

Working Age Claimants

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The data presented here is the latest Benefits data extracted from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) website via the NOMIS website. Further information can be seen on the DWP or NOMIS website. The data is updated quarterly. Numbers in the tables are presented in thousands rounded to the nearest ten and these refer to the number of clients on the administrative system at a given point in time. In the tables where more than one type of benefit is included, benefits are organised hierarchically and clients are allocated to the topmost benefit, which they receive.

Figures for Blackpool are compared to its Nearest Neighbours as defined by CIPFA, and other Lancashire Area local authorities. The majority of the comparative data is presented as thousands of cases, therefore when a figure is higher for one local authority than another this may not necessarily be a higher percentage of the population to which the benefit applies. Some comparative percentages are included for key benefits for the working age population from the DWP website. In addition, percentages have been calculated for total benefits based on the 2007 mid-year population estimates for total benefits and state pensions.

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Key Facts

- Hartlepool had the highest percentage (23.5%) of working age population claiming key benefits and Blackpool was next highest with 23.3% compared to its Nearest Neighbours as defined by CIPFA at August 2008.
- Blackpool had a higher percentage (23.3%) of working age claimants than for other Lancashire Area local authorities at August 2008. Blackburn and Burnley had more than one fifth of their working age population claiming key benefits at August 2008 with 21.1% and 20.6% respectively.
- 12.9% of Blackpool's working age population were claiming incapacity benefit at August 2008. This was a higher percentage than for the comparator CIPFA Nearest Neighbours and also for the other Lancashire Area local authorities.
- 3.1% of Blackpool's working age population were claiming Job Seekers allowance (JSA). Eight of the CIPFA Nearest Neighbours had a higher percentage of working age population claiming JSA, two had the same percentage and the remaining five had a lower percentage. All the Lancashire Area local authorities had a lower percentage of working age population JSA claimants than Blackpool at August 2008.
- 2.9% of both Blackpool and Wirral's working age population and were claiming Lone Parent Benefit as their main benefit. There were three other CIPFA Nearest Neighbours with a higher percentage claiming lone parent benefit. The remainder of CIPFA Nearest Neighbours had a lower percentage of working age population Lone Parents as did also the other Lancashire Area local authorities at August 2008.

Working Age Benefit Claimants (August 2008)

Working Age Benefit Claimants in Blackpool and CIPFA Nearest Neighbours (August 2008)

The table below shows both the percentage and numbers in thousands rounded to the nearest 10 of working age population who are claimants in the different statistical groups of benefits claimants at August 2008.

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12.9% of Blackpool's working age population were claiming incapacity benefit. This was a higher percentage than for the comparator CIPFA Nearest Neighbours, although Hartlepool was close with 12.4% of its working age population claiming incapacity benefit.

3.1% of Blackpool's working age population were claiming Job Seekers allowance (JSA). Hartlepool and South Tyneside had the highest percentage working age population claiming JSA at 4.5%. Eight of the CIPFA Nearest Neighbours had a higher percentage claiming JSA, two had the same percentage and the remaining five had a lower percentage of working age population JSA claimants.

2.9% of both Blackpool and Wirral's working age population and were claiming Lone Parent Benefit as their main benefit. There were three other CIPFA Nearest Neighbours with a higher percentage claiming lone parent benefit. These were South Tyneside (3.0%), North East Lincolnshire (3.0%) and Hartlepool (3.0%).

Benefits Distribution

Table 1: Clients of Working Age (Thousands) and Percentage of Working Age Population Claimants by Statistical Groups of Claimants in Blackpool & CIPFA Nearest Neighbours at August 2008								
	Job Seeker		Incapacity Benefits		Lone Parent		Carer	
	Cases	%	Cases	%	Cases	%	Cases	%
Blackpool	2.67	3.1	10.97	12.9	2.44	2.9	1.38	1.6
Plymouth	3.78	2.4	13.77	8.6	3.2	2	2.08	1.3
Sefton	5.44	3.4	15.11	9.3	3.48	2.1	2.26	1.4
North Tyneside	3.73	3.1	9.79	8.1	2.51	2.1	1.35	1.1
Southend-on-sea	2.76	2.9	7.44	7.7	2.55	2.6	1.05	1.1
Wirral	6.4	3.5	18.9	10.3	5.31	2.9	2.99	1.6
Redcar and Cleveland	3.27	3.9	8.28	9.9	2.14	2.6	1.46	1.7
North East Lincolnshire	3.43	3.6	6.99	7.3	2.88	3	1.53	1.6
Darlington	1.87	3.1	5.19	8.6	1.4	2.3	0.74	1.2
Hartlepool	2.49	4.5	6.92	12.4	1.68	3	0.85	1.5
South Tyneside	4.13	4.5	9.4	10.1	2.74	3	1.36	1.5
Torbay	1.84	2.4	7.5	9.9	1.69	2.2	1.18	1.6
Tameside	3.67	2.7	13.73	10.3	3.19	2.4	1.62	1.2
Sunderland	6.07	3.5	19.14	10.9	4.1	2.3	2.79	1.6
Gateshead	3.75	3.2	11.9	10.2	2.8	2.4	1.7	1.4
Calderdale	3.65	2.9	8.57	6.9	2.47	2	1.36	1.1
	Others on Income Related Benefits		Disabled		Bereaved		Total	
	Cases	%	Cases	%	Cases	%	Cases	%
Blackpool	0.82	1	1.26	1.5	0.26	0.3	19.81	23.3
Plymouth	0.75	0.5	2.24	1.4	0.35	0.2	26.17	16.3
Sefton	0.94	0.6	2.12	1.3	0.5	0.3	29.85	18.4
North Tyneside	0.82	0.7	1.33	1.1	0.38	0.3	19.92	16.4
Southend-on-sea	0.62	0.6	0.89	0.9	0.23	0.2	15.54	16.1
Wirral	1.24	0.7	2.9	1.6	0.58	0.3	38.33	20.9
Redcar and Cleveland	0.47	0.6	0.99	1.2	0.24	0.3	16.84	20.2
North East Lincolnshire	0.71	0.7	0.99	1	0.24	0.3	16.79	17.6
Darlington	0.38	0.6	0.65	1.1	0.16	0.3	10.4	17.2
Hartlepool	0.42	0.8	0.55	1	0.16	0.3	13.07	23.5
South Tyneside	0.81	0.9	1.13	1.2	0.28	0.3	19.85	21.4
Torbay	0.6	0.8	1.06	1.4	0.2	0.3	14.08	18.5
Tameside	0.72	0.5	1.58	1.2	0.37	0.3	24.88	18.6
Sunderland	1.18	0.7	1.95	1.1	0.5	0.3	35.71	20.3
Gateshead	0.97	0.8	1.31	1.1	0.32	0.3	22.75	19.4
Calderdale	0.61	0.5	1.17	0.9	0.36	0.3	18.19	14.7
Source: NOMIS website, DWP data, Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study 100% data August 2008 –								
Update on release of November 2008 data								
Note: Percentages are of the Working Age Population only in each local authority and are calculated by the DWP based on ONS population estimates								

Working Age Benefit Claimants in Blackpool and Lancashire Area Local Authorities (August 2008)

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12.9% of Blackpool's working age population were claiming Incapacity Benefit. This was a higher percentage of the working age population than in the other local authorities in the Lancashire Area. Burnley had the next highest percentage (11.9%), followed by Blackburn (11.5%) and Hyndburn (10.8%).

3.1% of Blackpool's working age population were claiming Job Seekers Allowance as their main benefit at August 2008. This was higher than the percentage of Job Seekers Allowance claimants in the other local authorities in the Lancashire Area. The next highest was Blackburn at 3.0%.

2.9% of Blackpool's working age population were claiming Lone Parent benefit as their main benefit. This was a higher percentage than for the other Lancashire Area local authorities, although Burnley and Blackburn had 2.6% of their working age population claiming Lone Parent benefit.

Benefits Distribution

Table 2: Clients of Working Age (Thousands) and Percentage of Working Age Population Claimants by Statistical Groups of Claimants in Lancashire Area Local Authorities at August 2008								
	Job Seeker		Incapacity Benefits		Lone Parent		Carer	
	Cases	%	Cases	%	Cases	%	Cases	%
Blackpool	2.67	3.1	10.97	12.9	2.44	2.9	1.38	1.6
Blackburn with Darwen	2.56	3	9.8	11.5	2.2	2.6	1.52	1.8
Burnley	1.49	2.8	6.35	11.9	1.42	2.6	0.7	1.3
Chorley	1.18	1.8	4.41	6.7	0.71	1.1	0.58	0.9
Fylde	0.44	1	2.93	6.7	0.36	0.8	0.44	1
Hyndburn	1.1	2.2	5.34	10.8	1.1	2.2	0.68	1.4
Lancaster	1.63	1.8	6.2	6.8	1.41	1.6	0.83	0.9
Pendle	1.25	2.3	5.33	9.7	0.99	1.8	0.82	1.5
Preston	2.29	2.7	7.47	8.9	1.69	2	1.1	1.3
Ribble Valley	0.32	0.9	1.72	4.9	0.13	0.4	0.22	0.6
Rossendale	0.86	2.1	3.65	8.8	0.66	1.6	0.47	1.1
South Ribble	0.98	1.5	3.93	6	0.69	1.1	0.63	1
West Lancashire	1.66	2.5	4.98	7.6	1.23	1.9	0.9	1.4
Wyre	0.85	1.4	4.71	7.5	0.8	1.3	0.74	1.2

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Fylde	0.16	0.4	0.43	1	0.12	0.3	4.89	11.1
Hyndburn	0.29	0.6	0.56	1.1	0.17	0.3	9.24	18.7
Lancaster	0.39	0.4	0.82	0.9	0.24	0.3	11.53	12.7
Pendle	0.24	0.4	0.52	0.9	0.15	0.3	9.31	16.9
Preston	0.4	0.5	0.91	1.1	0.21	0.3	14.08	16.7
Ribble Valley	0.06	0.2	0.28	0.8	0.1	0.3	2.84	8.2
Rossendale	0.2	0.5	0.53	1.3	0.13	0.3	6.5	15.6
South Ribble	0.21	0.3	0.72	1.1	0.21	0.3	7.38	11.2
West Lancashire	0.29	0.4	0.79	1.2	0.21	0.3	10.06	15.3
Wyre	0.27	0.4	0.81	1.3	0.19	0.3	8.37	13.4

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Glossary

DWP	Department for Work and Pensions
HMSO	Her Majesty's Stationary Office
IS	Income Support
JSA	Job Seekers Allowance

Where can I get further information on the issues covered in this section of Blackpool Figures on Line?

Blackpool Figures on Line collects its summary information from a range of detailed reports and web sites. All sources are clearly acknowledged and referenced throughout the work. Much additional information is available within these original sources. Listed below are the website references for benefits information.

Selected Website Reference

[Department for Work and Pensions](#)

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