

2 October 2019

Dear Stephen Tierney,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 11 September 2019.

You asked:

“I would like statistics for the total non-resident parents broken down by gender then year dating back to when statistics were first collected.”

The number of Paying Parents (also referred to as ‘non-resident’ parents) with a Child Maintenance Service arrangement is tabulated below, for the years from 2016 to 2019.

Paying Parents with a Child Maintenance Service arrangement by sex, 2016 – 2019*

Year	Male	Female	Unknown	Total
2016	264,700	15,200	8,300	288,200
2017	357,800	19,700	9,100	386,600
2018	427,500	23,800	10,100	461,300
2019*	439,900	24,000	9,800	473,700

Source: Child Maintenance Service administrative data

* Figures for 2019 include data up to the end of June 2019.

Please note the following points:

- These statistics cover Great Britain.
- Arrangements consisting solely of arrears transitioned from the Child Support Agency, for which no ongoing maintenance has been arranged under the Child Maintenance Service, are excluded.
- Figures for each year include Paying Parents who had a Child Maintenance Service arrangement at any time during that year.
- Paying Parents may have multiple arrangements, these statistics count the number of unique Paying Parents.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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