

Households by composition and percentage of total weekly household income from state support, United Kingdom

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Background

This analysis has been carried out using the Family Resources Survey (FRS), 2008/09 to 2010/11.

The FRS is a nationally representative sample of approximately 25,000 UK private households. Data was collected between April and March the following year. The figures from the FRS are based on a sample of households which have been adjusted for non-response using multi-purpose grossing factors which align the estimates to region populations by age and sex. Estimates are subject to sampling error and remaining non-response error.

The FRS collects information on the incomes and circumstances of private households in the United Kingdom. This report provides results for households in the United Kingdom and their percentage of total weekly household income from state support.

Definitions

Household

A single person or group of people living at the same address as their only or main residence, who either share one meal a day together or share the living accommodation (i.e. a living room). A household will consist of one or more benefit units.

Benefit Unit

A benefit unit is defined to be a single adult or a married or cohabiting couple and any dependent children; since January 2006 same-sex partners (civil partners and cohabitees) have been included in the same benefit unit.

Household Income

The sum of the following:

Wages & Salaries; Self-Employed income; Investments; Tax Credits; State Retirement Pension; Other Pensions; Disability & Other Benefits; Other Sources. See the publication Glossary for more details:

http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/frs/2010_11/glossary.pdf

State Support

An individual is in receipt of state support if they receive income from either a Social Security Benefit or a payable Tax Credit (or both). See publication Glossary (link above) for more details of benefits and Tax Credits.

Income-Related State Support

Includes Tax Credit and varying benefit awards that are based on the recipient's income and/or savings. See publication Glossary (link above) for details of which Benefits & Allowances are treated as income-related.

Results

Households by composition and percentage of total weekly household income from state support, United Kingdom - 2008/09

Household composition	Percentage of income from state support				Sample size (=100%)
	No state support	Any state support	50% or more from state support	50% or more from income related state support	
Households without children					
One adult					
adult male over pension age	0	100	68	6	1,134
adult female over pension age	0	100	73	7	2,792
adult male under pension age	65	35	23	15	2,214
adult female under pension age	68	32	22	14	1,475
Two adults					
both over pension age	0	100	57	-	2,945
one over pension age	0	100	26	4	1,398
both under pension age	76	24	6	3	4,033
Three or more adults	54	46	9	2	1,479
All households without children	40	60	32	6	17,470
Households with children					
One adult					
one child	4	96	53	44	914
two children	2	98	63	50	636
three or more children	2	98	80	68	298
Two adults					
one child	5	95	11	7	1,923
two children	2	98	8	5	2,233
three or more children	2	98	24	15	885
Three or more adults					
one child	3	97	7	3	440
two children	2	98	12	4	196
three or more children	..	..	..	..	97
All households with children	3	97	22	16	7,622
<i>Households with one or more adults over pension age</i>	0	100	57	4	8,853
<i>Households with one or more disabled adults under pension age</i>	20	80	40	20	4,286
<i>Households with one or more unemployed adults under pension age</i>	22	78	42	30	1,243
All households	29	71	29	9	25,092

Source: Family Resources Survey 2008/09

Households by composition and percentage of total weekly household income from state support, United Kingdom - 2009/10

Percentage of households

Household composition	Percentage of income from state support				Sample size (=100%)
	No state support	Any state support	50% or more from state support	50% or more from income related state support	
Households without children					
One adult					
adult male over pension age	0	100	68	5	1,124
adult female over pension age	0	100	74	8	2,781
adult male under pension age	59	41	29	19	2,278
adult female under pension age	66	34	25	17	1,546
Two adults					
both over pension age	0	100	57	-	3,072
one over pension age	0	100	24	4	1,340
both under pension age	75	25	7	3	4,020
Three or more adults	46	54	10	2	1,487
All households without children	38	62	33	7	17,648
Households with children					
One adult					
one child	3	97	54	46	911
two children	2	98	64	52	665
three or more children	-	100	81	70	269
Two adults					
one child	5	95	11	7	1,855
two children	2	98	10	7	2,165
three or more children	1	99	24	17	947
Three or more adults					
one child	5	95	12	6	468
two children	2	98	16	9	194
three or more children	..	..	..	..	83
All households with children	3	97	23	17	7,557
<i>Households with one or more adults over pension age</i>	0	100	56	4	8,931
<i>Households with one or more disabled adults under pension age</i>	19	81	41	21	4,427
<i>Households with one or more unemployed adults under pension age</i>	16	84	48	36	1,560
All households	28	72	30	10	25,205

Source: Family Resources Survey 2009/10

Households by composition and percentage of total weekly household income from state support, United Kingdom - 2010/11

Percentage of households

Household composition	Percentage of income from state support				Sample size (=100%)
	No state support	Any state support	50% or more from state support	50% or more from income related state support	
Households without children					
One adult					
adult male over pension age	0	100	65	4	1,165
adult female over pension age	0	100	74	7	2,732
adult male under pension age	57	43	31	21	2,206
adult female under pension age	67	33	25	16	1,538
Two adults					
both over pension age	0	100	58	-	3,163
one over pension age	0	100	26	4	1,346
both under pension age	75	25	7	5	4,038
Three or more adults	50	50	10	2	1,498
All households without children	38	62	34	7	17,686
Households with children					
One adult					
one child	3	97	55	45	865
two children	1	99	62	51	644
three or more children	-	100	86	75	308
Two adults					
one child	5	95	12	8	1,927
two children	2	98	10	7	2,267
three or more children	2	98	26	19	912
Three or more adults					
one child	5	95	13	5	482
two children	1	99	10	2	189
three or more children	..	..	..	..	76
All households with children	3	97	23	17	7,670
Households with one or more adults over pension age	0	100	57	4	9,043
Households with one or more disabled adults under pension age	18	82	42	23	4,449
Households with one or more unemployed adults under pension age	18	82	46	38	1,497
All households	28	72	31	10	25,356

Source: Family Resources Survey 2010/11

Notes

1. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest 1 per cent.
2. The FRS is known to under-record benefit receipt. Please see table M6 of the FRS publication for more information:
http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/frs/2010_11/chapter9.pdf .
3. The rise in state pension age for women, introduced in April 2010, was reflected in the 2010/11 table.
4. '-' negligible (less than 0.5% or 50,000)
5. '..' insufficient sample size (fewer than 100 households)

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