

Child Benefit Statistics

This profile shows the number of families receiving Child Benefit at November 2003* in the Wakefield District. This information is also compared with other West Yorkshire areas, the Yorkshire and the Humber region and England as a whole.

Anyone bringing up a child, fitting one of the criteria below, is eligible for child benefit, regardless of income and savings :

- Aged under 16
- Aged under 19 and studying full-time up to A level, Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education (AVCE) or equivalent
- Aged 16 or 17 years old and has left school recently, and has registered for work or training with the Careers Service or Connexions Service (in Northern Ireland, Training and Employment Agency)

For the eldest child who qualifies, £16.50 is paid, and £11.05 is paid for every other child who qualifies. Please visit www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/childbenefit for further information.

The table below shows the number of families receiving Child Benefit in each local authority within West Yorkshire:

<u>Local Authority</u>	Number of families, by size					Number of children in these families by age				
	Total	1 child	2 children	3 children	4 or more children	Total	Under 5	5-10	11-15	16 and over
West Yorkshire (total)	261,625	116,425	100,200	31,905	13,090	470,255	123,495	159,560	141,545	45,650
Wakefield	40,265	18,880	15,930	4,130	1,325	68,890	16,990	23,600	21,855	6,450
Bradford	63,815	27,030	23,045	8,935	4,810	121,420	34,075	40,685	34,765	11,895
Calderdale	24,950	11,335	9,705	2,885	1,030	43,850	11,215	14,945	13,345	4,350
Kirklees	50,345	22,015	19,475	6,240	2,615	91,155	24,315	31,135	26,935	8,770
Leeds	82,250	37,170	32,050	9,720	3,315	144,935	36,895	49,200	44,650	14,190

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The table below shows the number of families receiving Child Benefit in each Parliamentary Constituency* within the Wakefield District:

<u>Parliamentary constituency</u>	Number of families, by size					Number of children in these families by age				
	Total	1 child	2 children	3 children	4 or more children	Total	Under 5	5-10	11-15	16 and over
Hemsworth	11,355	5,175	4,585	1,235	360	19,590	4,725	6,740	6,245	1,880
Normanton	10,710	5,055	4,450	985	225	17,870	4,405	6,125	5,590	1,750
Pontefract & Castleford	10,720	5,175	4,095	1,105	345	18,180	4,430	6,205	5,965	1,580
Wakefield	11,590	5,210	4,655	1,240	480	20,375	5,115	6,995	6,305	1,965

The table below shows the total number of families receiving Child Benefit in England and the Yorkshire and the Humber region:

<u>Area</u>	Number of families, by size					Number of children in these families by age				
	Total	1 child	2 children	3 children	4 or more children	Total	Under 5	5-10	11-15	16 and over
England	5,951,610	2,591,360	2,360,150	748,300	251,805	10,653,580	2,711,465	3,633,230	3,222,510	1,086,375
Yorkshire & the Humber	610,815	271,940	240,465	72,805	25,600	1,083,160	272,515	369,855	333,310	107,480

* A constituency is a geographical area. Voters living in that area elect one person to serve as a Member of Parliament in the House of Commons. There are four Parliamentary Constituencies in the Wakefield District