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Introduction

Working Families' Tax Credit (WFTC) replaced Family Credit (FC) from 5th October 1999. It is a tax credit available to working families who are responsible for at least one child under 16 (or under 19 if in full-time education up to A-level or equivalent standard). It is payable to two-parent and one-parent families. The applicant or the partner (if they have one) must be working 16 hours or more per week.

The tables cover awards current at 29 February 2000. Awards of both WFTC and FC last for 26 weeks, so amounts of both types were current at that date. Some of the tables show separate figures for WFTC and FC awards, while others show figures for the two types of award combined. Time series are only available for awards made in Great Britain (excluding Northern Ireland).

The figures in the tables are estimates based on a scan of a random 5% sample of all awards for Great Britain, and of all awards for Northern Ireland. They have been compiled four months after the reference date, by which time almost all awards current at the reference date have been processed and entered onto the computer system. The tables covers awards made in the United Kingdom, unless otherwise stated. As with any sample enquiry, the results are subject to sampling error. For this reason estimates based on less than 25 cases in Great Britain are shown as '-'. Sampling error is explained in Appendix A.

Main findings

There were 1,026 thousand WFTC/FC awards current at 29 February 2000, 6 per cent higher than in November 1999. 913 thousand were WFTC awards and 113 thousand were FC awards.

Families who did not hold FC awards could apply for WFTC awards to start from October 1999. Families previously with FC awards could apply for WFTC awards only on renewal, which could fall between October 1999 and April 2000. So WFTC awards current at 29 February 2000 are not representative of all WFTC awards current after April 2000. Although separate figures for WFTC and FC awards are presented for completeness, caution should therefore be exercised in making comparisons between the two types of award.

The average WFTC award was £71.45 per week, and the average FC award was £65.32 per week.

About a quarter of WFTC recipients worked in Personal and Protective Services. This includes Health and Childcare occupations, cleaners, etc. About 6 per cent worked in managerial, administrative or professional occupations. The corresponding figures for FC awards were about 30 per cent and 4 per cent, respectively.

A total of 2 million children were in families receiving awards. 526 thousand (51 per cent) of the recipient families were headed by lone parents; these families included 867 thousand children - an average of 1.6 per lone parent family. The other 500 thousand families were headed by couples; they included 1,144 thousand children - an average of 2.3 per family headed by couples.

571 thousand (56 per cent) of the recipient families benefited from the 30-hour credit. For self-employed families 71 per cent benefited.

93 thousand WFTC awards (10 per cent) included a childcare tax credit, and the average value of this credit for those benefiting was £31.23 per week. 6 thousand FC awards (5 per cent) were higher due to the childcare disregard, and the average extra amount for those benefiting was £23.66 per week.

For WFTC awards the average gross weekly earnings of the main earner was £153. For FC awards the weekly average was £118.

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This section shows various statistics covering awards in Great Britain at February 2000 and earlier quarters. Figures for the United Kingdom are also shown from November 1999.

The figures for the most recent back quarters are slightly different to those published last time, as they take account of awards made after the scan for the previous publication and then backdated.

Table 1.1 : WFTC/FC awards by family type, May 1988 - February 2000.

Thousands

	All cases		Couples		Lone parents	
	Great Britain	United Kingdom	Great Britain	United Kingdom	Great Britain	United Kingdom
May-88	261.0	-	187.4	-	73.6	-
May-89	303.0	-	188.6	-	114.4	-
May-90	315.2	-	193.3	-	121.9	-
May-91	346.6	-	214.9	-	131.7	-
May-92	396.7	-	236.9	-	159.8	-
May-93	488.3	-	280.7	-	207.5	-
May-94	550.9	-	315.0	-	235.9	-
May-95	607.6	-	339.5	-	268.1	-
Aug-95	628.2	-	349.5	-	278.7	-
Nov-95	648.7	-	358.8	-	289.9	-
Feb-96	666.8	-	370.6	-	296.2	-
May-96	693.0	-	387.8	-	305.2	-
Aug-96	702.8	-	392.3	-	310.5	-
Nov-96	725.6	-	396.2	-	329.4	-
Feb-97	733.5	-	397.9	-	335.6	-
May-97	747.7	-	406.3	-	341.4	-
Aug-97	758.0	-	407.2	-	350.8	-
Nov-97	766.1	-	399.0	-	367.1	-
Feb-98	760.5	-	390.9	-	369.6	-
May-98	767.1	-	390.3	-	376.9	-
Aug-98	783.0	-	393.5	-	389.5	-
Nov-98	790.7	-	389.3	-	401.4	-
Feb-99	789.1	-	388.7	-	400.3	-
May-99	790.9	-	387.1	-	403.8	-
Aug-99	786.4	-	379.1	-	407.3	-
Nov-99	930.9	965.3	448.8	467.6	482.1	497.8
Feb-00	988.9	1,025.5	479.8	499.7	509.2	525.9

Chart 1 : WFTC/FC awards by family type, Great Britain, May 1988 - February 2000.

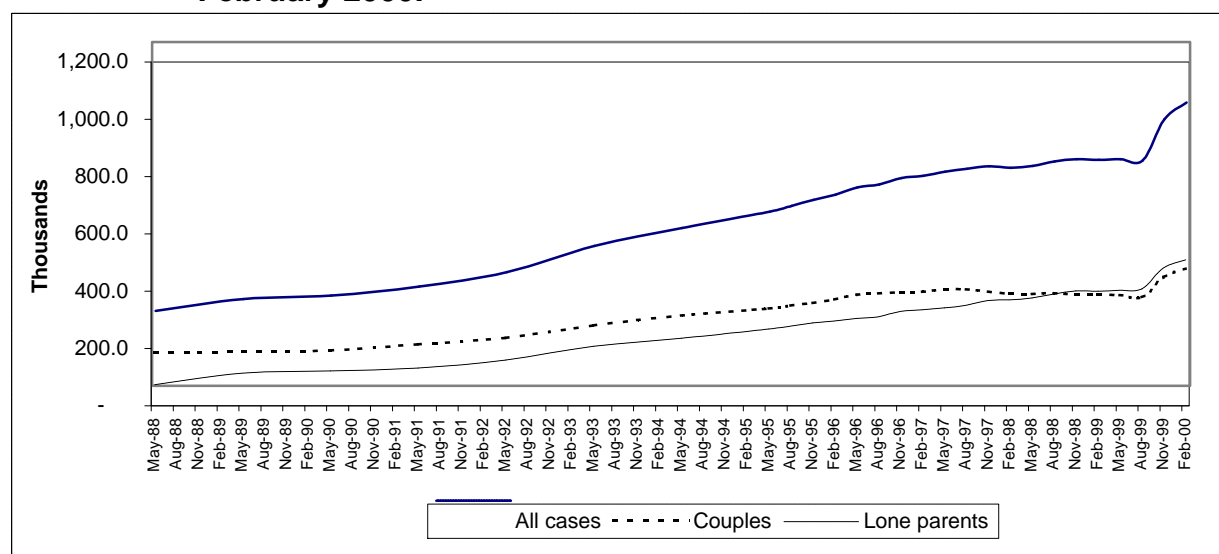


Table 1.2 : Average WFTC/FC award by family type, May 1988 - February 2000.

£ per week

	All cases		Couples		Lone parents	
	Great Britain	United Kingdom	Great Britain	United Kingdom	Great Britain	United Kingdom
May-88	28.31	-	28.41	-	28.05	-
May-89	25.55	-	24.52	-	27.24	-
May-90	28.23	-	27.54	-	29.31	-
May-91	31.32	-	30.69	-	32.36	-
May-92	37.69	-	36.50	-	39.45	-
May-93	43.34	-	41.23	-	46.19	-
May-94	47.09	-	45.05	-	49.82	-
May-95	50.17	-	48.38	-	52.44	-
Aug-95	52.23	-	50.90	-	53.90	-
Nov-95	54.80	-	54.17	-	55.58	-
Feb-96	54.98	-	54.43	-	55.66	-
May-96	55.41	-	54.72	-	56.29	-
Aug-96	56.41	-	55.61	-	57.38	-
Nov-96	56.92	-	56.16	-	57.85	-
Feb-97	56.92	-	56.37	-	57.58	-
May-97	57.85	-	57.44	-	58.33	-
Aug-97	59.03	-	58.60	-	59.52	-
Nov-97	59.23	-	58.82	-	59.68	-
Feb-98	58.90	-	58.64	-	59.17	-
May-98	59.21	-	58.94	-	59.49	-
Aug-98	59.82	-	59.53	-	60.11	-
Nov-98	60.62	-	60.42	-	60.81	-
Feb-99	61.83	-	62.02	-	61.64	-
May-99	62.85	-	63.28	-	62.43	-
Aug-99	62.89	-	63.25	-	62.55	-
Nov-99	66.05	66.20	63.80	64.11	68.14	68.16
Feb-00	70.62	70.78	67.41	67.73	73.64	73.67

Chart 2 : Average WFTC/FC award by family type, Great Britain, May 1988 - February 2000.

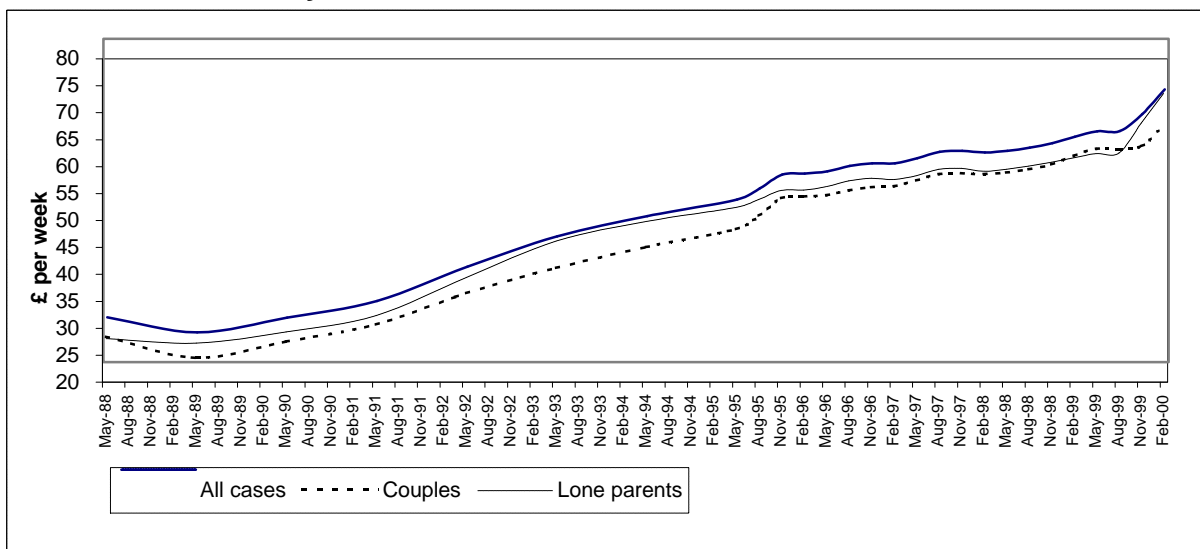


Table 1.3 : WFTC/FC awards by employment status, May 1999 - February 2000.

Thousands

	All cases		Self-employed		Employed	
	Great Britain	United Kingdom	Great Britain	United Kingdom	Great Britain	United Kingdom
May-99	790.9	-	121.4	-	669.5	-
Aug-99	786.4	-	120.3	-	666.1	-
Nov-99	930.9	965.3	134.3	139.7	796.6	825.6
Feb-00	988.9	1,025.5	135.4	140.8	853.6	884.7

Table 1.4 : Average WFTC/FC award by employment status, May 1999 - February 2000.

£ per week

	All cases		Self-employed		Employed	
	Great Britain	United Kingdom	Great Britain	United Kingdom	Great Britain	United Kingdom
May-99	62.85	-	78.42	-	60.02	-
Aug-99	62.89	-	79.04	-	59.97	-
Nov-99	66.05	66.20	81.48	81.89	63.45	63.55
Feb-00	70.62	70.78	86.21	86.60	68.15	68.26

Notes:

1. It is not possible to produce wholly consistent and complete data for earlier quarters for these two tables.

Table 1.5 : WFTC/FC awards including help with childcare charges, November 1994 - February 2000. (WFTC/FC)
 (FC: with extra award for childcare; WFTC: with childcare tax credit)

Thousands

Great Britain	All cases	Allowed		Average extra amount included £ per week
		Lone parents	Couples	
Nov-94	6.0	5.8	-	14.55
Feb-95	14.0	13.5	0.6	15.19
May-95	18.4	17.5	0.8	14.78
Aug-95	20.1	19.3	0.8	14.85
Nov-95	21.3	20.4	0.8	15.68
Feb-96	22.6	21.5	1.0	16.16
May-96	24.7	23.6	1.1	17.33
Aug-96	27.1	25.9	1.2	18.72
Nov-96	29.5	28.3	1.2	19.52
Feb-97	29.5	28.4	1.1	19.63
May-97	30.5	29.1	1.4	19.80
Aug-97	31.9	30.5	1.4	19.80
Nov-97	32.7	31.5	1.2	20.39
Feb-98	32.2	30.9	1.3	20.62
May-98	33.5	32.2	1.4	20.00
Aug-98	37.5	36.0	1.5	20.69
Nov-98	40.2	38.8	1.4	21.87
Feb-99	40.5	39.1	1.4	22.28
May-99	43.2	41.6	1.7	21.87
Aug-99	45.4	43.9	1.4	22.08
Nov-99 FC	26.4	25.7	0.7	22.43
Nov-99 WFTC	53.2	47.6	5.6	30.89
Feb-00 FC	5.8	5.5	-	23.59
Feb-00 WFTC	90.8	81.7	9.1	31.13
United Kingdom				
Nov-99 FC	27.1	26.4	0.8	24.09
Nov-99 WFTC	54.5	48.7	5.8	30.98
Feb-00 FC	5.9	5.7	-	23.66
Feb-00 WFTC	93.1	83.7	9.5	31.23

Table 2.1 : Family type by employment status. (WFTC/FC)

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All cases			Self-employed			Employed		
	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC
All cases	1,025.5	112.8	912.7	140.8	18.0	122.8	884.7	94.8	789.9
Couples	499.7	52.5	447.2	100.4	13.1	87.3	399.3	39.4	359.9
Male main earner	393.6	40.5	353.1	82.9	10.8	72.1	310.6	29.6	281.0
Female main earner	106.1	12.0	94.1	17.5	2.2	15.3	88.6	9.8	78.8
Lone parents	525.9	60.4	465.5	40.4	5.0	35.5	485.5	55.4	430.0
Male	21.3	2.4	18.9	4.5	0.6	4.0	16.7	1.8	14.9
Female	504.6	58.0	446.6	35.9	4.4	31.5	468.7	53.6	415.1

Chart 5 : Distribution of family type. (WFTC/FC)

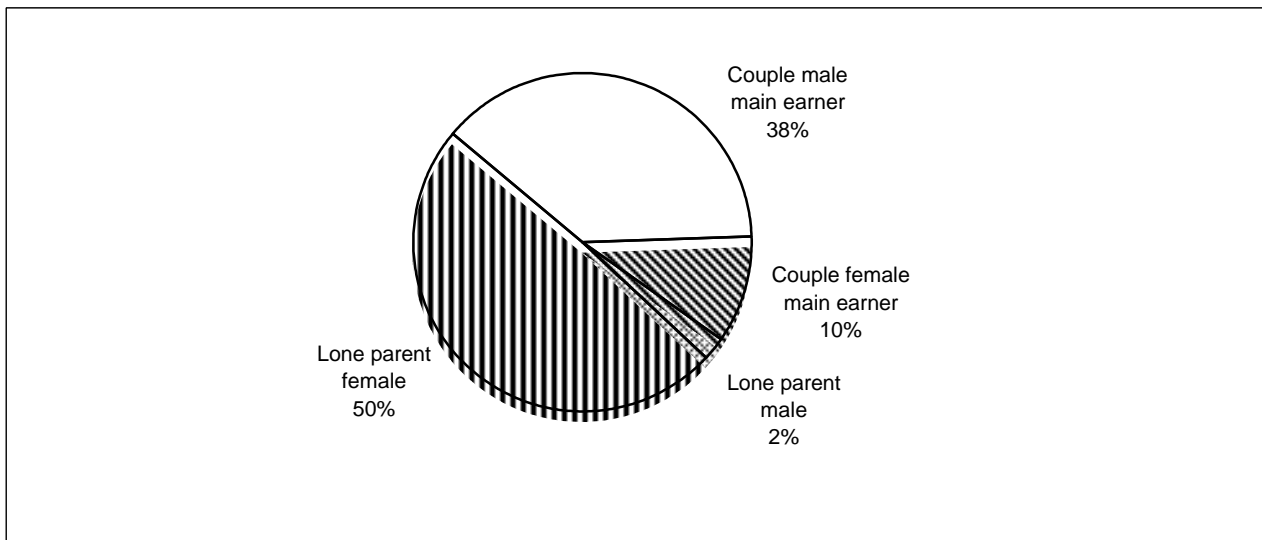


Table 2.2 : Employment status and family type, by age of main earner. (WFTC/FC)

Thousands - United Kingdom

	Age of main earner						Average age of main earner
	All cases	Under 20	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 and over	
All cases	1,025.5	6.0	231.2	498.6	246.8	43.0	35
Couples	499.7	1.9	112.7	238.8	119.7	26.5	36
Lone parents	525.9	4.0	118.5	259.9	127.0	16.5	35
Self-employed	140.8	-	19.9	65.5	44.4	10.8	38
Couples	100.4	-	13.6	46.0	32.1	8.6	38
Lone parents	40.4	-	6.3	19.4	12.3	2.2	37
Employed	884.7	5.7	211.2	433.2	202.3	32.2	35
Couples	399.3	1.9	99.1	192.7	87.6	17.9	35
Lone parents	485.5	3.8	112.1	240.5	114.7	14.3	35

Chart 6 : Age distribution of main earner. (WFTC/FC)

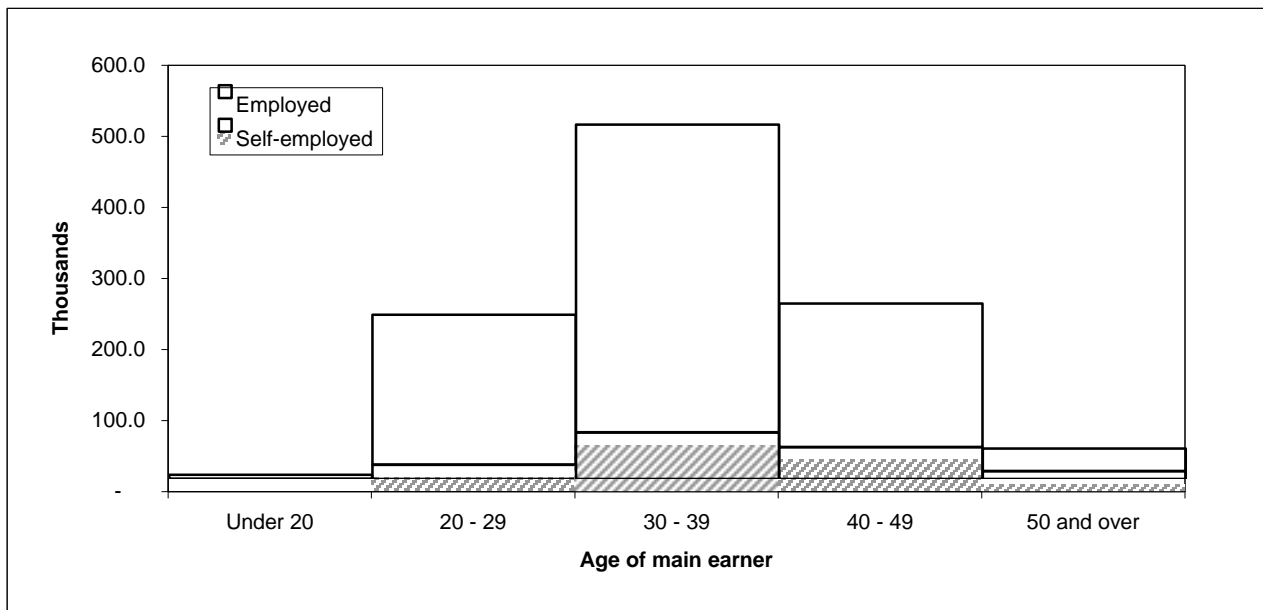


Table 2.2A : Employment status and family type, by age of main earner. (FC)

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All FC cases	Age of main earner					Average age of main earner
		Under 20	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 and over	
All cases	112.8	0.7	25.4	54.1	27.9	4.8	35
Couples	52.5	-	11.3	23.9	14.1	3.0	36
Lone parents	60.4	0.6	14.0	30.2	13.8	1.8	35
Self-employed	18.0	-	2.5	8.1	6.0	1.4	38
Couples	13.1	-	1.8	5.5	4.7	1.1	38
Lone parents	5.0	-	0.7	2.6	1.3	-	37
Employed	94.8	0.6	22.9	46.0	21.9	3.4	35
Couples	39.4	-	9.6	18.4	9.5	1.9	35
Lone parents	55.4	0.5	13.3	27.6	12.5	1.5	35

Chart 6A : Age distribution of main earner. (FC)



Table 2.2B : Employment status and family type, by age of main earner. (WFTC)

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All WFTC cases	Age of main earner					Average age of main earner
		Under 20	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 and over	
All cases	912.7	5.3	205.8	444.5	218.8	38.3	35
Couples	447.2	1.8	101.4	214.9	105.6	23.5	36
Lone parents	465.5	3.5	104.4	229.6	113.3	14.7	35
All self-employed	122.8	-	17.4	57.3	38.4	9.4	38
Couples	87.3	-	11.9	40.5	27.4	7.5	38
Lone parents	35.5	-	5.6	16.8	11.0	1.9	37
All employed	789.9	5.1	188.4	387.2	180.4	28.8	35
Couples	359.9	1.8	89.5	174.4	78.2	16.0	35
Lone parents	430.0	3.3	98.8	212.8	102.2	12.8	35

Chart 6B : Age distribution of main earner. (WFTC)



Table 3.1 : Range of award (£ per week) by family type. (WFTC/FC)*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	All cases	Couples		Lone parents			
		All couples	Male main earner	Female main earner	All lone parents	Male	Female
All cases	1,025.5	499.7	393.6	106.1	525.9	21.3	504.6
Under £10.00	29.6	22.2	19.3	2.9	7.4	0.8	6.6
£10.00 - £19.99	41.7	28.2	24.4	3.9	13.5	1.2	12.3
£20.00 - £29.99	55.4	36.9	31.3	5.6	18.5	1.4	17.1
£30.00 - £39.99	63.8	38.2	32.0	6.2	25.6	1.9	23.7
£40.00 - £49.99	77.8	43.1	35.3	7.8	34.6	2.1	32.5
£50.00 - £59.99	89.9	44.1	35.1	9.1	45.7	2.0	43.7
£60.00 - £69.99	108.7	46.2	36.2	10.0	62.5	2.3	60.2
£70.00 - £79.99	176.7	56.3	40.3	16.1	120.3	4.0	116.4
£80.00 - £89.99	87.5	42.2	31.5	10.7	45.2	2.1	43.1
£90.00 - £99.99	125.7	49.7	34.9	14.8	76.0	1.2	74.8
£100.00 - £119.99	103.4	53.3	40.6	12.7	50.1	1.3	48.7
£120 and over	65.5	39.1	32.7	6.4	26.4	0.9	25.5

Table 3.1A : Range of award (£ per week) by family type. (FC)*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	All FC cases	Couples		Lone parents			
		All couples	Male main earner	Female main earner	All lone parents	Male	Female
All cases	112.8	52.5	40.5	12.0	60.4	2.4	58.0
Under £10.00	3.2	2.1	1.7	-	1.1	-	0.9
£10.00 - £19.99	4.9	2.8	2.4	-	2.1	-	1.9
£20.00 - £29.99	6.4	3.6	3.0	0.6	2.8	-	2.5
£30.00 - £39.99	8.0	4.2	3.6	0.7	3.8	-	3.6
£40.00 - £49.99	10.5	4.8	3.8	1.0	5.7	-	5.4
£50.00 - £59.99	11.2	4.6	3.6	1.0	6.6	-	6.4
£60.00 - £69.99	19.5	5.7	4.2	1.6	13.8	-	13.5
£70.00 - £79.99	13.8	5.2	3.4	1.8	8.6	-	8.3
£80.00 - £89.99	13.6	5.7	4.0	1.7	7.9	-	7.7
£90.00 - £99.99	9.5	5.6	4.5	1.1	3.8	-	3.7
£100.00 - £119.99	8.1	4.8	3.3	1.5	3.3	-	3.1
£120 and over	4.1	3.2	2.9	-	1.0	-	1.0

Table 3.1B : Range of award (£ per week) by family type. (WFTC)*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	All WFTC cases	Couples		Lone parents			
		All couples	Male main earner	Female main earner	All lone parents	Male	Female
All cases	912.7	447.2	353.1	94.1	465.5	18.9	446.6
Under £10.00	26.4	20.1	17.6	2.5	6.4	0.7	5.7
£10.00 - £19.99	36.8	25.4	22.0	3.4	11.4	1.0	10.4
£20.00 - £29.99	49.0	33.3	28.3	5.0	15.7	1.1	14.5
£30.00 - £39.99	55.8	34.0	28.5	5.5	21.8	1.7	20.1
£40.00 - £49.99	67.2	38.3	31.5	6.8	28.9	1.8	27.1
£50.00 - £59.99	78.7	39.5	31.4	8.1	39.1	1.8	37.3
£60.00 - £69.99	89.2	40.5	32.1	8.4	48.7	2.0	46.7
£70.00 - £79.99	162.9	51.2	36.9	14.3	111.7	3.6	108.1
£80.00 - £89.99	73.9	36.5	27.5	9.0	37.4	1.9	35.5
£90.00 - £99.99	116.2	44.0	30.3	13.7	72.2	1.0	71.2
£100.00 - £119.99	95.3	48.5	37.3	11.2	46.8	1.1	45.7
£120 and over	61.4	35.9	29.8	6.2	25.4	0.9	24.5

Table 3.2 : Average WFTC/FC award by family type and employment status.*£ per week - United Kingdom*

	All cases			Self-employed			Employed		
	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC
All cases	70.78	65.32	71.45	86.60	81.59	87.34	68.26	62.23	68.98
Couples	67.73	66.41	67.89	88.12	84.31	88.69	62.61	60.48	62.84
Male main earner	66.48	65.86	66.55	89.87	85.81	90.48	60.24	58.55	60.42
Female main earner	72.37	68.26	72.90	79.81	76.93	80.23	70.91	66.31	71.48
Lone parents	73.67	64.38	74.87	82.84	74.45	84.02	72.90	63.48	74.12
Male	62.69	57.53	63.35	85.06	77.92	86.10	56.64	51.03	57.33
Female	74.13	64.66	75.36	82.57	74.00	83.76	73.48	63.90	74.72

Table 3.3 : Awards at maximum Working Families' Tax Credit / Family Credit, by family type.

(Awards not reduced by income taper)

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All cases			Self-employed			Employed		
	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC
All cases	301.3	36.6	264.7	65.3	8.5	56.8	236.0	28.1	207.9
With 30-hour credit	49.5	7.1	42.4	40.3	5.4	34.9	9.2	1.7	7.5
Other	251.8	29.5	222.2	25.0	3.1	21.9	226.8	26.4	200.4
Couples	108.9	15.1	93.8	42.6	6.0	36.6	66.3	9.1	57.2
With 30-hour credit	37.4	5.2	32.3	31.9	4.4	27.4	5.6	0.7	4.8
Other	71.4	9.9	61.5	10.7	1.5	9.2	60.7	8.4	52.3
Lone parents	192.4	21.6	170.9	22.7	2.6	20.1	169.7	19.0	150.7
With 30-hour credit	12.1	1.9	10.2	8.4	1.0	7.5	3.7	1.0	2.7
Other	180.4	19.7	160.7	14.3	1.6	12.7	166.1	18.1	148.0

Table 4.1 : Children in families receiving WFTC/FC, by family type and employment status.

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All cases	Self-employed	Employed
All cases	2,010.9	309.6	1,701.4
Couples	1,144.3	240.9	903.5
Male main earner	924.6	203.0	721.6
Female main earner	219.7	37.9	181.8
Lone parents	866.6	68.7	797.9
Male	33.2	7.4	25.9
Female	833.4	61.3	772.1

Table 4.2 : Average number of children in families receiving WFTC/FC, by family type and employment status.

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All cases	Self-employed	Employed
All cases	2.0	2.2	1.9
Couples	2.3	2.4	2.3
Male main earner	2.3	2.4	2.3
Female main earner	2.1	2.2	2.1
Lone parents	1.6	1.7	1.6
Male	1.6	1.6	1.5
Female	1.7	1.7	1.6

Table 4.3 : Children in families receiving WFTC/FC, by family type, family size and age of child.

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All children	Age of child			
		0 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 15	16 - 18
All cases					
All sizes	2,010.9	682.4	623.2	568.1	137.2
1 child	403.8	173.3	87.2	103.2	40.0
2 children	740.2	255.1	233.0	204.6	47.5
3 children	511.3	154.2	178.0	150.6	28.5
4 or more children	355.6	99.7	124.9	109.7	21.2
Couples					
All sizes	1,144.3	461.6	343.4	277.9	61.5
1 child	128.4	76.2	16.7	25.9	9.6
2 children	382.8	177.8	107.6	78.3	19.1
3 children	344.3	121.6	118.2	88.3	16.2
4 or more children	288.8	86.0	100.9	85.4	16.5
Lone parents					
All sizes	866.6	220.8	279.8	290.3	75.8
1 child	275.4	97.1	70.5	77.3	30.4
2 children	357.4	77.4	125.4	126.3	28.4
3 children	167.0	32.6	59.8	62.3	12.3
4 or more children	66.8	13.7	24.0	24.4	4.7

Table 4.4 : Family type and family size, by range of WFTC/FC award.*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	Weekly amount of WFTC/FC award								Average weekly WFTC/FC £ per week
	All cases	Under £20.00	£20.00 - £39.99	£40.00 - £59.99	£60.00 - £79.99	£80.00 - £99.99	£100.00 - £119.99	£120.00 and over	
All cases									
All sizes	1,025.5	71.3	119.2	167.6	285.4	213.1	103.4	65.5	70.78
1 child	403.8	35.3	61.5	89.0	181.4	27.4	7.0	2.1	56.85
2 children	370.1	26.0	40.5	54.8	72.3	145.3	25.1	6.1	70.27
3 children	170.4	8.1	13.4	18.7	24.5	30.2	58.9	16.5	85.63
4 or more children	81.2	1.9	3.8	5.1	7.1	10.2	12.3	40.8	111.16
Couples									
All sizes	499.7	50.4	75.1	87.3	102.5	91.9	53.3	39.1	67.73
1 child	128.4	19.1	29.1	31.0	39.0	10.2	-	-	48.52
2 children	191.4	21.6	29.9	35.3	37.6	52.6	14.2	-	61.46
3 children	114.8	7.9	12.4	16.4	19.5	19.8	29.5	9.4	77.21
4 or more children	65.1	1.8	3.7	4.7	6.5	9.3	9.6	29.5	107.37
Lone parents									
All sizes	525.9	20.9	44.1	80.4	182.8	121.2	50.1	26.4	73.67
1 child	275.4	16.2	32.4	58.0	142.5	17.3	6.9	2.1	60.73
2 children	178.7	4.3	10.5	19.5	34.8	92.7	11.0	5.9	79.70
3 children	55.7	-	1.0	2.4	5.0	10.4	29.5	7.1	103.00
4 or more children	16.1	-	-	-	0.5	0.9	2.7	11.3	126.45

Table 4.4A : Family type and family size, by range of FC award.*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	Weekly amount of Family Credit award								Average weekly FC £ per week
	All cases	Under £20.00	£20.00 - £39.99	£40.00 - £59.99	£60.00 - £79.99	£80.00 - £99.99	£100.00 - £119.99	£120.00 and over	
All FC cases									
All sizes	112.8	8.1	14.4	21.7	33.3	23.1	8.1	4.1	65.32
1 child	44.1	4.3	7.8	11.3	19.8	0.9	-	-	51.38
2 children	39.4	2.6	4.4	7.2	9.5	15.1	0.6	-	64.95
3 children	18.9	0.9	1.7	2.3	2.8	5.7	5.0	0.5	79.29
4 or more children	10.4	-	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.3	2.4	3.7	100.71
Couples									
All sizes	52.5	4.9	7.8	9.4	10.9	11.4	4.8	3.2	66.41
1 child	12.7	2.1	3.0	3.0	4.2	0.5	-	-	46.22
2 children	19.1	1.8	2.8	3.7	3.9	6.5	-	-	61.19
3 children	12.6	0.8	1.5	1.9	1.9	3.3	2.8	-	74.30
4 or more children	8.1	-	0.5	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.6	2.8	98.05
Lone parents									
All sizes	60.4	3.1	6.6	12.3	22.4	11.7	3.3	1.0	64.38
1 child	31.5	2.3	4.8	8.3	15.7	0.5	-	-	53.46
2 children	20.4	0.8	1.6	3.5	5.7	8.6	-	-	68.48
3 children	6.3	-	-	-	0.9	2.4	2.2	-	89.18
4 or more children	2.2	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	0.8	110.35

Table 4.4B : Family type and family size, by range of WFTC award.*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	Weekly amount of Working Families' Tax Credit award							Average weekly WFTC £ per week	
	All cases	Under £20.00	£20.00 - £39.99	£40.00 - £59.99	£60.00 - £79.99	£80.00 - £99.99	£100.00 - £119.99		£120.00 and over
All WFTC cases									
All sizes	912.7	63.2	104.8	145.9	252.1	190.1	95.3	61.4	71.45
1 child	359.6	31.0	53.7	77.7	161.6	26.5	7.0	2.1	57.52
2 children	330.7	23.4	36.0	47.6	62.8	130.3	24.5	6.1	70.91
3 children	151.5	7.3	11.8	16.4	21.7	24.5	53.9	16.0	86.42
4 or more children	70.9	1.6	3.3	4.1	6.0	8.8	9.9	37.1	112.68
Couples									
All sizes	447.2	45.5	67.3	77.8	91.6	80.5	48.5	35.9	67.89
1 child	115.7	17.1	26.1	28.0	34.8	9.7	-	-	48.77
2 children	172.3	19.8	27.1	31.6	33.7	46.1	13.7	-	61.49
3 children	102.2	7.1	10.9	14.5	17.6	16.5	26.6	9.1	77.56
4 or more children	57.0	1.5	3.2	3.8	5.6	8.2	8.1	26.7	108.70
Lone parents									
All sizes	465.5	17.8	37.5	68.1	160.4	109.5	46.8	25.4	74.87
1 child	243.9	13.9	27.6	49.7	126.8	16.8	6.9	2.1	61.67
2 children	158.4	3.5	8.9	16.0	29.1	84.1	10.8	5.9	81.15
3 children	49.3	-	0.9	1.9	4.1	8.0	27.3	7.0	104.78
4 or more children	13.9	-	-	-	-	0.6	1.8	10.5	129.05

Table 5.1 : Number and percentage of families receiving WFTC/FC, by occupation of main earner.

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All cases	FC	WFTC	% of population¹
All occupations	1,025.5	112.8	912.7	3.6%
Managers and administrators	33.8	2.6	31.2	0.8%
Professional occupations	22.6	1.8	20.8	0.7%
Associated professional and technical occupations	71.9	5.9	66.0	2.5%
Clerical and secretarial occupations	188.0	17.9	170.1	4.4%
Craft and related occupations (non-managerial workers)	160.2	18.3	141.9	4.7%
Personal and protective services	266.3	33.3	233.0	8.6%
Sales occupations	144.6	16.8	127.8	6.2%
Plant and machine operatives	124.0	14.7	109.4	4.8%
Other occupations	14.2	1.7	12.5	0.7%

Notes:

1. Figures are shown as a percentage of all self-employed and employed persons in the relevant Standard Occupation Code, taken from the Great Britain and Northern Ireland Labour Force Surveys - February 2000.

Table 5.2 : Families receiving WFTC/FC, by occupation of main earner.*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	All cases	Self-employed	Employed
All occupations	1,025.5	140.8	884.7
Managers and administrators	33.8	8.3	25.5
Professional occupations	22.6	3.9	18.7
Associated professional and technical occupations	71.9	8.9	62.9
of which:-			
Scientific technicians.	20.8	1.9	18.9
Health and social welfare associate professionals.	26.1	1.8	24.3
Clerical and secretarial occupations	188.0	8.8	179.2
of which:-			
Clerks and cashiers.	64.0	3.0	61.1
Receptionists and telephonists.	29.2	1.4	27.9
Other clerical occupations.	57.7	2.9	54.8
Craft and related occupations (non-managerial workers)	160.2	39.6	120.6
of which:-			
Construction trades, skilled workers.	26.5	13.0	13.5
Food preparation trades.	20.6	2.6	18.0
Personal and protective services	266.3	26.6	239.6
of which:-			
Chefs and cooks.	21.2	1.6	19.6
Hotel porters, kitchen porters, catering assistants, counter hands etc.	23.1	1.5	21.6
Health and childcare occupations.	83.9	8.2	75.7
Domestic staff.	36.1	2.2	33.9
Cleaners, domestics, window cleaners and road sweepers	39.9	6.3	33.6
Sales occupations	144.6	14.3	130.3
of which:-			
Sales assistants.	104.7	4.0	100.7
Plant and machine operatives	124.0	27.8	96.2
of which:-			
Assemblers/lineworkers on electrical/electronic goods, cars, packers, bottlers, graders, sorters etc.	30.4	1.4	29.0
Transport and machinery operatives.	26.9	1.7	25.2
Taxi - drivers.	25.4	21.3	4.1
Other occupations	14.2	2.5	11.7

Notes:

1. Figures are available on a range of occupations listed in Appendix 'B'. Only occupation groups with more than 20,000 WFTC/FC awards are listed, although information on smaller groups is available on request.

Table 5.3 : Average weekly WFTC/FC paid, by occupation of main earner.*£ per week - United Kingdom*

	All cases	Self-employed	Employed
All occupations	70.78	86.60	68.26
Managers and administrators	67.56	87.99	60.89
Professional occupations	62.51	76.72	59.52
Associated professional and technical occupations	61.24	81.15	58.41
of which:-			
Scientific technicians.	55.12	79.38	52.62
Health and social welfare associate professionals.	64.84	71.17	64.36
Clerical and secretarial occupations	66.03	74.09	65.63
of which:-			
Clerks and cashiers.	69.19	75.75	68.87
Receptionists and telephonists.	68.14	70.81	68.00
Other clerical occupations.	64.82	74.72	64.30
Craft and related occupations (non-managerial workers)	68.42	84.27	63.22
of which:-			
Construction trades, skilled workers.	68.95	82.27	56.11
Food preparation trades.	73.70	85.90	71.93
Personal and protective services	77.04	84.98	76.15
of which:-			
Chefs and cooks.	82.11	91.57	81.34
Hotel porters, kitchen porters, catering assistants, counter hands etc.	79.30	85.75	78.87
Health and childcare occupations.	75.05	84.36	74.04
Domestic staff.	76.15	78.55	75.99
Cleaners, domestics, window cleaners and road sweepers	80.10	87.42	78.72
Sales occupations	75.20	88.98	73.69
of which:-			
Sales assistants.	75.84	82.37	75.58
Plant and machine operatives	70.97	97.46	63.31
of which:-			
Assemblers/lineworkers on electrical/electronic goods, cars, packers, bottlers, graders, sorters etc.	64.64	73.48	64.21
Transport and machinery operatives.	60.88	77.31	59.78
Taxi - drivers.	99.53	103.33	79.84
Other occupations	65.21	80.83	61.84

Notes:

1. Figures are available on a range of occupations listed in Appendix 'B'. Only occupation groups with more than 20,000 WFTC/FC awards are listed, although information on smaller groups is available on request.

Table 5.4 : Families receiving WFTC/FC, by occupation of main earner and family type.*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	All cases	Couples	Lone parents
All occupations	1,025.5	499.7	525.9
Managers and administrators	33.8	21.0	12.8
Professional occupations	22.6	7.5	15.2
Associated professional and technical occupations	71.9	35.6	36.3
of which:-			
Scientific technicians.	20.8	14.5	6.3
Health and social welfare associate professionals.	26.1	7.4	18.7
Clerical and secretarial occupations	188.0	50.1	137.8
of which:-			
Clerks and cashiers.	64.0	19.1	45.0
Receptionists and telephonists.	29.2	6.4	22.9
Other clerical occupations.	57.7	15.3	42.4
Craft and related occupations (non-managerial workers)	160.2	124.5	35.6
of which:-			
Construction trades, skilled workers.	26.5	23.4	3.1
Food preparation trades.	20.6	12.4	8.1
Personal and protective services	266.3	101.6	164.7
of which:-			
Chefs and cooks.	21.2	12.8	8.4
Hotel porters, kitchen porters, catering assistants, counter hands etc.	23.1	9.2	13.9
Health and childcare occupations.	83.9	22.2	61.7
Domestic staff.	36.1	13.7	22.4
Cleaners, domestics, window cleaners and road sweepers	39.9	17.4	22.5
Sales occupations	144.6	56.0	88.7
of which:-			
Sales assistants.	104.7	35.5	69.1
Plant and machine operatives	124.0	92.7	31.3
of which:-			
Assemblers/lineworkers on electrical/electronic goods, cars, packers, bottlers, graders, sorters etc.	30.4	17.4	13.0
Transport and machinery operatives.	26.9	22.1	4.8
Taxi - drivers.	25.4	23.2	2.3
Other occupations	14.2	10.7	3.5

Notes:

1. Figures are available on a range of occupations listed in Appendix 'B'. Only occupation groups with more than 20,000 WFTC/FC awards are listed, although information on smaller groups is available on request.

Table 5.5 : Average weekly WFTC/FC paid, by occupation of main earner.*£ per week - United Kingdom*

	All cases	Couples	Lone parents
All occupations	70.78	67.73	73.67
Managers and administrators	67.56	69.76	63.95
Professional occupations	62.51	62.37	62.58
Associated professional and technical occupations	61.24	56.42	65.96
of which:-			
Scientific technicians.	55.12	50.96	64.61
Health and social welfare associate professionals.	64.84	60.52	66.53
Clerical and secretarial occupations	66.03	59.99	68.23
of which:-			
Clerks and cashiers.	69.19	63.02	71.80
Receptionists and telephonists.	68.14	61.89	69.87
Other clerical occupations.	64.82	58.17	67.22
Craft and related occupations (non-managerial workers)	68.42	67.01	73.33
of which:-			
Construction trades, skilled workers.	68.95	68.27	74.09
Food preparation trades.	73.70	70.30	78.92
Personal and protective services	77.04	72.71	79.70
of which:-			
Chefs and cooks.	82.11	86.10	76.04
Hotel porters, kitchen porters, catering assistants, counter hands etc.	79.30	75.84	81.59
Health and childcare occupations.	75.05	68.17	77.52
Domestic staff.	76.15	69.28	80.38
Cleaners, domestics, window cleaners and road sweepers	80.10	75.56	83.62
Sales occupations	75.20	70.33	78.27
of which:-			
Sales assistants.	75.84	68.89	79.41
Plant and machine operatives	70.97	70.76	71.60
of which:-			
Assemblers/lineworkers on electrical/electronic goods, cars, packers, bottlers, graders, sorters etc.	64.64	60.24	70.53
Transport and machinery operatives.	60.88	59.23	68.50
Taxi - drivers.	99.53	100.88	85.76
Other occupations	65.21	62.65	72.97

Notes:

1. Figures are available on a range of occupations listed in Appendix 'B'. Only occupation groups with more than 20,000 WFTC/FC awards are listed, although information on smaller groups is available on request.

**Table 6.1 : Employment status and family type, by range of gross earnings.
(WFTC/FC)**

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All cases	Gross weekly earnings of main earner						Average gross earnings £ per week
		Under £40.00	£40.00 - £79.99	£80.00 - £119.99	£120.00 - £159.99	£160.00 - £199.99	£200.00 and over	
All cases	1,025.5	28.6	218.5	209.6	158.3	136.3	274.2	148.93
Couples	499.7	17.4	79.8	80.9	70.3	76.5	174.6	164.50
Lone parents	525.9	11.2	138.6	128.6	88.0	59.8	99.6	134.14
Self-employed	140.8	23.2	37.2	32.7	19.6	12.3	15.9	106.00
Couples	100.4	15.3	25.1	23.9	14.7	9.1	12.3	109.38
Lone parents	40.4	7.8	12.0	8.8	5.0	3.2	3.6	97.63
Employed	884.7	5.4	181.3	176.9	138.7	124.0	258.3	155.76
Couples	399.3	2.1	54.7	57.0	55.7	67.4	162.3	178.36
Lone parents	485.5	3.3	126.6	119.9	83.0	56.6	96.0	137.18

Table 6.1A : Employment status and family type, by range of gross earnings. (FC)

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All FC cases	Gross weekly earnings of main earner						Average gross earnings £ per week
		Under £40.00	£40.00 - £79.99	£80.00 - £119.99	£120.00 - £159.99	£160.00 - £199.99	£200.00 and over	
All cases	112.8	4.0	32.9	29.2	18.9	14.4	13.3	118.40
Couples	52.5	2.7	12.8	11.1	8.4	8.6	8.8	128.49
Lone parents	60.4	1.3	20.1	18.1	10.6	5.8	4.5	109.63
Self-employed	18.0	3.0	5.8	4.7	2.3	1.3	0.8	89.77
Couples	13.1	2.2	4.1	3.3	1.8	1.0	0.6	91.11
Lone parents	5.0	0.8	1.8	1.4	0.5	-	-	86.23
Employed	94.8	1.0	27.1	24.5	16.7	13.1	12.5	123.84
Couples	39.4	0.5	8.8	7.8	6.5	7.6	8.2	140.87
Lone parents	55.4	0.5	18.3	16.7	10.1	5.5	4.3	111.73

**Table 6.1B : Employment status and family type, by range of gross earnings.
(WFTC)**

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All WFTC cases	Gross weekly earnings of main earner						Average gross earnings £ per week
		Under £40.00	£40.00 - £79.99	£80.00 - £119.99	£120.00 - £159.99	£160.00 - £199.99	£200.00 and over	
All cases	912.7	24.6	185.6	180.3	139.4	122.0	260.9	152.70
Couples	447.2	14.7	67.0	69.8	62.0	68.0	165.7	168.72
Lone parents	465.5	9.9	118.5	110.5	77.4	54.0	95.1	137.32
Self-employed	122.8	20.1	31.3	27.9	17.3	11.0	15.0	108.38
Couples	87.3	13.1	21.1	20.6	12.8	8.1	11.6	112.10
Lone parents	35.5	7.0	10.3	7.4	4.5	2.9	3.4	99.22
Employed	789.9	4.4	154.2	152.4	122.1	110.9	245.8	159.59
Couples	359.9	1.6	46.0	49.2	49.2	59.8	154.1	182.46
Lone parents	430.0	2.8	108.3	103.2	72.9	51.1	91.7	140.46

Table 6.2 : Employment status and family type, by normal hours worked. (WFTC/FC)

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All cases	Number of hours normally worked, per week, by main earner						Average normal weekly hours worked
		16 < 20	20 < 24	24 < 30	30 < 36	36 < 40	40 and over	
All cases	1,025.5	220.1	140.1	94.3	149.8	196.7	224.6	30.2
Couples	499.7	59.6	42.5	31.8	68.2	115.2	182.4	34.5
Lone parents	525.9	160.5	97.7	62.5	81.6	81.5	42.2	26.2
Self-employed	140.8	19.8	12.9	8.8	30.3	14.5	54.6	34.6
Couples	100.4	8.5	6.6	4.9	21.7	10.6	48.1	37.2
Lone parents	40.4	11.3	6.3	3.9	8.6	3.9	6.5	28.0
Employed	884.7	200.3	127.3	85.4	119.5	182.3	170.0	29.6
Couples	399.3	51.2	35.9	26.9	46.5	104.6	134.2	33.9
Lone parents	485.5	149.2	91.4	58.5	73.0	77.6	35.7	26.0

Table 6.2A : Employment status and family type, by normal hours worked. (FC)

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All FC cases	Number of hours normally worked, per week, by main earner						Average normal weekly hours worked
		16 < 20	20 < 24	24 < 30	30 < 36	36 < 40	40 and over	
All cases	112.8	31.2	18.6	11.3	15.9	15.6	20.2	27.9
Couples	52.5	8.9	6.0	3.8	7.8	9.5	16.4	32.3
Lone parents	60.4	22.3	12.6	7.5	8.1	6.1	3.8	24.1
Self-employed	18.0	3.1	1.7	1.0	3.9	1.6	6.7	33.7
Couples	13.1	1.4	0.9	0.6	3.1	1.2	5.9	36.3
Lone parents	5.0	1.7	0.8	-	0.8	-	0.8	26.9
Employed	94.8	28.1	16.9	10.4	12.0	14.0	13.5	26.8
Couples	39.4	7.5	5.1	3.3	4.8	8.3	10.5	31.0
Lone parents	55.4	20.6	11.8	7.1	7.2	5.7	3.0	23.8

Table 6.2B : Employment status and family type, by normal hours worked. (WFTC)

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All WFTC cases	Number of hours normally worked, per week, by main earner						Average normal weekly hours worked
		16 < 20	20 < 24	24 < 30	30 < 36	36 < 40	40 and over	
All cases	912.7	188.9	121.5	82.9	133.8	181.1	204.3	30.5
Couples	447.2	50.7	36.5	28.0	60.3	105.7	165.9	34.8
Lone parents	465.5	138.2	85.0	55.0	73.5	75.4	38.4	26.4
Self-employed	122.8	16.7	11.1	7.9	26.4	12.9	47.9	34.7
Couples	87.3	7.1	5.7	4.3	18.6	9.4	42.2	37.3
Lone parents	35.5	9.6	5.4	3.6	7.8	3.5	5.7	28.2
Employed	789.9	172.3	110.4	75.0	107.5	168.3	156.4	29.9
Couples	359.9	43.7	30.8	23.6	41.7	96.3	123.7	34.2
Lone parents	430.0	128.6	79.6	51.4	65.7	72.0	32.7	26.3

Table 6.3 : Families benefiting from the 30-hour credit, by family type. (WFTC/FC)*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	All cases			Self-employed			Employed		
	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC
All cases	571.0	51.7	519.3	99.4	12.2	87.1	471.7	39.5	432.2
Couples	365.7	33.7	332.0	80.4	10.2	70.2	285.3	23.6	261.7
Male main earner	322.3	29.8	292.5	70.7	9.1	61.6	251.6	20.6	230.9
Female main earner	43.4	4.0	39.4	9.7	1.1	8.6	33.7	2.9	30.8
Lone parents	205.3	18.0	187.3	18.9	2.1	16.9	186.4	16.0	170.4
Male	15.7	1.6	14.0	3.2	-	2.9	12.5	1.3	11.2
Female	189.6	16.4	173.3	15.7	1.7	14.0	173.9	14.7	159.2

Table 7.1 : Partner's earnings. (WFTC/FC)

Thousands - United Kingdom

	Number of couples (000's)	Average WFTC/FC award £ per week	Average partner's net earnings ¹ £ per week
All Couples	499.7	67.73	9.20
Partner not working	425.9	71.71	-
Partner working	73.7	44.77	62.35

Table 7.1A : Partner's earnings. (FC)

Thousands - United Kingdom

	Number of couples (000's)	Average FC award £ per week	Average partner's net earnings ¹ £ per week
All Couples	52.5	66.41	3.19
Partner not working	48.7	67.06	-
Partner working	3.7	57.95	45.03

Table 7.1B : Partner's earnings. (WFTC)

Thousands - United Kingdom

	Number of couples (000's)	Average WFTC award £ per week	Average partner's net earnings ¹ £ per week
All Couples	447.2	67.89	9.91
Partner not working	377.2	72.31	-
Partner working	70.0	44.07	63.27

Notes:

1. Net earnings are after deductions for tax, national insurance, and 1/2 pension contributions.

Table 7.2 : Other benefits in receipt at the time of the claim, by family type.*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	All cases	Couples		Lone parents
		Male main earner	Female main earner	
Total (one or more types)	47.2	23.9	15.8	7.5
Pensions:				
Retirement Pensions, War Pensions, War Disablement Pension	1.5	0.8	-	-
Unemployment related benefits:				
Jobseeker's Allowance ¹	6.7	1.1	5.5	-
Sickness and disability benefits:				
Statutory Sick Pay, Severe Disablement Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit and Incapacity Benefit ²	18.0	8.5	8.6	0.8
Carer benefits:				
Invalid Care Allowance	17.5	13.6	1.4	2.4
Others:	4.1	-	-	3.9

Notes:

1. Jobseeker's Allowance replaced Unemployment Benefit in October 1996.
2. Incapacity Benefit replaced Invalidity and Sickness Benefit from 13 April 1995.

Table 7.3 : Other income at the time of the claim, by family type.*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	All cases	Couples		Lone parents
		Male main earner	Female main earner	
Total (one or more types)	29.7	7.2	3.3	19.2
Maintenance (FC only)	17.5	1.5	0.6	15.4
Benefits in kind, rent, tips and others	2.0	1.3	-	0.6

Table 7.4 : Savings over £3,000 reducing the value of awards. (WFTC/FC)*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	Total	Amount of savings	
		£3,000 - £5,000	£5,000 - £7999.99
All cases	15.9	9.3	6.6
Couples	9.9	5.9	4.0
Lone Parents	6.0	3.4	2.6
Self-employed	2.7	1.4	1.3
Couples	2.2	1.1	1.1
Lone Parents	0.5	-	-
Employed	13.2	8.0	5.3
Couples	7.8	4.8	2.9
Lone Parents	5.5	3.2	2.3

Table 8.1A : Awards with allowed claim for help with childcare charges, by family type. (FC)*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	All FC cases	No extra award for childcare	Extra award for childcare	Extra FC received			
				Up to £28.00	£28.00 - £41.99	£42.00 - £69.99	£70 and above
All cases	6.7	0.8	5.9	3.7	1.2	1.0	-
Lone parents	6.5	0.8	5.7	3.5	1.2	1.0	-
Couples	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average extra amount of Family Credit (£ per week)	20.85	-	23.66	13.82	33.92	45.67	-

Table 8.1B : Awards with childcare tax credit, by family type. (WFTC)*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	All WFTC cases	Extra WFTC received			
		Up to £28.00	£28.00 - £41.99	£42.00 - £69.99	£70 and above
All cases	93.1	48.1	17.9	20.9	6.2
Lone parents	83.7	41.9	16.7	19.3	5.7
Couples	9.5	6.1	1.2	1.5	0.6
Average extra amount of Working Families' Tax Credit (£ per week)	31.23	14.17	34.00	52.93	82.32

Table 8.2 : Awards with a disallowed claim for help with childcare charges (FC), or for childcare tax credit (WFTC)*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	Disallowed claim for help with childcare (FC)	Disallowed claim for childcare tax credit (WFTC)
All disallowed cases	0.7	8.6
No child under 11	-	-
No child under 15 (or 16 if disabled)	-	1.5
Only one parent working	-	4.8
No approved childcare	-	2.2

Table 8.3A : Awards with extra for childcare, by amount paid for childcare and family type. (FC)*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	All FC cases	Family type	
		Lone parents	Couples
All cases	5.9	5.7	-
Up to £10.00	0.7	0.6	-
£10.01 - £20.00	0.7	0.6	-
£20.01 - £30.00	0.9	0.8	-
£30.01 - £40.00	0.7	0.7	-
£40.01 - £50.00	0.7	0.7	-
£50.01 - £60.00	0.5	0.5	-
£60.01 - £70.00	0.6	0.6	-
£70.01 - £80.00	-	-	-
£80.01 - £100.00	-	-	-
Over £100.00	-	-	-
Average allowed childcare charges (£ per week)	45.40	45.81	-

Table 8.3B : Awards with childcare tax credit, by amount paid for childcare and family type. (WFTC)*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	All WFTC cases	Family type	
		Lone parents	Couples
All cases	93.1	83.7	9.4
Up to £10.00	8.9	7.9	1.0
£10.01 - £20.00	13.2	12.2	1.0
£20.01 - £30.00	12.0	11.0	1.0
£30.01 - £40.00	11.2	10.0	1.3
£40.01 - £50.00	10.1	9.4	0.7
£50.01 - £60.00	8.1	7.3	0.8
£60.01 - £70.00	6.8	6.2	0.6
£70.01 - £80.00	7.0	6.2	0.8
£80.01 - £90.00	4.6	4.1	0.5
£90.01 - £100.00	3.8	3.3	0.5
£100.01 - £120.00	3.6	3.1	0.6
£120.01 - £140.00	1.8	1.5	-
Over £140.00	1.9	1.5	0.5
Average allowed childcare charges (£ per week)	49.18	48.32	56.87

Table 8.4A : Awards with extra for childcare, by type of childcare used and family type. (FC)

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All FC cases	Family type	
		Lone parents	Couples
Total	5.9	5.7	-
Registered childminder only	2.3	2.2	-
Nursery only	1.9	1.8	-
Other approved childcare	1.2	1.2	-
More than one type	0.5	-	-

Table 8.4B : Awards with childcare tax credit, by type of childcare used and family type. (WFTC)

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All WFTC cases	Family type	
		Lone parents	Couples
Total	93.1	83.7	9.4
Registered childminder only	34.0	30.9	3.1
Nursery only	34.1	29.6	4.5
Other approved childcare	19.6	18.2	1.4
More than one type	5.4	4.9	0.5

Table 9.1 : Awards by Government Office Region and family type. (WFTC/FC)

Thousands

	All cases			Couples			Lone parents		
	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC
United Kingdom	1,025.5	112.8	912.7	499.7	52.5	447.2	525.9	60.4	465.5
Great Britain	988.9	108.5	880.4	479.8	50.1	429.6	509.2	58.4	450.8
North East	60.0	6.4	53.6	30.2	3.4	26.8	29.8	3.1	26.8
North West	149.5	17.2	132.3	67.4	7.2	60.1	82.1	10.0	72.1
Yorkshire and Humberside	114.3	13.5	100.8	60.4	6.7	53.7	53.9	6.8	47.1
East Midlands	80.3	7.9	72.4	42.2	3.8	38.3	38.1	4.1	34.1
West Midlands	105.3	11.9	93.4	53.4	5.8	47.6	51.9	6.1	45.8
Eastern	68.8	7.4	61.5	35.8	3.9	32.0	33.0	3.5	29.5
London	76.8	8.2	68.6	36.6	4.1	32.5	40.2	4.2	36.0
South East	92.3	9.4	82.9	43.1	4.2	39.0	49.2	5.2	44.0
South West	82.3	8.7	73.6	45.0	4.4	40.6	37.3	4.3	33.0
Wales	60.8	6.8	54.0	30.2	3.1	27.1	30.5	3.7	26.9
Scotland	98.4	11.1	87.3	35.4	3.7	31.7	63.0	7.4	55.6
Northern Ireland	36.6	4.3	32.3	19.9	2.3	17.6	16.7	2.0	14.7

Table 9.2 : Average award by Government Office Region and family type. (WFTC/FC)

£ per week

	All cases			Couples			Lone parents		
	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC
United Kingdom	70.78	65.32	71.45	67.73	66.41	67.89	73.67	64.38	74.87
Great Britain	70.62	65.18	71.29	67.41	66.13	67.56	73.64	64.36	74.85
North East	69.63	62.75	70.45	64.63	62.54	64.89	74.69	62.99	76.02
North West	71.71	66.45	72.39	68.83	67.86	68.94	74.07	65.44	75.27
Yorkshire and Humberside	71.10	65.78	71.81	68.00	67.51	68.06	74.57	64.08	76.08
East Midlands	70.01	62.28	70.85	64.72	60.21	65.17	75.85	64.22	77.25
West Midlands	72.47	67.50	73.11	71.04	69.65	71.21	73.95	65.46	75.09
Eastern	68.92	68.03	69.03	65.15	69.50	64.63	73.02	66.40	73.81
London	73.80	68.40	74.45	79.29	76.95	79.58	68.80	60.06	69.81
South East	69.67	62.88	70.44	64.49	63.82	64.56	74.21	62.12	75.65
South West	68.52	63.82	69.08	63.75	63.98	63.73	74.29	63.66	75.67
Wales	69.98	61.72	71.02	66.26	58.44	67.15	73.67	64.47	74.94
Scotland	69.28	64.29	69.92	63.02	60.33	63.33	72.80	66.25	73.68
Northern Ireland	74.99	68.94	75.80	75.49	72.37	75.90	74.40	65.00	75.69

**Table 9.3 : Awards by Government Office Region and employment status.
(WFTC/FC)**

Thousands

	All cases			Self-employed			Employed		
	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC
United Kingdom	1,025.5	112.8	912.7	140.8	18.0	122.8	884.7	94.8	789.9
Great Britain	988.9	108.5	880.4	135.4	17.2	118.1	853.6	91.3	762.3
North East	60.0	6.4	53.6	7.3	0.8	6.4	52.7	5.6	47.1
North West	149.5	17.2	132.3	21.4	2.7	18.6	128.1	14.5	113.6
Yorkshire and Humberside	114.3	13.5	100.8	17.2	2.3	14.9	97.1	11.2	85.9
East Midlands	80.3	7.9	72.4	10.4	1.1	9.3	69.9	6.8	63.1
West Midlands	105.3	11.9	93.4	15.1	2.2	12.9	90.2	9.7	80.5
Eastern	68.8	7.4	61.5	10.6	1.4	9.2	58.2	5.9	52.3
London	76.8	8.2	68.6	9.3	1.1	8.2	67.5	7.1	60.4
South East	92.3	9.4	82.9	12.6	1.6	10.9	79.8	7.8	72.0
South West	82.3	8.7	73.6	13.2	1.7	11.5	69.1	7.0	62.1
Wales	60.8	6.8	54.0	8.4	0.9	7.4	52.4	5.8	46.6
Scotland	98.4	11.1	87.3	9.9	1.3	8.6	88.5	9.8	78.7
Northern Ireland	36.6	4.3	32.3	5.5	0.8	4.7	31.1	3.6	27.6

Table 9.4 : Average award by Government Office Region and employment status. (WFTC/FC)

£ per week

	All cases			Self-employed			Employed		
	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC
United Kingdom	70.78	65.32	71.45	86.60	81.59	87.34	68.26	62.23	68.98
Great Britain	70.62	65.18	71.29	86.21	81.29	86.93	68.15	62.14	68.87
North East	69.63	62.76	70.45	82.00	73.21	83.15	67.92	61.19	68.71
North West	71.71	66.46	72.39	86.95	81.64	87.73	69.16	63.59	69.87
Yorkshire and Humberside	71.10	65.78	71.81	88.10	81.50	89.13	68.08	62.51	68.80
East Midlands	70.01	62.28	70.85	83.14	76.92	83.89	68.06	59.86	68.94
West Midlands	72.47	67.50	73.11	92.10	90.71	92.34	69.19	62.31	70.02
Eastern	68.92	68.02	69.03	87.81	88.92	87.63	65.48	62.94	65.77
London	73.80	68.40	74.45	89.61	84.36	90.32	71.62	65.94	72.29
South East	69.67	62.88	70.44	83.70	79.66	84.31	67.46	59.33	68.33
South West	68.52	63.82	69.08	82.65	75.29	83.71	65.83	61.11	66.36
Wales	69.99	61.72	71.02	86.82	76.33	88.12	67.30	59.42	68.29
Scotland	69.28	64.29	69.92	81.15	75.40	82.00	67.96	62.84	68.59
Northern Ireland	74.99	68.94	75.80	96.31	88.38	97.64	71.24	64.66	72.09

Table 10.1 : Awards by duration and family type. (WFTC/FC)*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	All cases			Couples			Lone parents		
	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC
All cases	1,025.5	112.8	912.7	499.7	52.5	447.2	525.9	60.4	465.5
less than 1 month	76.6	-	76.6	41.9	-	41.9	34.7	-	34.7
1-2 months	54.8	-	54.8	30.7	-	30.7	24.1	-	24.1
2-3 months	34.3	-	34.3	19.1	-	19.1	15.2	-	15.2
3-4 months	98.9	-	98.9	52.9	-	52.9	46.1	-	46.1
4-5 months	159.6	-	159.6	78.4	-	78.4	81.2	-	81.2
5 months - 26 wks	29.8	29.8	-	15.0	15.0	-	14.8	14.8	-
less than 26 weeks	454.1	29.8	424.3	238.0	15.0	223.0	216.1	14.8	201.3
26 wks - 7 months	23.6	-	23.6	11.9	-	11.9	11.7	-	11.7
7-8 months	19.6	-	19.6	9.1	-	9.1	10.4	-	10.4
8-9 months	27.0	-	27.0	13.2	-	13.2	13.8	-	13.8
9-10 months	25.3	-	25.3	11.8	-	11.8	13.5	-	13.5
10-11 months	27.1	-	27.1	13.0	-	13.0	14.2	-	14.2
11 months - 52 wks	25.5	20.7	4.8	12.0	9.7	2.4	13.5	11.0	2.4
less than 52 weeks	602.2	50.5	551.7	309.0	24.7	284.3	293.2	25.8	267.4
52 wks - 18 months	96.5	14.0	82.5	42.3	5.5	36.8	54.2	8.6	45.7
18-24 months	65.5	10.1	55.4	27.3	4.4	22.9	38.2	5.7	32.5
52 weeks - 2 years	162.0	24.2	137.8	69.6	9.9	59.7	92.4	14.3	78.1
2-3 years	93.7	14.0	79.7	40.7	6.4	34.3	53.0	7.6	45.4
3-4 years	58.6	9.4	49.2	28.0	4.4	23.6	30.6	4.9	25.7
4 years and over	109.2	14.9	94.3	52.4	7.1	45.3	56.8	7.8	49.0
Average duration on WFTC/FC (months)	22.4			21.8			23.1		

Notes:

1. The date for the five month boundary is set at 5th October 1999, the date of the introduction of WFTC.

Table 10.2 : Awards by duration and employment status. (WFTC/FC)*Thousands - United Kingdom*

	All cases			Self-employed			Employed		
	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC	All cases	FC	WFTC
All cases	1,025.5	112.8	912.7	499.7	52.5	447.2	525.9	60.4	465.5
less than 1 month	76.6	-	76.6	41.9	-	41.9	34.7	-	34.7
1-2 months	54.8	-	54.8	30.7	-	30.7	24.1	-	24.1
2-3 months	34.3	-	34.3	19.1	-	19.1	15.2	-	15.2
3-4 months	98.9	-	98.9	52.9	-	52.9	46.1	-	46.1
4-5 months	159.6	-	159.6	78.4	-	78.4	81.2	-	81.2
5 months - 26 wks	29.8	29.8	-	15.0	15.0	-	14.8	14.8	-
less than 26 weeks	454.1	29.8	424.3	238.0	15.0	223.0	216.1	14.8	201.3
26 wks - 7 months	23.6	-	23.6	11.9	-	11.9	11.7	-	11.7
7-8 months	19.6	-	19.6	9.1	-	9.1	10.4	-	10.4
8-9 months	27.0	-	27.0	13.2	-	13.2	13.8	-	13.8
9-10 months	25.3	-	25.3	11.8	-	11.8	13.5	-	13.5
10-11 months	27.1	-	27.1	13.0	-	13.0	14.2	-	14.2
11 months - 52 wks	25.5	20.7	4.8	12.0	9.7	2.4	13.5	11.0	2.4
less than 52 weeks	602.2	50.5	551.7	309.0	24.7	284.3	293.2	25.8	267.4
52 wks - 18 months	96.5	14.0	82.5	42.3	5.5	36.8	54.2	8.6	45.7
18-24 months	65.5	10.1	55.4	27.3	4.4	22.9	38.2	5.7	32.5
52 weeks - 2 years	162.0	24.2	137.8	69.6	9.9	59.7	92.4	14.3	78.1
2-3 years	93.7	14.0	79.7	40.7	6.4	34.3	53.0	7.6	45.4
3-4 years	58.6	9.4	49.2	28.0	4.4	23.6	30.6	4.9	25.7
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Average duration on WFTC/FC (months)	22.4			30.1			21.2		

Notes:

1. The date for the five month boundary is set at 5th October 1999, the date of the introduction of WFTC.

Appendix A : Sampling error

The data contained in this publication are based on a 5% sample of all GB Working Families' Tax Credit and Family Credit awards. The 5% sample is drawn to represent the characteristics of all awards on the Working Families' Tax Credit system. Therefore, if the number of cases in a sample with characteristic A is 500, we can say that the estimated number of awards with characteristic A on the Working Families' Tax Credit system is equal to 500 multiplied by 20, i.e. 10,000 cases. For the Northern Ireland awards, a 100% scan of awards is made, so there is no need for any grossing regimes.

The sample which has been taken is just one of many different samples which could be taken, therefore the total calculated number of awards with characteristic A is only an estimate of the actual number of awards. If another sample had been taken then the estimate for the same characteristic may have been slightly different.

The table overleaf shows the amount of variation that can be expected from the estimated number of awards with a certain characteristic.

For example, if from a 5% sample there are 500 awards with characteristic A then the estimated number of awards in the population with the same characteristic is 10,000. We could reasonably expect the actual figure to lie between 9,150 and 10,850.

Formula

Two formulae are used to calculate the standard error and the associated confidence intervals. For samples with less than 30 cases the binomial distribution is used to calculate the standard error. For samples with greater than 30 cases the normal approximation to the binomial is used. The normal approximation formula used to calculate the standard error is:

$\sqrt{(1-F)S} \frac{1}{F}$, where F is the sampling factor (e.g. 0.05 for a 5% sample) and S is the number of sample cases with the characteristic.

In an example where there were 50 sample cases with characteristic A taken from a sample representing 5% of the population, the standard error is:

$$\sqrt{(1-0.05)50} \frac{1}{0.05} = 137.8... \approx 138$$

There is a 95% probability that the actual population value falls within 1.96 standard errors of the grossed up sample value. For the above example this would be:

$$(50/0.05) \pm 1.96 \times 138 = (730, 1270)$$

This range is known as the 95% confidence interval.

Please note that this method can only be applied to estimates of number of awards and not to estimating the sampling error associated with averages such as average weekly award etc.

Table A1 : Confidence intervals for a 5% sample

Estimated value	95% confidence interval	Confidence interval as a % of the estimate
500	328 to 732	.
1,000	± 270	± 27.0%
2,500	± 427	± 17.1%
5,000	± 604	± 12.1%
10,000	± 850	± 8.5%
25,000	± 1350	± 5.4%
50,000	± 1910	± 3.8%
100,000	± 2700	± 2.7%
1,000,000	± 9000	± 0.9%

Appendix B : Occupation codes

WORKING FAMILIES TAX CREDIT / DISABLED PERSON'S TAX CREDIT OCCUPATION CODES FROM 01 OCTOBER 1998

Employment type: 1 = 'Self-Employed' 2 = 'Employed'

MANAGERS and ADMINISTRATORS

- 100** Includes senior and middle managers or larger organisations, e.g. EO and above in the Civil Service, officers in the Military, Bank management etc.
- 160** Farmers.
- 170** Managers and proprietors in the service industries: a subgroup of 100 including estate managers, garage managers, restaurant managers, publicans, hotel managers etc.

PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONS

- 200** Includes health, teaching, business, finance and legal professionals along with senior scientists.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL and TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONS

- 300** Scientific technicians; laboratory, engineering, electrical technicians etc.
- 310** Surveyors and Inspectors.
- 320** Computer analysts, ship/aircraft officers (non military), air traffic controllers, legal, business and financial associate professional; includes personnel, ship officers, underwriters etc.
- 340** Health and Social welfare associate professionals; includes Nurses, Youth Workers, Health and Safety officers etc.
- 380** Literary, Artistic and Sports professionals.
- 390** Other Professional and Technical occupations; includes Trainers, Driving Instructors etc.

CLERICAL and SECRETARIAL OCCUPATIONS

- 400** Administrative officers grades below in Civil Service / Local Government.
- 410** Clerks and Cashiers.
- 430** Receptionists and Telephonists.
- 450** Secretaries and Typists.
- 490** Other clerical occupations; Data processing, Office machine operators etc.

CRAFT and RELATED OCCUPATIONS (NON-MANAGERIAL WORKERS)

- 500** Construction Trades, skilled workers; Bricklayers, Painters and Decorators, Scaffolders etc.
- 509** Construction occupations, unskilled workers; Building trade mates, Paviers, Road and Rail construction workers etc.
- 510** Metal working, skilled workers; Machine setters, Sheet metal workers, Plumbers, Welders etc.
- 519** Metal working, unskilled workers.
- 520** Electrical/electronic trades; Electricians, Radio, TV/Video engineer, Computer engineer etc.
- 540** Vehicle Trades; Mechanics, Coach Builders, Panel beaters, Paint sprayers, Tyre/Exhaust fitters.
- 550** Textile Trades.
- 560** Printing Trades; Print finishers, Bookbinders, Screen printers etc.
- 570** Woodworking Trades.
- 580** Food Preparation Trades; Butchers, Bakers, Poultry dressers etc.
- 590** Other Crafts; Glass and Ceramic workers, Piano tuners, Musical instrument makers etc.
- 595** Other occupations in Mining and Manufacturing; Labourers in mining, engineering, foundries, manufacturing processes etc.
- 599** Gardeners.

PERSONAL and PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- 600** Military Personnel - NCO's and other ranks.
- 610** Protective Service occupations; Police, Fire, Traffic wardens, Prison wardens etc.
- 619** Security Guards.
- 621** Chefs and Cooks
- 622** Waiters and Waitresses.
- 623** Bar Staff excluding Cleaners.
- 629** Hotel porters, Kitchen porters, Catering assistants, Counter hands etc.
- 630** Travel Attendants; including Flight attendants and Railway staff.

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- 640 **Health and Childcare occupations;** Assistants and Nursery nurses, Care assistants, Ambulance staff etc.
- 660 **Hairdressers and Beauticians.**
- 670 **Domestic staff;** Housekeepers, Caretakers, Launderers, Dry cleaners etc.
- 679 **Cleaners, Domestic, Window cleaners and Road sweepers.**

SALES OCCUPATIONS

- 700 **Buyers and Brokers.**
- 710 **Sales Reps.**
- 720 **Sales Assistants;** Check-out operators, Petrol Pump attendants, Shelf fillers etc.
- 730 **Mobile, Market and Door to Door Sales and Agents;** Roundsmen/women, Street market traders, Scrap metal merchants etc.
- 790 **Sales Occupations;** Telephone sales, Merchandisers and Window dressers etc.

PLANT and MACHINE OPERATIVES

- 800 **Food, Drink and Tobacco process operatives;** Bakery, Confectionery, Brewery.
- 810 **Textile and Tannery process operatives.**
- 820 **Chemical and Plastic process operatives.**
- 830 **Metal processing.**
- 850 **Assemblers/Lineworkers on Electrical/electronic goods, Cars, Packers, Bottlers, Graders, Sorters etc.**
- 870 **Transport and Machinery operatives;** Bus driver/inspectors, Lorry drivers, Railway workers etc.
- 875 **Taxi-Drivers.**
- 879 **Other Transport occupations;** Dockers, Porters, Refuse collectors, Car park attendants etc.
- 860 **Plant operatives;** Pipe layers, Woodworking machine operatives. Water and Sewerage plant attendants etc.

OTHER OCCUPATIONS

- 910 **Other Agricultural, Forestry and Fishing occupations (Not Farmers/Managers);** Farm, Fishing and Forestry workers etc.
- 940 **Postal workers;** Mail sorters, Messengers and Couriers.

Appendix C : Illustration of regions



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