

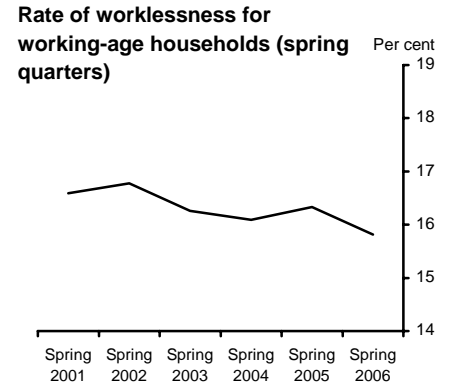
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Labour Force Survey estimates for spring 2006 show that the rate of worklessness for working-age households was 15.8 per cent. This was down 0.5 percentage points from a year earlier and down 0.8 percentage points from five years earlier.

The number of workless working-age households was 2.97 million, down 101,000 from a year earlier and down 95,000 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>				
Spring 2001	10,561	4,836	3,062	18,459
Spring 2005	10,766	4,953	3,068	18,787
Spring 2006	10,707	5,088	2,968	18,763
<i>Change on year</i>	-59	136	-101	-24
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	147	252	-95	304
<i>Proportions (%)</i>				
Spring 2001	57.2	26.2	16.6	100.0
Spring 2005	57.3	26.4	16.3	100.0
Spring 2006	57.1	27.1	15.8	100.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.2	0.8	-0.5	0.0
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	-0.1	0.9	-0.8	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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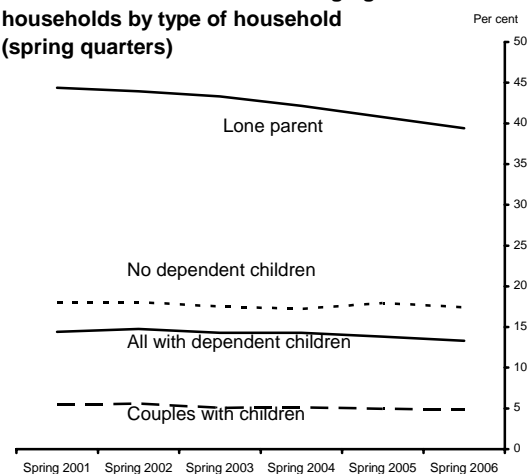
Workless households by household composition [Table 1(ii)]

In spring 2006 the rate of worklessness for all households without dependent children was 17.4 per cent, compared with 13.3 per cent for all households with dependent children.

The rate of worklessness for lone parent households with dependent children was 39.4 per cent, down 1.4 percentage points from the previous year and down 5.0 percentage points from five years earlier.

The rate of worklessness for couple households with dependent children was 4.9 per cent, down 0.1 percentage points from the previous year and down 0.6 percentage points from five years earlier.

Rate of worklessness for working-age households by type of household (spring quarters)



The number of workless lone parent households with dependent children was 699,000, down 29,000 from the previous year and down 35,000 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>					
Spring 2001	305	734	1,058	2,004	3,062
Spring 2005	270	728	1,021	2,047	3,068
Spring 2006	266	699	982	1,986	2,968
<i>Change on year</i>	-4	-29	-39	-61	-101
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	-39	-35	-77	-18	-95
<i>Rates² (%)</i>					
Spring 2001	5.5	44.4	14.4	18.0	16.6
Spring 2005	5.0	40.8	13.8	17.9	16.3
Spring 2006	4.9	39.4	13.3	17.4	15.8
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.1	-1.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	-0.6	-5.0	-1.1	-0.6	-0.8

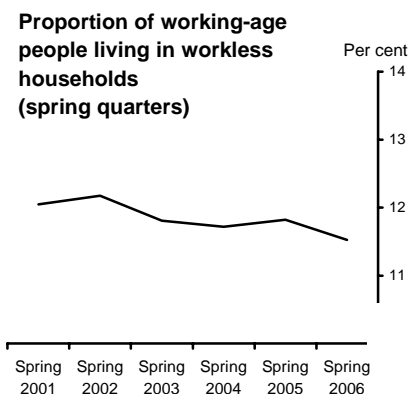
1 Includes other household types with dependent children.

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 11.5 per cent in spring 2006, down 0.3 percentage points from the previous year and down 0.5 percentage points from five years earlier.

The number of working-age people living in workless households was 4.21 million, down 91,000 from the previous year and down 96,000 from five years earlier.



People of working-age by type of household

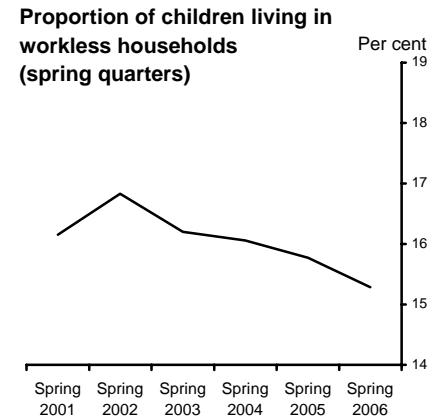
	Working households	Households containing both working and workless members	Workless households	Total working-age households
<i>Levels (000s)</i>				
Spring 2001	19,800	11,664	4,310	35,774
Spring 2005	20,101	12,015	4,306	36,422
Spring 2006	19,922	12,439	4,214	36,575
<i>Change on year</i>	-179	423	-91	153
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	122	775	-96	802
<i>Proportions (%)</i>				
Spring 2001	55.3	32.6	12.0	100.0
Spring 2005	55.2	33.0	11.8	100.0
Spring 2006	54.5	34.0	11.5	100.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.7	1.0	-0.3	0.0
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	-0.9	1.4	-0.5	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 15.3 per cent in spring 2006, down 0.5 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 1.74 million, down 70,000 from the previous year and down 171,000 from five years earlier.

Of the 1.74 million children living in workless households, 1.19 million (68.0 per cent) were in lone parent households.



Children¹ in working-age households by type of household

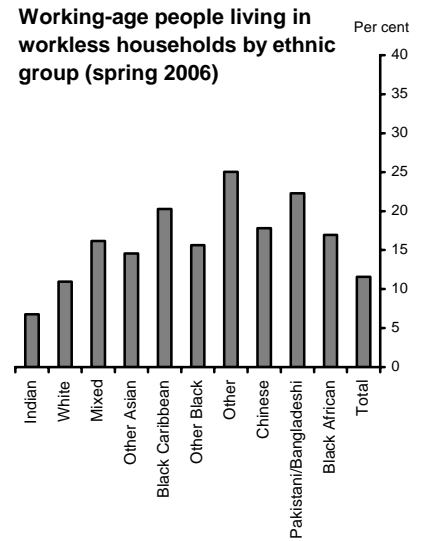
	Working households	Households containing both working and workless members	Workless households	Total working-age households
<i>Levels (000s)</i>				
Spring 2001	6,434	3,507	1,915	11,856
Spring 2005	6,157	3,528	1,814	11,499
Spring 2006	6,093	3,572	1,744	11,409
<i>Change on year</i>	-63	43	-70	-90
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	-341	65	-171	-448
<i>Proportions (%)</i>				
Spring 2001	54.3	29.6	16.2	100.0
Spring 2005	53.5	30.7	15.8	100.0
Spring 2006	53.4	31.3	15.3	100.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.1	0.6	-0.5	0.0
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	-0.9	1.7	-0.9	0.0

¹ Children refers to all children under 16.

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

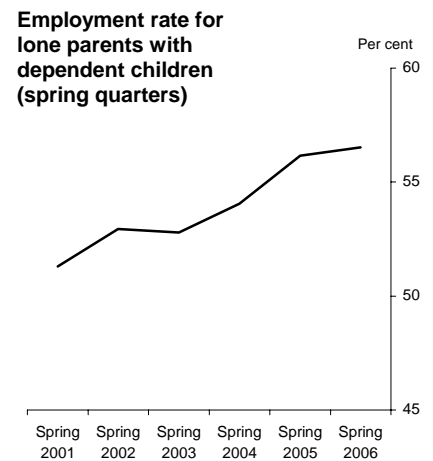
In spring 2006, the proportion of working-age people living in workless households was highest for the Pakistani and Bangladeshi ethnic group, at 22.3 per cent, and lowest for the Indian ethnic group, at 6.8 per cent.

The rate of worklessness for households by ethnicity of the household reference person was highest for the Pakistani and Bangladeshi ethnic group, at 27.0 per cent. The rate was lowest for the Indian ethnic group, at 10.3 per cent.



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

In spring 2006, the employment rate for lone parents was 56.5 per cent, up 0.4 percentage points from the previous year and up 5.2 percentage points from five years earlier. In comparison, the employment rate for married or cohabiting mothers was 71.4 per cent, down 0.4 percentage points from the previous year and up 0.4 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>				
Spring 2001	71.0	90.1	51.3	73.4	74.6
Spring 2005	71.9	90.8	56.2	73.1	74.7
Spring 2006	71.4	91.0	56.5	72.8	74.5
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.4	0.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.2
<i>Change on 5 years</i>	0.4	0.9	5.2	-0.6	-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.

New LFS microdata

A time series showing spring data back to 1992 and autumn data back to 1995 is available on the National Statistics website:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=12859&More=n>

BACKGROUND NOTES

1. The figures in this release are derived from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) household datasets. These have been designed specifically for household and family analyses and are available for spring and autumn quarters only. Spring refers to the period March to May and autumn refers to the period September to November.
2. Work continues on a project to develop the household version of the Annual Population Survey (APS) datasets, to improve the quality of family and household level labour market statistics for local areas. The APS is compiled on a 12 month basis every quarter from the main LFS, together with additional interviews in England, Wales and Scotland. The APS is a combined survey of households across the United Kingdom. Its purpose is to provide information on key social and socio-economic variables between the 10-yearly censuses, with particular emphasis on providing information relating to small geographical areas.
3. 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.
4. The LFS household datasets are designed 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. This is in addition to the tables in the rest of the release which focus on the employment status of the household combined.
5. 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 4). Additional confidence intervals for people in workless households by individual ethnic groups and children in workless households by region, are given in the time series tables which are available at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=12859&More=n>. 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&Rank=272>.

Sampling variability (levels and rates for spring 2006 and changes from spring 2005)

	Spring 2006		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	10,707	57.1	±105	±0.4	-59	-0.2	±142	±0.6
Households containing both working and workless members ²	5,088	27.1	±80	±0.4	136	0.8	±108	±0.6
Workless households ²	2,968	15.8	±70	±0.3	-101	-0.5	±94	±0.5
Workless lone parent households with dependent children ²	699	39.4	±30	±1.4	-29	-1.4	±41	±1.9
Working-age people								
Working households ²	19,922	54.5	±195	±0.5	-179	-0.7	±264	±0.7
Households containing both working and workless members ²	12,439	34.0	±195	±0.5	423	1.0	±263	±0.7
Workless households ²	4,214	11.5	±107	±0.3	-91	-0.3	±145	±0.4
All non-white in workless households ³	540	17.1	±47	±1.4	-37	-2.6	±63	±1.9
Children in workless households²								
	1,744	15.3	±68	±0.6	-70	-0.5	±92	±0.8
Employment Rates⁴								
Married/cohabiting mothers	..	71.4	..	±0.8	..	-0.4	..	±1.1
Married/cohabiting fathers	..	91.0	..	±0.5	..	0.2	..	±0.7
Lone parents	..	56.5	..	±1.6	..	0.4	..	±2.1
Working-age people without dependent children	..	72.8	..	±0.4	..	-0.3	..	±0.6
All working age people	..	74.5	..	±0.3	..	-0.2	..	±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

6. Figures in Table 1(i), 1(ii), 2(i), 2(ii), 3(i) and 3(ii) include estimates for households with unknown economic activity. This adjustment procedure was detailed 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 been left unadjusted as they refer to subgroups of the population and research suggests that economic activity rates vary across different subgroups meaning that the general adjustment procedure outlined in *Labour Market Trends* is not a suitable method for the adjustment of subgroups of the population.
7. None of the figures in this release can be seasonally adjusted because the LFS Household datasets are only produced for the spring and autumn quarters. In order to carry out seasonal adjustment data would have to be available for each quarter. Spring data are published in July and autumn data are published in January. It is recommended that comparisons over time should not be made between spring and autumn quarters.

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 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>										
Spring 1992	50.4	5.5	24.8	1.9	32.2	3.0	3.5	10.9	17.4	100.0
Spring 1993	50.9	5.5	23.3	1.8	30.6	3.4	3.8	11.3	18.5	100.0
Spring 1994	51.8	4.8	23.0	1.6	29.4	3.5	3.5	11.8	18.8	100.0
Spring 1995	53.0	4.2	22.5	1.4	28.1	3.3	3.1	12.5	18.9	100.0
Spring 1996	53.0	3.9	22.5	1.4	27.8	3.1	2.8	13.2	19.1	100.0
Spring 1997	54.3	3.5	22.8	1.2	27.6	2.7	2.4	13.1	18.1	100.0
Spring 1998	55.1	3.1	22.9	1.0	27.1	2.4	2.0	13.5	17.8	100.0
Spring 1999	55.8	3.2	22.6	1.1	26.9	2.3	1.9	13.1	17.3	100.0
Spring 2000	57.1	3.0	22.2	1.0	26.2	2.1	1.7	13.0	16.8	100.0
Spring 2001	57.2	2.6	22.6	1.0	26.2	1.8	1.4	13.4	16.6	100.0
Spring 2002	57.1	2.8	22.3	1.0	26.1	1.9	1.5	13.4	16.8	100.0
Spring 2003	57.2	2.8	22.6	1.0	26.5	1.6	1.4	13.2	16.3	100.0
Spring 2004	57.4	2.8	22.8	0.9	26.5	1.6	1.3	13.2	16.1	100.0
Spring 2005	57.3	2.7	22.8	0.9	26.4	1.6	1.2	13.5	16.3	100.0
Spring 2006	57.1	3.3	22.8	1.1	27.1	1.7	1.4	12.7	15.8	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>										
Spring 1992	8,780	960	4,324	333	5,617	519	618	1,895	3,032	17,429
Spring 1993	9,009	965	4,127	325	5,417	597	680	1,994	3,271	17,697
Spring 1994	9,292	853	4,121	290	5,263	624	630	2,119	3,373	17,929
Spring 1995	9,562	755	4,066	247	5,069	604	558	2,257	3,419	18,050
Spring 1996	9,522	700	4,040	256	4,995	564	504	2,369	3,437	17,955
Spring 1997	9,779	632	4,113	222	4,967	483	431	2,351	3,265	18,011
Spring 1998	9,999	565	4,165	185	4,915	436	355	2,444	3,235	18,150
Spring 1999	10,149	579	4,121	192	4,892	420	352	2,386	3,157	18,198
Spring 2000	10,470	542	4,070	189	4,801	379	308	2,389	3,075	18,346
Spring 2001	10,561	486	4,168	182	4,836	326	265	2,471	3,062	18,459
Spring 2002	10,639	523	4,163	180	4,866	356	273	2,497	3,126	18,631
Spring 2003	10,681	531	4,223	193	4,947	304	261	2,470	3,035	18,662
Spring 2004	10,736	515	4,261	169	4,945	290	242	2,475	3,008	18,689
Spring 2005	10,766	504	4,280	169	4,953	300	226	2,542	3,068	18,787
Spring 2006	10,707	610	4,272	206	5,088	313	266	2,389	2,968	18,763

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
		Lone parents		Others with dependent children	All with dependent children		
		Couples with dependent children	with dependent children				
Workless households (a) as a percentage of all working-age households (b)							
<i>Per cent</i>							
Spring 1992	32.5	8.6	53.9	19.5	16.3	13.5	17.4
Spring 1993	32.2	9.1	54.7	13.9	17.0	14.9	18.5
Spring 1994	32.2	9.0	54.3	16.5	17.6	14.8	18.8
Spring 1995	31.8	8.2	53.4	15.2	17.5	15.1	18.9
Spring 1996	32.8	8.0	52.1	19.9	17.6	14.9	19.1
Spring 1997	30.9	6.9	50.3	18.4	16.2	14.7	18.1
Spring 1998	29.7	6.6	49.0	17.0	16.2	14.4	17.8
Spring 1999	29.4	6.1	48.1	19.7	15.7	13.8	17.3
Spring 2000	29.0	5.5	45.2	15.4	14.6	13.6	16.8
Spring 2001	28.1	5.5	44.4	14.5	14.4	13.6	16.6
Spring 2002	28.5	5.6	44.0	14.6	14.8	13.2	16.8
Spring 2003	27.6	5.1	43.3	11.2	14.3	12.9	16.3
Spring 2004	27.2	5.2	42.1	13.6	14.3	12.8	16.1
Spring 2005	28.9	5.0	40.8	15.9	13.8	12.9	16.3
Spring 2006	27.6	4.9	39.4	11.7	13.3	12.8	15.8
Workless working-age households (a)							
<i>Thousands</i>							
Spring 1992	828	494	619	30	1,144	1,061	3,032
Spring 1993	903	529	671	20	1,220	1,148	3,271
Spring 1994	960	518	730	21	1,269	1,144	3,373
Spring 1995	996	465	786	18	1,269	1,154	3,419
Spring 1996	1,033	451	808	26	1,284	1,120	3,437
Spring 1997	972	390	764	25	1,180	1,114	3,265
Spring 1998	950	367	800	23	1,189	1,096	3,235
Spring 1999	949	338	791	28	1,157	1,052	3,157
Spring 2000	961	307	736	20	1,064	1,050	3,075
Spring 2001	953	305	734	20	1,058	1,051	3,062
Spring 2002	1,021	306	756	22	1,085	1,020	3,126
Spring 2003	983	274	752	18	1,044	1,008	3,035
Spring 2004	959	279	751	21	1,051	997	3,008
Spring 2005	1,039	270	728	24	1,021	1,009	3,068
Spring 2006	981	266	699	18	982	1,005	2,968
All working-age households (b)							
<i>Thousands</i>							
Spring 1992	2,543	5,723	1,149	154	7,026	7,860	17,429
Spring 1993	2,799	5,810	1,225	142	7,177	7,721	17,697
Spring 1994	2,983	5,740	1,344	129	7,214	7,732	17,929
Spring 1995	3,129	5,679	1,473	121	7,273	7,647	18,050
Spring 1996	3,149	5,621	1,552	130	7,303	7,503	17,955
Spring 1997	3,144	5,631	1,521	135	7,288	7,579	18,011
Spring 1998	3,203	5,571	1,632	133	7,335	7,612	18,150
Spring 1999	3,227	5,566	1,643	142	7,351	7,621	18,198
Spring 2000	3,320	5,548	1,629	130	7,307	7,719	18,346
Spring 2001	3,393	5,542	1,654	137	7,334	7,733	18,459
Spring 2002	3,580	5,471	1,720	152	7,343	7,708	18,631
Spring 2003	3,558	5,402	1,736	160	7,298	7,807	18,662
Spring 2004	3,532	5,406	1,782	158	7,345	7,811	18,689
Spring 2005	3,599	5,443	1,785	149	7,377	7,811	18,787
Spring 2006	3,551	5,443	1,773	149	7,365	7,847	18,763

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.

1(iii) Working-age households by region and combined economic activity status of household¹: spring 2006

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	26.2	15.6	100.0
North East	54.1	25.8	20.1	100.0
North West	55.9	26.4	17.7	100.0
Yorkshire and the Humber	57.7	25.0	17.3	100.0
East Midlands	61.4	24.5	14.1	100.0
West Midlands	56.2	28.3	15.5	100.0
East of England	59.7	27.4	12.9	100.0
London	52.4	28.2	19.4	100.0
Inner London	50.6	24.2	25.2	100.0
Outer London	53.6	31.0	15.4	100.0
South East	63.1	25.4	11.5	100.0
South West	62.2	24.2	13.6	100.0
Wales	54.1	27.2	18.8	100.0
Scotland	59.3	22.8	17.8	100.0
Northern Ireland	48.3	32.7	19.1	100.0
Great Britain	58.1	26.0	15.9	100.0
United Kingdom	57.8	26.2	16.0	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
England	8,550	3,855	2,285	14,690
North East	409	195	152	757
North West	1,146	540	363	2,049
Yorkshire and the Humber	876	379	262	1,516
East Midlands	787	313	181	1,281
West Midlands	854	429	236	1,520
East of England	985	453	213	1,651
London	1,111	598	412	2,121
Inner London	443	212	220	874
Outer London	669	387	192	1,247
South East	1,491	600	271	2,362
South West	891	347	195	1,434
Wales	464	233	161	859
Scotland	932	359	280	1,570
Northern Ireland	244	165	96	505
Great Britain	9,946	4,447	2,726	17,119
United Kingdom	10,190	4,612	2,822	17,624
		Households with unknown economic activity status (UK)		1,139
		All working-age households (UK)		18,763

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: spring 2006

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	59.3	25.2	15.5	100.0
All other ethnic groups	41.9	36.3	21.8	100.0
Mixed	57.2	22.4	20.4	100.0
Asian	35.2	46.8	18.0	100.0
Indian	45.7	44.0	10.3	100.0
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	18.8	54.2	27.0	100.0
Other Asian	42.3	38.7	19.1	100.0
Black	50.3	25.3	24.3	100.0
Black Caribbean	54.0	21.2	24.8	100.0
Black African	46.2	30.1	23.7	100.0
Other Black	56.0	17.3	26.7	100.0
Chinese	47.2	32.5	20.3	100.0
Other	37.5	34.0	28.5	100.0
Total ⁴	57.8	26.2	16.0	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
White	9,554	4,064	2,491	16,108
All other ethnic groups	632	547	328	1,507
Mixed	58	23	21	102
Asian	234	310	119	663
Indian	139	134	31	305
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	46	132	66	243
Other Asian	48	44	22	115
Black	222	111	107	440
Black Caribbean	118	46	54	219
Black African	97	63	50	210
Other Black	6	2	3	12
Chinese	28	20	12	60
Other	91	82	69	242
Total ⁴	10,190	4,612	2,822	17,624
				Households with unknown economic activity status
				1,139
				All working-age households
				18,763

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 households	
		Employed and unemployed	Employed and inactive	Employed unemployed and inactive		All unemployed	Unemployed and inactive	All inactive	All workless households	
<i>Per cent</i>										
Spring 1992	48.9	6.9	28.1	3.4	38.4	1.8	3.6	7.2	12.7	100.0
Spring 1993	49.1	7.0	27.0	3.3	37.2	2.1	4.0	7.6	13.7	100.0
Spring 1994	50.2	6.0	26.9	2.9	35.8	2.1	3.7	8.1	14.0	100.0
Spring 1995	51.6	5.4	26.6	2.5	34.5	2.0	3.3	8.7	14.0	100.0
Spring 1996	51.8	5.1	26.6	2.6	34.3	1.9	3.0	9.0	13.9	100.0
Spring 1997	52.9	4.5	26.9	2.3	33.7	1.6	2.6	9.2	13.3	100.0
Spring 1998	53.6	4.1	27.4	1.9	33.3	1.4	2.2	9.5	13.1	100.0
Spring 1999	54.2	4.1	27.1	1.9	33.2	1.3	2.1	9.2	12.6	100.0
Spring 2000	55.5	3.9	26.5	2.0	32.3	1.2	1.8	9.1	12.1	100.0
Spring 2001	55.3	3.5	27.3	1.8	32.6	1.0	1.6	9.5	12.0	100.0
Spring 2002	55.1	3.7	27.1	1.9	32.7	1.1	1.6	9.5	12.2	100.0
Spring 2003	55.1	3.8	27.3	2.0	33.1	0.9	1.5	9.3	11.8	100.0
Spring 2004	55.2	3.7	27.7	1.7	33.1	0.9	1.4	9.4	11.7	100.0
Spring 2005	55.2	3.6	27.7	1.7	33.0	0.9	1.3	9.6	11.8	100.0
Spring 2006	54.5	4.3	27.6	2.1	34.0	1.0	1.6	8.9	11.5	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>										
Spring 1992	17,014	2,409	9,767	1,167	13,343	643	1,260	2,512	4,415	34,771
Spring 1993	17,105	2,422	9,402	1,133	12,957	726	1,388	2,639	4,753	34,816
Spring 1994	17,447	2,096	9,337	1,004	12,437	746	1,298	2,801	4,845	34,730
Spring 1995	17,866	1,869	9,213	856	11,937	701	1,138	3,008	4,848	34,651
Spring 1996	18,157	1,791	9,308	902	12,002	662	1,053	3,166	4,882	35,041
Spring 1997	18,610	1,594	9,461	801	11,856	559	910	3,218	4,688	35,154
Spring 1998	18,901	1,431	9,658	652	11,741	496	763	3,345	4,603	35,245
Spring 1999	19,177	1,458	9,580	689	11,728	472	744	3,253	4,469	35,374
Spring 2000	19,738	1,369	9,431	700	11,499	420	656	3,233	4,309	35,546
Spring 2001	19,800	1,241	9,769	654	11,664	359	556	3,395	4,310	35,774
Spring 2002	19,824	1,344	9,751	674	11,770	404	575	3,401	4,380	35,973
Spring 2003	19,907	1,380	9,868	708	11,955	336	555	3,373	4,265	36,127
Spring 2004	20,016	1,329	10,064	618	12,011	322	526	3,403	4,251	36,278
Spring 2005	20,101	1,308	10,072	636	12,015	331	486	3,489	4,306	36,422
Spring 2006	19,922	1,581	10,106	751	12,439	349	594	3,272	4,214	36,575

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			All with dependent children	Other household types	All household types
		Couples with dependent children	Lone parents 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>							
Spring 1992	32.5	7.9	45.7	15.1	12.0	10.4	12.7
Spring 1993	32.2	8.5	47.5	9.5	12.5	11.5	13.7
Spring 1994	32.2	8.3	47.1	13.4	12.9	11.6	14.0
Spring 1995	31.8	7.6	46.2	11.9	12.5	12.0	14.0
Spring 1996	32.8	7.4	45.1	16.0	12.6	11.6	13.9
Spring 1997	30.9	6.5	43.7	15.0	11.5	11.7	13.3
Spring 1998	29.7	6.2	42.0	13.4	11.4	11.4	13.1
Spring 1999	29.4	5.8	42.3	15.1	11.1	10.8	12.6
Spring 2000	29.0	5.2	38.6	11.1	10.0	10.8	12.1
Spring 2001	28.1	5.3	38.7	10.7	10.1	10.6	12.0
Spring 2002	28.5	5.3	38.9	8.7	10.3	10.4	12.2
Spring 2003	27.6	4.9	37.1	7.7	9.9	10.3	11.8
Spring 2004	27.2	4.9	37.4	10.7	10.1	10.0	11.7
Spring 2005	28.9	4.8	35.7	12.0	9.9	10.0	11.8
Spring 2006	27.6	4.6	34.3	8.4	9.4	10.2	11.5

Working-age people living in workless households (a)

Thousands

Spring 1992	828	1,064	710	79	1,852	1,735	4,415
Spring 1993	903	1,140	769	46	1,955	1,896	4,753
Spring 1994	960	1,109	824	57	1,990	1,895	4,845
Spring 1995	996	999	888	48	1,935	1,917	4,848
Spring 1996	1,033	981	920	68	1,969	1,880	4,882
Spring 1997	972	865	879	69	1,812	1,904	4,688
Spring 1998	950	816	908	58	1,782	1,871	4,603
Spring 1999	949	759	913	71	1,743	1,777	4,469
Spring 2000	961	680	838	49	1,567	1,781	4,309
Spring 2001	953	692	851	49	1,592	1,765	4,310
Spring 2002	1,021	695	891	45	1,631	1,728	4,380
Spring 2003	983	625	887	42	1,554	1,728	4,265
Spring 2004	959	625	915	58	1,599	1,693	4,251
Spring 2005	1,039	614	901	62	1,577	1,690	4,306
Spring 2006	981	601	867	41	1,509	1,724	4,214

All working-age people (b)

Thousands

Spring 1992	2,543	13,414	1,554	524	15,491	16,736	34,771
Spring 1993	2,799	13,490	1,619	479	15,588	16,428	34,816
Spring 1994	2,983	13,294	1,750	427	15,471	16,275	34,730
Spring 1995	3,129	13,157	1,923	401	15,481	16,040	34,651
Spring 1996	3,151	13,212	2,042	429	15,682	16,208	35,041
Spring 1997	3,144	13,246	2,010	459	15,715	16,295	35,154
Spring 1998	3,203	13,074	2,161	437	15,672	16,370	35,245
Spring 1999	3,227	13,058	2,160	469	15,687	16,460	35,374
Spring 2000	3,320	13,054	2,169	441	15,664	16,562	35,546
Spring 2001	3,393	13,066	2,201	464	15,731	16,650	35,774
Spring 2002	3,580	13,005	2,291	511	15,807	16,586	35,973
Spring 2003	3,558	12,801	2,389	549	15,740	16,829	36,127
Spring 2004	3,532	12,842	2,447	548	15,837	16,909	36,278
Spring 2005	3,599	12,917	2,527	516	15,959	16,865	36,422
Spring 2006	3,551	13,037	2,528	496	16,061	16,964	36,575

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(iii) Working-age people by region and combined economic activity status of household¹: spring 2006

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	55.7	33.1	11.2	100.0
North East	52.4	33.4	14.2	100.0
North West	53.7	33.5	12.8	100.0
Yorkshire and the Humber	56.0	31.2	12.7	100.0
East Midlands	59.6	29.9	10.5	100.0
West Midlands	53.2	35.8	11.0	100.0
East of England	57.5	33.7	8.8	100.0
London	47.8	37.8	14.4	100.0
Inner London	45.4	34.3	20.3	100.0
Outer London	49.3	40.1	10.6	100.0
South East	60.8	31.1	8.1	100.0
South West	60.5	29.7	9.8	100.0
Wales	51.5	34.3	14.2	100.0
Scotland	58.5	28.6	13.0	100.0
Northern Ireland	44.9	42.1	13.0	100.0
Great Britain	55.7	32.8	11.5	100.0
United Kingdom	55.4	33.1	11.5	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
England	15,528	9,225	3,121	27,874
North East	752	479	204	1,435
North West	2,096	1,308	500	3,904
Yorkshire and the Humber	1,597	890	363	2,850
East Midlands	1,447	725	254	2,426
West Midlands	1,567	1,055	324	2,946
East of England	1,802	1,057	276	3,135
London	1,908	1,512	575	3,995
Inner London	707	534	316	1,558
Outer London	1,201	978	259	2,437
South East	2,745	1,405	364	4,514
South West	1,613	794	261	2,668
Wales	834	557	230	1,621
Scotland	1,664	813	370	2,847
Northern Ireland	467	438	135	1,041
Great Britain	18,026	10,595	3,720	32,341
United Kingdom	18,493	11,033	3,855	33,382
		Working-age people in households with unknown economic activity status (UK)		3,193
		All working-age people (UK)		36,575

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: spring 2006

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	57.5	31.6	11.0	100.0
All other ethnic groups	35.6	47.3	17.1	100.0
Mixed	49.5	34.4	16.2	100.0
Asian	28.8	57.1	14.1	100.0
Indian	39.6	53.6	6.8	100.0
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	13.8	64.0	22.3	100.0
Other Asian	35.1	50.4	14.5	100.0
Black	45.0	36.6	18.4	100.0
Black Caribbean	49.5	30.3	20.3	100.0
Black African	40.1	42.9	17.0	100.0
Other Black	56.6	27.8	15.6	100.0
Chinese	43.9	38.4	17.8	100.0
Other	34.0	41.0	25.0	100.0
Total ⁴	55.4	33.1	11.5	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
White	17,366	9,536	3,312	30,214
All other ethnic groups	1,121	1,491	540	3,151
Mixed	115	80	37	232
Asian	447	887	219	1,553
Indian	275	372	47	694
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	84	388	135	607
Other Asian	88	127	37	252
Black	332	270	136	737
Black Caribbean	167	102	68	337
Black African	150	160	63	373
Other Black	15	7	4	27
Chinese	59	52	24	135
Other	168	202	124	494
Total ⁴	18,493	11,033	3,855	33,382
Working-age people in households with unknown economic activity status				3,193
All working-age people				36,575

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				Workless households			All households
	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>												
Spring 1992	45.7	5.2	28.5	1.6	35.3	2.2	6.3	10.5	19.0	100.0		
Spring 1993	46.7	5.5	26.8	1.4	33.8	2.2	6.6	10.7	19.5	100.0		
Spring 1994	46.8	5.0	26.5	1.5	32.9	2.2	6.2	11.9	20.3	100.0		
Spring 1995	48.8	4.5	25.7	1.2	31.3	2.4	5.1	12.4	19.8	100.0		
Spring 1996	49.4	4.2	25.1	1.4	30.7	2.1	4.7	13.1	19.9	100.0		
Spring 1997	51.0	3.7	25.6	1.2	30.4	1.7	3.7	13.1	18.5	100.0		
Spring 1998	51.1	3.5	26.0	0.9	30.3	2.0	2.9	13.6	18.5	100.0		
Spring 1999	52.9	3.4	24.7	1.0	29.1	1.9	2.8	13.3	18.0	100.0		
Spring 2000	54.0	3.3	25.1	1.1	29.5	1.8	2.5	12.3	16.6	100.0		
Spring 2001	54.3	3.0	25.6	0.9	29.6	1.4	1.9	12.9	16.2	100.0		
Spring 2002	53.5	3.1	25.6	1.0	29.7	1.4	2.1	13.4	16.8	100.0		
Spring 2003	53.0	2.9	26.9	1.0	30.8	1.3	1.8	13.1	16.2	100.0		
Spring 2004	53.4	3.0	26.7	0.9	30.5	1.3	1.9	12.8	16.1	100.0		
Spring 2005	53.5	2.8	27.0	0.8	30.7	1.2	1.8	12.7	15.8	100.0		
Spring 2006	53.4	3.5	26.8	1.0	31.3	1.3	2.0	12.0	15.3	100.0		
<i>Thousands</i>												
Spring 1992	5,350	607	3,336	182	4,126	252	740	1,231	2,224	11,700		
Spring 1993	5,518	654	3,171	170	3,995	265	776	1,260	2,301	11,814		
Spring 1994	5,578	591	3,155	175	3,920	261	735	1,420	2,417	11,915		
Spring 1995	5,814	541	3,054	137	3,732	285	602	1,476	2,362	11,908		
Spring 1996	5,903	506	2,999	167	3,673	249	562	1,572	2,383	11,959		
Spring 1997	6,108	437	3,060	146	3,643	200	441	1,572	2,214	11,965		
Spring 1998	6,123	419	3,108	105	3,632	241	349	1,626	2,216	11,971		
Spring 1999	6,339	411	2,960	115	3,486	226	335	1,596	2,156	11,981		
Spring 2000	6,443	396	2,996	126	3,518	213	294	1,474	1,980	11,942		
Spring 2001	6,434	360	3,041	106	3,507	160	227	1,528	1,915	11,856		
Spring 2002	6,288	363	3,009	114	3,486	166	243	1,569	1,978	11,752		
Spring 2003	6,188	338	3,146	116	3,599	153	211	1,529	1,892	11,680		
Spring 2004	6,191	345	3,094	100	3,538	156	217	1,487	1,861	11,590		
Spring 2005	6,157	325	3,109	94	3,528	140	212	1,462	1,814	11,499		
Spring 2006	6,093	400	3,053	118	3,572	147	224	1,373	1,744	11,409		

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

¹ Children refers to children under 16.

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>				
Spring 1992	11.0	61.8	22.2	19.0
Spring 1993	11.4	61.8	15.5	19.5
Spring 1994	11.3	61.5	18.7	20.3
Spring 1995	10.2	60.5	18.8	19.8
Spring 1996	10.0	58.4	20.1	19.9
Spring 1997	8.6	57.4	20.2	18.5
Spring 1998	8.2	56.5	16.9	18.5
Spring 1999	7.4	55.4	21.2	18.0
Spring 2000	6.8	52.5	15.6	16.6
Spring 2001	6.5	51.3	14.7	16.2
Spring 2002	6.8	51.1	15.6	16.8
Spring 2003	6.0	50.9	12.2	16.2
Spring 2004	6.1	49.3	13.7	16.1
Spring 2005	6.2	47.9	18.7	15.8
Spring 2006	6.2	46.8	10.0	15.3

Children living in workless households (a)

Thousands

Spring 1992	1,056	1,107	61	2,224
Spring 1993	1,101	1,162	37	2,301
Spring 1994	1,089	1,288	40	2,417
Spring 1995	967	1,356	39	2,362
Spring 1996	933	1,402	48	2,383
Spring 1997	805	1,361	47	2,214
Spring 1998	755	1,424	38	2,216
Spring 1999	683	1,423	50	2,156
Spring 2000	628	1,320	33	1,980
Spring 2001	593	1,290	32	1,915
Spring 2002	609	1,330	39	1,978
Spring 2003	527	1,333	32	1,892
Spring 2004	536	1,290	35	1,861
Spring 2005	540	1,220	54	1,814
Spring 2006	536	1,186	22	1,744

Children living in all working-age households (b)

Thousands

Spring 1992	9,635	1,792	272	11,700
Spring 1993	9,693	1,881	240	11,814
Spring 1994	9,609	2,093	212	11,915
Spring 1995	9,459	2,243	206	11,908
Spring 1996	9,320	2,401	238	11,959
Spring 1997	9,360	2,370	235	11,965
Spring 1998	9,227	2,522	222	11,971
Spring 1999	9,175	2,570	236	11,981
Spring 2000	9,217	2,514	211	11,942
Spring 2001	9,119	2,517	220	11,856
Spring 2002	8,903	2,602	247	11,752
Spring 2003	8,794	2,620	265	11,680
Spring 2004	8,715	2,619	256	11,590
Spring 2005	8,660	2,550	288	11,499
Spring 2006	8,651	2,537	221	11,409

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}: spring 2006

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	53.2	31.1	15.6	100.0
North East	53.4	27.2	19.4	100.0
North West	54.7	28.3	17.0	100.0
Yorkshire and the Humber	54.6	29.5	15.9	100.0
East Midlands	60.1	27.4	12.5	100.0
West Midlands	52.0	31.5	16.5	100.0
East of England	53.1	35.6	11.4	100.0
London	39.1	35.4	25.6	100.0
Inner London	28.6	35.7	35.7	100.0
Outer London	46.5	35.2	18.4	100.0
South East	58.2	32.1	9.7	100.0
South West	61.0	27.9	11.1	100.0
Wales	56.8	27.7	15.5	100.0
Scotland	59.3	26.0	14.7	100.0
Northern Ireland	47.8	36.9	15.4	100.0
Great Britain	53.9	30.5	15.5	100.0
United Kingdom	53.7	30.7	15.5	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
England	4,865	2,846	1,428	9,138
North East	225	114	82	421
North West	701	363	218	1,282
Yorkshire and the Humber	499	269	145	913
East Midlands	460	209	96	765
West Midlands	530	321	168	1,018
East of England	528	354	113	996
London	573	520	375	1,469
Inner London	175	217	218	610
Outer London	399	302	158	859
South East	835	460	139	1,434
South West	513	234	93	840
Wales	321	157	88	566
Scotland	520	228	129	877
Northern Ireland	176	136	57	369
Great Britain	5,706	3,230	1,645	10,581
United Kingdom	5,882	3,366	1,701	10,949
		Children in working-age households with unknown economic activity status (UK)		459
		Children in all working-age households (UK)		11,409

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}: spring 2006

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 cent</i> ⁴				
White	57.4	28.7	13.9	100.0
All other ethnic groups	31.5	43.0	25.5	100.0
Mixed	47.0	29.3	23.7	100.0
Asian	22.7	56.4	20.9	100.0
Indian	41.5	51.7	6.7	100.0
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	8.8	59.7	31.5	100.0
Other Asian	28.7	55.5	15.8	100.0
Black	40.8	30.3	29.0	100.0
Black Caribbean	46.0	19.2	34.9	100.0
Black African	35.8	37.8	26.4	100.0
Other Black	66.6	20.7	12.8	100.0
Chinese	42.1	54.0	*	100.0
Other	20.6	39.9	39.5	100.0
Total ⁵	53.7	30.7	15.5	100.0
<i>Thousands</i>				
White	5,387	2,690	1,303	9,379
All other ethnic groups	492	672	398	1,562
Mixed	144	90	73	307
Asian	153	380	141	674
Indian	98	122	16	236
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	31	211	111	353
Other Asian	24	47	13	85
Black	140	104	100	344
Black Caribbean	58	24	44	126
Black African	73	77	54	204
Other Black	9	3	2	14
Chinese	10	13	*	25
Other	44	85	84	212
Total ⁵	5,882	3,366	1,701	10,949
				Children in working-age households with unknown economic activity status 459
				Children in all working-age households 11,409

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.

* Sample size too small to provide a reliable estimate.

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					
Spring 1992	62.2	86.5	40.4	71.1	71.0
Spring 1993	63.8	85.5	41.8	70.0	70.4
Spring 1994	63.8	85.9	41.6	70.6	70.8
Spring 1995	65.6	87.3	42.1	70.8	71.4
Spring 1996	66.7	87.2	44.0	71.1	71.8
Spring 1997	68.1	88.5	45.2	71.7	72.6
Spring 1998	68.6	89.1	46.4	72.5	73.2
Spring 1999	70.0	89.7	48.1	72.6	73.7
Spring 2000	70.7	90.1	51.0	73.3	74.4
Spring 2001	71.0	90.1	51.3	73.4	74.6
Spring 2002	70.6	89.9	52.9	73.2	74.3
Spring 2003	70.9	90.8	52.8	73.5	74.7
Spring 2004	71.0	90.7	54.0	73.5	74.7
Spring 2005	71.9	90.8	56.2	73.1	74.7
Spring 2006	71.4	91.0	56.5	72.8	74.5

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.