

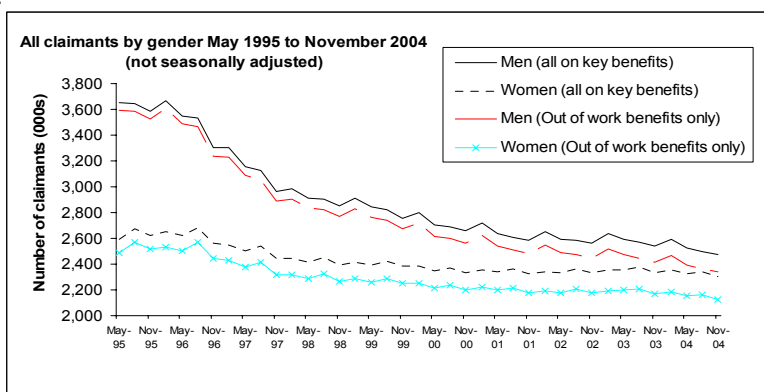
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4.78 million people of working age were claiming a key benefit in November 2004, down 98 thousand from a year previously, and down 55 thousand from August 2004. The number of male claimants fell by 65 thousand to 2.48 million and the number of female claimants fell by 33 thousand to 2.30 million over the year.

4.46 million people of working age were claiming a key out-of-work benefit in November 2004. There were 2.34 million male claimants and 2.13 million female claimants.



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The number of unemployed claimants fell by 77 thousand between November 2003 and November 2004 and the number of lone parents also fell by 36 thousand. The number of claimants who were sick/disabled increased by 5 thousand and the number of others by 10 thousand.

13.4% of the working age population were claiming a key benefit in November 2004 down slightly from a year previous. The unemployed statistical group showed the largest decrease over the year.

12.5% of the working age population were claiming a key out-of-work benefit in November 2004. The number of IB/SDA claimants decreased by 22 thousand over the year.

	November		Change on a year ago	
	Claimants (Thousands)	% of population working age	Thousands	Percentage points
<b>All</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>-98</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Unemployed	739	2.1	-77	-0.2
Sick/Disabled	3,079	8.6	5	-0.1
Lone Parents	763	2.1	-36	-0.1
Others	200	0.6	10	0.0
<b>All out-of-work benefits<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>4,463</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>-120</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
JSA	739	2.1	-77	-0.2
IB/SDA <sup>2</sup>	2,644	7.4	-22	-0.1
IS Dis (not also on IB/SDA)	119	0.3	5	0.0
IS Lone Parents	763	2.1	-36	-0.1
Other (IS others and PC)	200	0.6	10	0.0

<sup>1</sup> Excludes DLA only claimants. Hierarchy used where claiming more than one benefit.

<sup>2</sup> Numbers of working age claimants of IB/SDA are also published in the 'IB/SDA Quarterly Summary of Statistics' (sometimes known as the IB/SDA QSE). Working age totals may vary slightly between the two publications (the differences are less than 0.5%) because of minor differences in methodology.

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

## Flows

There were 453 thousand new claimants in the quarter to November 2004 i.e. people receiving a key benefit in November 2004 who were not in August 2004. There were 475 thousand new claimants between August and November 2003.

There were 508 thousand people who flowed off key benefits between August and November 2004 i.e. people receiving a key benefit in August 2004 who were not in November 2004. There were 542 thousand off-flows between August and November 2003.

The number of August to November on-flows to the sick/disabled group has decreased between 2003 and 2004. There were 116 thousand sick/disabled on-flows between August and November 2004, falling from 118 thousand between August and November 2003.

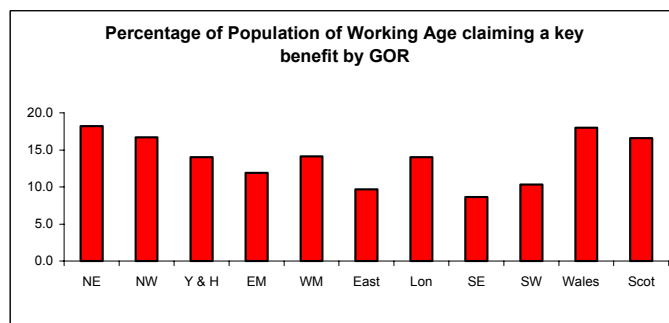
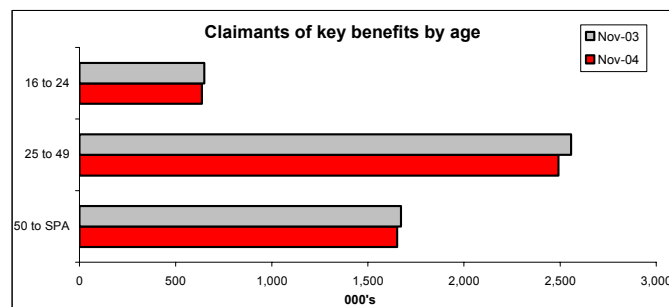
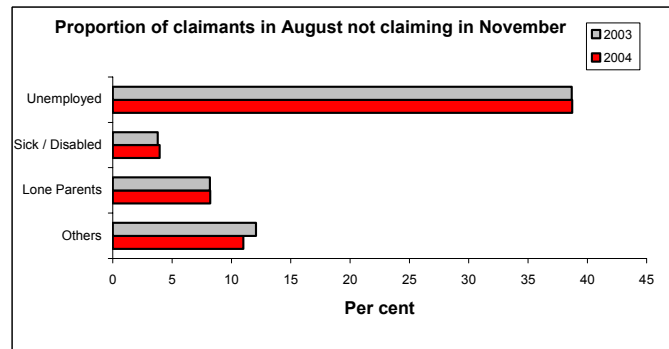
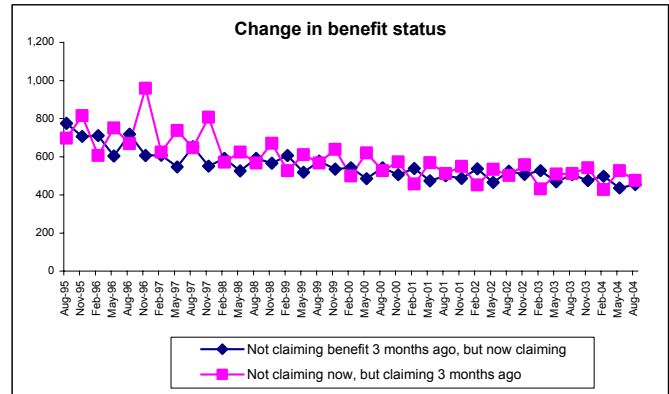
## Age Groups

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 November 2004. The number of unemployed claimants in the 25 to 49 age group fell by 49 thousand (10.8%) between November 2003 and November 2004.

## Regions

The proportion of the working age population claiming a key benefit ranged from 18.2% in the North East to 8.6% in the South East.

The proportion of the working age population on key benefits remained the same in the year to November 2004 in the East 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 Directorate (InfD) 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 16<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

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 InfD 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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# **Client Group Analysis**

## **Quarterly bulletin on the population of working age on key benefits**

### **November 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 - 2003  
“..” 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: Nov 2001 to Nov 2004

	<i>Thousands</i>			
	Nov-01	Nov-02	Nov-03	Nov-04
<b>All</b>	<b>4,907</b>	<b>4,896</b>	<b>4,878</b>	<b>4,780</b>
<b>% of pop. <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>13.4</b>
Men	2,583	2,561	2,541	2,476
<b>% of pop. <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>13.4</b>
Women	2,325	2,335	2,337	2,304
<b>% of pop. <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>13.4</b>

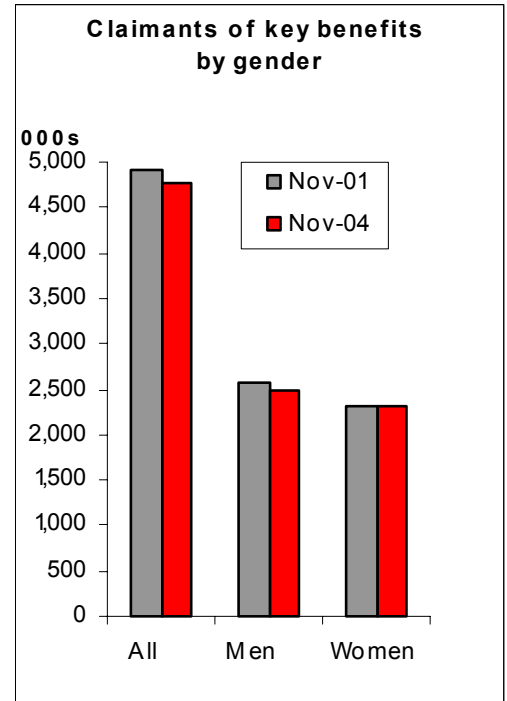
<sup>1</sup> Population of working age

Table 1.1a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits<sup>2</sup> by gender: Nov 2001 to Nov 2004

	<i>Thousands</i>			
	Nov-01	Nov-02	Nov-03	Nov-04
<b>All</b>	<b>4,660</b>	<b>4,621</b>	<b>4,584</b>	<b>4,463</b>
<b>% of pop. <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>12.5</b>
Men	2,482	2,446	2,415	2,338
<b>% of pop. <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>12.6</b>
Women	2,178	2,175	2,169	2,126
<b>% of pop. <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>12.3</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Excludes DLA only claimants. Hierarchy used where claiming more than one benefit.



- In November 2004 about 13.4% (4.78 million) of **people of working age** claimed a key benefit - 14.1% (4.91 million) in November 2001.
- About 2.48 million **men** of working age claimed one, compared with 2.30 million **women**. The difference is mainly due to differences in retirement age.
- The **overall number of claimants** fell by 127 thousand between November 2001 and November 2004. The number of male claimants has fallen by 107 thousand and female claimants by 20 thousand. The gap between men and women has therefore narrowed.
- In November 2004 about 12.5% (4.46 million) of **people of working age** claimed a **key out-of-work benefit** - 13.4% (4.66 million) in November 2001.
- About 2.34 million **men** of working age claimed one, compared with 2.13 million **women**.
- The **overall number of claimants** fell by 196 thousand between November 2001 and November 2004. The number of male claimants has fallen by 144 thousand and female claimants by 52 thousand. The gap between men and women has therefore narrowed.

**Table 1.2 Claimants of key benefits by age and gender: Nov 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
<b>All</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>2,476</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>13.4</b>
Under 18	62	4.2	31	4.0	31	4.4
18 to 24	574	11.3	250	9.7	324	12.9
25 to 34	900	11.5	395	10.1	504	12.8
35 to 44	1,092	12.3	513	11.7	579	13.0
45 to 54	1,039	14.0	516	14.1	524	14.0
55 to 59	689	18.6	348	18.9	342	18.2
60 to 64	423	30.2	423	30.2	.	.

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

*Thousands and percentages*

	Nov 2001		Nov 2002		Nov 2003		Nov 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
<b>All</b>	<b>4,907</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>4,896</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>4,878</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>13.4</b>
Under 18	53	3.8	57	4.0	60	4.1	62	4.2
18 to 24	568	12.0	574	11.9	589	12.0	574	11.3
25 to 34	1,023	12.4	992	12.1	951	11.8	900	11.5
35 to 44	1,093	13.0	1,100	12.8	1,107	12.7	1,092	12.3
45 to 54	1,074	14.2	1,057	14.0	1,055	14.2	1,039	14.0
55 to 59	656	20.7	688	20.9	695	19.5	689	18.6
60 to 64	440	31.8	428	31.2	422	30.7	423	30.2

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

*Thousands and percentages*

	Men				Women			
	Nov 2001		Nov 2004		Nov 2001		Nov 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
<b>All</b>	<b>2,583</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>2,476</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>2,325</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>13.4</b>
Under 18	24	3.4	31	4.0	29	4.3	31	4.4
18 to 24	253	10.7	250	9.7	315	13.3	324	12.9
25 to 34	452	11.1	395	10.1	571	13.5	504	12.8
35 to 44	520	12.5	513	11.7	573	13.5	579	13.0
45 to 54	547	14.6	516	14.1	527	13.9	524	14.0
55 to 59	347	22.2	348	18.9	309	19.3	342	18.2
60 to 64	440	31.8	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 November 2004, compared to only 11.3% of those aged 18 to 24. This is mainly due to the fact that older people are more likely to claim a disability benefit.
- Four of the seven age groups have fallen in size since November 2001 with the largest reduction in the 25 to 34 age group (down 123 thousand).

## Section 2. Family Type

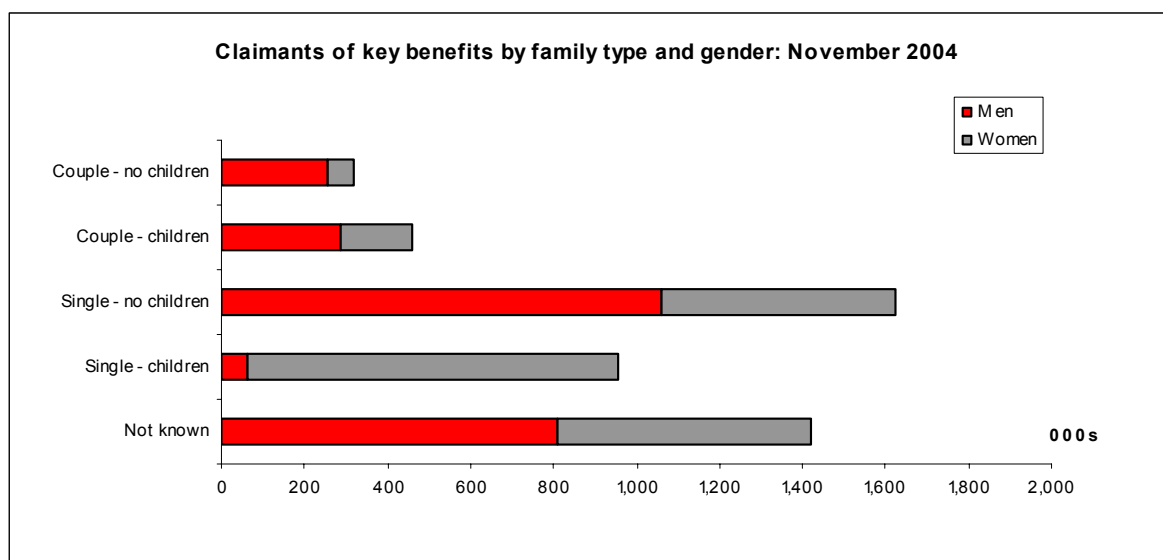
Analyses of the type of family in which claimants live can be produced, based mainly on whether they receive additional amounts of benefit and/or tax credits for partners or dependants. Some benefits do not have these allowances so a family type cannot be assigned in every case (Not known) - about half 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 type<sup>1</sup> and gender: Nov 2004**

<i>Thousands and percentages</i>						
	All	%	Men	%	Women	%
<b>All</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,476</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>All couples</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>10</b>
Couple - no children	320	7	255	10	65	3
Couple – children	459	10	286	12	173	8
<b>All single</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>63</b>
Single - no children	1,625	34	1,062	43	563	24
Single – children	955	20	64	3	891	39
<b>Not known</b>	<b>1,421</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>27</b>

- Around 2.58 million claimants were **single** or did not receive any additional benefit for a partner in November 2004.
- Just under 30% (1.41 million) of all claimants received **additional benefit or CTC for children**. The majority (0.95 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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 type<sup>1</sup> : Nov 2001 to Nov 2004**

*Thousands and percentages*

	Nov 2001		Nov 2002		Nov 2003		Nov 2004	
	All	%	All	%	All	%	All	%
<b>All</b>	<b>4,907</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4,896</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4,878</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>All couples</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>16</b>
Couple - no children	387	8	370	8	334	7	320	7
Couple - children	298	6	286	6	472	10	459	10
<b>All single</b>	<b>2,664</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2,647</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2,656</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>54</b>
Single - no children	1,680	34	1,679	34	1,682	34	1,625	34
Single - children	983	20	968	20	974	20	955	20
<b>Not known</b>	<b>1,559</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,418</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1,421</b>	<b>30</b>

**Table 2.3 Claimants of key benefits by family type<sup>1</sup> and statistical group: Nov 2004**

*Thousands*

	All	Unemployed	Sick / Disabled	Lone Parents	Other
<b>All</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>3,079</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>All couples</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>555</b>	.	<b>63</b>
Couple - no children	320	77	200	.	42
Couple - children	459	83	355	.	21
<b>All single</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>136</b>
Single - no children	1,625	560	933	.	132
Single - children	955	19	169	763	5
<b>Not known</b>	<b>1,421</b>	.	1,421	.	.

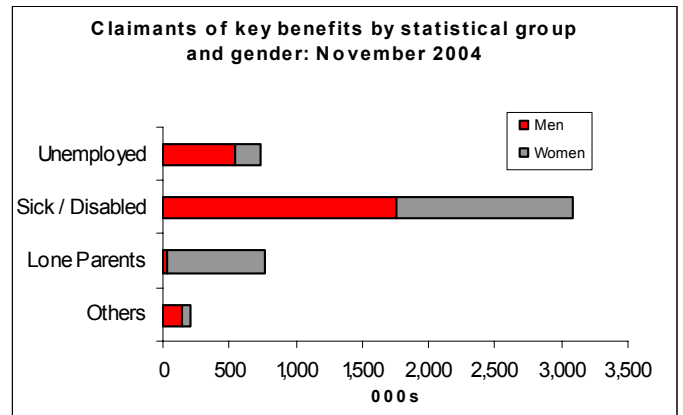
<sup>1</sup> This analysis is based mainly on claimants who receive additional amounts of benefit and/or CTC for their partner and/or children and young adult dependants. See 'Methodology' at the end of this bulletin for further details

### 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: Nov 2004**

	<i>Thousands</i>		
	All	Men	Women
<b>All</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>2,476</b>	<b>2,304</b>
Unemployed	739	549	190
Sick / Disabled	3,079	1,752	1,327
Lone Parents	763	36	726
Others	200	139	61



- The **overall numbers** fell by 0.13 million between November 2001 and November 2004, mostly because of the **unemployed** group which fell by 0.11 million (down 13%) over the period.
- **Sick / disabled** claimants were consistently the largest group between November 2001 and November 2004, rising from 61% of the total to 64% of the total; **lone parents** claimants were the second largest group.
- The size of the **sick / disabled** group rose by 71 thousand (up 2%) between November 2001 and November 2004, whilst numbers in the **lone parents** and **others** groups have fallen.

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

	<i>Thousands and percentages</i>							
	Nov 2001		Nov 2002		Nov 2003		Nov 2004	
	All	% of pop	All	% of pop	All	% of pop	All	% of pop
<b>All</b>	<b>4,907</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>4,896</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>4,878</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>13.4</b>
Unemployed	853	2.4	836	2.4	816	2.3	739	2.1
Sick / Disabled	3,008	8.6	3,044	8.6	3,074	8.7	3,079	8.6
Lone Parents	845	2.4	823	2.3	798	2.2	763	2.1
Others	201	0.6	194	0.5	190	0.5	200	0.6

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: Nov 2001 to Nov 2004**

					<i>Thousands</i>
	<b>On benefit in current year - status in previous year<sup>1</sup></b>			Not on Benefit	<b>Left benefit since previous year<sup>2</sup></b>
	<b>All</b>	Same statistical group	Different statistical group		
<b>Nov 2001</b>	<b>4,907</b>	.	.	.	.
<b>Nov 2002</b>	<b>4,896</b>	3,639	253	1,005	<b>1,016</b>
<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>4,878</b>	3,654	246	979	<b>996</b>
<b>Nov 2004</b>	<b>4,780</b>	3,632	241	907	<b>1,005</b>

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

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

- The overall number of claimants of key benefits has fallen since November 2001 because the numbers who have left benefit have exceeded those who have joined. For example, 1.01 million claimants who were on benefit in November 2003 were no longer there in November 2004 - but only 0.91 million of those on benefit in November 2004 were not there in November 2003.
- Changes in the numbers in each statistical group are also affected by movements between them. For example, 241 thousand claimants who were on benefit in both November 2003 and November 2004 changed statistical group over this period.

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

Thousands

Statistical group	All on benefit in Nov 2003	Movement between Nov 03 and Nov 04			Overall change <sup>2</sup>	All on benefit in Nov 2004
		Not on Benefit in Nov 2004	Not on benefit in Nov 2003	Net movement between Statistical groups <sup>1</sup>		
<b>All</b>	<b>4,878</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-98</b>	<b>4,780</b>
Unemployed	816	450	411	-38	-77	739
Sick / Disabled	3,074	351	321	35	5	3,079
Lone Parents	798	153	120	-3	-36	763
Others	190	50	55	5	10	200

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

<sup>2</sup> Overall change between Nov 2003 and Nov 2004 i.e. column 3 minus column 2 plus column 4

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

Thousands

Comparison of statistical groups in 2003 and 2004 <sup>1</sup>	Statistical group in Nov 2004				
	All	Unemployed	Sick / Disabled	Lone Parent	Other
<b>All</b>	<b>3,873</b>	328	2,758	643	145
<b>Statistical group in Nov 2003</b>					
Unemployed	366	269	70	10	17
Sick / Disabled	2,723	43	2,647	14	19
Lone Parents	645	9	21	611	4
Others	140	8	20	8	105
<b>2003 and 2004</b>					
<b>Total with no change</b>	<b>3,632</b>	269	2,647	611	105
Leaving original statistical group	-241	-97	-75	-34	-35
Joining new statistical group	241	59	110	31	40
Net movement between Statistical groups	-	-38	35	-3	5

<sup>1</sup> For example there were 366 thousand claimants in the Unemployed group in Nov 2003 who were also on benefit in Nov 2004:

Of these, 269 thousand were still in this group, 70 thousand were now in the Sick / Disabled group, 10 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 36 thousand between November 2003 and November 2004. The fall was due to the fact **that less claimants moved into this group** (31 thousand), than out of it (34 thousand), in addition more lone parents left benefit (153 thousand) than joined (120 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 November 2001 with that in November 2004.

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

*Thousands*

Benefit status in Nov 2004	All on benefit in Nov 2004	Benefit status in Nov 2001		
		Not on Benefit	Same statistical group	Different statistical group
<b>All</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>2,849</b>	<b>357</b>
Unemployed	739	500	175	63
Sick / Disabled	3,079	725	2,160	194
Lone Parents	763	258	459	46
Others	200	92	55	54

- Over two thirds (3.2 million) of **claimants of key benefits** in November 2004 were also on benefit in November 2001 and 60% of the overall total (2.85 million) were in the same statistical group.
- Claimants in the **sick / disabled group** in November 2004 were the most likely to have also been on benefit in November 2001 (76% of them – 2.4 million), followed by those in the lone parent group (66% - 0.5 million) - those in the unemployed group (32% - 0.24 million) were least likely. Sick / disabled claimants were also the most likely to have stayed in the same statistical group (70% - 2.16 million).

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

*Thousands*

Benefit status in Nov 2001	All on Benefit in Nov 2001	Benefit status in Nov 2004			
		Reached state pension age <sup>1</sup>	Not on benefit	Same statistical group	Different statistical group
<b>All</b>	<b>4,907</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>2,849</b>	<b>357</b>
Unemployed	853	15	506	175	158
Sick / Disabled	3,008	390	373	2,160	84
Lone Parents	845	2	308	459	77
Others	201	63	44	55	39

<sup>1</sup> 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: Nov 2004**

	<i>Thousands</i>			
	<b>All</b>	Income replacement benefits	Other benefits only	NI Credits only
<b>All</b>	<b>4,780</b>	4,252	359	169
Unemployed	<b>739</b>	664	.	75
Sick / Disabled	<b>3,079</b>	2,625	359	94
Lone Parents	<b>763</b>	763	.	.
Others	<b>200</b>	200	.	.

**Table 4.1a Claimants of key out-of-work benefits<sup>1</sup> by statistical group and type of benefit: Nov 2004**

	<i>Thousands</i>		
	<b>All</b>	Income replacement benefits	NI Credits <sup>2</sup>
<b>All</b>	<b>4,463</b>	4,252	212
JSA	<b>739</b>	664	75
IB/SDA <sup>3</sup>	<b>2,644</b>	2,507	137
IS Dis (not also on IB/SDA)	<b>119</b>	119	-
IS Lone Parents	<b>763</b>	763	-
Others (IS others and PC claimants)	<b>200</b>	200	-

<sup>1</sup> Excludes DLA only claimants. Hierarchy used where claiming more than one benefit.

<sup>2</sup> This will include claimants receiving DLA and an NI credit.

<sup>3</sup> Numbers of working age claimants of IB/SDA are also published in the 'IB/SDA Quarterly Summary of Statistics' (sometimes known as the IB/SDA QSE). Working age totals may vary slightly between the two publications (the differences are less than 0.5%) because of minor differences in methodology.

- 4.25 million claimants received an **income replacement benefit** in November 2004, down from 4.45 million in November 2001.
- Of these 4.25 million, 2.51 million were receiving IB/SDA.

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

		<i>Thousands</i>		
		<b>Benefit type</b>		
	<b>All</b>	Income replacement benefits	Other Benefits Only	NI Credits Only
<b>Nov 2001</b>	<b>4,907</b>	4,455	275	178
<b>Nov 2002</b>	<b>4,896</b>	4,417	307	172
<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>4,878</b>	4,367	333	179
<b>Nov 2004</b>	<b>4,780</b>	4,252	359	169

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

		<i>Thousands</i>				
		<b>Basis of benefit entitlement</b>				
	<b>All</b>	Contributory	Contributory and income related <sup>1</sup>	Income related	Other	NI Credits only
<b>All</b>	<b>4,780</b>	1,303	302	2,581	425	169
Unemployed	<b>739</b>	127	13	525	.	75
Sick / Disabled	<b>3,079</b>	1,176	289	1,094	425	94
Lone Parents	<b>763</b>	.	.	763	.	.
Others	<b>200</b>	.	.	200	.	.

<sup>1</sup> "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<sup>2</sup> by main benefit and main basis of entitlement: Nov 2004**

		<i>Thousands</i>				
		<b>Basis of benefit entitlement</b>				
	<b>All</b>	Contributory	Contributory and income related <sup>1</sup>	Income related	Other	NI Credits
<b>All</b>	<b>4,463</b>	1,303	302	2,581	108	169
JSA	<b>739</b>	127	13	525	.	75
IB/SDA	<b>2,644</b>	1,176	289	976	108	94
IS Dis (not also on IB/SDA) <sup>3</sup>	<b>119</b>	.	.	119	.	.
IS Lone Parents	<b>763</b>	.	.	763	.	.
Others (IS others and PC claimants)	<b>200</b>	.	.	200	.	.

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

<sup>2</sup> Excludes DLA only claimants. Hierarchy used where claiming more than one benefit.

<sup>3</sup> Numbers of working age claimants of IB/SDA are also published in the 'IB/SDA Quarterly Summary of Statistics' (sometimes known as the IB/SDA QSE). Working age totals may vary slightly between the two publications (the differences are less than 0.5%) because of minor differences in methodology.

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

Thousands

	Basis of benefit entitlement					
	All	Contributory	Contributory and income related <sup>1</sup>	Income related	Other	NI Credits only
<b>Nov 2001</b>	<b>4,907</b>	1,346	325	2,695	364	178
<b>Nov 2002</b>	<b>4,896</b>	1,349	332	2,659	385	172
<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>4,878</b>	1,333	330	2,634	404	179
<b>Nov 2004</b>	<b>4,780</b>	1,303	302	2,581	425	169

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

- 1.30 million people received only a **contributory benefit** in November 2004.
- 2.88 million people received a benefit that is **income related** in November 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<sup>3</sup>: Nov 2004**

Thousands

	Type of benefit					
	All	IB Payment	IB Credits	SDA	Income Support	DLA
<b>All Sick / Disabled</b>	<b>3,079</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>1,383</b>	<b>1,562</b>
<b>Single benefit only</b>	<b>1,185</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>317</b>
<b>Two or more benefits of which<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,894</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>1,245</b>
Incapacity Benefit payment	<b>758</b>	758	.	.	289	641
Incapacity Benefit credits	<b>829</b>	.	829	.	787	313
Severe Disablement Allowance	<b>245</b>	.	.	245	189	230
Income Support	<b>1,326</b>	289	787	189	1,326	677
Disability Living Allowance	<b>1,245</b>	641	313	230	677	1,245

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Numbers of working age claimants of IB/SDA are also published in the 'IB/SDA Quarterly Summary of Statistics' (sometimes known as the IB/SDA QSE). Working age totals may vary slightly between the two publications (the differences are less than 0.5%) because of minor differences in methodology.

- 62% (1.89 million) of the **sick / disabled** claimants received more than one of the key benefits in November 2004 (including those who receive IB National Insurance credits). The main combinations include IB credits and IS (0.79 million), DLA and IS (0.68 million) and IB payments and DLA (0.64 million).

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

Thousands and percentages

	Nov 2001		Nov 2002		Nov 2003		Nov 2004	
	All	%	All	%	All	%	All	%
<b>All Sick / Disabled</b>	<b>3,008</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,074</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,079</b>	<b>100</b>
IB/SDA <sup>1</sup>	2,653	88	2,658	87	2,666	87	2,644	86
IS Disabled (not also IB/SDA)	107	4	111	4	113	4	119	4
DLA only (not also IB/SDA/IS Disabled)	248	8	275	9	295	10	317	10

<sup>1</sup> Numbers of working age claimants of IB/SDA are also published in the 'IB/SDA Quarterly Summary of Statistics' (sometimes known as the IB/SDA QSE). Working age totals may vary slightly between the two publications (the differences are less than 0.5%) because of minor differences in methodology.

## 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: Nov 2004**

		<i>Thousands</i>				
		Duration of oldest claim <sup>1</sup>				
All		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
<b>All</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>3,043</b>
Unemployed	739	340	139	113	79	68
Sick / Disabled	3,079	115	109	171	289	2,395
Lone Parents	763	36	42	74	116	494
Others	200	25	21	29	39	86

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

- 64% (3.04 million) of the **claimants of key benefits** in November 2004 had been receiving one for 2 years or more.
- Around 79% 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 - 78% 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: Nov 2004**

		<i>Thousands and percentages</i>					
		Duration of oldest claim <sup>1</sup>					
All		Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over	
<b>All</b>	<b>(000s)</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>3,043</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>64</b>
Men	(000s)	2,476	330	182	210	264	1,490
	%	100	13	7	8	11	60
Women	(000s)	2,304	186	130	177	259	1,553
	%	100	8	6	8	11	67

<sup>1</sup> 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: Nov 2004**

*Thousands and percentages*

		All	Duration of oldest claim <sup>1</sup>				
			Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 year	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
<b>All</b>	(000s)	<b>4,463</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>2,734</b>
	%	<b>100</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>61</b>
Men	(000s)	<b>2,338</b>	336	185	211	261	1,346
	%	<b>100</b>	14	8	9	11	58
Women	(000s)	<b>2,126</b>	189	130	172	247	1,388
	%	<b>100</b>	9	6	8	12	65

<sup>1</sup> 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: Nov 2004**

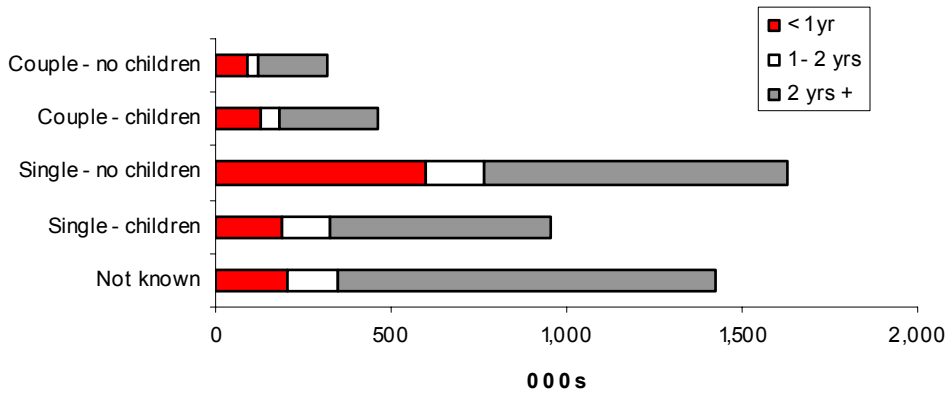
*Thousands*

		All	Duration of oldest claim <sup>1</sup>				
			Under 3 months	3 to under 6 months	6 months to under 1 Year	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
<b>All</b>		<b>4,780</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>3,043</b>
<b>All couples</b>		<b>779</b>	101	54	63	83	478
Couple - no children		<b>320</b>	48	21	22	30	200
Couple - children		<b>459</b>	53	33	42	53	278
<b>All single</b>		<b>2,580</b>	349	203	237	303	1,489
Single - no children		<b>1,625</b>	299	150	149	166	861
Single - children		<b>955</b>	50	53	88	137	628
<b>Not known</b>		<b>1,421</b>	67	55	86	137	1,077

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

- About 66% 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 61% 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 :  
November 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 : Nov 2004**

	<i>Thousands and percentages</i>					
	All		Men		Women	
	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>4,771</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>2,470</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>13.3</b>
England	3,930	12.7	2,024	12.6	1,906	12.8
North East	284	18.2	153	19.0	131	17.3
North West <sup>2</sup>	697	16.7	368	17.1	329	16.3
Yorkshire and the Humber	430	14.0	230	14.4	200	13.5
East Midlands	312	11.9	162	11.9	150	12.0
West Midlands	458	14.1	237	14.0	221	14.2
East	323	9.7	160	9.2	163	10.2
London	687	14.0	334	13.2	353	14.8
South East	429	8.6	217	8.4	211	8.9
South West	309	10.3	162	10.4	147	10.2
Wales	318	18.0	167	18.3	151	17.7
Scotland	524	16.6	280	17.3	244	15.8
IB/SDA claimants living abroad	9	.	6	.	4	.

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

<sup>2</sup> The old Merseyside GOR was merged with North West GOR on 3rd May 1999

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

	<i>Thousands and percentages</i>					
	All		Men		Women	
	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	(000s)	% of pop <sup>1</sup>
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>4,454</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>12.3</b>
England	3,664	11.9	1,907	11.9	1,756	11.8
North East	269	17.2	147	18.2	122	16.1
North West <sup>2</sup>	652	15.6	348	16.2	304	15.1
Yorkshire and the Humber	399	13.0	216	13.6	183	12.3
East Midlands	287	11.0	151	11.0	137	10.9
West Midlands	426	13.1	223	13.2	202	13.0
East	297	8.9	148	8.5	149	9.3
London	654	13.3	320	12.6	334	14.1
South East	395	8.0	202	7.8	193	8.1
South West	284	9.5	152	9.8	132	9.2
Wales	296	16.8	157	17.3	139	16.2
Scotland	494	15.7	267	16.5	227	14.7
IB/SDA claimants living abroad	9	.	6	.	4	.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 November 2004 ranges from 8.6% in the South East of England to 18.2% in the North East.
- 12.4% of the population of working age in Great Britain were **claiming a key out-of-work benefit** in November 2004. This ranges from 17.2% in the North East to 8.0% in the South East.

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

*Thousands and percentages*

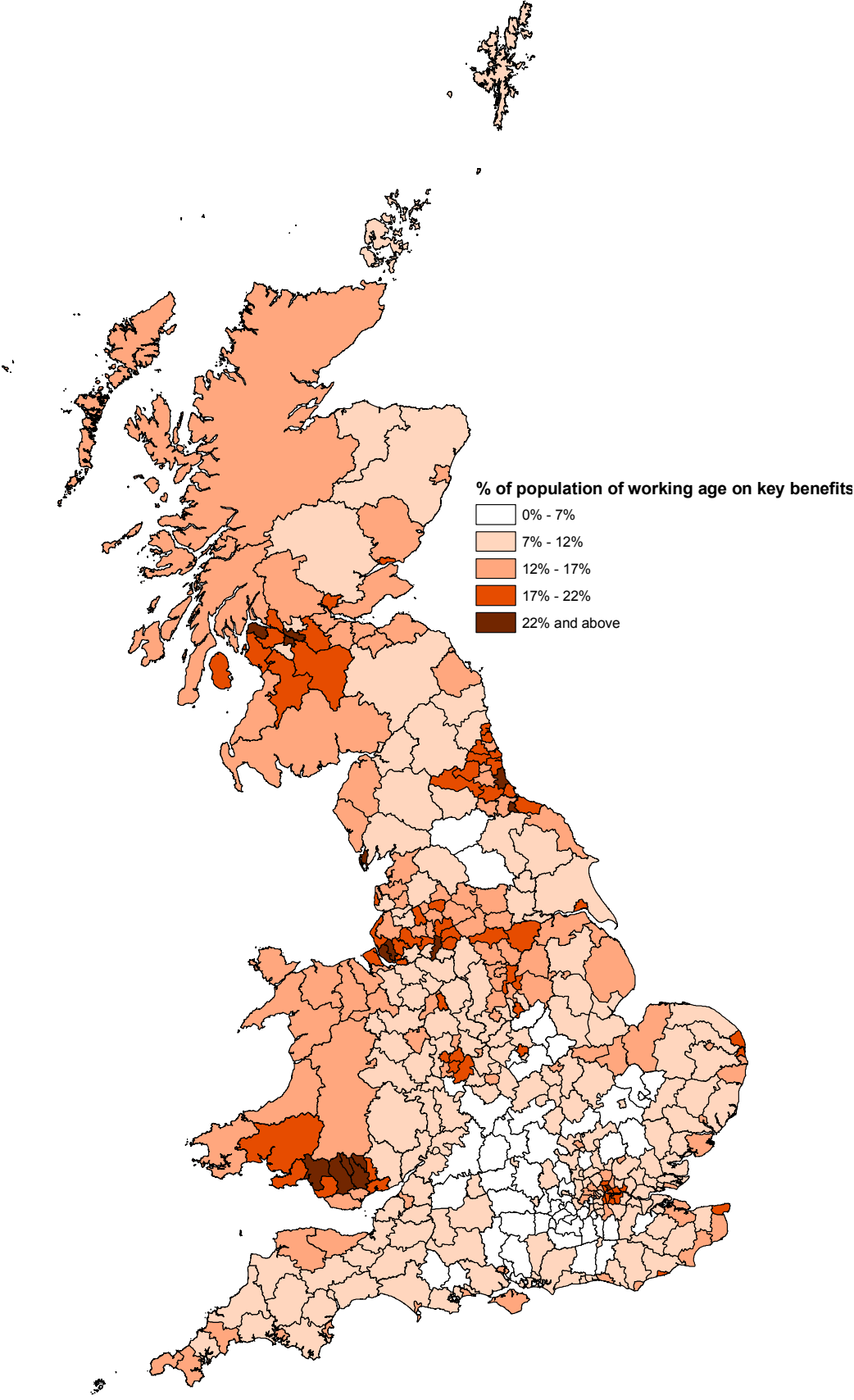
		Statistical group				
		All	Unemployed	Sick / Disabled	Lone Parents	Others
<b>Great Britain</b>	(000s)	<b>4,771</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>3,070</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>200</b>
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>
England	(000s)	<b>3,930</b>	621	2,485	656	167
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>12.7</b>	2.0	8.1	2.1	0.5
North East	(000s)	<b>284</b>	42	192	39	12
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>18.2</b>	2.7	12.3	2.5	0.7
North West <sup>2</sup>	(000s)	<b>697</b>	87	486	99	26
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>16.7</b>	2.1	11.7	2.4	0.6
Yorkshire and the Humber	(000s)	<b>430</b>	65	282	63	19
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>14.0</b>	2.1	9.2	2.1	0.6
East Midlands	(000s)	<b>312</b>	46	208	46	13
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>11.9</b>	1.7	7.9	1.8	0.5
West Midlands	(000s)	<b>458</b>	81	281	75	21
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>14.1</b>	2.5	8.7	2.3	0.7
East	(000s)	<b>323</b>	50	203	57	14
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>9.7</b>	1.5	6.1	1.7	0.4
London	(000s)	<b>687</b>	148	349	158	32
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>14.0</b>	3.0	7.1	3.2	0.7
South East	(000s)	<b>429</b>	65	271	75	17
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>8.6</b>	1.3	5.5	1.5	0.4
South West	(000s)	<b>309</b>	38	214	45	12
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>10.3</b>	1.3	7.1	1.5	0.4
Wales	(000s)	<b>318</b>	37	230	40	11
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>18.0</b>	2.1	13.0	2.3	0.6
Scotland	(000s)	<b>524</b>	81	354	66	22
	% of pop <sup>1</sup>	<b>16.6</b>	2.6	11.2	2.1	0.7
IB/SDA claimants living abroad	(000s)	<b>9</b>	.	9	.	.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 (13.0%), followed by the North East (12.3%), North West (11.7%) and Scotland (11.2%). The South East (5.5%) and East of England (6.1%) have the lowest proportions.
- The proportion of the population of working age in the unemployed group ranges from 3.0% 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: November 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>					
		<b>All</b>	<b>% Pop<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>% Pop<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>% Pop<sup>1</sup></b>
1995	May	<b>6,244</b>	<i>17.9</i>	3,652	<i>20.6</i>	2,592	<i>15.6</i>
	Aug	<b>6,322</b>	<i>18.1</i>	3,645	<i>20.5</i>	2,677	<i>16.2</i>
	Nov	<b>6,213</b>	<i>18.1</i>	3,588	<i>20.2</i>	2,625	<i>15.8</i>
1996	Feb	<b>6,317</b>	<i>18.4</i>	3,668	<i>20.6</i>	2,649	<i>15.9</i>
	May	<b>6,169</b>	<i>17.9</i>	3,549	<i>20.0</i>	2,620	<i>15.7</i>
	Aug	<b>6,218</b>	<i>18.1</i>	3,533	<i>19.9</i>	2,685	<i>16.1</i>
	Nov	<b>5,866</b>	<i>17.0</i>	3,305	<i>18.6</i>	2,561	<i>15.4</i>
1997	Feb	<b>5,850</b>	<i>17.0</i>	3,302	<i>18.5</i>	2,549	<i>15.3</i>
	May	<b>5,659</b>	<i>16.4</i>	3,157	<i>17.7</i>	2,502	<i>15.0</i>
	Aug	<b>5,665</b>	<i>16.4</i>	3,126	<i>17.6</i>	2,539	<i>15.2</i>
	Nov	<b>5,409</b>	<i>15.7</i>	2,963	<i>16.6</i>	2,446	<i>14.6</i>
1998	Feb	<b>5,429</b>	<i>15.7</i>	2,982	<i>16.7</i>	2,447	<i>14.6</i>
	May	<b>5,331</b>	<i>15.4</i>	2,914	<i>16.3</i>	2,417	<i>14.4</i>
	Aug	<b>5,355</b>	<i>15.5</i>	2,903	<i>16.3</i>	2,452	<i>14.6</i>
	Nov	<b>5,249</b>	<i>15.2</i>	2,853	<i>16.0</i>	2,396	<i>14.3</i>
1999	Feb	<b>5,328</b>	<i>15.3</i>	2,912	<i>16.3</i>	2,416	<i>14.4</i>
	May	<b>5,235</b>	<i>15.1</i>	2,846	<i>15.9</i>	2,389	<i>14.2</i>
	Aug	<b>5,245</b>	<i>15.1</i>	2,822	<i>15.8</i>	2,423	<i>14.4</i>
	Nov	<b>5,143</b>	<i>14.8</i>	2,758	<i>15.4</i>	2,385	<i>14.2</i>
2000	Feb	<b>5,185</b>	<i>14.9</i>	2,802	<i>15.6</i>	2,383	<i>14.1</i>
	May	<b>5,049</b>	<i>14.5</i>	2,703	<i>15.0</i>	2,346	<i>13.9</i>
	Aug	<b>5,063</b>	<i>14.5</i>	2,688	<i>15.0</i>	2,374	<i>14.0</i>
	Nov	<b>4,996</b>	<i>14.3</i>	2,659	<i>14.8</i>	2,336	<i>13.8</i>
2001	Feb	<b>5,077</b>	<i>14.4</i>	2,719	<i>14.9</i>	2,358	<i>13.8</i>
	May	<b>4,982</b>	<i>14.1</i>	2,640	<i>14.4</i>	2,342	<i>13.7</i>
	Aug	<b>4,970</b>	<i>14.1</i>	2,609	<i>14.3</i>	2,361	<i>13.9</i>
	Nov	<b>4,907</b>	<i>13.9</i>	2,583	<i>14.1</i>	2,325	<i>13.6</i>
2002	Feb	<b>4,992</b>	<i>14.1</i>	2,650	<i>14.4</i>	2,342	<i>13.7</i>
	May	<b>4,923</b>	<i>13.9</i>	2,592	<i>14.1</i>	2,332	<i>13.6</i>
	Aug	<b>4,947</b>	<i>13.9</i>	2,584	<i>14.1</i>	2,362	<i>13.8</i>
	Nov	<b>4,896</b>	<i>13.8</i>	2,561	<i>13.9</i>	2,335	<i>13.6</i>
2003	Feb	<b>4,992</b>	<i>14.1</i>	2,634	<i>14.3</i>	2,358	<i>13.8</i>
	May	<b>4,951</b>	<i>13.9</i>	2,591	<i>14.1</i>	2,359	<i>13.8</i>
	Aug	<b>4,945</b>	<i>13.9</i>	2,569	<i>14.0</i>	2,376	<i>13.9</i>
	Nov	<b>4,878</b>	<i>13.7</i>	2,541	<i>13.8</i>	2,337	<i>13.6</i>
2004	Feb	<b>4,947</b>	<i>13.9</i>	2,593	<i>14.1</i>	2,354	<i>13.7</i>
	May	<b>4,856</b>	<i>13.7</i>	2,527	<i>13.8</i>	2,329	<i>13.6</i>
	Aug	<b>4,835</b>	<i>13.5</i>	2,496	<i>13.5</i>	2,339	<i>13.6</i>
	Nov	<b>4,780</b>	<i>13.4</i>	2,476	<i>13.4</i>	2,304	<i>13.4</i>

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

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

		<i>Thousands and percentages</i>					
		<b>All</b>	<b>% Pop<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>% Pop<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>% Pop<sup>1</sup></b>
1995	May	<b>6,076</b>	17.4	3,590	20.2	2,486	15.0
	Aug	<b>6,156</b>	17.6	3,586	20.2	2,570	15.5
	Nov	<b>6,041</b>	17.6	3,526	19.9	2,515	15.2
1996	Feb	<b>6,140</b>	17.8	3,605	20.3	2,535	15.2
	May	<b>5,992</b>	17.4	3,486	19.6	2,506	15.1
	Aug	<b>6,038</b>	17.5	3,469	19.5	2,570	15.4
	Nov	<b>5,681</b>	16.5	3,238	18.2	2,442	14.7
1997	Feb	<b>5,660</b>	16.4	3,232	18.2	2,428	14.5
	May	<b>5,466</b>	15.8	3,087	17.3	2,380	14.2
	Aug	<b>5,468</b>	15.8	3,053	17.2	2,414	14.5
	Nov	<b>5,208</b>	15.1	2,889	16.2	2,320	13.9
1998	Feb	<b>5,223</b>	15.1	2,904	16.3	2,319	13.8
	May	<b>5,124</b>	14.8	2,835	15.9	2,289	13.7
	Aug	<b>5,146</b>	14.9	2,823	15.8	2,323	13.9
	Nov	<b>5,040</b>	14.6	2,773	15.6	2,267	13.5
1999	Feb	<b>5,113</b>	14.7	2,828	15.8	2,286	13.6
	May	<b>5,022</b>	14.5	2,763	15.4	2,259	13.4
	Aug	<b>5,030</b>	14.5	2,738	15.3	2,292	13.6
	Nov	<b>4,924</b>	14.2	2,671	14.9	2,253	13.4
2000	Feb	<b>4,965</b>	14.2	2,715	15.1	2,250	13.3
	May	<b>4,826</b>	13.8	2,614	14.5	2,212	13.1
	Aug	<b>4,837</b>	13.9	2,598	14.5	2,239	13.2
	Nov	<b>4,765</b>	13.7	2,566	14.3	2,199	13.0
2001	Feb	<b>4,846</b>	13.7	2,625	14.4	2,221	13.0
	May	<b>4,744</b>	13.4	2,544	13.9	2,200	12.9
	Aug	<b>4,728</b>	13.4	2,510	13.7	2,218	13.0
	Nov	<b>4,660</b>	13.2	2,482	13.6	2,178	12.8
2002	Feb	<b>4,740</b>	13.3	2,546	13.9	2,193	12.8
	May	<b>4,666</b>	13.1	2,486	13.5	2,180	12.7
	Aug	<b>4,685</b>	13.2	2,477	13.5	2,209	12.9
	Nov	<b>4,621</b>	13.0	2,446	13.3	2,175	12.7
2003	Feb	<b>4,712</b>	13.3	2,517	13.7	2,195	12.8
	May	<b>4,667</b>	13.1	2,470	13.4	2,197	12.8
	Aug	<b>4,657</b>	13.1	2,447	13.3	2,211	12.9
	Nov	<b>4,584</b>	12.9	2,415	13.1	2,169	12.6
2004	Feb	<b>4,649</b>	13.1	2,466	13.4	2,183	12.7
	May	<b>4,550</b>	12.8	2,395	13.0	2,155	12.6
	Aug	<b>4,524</b>	12.6	2,361	12.7	2,163	12.5
	Nov	<b>4,463</b>	12.5	2,338	12.6	2,126	12.3

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

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

		<i>Thousands and percentages</i>					
		<b>All</b>		<b>Men</b>		<b>Women</b>	
		<b>(000s)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>(000s)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>(000s)</b>	<b>%</b>
Nov 01 / Nov 00		<b>-88</b>	-1.8	-77	-2.9	-12	-0.5
Nov 02 / Nov 01		<b>-11</b>	-0.2	-22	-0.8	10	0.4
Nov 03 / Nov 02		<b>-18</b>	-0.4	-20	-0.8	2	0.1
Nov 04 / Nov 03		<b>-98</b>	-2.0	-65	-2.6	-33	-1.4

**Table 7.1C: All Claimants of key benefits by age**

		<i>Thousands</i>							
		<b>All</b>	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1995	May	<b>6,244</b>	54	993	1,614	1,177	1,198	703	506
	Aug	<b>6,322</b>	55	1,046	1,622	1,186	1,201	704	507
	Nov	<b>6,213</b>	57	970	1,595	1,176	1,203	705	507
1996	Feb	<b>6,317</b>	59	981	1,629	1,204	1,225	714	505
	May	<b>6,169</b>	58	917	1,583	1,188	1,218	703	502
	Aug	<b>6,218</b>	58	966	1,576	1,197	1,222	697	501
	Nov	<b>5,866</b>	57	827	1,468	1,145	1,185	689	496
1997	Feb	<b>5,850</b>	59	823	1,456	1,151	1,184	686	492
	May	<b>5,659</b>	58	760	1,394	1,126	1,164	672	486
	Aug	<b>5,665</b>	58	791	1,387	1,125	1,156	664	484
	Nov	<b>5,409</b>	55	700	1,304	1,084	1,131	655	481
1998	Feb	<b>5,429</b>	57	710	1,306	1,093	1,135	650	477
	May	<b>5,331</b>	56	674	1,268	1,084	1,127	648	475
	Aug	<b>5,355</b>	55	700	1,263	1,089	1,129	647	472
	Nov	<b>5,249</b>	55	639	1,231	1,084	1,119	648	472
1999	Feb	<b>5,328</b>	59	662	1,245	1,109	1,136	647	469
	May	<b>5,235</b>	58	628	1,212	1,098	1,122	647	470
	Aug	<b>5,245</b>	58	656	1,201	1,101	1,117	645	467
	Nov	<b>5,143</b>	56	612	1,168	1,092	1,105	646	464
2000	Feb	<b>5,185</b>	56	629	1,166	1,107	1,115	650	461
	May	<b>5,049</b>	54	588	1,121	1,089	1,101	642	455
	Aug	<b>5,063</b>	54	612	1,113	1,091	1,098	640	455
	Nov	<b>4,996</b>	54	582	1,084	1,089	1,090	643	453
2001	Feb	<b>5,077</b>	56	613	1,094	1,110	1,104	647	453
	May	<b>4,982</b>	56	582	1,063	1,096	1,093	646	445
	Aug	<b>4,970</b>	55	592	1,050	1,098	1,082	651	442
	Nov	<b>4,907</b>	53	568	1,023	1,093	1,074	656	440
2002	Feb	<b>4,992</b>	56	600	1,035	1,113	1,080	669	438
	May	<b>4,923</b>	55	575	1,012	1,103	1,069	675	434
	Aug	<b>4,947</b>	54	599	1,010	1,108	1,062	682	431
	Nov	<b>4,896</b>	57	574	992	1,100	1,057	688	428
2003	Feb	<b>4,992</b>	60	614	1,005	1,119	1,069	696	428
	May	<b>4,951</b>	61	597	992	1,119	1,063	694	425
	Aug	<b>4,945</b>	61	616	982	1,115	1,055	693	422
	Nov	<b>4,878</b>	60	589	951	1,107	1,055	695	422
2004	Feb	<b>4,947</b>	63	617	961	1,119	1,064	702	421
	May	<b>4,856</b>	62	586	930	1,104	1,054	695	425
	Aug	<b>4,835</b>	62	595	922	1,102	1,041	689	423
	Nov	<b>4,780</b>	62	574	900	1,092	1,039	689	423

**Table 7.1D: All Claimants of key benefits by age**

		<i>Percentages</i>							
		<b>All</b>	<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	<b>100</b>	1	16	26	19	19	11	8
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	17	26	19	19	11	8
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	16	26	19	19	11	8
1996	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	16	26	19	19	11	8
	May	<b>100</b>	1	15	26	19	20	11	8
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	16	25	19	20	11	8
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	14	25	20	20	12	8
1997	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	14	25	20	20	12	8
	May	<b>100</b>	1	13	25	20	21	12	9
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	14	24	20	20	12	9
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	13	24	20	21	12	9
1998	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	13	24	20	21	12	9
	May	<b>100</b>	1	13	24	20	21	12	9
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	13	24	20	21	12	9
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	12	23	21	21	12	9
1999	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	12	23	21	21	12	9
	May	<b>100</b>	1	12	23	21	21	12	9
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	13	23	21	21	12	9
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	12	23	21	21	13	9
2000	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	12	22	21	22	13	9
	May	<b>100</b>	1	12	22	22	22	13	9
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	12	22	22	22	13	9
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	12	22	22	22	13	9
2001	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	12	22	22	22	13	9
	May	<b>100</b>	1	12	21	22	22	13	9
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	12	21	22	22	13	9
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	12	21	22	22	13	9
2002	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	12	21	22	22	13	9
	May	<b>100</b>	1	12	21	22	22	14	9
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	12	20	22	21	14	9
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	12	20	22	22	14	9
2003	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	12	20	22	21	14	9
	May	<b>100</b>	1	12	20	23	21	14	9
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	12	20	23	21	14	9
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	12	19	23	22	14	9
2004	Feb	<b>100</b>	1	12	19	23	22	14	9
	May	<b>100</b>	1	12	19	23	22	14	9
	Aug	<b>100</b>	1	12	19	23	22	14	9
	Nov	<b>100</b>	1	12	19	23	22	14	9

**Table 7.1E: Male Claimants of key benefits by age**

		<i>Thousands</i>							
		<b>All</b>	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1995	May	<b>3,652</b>	24	521	829	647	697	430	506
	Aug	<b>3,645</b>	23	543	819	641	686	425	507
	Nov	<b>3,588</b>	24	501	805	637	690	425	507
1996	Feb	<b>3,668</b>	26	514	832	659	703	430	505
	May	<b>3,549</b>	25	476	794	641	692	419	502
	Aug	<b>3,533</b>	25	496	783	633	685	411	501
	Nov	<b>3,305</b>	23	412	713	599	659	403	496
1997	Feb	<b>3,302</b>	25	415	709	602	658	401	492
	May	<b>3,157</b>	25	374	667	577	640	387	486
	Aug	<b>3,126</b>	25	384	655	570	629	379	484
	Nov	<b>2,963</b>	24	331	603	542	610	372	481
1998	Feb	<b>2,982</b>	26	342	610	548	611	369	477
	May	<b>2,914</b>	25	322	584	541	604	364	475
	Aug	<b>2,903</b>	24	332	580	536	598	361	472
	Nov	<b>2,853</b>	24	299	565	537	595	362	472
1999	Feb	<b>2,912</b>	26	317	581	553	604	362	469
	May	<b>2,846</b>	26	294	558	544	594	359	470
	Aug	<b>2,822</b>	25	304	547	539	586	355	467
	Nov	<b>2,758</b>	24	277	528	532	579	355	464
2000	Feb	<b>2,802</b>	25	294	534	543	587	358	461
	May	<b>2,703</b>	24	267	505	527	574	352	455
	Aug	<b>2,688</b>	24	273	497	523	568	348	455
	Nov	<b>2,659</b>	24	260	486	525	563	348	453
2001	Feb	<b>2,719</b>	27	285	497	537	570	349	453
	May	<b>2,640</b>	26	262	476	525	562	345	445
	Aug	<b>2,609</b>	25	262	462	521	552	345	442
	Nov	<b>2,583</b>	24	253	452	520	547	347	440
2002	Feb	<b>2,650</b>	26	278	466	534	552	355	438
	May	<b>2,592</b>	26	257	451	525	543	357	434
	Aug	<b>2,584</b>	25	266	446	523	536	357	431
	Nov	<b>2,561</b>	26	253	440	522	532	360	428
2003	Feb	<b>2,634</b>	28	282	455	536	541	365	428
	May	<b>2,591</b>	28	266	443	532	535	362	425
	Aug	<b>2,569</b>	29	272	436	525	528	359	422
	Nov	<b>2,541</b>	28	261	421	524	528	356	422
2004	Feb	<b>2,593</b>	30	283	432	532	534	361	421
	May	<b>2,527</b>	31	259	412	520	527	354	425
	Aug	<b>2,496</b>	31	258	404	516	516	349	423
	Nov	<b>2,476</b>	31	250	395	513	516	348	423

**Table 7.1F: Female Claimants of key benefits by age**

		<i>Thousands</i>							
		<b>All</b>	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
1995	May	<b>2,592</b>	31	472	785	530	501	273	-
	Aug	<b>2,677</b>	32	503	804	545	515	279	-
	Nov	<b>2,625</b>	33	470	791	539	514	280	-
1996	Feb	<b>2,649</b>	33	467	797	545	522	284	-
	May	<b>2,620</b>	33	440	789	547	526	285	-
	Aug	<b>2,685</b>	33	470	793	565	538	286	-
	Nov	<b>2,561</b>	34	414	754	547	526	286	-
1997	Feb	<b>2,549</b>	33	408	747	549	526	285	-
	May	<b>2,502</b>	32	386	728	548	524	285	-
	Aug	<b>2,539</b>	32	408	733	555	528	285	-
	Nov	<b>2,446</b>	30	369	701	542	521	283	-
1998	Feb	<b>2,447</b>	31	368	697	546	524	281	-
	May	<b>2,417</b>	31	352	684	543	524	284	-
	Aug	<b>2,452</b>	31	368	683	553	531	287	-
	Nov	<b>2,396</b>	31	340	666	547	524	287	-
1999	Feb	<b>2,416</b>	33	345	664	556	532	286	-
	May	<b>2,389</b>	33	333	654	553	528	288	-
	Aug	<b>2,423</b>	33	352	654	563	531	290	-
	Nov	<b>2,385</b>	32	335	640	560	526	291	-
2000	Feb	<b>2,383</b>	31	335	632	564	528	292	-
	May	<b>2,346</b>	30	321	616	562	527	290	-
	Aug	<b>2,374</b>	30	338	616	568	530	292	-
	Nov	<b>2,336</b>	30	322	598	564	527	295	-
2001	Feb	<b>2,358</b>	30	328	597	573	533	298	-
	May	<b>2,342</b>	30	321	588	571	532	301	-
	Aug	<b>2,361</b>	30	331	587	577	530	305	-
	Nov	<b>2,325</b>	29	315	571	573	527	309	-
2002	Feb	<b>2,342</b>	30	322	569	579	528	314	-
	May	<b>2,332</b>	30	318	562	578	526	319	-
	Aug	<b>2,362</b>	29	333	564	585	526	325	-
	Nov	<b>2,335</b>	31	321	551	578	525	328	-
2003	Feb	<b>2,358</b>	33	331	550	583	529	331	-
	May	<b>2,359</b>	33	331	549	587	528	332	-
	Aug	<b>2,376</b>	32	345	546	591	527	335	-
	Nov	<b>2,337</b>	32	328	530	583	526	339	-
2004	Feb	<b>2,354</b>	33	334	529	587	530	341	-
	May	<b>2,329</b>	31	327	518	584	527	341	-
	Aug	<b>2,339</b>	31	337	518	587	525	340	-
	Nov	<b>2,304</b>	31	324	504	579	524	342	-

## 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 type<sup>1</sup>**

		<i>Thousands</i>							
		Couples				Single			Not Known
		All	No Children	With Children	All	No Children	With Children		
1995	May	<b>6,244</b>	<b>1,300</b>	770	530	<b>3,510</b>	2,392	1,118	<b>1,434</b>
	Aug	<b>6,322</b>	<b>1,283</b>	772	511	<b>3,582</b>	2,450	1,131	<b>1,457</b>
	Nov	<b>6,213</b>	<b>1,247</b>	740	507	<b>3,508</b>	2,381	1,127	<b>1,458</b>
1996	Feb	<b>6,317</b>	<b>1,274</b>	759	515	<b>3,583</b>	2,454	1,128	<b>1,461</b>
	May	<b>6,169</b>	<b>1,218</b>	721	496	<b>3,487</b>	2,356	1,130	<b>1,465</b>
	Aug	<b>6,218</b>	<b>1,195</b>	716	479	<b>3,551</b>	2,417	1,134	<b>1,472</b>
1997	Nov	<b>5,866</b>	<b>1,083</b>	635	448	<b>3,298</b>	2,186	1,112	<b>1,486</b>
	Feb	<b>5,850</b>	<b>1,068</b>	611	458	<b>3,288</b>	2,173	1,115	<b>1,494</b>
	May	<b>5,659</b>	<b>999</b>	564	435	<b>3,171</b>	2,060	1,110	<b>1,489</b>
1998	Aug	<b>5,665</b>	<b>972</b>	563	409	<b>3,201</b>	2,091	1,110	<b>1,492</b>
	Nov	<b>5,409</b>	<b>917</b>	519	398	<b>2,993</b>	1,915	1,078	<b>1,500</b>
	Feb	<b>5,429</b>	<b>915</b>	517	398	<b>3,013</b>	1,943	1,070	<b>1,501</b>
1999	May	<b>5,331</b>	<b>881</b>	497	385	<b>2,947</b>	1,886	1,061	<b>1,503</b>
	Aug	<b>5,355</b>	<b>876</b>	497	379	<b>2,974</b>	1,917	1,057	<b>1,505</b>
	Nov	<b>5,249</b>	<b>851</b>	482	369	<b>2,887</b>	1,847	1,040	<b>1,511</b>
2000	Feb	<b>5,328</b>	<b>860</b>	485	375	<b>2,963</b>	1,918	1,045	<b>1,505</b>
	May	<b>5,235</b>	<b>828</b>	464	364	<b>2,894</b>	1,851	1,043	<b>1,513</b>
	Aug	<b>5,245</b>	<b>809</b>	452	357	<b>2,919</b>	1,868	1,051	<b>1,517</b>
2001	Nov	<b>5,143</b>	<b>783</b>	438	345	<b>2,836</b>	1,798	1,038	<b>1,523</b>
	Feb	<b>5,185</b>	<b>795</b>	448	347	<b>2,865</b>	1,835	1,030	<b>1,524</b>
	May	<b>5,049</b>	<b>752</b>	420	332	<b>2,773</b>	1,751	1,023	<b>1,523</b>
2002	Aug	<b>5,063</b>	<b>739</b>	410	329	<b>2,794</b>	1,767	1,026	<b>1,530</b>
	Nov	<b>4,996</b>	<b>725</b>	403	322	<b>2,728</b>	1,720	1,008	<b>1,543</b>
	Feb	<b>5,077</b>	<b>740</b>	413	328	<b>2,791</b>	1,781	1,010	<b>1,546</b>
2003	May	<b>4,982</b>	<b>701</b>	385	315	<b>2,725</b>	1,720	1,005	<b>1,556</b>
	Aug	<b>4,970</b>	<b>684</b>	376	308	<b>2,725</b>	1,714	1,011	<b>1,560</b>
	Nov	<b>4,907</b>	<b>685</b>	387	298	<b>2,664</b>	1,680	983	<b>1,559</b>
2004	Feb	<b>4,992</b>	<b>699</b>	396	304	<b>2,734</b>	1,753	981	<b>1,559</b>
	May	<b>4,923</b>	<b>677</b>	379	297	<b>2,667</b>	1,688	979	<b>1,580</b>
	Aug	<b>4,947</b>	<b>667</b>	374	293	<b>2,698</b>	1,711	986	<b>1,582</b>
2005	Nov	<b>4,896</b>	<b>655</b>	370	286	<b>2,647</b>	1,679	968	<b>1,594</b>
	Feb	<b>4,992</b>	<b>673</b>	382	291	<b>2,724</b>	1,759	965	<b>1,595</b>
	May	<b>4,951</b>	<b>658</b>	370	289	<b>2,695</b>	1,717	978	<b>1,598</b>
2006	Aug	<b>4,945</b>	<b>813</b>	338	475	<b>2,718</b>	1,718	1,001	<b>1,414</b>
	Nov	<b>4,878</b>	<b>805</b>	334	472	<b>2,656</b>	1,682	974	<b>1,418</b>
	Feb	<b>4,947</b>	<b>816</b>	340	476	<b>2,718</b>	1,740	979	<b>1,413</b>
2007	May	<b>4,856</b>	<b>803</b>	328	474	<b>2,631</b>	1,659	972	<b>1,422</b>
	Aug	<b>4,835</b>	<b>785</b>	321	464	<b>2,626</b>	1,654	972	<b>1,424</b>
	Nov	<b>4,780</b>	<b>779</b>	320	459	<b>2,580</b>	1,625	955	<b>1,421</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 type<sup>1</sup>**

*Thousands*

		All	Couples		Single			Not known	
			All	No Children	With Children	All	No Children		With Children
1995	May	<b>3,652</b>	<b>1,125</b>	633	492	<b>1,715</b>	1,646	70	<b>812</b>
	Aug	<b>3,645</b>	<b>1,094</b>	620	473	<b>1,727</b>	1,657	70	<b>824</b>
	Nov	<b>3,588</b>	<b>1,075</b>	608	467	<b>1,691</b>	1,621	70	<b>822</b>
1996	Feb	<b>3,668</b>	<b>1,094</b>	620	473	<b>1,753</b>	1,683	70	<b>822</b>
	May	<b>3,549</b>	<b>1,044</b>	590	455	<b>1,682</b>	1,613	70	<b>822</b>
	Aug	<b>3,533</b>	<b>1,009</b>	572	437	<b>1,700</b>	1,630	70	<b>824</b>
	Nov	<b>3,305</b>	<b>930</b>	523	407	<b>1,545</b>	1,475	70	<b>830</b>
1997	Feb	<b>3,302</b>	<b>922</b>	506	416	<b>1,546</b>	1,476	70	<b>834</b>
	May	<b>3,157</b>	<b>865</b>	472	393	<b>1,466</b>	1,396	70	<b>826</b>
	Aug	<b>3,126</b>	<b>831</b>	465	366	<b>1,467</b>	1,399	68	<b>827</b>
	Nov	<b>2,963</b>	<b>789</b>	435	354	<b>1,345</b>	1,279	66	<b>829</b>
1998	Feb	<b>2,982</b>	<b>781</b>	428	353	<b>1,372</b>	1,306	65	<b>830</b>
	May	<b>2,914</b>	<b>753</b>	412	341	<b>1,333</b>	1,267	65	<b>828</b>
	Aug	<b>2,903</b>	<b>735</b>	400	335	<b>1,339</b>	1,276	64	<b>829</b>
	Nov	<b>2,853</b>	<b>723</b>	398	325	<b>1,297</b>	1,236	62	<b>833</b>
1999	Feb	<b>2,912</b>	<b>729</b>	400	329	<b>1,355</b>	1,292	63	<b>829</b>
	May	<b>2,846</b>	<b>702</b>	384	318	<b>1,309</b>	1,246	63	<b>835</b>
	Aug	<b>2,822</b>	<b>681</b>	371	310	<b>1,306</b>	1,243	63	<b>835</b>
	Nov	<b>2,758</b>	<b>664</b>	364	299	<b>1,256</b>	1,193	63	<b>838</b>
2000	Feb	<b>2,802</b>	<b>669</b>	369	301	<b>1,294</b>	1,232	62	<b>839</b>
	May	<b>2,703</b>	<b>634</b>	348	285	<b>1,233</b>	1,171	62	<b>836</b>
	Aug	<b>2,688</b>	<b>619</b>	338	281	<b>1,229</b>	1,166	63	<b>840</b>
	Nov	<b>2,659</b>	<b>609</b>	335	274	<b>1,202</b>	1,140	62	<b>848</b>
2001	Feb	<b>2,719</b>	<b>618</b>	340	278	<b>1,250</b>	1,188	62	<b>851</b>
	May	<b>2,640</b>	<b>585</b>	318	267	<b>1,203</b>	1,141	62	<b>853</b>
	Aug	<b>2,609</b>	<b>567</b>	307	260	<b>1,187</b>	1,125	62	<b>855</b>
	Nov	<b>2,583</b>	<b>566</b>	317	249	<b>1,165</b>	1,105	60	<b>852</b>
2002	Feb	<b>2,650</b>	<b>574</b>	320	254	<b>1,224</b>	1,165	60	<b>851</b>
	May	<b>2,592</b>	<b>554</b>	308	246	<b>1,176</b>	1,116	60	<b>861</b>
	Aug	<b>2,584</b>	<b>541</b>	300	242	<b>1,182</b>	1,122	60	<b>861</b>
	Nov	<b>2,561</b>	<b>533</b>	298	234	<b>1,161</b>	1,102	60	<b>868</b>
2003	Feb	<b>2,634</b>	<b>542</b>	303	239	<b>1,225</b>	1,165	60	<b>867</b>
	May	<b>2,591</b>	<b>529</b>	294	236	<b>1,192</b>	1,131	60	<b>871</b>
	Aug	<b>2,569</b>	<b>579</b>	271	307	<b>1,188</b>	1,123	65	<b>803</b>
	Nov	<b>2,541</b>	<b>570</b>	269	301	<b>1,166</b>	1,103	63	<b>806</b>
2004	Feb	<b>2,593</b>	<b>577</b>	272	305	<b>1,214</b>	1,150	64	<b>803</b>
	May	<b>2,527</b>	<b>563</b>	263	301	<b>1,152</b>	1,089	64	<b>812</b>
	Aug	<b>2,496</b>	<b>546</b>	255	290	<b>1,138</b>	1,076	63	<b>812</b>
	Nov	<b>2,476</b>	<b>541</b>	255	286	<b>1,126</b>	1,062	64	<b>809</b>

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**Table 7.2C: Female Claimants of key benefits by family type<sup>1</sup>**

*Thousands*

		Couples				Single			Not known
		All	No Children	With Children	All	No Children	With Children		
1995	May	<b>2,592</b>	<b>175</b>	137	38	<b>1,795</b>	747	1,048	<b>622</b>
	Aug	<b>2,677</b>	<b>190</b>	151	38	<b>1,854</b>	793	1,061	<b>633</b>
	Nov	<b>2,625</b>	<b>172</b>	132	40	<b>1,817</b>	760	1,057	<b>635</b>
1996	Feb	<b>2,649</b>	<b>180</b>	139	41	<b>1,830</b>	772	1,058	<b>639</b>
	May	<b>2,620</b>	<b>173</b>	132	41	<b>1,804</b>	743	1,061	<b>642</b>
	Aug	<b>2,685</b>	<b>186</b>	144	42	<b>1,851</b>	787	1,064	<b>648</b>
	Nov	<b>2,561</b>	<b>153</b>	112	41	<b>1,753</b>	711	1,042	<b>656</b>
1997	Feb	<b>2,549</b>	<b>147</b>	105	42	<b>1,742</b>	697	1,045	<b>660</b>
	May	<b>2,502</b>	<b>135</b>	92	42	<b>1,705</b>	665	1,040	<b>663</b>
	Aug	<b>2,539</b>	<b>141</b>	98	43	<b>1,734</b>	692	1,042	<b>665</b>
	Nov	<b>2,446</b>	<b>128</b>	84	44	<b>1,648</b>	636	1,012	<b>671</b>
1998	Feb	<b>2,447</b>	<b>134</b>	90	44	<b>1,641</b>	636	1,005	<b>671</b>
	May	<b>2,417</b>	<b>128</b>	84	44	<b>1,615</b>	619	996	<b>674</b>
	Aug	<b>2,452</b>	<b>141</b>	97	44	<b>1,635</b>	641	993	<b>676</b>
	Nov	<b>2,396</b>	<b>128</b>	83	45	<b>1,590</b>	612	978	<b>678</b>
1999	Feb	<b>2,416</b>	<b>131</b>	85	46	<b>1,609</b>	626	983	<b>676</b>
	May	<b>2,389</b>	<b>126</b>	80	46	<b>1,585</b>	605	980	<b>678</b>
	Aug	<b>2,423</b>	<b>128</b>	81	47	<b>1,613</b>	626	987	<b>681</b>
	Nov	<b>2,385</b>	<b>120</b>	74	46	<b>1,580</b>	604	976	<b>685</b>
2000	Feb	<b>2,383</b>	<b>126</b>	79	47	<b>1,571</b>	603	968	<b>686</b>
	May	<b>2,346</b>	<b>118</b>	71	47	<b>1,541</b>	580	961	<b>687</b>
	Aug	<b>2,374</b>	<b>120</b>	72	48	<b>1,565</b>	602	963	<b>690</b>
	Nov	<b>2,336</b>	<b>116</b>	67	49	<b>1,526</b>	580	946	<b>695</b>
2001	Feb	<b>2,358</b>	<b>122</b>	73	49	<b>1,541</b>	593	948	<b>695</b>
	May	<b>2,342</b>	<b>116</b>	67	49	<b>1,522</b>	579	943	<b>703</b>
	Aug	<b>2,361</b>	<b>117</b>	69	48	<b>1,538</b>	589	949	<b>706</b>
	Nov	<b>2,325</b>	<b>119</b>	70	49	<b>1,499</b>	575	924	<b>707</b>
2002	Feb	<b>2,342</b>	<b>125</b>	75	50	<b>1,509</b>	588	921	<b>708</b>
	May	<b>2,332</b>	<b>122</b>	71	51	<b>1,490</b>	571	919	<b>719</b>
	Aug	<b>2,362</b>	<b>125</b>	74	51	<b>1,516</b>	590	926	<b>721</b>
	Nov	<b>2,335</b>	<b>123</b>	71	51	<b>1,486</b>	578	908	<b>727</b>
2003	Feb	<b>2,358</b>	<b>131</b>	79	52	<b>1,499</b>	593	906	<b>728</b>
	May	<b>2,359</b>	<b>129</b>	76	53	<b>1,503</b>	585	918	<b>728</b>
	Aug	<b>2,376</b>	<b>234</b>	66	168	<b>1,531</b>	595	935	<b>611</b>
	Nov	<b>2,337</b>	<b>236</b>	65	171	<b>1,490</b>	579	911	<b>612</b>
2004	Feb	<b>2,354</b>	<b>239</b>	68	171	<b>1,504</b>	590	914	<b>610</b>
	May	<b>2,329</b>	<b>239</b>	65	174	<b>1,479</b>	571	908	<b>611</b>
	Aug	<b>2,339</b>	<b>239</b>	66	173	<b>1,488</b>	579	909	<b>612</b>
	Nov	<b>2,304</b>	<b>238</b>	65	173	<b>1,454</b>	563	891	<b>612</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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

### 7.3: Statistical group

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

*Thousands*

		All	Unemployed	Sick / Disabled	Lone Parents	Others <sup>1</sup>
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
	Nov	4,780	739	3,079	763	200

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

*Thousands*

	All	Unemployed	Sick / Disabled	Lone Parents	Others <sup>1</sup>
Nov 01 / Nov 00	-88	-101	54	-28	-13
Nov 02 / Nov 01	-11	-18	36	-22	-7
Nov 03 / Nov 02	-18	-20	30	-25	-4
Nov 04 / Nov 03	-98	-77	5	-36	10

<sup>1</sup> 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*

		<b>All</b>	Unemployed	Sick / Disabled	Lone Parents	Others <sup>1</sup>
1995	May	<b>3,652</b>	1,701	1,640	54	257
	Aug	<b>3,645</b>	1,684	1,659	54	248
	Nov	<b>3,588</b>	1,610	1,664	54	260
1996	Feb	<b>3,668</b>	1,696	1,665	54	254
	May	<b>3,549</b>	1,582	1,664	54	249
	Aug	<b>3,533</b>	1,560	1,670	54	249
	Nov	<b>3,305</b>	1,354	1,681	53	217
1997	Feb	<b>3,302</b>	1,344	1,690	53	215
	May	<b>3,157</b>	1,210	1,687	52	208
	Aug	<b>3,126</b>	1,174	1,696	51	205
	Nov	<b>2,963</b>	1,006	1,709	49	200
1998	Feb	<b>2,982</b>	1,039	1,701	48	194
	May	<b>2,914</b>	987	1,690	48	190
	Aug	<b>2,903</b>	982	1,687	47	188
	Nov	<b>2,853</b>	933	1,689	45	187
1999	Feb	<b>2,912</b>	996	1,686	45	185
	May	<b>2,846</b>	928	1,692	45	180
	Aug	<b>2,822</b>	901	1,697	45	180
	Nov	<b>2,758</b>	832	1,702	44	180
2000	Feb	<b>2,802</b>	880	1,702	43	177
	May	<b>2,703</b>	785	1,702	43	173
	Aug	<b>2,688</b>	765	1,713	43	167
	Nov	<b>2,659</b>	730	1,729	43	158
2001	Feb	<b>2,719</b>	785	1,737	43	154
	May	<b>2,640</b>	707	1,741	43	149
	Aug	<b>2,609</b>	670	1,748	44	148
	Nov	<b>2,583</b>	646	1,749	42	146
2002	Feb	<b>2,650</b>	719	1,748	41	142
	May	<b>2,592</b>	667	1,743	41	141
	Aug	<b>2,584</b>	662	1,744	41	138
	Nov	<b>2,561</b>	630	1,753	41	138
2003	Feb	<b>2,634</b>	706	1,753	40	135
	May	<b>2,591</b>	662	1,755	40	134
	Aug	<b>2,569</b>	638	1,756	40	134
	Nov	<b>2,541</b>	610	1,758	39	134
2004	Feb	<b>2,593</b>	664	1,756	39	134
	May	<b>2,527</b>	596	1,758	38	136
	Aug	<b>2,496</b>	566	1,756	37	137
	Nov	<b>2,476</b>	549	1,752	36	139

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>
1995	May	<b>2,592</b>	517	1,021	966	87
	Aug	<b>2,677</b>	574	1,043	975	84
	Nov	<b>2,625</b>	507	1,055	972	91
1996	Feb	<b>2,649</b>	526	1,063	971	89
	May	<b>2,620</b>	487	1,076	970	88
	Aug	<b>2,685</b>	539	1,088	971	87
	Nov	<b>2,561</b>	430	1,102	948	81
1997	Feb	<b>2,549</b>	411	1,111	947	79
	May	<b>2,502</b>	364	1,122	941	75
	Aug	<b>2,539</b>	391	1,133	941	76
	Nov	<b>2,446</b>	314	1,145	914	73
1998	Feb	<b>2,447</b>	325	1,147	905	70
	May	<b>2,417</b>	306	1,151	893	67
	Aug	<b>2,452</b>	338	1,157	889	68
	Nov	<b>2,396</b>	290	1,164	874	67
1999	Feb	<b>2,416</b>	307	1,169	875	65
	May	<b>2,389</b>	280	1,173	871	65
	Aug	<b>2,423</b>	300	1,183	875	65
	Nov	<b>2,385</b>	264	1,191	866	65
2000	Feb	<b>2,383</b>	271	1,193	857	63
	May	<b>2,346</b>	239	1,200	848	59
	Aug	<b>2,374</b>	258	1,212	846	59
	Nov	<b>2,336</b>	224	1,225	831	56
2001	Feb	<b>2,358</b>	241	1,231	832	54
	May	<b>2,342</b>	218	1,243	824	56
	Aug	<b>2,361</b>	225	1,253	827	56
	Nov	<b>2,325</b>	207	1,259	803	55
2002	Feb	<b>2,342</b>	227	1,262	799	55
	May	<b>2,332</b>	213	1,268	796	55
	Aug	<b>2,362</b>	228	1,279	799	57
	Nov	<b>2,335</b>	206	1,291	782	56
2003	Feb	<b>2,358</b>	230	1,296	776	55
	May	<b>2,359</b>	221	1,297	786	56
	Aug	<b>2,376</b>	229	1,306	783	58
	Nov	<b>2,337</b>	206	1,316	759	56
2004	Feb	<b>2,354</b>	220	1,316	760	59
	May	<b>2,329</b>	202	1,319	750	58
	Aug	<b>2,339</b>	210	1,324	746	59
	Nov	<b>2,304</b>	190	1,327	726	61

<sup>1</sup> 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*

		<b>All</b>	Income replacement benefits	Other benefits	NI Credits only
1995	May	<b>6,244</b>	5,768	177	300
	Aug	<b>6,322</b>	5,831	176	315
	Nov	<b>6,213</b>	5,746	182	285
1996	Feb	<b>6,317</b>	5,835	188	295
	May	<b>6,169</b>	5,707	189	273
	Aug	<b>6,218</b>	5,732	192	295
	Nov	<b>5,866</b>	5,441	199	226
1997	Feb	<b>5,850</b>	5,421	205	224
	May	<b>5,659</b>	5,230	207	222
	Aug	<b>5,665</b>	5,234	212	220
	Nov	<b>5,409</b>	4,999	216	195
1998	Feb	<b>5,429</b>	5,017	222	190
	May	<b>5,331</b>	4,922	224	185
	Aug	<b>5,355</b>	4,939	226	190
	Nov	<b>5,249</b>	4,827	228	194
1999	Feb	<b>5,328</b>	4,894	234	201
	May	<b>5,235</b>	4,809	232	194
	Aug	<b>5,245</b>	4,818	235	191
	Nov	<b>5,143</b>	4,714	240	189
2000	Feb	<b>5,185</b>	4,755	241	189
	May	<b>5,049</b>	4,633	244	172
	Aug	<b>5,063</b>	4,639	249	175
	Nov	<b>4,996</b>	4,565	254	177
2001	Feb	<b>5,077</b>	4,643	254	180
	May	<b>4,982</b>	4,540	263	179
	Aug	<b>4,970</b>	4,526	267	176
	Nov	<b>4,907</b>	4,455	275	178
2002	Feb	<b>4,992</b>	4,533	280	180
	May	<b>4,923</b>	4,460	286	177
	Aug	<b>4,947</b>	4,480	291	176
	Nov	<b>4,896</b>	4,417	307	172
2003	Feb	<b>4,992</b>	4,502	312	178
	May	<b>4,951</b>	4,459	317	174
	Aug	<b>4,945</b>	4,448	324	173
	Nov	<b>4,878</b>	4,367	333	179
2004	Feb	<b>4,947</b>	4,431	337	179
	May	<b>4,856</b>	4,337	346	173
	Aug	<b>4,835</b>	4,314	351	170
	Nov	<b>4,780</b>	4,252	359	169

**Table 7.4A: Claimants of key out-of-work benefits by main benefit<sup>1</sup>**

		<i>Thousands</i>					
		All	JSA	IB/SDA <sup>2</sup>	IS Dis (not also on IB/SDA)	IS Lone Parents	Others (IS others and PC claimants)
1995	May	<b>6,076</b>	2,219	2,390	103	1,020	344
	Aug	<b>6,156</b>	2,258	2,437	99	1,029	332
	Nov	<b>6,041</b>	2,117	2,443	104	1,026	351
1996	Feb	<b>6,140</b>	2,222	2,445	106	1,025	342
	May	<b>5,992</b>	2,069	2,456	107	1,024	337
	Aug	<b>6,038</b>	2,099	2,468	110	1,025	336
	Nov	<b>5,681</b>	1,784	2,486	112	1,002	298
1997	Feb	<b>5,660</b>	1,755	2,499	111	1,001	293
	May	<b>5,466</b>	1,574	2,507	109	993	283
	Aug	<b>5,468</b>	1,565	2,521	110	991	281
	Nov	<b>5,208</b>	1,320	2,543	109	963	273
1998	Feb	<b>5,223</b>	1,363	2,534	108	953	264
	May	<b>5,124</b>	1,293	2,527	107	941	257
	Aug	<b>5,146</b>	1,320	2,528	108	935	256
	Nov	<b>5,040</b>	1,223	2,539	105	920	253
1999	Feb	<b>5,113</b>	1,303	2,534	107	920	250
	May	<b>5,022</b>	1,208	2,549	102	917	246
	Aug	<b>5,030</b>	1,200	2,562	103	920	245
	Nov	<b>4,924</b>	1,096	2,570	105	909	244
2000	Feb	<b>4,965</b>	1,151	2,571	104	900	240
	May	<b>4,826</b>	1,024	2,576	103	891	232
	Aug	<b>4,837</b>	1,023	2,598	102	889	225
	Nov	<b>4,765</b>	954	2,620	103	874	214
2001	Feb	<b>4,846</b>	1,026	2,635	102	875	208
	May	<b>4,744</b>	925	2,643	103	868	205
	Aug	<b>4,728</b>	895	2,652	106	871	203
	Nov	<b>4,660</b>	853	2,653	107	845	201
2002	Feb	<b>4,740</b>	946	2,647	110	840	197
	May	<b>4,666</b>	880	2,647	107	836	196
	Aug	<b>4,685</b>	889	2,652	109	839	195
	Nov	<b>4,621</b>	836	2,658	111	823	194
2003	Feb	<b>4,712</b>	936	2,657	111	817	191
	May	<b>4,667</b>	883	2,659	110	826	190
	Aug	<b>4,657</b>	867	2,661	114	823	192
	Nov	<b>4,584</b>	816	2,666	113	798	190
2004	Feb	<b>4,649</b>	884	2,659	115	798	193
	May	<b>4,550</b>	797	2,657	114	788	194
	Aug	<b>4,524</b>	775	2,653	117	783	196
	Nov	<b>4,463</b>	739	2,644	119	763	200

<sup>1</sup> Excludes DLA only claimants. Hierarchy used where claiming more than one benefit.

<sup>2</sup> Numbers of working age claimants of IB/SDA are also published in the 'IB/SDA Quarterly Summary of Statistics' (sometimes known as the IB/SDA QSE). Working age totals may vary slightly between the two publications (the differences are less than 0.5%) because of minor differences in methodology.

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

Thousands

		Basis of benefit entitlement					
		All	Contributory	Contributory and income related <sup>1</sup>	Income related	Other	NI Credits only
1995	May	<b>6,244</b>	1,624	354	3,695	271	300
	Aug	<b>6,322</b>	1,649	355	3,732	271	315
	Nov	<b>6,213</b>	1,610	356	3,684	279	285
1996	Feb	<b>6,317</b>	1,633	374	3,730	286	295
	May	<b>6,169</b>	1,666	299	3,643	287	273
	Aug	<b>6,218</b>	1,669	298	3,666	290	295
	Nov	<b>5,866</b>	1,605	293	3,442	299	226
1997	Feb	<b>5,850</b>	1,559	298	3,463	306	224
	May	<b>5,659</b>	1,484	289	3,356	307	222
	Aug	<b>5,665</b>	1,475	294	3,363	313	220
	Nov	<b>5,409</b>	1,442	299	3,158	317	195
1998	Feb	<b>5,429</b>	1,454	300	3,163	322	190
	May	<b>5,331</b>	1,423	292	3,107	324	185
	Aug	<b>5,355</b>	1,429	291	3,119	326	190
	Nov	<b>5,249</b>	1,408	295	3,022	329	194
1999	Feb	<b>5,328</b>	1,417	301	3,074	334	201
	May	<b>5,235</b>	1,400	293	3,016	332	194
	Aug	<b>5,245</b>	1,400	292	3,029	333	191
	Nov	<b>5,143</b>	1,373	292	2,951	337	189
2000	Feb	<b>5,185</b>	1,399	295	2,965	337	189
	May	<b>5,049</b>	1,366	296	2,876	340	172
	Aug	<b>5,063</b>	1,363	303	2,878	343	175
	Nov	<b>4,996</b>	1,355	309	2,808	347	177
2001	Feb	<b>5,077</b>	1,388	317	2,845	348	180
	May	<b>4,982</b>	1,361	319	2,767	356	179
	Aug	<b>4,970</b>	1,354	322	2,758	359	176
	Nov	<b>4,907</b>	1,346	325	2,695	364	178
2002	Feb	<b>4,992</b>	1,377	330	2,739	367	180
	May	<b>4,923</b>	1,370	326	2,683	367	177
	Aug	<b>4,947</b>	1,367	328	2,706	369	176
	Nov	<b>4,896</b>	1,349	332	2,659	385	172
2003	Feb	<b>4,992</b>	1,379	336	2,712	388	178
	May	<b>4,951</b>	1,355	336	2,695	391	174
	Aug	<b>4,945</b>	1,344	335	2,697	395	173
	Nov	<b>4,878</b>	1,333	330	2,634	404	179
2004	Feb	<b>4,947</b>	1,347	330	2,684	406	179
	May	<b>4,856</b>	1,325	313	2,631	414	173
	Aug	<b>4,835</b>	1,315	307	2,626	418	170
	Nov	<b>4,780</b>	1,303	302	2,581	425	169

<sup>1</sup> "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 benefit<sup>1</sup>

**Table 7.5A Claimants of key benefits by duration of claim of oldest benefit:<sup>2</sup>  
May 1997 – November 2004**

*Thousands*

		<b>All</b>	Under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to under 12 months	1 to under 2 years	2 years or over
1997	May	<b>5,659</b>	742	466	586	726	3,140
	Aug	<b>5,665</b>	792	454	575	694	3,149
	Nov	<b>5,409</b>	720	450	538	633	3,069
1998	Feb	<b>5,429</b>	712	474	574	638	3,030
	May	<b>5,331</b>	633	428	593	658	3,019
	Aug	<b>5,355</b>	722	399	553	682	2,999
	Nov	<b>5,249</b>	704	401	491	672	2,981
1999	Feb	<b>5,328</b>	728	459	509	661	2,971
	May	<b>5,235</b>	650	421	541	640	2,983
	Aug	<b>5,245</b>	699	407	523	624	2,991
	Nov	<b>5,143</b>	661	395	490	605	2,992
2000	Feb	<b>5,185</b>	654	427	505	609	2,990
	May	<b>5,049</b>	590	384	501	604	2,971
	Aug	<b>5,063</b>	648	371	471	601	2,971
	Nov	<b>4,996</b>	624	368	446	587	2,972
2001	Feb	<b>5,077</b>	642	403	470	582	2,981
	May	<b>4,982</b>	578	372	473	577	2,983
	Aug	<b>4,970</b>	597	356	451	574	2,991
	Nov	<b>4,907</b>	581	345	430	560	2,991
2002	Feb	<b>4,992</b>	603	385	449	562	2,993
	May	<b>4,923</b>	562	356	448	562	2,995
	Aug	<b>4,947</b>	588	359	432	559	3,009
	Nov	<b>4,896</b>	582	346	416	546	3,006
2003	Feb	<b>4,992</b>	602	392	442	541	3,014
	May	<b>4,951</b>	555	369	458	541	3,028
	Aug	<b>4,945</b>	561	363	449	536	3,036
	Nov	<b>4,878</b>	551	334	421	539	3,034
2004	Feb	<b>4,947</b>	560	376	428	546	3,038
	May	<b>4,856</b>	497	344	434	540	3,040
	Aug	<b>4,835</b>	517	325	419	530	3,043
	Nov	<b>4,780</b>	516	312	386	522	3,043

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 duration<sup>1</sup> of claim of oldest benefit:<sup>2</sup>  
May 1997 – November 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	<b>3,157</b>	479	289	341	393	1,655
	Aug	<b>3,126</b>	486	274	337	369	1,660
	Nov	<b>2,963</b>	457	269	311	327	1,599
1998	Feb	<b>2,982</b>	463	288	330	334	1,567
	May	<b>2,914</b>	403	263	342	349	1,556
	Aug	<b>2,903</b>	439	238	320	368	1,538
	Nov	<b>2,853</b>	450	234	281	358	1,530
1999	Feb	<b>2,912</b>	476	279	286	351	1,520
	May	<b>2,846</b>	422	258	304	337	1,525
	Aug	<b>2,822</b>	437	244	295	323	1,523
	Nov	<b>2,758</b>	424	232	274	308	1,520
2000	Feb	<b>2,802</b>	435	262	282	308	1,516
	May	<b>2,703</b>	382	236	280	304	1,500
	Aug	<b>2,688</b>	408	220	265	301	1,494
	Nov	<b>2,659</b>	407	218	248	296	1,491
2001	Feb	<b>2,719</b>	426	246	261	294	1,491
	May	<b>2,640</b>	374	227	262	290	1,486
	Aug	<b>2,609</b>	376	210	251	288	1,484
	Nov	<b>2,583</b>	380	205	236	280	1,482
2002	Feb	<b>2,650</b>	405	238	246	282	1,478
	May	<b>2,592</b>	364	220	251	279	1,478
	Aug	<b>2,584</b>	372	212	246	276	1,479
	Nov	<b>2,561</b>	375	205	231	274	1,476
2003	Feb	<b>2,634</b>	399	238	244	275	1,478
	May	<b>2,591</b>	353	227	254	275	1,482
	Aug	<b>2,569</b>	352	211	252	271	1,484
	Nov	<b>2,541</b>	357	196	229	272	1,486
2004	Feb	<b>2,593</b>	370	230	233	274	1,487
	May	<b>2,527</b>	318	209	243	268	1,488
	Aug	<b>2,496</b>	320	189	235	264	1,489
	Nov	<b>2,476</b>	330	182	210	264	1,490

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 duration<sup>1</sup> of claim of oldest benefit:<sup>2</sup>  
May 1997 – November 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	<b>2,502</b>	263	177	245	333	1,485
	Aug	<b>2,539</b>	307	180	238	325	1,489
	Nov	<b>2,446</b>	262	181	227	306	1,470
1998	Feb	<b>2,447</b>	249	186	244	304	1,463
	May	<b>2,417</b>	231	164	251	309	1,463
	Aug	<b>2,452</b>	283	161	234	314	1,460
	Nov	<b>2,396</b>	253	167	210	314	1,452
1999	Feb	<b>2,416</b>	251	180	223	310	1,452
	May	<b>2,389</b>	228	163	238	303	1,458
	Aug	<b>2,423</b>	262	163	228	301	1,468
	Nov	<b>2,385</b>	237	163	216	297	1,471
2000	Feb	<b>2,383</b>	219	166	224	301	1,474
	May	<b>2,346</b>	208	147	221	300	1,470
	Aug	<b>2,374</b>	241	151	207	300	1,477
	Nov	<b>2,336</b>	217	150	198	291	1,481
2001	Feb	<b>2,358</b>	216	157	208	288	1,490
	May	<b>2,342</b>	204	145	210	286	1,497
	Aug	<b>2,361</b>	222	146	200	286	1,507
	Nov	<b>2,325</b>	201	141	194	280	1,509
2002	Feb	<b>2,342</b>	198	146	203	280	1,515
	May	<b>2,332</b>	198	136	197	283	1,518
	Aug	<b>2,362</b>	216	147	186	283	1,530
	Nov	<b>2,335</b>	206	141	186	272	1,530
2003	Feb	<b>2,358</b>	203	154	198	267	1,537
	May	<b>2,359</b>	202	142	204	267	1,546
	Aug	<b>2,376</b>	209	152	197	266	1,553
	Nov	<b>2,337</b>	194	138	192	267	1,547
2004	Feb	<b>2,354</b>	190	145	195	272	1,551
	May	<b>2,329</b>	179	135	191	272	1,552
	Aug	<b>2,339</b>	198	136	185	267	1,554
	Nov	<b>2,304</b>	186	130	177	259	1,553

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

<sup>2</sup> 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** Percentages<sup>1</sup>

	Great Britain										Scotland		Claimants living abroad	
	England	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	Midlands	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales		Scotland
1996	Feb	18.3	17.7	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	17.2	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	17.3	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	16.3	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	16.2	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	15.7	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	15.7	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	15.0	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	15.0	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	14.7	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	14.7	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	14.5	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	14.6	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	14.4	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	14.4	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	14.1	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	14.1	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	13.7	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	13.8	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	13.6	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	13.7	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	13.5	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	13.4	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	13.3	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	13.5	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	13.3	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	13.4	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	13.2	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	13.5	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	13.4	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	13.2	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	13.1	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	13.2	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	13.0	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	12.8	18.4	17.0	14.2	12.0	14.3	9.7	14.1	8.6	10.4	18.2	17.0
	Nov	13.3	12.7	18.2	16.7	14.0	11.9	14.1	9.7	14.0	8.6	10.3	18.0	16.6

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



## 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 <sup>1</sup>	5,866	5,866
February 97 <sup>1</sup>	5,850	5,850
May 97 <sup>1</sup>	5,659	5,659
November 97 <sup>1</sup>	5,665	5,665

<sup>1</sup> 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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