

Children living in out-of-work benefit households in Scotland between 2004 and 2010

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Background

An update of Official statistics on children living in out-of-work benefit claimant households, produced by the Department for Work and Pensions, were released on 18th May 2011.

These figures show the numbers of dependent children living in households where at least one parent or guardian claimed one or more of the following out-of-work benefits: Job Seeker's Allowance, Income Support, Employment and Support Allowance, Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance, or Pension Credit at 31st May each year from 2008 to 2010.

The internet address for this publication is:

http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/ben_hholds/index.php?page=child_ben_hholds

Following publication, DWP received a request for previously unpublished data covering Scotland between the years 2004 and 2007. The decision was therefore taken to publish this data as an ad-hoc publication.

Results

Three age categories are used to present the data: 0-4, 0-15 and 0-18. The 0-18 category includes dependent young adults.

Table 1: Number of children aged 0-4 living in out-of-work benefit claimant households in Scotland by claimant benefit type, 2004-2010

Date	Total Children	Income Support	Jobseeker's Allowance	Employment and Support Allowance	Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance	Pension Credit
Apr-04	64,400	52,600	5,190	..	17,630	70
Apr-05	60,920	48,630	5,210	..	16,860	70
Apr-06	57,810	47,210	4,370	..	14,970	60
Apr-07	56,460	46,600	3,760	..	14,590	70
May-08	54,750	44,800	4,100	..	13,900	110
May-09	60,860	46,360	7,730	2,160	11,950	140
May-10	62,030	47,340	7,890	3,410	9,190	140

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study and HMRC Child Benefit administrative data.

Table 2: Number of children aged 0-15 living in out-of-work benefit claimant households in Scotland by claimant benefit type 2004-2010

Date	Total Children	Income Support	Jobseeker's Allowance	Employment and Support Allowance	Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance	Pension Credit
Apr-04	211,780	168,230	13,800	..	70,900	1,310
Apr-05	202,280	155,570	13,960	..	69,940	1,290
Apr-06	188,480	148,960	11,180	..	62,140	1,200
Apr-07	180,870	144,070	9,410	..	59,710	1,260
May-08	169,160	133,870	9,670	..	54,870	1,600
May-09	181,280	142,420	22,770	9,450	57,740	2,510
May-10	180,630	124,890	24,720	13,550	40,610	1,820

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study and HMRC Child Benefit administrative data.

Table 3: Number of children aged 0-18 living in out-of-work benefit claimant households in Scotland by claimant benefit type 2004-2010

Date	Total Children	Income Support	Jobseeker's Allowance	Employment and Support Allowance	Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance	Pension Credit
Apr-04	228,190	178,690	15,370	..	80,220	1,740
Apr-05	217,850	164,850	15,480	..	79,050	1,680
Apr-06	203,390	158,260	12,500	..	70,640	1,570
Apr-07	197,480	154,560	10,730	..	69,180	1,700
May-08	186,140	144,470	11,100	..	64,320	2,170
May-09	200,010	142,420	22,770	9,450	57,740	2,510
May-10	200,060	134,200	28,120	16,150	48,640	2,530

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study and HMRC Child Benefit administrative data.

DEFINITIONS AND CONVENTIONS: "-" denotes Nil or Negligible; ".." denotes Not applicable. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten. Some additional disclosure controls have also been applied. Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Notes:

1. Background guidance on the use and interpretation of the figures is available at: http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/ben_hholds/cb_hholds_guidance.pdf
2. Benefit Type: Data represent the number of children dependent on a parent or guardian who is claiming one or a combination of the following out-of-work benefits:

Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance, and Pension Credit.

There is a considerable overlap in the breakdown by benefit type, as for example, a claimant of Income Support may also be claiming Incapacity Benefit alongside. The total column captures children once, irrespective of the combination of benefits being claimed by parents or guardians.

3. The postcode of the DWP claimant is used to assign countries to children. In a small number of cases the postcode is unknown or the claimant is abroad.

Notes on data discontinuities:

4. Data up to 2007 represent a snapshot as at 30th April each year. Data from 2008 represent a snapshot at 31st May each year.

5. Methodological changes brought in from 2008 have had a minor impact on the totals.

6. There have been minor differences in HMRC Child Benefit data source from 2008.

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