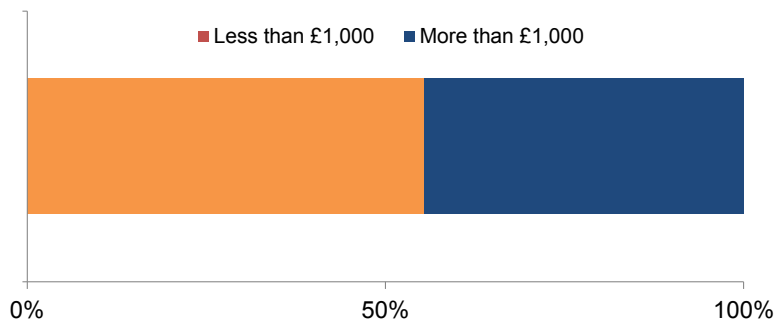


This publication contains information on cases being managed on the maintenance schemes operated by the Child Support Agency (CSA). It does not include cases on the 2012 Scheme managed by the Child Maintenance Service (CMS). Since November 2013, no new applications have been made to CSA schemes and existing cases are now being closed. Parents may to work together to set up their own family-based arrangements, or open a CMS case.

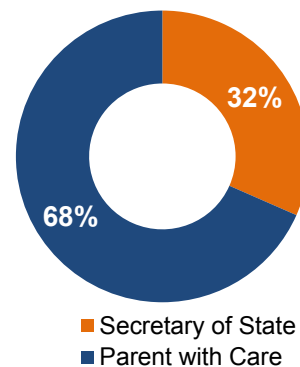
## Headlines

- The total caseload continues to fall due to the Case Closure process, to 906,400. 791,400 of these had no current liability and were not making any payments; these could be cases which are in the case closure process or cases which have arrears but no on-going liability.
- Cases with arrears and no current liability are not being selected to go through the Case Closure process. Furthermore, cases with arrears that do have a current liability cannot be fully closed, so cases with arrears form an increasing proportion of the caseload.
- In the year to September 2017, the overall maintenance collected and arranged fell to £340m, of which £64m was arrears. This is compared to a September 2016 figure of £815m, of which £95m was arrears. The amount is falling due to the CSA Case Closure process and all new cases joining CMS.

**55% of cases with arrears have less than £1000 owed**



**The outstanding arrears considered to be “collectable” are owed to:**



**£340m was collected and arranged in the year to September 2017**

Regular Maintenance Collected



Estimated value of Maintenance Direct Arrangements



Arrears Collected



## Background

Child maintenance is financial support towards a child's living costs paid between separated parents.

The Child Support Agency (CSA) 1993 and 2003 schemes have two primary functions; to calculate how much child maintenance is due, and, where required, 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. It was rolled out gradually from 10 December 2012, and since 25 November 2013 no new applications have been accepted to the CSA.

This dashboard contains the most up-to-date statistics on the **1993 and 2003 schemes operated through the CSA only**. Full data is available in the [accompanying tables](#). It does not cover statistics on the 2012 Scheme operated by the Child Maintenance Service which are [published separately](#) or arrears that have transitioned to the 2012 IT System, which are [published here](#).

Existing CSA cases with an on-going liability are now being closed as part of the Case Closure process; statistics on this process can be found [here](#). As a result, the number of cases on the CSA caseload is falling and those remaining are not typical of the original caseload.

Previous versions of the CSA Quarterly Summary of Statistics can be found on the [DWP pages of the Gov.uk](#) website.

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## Changes in this Release

We have reduced the number of tables published alongside this release. This is because the most CSA cases have now been closed or have begun the Case Closure process. This means the level of detail and breakdowns that remains useful to be reported is diminishing.

We have made a small methodological change in this release of these statistics. The total amount of arrears on a case is now the sum of any money owed to the Parent with Care and any money owed to Secretary of State. We are now also consistently treating negative arrears owed to either as zero, regardless of who the debt is owed to, be it a Parent with Care or the Secretary of State as zero. This has had a small effect on the total amount of arrears reported, increasing the value by around 0.25 per cent. Arrears values for quarters prior to Jun-17 will be revised to reflect this new methodology in future releases of this publication. For more information please see the accompanying summary note to users for this publication found [here](#).

For more information please see the background information document [here](#).