

Report

To: Council Members

From: John McDonald, Director

Re: Families missing out on holidays

Date: Wednesday, 28 September 2005

Families with dependent children unable to afford a holiday or day trip

The tables below show figures extracted by the Family Holiday Association.

	Total Families	Families with dependent children	Families with dependent children unable to afford day trip	Families with dependent children unable to afford a one week break
Married couples	12.1m	4.6m (38%)	0.60m (13%)	0.97m (21%)
Co-habiting couples	2.2m	0.84m (38%)	0.11m (13%)	0.18m (21%)
Single mothers	2.3m	1.68m (73%)	0.67m (40%)	0.96m (57%)
Single fathers	0.4m	0.2m (50%)	0.08m (40%)	0.11m (57%)
Total	17m	7.32m (43%)	1.46m (20%)	2.22m (30%)

Recent figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show there are 7.32 million families in the UK with dependent children*.

The ONS Social Inequalities Report 2004 reported that 13% of married and co-habiting couples are unable to afford a day trip and 21% cannot find the money for a one week break away from home with the corresponding figures for single parent families being 40% and 60%**.

Numbers of parents and children affected

	Total Families	Families with dependent children	Families with dependent children unable to afford day trip		Families with dependent children unable to afford a one week break	
			Adults	Children	Adults	Children
Married couples	12.1m	4.6m (38%)	1.2m	1.10m	1.84m	1.66m
Co-hab couples	2.2m	0.84m (38%)	0.22m	0.19m	0.36m	0.29m
Single mothers	2.3m	1.68m (73%)	0.67m	1.14m	0.96m	1.63m
Single fathers	0.4m	0.2m (50%)	0.08m	0.14m	0.11m	0.19m
Total	17m	7.32m (43%)	2.17m	2.57m	3.27m	3.77m
			4.74m people		7.04m people	

*Office for National Statistics; Focus on Families, July 2005

**Office for National Statistics; Focus on Social inequalities, August 2005