

# Child Support Agency Quarterly Summary of Statistics for Great Britain



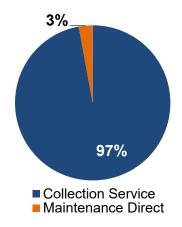
Data to June 2017

Quarterly

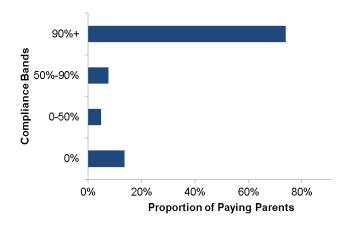
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**National Statistics** 

There are **919,400** cases in June 2017. The split across service types is:



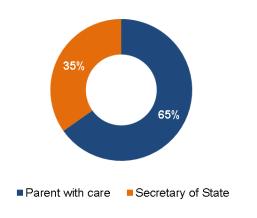
Proportion of Paying Parents in different compliance bands



The number of Children Benefitting stands at 125,900



The outstanding arrears considered as "collectable" are owed to:



9 out of 10 non-resident parents are male



£450m was collected and arranged in the year to June 2017.

Regular Maintenance Collected by the Collection Service



**Estimated value of Maintenance Direct Arrangements** 

£128m

Arrears Collected

£73m

## What you need to know

Child maintenance is financial support towards your child's everyday living costs when you've separated from the other parent. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is responsible for the child maintenance system in Great Britain.

The Child Support Agency (CSA) 1993 and 2003 schemes have two primary functions; to calculate how much child maintenance is due, and to collect, enforce and transfer payments from the non-resident parent to the person with care.

A new Child Maintenance Scheme was established in 2012 to replace the 1993 and 2003 schemes. All new cases are being processed on the 2012 scheme and existing CSA cases are gradually being closed as part of the Case Closure process; statistics on this process can be found here.

Previous versions of the Child Support Agency Quarterly Summary of Statistics can be found on the <u>DWP pages of the Gov.uk</u> website.

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### **Background**

This dashboard contains the most up-to-date statistics on the **1993 and 2003 schemes** operated through the Child Support Agency (CSA) only. Full data and statistics not included here are available in the accompanying published tables.

The dashboard does not cover statistics on the 2012 Scheme operated by the Child Maintenance Service which are <u>published separately</u>, in line with our <u>strategy for publication</u> of 2012 Scheme information because of the differing intents of the two services.

This also does not cover statistics on 1993 and 2003 Scheme arrears that have transitioned to the 2012 IT System, which are published separately in the Client Funds Account.

#### **Child Support Agency**

**1993 Scheme** – The first of the statutory Schemes was introduced in 1993 and is operated by the Child Support Agency (CSA)

**2003 Scheme** – The 1993 Scheme was replaced in 2003 by a new Scheme which is also operated by the CSA, to simplify and improve the process. It was originally planned that all cases transfer from the 1993 to the 2003 Schemes although due to technical issues a number remain handled under the 1993 Scheme rules.

#### **Child Maintenance Service**

**2012 Scheme** - The 2012 child maintenance scheme was introduced on 10 December 2012 using a pathfinder approach. On 10 December the scheme was opened to new applicants with at least four qualifying children with the same two parents named in the application. On 29 July 2013 the 2012 Scheme opened to new applicants with at least two qualifying children with the same two parents named in the application. On 25 November 2013, the scheme opened to all new applicants.

The 1993 and 2003 statutory schemes continue to be delivered by CSA.

From the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014, the process to close 1993 and 2003 scheme cases began.

For more information please see the background information document <u>here</u>.