

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

	2006	CV (%)
Mothers with child aged 12 months or less	364,843	9.99
As a proportion of total		
With insurable employment (%)	76.5	2.78
Received maternity or parental benefits (%)	52.2	4.32
Did not claim or receive maternity or parental benefits (%)	12.7	11.08
Without insurable employment (%)	23.5	9.07
Not worked in two years (%)	14.7	13.33
Other (includes self-employed) (%)	8.8	30.82
Mothers who received maternity or parental benefits as a proportion of mothers with insurable employment (%)	68.3	3.40
Mothers with known return plans or already returned to work¹	236,275	10.48
Average duration of planned leave (in months)	12	5.88
Median duration of planned leave (in months)	11	8.23
0 to 4 months (%)	8.9	31.68
5 to 8 months (%)	8.6	21.81
9 to 12 months (%)	59.4	5.03
More than 12 months (%)	23.2	13.72
Spouse or partner claiming or intending to claim parental benefits	62,810	13.44
Percentage of mothers with spouse claiming or intending to claim benefits (%)	19.3	9.94

¹Excludes mothers who have not worked in 2 years and self-