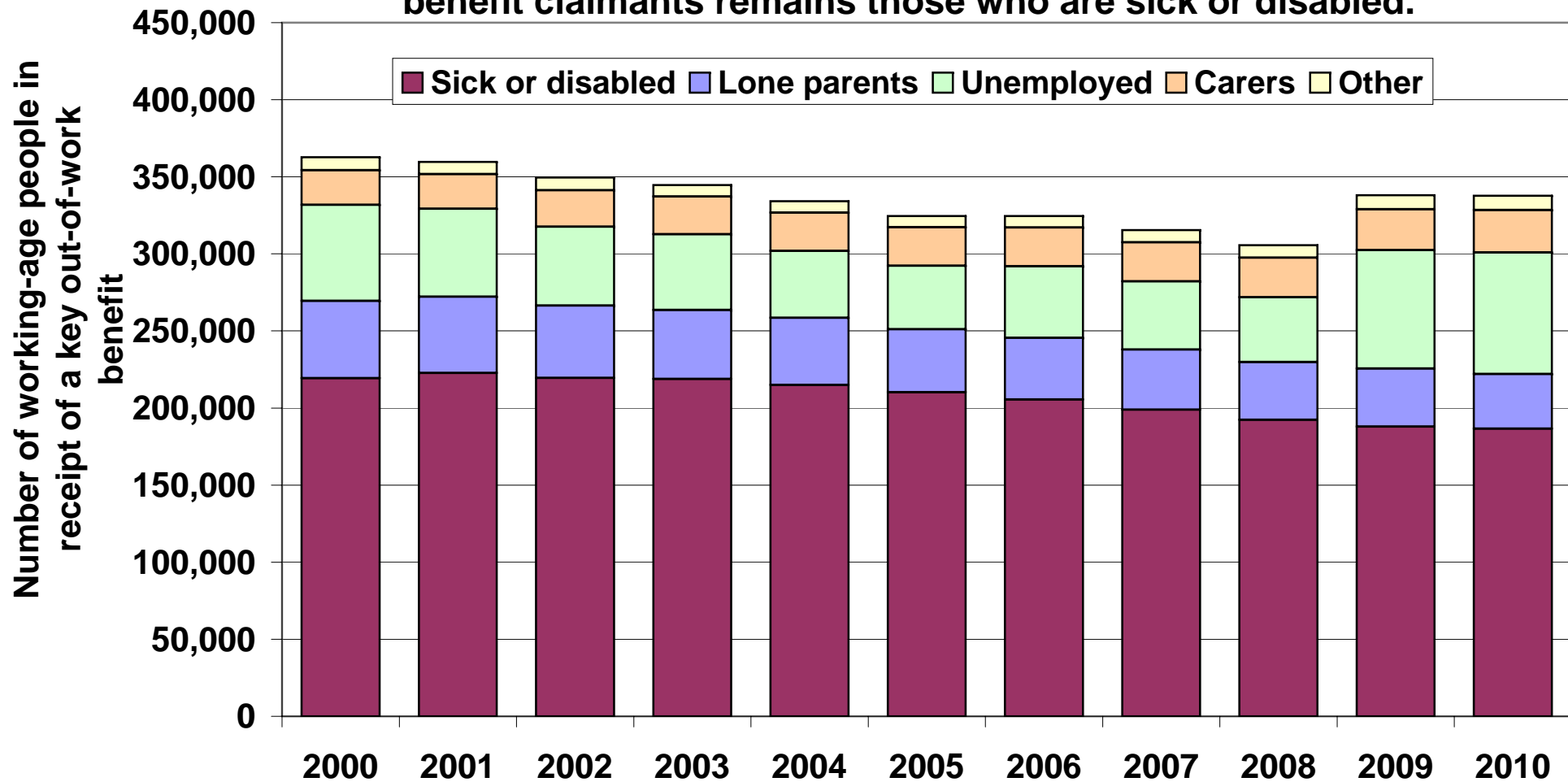


**Despite a rise in the the latest two years, the number of benefit claimants is still below that of a decade ago. The biggest group of benefit claimants remains those who are sick or disabled.**



Source: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study, DWP; updated Aug 2009