

Household Characteristics

Introduction

This section contains information on the main characteristics of households, benefit units and individuals, and includes splits by age, ethnic group, sex and region.

The information shown is important for interpreting tables in other sections of the report. For example, characteristics such as the size and age distribution of the household will affect income and housing costs. Please see Methodology for further information on the nature of the sample and data quality.

Contents and points to note when interpreting tables

Tables **2.1** to **2.7** analyse households by size, region, composition, age of head and ethnic group of head. Tables showing the composition of households are extended to include, for example, households with one or more sick or disabled adults under pension age.

Table **2.10** shows households by Council Tax band by region. Different Council Tax bands exist for England, Wales and Scotland, and more details of the differences are given in the Glossary. This table covers Great Britain only as a different local taxation system operates in Northern Ireland.

Table **2.11** looks at the number of benefit units in a household by region.

Tables **2.12** to **2.19** looks at benefit units by family and economic status, region and age, ethnic group and marital status of head.

Table **2.21** provides analysis of individuals by medical treatment, age and sex.

Key definitions used

(for a full explanation of all definitions please refer to the Glossary)

- € Adult
- € Age
- € Benefit unit
- € Child
- € Council Tax
- € Economic status
- € Ethnic group
- € Family status
- € Head of benefit unit
- € Head of household
- € Household
- € Household composition
- € Individual
- € Marital status
- € Pension age
- € Region
- € Sick or disabled adults

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Table 2.1: Number of persons per household by region

Number of persons	Percentage of households					
	Region					
	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern
1 person	31	33	29	30	28	27
2 persons	33	35	37	37	36	39
3 persons	17	15	15	14	15	14
4 persons	13	12	13	13	13	14
5 or more persons	5	6	6	5	7	6
Average number of persons per household	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>1,088</i>	<i>2,852</i>	<i>2,158</i>	<i>1,928</i>	<i>2,128</i>	<i>2,284</i>

Table 2.1: Continued

Number of persons	Percentage of households				
	Region				
	London	Inner London	Outer London	South East	South West
1 person	31	36	28	28	29
2 persons	34	36	33	37	39
3 persons	16	14	17	15	15
4 persons	12	10	14	14	12
5 or more persons	7	5	9	6	6
Average number of persons per household	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.3
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>2,624</i>	<i>1,041</i>	<i>1,583</i>	<i>3,342</i>	<i>2,041</i>

Table 2.1: Continued

Number of persons	Percentage of households				
	Region				
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
1 person	29	27	33	25	30
2 persons	36	37	35	33	36
3 persons	15	17	15	16	15
4 persons	13	13	12	15	13
5 or more persons	6	6	5	10	6
Average number of persons per household	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.3
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>20,445</i>	<i>1,251</i>	<i>4,438</i>	<i>1,895</i>	28,029

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Table 2.2: Households by ethnic group of head and number of persons

Percentage of households

Ethnic group	Number of persons					Sample size (=100%)
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five or more	
White	30	38	15	13	5	79,735
Mixed	25	36	17	15	7	514
Asian or Asian British	14	21	20	20	25	2,140
<i>Indian</i>	14	24	23	22	17	1,053
<i>Pakistani and Bangladeshi</i>	11	14	17	19	39	768
Black or Black British	36	28	16	12	9	1,574
<i>Black Caribbean</i>	41	29	15	11	5	844
<i>Black Non-Caribbean</i>	31	28	17	12	13	730
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	27	30	18	16	9	967
All households	29	37	15	13	6	84,930

Source: 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 Family Resources Survey, United Kingdom

Table 2.3: Households by age of head and number of persons

Percentage of households

Age	Number of persons					Sample size (=100%)
	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 or more persons	
16-19	41	43	11	3	1	116
20-24	24	45	19	8	4	801
25-29	24	43	19	10	5	1,594
30-34	21	33	21	18	8	2,431
35-39	19	21	20	27	13	2,777
40-44	18	19	19	28	16	2,876
45-49	18	24	23	25	10	2,621
50-54	22	35	22	16	6	2,402
55-59	26	48	16	7	3	2,564
60-64	32	53	11	2	2	2,259
65-69	38	54	6	2	1	2,106
70-74	44	51	4	1	1	1,873
75-79	54	42	3	1	-	1,620
80-84	64	33	2	-	-	1,216
85+	74	24	2	-	0	773
All households	30	36	15	13	6	28,029

Table 2.4: Households by age of head and region

Age	Percentage of households					
	Region					
	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern
16-19	-	-	1	-	-	1
20-24	4	4	4	5	3	3
25-29	6	6	6	5	6	6
30-34	7	9	9	8	9	9
35-39	10	10	10	11	10	10
40-44	11	11	10	10	10	10
45-49	10	9	9	9	10	9
50-54	8	9	9	9	9	9
55-59	10	9	10	10	9	9
60-64	6	8	7	7	7	7
65-69	7	7	6	7	7	7
70-74	7	6	6	6	6	6
75-79	6	5	6	5	6	5
80-84	4	4	5	5	4	5
85+	3	3	3	3	3	3
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>1,088</i>	<i>2,852</i>	<i>2,158</i>	<i>1,928</i>	<i>2,128</i>	<i>2,284</i>

Table 2.4: Continued

Age	Percentage of households				
	Region				
	London	<i>Inner London</i>	<i>Outer London</i>	South East	South West
16-19	1	2	-	-	-
20-24	4	6	3	3	4
25-29	9	13	7	6	5
30-34	12	14	11	8	8
35-39	13	13	13	10	9
40-44	11	12	10	11	10
45-49	10	9	10	9	8
50-54	7	6	8	9	9
55-59	8	7	9	9	9
60-64	6	5	6	8	8
65-69	5	5	6	6	7
70-74	4	3	4	6	6
75-79	4	3	5	5	6
80-84	4	3	4	5	6
85+	2	1	3	4	4
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>2,624</i>	<i>1,041</i>	<i>1,583</i>	<i>3,342</i>	<i>2,041</i>

Table 2.4: Continued

Age	Percentage of households				
	Region				
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
16-19	-	1	1	1	1
20-24	4	4	4	3	4
25-29	6	5	7	7	6
30-34	9	8	8	9	9
35-39	11	9	10	11	10
40-44	10	10	10	11	10
45-49	9	10	10	10	9
50-54	9	9	8	9	9
55-59	9	9	9	8	9
60-64	7	9	8	8	7
65-69	7	8	7	6	7
70-74	6	7	6	6	6
75-79	5	6	5	5	5
80-84	5	5	4	4	5
85+	3	4	2	3	3
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>20,445</i>	<i>1,251</i>	<i>4,438</i>	<i>1,895</i>	28,029

Table 2.5: Households by composition and region

Household composition	Region					
	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern
Households without children						
One adult						
adult male over pension age	6	4	3	4	3	4
adult female over pension age	12	12	11	11	10	9
adult male under pension age	8	11	9	9	9	10
adult female under pension age	5	6	6	6	5	4
Two adults						
both over pension age	9	10	10	10	11	12
one over pension age	5	4	5	5	5	5
both under pension age	17	17	20	20	17	21
Three or more adults	10	8	9	8	10	8
Households with children						
One adult						
one child	3	4	3	3	3	2
two children	2	2	2	2	2	2
three or more children	1	1	1	1	1	1
Two adults						
one child	8	7	7	7	7	7
two children	8	7	8	8	8	10
three or more children	3	3	4	4	4	3
Three or more adults						
one child	3	2	2	2	2	2
two children	1	1	1	-	1	1
three or more children	-	-	1	-	1	-
All households without children	71	71	72	72	71	72
All households with children	29	29	28	28	29	28
<i>Households with one or more adults over pension age</i>	33	31	32	32	33	32
<i>Households with one or more sick or disabled adults under pension age</i>	25	23	22	24	24	20
<i>Households with one or more unemployed adults under pension age</i>	6	5	5	4	5	4
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	1,088	2,852	2,158	1,928	2,128	2,284

Table 2.5: Continued

Household composition	Percentage of households				
	Region				
	London	<i>Inner London</i>	<i>Outer London</i>	South East	South West
Households without children					
One adult					
adult male over pension age	3	3	4	3	4
adult female over pension age	8	8	9	11	12
adult male under pension age	13	17	10	9	8
adult female under pension age	7	8	5	5	5
Two adults					
both over pension age	6	4	8	11	12
one over pension age	3	3	3	4	5
both under pension age	21	25	19	19	19
Three or more adults	9	7	11	9	8
Households with children					
One adult					
one child	4	4	3	2	2
two children	2	2	2	2	2
three or more children	1	1	1	1	-
Two adults					
one child	8	7	9	7	8
two children	7	5	9	10	8
three or more children	3	2	4	3	3
Three or more adults					
one child	3	2	3	2	2
two children	1	1	1	1	1
three or more children	1	1	1	-	-
All households without children	70	75	68	71	73
All households with children	30	25	32	29	27
<i>Households with one or more adults over pension age</i>	24	20	28	32	36
<i>Households with one or more sick or disabled adults under pension age</i>	19	19	19	18	20
<i>Households with one or more unemployed adults under pension age</i>	7	9	5	4	3
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	2,624	1,041	1,583	3,342	2,041

Table 2.5: Continued

Household composition	Percentage of households				
	Region				
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
Households without children					
One adult					
adult male over pension age	4	4	4	3	4
adult female over pension age	10	11	12	10	11
adult male under pension age	10	8	11	8	10
adult female under pension age	5	4	7	4	5
Two adults					
both over pension age	10	11	9	10	10
one over pension age	5	6	4	5	5
both under pension age	19	17	19	16	19
Three or more adults	9	9	8	10	9
Households with children					
One adult					
one child	3	3	3	3	3
two children	2	2	2	2	2
three or more children	1	1	1	1	1
Two adults					
one child	7	8	7	8	7
two children	8	9	8	9	8
three or more children	3	3	3	4	3
Three or more adults					
one child	2	3	2	3	2
two children	1	-	1	2	1
three or more children	-	-	-	1	-
All households without children	71	71	73	65	71
All households with children	29	29	27	35	29
<i>Households with one or more adults over pension age</i>	31	35	31	29	31
<i>Households with one or more sick or disabled adults under pension age</i>	21	27	22	27	22
<i>Households with one or more unemployed adults under pension age</i>	5	3	5	4	5
Sample size (=100%)	20,445	1,251	4,438	1,895	28,029

Table 2.6: Households by composition and ethnic group of head

Household composition	Percentage of households				
	Ethnic group				
	White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Indian	Pakistani and Bangladeshi
Households without children					
One adult	30	25	14	14	11
Two adults	35	27	18	22	12
Three or more adults	8	6	16	21	10
Households with children					
One adult	6	14	5	3	6
Two adults	18	25	32	28	38
Three or more adults	3	4	15	11	23
All households without children	73	58	48	58	33
All households with children	27	42	52	42	67
Households with one or more adults over pension age	32	12	17	21	14
Households with one or more sick or disabled adults under pension age	21	25	29	25	37
Households with one or more unemployed adults under pension age	4	9	10	8	14
Sample size (=100%)	79,735	514	2,140	1,053	768

Source: 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 Family Resources Survey, United Kingdom

Table 2.6: Continued

Household composition	Ethnic group				All households
	Black or Black British	<i>Black Caribbean</i>	<i>Black Non-Caribbean</i>	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	
Households without children					
One adult	36	41	31	27	29
Two adults	19	18	19	28	34
Three or more adults	5	5	4	11	8
Households with children					
One adult	17	17	18	5	6
Two adults	19	15	23	24	19
Three or more adults	4	4	5	5	4
All households without children	59	64	54	66	71
All households with children	41	36	46	34	29
<i>Households with one or more adults over pension age</i>	15	23	6	10	31
<i>Households with one or more sick or disabled adults under pension age</i>	18	20	16	19	21
<i>Households with one or more unemployed adults under pension age</i>	8	8	8	8	4
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>1,574</i>	<i>844</i>	<i>730</i>	<i>967</i>	<i>84,930</i>

Source: 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 Family Resources Survey, United Kingdom

Table 2.7: Households by ethnic group of head and region

Ethnic Group	Percentage of households					
	Region					
	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern
White	98	96	95	94	90	95
Mixed	-	1	-	1	1	1
Asian or Asian British	1	2	3	3	6	2
<i>Indian</i>	-	1	1	2	3	1
<i>Pakistani and Bangladeshi</i>	-	1	2	1	2	1
Black or Black British	-	1	1	1	3	1
<i>Black Caribbean</i>	-	-	1	1	2	1
<i>Black Non-Caribbean</i>	-	-	-	1	1	1
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sample size (=100%)	3,407	8,780	6,373	5,674	6,506	6,747

Source: 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 Family Resources Survey, United Kingdom

Table 2.7: Continued

Ethnic Group	Percentage of households				
	Region				
	London	Inner London	Outer London	South East	South West
White	72	66	75	95	98
Mixed	2	2	2	1	-
Asian or Asian British	10	9	10	2	-
<i>Indian</i>	5	4	7	1	-
<i>Pakistani and Bangladeshi</i>	3	4	2	-	-
Black or Black British	11	16	8	1	-
<i>Black Caribbean</i>	6	8	4	-	-
<i>Black Non-Caribbean</i>	5	8	4	1	-
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	5	7	4	1	-
Sample size (=100%)	7,847	2,932	4,915	10,008	6,325

Source: 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 Family Resources Survey, United Kingdom

Table 2.7: Continued

Ethnic Group	Percentage of households				
	Region				
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
White	92	98	98	99	93
Mixed	1	1	-	-	1
Asian or Asian British	4	1	1	-	3
<i>Indian</i>	2	-	-	-	2
<i>Pakistani and Bangladeshi</i>	1	-	-	-	1
Black or Black British	3	-	-	-	2
<i>Black Caribbean</i>	1	-	-	-	1
<i>Black Non-Caribbean</i>	1	-	-	-	1
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	1	-	1	-	1
Sample size (=100%)	61,667	3,768	13,756	5,739	84,930

Source: 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 Family Resources Survey, United Kingdom

The information presented in Table 2.8 has been permanently removed from the report.

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Table 2.10: Households by Council Tax band and region (Great Britain only)

Council Tax band	Percentage of households					
	Region					
	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern
Band A	60	44	42	40	32	15
Band B	15	20	22	23	24	20
Band C	10	16	15	16	18	25
Band D	8	10	9	11	12	19
Band E	4	5	6	7	6	10
Band F	1	2	2	2	4	6
Band G	1	2	1	2	2	4
Band H	-	-	-	-	-	1
Not valued separately	-	-	1	-	1	1
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>1,088</i>	<i>2,852</i>	<i>2,158</i>	<i>1,928</i>	<i>2,128</i>	<i>2,284</i>

Table 2.10: Continued

Council Tax band	Percentage of households				
	Region				
	London	Inner London	Outer London	South East	South West
Band A	3	3	4	7	15
Band B	12	19	8	15	24
Band C	23	24	22	23	23
Band D	28	23	31	24	17
Band E	17	14	19	14	10
Band F	7	6	8	8	6
Band G	6	6	6	7	3
Band H	1	1	1	1	-
Not valued separately	3	4	2	1	1
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>2,624</i>	<i>1,041</i>	<i>1,583</i>	<i>3,342</i>	<i>2,041</i>

Table 2.10: Continued

Council Tax band	Percentage of households			
	Region			
	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
Band A	25	16	22	24
Band B	19	24	24	20
Band C	20	19	15	19
Band D	17	15	15	16
Band E	10	14	13	10
Band F	5	7	6	5
Band G	3	3	4	4
Band H/I [†]	1	1	-	1
Not valued separately	1	1	1	1
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>20,445</i>	<i>1,251</i>	<i>4,438</i>	26,134

[†] Band I in Wales only

Table 2.11: Number of benefit units per household by region

Number of benefit units	Percentage of households					
	Region					
	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern
1 benefit unit	81	83	82	85	81	84
2 benefit units	14	12	14	11	13	12
3 benefit units	4	4	3	3	5	3
4 benefit units	-	1	1	1	1	-
5 benefit units or more	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average number of benefit units per household	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>1,088</i>	<i>2,852</i>	<i>2,158</i>	<i>1,928</i>	<i>2,128</i>	<i>2,284</i>

Table 2.11: Continued

Number of benefit units	Percentage of households				
	Region				
	London	Inner London	Outer London	South East	South West
1 benefit unit	78	78	78	82	85
2 benefit units	15	16	14	13	12
3 benefit units	5	5	6	4	3
4 benefit units	1	1	2	1	-
5 benefit units or more	-	1	-	-	-
Average number of benefit units per household	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>2,624</i>	<i>1,041</i>	<i>1,583</i>	<i>3,342</i>	<i>2,041</i>

Table 2.11: Continued

Number of benefit units	Percentage of households				
	Region				
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
1 benefit unit	82	81	84	78	82
2 benefit units	13	14	12	14	13
3 benefit units	4	4	4	6	4
4 benefit units	1	1	1	2	1
5 benefit units or more	-	0	-	-	-
Average number of benefit units per household	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>20,445</i>	<i>1,251</i>	<i>4,438</i>	<i>1,895</i>	<i>28,029</i>

Table 2.12: Benefit units by family status and region

Family Status	Percentage of benefit units					
	Region					
	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern
Pensioner couple	9	9	10	10	11	11
Single male pensioner	5	4	4	4	3	3
Single female pensioner	11	11	11	10	10	10
Couple with children	16	16	17	17	17	18
Couple without children	19	18	21	21	20	22
Single with children	7	8	5	6	6	5
Single male without children	20	21	20	20	21	19
Single female without children	13	13	13	12	13	11
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	1,322	3,367	2,556	2,261	2,566	2,659

Table 2.12: Continued

Family Status	Percentage of benefit units				
	Region				
	London	Inner London	Outer London	South East	South West
Pensioner couple	6	3	8	11	12
Single male pensioner	3	3	3	3	4
Single female pensioner	8	8	9	11	12
Couple with children	16	11	18	18	18
Couple without children	19	19	19	20	22
Single with children	7	8	6	5	5
Single male without children	25	30	22	19	17
Single female without children	16	18	15	13	10
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	3,278	1,296	1,982	3,957	2,338

Table 2.12: Continued

Family Status	Percentage of benefit units				
	Region				
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
Pensioner couple	10	11	9	9	10
Single male pensioner	4	4	4	3	4
Single female pensioner	10	11	11	9	10
Couple with children	17	17	16	20	17
Couple without children	20	19	20	18	20
Single with children	6	6	6	7	6
Single male without children	20	19	20	21	20
Single female without children	13	12	14	14	13
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	24,304	1,473	5,235	2,305	33,317

Table 2.13: Benefit units by economic status and region

Economic Status	Percentage of benefit units					
	Region					
	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern
Self employed	4	6	6	6	7	9
Single or couple, all in full time work	25	30	29	30	28	29
Couple, one in full time work, one in part time work	8	8	9	9	8	10
Couple, one in full time work, one not working	7	7	7	8	7	8
Head or spouse in part time work	11	10	9	8	11	9
Head or spouse aged 60 or over	25	24	24	24	23	24
Head or spouse unemployed	5	3	4	3	4	3
Head or spouse sick or disabled	8	7	6	6	7	5
Others	6	5	6	6	5	4
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	1,322	3,367	2,556	2,261	2,566	2,659

Table 2.13: Continued

Economic Status	Percentage of benefit units				
	Region				
	London	<i>Inner London</i>	<i>Outer London</i>	South East	South West
Self employed	8	7	9	8	8
Single or couple, all in full time work	34	36	33	31	27
Couple, one in full time work, one in part time work	6	3	7	10	11
Couple, one in full time work, one not working	7	8	7	8	7
Head or spouse in part time work	10	9	10	10	11
Head or spouse aged 60 or over	16	14	18	23	27
Head or spouse unemployed	5	7	3	3	2
Head or spouse sick or disabled	6	6	5	4	4
Others	8	9	7	4	3
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	3,278	1,296	1,982	3,957	2,338

Table 2.13: Continued

Economic Status	Percentage of benefit units				
	Region				
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
Self employed	7	8	5	9	7
Single or couple, all in full time work	30	26	30	29	30
Couple, one in full time work, one in part time work	9	8	9	6	8
Couple, one in full time work, one not working	7	7	6	6	7
Head or spouse in part time work	10	9	10	9	10
Head or spouse aged 60 or over	23	26	24	21	23
Head or spouse unemployed	4	2	4	3	4
Head or spouse sick or disabled	6	9	6	10	6
Others	5	5	6	6	5
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>24,304</i>	<i>1,473</i>	<i>5,235</i>	<i>2,305</i>	<i>33,317</i>

Table 2.14: Benefit units by ethnic group of head and region

Ethnic Group	Percentage of benefit units					
	Region					
	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern
White	98	96	93	93	88	95
Mixed	-	1	1	1	1	1
Asian or Asian British	1	2	4	4	7	3
<i>Indian</i>	-	1	1	3	4	1
<i>Pakistani and Bangladeshi</i>	-	1	3	1	3	1
Black or Black British	-	1	1	1	3	1
<i>Black Caribbean</i>	-	-	1	1	2	1
<i>Black Non-Caribbean</i>	-	-	-	-	1	1
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sample size (=100%)	4,092	10,403	7,458	6,643	7,755	7,883

Source: 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 Family Resources Survey, United Kingdom

Table 2.14: Continued

Ethnic Group	Percentage of benefit units				
	Region				
	London	Inner London	Outer London	South East	South West
White	69	65	72	94	98
Mixed	2	2	2	1	-
Asian or Asian British	12	11	13	2	1
<i>Indian</i>	7	4	9	1	-
<i>Pakistani and Bangladeshi</i>	4	5	3	1	-
Black or Black British	11	15	8	1	1
<i>Black Caribbean</i>	5	7	4	-	-
<i>Black Non-Caribbean</i>	5	7	4	1	-
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	6	7	5	1	1
Sample size (=100%)	9,876	3,703	6,173	11,780	7,225

Source: 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 Family Resources Survey, United Kingdom

Table 2.14: Continued

Ethnic Group	Percentage of benefit units				
	Region				
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
White	90	98	97	99	91
Mixed	1	1	-	-	1
Asian or Asian British	5	1	1	-	4
<i>Indian</i>	2	-	-	-	2
<i>Pakistani and Bangladeshi</i>	2	1	1	-	1
Black or Black British	3	-	-	-	2
<i>Black Caribbean</i>	1	-	-	-	1
<i>Black Non-Caribbean</i>	1	-	-	-	1
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	2	-	1	-	2
Sample size (=100%)	73,115	4,422	16,207	7,018	100,762

Source: 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 Family Resources Survey, United Kingdom

Table 2.15: Benefit units by age of head and family status

Percentage of benefit units

Age	Family status							Single male without children	Single female without children	All benefit units
	Pensioner couple	Single male pensioner	Single female pensioner	Couple with children	Couple without children	Single with children				
16-19	0	0	0	-	-	3	15	16	5	
20-24	0	0	0	2	5	11	23	27	10	
25-29	0	0	0	7	9	11	14	11	8	
30-34	0	0	0	16	10	16	9	7	8	
35-39	0	0	0	24	6	21	9	6	9	
40-44	0	0	0	24	7	20	8	5	9	
45-49	0	0	0	16	11	12	6	7	8	
50-54	0	0	0	7	17	5	6	9	7	
55-59	0	0	0	3	22	2	6	11	8	
60-64	7	0	14	1	14	-	5	0	6	
65-69	32	25	15	0	0	0	0	0	6	
70-74	26	22	16	0	0	0	0	0	5	
75-79	18	22	18	0	0	0	0	0	4	
80-84	12	18	21	0	0	0	0	0	4	
85+	5	14	17	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Sample size (=100%)	3,673	1,380	3,693	6,142	6,257	2,403	5,601	4,168	33,317	

Table 2.16: Benefit units by age of head and region

Age	Percentage of benefit units					
	Region					
	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern
16-19	6	6	6	5	6	5
20-24	10	10	10	10	11	10
25-29	7	8	7	7	7	7
30-34	7	8	8	8	8	8
35-39	9	9	9	9	9	9
40-44	9	9	8	9	9	9
45-49	8	8	8	8	8	8
50-54	7	7	7	8	7	7
55-59	8	8	8	8	7	8
60-64	5	7	6	6	6	6
65-69	6	6	5	6	6	6
70-74	5	5	5	5	6	5
75-79	5	4	5	5	5	5
80-84	4	4	4	5	4	4
85+	3	2	2	2	3	3
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	1,322	3,367	2,556	2,261	2,566	2,659

Table 2.16: Continued

Age	Percentage of benefit units				
	Region				
	London	<i>Inner London</i>	<i>Outer London</i>	South East	South West
16-19	5	5	5	5	4
20-24	11	12	11	10	9
25-29	12	15	10	8	7
30-34	11	13	10	8	8
35-39	11	11	11	9	8
40-44	9	10	8	9	9
45-49	8	7	8	8	7
50-54	6	5	6	8	8
55-59	6	5	7	7	8
60-64	4	4	5	6	7
65-69	4	4	5	5	6
70-74	3	3	4	5	5
75-79	3	2	4	5	5
80-84	3	3	3	4	5
85+	2	1	3	3	4
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	3,278	1,296	1,982	3,957	2,338

Table 2.16: Continued

Age	Percentage of benefit units				
	Region				
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
16-19	5	6	6	7	5
20-24	10	10	10	11	10
25-29	8	6	8	9	8
30-34	8	7	8	9	8
35-39	9	8	9	9	9
40-44	9	8	9	9	9
45-49	8	8	8	8	8
50-54	7	7	7	7	7
55-59	8	8	8	6	8
60-64	6	7	6	6	6
65-69	5	6	6	5	6
70-74	5	5	5	5	5
75-79	4	5	4	4	4
80-84	4	4	4	3	4
85+	3	3	2	2	3
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	24,304	1,473	5,235	2,305	33,317

Table 2.17 Benefit units by age of head and economic status

Age	Economic status				Head or spouse in part-time work
	Self employed	Single or couple, all in full-time work	Couple, one in full-time work, one in part time work	Couple, one in full-time work, one not working	
16-19	1	34	-	-	21
20-24	3	46	1	3	16
25-29	6	54	6	7	9
30-34	9	45	11	12	8
35-39	10	38	16	12	9
40-44	12	37	17	10	9
45-49	13	38	18	9	8
50-54	13	37	14	11	9
55-59	11	26	13	14	12
60-64	7	11	8	11	15
65-69	3	2	1	2	12
70-74	1	-	-	1	6
75-79	-	-	-	0	3
80-84	0	0	0	-	1
85+	0	0	0	0	-
All benefit units	7	30	8	7	10

Table 2.17: Continued

Age	Economic status				Sample size (=100%)
	Head or spouse aged 60 or over	Head or spouse unemployed	Head or spouse sick or disabled	Others	
16-19	0	17	4	22	1,452
20-24	0	9	5	17	2,609
25-29	0	5	6	8	2,369
30-34	0	4	6	5	2,761
35-39	-	3	8	4	2,976
40-44	0	3	9	3	3,035
45-49	-	2	10	2	2,725
50-54	-	2	11	2	2,484
55-59	2	3	15	5	2,652
60-64	48	0	0	0	2,319
65-69	80	0	0	0	2,164
70-74	92	0	0	0	1,928
75-79	97	0	0	0	1,685
80-84	99	0	0	0	1,300
85+	100	0	0	0	858
All benefit units	23	4	6	5	33,317

Table 2.18: Benefit units by marital status of head and family status

Marital status	Family status								Percentage of benefit units
	Pensioner couple	Single male pensioner	Single female pensioner	Couple with children	Couple without children	Single with children	Single male without children	Single female without children	All benefit units
Married	97	0	0	84	77	0	0	0	39
Cohabiting	3	0	0	16	23	0	0	0	8
Single	0	19	10	0	0	46	81	75	31
Widowed	0	58	73	0	0	4	2	5	11
Separated	0	6	3	0	0	20	5	5	3
Divorced	0	18	15	0	0	30	12	16	9
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>3,673</i>	<i>1,380</i>	<i>3,693</i>	<i>6,142</i>	<i>6,257</i>	<i>2,403</i>	<i>5,601</i>	<i>4,168</i>	33,317

Table 2.19: Benefit units by marital status of head and economic status

Marital status	Percentage of benefit units				
	Economic status				
	Self employed	Single or couple, all in full- time work	Couple, one in full-time work, one in part time work	Couple, one in full-time work, one not working	Head or spouse in part-time work
Married	61	26	85	83	31
Cohabiting	15	11	15	17	4
Single	16	47	0	0	44
Widowed	1	2	0	0	5
Separated	2	4	0	0	5
Divorced	5	10	0	0	12
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>2,307</i>	<i>9,010</i>	<i>2,923</i>	<i>2,445</i>	<i>3,262</i>

Table 2.19: Continued

Marital status	Percentage of benefit units				
	Economic status				
	Head or spouse aged 60 or over	Head or spouse unemployed	Head or spouse sick or disabled	Others	All benefit units
Married	39	9	18	5	39
Cohabiting	1	6	3	1	8
Single	8	72	45	77	31
Widowed	41	1	5	3	11
Separated	2	4	9	6	3
Divorced	9	7	20	8	9
<i>Sample size (=100%)</i>	<i>8,523</i>	<i>1,065</i>	<i>2,116</i>	<i>1,666</i>	<i>33,317</i>

The information presented in Table 2.20 has been permanently removed from the report.

Table 2.21: Individuals by medical treatment, age and sex

Percentage of individuals

Medical treatment in the 4 weeks prior to interview							Sample size (=100%)
Individuals by age and sex	Received something on prescription	Visited dentist for NHS examination or treatment	Had an eyesight test	Visited hospital for NHS treatment	Purchased glasses or contact lenses		
Male							
0-4	18	4	1	6	-	2,087	
5-10	12	10	4	4	1	2,644	
11-15	11	12	3	5	1	2,392	
16-19	9	6	1	4	2	1,573	
20-24	10	5	2	4	2	1,421	
25-29	11	6	2	4	3	1,595	
30-34	14	6	3	4	3	2,019	
35-39	18	8	3	5	3	2,225	
40-44	21	9	3	6	3	2,301	
45-49	26	10	5	6	5	2,089	
50-54	33	10	4	7	3	1,944	
55-59	42	10	3	10	3	2,067	
60-64	53	12	5	11	4	1,822	
65-69	61	11	7	12	4	1,587	
70-74	69	10	8	14	4	1,299	
75-79	72	8	8	16	5	995	
80-84	72	9	11	19	5	669	
85+	80	6	8	17	4	346	
All males	27	8	4	7	3	31,075	
Medical treatment in the 4 weeks prior to interview							Sample size (=100%)
Individuals by age and sex	Received something on prescription	Visited dentist for NHS examination or treatment	Had an eyesight test	Visited hospital for NHS treatment	Purchased glasses or contact lenses		
Female							
0-4	17	3	1	4	-	2,004	
5-10	11	11	4	3	2	2,489	
11-15	11	14	4	4	2	2,232	
16-19	16	9	3	4	3	1,512	
20-24	21	7	3	5	4	1,681	
25-29	22	9	4	7	5	1,846	
30-34	25	10	4	8	5	2,317	
35-39	27	11	3	8	4	2,525	
40-44	27	12	4	7	5	2,620	
45-49	33	11	5	8	6	2,280	
50-54	40	14	5	10	4	2,063	
55-59	46	12	5	9	5	2,220	
60-64	55	12	6	11	4	1,925	
65-69	63	11	6	12	4	1,760	
70-74	68	9	8	13	5	1,444	
75-79	74	7	9	17	4	1,229	
80-84	76	8	8	15	3	906	
85+	76	3	10	16	5	605	
All Females	34	10	5	8	4	33,658	

Table 2.21: Continued

Percentage of individuals

Individuals by age and sex	Medical treatment in the 4 weeks prior to interview						Sample size (=100%)
	Received something on prescription	Visited dentist for NHS examination or treatment	Had an eyesight test	Visited hospital for NHS treatment	Purchased glasses or contact lenses		
All individuals							
0-4	18	3	1	5	-	4,091	
5-10	12	11	4	3	1	5,133	
11-15	11	13	3	5	2	4,624	
16-19	12	7	2	4	2	3,085	
20-24	15	6	2	5	3	3,102	
25-29	17	7	3	6	4	3,441	
30-34	20	8	3	6	4	4,336	
35-39	22	10	3	7	4	4,750	
40-44	24	10	3	7	4	4,921	
45-49	30	11	5	7	5	4,369	
50-54	37	12	4	8	4	4,007	
55-59	44	11	4	9	4	4,287	
60-64	54	12	6	11	4	3,747	
65-69	62	11	6	12	4	3,347	
70-74	69	10	8	14	5	2,743	
75-79	73	7	8	16	4	2,224	
80-84	75	8	9	17	4	1,575	
85+	77	4	9	16	4	951	
All individuals	31	9	4	8	3	64,733	