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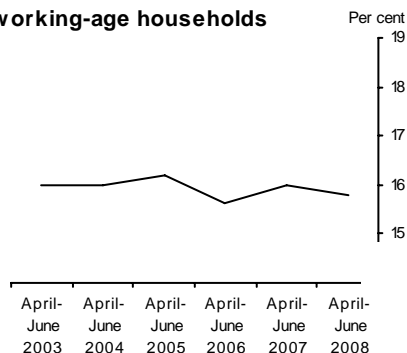


Work and worklessness among households August 2008

Labour Force Survey estimates for the three months to June 2008 show that the rate of worklessness for working-age households was 15.8 per cent. This was down 0.2 percentage points from a year earlier and down 0.2 percentage points from five years earlier.

The number of workless working-age households was 3.06 million, down 15,000 from a year earlier and up 43,000 from five years earlier.

Rate of worklessness for working-age households



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 2003	10,816	5,003	3,013	18,832
April-June 2007	11,152	4,984	3,071	19,207
April-June 2008	11,072	5,229	3,056	19,357
<i>Change on year</i>	-80	244	-15	150
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	256	226	43	525
<i>Proportions (%)</i>				
April-June 2003	57.4	26.6	16.0	100.0
April-June 2007	58.1	25.9	16.0	100.0
April-June 2008	57.2	27.0	15.8	100.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.9	1.1	-0.2	0.0
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	-0.2	0.4	-0.2	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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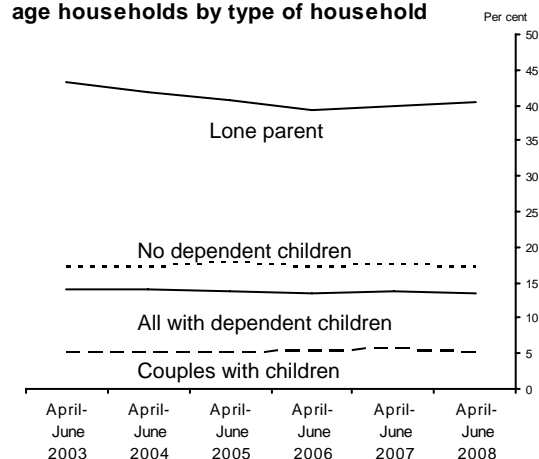
Workless households by household composition [Table 1(ii)]

In the three months to June 2008, the rate of worklessness for all households without dependent children was 17.2 per cent, compared with 13.5 per cent for all households with dependent children.

The rate of worklessness for lone parent households with dependent children was 40.4 per cent, up 0.4 percentage points from the previous year and down 2.8 percentage points from five years earlier.

The rate of worklessness for couple households with dependent children was 5.0 per cent, down 0.6 percentage points from the previous year and down 0.1 percentage points from five years earlier.

Rate of worklessness for working-age households by type of household



The number of workless lone parent households with dependent children was 714,000, up 10,000 from the previous year and down 26,000 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 2003	279	741	1,036	1,977	3,013
April-June 2007	309	704	1,029	2,042	3,071
April-June 2008	277	714	1,008	2,049	3,056
<i>Change on year</i>	-32	10	-21	7	-15
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	-2	-26	-28	71	43
<i>Rates² (%)</i>					
April-June 2003	5.1	43.2	14.1	17.2	16.0
April-June 2007	5.6	40.0	13.8	17.4	16.0
April-June 2008	5.0	40.4	13.5	17.2	15.8
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.6	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	-0.1	-2.8	-0.6	0.0	-0.2

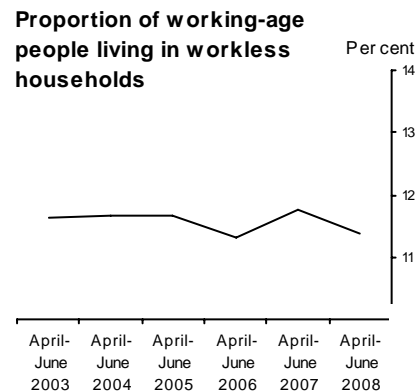
1 Includes other household types dependent children.

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 11.4 per cent in the three months to June 2008, down 0.4 percentage points from the previous year and down 0.3 percentage points from five years earlier.

The number of working-age people living in workless households was 4.29 million, down 126,000 from the previous year and up 50,000 from five years earlier.



People of working-age by type of household

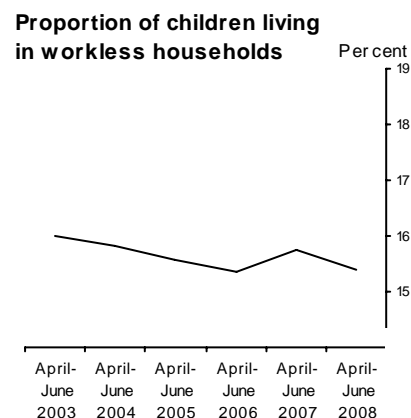
	Working households	Households containing both working and workless members	Workless households	Total working-age households
<i>Levels (000s)</i>				
April-June 2003	20,134	12,106	4,241	36,480
April-June 2007	20,929	12,211	4,416	37,557
April-June 2008	20,610	12,857	4,291	37,758
<i>Change on year</i>	-319	646	-126	201
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	476	751	50	1,277
<i>Proportions (%)</i>				
April-June 2003	55.2	33.2	11.6	100.0
April-June 2007	55.7	32.5	11.8	100.0
April-June 2008	54.6	34.1	11.4	100.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-1.1	1.5	-0.4	0.0
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	-0.6	0.9	-0.3	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 15.4 per cent in the three months to June 2008, down 0.3 percentage points from the previous year and down 0.6 percentage points from five years earlier.

The number of children living in workless households was 1.77 million, down 40,000 from the previous year and down 104,000 from five years earlier.

Of the 1.77 million children living in workless households, 1.2 million (67.6 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 2003	6,215	3,613	1,871	11,699
April-June 2007	6,160	3,513	1,807	11,479
April-June 2008	6,109	3,597	1,767	11,474
<i>Change on year</i>	-50	85	-40	-5
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	-106	-16	-104	-225
<i>Proportions (%)</i>				
April-June 2003	53.1	30.9	16.0	100.0
April-June 2007	53.7	30.6	15.7	100.0
April-June 2008	53.2	31.4	15.4	100.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.4	0.8	-0.3	0.0
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	0.1	0.5	-0.6	0.0

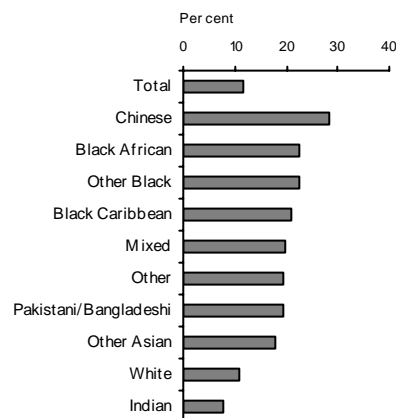
1 Children refers to all children under 16.

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

In the three months to June 2008, the proportion of working-age people living in workless households was highest for the Chinese ethnic group, at 28.3 per cent, and lowest for the Indian ethnic group, at 7.6 per cent.

The rate of worklessness for households by ethnicity of the household reference person was highest for the Other Black ethnic group, at 32.7 per cent. The rate was lowest for the Indian ethnic group, at 10.6 per cent.

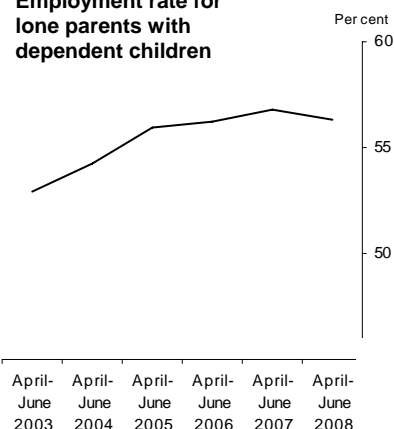
Working-age people living in workless households by ethnic group (Apr-Jun 2008)



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

In the three months to June 2008, the employment rate for lone parents was 56.3 per cent, down 0.5 percentage points from the previous year and up 3.4 percentage points from five years earlier. In comparison, the employment rate for married or cohabiting mothers was 71.7 per cent, up 0.2 percentage points from the previous year and up 0.7 percentage points from five years.

Employment rate for lone parents with dependent children



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 2003	71.0	90.9	53.0	73.7	74.8
April-June 2007	71.4	91.2	56.8	73.0	74.7
April-June 2008	71.7	91.0	56.3	73.5	74.9
<i>Change on year</i>	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	0.5	0.3
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	0.7	0.0	3.4	-0.2	0.1

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

2 Base for percentages excludes people with unknown employment status.

REVISIONS

On 27 August 2008, revised Labour Force Survey (LFS) household datasets from 1998 onwards were issued to take account of a reweighting exercise to incorporate more recent population estimates.

This section summarises the effect of the reweighting exercise, by comparing last years published estimates for the period April-June 2007 with those published for the same period after reweighting.

The more recent population estimates used in reweighting indicated that the UK population was increasing at a faster rate than had been previously estimated, with increases in the male population higher than that of their female counterparts. With increases to the population totals, estimates of the number of working-age households, working-age people and children living in working-age households are higher than previous estimates.

Table 1

	Previous 2007	Revised 2007	Change in level (000's)	Change in level (%)
<u>Working-age households</u>				
One-person household	3,619	3,696	77	2.1%
Couples with dependent children	5,406	5,534	129	2.4%
Lone-parents with dependent children	1,768	1,760	-9	-0.5%
Others with dependent children	152	157	5	3.1%
All households with dependent children	7,326	7,451	125	1.7%
Other household types	7,898	8,061	163	2.1%
All household types	18,843	19,207	364	1.9%
<u>Working-age people</u>				
One-person household	3,619	3,696	77	2.1%
Couples with dependent children	12,962	13,254	292	2.3%
Lone-parents with dependent children	2,515	2,513	-2	-0.1%
Others with dependent children	521	542	21	4.1%
All households with dependent children	15,998	16,309	311	1.9%
Other household types	17,091	17,552	461	2.7%
All household types	36,708	37,557	849	2.3%
<u>Children under 16 living in working-age households</u>				
Couple households with children	8,533	8,722	189	2.2%
Lone parent households	2,545	2,520	-25	-1.0%
Other households with children	230	237	7	3.1%
All household types	11,308	11,479	171	1.5%

The differential between the revised and previous estimates vary by household type, with only those in lone-parent households being revised downwards (see Table 1). This is because the female, most lone parents are female, regional population group where lone parents are most concentrated has fallen.

Table 2 shows that for the majority of workless household types there have been increases or no changes, although there is a fall in the number of children under 16 living in a lone parent workless working-age household.

The 2007 revision to the overall 'worklessness rate' (i.e. workless households as a percentage of all working-age households) is down by 0.11 percentage points.

Table 2

	Previous 2007	Revised 2007	Change in level (000's)	Change in level (%)	Change in worklessness rate (% points)
<u>Workless working-age households</u>					
One-person household	1,005	1,023	17	1.7%	-0.10
Couples with dependent children	300	309	9	2.9%	0.03
Lone-parents with dependent children	704	704	0	0.0%	0.18
Others with dependent children	16	16	0	3.0%	-0.01
All households with dependent children	1,020	1,029	9	0.9%	-0.11
Other household types	1,011	1,020	9	0.9%	-0.15
All household types	3,036	3,071	35	1.2%	-0.12
<u>Working-age people in workless households</u>					
One-person household	1,005	1,023	17	1.7%	-0.10
Couples with dependent children	711	730	19	2.7%	0.02
Lone-parents with dependent children	877	878	1	0.2%	0.09
Others with dependent children	43	45	2	4.1%	0.00
All households with dependent children	1,631	1,653	22	1.4%	-0.06
Other household types	1,712	1,741	29	1.7%	-0.10
All household types	4,348	4,416	69	1.6%	-0.08
<u>Children under 16 living in workless working-age households</u>					
Couple households with children	553	567	14	2.5%	0.02
Lone parent households	1,221	1,214	-7	-0.5%	0.21
Other households with children	25	26	1	3.4%	0.03
All household types	1,798	1,807	8	0.5%	-0.17

Annual Population Survey household datasets

On 11 September 2008, the Office for National statistics will launch the Annual Population Survey (APS) household datasets. These will allow production of family and household labour market statistics at local areas and provide more robust estimates at the aggregate level. The datasets will cover the calendar year period January to December and be available for years 2004 through to 2007. The new datasets include an imputation method for individuals with unknown economic status, resulting in no households with unknown economic status. An article describing the new APS household datasets will be issued on its launch.

Following this launch there will be a consultation on the content of this work and worklessness release. The consultation will consider moving the source of this annual release over to the new APS household datasets and allow for a review of the content of the release. If you would like to be included in this consultation then contact Jamie Jenkins on 01633 455840 or jamie.jenkins@ons.gov.uk.

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) for 1997-2008 and Q4 (October-December) for 2004-2007. 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>

Data for April-June 1992 to 1996 will be available by the end of 2008.

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). Confidence intervals for people in workless households by ethnic groups and children in workless households by region are 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>

Sampling variability (levels and rates for April-June 2008 and changes from April-June 2007)

	April-June 2008		Sampling variability		Changes over the previous year		Sampling variability of these changes	
	Level Thousands	Rate ¹ Per cent	Level Thousands	Rate ¹ Per cent	Level Thousands	Rate ¹ Per cent	Level Thousands	Rate ¹ Per cent
Working-age households								
Working households ²	11,072	57.2	±109	±0.4	-80	-0.9	±146	±0.6
Households containing both working and workless members ²	5,229	27.0	±82	±0.4	244	1.1	±111	±0.6
Workless households ²	3,056	15.8	±72	±0.3	-15	-0.2	±97	±0.5
Workless lone parent households with dependent children ²	714	40.4	±31	±1.4	10	0.4	±42	±1.9
Working-age people								
Working households ²	20,610	54.6	±202	±0.5	-319	-1.1	±273	±0.7
Households containing both working and workless members ²	12,857	34.1	±202	±0.5	646	1.5	±272	±0.7
Workless households ²	4,291	11.4	±109	±0.3	-126	-0.4	±148	±0.4
All non-white in workless households ³	625	17.9	±54	±1.5	-47	-1.1	±73	±2
Children in workless households²								
	1,767	15.4	±69	±0.6	-40	-0.3	±94	±0.8
Employment Rates⁴								
Married/cohabiting mothers	..	71.7	..	±0.8	..	0.2	..	±1.1
Married/cohabiting fathers	..	91.0	..	±0.5	..	-0.2	..	±0.7
Lone parents	..	56.3	..	±1.5	..	-0.5	..	±2.1
Working-age people without dependent children	..	73.5	..	±0.4	..	0.5	..	±0.6
All working age people	..	74.9	..	±0.3	..	0.3	..	±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. Household datasets are weighted differently to person datasets, in that each person in a household is given the same weight. This ensures that weighted estimates at the household level are consistent. When using the household datasets to give estimates of the total number of people the different weighting procedure will give marginally different estimates to those from the person datasets.
7. 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.

8. 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 refer to all children under 16.

Dependent children are children aged under 16 and those aged 16 to 18 who have 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.

Mother/father (table 4) includes biological mothers/fathers, step-mothers/fathers and adoptive mothers/fathers with dependent children that live in the same household as them. Foster mothers/fathers, women/men with non-dependent children and those whose children live in a separate 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 1998	55.1	3.3	22.8	1.0	27.2	2.4	1.9	13.4	17.7	100.0
April-June 1999	55.8	3.3	22.7	1.1	27.1	2.3	1.9	13.0	17.1	100.0
April-June 2000	57.2	2.9	22.4	1.0	26.3	2.0	1.6	12.9	16.6	100.0
April-June 2001	57.3	2.7	22.5	1.0	26.2	1.8	1.5	13.3	16.6	100.0
April-June 2002	57.3	2.9	22.3	1.0	26.1	1.9	1.4	13.3	16.6	100.0
April-June 2003	57.4	2.8	22.7	1.0	26.6	1.7	1.4	13.0	16.0	100.0
April-June 2004	57.4	2.8	22.9	0.9	26.6	1.5	1.3	13.2	16.0	100.0
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April-June 2006	57.4	3.3	22.6	1.1	27.0	1.7	1.5	12.4	15.6	100.0
April-June 2007	58.1	3.0	21.8	1.1	25.9	1.8	1.4	12.8	16.0	100.0
April-June 2008	57.2	3.2	22.7	1.1	27.0	1.7	1.4	12.7	15.8	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>										
April-June 1998	10,031	604	4,155	189	4,948	428	350	2,444	3,223	18,201
April-June 1999	10,228	602	4,157	195	4,954	414	342	2,376	3,133	18,315
April-June 2000	10,547	539	4,124	183	4,847	376	300	2,379	3,056	18,450
April-June 2001	10,635	496	4,176	187	4,859	340	279	2,461	3,080	18,575
April-June 2002	10,754	537	4,191	180	4,908	351	259	2,499	3,109	18,771
April-June 2003	10,816	525	4,282	196	5,003	313	261	2,439	3,013	18,832
April-June 2004	10,826	521	4,311	179	5,011	292	246	2,481	3,019	18,856
April-June 2005	10,942	532	4,303	184	5,019	298	231	2,553	3,082	19,042
April-June 2006	10,945	634	4,305	219	5,157	323	282	2,373	2,978	19,080
April-June 2007	11,152	585	4,196	203	4,984	343	272	2,456	3,071	19,207
April-June 2008	11,072	620	4,386	222	5,229	334	265	2,457	3,056	19,357

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

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		All with dependent children		
			Others with dependent children				
Workless households (a) as a percentage of all working-age households (b)							
<i>Per cent</i>							
April-June 1998	29.3	6.4	49.6	16.6	16.2	14.3	17.7
April-June 1999	28.8	5.9	48.1	19.2	15.6	13.6	17.1
April-June 2000	28.3	5.6	45.2	15.4	14.5	13.4	16.6
April-June 2001	28.3	5.6	44.2	15.9	14.5	13.4	16.6
April-June 2002	28.3	5.5	43.5	13.7	14.5	13.1	16.6
April-June 2003	27.1	5.1	43.2	10.2	14.1	12.7	16.0
April-June 2004	27.4	5.1	41.9	14.2	14.0	12.7	16.0
April-June 2005	28.4	5.0	40.8	15.2	13.7	12.9	16.2
April-June 2006	27.3	5.3	39.4	13.0	13.4	12.3	15.6
April-June 2007	27.7	5.6	40.0	10.2	13.8	12.6	16.0
April-June 2008	27.8	5.0	40.4	8.9	13.5	12.3	15.8

Workless working-age households (a)

Thousands

April-June 1998	945	356	810	22	1,187	1,090	3,223
April-June 1999	942	328	792	27	1,148	1,044	3,133
April-June 2000	957	311	730	21	1,062	1,038	3,056
April-June 2001	971	313	731	23	1,066	1,043	3,080
April-June 2002	1,026	301	744	21	1,066	1,017	3,109
April-June 2003	980	279	741	16	1,036	997	3,013
April-June 2004	974	277	737	23	1,037	1,008	3,019
April-June 2005	1,035	276	717	23	1,016	1,030	3,082
April-June 2006	996	293	686	17	996	985	2,978
April-June 2007	1,023	309	704	16	1,029	1,020	3,071
April-June 2008	1,045	277	714	16	1,008	1,003	3,056

All working-age households (b)

Thousands

April-June 1998	3,224	5,573	1,632	130	7,335	7,643	18,201
April-June 1999	3,269	5,580	1,646	141	7,368	7,678	18,315
April-June 2000	3,377	5,575	1,616	133	7,325	7,748	18,450
April-June 2001	3,424	5,557	1,653	143	7,353	7,798	18,575
April-June 2002	3,629	5,498	1,710	156	7,365	7,777	18,771
April-June 2003	3,622	5,461	1,714	156	7,331	7,879	18,832
April-June 2004	3,558	5,466	1,758	159	7,383	7,915	18,856
April-June 2005	3,647	5,519	1,757	152	7,428	7,968	19,042
April-June 2006	3,646	5,579	1,739	134	7,452	7,982	19,080
April-June 2007	3,696	5,534	1,760	157	7,451	8,061	19,207
April-June 2008	3,754	5,504	1,770	184	7,457	8,146	19,357

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

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

**1(iii) Working-age households by region and combined economic activity
status of household¹: April-June 2008**

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 cent³</i>				
England	58.2	25.9	15.9	100.0
North East	53.8	25.1	21.1	100.0
North West	56.1	24.8	19.1	100.0
Yorkshire and the Humber	58.2	24.2	17.6	100.0
East Midlands	59.3	26.7	14.0	100.0
West Midlands	55.7	27.0	17.3	100.0
East of England	60.6	26.3	13.1	100.0
London	54.0	27.6	18.4	100.0
Inner London	54.4	22.5	23.1	100.0
Outer London	53.8	31.3	14.9	100.0
South East	62.4	26.4	11.2	100.0
South West	61.7	24.5	13.8	100.0
Wales	54.1	28.4	17.6	100.0
Scotland	60.6	22.6	16.8	100.0
Northern Ireland	49.7	32.9	17.4	100.0
Great Britain	58.2	25.8	16.0	100.0
United Kingdom	58.0	26.0	16.1	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
England	8,762	3,907	2,388	15,057
North East	427	199	168	793
North West	1,165	516	396	2,077
Yorkshire and the Humber	913	379	275	1,567
East Midlands	785	353	185	1,323
West Midlands	890	432	277	1,599
East of England	1,019	442	219	1,680
London	1,171	597	399	2,167
Inner London	500	207	213	919
Outer London	672	390	186	1,248
South East	1,497	633	269	2,400
South West	894	355	201	1,450
Wales	467	245	152	864
Scotland	963	360	267	1,590
Northern Ireland	268	178	94	539
Great Britain	10,192	4,512	2,807	17,511
United Kingdom	10,460	4,689	2,901	18,050
			Households with unknown economic activity status (UK)	1,308
			All working-age households (UK)	19,357

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 2008

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 cent³</i>				
White	59.5	25.1	15.4	100.0
All other ethnic groups	42.6	34.4	23.0	100.0
Mixed	51.5	19.5	29.0	100.0
Asian	36.2	45.8	18.0	100.0
Indian	45.3	44.1	10.6	100.0
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	21.1	54.1	24.8	100.0
Other Asian	47.3	31.2	21.5	100.0
Black	50.2	22.4	27.4	100.0
Black Caribbean	55.3	17.8	26.9	100.0
Black African	45.8	27.2	27.1	100.0
Other Black	48.6	18.7	32.7	100.0
Chinese	49.8	24.7	25.5	100.0
Other	41.6	32.2	26.2	100.0
Total⁴	58.0	26.0	16.1	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
White	9,733	4,104	2,510	16,347
All other ethnic groups	723	583	390	1,696
Mixed	59	22	33	114
Asian	275	348	137	760
Indian	151	147	35	333
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	63	161	74	297
Other Asian	61	40	28	130
Black	229	102	125	456
Black Caribbean	116	37	56	209
Black African	102	61	60	223
Other Black	11	4	8	23
Chinese	47	23	24	94
Other	113	88	71	273
Total⁴	10,460	4,689	2,901	18,050
		Households with unknown economic activity status		1,308
		All working-age households		19,357

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 1998	53.6	4.4	27.2	1.9	33.5	1.4	2.1	9.4	12.9	100.0
April-June 1999	54.2	4.3	27.1	2.0	33.4	1.3	2.1	9.0	12.4	100.0
April-June 2000	55.5	3.9	26.8	1.9	32.6	1.2	1.8	9.0	12.0	100.0
April-June 2001	55.5	3.5	27.1	1.9	32.5	1.1	1.6	9.3	12.0	100.0
April-June 2002	55.2	3.8	27.1	1.8	32.8	1.1	1.5	9.3	12.0	100.0
April-June 2003	55.2	3.8	27.4	2.0	33.2	0.9	1.6	9.1	11.6	100.0
April-June 2004	55.0	3.7	27.8	1.8	33.3	0.9	1.5	9.3	11.7	100.0
April-June 2005	55.3	3.8	27.4	1.9	33.1	0.9	1.3	9.4	11.7	100.0
April-June 2006	54.7	4.5	27.3	2.1	34.0	1.0	1.7	8.6	11.3	100.0
April-June 2007	55.7	4.1	26.4	2.0	32.5	1.1	1.6	9.1	11.8	100.0
April-June 2008	54.6	4.3	27.5	2.2	34.1	1.0	1.5	8.9	11.4	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>										
April-June 1998	18,984	1,560	9,644	672	11,876	486	746	3,326	4,558	35,418
April-June 1999	19,281	1,539	9,645	713	11,898	465	733	3,218	4,416	35,595
April-June 2000	19,866	1,380	9,595	679	11,654	421	630	3,229	4,280	35,800
April-June 2001	20,015	1,271	9,763	680	11,714	379	590	3,363	4,332	36,060
April-June 2002	20,041	1,393	9,837	669	11,898	397	552	3,391	4,340	36,280
April-June 2003	20,134	1,378	10,003	724	12,106	345	578	3,317	4,241	36,480
April-June 2004	20,205	1,367	10,219	658	12,244	323	535	3,423	4,281	36,730
April-June 2005	20,488	1,405	10,149	694	12,248	333	491	3,495	4,318	37,055
April-June 2006	20,432	1,673	10,213	803	12,689	359	635	3,228	4,223	37,343
April-June 2007	20,929	1,551	9,899	761	12,211	409	594	3,413	4,416	37,557
April-June 2008	20,610	1,639	10,386	831	12,857	369	576	3,345	4,291	37,758

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

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		All with dependent children		
			with dependent children	Others 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 1998	29.3	6.0	42.6	12.8	11.2	11.2	12.9
April-June 1999	28.8	5.6	42.2	13.9	10.9	10.6	12.4
April-June 2000	28.3	5.2	38.3	10.9	10.0	10.5	12.0
April-June 2001	28.3	5.4	38.8	11.5	10.2	10.4	12.0
April-June 2002	28.3	5.2	38.4	8.2	10.1	10.2	12.0
April-June 2003	27.1	4.9	36.9	6.9	9.8	10.1	11.6
April-June 2004	27.4	4.7	37.1	11.4	9.9	10.0	11.7
April-June 2005	28.4	4.8	35.6	11.4	9.7	9.9	11.7
April-June 2006	27.3	4.9	34.1	9.0	9.5	9.7	11.3
April-June 2007	27.7	5.5	35.0	8.2	10.1	9.9	11.8
April-June 2008	27.8	4.7	34.8	6.6	9.5	9.6	11.4

Working-age people living in workless households (a)

Thousands

April-June 1998	945	787	922	55	1,764	1,848	4,558
April-June 1999	942	739	917	66	1,722	1,753	4,416
April-June 2000	957	688	832	50	1,570	1,753	4,280
April-June 2001	971	706	857	56	1,619	1,743	4,332
April-June 2002	1,026	679	881	43	1,604	1,711	4,340
April-June 2003	980	638	873	37	1,548	1,712	4,241
April-June 2004	974	615	906	64	1,585	1,722	4,281
April-June 2005	1,035	630	884	60	1,573	1,710	4,318
April-June 2006	996	658	846	40	1,544	1,682	4,223
April-June 2007	1,023	730	878	45	1,653	1,741	4,416
April-June 2008	1,045	620	882	44	1,546	1,700	4,291

All working-age people (b)

Thousands

April-June 1998	3,224	13,104	2,162	431	15,697	16,496	35,418
April-June 1999	3,269	13,124	2,174	473	15,770	16,555	35,595
April-June 2000	3,377	13,144	2,170	461	15,775	16,648	35,800
April-June 2001	3,424	13,118	2,210	485	15,813	16,823	36,060
April-June 2002	3,629	13,079	2,296	530	15,905	16,746	36,280
April-June 2003	3,622	12,954	2,366	536	15,857	17,001	36,480
April-June 2004	3,558	12,993	2,441	562	15,996	17,176	36,730
April-June 2005	3,647	13,140	2,485	522	16,147	17,260	37,055
April-June 2006	3,646	13,406	2,479	438	16,324	17,373	37,343
April-June 2007	3,696	13,254	2,513	542	16,309	17,552	37,557
April-June 2008	3,754	13,150	2,537	663	16,350	17,654	37,758

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

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

**2(iii) Working-age people by region and combined economic activity status
of household¹: April-June 2008**

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 cent³</i>				
England	55.7	32.9	11.4	100.0
North East	51.6	32.3	16.1	100.0
North West	54.2	32.0	13.8	100.0
Yorkshire and the Humber	56.1	31.3	12.6	100.0
East Midlands	56.8	33.5	9.7	100.0
West Midlands	52.7	34.2	13.1	100.0
East of England	58.8	32.2	9.0	100.0
London	49.3	37.0	13.7	100.0
Inner London	49.5	32.0	18.5	100.0
Outer London	49.1	40.5	10.4	100.0
South East	60.2	32.1	7.6	100.0
South West	60.3	30.3	9.5	100.0
Wales	52.5	35.0	12.5	100.0
Scotland	59.3	29.2	11.6	100.0
Northern Ireland	45.3	43.1	11.6	100.0
Great Britain	55.9	32.7	11.5	100.0
United Kingdom	55.5	33.0	11.5	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
England	15,862	9,368	3,242	28,472
North East	764	478	239	1,481
North West	2,115	1,248	537	3,901
Yorkshire and the Humber	1,638	913	369	2,920
East Midlands	1,439	848	245	2,532
West Midlands	1,608	1,045	399	3,052
East of England	1,866	1,023	285	3,175
London	1,991	1,496	553	4,040
Inner London	812	524	304	1,640
Outer London	1,179	971	250	2,400
South East	2,772	1,480	352	4,605
South West	1,667	837	262	2,767
Wales	848	565	203	1,616
Scotland	1,719	847	336	2,901
Northern Ireland	490	465	125	1,080
Great Britain	18,428	10,780	3,780	32,989
United Kingdom	18,918	11,245	3,906	34,069
		Working-age people in households with unknown economic activity status (UK)		3,688
		All working-age people (UK)		37,758

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 2008

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 cent³</i>				
White	57.7	31.5	10.7	100.0
All other ethnic groups	36.2	46.0	17.9	100.0
Mixed	44.8	35.3	19.9	100.0
Asian	28.9	57.0	14.2	100.0
Indian	37.7	54.7	7.6	100.0
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	14.7	66.0	19.3	100.0
Other Asian	42.2	39.8	18.0	100.0
Black	45.6	32.5	21.9	100.0
Black Caribbean	52.9	26.3	20.8	100.0
Black African	39.4	37.9	22.7	100.0
Other Black	51.9	25.5	22.6	100.0
Chinese	44.1	27.6	28.3	100.0
Other	40.1	40.4	19.6	100.0
Total⁴	55.5	33.0	11.5	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
White	17,647	9,632	3,280	30,559
All other ethnic groups	1,266	1,608	625	3,499
Mixed	109	86	49	244
Asian	508	1,002	249	1,758
Indian	281	407	57	744
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	107	481	141	729
Other Asian	120	113	51	285
Black	339	241	163	743
Black Caribbean	164	81	64	309
Black African	155	149	89	394
Other Black	20	10	9	38
Chinese	85	53	55	194
Other	224	226	109	560
Total⁴	18,918	11,245	3,906	34,069
				Working-age people in households with unknown economic activity status
				3,688
				All working-age people
				37,758

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 household^d

Not seasonally adjusted

	Working households	Households containing both working and workless members				Workless households			All households	
		Employed and unemployed	Employed and inactive	Employed unemployed and inactive	All households containing both working and workless members	All unemployed	Unemployed and inactive	All inactive	All workless households	
<i>Per cent</i>										
April-June 1998	51.0	3.7	25.9	0.9	30.5	2.0	2.9	13.7	18.5	100.0
April-June 1999	52.7	3.4	25.2	0.9	29.6	1.9	2.8	13.1	17.8	100.0
April-June 2000	53.6	3.3	25.5	1.0	29.8	1.8	2.4	12.4	16.6	100.0
April-June 2001	54.4	3.1	25.4	0.9	29.4	1.4	2.1	12.8	16.2	100.0
April-June 2002	53.6	3.1	25.7	0.9	29.7	1.4	2.0	13.3	16.6	100.0
April-June 2003	53.1	2.7	27.1	1.1	30.9	1.2	1.8	12.9	16.0	100.0
April-June 2004	53.6	2.9	26.8	0.9	30.6	1.2	2.0	12.6	15.8	100.0
April-June 2005	53.8	2.9	27.0	0.8	30.7	1.2	1.9	12.4	15.6	100.0
April-June 2006	53.3	3.7	26.6	1.1	31.3	1.3	2.2	11.9	15.4	100.0
April-June 2007	53.7	3.1	26.4	1.0	30.6	1.4	2.2	12.1	15.7	100.0
April-June 2008	53.2	3.3	27.0	1.1	31.4	1.6	2.2	11.6	15.4	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>										
April-June 1998	6,105	441	3,108	108	3,657	235	343	1,638	2,217	11,979
April-June 1999	6,311	407	3,026	111	3,544	231	332	1,565	2,129	11,984
April-June 2000	6,403	388	3,045	119	3,553	214	285	1,482	1,980	11,936
April-June 2001	6,450	368	3,006	107	3,480	162	244	1,512	1,919	11,849
April-June 2002	6,308	369	3,019	110	3,499	164	233	1,560	1,956	11,763
April-June 2003	6,215	320	3,169	124	3,613	144	214	1,513	1,871	11,699
April-June 2004	6,227	333	3,118	106	3,558	143	228	1,467	1,838	11,623
April-June 2005	6,218	332	3,122	92	3,546	142	220	1,438	1,799	11,563
April-June 2006	6,134	425	3,061	123	3,609	148	249	1,373	1,770	11,513
April-June 2007	6,160	359	3,034	119	3,513	165	248	1,394	1,807	11,479
April-June 2008	6,109	374	3,096	127	3,597	184	253	1,330	1,767	11,474

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

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 1998	7.9	57.1	16.5	18.5
April-June 1999	7.2	55.2	20.6	17.8
April-June 2000	6.9	52.9	14.9	16.6
April-June 2001	6.6	51.2	15.8	16.2
April-June 2002	6.8	50.8	14.6	16.6
April-June 2003	6.0	50.9	10.4	16.0
April-June 2004	6.2	49.2	14.5	15.8
April-June 2005	6.4	48.0	15.9	15.6
April-June 2006	6.7	46.7	10.7	15.4
April-June 2007	6.5	48.2	10.8	15.7
April-June 2008	6.3	47.6	9.4	15.4
Children living in workless households (a)				
<i>Thousands</i>				
April-June 1998	730	1,451	36	2,217
April-June 1999	664	1,418	47	2,129
April-June 2000	635	1,314	32	1,980
April-June 2001	605	1,279	35	1,919
April-June 2002	610	1,310	36	1,956
April-June 2003	534	1,310	27	1,871
April-June 2004	546	1,255	37	1,838
April-June 2005	564	1,198	38	1,799
April-June 2006	593	1,156	21	1,770
April-June 2007	567	1,214	26	1,807
April-June 2008	546	1,195	27	1,767
Children living in all working-age households (b)				
<i>Thousands</i>				
April-June 1998	9,220	2,542	217	11,979
April-June 1999	9,187	2,568	229	11,984
April-June 2000	9,238	2,485	213	11,936
April-June 2001	9,130	2,495	224	11,849
April-June 2002	8,936	2,577	250	11,763
April-June 2003	8,871	2,572	256	11,699
April-June 2004	8,816	2,550	258	11,623
April-June 2005	8,830	2,493	240	11,563
April-June 2006	8,843	2,475	195	11,513
April-June 2007	8,722	2,520	237	11,479
April-June 2008	8,679	2,509	285	11,474

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

¹ Children refers to children under 16.

3(iii) Children living in working-age households by region and combined economic activity status of household^{1,2}: April-June 2008

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	52.9	31.2	16.0	100.0
North East	54.6	25.9	19.5	100.0
North West	53.6	28.4	18.0	100.0
Yorkshire and the Humber	55.3	28.4	16.3	100.0
East Midlands	56.7	30.8	12.5	100.0
West Midlands	47.8	33.1	19.1	100.0
East of England	54.3	33.3	12.4	100.0
London	40.3	36.9	22.7	100.0
Inner London	35.4	35.1	29.5	100.0
Outer London	43.7	38.2	18.1	100.0
South East	58.4	31.4	10.2	100.0
South West	62.0	25.4	12.5	100.0
Wales	53.9	30.5	15.6	100.0
Scotland	60.6	24.9	14.5	100.0
Northern Ireland	53.0	33.8	13.2	100.0
Great Britain	53.5	30.6	15.8	100.0
United Kingdom	53.5	30.7	15.7	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
England	4,856	2,864	1,468	9,188
North East	222	106	80	408
North West	681	360	228	1,269
Yorkshire and the Humber	489	250	144	883
East Midlands	443	241	97	781
West Midlands	488	338	196	1,022
East of England	550	338	125	1,013
London	607	556	343	1,506
Inner London	216	214	181	611
Outer London	391	342	162	895
South East	864	465	151	1,481
South West	512	210	103	826
Wales	301	170	87	558
Scotland	510	210	121	841
Northern Ireland	190	121	47	358
Great Britain	5,666	3,244	1,676	10,586
United Kingdom	5,856	3,365	1,724	10,944
		Children in working-age households with unknown economic activity status (UK)		529
		Children in all working-age households (UK)		11,474

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 2008

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	57.4	28.5	14.1	100.0
All other ethnic groups	33.1	42.7	24.2	100.0
Mixed	49.9	26.2	23.9	100.0
Asian	22.9	57.5	19.6	100.0
Indian	39.7	52.2	8.1	100.0
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	12.8	62.0	25.2	100.0
Other Asian	31.7	47.7	20.6	100.0
Black	39.8	26.4	33.9	100.0
Black Caribbean	47.1	17.1	35.8	100.0
Black African	37.1	30.0	33.0	100.0
Other Black	30.4	35.4	34.2	100.0
Chinese	44.9	34.6	20.4	100.0
Other	30.3	45.4	24.4	100.0
Total⁵	53.5	30.7	15.7	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
White	5,271	2,613	1,297	9,181
All other ethnic groups	581	750	425	1,756
Mixed	163	86	78	328
Asian	183	459	156	798
Indian	93	123	19	235
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	60	291	118	469
Other Asian	30	44	19	93
Black	161	107	138	406
Black Caribbean	57	21	43	121
Black African	93	75	83	251
Other Black	10	11	11	31
Chinese	16	12	7	35
Other	57	85	46	188
Total⁵	5,856	3,365	1,724	10,944
			Children in working-age households with unknown economic activity status	529
			Children in all working-age households	11,474

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 cent</i> ⁴					
April-June 1998	68.8	89.3	46.0	72.5	73.3
April-June 1999	69.9	90.0	48.0	72.8	73.8
April-June 2000	70.8	90.1	50.7	73.5	74.6
April-June 2001	71.1	89.8	51.5	73.6	74.6
April-June 2002	70.8	90.3	53.3	73.4	74.6
April-June 2003	71.0	90.9	53.0	73.7	74.8
April-June 2004	71.1	90.6	54.2	73.5	74.7
April-June 2005	71.8	90.9	55.9	73.3	74.8
April-June 2006	71.1	90.9	56.3	73.1	74.6
April-June 2007	71.4	91.2	56.8	73.0	74.7
April-June 2008	71.7	91.0	56.3	73.5	74.9

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.