

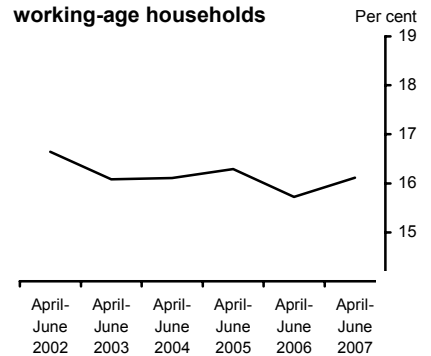
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Labour Force Survey estimates for the three months to June 2007 show that the rate of worklessness for working-age households was 16.1 per cent. This was up 0.4 percentage points from a year earlier and down 0.5 percentage points from five years earlier.

Rate of worklessness for working-age households



The number of workless working-age households was 3.04 million, up 85,000 from a year earlier and down 65,000 from five years earlier.

Working-age households¹ by type

	Working households ²	Households containing both working and workless members	Workless households ³	Total working-age households
<i>Levels (000's)</i>				
April-June 2002	10,658	4,872	3,101	18,631
April-June 2006	10,741	5,072	2,951	18,764
April-June 2007	10,920	4,888	3,036	18,843
<i>Change on year</i>	178	-184	85	79
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	262	15	-65	212
<i>Proportions (%)</i>				
April-June 2002	57.2	26.1	16.6	100.0
April-June 2006	57.2	27.0	15.7	100.0
April-June 2007	57.9	25.9	16.1	100.0
<i>Change on year</i>	0.7	-1.1	0.4	0.0
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	0.7	-0.2	-0.5	0.0

1 A working-age household is a household that includes at least one person of working-age, that is, a man aged 16 to 64 or a woman aged 16 to 59.

2 A working household is a working-age household where all members aged 16 or over are in employment.

3 A workless household is a working-age household where no one aged 16 or over is in employment.

Figures have been adjusted to include estimates for households with unknown economic activity (see Background Note).

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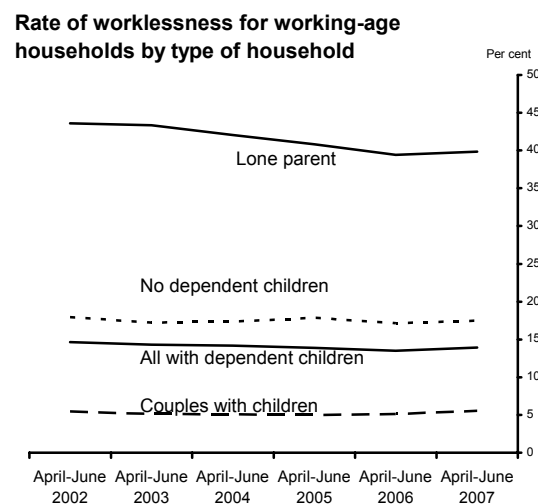
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Workless households by household composition [Table 1(ii)]

In the three months to June 2007 the rate of worklessness for all households without dependent children was 17.5 per cent, compared with 13.9 per cent for all households with dependent children.

The rate of worklessness for lone parent households with dependent children was 39.8 per cent, up 0.4 percentage points from the previous year and down 3.8 percentage points from five years earlier.

The rate of worklessness for couple households with dependent children was 5.6 per cent, up 0.4 percentage points from the previous year and up 0.1 percentage points from five years earlier.



The number of workless lone parent households with dependent children was 704,000, up 6,000 from the previous year and down 51,000 from five years earlier.

Workless households by household composition

	Households with dependent children			Households without dependent children	Total workless households
	Couples	Lone parents	All ¹		
<i>Levels (000s)</i>					
April-June 2002	298	755	1,075	2,026	3,101
April-June 2006	278	698	994	1,957	2,951
April-June 2007	300	704	1,020	2,016	3,036
<i>Change on year</i>	23	6	26	59	85
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	2	-51	-55	-11	-65
<i>Rates²(%)</i>					
April-June 2002	5.5	43.6	14.6	18.0	16.6
April-June 2006	5.1	39.4	13.5	17.1	15.7
April-June 2007	5.6	39.8	13.9	17.5	16.1
<i>Change on year</i>	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	0.1	-3.8	-0.7	-0.5	-0.5

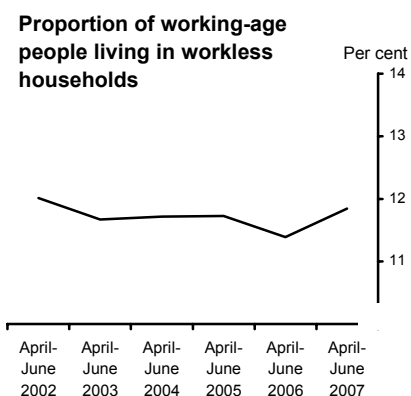
1 Includes other household types with dependent children.

2 The rate is the number of workless households expressed as a percentage of the relevant household type (e.g. workless lone-parent households as a percentage of all lone-parent households)

People of working age by type of household [Table 2(i)]

The proportion of working-age people living in workless households was 11.8 per cent in the three months to June 2007, up 0.5 percentage points from the previous year and down 0.2 percentage points from five years earlier.

The number of working-age people living in workless households was 4.35 million, up 181,000 from the previous year and up 25,000 from five years earlier.



People of working-age by type of household

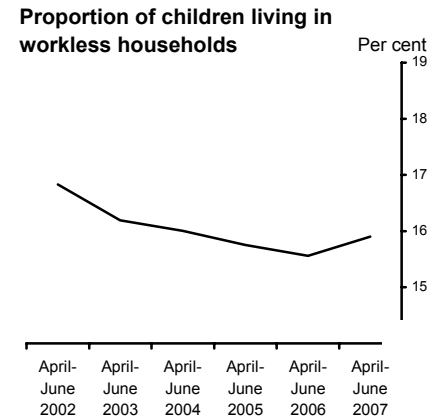
	Working households	Households containing both working and workless members	Workless households	Total working-age households
<i>Levels (000s)</i>				
April-June 2002	19,855	11,811	4,323	35,989
April-June 2006	19,995	12,425	4,166	36,587
April-June 2007	20,432	11,928	4,348	36,708
<i>Change on year</i>	437	-497	181	121
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	577	118	25	719
<i>Proportions (%)</i>				
April-June 2002	55.2	32.8	12.0	100.0
April-June 2006	54.7	34.0	11.4	100.0
April-June 2007	55.7	32.5	11.8	100.0
<i>Change on year</i>	1.0	-1.5	0.5	0.0
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.0

Children in working age households by type of household [Table 3(i) and 3 (ii)]

The proportion of children living in workless households was 15.9 per cent in the three months to June 2007, up 0.3 percentage points from the previous year and down 0.9 percentage points from five years earlier.

The number of children living in workless households was 1.80 million, up 24,000 from the previous year and down 178,000 from five years earlier.

Of the 1.80 million children living in workless households, 1.2 million (67.9 per cent) were in lone parent households.



Children¹ in working-age households by type of household

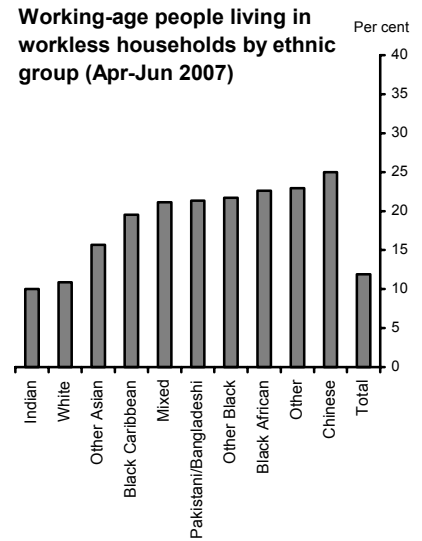
	Working households	Households containing both working and workless members	Workless households	Total working-age households
<i>Levels (000s)</i>				
April-June 2002	6,287	3,480	1,977	11,744
April-June 2006	6,074	3,555	1,774	11,403
April-June 2007	6,078	3,431	1,798	11,308
<i>Change on year</i>	5	-124	24	-95
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	-208	-49	-178	-436
<i>Proportions (%)</i>				
April-June 2002	53.5	29.6	16.8	100.0
April-June 2006	53.3	31.2	15.6	100.0
April-June 2007	53.8	30.3	15.9	100.0
<i>Change on year</i>	0.5	-0.8	0.3	0.0
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	0.2	0.7	-0.9	0.0

¹ Children refers to all children under 16.

Ethnic group [Tables 1(iv) and 2(iv)]

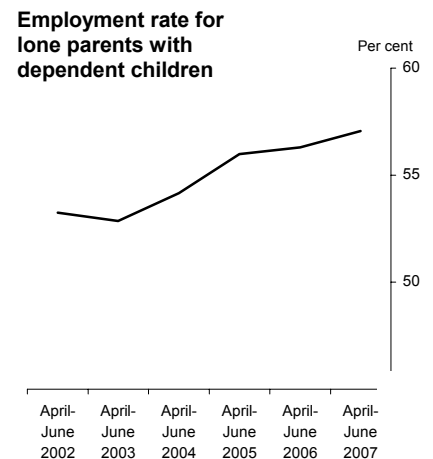
In the three months to June 2007, the proportion of working-age people living in workless households was highest for the Chinese ethnic group, at 25.0 per cent, and lowest for the Indian ethnic group, at 10.0 per cent.

The rate of worklessness for households by ethnicity of the household reference person was highest for the Other Black ethnic group, at 34.3 per cent. The rate was lowest for the Indian ethnic group, at 11.9 per cent.



Employment rates of working age people by parental status [Table 4]

In the three months to June 2007, the employment rate for lone parents was 57.1 per cent, up 0.8 percentage points from the previous year and up 3.8 percentage points from five years earlier. In comparison, the employment rate for married or cohabiting mothers was 71.7 per cent, up 0.5 percentage points from the previous year and up 0.9 percentage points from five years earlier (see background note 3 for further explanation).



Employment rates of working-age people by parental status

	Working-age parents with dependent children ¹			Working-age people without dependent children	Total
	Married/cohabiting mothers	Married/cohabiting fathers	Lone parents		
<i>Rates² (%)</i>					
April-June 2002	70.8	90.3	53.2	73.3	74.5
April-June 2006	71.2	90.9	56.3	73.0	74.6
April-June 2007	71.7	91.2	57.1	72.8	74.6
<i>Change on year</i>	0.5	0.3	0.8	-0.2	0.0
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	0.9	0.9	3.8	-0.5	0.1

¹ Children under 16 and those aged 16-18 who are never-married and in full-time education
² Base for percentages excludes people with unknown employment status

REVISIONS

There are no revisions to the data in this release.

Labour Force Survey move to calendar quarters

In May 2006 the UK Labour Force Survey (LFS) moved from reporting on a seasonal quarter to a calendar quarter basis, in line with an EU requirement. The figures in this release are derived from the LFS household datasets which were previously available for spring (March-May) and autumn (September-November) quarters. They are now produced for Q2 (April-June) and Q4 (October-December). The available back-series covers Q2 of 1997, 1999 and 2001 onwards. Since a back-series of Q4 datasets is not currently available, this release has changed from being a twice-yearly to an annual publication, showing figures for Q2 only. An article on the impact and issues associated with the move to calendar quarters is available on the National Statistics website: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=1546>

A time series of the figures shown in this release is available on the National Statistics website:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=8552>

BACKGROUND NOTES

1. The figures in this release are derived from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) household datasets. These have been designed specifically for analysis at the family unit and household levels, and for person level analysis involving the characteristics of the family unit or household in which people live. Table 4 shows how the data can be used to look at the employment status of parents, using a person-level analysis. The rest of the tables in the release focus on the combined economic status of the household.
2. Since the data in this release are based on statistical samples, estimates are subject to sampling variability. If many samples were drawn, each would give a different result.
3. The ranges shown for LFS data in the table overleaf represent '95 per cent confidence intervals'. It is expected that in 95 per cent of samples the range would contain the true value. The ranges are approximated from data that are not seasonally adjusted and have not been adjusted for unknown economic activity (see note 5). Additional confidence intervals for people in workless households by individual ethnic groups and children in workless households by region are available on the National Statistics website:
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=8552>
4. For more background information on sampling errors in the LFS, see the *Guide to Labour Market Statistics Releases, Section 6.2, Sampling Variability*, available at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=1947&Pos=1&ColRank=1&Rnk=272>.

Sampling variability (levels and rates for April-June 2007 and changes from April-June 2006)

	April-June 2007		Sampling variability		Changes over the previous year		Sampling variability of these changes	
	Level <i>Thousands</i>	Rate ¹ <i>Per cent</i>	Level <i>Thousands</i>	Rate ¹ <i>Per cent</i>	Level <i>Thousands</i>	Rate ¹ <i>Per cent</i>	Level <i>Thousands</i>	Rate ¹ <i>Per cent</i>
Working-age households								
Working households ²	10,920	57.9	±107	±0.5	178	0.7	±144	±0.6
Households containing both working and workless members ²	4,888	25.9	±77	±0.4	-184	-1.1	±103	±0.5
Workless households ²	3,036	16.1	±71	±0.3	85	0.4	±96	±0.5
Workless lone parent households with dependent children ²	704	39.8	±30	±1.4	6	0.4	±41	±1.9
Working-age people								
Working households ²	20,432	55.7	±200	±0.5	437	1.0	±270	±0.7
Households containing both working and workless members ²	11,928	32.5	±187	±0.5	-497	-1.5	±253	±0.7
Workless households ²	4,348	11.8	±111	±0.3	181	0.5	±150	±0.4
All non-white in workless households ³	655	19.0	±56	±1.6	111	1.9	±76	±2.1
Children in workless households²								
	1,798	15.9	±70	±0.6	24	0.3	±95	±0.8
Employment Rates⁴								
Married/cohabiting mothers	..	71.7	..	±0.8	..	0.5	..	±1.1
Married/cohabiting fathers	..	91.2	..	±0.5	..	0.3	..	±0.7
Lone parents	..	57.1	..	±1.6	..	0.8	..	±2.1
Working-age people without dependent children	..	72.8	..	±0.4	..	-0.2	..	±0.6
All working age people	..	74.6	..	±0.3	..	0.0	..	±0.4

¹ Proportions of all working-age households/working-age people/children in working-age households.

² Figures have been adjusted to include estimates for households with unknown economic activity.

³ Figures not adjusted for households with unknown economic activity.

⁴ Base for percentages excludes people with unknown employment status

5. Figures in Table 1(i), 1(ii), 2(i), 2(ii), 3(i) and 3(ii) have been adjusted for households with unknown economic activity. The adjustment procedure is described in a technical note in the January 2000 issue of *Labour Market Trends*. Figures in tables 1(iii), 1(iv), 2(iii), 2(iv), 3(iii) and 3(iv) have not been adjusted as they refer to subgroups of the population and research suggests that the general adjustment procedure outlined in *Labour Market Trends* is not a suitable method for the adjustment of subgroups.
6. None of the figures in this release can be seasonally adjusted because the LFS Household datasets are produced for Q2 and Q4 only. In order to carry out seasonal adjustment data would have to be available for each quarter.
7. Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the press office. Also available is a list of the names of those given pre-publication access to the contents of this release.

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CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

A **household** is defined as a single person, or a group of people living at the same address who have the address as their only or main residence and either share one main meal a day or share living accommodation (or both).

A **working-age household** is a household that includes at least one person of working age, that is a woman aged 16 to 59 or a man aged 16 to 64.

A **workless household** is a household that includes at least one person of working-age where no-one aged 16 or over is in employment.

Children refers to all children under 16.

Dependent children are children aged under 16 and those aged 16 to 18 who are never-married and in full-time education.

The **other household types** column in tables 1(ii) and 2(ii) refers to households which contain more than one person and have no dependent children.

The **household reference person** is the householder, i.e. the person who:

- a) owns the household accommodation, or
- b) is legally responsible for the rent of the accommodation, or
- c) has the household accommodation as an emolument or perquisite, or
- d) has the household accommodation by virtue of some relationship to the owner who is not a member of the household.

If there are joint householders the household reference person will be the one with the higher income. If the income is the same, then the eldest householder is taken.

Parental status (table 4) refers to three groups of parents; married/cohabiting mothers, married/cohabiting fathers and lone parents, defined as people with dependent children who are resident in their household. Those whose children live in another household are not included.

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1(i) Working-age households by combined economic activity status of household

Not seasonally adjusted

	Working households	Households containing both working and workless members			All households containing both working and workless members	Workless households			All workless households	All households
		Employed and unemployed	Employed and inactive	Employed unemployed and inactive		All unemployed	Unemployed and inactive	All inactive		
<i>Per cent</i>										
April-June 1997	54.5	3.7	22.6	1.2	27.5	2.6	2.4	13.0	18.0	100.0
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	55.9	3.3	22.7	1.1	27.0	2.3	1.9	13.0	17.1	100.0
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	57.2	2.7	22.5	1.0	26.1	1.8	1.5	13.3	16.7	100.0
April-June 2002	57.2	2.9	22.3	1.0	26.1	1.9	1.4	13.4	16.6	100.0
April-June 2003	57.4	2.8	22.8	1.0	26.6	1.7	1.4	13.0	16.1	100.0
April-June 2004	57.3	2.7	22.9	0.9	26.5	1.5	1.3	13.3	16.1	100.0
April-June 2005	57.4	2.8	22.6	1.0	26.3	1.6	1.2	13.5	16.3	100.0
April-June 2006	57.2	3.3	22.6	1.1	27.0	1.7	1.5	12.6	15.7	100.0
April-June 2007	57.9	3.0	21.9	1.0	25.9	1.8	1.4	12.9	16.1	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>										
April-June 1997	9,812	660	4,069	222	4,951	476	427	2,332	3,235	17,997
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	10,187	596	4,134	192	4,922	413	340	2,374	3,126	18,236
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	10,556	491	4,150	185	4,826	337	276	2,461	3,074	18,456
April-June 2002	10,658	532	4,162	178	4,872	347	257	2,498	3,101	18,631
April-June 2003	10,711	519	4,251	192	4,962	310	258	2,437	3,004	18,677
April-June 2004	10,707	512	4,270	175	4,956	288	243	2,476	3,007	18,671
April-June 2005	10,774	520	4,249	179	4,948	293	226	2,540	3,060	18,781
April-June 2006	10,741	618	4,242	211	5,072	316	275	2,360	2,951	18,764
April-June 2007	10,920	568	4,123	196	4,888	334	264	2,437	3,036	18,843

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

.. Comparable estimates for 1998 and 2000 are not currently available.

1(ii) Workless working-age households by type of household

Not seasonally adjusted

	One person households	Households with dependent children ¹				Other household types	All household types
		Couples with dependent children	Lone parents with dependent children	Others with dependent children	All with dependent children		
Workless households (a) as a percentage of all working-age households (b)							
<i>Per cent</i>							
April-June 1997	30.2	6.9	50.9	19.4	16.4	14.5	18.0
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	28.8	5.9	48.2	19.3	15.6	13.6	17.1
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	28.4	5.6	44.3	15.9	14.6	13.4	16.7
April-June 2002	28.3	5.5	43.6	13.8	14.6	13.1	16.6
April-June 2003	27.1	5.1	43.4	10.2	14.3	12.7	16.1
April-June 2004	27.4	5.1	42.1	14.2	14.2	12.8	16.1
April-June 2005	28.5	5.0	40.8	15.4	13.9	13.0	16.3
April-June 2006	27.4	5.1	39.4	12.5	13.5	12.5	15.7
April-June 2007	27.8	5.6	39.8	10.3	13.9	12.8	16.1
Workless working-age households (a)							
<i>Thousands</i>							
April-June 1997	945	388	778	25	1,191	1,099	3,235
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	936	326	796	27	1,150	1,040	3,126
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	962	310	740	23	1,073	1,039	3,074
April-June 2002	1,015	298	755	22	1,075	1,011	3,101
April-June 2003	970	277	752	16	1,045	990	3,004
April-June 2004	963	274	746	23	1,043	1,001	3,007
April-June 2005	1,021	273	727	23	1,023	1,016	3,060
April-June 2006	980	278	698	18	994	977	2,951
April-June 2007	1,005	300	704	16	1,020	1,011	3,036
All working-age households (b)							
<i>Thousands</i>							
April-June 1997	3,125	5,623	1,528	130	7,281	7,590	17,997
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	3,249	5,560	1,651	141	7,352	7,635	18,236
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	3,387	5,526	1,668	143	7,338	7,731	18,456
April-June 2002	3,585	5,462	1,731	156	7,350	7,696	18,631
April-June 2003	3,576	5,419	1,734	156	7,308	7,793	18,677
April-June 2004	3,510	5,413	1,774	158	7,346	7,814	18,671
April-June 2005	3,584	5,446	1,782	149	7,377	7,820	18,781
April-June 2006	3,577	5,439	1,772	141	7,351	7,836	18,764
April-June 2007	3,619	5,406	1,768	152	7,326	7,898	18,843

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

¹ Dependent children are children under 16 and those aged 16 to 18 who are never-married and in full-time education.

.. Comparable estimates for 1998 and 2000 are not currently available.

1(iii) Working-age households by region and combined economic activity status of household¹: April-June 2007

Not seasonally adjusted

Government Office Region	Combined economic activity status of household			Total ²
	Working households	Households containing both working and workless members	Workless households	
<i>Per cent</i> ³				
England	58.2	25.8	16.0	100.0
North East	54.1	26.5	19.4	100.0
North West	56.2	25.4	18.4	100.0
Yorkshire and the Humber	56.9	25.4	17.6	100.0
East Midlands	59.6	25.4	15.0	100.0
West Midlands	55.0	28.2	16.8	100.0
East of England	60.4	26.2	13.3	100.0
London	54.1	26.3	19.6	100.0
Inner London	53.7	22.3	23.9	100.0
Outer London	54.4	29.1	16.5	100.0
South East	63.5	25.0	11.5	100.0
South West	62.1	23.8	14.1	100.0
Wales	54.1	26.8	19.0	100.0
Scotland	62.2	21.8	16.0	100.0
Northern Ireland	49.8	31.9	18.2	100.0
Great Britain	58.4	25.5	16.1	100.0
United Kingdom	58.2	25.6	16.2	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
England	8,934	3,952	2,453	15,339
North East	419	206	150	774
North West	1,177	531	385	2,093
Yorkshire and the Humber	897	401	278	1,575
East Midlands	787	336	198	1,322
West Midlands	884	454	270	1,608
East of England	1,020	443	225	1,689
London	1,235	600	447	2,282
Inner London	509	211	226	947
Outer London	726	389	221	1,336
South East	1,579	622	286	2,488
South West	936	359	213	1,508
Wales	487	241	171	899
Scotland	1,013	354	261	1,629
Northern Ireland	260	167	95	523
Great Britain	10,434	4,548	2,885	17,867
United Kingdom	10,694	4,715	2,980	18,389
		Households with unknown economic activity status (UK)		454
		All working-age households (UK)		18,843

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

¹ United Kingdom totals in this table do not match the United Kingdom totals in tables 1(i) and 1(ii) as this table is not adjusted for households with unknown economic activity status (see Background Note).

² Total excludes households with unknown economic activity status.

³ Percentages are based on households with known economic activity status.

1(iv) Working-age households by ethnic origin of household reference person and combined economic activity status of household¹: April-June 2007

Not seasonally adjusted

Ethnic origin of household reference person	Combined economic activity status of household			Total ²
	Working households	Households containing both working and workless members	Workless households	
<i>Per cent</i> ³				
White	59.6	25.0	15.3	100.0
All other ethnic groups	41.9	34.6	23.5	100.0
Mixed	49.8	21.9	28.3	100.0
Asian	34.2	47.3	18.4	100.0
Indian	44.5	43.6	11.9	100.0
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	19.1	55.6	25.3	100.0
Other Asian	42.3	38.5	19.2	100.0
Black	50.0	23.7	26.4	100.0
Black Caribbean	50.8	24.4	24.8	100.0
Black African	49.1	23.6	27.3	100.0
Other Black	51.8	13.9	34.3	100.0
Chinese	49.1	27.2	23.8	100.0
Other	41.8	29.2	29.0	100.0
Total ⁴	58.2	25.6	16.2	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
White	9,826	4,128	2,530	16,485
All other ethnic groups	690	571	387	1,648
Mixed	59	26	34	118
Asian	238	330	128	697
Indian	135	133	36	304
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	52	150	68	270
Other Asian	51	47	23	122
Black	237	112	125	473
Black Caribbean	112	54	55	221
Black African	117	56	65	237
Other Black	8	2	5	15
Chinese	40	22	19	81
Other	116	81	81	278
Total ⁴	10,694	4,715	2,980	18,389
		Households with unknown economic activity status		454
		All working-age households		18,843

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

¹ Not adjusted for households with unknown economic activity status (see Background Note).

² Total excludes households with unknown economic activity status.

³ Percentages are based on working-age households with known economic activity status.

⁴ Total includes people with unknown ethnic origin.

2(i) Working-age people by combined economic activity status of household

Not seasonally adjusted

	Working households	Households containing both working and workless members			All households containing both working and workless members	Workless households			All workless households	All households
		Employed and unemployed	Employed and inactive	Employed unemployed and inactive		All unemployed	Unemployed and inactive	All inactive		
<i>Per cent</i>										
April-June 1997	53.2	4.8	26.5	2.3	33.6	1.6	2.6	9.0	13.2	100.0
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	54.2	4.3	27.1	2.0	33.3	1.3	2.1	9.1	12.4	100.0
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	55.5	3.5	27.1	1.9	32.5	1.0	1.6	9.4	12.1	100.0
April-June 2002	55.2	3.8	27.1	1.8	32.8	1.1	1.5	9.4	12.0	100.0
April-June 2003	55.1	3.8	27.5	2.0	33.2	0.9	1.6	9.1	11.7	100.0
April-June 2004	55.0	3.7	27.8	1.8	33.3	0.9	1.4	9.4	11.7	100.0
April-June 2005	55.3	3.8	27.4	1.8	33.0	0.9	1.3	9.5	11.7	100.0
April-June 2006	54.7	4.4	27.4	2.1	34.0	1.0	1.7	8.7	11.4	100.0
April-June 2007	55.7	4.1	26.4	2.0	32.5	1.1	1.6	9.2	11.8	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>										
April-June 1997	18,712	1,681	9,325	809	11,815	557	903	3,177	4,638	35,165
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	19,192	1,522	9,575	700	11,797	462	727	3,210	4,399	35,388
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	19,857	1,258	9,693	670	11,622	376	583	3,356	4,314	35,794
April-June 2002	19,855	1,380	9,769	662	11,811	393	546	3,384	4,323	35,989
April-June 2003	19,929	1,360	9,921	712	11,993	342	571	3,304	4,217	36,138
April-June 2004	19,958	1,343	10,097	641	12,081	319	526	3,406	4,251	36,291
April-June 2005	20,131	1,371	9,988	671	12,030	327	481	3,466	4,273	36,434
April-June 2006	19,995	1,626	10,028	772	12,425	351	617	3,199	4,166	36,587
April-June 2007	20,432	1,501	9,693	734	11,928	397	575	3,376	4,348	36,708

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

.. Comparable estimates for 1998 and 2000 are not currently available.

2(ii) Working-age people in workless households by type of household

Not seasonally adjusted

	One person households	Households with dependent children ²				Other household types	All household types
		Couples with dependent children	Lone parents with dependent children	Others with dependent children	All with dependent children		
Working-age people living in workless households (a) as a percentage of all working-age people (b)							
<i>Per cent</i>							
April-June 1997	30.2	6.5	44.3	15.0	11.6	11.5	13.2
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	28.8	5.6	42.3	14.0	10.9	10.6	12.4
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	28.4	5.4	38.9	11.5	10.3	10.4	12.1
April-June 2002	28.3	5.2	38.5	8.3	10.2	10.3	12.0
April-June 2003	27.1	4.9	37.1	6.9	9.9	10.1	11.7
April-June 2004	27.4	4.7	37.3	11.5	10.0	10.1	11.7
April-June 2005	28.5	4.8	35.6	11.7	9.9	9.9	11.7
April-June 2006	27.4	4.8	34.2	8.9	9.6	9.7	11.4
April-June 2007	27.8	5.5	34.9	8.2	10.2	10.0	11.8

Working-age people living in workless households (a)

Thousands

April-June 1997	945	858	895	66	1,819	1,875	4,638
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	936	733	919	66	1,718	1,745	4,399
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	962	700	866	55	1,621	1,732	4,314
April-June 2002	1,015	674	894	44	1,611	1,697	4,323
April-June 2003	970	632	885	37	1,554	1,693	4,217
April-June 2004	963	608	914	64	1,586	1,702	4,251
April-June 2005	1,021	622	894	59	1,576	1,677	4,273
April-June 2006	980	630	862	41	1,532	1,654	4,166
April-June 2007	1,005	711	877	43	1,631	1,712	4,348

All working-age people (b)

Thousands

April-June 1997	3,125	13,236	2,019	439	15,695	16,345	35,165
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	3,249	13,055	2,171	470	15,695	16,445	35,388
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	3,387	13,037	2,223	483	15,744	16,663	35,794
April-June 2002	3,585	13,002	2,319	530	15,852	16,552	35,989
April-June 2003	3,576	12,857	2,385	535	15,776	16,787	36,138
April-June 2004	3,510	12,865	2,453	556	15,874	16,907	36,291
April-June 2005	3,584	12,951	2,510	505	15,966	16,884	36,434
April-June 2006	3,577	13,063	2,520	460	16,042	16,967	36,587
April-June 2007	3,619	12,962	2,515	521	15,998	17,091	36,708

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

¹ Dependent children are children under 16 and those aged 16 to 18 who are never-married and in full-time education.

² Comparable estimates for 1998 and 2000 are not currently available.

2(iii) Working-age people by region and combined economic activity status of household¹: April-June 2007

Not seasonally adjusted

Government Office Region	Combined economic activity status of household			Total ²
	Working households	Households containing both working and workless members	Workless households	
<i>Per cent</i> ³				
England	55.9	32.3	11.8	100.0
North East	51.8	33.4	14.8	100.0
North West	54.0	32.9	13.1	100.0
Yorkshire and the Humber	54.7	32.4	12.9	100.0
East Midlands	57.3	31.8	10.9	100.0
West Midlands	52.0	35.6	12.3	100.0
East of England	58.9	31.8	9.3	100.0
London	50.7	33.8	15.5	100.0
Inner London	49.2	30.2	20.6	100.0
Outer London	51.7	36.1	12.1	100.0
South East	61.2	30.4	8.5	100.0
South West	60.5	29.3	10.3	100.0
Wales	51.7	34.2	14.0	100.0
Scotland	61.4	27.0	11.6	100.0
Northern Ireland	46.5	41.7	11.8	100.0
Great Britain	56.2	31.9	11.9	100.0
United Kingdom	55.9	32.2	11.9	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
England	16,565	9,572	3,493	29,631
North East	769	497	220	1,486
North West	2,130	1,299	518	3,948
Yorkshire and the Humber	1,641	972	387	3,000
East Midlands	1,455	807	277	2,539
West Midlands	1,615	1,106	382	3,103
East of England	1,969	1,061	310	3,340
London	2,267	1,510	690	4,467
Inner London	858	526	360	1,744
Outer London	1,409	984	330	2,723
South East	2,960	1,468	409	4,837
South West	1,761	852	299	2,911
Wales	903	597	245	1,745
Scotland	1,850	812	349	3,011
Northern Ireland	497	445	127	1,069
Great Britain	19,318	10,982	4,087	34,387
United Kingdom	19,815	11,427	4,214	35,456
		Working-age people in households with unknown economic activity status (UK)		1,252
		All working-age people (UK)		36,708

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

¹ United Kingdom totals in this table do not match the United Kingdom totals in tables 2(i) and 2(ii) as this table is not adjusted for households with unknown economic activity status (see Background Note).

² Total excludes working-age people in households with unknown economic activity status.

³ Percentages are based on working-age people in households with known economic activity status

2(iv) Working-age people by ethnic origin and combined economic activity status of household¹: April-June 2007

Not seasonally adjusted

Ethnic origin of working-age person	Combined economic activity status of household			Total ²
	Working households	Households containing both working and workless members	Workless households	
<i>Per cent</i> ³				
White	57.7	31.5	10.9	100.0
All other ethnic groups	35.8	45.2	19.0	100.0
Mixed	46.8	32.1	21.1	100.0
Asian	28.9	55.5	15.6	100.0
Indian	39.2	50.8	10.0	100.0
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	14.3	64.3	21.3	100.0
Other Asian	38.5	45.8	15.7	100.0
Black	44.7	34.1	21.2	100.0
Black Caribbean	46.4	34.1	19.5	100.0
Black African	42.8	34.6	22.6	100.0
Other Black	53.4	24.9	21.7	100.0
Chinese	37.6	37.4	25.0	100.0
Other	38.0	39.1	22.9	100.0
Total ⁴	55.9	32.2	11.9	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
White	17,862	9,757	3,364	30,983
All other ethnic groups	1,233	1,554	655	3,442
Mixed	118	81	53	252
Asian	473	909	256	1,638
Indian	273	354	70	697
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	96	431	143	669
Other Asian	104	124	42	270
Black	351	268	167	785
Black Caribbean	162	119	68	348
Black African	177	143	93	413
Other Black	13	6	5	24
Chinese	69	69	46	184
Other	221	228	134	583
Total ⁴	19,815	11,427	4,214	35,456
				Working-age people in households with unknown economic activity status
				1,252
				All working-age people
				36,708

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

¹ Not adjusted for households with unknown economic activity status (see Background Note).

² Total excludes working-age people in households with unknown economic activity status.

³ Percentages are based on working-age people in households with known economic activity status.

⁴ Total includes people with unknown ethnic origin.

3(i) Children living in working-age households by combined economic activity status of household¹

Not seasonally adjusted

	Working households	Households containing both working and workless members			All households containing both working and workless members	Workless households			All workless households	All households
		Employed and unemployed	Employed and inactive	Employed unemployed and inactive		All unemployed	Unemployed and inactive	All inactive		
<i>Per cent</i>										
April-June 1997	51.0	3.7	25.3	1.2	30.2	1.8	3.8	13.2	18.8	100.0
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	52.7	3.4	25.2	0.9	29.4	1.9	2.8	13.1	17.8	100.0
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	54.4	3.1	25.3	0.9	29.3	1.4	2.0	12.9	16.3	100.0
April-June 2002	53.5	3.1	25.6	0.9	29.6	1.4	2.0	13.4	16.8	100.0
April-June 2003	53.0	2.7	27.0	1.0	30.8	1.3	1.8	13.1	16.2	100.0
April-June 2004	53.5	2.9	26.7	0.9	30.5	1.3	1.9	12.8	16.0	100.0
April-June 2005	53.7	2.9	26.9	0.8	30.5	1.2	1.9	12.6	15.8	100.0
April-June 2006	53.3	3.7	26.4	1.1	31.2	1.3	2.1	12.1	15.6	100.0
April-June 2007	53.8	3.1	26.2	1.0	30.3	1.5	2.1	12.3	15.9	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>										
April-June 1997	6,103	443	3,032	138	3,613	218	452	1,580	2,250	11,967
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	6,319	404	3,015	109	3,529	233	330	1,573	2,136	11,983
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	6,446	366	2,995	106	3,467	164	242	1,529	1,936	11,848
April-June 2002	6,287	367	3,004	109	3,480	165	232	1,579	1,977	11,744
April-June 2003	6,190	317	3,154	122	3,593	146	212	1,532	1,890	11,674
April-June 2004	6,198	330	3,096	104	3,531	145	226	1,483	1,854	11,583
April-June 2005	6,175	328	3,089	91	3,508	143	217	1,450	1,810	11,493
April-June 2006	6,074	420	3,014	121	3,555	148	244	1,382	1,774	11,403
April-June 2007	6,078	351	2,964	116	3,431	165	240	1,394	1,798	11,308

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

¹ Comparable estimates for 1998 and 2000 are not currently available.

3(ii) Children living in workless working-age households by type of household¹

Not seasonally adjusted

	Couple households	Lone parent households	Other household types	All household types
Children living in workless households (a) as a percentage of children in all working-age households (b)				
<i>Per cent</i>				
April-June 1997	8.7	58.0	21.5	18.8
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	7.2	55.3	20.7	17.8
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	6.6	51.4	15.8	16.3
April-June 2002	6.8	51.0	14.7	16.8
April-June 2003	6.0	51.1	10.4	16.2
April-June 2004	6.2	49.3	14.6	16.0
April-June 2005	6.3	47.9	16.0	15.8
April-June 2006	6.5	46.7	10.6	15.6
April-June 2007	6.5	48.0	10.7	15.9
Children living in workless households (a)				
<i>Thousands</i>				
April-June 1997	809	1,394	47	2,250
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	661	1,427	47	2,136
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	601	1,299	35	1,936
April-June 2002	605	1,335	37	1,977
April-June 2003	530	1,334	27	1,890
April-June 2004	541	1,275	38	1,854
April-June 2005	548	1,224	38	1,810
April-June 2006	562	1,190	22	1,774
April-June 2007	553	1,221	25	1,798
Children living in all working-age households (b)				
<i>Thousands</i>				
April-June 1997	9,342	2,405	219	11,967
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	9,173	2,581	229	11,983
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	9,096	2,529	223	11,848
April-June 2002	8,875	2,618	250	11,744
April-June 2003	8,807	2,611	256	11,674
April-June 2004	8,741	2,585	256	11,583
April-June 2005	8,703	2,553	238	11,493
April-June 2006	8,645	2,548	210	11,403
April-June 2007	8,533	2,545	230	11,308

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

¹ Children refers to children under 16.

.. Comparable estimates for 1998 and 2000 are not currently available.

3(iii) Children living in working-age households by region and combined economic activity status of household^{1,2}: April-June 2007

Not seasonally adjusted

Government Office Region	Combined economic activity status of household			Total ³
	Working households	Households containing both working and workless members	Workless households	
<i>Per cent⁴</i>				
England	53.0	30.7	16.2	100.0
North East	53.2	26.0	20.8	100.0
North West	55.4	27.4	17.2	100.0
Yorkshire and the Humber	53.4	30.5	16.0	100.0
East Midlands	57.3	30.2	12.5	100.0
West Midlands	50.8	30.6	18.6	100.0
East of England	54.9	31.6	13.5	100.0
London	41.4	34.0	24.6	100.0
Inner London	32.4	34.7	33.0	100.0
Outer London	47.4	33.6	19.0	100.0
South East	57.0	32.7	10.3	100.0
South West	60.1	28.3	11.6	100.0
Wales	56.6	25.8	17.5	100.0
Scotland	61.6	23.5	14.9	100.0
Northern Ireland	52.9	35.5	11.7	100.0
Great Britain	53.9	29.9	16.2	100.0
United Kingdom	53.9	30.1	16.0	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
England	4,987	2,890	1,523	9,400
North East	224	110	88	422
North West	702	347	218	1,268
Yorkshire and the Humber	476	272	143	891
East Midlands	443	234	96	773
West Midlands	531	320	194	1,044
East of England	556	321	137	1,014
London	652	536	387	1,574
Inner London	203	218	207	627
Outer London	449	318	180	947
South East	899	515	163	1,576
South West	503	237	98	837
Wales	300	137	93	530
Scotland	511	195	123	830
Northern Ireland	190	128	42	360
Great Britain	5,798	3,222	1,740	10,759
United Kingdom	5,988	3,350	1,782	11,120
		Children in working-age households with unknown economic activity status (UK)		188
		Children in all working-age households (UK)		11,308

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

¹ Children refers to children under 16.

² United Kingdom totals in this table do not match the United Kingdom totals in tables 3(i) and 3(ii) as this table is not adjusted for households with unknown economic activity status (see Background Note).

³ Total excludes children living in working-age households with unknown economic activity status.

⁴ Percentages are based on children living in working-age households with known economic activity status

3(iv) Children living in working-age households by ethnic origin and combined economic activity status of household^{1,2}: April-June 2007

Not seasonally adjusted

Ethnic origin of child	Combined economic activity status of household			Total ³
	Working households	Households containing both working and workless members	Workless households	
<i>Per cent⁴</i>				
White	57.8	28.4	13.9	100.0
All other ethnic groups	32.2	40.4	27.4	100.0
Mixed	48.5	26.5	25.0	100.0
Asian	22.0	54.9	23.1	100.0
Indian	36.8	50.3	12.8	100.0
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	10.4	61.0	28.6	100.0
Other Asian	35.6	40.4	24.0	100.0
Black	40.4	26.6	33.0	100.0
Black Caribbean	48.7	25.8	25.5	100.0
Black African	38.2	26.4	35.4	100.0
Other Black	15.8	35.1	49.0	100.0
Chinese	47.5	37.8	14.7	100.0
Other	25.0	35.9	39.1	100.0
Total⁵	53.9	30.1	16.0	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
White	5,398	2,652	1,296	9,346
All other ethnic groups	552	692	470	1,715
Mixed	152	83	78	313
Asian	166	415	174	756
Indian	84	115	29	228
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	43	254	119	417
Other Asian	39	44	26	109
Black	167	110	136	413
Black Caribbean	60	32	32	124
Black African	104	72	97	273
Other Black	3	6	8	16
Chinese	19	15	6	40
Other	48	69	75	193
Total⁵	5,988	3,350	1,782	11,120
				Children in working-age households with unknown economic activity status 188
				Children in all working-age households 11,308

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

¹ Children refers to children under 16.

² Not adjusted for households with unknown economic activity status (see Background Note).

³ Total excludes children living in working-age households with unknown economic activity status.

⁴ Percentages are based on children living in working-age households with known economic activity status.

⁵ Total includes children with unknown ethnic origin.

4 Employment rates of working age people¹ by parental status

	Working-age people with dependent children ^{2,3}			Working age-people without dependent children	Total
	Married/cohabiting mothers	Married/cohabiting fathers	Lone parents		
<i>Per cent⁴</i>					
April-June 1997	68.1	88.7	44.6	72.0	72.8
April-June 1998	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 1999	70.0	90.0	47.9	72.8	73.8
April-June 2000	..	..	..	..	..
April-June 2001	71.1	89.8	51.4	73.6	74.6
April-June 2002	70.8	90.3	53.2	73.3	74.5
April-June 2003	71.0	91.0	52.9	73.6	74.8
April-June 2004	71.1	90.6	54.2	73.4	74.7
April-June 2005	71.8	90.9	56.0	73.2	74.8
April-June 2006	71.2	90.9	56.3	73.0	74.6
April-June 2007	71.7	91.2	57.1	72.8	74.6

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

¹ Men aged 16-64 and women aged 16-59.

² Children under 16 and those aged 16-18 who are never-married and in full-time education.

³ See concepts and definitions

⁴ Base for percentages excludes people with unknown employment status.

.. Comparable estimates for 1998 and 2000 are not currently available.