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Main findings

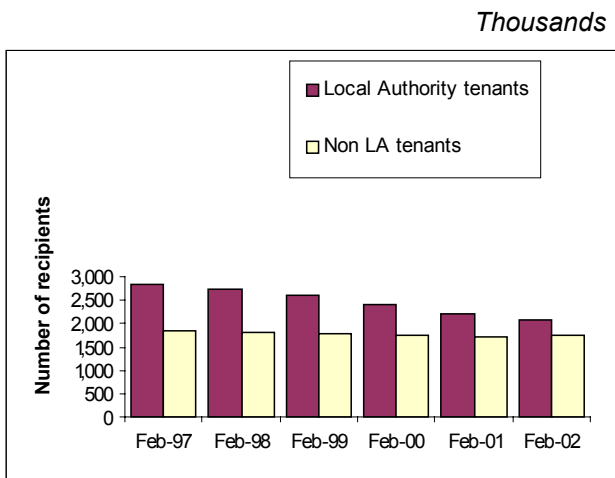
This section summarises the main findings of the February 2002 Quarterly Summary Statistics. The summaries at the start of each section give further details plus any important caveats about the data.

HB Caseload

The Housing Benefit caseload fell by around 1 thousand in the three months to February 2002, a total fall of 87 thousand (2.2%) in the year to stand at 3.82million. (Table 1.1)

The number of HB recipients paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) rose by 19 thousand (0.7%) in the quarter, in line with the increase in the JSA(IB) caseload for the same quarter, to stand at 2.63 million. The number of recipients not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) continued to fall to 1.19 million, a decrease of 1.6% in the quarter. (Table 1.1)

Figure 1: Housing Benefit recipients in Great Britain: February 1997 to February 2002



Average HB in payment

The average weekly amount of HB in payment in February 2002 was £52.40. For HB recipients paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) this was £57.10 and for those recipients not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) £41.90. (Tables 1.3 and 1.5)

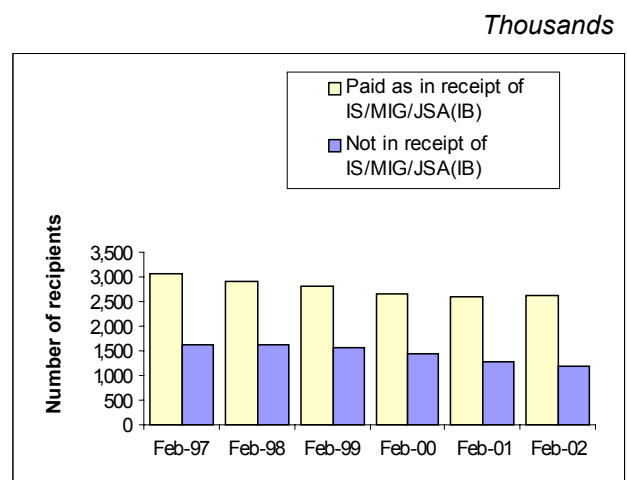
The average weekly amount of HB in payment in February 2002 ranges from £44.30 for LA tenancies to £69.50 for Private Deregulated tenancies. (Tables 1.3 and 1.4)

The highest average weekly amount of HB was paid in London (£74.20) and the lowest average amount of HB was paid in Scotland (£42.00). (Table 1.8)

HB Tenures

The caseload in the quarter, increased within each of the private tenure breakdowns except Private Regulated Tenancies which continued to fall and in February 2002, stood at 97 thousand, a decrease of 3.7% (Table 1.2). In the same period, the number of Registered Social Landlord (RSL) Tenancies (formerly called Housing Associations) increased by around 9 thousand (0.9%) to stand at 1.04 million at February 2002.

Figure 2: Housing Benefit recipients – Non LA tenants in Great Britain: February 1997 to February 2002



Government Office Region (HB)

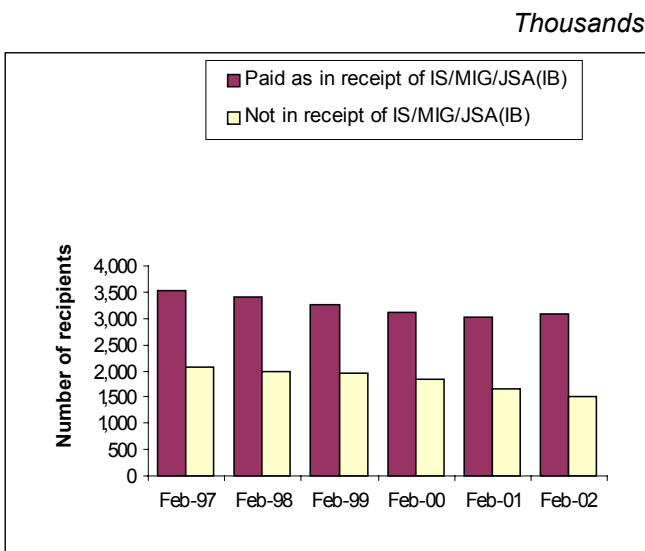
In February 2002 just over 8% of the Great Britain population (individuals aged 16 and over) received Housing Benefit. The North East had the highest proportion of HB recipients at 11.6%, and the lowest was in the South East at 5.6%. (Table 1.7)

Council Tax Benefit Caseload

The CTB caseload fell by 19 thousand in the three months to February 2002, and fell by 73 thousand in the year (1.6%) to stand at 4.59 million. (Table 2.1)

The number of CTB recipients paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) increased by 24 thousand during the quarter to stand at 3.12 million and increased by just under 58 thousand between February 2001 and February 2002. Those CTB recipients not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB) fell by 43 thousand over the quarter and by 131 thousand over the year, to stand at 1.47 million. (Table 2.1)

Figure 3: Council Tax Benefit recipients in Great Britain: February 1997 to February 2002



Average CTB payments

The average weekly amount of CTB in payment has remained constant in the quarter, and stands at £10.00. (Table 2.5)

For recipients paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) the average weekly CTB in payment also remained constant at £10.80, but for those not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) fell to £8.30. (Table 2.5)

The average weekly amount of CTB was highest in London at £11.30 and lowest in Wales at £8.30. (Table 2.4)

Government Office Region (CTB)

10.2% of the Great Britain population (individuals aged 18 and over) were recipients of Council Tax Benefit in February 2002. This varied from 6.7% in the South East to 14.6% in the North East. (Table 2.3)

Introduction

About this publication

The statistics in this publication are based on information provided by the Local Authorities of Great Britain responsible for the administration of Housing and Council Tax Benefits. Caseload figures include extended payment cases (around 3 thousand in February 2002).

Housing and Council Tax Benefits

Housing Benefit (HB) and Council Tax Benefit (CTB) are income-related benefits administered by Local Authorities. People are eligible to claim HB if they are liable to pay rent (or are treated as if they were so liable) in respect of the dwelling they occupy as their home. CTB is designed to help people on low-income pay their Council Tax. Further information on both benefits can be found in Appendix B.

Data Collection and Processing

Aggregate data on HB and CTB claims are collected on a quarterly aggregate basis.

Two statistical returns (one for claims paid as in receipt of Income Support/MIG/Jobseekers Allowance (IB) and one for where they are not) are requested from each Local Authority relating to the second Thursday of May, August, November and February. These include totals of HB and CTB claims, average amounts and a split of the claims by tenure type.

The figures provided are compared with previous quarters and any substantial changes are investigated. For Local Authorities that do not respond, estimates are made by "rating" past data according to regional trends.

The response rate for the two quarterly returns in February 2002 is about 94%. Results are usually available four and a half months after the enquiry date.

Rounding of figures

Numbers have been rounded to the nearest thousand and amounts of money to the nearest ten pence (unless otherwise stated). Percentages have been calculated using actual figures not rounded ones. This means that component parts may not sum to totals.

Population figures

Where a percentage of the working age population figure is shown, this refers to individuals aged 16 and over for HB, and to individuals aged 18 and over for CTB.

Glossary of Terms and Conventions

Glossary of terms

Caseload

The term used to refer to the number of recipients of HB or CTB at a point in time. This will not include a significant number of claimants awaiting the outcome of their claims. Many will be successful, however this number will vary overtime with claim processing time.

Claim Related Rent

This is the lowest of the Rent Officer determinations (other than Local Reference Rent or Single Room Rent) less their valuation of ineligible services (other than meals and board or attendance cases).

Eligible Rent

The amount of rent eligible for Housing Benefit.

Extended Payment Cases

HB and CTB may be received for a further 4 weeks by people aged under 60 when they start working full time following a period of at least 6 months being unemployed, on a Government Training Scheme or on Income Support as a lone parent or carer.

GOR

Government Office Region

Registered Social Landlord

A society, body of trustees or company established for the purpose of providing housing accommodation on a non-profit-making basis. This is now the standard term for all Housing Associations (and for the purpose of this publication, all references to Housing Association have been amended to Registered Social Landlord).

Income Support (IS)

A Social Security benefit intended to help people on low incomes who do not have to be available for employment. It can normally be claimed by people who: are aged 16 or over; work under 16 hours (and/or have a partner working under 24 hours); not required to be available for full-time employment; and have insufficient income to meet prescribed needs. The main types of people who receive it are pensioners, lone parents, the long and short-term sick, people with disabilities and other special groups.

Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)

JSA was introduced on 7 October 1996. It replaced UB and IS for unemployed people and brought them together in a unified benefit with two routes of entry. It can be claimed by people

who are available for and actively seeking employment, including those in remunerative work for less than 16 hours a week on average, and by people on a Government training scheme.

Local Reference Rent

Represents the general level of local rents for property with the same number of rooms.

Main Council Tax Benefit

Main Council Tax Benefit can help people who are liable to pay their council tax whether in or out of work. It is paid by rebating a person's council tax bill. Further details can be found in Appendix B.

Maximum Rent

The rent on which HB is usually calculated, and from which has been deducted any amounts for food, fuel and water.

MIG

Minimum Income Guarantee, for claimants aged 60 and over, which is earnings related.

Non LA Tenancies

Any tenancy where the rent is paid to a Private Landlord or to a Registered Social Landlord.

Regulated Tenancy

Tenancies created prior to January 1989 where either the tenant or the landlord may apply to the rent officer for registration of a fair rent.

Deregulated

Tenancies created after January 1989 where the rent (or the assured rent) is a market tenancy rent freely negotiated by landlord and tenant.

Private Tenants

The term used to describe tenancies that are either Regulated or Deregulated. Any figures under the heading Private Tenants, will exclude Registered Social Landlords.

Rent Allowance

Tenants, who pay rent to a Private Landlord or to a Registered Social Landlord and are entitled to HB, will receive a payment called Rent Allowance.

Rent Rebate

The name given to HB paid to Local Authority tenants.

Second Adult Rebate

This is help available to people who are solely liable for council tax and who have a second adult in their household who would normally be expected to contribute to the council tax bill but cannot afford to do so. Further details can be found in Appendix C.

Single Room Rent

The amount of rent which is assigned by the Rent Officer to the cost of a non self contained room in a property with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities.

Conventions

CRR	Claim Related Rent	GOR	Government Office Region
CTB	Council Tax Benefit	LRR	Local Reference Rent
RSL	Registered Social Landlord	SAR	Second Adult Rebate
HB	Housing Benefit	SRR	Single Room Rent
IS	Income Support	..	Not available
JSA(IB)	Jobseekers Allowance (Income Based	.	Not applicable
MIG	Minimum Income Guarantee	-	Nil or Negligible
LA	Local Authority		

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Table 1.1: All Housing Benefit recipients by tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 1997 to February 2002

	<i>Thousands</i>				
	All HB recipients	Rent Rebate		Rent Allowance	
		Local Authority Tenants	Non LA Tenants	Paid as in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Feb-97	4,683	2,823	1,860	3,054	1,630
May-97	4,640	2,792	1,848	3,012	1,628
Aug-97	4,591	2,762	1,829	2,971	1,621
Nov-97	4,546	2,733	1,813	2,924	1,622
Feb-98	4,530	2,709	1,822	2,916	1,614
May-98	4,474	2,664	1,811	2,859	1,615
Aug-98	4,425	2,635	1,791	2,825	1,601
Nov-98	4,383	2,606	1,777	2,799	1,584
Feb-99	4,372	2,590	1,782	2,811	1,561
May-99	4,313	2,519	1,795	2,770	1,543
Aug-99	4,243	2,469	1,775	2,736	1,507
Nov-99	4,148	2,406	1,742	2,681	1,466
Feb-00	4,089	2,353	1,736	2,659	1,430
May-00	4,033	2,288	1,746	2,626	1,408
Aug-00	3,968	2,250	1,718	2,603	1,365
Nov-00	3,901	2,195	1,705	2,580	1,321
Feb-01	3,904	2,181	1,724	2,609	1,295
May-01	3,874	2,133	1,741	2,603	1,271
Aug-01	3,867	2,103	1,764	2,629	1,238
¹ Nov-01	3,818	2,069	1,749	2,610	1,208
Feb-02	3,817	2,057	1,761	2,629	1,188

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Chart 1.1a: Housing Benefit recipients by tenure, February 1997 to February 2002

Thousands

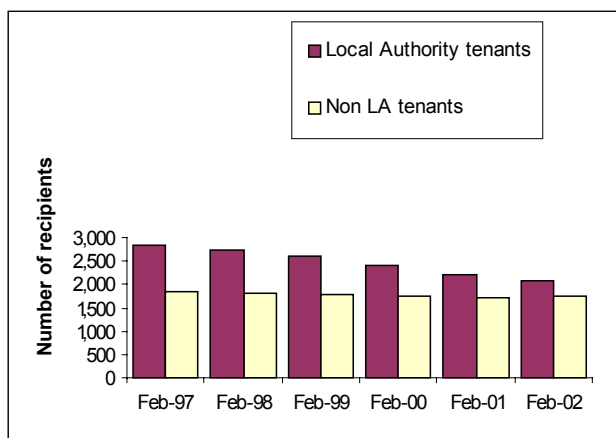


Chart 1.1b: Housing Benefit recipients paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB), February 1997 to February 2002

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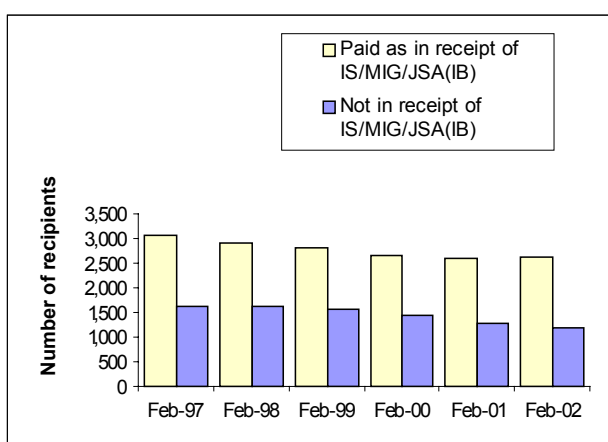


Table 1.2: Rent Allowance recipients by tenure: February 1997 to February 2002

Thousands

	Rent Allowance				
	All Non LA Tenants	Registered Social Landlord Tenants	Private Regulated Tenants	Private Deregulated Tenants	Other Private Tenants
Feb-97	1,860	762	198	894	6
May-97	1,848	781	192	869	5
Aug-97	1,831	789	187	850	4
Nov-97	1,813	800	181	828	4
Feb-98	1,822	826	171	820	5
May-98	1,811	841	166	799	4
Aug-98	1,791	843	161	783	4
Nov-98	1,777	850	155	768	4
Feb-99	1,782	859	150	770	4
May-99	1,795	897	144	749	4
Aug-99	1,775	902	139	731	4
Nov-99	1,742	896	134	709	3
Feb-00	1,736	902	130	702	3
May-00	1,745	931	124	687	3
Aug-00	1,718	935	118	662	3
Nov-00	1,705	947	115	641	3
Feb-01	1,724	965	111	645	3
May-01	1,741	998	106	634	3
Aug-01	1,764	1,029	104	629	3
Nov-01	1,749	1,030	101	615	2
Feb-02	1,761	1,039	97	622	3

Chart 1.2a: Housing Benefit recipients by tenure, February 1997 to February 2002

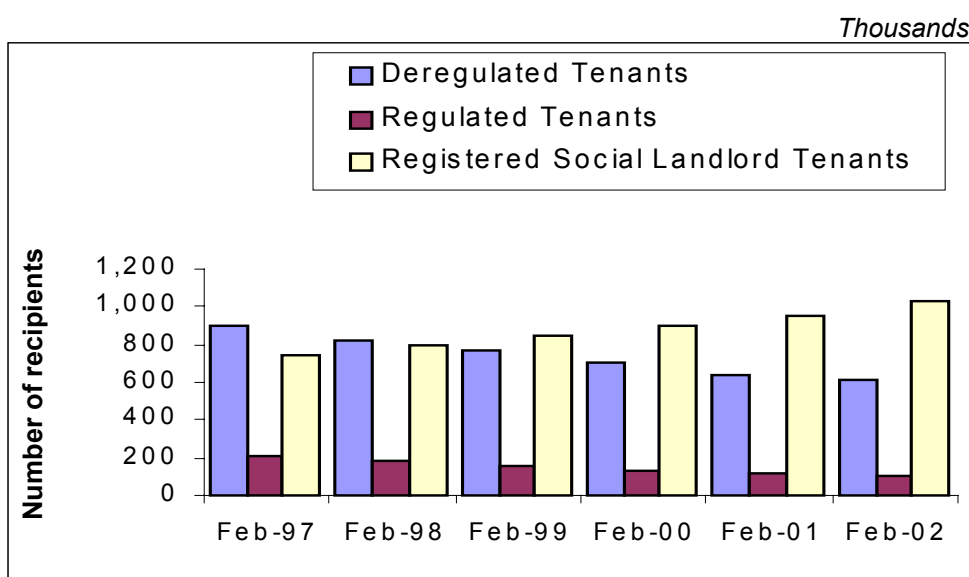


Table 1.3: All Housing Benefit recipients average amounts by tenure: February 1997 to February 2002

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	Benefit Received			Eligible Rent		
	All HB recipients	Rent Rebate	Rent Allowance	All HB recipients	Rent Rebate	Rent Allowance
		Local Authority Tenants	Non LA Tenants		Local Authority Tenants	Non LA Tenants
Feb-97	42.40	35.30	53.30	47.20	40.20	57.90
May-97	43.30	36.40	54.00	48.10	41.10	58.70
Aug-97	43.40	36.20	54.20	48.40	41.30	59.10
Nov-97	43.50	36.20	54.40	48.50	41.30	59.40
Feb-98	43.60	36.30	54.50	48.70	41.30	59.50
May-98	44.30	37.00	55.10	49.70	42.40	60.30
Aug-98	44.50	37.10	55.30	49.90	42.50	60.70
Nov-98	44.70	37.30	55.60	50.10	42.60	61.00
Feb-99	44.90	37.40	55.80	50.20	42.70	61.20
May-99	46.30	39.00	56.40	51.50	44.10	61.70
Aug-99	46.40	39.00	56.60	51.70	44.20	62.10
Nov-99	46.70	39.20	56.90	51.90	44.30	62.30
Feb-00	46.80	38.30	56.40	52.10	44.30	62.60
May-00	48.30	41.20	57.60	53.40	46.00	63.10
Aug-00	48.40	41.10	57.90	53.60	46.00	63.70
Nov-00	48.80	41.40	58.30	54.10	46.30	64.10
Feb-01	49.00	41.40	58.70	54.30	46.20	64.50
May-01	51.10	43.90	60.00	56.00	48.40	65.40
¹ Aug-01	51.60	44.10	60.70	56.50	48.60	66.10
¹ Nov-01	51.90	44.20	61.10	56.90	48.70	66.70
Feb-02	52.40	44.30	61.90	57.40	48.70	67.50

¹Revised figures

**Table 1.4: All Rent Allowance recipients average weekly amounts by tenure:
February 1997 to February 2002**

£pw

	Benefit Received				Eligible Rent			
	All Non LA Tenants	Registered Social Landlord Tenants	Private Regulated Tenants	Private Deregulated Tenants	All Non LA Tenants	Registered Social Landlord Tenants	Private Regulated Tenants	Private Deregulated Tenants
Feb-97	53.30	47.50	57.90	52.70
May-97	54.00	48.60	40.10	61.90	58.70	53.80	45.50	66.00
Aug-97	54.20	49.00	40.80	62.10	59.10	54.30	46.30	66.30
Nov-97	54.40	49.30	41.10	62.20	59.40	54.80	46.80	66.60
Feb-98	54.50	49.70	41.50	62.10	59.50	55.20	47.30	66.40
May-98	55.10	50.70	42.00	62.30	60.30	56.50	48.10	66.90
Aug-98	55.30	51.20	42.50	62.40	60.70	57.10	48.70	67.10
Nov-98	55.60	51.60	43.00	62.50	61.00	57.40	49.40	67.30
Feb-99	55.80	51.90	43.50	62.50	61.20	57.70	49.90	67.20
May-99	56.40	52.80	44.60	63.10	61.70	58.40	50.70	67.90
Aug-99	56.60	53.00	45.10	63.30	62.10	58.80	51.00	67.90
Nov-99	56.90	53.40	45.40	63.70	62.30	59.10	51.70	68.50
Feb-00	56.40	53.70	46.30	63.60	62.60	59.20	52.70	68.70
May-00	57.60	54.20	47.40	64.10	63.10	59.80	53.40	69.30
Aug-00	57.90	54.50	47.70	64.50	63.70	60.30	53.80	70.20
Nov-00	58.30	54.70	48.50	65.20	64.10	60.40	54.50	71.30
Feb-01	58.70	55.00	48.70	65.80	64.50	60.70	55.10	71.80
¹ May-01	60.00	56.70	50.30	66.70	65.40	61.90	55.70	72.40
¹ Aug-01	60.70	57.30	51.00	67.80	66.10	62.50	56.50	73.50
¹ Nov-01	61.10	57.60	51.60	68.50	66.70	62.90	57.20	74.40
Feb-02	61.90	58.20	52.20	69.50	67.50	63.50	57.80	75.60

¹Revised figures

Table 1.5: All Housing Benefit average weekly amounts by paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 1997 to February 2002

£pw

	Benefit Received			Eligible Rent		
	All HB recipients	Paid as in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	All HB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Feb-97	42.40	47.40	33.10	47.20	48.10	45.50
May-97	43.30	48.10	34.40	48.10	48.80	46.80
Aug-97	43.40	48.40	34.30	48.40	49.20	46.90
Nov-97	43.50	48.60	34.20	48.50	49.30	47.10
Feb-98	43.60	48.70	34.30	48.70	49.40	47.20
May-98	44.30	49.60	35.10	49.70	50.30	48.50
Aug-98	44.50	49.80	35.20	49.90	50.50	48.70
Nov-98	44.70	50.00	35.30	50.10	50.80	48.80
Feb-99	44.90	50.20	35.40	50.20	50.10	48.90
May-99	46.30	51.30	37.30	51.50	52.00	50.40
Aug-99	46.40	51.50	37.10	51.70	52.30	50.60
Nov-99	46.70	51.80	37.30	51.90	52.60	50.60
Feb-00	46.80	52.00	37.10	52.10	52.80	50.80
May-00	48.30	53.20	39.10	53.40	54.00	52.30
Aug-00	48.40	53.40	38.80	53.60	54.20	52.50
Nov-00	48.80	53.80	39.00	54.10	54.70	52.90
Feb-01	49.00	54.00	39.00	54.30	54.90	53.20
May-01	51.10	55.70	41.70	56.00	56.50	55.00
Aug-01	51.60	56.20	42.00	56.50	56.90	55.50
¹ Nov-01	51.90	56.70	41.70	56.90	57.50	55.70
Feb-02	52.40	57.10	41.90	57.40	57.90	56.20

¹Revised figures

Table 1.6: Annual percentage change in Housing Benefit caseload by region and paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2001 and February 2002

Thousands and percentages

	February 2001			February 2002			% change		
	All HB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	All HB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	All HB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Great Britain	3,904	2,609	1,295	3,817	2,629	1,188	-2.2%	0.8%	-8.3%
England	3,230	2,159	1,071	3,161	2,175	986	-2.1%	0.7%	-7.9%
North East	247	165	83	240	166	74	-2.9%	0.6%	-9.9%
North West	527	366	161	515	372	143	-2.3%	1.4%	-10.9%
Yorks and the Humber	350	237	113	343	240	103	-1.8%	1.5%	-8.9%
East Midlands	239	159	80	227	156	71	-5.1%	-1.8%	-11.5%
West Midlands	355	242	113	352	247	105	-1.0%	1.7%	-6.8%
East	272	171	101	268	174	94	-1.3%	1.8%	-6.5%
London	596	427	170	590	428	162	-1.1%	0.2%	-4.4%
South East	374	223	151	363	223	140	-3.2%	-0.2%	-7.6%
South West	269	170	99	263	171	92	-2.2%	0.7%	-7.1%
Wales	208	146	62	204	146	58	-1.9%	0.4%	-7.2%
Scotland	467	304	163	453	308	145	-3.0%	1.2%	-10.7%

Chart 1.6a: Housing Benefit Regional Caseload, percentage change February 2001 to February 2002

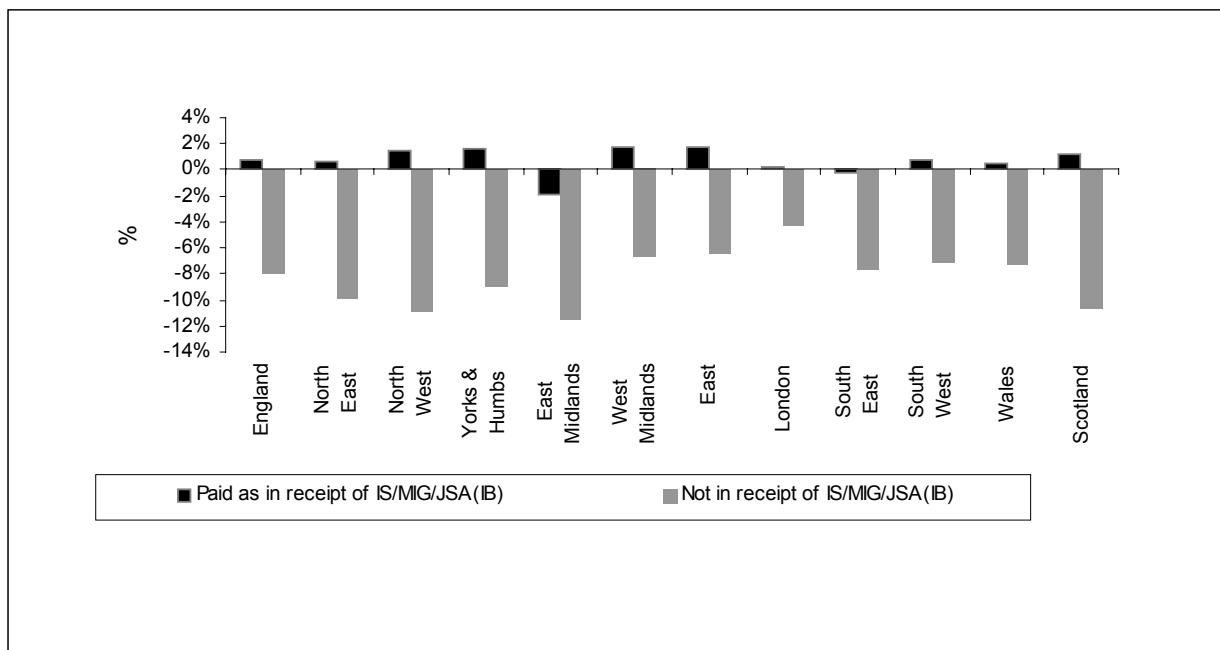


Table 1.7: Housing Benefit caseload by Government Office Region (GOR) and tenure: February 2002

Thousands and percentages

	Rent Rebate		Rent Allowance			All HB recipients as % of ¹ GOR's population
	All HB recipients	Local Authority tenants	Non LA tenants	Registered Social Landlord tenants	Private Tenants	
Great Britain	3,817	2,057	1,761	1,039	722	8.2%
England	3,161	1,620	1,540	913	627	7.9%
North East	240	143	97	59	38	11.6%
North West	515	252	263	152	110	9.4%
Yorks and the Humber	343	219	124	59	65	8.5%
East Midlands	227	139	88	46	42	6.7%
West Midlands	352	183	169	116	53	8.3%
East	268	146	122	70	52	6.2%
London	590	314	275	174	102	10.0%
South East	363	131	231	144	87	5.6%
South West	263	93	170	92	78	6.5%
Wales	204	120	84	38	46	8.7%
Scotland	453	316	137	88	48	11.0%

¹ Individuals aged 16 and over.

Table 1.8: All Housing Benefit recipients average amounts by Government Office Region (GOR) and tenure: February 2002

£pw

	Rent Rebate		Rent Allowance		
	All HB recipients	Local Authority Tenants	All Non LA Tenants	Registered	
				Social Landlord Tenants	Private Tenants
Great Britain	52.40	44.30	61.90	58.20	67.20
England	54.30	45.70	63.30	59.60	68.60
North East	42.50	37.00	50.70	48.10	54.60
North West	49.00	42.20	55.60	53.70	58.40
Yorks and the Humber	44.10	37.00	56.70	58.70	54.80
East Midlands	45.10	39.60	53.70	54.00	53.50
West Midlands	47.80	42.00	54.20	50.80	61.60
East	52.70	45.30	61.50	58.40	65.70
London	74.20	63.20	86.80	77.30	102.90
South East	60.70	49.10	67.30	61.90	76.00
South West	53.30	43.00	58.90	55.00	63.40
Wales	46.10	41.00	53.60	51.90	54.90
Scotland	42.00	37.90	51.50	46.50	60.70

Table 1.9: All Housing Benefit recipients eligible rent by Government Office Region (GOR) and tenure: February 2002

£pw

	Rent Rebate		Rent Allowance		
	All HB recipients	Local Authority Tenants	All Non LA Tenants	Registered	
				Social Landlord Tenants	Private Tenants
Great Britain	57.40	48.70	67.50	63.50	73.30
England	59.50	50.40	69.10	65.10	75.00
North East	46.50	40.80	55.00	52.80	58.20
North West	53.00	45.90	59.80	57.70	62.80
Yorks and the Humber	47.80	40.40	60.90	62.80	59.20
East Midlands	49.20	43.40	58.50	58.50	58.50
West Midlands	52.20	46.00	58.90	55.20	67.00
East	58.80	51.00	68.10	64.50	72.80
London	80.60	69.30	93.40	83.40	110.50
South East	68.40	55.50	75.70	69.70	85.50
South West	59.50	47.90	65.70	61.10	71.20
Wales	49.80	44.50	57.30	55.50	58.70
Scotland	45.90	41.80	55.60	50.40	65.00

Local Reference Rent (January 1996 and October 1997) and Single Room Rent (October 1996) Housing Benefit changes

New arrangements for the treatment of certain Housing Benefit claims from tenants in certain private sector tenancies have applied from 2 January 1996. Also new arrangements for the treatment of certain Housing Benefit claims from single claimants under the age of 25 with no children in certain private sector tenancies have applied from 7 October 1996. The arrangements for Housing Benefit claims from tenants in certain private sector tenancies were revised again on 6 October 1997.

In February 2002 there were around 11 thousand young individuals assessed under the Single Room Rent (SRR) scheme in receipt of HB, representing around 2% of all recipients with a deregulated tenancy. For comparison, in February 2001 around 16,000 young individuals in receipt of HB had been assessed under the single room rent scheme. This represents a year on year fall of around 31% in the number of people subject to the October 96 scheme. The difference between the Housing Benefit paid to tenants with deregulated tenancies assessed under the Old Scheme rules and those young individuals assessed under the Single Room Rent scheme was around £34.

From February 2000 several Local Authorities introduced new software which was able to provide greater accuracy in the identification of Local Reference Rent (LRR) scheme cases, which contributed to the increase in the numbers of claimants subject to the October '97 scheme. However LAs have difficulty in categorising cases correctly as under a LRR scheme (for instance where the rent is below LRR) therefore the overall LRR scheme caseload may be unreliable. There are also some LAs who are unable to provide the correct allocation of cases between the LRR schemes and new claims subject to the LRR (Oct 97) scheme have been incorrectly reported as LRR (Jan 96) scheme cases. While the overall trend for each group remains consistent, the true extent of the decrease in the LRR (Jan 96) scheme and the increase in the LRR (Oct 97) cannot be determined. Therefore from May 2000 onwards only the total of January 1996 and October 1997 scheme figures are shown (tables 1.10 and 1.14). Figures for January 1996 and October 1997 schemes, prior to May 2000 continue to be shown separately (tables 1.12, 1.13 and 1.15).

In February 2002 the difference between the Housing Benefit paid to tenants with deregulated tenancies assessed under the Old Scheme rules and those assessed under the Local Reference Rent (Jan 96 and Oct 97) scheme was around £8.

Table 1.10: Housing Benefit recipients assessed under the Local Reference Rent (Jan '96 Or Oct '97) Scheme: May 2000 to February 2002

Thousands

Recipients assessed under the Local Reference Rent (Jan '96 or Oct '97) Scheme	Private Deregulated Tenants			Registered Social Landlord Tenants		
	Total	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Total	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)
May-00	541	388	153	12	8	3
Aug-00	529	381	149	12	8	4
Nov-00	513	368	145	16	11	5
Feb-01	522	376	146	16	11	5
May-01	517	372	145	11	8	3
Aug-01	516	372	145	12	8	3
Nov-01	510	367	142	11	7	3
Feb-02	520	373	147	12	8	4

Table 1.11: Housing Benefit recipients assessed under the Single Room Rent (Oct '96) Scheme: May 1998 to February 2002

Thousands

Recipients assessed under the Single Room Rent (Oct'96) scheme	Private deregulated tenants		
	Total	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Not in receipt Of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)
May-98	33	25	8
Aug-98	30	23	8
Nov-98	28	21	7
Feb-99	27	21	7
May-99	25	19	6
Aug-99	23	18	5
Nov-99	20	16	4
Feb-00	20	15	4
May-00	18	14	4
Aug-00	17	13	4
Nov-00	16	12	4
Feb-01	16	12	3
May-01	14	11	3
Aug-01	13	10	3
Nov-01	11	8	3
Feb-02	11	9	3

Table 1.12: Housing Benefit recipients assessed under the Local Reference Rent (Jan '96) scheme by tenure and paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): May 1997 to February 2000

Thousands

Recipients assessed under the Local Reference Rent (Jan '96) scheme	Private deregulated tenants			Registered Social Landlord tenants		
	Total	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Total	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)
May-97	499	370	129	4	3	1
Aug-97	511	376	135	5	4	1
Nov-97	529	388	142	6	4	2
Feb-98	538	393	145	6	5	2
May-98	410	297	112	6	4	2
Aug-98	366	264	102	5	4	1
Nov-98	341	246	96	5	4	1
Feb-99	302	218	84	5	3	1
May-99	287	206	82	7	5	1
Aug-99	268	193	75	5	4	2
Nov-99	254	184	70	5	4	2
Feb-00	209	151	58	5	3	1

Table 1.13: Housing Benefit recipients assessed under the Local Reference Rent (Oct '97) Scheme by tenure and paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): May 1998 to February 2000

Thousands

Recipients assessed under the Local Reference Rent (Oct '97) scheme	Private deregulated tenants			Registered Social Landlord Tenants		
	Total	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Total	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)
May-98	131	93	38	1	1	-
Aug-98	177	126	51	3	2	1
Nov-98	213	152	61	3	3	1
Feb-99	255	183	72	5	4	1
May-99	268	194	74	5	4	1
Aug-99	282	203	80	5	4	2
Nov-99	280	201	79	6	4	2
Feb-00	335	243	92	7	5	2

Table 1.14: Average amounts of rent for all recipients with a deregulated tenancy, by scheme assessed under: Great Britain May 2000 to February 2002

	<i>£pw</i>					
	Private deregulated tenancies assessed under the Old Scheme rules		All cases assessed under the Local Reference Rent (Jan '96 or Oct '97) Scheme		All cases assessed under the Single Room Rent (Oct '96) Scheme	
	Eligible Rent	Housing Benefit	Eligible Rent	Housing Benefit	Eligible Rent	Housing Benefit
May-00	76.70	71.60	68.70	63.30	42.20	40.10
Aug-00	77.80	73.10	69.60	63.60	43.10	40.40
Nov-00	79.60	75.20	70.60	64.20	44.50	41.10
Feb-00	79.70	74.60	71.00	64.90	44.30	41.30
May-01	77.30	72.20	72.30	66.60	43.30	40.90
Aug-01	78.50	74.10	73.30	67.20	44.10	41.70
Nov-01	79.00	74.70	74.20	67.90	45.10	42.50
Feb-02	81.80	77.00	75.20	68.80	45.80	43.20

Table 1.15: Average amounts of rent for all recipients with a deregulated tenancy, by scheme assessed under: Great Britain November 1997 to February 2000

	<i>£pw</i>							
	Private deregulated tenancies assessed under the Old Scheme rules		All cases assessed under the Local Reference Rent (Jan '96) Scheme		All cases assessed under the Local Reference Rent (Oct '97) Scheme		All cases assessed under the Single Room Rent (Oct '96) Scheme	
	Eligible Rent	Housing Benefit	Eligible Rent	Housing Benefit	Eligible Rent	Housing Benefit	Eligible Rent	Housing Benefit
Nov-97	72.50	68.00	65.40	61.00	.	.	40.50	38.00
Feb-98	72.50	68.00	65.50	61.10	.	.	40.60	38.20
May-98	73.60	68.80	66.50	61.90	63.50	59.00	40.80	38.40
Aug-98	76.30	68.80	67.10	62.20	64.30	59.60	41.00	38.40
Nov-98	73.70	68.80	67.50	62.70	65.10	60.30	40.90	38.30
Feb-99	73.60	68.80	67.70	62.80	65.20	60.40	41.30	38.80
May-99	75.20	70.40	68.10	63.10	65.80	61.00	41.70	39.30
Aug-99	75.20	70.50	68.20	63.00	66.80	61.70	42.10	39.80
Nov-99	74.60	70.00	67.60	62.70	68.10	63.10	41.80	39.50
Feb-00	74.00	68.90	68.90	63.70	68.20	63.00	41.80	39.60

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Table 2.1: Main Council Tax Benefit recipients paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 1997 to February 2002

Thousands

	Main CTB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Feb-97	5,557	3,509	2,048
May-97	5,543	3,476	2,067
Aug-97	5,491	3,437	2,054
Nov-97	5,434	3,394	2,040
Feb-98	5,407	3,385	2,021
May-98	5,325	3,320	2,005
Aug-98	5,281	3,292	1,989
Nov-98	5,222	3,267	1,956
Feb-99	5,201	3,275	1,926
May-99	5,166	3,227	1,939
Aug-99	5,083	3,191	1,893
Nov-99	4,959	3,120	1,839
Feb-00	4,878	3,100	1,778
May-00	4,830	3,061	1,768
Aug-00	4,756	3,043	1,713
Nov-00	4,675	3,023	1,651
Feb-01	4,663	3,060	1,602
¹ May-01	4,673	3,069	1,604
¹ Aug-01	4,668	3,111	1,558
Nov-01	4,608	3,094	1,514
Feb-02	4,590	3,118	1,471

Note: Figures do not include Second Adult Rebates

¹Revised figures

Chart 2.1a: Main Council Tax Benefit recipients paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 1997 to February 2002

Thousands

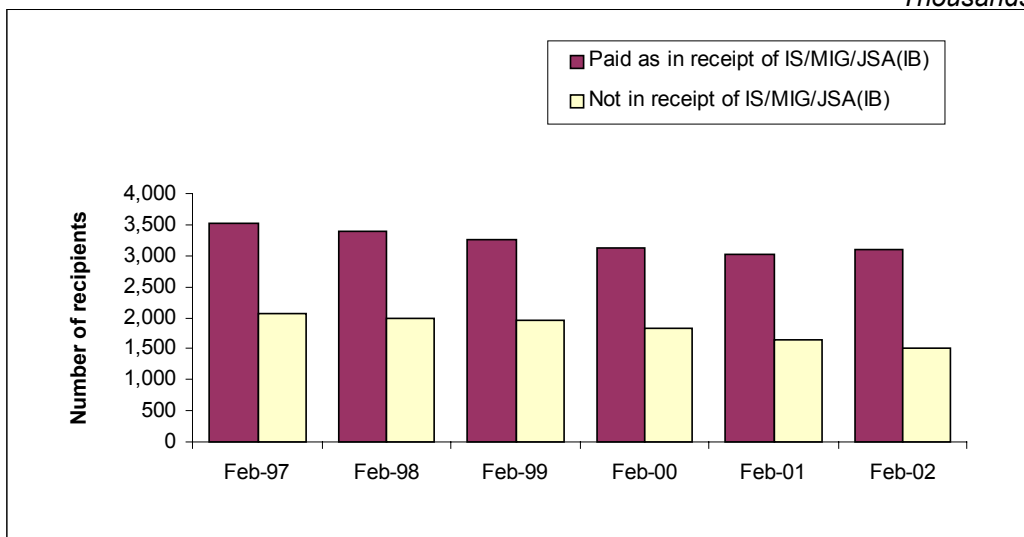


Table 2.2: Annual percentage change in Council Tax Benefit caseload by Government Office Region (GOR) paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2001 to February 2002

Thousands and percentages

	February 2001			February 2002			Change		
	Paid as in receipt of		Not in receipt of	Paid as in receipt of		Not in receipt of	Paid as in receipt of		Not in receipt of
	IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
	Main CTB recipients			Main CTB recipients			Main CTB recipients		
Great Britain	4,663	3,060	1,602	4,590	3,118	1,471	-1.6%	1.9%	-8.2%
England	3,861	2,547	1,314	3,799	2,592	1,207	-1.6%	1.8%	-8.2%
North East	298	191	107	291	194	97	-2.3%	1.3%	-8.7%
North West	660	438	222	646	448	198	-2.1%	2.3%	-10.8%
Yorks and the Humber	427	282	145	421	289	132	-1.3%	2.7%	-8.9%
East Midlands	307	198	109	292	196	97	-4.7%	-1.0%	-11.3%
West Midlands	463	302	161	461	312	149	-0.4%	3.3%	-7.1%
East	338	215	124	334	219	115	-1.3%	2.1%	-7.1%
London	610	446	165	610	452	159	0.1%	1.4%	-3.6%
South East	434	269	164	422	270	151	-2.8%	0.4%	-8.1%
South West	324	206	118	320	211	109	-1.4%	2.3%	-7.9%
Wales	264	186	78	261	188	73	-1.1%	1.2%	-6.7%
Scotland	537	327	210	530	338	192	-1.3%	3.4%	-8.7%

Note: Figures do not include Second Adult Rebates.

Chart 2.2a Percentage change in Council Tax Benefit recipients by Government Office Region (GOR) paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2001 to February 2002

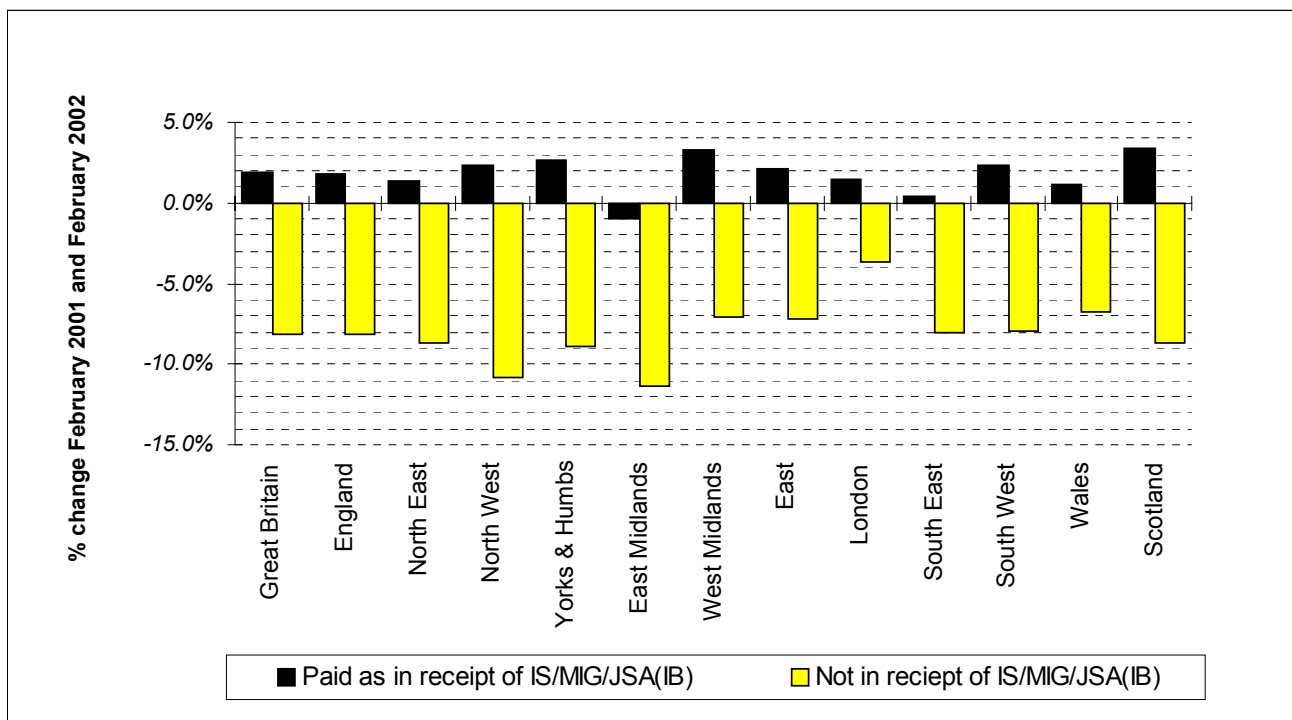


Table 2.3: Council Tax Benefit caseload by Government Office**Region (GOR) paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002***Thousands and percentages*

	Main CTB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Main CTB recipients As % of ¹ GOR population	Total Second Adult Rebates
Great Britain	4,590	3,118	1,471	10.2%	30
England	3,799	2,592	1,207	9.8%	26
North East	291	194	97	14.6%	2
North West	646	448	198	12.2%	4
Yorks and the Humber	421	289	132	10.8%	3
East Midlands	292	196	97	9.0%	2
West Midlands	461	312	149	11.3%	5
East	334	219	115	7.9%	2
London	610	452	159	10.7%	2
South East	422	270	151	6.7%	3
South West	320	211	109	8.2%	2
Wales	261	188	73	11.4%	2
Scotland	530	338	192	13.3%	3

*Note: Second Adult Rebates are not included in the "main CTB" figures.*¹ *Individuals aged 18 and over.***Table 2.4: Average weekly amounts of Council Tax Benefit and average weekly amounts of eligible Council Tax by Government Office Region (GOR): February 2002***£pw*

	Average weekly CTB			Eligible weekly CTB		
	Main CTB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Main CTB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Great Britain	10.00	10.80	8.30	11.30	11.10	11.70
England	10.10	10.90	8.30	11.40	11.20	11.80
North East	9.70	10.60	7.90	10.90	10.80	11.30
North West	10.30	11.20	8.40	11.60	11.40	11.90
Yorks and the Humber	9.20	9.90	7.60	10.40	10.20	10.70
East Midlands	9.70	10.50	8.10	10.90	10.70	11.30
West Midlands	10.00	10.80	8.40	11.30	11.10	11.60
East	9.90	10.80	8.30	11.30	11.10	11.70
London	11.30	12.00	9.20	12.60	12.50	13.10
South East	10.10	11.10	8.40	11.60	11.30	12.00
South West	9.80	10.60	8.10	11.10	10.80	11.60
Wales	8.30	8.90	6.90	9.20	9.10	9.50
Scotland	10.20	11.10	8.60	11.60	11.50	11.80

Note: Figures do not include Second Adult Rebates.

Table 2.5: Average weekly amounts of Council Tax Benefit and eligible Council Tax paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 1997 to February 2002

£pw

	Benefit Received			Eligible Benefit		
	Main CTB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Main CTB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Feb-97	7.30	8.10	5.80
May-97	7.80	8.70	6.20	9.20	9.00	9.40
Aug-97	7.80	8.70	6.20	9.10	9.00	9.40
Nov-97	7.70	8.70	6.10	9.10	9.00	9.40
May-98	8.20	9.20	6.50	9.70	9.60	10.00
Aug-98	8.20	9.20	6.40	9.70	9.60	10.00
Nov-98	8.20	9.20	6.50	9.70	9.60	10.00
May-99	8.80	9.70	7.10	10.20	10.00	10.50
Aug-99	8.70	9.70	7.10	10.20	10.00	10.50
Nov-99	8.80	9.70	7.10	10.20	10.00	10.50
Feb-00	8.80	9.70	7.10	10.20	10.00	10.50
May-00	9.40	10.30	7.90	10.80	10.60	11.10
Aug-00	9.40	10.30	7.80	10.80	10.60	11.20
Nov-00	9.40	10.30	7.70	10.70	10.60	11.10
Feb-01	9.40	10.30	7.60	10.70	10.60	11.10
May-01	10.10	10.90	8.60	11.40	11.20	11.70
Aug-01	10.00	10.80	8.40	11.30	11.10	11.70
Nov-01	10.00	10.80	8.40	11.30	11.10	11.70
Feb-02	10.00	10.80	8.30	11.30	11.10	11.70

Note: Figures do not include Second Adult Rebates.

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Government Office Region: EAST	43
Government Office Region: LONDON	45
Government Office Region: SOUTH EAST	46
Government Office Region: SOUTH WEST	48
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Table 3.1 Housing Benefit recipients: by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: NORTH EAST

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent		Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Rebate Local Authority Tenants	Allowance All Non LA Tenants		
North East	Darlington	7,416	9.2%	4,092	3,324	5,178	2,238
	Hartlepool	9,808	13.5%	5,722	4,086	7,023	2,785
	Middlesbrough	16,359	14.6%	10,015	6,344	11,935	4,424
	Redcar and Cleveland	12,375	11.4%	8,485	3,890	8,762	3,613
	Stockton-on-Tees	12,947	8.9%	8,711	4,236	9,231	3,716
Durham	Chester-le-Street	3,678	7.9%	3,000	678	2,409	1,269
	Derwentside	7,738	11.0%	5,846	1,892	5,252	2,486
	Durham	5,625	7.4%	4,302	1,323	3,594	2,031
	Easington	10,236	14.1%	7,727	2,509	6,826	3,410
	Sedgefield	8,000	11.2%	6,101	1,899	5,400	2,600
	Teesdale	1,284	6.1%	575	709	887	397
	Wear Valley	5,725	11.4%	3,661	2,064	4,073	1,652
Northumberland	Alnwick	1,913	7.4%	1,141	772	1,234	679
	Berwick-upon-Tweed	1,832	8.3%	1,254	578	1,158	674
	Blyth Valley	6,747	10.4%	4,489	2,258	4,505	2,242
	Castle Morpeth	2,143	5.1%	1,577	566	1,304	839
	Tynedale	2,605	5.5%	0	2,605	1,555	1,050
	Wansbeck	5,156	10.4%	3,548	1,608	3,421	1,735
Tyne and Wear (Met County)	Gateshead	20,931	13.1%	15,430	5,501	13,703	7,228
	Newcastle upon Tyne	30,915	14.1%	21,539	9,376	21,944	8,971
	North Tyneside	18,331	11.7%	11,814	6,517	11,962	6,369
	South Tyneside	18,785	15.5%	14,094	4,691	13,389	5,396
	Sunderland	29,710	12.9%	0	29,710	21,104	8,606

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Government Office Region: NORTH WEST

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent	Rent	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Rebate	Allowance		
				Local Authority Tenants	All Non LA Tenants		
North West	Blackburn with Darwen	10,399	10.0%	54	10,345	7,499	2,900
	Blackpool	13,687	11.1%	4,197	9,490	10,035	3,652
	Halton	11,394	12.1%	4,484	6,910	8,611	2,783
	Warrington	10,532	7.0%	6,357	4,175	7,090	3,442
Cheshire							
	Chester	6,311	6.6%	0	6,311	4,358	1,953
	Congleton	2,921	4.1%	0	2,921	1,845	1,076
	Crewe and Nantwich	5,247	5.7%	3,384	1,863	3,505	1,742
	Ellesmere Port and Neston	4,131	6.6%	3,246	885	2,969	1,162
	Macclesfield	5,582	4.5%	2,911	2,671	3,678	1,904
	Vale Royal	5,747	6.0%	4,136	1,611	3,835	1,912
Cumbria							
	Allerdale	6,528	8.4%	2	6,526	4,487	2,041
	Barrow-in-Furness	4,931	8.9%	2,511	2,420	3,705	1,226
	Carlisle	6,433	7.8%	4,465	1,968	4,482	1,951
	Copeland	5,362	9.6%	2,519	2,843	3,630	1,732
	Eden	1,773	4.3%	0	1,773	1,016	757
	South Lakeland	3,704	4.3%	1,973	1,731	2,175	1,529
Greater Manchester (Met County)							
	Bolton	19,908	9.5%	12,608	7,300	14,662	5,246
	Bury	10,411	7.2%	6,024	4,387	7,215	3,196
	Manchester	64,992	19.1%	39,336	25,656	48,088	16,904
	Oldham	16,822	9.9%	10,782	6,040	11,731	5,091
	Rochdale	17,258	10.5%	10,435	6,823	12,408	4,850
	Salford	22,568	12.7%	16,668	5,900	16,132	6,436
	Stockport	13,802	5.9%	7,443	6,359	9,641	4,161
	Tameside	16,055	9.3%	123	15,932	11,023	5,032
	Trafford	11,076	6.3%	5,666	5,410	7,438	3,638
	Wigan	20,224	8.1%	14,708	5,516	14,255	5,969
Lancashire							
	Burnley	7,053	10.2%	7	7,046	5,028	2,025
	Chorley	4,503	5.6%	1,956	2,547	3,076	1,427
	Fylde	2,817	4.4%	2	2,815	1,820	997
	Hyndburn	5,690	9.3%	2,394	3,296	3,961	1,729
	Lancaster	7,626	6.8%	2,788	4,838	5,677	1,949
	Pendle	5,783	9.0%	2,655	3,128	4,126	1,657
	Preston	9,323	8.7%	4,523	4,800	6,730	2,593

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Government Office Region: NORTH WEST (cont)

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent	Rent	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Rebate	Allowance		
				Local Authority Tenants	All Non LA Tenants		
Lancs (Cont)	Ribble Valley	1,369	3.1%	634	735	825	544
	Rossendale	3,970	7.9%	2,525	1,445	2,729	1,241
	South Ribble	3,521	4.2%	0	3,521	2,359	1,162
	West Lancashire	6,670	7.6%	5,170	1,500	4,856	1,814
	Wyre	4,288	4.9%	0	4,288	3,058	1,230
Merseyside (Met County)							
	Knowsley	17,101	14.6%	12,347	4,754	13,348	3,753
	Liverpool	56,655	15.6%	22,398	34,257	43,956	12,699
	Sefton	14,705	10.2%	9,859	4,846	10,561	4,144
	St Helens	19,067	8.3%	8,930	10,137	14,518	4,549
	Wirral	26,780	10.2%	11,703	15,077	19,416	7,364

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Table 3.1 Housing Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent		Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Rebate Local Authority Tenants	Allowance All Non LA Tenants		
Yorks and the Humber	East Riding of Yorkshire	13,889	5.4%	7,423	6,466	9,267	4,622
	Kingston upon Hull	30,293	15.2%	19,456	10,837	21,645	8,648
	North East Lincolnshire	12,350	10.1%	5,959	6,391	9,245	3,105
	North Lincolnshire	9,064	7.4%	6,352	2,712	6,241	2,823
	York	8,494	5.8%	5,076	3,418	5,325	3,169
North Yorkshire							
	Craven	1,914	4.5%	937	977	1,077	837
	Hambleton	2,843	4.0%	2	2,841	1,696	1,147
	Harrogate	5,492	4.4%	2,689	2,803	3,190	2,302
	Richmondshire	1,577	3.8%	998	579	821	756
	Ryedale	2,201	5.5%	3	2,198	1,321	880
	Scarborough	7,717	8.7%	3,257	4,460	5,373	2,344
	Selby	2,751	4.8%	1,844	907	1,765	986
South Yorkshire (Met County)							
	Barnsley	18,983	10.4%	14,315	4,668	13,141	5,842
	Doncaster	21,320	9.3%	15,205	6,115	15,175	6,145
	Rotherham	20,019	10.0%	14,989	5,030	14,462	5,557
	Sheffield	44,157	10.3%	34,527	9,630	31,768	12,389
West Yorkshire (Met County)							
	Bradford	27,997	7.5%	14,743	13,254	21,147	6,850
	Calderdale	12,123	7.9%	0	12,123	8,679	3,444
	Kirklees	20,653	6.6%	14,288	6,365	14,606	6,047
	Leeds	56,133	9.6%	38,174	17,959	38,239	17,894
	Wakefield	23,213	9.1%	18,511	4,702	16,089	7,124

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Table 3.1 Housing Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: EAST MIDLANDS

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent	Rent	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Rebate Local Authority Tenants	Allowance All Non LA Tenants		
East Midlands	Derby	15,890	8.5%	8,994	6,896	11,881	4,009
	Leicester	21,912	9.8%	13,705	8,207	15,559	6,353
	Nottingham	26,844	12.0%	18,393	8,451	20,415	6,429
	Rutland	1,035	3.4%	705	330	580	455
Derbyshire							
	Amber Valley	5,942	6.1%	3,649	2,293	4,099	1,843
	Bolsover	5,479	9.5%	3,442	2,037	3,691	1,788
	Chesterfield	8,565	10.6%	6,180	2,385	6,348	2,217
	Derbyshire Dales	2,455	4.2%	1,616	839	1,504	951
	Erewash	4,737	5.5%	3,216	1,521	3,273	1,464
	High Peak	4,291	6.0%	2,652	1,639	2,899	1,392
	North East Derbyshire	5,534	6.9%	4,676	858	3,747	1,787
	South Derbyshire	3,349	5.1%	2,081	1,268	2,112	1,237
Leicestershire							
	Blaby	1,871	2.7%	1,165	706	1,108	763
	Charnwood	5,364	4.2%	3,432	1,932	3,484	1,880
	Harborough	1,959	3.2%	1,291	668	1,207	752
	Hinckley and Bosworth	3,069	3.8%	1,925	1,144	1,929	1,140
	Melton	1,639	4.3%	1,065	574	1,024	615
	North West Leicestershire	3,735	5.4%	2,437	1,298	2,354	1,381
	Oadby and Wigston	1,397	3.2%	759	638	911	486
Lincolnshire							
	Boston	3,499	7.9%	2	3,497	2,343	1,156
	East Lindsey	7,207	6.8%	4	7,203	4,799	2,408
	Lincoln	7,333	11.0%	5,288	2,045	5,261	2,072
	North Kesteven	3,436	4.6%	2,361	1,075	2,094	1,342
	South Holland	3,260	5.2%	2,471	789	1,963	1,297
	South Kesteven	5,477	5.6%	3,847	1,630	3,293	2,184
	West Lindsey	3,916	6.3%	0	3,916	2,593	1,323
Northamptonshire							
	Corby	3,711	9.3%	3,000	711	2,485	1,226
	Daventry	2,398	4.3%	1,556	842	1,438	960
	East Northamptonshire	3,143	5.2%	0	3,143	1,982	1,161
	Kettering	3,625	5.5%	2,383	1,242	2,381	1,244
	Northampton	9,998	6.5%	7,526	2,472	7,162	2,836

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Government Office Region: EAST MIDLANDS (cont)

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent	Rent	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Rebate Local Authority Tenants	Allowance All Non LA Tenants		
Northamptonshire (cont)	South Northamptonshire	2,067	3.3%	1,540	527	1,139	928
	Wellingborough	3,899	7.1%	2,804	1,095	2,801	1,098
Nottinghamshire							
	Ashfield	6,654	7.6%	4,724	1,930	4,532	2,122
	Bassetlaw	7,007	8.2%	5,066	1,941	4,810	2,197
	Broxtowe	4,498	5.0%	2,833	1,665	2,907	1,591
	Gedling	4,230	4.7%	2,133	2,097	2,633	1,597
	Mansfield	7,778	9.8%	4,949	2,829	5,329	2,449
	Newark and Sherwood	5,779	6.8%	3,483	2,296	3,809	1,970
	Rushcliffe	2,894	3.3%	1,875	1,019	1,799	1,095

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Government Office Region: WEST MIDLANDS

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent		Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Rebate Local Authority Tenants	Allowance All Non LA Tenants		
West Midlands	County of Herefordshire	8,715	6.4%	3,369	5,346	5,365	3,350
	Stoke-on-Trent	18,570	9.3%	11,996	6,574	13,424	5,146
	Telford and Wrekin	11,392	9.7%	47	11,345	7,913	3,479
Shropshire							
	Bridgnorth	2,227	5.1%	1,456	771	1,324	903
	North Shropshire	2,541	5.6%	1,510	1,031	1,735	806
	Oswestry	1,870	6.6%	1,191	679	1,316	554
	Shrewsbury and Atcham	4,689	5.9%	0	4,689	3,165	1,524
	South Shropshire	1,893	5.5%	0	1,893	1,111	782
Staffordshire							
	Cannock Chase	5,380	7.4%	4,035	1,345	3,520	1,860
	East Staffordshire	4,631	5.6%	0	4,631	3,248	1,383
	Lichfield	3,476	4.6%	5	3,471	2,233	1,243
	Newcastle-under-Lyme	6,515	6.5%	0	6,515	4,326	2,189
	South Staffordshire	4,037	4.8%	0	4,037	2,454	1,583
	Stafford	4,590	4.5%	3,178	1,412	2,983	1,607
	Staffordshire Moorlands	2,826	3.6%	0	2,826	1,855	971
	Tamworth	4,247	7.4%	3,125	1,122	2,925	1,322
Warwickshire							
	North Warwickshire	2,868	5.8%	1,856	1,012	1,608	1,260
	Nuneaton and Bedworth	6,365	6.8%	4,368	1,997	4,206	2,159
	Rugby	3,873	5.5%	2,396	1,477	2,411	1,462
	Stratford-on-Avon	4,279	4.5%	0	4,279	2,471	1,808
	Warwick	5,723	5.6%	3,444	2,279	3,545	2,178
West Midlands (Met County)							
	Birmingham	92,079	11.8%	54,499	37,580	69,501	22,578
	Coventry	21,085	8.9%	0	21,085	15,475	5,610
	Dudley	20,405	8.2%	16,001	4,404	14,104	6,301
	Sandwell	28,578	12.6%	22,377	6,201	19,851	8,727
	Solihull	9,380	5.7%	7,286	2,094	6,534	2,846
	Walsall	20,699	10.1%	14,986	5,713	14,939	5,760
	Wolverhampton	24,047	12.8%	17,303	6,744	16,939	7,108

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Government Office Region: WEST MIDLANDS (cont)

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent Rebate	Rent Allowance	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Local Authority Tenants	All Non LA Tenants		
Worcestershire	Bromsgrove	2,513	3.7%	1,791	722	1,492	1,021
	Malvern Hills	3,111	5.2%	3	3,108	1,895	1,216
	Redditch	4,806	7.9%	3,775	1,031	3,336	1,470
	Worcester	4,762	6.2%	2,747	2,015	3,113	1,649
	Wychavon	4,744	5.2%	4	4,740	2,808	1,936
	Wyre Forest	5,091	6.6%	0	5,091	3,424	1,667

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Table 3.1 Housing Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: EAST

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent		Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Rebate Local Authority Tenants	Allowance All Non LA Tenants		
East	Luton	10,708	7.7%	6,043	4,665	7,697	3,011
	Peterborough	11,277	9.2%	6,827	4,450	7,950	3,327
	Southend-on-Sea	11,397	8.0%	4,378	7,019	8,068	3,329
	Thurrock	8,395	7.9%	6,407	1,988	5,682	2,713
Bedfordshire							
	Bedford	4,115	4.1%	0	4,115	2,352	1,763
	Mid Bedfordshire	8,064	7.0%	0	8,064	5,590	2,474
	South Bedfordshire	4,750	5.4%	3,282	1,468	2,977	1,773
Cambridgeshire							
	Cambridge	6,182	5.9%	4,124	2,058	4,011	2,171
	East Cambridgeshire	2,945	4.9%	29	2,916	1,720	1,225
	Fenland	4,440	6.7%	2,754	1,686	2,994	1,446
	Huntingdonshire	5,067	4.1%	0	5,067	3,209	1,858
	South Cambridgeshire	3,760	3.5%	2,690	1,070	2,145	1,615
Essex							
	Basildon	11,589	8.8%	7,942	3,647	8,262	3,327
	Braintree	6,545	6.1%	4,870	1,675	4,278	2,267
	Brentwood	2,192	3.8%	1,479	713	1,316	876
	Castle Point	2,572	3.7%	1,214	1,358	1,767	805
	Chelmsford	5,845	4.7%	3,934	1,911	3,550	2,295
	Colchester	7,533	5.8%	4,227	3,306	4,787	2,746
	Epping Forest	5,412	5.6%	3,749	1,663	3,430	1,982
	Harlow	6,501	10.7%	5,369	1,132	4,023	2,478
	Maldon	2,468	5.3%	0	2,468	1,474	994
	Rochford	2,417	3.8%	1,154	1,263	1,513	904
	Tendring	7,286	6.5%	2,286	5,000	4,904	2,382
	Uttlesford	2,280	4.1%	1,551	729	1,261	1,019
Hertfordshire							
	Broxbourne	3,496	5.2%	2,340	1,156	2,479	1,017
	Dacorum	6,499	6.0%	4,910	1,589	3,931	2,568
	East Hertfordshire	4,034	4.0%	2,882	1,152	2,356	1,678
	Hertsmere	3,879	5.0%	1	3,878	2,470	1,409
	North Hertfordshire	5,934	6.3%	4,268	1,666	3,302	2,632
	St. Albans	4,249	3.9%	2,877	1,372	2,571	1,678
	Stevenage	5,691	9.3%	4,633	1,058	3,567	2,124
	Three Rivers	3,154	4.3%	2,151	1,003	1,909	1,245

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Government Office Region: EAST (cont)

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent Rebate	Rent Allowance	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Local Authority Tenants	All Non LA Tenants		
Hertfordshire (cont)	Watford	3,787	5.9%	2,539	1,248	2,428	1,359
	Welwyn Hatfield	5,490	7.2%	4,305	1,185	3,459	2,031
Norfolk							
	Breckland	4,804	4.9%	5	4,799	3,039	1,765
	Broadland	3,443	3.5%	7	3,436	2,136	1,307
	Great Yarmouth	7,387	10.2%	4,064	3,323	5,143	2,244
	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	7,306	6.7%	4,638	2,668	4,805	2,501
	North Norfolk	5,089	6.0%	2,834	2,255	3,076	2,013
	Norwich	12,542	12.4%	9,529	3,013	8,360	4,182
	South Norfolk	3,933	4.4%	2,572	1,361	2,465	1,468
Suffolk							
	Babergh	3,425	5.3%	2,258	1,167	1,963	1,462
	Forest Heath	2,056	4.0%	1,384	672	1,307	749
	Ipswich	9,151	10.2%	5,417	3,734	6,434	2,717
	Mid Suffolk	2,979	4.4%	1,975	1,004	1,763	1,216
	St. Edmundsbury	4,224	5.3%	2,928	1,296	2,454	1,770
	Suffolk Coastal	4,732	4.8%	16	4,716	2,870	1,862
	Waveney	7,414	8.3%	3,119	4,295	4,783	2,631

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Government Office Region: LONDON

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent Allowance		Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Local Authority Tenants	All Non LA Tenants		
London	Camden	27,154	16.1%	17,140	10,014	19,877	7,277
	City of London	1,130	20.3%	862	268	718	412
	Hammersmith and Fulham	18,096	13.1%	8,800	9,296	13,059	5,037
	Kensington and Chelsea	14,256	8.8%	5,231	9,025	10,706	3,550
	Wandsworth	20,080	8.9%	11,116	8,964	13,757	6,323
	Westminster	18,217	8.7%	8,735	9,482	13,538	4,679
	Hackney	29,724	19.1%	15,874	13,850	22,571	7,153
	Haringey	24,739	13.8%	12,900	11,839	18,848	5,891
	Islington	26,688	18.5%	18,405	8,283	20,137	6,551
	Lambeth	28,198	12.9%	16,962	11,236	21,383	6,815
	Lewisham	27,325	14.2%	16,851	10,474	19,866	7,459
	Newham	28,043	16.1%	14,274	13,769	21,416	6,627
	Southwark	32,466	17.5%	23,646	8,820	23,919	8,547
	Tower Hamlets	29,694	21.1%	18,151	11,543	22,260	7,434
	Barking and Dagenham	15,404	12.9%	12,379	3,025	11,184	4,220
	Bexley	9,865	5.6%	63	9,802	6,614	3,251
	Enfield	17,596	8.3%	9,378	8,218	12,420	5,176
	Greenwich	21,654	12.8%	14,283	7,371	15,700	5,954
	Havering	9,855	5.3%	6,851	3,004	6,495	3,360
	Redbridge	11,215	6.1%	4,068	7,147	8,015	3,200
	Waltham Forest	17,956	10.6%	8,861	9,095	13,171	4,785
	Bromley	12,848	5.2%	78	12,770	8,831	4,017
	Croydon	21,450	8.0%	10,879	10,571	14,915	6,535
	Kingston upon Thames	5,980	4.8%	3,586	2,394	3,716	2,264
	Merton	8,793	5.7%	4,303	4,490	5,831	2,962
	Sutton	7,556	5.3%	4,623	2,933	4,859	2,697
	Barnet	17,417	6.3%	8,040	9,377	12,706	4,711
	Brent	22,402	11.1%	7,079	15,323	16,027	6,375
	Ealing	18,617	7.5%	9,850	8,767	14,163	4,454
	Harrow	9,495	5.6%	3,997	5,498	6,684	2,811
	Hillingdon	14,034	6.9%	8,238	5,796	9,415	4,619
	Hounslow	14,346	8.5%	8,658	5,688	10,200	4,146
	Richmond Upon Thames	7,515	4.7%	276	7,239	4,586	2,929

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Government Office Region: SOUTH EAST

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent		Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Rebate Local Authority Tenants	Allowance All Non LA Tenants		
South East	Bracknell Forest	4,038	4.7%	2,836	1,202	2,397	1,641
	Brighton and Hove	21,642	10.0%	9,066	12,576	14,683	6,959
	Isle of Wight	8,099	7.6%	59	8,040	5,307	2,792
	Medway	13,065	6.8%	2,122	10,943	8,764	4,301
	Milton Keynes	11,553	7.1%	7,214	4,339	7,524	4,029
	Portsmouth	14,777	9.7%	9,063	5,714	9,672	5,105
	Reading	8,350	7.0%	4,836	3,514	5,260	3,090
	Slough	7,046	8.2%	4,446	2,600	4,805	2,241
	Southampton	17,487	10.1%	10,470	7,017	11,644	5,843
	West Berkshire	4,741	4.2%	38	4,703	2,593	2,148
	Windsor and Maidenhead	4,242	3.7%	6	4,236	2,355	1,887
Wokingham	2,425	2.1%	1,404	1,021	1,370	1,055	
Buckinghamshire	Aylesbury Vale	5,191	4.1%	3,913	1,278	3,136	2,055
	Chiltern	2,764	3.7%	0	2,764	1,499	1,265
	South Bucks	1,978	3.9%	17	1,961	1,069	909
	Wycombe	5,759	4.4%	3,851	1,908	3,507	2,252
East Sussex	Eastbourne	6,179	8.1%	2,214	3,965	3,594	2,585
	Hastings	8,293	12.6%	37	8,256	5,718	2,575
	Lewes	4,007	5.7%	1,963	2,044	2,401	1,606
	Rother	4,358	5.7%	0	4,358	2,524	1,834
	Wealden	4,122	3.6%	1,931	2,191	2,378	1,744
Hampshire	Basingstoke & Deane	5,908	5.0%	10	5,898	3,285	2,623
	East Hampshire	3,452	3.9%	0	3,452	2,040	1,412
	Eastleigh	3,885	4.2%	24	3,861	2,111	1,774
	Fareham	2,391	2.8%	1,498	893	1,491	900
	Gosport	3,887	6.5%	2,144	1,743	2,280	1,607
	Hart	1,602	2.3%	6	1,596	875	727
	Havant	3,883	4.1%	11	3,872	2,509	1,374
	New Forest	6,525	4.6%	3,396	3,129	3,748	2,777
	Rushmoor	3,342	4.9%	0	3,342	1,993	1,349
	Test Valley	3,649	4.0%	42	3,607	2,102	1,547
Winchester	3,974	4.4%	2,567	1,407	2,069	1,905	
Kent	Ashford	4,823	5.9%	3,477	1,346	2,993	1,830
	Canterbury	6,860	5.9%	3,710	3,150	4,286	2,574
	Dartford	3,819	5.6%	2,615	1,204	2,415	1,404

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Government Office Region: SOUTH EAST (cont)

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent Allowance		Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Local Authority Tenants	Non LA Tenants		
Kent (cont)	Dover	7,016	8.0%	3,385	3,631	4,314	2,702
	Gravesham	5,167	7.2%	3,835	1,332	3,365	1,802
	Maidstone	6,069	5.3%	4,066	2,003	3,694	2,375
	Sevenoaks	4,263	4.7%	8	4,255	2,432	1,831
	Shepway	5,460	6.6%	2,110	3,350	3,706	1,754
	Swale	7,159	7.5%	0	7,159	4,677	2,482
	Thanet	10,649	10.4%	2,278	8,371	7,308	3,341
	Tonbridge and Malling	4,442	5.2%	0	4,442	2,398	2,044
	Tunbridge Wells	4,994	6.1%	49	4,945	2,905	2,089
Oxfordshire	Cherwell	4,433	4.1%	1,999	2,434	2,771	1,662
	Oxford	8,243	6.7%	4,379	3,864	5,372	2,871
	South Oxfordshire	3,954	3.9%	12	3,942	2,207	1,747
	Vale of White Horse	3,433	3.7%	42	3,391	1,970	1,463
	West Oxfordshire	2,929	3.7%	2	2,927	1,677	1,252
Surrey	Elmbridge	4,465	4.1%	37	4,428	2,428	2,037
	Epsom and Ewell	1,721	3.0%	17	1,704	975	746
	Guildford	4,671	4.5%	3,077	1,594	2,563	2,108
	Mole Valley	2,492	3.8%	1,658	834	1,300	1,192
	Reigate and Banstead	3,837	3.9%	2,589	1,248	2,170	1,667
	Runnymede	2,734	4.4%	1,776	958	1,436	1,298
	Spelthorne	3,276	4.5%	0	3,276	1,987	1,289
	Surrey Heath	1,850	2.7%	31	1,819	1,048	802
	Tandridge	2,154	3.3%	1,441	713	1,265	889
	Waverley	4,041	4.4%	2,861	1,180	2,110	1,931
	Woking	3,114	4.1%	2,076	1,038	1,752	1,362
West Sussex	Adur	2,854	6.0%	1,823	1,031	1,810	1,044
	Arun	6,472	5.4%	2,542	3,930	3,935	2,537
	Chichester	4,643	5.2%	32	4,611	2,583	2,060
	Crawley	5,215	6.8%	4,254	961	3,022	2,193
	Horsham	4,048	4.1%	58	3,990	2,110	1,938
	Mid Sussex	3,946	3.9%	19	3,927	2,173	1,773
	Worthing	4,685	5.6%	29	4,656	2,956	1,729

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				Local Authority Tenants	All Non LA Tenants		
South West	Bath and North East Somerset	8,145	5.8%	41	8,104	4,832	3,313
	Bournemouth	11,390	8.4%	3,806	7,584	7,801	3,589
	Bristol, City of	30,931	9.4%	19,528	11,403	22,446	8,485
	North Somerset	9,311	6.0%	4,392	4,919	5,774	3,537
	Plymouth	18,422	9.0%	9,809	8,613	12,667	5,755
	Poole	6,440	5.6%	3,090	3,350	4,067	2,373
	South Gloucestershire	7,814	4.0%	4,824	2,990	5,132	2,682
	Swindon	8,760	6.1%	6,057	2,703	5,840	2,920
	Torbay	8,957	8.7%	24	8,933	6,503	2,454
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly							
	Caradon	4,243	6.3%	2,325	1,918	2,636	1,607
	Carrick	5,309	7.5%	2,767	2,542	3,473	1,836
	Kerrier	4,944	6.6%	0	4,944	3,497	1,447
	North Cornwall	6,037	9.1%	2,563	3,474	3,593	2,444
	Penwith	4,962	9.9%	0	4,962	3,510	1,452
	Restormel	5,841	7.7%	0	5,841	3,940	1,901
	Isles of Scilly	58	3.4%	26	32	25	33
Devon							
	East Devon	4,904	4.6%	2,477	2,427	2,963	1,941
	Exeter	6,356	6.9%	3,060	3,296	4,488	1,868
	Mid Devon	3,349	6.1%	1,916	1,433	2,167	1,182
	North Devon	5,446	7.6%	6	5,440	3,512	1,934
	South Hams	3,997	6.0%	39	3,958	2,336	1,661
	Teignbridge	5,568	5.6%	2,407	3,161	3,563	2,005
	Torridge	2,952	6.5%	1,099	1,853	1,975	977
	West Devon	1,934	4.9%	0	1,934	1,247	687
Dorset							
	Christchurch	2,046	5.5%	7	2,039	1,231	815
	East Dorset	2,409	3.4%	8	2,401	1,434	975
	North Dorset	2,368	4.7%	0	2,368	1,414	954
	Purbeck	2,009	5.2%	1,021	988	1,121	888
	West Dorset	4,440	5.9%	4	4,436	2,563	1,877
	Weymouth and Portland	3,663	7.2%	0	3,663	2,513	1,150
Gloucestershire							
	Cheltenham	5,798	6.7%	3,349	2,449	3,716	2,082
	Cotswold	3,407	5.0%	0	3,407	1,831	1,576
	Forest of Dean	3,302	5.2%	2,160	1,142	2,147	1,155

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Government Office Region: SOUTH WEST (cont)

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent Rebate	Rent Allowance	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Local Authority Tenants	All Non LA Tenants		
Glos (cont)	Gloucester	6,396	7.5%	3,095	3,301	4,657	1,739
	Stroud	4,553	5.2%	3,100	1,453	2,673	1,880
	Tewkesbury	2,875	4.7%	0	2,875	1,768	1,107
Somerset	Mendip	5,227	6.6%	0	5,227	3,300	1,927
	Sedgemoor	5,561	6.5%	2,860	2,701	3,650	1,911
	South Somerset	6,814	5.4%	8	6,806	3,996	2,818
	Taunton Deane	5,937	7.3%	3,565	2,372	3,476	2,461
	West Somerset	2,428	8.9%	15	2,413	1,376	1,052
Wiltshire	Kennet	3,174	5.1%	0	3,174	1,723	1,451
	North Wiltshire	4,487	4.5%	15	4,472	2,657	1,830
	Salisbury	4,830	5.2%	3,129	1,701	2,570	2,260
	West Wiltshire	4,950	5.5%	44	4,906	2,904	2,046

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Government Office Region: WALES

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent	Rent	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Rebate Local Authority Tenants	Allowance All Non LA Tenants		
Wales	Blaenau Gwent	7,109	12.6%	5,012	2,097	5,088	2,021
	Bridgend	8,183	7.8%	4,592	3,591	5,777	2,406
	Caerphilly	13,584	10.2%	9,259	4,325	9,668	3,916
	Cardiff	22,743	8.8%	11,708	11,035	16,839	5,904
	Carmarthenshire	11,312	8.2%	6,532	4,780	7,994	3,318
	Ceredigion	3,566	6.0%	1,516	2,050	2,520	1,046
	Conwy	6,768	7.4%	2,741	4,027	4,863	1,905
	Denbighshire	5,732	7.8%	2,316	3,416	4,288	1,444
	Flintshire	7,642	6.5%	5,080	2,562	5,140	2,502
	Gwynedd	7,838	15.2%	4,339	3,499	5,711	2,127
	Isles of Anglesey	4,625	4.9%	2,868	1,757	3,321	1,304
	Merthyr Tydfil	5,201	12.0%	3,340	1,861	3,648	1,553
	Monmouthshire	3,985	5.7%	2,468	1,517	2,408	1,577
	Neath Port Talbot	11,480	10.4%	7,218	4,262	8,479	3,001
	Newport	11,309	10.5%	7,297	4,012	8,229	3,080
	Pembrokeshire	7,435	8.1%	4,252	3,183	5,179	2,256
	Powys	6,475	6.3%	3,308	3,167	4,493	1,982
	Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	16,712	8.8%	8,512	8,200	12,304	4,408
	Swansea	18,581	10.0%	10,641	7,940	13,685	4,896
	The Vale of Glamorgan	6,360	6.6%	3,036	3,324	4,617	1,743
	Torfaen	7,832	11.1%	6,424	1,408	5,384	2,448
	Wrexham	9,399	9.3%	7,473	1,926	6,607	2,792

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Government Office Region: SCOTLAND

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA population	Rent		Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Rebate Local Authority Tenants	Allowance All Non LA Tenants		
Scotland	Aberdeen	15,097	8.7%	12,179	2,918	10,105	4,992
	Aberdeenshire	9,218	5.1%	6,593	2,625	6,161	3,057
	Angus	7,318	8.3%	4,601	2,717	5,053	2,265
	Argyll and Bute	6,201	8.5%	3,637	2,564	4,179	2,022
	Clackmannanshire	4,785	12.5%	3,475	1,310	3,187	1,598
	Dumfries and Galloway	10,619	9.0%	6,961	3,658	7,249	3,370
	Dundee	19,354	16.8%	11,641	7,713	13,378	5,976
	East Ayrshire	12,265	12.7%	9,353	2,912	8,500	3,765
	East Dunbartonshire	4,154	4.6%	3,182	972	2,794	1,360
	East Lothian	5,889	8.1%	4,379	1,510	3,614	2,275
	East Renfrewshire	3,379	4.7%	2,255	1,124	2,199	1,180
	Edinburgh	31,963	8.5%	18,498	13,465	21,228	10,735
	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (previously Western Isles)	1,393	6.4%	1,145	248	994	399
	Falkirk	12,800	11.0%	10,564	2,236	8,653	4,147
	Fife	28,826	10.3%	21,580	7,246	18,840	9,986
	Glasgow	95,927	19.5%	61,299	34,628	68,170	27,757
	Highland	13,802	8.3%	9,787	4,015	9,444	4,358
	Inverclyde	9,405	14.0%	6,748	2,657	6,230	3,175
	Midlothian	5,261	8.0%	2,956	2,305	3,118	2,143
	Moray	4,394	6.5%	3,094	1,300	2,932	1,462
	North Ayrshire	13,819	12.5%	10,292	3,527	9,590	4,229
	North Lanarkshire	34,467	13.2%	27,909	6,558	23,267	11,200
	Orkney Islands	842	5.4%	441	401	543	299
	Perth and Kinross	7,233	6.7%	4,426	2,807	4,750	2,483
	Renfrewshire	18,199	12.9%	12,617	5,582	11,705	6,494
	Scottish Borders, The	7,134	8.2%	3,309	3,825	4,490	2,644
	Scottish Homes	2,365	na	2,365	0	1,632	733
	Shetland Islands	880	5.1%	785	95	604	276
	South Ayrshire	8,894	9.6%	6,603	2,291	6,073	2,821
	South Lanarkshire	26,909	11.0%	22,450	4,459	18,399	8,510
	Stirling	5,433	7.9%	4,329	1,104	3,533	1,900
	West Dunbartonshire	12,227	16.4%	8,568	3,659	8,705	3,522
	West Lothian	12,596	10.2%	8,415	4,181	8,438	4,158

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Table 3.2 Council Tax Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: NORTH EAST

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
North East	Darlington	8,959	11.5%	6,203	2,756
	Hartlepool	12,628	18.0%	8,508	4,120
	Middlesbrough	19,126	17.7%	13,796	5,330
	Redcar and Cleveland	16,190	15.5%	10,773	5,417
	Stockton-on-Tees	16,339	11.7%	11,388	4,951
Durham	Chester-le-Street	4,487	9.9%	2,841	1,646
	Derwentside	9,925	14.6%	6,315	3,610
	Durham	6,611	9.0%	4,156	2,455
	Easington	12,756	18.2%	8,105	4,651
	Sedgefield	9,920	14.3%	6,387	3,533
	Teesdale	1,736	8.5%	1,150	586
	Wear Valley	7,455	15.4%	5,108	2,347
Northumberland	Alnwick	2,453	9.8%	1,517	936
	Berwick-upon-Tweed	2,362	11.0%	1,450	912
	Blyth Valley	8,110	12.9%	5,225	2,885
	Castle Morpeth	2,823	7.0%	1,608	1,215
	Tynedale	3,346	7.3%	1,910	1,436
	Wansbeck	6,541	13.6%	4,100	2,441
Tyne and Wear (Met County)	Gateshead	25,745	16.7%	16,009	9,736
	Newcastle upon Tyne	34,003	16.0%	23,547	10,456
	North Tyneside	22,471	14.7%	14,107	8,364
	South Tyneside	22,582	19.2%	15,449	7,133
	Sunderland	34,747	15.6%	24,345	10,402

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Government Office Region: NORTH WEST

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
North West	Blackburn with Darwen	14,301	14.3%	9,737	4,564
	Blackpool	15,501	13.0%	11,359	4,142
	Halton	13,162	14.5%	9,932	3,230
	Warrington	12,917	8.8%	8,614	4,303
Cheshire	Chester	7,580	8.2%	5,181	2,399
	Congleton	4,281	6.1%	2,519	1,762
	Crewe and Nantwich	6,949	7.8%	4,449	2,500
	Ellesmere Port and Neston	5,545	9.1%	3,753	1,792
	Macclesfield	7,004	5.8%	4,600	2,404
	Vale Royal	7,332	8.0%	4,692	2,640
Cumbria	Allerdale	8,114	10.8%	5,391	2,723
	Barrow-in-Furness	7,131	13.2%	5,186	1,945
	Carlisle	7,500	9.4%	5,128	2,372
	Copeland	6,356	11.8%	4,225	2,131
	Eden	2,268	5.6%	1,328	940
	South Lakeland	4,889	5.9%	2,807	2,082
Greater Manchester (Met County)	Bolton	25,953	12.8%	18,581	7,372
	Bury	13,758	9.8%	9,603	4,155
	Manchester	64,305	19.6%	47,391	16,914
	Oldham	22,134	13.6%	14,625	7,509
	Rochdale	22,242	14.1%	15,540	6,702
	Salford	27,059	15.7%	18,702	8,357
	Stockport	20,657	9.1%	13,522	7,135
	Tameside	23,152	13.8%	15,217	7,935
	Trafford	14,812	8.7%	10,227	4,585
	Wigan	27,916	11.6%	18,491	9,425
Lancashire	Burnley	9,191	13.8%	6,261	2,930
	Chorley	6,214	8.0%	4,100	2,114
	Fylde	3,769	6.1%	2,369	1,400
	Hyndburn	7,747	13.1%	5,121	2,626
	Lancaster	9,821	9.1%	7,109	2,712
	Pendle	8,601	13.8%	5,703	2,898
	Preston	11,752	11.3%	8,214	3,538

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Table 3.2 Council Tax Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: NORTH WEST (cont)

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Lancs (Cont)	Ribble Valley	2,059	4.8%	1,188	871
	Rossendale	5,286	10.8%	3,509	1,777
	South Ribble	5,272	6.5%	3,411	1,861
	West Lancashire	9,169	10.9%	6,280	2,889
	Wyre	6,641	7.9%	4,574	2,067
Merseyside (Met County)	Knowsley	21,859	19.4%	16,138	5,721
	Liverpool	66,035	18.8%	47,457	18,578
	St. Helens	26,174	18.8%	18,935	7,239
	Sefton	18,895	8.5%	12,833	6,062
	Wirral	35,022	13.9%	24,170	10,852

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Table 3.2 Council Tax Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Yorks & Humber	East Riding of Yorkshire	19,910	7.9%	12,676	7,234
	Kingston upon Hull	32,048	16.7%	23,217	8,831
	North East Lincolnshire	16,712	14.2%	12,033	4,679
	North Lincolnshire	12,365	10.5%	7,843	4,522
	York	10,114	7.1%	6,417	3,697
North Yorkshire	Craven	2,657	6.5%	1,526	1,131
	Hambleton	3,465	5.0%	2,079	1,386
	Harrogate	6,679	5.6%	3,998	2,681
	Richmondshire	2,176	5.4%	1,126	1,050
	Ryedale	2,811	7.3%	1,774	1,037
	Scarborough	9,211	10.7%	6,435	2,776
	Selby	3,398	6.1%	2,186	1,212
	South Yorkshire (Met County)				
Barnsley	23,551	13.3%	15,976	7,575	
Doncaster	26,619	12.0%	18,741	7,878	
Rotherham	25,019	12.9%	17,601	7,418	
Sheffield	52,334	12.5%	36,522	15,812	
West Yorkshire (Met County)	Bradford	39,197	10.9%	29,313	9,884
	Calderdale	16,044	10.8%	11,056	4,988
	Kirklees	26,274	8.7%	18,021	8,253
	Leeds	64,866	11.5%	42,770	22,096
	Wakefield	25,986	10.5%	18,066	7,920

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Table 3.2 Council Tax Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: EAST MIDLANDS

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
East Midlands	Derby	19,246	10.6%	14,190	5,056
	Leicester	25,239	11.7%	17,897	7,342
	Nottingham	29,646	13.7%	22,312	7,334
	Rutland	1,342	4.7%	740	602
Derbyshire	Amber Valley	8,382	8.9%	5,598	2,784
	Bolsover	7,241	12.9%	4,765	2,476
	Chesterfield	10,335	13.1%	7,463	2,872
	Derbyshire Dales	3,566	6.3%	2,071	1,495
	Erewash	6,955	8.3%	4,660	2,295
	High Peak	5,612	8.1%	3,701	1,911
	North East Derbyshire	7,552	9.7%	4,854	2,698
	South Derbyshire	4,688	7.3%	2,820	1,868
Leicestershire	Blaby	3,132	4.6%	1,843	1,289
	Charnwood	7,314	5.9%	4,719	2,595
	Harborough	2,897	4.8%	1,785	1,112
	Hinckley and Bosworth	4,753	6.1%	2,996	1,757
	Melton	2,122	5.7%	1,337	785
	North West Leicestershire	5,260	7.8%	3,218	2,042
	Oadby and Wigston	2,573	6.1%	1,548	1,025
	Lincolnshire	Boston	4,585	10.6%	3,055
East Lindsey		10,575	10.3%	6,984	3,591
Lincoln		8,360	12.9%	5,979	2,381
North Kesteven		4,900	6.7%	2,955	1,945
South Holland		4,913	8.1%	2,951	1,962
South Kesteven		6,623	7.0%	4,082	2,541
West Lindsey		5,499	9.1%	3,541	1,958
Northamptonshire	Corby	4,083	10.7%	2,751	1,332
	Daventry	3,042	5.7%	1,818	1,224
	East Northamptonshire	4,210	7.3%	2,633	1,577
	Kettering	4,844	7.5%	3,151	1,693
	Northampton	12,037	8.1%	8,459	3,578

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Table 3.2 Council Tax Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: EAST MIDLANDS (cont)

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Northamptonshire (cont)	South	2,827	4.6%	1,612	1,215
	Northamptonshire Wellingborough	4,804	9.1%	3,464	1,340
Nottinghamshire	Ashfield	9,322	11.0%	5,973	3,349
	Bassetlaw	8,980	10.8%	6,044	2,936
	Broxtowe	6,620	7.6%	4,041	2,579
	Gedling	6,617	7.6%	3,969	2,648
	Mansfield	10,142	13.3%	6,616	3,526
	Newark and Sherwood	7,559	9.2%	4,778	2,781
	Rushcliffe	4,060	4.8%	2,469	1,591

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Government Office Region: WEST MIDLANDS

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
West Midlands	County of Herefordshire	10,875	8.2%	6,687	4,188
	Stoke-on-Trent	24,546	12.7%	16,917	7,629
	Telford and Wrekin	13,625	12.0%	9,556	4,069
Shropshire	Bridgnorth	3,031	7.2%	1,776	1,255
	North Shropshire	3,650	8.3%	2,455	1,195
	Oswestry	2,513	9.2%	1,775	738
	Shrewsbury and Atcham	5,858	7.7%	4,022	1,836
	South Shropshire	2,477	7.4%	1,454	1,023
Staffordshire	Cannock Chase	6,855	9.7%	4,494	2,361
	East Staffordshire	6,302	7.9%	4,405	1,897
	Lichfield	4,615	6.2%	2,984	1,631
	Newcastle-under-Lyme	8,811	9.1%	5,673	3,138
	South Staffordshire	5,478	6.8%	3,384	2,094
	Stafford	5,747	5.8%	3,703	2,044
	Staffordshire Moorlands	4,900	6.5%	3,065	1,835
	Tamworth	5,307	9.6%	3,687	1,620
Warwickshire	North Warwickshire	4,176	8.7%	2,261	1,915
	Nuneaton and Bedworth	9,359	10.3%	5,804	3,555
	Rugby	5,153	7.6%	3,147	2,006
	Stratford-on-Avon	5,456	5.9%	3,150	2,306
	Warwick	7,115	7.1%	4,335	2,780
West Midlands (Met County)	Birmingham	118,309	15.8%	86,130	32,179
	Coventry	30,682	13.4%	19,665	11,017
	Dudley	27,255	11.2%	18,151	9,104
	Sandwell	36,663	16.8%	24,789	11,874
	Solihull	12,641	8.0%	8,566	4,075
	Walsall	27,271	13.7%	19,030	8,241
	Wolverhampton	31,292	17.2%	20,658	10,634

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Table 3.2 Council Tax Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: WEST MIDLANDS (cont)

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Worcestershire	Bromsgrove	3,397	5.1%	2,072	1,325
	Malvern Hills	3,743	6.5%	2,340	1,403
	Redditch	5,737	9.8%	4,025	1,712
	Worcester	5,758	7.7%	3,766	1,992
	Wychavon	6,024	6.7%	3,642	2,382
	Wyre Forest	6,842	9.1%	4,544	2,298

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Table 3.2 Council Tax Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: EAST

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
East	Luton	13,395	10.0%	9,920	3,475
	Peterborough	12,797	10.9%	9,335	3,462
	Southend-on-Sea	13,862	10.0%	10,264	3,598
	Thurrock	10,170	9.9%	7,008	3,162
Bedfordshire					
	Mid Bedfordshire	5,363	5.5%	3,045	2,318
	Bedford	9,606	8.7%	6,687	2,919
	South Bedfordshire	6,191	7.2%	3,751	2,440
Cambridgeshire					
	Cambridge	6,038	5.9%	3,953	2,085
	East Cambridgeshire	3,614	6.2%	2,169	1,445
	Fenland	6,341	9.8%	4,297	2,044
	Huntingdonshire	6,120	5.1%	4,034	2,086
	South Cambridgeshire	4,316	4.2%	2,649	1,667
Essex					
	Basildon	14,611	11.5%	10,346	4,265
	Braintree	7,983	7.6%	5,347	2,636
	Brentwood	3,284	5.8%	1,954	1,330
	Castle Point	5,102	7.7%	3,290	1,812
	Chelmsford	7,177	5.9%	4,461	2,716
	Colchester	8,646	6.9%	5,692	2,954
	Epping Forest	7,000	7.4%	4,571	2,429
	Harlow	7,220	12.3%	4,467	2,753
	Maldon	3,271	7.2%	2,028	1,243
	Rochford	3,926	6.4%	2,547	1,379
	Tendring	11,705	10.7%	7,699	4,006
	Uttlesford	2,758	5.1%	1,565	1,193
Hertfordshire					
	Broxbourne	5,034	7.7%	3,618	1,416
	Dacorum	7,337	7.0%	4,401	2,936
	East Hertfordshire	4,757	4.8%	2,949	1,808
	Hertsmere	4,777	6.3%	3,116	1,661
	North Hertfordshire	6,622	7.3%	3,763	2,859
	St. Albans	4,976	4.7%	3,046	1,930
	Stevenage	6,101	10.3%	3,873	2,228
	Three Rivers	4,024	5.7%	2,498	1,526

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Table 3.2 Council Tax Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: EAST (cont)

County	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Hertfordshire (cont)	Watford	4,314	6.9%	2,796	1,518
	Welwyn Hatfield	5,840	7.9%	3,774	2,066
Norfolk					
	Breckland	6,363	6.6%	4,149	2,214
	Broadland	5,262	5.5%	3,311	1,951
	Great Yarmouth	9,496	13.5%	6,419	3,077
	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	10,009	9.4%	6,529	3,480
	North Norfolk	7,022	8.5%	4,268	2,754
	Norwich	13,266	13.4%	8,873	4,393
	South Norfolk	5,582	6.4%	3,503	2,079
Suffolk					
	Babergh	4,543	7.2%	2,611	1,932
	Forest Heath	2,677	5.3%	1,763	914
	Ipswich	10,787	12.4%	7,578	3,209
	Mid Suffolk	4,050	6.1%	2,435	1,615
	St. Edmundsbury	4,961	6.4%	2,969	1,992
	Suffolk Coastal	6,020	6.3%	3,696	2,324
	Waveney	9,846	11.4%	6,318	3,528

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Table 3.2 Council Tax Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: LONDON

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
London	Camden	24,064	14.6%	17,831	6,233
	City of London	392	7.1%	280	112
	Hammersmith and Fulham	16,750	12.4%	12,187	4,563
	Kensington and Chelsea	12,120	7.6%	9,531	2,589
	Wandsworth	18,102	8.2%	13,920	4,182
	Westminster	14,083	6.8%	11,539	2,544
	Hackney	28,247	18.7%	21,798	6,449
	Haringey	24,685	14.2%	18,630	6,055
	Islington	24,870	17.7%	18,810	6,060
	Lambeth	25,537	12.0%	20,151	5,386
	Lewisham	26,808	14.3%	19,800	7,008
	Newham	28,275	16.9%	22,249	6,026
	Southwark	33,024	18.2%	24,971	8,053
	Tower Hamlets	28,798	21.2%	22,556	6,242
	Barking and Dagenham	18,013	15.7%	13,190	4,823
	Bexley	13,016	7.7%	8,959	4,057
	Enfield	23,062	11.2%	16,445	6,617
	Greenwich	22,829	13.9%	16,729	6,100
	Havering	14,662	8.1%	9,315	5,347
	Redbridge	15,509	8.7%	11,190	4,319
	Waltham Forest	19,920	12.1%	14,907	5,013
	Bromley	14,973	6.3%	10,754	4,219
	Croydon	22,871	8.8%	16,742	6,129
	Kingston upon Thames	6,655	5.5%	4,288	2,367
	Merton	10,790	7.2%	7,197	3,593
	Sutton	8,347	6.0%	5,578	2,769
	Barnet	19,954	7.4%	14,980	4,974
	Brent	21,512	11.0%	15,711	5,801
	Ealing	19,880	8.2%	15,240	4,640
	Harrow	11,575	7.0%	8,433	3,142
	Hillingdon	16,248	8.2%	11,028	5,220
	Hounslow	16,396	10.0%	11,819	4,577
Richmond upon Thames	8,439	5.4%	5,064	3,375	

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Government Office Region: SOUTH EAST

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
South East	Bracknell Forest	4,263	5.1%	2,703	1,560
	Brighton and Hove	21,189	10.0%	15,061	6,128
	Isle of Wight	11,003	10.7%	7,413	3,590
	Medway	15,607	8.4%	11,228	4,379
	Milton Keynes	12,342	7.9%	8,243	4,099
	Portsmouth	12,851	6.5%	8,862	3,989
	Reading	8,785	7.6%	5,764	3,021
	Slough	7,782	9.3%	5,624	2,158
	Southampton	17,706	10.5%	12,238	5,468
	West Berkshire	5,335	4.9%	3,046	2,289
Windsor and Maidenhead	5,121	4.6%	2,901	2,220	
Wokingham	3,414	3.1%	1,997	1,417	
Buckinghamshire	Aylesbury Vale	6,183	5.1%	3,877	2,306
	Chiltern	3,276	4.5%	1,812	1,464
	South Bucks	2,226	4.5%	1,228	998
	Wycombe	7,212	5.7%	4,552	2,660
East Sussex	Eastbourne	6,826	9.2%	4,167	2,659
	Hastings	9,509	14.9%	6,702	2,807
	Lewes	5,407	7.9%	3,348	2,059
	Rother	5,744	7.8%	3,471	2,273
	Wealden	6,371	5.7%	3,590	2,781
Hampshire	Basingstoke and Deane	6,118	5.4%	3,681	2,437
	East Hampshire	4,151	4.8%	2,641	1,510
	Eastleigh	4,643	5.2%	2,775	1,868
	Fareham	3,608	4.3%	2,334	1,274
	Gosport	4,523	7.8%	2,852	1,671
	Hart	1,905	2.8%	1,128	777
	Havant	8,150	8.9%	5,677	2,473
	New Forest	8,467	6.2%	5,046	3,421
	Rushmoor	3,458	5.2%	2,176	1,282
	Test Valley	4,178	4.8%	2,538	1,640
	Winchester	4,306	5.0%	2,376	1,930
Kent	Ashford	5,870	7.4%	3,794	2,076
	Canterbury	8,759	7.7%	5,597	3,162
	Dartford	4,642	7.0%	3,040	1,602

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Government Office Region: SOUTH EAST (cont)

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Kent (cont)	Dover	8,316	9.7%	5,356	2,960
	Gravesham	6,334	9.1%	4,234	2,100
	Maidstone	7,416	6.7%	4,701	2,715
	Sevenoaks	5,035	5.8%	2,990	2,045
	Shepway	6,894	8.6%	4,726	2,168
	Swale	8,767	9.4%	5,931	2,836
	Thanet	13,264	13.4%	9,060	4,204
	Tonbridge and Malling	5,222	6.4%	3,020	2,202
	Tunbridge Wells	5,287	6.7%	3,375	1,912
Oxfordshire	Cherwell	5,136	4.9%	3,319	1,817
	Oxford	7,944	6.7%	5,266	2,678
	South Oxfordshire	4,589	4.7%	2,653	1,936
	Vale of White Horse	4,265	4.8%	2,513	1,752
	West Oxfordshire	3,500	4.6%	2,121	1,379
Surrey	Elmbridge	5,031	4.6%	2,943	2,088
	Epsom and Ewell	2,106	3.6%	1,281	825
	Guildford	5,066	4.8%	2,902	2,164
	Mole Valley	2,783	4.3%	1,590	1,193
	Reigate and Banstead	4,440	4.6%	2,678	1,762
	Runnymede	3,168	5.1%	1,783	1,385
	Spelthorne	3,912	5.4%	2,577	1,335
	Surrey Heath	2,238	3.3%	1,332	906
	Tandridge	2,588	4.0%	1,594	994
	Waverley	4,701	5.1%	2,565	2,136
	Woking	3,477	4.6%	2,139	1,338
West Sussex	Adur	4,059	8.5%	2,627	1,432
	Arun	8,903	7.4%	5,653	3,250
	Chichester	5,526	6.2%	3,365	2,161
	Crawley	5,665	7.3%	3,358	2,307
	Horsham	4,644	4.7%	2,665	1,979
	Mid Sussex	4,526	4.5%	2,783	1,743
	Worthing	5,856	7.0%	3,896	1,960

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Table 3.2 Council Tax Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: SOUTH WEST

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
South West	Bath and North East Somerset	9,828	7.2%	5,864	3,964
	Bournemouth	12,531	9.4%	8,928	3,603
	Bristol, City of	34,667	10.9%	24,114	10,553
	North Somerset	11,088	7.4%	7,181	3,907
	Plymouth	20,049	10.1%	14,365	5,684
	Poole	8,286	7.5%	5,530	2,756
	South Gloucestershire	10,658	5.6%	7,078	3,580
	Swindon	9,970	7.2%	6,643	3,327
	Torbay	11,870	11.8%	9,035	2,835
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	Caradon	5,469	8.4%	3,489	1,980
	Carrick	6,725	9.8%	4,517	2,208
	Kerrier	7,084	9.8%	5,013	2,071
	North Cornwall	7,793	12.1%	4,284	3,509
	Penwith	6,402	13.2%	4,639	1,763
	Restormel	7,242	9.8%	4,910	2,332
	Isles of Scilly	54	3.2%	28	26
	Devon	East Devon	6,791	6.5%	4,227
Exeter		6,834	7.6%	4,975	1,859
Mid Devon		4,338	8.1%	2,805	1,533
North Devon		6,828	9.8%	4,486	2,342
South Hams		5,017	7.8%	3,141	1,876
Teignbridge		7,826	8.1%	5,207	2,619
Torridge		4,142	9.4%	2,833	1,309
West Devon		2,674	7.0%	1,759	915
Dorset	Christchurch	2,910	7.9%	1,826	1,084
	East Dorset	3,705	5.4%	2,175	1,530
	North Dorset	2,936	6.0%	1,807	1,129
	Purbeck	2,563	6.8%	1,488	1,075
	West Dorset	5,267	7.2%	3,140	2,127
	Weymouth and Portland	4,191	8.5%	2,924	1,267

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Table 3.2 Council Tax Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: SOUTH WEST (cont)

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Gloucestershire					
	Cheltenham	6,632	7.9%	4,387	2,245
	Cotswold	3,904	5.9%	2,265	1,639
	Forest of Dean	4,860	7.9%	3,095	1,765
	Gloucester	7,457	9.0%	5,503	1,954
	Stroud	5,987	7.0%	3,561	2,426
	Tewkesbury	3,516	5.9%	2,224	1,292
Somerset					
	Mendip	6,434	8.5%	4,068	2,366
	Sedgemoor	7,045	8.5%	4,694	2,351
	South Somerset	8,473	7.0%	4,900	3,573
	Taunton Deane	6,605	8.4%	4,045	2,560
	West Somerset	2,892	10.8%	1,693	1,199
Wiltshire					
	Kennet	3,419	5.7%	1,980	1,439
	North Wiltshire	5,407	5.6%	3,309	2,098
	Salisbury	5,239	5.8%	3,026	2,213
	West Wiltshire	5,995	6.9%	3,702	2,293

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Table 3.2 Council Tax Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: WALES

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Wales	Blaenau Gwent	8,632	15.4%	6,249	2,383
	Bridgend	10,847	10.4%	7,588	3,259
	Caerphilly	18,056	13.5%	12,934	5,122
	Cardiff	26,401	10.2%	19,716	6,685
	Carmarthenshire	15,395	11.2%	10,652	4,743
	Ceredigion	4,758	8.0%	3,396	1,362
	Conwy	8,573	9.3%	6,565	2,008
	Denbighshire	7,761	10.6%	5,727	2,034
	Flintshire	10,138	8.6%	6,786	3,352
	Anglesey, Isle of	5,865	11.3%	4,280	1,585
	Gwynedd	10,247	10.8%	7,613	2,634
	Merthyr Tydfil	6,635	15.3%	4,523	2,112
	Monmouthshire	4,985	7.1%	3,164	1,821
	Neath Port Talbot	15,492	14.0%	11,227	4,265
	Newport	13,002	12.0%	9,829	3,173
	Pembrokeshire	9,537	10.4%	6,778	2,759
	Powys	8,237	8.0%	5,836	2,401
	Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	25,211	13.2%	17,877	7,334
	Swansea	22,934	12.3%	17,073	5,861
	The Vale of Glamorgan	7,819	8.1%	6,044	1,775
	Torfaen	9,150	13.0%	6,495	2,655
	Wrexham	11,071	11.0%	7,837	3,234

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Table 3.2 Council Tax Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and by Tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): February 2002

Government Office Region: SCOTLAND

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA population	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Scotland	Aberdeen	16,565	9.9%	10,666	5,899
	Aberdeenshire	11,238	6.5%	7,229	4,009
	Angus	8,614	10.1%	5,717	2,897
	Argyll and Bute	8,088	11.4%	5,020	3,068
	Clackmannanshire	5,484	14.8%	3,451	2,033
	Dumfries and Galloway	12,595	11.0%	8,152	4,443
	Dundee	21,348	19.0%	13,976	7,372
	East Ayrshire	13,869	14.9%	8,958	4,911
	East Dunbartonshire	5,987	6.8%	3,644	2,343
	East Lothian	7,024	9.9%	4,069	2,955
	East Renfrewshire	4,598	6.6%	2,785	1,813
	Edinburgh	38,007	10.4%	23,050	14,957
	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (previously Western Isles)	2,965	14.0%	2,148	817
	Falkirk	14,221	12.7%	9,481	4,740
	Fife	34,159	12.6%	20,959	13,200
	Glasgow	106,199	22.2%	70,048	36,151
	Highland	17,535	10.9%	11,510	6,025
	Inverclyde	11,044	16.9%	7,109	3,935
	Midlothian	6,601	10.3%	3,535	3,066
	Moray	5,455	8.4%	3,401	2,054
	North Ayrshire	16,029	15.0%	10,719	5,310
	North Lanarkshire	40,766	16.2%	26,004	14,762
	Orkney Islands	1,231	8.2%	814	417
	Perth and Kinross	8,472	8.1%	5,391	3,081
	Renfrewshire	20,235	14.8%	12,202	8,033
	Scottish Borders, The	8,346	9.9%	5,189	3,157
	Scottish Homes	0	na	0	0
	Shetland Islands	1,113	6.6%	796	317
	South Ayrshire	10,887	12.1%	6,904	3,983
	South Lanarkshire	36,135	15.2%	22,531	13,604
	Stirling	6,561	9.8%	4,125	2,436
	West Dunbartonshire	14,483	20.1%	9,539	4,944
	West Lothian	14,440	12.1%	9,179	5,261

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Appendix A: Government Office Regions



Appendix B: Descriptions of Benefits

The notes below describe the main features of each benefit. They do not cover all the conditions for entitlement to benefit.

Housing Benefit

reformed scheme introduced April 1988

Housing Benefit (HB) is administered by Local Authorities. People are eligible only if they are liable to pay rent (or are treated as if they were so liable) in respect of the dwelling they occupy as their home. Couples are treated as a single benefit unit. The amount of benefit depends on eligible rent, income, deductions in respect of any non-dependants, deductions where food, fuel and water are included and the applicable amount. Also, people who are liable to pay rent but who have capital in excess of £16,000 are not entitled to Housing Benefit.

'Eligible rent' is the amount of a tenant's rental liability which can be met by Housing Benefit. Payments made by owner occupiers do not count but payments such as mooring charges for houseboats, site fees for mobile homes, rental purchase payments, mesne profits and payments for compulsory housing-related services all count for Housing Benefit. Deductions are made for service charges in the rent which relate to personal needs, such as the supply of meals. Housing Benefit may also be reduced if the amount of rent payable is unreasonably high or the accommodation is over-large or if the claimant or their partner is a full time student.

The 'Local Reference Rent (LRR) Scheme' was introduced on 2 January 1996 and has been applied to new and change of address claims from certain private sector tenants, claiming on or after that date. The LRR is an average amount of rent, which reflects the general level of rents for similar sized properties in the locality of the tenancy, and it is an additional value used in the calculation of the eligible amount. However, where the Appropriate Rent (AR) is more than the LRR, generally, 50% of the difference between the AR and the LRR is met, thereby increasing the amount of eligible rent used to calculate Housing Benefit.

On 6 October 1997, the LRR Scheme rules were amended, and the 50% addition was removed from the calculation of the eligible rent for all new claims.

On 7 October 1996, the 'Single Room Rent (SRR) Scheme' was applied to single people under 25 without dependent children in certain private sector tenancies. The SRR is an average amount of rent reflecting the general level of rents for a single room with shared facilities in the locality of the tenancy. The SRR restricts the amount of rent which can be used to calculate HB.

The authorities have discretion to allow higher amounts of HB to alleviate exceptional hardship where the LRR or SRR restricts the amount of rent used to calculate HB.

Council Tax Benefit (CTB) is an income-related benefit, administered by Local Authorities, designed to help people on low incomes pay their council tax. Generally, it mirrors the Housing Benefit scheme in the calculation of claimants' applicable amount, resources and deductions in respect of any non-dependants. There are two types of Council Tax Benefit:

Main Council Tax Benefit and**Second Adult Rebate.**

Main Council Tax Benefit can help people who are liable to pay the council tax whether in or out of work. It is paid by rebating a person's council tax bill. Those paid as in receipt of Income Support/MIG/JSA(IB) can get up to 100% help, subject to any non-dependant deductions that may be appropriate. People not in receipt of Income Support/MIG/JSA(IB) have their benefit assessed in a similar way to Housing Benefit, but the maximum Council Tax Benefit is reduced by 20% of any net income above their applicable amount. People who are liable for the council tax but who have capital in excess of £16,000 are not entitled to Council Tax Benefit.

Help is also available to people who are solely liable for the tax and who have a second adult in their household who would normally be expected to contribute to the council tax bill but cannot afford to do so. These are called Second Adult Rebates and they are assessed on the basis of the financial circumstances of the second adult, not of those of the liable taxpayer. Rebates of up to 25% may be awarded.

Where a person is entitled to both main Council Tax Benefit and second adult rebate, the Local Authority is required to make a "better buy" calculation and award the liable person whichever amount of benefit is the greater.

Full time students are not generally liable for council tax because most live in accommodation that is exempt. Where liability does arise, Council Tax Benefit is not payable on the same grounds as for Housing Benefit (except to the same prescribed vulnerable groups).

If a person lives in a property valued in bands F, G or H the Council Tax Benefit may be restricted to that for a band E property.

Recipients of Income Support/MIG/JSA(IB) receiving help towards Mortgage Interest repayments.

Where an Income Support/MIG/JSA (IB) claimant is responsible for payment of housing costs for their home, an amount may be included in their benefit for Mortgage Interest payments (excluding capital repayments). At May 1995, claimants aged under 60 could have 50% of their mortgage payments met through Income Support/JSA (IB) for the first 16 weeks of their claim, and the full amount from then on. Claimants (or their partner) aged 60 and over can have the full amount met from the outset of their claim. The amount allowed for housing costs may be reduced to take account of contributions that other adults in the household would be expected to make

