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Introduction

This Statistical Summary aims to give users a structured overview of the National Statistics published by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). Statistics are grouped by component area of DWP and, for each statistic, links are given for users to access more detailed information.

Key benefit statistics and New Deal statistics from 100% sources are available on an internet-based tabulation tool. A similar tabulation tool derived from 5% sample data is also available, however wherever possible 100% data should be used in preference to 5% estimates, as they are more accurate and form DWP's headline statistics.

Not all DWP National Statistics are covered by this release. Some statistics have their own first releases but links to these are given throughout.

Key Findings

- The working age incapacity benefits caseload fell by 38 thousand to 2.67 million in the year to November '06.
- The lone parent caseload fell by 3 thousand in the year to November '06 when the caseload stood at 776 thousand.
- The number of jobseekers was 904 thousand at November '06, up 34 thousand on a year earlier.
- 2.79 million people had started on a New Deal programme up to February '07. To date, some 1.77 million people have gained a job through the New Deal programme, with a further 78 thousand people gaining a job through Employment Zones.
- At November '06 there were 11.95 million people of State Pension age claiming a key benefit, an increase of 145 thousand since November '05. Of these, 66% were claiming State Pension only.
- At November '06, there were 11.74 million claimants of State Pension, a rise of 149 thousand on a year earlier. Of these, 38% were male and 62% female.
- At November '06, there were 2.74 million claimants of Pension Credit (3.34 million including partners), a rise of 31 thousand on a year earlier. Of these, 798 thousand claimed Guarantee Credit only, 1.33 million claimed Guarantee and Savings Credit, and 615 thousand claimed Savings Credit only.
- At the end of March '07, the total CSA caseload stood at 1.4 million cases, of which 44% were new scheme cases.
- At November '06 there were 2.85 million recipients of Disability Living Allowance, 459 thousand recipients of Carer's Allowance and 1.68 million people claiming Attendance Allowance (either in receipt or temporarily suspended).

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1. Working Age

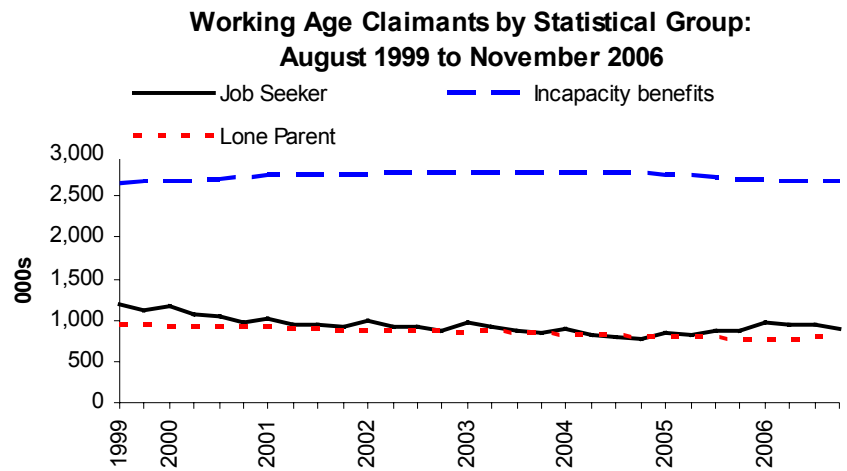
1.1 Working Age client group

Combines data collected for Jobseeker's Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Widow's Benefit, Bereavement Benefit and Income Support for working age claimants (including Pension Credit for males aged 60 to 64)

Between November 1999 and November 2005 the number of jobseekers fell from 1,104 thousand to 871 thousand, and rose to 904 thousand in November 2006.

The incapacity benefits caseload increased gradually to November 2003 and has fallen in each of the last nine quarters. Headline figures for incapacity benefits are shown in Table 1.2 and differ slightly to figures shown in Table 1.1 due to slight methodological differences.

The lone parent caseload fell from 930 thousand to 779 thousand between November 1999 and November 2005. This decrease continued in the year to November 2006, to stand at 776 thousand.



Latest statistical data available from :

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/tabtool.asp>

Table 1.1 Working Age claimants by Statistical Group: August 1999 to November 2006

Thousands

	Total ⁹	Job Seeker ²	Incapacity Benefits ³	Lone Parent ⁴	Carer ⁵	Income Related	Disabled ^{7,9}	Bereaved ^{8,9}
Aug-99	..	1,199.72	2,655.39	945.06	316.02	222.44	..	..
Nov-99	..	1,103.75	2,674.72	930.24	316.38	218.54	..	..
Feb-00	..	1,177.22	2,676.40	923.47	313.44	217.23	..	..
May-00	..	1,060.36	2,686.31	919.43	310.74	211.08	..	..
Aug-00	..	1,040.25	2,714.85	920.10	309.53	198.22	..	..
Nov-00	..	974.08	2,722.56	905.76	311.40	196.92	..	..
Feb-01	..	1,027.38	2,750.44	908.21	313.79	183.03	..	..
May-01	..	936.38	2,753.66	900.43	319.41	180.36	..	..
Aug-01	..	935.92	2,763.80	900.22	323.94	176.98	..	..
Nov-01	..	909.20	2,746.01	878.59	328.41	179.30	..	..
Feb-02	..	984.13	2,745.58	877.11	331.81	176.82	..	..
May-02	5,483.91	906.06	2,765.73	870.95	335.57	165.79	244.97	194.85
Aug-02	5,512.90	919.22	2,769.62	875.04	340.00	168.81	250.12	190.10
Nov-02	5,456.76	878.74	2,776.56	856.23	343.50	161.50	256.26	183.97
Feb-03	5,542.36	974.83	2,776.53	848.85	345.94	156.45	260.61	179.16
May-03	5,487.80	914.52	2,773.61	855.81	347.70	156.06	265.93	174.18
Aug-03	5,456.99	880.12	2,777.17	851.73	350.52	156.84	270.54	170.07
Nov-03	5,391.84	832.61	2,780.50	831.75	353.00	154.27	275.20	164.52
Feb-04	5,454.70	896.22	2,777.54	830.25	355.58	155.27	279.84	160.00
May-04	5,355.64	806.35	2,772.85	823.27	358.99	155.43	283.03	155.70
Aug-04	5,352.43	798.29	2,775.05	818.10	360.17	159.61	289.51	151.71
Nov-04	5,299.21	770.21	2,772.20	796.53	361.15	157.90	293.87	147.36
Feb-05	5,356.27	848.87	2,757.67	793.14	361.77	153.88	296.96	143.98
May-05	5,317.91	830.11	2,741.66	789.32	363.49	151.02	300.70	141.61
Aug-05	5,333.28	856.30	2,725.54	789.35	364.80	153.63	305.62	138.05
Nov-05	5,321.03	870.52	2,710.74	778.58	363.05	155.65	309.09	133.40
Feb-06	5,417.97	969.04	2,705.57	777.10	368.38	152.95	313.64	131.29
May-06	5,360.14	930.86	2,688.13	774.86	368.21	152.58	316.84	128.66
Aug-06	5,365.21	931.45	2,683.13	783.19	369.52	153.00	318.97	125.96
Nov-06	5,331.50	904.23	2,673.05	775.62	371.35	160.97	326.33	119.97

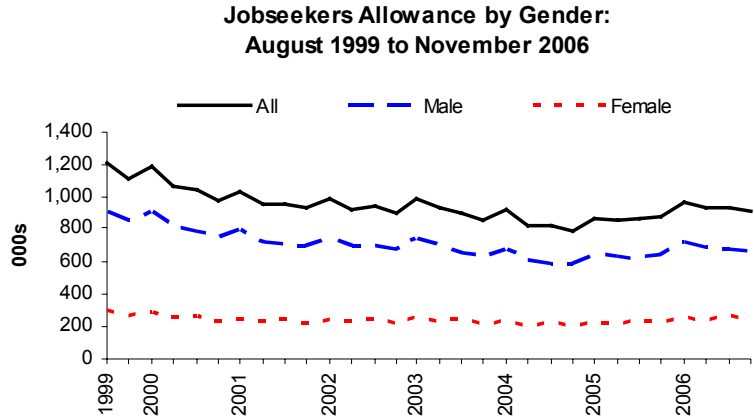
Source: DWP, Work & Pensions Longitudinal Study

1. Claimants have been assigned to a statistical group according to a hierarchy. The order is as shown in the table, i.e. 'Job Seekers', followed by 'Incapacity Benefits', etc. For example, lone parents with both Incapacity Benefits and Income Support will fall into the 'Incapacity Benefits' category.
2. 'Jobseekers' are recipients of Jobseeker's Allowance.
3. 'Incapacity Benefits' refer to recipients of Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disablement Allowance.
4. 'Lone Parents' are single recipients of Income Support with a child under 16.
5. 'Carers' are recipients of Carer's Allowance.
6. 'Others on Income Related Benefit' are other recipients of Income Support (including Income Support Disability Premium) or Pension Credit.
7. 'Disabled' are recipients of Disability Living Allowance. Industrial Injuries benefits data is not available.
8. 'Bereaved' are recipients of Widow's Benefit or Bereavement Benefit.
9. Totals are not shown prior to May 2002 as Disability Living Allowance data is not available. Therefore complete data for the 'Disabled' and 'Bereaved' statistical groups are not available.
10. Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit data is not currently available but is expected to be added during 2006.
11. ".." denotes not available.

1.2 Jobseeker's Allowance

Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) was introduced on 7 October 1996 and has both contributory and income-related elements. It is paid to people under state pension age who are available for and actively seeking work of at least forty hours per week

At November 2006 the total number of Jobseeker's Allowance claimants was 904 thousand. Female claimants represented 27% of the JSA caseload (242 thousand), while males represented 73% (663 thousand). The total caseload has risen by 34 thousand since a year earlier.



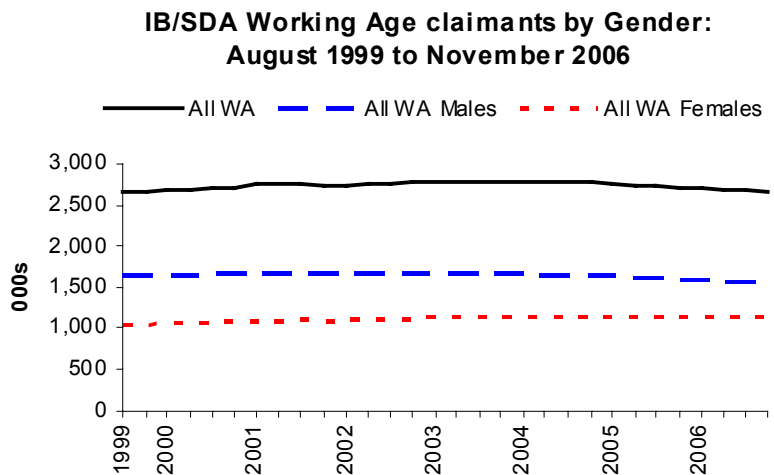
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1.3 Incapacity Benefits

Incapacity benefits consist of Incapacity Benefit (introduced on 13 April 1995 and paid to people who are incapable of work and who have paid sufficient contributions throughout their working life) and Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA).

At November 2006, there were 2.67 million working age claimants of incapacity benefits (Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disablement Allowance), a fall of 38 thousand on a year earlier. 58% of claimants were men and 42% women. Both the male and female caseloads are now falling: males by 31 thousand and females by 6 thousand in the year to November 2006.

At November 2006, 62% (1.68 million) of working age claimants were beneficiaries (i.e. were paid benefit), with the remaining 991 thousand receiving National Insurance Credits only. A further 42 thousand were claimants above State Pension Age: these were almost all recipients of Severe Disablement Allowance.



Latest statistical data available from : <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/tabtool.asp>

Table 1.2 Incapacity Benefits claimants & beneficiaries: August 1999 to November 2006

	All IB/SDA claimants			All IB/SDA beneficiaries			Thousands
	All ages	Working Age	State Pension	All ages	Working Age	State Pension	Age
			Age			Age	
Aug-99	2,732.50	2,655.46	77.05	1,978.56	1,902.14	76.42	
Nov-99	2,738.13	2,674.81	63.32	1,967.96	1,905.13	62.83	
Feb-00	2,724.03	2,676.50	47.53	1,949.96	1,902.81	47.15	
May-00	2,728.09	2,686.40	41.69	1,941.20	1,899.81	41.39	
Aug-00	2,756.51	2,714.95	41.55	1,949.08	1,907.75	41.33	
Nov-00	2,764.14	2,722.65	41.49	1,945.44	1,904.11	41.33	
Feb-01	2,792.03	2,750.53	41.50	1,961.19	1,919.80	41.39	
May-01	2,795.34	2,753.74	41.60	1,955.00	1,913.52	41.49	
Aug-01	2,805.45	2,763.87	41.58	1,947.63	1,906.15	41.49	
Nov-01	2,787.71	2,746.07	41.64	1,926.79	1,885.22	41.56	
Feb-02	2,787.22	2,745.67	41.56	1,923.90	1,882.45	41.45	
May-02	2,807.63	2,765.82	41.80	1,925.86	1,884.16	41.70	
Aug-02	2,811.43	2,769.70	41.73	1,918.07	1,876.43	41.63	
Nov-02	2,818.48	2,776.64	41.83	1,912.53	1,870.79	41.74	
Feb-03	2,818.57	2,776.63	41.94	1,908.90	1,867.06	41.84	
May-03	2,815.66	2,773.71	41.95	1,897.03	1,855.19	41.84	
Aug-03	2,819.05	2,777.28	41.77	1,888.80	1,847.11	41.69	
Nov-03	2,822.27	2,780.58	41.70	1,881.88	1,840.25	41.63	
Feb-04	2,819.16	2,777.62	41.54	1,873.81	1,832.35	41.46	
May-04	2,814.71	2,772.93	41.79	1,859.96	1,818.25	41.70	
Aug-04	2,817.01	2,775.10	41.90	1,849.78	1,807.95	41.83	
Nov-04	2,814.41	2,772.23	42.17	1,840.28	1,798.18	42.10	
Feb-05	2,799.87	2,757.71	42.17	1,827.15	1,785.08	42.08	
May-05	2,783.72	2,741.67	42.05	1,809.98	1,768.02	41.96	
Aug-05	2,767.74	2,725.55	42.20	1,793.00	1,750.89	42.11	
Nov-05	2,752.90	2,710.74	42.16	1,780.31	1,738.21	42.10	
Feb-06	2,747.49	2,705.58	41.91	1,768.66	1,726.82	41.84	
May-06	2,730.00	2,688.14	41.86	1,750.91	1,709.12	41.79	
Aug-06	2,724.98	2,683.13	41.85	1,738.64	1,696.87	41.78	
Nov-06	2,714.95	2,673.05	41.90	1,724.35	1,682.52	41.83	

Source: DWP, Work & Pensions Longitudinal Study

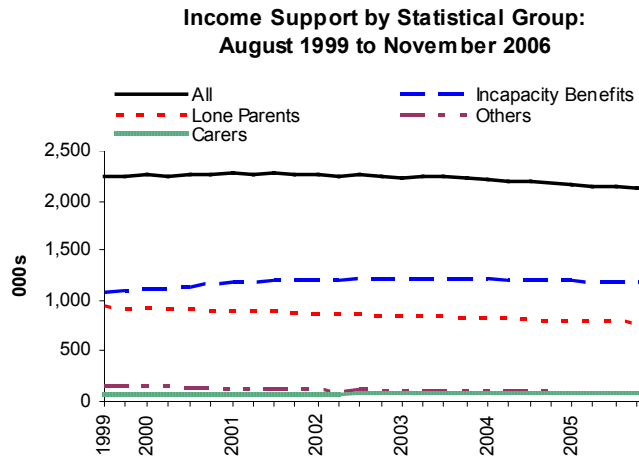
1. IB : Incapacity benefit. SDA : Severe Disablement Allowance.
2. Figures on IB Beneficiaries show those claimants who are receiving money. IB Claimants include these beneficiaries, but also those receiving National Insurance Credits and no monetary payment.
3. 'Incapacity Benefits' refer to recipients of Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disablement Allowance. Numbers of working age claimants of incapacity benefits (IB/SDA) are shown in both the Working Age Client Group and IB/SDA sections of this release. Working age IB/SDA totals vary slightly between the two sections (the differences are about 0.5%) because of minor differences in methodology.

1.4 Income Support

Income Support (IS) was introduced on 11 April 1988 and is an income-related benefit that can be claimed by people aged 16-59 that work fewer than 16 hours a week and have insufficient income to meet their needs. Prior to the introduction of Pension Credit in October 2003, IS was available to people aged 60 and over.

At November 2006 the total number of Income Support (IS) claimants was 2.14 million. Claimants of incapacity benefits represented 56% of the IS caseload (1.20 million). Lone Parents (all single claimants with dependants excluding claimants of incapacity benefits) represented 36% of the IS caseload (776 thousand), while Carers and Others represented 8% of the caseload (165 thousand).

Pension Credit (PC) replaced Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) in Income Support on 6 October 2003. MIG claimants have been excluded from these data.



Latest statistical data available from : <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/tabtool.asp>

Table 1.3 Income Support Lone Parents claimants: November 2006

	Thousands		
	Total	Female	Male
all ages	775.62	740.11	35.51
unknown age	0.01	0.01	-
under 18	5.93	5.91	0.02
18-24	161.17	159.77	1.39
25-34	288.18	279.56	8.62
35-44	250.21	233.32	16.89
45-54	65.39	57.96	7.43
55-59	4.74	3.58	1.16

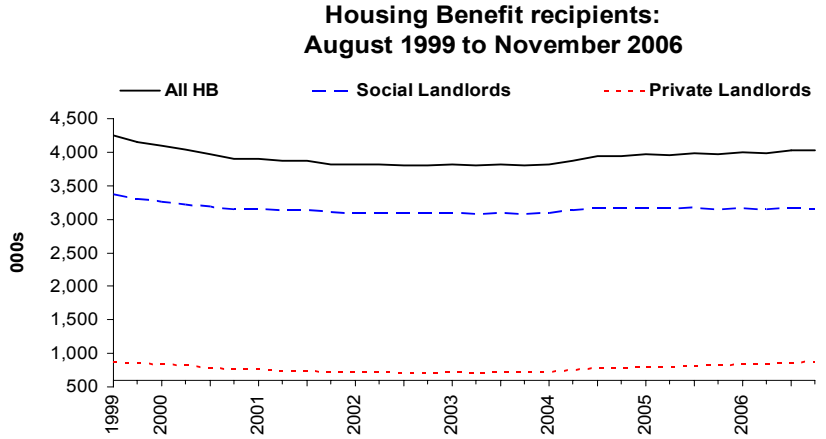
1. '-' in the table denotes nil or negligible.
2. Pension Credit (PC) replaced the Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) in Income Support on 6th October 2003. MIG claimants have been excluded from these data.

1.5 Housing Benefit

Housing Benefit (HB) was introduced on 1 April 1983 and is an income-related benefit designed to help people on low incomes pay for rented accommodation whether in or out of work

At November 2006 there were 4.03 million recipients of Housing Benefit, of whom 1.50 million were aged 60 and over. The average weekly amount of Housing Benefit was £68.

73% of Housing Benefit recipients were also in receipt of Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Pension Credit (GC).



Note: Social Landlords include Local Authority tenants and Registered Social Landlord tenants

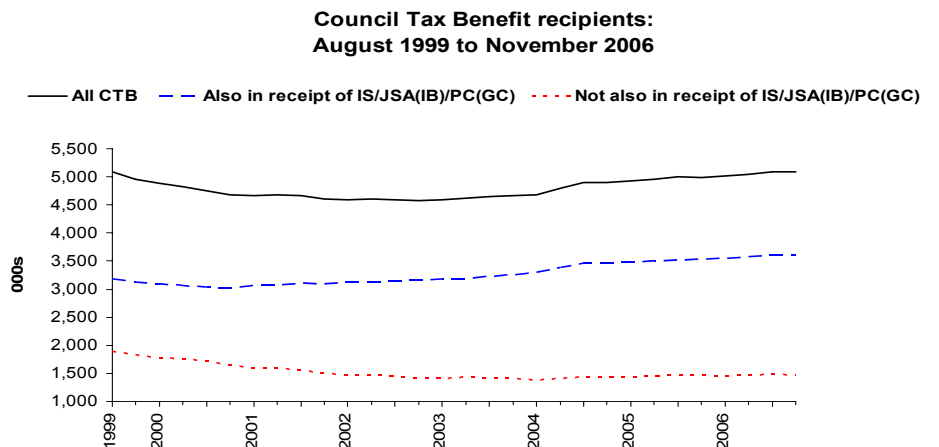
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1.6 Council Tax Benefit

Council Tax Benefit (CTB) was introduced on 1 April 1993 and is an income-related benefit, calculated in a similar way to Housing Benefit, which has been designed to help people on low incomes pay their Council Tax

At November 2006 there were 5.08 million recipients of Council Tax Benefit (figure excludes second adult rebates), of whom 2.52 million were aged 60 and over. The average weekly amount of Council Tax Benefit was £14.

71% of Council Tax Benefit recipients were also in receipt of Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Pension Credit (GC).



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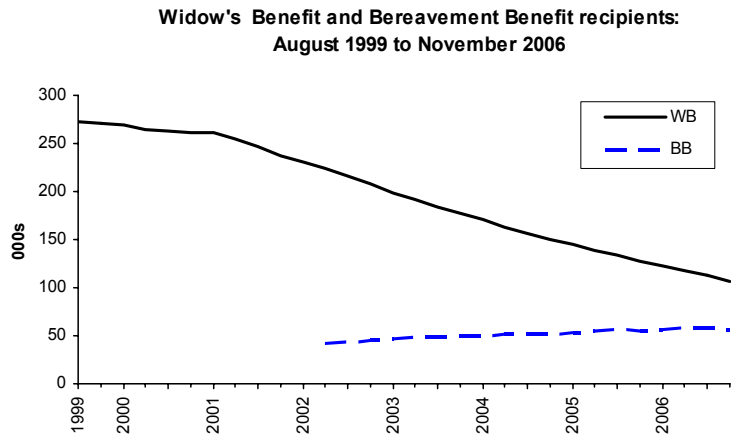
1.7 Widow's Benefit & Bereavement Benefit

Widow's Benefit (WB) was introduced on 6 July 1948 and is payable to women widowed between 11 April 1988 and 8 April 2001 inclusive. There are three types of WB: Widow's Payment, Widowed Mother's Allowance and Widow's Pension. Women widowed before 11 April 1988 continue to receive Widow's Benefit based on the rules that existed before that date

Bereavement Benefit (BB) was introduced on 9 April 2001 as a replacement for Widow's Benefit. It is payable to both men and women widowed on or after 9 April 2001. There are three types of BB: Bereavement Payment, Widowed Parent's Allowance and Bereavement Allowance

At November 2006, there were 107 thousand claimants of Widow's Benefit, a fall of 21 thousand on a year earlier. Of these, 90 thousand were in receipt of Widow's Pension and 17 thousand Widowed Mother's Allowance

At November 2006, there were 57 thousand claimants of Bereavement Benefit, a rise of 2 thousand on a year earlier. Of these, 21 thousand were in receipt of Bereavement Allowance and 36 thousand in receipt of Widowed Parent's Allowance



Latest statistical data available from : <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/tabtool.asp>

1.8 Fraud and Error statistics (link)

National Statistics are published regularly, presenting six-monthly estimates of fraud and error in claims for Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit and Housing Benefit, along with an annual estimate of the level of fraud and error in the benefit system as a whole. One-off benefit reviews have been carried out from time to time to estimate fraud and error in claims for other benefits. All these reports can be found at www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd2/fraud_error.asp.

1.9 Take-Up of Income-Related Benefits (links)

Publications contain information on the take-up of the main income-related benefits in Great Britain: Income Support, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance (income based). Take-up is measured in two ways. Expenditure take-up compares the total amount of benefit received in the course of a year with the total amount that would have been received if everyone took up their entitlement for the full period of entitlement. Caseload take-up compares the number of benefit claimants – averaged over the year – with the number who would be receiving if everyone took up their entitlement for the full period of entitlement. Data is sourced from the Family Resources Survey and administrative benefit records. Latest published figures are available at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/irb.asp>

1.10 Jobseeker's Allowance sanction and disallowance decisions

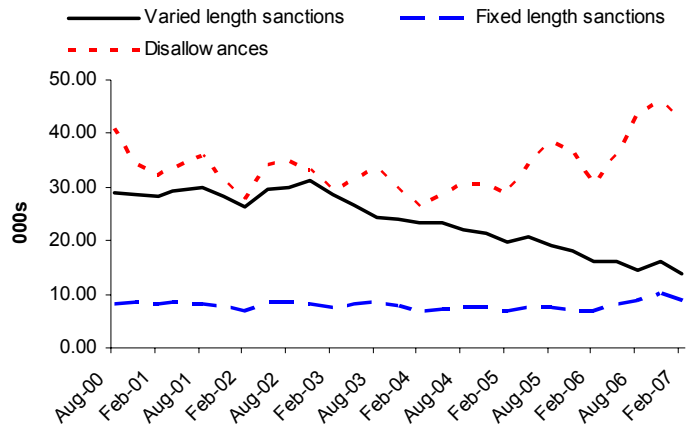
A JSA claimant can have their claim sanctioned (payment is temporarily suspended) or disallowed (entitlement ends) if they are deemed not to have just cause for failing to fulfil the conditions of their claim. Sanctions can be 'Varied length' (anything up to 26 weeks) or 'Fixed length' (2, 4 or 26 weeks). Disallowances result in the claim ending.

In the quarter ending February 2007 there were 117 thousand decisions made, of which 65 thousand were adverse decisions (i.e. a sanction or disallowance was applied).

Of these, 14 thousand were varied length sanctions, 9 thousand were fixed length sanctions and 43 thousand were disallowance decisions. 56% of decisions made in this quarter resulted in an adverse decision.

NB – this summary includes data on decisions made for sanction referrals only, not opinions.

Adverse decisions for JSA Labour Market questions for sanctions and disallowances per quarter: June 2000 to February 2007



Latest statistical data available from : <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/sanctions.asp>

1.11 New Deals & Employment Zones

New Deal for Young People was established in 1998 aimed at people aged 18 to 24 unemployed for at least 6 months. Since then a range of other mandatory and voluntary New Deal programmes have been established aimed at specific client groups.

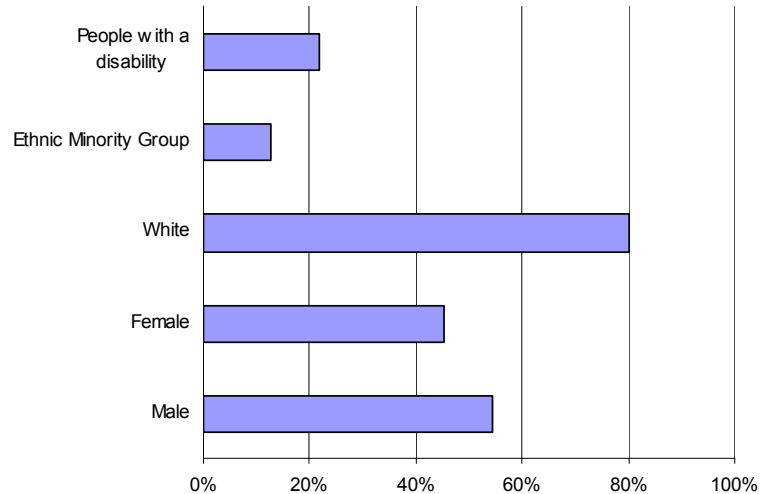
2.79 million people had started on a New Deal programme up to February '07.

To date, some 1.77 million people have gained a job through the New Deal programme, with over 78 thousand people also gaining a job through Employment Zones.

Statistics on ND50plus, NDDP, and NDP have been improved by incorporating additional data from the Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study. This has led to the identification of an additional 18 per cent of people gaining a job through these programmes, and the introduction for the first time of an immediate destination measure. As a result of these improvements the time series of people gaining a job through these programmes has been revised.

Data on the New Deal and Employment Zones programmes are now released via the DWP Tabulation Tool, whereby users can construct their own bespoke statistical tables.

People starting New Deal, cumulative to February 2007



Latest statistical data available from: http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/tabtools/tabtool_nd.asp

Table 1.4 Summary of New Deal and Employment Zones

	New Deal for:						Employment Zones
	Young People	25plus	Lone Parents	Disabled People	50+ ³	Partners ⁴	
Thousands							
<i>latest data</i> ¹ :							
People starting ²	1,175.1	684.6	748.0	242.4	80.9	14.8	163.3
Currently Participating	88.4	54.3	52.2	164.2	56.8	3.3	29.8
People gaining a job	732.2	286.2	497.6	134.2	170.2	6.1	78.3

Source: DWP, New Deal Evaluation Databases

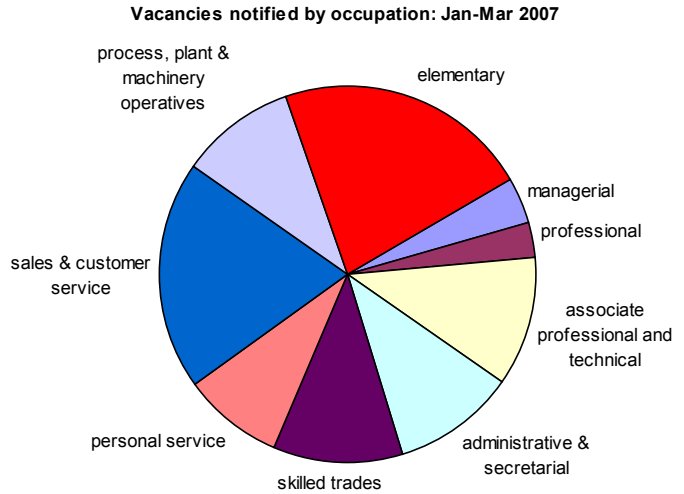
1. Latest data relates to end February 2007 for people starting NDYP, ND25plus, NDLP, NDDP, ND50plus, and NDP. For current participants and people gaining a job through NDYP, ND25plus, NDLP, NDDP, ND50plus, and NDP latest data relates to end of November 2006. Latest EZ data is to January 2007.
2. The sum of people starting and gaining a job for each separate New Deal will not equal the number of people starting and gaining a job through New Deal as a whole (as indicated above) because some people will start and gain a job through more than one New Deal programme.
3. Starts for ND50+ are from Jan 2004 onwards. The jobs figures for ND50+ include 98,040 people who had received Employment Credit up to March 2003.
4. Starts for NDP include 7,820 starts up to March 2004; jobs for NDP include 1,860 jobs up to March 2004.

1.12 Vacancies handled by Jobcentre Plus

As the Public Employment Service for Great Britain, Jobcentre Plus handle a significant share of all vacancies advertised by employers, albeit that vacancies notified to Jobcentre Plus do not represent the total number of vacancies in the whole economy

On average, 261 thousand vacancies per month were notified to Jobcentre Plus during the first quarter of 2007. Most commonly these are for elementary occupations (22%) and sales/customer services (20%). 16% of notified vacancies are in the North West region compared with 9% in London, 5% Wales and 10% Scotland.

As at March 2007, the number of unfilled vacancies available to jobseekers was 343 thousand.



Latest statistical data available from <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/vacancies.asp>

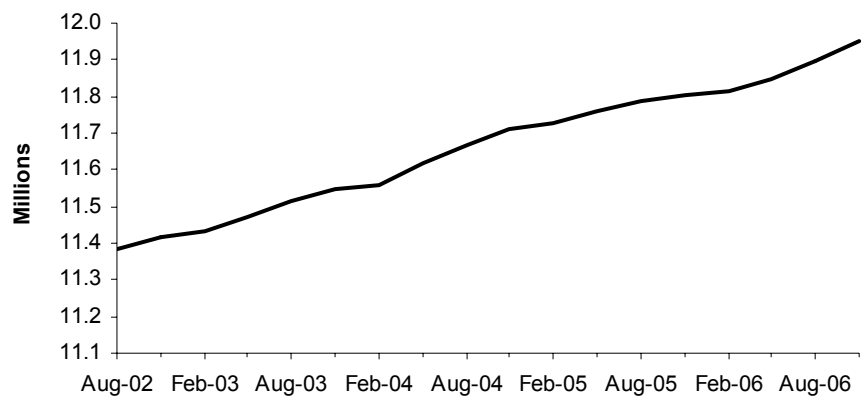
2. Pensioners

2.1 Pensioner client group

The Pensioner Client Group covers claimants, aged 60 and over, of at least one of the following benefits: State Pension, Pension Credit, Attendance Allowance, Widow's Benefit, Disability Living Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, and Severe Disablement Allowance. They are split into statistical groups that reflect their main reason for claiming benefit

At November 2006 there were 11.95 million claimants in the Pensioner Client Group, an increase of 145 thousand since November 2005. Of these, 21% were in receipt of Pension Credit. 47% of these Pension Credit claimants were disabled.

**Pensioner Client Group:
Aug 2002 to Nov 2006**



Latest statistical data available from : <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/tabtool.asp>

Table 2.1 Pensioner Client Group recipients: November 2002 to November 2006

		Thousands							
	Total	SP and PC: Disabled	SP and PC: Not Disabled	SP but not PC: Disabled	SP but not PC: Not Disabled	PC but not SP: Disabled	PC but not SP: Not Disabled	Neither SP nor PC: Disabled	Neither SP nor PC: Not Disabled
Nov-02	11,414.63	703.63	718.09	1,430.02	8,358.84	70.98	68.68	39.40	25.01
Feb-03	11,430.79	704.92	717.54	1,437.51	8,367.51	70.48	68.46	39.34	25.04
May-03	11,473.09	713.55	723.21	1,455.05	8,376.88	70.78	69.30	39.34	24.97
Aug-03	11,515.97	725.58	734.00	1,474.14	8,378.73	71.00	69.44	38.55	24.53
Nov-03	11,544.62	806.98	952.06	1,414.29	8,165.73	71.35	70.28	39.17	24.76
Feb-04	11,557.87	868.52	1,083.74	1,360.45	8,039.64	71.27	70.62	38.89	24.72
May-04	11,620.15	959.75	1,193.56	1,296.11	7,964.86	71.80	71.35	38.08	24.64
Aug-04	11,668.11	1,003.82	1,245.69	1,282.39	7,929.91	72.57	71.81	37.76	24.16
Nov-04	11,710.58	1,028.05	1,255.69	1,280.46	7,938.11	73.38	72.83	37.97	24.10
Feb-05	11,726.47	1,037.26	1,268.33	1,273.89	7,938.28	73.49	73.51	37.74	23.98
May-05	11,760.74	1,052.43	1,281.60	1,281.06	7,939.49	73.17	72.88	37.11	23.00
Aug-05	11,786.58	1,065.96	1,280.72	1,298.46	7,933.04	73.71	73.80	37.60	23.30
Nov-05	11,804.43	1,075.10	1,278.42	1,307.14	7,929.69	75.54	75.42	39.48	23.63
Feb-06	11,817.23	1,081.17	1,277.97	1,315.46	7,934.50	73.53	73.75	37.77	23.08
May-06	11,847.97	1,088.48	1,278.31	1,322.93	7,949.50	73.76	74.05	38.06	22.88
Aug-06	11,896.50	1,100.55	1,274.33	1,338.09	7,973.44	74.29	74.59	38.42	22.78
Nov-06	11,949.62	1,113.70	1,269.09	1,351.57	8,004.82	74.87	74.34	38.69	22.54

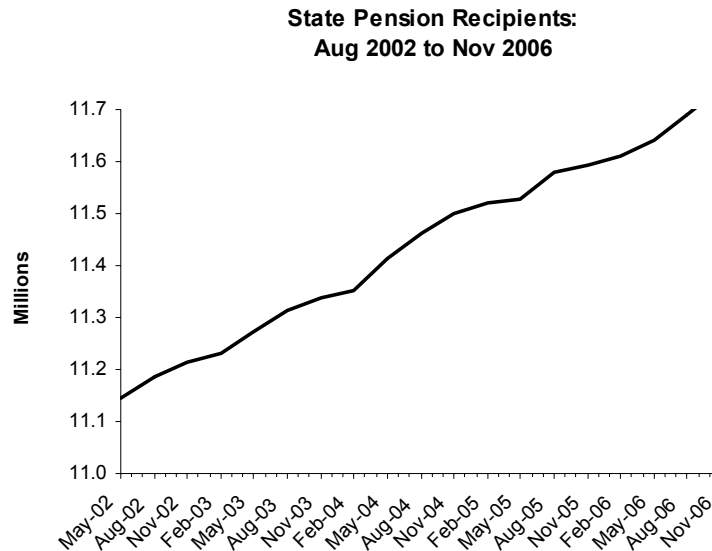
Source: DWP, Work & Pensions Longitudinal Study

2.2 State Pension

State Pension (SP) was introduced on 1 January 1909 and is paid to people who have reached the state pension age (65 for men, 60 for women) and who fulfil the residency and contributions conditions

At November 2006, there were 11.74 million claimants of State Pension, a rise of 149 thousand on a year earlier. Of these, 38% were male and 62% female.

The average weekly amount in payment at November 2006 was £87.92, a rise of £3.02 since November 2005.



Latest statistical data available from : <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/tabtool.asp>

Table 2.2 State Pension recipients: November 2002 to November 2006

	Thousands		
	All	Male	Female
Nov-02	11,215.25	4,187.92	7,027.32
Feb-03	11,232.29	4,197.77	7,034.53
May-03	11,271.62	4,216.74	7,054.88
Aug-03	11,315.22	4,237.46	7,077.76
Nov-03	11,340.71	4,249.69	7,091.01
Feb-04	11,354.10	4,255.94	7,098.16
May-04	11,416.15	4,281.06	7,135.09
Aug-04	11,466.30	4,301.68	7,164.61
Nov-04	11,504.32	4,315.80	7,188.52
Feb-05	11,519.88	4,322.52	7,197.36
May-05	11,556.81	4,342.15	7,214.66
Aug-05	11,580.50	4,354.75	7,225.74
Nov-05	11,592.75	4,362.20	7,230.55
Feb-06	11,611.59	4,369.79	7,241.80
May-06	11,641.83	4,379.54	7,262.29
Aug-06	11,689.12	4,393.60	7,295.52
Nov-06	11,742.01	4,408.91	7,333.10

Source: DWP, Work & Pensions Longitudinal Study

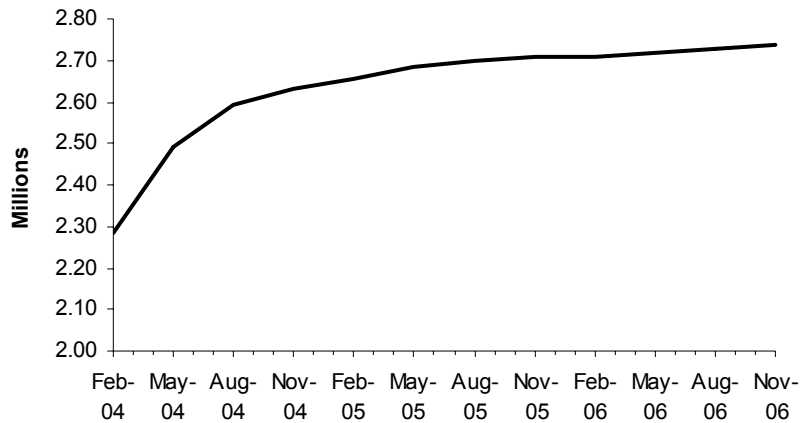
2.3 Pension Credit

Pension Credit (PC) was introduced on 6 October 2003 and replaced Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG). For people aged 60 or over, the Guarantee Credit element guarantees an income at a set level. People aged 65 or over (and couples where one member is 65 or over) may also be entitled to Savings Credit if they have modest income from savings, investments or a second pension

At November 2006, there were 2.74 million claimants of Pension Credit (3.34 million including partners), a rise of 31 thousand on a year earlier. Of these, 798 thousand claimed Guarantee Credit only, 1.33 million claimed Guarantee and Savings Credit, and 615 thousand claimed Savings Credit only.

The average weekly amount of Pension Credit in payment at November 2006 was £46.90, a rise of £3.41 since November 2005.

**Pension Credit Recipients:
Feb 2004 to Nov 2006**



Latest statistical data available from : <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/tabtool.asp>

Table 2.3 Pension Credit claimants: February 2004 to November 2006

	Thousands				
	Total	Guarantee Credit only	Guarantee Credit & Savings Credit	Savings Credit only	Still on Minimum Income Guarantee
Feb-04	2,282.29	719.18	1,196.59	365.26	1.25
May-04	2,490.76	735.03	1,269.45	485.98	0.31
Aug-04	2,592.59	749.17	1,293.25	549.99	0.18
Nov-04	2,629.58	759.90	1,298.96	570.58	0.14
Feb-05	2,654.67	763.15	1,313.11	578.36	0.06
May-05	2,682.73	767.26	1,321.68	593.74	0.04
Aug-05	2,696.66	772.40	1,317.18	607.04	0.04
Nov-05	2,708.05	776.94	1,313.48	617.60	0.04
Feb-06	2,709.22	773.16	1,332.11	603.93	0.04
May-06	2,717.39	775.57	1,343.23	598.56	0.02
Aug-06	2,728.15	787.30	1,334.41	606.41	0.02
Nov-06	2,738.56	798.13	1,325.87	614.54	0.02

Source: DWP, Work & Pensions Longitudinal Study

1. Pension Credit replaced MIG on 6 October 2003.
2. A small number of MIG cases are yet to convert to PC.

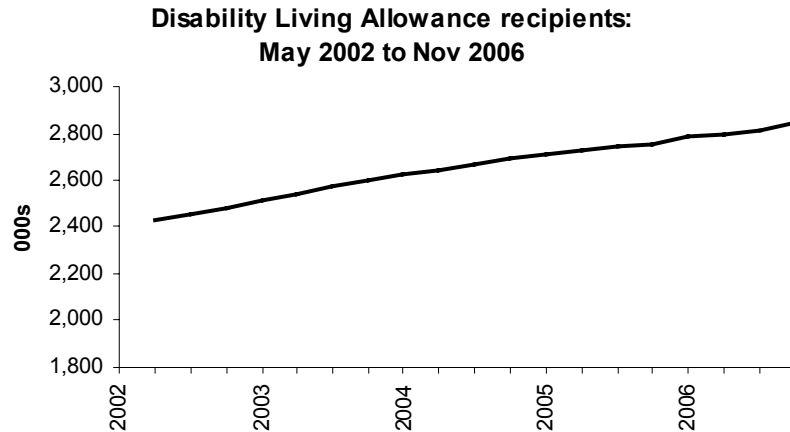
3. Disabled and Carers

3.1 Disability Living Allowance

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) was introduced on 1 April 1992 and is a benefit for people who have become disabled before the age of 65 and who need assistance with personal care or mobility

At November 2006, 2.85 million people were receiving Disability Living Allowance (not including suspended cases), a rise of 88 thousand on a year earlier. 50% of claimants were male. Both the male and female caseloads are rising, males by 42 thousand and females by 46 thousand in the year to November 2006.

At November 2006, 10% of recipients were children, 58% were working age and 32% were pension age (a small number are an unknown age).

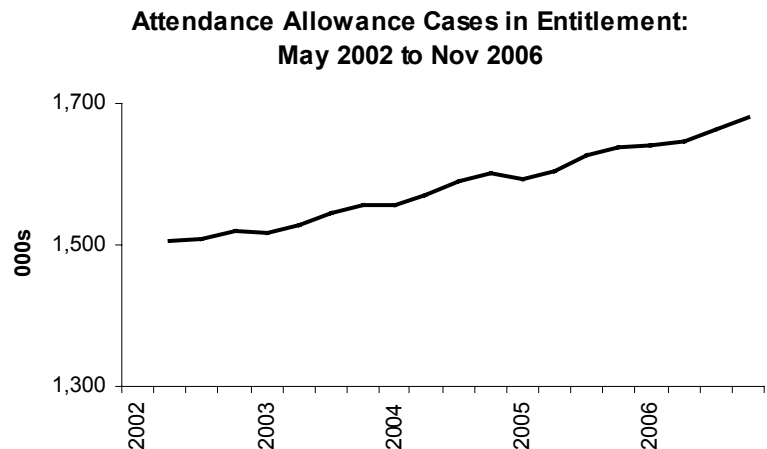


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3.2 Attendance Allowance

Attendance Allowance (AA) was introduced on 6 December 1971 and is a benefit for people over the age of 65 who are so severely disabled, physically or mentally, that they need a great deal of help with personal care or supervision. Those requiring constant help receive the higher rate of benefit.

At November 2006 there were 1.68 million people with entitlement to Attendance Allowance (including suspended cases), a rise of 40 thousand on a year earlier. Of these, 31% were male and 69% female. Both the male and female caseloads are rising, males by 20 thousand and females by 20 thousand in the year to November 2006. At November 2006, 68% were aged 80 or over.



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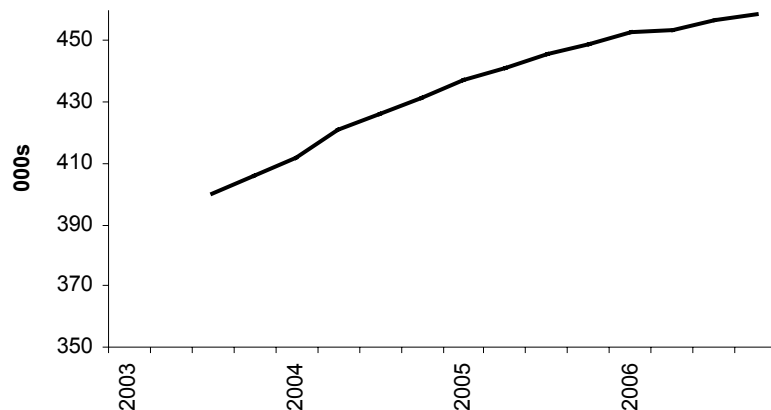
3.3 Carer's Allowance

Carer's Allowance (CA) was introduced on 5 July 1976; it is paid to carers who look after a severely disabled person for at least 35 hours a week. The severely disabled person must be getting either higher or middle rate DLA care component or AA or maximum rate Constant Attendance Allowance with their War Pension or Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit

At November 2006, there were 459 thousand people receiving Carer's Allowance (not including underlying entitlement cases). 25% of claimants were male, and 75% female.

At November 2006, there were a further 349 thousand people entitled to Carer's Allowance but not receiving any payment due to overlapping benefit provisions (ie underlying entitlement cases).

**Carer's Allowance number in payment:
Aug 2003 to Nov 2006**



Latest statistical data available from : <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/tabtool.asp>

Table 3.1 Awards currently in payment for Disability Living Allowance and Carer's Allowance, and all entitled cases for Attendance Allowance: August 2002 to November 2006

	Thousands		
	Disability Living Allowance ¹	Attendance Allowance ²	Carers Allowance ³
Aug-02	2,454.34	1,507.35	..
Nov-02	2,488.49	1,517.41	..
Feb-03	2,516.13	1,515.24	..
May-03	2,547.09	1,527.99	..
Aug-03	2,573.54	1,547.39	400.18
Nov-03	2,601.88	1,558.19	406.23
Feb-04	2,625.39	1,556.13	412.12
May-04	2,644.28	1,570.34	421.18
Aug-04	2,672.16	1,589.87	426.34
Nov-04	2,696.28	1,600.88	431.66
Feb-05	2,712.91	1,594.79	436.94
May-05	2,729.72	1,605.71	441.03
Aug-05	2,749.48	1,626.72	445.43
Nov-05	2,757.64	1,639.72	*
Feb-06	2,785.68	1,642.09	452.54
May-06	2,799.16	1,646.89	453.54
Aug-06	2,814.29	1,663.57	456.70
Nov-06	2,845.75	1,679.36	458.93

Source: DWP, Work & Pensions Longitudinal Study (DLA and CA), and DWP 5% sample data (AA).

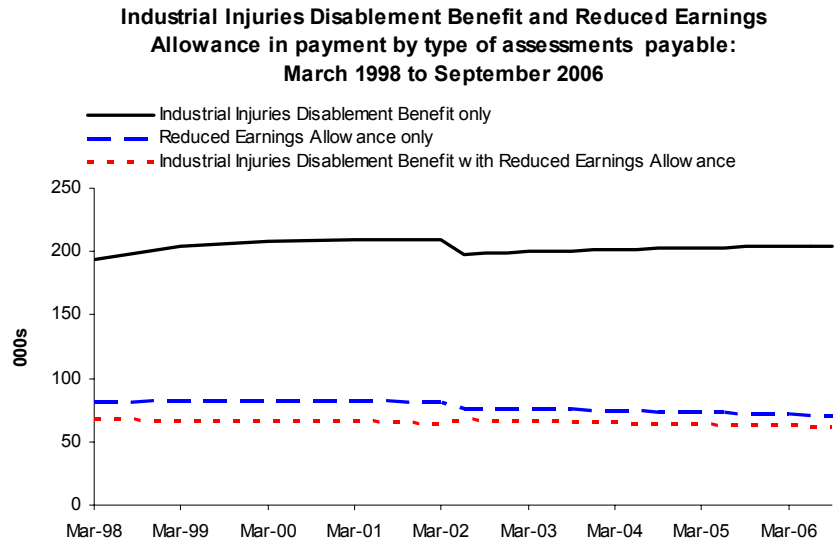
1. Excludes cases entitled but temporarily suspended.
2. Includes all entitled cases (both in payment and currently suspended)
3. Excludes cases entitled but not in payment due to overlapping benefits provisions. Data are not available prior to August 2003.

* Figure taken from 100% extract of Carers Allowance Computer System, WPLS figure for this date is under investigation.

3.4 Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB) was introduced on 5 July 1948 and is a benefit for people who are disabled because of an industrial accident or prescribed industrial disease. Since 1 October 1986 any claim resulting in an assessment of less than 14% disabled does not normally attract benefit

There were 336 thousand people claiming under the Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit scheme in September 2006, of whom 61% received Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit only, 21% received Reduced Earnings Allowance only, and 18% received both. The number of people claiming benefit was 1.0% lower than in September 2005. The average weekly payment was £43.10.



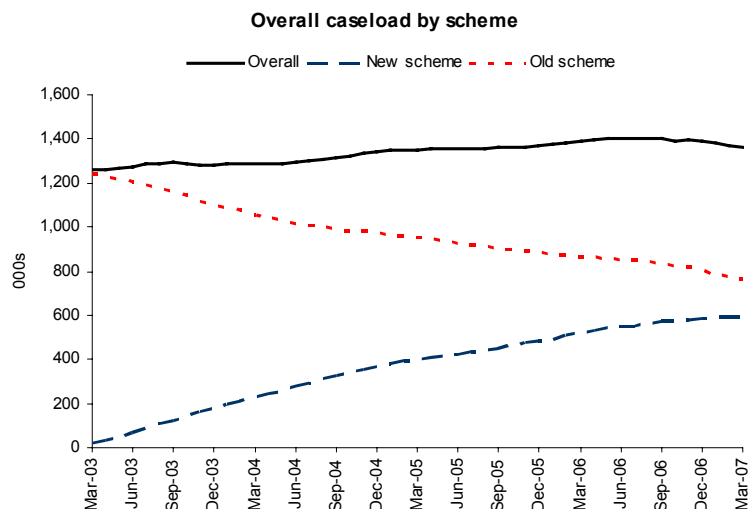
Latest statistical data available from : <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/iidb.asp>

4. Families & Children

4.1 Child Support Agency cases

Launched on 5 April 1993, the Child Support Agency (CSA) is an executive agency of the Department for Work and Pensions, set up to implement the Child Support Act 1991 and operate the new child maintenance system in Great Britain (there is a separate but parallel agency for Northern Ireland). The CSA is responsible for tracing Non-resident Parents, working out how much maintenance they should pay, and can collect and enforce payments. Prior to 3 March 2003, CSA stored information on the Child Support Computer System (CSCS). Since the introduction of the new computer system (CS2) on that date, all new Child Support applications have been assessed under a new scheme on the new system. The latest edition of the CSA Quarterly Summary of Statistics contains a number of revisions to historical figures published in earlier editions. For further details see the Notes to Editors. The CSA statistics presented here were released on 26 April 2007. These charts reproduce those numbers to provide a complete picture of DWP business.

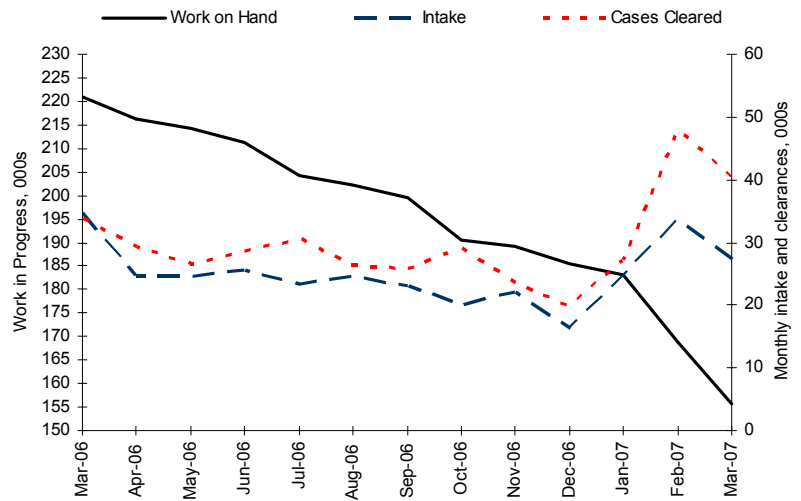
At the end of March 2007, the CSA caseload stood at 1.4 million, a decrease of 2% on the same point in the previous year.



At the end of March 2007, there were 195,000 uncleared applications across both schemes, a fall of 31% over the previous twelve months. The volume of uncleared new scheme applications has fallen by 30,000 since December 2006 and, at 156,000, is at its lowest since March 2004.

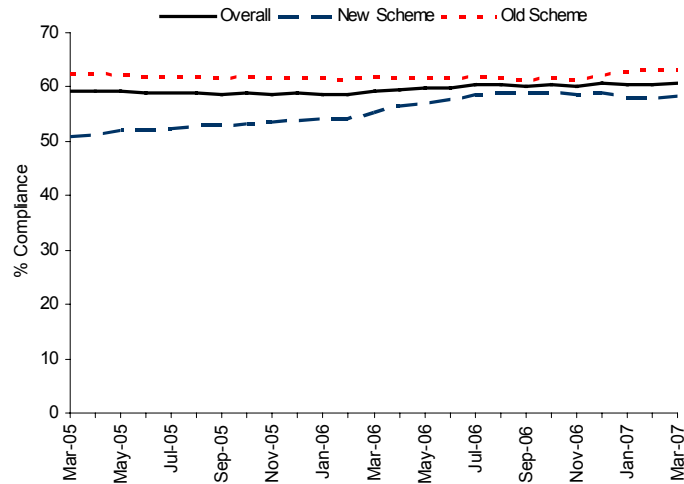
The mean average processing time for new scheme applications cleared in March 2007 was 228 days (33 weeks), with 50% cleared in 69 days (10 weeks) or less. The mean average age for uncleared cases was 548 days (78 weeks). A comprehensive definition of a clearance is provided within the tables.

New scheme application intake, clearances and work on hand: monthly



In the quarter ending March 2007, 61% of all cases in which maintenance was due had either received maintenance via the CSA collection service, or had a maintenance direct arrangement in place. This figure has been rising gradually since February 2006, but has been flat in recent months.

Collection Service Rolling Last Quarter Case Compliance for 'Live' and Fully Assessed Cases on CSCS and CS2



Latest statistical data available from <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/csa.asp>

5. Appeals Service

5.1 Appeals Service lodgements

The Independent Tribunal Service was introduced in 1984 to provide an independent appeals system. It was replaced by the Appeals Service (tAS) in April 2000. From 1st April 2006 the Appeals Service, was renamed as the Social Security and Child Support Appeals Tribunal (SSCSA) and became part of The Tribunals Service (a new Executive agency within the Department for Constitutional Affairs). For operational reasons, the DWP is continuing to produce statistics on its behalf. In a rolling program over 2006, SSCSA has replaced GAPS (the Generic Appeals Processing System) with a new system: GAPS2. The last month for which reliable figures can be produced (under GAPS1) is May 06. It is not yet possible to provide reliable figures for the Statistical Summary under the new system. Therefore no figures are published here. When reliable figures become available the Appeals Section of the Statistical Summary will be resumed.

Latest statistical data available from <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/qat.asp>

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. Modernisation of DWP statistics

The National Statistics paper “DWP statistics transformed: the modernisation of the DWP’s data sources and statistical publications” announced major changes to the National Statistics the Department publishes, both in the data sources employed and the methods of dissemination. The paper is available from http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/stats_consultation/modstats.pdf

2. Links to internet-based statistical tables

For each statistic in this publication, access to more detailed statistics are available by clicking on the web links. For benefit, New Deal and vacancy statistics derived from 100% sources, an internet-based Tabulation Tool is available with the ability for users to define their own statistical queries (available from <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/tabtool.asp>). A similar Tabulation Tool, derived from 5% sample data, is also available. Data on key benefits continue to be available via NOMIS <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>. Whenever possible, 100% data should be used in preference to 5% estimates, as these are both more accurate and form DWP’s headline statistics.

Some statistics remain outside the scope of the Tabulation Tool but will continue to be available via the internet as pre-defined summary tables.

3. Statistical Groups

DWP has introduced a new typology to define Statistical Groups within the client group classifications. The aim of the Statistical Group typology is to present each person by the main reasons they are in contact with the Department. Like the client group classification, each client is classified just once, permitting the estimation of the total number of people claiming one or more benefits. The Statistical Group hierarchy is a] Jobseeker b] Incapacity benefits c] Lone parents d] Carers e] Other income-related benefits f] Disabled g] Bereaved h] Housing Benefit i] receiving State Pension only. More information can be found in the National Statistics paper described in paragraph 1 above.

4. NOMIS

In March 2007 benefit data available on NOMIS (<http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>) was extended to include more detailed breakdowns and geographical areas. This is in addition to the 5% data and small geographical area data already available.

5. Other National Statistics issued by the Department for Work and Pensions

Abstract of Statistics for Benefits and Contributions and Indices of Prices and Earnings (annual) – *provides a reference source for those people interested in the main aspects of benefits, contributions and indices of prices and earnings. Latest published figures: http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/other_stats.asp*

Appeal Tribunal Statistics (quarterly) – *provides statistics on appeals and decisions. Latest published figures: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/qat.asp>*

Child Support Agency Quarterly Summary of Statistics – *provides statistics on the Child Support Agency. Latest published figures: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/csa.asp>*

Contributions and Qualifying Years for Retirement Pension (annual) – *provides statistics on the number of people who have qualified for State Pension.*

Family Resources Survey (annual) - *provides information on the incomes and circumstances of private households in the United Kingdom: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/frs/>*

Households Below Average Income (annual) - *provides information on potential living standards as determined by disposable income, changes in income patterns over time and income mobility: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/hbai.asp>*

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit Annual Summary of Statistics – *provides statistics on Housing Benefit /Council Tax Benefit from a 1 per cent sample of data from Local Authorities. Latest published figures: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/hbctb.asp>*

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit Quarterly Summary of Statistics – *provides statistics on Housing Benefit /Council Tax Benefit from quarterly caseload counts. Includes average amounts of benefit. Latest published figures: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/hbctb.asp>*

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit Quarterly Performance Statistics – *provides high level statistics on Local Authority processing of Housing Benefit / Council Tax Benefit from quarterly administrative returns. Includes speed of processing new claims and charges of circumstances. Latest published figures: http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/hb_ctb/performance.asp*

Housing Benefit Quarterly Fraud Performance Statistics – *provides high level statistics on Local Authority fraud performance from quarterly administrative returns. Includes numbers of referrals, investigations actioned and sanctions administered. Latest published figures: http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/hb_ctb/performance.asp*

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit and Reduced Earnings Allowance Statistics (annual) – *provides statistics on current assessments and movements during statistical period.*

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit Quarterly Summary of Statistics – *provides statistics on people in receipt of Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit, new claims and newly diagnosed prescribed diseases. Latest published figures: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/iidb.asp>*

National Insurance numbers allocated to overseas nationals (Previously migrant workers statistics – annual) *provides statistics on migrant workers. Latest published figures: http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/niall/nino_allocation.asp*

Neighbourhood Statistics – *Quarterly ward and Lower Super Outputs Area caseloads for Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Incapacity Benefits, Disability Living Allowance, Pension Credit and State Pension are available from <http://193.115.152.21/NESS/page1.htm>*

Pensioner Income Series (annual) - *examines the levels, sources and distribution of pensioners' incomes and the position of pensioners within the population income distribution. Latest published figures: http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd6/pensioners_income.asp*

Second Tier Pension Provision (annual) – *contains analysis of contracted out pension schemes. Latest published figures: http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/dsu/second_tier/second_tier.asp*

Tax/Benefit Model Tables (annual) – *designed to illustrate the weekly financial circumstances of a selection of hypothetical local authority and private tenants. Latest published figures: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/tbmt.asp>*

Work and Pension Statistics (annual) – *a summary of all Department for Work and Pensions' National Statistics, covers all benefits and schemes. Also includes take up of benefits and appeals. Latest published figures: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/wandp.asp>*

6. Other statistical outputs issued by the Department for Work and Pensions

Benefit Expenditure Tables - financial year historic information on benefit expenditure and caseloads, along with forecasts are available from <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd4/expenditure.asp>