

## 4 Social services

### 4.1 National Insurance and Child Benefit Great Britain

Thousands

	National Insurance					
	Persons in receipt of Jobseeker's Allowance (contributions based) <sup>1,2</sup>	New claims Employment and Support Allowance (Weekly averages) <sup>3</sup>	New claims Incapacity Benefit (Weekly averages) <sup>4,5</sup>	At end of period		
				State Pension	Widows/ Bereavement Benefit <sup>6,7</sup>	
	BDAD	JJ2A	BDAA	BDAE	BMCR	
2007 Oct	..	..	13.6	..	..	..
Nov	..	..	14.5	10 867	..	136
Dec	..	..	9.8	..	..	..
2008 Jan	..	..	13.8	..	..	..
Feb	133	..	14.3	10 895	..	132
Mar	..	..	11.2	..	..	..
Apr	..	..	13.5	..	..	..
May	128	..	12.3	10 952	..	129
Jun	..	..	12.7	..	..	..
Jul	..	..	13.8	..	..	..
Aug	151	..	12.8	11 012	..	124
Sep	..	..	13.6	..	..	..
Oct	..	0.4	15.1	..	..	..
Nov	208	6.8	9.0	11 059	..	120
Dec	..	8.7	3.3	..	..	..
2009 Jan	..	12.1	2.2	..	..	..
Feb	..	13.7	1.3	..	..	..
Mar	..	14.3	0.8	..	..	..
Apr	..	12.7	0.6	..	..	..
May	..	12.5	0.5	..	..	..

1 Jobseeker's Allowance figures have been derived by applying 100% WPLS proportions to 5% data. This figure is based on Contribution Based only Jobseekers Allowance. All jobseeker's Allowance statistics were revised in May 2008 following improvements to methodology.

2 November 2007 Jobseekers Allowance figures are unavailable due to an embargo on the transfer of data to the department.

3 The figures relating to Employment Support Allowance have been thoroughly quality assured to National Statistics standard. However, it should be noted that this is a new benefit using a new data source which may not have reached steady state in terms of operational processing and retro-spection. Hence, for October 2008 onwards, ESA figures are provisional and subject to change.

4 The figures for Incapacity Benefit are calculated from 100% counts but are provisional and therefore subject to amendment.

5 From 27th October 2008, new claims to Incapacity Benefit can also be allocated on incapacity grounds, to the newly introduced Employment and Support Allowance (ESA). Decreasing numbers of new claimants to Incapacity Benefit will be seen from herein.

6 Includes all Widow's Benefit and Bereavement Benefit except Widow's Payment and Bereavement Payment. Excludes overseas and Channel Island cases.

7 WB and BB figures are obtained from 100% Work and Pensions Longitudinal Data.

Sources: Department for Work and Pensions;  
HM Revenue and Customs

### 4.2 Child and Working Tax Credit<sup>1</sup> United Kingdom

Thousands

	Families in work receiving credit:				No of children in these families
	All families <sup>2</sup>	Two-adult families	One-adult families		
	WMPT	WMPU	WMPV	WMPW	
2005 Dec	4 538	3 261	1 277	7 324	
2006 Apr	4 601	3 307	1 294	7 446	
2006 Dec	4 526	3 237	1 289	7 292	
2007 Apr	4 619	3 296	1 323	7 425	
2007 Dec	4 541	3 192	1 349	7 252	
2008 Apr	4 660	3 256	1 404	7 435	
2008 Dec	4 630	3 167	1 463	7 271	
2009 Apr	4 713	3 211	1 502	7 362	

1 For further information refer to Section 4 of the Annual Supplement in the January edition of Monthly Digest.

2 Figures are separately rounded, which can lead to the components as shown not summing to the total.

Source: HM Revenue and Customs: 020 7147 0646

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# 4.3 Income Support/Pension Credit/Jobseeker's Allowance (income based)

Great Britain

In a week in the month shown, thousands

	Income support <sup>1</sup>				Jobseeker's Allowance (income based) <sup>6,7</sup>			
	Incapacity benefits <sup>2</sup>	Lone parents <sup>3</sup>	Others <sup>4</sup>	All cases	Pension Credit <sup>5</sup>	With contribution based benefit	Without contribution based benefit	All cases
	BAMD	BAME	BAMF	BAMG	A4EK	DMUB	DMUC	DMUD
2006 Feb	1 188	777	158	2 123	2 709	15	702	717
May	1 183	775	157	2 115	2 717	14	690	704
Aug	1 189	783	157	2 129	2 728	13	695	708
Nov	1 193	776	164	2 132	2 739	13	673	686
2007 Feb	1 188	771	165	2 124	2 731	15	692	708
May	1 185	766	167	2 118	2 733	12	628	640
Aug	1 187	764	167	2 118	2 736	11	592	603
Nov	1 190	742	165	2 097	2 735	–	–	–
2008 Feb	1 186	742	167	2 095	2 723	12	592	604
May	1 183	739	170	2 092	2 719	13	577	590
Aug	1 184	755	173	2 101	2 724	15	623	638
Nov	1 178	729	173	2 080	2 731	19	706	725

1 IS claimants have been assigned to a statistical group according to a hierarchy. The order is as shown in the table, i.e. "Aged 60 and over", "Incapacity Benefits" etc. For example, lone parents with both Incapacity Benefits and Income Support will fall into the "Incapacity Benefits" category.

2 "Incapacity Benefits" refer to claimants aged under 60 claiming Incapacity Benefit (IB) or Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA), including IB credits only cases.

3 "Lone Parents" are single recipients of Income Support aged under 60 with a child under 16 who are not in receipt of IB/SDA.

4 "Others" are recipients of Income Support not in one of the other categories.

5 Since 6th October 2003, Income Support for claimants aged 60 or over have been paid via the new Pension Credit. Pension Credit eligibility is also more generous than prior to 6th October 2003, increasing the numbers of pensioners in receipt.

6 JSA figures have been derived by applying 100% Works/Pensions Longitudinal Survey (WPLS) proportions to 5% totals. All Jobseeker's Allowance statistics were revised in May 2008 following improvements to methodology.

7 November 2007 figures are unavailable due to an embargo on the transfer of data to the department.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions

# 4.4 Family health services

Thousands

	England and Wales					Scotland				
	Pharmaceutical services	Dental services		Ophthalmic services <sup>1</sup>		Pharmaceutical services	Dental services		Ophthalmic services <sup>10</sup>	
Number of prescriptions items dispensed by chemists etc <sup>2</sup>		Completed courses of treatment and cases of occasional treatment <sup>3</sup>	Personal dental services	Total courses of treatment <sup>5</sup>	Sight tests		Pairs of spectacles paid for by HAs under the Voucher Scheme	Number of prescription items dispensed <sup>4</sup>	Completed courses of adult treatment and cases of occasional treatment <sup>3</sup>	Sight tests paid for <sup>9</sup>
	CKQJ	BDDB	F93Q	G92F	BDDC	BDDD	BDDE	BDDF	BDDG	BDDH
2005	776 925	19 914	7 631	27 545	..	..	76 427	2 904	960	457
2006	780 826	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 920	1 573	443
2007	796 298	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 179	1 627	451
2006 Q2 <sup>6,7</sup>	200 015	..	..	..	..	..	..	743	386	106
Q3 <sup>8</sup>	185 304	..	..	..	5 659	2 051	..	710	384	108
Q4	198 724	..	..	..	..	..	..	740	432	116
2007 Q1	193 152	..	..	..	5 501	1 966	..	745	413	117
Q2	195 275	..	..	..	..	..	..	811	400	111
Q3	196 074	..	..	..	5 782	2 112	..	769	390	109
Q4	211 797	..	..	..	..	..	..	854	424	114
2008 Q1	215 674	..	..	..	..	..	..	865	417	116
Q2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	894	430	116

1 Data on Ophthalmic Services are collected six-monthly and presented against the second quarter covered.

2 The data covers all prescriptions dispensed by community pharmacists and appliance contractors, dispensing doctors, and prescriptions submitted by prescribing doctors for items personally administered.

3 Number scheduled for payment in the General Dental Service.

4 Includes prescriptions dispensed by Community Pharmacies, appliance suppliers, dispensing doctors and stock orders.

5 Some early information relates only to the General Dental Service.

6 Annual data provided for the financial year 2006-07 (2006Q2 to 2007Q1) as comparable quarterly information is not available for this period.

7 A new NHS dental contract was introduced on 1 April 2006. Information based on the new contract are not comparable with information under the old contractual arrangements. Data cannot be separated between GDS and PDS contracts from 1 April 2006 and data only for England have been provided under the new contract.

8 Data from 2006 q3 onwards (CKQJ) are for England only.

9 Free NHS eye examinations were extended to all on 1st April 2006 in Scotland.

10 These data are based on financial years and financial quarters.

Sources: The Information Centre for health and social care; NHS Scotland and the National Assembly for Wales