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DWP QUARTERLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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 continued its sequence of quarterly falls. The annual decrease to May '07 was 45 thousand, with the caseload standing at 2.64 million.
- The number of jobseekers decreased 93 thousand in the year to May '07 to stand at 837 thousand.
- The downward trend in the lone parent caseload continued. In the year to May '07 it fell 9 thousand to 776 thousand.
- 2.97 million people had started on a New Deal programme up to August '07. To date, 1.86 million people have gained a job through the New Deal programme, with 86 thousand people gaining a job through Employment Zones.
- At May '07 there were 12.05 million people of State Pension age claiming a key benefit, an increase of 206 thousand since May '06. Of these, 66% were claiming State Pension only.
- At May '07, there were 11.85 million claimants of State Pension, a rise of 205 thousand on a year earlier. Of these, 37% were male and 63% female.
- At May '07, there were 2.73 million claimants of Pension Credit (3.34 million including partners), a rise of 16 thousand on a year earlier. Of these, 806 thousand were claiming Guarantee Credit only, 1.33 million were claiming both Guarantee and Savings Credit, and 598 thousand were claiming Savings Credit only.
- At the end of September '07, the total CSA caseload stood at 1.4 million cases, of which 47% were new scheme cases.
- At May '07, there were 2.88 million recipients of Disability Living Allowance, 465 thousand recipients of Carer's Allowance, and 1.51 million recipients of Attendance Allowance.

New experimental statistics on benefit flows show:

- There were 584 thousand new claims to Incapacity Benefit and 587 thousand new claims to Income Support in the year to May '07.
- There were 628 thousand and 589 thousand benefit exits for Incapacity Benefit and Income Support, respectively, in the year to May '07.
- There were 265 thousand new claims to Pension Credit in the 12 months to May '07; 192 thousand of these were for the Guarantee Credit element.

