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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 30 November 1999. 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 965 thousand WFTC/FC awards current at 30 November 1999. 484 thousand were WFTC awards and 481 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 2000 and April 2000. So WFTC awards current at 30 November 1999 are not representative of all WFTC awards that will be 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 £69.15 per week, and the average FC award was £63.23 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 1.9 million children were in families receiving awards. 498 thousand (52 per cent) of the recipient families were headed by lone parents; these families included 822 thousand children - an average of 1.7 each. The other 467 thousand families were headed by couples; they included 1,082 thousand children - an average of 2.3 each.

514 thousand (53 per cent) of the recipient families benefited from the 30 hour credit. For self-employed families 69 per cent benefited.

54 thousand WFTC awards (11 per cent) included a childcare tax credit, and the average value of this credit for those benefiting was £30.98 per week. 27 thousand FC awards (6 per cent) were higher due to the childcare disregard, and the average extra amount for those benefiting was £24.09 per week.

For WFTC awards the average gross weekly earnings of the main earner was £159. For FC awards the weekly average was £121.

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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 - November 1999.

	<i>Thousands</i>					
	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	-
Aug-94	570.6	-	326.0	-	244.6	-
Nov-94	584.3	-	329.5	-	254.8	-
Feb-95	595.0	-	333.2	-	261.8	-
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	790.7	-	387.2	-	403.5	-
Aug-99	784.2	-	378.9	-	405.2	-
Nov-99	930.5	965.0	448.5	467.2	482.0	497.7

Chart 1 : WFTC/FC awards by family type, Great Britain, May 1988 - November 1999.

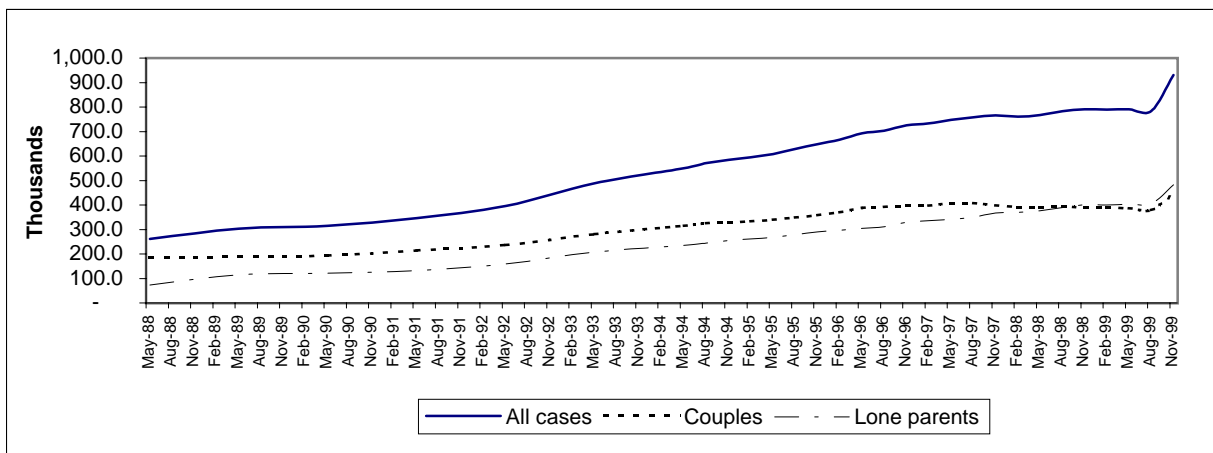


Table 1.2 : Average WFTC/FC award by family type, May 1988 - November 1999.

£ 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	-
Aug-94	48.71	-	46.67	-	51.41	-
Nov-94	49.73	-	47.95	-	52.04	-
Feb-95	49.79	-	48.04	-	52.01	-
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	-	62.44	-
Aug-99	62.92	-	63.26	-	62.60	-
Nov-99	66.04	66.20	63.79	64.10	68.14	68.16

Chart 2 : Average WFTC/FC award by family type, Great Britain, May 1988 - November 1999.

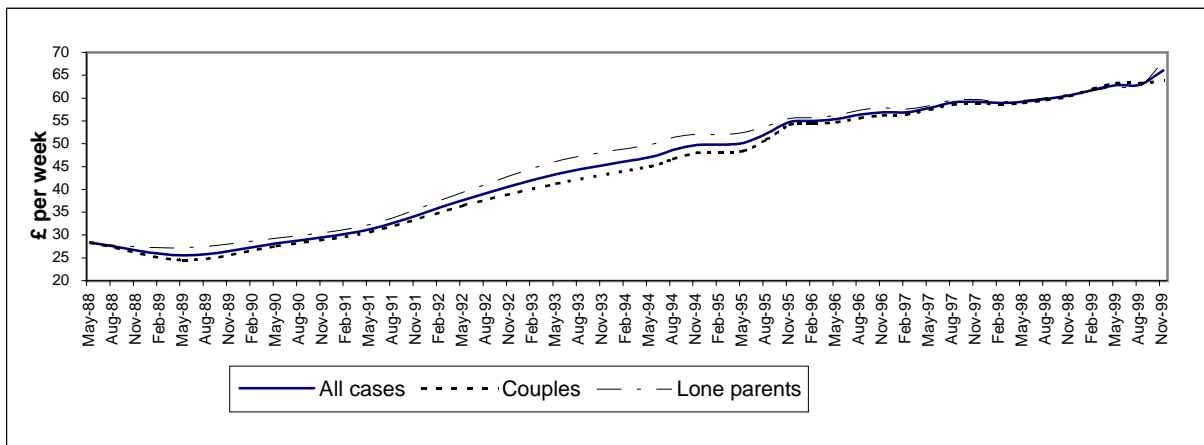


Table 1.3 : WFTC/FC awards by employment status, May 1999 - November 1999.

Thousands

	All cases		Self-employed		Employed	
	Great Britain	United Kingdom	Great Britain	United Kingdom	Great Britain	United Kingdom
May-99	790.7	-	121.4	-	669.4	-
Aug-99	784.2	-	119.9	-	664.3	-
Nov-99	930.5	965.0	134.2	139.6	796.3	825.4

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

£ per week

	All cases		Self-employed		Employed	
	Great Britain	United Kingdom	Great Britain	United Kingdom	Great Britain	United Kingdom
May-99	62.85	-	78.41	-	60.03	-
Aug-99	62.88	-	79.03	-	59.97	-
Nov-99	66.04	66.20	81.47	81.89	63.45	63.55

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 - November 1999. (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	41.5	1.7	21.92
Aug-99	45.4	43.9	1.4	22.08
Nov-99 FC	26.4	25.7	0.7	22.43
Nov-99 WFTC	53.1	47.6	5.5	30.89
United Kingdom				
Nov-99 FC	27.1	26.4	0.8	24.09
Nov-99 WFTC	54.5	48.7	5.7	30.98

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	965.0	481.2	483.8	139.6	77.5	62.1	825.4	403.7	421.7
Couples	467.2	234.3	232.9	99.9	57.3	42.6	367.4	177.0	190.4
Male main earner	366.0	179.4	186.6	83.0	48.3	34.6	283.0	131.1	152.0
Female main earner	101.3	54.9	46.3	16.9	9.0	7.9	84.4	46.0	38.4
Lone parents	497.7	246.9	250.9	39.7	20.2	19.5	458.0	226.7	231.4
Male	19.3	9.4	9.9	4.4	2.4	2.0	14.9	6.9	7.9
Female	478.5	237.5	241.0	35.3	17.8	17.6	443.2	219.8	223.4

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

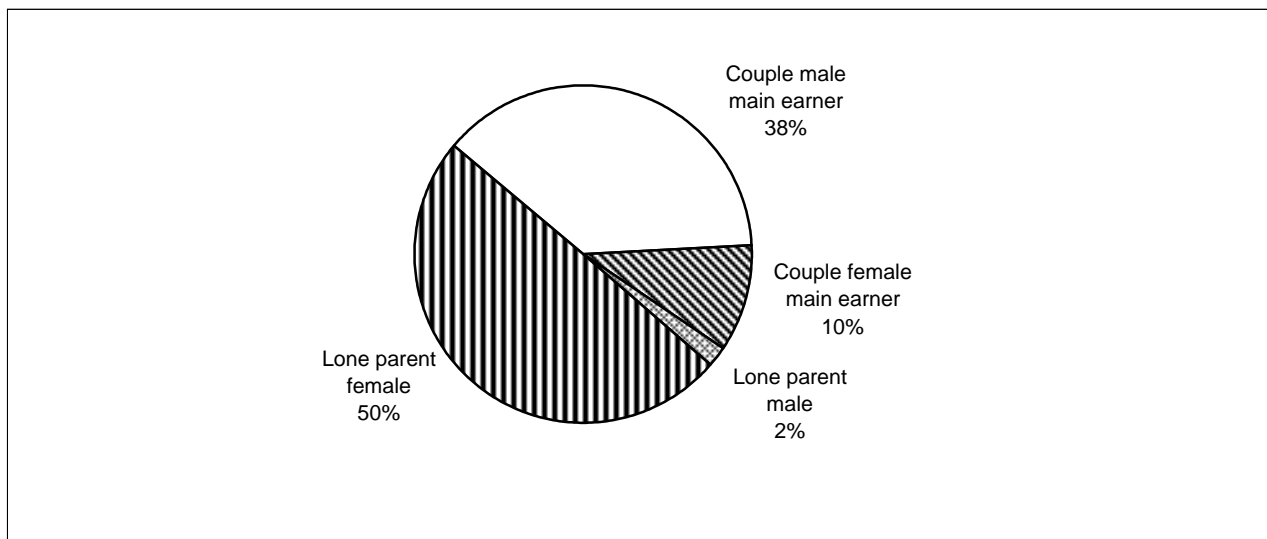


Table 2.2 : Employment status and family type, by age of main earner. (WFTC/FC)

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	965.0	6.1	220.6	470.5	228.2	39.7	35
Couples	467.2	2.1	104.4	224.2	111.9	24.5	36
Lone parents	497.7	3.9	116.2	246.2	116.2	15.2	35
Self-employed	139.6	-	20.1	65.9	43.1	10.2	38
Couples	99.9	-	13.9	46.6	31.3	8.1	38
Lone parents	39.7	-	6.3	19.3	11.7	2.2	37
Employed	825.4	5.8	200.5	404.6	185.1	29.4	35
Couples	367.4	2.1	90.6	177.7	80.6	16.5	35
Lone parents	458.0	3.7	109.9	226.9	104.5	13.0	35

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

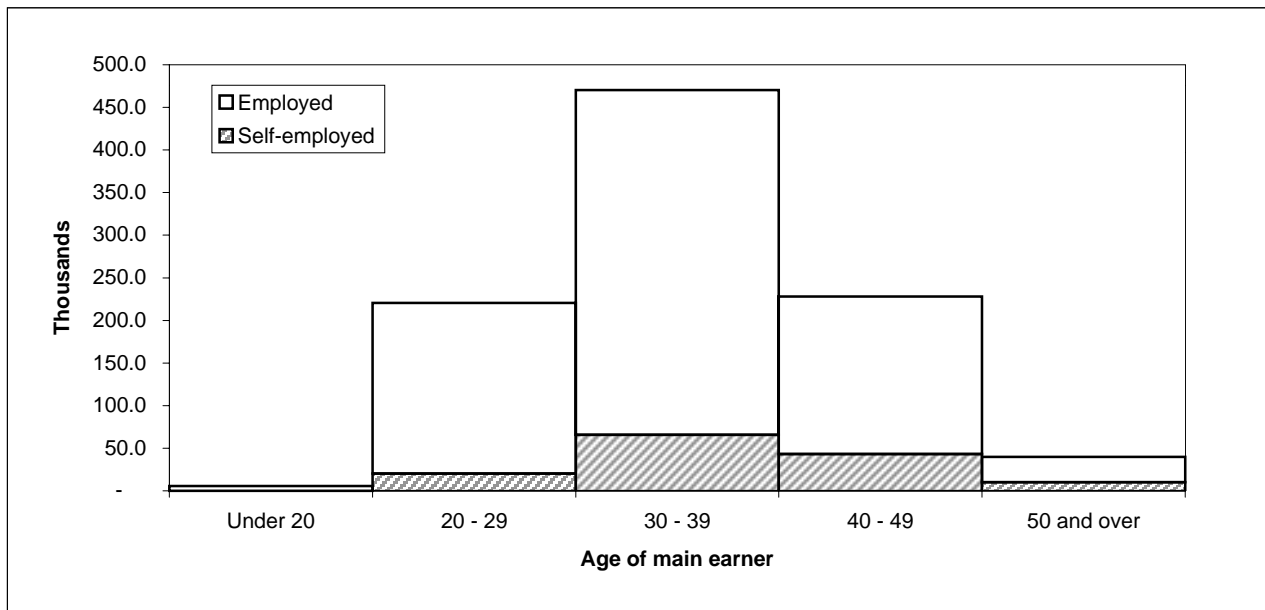


Table 2.2A : Employment status and family type, by age of main earner. (FC)

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	481.2	3.0	108.9	232.5	115.7	21.2	35
Couples	234.3	1.0	50.2	111.1	59.0	13.0	36
Lone parents	246.9	2.0	58.6	121.4	56.8	8.1	35
Self-employed	77.5	-	11.0	36.3	24.3	5.7	38
Couples	57.3	-	7.9	26.3	18.4	4.6	38
Lone parents	20.2	-	3.1	9.9	5.9	1.1	37
Employed	403.7	2.8	97.9	196.2	91.4	15.4	35
Couples	177.0	1.0	42.3	84.7	40.6	8.4	35
Lone parents	226.7	1.8	55.6	111.5	50.9	7.0	35

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

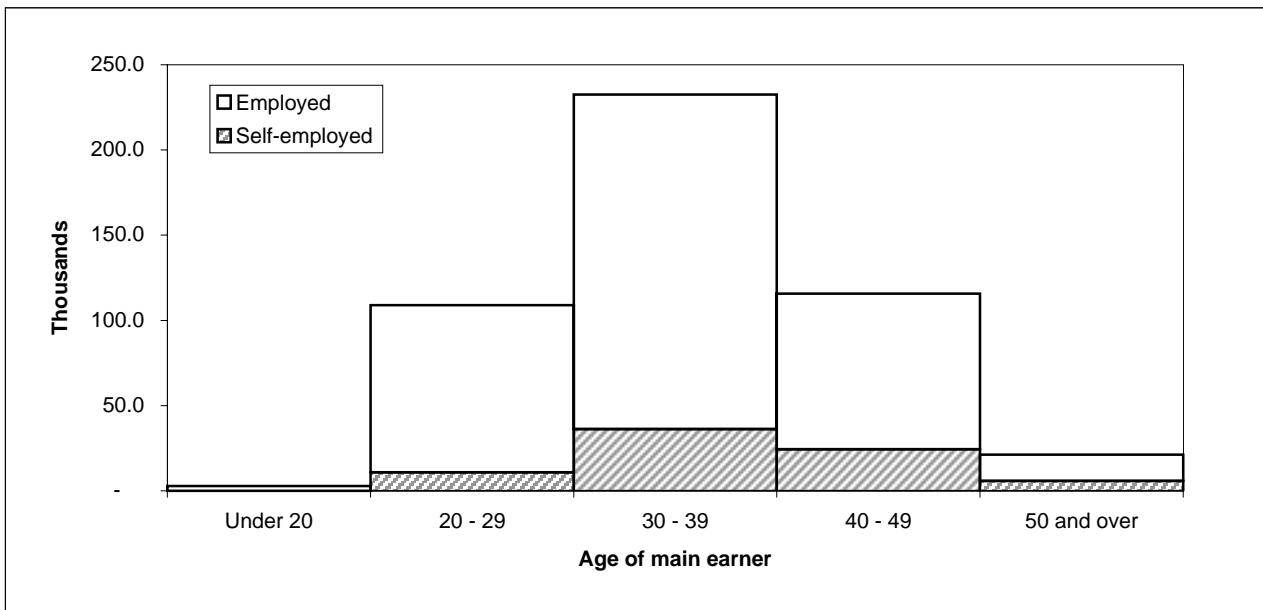


Table 2.2B : Employment status and family type, by age of main earner. (WFTC)

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	483.8	3.1	111.8	238.0	112.4	18.5	35
Couples	232.9	1.1	54.2	113.2	53.0	11.5	35
Lone parents	250.9	2.0	57.6	124.8	59.5	7.0	35
All self-employed	62.1	-	9.2	29.6	18.7	4.5	37
Couples	42.6	-	6.0	20.2	12.9	3.4	38
Lone parents	19.5	-	3.2	9.4	5.8	1.0	37
All employed	421.7	3.0	102.6	208.4	93.7	14.0	35
Couples	190.4	1.1	48.2	92.9	40.0	8.0	35
Lone parents	231.4	1.9	54.4	115.4	53.7	6.0	35

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

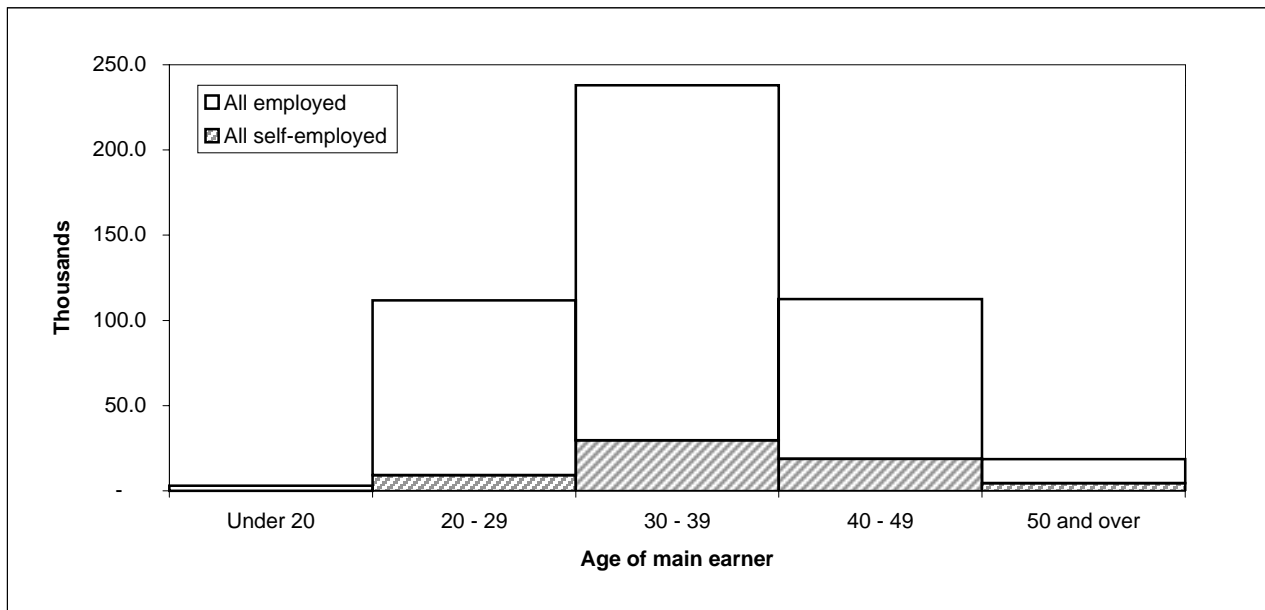


Table 3.1 : Range of award (£ per week) by family type. (WFTC/FC)

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All cases	Couples		Lone parents			
		All couples	Male main earner	Female main earner	All lone parents	Male	Female
All cases	965.0	467.2	366.0	101.3	497.7	19.3	478.5
Under £10.00	32.1	22.7	19.4	3.4	9.3	0.7	8.6
£10.00 - £19.99	47.7	30.8	26.5	4.3	16.9	1.3	15.6
£20.00 - £29.99	61.7	38.5	32.5	6.0	23.1	1.5	21.6
£30.00 - £39.99	70.4	40.2	33.8	6.4	30.1	1.7	28.5
£40.00 - £49.99	82.2	41.9	34.0	8.0	40.3	2.0	38.3
£50.00 - £59.99	89.8	40.8	31.9	8.9	49.0	2.0	46.9
£60.00 - £69.99	127.0	46.4	34.3	12.1	80.6	2.2	78.4
£70.00 - £79.99	139.4	48.1	35.0	13.2	91.3	3.3	88.0
£80.00 - £89.99	94.8	42.7	30.6	12.1	52.1	1.9	50.2
£90.00 - £99.99	95.0	43.4	31.6	11.7	51.6	1.0	50.6
£100.00 - £119.99	78.8	42.1	31.7	10.4	36.8	1.1	35.7
£120 and over	46.2	29.5	24.7	4.8	16.7	0.6	16.1

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	481.2	234.3	179.4	54.9	246.9	9.4	237.5
Under £10.00	15.4	10.1	8.4	1.7	5.3	-	4.9
£10.00 - £19.99	23.7	14.3	12.0	2.3	9.3	0.7	8.6
£20.00 - £29.99	30.6	18.0	15.0	3.0	12.6	0.7	11.9
£30.00 - £39.99	38.4	20.8	17.2	3.6	17.5	0.7	16.9
£40.00 - £49.99	45.4	21.4	16.8	4.6	24.0	1.1	22.9
£50.00 - £59.99	49.3	21.0	15.8	5.3	28.2	1.1	27.2
£60.00 - £69.99	81.4	26.0	17.9	8.1	55.4	1.2	54.2
£70.00 - £79.99	55.7	22.5	16.0	6.5	33.2	1.5	31.7
£80.00 - £89.99	57.8	25.4	17.5	7.9	32.4	1.0	31.5
£90.00 - £99.99	36.1	22.2	17.3	4.9	14.0	0.5	13.4
£100.00 - £119.99	31.6	19.7	14.6	5.1	11.9	-	11.5
£120 and over	15.8	12.8	10.9	1.8	3.0	-	2.9

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	483.8	232.9	186.6	46.3	250.9	9.9	241.0
Under £10.00	16.7	12.6	11.0	1.6	4.1	-	3.8
£10.00 - £19.99	24.0	16.5	14.5	2.0	7.5	0.6	7.0
£20.00 - £29.99	31.0	20.5	17.5	3.0	10.5	0.8	9.7
£30.00 - £39.99	32.0	19.4	16.6	2.8	12.6	1.0	11.6
£40.00 - £49.99	36.8	20.5	17.2	3.4	16.3	0.9	15.3
£50.00 - £59.99	40.5	19.8	16.2	3.6	20.7	1.0	19.8
£60.00 - £69.99	45.6	20.4	16.5	3.9	25.2	1.0	24.2
£70.00 - £79.99	83.7	25.6	19.0	6.6	58.1	1.7	56.4
£80.00 - £89.99	36.9	17.3	13.1	4.2	19.6	0.9	18.7
£90.00 - £99.99	58.9	21.2	14.4	6.8	37.7	-	37.2
£100.00 - £119.99	47.3	22.4	17.1	5.3	24.9	0.6	24.3
£120 and over	30.4	16.7	13.7	3.0	13.7	0.5	13.1

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	66.20	63.23	69.15	81.89	79.89	84.38	63.55	60.03	66.91
Couples	64.10	63.97	64.24	83.60	82.58	84.96	58.80	57.94	59.60
Male main earner	62.81	63.10	62.54	84.83	83.51	86.67	56.36	55.57	57.04
Female main earner	68.77	66.82	71.08	77.57	77.59	77.54	67.01	64.72	69.74
Lone parents	68.16	62.53	73.71	77.58	72.26	83.09	67.35	61.67	72.92
Male	60.17	57.56	62.64	82.51	78.16	87.94	53.57	50.32	56.40
Female	68.49	62.73	74.16	76.97	71.45	82.55	67.81	62.02	73.50

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	282.44	149.88	132.56	65.26	37.64	27.62	217.18	112.24	104.93
With 30 hour credit	51.12	31.08	20.05	40.37	24.20	16.17	10.76	6.88	3.88
Other	231.32	118.81	112.51	24.90	13.45	11.45	206.42	105.36	101.06
Couples	107.83	64.44	43.39	43.82	27.17	16.65	64.01	37.27	26.74
With 30 hour credit	37.80	23.10	14.70	32.41	19.94	12.46	5.39	3.16	2.23
Other	70.03	41.34	28.70	11.41	7.23	4.19	58.62	34.11	24.51
Lone parents	174.61	85.45	89.16	21.45	10.47	10.97	153.16	74.97	78.19
With 30 hour credit	13.33	7.97	5.35	7.96	4.25	3.71	5.37	3.72	1.64
Other	161.28	77.47	83.81	13.48	6.22	7.26	147.80	71.25	76.55

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	1,904.5	307.9	1,596.6
Couples	1,082.5	240.5	842.0
Male main earner	869.7	203.6	666.0
Female main earner	212.8	36.9	176.0
Lone parents	822.0	67.4	754.6
Male	29.9	7.1	22.8
Female	792.1	60.4	731.8

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	2.4	2.5	2.4
Female main earner	2.1	2.2	2.1
Lone parents	1.7	1.7	1.6
Male	1.6	1.6	1.5
Female	1.7	1.7	1.7

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	1,904.5	636.7	592.7	543.9	131.2
1 child	376.3	156.9	83.1	98.9	37.3
2 children	695.7	238.4	217.7	194.2	45.5
3 children	482.9	143.8	168.9	143.2	27.0
4 or more children	349.6	97.7	123.0	107.6	21.4
Couples					
All sizes	1,082.5	428.1	326.9	267.8	59.7
1 child	116.7	66.6	16.0	25.2	8.9
2 children	356.5	164.7	98.9	74.5	18.4
3 children	323.0	112.1	111.3	84.2	15.6
4 or more children	286.3	84.7	100.7	84.0	16.8
Lone parents					
All sizes	822.0	208.6	265.9	276.0	71.5
1 child	259.6	90.3	67.2	73.8	28.4
2 children	339.2	73.6	118.8	119.7	27.1
3 children	159.8	31.7	57.6	59.1	11.5
4 or more children	63.4	12.9	22.3	23.5	4.6

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

	Weekly amount of WFTC/FC award							£80.00 and over	Average weekly WFTC/FC £ per week
	All amounts	Under £30.00	£30.00 - £39.99	£40.00 - £49.99	£50.00 - £59.99	£60.00 - £69.99	£70.00 - £79.99		
All cases									
All sizes	965.0	141.5	70.4	82.2	89.8	127.0	139.4	314.8	66.20
1 child	376.3	68.9	35.4	41.2	45.7	79.3	83.6	22.1	53.39
2 children	347.9	51.4	24.0	27.5	29.3	31.8	38.6	145.3	65.53
3 children	161.0	16.6	8.3	10.3	11.0	11.5	12.5	90.7	79.60
4 or more children	79.9	4.5	2.7	3.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	56.7	102.42
Couples									
All sizes	467.2	92.1	40.2	41.9	40.8	46.4	48.1	157.6	64.10
1 child	116.7	33.0	14.3	13.3	13.1	17.9	18.0	7.0	46.67
2 children	178.3	39.3	16.4	17.1	15.4	16.0	17.2	56.9	57.93
3 children	107.7	15.5	7.1	8.7	8.8	8.6	8.8	50.3	72.27
4 or more children	64.6	4.3	2.5	2.9	3.6	3.9	4.1	43.4	99.00
Lone parents									
All sizes	497.7	49.3	30.1	40.3	49.0	80.6	91.3	157.2	68.16
1 child	259.6	35.9	21.1	28.0	32.6	61.4	65.6	15.1	56.41
2 children	169.6	12.1	7.6	10.4	13.9	15.8	21.4	88.3	73.52
3 children	53.3	1.2	1.2	1.6	2.2	3.0	3.7	40.4	94.42
4 or more children	15.3	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	13.3	116.91

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

	Weekly amount of Family Credit award							£80.00 and over	Average weekly FC £ per week
	All amounts	Under £30.00	£30.00 - £39.99	£40.00 - £49.99	£50.00 - £59.99	£60.00 - £69.99	£70.00 - £79.99		
All FC cases									
All sizes	481.2	69.7	38.4	45.4	49.3	81.4	55.7	141.3	63.23
1 child	186.4	34.6	19.3	22.8	24.8	55.7	25.4	3.8	50.65
2 children	170.2	24.6	12.7	14.8	16.0	16.9	20.7	64.3	62.44
3 children	81.0	8.1	4.8	5.8	5.8	6.2	6.7	43.5	75.57
4 or more children	43.6	2.4	1.6	2.0	2.6	2.5	2.9	29.7	97.20
Couples									
All sizes	234.3	42.5	20.8	21.4	21.0	26.0	22.5	80.0	63.97
1 child	57.7	15.7	7.2	6.5	6.6	12.1	7.4	2.2	46.47
2 children	86.7	17.2	8.3	8.5	7.7	7.4	8.3	29.1	58.22
3 children	54.1	7.2	3.9	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.3	25.4	71.02
4 or more children	35.8	2.3	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.2	2.5	23.3	95.41
Lone parents									
All sizes	246.9	27.2	17.5	24.0	28.2	55.4	33.2	61.3	62.53
1 child	128.7	18.9	12.1	16.4	18.2	43.6	18.0	1.6	52.52
2 children	83.5	7.3	4.4	6.4	8.3	9.5	12.4	35.2	66.83
3 children	26.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.5	2.0	2.4	18.1	84.73
4 or more children	7.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.4	105.45

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 amounts	Under £30.00	£30.00 - £39.99	£40.00 - £49.99	£50.00 - £59.99	£60.00 - £69.99	£70.00 - £79.99		£80.00 and over
All WFTC cases									
All sizes	483.8	71.8	32.0	36.8	40.5	45.6	83.7	173.4	69.15
1 child	189.9	34.2	16.1	18.4	20.9	23.6	58.3	18.3	56.09
2 children	177.7	26.8	11.2	12.7	13.2	14.9	17.9	80.9	68.48
3 children	80.0	8.5	3.5	4.5	5.1	5.3	5.8	47.1	83.69
4 or more children	36.3	2.2	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.7	1.8	27.0	108.70
Couples									
All sizes	232.9	49.6	19.4	20.5	19.8	20.4	25.6	77.6	64.24
1 child	59.0	17.3	7.1	6.8	6.5	5.8	10.7	4.9	46.85
2 children	91.6	22.1	8.0	8.6	7.7	8.6	8.8	27.8	57.66
3 children	53.6	8.2	3.2	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.5	24.8	73.53
4 or more children	28.8	2.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.7	1.6	20.1	103.47
Lone parents									
All sizes	250.9	22.1	12.6	16.3	20.7	25.2	58.1	95.9	73.71
1 child	130.9	17.0	9.0	11.6	14.4	17.8	47.6	13.5	60.25
2 children	86.1	4.7	3.2	4.1	5.6	6.3	9.0	53.2	80.00
3 children	26.4	-	-	-	0.7	1.0	1.3	22.3	104.27
4 or more children	7.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	128.85

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	965.0	481.2	483.8	3.5%
Managers and administrators	30.8	13.1	17.8	0.7%
Professional occupations	18.8	6.9	11.9	0.6%
Associated professional and technical occupations	62.0	25.8	36.2	2.2%
Clerical and secretarial occupations	168.7	76.1	92.7	4.1%
Craft and related occupations (non-managerial workers)	154.8	79.2	75.6	4.7%
Personal and protective services	259.5	141.7	117.8	8.5%
Sales occupations	138.5	68.9	69.6	6.1%
Plant and machine operatives	118.1	62.2	56.0	4.7%
Other occupations	13.8	7.5	6.3	0.6%

Notes:

1. Figures are shown as a percentage of all self-employed and employed persons in the relevant Standard Occupation Code, taken from the Labour Force Survey - November 1999.

Table 5.2 : Families receiving WFTC/FC, by occupation of main earner.

Thousands - United Kingdom

	All cases	Self-employed	Employed
All occupations	965.0	139.6	825.4
Managers and administrators	30.8	8.3	22.5
Professional occupations	18.8	3.5	15.3
Associated professional and technical occupations	62.0	8.4	53.6
Clerical and secretarial occupations	168.7	8.0	160.7
of which:-			
Clerks and cashiers	57.5	2.8	54.7
Other clerical occupations; data processors, office machine operators etc.	51.2	2.3	48.9
Craft and related occupations (non-managerial workers)	154.8	39.4	115.4
of which:-			
Construction trades, skilled workers; bricklayers, painters and decorators, scaffolders etc.	25.5	13.0	12.5
Personal and protective services	259.5	26.8	232.7
of which:-			
Hotel porters, kitchen porters, catering assistants, counter hands etc.	23.3	1.3	22.1
Health and childcare occupations; assistants and nursery nurses, care assistants, ambulance staff etc.	80.8	8.5	72.3
Domestic staff; housekeepers, caretakers, launderers, dry cleaners etc.	33.8	2.1	31.7
Cleaners, domestics, window cleaners and road sweepers	41.1	6.4	34.7
Sales occupations	138.5	13.7	124.7
of which:-			
Sales assistants; check-out operators, petrol pump attendants, shelf fillers etc.	100.4	3.7	96.7
Plant and machine operatives	118.1	28.8	89.3
of which:-			
Assemblers/lineworkers on electrical/electronic goods, cars, packers, bottlers, graders, sorters etc.	28.3	1.3	27.0
Transport and machinery operatives; bus driver/inspectors, lorry drivers, railway workers etc.	24.9	1.9	23.0
Taxi - drivers	26.0	21.6	4.5
Other occupations	13.8	2.7	11.1

Notes:

- 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.

	<i>£ per week - United Kingdom</i>		
	All cases	Self-employed	Employed
All occupations	66.20	81.89	63.55
Managers and administrators	64.21	83.91	56.95
Professional occupations	59.63	78.53	55.32
Associated professional and technical occupations	57.87	75.95	55.05
Clerical and secretarial occupations	60.22	67.82	59.85
of which:-			
Clerks and cashiers	63.36	67.60	63.14
Other clerical occupations; data processors, office machine operators etc.	59.10	71.26	58.53
Craft and related occupations (non-managerial workers)	64.01	79.62	58.69
of which:-			
Construction trades, skilled workers; bricklayers, painters and decorators, scaffolders etc.	65.18	76.90	52.92
Personal and protective services	71.98	80.54	71.00
of which:-			
Hotel porters, kitchen porters, catering assistants, counter hands etc.	73.80	80.32	73.43
Health and childcare occupations; assistants and nursery nurses, care assistants, ambulance staff etc.	69.35	80.26	68.08
Domestic staff; housekeepers, caretakers, launderers, dry cleaners etc.	71.25	76.63	70.90
Cleaners, domestics, window cleaners and road sweepers	74.84	82.59	73.41
Sales occupations	70.66	84.44	69.14
of which:-			
Sales assistants; check-out operators, petrol pump attendants, shelf fillers etc.	71.03	76.95	70.81
Plant and machine operatives	66.18	91.44	58.04
of which:-			
Assemblers/lineworkers on electrical/electronic goods, cars, packers, bottlers, graders, sorters etc.	58.80	69.21	58.31
Transport and machinery operatives; bus driver/inspectors, lorry drivers, railway workers etc.	56.81	76.15	55.19
Taxi - drivers	93.16	96.99	74.62
Other occupations	61.19	71.69	58.66

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	965.0	467.2	497.7
Managers and administrators	30.8	19.6	11.2
Professional occupations	18.8	6.4	12.4
Associated professional and technical occupations	62.0	30.7	31.3
Clerical and secretarial occupations	168.7	43.6	125.2
of which:-			
Clerks and cashiers	57.5	16.7	40.8
Other clerical occupations; data processors, office machine operators etc.	51.2	13.0	38.2
Craft and related occupations (non-managerial workers)	154.8	118.9	35.8
of which:-			
Construction trades, skilled workers; bricklayers, painters and decorators, scaffolders etc.	25.5	21.9	3.6
Personal and protective services	259.5	96.7	162.8
of which:-			
Hotel porters, kitchen porters, catering assistants, counter hands etc.	23.3	9.0	14.3
Health and childcare occupations; assistants and nursery nurses, care assistants, ambulance staff etc.	80.8	20.5	60.3
Domestic staff; housekeepers, caretakers, launderers, dry cleaners etc.	33.8	12.8	21.1
Cleaners, domestics, window cleaners and road sweepers	41.1	17.7	23.5
Sales occupations	138.5	53.1	85.4
of which:-			
Sales assistants; check-out operators, petrol pump attendants, shelf fillers etc.	100.4	33.8	66.6
Plant and machine operatives	118.1	88.4	29.7
of which:-			
Assemblers/lineworkers on electrical/electronic goods, cars, packers, bottlers, graders, sorters etc.	28.3	15.9	12.4
Transport and machinery operatives; bus driver/inspectors, lorry drivers, railway workers etc.	24.9	20.7	4.2
Taxi - drivers	26.0	23.8	2.2
Other occupations	13.8	9.9	3.9

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	66.20	64.10	68.16
Managers and administrators	64.21	66.71	59.84
Professional occupations	59.63	63.14	57.84
Associated professional and technical occupations	57.87	54.00	61.67
Clerical and secretarial occupations	60.22	55.51	61.87
of which:-			
Clerks and cashiers	63.36	58.72	65.25
Other clerical occupations; data processors, office machine operators etc.	59.10	53.26	61.09
Craft and related occupations (non-managerial workers)	64.01	62.87	67.80
of which:-			
Construction trades, skilled workers; bricklayers, painters and decorators, scaffolders etc.	65.18	64.54	69.05
Personal and protective services	71.98	69.01	73.75
of which:-			
Hotel porters, kitchen porters, catering assistants, counter hands etc.	73.80	70.88	75.63
Health and childcare occupations; assistants and nursery nurses, care assistants, ambulance staff etc.	69.35	65.00	70.84
Domestic staff; housekeepers, caretakers, launderers, dry cleaners etc.	71.25	65.47	74.75
Cleaners, domestics, window cleaners and road sweepers	74.84	71.50	77.34
Sales occupations	70.66	67.04	72.91
of which:-			
Sales assistants; check-out operators, petrol pump attendants, shelf fillers etc.	71.03	65.33	73.93
Plant and machine operatives	66.18	66.42	65.44
of which:-			
Assemblers/lineworkers on electrical/electronic goods, cars, packers, bottlers, graders, sorters etc.	58.80	54.12	64.75
Transport and machinery operatives; bus driver/inspectors, lorry drivers, railway workers etc.	56.81	55.77	61.95
Taxi - drivers	93.16	94.39	79.94
Other occupations	61.19	59.15	66.41

Notes:

- 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

	Gross weekly earnings of main earner							Average gross earnings £ per week
	All cases	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	965.0	31.0	230.5	208.1	150.2	126.0	219.2	140.00
Couples	467.2	19.0	87.6	80.6	67.7	72.4	139.9	153.91
Lone parents	497.7	12.0	142.9	127.5	82.5	53.6	79.2	126.95
Self-employed	139.6	24.4	40.7	32.8	17.0	11.1	13.5	99.40
Couples	99.9	16.4	28.2	24.0	12.7	8.2	10.4	102.18
Lone parents	39.7	8.1	12.4	8.9	4.3	2.9	3.1	92.39
Employed	825.4	6.6	189.8	175.3	133.2	115.0	205.6	146.86
Couples	367.4	2.7	59.4	56.6	55.0	64.2	129.5	167.96
Lone parents	458.0	3.9	130.5	118.6	78.2	50.8	76.1	129.94

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

Thousands - United Kingdom

	Gross weekly earnings of main earner							Average gross earnings £ per week
	All FC cases	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	481.2	18.9	136.2	119.6	80.4	61.8	64.2	120.68
Couples	234.3	12.3	55.3	48.4	37.4	37.0	43.8	130.86
Lone parents	246.9	6.6	80.8	71.2	43.0	24.8	20.4	111.02
Self-employed	77.5	14.7	25.0	19.5	8.6	5.3	4.4	88.25
Couples	57.3	10.4	18.1	14.7	6.7	4.1	3.4	90.06
Lone parents	20.2	4.3	6.9	4.8	2.0	1.2	1.0	83.13
Employed	403.7	4.2	111.2	100.1	71.8	56.5	59.9	126.91
Couples	177.0	1.9	37.3	33.7	30.8	32.9	40.4	144.08
Lone parents	226.7	2.3	73.9	66.4	41.1	23.6	19.4	113.50

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

Thousands - United Kingdom

	Gross weekly earnings of main earner							Average gross earnings £ per week
	All WFTC cases	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	483.8	12.1	94.3	88.5	69.8	64.2	154.9	159.21
Couples	232.9	6.8	32.2	32.2	30.2	35.4	96.1	177.08
Lone parents	250.9	5.4	62.1	56.3	39.5	28.8	58.8	142.62
Self-employed	62.1	9.7	15.7	13.3	8.4	5.7	9.2	113.31
Couples	42.6	6.0	10.1	9.3	6.0	4.1	7.0	118.51
Lone parents	19.5	3.8	5.6	4.1	2.4	1.6	2.1	101.98
Employed	421.7	2.4	78.6	75.1	61.4	58.5	145.8	165.97
Couples	190.4	0.8	22.1	22.9	24.2	31.3	89.1	190.18
Lone parents	231.4	1.6	56.5	52.2	37.1	27.2	56.7	146.05

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	965.0	227.5	136.3	87.5	141.0	173.4	199.3	29.5
Couples	467.2	64.5	41.6	30.0	66.0	102.4	162.6	33.8
Lone parents	497.7	163.0	94.6	57.5	75.1	70.9	36.6	25.5
Self-employed	139.6	21.5	12.7	8.9	29.8	14.2	52.5	34.1
Couples	99.9	9.8	6.5	5.2	21.4	10.5	46.4	36.7
Lone parents	39.7	11.6	6.2	3.7	8.3	3.7	6.1	27.6
Employed	825.4	206.0	123.6	78.6	111.3	159.2	146.7	28.8
Couples	367.4	54.7	35.2	24.8	44.5	91.9	116.2	33.1
Lone parents	458.0	151.3	88.4	53.8	66.7	67.3	30.5	25.3

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	481.2	130.4	76.3	46.1	70.3	69.3	88.8	28.2
Couples	234.3	39.5	25.0	17.3	36.1	42.6	73.9	32.4
Lone parents	246.9	90.9	51.3	28.8	34.3	26.7	14.9	24.2
Self-employed	77.5	12.3	7.1	4.9	16.5	7.3	29.4	33.9
Couples	57.3	6.2	3.9	3.1	12.4	5.6	26.1	36.1
Lone parents	20.2	6.1	3.2	1.8	4.1	1.7	3.3	27.4
Employed	403.7	118.0	69.3	41.2	53.8	62.0	59.3	27.1
Couples	177.0	33.3	21.1	14.1	23.7	37.0	47.7	31.2
Lone parents	226.7	84.7	48.2	27.0	30.1	25.0	11.6	23.9

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	483.8	97.1	59.9	41.4	70.7	104.1	110.5	30.9
Couples	232.9	25.0	16.6	12.8	29.9	59.8	88.8	35.3
Lone parents	250.9	72.1	43.3	28.7	40.8	44.2	21.7	26.8
Self-employed	62.1	9.1	5.6	4.0	13.3	6.9	23.1	34.3
Couples	42.6	3.6	2.6	2.1	9.0	4.9	20.3	37.4
Lone parents	19.5	5.5	3.1	1.9	4.2	2.0	2.8	27.8
Employed	421.7	88.0	54.3	37.4	57.4	97.2	87.4	30.4
Couples	190.4	21.4	14.0	10.7	20.8	54.9	68.5	34.8
Lone parents	231.4	66.6	40.2	26.8	36.6	42.3	18.9	26.7

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	513.7	228.4	285.3	96.5	53.2	43.3	417.2	175.2	242.0
Couples	331.0	152.5	178.5	78.4	44.1	34.3	252.7	108.4	144.2
Male main earner	291.5	133.9	157.6	69.3	39.5	29.7	222.3	94.4	127.9
Female main earner	39.5	18.6	20.9	9.1	4.5	4.5	30.4	14.1	16.3
Lone parents	182.6	75.8	106.8	18.1	9.1	9.0	164.5	66.7	97.8
Male	13.5	6.1	7.4	2.9	1.5	1.4	10.6	4.6	6.1
Female	169.1	69.8	99.3	15.3	7.6	7.6	153.9	62.2	91.7

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

<i>Thousands - United Kingdom</i>			
	Number of couples	Average WFTC/FC award	Average partner's net earnings ¹
	(000's)	£ per week	£ per week
All Couples	467.2	64.10	7.23
Partner not working	409.8	66.89	-
Partner working <i>of which:-</i>	57.5	44.26	58.81
Partner working less than 24 hours a week	43.6	42.43	53.26
Partner working 24 hours a week or more	13.9	50.01	76.27

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

<i>Thousands - United Kingdom</i>			
	Number of couples	Average FC award	Average partner's net earnings ¹
	(000's)	£ per week	£ per week
All Couples	234.3	63.97	3.04
Partner not working	218.4	64.66	-
Partner working <i>of which:-</i>	15.9	54.50	44.67
Partner working less than 24 hours a week	11.9	51.57	44.03
Partner working 24 hours a week or more	4.1	63.03	46.53

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

<i>Thousands - United Kingdom</i>			
	Number of couples	Average WFTC award	Average partner's net earnings ¹
	(000's)	£ per week	£ per week
All Couples	232.9	64.24	11.46
Partner not working	191.4	69.43	-
Partner working <i>of which:-</i>	41.6	40.33	64.23
Partner working less than 24 hours a week	31.8	39.02	56.70
Partner working 24 hours a week or more	9.8	44.60	88.64

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)	41.9	21.1	13.7	7.1
Pensions:				
Retirement Pensions, War Pensions, War Disablement Pension	1.2	0.7	-	-
Unemployment related benefits:				
Jobseeker's Allowance ¹	5.3	0.8	4.4	-
Sickness and disability benefits:				
Statutory Sick Pay, Severe Disablement Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit and Incapacity Benefit ²	15.5	7.3	7.5	0.6
Carer benefits:				
Invalid Care Allowance	16.5	12.5	1.5	2.5
Others:				
	3.9	-	-	3.7

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)	88.6	11.3	4.5	72.7
Maintenance (FC only)	77.5	6.2	2.2	69.2
Benefits in kind	1.7	1.2	-	-
Rent, tips and others	9.3	4.0	2.2	3.2

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	11.8	7.0	4.8
Couples	7.1	4.3	2.8
Lone Parents	4.6	2.6	2.0
Self-employed	1.9	1.1	0.8
Couples	1.5	0.9	0.6
Lone Parents	-	-	-
Employed	9.9	5.9	4.0
Couples	5.7	3.5	2.2
Lone Parents	4.2	2.4	1.8

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	31.0	3.9	27.1	17.1	5.7	4.1	-
Lone parents	30.1	3.8	26.4	16.6	5.5	4.0	-
Couples	0.9	-	0.8	0.5	-	-	-
Average extra amount of Family Credit (£ per week)	21.06	-	24.09	13.20	34.32	51.38	-

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	54.5	28.5	10.3	12.1	3.6
Lone parents	48.7	24.4	9.7	11.3	3.4
Couples	5.8	4.1	0.7	0.8	-
Average extra amount of Working Families' Tax Credit (£ per week)	30.98	14.24	33.96	52.44	82.45

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	4.6	5.3
No child under 11	0.7	0
No child under 15 (or 16 if disabled)	-	1.0
Only one parent working	1.4	2.9
No approved childcare	2.5	1.4

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	27.1	26.4	0.8
Up to £10.00	2.8	2.7	-
£10.01 - £20.00	3.6	3.5	-
£20.01 - £30.00	3.9	3.8	-
£30.01 - £40.00	3.3	3.2	-
£40.01 - £50.00	3.4	3.3	-
£50.01 - £60.00	3.1	3.0	-
£60.01 - £70.00	2.2	2.1	-
£70.01 - £80.00	1.9	1.9	-
£80.01 - £100.00	2.0	2.0	-
Over £100.00	0.9	0.9	-
Average allowed childcare charges (£ per week)	44.63	44.80	38.89

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	54.5	48.7	5.7
Up to £10.00	5.0	4.3	0.6
£10.01 - £20.00	7.5	6.9	0.7
£20.01 - £30.00	7.2	6.6	0.6
£30.01 - £40.00	6.8	5.9	0.9
£40.01 - £50.00	5.9	5.4	-
£50.01 - £60.00	4.7	4.4	-
£60.01 - £70.00	4.1	3.7	-
£70.01 - £80.00	4.0	3.6	-
£80.01 - £90.00	2.7	2.4	-
£90.01 - £100.00	2.0	1.7	-
£100.01 - £120.00	2.2	1.9	-
£120.01 - £140.00	1.2	1.1	-
Over £140.00	1.1	0.9	-
Average allowed childcare charges (£ per week)	49.36	48.81	54.11

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	27.1	26.4	0.8
Registered childminder only	10.5	10.2	-
Nursery only	9.5	9.1	-
Other approved childcare	5.5	5.4	-
More than one type	1.7	1.7	-

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	54.5	48.7	5.7
Registered childminder only	20.0	17.9	2.1
Nursery only	19.6	16.9	2.7
Other approved childcare	11.6	10.9	0.7
More than one type	3.3	3.0	-

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	965.0	481.2	483.8	467.2	234.3	232.9	497.7	246.9	250.9
Great Britain	930.5	464.2	466.3	448.5	224.9	223.6	482.0	239.3	242.7
North East	57.1	29.1	28.0	28.6	14.6	13.9	28.6	14.5	14.1
North West	141.9	72.1	69.7	62.7	31.3	31.4	79.2	40.8	38.3
Yorkshire and Humberside	107.3	55.1	52.2	56.0	28.5	27.5	51.3	26.7	24.7
East Midlands	74.7	36.2	38.5	38.8	18.7	20.1	35.9	17.5	18.4
West Midlands	99.1	49.7	49.4	50.3	26.0	24.2	48.8	23.6	25.1
Eastern	62.7	31.1	31.6	32.6	16.3	16.2	30.2	14.8	15.4
London	71.8	34.9	36.9	35.2	18.8	16.4	36.6	16.1	20.5
South East	85.9	41.3	44.5	40.4	19.8	20.6	45.5	21.5	24.0
South West	77.0	37.3	39.7	41.2	19.3	21.9	35.8	18.0	17.8
Wales	58.2	29.3	28.9	28.6	14.0	14.6	29.6	15.3	14.3
Scotland	94.8	47.9	46.9	34.1	17.4	16.7	60.7	30.5	30.2
Northern Ireland	34.5	17.0	17.5	18.7	9.4	9.3	15.7	7.6	8.2

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	66.20	63.23	69.15	64.10	63.97	64.24	68.16	62.53	73.71
Great Britain	66.04	63.11	68.97	63.79	63.72	63.85	68.14	62.53	73.68
North East	65.18	62.75	67.70	61.86	61.90	61.82	68.50	63.61	73.52
North West	67.31	64.37	70.35	65.97	66.35	65.58	68.38	62.85	74.26
Yorkshire and Humberside	66.53	63.84	69.38	64.34	64.61	64.07	68.92	63.02	75.30
East Midlands	65.63	61.65	69.36	61.45	60.42	62.40	70.16	62.97	76.99
West Midlands	67.57	65.38	69.78	66.83	67.88	65.70	68.34	62.62	73.71
Eastern	64.79	61.98	67.57	62.12	62.24	61.99	67.68	61.68	73.46
London	69.37	66.20	72.37	75.06	72.99	77.44	63.89	58.26	68.32
South East	64.86	62.02	67.49	60.82	62.43	59.27	68.45	61.65	74.56
South West	64.07	61.54	66.45	59.96	60.13	59.81	68.80	63.05	74.62
Wales	64.66	61.49	67.89	61.18	59.15	63.13	68.03	63.63	72.76
Scotland	64.69	60.99	68.47	58.95	56.93	61.05	67.91	63.30	72.55
Northern Ireland	70.34	66.58	73.99	71.65	69.84	73.48	68.78	62.52	74.56

**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	965.0	481.2	483.8	139.6	77.5	62.1	825.4	403.7	421.7
Great Britain	930.5	464.2	466.3	134.2	74.4	59.8	796.3	389.8	406.5
North East	57.1	29.1	28.0	7.3	4.1	3.2	49.8	25.1	24.8
North West	141.9	72.1	69.7	21.1	11.8	9.3	120.8	60.3	60.5
Yorkshire and Humberside	107.3	55.1	52.2	17.0	9.6	7.4	90.3	45.5	44.8
East Midlands	74.7	36.2	38.5	10.0	5.1	4.9	64.7	31.0	33.7
West Midlands	99.1	49.7	49.4	15.5	9.1	6.5	83.5	40.6	42.9
Eastern	62.7	31.1	31.6	10.1	5.6	4.5	52.6	25.5	27.1
London	71.8	34.9	36.9	8.9	5.0	4.0	62.9	30.0	32.9
South East	85.9	41.3	44.5	12.7	7.4	5.3	73.2	33.9	39.3
South West	77.0	37.3	39.7	13.1	7.0	6.1	63.9	30.3	33.6
Wales	58.2	29.3	28.9	8.4	4.7	3.7	49.8	24.6	25.2
Scotland	94.8	47.9	46.9	10.0	5.0	5.1	84.8	42.9	41.9
Northern Ireland	34.5	17.0	17.5	5.4	3.1	2.3	29.1	13.9	15.2

**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	66.20	63.23	69.15	81.89	79.89	84.38	63.55	60.03	66.91
Great Britain	66.04	63.11	68.97	81.47	79.55	83.87	63.45	59.98	66.77
North East	65.18	62.75	67.70	77.64	74.55	81.52	63.35	60.84	65.90
North West	67.31	64.37	70.35	82.94	81.54	84.73	64.58	61.02	68.14
Yorkshire and Humberside	66.53	63.84	69.38	83.83	81.32	87.10	63.27	60.14	66.45
East Midlands	65.63	61.65	69.36	80.10	78.28	82.02	63.39	58.90	67.53
West Midlands	67.57	65.38	69.78	86.10	85.52	86.91	64.13	60.89	67.20
Eastern	64.79	61.98	67.57	84.19	81.41	87.65	61.05	57.70	64.21
London	69.37	66.20	72.37	85.70	83.90	87.97	67.05	63.27	70.50
South East	64.86	62.02	67.49	79.10	78.95	79.31	62.39	58.31	65.91
South West	64.07	61.54	66.45	77.08	74.17	80.47	61.40	58.60	63.92
Wales	64.66	61.49	67.89	78.54	75.82	82.00	62.33	58.77	65.83
Scotland	64.69	60.99	68.47	76.03	71.42	80.56	63.35	59.78	67.00
Northern Ireland	70.34	66.58	73.99	92.20	88.23	97.60	66.28	61.72	70.44

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	965.0	481.2	483.8	467.2	234.3	232.9	497.7	246.9	250.9
less than 1 month	101.3	-	101.3	54.6	-	54.6	46.6	-	46.6
1-2 months	161.5	-	161.5	80.1	-	80.1	81.4	-	81.4
2-3 months	30.8	30.8	-	15.8	15.8	-	15.1	15.1	-
3-4 months	41.2	41.2	-	23.4	23.4	-	17.8	17.7	-
4-5 months	36.4	36.3	-	19.7	19.7	-	16.7	16.6	-
5 months - 26 wks	44.7	38.9	5.8	24.1	21.3	2.8	20.6	17.6	3.0
less than 26 weeks	415.9	147.4	268.4	217.7	80.4	137.4	198.1	67.1	131.1
26 wks - 7 months	22.8	-	22.7	10.6	-	10.6	12.2	-	12.2
7-8 months	24.8	-	24.7	11.9	-	11.9	12.9	-	12.9
8-9 months	24.4	24.4	-	11.6	11.6	-	12.8	12.8	-
9-10 months	22.9	22.9	-	11.0	11.0	-	11.9	11.9	-
10-11 months	20.4	20.4	-	9.9	9.9	-	10.5	10.5	-
11 months - 52 wks	16.5	12.3	4.2	8.4	6.4	2.0	8.1	6.0	2.2
less than 52 weeks	547.6	227.5	320.1	281.0	119.2	161.8	266.6	108.2	158.3
52 wks - 18 months	112.0	68.9	43.1	49.6	30.7	18.9	62.4	38.2	24.2
18-24 months	64.9	41.1	23.9	27.9	18.1	9.8	37.0	23.0	14.1
52 weeks - 2 years	176.9	110.0	67.0	77.5	48.8	28.7	99.4	61.2	38.3
2-3 years	91.2	55.0	36.2	40.0	25.0	15.0	51.2	30.0	21.2
3-4 years	54.0	32.0	22.0	25.2	14.8	10.4	28.8	17.2	11.6
4 years and over	95.2	56.7	38.5	43.5	26.5	17.1	51.7	30.2	21.5
Average duration on WFTC/FC (months)	21.5			20.4			22.5		

Notes:

1. The date for the two 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	965.0	481.2	483.8	139.6	77.5	62.1	825.4	403.7	421.7
less than 1 month	101.3	-	101.3	11.0	-	11.0	90.2	-	90.2
1-2 months	161.5	-	161.5	15.3	-	15.3	146.2	-	146.2
2-3 months	30.8	30.8	-	4.2	4.2	-	26.7	26.7	-
3-4 months	41.2	41.2	-	6.0	6.0	-	35.2	35.2	-
4-5 months	36.4	36.3	-	4.9	4.9	-	31.5	31.4	-
5 months - 26 wks	44.7	38.9	5.8	6.1	5.3	0.8	38.6	33.6	5.0
less than 26 weeks	415.9	147.4	268.4	47.6	20.4	27.2	368.2	127.0	241.3
26 wks - 7 months	22.8	-	22.7	2.8	-	2.8	20.0	-	20.0
7-8 months	24.8	-	24.7	3.9	-	3.9	20.9	-	20.9
8-9 months	24.4	24.4	-	3.2	3.2	-	21.2	21.2	-
9-10 months	22.9	22.9	-	3.1	3.1	-	19.8	19.7	-
10-11 months	20.4	20.4	-	3.0	3.0	-	17.4	17.4	-
11 months - 52 wks	16.5	12.3	4.2	2.6	1.9	0.7	14.0	10.5	3.5
less than 52 weeks	547.6	227.5	320.1	66.2	31.7	34.5	481.4	195.8	285.6
52 wks - 18 months	112.0	68.9	43.1	17.7	11.2	6.5	94.3	57.7	36.6
18-24 months	64.9	41.1	23.9	9.9	6.4	3.5	55.0	34.6	20.4
52 weeks - 2 years	176.9	110.0	67.0	27.6	17.6	10.0	149.3	92.3	57.0
2-3 years	91.2	55.0	36.2	16.1	10.1	6.0	75.1	45.0	30.2
3-4 years	54.0	32.0	22.0	10.0	5.9	4.0	44.1	26.1	18.0
4 years and over	95.2	56.7	38.5	19.7	12.2	7.5	75.5	44.5	31.0
Average duration on WFTC/FC (months)	21.5			27.5			20.5		

Notes:

1. The date for the two 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, Domestics, 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 Government Office Regions

