from May 1997 onwards.

² Duration is based on the benefit which the claimant has been receiving for the longest time during their current claim

**Table 7.5C Female claimants of key benefits by duration¹ of claim of oldest benefit:²
May 1997 – August 2004**

Thousands

		All	Under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
1997	May	2,502	263	177	245	333	1,485
	Aug	2,539	307	180	238	325	1,489
	Nov	2,446	262	181	227	306	1,470
1998	Feb	2,447	249	186	244	304	1,463
	May	2,417	231	164	251	309	1,463
	Aug	2,452	283	161	234	314	1,460
	Nov	2,396	253	167	210	314	1,452
1999	Feb	2,416	251	180	223	310	1,452
	May	2,389	228	163	238	303	1,458
	Aug	2,423	262	163	228	301	1,468
	Nov	2,385	237	163	216	297	1,471
2000	Feb	2,383	219	166	224	301	1,474
	May	2,346	208	147	221	300	1,470
	Aug	2,374	241	151	207	300	1,477
	Nov	2,336	217	150	198	291	1,481
2001	Feb	2,358	216	157	208	288	1,490
	May	2,342	204	145	210	286	1,497
	Aug	2,361	222	146	200	286	1,507
	Nov	2,325	201	141	194	280	1,509
2002	Feb	2,342	198	146	203	280	1,515
	May	2,332	198	136	197	283	1,518
	Aug	2,362	216	147	186	283	1,530
	Nov	2,335	206	141	186	272	1,530
2003	Feb	2,358	203	154	198	267	1,537
	May	2,359	202	142	204	267	1,546
	Aug	2,376	209	152	197	266	1,553
	Nov	2,337	194	138	192	267	1,547
2004	Feb	2,354	190	145	195	272	1,551
	May	2,329	179	135	191	272	1,552
	Aug	2,339	198	136	185	267	1,554

¹ Reliable information on the duration of claim for IB/SDA claimants is only available from May 1997 onwards.

² Duration is based on the benefit which the claimant has been receiving for the longest time during their current claim

Table 7.6B Claimants of key benefits by Government Office Region Percentages¹

	Great Britain										Scotland				Claimants living abroad
	England	North		Yorkshire & Humberside		Midlands		West Midlands		London	South		Wales		
		East	West	West	East	West	East	West	East	West	East	West			
1996	Feb	18.3	25.0	22.8	19.3	16.0	17.9	13.2	21.4	11.9	14.8	24.0	21.4	.	
	May	17.9	24.5	22.3	18.7	15.6	17.5	12.8	21.1	11.5	14.1	23.4	21.1	.	
	Aug	18.0	24.5	22.6	18.8	15.6	17.7	12.8	21.3	11.5	14.2	23.7	21.5	.	
	Nov	17.0	23.2	21.4	17.8	14.6	16.6	12.0	19.9	10.8	13.5	22.7	20.2	.	
1997	Feb	16.9	23.2	21.5	17.9	14.6	16.5	11.9	19.4	10.7	13.4	22.6	20.4	.	
	May	16.4	22.6	21.0	17.4	14.2	16.0	11.4	18.8	10.2	12.7	22.1	19.9	.	
	Aug	16.4	22.6	21.1	17.4	14.2	16.2	11.3	18.8	10.1	12.6	22.1	20.1	.	
	Nov	15.7	21.9	20.2	16.6	13.5	15.4	10.8	17.8	9.6	12.1	21.4	19.1	.	
1998	Feb	15.7	22.0	20.3	16.8	13.7	15.5	10.8	17.4	9.5	12.2	21.5	19.3	.	
	May	15.4	21.5	19.9	16.5	13.4	15.3	10.5	17.3	9.3	11.8	21.0	19.0	.	
	Aug	15.5	21.5	19.9	16.6	13.5	15.4	10.5	17.4	9.4	11.9	21.1	19.3	.	
	Nov	15.2	21.4	19.4	16.2	13.2	15.0	10.3	16.9	9.3	11.8	20.9	18.6	.	
1999	Feb	15.3	21.9	19.7	16.5	13.6	15.4	10.5	16.6	9.3	12.0	21.1	19.0	.	
	May	15.1	21.6	19.5	16.2	13.4	15.2	10.2	16.4	9.1	11.6	20.7	18.6	.	
	Aug	15.1	21.5	19.4	16.3	13.4	15.4	10.2	16.5	9.0	11.5	20.7	18.7	.	
	Nov	14.8	21.2	19.0	15.9	13.1	14.9	10.1	16.2	8.9	11.4	20.3	18.3	.	
2000	Feb	14.8	21.5	19.2	16.0	13.3	15.0	10.1	15.8	9.0	11.4	20.4	18.5	.	
	May	14.4	21.0	18.7	15.5	12.9	14.9	9.8	15.4	8.7	11.0	20.0	18.1	.	
	Aug	14.5	20.9	18.7	15.7	13.1	15.0	9.8	15.2	8.7	10.9	20.1	18.3	.	
	Nov	14.3	20.8	18.5	15.4	12.9	14.8	9.7	15.0	8.6	10.9	20.0	17.9	.	
2001	Feb	14.4	21.0	18.8	15.7	13.2	15.0	9.8	14.6	8.6	11.1	20.3	18.2	.	
	May	14.2	20.5	18.5	15.4	13.0	14.8	9.7	14.4	8.4	10.8	19.8	17.8	.	
	Aug	14.1	20.5	18.4	15.3	12.9	14.8	9.6	14.4	8.4	10.8	19.7	17.9	.	
	Nov	13.9	20.5	18.1	15.0	12.6	14.5	9.6	14.4	8.4	10.7	19.4	17.5	.	
2002	Feb	14.2	20.7	18.4	15.2	12.9	14.7	9.8	14.5	8.6	10.9	19.7	17.9	.	
	May	14.0	20.2	18.2	14.9	12.7	14.6	9.7	14.5	8.5	10.7	19.3	17.6	.	
	Aug	14.1	20.2	18.2	15.0	12.6	14.8	9.7	14.6	8.5	10.7	19.5	17.8	.	
	Nov	13.9	19.9	17.8	14.8	12.5	14.6	9.7	14.5	8.6	10.6	19.3	17.4	.	
2003	Feb	14.2	20.3	18.1	15.0	12.9	14.9	10.0	14.6	8.8	10.9	19.5	17.8	.	
	May	14.1	20.0	18.0	14.8	12.8	14.8	10.0	14.7	8.8	10.8	19.1	17.5	.	
	Aug	13.9	19.7	17.7	14.8	12.6	14.6	9.9	14.2	8.7	10.7	18.9	17.6	.	
	Nov	13.7	19.5	17.3	14.5	12.4	14.3	9.8	14.1	8.7	10.6	18.7	17.2	.	
2004	Feb	13.9	19.5	17.6	14.7	12.6	14.6	10.0	14.2	8.9	10.8	19.0	17.5	.	
	May	13.6	18.9	17.3	14.4	12.3	14.4	9.8	14.2	8.7	10.5	18.4	17.1	.	
	Aug	13.5	18.4	17.0	14.2	12.0	14.3	9.7	14.1	8.6	10.4	18.2	17.0	.	

¹ Percentage of working age

These figures are not seasonally adjusted. Any comparisons should be made "year on year".

Methodology

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 in the Notes to Editors.

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 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 Unemployment Benefit with Jobseeker's Allowance and the associated impact on the coverage of Income Support; and the impact of the introduction of tests to assess incapacity for Incapacity Benefit; the replacement of Family Credit/Disability Working Allowance with Working Families' Tax Credit/Disabled Person's Tax Credit and then Working Tax Credit/Child Tax Credit. No attempt has been made to adjust the series for such factors.

Summary of methodology

These analyses have been constructed by matching 5% samples from administrative benefit computer systems. People in these individual samples are selected using the last two digits of the National Insurance number (NINO). This sampling scheme ensures that the same set of people will be selected for each individual benefit and time period that they have a live claim.

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

This methodology gives a "best estimate" of the overall number of claimants of benefits. However, there are some minor limitations (for example, the sample of JSA claimants is taken about two weeks before the snapshot date). The best estimates of the numbers claiming each benefit are still given by the individual samples from which the data are drawn. Benefit statistics are released by DWP Information and Analysis Directorate.

For analyses relating to children/young adult dependants and family type, Child Tax Credit (CTC) data has been used to supplement the benefit data. This particularly provides information not previously available for dependants and partners of non income-related benefit claimants i.e. claimants of IB, SDA, DLA, Contributory JSA and JSA Credits. Where child/dependants information is available on both benefit and CTC data – e.g. regarding IS claimants with children – the CTC data has been preferred as the definitive source. Where partner information is available on both the benefit and CTC data, the benefit data has been preferred. This is because CTC is becoming the primary means of paying additional money for children, whereas benefits remain the primary means of paying money in respect of partners. In the vast majority of cases where child/dependants or partner information exists on both benefit and CTC data, the information is the same on both sources anyway.

Family type and "People on benefits"

The Family Type analyses in section 2 cover claimants who receive additional money via benefits or tax credits for their partner and/or children/young adult dependants. These analyses are based on information collected for the administration of benefits and tax credits. Full information on children is available from benefit and/or Child Tax Credit (CTC) data regarding families in receipt of income-related benefits (IS, JSA(IB)). CTC data also provides child information regarding families with children in receipt of non income-related benefits (IB, SDA, DLA, Contributory JSA, JSA Credits). The main gaps are children in families receiving non income-related benefits where there is no entitlement to CTC (e.g. household income is too high) or where there is entitlement but CTC is still not in payment (e.g. it has not been claimed by the family).

In theory, it is possible to produce an estimate of the “Total number of people who receive assistance from the key benefits” - i.e. claimants plus partners and dependants for whom some additional benefit is payable. This has not been done in the tables because it is possible for the partners of claimants of income-related benefits to claim some of the other benefits in their own right (i.e. IB/SDA, DLA and Contribution-Based JSA). The Family Resources Survey (FRS) suggests that only a relatively small proportion of these partners do so, but we cannot identify which ones from the client group analysis data sets.

This table explains the definitions used in the Family Type tables:

Family Type	Definition
Couple	Claimants with a partner recorded on CTC data or receiving an additional allowance for a partner in their benefit calculation.
Single	Claimants who have their status recorded as single on benefit and/or CTC computer systems.
Children	Claimants who receive additional money for children via benefit or tax credits.
No Children	Claimants who have zero children or young adult dependants recorded; or those where the actual number of dependants is not recorded but they are not in receipt of an additional allowance of benefit for any children or young adult dependants.
Not Known	Claimants who do not have a marital status recorded and are not receiving an additional allowance of benefit for a partner. These are mainly IB, SDA and DLA claimants not also receiving CTC.

The effect of New Tax Credits

Figures in this, and future DWP publications are affected by the introduction of the Child Tax Credit (CTC) in April 2003. The main changes are:

- Child dependency increases paid with non-income related benefits were abolished for new claims to State Pension, Bereavement Benefit, Incapacity Benefit and Carer's Allowance from April 2003.
- CTC is replacing the child elements of Income Support (IS) and income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA(IB)). This is happening from April 2004 onwards.

Dates when there may be particular changes in the figures are:

- April 2003, when Child dependency increases paid with non-income related benefits were abolished for new claims.
- October 2003, when families on the Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) with children had child elements migrated to CTC.
- Financial year 2004/05, when families on Income Support and income-based Jobseeker's Allowance have child elements migrated to CTC.

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

We therefore advise that customers exercise caution when performing year on year comparisons, or when comparing with the previous quarter. The main effect of incorporating CTC data into this bulletin has been to add additional information on children/dependants and family type for claimants of non income-related benefits. In particular, many such claimants' family types have moved from the 'not known' to 'with children' categories, especially 'couples with children' (section 2).

Statistical groups

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

Transitions analyses

The transitions analyses shown in section 3 of this bulletin are produced by matching the “snapshot” data for the stock of claimants with a live claim at the end of each quarter. By matching claimants who appear in different quarters, we can get an indication of how many move on, off and between the benefits that are included. These analyses do not cover all claimants who come on and go off these benefits over the period covered by the analyses. For example, they do not cover those claims of very short duration, which start and end between the “snapshot” dates.

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

The importance of these “missing flows” will depend mainly upon the use that is made of the data. If, for example, we want to analyse the number of different benefits that a claimant receives over a three year period, these analyses should be able to produce a good measure of it. However, if we were attempting to produce a similar analysis based on benefit units, we could miss a significant number 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. These claimants (around 40 to 60 thousand) are included in the “others” group in the tables in this bulletin for the quarters up to and including November 1996. 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.

The table below shows the total number of people of working age who were claiming a key benefit between November 1995 and February 1998. It shows the figures as quoted in this bulletin and also shows the figures excluding those on a Government Training scheme.

	<i>Thousands</i>	
	All claimants (as quoted in this bulletin)	All claimants (excluding those on a Govt Training scheme)
November 95	6,322	6,258
November 95	6,213	6,154
February 96	6,317	6,259
May 96	6,169	6,122
November 96	6,218	6,174
November 96 ¹	5,866	5,866
February 97 ¹	5,850	5,850
May 97 ¹	5,659	5,659
November 97 ¹	5,665	5,665

¹ The “All claimants” figure quoted in this bulletin already excludes those on a Government Training scheme.

Clerical Cases

Some of the claims to each of the key benefits featured in this bulletin are not administered using the relevant DWP computer system. These claims are administered clerically and make up a very small proportion of people of working age who claim a key benefit. Therefore most clerical cases have been excluded, except Unemployment Benefit and/or Income Support claims where clerical cases are included.

Sampling Error

The analyses in this report are subject to 'sampling error', i.e. by chance the number of cases in the sample with certain characterisations (e.g. with children) may produce rated up estimates for the population which 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. Each figure shown in the tables in this report is a best estimate based on the sample data. The true number will lie somewhere in a range around the estimate. The size of this range is usually indicated by a "95% confidence interval". 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 9,100 to 10,900.

Approximate 95% confidence intervals (rounded to the nearest 100) for a sample based on 1 in every 20 cases in the population are shown below for estimates of 1,000 or more.

Estimated Value	95% Confidence interval (+ or -)	Confidence interval as % of estimate (+ or -)
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
400,000	5,403	1
500,000	6,041	1
600,000	6,618	1
700,000	7,148	1
800,000	7,641	1
900,000	8,105	1
1,000,000	8,543	1

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

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