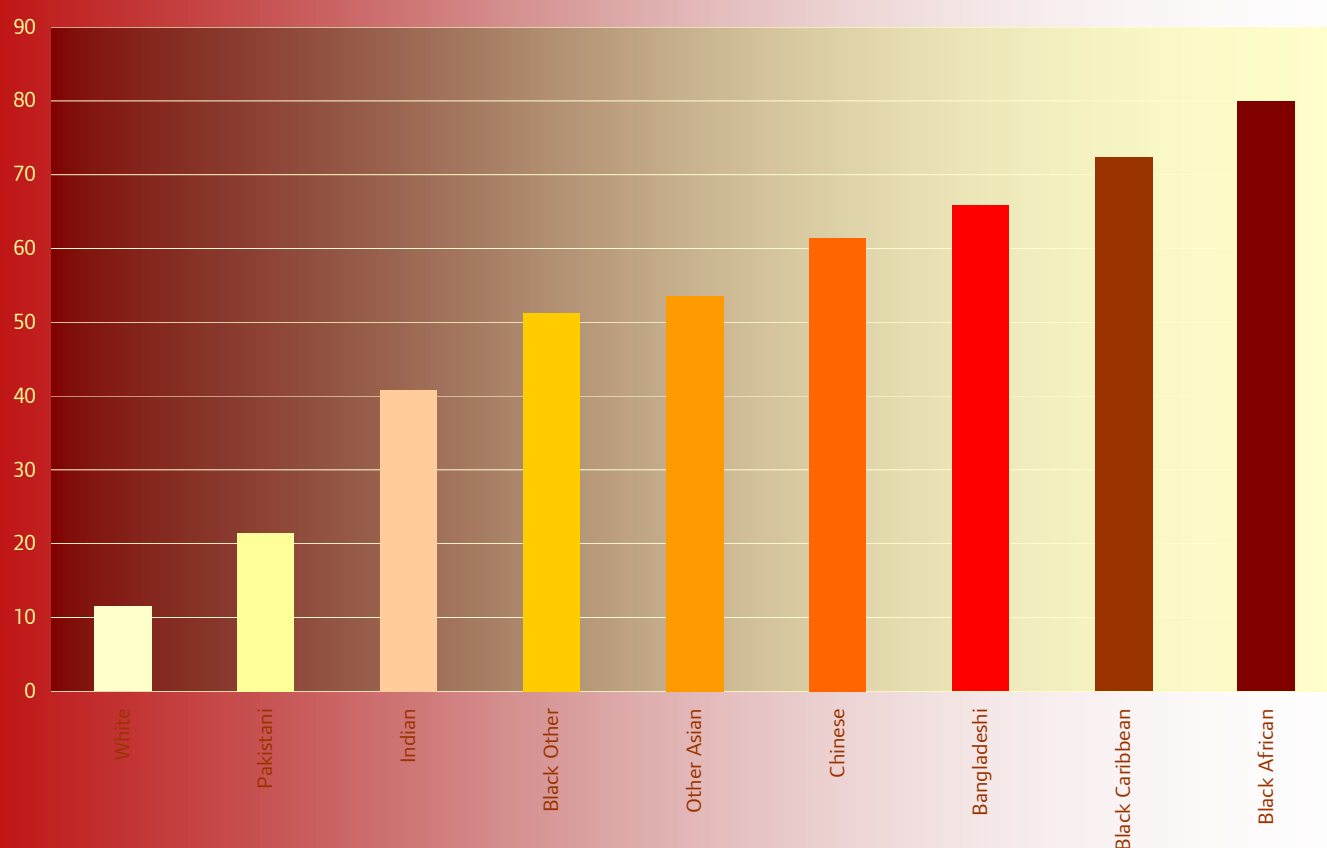


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Executive Summary

- In May 2007 there were over 160 thousand lone parents on Income Support in London - this is just over 20 per cent of all lone parents in Great Britain.
- In London 40 per cent of lone parents on Income Support were from White groups compared to 82 per cent in the rest of Great Britain.
- Black Caribbean's have the largest percentage of male lone parents on Income Support with nearly eight per cent in London.
- 80 per cent of all lone parents on Income Support who are Black African live in London. Black African parents on Income Support also have the youngest children with 53 per cent being under the age of five.
- Lone parents in London are generally older than lone parents in the rest of the country, however, the age structure of lone parents is different depending on the ethnic group. Lone parents in London also claim Income Support for a longer period than those living outside London.
- A quarter of lone parents on Income Support are from Black ethnic groups in London - rising to 30 per cent in Inner London.
- At the borough level only 22 per cent of lone parents on Income Support in Brent are white compared to 80 per cent are white - the highest in London.

Introduction

This *Briefing* presents figures, released for the first time, by the Department for Works and Pensions on lone parents on Income Support by ethnic group.

Income Support (IS) is intended to help people on low incomes who are not required to be available for employment. IS is a non-contributory, means-tested benefit and can normally be claimed by people who are:

- aged 16 or over (the majority of 16 and 17 years old are normally unable to claim IS),
- working under 16 hours (and/or with a partner working under 24 hours),
- not required to be available for full-time employment, and
- in receipt of insufficient income to meet prescribed needs.

Lone parents are one of the main groups who receive IS. While lone parent employment is at a record high, and the number claiming IS has fallen by around 150,000 since the beginning of the decade, lone parent employment still needs to grow at a faster rate if the Government is to meet its target of 70 per cent in work by 2010. Nowhere is this more true than in London, which has a considerably higher proportion of lone parent claimants compared to the national average.

London faces particular challenges in getting more lone parents into work, as the employment rate is considerably lower than in the rest of the UK - 45 per cent, compared with 58 per cent.¹ This is due to a lower part-time employment rate in a region where part-time opportunities are fewer than elsewhere. London has a large BAME population and recent GLA research² (which profiled employment rates of parents according to their characteristics) found that certain groups of mothers are far less likely than others to be in employment. BAME mothers had an employment rate of 46 per cent compared to 60 per cent for white ethnic groups. Therefore lone parents who are also in a BAME group face very limited employment opportunities in London.

The data have been compiled using the claimants Statistical Group - a hierarchical variable. A person who fits into more than one category will only appear in the top-most for which they are eligible. In order they are:

- Job Seeker: claimant on Jobseekers Allowance;
- Incapacity Benefits: claimant on Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disablement Allowance;
- Lone Parent: claimant on Income Support with child under 16 and no partner;
- Carer: claimant entitled to Carer's Allowance;
- Other Income Related Benefit: claimant on Income Support or Pension Credit;
- Disabled: claimant on Attendance Allowance or Disability Living Allowance;
- Bereaved: claimant on Bereavement Benefit or Widow's Benefit;
- Claiming State Pension only: claimant on State Pension.

There may be some claimants who meet the criteria of a lone parent however they are not included in the tables because they are included in a higher statistical group.

¹ Labour Force Survey household dataset, Oct-Dec 2006

² Women and the Labour Market in London: Key facts, DMAG Briefing 2006/33

Issues with this dataset

Ethnic group unknown

The total number of lone parents includes a large proportion of respondents who preferred not to answer the ethnic question or where the ethnic group is unknown. For May 2007 this amounted to 18 per cent of the total. Even though this is still a large proportion, it is a vast improvement on previous years when the unknowns averaged just over 30 per cent. There is no indication as to the proportion of unknowns in each BAME group – it is probable that some ethnic groups have a higher than average number of unknowns compared to other groups.

Unknowns will particularly affect time series data and users should use these tables with care. It is possible that an increase in lone parents on Income Support, in any particular ethnic group, is due to a gradual annual fall in the number of unknowns as apposed to an actual increase in new claimants.

Denominators and claimant rates

The only way to know if any ethnic group has a higher than average number of lone parents on Income Support is to produce claimant rates against the total number of lone parents in that ethnic group. There are only a few sources that have that type of information:

- The 2001 Census is now too out of date – the ethnic population in London has changed since 2001 in terms of numbers and ethnic breakdown. Certain ethnic groups have grown at a faster rate than others. Numbers have increased to such an extent that some ethnic groups now have more lone parents on Income Support than there the total number of lone parents reported in the Census. However, the Census is the only source that will enable a breakdown of lone parent households by ethnic group for regional and smaller geographies.
- The Annual Population Survey also has information on lone parent households but the sample is too small for an ethnic split, even at the Greater London level.
- GLAs ethnic group population projections do not disaggregate by household type. However, the projections are the most up to date figures on ethnic populations in London and the GLA household projections are the best indicator of overall trends in numbers of lone parents.

Due to the problems highlighted above the GLA Demography Team, after some initial analysis, advised that any denominator would be too unreliable and therefore the publication of claimant rates would be potentially misleading.

Results

In May 2007 there were over 160 thousand lone parents on Income Support in London – this is just over 20 per cent of all lone parents in Great Britain. The percentage breakdown of lone parents by ethnic group reflects the large ethnic population in London.

In London 40 per cent of lone parents on Income Support were from White groups compared to 82 per cent in the rest of Great Britain. The next largest group in London was Black Africans with 13.6 per cent – it had under one per cent for the rest of Great Britain. The only other significant group in London was Black Caribbean's who make up nearly nine per cent of all lone parents on Income Support. Black Caribbean's have the largest percentage of male lone parents on Income Support with nearly eight per cent in London and nine per cent in the rest of Great Britain. As a percentage of the London total which ignores those whose ethnic group is not known, the white group has 49 per cent of all lone parents on Income Support compared to 51 per cent for BAME³ groups.

According to ethnic population projections produced by GLA Demography⁴: 66 per cent of females aged 18 to 49 (who make up 95 per cent of all lone parents) are from white groups while 34 per cent are from BAME groups. Therefore, it is clear that there is a disproportionate number of lone parents from BAME groups on Income Support in London. this is supported by the employment figures mentioned in the introduction. See Chart 1.

Table 1 Income Support lone parents in London and the rest of Great Britain, by ethnic group and gender, May 2007

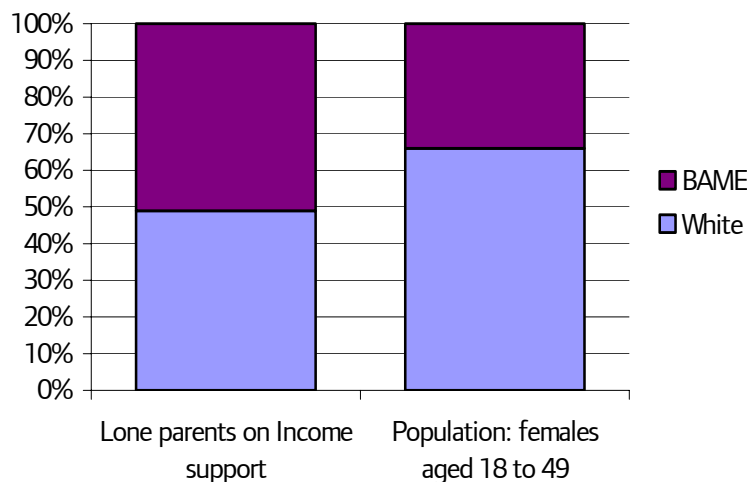
	Greater London			Great Britain (excluding London)		
	All lone parent claimants	Percentage of total	Females: percentage of all claimants	All lone parent claimants	Percentage of total	Females: percentage of all claimants
White	64,560	40.2	96.6	496,130	82.0	95.3
Black Caribbean	14,300	8.9	92.2	5,470	0.9	91.2
Black African	21,860	13.6	94.3	5,500	0.9	94.2
Black Other	6,200	3.9	95.6	5,890	1.0	95.1
Indian	2,400	1.5	95.4	3,480	0.6	94.5
Pakistani	3,240	2.0	96.6	11,900	2.0	97.0
Bangladeshi	3,740	2.3	96.8	1,940	0.3	96.9
Chinese	1,050	0.7	92.4	660	0.1	92.4
Other Asian	2,260	1.4	94.7	1,960	0.3	95.9
Other	12,630	7.9	95.0	5,020	0.8	94.8
Prefer not to say/Unknown	28,250	17.6	96.7	67,180	11.1	96.6
All	160,450	100.0	95.7	605,180	100.0	95.4
<i>Total less unknown</i>	<i>132,200</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>95.5</i>	<i>538,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>95.2</i>

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

³ The term BAME (Black, Asian and minority ethnic) relates to all ethnic groups, other than White groups.

⁴ Ethnic group projections based on the GLA's 2007 round ethnic group population projections PLP high.

Chart 1 Income Support lone parents in London that are White or in a BAME group, compared to all females aged 18 to 49, May 2007

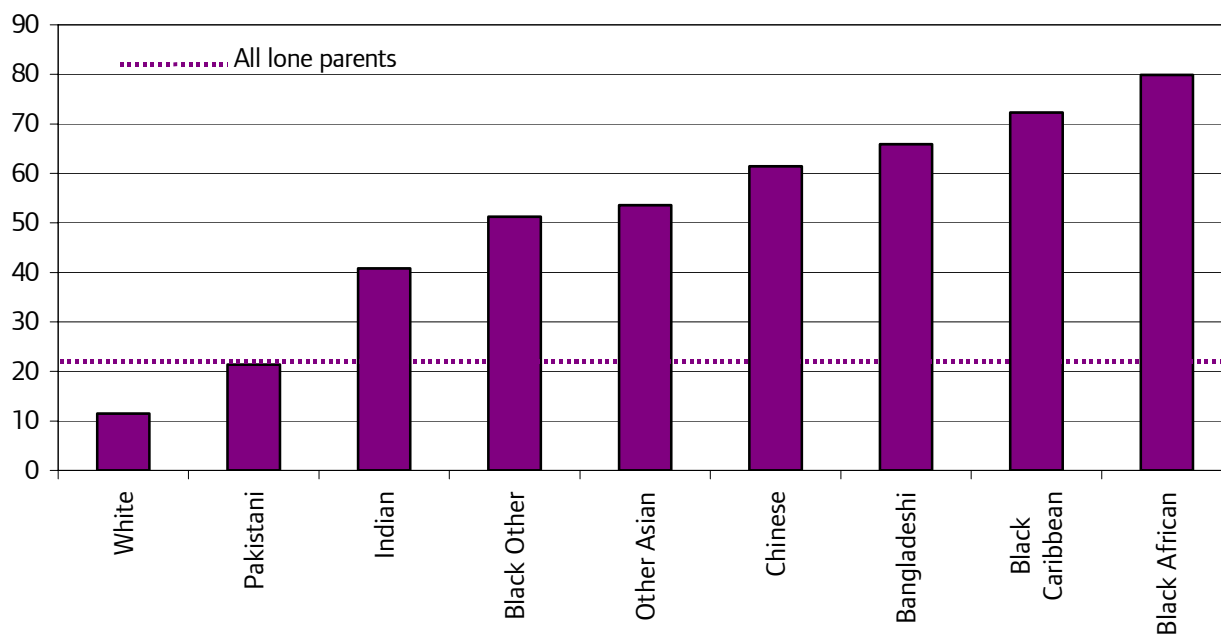


Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study and ethnic group projections based on the GLA's 2007 round ethnic group population projections PLP high.

Notes: The figures for lone parents are as a percentage of all lone parents on Income Support where the ethnic group is known. Females aged 18 to 49 represents 95 per cent of all lone parents.

Chart 2 shows the percentage of all lone parents on Income Support that live in London. Only the white, Indian and Pakistani groups have more lone parents on Income Support outside London than in London. Of the other groups, 80 per cent of all lone parents on Income Support who are Black African live in London, followed by Black Caribbean with 72 per cent and Bangladeshis with 66 per cent.

Chart 2 Percentage of Income Support lone parents in Great Britain that live in London, by ethnic group, May 2007



Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

Tables 2 and 3 show the number of lone parents on Income Support annually from May 2002. Tables 4 and 5 present these figures as an index with 2002 as the starting point. As explained earlier, there are difficulties in interpreting year on year changes due to the number of 'unknowns'. The large increases in May 2007 from May 2006 corresponds with a large decrease in the number of unknowns.

Table 2 Income Support lone parents in London, by detailed ethnic group - Time Series

	May-02	May-03	May-04	May-05	May-06	May-07
White	59,730	59,890	59,330	57,910	56,820	64,560
Black Caribbean	12,070	12,170	12,090	11,990	11,950	14,300
Black African	13,410	14,690	15,930	16,890	17,720	21,860
Black Other	4,610	4,830	4,940	5,070	5,220	6,200
Indian	2,040	2,110	2,050	2,020	2,050	2,400
Pakistani	2,000	2,160	2,330	2,470	2,610	3,240
Bangladeshi	2,180	2,410	2,550	2,760	2,920	3,740
Chinese	790	820	850	860	870	1,050
Other Asian	1,350	1,520	1,620	1,710	1,760	2,260
Other	8,320	9,100	9,840	10,480	10,930	12,630
Prefer not to say/Unknown	60,350	56,950	53,580	51,480	49,910	28,250
All	166,840	166,630	165,120	163,620	162,770	160,450
<i>Total less unknown</i>	<i>106,490</i>	<i>109,680</i>	<i>111,540</i>	<i>112,140</i>	<i>112,860</i>	<i>132,200</i>
<i>Unknown as percentage of total %</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>18</i>

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

Table 3 Income Support lone parents in Great Britain (excluding London), by detailed ethnic group - Time Series

	May-02	May-03	May-04	May-05	May-06	May-07
White	494,860	503,730	491,990	471,570	462,400	496,130
Black Caribbean	5,040	5,140	5,080	4,950	4,840	5,470
Black African	2,060	2,890	3,670	4,120	4,480	5,500
Black Other	3,900	4,270	4,520	4,700	4,830	5,890
Indian	3,110	3,200	3,210	3,110	3,050	3,480
Pakistani	8,430	9,220	9,770	10,010	10,100	11,900
Bangladeshi	1,430	1,520	1,550	1,580	1,610	1,940
Chinese	580	550	570	580	580	660
Other Asian	1,110	1,250	1,410	1,460	1,600	1,960
Other	3,570	3,760	4,000	4,130	4,300	5,020
Prefer not to say/Unknown	180,000	153,630	132,390	119,480	114,310	67,180
All	704,110	689,180	658,150	625,700	612,090	605,180
<i>Total less unknown</i>	<i>524,110</i>	<i>535,550</i>	<i>525,760</i>	<i>506,220</i>	<i>497,780</i>	<i>538,000</i>
<i>Unknown as percentage of total %</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>11</i>

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

Even accounting for the decrease in 'Unknowns', the number of lone parents on Income Support has increased at different rates depending on which ethnic group they belong to. The largest increases have occurred in those ethnic groups that can be said to be more recent arrivals: Black Africans, Bangladeshis and Pakistanis - compared to the more established ethnic Indian and Black Caribbean groups.

Table 4 Income Support lone parents in London, by detailed ethnic group - Time Series Index

Index: 2002 = 100

Detailed ethnic group	May-02	May-03	May-04	May-05	May-06	May-07
White	100	100	99	97	95	108
Black Caribbean	100	101	100	99	99	118
Black African	100	110	119	126	132	163
Black Other	100	105	107	110	113	134
Indian	100	103	100	99	100	118
Pakistani	100	108	117	124	131	162
Bangladeshi	100	111	117	127	134	172
Chinese	100	104	108	109	110	133
Other Asian	100	113	120	127	130	167
Other	100	109	118	126	131	152
Prefer not to say/Unknown	100	94	89	85	83	47
All	100	100	99	98	98	96
<i>Total less unknown</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>124</i>

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

Table 5 Income Support lone parents in Great Britain (excluding London), by detailed ethnic group - Time Series Index

Index: 2002 = 100

Detailed ethnic group	May-02	May-03	May-04	May-05	May-06	May-07
White	100	102	99	95	93	100
Black Caribbean	100	102	101	98	96	109
Black African	100	140	178	200	217	267
Black Other	100	109	116	121	124	151
Indian	100	103	103	100	98	112
Pakistani	100	109	116	119	120	141
Bangladeshi	100	106	108	110	113	136
Chinese	100	95	98	100	100	114
Other Asian	100	113	127	132	144	177
Other	100	105	112	116	120	141
Prefer not to say/Unknown	100	85	74	66	64	37
All	100	98	93	89	87	86
<i>Total less unknown</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>103</i>

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

In Great Britain 80 per cent of all Black African lone parents on Income Support live in London - this has fallen by seven per cent since 2002. The next highest percentage is 72 per cent for Black Caribbean's. Only 12 per cent of all White lone parents on Income Support live in London - the lowest for all groups. In total one in five lone parents on Income Support live in London. See Table 6 and Chart 2.

Table 6 Income Support lone parents: percentage living in London

Detailed ethnic group	Percent					
	May-02	May-03	May-04	May-05	May-06	May-07
White	11	11	11	11	11	12
Black Caribbean	71	70	70	71	71	72
Black African	87	84	81	80	80	80
Black Other	54	53	52	52	52	51
Indian	40	40	39	39	40	41
Pakistani	19	19	19	20	21	21
Bangladeshi	60	61	62	64	64	66
Chinese	58	60	60	60	60	61
Other Asian	55	55	53	54	52	54
Other	70	71	71	72	72	72
Prefer not to say/Unknown	25	27	29	30	30	30
All	19	19	20	21	21	21

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

Tables 7 and 8 show the age of the youngest child of lone parents on Income Support. In London, Black African parents on Income Support have the youngest children with 53 per cent being under the age of five. The Chinese have the lowest percentage of children aged under five and the highest for those aged 11 to 16. Outside London, 60 per cent of Black African parents on Income Support have a child under the age of five. On average half the children in lone parent families on Income Support are aged under five.

Overall, lone parents in London are generally older than lone parents in the rest of the country, however, the age structure of lone parents is different depending on the ethnic group. Tables 9 and 10 and Chart 3 show lone parents on Income Support by age of parent. In London only 15 per cent of lone parents on Income Support are aged between 18 and 24 compared to 23 per cent in the rest of the country. Nearly 22 per cent of Black African lone parents on Income Support in London are aged between 18 and 24 - far higher than any other ethnic group, in fact three times higher than Indian and Pakistani lone parents. The percentage of Black Africans in this age group rises to 30 per cent in the rest of the country.

Chinese lone parents on Income Support are generally older than those in other groups, especially outside London. 22 per cent of Chinese lone parents on Income Support are aged 45 to 54. Nearly half of Bangladeshi lone parents on Income Support are aged between 25 to 34 but have a lower than average percentage aged under 25, which is similar to other Asian groups.

Table 7 Income Support lone parents in London, by ethnic group and age of youngest child dependent, May 2007

	Percentage of total %			
	Age of youngest child (Years)			
	All	Under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16
White	64,560	44	35	21
Black Caribbean	14,300	45	36	19
Black African	21,860	52	33	14
Black Other	6,200	53	33	14
Indian	2,400	38	38	24
Pakistani	3,240	43	35	22
Bangladeshi	3,740	48	34	18
Chinese	1,050	35	38	28
Other Asian	2,260	43	35	21
Other	12,630	44	37	19
Prefer not to say/Unknown	28,250	47	36	16
All	160,450	46	35	19
<i>Total less unknown</i>	<i>132,200</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>19</i>

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

Note: Dependant children are those aged under 16, together with young adults aged over 16, but under 19, and still in full time education, for whom an additional allowance is paid. These figures are affected by the introduction of Child Tax Credit in April 2003.

Table 8 Income Support lone parents in Great Britain (excluding London) by ethnic group and age of youngest child dependent, May 2007

				Percentage of total %
	All	Age of youngest child (Years)		
		Under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16
White	496,130	48	33	18
Black Caribbean	5,470	47	34	19
Black African	5,500	60	28	11
Black Other	5,890	59	29	13
Indian	3,480	41	37	23
Pakistani	11,900	46	35	19
Bangladeshi	1,940	45	33	21
Chinese	660	32	39	27
Other Asian	1,960	50	34	17
Other	5,020	51	33	16
Prefer not to say/Unknown	67,180	53	33	15
All	605,180	49	33	18
<i>Total less unknown</i>	<i>538,000</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>18</i>

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

Note: Dependant children are those aged under 16, together with young adults aged over 16, but under 19, and still in full time education, for whom an additional allowance is paid. These figures are affected by the introduction of Child Tax Credit in April 2003.

Table 9 Income Support lone parents in London, by ethnic group and age, May 2007

		Percentage of total %						
		Age of claimant						
	All	Under	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-49	50-54	55-59
		18						
White	64,560	0.3	17.3	36.1	35.5	7.8	2.5	0.6
Black Caribbean	14,300	0.3	17.0	32.5	35.6	10.8	3.2	0.7
Black African	21,860	0.1	10.7	33.9	43.4	8.6	2.5	0.7
Black Other	6,200	0.5	21.5	38.2	31.5	6.3	1.8	0.3
Indian	2,400	-	7.5	38.3	38.8	10.8	3.8	0.8
Pakistani	3,240	-	7.7	38.6	40.4	8.6	3.7	0.9
Bangladeshi	3,740	0.3	11.8	47.6	26.2	7.2	4.5	2.7
Chinese	1,050	-	8.6	27.6	41.0	16.2	5.7	1.9
Other Asian	2,260	-	11.1	35.0	39.8	9.7	4.0	0.9
Other	12,630	0.2	10.4	37.9	38.9	8.8	3.2	0.7
Prefer not to say/Unknown	28,250	0.8	13.7	35.6	38.8	8.0	2.5	0.6
All	160,450	0.3	14.7	35.9	37.3	8.3	2.7	0.7

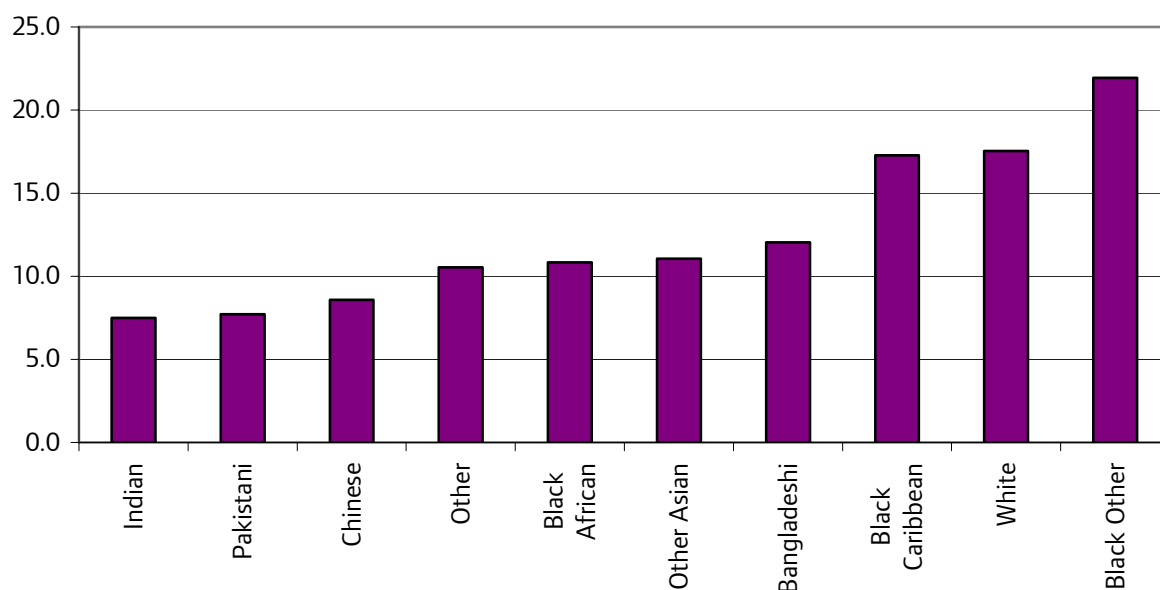
Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

Table 10 Income Support lone parents in Great Britain (excluding London), by ethnic group and age, May 2007

		Percentage of total %						
		Age of claimant						
	All	Under	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-49	50-54	55-59
		18						
White	496,130	0.6	23.3	37.0	30.7	5.9	2.0	0.6
Black Caribbean	5,470	0.2	20.3	31.3	36.4	8.0	3.1	0.5
Black African	5,500	0.2	13.1	43.1	35.8	5.6	1.8	0.5
Black Other	5,890	0.7	30.4	39.6	23.8	4.1	1.0	0.3
Indian	3,480	-	8.0	42.8	37.1	8.0	3.2	0.9
Pakistani	11,900	0.1	9.3	45.7	33.8	6.9	3.3	1.0
Bangladeshi	1,940	-	10.8	47.9	25.3	6.7	5.7	3.1
Chinese	660	-	7.6	24.2	42.4	16.7	6.1	1.5
Other Asian	1,960	0.5	16.8	39.3	32.7	7.1	2.0	1.0
Other	5,020	0.4	16.9	41.0	32.5	6.4	2.8	0.6
Prefer not to say/Unknown	67,180	3.0	22.0	36.5	30.1	5.7	2.0	0.7
All	605,180	0.9	22.6	37.2	30.8	5.9	2.0	0.6

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

Chart 3 Income Support lone parents in London, by ethnic group and percentage of claimants aged under 25, May 2007



Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

Tables 11 and 12 show lone parents on Income Support by duration of claim. The figures (especially those for the rest of the country) reflect the difference between those ethnic groups that are seen to be more recent arrivals like Black Africans and Bangladeshi's and those that are more established. Only 18 per cent of Black African lone parents on Income Support (living outside London) have been claiming for more than five years, almost half the percentage for all lone parents. This rises to just over 38 per cent in London.

Overall, lone parents in London claim Income Support for a longer period than those living outside London.

Figures are available at the borough level but not for individual ethnic groups, instead they are grouped into larger groups as shown in Tables 13 and 14. Those that are from a mixed ethnic background are shown separately in the borough tables as apposed to being added into the appropriate ethnic group for the regional tables - therefore some of the totals for Greater London may differ when comparing the two sets of tables. Generally the figures reflect the ethnic population of that borough.

In Great Britain (excluding London), 82 per cent of all lone parents on Income Support are white - this compares to 40 per cent in London and 33 per cent in Inner London. A quarter of lone parents on Income Support are from Black ethnic groups in London - rising to 30 per cent in Inner London.

At the borough level only 22 per cent of lone parents on Income Support in Brent are white compared to 41 per cent who are Black or Black British. In Havering, 80 per cent are white - the highest in London.

Table 11 Income Support lone parents in London, by ethnic group and duration of current claim, May 2007

Percentage of total %				
	All	Up to 1 year	1 year and up to 5 years	5 years and over
White	64,560	15.0	37.9	47.1
Black Caribbean	14,300	20.6	38.6	40.8
Black African	21,860	16.3	45.6	38.1
Black Other	6,200	18.4	43.2	38.4
Indian	2,400	20.4	42.9	37.1
Pakistani	3,240	20.4	45.4	34.3
Bangladeshi	3,740	23.5	46.3	29.9
Chinese	1,050	14.3	36.2	48.6
Other Asian	2,260	20.8	43.4	35.8
Other	12,630	15.7	46.2	38.1
Prefer not to say/Unknown	28,250	9.5	34.0	56.5
All	160,450	15.4	39.7	45.0

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

Table 12 Income Support lone parents in Great Britain (excluding London), by ethnic group and duration of current claim, May 2007

Percentage of total %				
	All	Up to 1 year	1 year and up to 5 years	5 years and over
White	496,130	23.5	41.9	34.6
Black Caribbean	5,470	23.8	41.1	35.3
Black African	5,500	25.6	56.7	18.0
Black Other	5,890	24.4	44.0	31.6
Indian	3,480	25.0	43.7	31.3
Pakistani	11,900	23.9	43.6	32.4
Bangladeshi	1,940	27.8	46.4	26.8
Chinese	660	22.7	47.0	33.3
Other Asian	1,960	25.0	48.5	26.5
Other	5,020	27.5	47.8	24.9
Prefer not to say/Unknown	67,180	20.2	34.9	45.0
All	605,180	23.2	41.4	35.3

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

In Tower Hamlets 35 per cent of lone parents on Income Support are from Asian groups - the majority of whom are probably Bangladeshi. The highest percentage for those belonging to a Black ethnic group is in Lambeth with 48 per cent and for the Chinese and others group it is in Enfield, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster with 15 per cent.

In Westminster, the number of lone parents whose ethnic group was unknown or the claimant preferred not to say amounted to 37 per cent of lone parents in that borough.

Table 13 Income Support lone parents by ethnic group summary and London borough of claimant, data taken at: May 2007

London borough	Ethnic Group - Summary							
	Total	White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Chinese or other ethnic group	Prefer not to say	Unknown
City of London	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barking & Dagenham	5,750	3,450	130	280	970	180	310	430
Barnet	5,280	2,380	180	280	1,120	640	160	520
Bexley	3,370	2,480	30	40	210	80	150	370
Brent	6,150	1,360	180	510	2,540	470	390	710
Bromley	4,070	2,840	90	50	370	80	160	500
Camden	4,230	1,680	130	310	880	320	260	660
Croydon	7,330	2,920	300	250	1,510	230	560	1,570
Ealing	5,860	1,770	180	670	1,650	480	290	840
Enfield	7,420	2,590	160	190	1,800	1,120	500	1,060
Greenwich	6,650	3,590	190	150	1,150	400	320	840
Hackney	7,480	1,870	200	390	2,460	990	550	1,020
Hammersmith & Fulham	3,820	1,460	130	110	1,070	430	180	430
Haringey	7,150	1,900	190	210	2,150	920	500	1,290
Harrow	3,010	1,090	110	390	750	200	160	300
Havering	3,090	2,470	50	40	100	20	100	310
Hillingdon	4,550	2,480	90	380	710	200	160	540
Hounslow	4,430	2,030	180	530	670	200	240	590
Islington	5,870	2,570	210	190	1,200	710	390	610
Kensington & Chelsea	2,150	710	60	60	420	320	110	470
Kingston upon Thames	1,460	1,040	40	50	80	80	60	100
Lambeth	8,020	2,260	350	150	3,880	590	390	410
Lewisham	7,520	2,830	340	130	2,480	560	530	660
Merton	2,500	1,320	110	130	480	90	120	250
Newham	8,010	2,050	270	1,440	2,360	390	330	1,170
Redbridge	4,510	1,460	160	960	910	320	290	410
Richmond upon Thames	1,410	980	40	50	60	90	40	160
Southwark	7,500	2,850	290	200	2,850	480	370	450
Sutton	2,390	1,620	40	40	110	50	120	420
Tower Hamlets	5,840	1,860	120	2,030	770	340	160	550
Waltham Forest	5,860	2,020	210	710	1,580	410	450	470
Wandsworth	4,470	1,750	180	230	1,500	210	320	290
Westminster	3,250	860	100	130	480	500	380	810
Inner London	75,340	24,670	2,570	5,590	22,500	6,760	4,470	8,820
Outer London	85,090	39,890	2,470	5,700	16,770	5,340	4,580	10,390
Greater London	160,430	64,560	5,040	11,290	39,270	12,100	9,050	19,210
Great Britain	765,630	560,680	11,270	29,900	51,870	16,480	35,900	59,530
Great Britain (ex London)	605,200	496,120	6,230	18,610	12,600	4,380	26,850	40,320

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

Table 14 Income Support lone parents by ethnic group summary and London borough of claimant, data taken at: May 2007 (% of total)

London borough	Total	Ethnic Group - Summary - % of total						Unknown
		White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Chinese or other ethnic group	Prefer not to say	
City of London	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barking & Dagenham	5,750	60	2	5	17	3	5	7
Barnet	5,280	45	3	5	21	12	3	10
Bexley	3,370	74	1	1	6	2	4	11
Brent	6,150	22	3	8	41	8	6	12
Bromley	4,070	70	2	1	9	2	4	12
Camden	4,230	40	3	7	21	8	6	16
Croydon	7,330	40	4	3	21	3	8	21
Ealing	5,860	30	3	11	28	8	5	14
Enfield	7,420	35	2	3	24	15	7	14
Greenwich	6,650	54	3	2	17	6	5	13
Hackney	7,480	25	3	5	33	13	7	14
Hammersmith & Fulham	3,820	38	3	3	28	11	5	11
Haringey	7,150	27	3	3	30	13	7	18
Harrow	3,010	36	4	13	25	7	5	10
Havering	3,090	80	2	1	3	1	3	10
Hillingdon	4,550	55	2	8	16	4	4	12
Hounslow	4,430	46	4	12	15	5	5	13
Islington	5,870	44	4	3	20	12	7	10
Kensington & Chelsea	2,150	33	3	3	20	15	5	22
Kingston upon Thames	1,460	71	3	3	5	5	4	7
Lambeth	8,020	28	4	2	48	7	5	5
Lewisham	7,520	38	5	2	33	7	7	9
Merton	2,500	53	4	5	19	4	5	10
Newham	8,010	26	3	18	29	5	4	15
Redbridge	4,510	32	4	21	20	7	6	9
Richmond upon Thames	1,410	70	3	4	4	6	3	11
Southwark	7,500	38	4	3	38	6	5	6
Sutton	2,390	68	2	2	5	2	5	18
Tower Hamlets	5,840	32	2	35	13	6	3	9
Waltham Forest	5,860	34	4	12	27	7	8	8
Wandsworth	4,470	39	4	5	34	5	7	6
Westminster	3,250	26	3	4	15	15	12	25
Inner London	75,340	33	3	7	30	9	6	12
Outer London	85,090	47	3	7	20	6	5	12
Greater London	160,430	40	3	7	24	8	6	12
Great Britain	765,630	73	1	4	7	2	5	8
Great Britain (ex London)	605,200	82	1	3	2	1	4	7

Source: DWP Information Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

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