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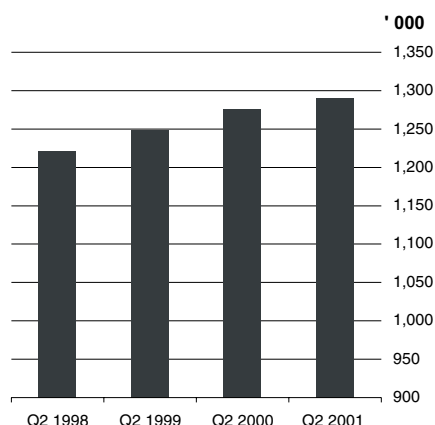
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Quarterly National Household Survey

Households and Family Units

Q4 1997 - Q3 2001

Number of households



Number of households increases by 70,000 between 1998 and 2001

The estimated number of private households increased by almost 70,000 (+5.7%) from 1,221,000 in the second quarter of 1998 to 1,290,600 in the second quarter of 2001. The fastest growing regions were the Mid-East and the West where the number of households increased by 10.7% and 9.2% respectively over the period. *See graph, background notes and tables A1 to A4.*

More mothers at work

Almost 50% of women living with a husband/partner in a family unit with children were in employment in June–August 2001 compared with 43.6% three years earlier. The most notable increase in employment participation was for mothers in family units where the youngest child was aged 5 to 14. In this category the percentage in employment increased from 47.0% to 56.2% between mid-1998 and mid-2001.

In absolute terms the number of employed mothers living in family units with children (including lone mothers) increased by over 50,000 between 1998 and 2001. The number of working wives/partners living in family units without children also increased by 21,000 over the period.

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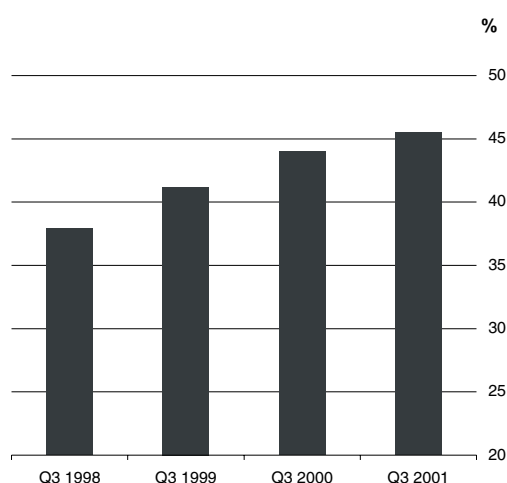
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Background

This release presents information on private households and family units that have not been available as a standard output from the QNHS until now. Tables A1 to A4 provide annual estimates of the number of households in each Regional Authority, classified by size of household, for the second quarter of each of the years 1998 to 2001 inclusive. Tables B1 to B16 provide quarterly estimates of the adult members of family units, classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, for each quarter since the survey commenced in September 1997. Corresponding data were published in the annual Labour Force Survey reports up to 1997. *See background notes.*

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Percentage of lone parents in employment



Over 45% of all lone parents in employment

Of the 178,100 persons classified as lone parents in the third quarter of 2001, 81,100 or 45.5% were in employment. This compares with 37.9% in the third quarter of 1998. Almost 55% of male lone parents had a job in 2001 compared with 44% of female lone parents. *See tables B1 to B16.*

The lone parent category includes widows and widowers who form a family unit with some or all of their children. They are most likely to be older and concentrated in family units where all children are 15 years or older. In the third quarter of 2001 only a third of the lone parents with older children were in employment.

In the case of parents with younger children, over 47% of lone parents with children under 5 were in employment compared with almost 65% of those whose youngest child was aged 5 to 14.

Table A1 Estimated number of households classified by Regional Authority and size of household, QNHS, March-May 1998

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Regional Authority	Number of persons in household						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	
Border	32.8	32.3	20.0	20.2	16.0	14.1	135.5
Dublin	84.8	91.1	64.4	66.4	38.8	26.3	371.8
Mid-East	17.4	27.1	18.7	24.2	15.6	10.4	113.2
Midland	14.7	15.8	12.1	10.6	7.6	6.4	67.1
Mid-West	21.6	25.5	17.6	18.4	11.9	9.5	104.7
South-East	25.6	32.9	20.9	23.4	14.9	10.4	128.0
South-West	42.0	44.3	29.9	31.1	20.9	15.2	183.4
West	25.8	28.0	18.5	19.2	12.7	13.0	117.2
State	264.7	297.0	202.1	213.4	138.4	105.4	1,221.0

Note: Figures shown are subject to revision.

Table A2 Estimated number of households classified by Regional Authority and size of household, QNHS, March-May 1999

Regional Authority	Number of persons in household						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	
Border	34.2	31.6	21.8	21.8	15.1	13.1	137.5
Dublin	88.8	92.7	62.4	68.3	40.0	24.9	377.1
Mid-East	18.9	28.2	20.4	24.7	16.3	9.5	118.0
Midland	14.7	15.5	11.9	12.2	7.5	6.1	68.0
Mid-West	22.4	26.0	18.6	18.3	12.0	9.3	106.5
South-East	27.6	34.4	23.0	23.1	13.8	10.4	132.2
South-West	40.5	46.3	31.3	33.0	20.9	14.8	186.7
West	29.3	29.4	20.0	19.7	12.9	11.0	122.3
State	276.4	304.0	209.4	221.1	138.3	99.0	1,248.2

Note: Figures shown are subject to revision.

Table A3 Estimated number of households classified by Regional Authority and size of household, QNHS, March-May 2000

¹ 000

Regional Authority	Number of persons in household						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	
Border	34.3	33.0	22.7	22.4	14.9	12.3	139.6
Dublin	96.2	95.1	64.8	68.3	38.6	24.5	387.6
Mid-East	19.9	28.1	22.1	27.2	15.6	8.8	121.8
Midland	16.2	16.1	11.7	12.5	6.6	6.1	69.2
Mid-West	24.1	27.5	18.9	18.3	12.5	8.5	109.7
South-East	29.0	34.7	22.9	23.9	14.9	9.7	135.0
South-West	44.0	45.3	30.4	34.7	18.8	14.7	188.0
West	28.1	31.7	19.8	21.4	13.6	9.6	124.3
State	291.9	311.5	213.3	228.7	135.6	94.1	1,275.2

Note: Figures shown are subject to revision.

Table A4 Estimated number of households classified by Regional Authority and size of household, QNHS, March-May 2001

Regional Authority	Number of persons in household						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	
Border	36.4	36.3	22.2	21.8	14.6	11.2	142.5
Dublin	85.4	97.6	65.0	72.7	41.0	21.9	383.6
Mid-East	19.7	30.7	22.8	28.0	14.4	9.7	125.3
Midland	16.1	18.4	10.7	11.9	7.6	6.4	71.0
Mid-West	23.7	28.9	18.2	20.3	13.0	7.9	112.0
South-East	29.4	36.6	23.6	22.8	14.5	10.6	137.4
South-West	42.3	48.4	32.6	34.1	20.5	12.8	190.7
West	29.1	33.6	21.1	20.4	14.5	9.4	128.0
State	282.1	330.5	216.2	232.0	140.0	89.8	1,290.6

Note: Figures shown are subject to revision.

Table B1 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, September-November 1997 ^{1 000}

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	65.1	60.8	125.9	3.5	3.4	6.9	2.6	6.9	9.5	71.1	71.1	142.2
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	40.1	22.7	62.8	3.4	2.4	5.8	33.7	52.1	85.9	77.3	77.2	154.5
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	6.1	1.3	7.5	*	*	0.3	52.1	57.5	109.7	58.5	58.9	117.4
Total	111.3	84.8	196.2	7.1	5.8	13.0	88.4	116.6	205.0	206.9	207.3	414.1
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	135.9	78.1	214.1	10.7	9.3	20.0	5.9	64.0	69.8	152.5	151.4	303.9
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	9.3	3.5	12.8	2.0	0.6	2.6	1.4	8.6	10.0	12.7	12.7	25.5
✓ All children aged 5 to 14	60.0	34.6	94.6	5.8	5.0	10.7	2.9	28.1	31.0	68.7	67.7	136.4
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	113.5	59.5	173.0	11.4	7.3	18.8	12.9	68.6	81.5	137.9	135.4	273.3
All children aged 15 or over	108.5	53.3	161.8	8.6	4.4	13.0	52.4	110.2	162.5	169.5	167.9	337.4
Total	427.3	229.1	656.4	38.5	26.6	65.1	75.5	279.5	354.9	541.3	535.1	1,076.4
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	0.4	10.9	11.3	*	4.6	4.7	0.4	12.8	13.2	0.9	28.2	29.2
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	0.6	0.7	*	*	*	*	1.1	1.2	*	2.0	2.1
All children aged 5 to 14	0.8	8.0	8.9	*	1.8	1.9	0.3	3.9	4.2	1.2	13.8	15.0
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	2.2	10.7	12.9	0.3	2.4	2.7	1.2	7.7	8.9	3.7	20.8	24.5
All children aged 15 or over	5.0	13.0	18.0	0.6	2.0	2.6	8.3	47.8	56.1	13.9	62.8	76.7
Total	8.4	43.3	51.7	1.2	11.0	12.3	10.2	73.2	83.5	19.9	127.6	147.5
Total	547.1	357.2	904.2	46.9	43.5	90.4	174.1	469.3	643.4	768.1	869.9	1,638.0

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table B2 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, December-February 1998

¹ 000

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	65.9	60.7	126.6	2.6	3.7	6.3	2.9	7.6	10.5	71.3	72.1	143.4
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	42.1	23.4	65.5	3.0	1.8	4.8	33.7	53.7	87.4	78.8	78.9	157.8
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	5.9	1.5	7.4	*	*	*	52.4	58.5	110.8	58.4	59.9	118.3
Total	114.0	85.6	199.6	5.6	5.6	11.2	88.9	119.8	208.7	208.5	211.0	419.5
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	138.0	77.8	215.8	9.6	6.7	16.4	5.6	68.5	74.0	153.2	153.0	306.2
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	8.6	3.3	11.9	1.6	0.3	2.0	1.6	8.2	9.8	11.8	11.9	23.7
∞ All children aged 5 to 14	59.8	34.2	94.0	4.5	4.0	8.5	3.0	28.7	31.7	67.4	66.9	134.2
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	113.8	58.2	172.1	10.4	5.2	15.7	12.4	71.5	83.9	136.7	134.9	271.6
All children aged 15 or over	111.1	52.8	163.9	7.2	3.1	10.3	51.5	113.6	165.1	169.9	169.5	339.3
Total	431.4	226.3	657.7	33.4	19.5	52.9	74.1	290.4	364.6	538.9	536.2	1,075.2
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	0.6	12.5	13.1	*	3.2	3.3	0.3	13.4	13.7	1.0	29.0	30.1
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	0.4	0.4	*	*	*	*	1.6	1.7	*	2.1	2.2
All children aged 5 to 14	0.8	7.6	8.4	*	1.8	1.8	0.4	4.1	4.4	1.2	13.4	14.7
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	2.5	10.9	13.4	0.3	1.8	2.1	0.9	8.4	9.3	3.7	21.2	24.9
All children aged 15 or over	5.4	12.8	18.3	0.7	1.4	2.1	7.9	46.4	54.3	14.1	60.6	74.7
Total	9.4	44.2	53.6	1.2	8.2	9.4	9.6	73.9	83.5	20.1	126.4	146.5
Total	554.7	356.2	910.9	40.2	33.3	73.5	172.6	484.1	656.8	767.6	873.6	1,641.2

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table B3 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, March-May 1998

¹ 000

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	65.3	60.4	125.7	2.5	2.7	5.2	2.4	7.4	9.7	70.1	70.4	140.5
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	40.7	23.2	64.0	2.8	1.6	4.5	34.9	53.5	88.4	78.5	78.3	156.8
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	5.6	1.6	7.2	*	*	*	53.4	58.8	112.2	59.0	60.5	119.5
Total	111.6	85.2	196.9	5.3	4.3	9.6	90.7	119.7	210.3	207.6	209.2	416.8
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	139.4	79.6	218.9	9.1	5.6	14.7	5.7	67.4	73.2	154.2	152.6	306.8
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	9.0	3.7	12.7	1.5	0.3	1.8	1.4	7.9	9.3	11.9	11.9	23.8
All children aged 5 to 14	60.5	35.2	95.8	4.5	2.9	7.3	3.2	29.3	32.5	68.2	67.4	135.6
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	114.6	59.6	174.2	9.8	4.3	14.1	13.4	71.4	84.8	137.8	135.3	273.1
All children aged 15 or over	112.7	54.5	167.1	6.6	2.5	9.1	52.2	114.1	166.2	171.4	171.0	342.5
Total	436.2	232.5	668.7	31.4	15.6	47.1	75.9	290.1	366.1	543.6	538.3	1,081.8
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	0.6	13.3	13.9	*	3.1	3.1	0.3	15.4	15.7	1.0	31.8	32.7
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	0.5	0.5	*	*	*	*	1.5	1.6	*	2.2	2.2
All children aged 5 to 14	0.9	8.3	9.1	*	1.6	1.7	0.4	4.9	5.3	1.3	14.7	16.1
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	2.2	10.8	13.0	*	1.6	1.7	1.0	8.0	9.0	3.3	20.4	23.7
All children aged 15 or over	5.4	13.4	18.7	0.8	1.4	2.2	7.9	46.1	54.0	14.0	60.9	74.9
Total	9.0	46.2	55.2	1.0	7.8	8.8	9.7	75.9	85.6	19.7	129.9	149.6
Total	556.8	363.9	920.8	37.7	27.7	65.5	176.3	485.7	662.0	770.9	877.4	1,648.3

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table B4 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, June-August 1998

¹ 000

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	67.6	62.6	130.3	2.3	2.7	5.0	2.4	7.2	9.6	72.3	72.5	144.8
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	39.5	21.3	60.8	2.4	1.0	3.4	34.4	53.7	88.0	76.2	76.0	152.2
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	5.5	1.7	7.2	*	*	*	52.8	58.0	110.8	58.4	59.6	118.0
Total	112.6	85.6	198.3	4.6	3.7	8.3	89.6	118.8	208.4	206.8	208.2	415.0
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	137.7	78.8	216.4	9.3	4.8	14.1	6.1	67.4	73.5	153.1	151.0	304.0
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	9.8	3.9	13.7	1.6	*	1.8	1.6	8.7	10.4	13.0	12.9	25.9
All children aged 5 to 14	60.1	34.9	95.0	4.0	2.6	6.7	3.3	29.3	32.7	67.5	66.9	134.4
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	115.1	60.1	175.2	8.9	4.0	12.9	13.0	70.9	84.0	137.0	135.1	272.1
All children aged 15 or over	115.7	56.7	172.5	6.0	2.0	8.1	53.4	115.6	169.0	175.1	174.4	349.5
Total	438.4	234.4	672.8	29.9	13.7	43.6	77.4	292.1	369.5	545.7	540.2	1,085.9
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	0.8	14.7	15.5	*	3.3	3.4	0.5	16.2	16.7	1.4	34.2	35.6
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	0.4	0.5	*	*	*	*	1.6	1.6	*	2.1	2.1
All children aged 5 to 14	0.9	8.4	9.3	*	1.4	1.6	0.4	6.0	6.4	1.5	15.8	17.3
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	2.6	11.2	13.8	0.4	1.2	1.7	1.0	8.4	9.4	4.0	20.9	24.8
All children aged 15 or over	6.7	13.4	20.1	0.3	1.1	1.4	8.7	46.3	55.0	15.7	60.8	76.6
Total	11.0	48.2	59.2	1.0	7.1	8.1	10.6	78.5	89.1	22.6	133.7	156.4
Total	562.1	368.1	930.2	35.5	24.6	60.1	177.6	489.4	667.0	775.2	882.1	1,657.3

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table B5 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, September-November 1998 ^{1 000}

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	67.6	62.5	130.0	1.9	2.1	4.0	2.3	7.4	9.7	71.8	72.0	143.8
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	40.0	21.9	61.8	2.2	1.3	3.5	34.3	54.6	88.9	76.5	77.7	154.2
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	6.1	1.8	7.9	*	*	*	54.5	59.4	114.0	60.6	61.2	121.8
Total	113.6	86.1	199.8	4.1	3.4	7.5	91.1	121.4	212.5	208.8	210.9	419.8
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	139.6	82.6	222.2	8.4	3.9	12.2	5.5	67.0	72.5	153.6	153.5	307.0
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	10.1	4.1	14.2	1.6	*	1.7	1.3	8.7	10.0	13.0	12.9	25.9
All children aged 5 to 14	62.4	36.8	99.2	3.3	2.4	5.7	3.5	29.6	33.0	69.2	68.7	137.9
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	114.6	60.2	174.8	8.4	3.6	12.0	14.4	71.5	86.0	137.5	135.4	272.8
All children aged 15 or over	117.3	57.0	174.3	5.0	2.1	7.1	51.5	114.6	166.1	173.8	173.7	347.4
Total	444.1	240.6	684.7	26.6	12.1	38.7	76.2	291.4	367.6	547.0	544.1	1,091.0
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	0.7	14.2	15.0	*	2.8	2.9	0.4	15.6	16.1	1.2	32.7	33.9
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	0.8	0.8	*	*	*	*	1.7	1.8	*	2.5	2.6
All children aged 5 to 14	1.0	9.5	10.5	*	1.3	1.5	0.3	4.8	5.1	1.5	15.6	17.0
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	2.5	11.2	13.7	0.3	1.4	1.6	0.9	8.1	8.9	3.7	20.6	24.3
All children aged 15 or over	6.6	13.6	20.2	*	0.7	0.8	9.6	45.7	55.3	16.3	60.0	76.3
Total	10.9	49.2	60.1	0.6	6.3	6.9	11.2	75.9	87.1	22.7	131.4	154.1
Total	568.7	376.0	944.6	31.3	21.7	53.1	178.5	488.7	667.2	778.5	886.4	1,664.9

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table B6 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, December-February 1999

¹ 000

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	66.5	61.7	128.2	1.9	1.7	3.6	2.5	7.3	9.8	70.9	70.8	141.7
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	42.2	24.0	66.2	2.2	1.3	3.5	34.9	53.6	88.5	79.3	79.0	158.3
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	6.1	2.0	8.1	*	*	*	55.3	59.6	114.9	61.4	61.6	123.0
Total	114.8	87.8	202.6	4.1	3.1	7.1	92.7	120.6	213.3	211.6	211.4	423.0
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	140.4	82.8	223.2	7.8	3.6	11.5	6.0	67.0	73.0	154.3	153.4	307.7
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	10.4	4.3	14.7	1.2	0.3	1.5	1.6	8.3	9.9	13.2	12.9	26.2
All children aged 5 to 14	61.9	37.4	99.3	2.9	2.2	5.1	3.3	28.0	31.3	68.1	67.6	135.7
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	115.4	61.4	176.9	7.4	2.8	10.2	14.8	70.2	85.0	137.6	134.4	272.0
All children aged 15 or over	117.2	57.7	174.9	4.4	1.8	6.2	52.5	112.9	165.4	174.1	172.3	346.5
Total	445.3	243.6	689.0	23.7	10.6	34.4	78.2	286.5	364.7	547.3	540.7	1,088.0
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	0.8	15.2	15.9	*	3.0	3.1	0.3	15.9	16.2	1.2	34.1	35.2
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	0.9	0.9	*	*	*	*	1.8	1.8	*	2.8	2.8
All children aged 5 to 14	0.9	9.0	9.9	*	1.0	1.0	0.3	5.8	6.1	1.3	15.8	17.1
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	2.3	11.1	13.3	0.4	1.2	1.6	0.9	7.7	8.6	3.5	19.9	23.5
All children aged 15 or over	6.9	14.6	21.5	*	0.7	0.9	9.4	47.5	56.9	16.4	62.7	79.2
Total	10.9	50.7	61.6	0.8	5.9	6.6	10.8	78.7	89.5	22.5	135.3	157.8
Total	571.0	382.1	953.1	28.6	19.6	48.1	181.8	485.7	667.5	781.4	887.4	1,668.8

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table B7 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, March-May 1999

¹ 000

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	66.8	60.3	127.2	1.6	1.8	3.4	2.2	7.2	9.5	70.6	69.4	140.1
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	42.0	23.8	65.9	2.1	1.1	3.2	33.9	51.9	85.8	78.0	76.9	154.9
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	6.3	1.6	7.8	*	*	*	52.4	56.2	108.6	58.7	57.7	116.5
Total	115.1	85.7	200.9	3.8	3.0	6.7	88.5	115.3	203.9	207.4	204.0	411.4
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	143.4	87.7	231.1	7.6	4.6	12.2	6.6	65.3	71.9	157.6	157.5	315.2
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	16.9	12.0	28.9	1.7	0.7	2.4	3.8	16.5	20.3	22.5	29.2	51.7
All children aged 5 to 14	62.2	38.5	100.7	2.5	2.3	4.7	3.8	27.2	31.0	68.5	68.0	136.4
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	111.7	63.6	175.3	7.1	3.5	10.5	14.2	64.7	78.9	132.9	131.8	264.7
All children aged 15 or over	118.2	58.2	176.4	4.6	2.3	7.0	50.1	109.5	159.6	173.0	170.0	343.0
Total	452.5	260.1	712.5	23.5	13.3	36.8	78.5	283.1	361.6	554.4	556.5	1,110.9
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	0.4	10.0	10.4	*	2.1	2.2	*	11.9	12.1	0.7	24.0	24.7
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	2.5	2.7	*	0.5	0.5	*	4.0	4.2	0.4	7.0	7.3
All children aged 5 to 14	0.8	6.9	7.7	*	1.2	1.3	*	4.2	4.4	1.0	12.4	13.4
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	2.2	11.7	13.9	*	0.9	1.0	1.2	7.7	8.9	3.5	20.3	23.8
All children aged 15 or over	6.5	15.4	21.9	0.5	0.7	1.2	8.8	44.1	52.9	15.7	60.3	76.0
Total	10.0	46.5	56.5	0.7	5.5	6.1	10.6	71.9	82.6	21.3	123.9	145.2
Total	577.6	392.3	969.9	27.9	21.7	49.6	177.7	470.4	648.0	783.2	884.4	1,667.6

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table B8 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, June-August 1999

¹ 000

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	67.8	62.3	130.2	1.5	1.5	3.0	2.6	7.4	10.0	71.9	71.3	143.2
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	42.5	24.1	66.6	1.5	1.0	2.5	34.5	52.5	87.0	78.5	77.6	156.1
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	6.5	1.7	8.3	*	*	*	53.9	58.5	112.4	60.6	60.3	120.8
Total	116.8	88.2	205.0	3.1	2.6	5.7	91.0	118.4	209.4	210.9	209.2	420.1
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	144.8	86.4	231.2	6.4	3.8	10.1	5.8	64.6	70.5	157.0	154.8	311.8
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	11.4	4.8	16.2	1.1	*	1.2	1.7	9.0	10.7	14.2	13.9	28.0
All children aged 5 to 14	61.0	37.1	98.1	2.7	1.8	4.5	3.1	27.4	30.5	66.8	66.3	133.1
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	112.9	62.6	175.5	6.5	3.4	9.9	12.5	64.3	76.8	131.9	130.2	262.1
All children aged 15 or over	123.0	61.1	184.0	4.0	1.8	5.8	52.9	115.2	168.1	179.8	178.1	358.0
Total	453.1	252.0	705.1	20.6	10.8	31.5	76.0	280.5	356.5	549.7	543.4	1,093.1
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	0.9	16.3	17.2	*	2.9	3.0	0.3	17.3	17.6	1.3	36.5	37.8
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	0.8	0.9	*	*	*	*	1.4	1.4	*	2.4	2.4
All children aged 5 to 14	1.2	9.3	10.5	*	0.7	0.7	*	5.1	5.2	1.3	15.0	16.4
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	2.2	11.8	14.0	*	1.0	1.1	1.0	7.5	8.5	3.3	20.2	23.6
All children aged 15 or over	6.9	16.4	23.4	0.4	0.8	1.2	9.2	46.2	55.4	16.5	63.5	79.9
Total	11.3	54.6	65.9	0.6	5.5	6.2	10.6	77.4	88.0	22.5	137.5	160.1
Total	581.3	394.8	976.1	24.4	19.0	43.4	177.5	476.3	653.8	783.2	890.1	1,673.3

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table B9 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, September-November 1999 ^{1 000}

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	70.2	64.3	134.6	1.5	2.3	3.9	2.9	7.9	10.7	74.6	74.5	149.2
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	46.1	26.0	72.2	1.2	1.2	2.4	35.0	54.4	89.4	82.4	81.6	164.0
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	6.4	1.9	8.3	*	*	*	53.5	59.4	112.9	60.0	61.3	121.4
Total	122.8	92.3	215.0	2.8	3.6	6.4	91.4	121.6	213.0	217.0	217.5	434.5
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	147.8	88.5	236.3	5.7	3.9	9.6	5.7	64.1	69.8	159.1	156.6	315.7
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	11.1	4.7	15.9	1.1	*	1.2	1.7	8.7	10.4	14.0	13.5	27.5
All children aged 5 to 14	60.3	36.1	96.4	2.7	1.9	4.6	2.6	26.4	29.1	65.7	64.4	130.1
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	113.9	63.2	177.1	6.1	2.8	8.9	11.3	62.5	73.8	131.3	128.5	259.8
All children aged 15 or over	123.4	62.3	185.7	4.4	2.1	6.6	52.4	113.6	166.0	180.1	178.1	358.2
Total	456.5	254.9	711.4	20.0	10.9	30.9	73.7	275.4	349.1	550.2	541.2	1,091.4
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	0.9	17.2	18.2	*	2.5	2.6	*	18.1	18.3	1.2	37.8	39.1
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	0.8	0.8	*	*	*	*	1.5	1.5	*	2.4	2.5
All children aged 5 to 14	0.9	10.8	11.7	*	0.9	1.0	*	4.8	5.0	1.2	16.5	17.6
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	2.3	12.0	14.3	*	1.0	1.3	1.1	7.5	8.6	3.7	20.5	24.2
All children aged 15 or over	6.8	16.4	23.2	*	1.0	1.2	8.3	44.5	52.8	15.4	61.9	77.3
Total	11.0	57.2	68.2	0.7	5.5	6.2	9.8	76.4	86.3	21.5	139.2	160.7
Total	590.3	404.4	994.6	23.5	20.0	43.5	175.0	473.4	648.4	788.8	897.8	1,686.6

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table B10 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, December-February 2000 ^{1 000}

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	70.6	64.7	135.2	2.3	1.8	4.1	2.7	8.4	11.1	75.6	74.9	150.5
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	48.2	27.9	76.1	1.3	1.3	2.6	35.7	55.6	91.3	85.2	84.8	170.0
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	6.3	1.5	7.8	*	*	*	54.0	58.9	112.9	60.4	60.4	120.8
Total	125.0	94.1	219.1	3.6	3.2	6.8	92.5	122.8	215.3	221.2	220.1	441.3
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	148.2	88.1	236.3	4.9	4.0	8.9	5.7	65.2	70.9	158.8	157.3	316.1
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	11.1	4.0	15.1	1.2	*	1.4	1.5	9.1	10.6	13.7	13.3	27.1
All children aged 5 to 14	61.7	37.5	99.2	2.1	1.9	4.0	2.7	25.9	28.5	66.6	65.2	131.8
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	112.6	63.3	175.9	5.1	2.6	7.8	11.5	61.1	72.7	129.2	127.1	256.3
All children aged 15 or over	124.3	65.4	189.7	3.3	1.7	5.1	51.7	112.4	164.1	179.4	179.5	358.9
Total	457.9	258.3	716.2	16.7	10.4	27.1	73.1	273.7	346.8	547.7	542.4	1,090.1
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	0.9	17.2	18.1	*	2.7	2.8	*	16.9	17.1	1.2	36.8	38.0
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	0.7	0.8	*	*	*	*	1.3	1.3	*	2.1	2.2
All children aged 5 to 14	1.1	11.0	12.0	*	0.8	0.9	*	4.8	5.0	1.3	16.6	17.9
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	2.6	12.1	14.7	*	0.8	0.9	1.2	8.3	9.5	3.9	21.2	25.1
All children aged 15 or over	6.5	16.4	22.9	*	0.5	0.7	8.0	46.3	54.3	14.7	63.2	77.9
Total	11.2	57.4	68.6	0.4	5.0	5.4	9.6	77.6	87.2	21.2	139.9	161.1
Total	594.1	409.7	1,003.9	20.8	18.6	39.3	175.2	474.1	649.4	790.1	902.4	1,692.5

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table B11 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, March-May 2000

¹ 000

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	67.8	63.4	131.2	1.8	1.1	3.0	2.9	6.8	9.7	72.5	71.3	143.9
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	47.3	28.6	75.8	1.3	1.1	2.4	35.4	53.8	89.3	84.0	83.5	167.5
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	6.7	1.8	8.5	*	*	*	53.3	58.2	111.5	60.0	60.0	120.0
Total	121.7	93.7	215.4	3.2	2.2	5.4	91.7	118.9	210.5	216.6	214.8	431.3
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	146.6	88.4	235.0	4.7	3.0	7.7	5.6	62.5	68.1	156.9	154.0	310.9
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	11.4	4.5	15.9	1.0	*	1.1	1.5	9.0	10.5	13.9	13.6	27.5
All children aged 5 to 14	62.1	38.0	100.1	2.3	1.4	3.7	3.1	26.8	29.8	67.5	66.2	133.7
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	112.8	64.5	177.3	4.6	2.4	7.0	12.6	61.1	73.6	130.0	127.9	257.9
All children aged 15 or over	125.8	66.8	192.5	3.2	1.6	4.9	52.7	113.1	165.8	181.7	181.5	363.2
Total	458.8	262.1	720.8	15.9	8.6	24.4	75.4	272.5	347.9	550.1	543.2	1,093.2
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	1.0	17.6	18.6	*	2.4	2.4	*	18.6	18.7	1.2	38.6	39.8
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	0.8	0.9	*	*	*	*	1.2	1.3	*	2.1	2.3
All children aged 5 to 14	1.0	10.8	11.8	*	0.9	1.1	*	4.5	4.7	1.3	16.3	17.6
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	2.7	11.9	14.6	*	1.3	1.4	1.0	7.7	8.7	3.8	20.9	24.8
All children aged 15 or over	6.6	16.9	23.6	*	0.7	0.8	7.6	44.5	52.1	14.4	62.1	76.5
Total	11.4	58.1	69.5	0.5	5.4	5.9	9.0	76.5	85.6	20.9	140.0	160.9
Total	591.9	413.9	1,005.8	19.5	16.2	35.7	176.1	467.9	644.0	787.5	898.0	1,685.5

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table B12 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, June-August 2000

¹ 000

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	68.8	65.9	134.7	1.2	0.9	2.1	3.2	6.2	9.4	73.2	73.0	146.2
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	48.6	30.1	78.7	1.6	0.9	2.5	37.1	55.9	93.1	87.3	86.9	174.2
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	6.3	1.7	8.0	*	*	*	54.4	59.9	114.3	60.8	61.6	122.4
Total	123.8	97.6	221.4	2.8	1.8	4.6	94.7	122.0	216.7	221.3	221.5	442.8
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	145.8	86.9	232.6	4.7	3.1	7.8	5.1	65.0	70.1	155.6	154.9	310.5
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	11.3	5.2	16.5	0.8	*	1.0	1.5	8.3	9.9	13.7	13.7	27.3
All children aged 5 to 14	61.9	37.9	99.8	2.2	1.1	3.3	2.8	27.3	30.1	66.9	66.3	133.2
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	113.5	65.0	178.5	4.4	1.9	6.3	12.4	61.8	74.2	130.3	128.7	259.0
All children aged 15 or over	126.2	67.9	194.1	2.4	1.2	3.6	53.6	113.2	166.8	182.2	182.3	364.5
Total	458.7	262.8	721.5	14.6	7.5	22.0	75.4	275.6	351.0	548.7	545.8	1,094.6
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	1.0	19.0	20.0	*	3.1	3.1	*	19.6	19.8	1.2	41.7	42.9
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	0.8	0.9	*	*	*	*	0.9	1.0	*	1.8	2.0
All children aged 5 to 14	1.1	11.0	12.1	*	1.2	1.3	*	4.6	4.9	1.4	16.9	18.3
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	2.9	12.3	15.2	*	0.7	0.8	0.9	8.1	9.1	3.9	21.1	25.0
All children aged 15 or over	7.1	17.0	24.0	*	0.6	0.8	7.3	43.8	51.1	14.6	61.4	75.9
Total	12.1	60.1	72.2	0.4	5.7	6.1	8.7	77.1	85.8	21.3	142.9	164.2
Total	594.6	420.5	1,015.2	17.8	15.0	32.7	178.8	474.7	653.6	791.3	910.2	1,701.5

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table B13 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, September-November 2000 ^{1 000}

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	70.6	66.5	137.1	1.2	1.4	2.5	3.2	6.6	9.9	75.0	74.4	149.5
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	50.9	32.4	83.4	1.1	0.9	2.1	39.4	58.7	98.1	91.4	92.1	183.5
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	6.7	1.7	8.4	*	*	*	55.8	61.9	117.7	62.5	63.6	126.1
Total	128.2	100.6	228.8	2.3	2.3	4.6	98.5	127.2	225.6	229.0	230.1	459.1
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	146.5	88.6	235.0	3.8	3.2	7.0	6.5	65.0	71.5	156.8	156.7	313.4
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	10.5	4.8	15.4	0.7	*	0.8	1.6	7.9	9.6	12.9	12.8	25.7
All children aged 5 to 14	63.0	38.5	101.5	1.9	1.3	3.1	2.7	27.3	30.0	67.6	67.0	134.6
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	112.9	65.5	178.4	4.3	1.7	6.0	11.9	59.5	71.3	129.0	126.7	255.7
All children aged 15 or over	125.6	68.7	194.2	3.1	1.4	4.6	52.5	110.0	162.5	181.2	180.1	361.4
Total	458.5	266.1	724.6	13.8	7.6	21.4	75.2	269.6	344.9	547.5	543.3	1,090.8
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	0.8	19.3	20.1	*	3.1	3.2	*	19.2	19.3	1.0	41.6	42.6
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	0.6	0.8	*	*	*	*	1.2	1.2	*	1.9	2.0
All children aged 5 to 14	0.9	12.6	13.5	*	1.0	1.1	*	4.8	4.9	1.1	18.4	19.5
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	3.0	12.6	15.6	*	0.8	0.9	0.8	8.4	9.2	3.8	21.9	25.7
All children aged 15 or over	7.1	17.6	24.7	0.4	0.4	0.9	7.5	44.2	51.7	15.1	62.1	77.2
Total	12.0	62.7	74.7	0.6	5.4	6.0	8.6	77.7	86.3	21.2	145.9	167.1
Total	596.9	431.3	1,028.2	16.5	15.5	32.0	181.9	475.0	656.8	795.3	921.7	1,717.0

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table B14 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, December-February 2001 ^{1 000}

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	70.0	65.4	135.4	1.1	1.6	2.7	3.3	7.0	10.3	74.3	74.0	148.3
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	52.4	34.4	86.8	1.7	1.2	3.0	39.5	59.3	98.8	93.7	95.0	188.6
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	7.1	1.8	8.9	*	*	*	55.7	61.6	117.3	62.9	63.4	126.3
Total	129.5	101.6	231.1	2.9	2.8	5.7	98.5	127.9	226.4	230.8	232.4	463.2
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	144.9	88.1	233.0	4.0	2.7	6.8	6.6	64.5	71.1	155.5	155.3	310.8
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	10.0	4.3	14.3	0.7	*	0.8	1.4	7.6	9.0	12.1	12.1	24.2
All children aged 5 to 14	62.3	38.0	100.3	1.9	1.4	3.3	2.9	26.6	29.5	67.1	66.0	133.2
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	112.1	64.5	176.5	3.3	1.9	5.2	11.9	58.5	70.4	127.3	124.9	252.2
All children aged 15 or over	127.7	68.8	196.5	3.0	1.8	4.8	52.4	111.5	163.9	183.2	182.1	365.2
Total	457.0	263.7	720.7	13.0	8.0	20.9	75.3	268.6	343.9	545.3	540.3	1,085.6
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	0.9	18.7	19.7	*	2.1	2.2	*	19.6	19.8	1.3	40.4	41.7
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	0.8	0.9	*	*	*	*	1.2	1.2	*	2.0	2.1
All children aged 5 to 14	0.7	12.6	13.3	*	1.3	1.5	*	4.9	5.0	1.0	18.8	19.9
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	2.7	13.7	16.5	*	0.5	0.6	0.7	8.6	9.3	3.5	22.8	26.4
All children aged 15 or over	6.9	17.4	24.3	0.3	0.6	0.9	8.0	44.3	52.3	15.1	62.3	77.4
Total	11.4	63.2	74.6	0.6	4.6	5.2	9.1	78.6	87.6	21.1	146.4	167.4
Total	597.9	428.5	1,026.4	16.4	15.4	31.8	182.9	475.1	658.0	797.1	919.0	1,716.2

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table B15 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, March-May 2001

¹ 000

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	71.4	67.0	138.4	1.5	1.5	3.0	2.9	6.9	9.8	75.8	75.4	151.2
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	52.4	33.4	85.8	1.6	1.0	2.6	39.1	59.0	98.1	93.0	93.5	186.5
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	7.2	2.0	9.2	*	*	*	54.3	62.1	116.4	61.5	64.2	125.7
Total	130.9	102.5	233.4	3.1	2.5	5.7	96.2	128.1	224.3	230.3	233.1	463.4
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	142.9	85.0	228.0	4.2	2.3	6.5	6.0	64.6	70.6	153.2	151.9	305.1
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	9.7	4.3	14.0	0.8	*	1.0	1.4	7.0	8.4	11.9	11.6	23.5
All children aged 5 to 14	62.5	38.8	101.3	1.4	1.6	3.0	3.1	25.3	28.5	67.1	65.7	132.8
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	115.9	67.2	183.0	3.0	1.8	4.8	11.2	57.2	68.4	130.1	126.1	256.2
All children aged 15 or over	129.9	71.6	201.5	3.0	1.3	4.3	51.2	109.7	160.9	184.1	182.7	366.8
Total	460.9	266.9	727.8	12.5	7.2	19.8	72.9	263.9	336.8	546.3	538.0	1,084.3
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	0.7	19.3	20.0	*	1.8	1.8	*	21.9	22.1	1.0	42.9	44.0
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	0.9	0.9	*	*	*	*	1.1	1.2	*	2.0	2.1
All children aged 5 to 14	0.9	13.1	13.9	*	1.1	1.2	*	5.3	5.5	1.2	19.5	20.7
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	2.8	14.7	17.5	*	0.9	1.0	0.5	8.0	8.5	3.4	23.6	27.0
All children aged 15 or over	8.0	18.0	26.0	*	0.6	0.8	8.3	44.7	53.1	16.5	63.3	79.9
Total	12.4	65.9	78.3	0.5	4.4	4.9	9.3	81.1	90.4	22.2	151.4	173.5
Total	604.3	435.2	1,039.5	16.1	14.2	30.3	178.4	473.0	651.4	798.8	922.5	1,721.2

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table B16 Estimated *adult*¹ members of family units classified by composition of family unit, ILO economic status and sex, QNHS, June-August 2001

¹ 000

Composition of family unit	In employment			Unemployed			Not economically active			Total ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Males	Females	Total
Husband and wife (or couple) without children												
Wife/Female partner aged under 45	76.8	71.1	147.9	1.5	2.1	3.6	2.4	7.7	10.1	80.7	80.9	161.6
Wife/Female partner aged 45 to 64	51.6	33.1	84.7	1.7	0.9	2.6	38.1	57.9	96.0	91.5	91.9	183.4
Wife/Female partner aged 65 or over	7.2	1.7	8.8	*	*	*	55.4	62.4	117.8	62.7	64.0	126.7
Total	135.6	105.9	241.4	3.3	3.0	6.3	96.0	127.9	223.9	234.9	236.8	471.7
Husband and wife (or couple) with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	143.6	84.1	227.7	4.3	2.6	6.9	6.6	67.7	74.4	154.5	154.4	309.0
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	9.0	4.2	13.2	0.6	*	0.7	1.2	6.4	7.6	10.9	10.6	21.5
All children aged 5 to 14	61.0	38.5	99.5	1.7	1.3	3.0	2.7	24.2	26.9	65.3	64.1	129.5
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	114.8	67.1	181.9	3.1	1.8	4.9	10.1	54.9	65.0	128.0	123.8	251.8
All children aged 15 or over	132.2	73.0	205.3	3.4	1.5	5.0	52.9	111.8	164.7	188.6	186.4	374.9
Total	460.6	266.9	727.6	13.2	7.3	20.5	73.5	265.1	338.6	547.4	539.3	1,086.7
Lone parent with children												
At least 1 child aged under 5 and no child aged 15 or over	0.7	20.3	21.0	*	2.1	2.2	*	20.6	20.8	1.0	42.9	44.0
At least 1 child aged under 5 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	*	0.8	0.8	*	*	*	*	1.2	1.2	*	2.0	2.1
All children aged 5 to 14	0.9	13.7	14.6	*	1.2	1.4	0.4	6.2	6.6	1.5	21.1	22.5
No child aged under 5, at least 1 child aged 5 to 14 and at least 1 child aged 15 or over	2.9	14.1	16.9	*	1.0	1.0	0.7	7.8	8.5	3.6	22.8	26.4
All children aged 15 or over	8.1	19.6	27.7	0.3	0.6	1.0	8.6	45.8	54.4	17.0	66.1	83.1
Total	12.7	68.4	81.1	0.6	5.0	5.7	9.8	81.5	91.3	23.2	154.9	178.1
Total	608.9	441.2	1,050.1	17.1	15.4	32.5	179.4	474.5	653.8	805.4	931.0	1,736.4

¹ For the purpose of the table, an adult is either a lone parent or a member of a couple.

² See the discussion on the grossing effect in the background notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Background Notes

Purpose of Survey

The Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) began in September 1997, replacing the annual April Labour Force Survey (LFS). The purpose of the survey is the production of quarterly labour force estimates and occasional reports on social topics. The survey meets the requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No. 577/98, adopted in March 1998, which requires the introduction of quarterly labour force surveys in EU Member States.

Data Collection and Reference Period

Information is collected continuously throughout the year, with 3,000 households surveyed each week to give a total sample of 39,000 households in each quarter. Information is collected on laptop computers, using computer-assisted personal interview (CAPI) software. The reference quarters for survey results are: Q1 – December to February, Q2 – March to May, Q3 – June to August and Q4 – September to November.

Definitions

Private Household

A private household, for the purposes of the QNHS, is defined to be any one person or group of persons (not necessarily related) with common housekeeping arrangements, separately occupying all or part of a private house, flat, apartment or other private habitation.

There is an important difference between the details for private households given in this report and those compiled in the Censuses of Population. The census figures are based on where individuals spent Census night (a Sunday night in April) whereas the Quarterly National Household Survey is based on where persons are “usually resident”. As some households will be absent from their usual residence on Census night, (e.g. visiting another household, staying in a hotel, etc.), the number of private households recorded by a Census is always somewhat lower than that which would be estimated by the QNHS.

Family Unit

A family unit consists of either:

1. a married couple, or
2. a married couple and one or more of their never-married children, or
3. one parent and one or more of his or her never-married children, or
4. a couple living together (with never-married children, if any) who are not married to each other, where it is clear that the couple form a “de facto” family unit.

Households may contain more than one family unit or may contain a family together with other persons not in a family unit as defined above.

However, there are problems identifying some unmarried parents with children as separate family units. This happens particularly where one unmarried parent with one or more children lives with his/her parent(s) and the information recorded in the survey on the relationship to the reference person does not clearly identify the parent/child relationships. In such cases, the unmarried parent and children may not be identified as a distinct family unit. As a result, the number of family units consisting of unmarried parents with children is probably understated to some degree.

Grossing Effect

The QNHS grossing procedure aligns the distribution of persons covered in the survey with independently determined population estimates at the level of sex, five-year age group and region. This means that the adjustment factors assigned to each spouse within a family unit will differ. Accordingly, some male and female estimates in family tables, which might be expected to be identical, differ slightly. Another factor effecting the slight difference is that, in a small number of cases gender was incorrectly recorded or coded.

Region The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions. The composition of the regions is set out below.

Border, Midlands and Western NUTS2 Region		Eastern and Southern NUTS2 Region	
Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo	Dublin	Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
Midland	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath	Mid-East	Kildare Meath Wicklow
West	Galway County Borough Galway County Mayo Roscommon	Mid-West	Clare Limerick County Borough Limerick County Tipperary North Riding
		South-East	Carlow Kilkenny Tipperary South Riding Waterford County Borough Waterford County Wexford
		South-West	Cork County Borough Cork County Kerry