

Eligibility of mothers for maternity and parental benefits and duration of leave

	2003 ^r	2004	CV 2004 (%)
Mothers with child aged 12 months or less	327,000	350,000	5.38
As a proportion of total			
With insurable employment (%)	75.3	74.3	2.41
Received maternity or parental benefits (%)	64.7	65.9	2.76
Did not claim or receive maternity or parental benefits (%)	10.6	8.4	12.49
Without insurable employment (%)	24.7	25.8	6.97
Not worked in two years (%)	16.0	16.6	9.6
Other (includes self-employed) (%)	8.6	9.1	11.4
Mothers who received maternity or parental benefits as a proportion of mothers with insurable employment (%)	85.9	88.7	1.51
Mothers with known return plans or already returned to work (paid employees only)¹	208,000	211,000	6.73
Average duration of planned leave (in months)	11	11	2.29
Median duration of planned leave (in months)	11	11	1.5
0 to 4 months (%)	8.3	8.9	13.29
5 to 8 months (%)	13.5	11.6	14.24
9 to 12 months (%)	59.0	62.7	3.81
More than 12 months (%)	19.1	16.9	11.24
Spouse or partner claiming or intending to claim parental benefits	33,000	30,000	14.22
Percentage of mothers with spouse claiming or intending to claim benefits (%)	11.1	9.5	13.19
¹	Excludes mothers who have not worked in 2 years and self-employed mothers. Similar data is now available for self-employed mothers but for 2004 only.		
r	Numbers revised slightly since the 2003 release		