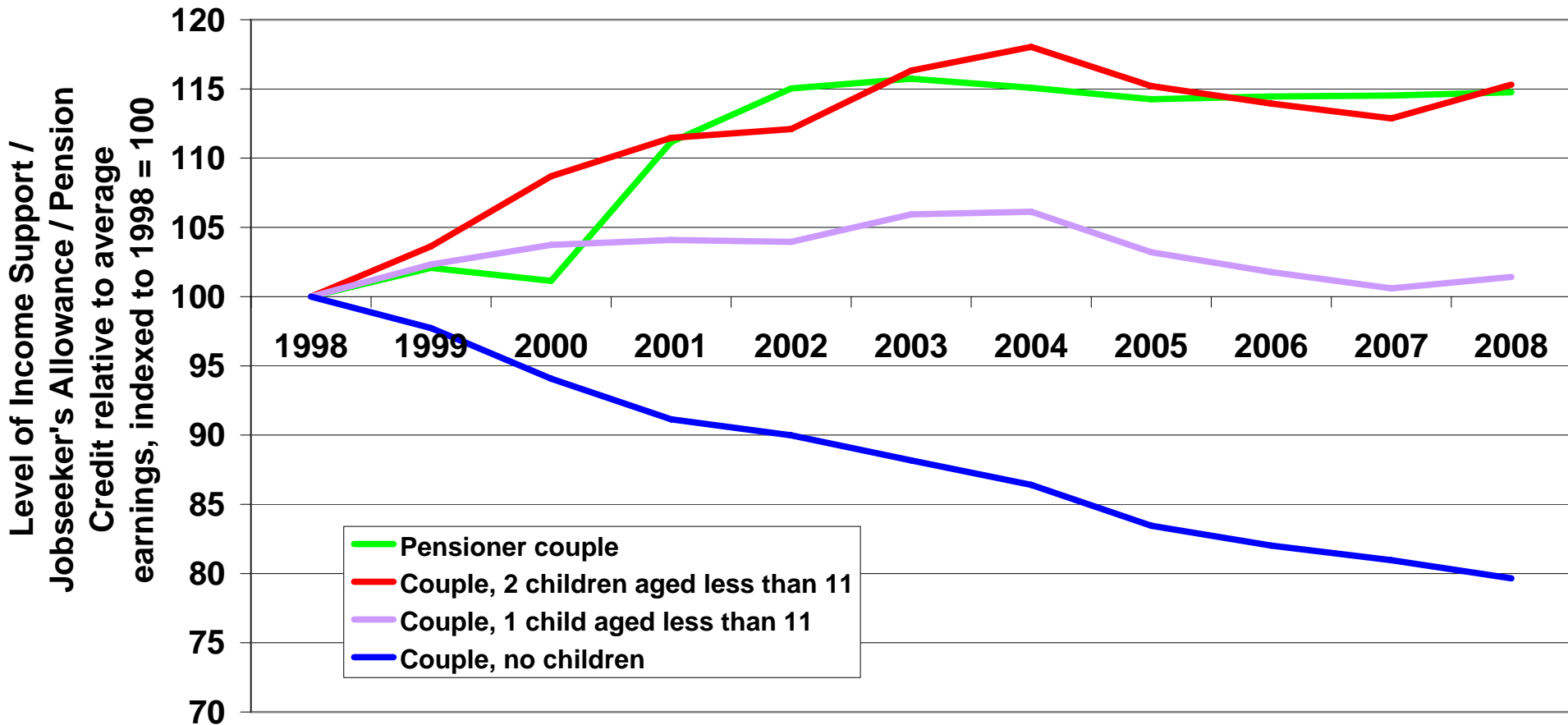


The level of means-tested benefits, relative to earnings, for both pensioners and families with two or more children stopped increasing around 2003. The level of means-tested benefits for working-age adults without children continues to decline.



Source: Benefit levels from DWP and earnings indices from ONS; UK; updated May 2008