

# **Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit**

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## Main findings

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

### Caseload undercount

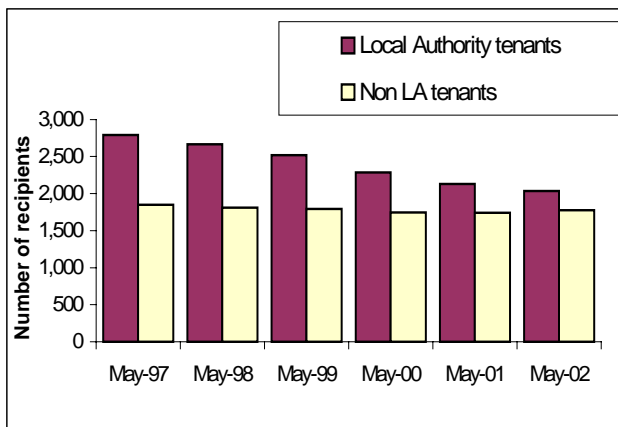
The caseload figures are taken from LA administrative records and there is evidence that more rigorous checking of claims, among other things, has led to a rising number of claims waiting for final decision. Current estimates are that this is running at about 500,000 cases in the latest quarters. This will have an effect across the board but is likely to have more impact on short term claims (eg the unemployed group) as they have a greater proportion awaiting a decision at any time. Caution is therefore needed in interpreting trends in the series.

### HB Caseload

The Housing Benefit caseload fell by around 5 thousand in the three months to May 2002, a total fall of 62 thousand (1.6%) in the year to stand at 3.81million (Table 1.1).

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

Thousands

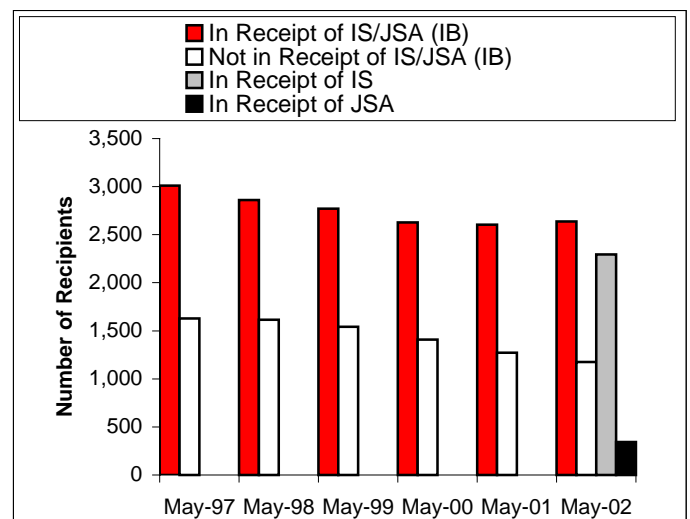


### HB Caseload, Paid in receipt of IS/MIG or JSA(IB) and not in receipt of IS/MIG or JSA(IB).

The number of HB recipients paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) rose by 8 thousand (0.3%) in the quarter, an increase of 34 thousand (1.3%) over the year to stand at 2.64 million. The number of recipients not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) continued to fall to 1.18 million, a decrease of 1.1% in the quarter (Table 1.2).

**Figure 2: Housing Benefit recipients, paid as in receipt of/ not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB)**

Thousands



### Average HB in payment

Following the annual benefit upratings in April, the average weekly amount of HB in payment in May 2002 was £54.70. For HB recipients paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) this was £59.30 and for those recipients not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) £44.20 (Tables 1.4 and 1.6).

The average weekly amount of HB in payment in May 2002 was £46.30 for LA tenancies, an increase of £2.00 during the quarter, compared with an increase of £2.50 between February 2001 and May 2001 (Tables 1.4 and 1.5).

The average weekly amount of HB in payment in May 2002 for Private Deregulated tenancies was £70.90, an increase of £2.40 during the quarter, compared with an increase of 90p between February 2001 and May 2001. LAs have attributed this rise to increases in Supported Accommodation charges.

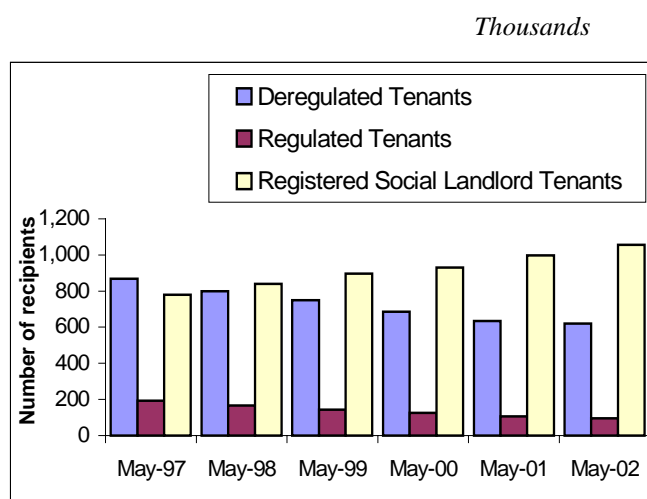
The highest average weekly amount of HB was paid in London (£77.70) and the lowest average amount of HB was paid in Scotland (£44.00) (Table 1.9).

### HB Tenures

In May 2002 the Private Deregulated tenancies fell by around 1 thousand (0.2%) in the quarter to stand at 621 thousand. Private Regulated tenancies fell by 2 thousand (1.6%) in the quarter to stand at 95 thousand (Table 1.3). In the same period, the number of Registered Social Landlord (RSL) Tenancies (formerly called Housing Associations) increased by around 17 thousand (1.6%) to stand at 1.06 million at May 2002.

The increase in RSL Tenancies can be attributed to the continuation of Large Scale Voluntary Transfer (LSVT), which is the transfer of LA tenancies to RSL Landlords.

**Figure 3: Housing Benefit recipients – Non LA tenants in Great Britain: May 1997 to May 2002**



### Government Office Region (HB)

In May 2002 just under 16% of Great Britain households<sup>1</sup> received Housing Benefit. The North East had the highest proportion of HB recipients at 21.8%, and the lowest was in the South East at 10.7% (Table 1).

<sup>1</sup>A Household is either one person living alone, or a group of people who share common house keeping or a living room.

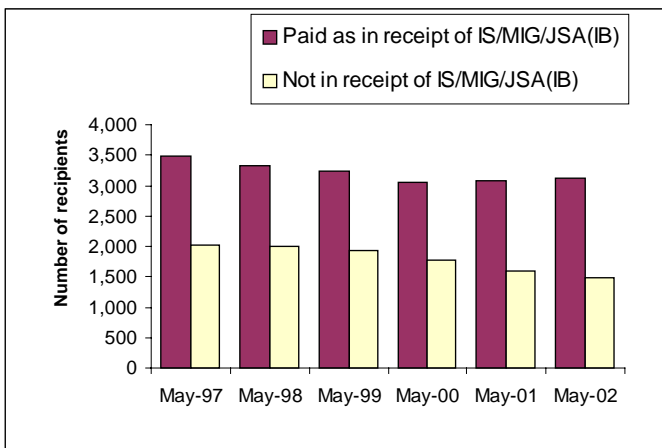
### Council Tax Benefit Caseload

The CTB caseload rose by 12 thousand in the three months to May 2002, but fell by 72 thousand in the year (1.5%) to stand at 4.60 million (Table 2.1).

The number of CTB recipients paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) increased by just over 56 thousand between May 2001 and May 2002, and increased by 7 thousand during the quarter to stand at 3.13 million. Those CTB recipients not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB) rose by 5 thousand over the quarter but fell by 128 thousand over the year, to stand at 1.48 million (Table 2.1).

**Figure 4: Council Tax Benefit recipients in Great Britain: May 1997 to May 2002**

Thousands



### Average CTB payments

The average weekly amount of CTB in payment rose in the quarter, to £10.80 (Table 2.5).

For recipients paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) the average weekly CTB in payment rose to £11.60, and for those not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) it also rose to £9.20 (Table 2.5).

The average weekly amount of CTB was highest in the East at £12.00 and lowest in Wales at £9.00 (Table 2.4).

### Government Office Region (CTB)

Just under 19% of Great Britain households<sup>1</sup> were recipients of Council Tax Benefit in May 2002. This varied from 12.6% in the South East to 26.5% in the North East (Table 2.3).

<sup>1</sup>A Household is either one person living alone, or a group of people who share common house keeping or a living room.



## **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 May 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 May 2002 is about 91%. Results are usually available four and a half months after the enquiry date.

### **Household figures**

Analysis within this publication now shows the number of HB or CTB claimants as a percentage of the number of households in Great Britain. This reflects the payment of HB or CTB to individuals on behalf of themselves, their partners and their dependants, if they have any. Household figures are based on mid year (2000) estimates from National Statistics.

### **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.



## **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).

#### *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

#### *Household*

A Household is either one person living alone, or a group of people who share common house keeping, or a living room

#### *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.

### *Jobseeker's 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**

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



## Section 1: Housing Benefit

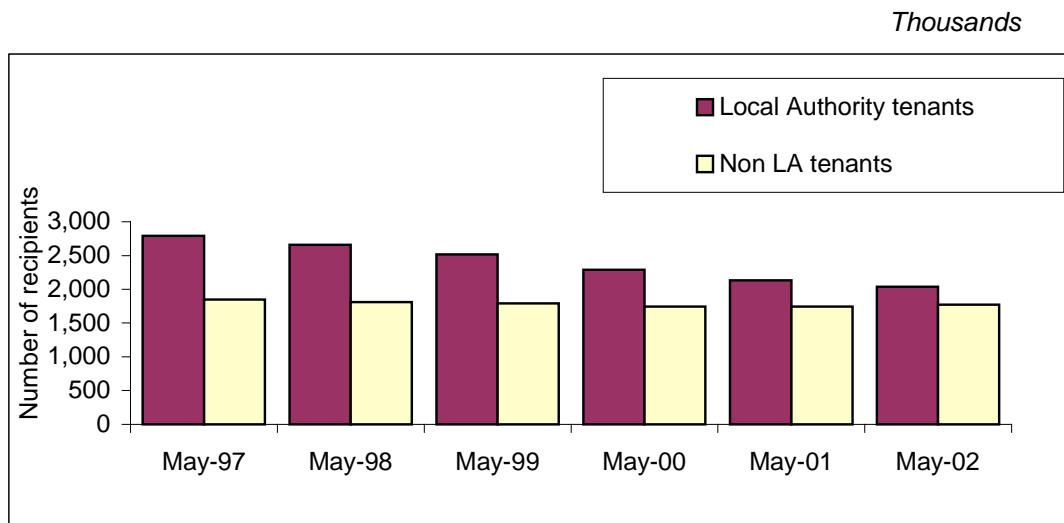
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**Table 1.1: All Housing Benefit recipients by tenure: May 1997 to May 2002**

	<i>Thousands</i>		
		Rent Rebate	Rent Allowance
	All HB recipients	LA Tenants	Non LA Tenants
May-97	4,640	2,792	1,848
Aug-97	4,591	2,762	1,829
Nov-97	4,546	2,733	1,813
Feb-98	4,530	2,709	1,822
May-98	4,474	2,664	1,811
Aug-98	4,425	2,635	1,791
Nov-98	4,383	2,606	1,777
Feb-99	4,372	2,590	1,782
May-99	4,313	2,519	1,795
Aug-99	4,243	2,469	1,775
Nov-99	4,148	2,406	1,742
Feb-00	4,089	2,353	1,736
May-00	4,033	2,288	1,746
Aug-00	3,968	2,250	1,718
Nov-00	3,901	2,195	1,705
Feb-01	3,904	2,181	1,724
May-01	3,874	2,133	1,741
Aug-01	3,867	2,103	1,764
Nov-01	3,818	2,069	1,749
Feb-02	3,817	2,057	1,761
May-02	3,813	2,038	1,775

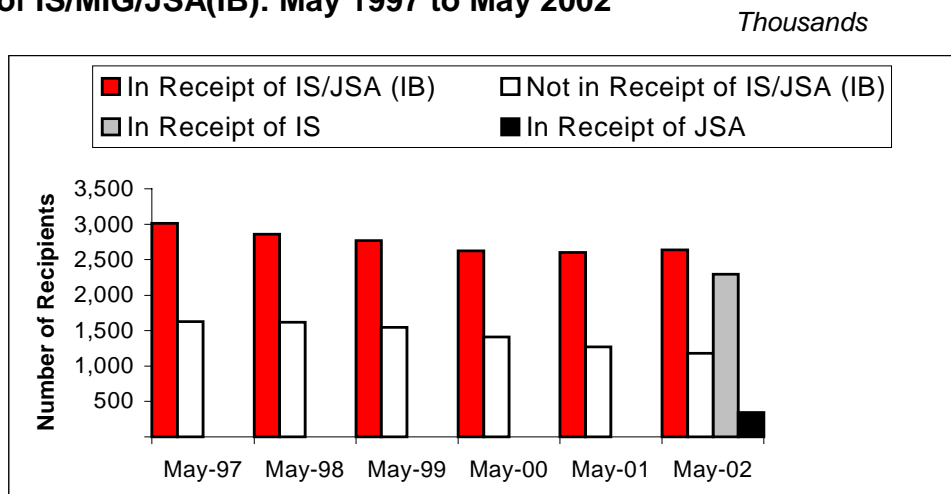
**Chart 1.1a: Housing Benefit recipients by tenure, May 1997 to May 2002**



**Table 1.2: All Housing Benefit recipients, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): May 1997 to May 2002**

		<i>Thousands</i>			
	<b>All HB recipients</b>	Paid as in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB)	Paid as in receipt of IS/MIG	Paid as in receipt of JSA(IB)	Not in receipt of IS/ MIG /JSA(IB)
May-97	<b>4,640</b>	3,012	..	..	1,628
Aug-97	<b>4,591</b>	2,971	..	..	1,621
Nov-97	<b>4,546</b>	2,924	..	..	1,622
Feb-98	<b>4,530</b>	2,916	..	..	1,614
May-98	<b>4,474</b>	2,859	..	..	1,615
Aug-98	<b>4,425</b>	2,825	..	..	1,601
Nov-98	<b>4,383</b>	2,799	..	..	1,584
Feb-99	<b>4,372</b>	2,811	..	..	1,561
May-99	<b>4,313</b>	2,770	..	..	1,543
Aug-99	<b>4,243</b>	2,736	..	..	1,507
Nov-99	<b>4,148</b>	2,681	..	..	1,466
Feb-00	<b>4,089</b>	2,659	..	..	1,430
May-00	<b>4,033</b>	2,626	..	..	1,408
Aug-00	<b>3,968</b>	2,603	..	..	1,365
Nov-00	<b>3,901</b>	2,580	..	..	1,321
Feb-01	<b>3,904</b>	2,609	..	..	1,295
May-01	<b>3,874</b>	2,603	..	..	1,271
Aug-01	<b>3,867</b>	2,629	..	..	1,238
Nov-01	<b>3,818</b>	2,610	..	..	1,208
Feb-02	<b>3,817</b>	2,629	..	..	1,188
May-02	<b>3,813</b>	2,637	2,294	342	1,176

**Chart 1.2a: All Housing Benefit recipients, paid as in receipt of/ not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): May 1997 to May 2002**



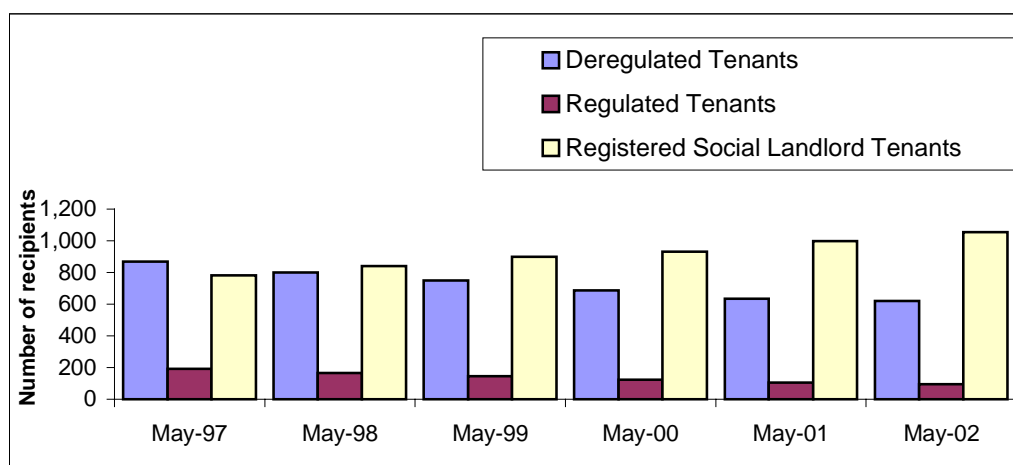
**Table 1.3: Rent Allowance recipients by tenure: May 1997 to May 2002**

*Thousand's*

	Rent Allowance				
	All Non LA Tenants	Registered Social Landlord Tenants	Private Regulated Tenants	Private Deregulated Tenants	Other Private Tenants
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
May-02	1,775	1,056	95	621	2

**Chart 1.3a: Housing Benefit recipients by tenure, May 1997 to May 2002**

*Thousands*



**Table 1.4: All Housing Benefit recipients average amounts by tenure: May 1997 to May 2002**

£pw

	Benefit Received			Eligible Rent		
	All HB recipients	LA Tenants	Non LA Tenants	All HB recipients	LA Tenants	Non LA Tenants
May-97	<b>43.30</b>	36.40	54.00	<b>48.10</b>	41.10	58.70
Aug-97	<b>43.40</b>	36.20	54.20	<b>48.40</b>	41.30	59.10
Nov-97	<b>43.50</b>	36.20	54.40	<b>48.50</b>	41.30	59.40
Feb-98	<b>43.60</b>	36.30	54.50	<b>48.70</b>	41.30	59.50
May-98	<b>44.30</b>	37.00	55.10	<b>49.70</b>	42.40	60.30
Aug-98	<b>44.50</b>	37.10	55.30	<b>49.90</b>	42.50	60.70
Nov-98	<b>44.70</b>	37.30	55.60	<b>50.10</b>	42.60	61.00
Feb-99	<b>44.90</b>	37.40	55.80	<b>50.20</b>	42.70	61.20
May-99	<b>46.30</b>	39.00	56.40	<b>51.50</b>	44.10	61.70
Aug-99	<b>46.40</b>	39.00	56.60	<b>51.70</b>	44.20	62.10
Nov-99	<b>46.70</b>	39.20	56.90	<b>51.90</b>	44.30	62.30
Feb-00	<b>46.80</b>	38.30	56.40	<b>52.10</b>	44.30	62.60
May-00	<b>48.30</b>	41.20	57.60	<b>53.40</b>	46.00	63.10
Aug-00	<b>48.40</b>	41.10	57.90	<b>53.60</b>	46.00	63.70
Nov-00	<b>48.80</b>	41.40	58.30	<b>54.10</b>	46.30	64.10
Feb-01	<b>49.00</b>	41.40	58.70	<b>54.30</b>	46.20	64.50
May-01	<b>51.10</b>	43.90	60.00	<b>56.00</b>	48.40	65.40
Aug-01	<b>51.60</b>	44.10	60.70	<b>56.50</b>	48.40	66.10
Nov-01	<b>51.90</b>	44.20	61.10	<b>56.90</b>	48.50	66.70
Feb-02	<b>52.40</b>	44.30	61.90	<b>57.40</b>	48.70	67.50
May-02	<b>54.70</b>	46.30	64.30	<b>59.50</b>	50.60	69.70

**Table 1.5: All Rent Allowance recipients average weekly amounts by tenure:  
May 1997 to May 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
May-97	<b>54.00</b>	48.60	40.10	61.90	<b>58.70</b>	53.80	45.50	66.00
Aug-97	<b>54.20</b>	49.00	40.80	62.10	<b>59.10</b>	54.30	46.30	66.30
Nov-97	<b>54.40</b>	49.30	41.10	62.20	<b>59.40</b>	54.80	46.80	66.60
Feb-98	<b>54.50</b>	49.70	41.50	62.10	<b>59.50</b>	55.20	47.30	66.40
May-98	<b>55.10</b>	50.70	42.00	62.30	<b>60.30</b>	56.50	48.10	66.90
Aug-98	<b>55.30</b>	51.20	42.50	62.40	<b>60.70</b>	57.10	48.70	67.10
Nov-98	<b>55.60</b>	51.60	43.00	62.50	<b>61.00</b>	57.40	49.40	67.30
Feb-99	<b>55.80</b>	51.90	43.50	62.50	<b>61.20</b>	57.70	49.90	67.20
May-99	<b>56.40</b>	52.80	44.60	63.10	<b>61.70</b>	58.40	50.70	67.90
Aug-99	<b>56.60</b>	53.00	45.10	63.30	<b>62.10</b>	58.80	51.00	67.90
Nov-99	<b>56.90</b>	53.40	45.40	63.70	<b>62.30</b>	59.10	51.70	68.50
Feb-00	<b>56.40</b>	53.70	46.30	63.60	<b>62.60</b>	59.20	52.70	68.70
May-00	<b>57.60</b>	54.20	47.40	64.10	<b>63.10</b>	59.80	53.40	69.30
Aug-00	<b>57.90</b>	54.50	47.70	64.50	<b>63.70</b>	60.30	53.80	70.20
Nov-00	<b>58.30</b>	54.70	48.50	65.20	<b>64.10</b>	60.40	54.50	71.30
Feb-01	<b>58.70</b>	55.00	48.70	65.80	<b>64.50</b>	60.70	55.10	71.80
May-01	<b>60.70</b>	56.70	50.30	66.70	<b>65.40</b>	61.90	55.80	72.40
Aug-01	<b>60.70</b>	57.20	51.00	67.70	<b>66.10</b>	62.40	56.40	73.50
Nov-01	<b>61.10</b>	57.60	51.60	68.50	<b>66.70</b>	62.90	57.20	74.50
Feb-02	<b>61.90</b>	58.20	52.20	69.50	<b>67.50</b>	63.50	57.80	75.60
May-02	<b>64.30</b>	61.30	53.80	70.90	<b>69.70</b>	66.40	59.20	77.00

**Table 1.6: All Housing Benefit average weekly amounts by paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): May 1997 to May 2002**

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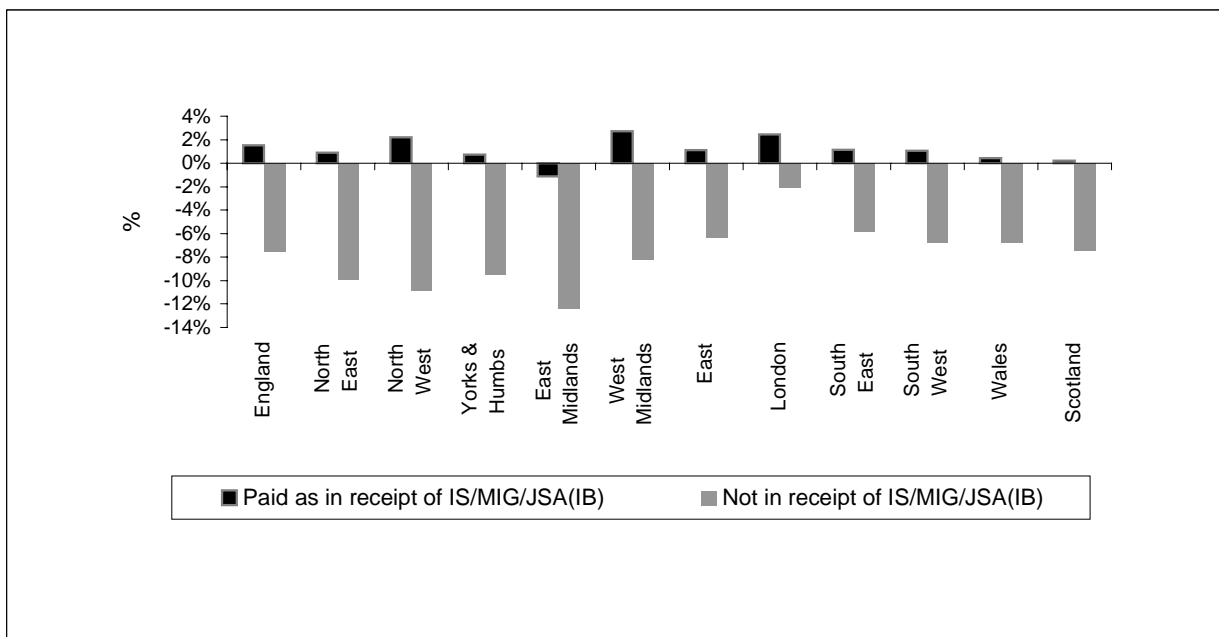
	Benefit Received			Eligible Rent		
	All HB recipients	Paid as in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	All HB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
May-97	<b>43.30</b>	48.10	34.40	<b>48.10</b>	48.80	46.80
Aug-97	<b>43.40</b>	48.40	34.30	<b>48.40</b>	49.20	46.90
Nov-97	<b>43.50</b>	48.60	34.20	<b>48.50</b>	49.30	47.10
Feb-98	<b>43.60</b>	48.70	34.30	<b>48.70</b>	49.40	47.20
May-98	<b>44.30</b>	49.60	35.10	<b>49.70</b>	50.30	48.50
Aug-98	<b>44.50</b>	49.80	35.20	<b>49.90</b>	50.50	48.70
Nov-98	<b>44.70</b>	50.00	35.30	<b>50.10</b>	50.80	48.80
Feb-99	<b>44.90</b>	50.20	35.40	<b>50.20</b>	50.10	48.90
May-99	<b>46.30</b>	51.30	37.30	<b>51.50</b>	52.00	50.40
Aug-99	<b>46.40</b>	51.50	37.10	<b>51.70</b>	52.30	50.60
Nov-99	<b>46.70</b>	51.80	37.30	<b>51.90</b>	52.60	50.60
Feb-00	<b>46.80</b>	52.00	37.10	<b>52.10</b>	52.80	50.80
May-00	<b>48.30</b>	53.20	39.10	<b>53.40</b>	54.00	52.30
Aug-00	<b>48.40</b>	53.40	38.80	<b>53.60</b>	54.20	52.50
Nov-00	<b>48.80</b>	53.80	39.00	<b>54.10</b>	54.70	52.90
Feb-01	<b>49.00</b>	54.00	39.00	<b>54.30</b>	54.90	53.20
May-01	<b>51.10</b>	55.70	41.70	<b>56.00</b>	56.50	55.00
Aug-01	<b>51.60</b>	56.20	42.00	<b>56.50</b>	56.90	55.50
Nov-01	<b>51.90</b>	56.70	41.70	<b>56.90</b>	57.40	55.70
Feb-02	<b>52.40</b>	57.10	41.90	<b>57.40</b>	57.90	56.20
May-02	<b>54.70</b>	59.30	44.20	<b>59.50</b>	60.10	58.20

**Table 1.7: Annual percentage change in Housing Benefit caseload by region and paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): May 2001 and May 2002**

*Thousand's and percentages*

	May 2001			May 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)
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>3,874</b>	2,603	1,271	<b>3,813</b>	2,637	1,176	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>-7.5%</b>
England	<b>3,207</b>	2,152	1,056	<b>3,160</b>	2,184	976	<b>-1.5%</b>	1.5%	-7.6%
North East	<b>245</b>	164	81	<b>238</b>	165	73	<b>-2.7%</b>	0.9%	-9.9%
North West	<b>525</b>	366	158	<b>515</b>	374	141	<b>-1.7%</b>	2.2%	-10.9%
Yorks and the Humber	<b>356</b>	242	114	<b>347</b>	244	103	<b>-2.5%</b>	0.7%	-9.5%
East Midlands	<b>236</b>	157	79	<b>224</b>	155	69	<b>-4.9%</b>	-1.1%	-12.4%
West Midlands	<b>352</b>	240	112	<b>349</b>	246	103	<b>-0.8%</b>	2.7%	-8.2%
East	<b>273</b>	172	100	<b>268</b>	174	94	<b>-1.6%</b>	1.1%	-6.3%
London	<b>588</b>	421	166	<b>594</b>	432	163	<b>1.2%</b>	2.5%	-2.1%
South East	<b>369</b>	221	148	<b>363</b>	224	139	<b>-1.7%</b>	1.1%	-5.9%
South West	<b>265</b>	168	97	<b>260</b>	170	90	<b>-1.8%</b>	1.1%	-6.8%
Wales	<b>206</b>	145	61	<b>203</b>	146	57	<b>-1.7%</b>	0.5%	-6.7%
Scotland	<b>461</b>	306	155	<b>450</b>	307	143	<b>-2.3%</b>	0.2%	-7.4%

**Chart 1.7a: Housing Benefit Regional Caseload, percentage change May 2001 to May 2002**



**Table 1.8: Housing Benefit caseload by Government Office Region (GOR) and tenure: May 2002**

*Thousands and percentages*

	All HB recipients	Rent Rebate		Rent Allowance		All HB recipients as % of <sup>1</sup> Household
		LA Tenants	Non LA tenants	Registered Social Landlord tenants	Private Tenants	
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>3,813</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>15.6%</b>
England	3,160	1,607	1,553	928	625	15.1%
North East	238	142	96	58	38	21.8%
North West	515	252	264	153	110	17.9%
Yorks and the Humber	347	220	127	61	67	16.4%
East Midlands	224	134	90	49	42	12.8%
West Midlands	349	182	167	115	52	16.0%
East	268	142	126	75	52	11.7%
London	594	316	279	177	101	18.7%
South East	363	129	234	147	87	10.7%
South West	260	92	169	92	76	12.4%
Wales	203	119	84	38	45	16.9%
Scotland	450	311	139	90	48	20.4%

<sup>1</sup> A Household is either one person living alone, or a group of people who share common housekeeping or a living room.

**Table 1.9: All Housing Benefit recipients average amounts by Government Office Region (GOR) and tenure: May 2002**

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	Rent Rebate		Rent Allowance		
	All HB recipients	LA Tenants	Non LA Tenants	Registered Social Landlord Tenants	Private Tenants
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>54.70</b>	<b>46.30</b>	<b>64.30</b>	<b>61.30</b>	<b>68.60</b>
England	56.60	47.70	65.80	62.90	70.10
North East	44.20	39.00	52.00	50.10	55.10
North West	51.00	44.10	57.50	56.00	59.60
Yorks and the Humber	46.00	39.00	58.10	61.20	55.40
East Midlands	46.80	41.20	55.10	55.80	54.30
West Midlands	49.40	43.40	55.90	52.80	63.00
East	55.00	47.30	63.60	61.30	67.00
London	77.70	65.40	91.70	83.80	105.50
South East	63.20	51.30	69.80	64.90	77.80
South West	55.30	44.80	61.00	57.60	65.10
Wales	48.10	42.70	55.80	55.30	56.20
Scotland	44.00	40.10	52.80	48.00	61.80

**Table 1.10: All Housing Benefit recipients eligible rent by Government Office Region (GOR) and tenure: May 2002**

£pw

	Rent Rebate		Rent Allowance		
	All HB recipients	LA Tenants	Non LA Tenants	Registered Social Landlord Tenants	Private Tenants
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>59.50</b>	<b>50.60</b>	<b>69.70</b>	<b>66.40</b>	<b>74.60</b>
England	61.70	52.30	71.50	68.20	76.30
North East	48.20	42.80	56.20	54.60	58.60
North West	55.00	48.10	61.50	60.00	63.70
Yorks and the Humber	49.60	42.30	62.20	65.00	59.70
East Midlands	50.80	44.90	59.60	59.90	59.20
West Midlands	53.60	47.30	60.40	57.00	68.10
East	61.00	53.00	69.90	66.90	74.20
London	84.00	71.40	98.20	89.70	113.10
South East	70.80	57.40	78.10	72.60	87.30
South West	61.30	49.60	67.60	63.40	72.80
Wales	51.60	46.10	59.40	58.80	59.90
Scotland	47.80	43.80	56.90	51.80	66.30



## **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 May 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 May 2001 around 14,000 young individuals in receipt of HB had been assessed under the single room rent scheme. This represents a year on year fall of around 24% 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. Some LA's 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. Of those LA's who can provide numbers of LRR cases, there are some who are unable to provide the correct allocation of cases between the LRR schemes. 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 1.11 and 1.15). Figures for January 1996 and October 1997 schemes, prior to May 2000 continue to be shown separately (tables 1.13, 1.14 and 1.16).

In May 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 1.11: Housing Benefit recipients assessed under the Local Reference Rent (Jan '96 or Oct '97) Scheme: May 2000 to May 2002**

*Thousands*

Recipients assessed under the Local Reference Rent (Jan '96 or Oct '97) Scheme	Private <b>Deregulated</b> Tenants			Registered <b>Social Landlord</b> Tenants		
	<b>Total</b>	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	<b>Total</b>	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)
May-00	<b>541</b>	388	153	<b>12</b>	8	3
Aug-00	<b>529</b>	381	149	<b>12</b>	8	4
Nov-00	<b>513</b>	368	145	<b>16</b>	11	5
Feb-01	<b>522</b>	376	146	<b>16</b>	11	5
May-01	<b>517</b>	372	145	<b>11</b>	8	3
Aug-01	<b>516</b>	372	145	<b>12</b>	8	3
Nov-01	<b>510</b>	367	142	<b>11</b>	7	3
Feb-02	<b>520</b>	373	147	<b>12</b>	8	4
May-02	<b>590</b>	424	166	<b>13</b>	9	4

**Table 1.12: Housing Benefit recipients assessed under the Single Room Rent (Oct '96) Scheme: May 1998 to May 2002**

*Thousands*

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

**Table 1.13: 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 1996 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	<b>499</b>	370	129	<b>4</b>	3	1
Aug-97	<b>511</b>	376	135	<b>5</b>	4	1
Nov-97	<b>529</b>	388	142	<b>6</b>	4	2
Feb-98	<b>538</b>	393	145	<b>6</b>	5	2
May-98	<b>410</b>	297	112	<b>6</b>	4	2
Aug-98	<b>366</b>	264	102	<b>5</b>	4	1
Nov-98	<b>341</b>	246	96	<b>5</b>	4	1
Feb-99	<b>302</b>	218	84	<b>5</b>	3	1
May-99	<b>287</b>	206	82	<b>7</b>	5	1
Aug-99	<b>268</b>	193	75	<b>5</b>	4	2
Nov-99	<b>254</b>	184	70	<b>5</b>	4	2
Feb-00	<b>209</b>	151	58	<b>5</b>	3	1

**Table 1.14: 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	<b>131</b>	93	38	<b>1</b>	1	-
Aug-98	<b>177</b>	126	51	<b>3</b>	2	1
Nov-98	<b>213</b>	152	61	<b>3</b>	3	1
Feb-99	<b>255</b>	183	72	<b>5</b>	4	1
May-99	<b>268</b>	194	74	<b>5</b>	4	1
Aug-99	<b>282</b>	203	80	<b>5</b>	4	2
Nov-99	<b>280</b>	201	79	<b>6</b>	4	2
Feb-00	<b>335</b>	243	92	<b>7</b>	5	2

**Table 1.15: Average amounts of rent for all recipients with a deregulated tenancy, by scheme assessed under: Great Britain May 2000 to May 2002**

	£pw					
	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
May-02	82.90	78.20	76.60	70.30	46.80	44.10

**Table 1.16: Average amounts of rent for all recipients with a deregulated tenancy, by scheme assessed under: Great Britain November 1997 to February 2000**

	£pw							
	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



## Section 2: Council Tax Benefit

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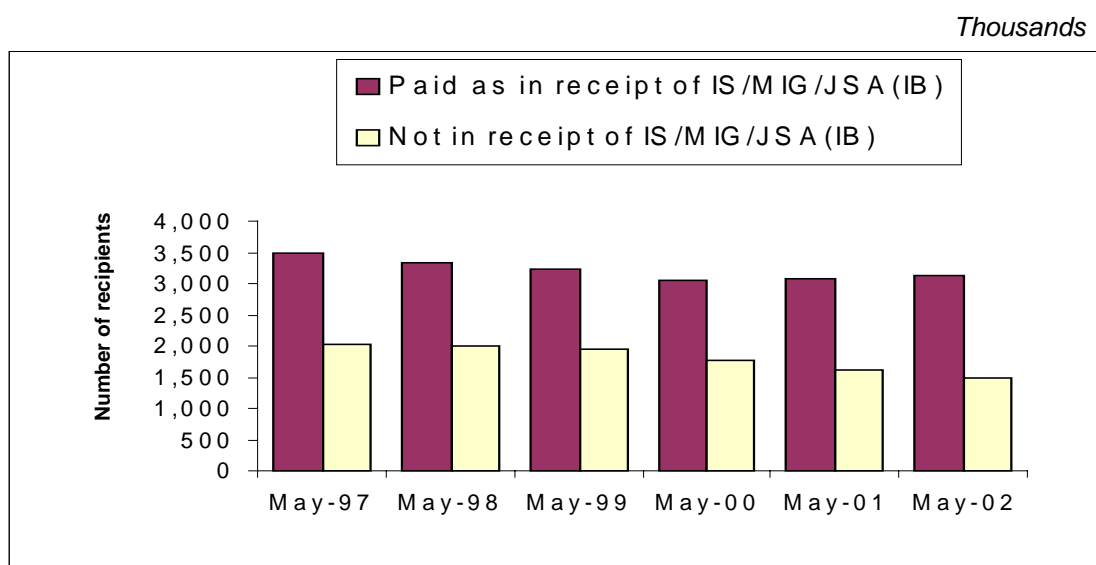


**Table 2.1: Main Council Tax Benefit recipients paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): May 1997 to May 2002**

	<i>Thousands</i>		
	<b>Main CTB recipients</b>	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
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
May-01	4,673	3,069	1,604
Aug-01	4,668	3,111	1,558
Nov-01	4,608	3,094	1,514
Feb-02	4,590	3,118	1,471
May-02	4,602	3,126	1,476

*Note: Figures do not include Second Adult Rebates*

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



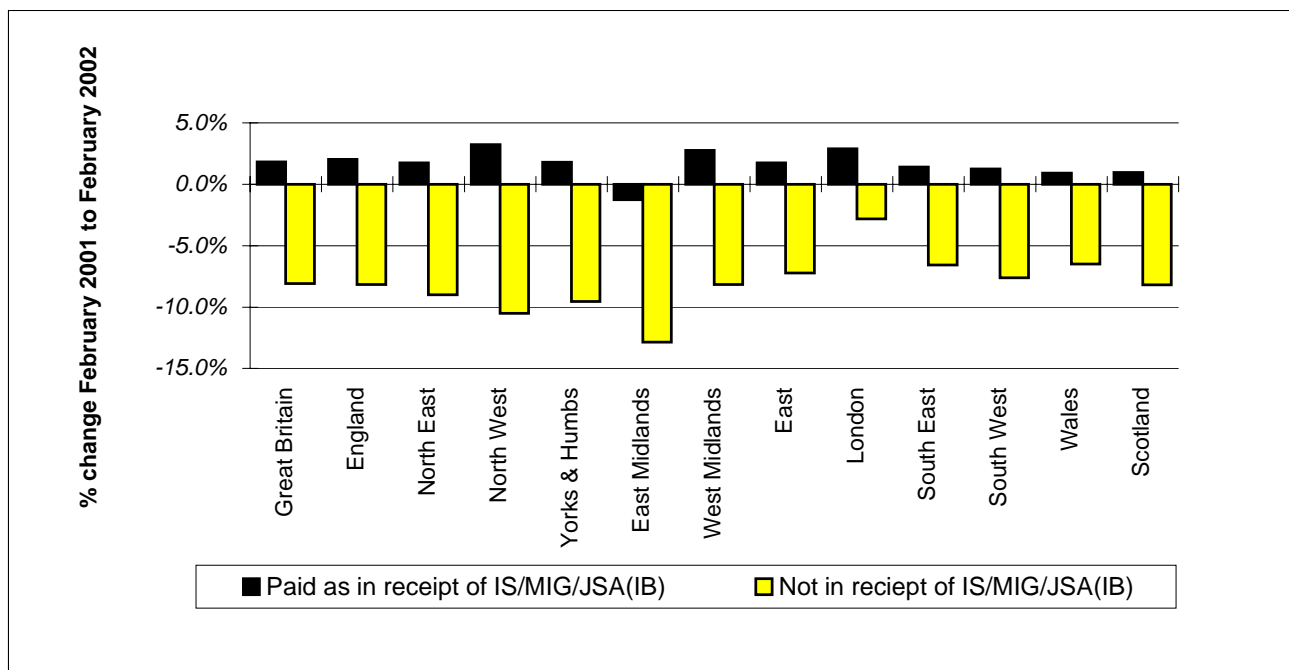
**Table 2.2: Annual percentage change in Council Tax Benefit caseload by Government Office Region (GOR) paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): May 2001 to May 2002**

*Thousands and percentages*

	May 2001			May 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		
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>4,675</b>	<b>3,069</b>	<b>1,606</b>	<b>4,602</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>-8.1%</b>
England	3,867	2,548	1,319	3,811	2,600	1,211	-1.5%	2.0%	-8.2%
North East	296	190	106	290	193	96	-2.1%	1.8%	-9.0%
North West	658	437	221	649	451	198	-1.4%	3.2%	-10.5%
Yorks and the Humber	437	289	149	428	294	135	-2.1%	1.8%	-9.5%
East Midlands	305	196	109	289	194	95	-5.4%	-1.3%	-12.8%
West Midlands	463	302	161	459	310	148	-1.0%	2.7%	-8.1%
East	341	216	125	336	220	116	-1.5%	1.8%	-7.2%
London	607	442	165	615	455	160	1.3%	2.9%	-2.8%
South East	432	267	164	425	271	154	-1.6%	1.4%	-6.6%
South West	327	208	118	320	211	109	-2.0%	1.2%	-7.6%
Wales	264	186	78	260	188	73	-1.3%	0.9%	-6.5%
Scotland	545	335	209	531	338	192	-2.6%	1.0%	-8.2%

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: May 2001 to May 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): May 2002**

*Thousands and percentages*

	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	All CTB recipients As % of <sup>1</sup> Households	Second Adult Rebates not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>4,602</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	<b>30</b>
England	3,811	2,600	1,211	18.2%	25
North East	290	193	96	26.5%	2
North West	649	451	198	22.6%	4
Yorks and the Humber	428	294	135	20.2%	3
East Midlands	289	194	95	16.5%	2
West Midlands	459	310	148	21.1%	5
East	336	220	116	14.7%	2
London	615	455	160	19.3%	2
South East	425	271	154	12.6%	3
South West	320	211	109	15.2%	2
Wales	260	188	73	21.7%	1
Scotland	531	338	192	24.1%	3

*Note: Second Adult Rebates are not included in the "Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)" figures, but only amount to 130 for the whole of GB and therefore have not been analysed separately.*

<sup>1</sup> A Household is either one person living alone, or a group of people who share common housekeeping or a living room.

**Table 2.4: Average weekly amounts of Council Tax Benefit and average weekly amounts of eligible Council Tax by Government Office Region (GOR): May 2002**

£pw

	Average weekly CTB			Eligible weekly CTB		
	<b>Main CTB recipients</b>	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	<b>Main CTB recipients</b>	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>10.80</b>	11.60	9.20	<b>12.10</b>	11.90	12.60
England	10.50	11.40	8.80	11.80	11.60	12.20
North East	10.80	11.60	9.20	12.10	11.90	12.50
North West	9.90	10.60	8.40	11.00	10.90	11.40
Yorks and the Humber	10.70	11.50	9.20	11.90	11.70	12.30
East Midlands	10.80	11.50	9.30	12.00	11.80	12.50
West Midlands	11.10	11.90	9.50	12.40	12.20	12.90
East	12.00	12.70	10.10	13.30	13.20	13.80
London	11.20	12.20	9.60	12.70	12.40	13.10
South East	10.90	11.70	9.30	12.60	11.90	14.10
South West	11.00	11.70	9.30	12.30	12.00	12.80
Wales	9.00	9.60	7.60	9.80	9.70	10.10
Scotland	10.70	11.60	9.20	12.10	11.90	12.30

*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): May 1997 to May 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)
May-97	<b>7.80</b>	8.70	6.20	<b>9.20</b>	9.00	9.40
Aug-97	<b>7.80</b>	8.70	6.20	<b>9.10</b>	9.00	9.40
Nov-97	<b>7.70</b>	8.70	6.10	<b>9.10</b>	9.00	9.40
Feb-98	<b>7.70</b>	8.70	6.10	<b>9.10</b>	9.00	9.40
May-98	<b>8.20</b>	9.20	6.50	<b>9.70</b>	9.60	10.00
Aug-98	<b>8.20</b>	9.20	6.40	<b>9.70</b>	9.60	10.00
Nov-98	<b>8.20</b>	9.20	6.50	<b>9.70</b>	9.60	10.00
Feb-99	<b>8.20</b>	9.20	6.50	<b>9.70</b>	9.50	10.00
May-99	<b>8.80</b>	9.70	7.10	<b>10.20</b>	10.00	10.50
Aug-99	<b>8.70</b>	9.70	7.10	<b>10.20</b>	10.00	10.50
Nov-99	<b>8.80</b>	9.70	7.10	<b>10.20</b>	10.00	10.50
Feb-00	<b>8.80</b>	9.70	7.10	<b>10.20</b>	10.00	10.50
May-00	<b>9.40</b>	10.30	7.90	<b>10.80</b>	10.60	11.10
Aug-00	<b>9.40</b>	10.30	7.80	<b>10.80</b>	10.60	11.20
Nov-00	<b>9.40</b>	10.30	7.70	<b>10.70</b>	10.60	11.10
Feb-01	<b>9.40</b>	10.30	7.60	<b>10.70</b>	10.60	11.10
May-01	<b>10.10</b>	10.90	8.60	<b>11.40</b>	11.20	11.70
Aug-01	<b>10.00</b>	10.80	8.40	<b>11.30</b>	11.10	11.70
Nov-01	<b>10.00</b>	10.80	8.40	<b>11.30</b>	11.10	11.70
Feb-02	<b>10.00</b>	10.80	8.30	<b>11.30</b>	11.10	11.70
May-02	<b>10.80</b>	11.60	9.20	<b>12.10</b>	11.90	12.60

Note: Figures do not include Second Adult Rebates.

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: NORTH EAST**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	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		
<b>North East</b>	Darlington	<b>7,174</b>	17.1%	3,964	3,210	5,054	2,120
	Hartlepool	<b>9,637</b>	25.4%	5,641	3,996	7,001	2,636
	Middlesbrough	<b>15,514</b>	26.3%	9,419	6,095	11,401	4,113
	Redcar and Cleveland	<b>12,047</b>	21.1%	8,328	3,719	8,584	3,463
	Stockton-on-Tees	<b>13,321</b>	17.5%	8,932	4,389	9,506	3,815
<b>Durham</b>	Chester-le-Street	<b>3,912</b>	15.6%	3,195	717	2,609	1,303
	Derwentside	<b>7,886</b>	21.3%	5,957	1,929	5,369	2,517
	Durham	<b>5,527</b>	14.9%	4,202	1,325	3,532	1,995
	Easington	<b>10,162</b>	26.1%	7,681	2,481	6,744	3,418
	Sedgefield	<b>8,046</b>	21.2%	6,145	1,901	5,403	2,643
	Teesdale	<b>1,304</b>	11.9%	581	723	901	403
	Wear Valley	<b>5,748</b>	21.3%	3,671	2,077	4,141	1,607
<b>Northumberland</b>	Alnwick	<b>1,891</b>	14.5%	1,119	772	1,243	648
	Berwick-upon-Tweed	<b>1,805</b>	15.0%	1,234	571	1,114	691
	Blyth Valley	<b>6,681</b>	19.7%	4,451	2,230	4,462	2,219
	Castle Morpeth	<b>2,090</b>	10.5%	1,553	537	1,261	829
	Tynedale	<b>2,595</b>	10.8%	0	2,595	1,555	1,040
	Wansbeck	<b>5,148</b>	19.8%	3,572	1,576	3,395	1,753
<b>Tyne and Wear (Met County)</b>	Gateshead	<b>21,199</b>	24.4%	15,585	5,614	14,007	7,192
	Newcastle upon Tyne	<b>30,580</b>	25.9%	21,319	9,261	21,802	8,778
	North Tyneside	<b>17,866</b>	20.5%	11,483	6,383	11,719	6,147
	South Tyneside	<b>18,544</b>	27.7%	13,989	4,555	13,560	4,984
	Sunderland	<b>29,511</b>	24.6%	133	29,378	20,996	8,515

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: NORTH WEST**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	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		
<b>North West</b>	Blackburn with Darwen	<b>10,496</b>	19.4%	52	10,444	7,654	2,842
	Blackpool	<b>13,867</b>	21.3%	4,265	9,602	10,222	3,645
	Halton	<b>11,234</b>	22.9%	4,391	6,843	8,456	2,778
	Warrington	<b>10,184</b>	12.6%	6,139	4,045	6,868	3,316
<b>Cheshire</b>							
	Chester	<b>6,330</b>	12.7%	0	6,330	4,399	1,931
	Congleton	<b>2,916</b>	8.1%	0	2,916	1,842	1,074
	Crewe and Nantwich	<b>5,407</b>	11.3%	3,514	1,893	3,594	1,813
	Ellesmere Port and Neston	<b>4,306</b>	13.0%	3,328	978	3,073	1,233
	Macclesfield	<b>5,746</b>	8.8%	3,013	2,733	3,770	1,976
	Vale Royal	<b>5,798</b>	11.8%	4,175	1,623	3,870	1,928
<b>Cumbria</b>							
	Allerdale	<b>6,278</b>	15.7%	1	6,277	4,356	1,922
	Barrow-in-Furness	<b>4,930</b>	16.4%	2,462	2,468	3,706	1,224
	Carlisle	<b>6,503</b>	14.8%	4,506	1,997	4,536	1,967
	Copeland	<b>5,048</b>	17.4%	2,386	2,662	3,407	1,641
	Eden	<b>1,771</b>	8.4%	0	1,771	1,016	755
	South Lakeland	<b>3,724</b>	8.1%	1,975	1,749	2,182	1,542
<b>Greater Manchester (Met County)</b>							
	Bolton	<b>19,932</b>	18.0%	12,285	7,647	14,693	5,239
	Bury	<b>10,535</b>	13.9%	6,041	4,494	7,305	3,230
	Manchester	<b>63,707</b>	34.6%	38,507	25,200	47,700	16,007
	Oldham	<b>16,587</b>	18.4%	10,762	5,825	11,629	4,958
	Rochdale	<b>16,823</b>	19.3%	10,164	6,659	12,205	4,618
	Salford	<b>25,217</b>	26.5%	17,956	7,261	18,020	7,197
	Stockport	<b>14,228</b>	11.5%	7,878	6,350	10,232	3,996
	Tameside	<b>16,079</b>	17.7%	117	15,962	11,122	4,957
	Trafford	<b>9,504</b>	10.3%	4,705	4,799	6,537	2,967
	Wigan	<b>19,660</b>	15.1%	14,649	5,011	14,028	5,632
<b>Lancashire</b>							
	Burnley	<b>6,984</b>	18.9%	6	6,978	5,011	1,973
	Chorley	<b>4,477</b>	10.9%	1,969	2,508	3,054	1,423
	Fylde	<b>2,755</b>	8.1%	4	2,751	1,790	965
	Hyndburn	<b>5,750</b>	18.0%	2,390	3,360	4,016	1,734
	Lancaster	<b>7,884</b>	13.8%	2,892	4,992	5,873	2,011
	Pendle	<b>5,715</b>	16.3%	2,612	3,103	4,179	1,536
	Preston	<b>9,610</b>	17.2%	4,643	4,967	6,955	2,655

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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): May 2002**  
**Government Office Region: NORTH WEST (cont)**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	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		
<b>Lancs (Cont)</b>	Ribble Valley	<b>1,353</b>	6.2%	620	733	792	561
	Rosendale	<b>3,629</b>	13.4%	2,359	1,270	2,529	1,100
	South Ribble	<b>3,555</b>	8.3%	0	3,555	2,382	1,173
	West Lancashire	<b>6,762</b>	15.0%	5,199	1,563	4,905	1,857
	Wyre	<b>4,498</b>	9.8%	0	4,498	3,151	1,347
<b>Merseyside (Met County)</b>	Knowsley	<b>17,942</b>	29.9%	12,723	5,219	13,982	3,960
	Liverpool	<b>57,138</b>	30.6%	22,735	34,403	44,511	12,627
	Sefton	<b>19,020</b>	26.1%	8,808	10,212	14,527	4,493
	St Helens	<b>14,852</b>	12.5%	9,938	4,914	10,730	4,122
	Wirral	<b>26,708</b>	19.2%	11,605	15,103	19,475	7,233

*Note: The figures shown include estimated data due to the non-return of information or data estimated at the Local Authority's request.*

**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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	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		
<b>Yorks and the Humber</b>	East Riding of Yorkshire	<b>13,759</b>	10.3%	7,424	6,335	9,220	4,539
	Kingston upon Hull	<b>31,484</b>	29.2%	19,972	11,512	22,678	8,806
	North East Lincolnshire	<b>12,264</b>	18.9%	5,914	6,350	9,177	3,087
	North Lincolnshire	<b>8,902</b>	14.1%	6,270	2,632	6,129	2,773
	York	<b>8,474</b>	11.2%	5,127	3,347	5,359	3,115
<b>North Yorkshire</b>							
	Craven	<b>1,913</b>	8.7%	933	980	1,080	833
	Hambleton	<b>2,790</b>	8.0%	3	2,787	1,625	1,165
	Harrogate	<b>5,376</b>	8.4%	2,610	2,766	3,141	2,235
	Richmondshire	<b>1,574</b>	7.9%	993	581	823	751
	Ryedale	<b>2,169</b>	10.8%	7	2,162	1,315	854
	Scarborough	<b>7,574</b>	15.8%	3,183	4,391	5,276	2,298
	Selby	<b>2,685</b>	9.0%	1,822	863	1,752	933
<b>South Yorkshire (Met County)</b>							
	Barnsley	<b>18,517</b>	19.7%	13,946	4,571	12,845	5,672
	Doncaster	<b>21,447</b>	17.7%	15,301	6,146	15,320	6,127
	Rotherham	<b>19,650</b>	18.5%	14,792	4,858	14,218	5,432
	Sheffield	<b>45,007</b>	19.7%	34,997	10,010	32,444	12,563
<b>West Yorkshire (Met County)</b>							
	Bradford	<b>31,141</b>	16.1%	15,572	15,569	23,447	7,694
	Calderdale	<b>12,018</b>	14.5%	0	12,018	8,708	3,310
	Kirklees	<b>21,176</b>	12.8%	14,489	6,687	15,211	5,965
	Leeds	<b>56,144</b>	18.0%	37,968	18,176	38,111	18,033
	Wakefield	<b>23,384</b>	17.5%	18,753	4,631	16,220	7,164

*Note: The figures shown include estimated data due to the non-return of information or data estimated at the Local Authority's request.*

**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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: EAST MIDLANDS**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	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		
<b>East Midlands</b>	Derby	<b>15,718</b>	16.0%	8,904	6,814	11,770	3,948
	Leicester	<b>21,611</b>	19.0%	13,403	8,208	16,343	5,268
	Nottingham	<b>24,458</b>	20.7%	16,354	8,104	18,819	5,639
	Rutland	<b>1,050</b>	7.0%	716	334	590	460
<b>Derbyshire</b>	Amber Valley	<b>5,983</b>	11.7%	3,670	2,313	4,137	1,846
	Bolsover	<b>5,456</b>	18.2%	3,445	2,011	3,724	1,732
	Chesterfield	<b>8,494</b>	19.3%	6,145	2,349	6,326	2,168
	Derbyshire Dales	<b>2,406</b>	8.0%	649	1,757	1,461	,945
	Erewash	<b>4,766</b>	10.4%	1,005	3,761	3,314	1,452
	High Peak	<b>4,375</b>	11.5%	2,668	1,707	2,965	1,410
	North East Derbyshire	<b>5,553</b>	13.2%	4,666	887	3,760	1,793
	South Derbyshire	<b>3,407</b>	10.3%	2,105	1,302	2,153	1,254
<b>Leicestershire</b>	Blaby	<b>1,830</b>	5.2%	1,150	680	1,108	722
	Charnwood	<b>5,257</b>	8.2%	3,394	1,863	3,417	1,840
	Harborough	<b>1,950</b>	6.1%	1,287	663	1,194	756
	Hinckley and Bosworth	<b>2,984</b>	7.3%	1,885	1,099	1,881	1,103
	Melton	<b>1,571</b>	7.9%	1,033	538	991	580
	North West Leicestershire	<b>3,747</b>	10.4%	2,466	1,281	2,364	1,383
	Oadby and Wigston	<b>1,414</b>	6.7%	764	650	922	492
	<b>Lincolnshire</b>	Boston	<b>3,491</b>	15.2%	5	3,486	2,341
East Lindsey		<b>7,105</b>	12.9%	5	7,100	4,743	2,362
Lincoln		<b>7,325</b>	19.8%	5,298	2,027	5,194	2,131
North Kesteven		<b>3,436</b>	9.0%	2,334	1,102	2,072	1,364
South Holland		<b>3,242</b>	10.1%	2,437	805	1,942	1,300
South Kesteven		<b>5,280</b>	10.2%	3,741	1,539	3,126	2,154
West Lindsey		<b>3,958</b>	12.4%	0	3,958	2,585	1,373
<b>Northamptonshire</b>		Corby	<b>3,657</b>	18.3%	2,942	715	2,446
	Daventry	<b>2,395</b>	8.6%	1,549	846	1,441	954
	East Northamptonshire	<b>3,125</b>	10.1%	0	3,125	1,975	1,150
	Kettering	<b>3,712</b>	10.6%	2,431	1,281	2,449	1,263
	Northampton	<b>10,516</b>	13.0%	7,835	2,681	7,602	2,914

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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 (cont)**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	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		
<b>Northamptonshire (cont)</b>	South Northamptonshire	<b>2,041</b>	6.4%	1,522	519	1,124	917
	Wellingborough	<b>3,800</b>	13.1%	2,756	1,044	2,729	1,071
<b>Nottinghamshire</b>							
	Ashfield	<b>6,780</b>	15.1%	4,790	1,990	4,631	2,149
	Bassetlaw	<b>6,892</b>	15.3%	4,991	1,901	4,727	2,165
	Broxtowe	<b>4,572</b>	9.7%	2,880	1,692	2,936	1,636
	Gedling	<b>4,208</b>	9.0%	2,085	2,123	2,618	1,590
	Mansfield	<b>7,729</b>	18.4%	4,880	2,849	5,312	2,417
	Newark and Sherwood	<b>5,730</b>	13.0%	3,450	2,280	3,796	1,934
	Rushcliffe	<b>2,957</b>	6.6%	1,927	1,030	1,832	1,125

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: WEST MIDLANDS**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	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		
<b>West Midlands</b>	County of Herefordshire	<b>8,737</b>	12.7%	3,353	5,384	5,420	3,317
	Stoke-on-Trent	<b>18,553</b>	18.2%	11,957	6,596	13,454	5,099
	Telford and Wrekin	<b>10,954</b>	18.3%	47	10,907	7,625	3,329
<b>Shropshire</b>	Bridgnorth	<b>2,223</b>	10.6%	1,449	774	1,326	897
	North Shropshire	<b>2,508</b>	10.9%	1,480	1,028	1,729	779
	Oswestry	<b>1,890</b>	12.6%	1,205	685	1,334	556
	Shrewsbury and Atcham	<b>4,588</b>	11.2%	0	4,588	3,113	1,475
	South Shropshire	<b>1,909</b>	10.6%	0	1,909	1,129	780
<b>Staffordshire</b>	Cannock Chase	<b>5,347</b>	14.5%	3,996	1,351	3,518	1,829
	East Staffordshire	<b>4,479</b>	10.7%	0	4,479	3,161	1,318
	Lichfield	<b>3,447</b>	9.1%	2	3,445	2,211	1,236
	Newcastle-under-Lyme	<b>6,512</b>	12.8%	0	6,512	4,314	2,198
	South Staffordshire	<b>4,001</b>	9.5%	0	4,001	2,509	1,492
	Stafford	<b>4,502</b>	8.8%	3,143	1,359	2,937	1,565
	Staffordshire Moorlands	<b>2,731</b>	7.0%	0	2,731	1,788	943
	Tamworth	<b>4,174</b>	13.9%	3,064	1,110	2,891	1,283
<b>Warwickshire</b>	North Warwickshire	<b>2,803</b>	11.2%	1,799	1,004	1611	1192
	Nuneaton and Bedworth	<b>6,297</b>	13.1%	4,299	1,998	4181	2116
	Rugby	<b>3,895</b>	10.5%	2,419	1,476	2430	1465
	Stratford-on-Avon	<b>4,264</b>	8.7%	0	4,264	2459	1805
	Warwick	<b>5,465</b>	10.3%	3,301	2,164	3376	2089
<b>West Midlands (Met County)</b>	Birmingham	<b>92,398</b>	22.9%	54,427	37,971	70,102	22,296
	Coventry	<b>19,966</b>	16.0%	0	19,966	15,438	4,528
	Dudley	<b>20,449</b>	16.0%	15,978	4,471	14,287	6,162
	Sandwell	<b>28,579</b>	24.2%	22,367	6,212	19,795	8,784
	Solihull	<b>9,356</b>	11.1%	7,248	2,108	6,469	2,887
	Walsall	<b>20,621</b>	19.8%	14,851	5,770	14,935	5,686
	Wolverhampton	<b>23,517</b>	24.5%	16,914	6,603	16,647	6,870

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: WEST MIDLANDS (cont)**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	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		
<b>Worcestershire</b>	Bromsgrove	<b>2,488</b>	7.1%	1,772	716	1,466	1,022
	Malvern Hills	<b>3,065</b>	9.9%	5	3,060	1,882	1,183
	Redditch	<b>4,753</b>	15.3%	3,722	1,031	3,330	1,423
	Worcester	<b>4,890</b>	11.9%	2,816	2,074	3,226	1,664
	Wychavon	<b>4,710</b>	10.0%	7	4,703	2,806	1,904
	Wyre Forest	<b>5,005</b>	12.5%	0	5,005	3,421	1,584

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: EAST**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	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		
<b>East</b>	Luton	<b>10,708</b>	14.5%	6,025	4,683	7,718	2,990
	Peterborough	<b>11,076</b>	16.8%	6,701	4,375	7,805	3,271
	Southend-on-Sea	<b>11,564</b>	14.8%	4,434	7,130	8,157	3,407
	Thurrock	<b>8,212</b>	14.9%	6,260	1,952	5,589	2,623
<b>Bedfordshire</b>							
	Bedford	<b>7,951</b>	13.0%	0	7,951	5,533	2,418
	Mid Bedfordshire	<b>4,119</b>	7.9%	0	4,119	2,359	1,760
	South Bedfordshire	<b>4,753</b>	10.1%	3,278	1,475	2,985	1,768
<b>Cambridgeshire</b>							
	Cambridge	<b>6,222</b>	11.7%	4,164	2,058	3,997	2,225
	East Cambridgeshire	<b>2,913</b>	9.4%	29	2,884	1,706	1,207
	Fenland	<b>4,328</b>	12.4%	2,701	1,627	2,929	1,399
	Huntingdonshire	<b>5,045</b>	7.8%	0	5,045	3,218	1,827
	South Cambridgeshire	<b>3,772</b>	7.0%	2,697	1,075	2,166	1,606
<b>Essex</b>							
	Basildon	<b>11,582</b>	16.5%	7,919	3,663	8,279	3,303
	Braintree	<b>6,490</b>	11.4%	4,813	1,677	4,276	2,214
	Brentwood	<b>2,077</b>	6.9%	1,398	679	1,270	807
	Castle Point	<b>2,572</b>	7.3%	1,209	1,363	1,772	800
	Chelmsford	<b>5,785</b>	8.9%	1,627	4,158	3,508	2,277
	Colchester	<b>7,741</b>	11.7%	4,297	3,444	4,938	2,803
	Epping Forest	<b>5,303</b>	10.4%	3,703	1,600	3,355	1,948
	Harlow	<b>6,530</b>	20.4%	5,378	1,152	4,049	2,481
	Maldon	<b>2,383</b>	9.9%	4	2,379	1,438	945
	Rochford	<b>2,327</b>	7.3%	1,127	1,200	1,461	866
	Tendring	<b>6,929</b>	11.4%	2,159	4,770	4,728	2,201
	Uttlesford	<b>2,298</b>	7.9%	1,547	751	1,264	1,034
<b>Hertfordshire</b>							
	Broxbourne	<b>3,488</b>	10.3%	2,318	1,170	2,461	1,027
	Dacorum	<b>6,503</b>	11.2%	4,890	1,613	4,019	2,484
	East Hertfordshire	<b>4,016</b>	7.7%	1,245	2,771	2,355	1,661
	Hertsmere	<b>3,891</b>	9.7%	1	3,890	2,483	1,408
	North Hertfordshire	<b>5,945</b>	11.9%	4,270	1,675	3,295	2,650
	St. Albans	<b>4,333</b>	7.9%	2,922	1,411	2,562	1,771
	Stevenage	<b>5,723</b>	17.3%	4,637	1,086	3,609	2,114
	Three Rivers	<b>3,176</b>	8.6%	2,157	1,019	1,941	1,235

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**Government Office Region: EAST (cont)**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	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		
<b>Hertfordshire (cont)</b>	Watford	<b>3,967</b>	11.3%	2,572	1,395	2,548	1,419
	Welwyn Hatfield	<b>5,450</b>	14.0%	4,261	1,189	3,443	2,007
<b>Norfolk</b>							
	Breckland	<b>4,832</b>	9.3%	5	4,827	3,013	1,819
	Broadland	<b>3,370</b>	6.7%	6	3,364	2,088	1,282
	Great Yarmouth	<b>7,277</b>	18.7%	3,964	3,313	5,065	2,212
	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	<b>7,283</b>	12.8%	4,663	2,620	4,792	2,491
	North Norfolk	<b>4,938</b>	11.2%	2,765	2,173	3,006	1,932
	Norwich	<b>13,048</b>	22.9%	9,835	3,213	8,763	4,285
	South Norfolk	<b>4,003</b>	8.5%	2,586	1,417	2,556	1,447
<b>Suffolk</b>							
	Babergh	<b>3,418</b>	10.1%	2,240	1,178	1,965	1,453
	Forest Heath	<b>2,073</b>	7.7%	1,396	677	1,357	716
	Ipswich	<b>9,196</b>	18.8%	5,382	3,814	6,472	2,724
	Mid Suffolk	<b>2,977</b>	8.5%	1,984	993	1,732	1,245
	St. Edmundsbury	<b>4,449</b>	10.9%	3,001	1,448	2,612	1,837
	Suffolk Coastal	<b>4,744</b>	9.1%	16	4,728	2,885	1,859
	Waveney	<b>7,301</b>	15.2%	3,082	4,219	4,785	2,516

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: LONDON**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	Rent		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	27,079	28.8%	17,076	10,003	19,893	7,186
	City of London	1,132	37.7%	864	268	731	401
	Hammersmith and Fulham	18,004	22.2%	8,914	9,090	13,034	4,970
	Kensington and Chelsea	14,398	15.0%	5,291	9,107	10,780	3,618
	Wandsworth	20,155	16.1%	11,131	9,024	13,816	6,339
	Westminster	19,059	15.9%	8,872	10,187	14,208	4,851
	Hackney	30,093	33.8%	16,052	14,041	22,902	7,191
	Haringey	24,483	24.2%	12,787	11,696	18,499	5,984
	Islington	26,993	32.9%	18,600	8,393	20,434	6,559
	Lambeth	28,532	21.9%	17,154	11,378	21,697	6,835
	Lewisham	27,353	25.1%	16,814	10,539	19,875	7,478
	Newham	30,078	33.1%	14,637	15,441	22,418	7,660
	Southwark	32,636	30.2%	23,744	8,892	24,205	8,431
	Tower Hamlets	29,569	37.9%	17,900	11,669	22,407	7,162
	Barking and Dagenham	14,943	24.1%	11,903	3,040	10,926	4,017
	Bexley	9,843	10.8%	63	9,780	6,621	3,222
	Enfield	17,546	15.8%	9,319	8,227	12,418	5,128
	Greenwich	23,055	25.1%	15,498	7,557	16,704	6,351
	Havering	10,064	10.6%	7,037	3,027	6,682	3,382
	Redbridge	11,001	11.8%	3,946	7,055	7,881	3,120
	Waltham Forest	18,199	19.4%	8,960	9,239	13,392	4,807
	Bromley	12,825	9.9%	78	12,747	8,840	3,985
	Croydon	21,902	15.3%	11,077	10,825	15,214	6,688
	Kingston upon Thames	5,856	9.2%	3,495	2,361	3,692	2,164
	Merton	8,799	10.7%	4,290	4,509	5,859	2,940
	Sutton	8,245	10.7%	4,948	3,297	5,297	2,948
	Barnet	17,490	12.4%	8,005	9,485	12,823	4,667
	Brent	22,195	21.1%	6,908	15,287	15,915	6,280
	Ealing	17,466	13.4%	9,360	8,106	13,422	4,044
	Harrow	9,514	11.1%	3,981	5,533	6,770	2,744
	Hillingdon	13,962	13.3%	8,169	5,793	9,497	4,465
	Hounslow	14,417	16.4%	8,703	5,714	10,302	4,115
	Richmond Upon Thames	7,523	8.5%	300	7,223	4,609	2,914

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### 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): May 2002

#### Government Office Region: SOUTH EAST

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	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		
<b>South East</b>	Bracknell Forest	4,109	9.1%	2,862	1,247	2,446	1,663
	Brighton and Hove	21,714	18.1%	9,122	12,592	14,782	6,932
	Isle of Wight	7,956	14.2%	69	7,887	5,261	2,695
	Medway	13,329	13.6%	2,125	11,204	9,001	4,328
	Milton Keynes	11,495	13.1%	7,133	4,362	7,548	3,947
	Portsmouth	14,240	18.3%	8,816	5,424	9,433	4,807
	Reading	8,452	13.2%	4,823	3,629	5,380	3,072
	Slough	7,186	16.0%	4,481	2,705	4,880	2,306
	Southampton	17,911	19.9%	10,633	7,278	11,876	6,035
	West Berkshire	4,753	8.1%	38	4,715	2,607	2,146
<b>Buckinghamshire</b>	Windsor and Maidenhead	4,812	8.2%	6	4,806	2,405	2,407
	Wokingham	2,390	4.2%	1,359	1,031	1,373	1,017
	Aylesbury Vale	5,179	8.0%	3,887	1,292	3,128	2,051
	Chiltern	2,767	7.3%	0	2,767	1,503	1,264
<b>East Sussex</b>	South Bucks	1,987	7.6%	10	1,977	1,076	911
	Wycombe	5,831	8.7%	3,864	1,967	3,540	2,291
	Eastbourne	6,705	16.0%	2,454	4,251	3,938	2,767
	Hastings	8,322	22.5%	37	8,285	5,748	2,574
<b>Hampshire</b>	Lewes	4,061	10.7%	1,996	2,065	2,424	1,637
	Rother	4,374	10.9%	0	4,374	2,558	1,816
	Wealden	4,119	6.8%	1,919	2,200	2,397	1,722
	Basingstoke & Deane	6,080	10.0%	10	6,070	3,351	2,729
	East Hampshire	3,431	7.5%	0	3,431	2,016	1,415
<b>Kent</b>	Eastleigh	3,949	8.2%	25	3,924	2,178	1,771
	Fareham	2,438	5.5%	1,511	927	1,509	929
	Gosport	3,754	11.7%	2,064	1,690	2,208	1,546
	Hart	1,561	4.5%	12	1,549	870	691
	Havant	3,897	7.8%	11	3,886	2,522	1,375
	New Forest	6,485	8.6%	3,359	3,126	3,762	2,723
	Rushmoor	3,259	9.3%	0	3,259	1,945	1,314
	Test Valley	3,706	8.1%	45	3,661	2,135	1,571
	Winchester	3,998	8.9%	2,557	1,441	2,097	1,901
<b>Kent</b>	Ashford	4,912	11.4%	3,524	1,388	3,030	1,882
	Canterbury	6,953	11.6%	3,755	3,198	4,338	2,615
	Dartford	3,793	10.8%	2,618	1,175	2,393	1,400

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**Government Office Region: SOUTH EAST (cont)**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	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		
<b>Kent (cont)</b>	Dover	6,686	14.2%	3,279	3,407	4,121	2,565
	Gravesham	5,208	13.7%	3,810	1,398	3,420	1,788
	Maidstone	6,029	10.4%	4,017	2,012	3,668	2,361
	Sevenoaks	4,396	9.6%	17	4,379	2,503	1,893
	Shepway	5,956	13.2%	2,324	3,632	4,050	1,906
	Swale	6,865	14.0%	0	6,865	4,513	2,352
	Thanet	10,516	18.8%	2,236	8,280	7,272	3,244
	Tonbridge and Malling	4,462	10.4%	0	4,462	2,406	2,056
	Tunbridge Wells	5,009	11.6%	49	4,960	2,920	2,089
<b>Oxfordshire</b>	Cherwell	4,437	7.9%	2,010	2,427	2,764	1,673
	Oxford	7,900	13.4%	4228	3,672	5,158	2,742
	South Oxfordshire	3,994	7.8%	7	3,987	2,225	1,769
	Vale of White Horse	3,460	7.5%	39	3,421	1,969	1,491
	West Oxfordshire	2,923	7.3%	6	2,917	1,699	1,224
<b>Surrey</b>	Elmbridge	4,405	7.9%	47	4,358	2,389	2,016
	Epsom and Ewell	1,776	6.1%	19	1,757	993	783
	Guildford	4,692	9.0%	3,098	1,594	2,574	2,118
	Mole Valley	2,487	7.3%	1,653	834	1,305	1,182
	Reigate and Banstead	3,639	7.3%	9	3,630	2,120	1,519
	Runnymede	2,708	8.5%	1,759	949	1,414	1,294
	Spelthorne	3,305	8.7%	0	3,305	1,998	1,307
	Surrey Heath	1,855	5.5%	28	1,827	1,053	802
	Tandridge	2,147	6.5%	1,433	714	1,268	879
	Waverley	4,035	8.6%	2,878	1,157	2,119	1,916
	Woking	3,141	7.9%	2,093	1,048	1,773	1,368
<b>West Sussex</b>	Adur	2,857	11.4%	1,838	1,019	1,847	1,010
	Arun	6,072	9.2%	2,439	3,633	3,712	2,360
	Chichester	4,527	9.6%	31	4,496	2,508	2,019
	Crawley	4,995	12.5%	4,063	932	2,905	2,090
	Horsham	3,996	7.7%	57	3,939	2,113	1,883
	Mid Sussex	3,905	7.4%	15	3,890	2,121	1,784
	Worthing	4,670	9.9%	16	4,654	2,943	1,727

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: SOUTH WEST**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	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		
<b>South West</b>	Bath and North East Somerset	<b>8,586</b>	11.9%	48	8,538	5,055	3,531
	Bournemouth	<b>11,373</b>	15.8%	3,816	7,557	7,824	3,549
	Bristol, City of	<b>30,051</b>	17.2%	19,060	10,991	22,128	7,923
	North Somerset	<b>9,091</b>	11.4%	4,292	4,799	5,658	3,433
	Plymouth	<b>18,687</b>	17.6%	9,902	8,785	12,892	5,795
	Poole	<b>6,353</b>	10.6%	3,053	3,300	3,981	2,372
	South Gloucestershire	<b>7,808</b>	7.7%	4,805	3,003	5,143	2,665
	Swindon	<b>8,375</b>	11.0%	5,790	2,585	5,692	2,683
	Torbay	<b>9,154</b>	17.0%	40	9,114	6,634	2,520
<b>Cornwall and Isles of Scilly</b>	Caradon	<b>4,188</b>	12.0%	2,324	1,864	2,632	1,556
	Carrick	<b>5,253</b>	14.2%	2,768	2,485	3,466	1,787
	Kerrier	<b>5,106</b>	13.4%	0	5,106	3,588	1,518
	North Cornwall	<b>5,964</b>	17.0%	2,609	3,355	3,546	2,418
	Penwith	<b>4,964</b>	19.1%	0	4,964	3,560	1,404
	Restormel	<b>5,646</b>	14.5%	0	5,646	3,832	1,814
	Isles of Scilly	<b>47</b>	4.7%	23	24	22	25
<b>Devon</b>	East Devon	<b>4,801</b>	8.4%	2,440	2,361	2,932	1,869
	Exeter	<b>6,180</b>	13.1%	2,979	3,201	4,371	1,809
	Mid Devon	<b>3,310</b>	11.4%	1,902	1,408	2,142	1,168
	North Devon	<b>5,341</b>	14.1%	6	5,335	3,440	1,901
	South Hams	<b>3,965</b>	11.3%	47	3,918	2,326	1,639
	Teignbridge	<b>5,517</b>	10.6%	2,384	3,133	3,518	1,999
	Torridge	<b>2,862</b>	12.4%	1,078	1,784	1,922	940
	West Devon	<b>1,979</b>	9.9%	0	1,979	1,249	730
<b>Dorset</b>	Christchurch	<b>2,033</b>	10.2%	16	2,017	1,206	827
	East Dorset	<b>2,417</b>	6.5%	8	2,409	1,442	975
	North Dorset	<b>2,345</b>	9.0%	1	2,344	1,416	929
	Purbeck	<b>1,840</b>	9.2%	949	891	1,032	808
	West Dorset	<b>4,449</b>	10.9%	7	4,442	2,590	1,859
	Weymouth and Portland	<b>3,668</b>	13.6%	0	3,668	2,531	1,137
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	Cheltenham	<b>5,641</b>	12.0%	3,262	2,379	3,651	1,990
	Cotswold	<b>3,355</b>	9.3%	0	3,355	1,811	1,544
	Forest of Dean	<b>3,218</b>	10.1%	2,131	1,087	2,125	1,093

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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): May 2002****Government Office Region: SOUTH WEST (cont)**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	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		
<b>Glos (cont)</b>	Gloucester	<b>6,406</b>	13.9%	3,092	3,314	4,647	1,759
	Stroud	<b>4,490</b>	10.0%	3,052	1,438	2,637	1,853
	Tewkesbury	<b>2,739</b>	8.6%	0	2,739	1,662	1,077
<b>Somerset</b>	Mendip	<b>5,217</b>	12.7%	17	5,200	3,298	1,919
	Sedgemoor	<b>5,532</b>	12.3%	2,861	2,671	3,629	1,903
	South Somerset	<b>6,500</b>	9.8%	11	6,489	3,867	2,633
	Taunton Deane	<b>5,910</b>	13.7%	3,579	2,331	3,431	2,479
	West Somerset	<b>2,432</b>	17.4%	15	2,417	1,383	1,049
<b>Wiltshire</b>	Kennet	<b>3,133</b>	10.1%	0	3,133	1,720	1,413
	North Wiltshire	<b>4,500</b>	8.8%	15	4,485	2,671	1,829
	Salisbury	<b>4,883</b>	10.4%	3,134	1,749	2,601	2,282
	West Wiltshire	<b>5,005</b>	10.6%	67	4,938	3,000	2,005

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: WALES**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	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		
<b>Wales</b>	Blaenau Gwent	<b>7,130</b>	24.6%	4,985	2,145	5,159	1,971
	Bridgend	<b>8,222</b>	15.2%	4,540	3,682	5,814	2,408
	Caerphilly	<b>13,568</b>	20.0%	9,209	4,359	9,723	3,845
	Cardiff	<b>22,733</b>	17.2%	11,612	11,121	16,818	5,915
	Carmarthenshire	<b>11,714</b>	17.0%	6,865	4,849	8,406	3,308
	Ceredigion	<b>3,510</b>	11.7%	1,488	2,022	2,473	1,037
	Conwy	<b>6,690</b>	13.9%	2,656	4,034	4,836	1,854
	Denbighshire	<b>5,796</b>	15.3%	2,375	3,421	4,338	1,458
	Flintshire	<b>7,738</b>	13.1%	5,134	2,604	5,244	2,494
	Gwynedd	<b>7,415</b>	27.5%	4,153	3,262	5,404	2,011
	Isles of Anglesey	<b>4,578</b>	9.5%	2,831	1,747	3,328	1,250
	Merthyr Tydfil	<b>5,181</b>	22.5%	3,326	1,855	3,647	1,534
	Monmouthshire	<b>4,007</b>	11.1%	2,496	1,511	2,441	1,566
	Neath Port Talbot	<b>11,487</b>	20.5%	7,181	4,306	8,475	3,012
	Newport	<b>11,440</b>	20.1%	7,382	4,058	8,321	3,119
	Pembrokeshire	<b>7,383</b>	15.7%	4,223	3,160	5,147	2,236
	Powys	<b>6,029</b>	11.6%	3,071	2,958	4,066	1,963
	Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	<b>16,684</b>	17.4%	8,552	8,132	12,278	4,406
	Swansea	<b>18,404</b>	19.6%	10,558	7,846	13,574	4,830
	The Vale of Glamorgan	<b>5,923</b>	12.1%	2,842	3,081	4,396	1,527
	Torfaen	<b>7,786</b>	21.6%	6,347	1,439	5,425	2,361
	Wrexham	<b>9,359</b>	18.0%	7,414	1,945	6,569	2,790

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: SCOTLAND**

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	Rent		Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Local Authority Tenants	Rebate Allowance Non LA Tenants		
<b>Scotland</b>	Aberdeen	<b>15,237</b>	15.1%	12,239	2,998	10,448	4,789
	Aberdeenshire	<b>9,417</b>	10.3%	6,733	2,684	6,263	3,154
	Angus	<b>7,310</b>	15.6%	4,611	2,699	5,053	2,257
	Argyll and Bute	<b>5,894</b>	15.4%	3,479	2,415	3,989	1,905
	Clackmannanshire	<b>4,724</b>	22.9%	3,388	1,336	3,144	1,580
	Dumfries and Galloway	<b>10,354</b>	16.3%	6,785	3,569	7,106	3,248
	Dundee	<b>19,343</b>	28.9%	11,554	7,789	13,425	5,918
	East Ayrshire	<b>12,044</b>	23.6%	9,232	2,812	8,346	3,698
	East Dunbartonshire	<b>4,035</b>	9.6%	3,090	945	2,764	1,271
	East Lothian	<b>5,947</b>	15.7%	4,408	1,539	3,682	2,265
	East Renfrewshire	<b>3,594</b>	10.4%	2,381	1,213	2,351	1,243
	Edinburgh	<b>32,377</b>	15.6%	18,541	13,836	21,503	10,874
	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (previously Western Isles)	<b>1,316</b>	11.3%	1,072	244	949	367
	Falkirk	<b>12,751</b>	20.6%	10,517	2,234	8,574	4,177
	Fife	<b>27,696</b>	18.4%	20,815	6,881	17,993	9,703
	Glasgow	<b>97,526</b>	35.6%	61,794	35,732	69,001	28,525
	Highland	<b>13,573</b>	15.3%	9,478	4,095	9,381	4,192
	Inverclyde	<b>9,454</b>	25.1%	6,474	2,980	6,290	3,164
	Midlothian	<b>5,224</b>	16.3%	2,953	2,271	3,126	2,098
	Moray	<b>4,440</b>	12.3%	3,134	1,306	2,973	1,467
	North Ayrshire	<b>13,735</b>	23.2%	10,270	3,465	9,604	4,131
	North Lanarkshire	<b>33,887</b>	25.2%	27,387	6,500	23,211	10,676
	Orkney Islands	<b>867</b>	10.5%	459	408	565	302
	Perth and Kinross	<b>7,162</b>	12.5%	4,408	2,754	4,803	2,359
	Renfrewshire	<b>18,166</b>	23.5%	12,501	5,665	11,727	6,439
	Scottish Borders, The	<b>7,065</b>	15.2%	3,302	3,763	4,482	2,583
	Shetland Islands	<b>952</b>	10.3%	826	126	643	309
	South Ayrshire	<b>8,668</b>	17.8%	6,417	2,251	5,958	2,710
	South Lanarkshire	<b>27,424</b>	21.7%	22,210	5,214	18,892	8,532
	Stirling	<b>5,586</b>	16.2%	4,332	1,254	3,697	1,889
	West Dunbartonshire	<b>11,847</b>	28.3%	8,385	3,462	8,449	3,398
	West Lothian	<b>12,334</b>	19.1%	8,223	4,111	8,277	4,057

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: NORTH EAST**

<b>County/UA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>North East</b>	Darlington	<b>8,796</b>	20.9%	6,058	2,738
	Hartlepool	<b>12,549</b>	33.0%	8,532	4,017
	Middlesbrough	<b>18,168</b>	30.8%	13,082	5,086
	Redcar and Cleveland	<b>15,845</b>	27.8%	10,538	5,307
	Stockton-on-Tees	<b>16,722</b>	22.0%	11,540	5,182
<b>Durham</b>	Chester-le-Street	<b>4,841</b>	19.4%	3,090	1,751
	Derwentside	<b>10,406</b>	28.1%	6,559	3,847
	Durham	<b>6,550</b>	17.7%	4,085	2,465
	Easington	<b>12,793</b>	32.8%	8,021	4,772
	Sedgefield	<b>10,004</b>	26.3%	6,394	3,610
	Teesdale	<b>1,776</b>	16.1%	1,168	608
	Wear Valley	<b>7,589</b>	28.1%	5,213	2,376
<b>Northumberland</b>	Alnwick	<b>2,424</b>	18.2%	1,525	899
	Berwick-upon-Tweed	<b>2,367</b>	67.5%	1,407	960
	Blyth Valley	<b>8,100</b>	8.1%	5,188	2,912
	Castle Morpeth	<b>2,738</b>	16.7%	1,560	1,178
	Tynedale	<b>3,336</b>	27.3%	1,912	1,424
	Wansbeck	<b>6,547</b>	100.1%	4,076	2,471
<b>Tyne and Wear (Met County)</b>	Gateshead	<b>26,031</b>	25.8%	16,278	9,753
	Newcastle upon Tyne	<b>33,667</b>	18.4%	23,375	10,292
	North Tyneside	<b>22,429</b>	39.5%	14,075	8,354
	South Tyneside	<b>21,669</b>	13.1%	15,636	6,033
	Sunderland	<b>34,403</b>	10.5%	24,056	10,347

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: NORTH WEST**

<b>County/UA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>North West</b>	Blackburn with Darwen	<b>14,687</b>	27.2%	9,958	4,729
	Blackpool	<b>16,127</b>	24.8%	11,711	4,416
	Halton	<b>13,066</b>	26.7%	9,749	3,317
	Warrington	<b>12,636</b>	15.6%	8,388	4,248
<b>Cheshire</b>	Chester	<b>7,584</b>	15.2%	5,209	2,375
	Congleton	<b>4,248</b>	11.8%	2,484	1,764
	Crewe and Nantwich	<b>7,164</b>	14.9%	4,543	2,621
	Ellesmere Port and Neston	<b>5,730</b>	17.4%	3,836	1,894
	Macclesfield	<b>7,327</b>	11.3%	4,749	2,578
	Vale Royal	<b>7,421</b>	15.1%	4,726	2,695
	<b>Cumbria</b>	Allerdale	<b>7,914</b>	19.8%	5,294
Barrow-in-Furness	<b>7,098</b>	23.7%	5,173	1,925	
Carlisle	<b>7,582</b>	17.2%	5,183	2,399	
Copeland	<b>6,019</b>	20.8%	3,985	2,034	
Eden	<b>2,284</b>	10.9%	1,316	968	
South Lakeland	<b>4,966</b>	10.8%	2,811	2,155	
<b>Greater Manchester (Met County)</b>	Bolton	<b>25,884</b>	23.3%	18,463	7,421
	Bury	<b>13,919</b>	18.3%	9,633	4,286
	Manchester	<b>63,329</b>	34.4%	47,287	16,042
	Oldham	<b>21,966</b>	24.4%	14,581	7,385
	Rochdale	<b>22,254</b>	25.6%	15,658	6,596
	Salford	<b>29,086</b>	30.6%	19,935	9,151
	Stockport	<b>21,163</b>	17.1%	14,133	7,030
	Tameside	<b>23,370</b>	25.7%	15,392	7,978
	Trafford	<b>14,152</b>	15.4%	9,743	4,409
	Wigan	<b>26,215</b>	20.2%	17,786	8,429
<b>Lancashire</b>	Burnley	<b>9,239</b>	25.0%	6,271	2,968
	Chorley	<b>6,289</b>	15.3%	4,106	2,183
	Fylde	<b>3,724</b>	11.0%	2,349	1,375
	Hyndburn	<b>7,775</b>	24.3%	5,171	2,604
	Lancaster	<b>10,133</b>	17.8%	7,319	2,814
	Pendle	<b>8,549</b>	24.4%	5,820	2,729
	Preston	<b>12,196</b>	21.8%	8,464	3,732

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: NORTH WEST (cont)**

<b>County/UA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>Lancs (Cont)</b>	Ribble Valley	<b>2,066</b>	9.4%	1,165	901
	Rossendale	<b>4,749</b>	17.6%	3,179	1,570
	South Ribble	<b>5,362</b>	12.5%	3,443	1,919
	West Lancashire	<b>9,202</b>	20.4%	6,285	2,917
	Wyre	<b>7,036</b>	15.3%	4,672	2,364
<b>Merseyside (Met County)</b>	Knowsley	<b>22,971</b>	38.3%	16,836	6,135
	Liverpool	<b>66,720</b>	35.7%	48,133	18,587
	St. Helens	<b>26,159</b>	35.8%	19,023	7,136
	Sefton	<b>18,882</b>	15.9%	13,065	5,817
	Wirral	<b>34,852</b>	25.1%	24,231	10,621

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**Government Office Region: YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER**

<b>County/UA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>Yorks and the Humber</b>	East Riding of Yorkshire	<b>20,137</b>	15.1%	12,932	7,205
	Kingston upon Hull	<b>33,832</b>	31.3%	24,545	9,287
	North East Lincolnshire	<b>16,630</b>	25.6%	11,897	4,733
	North Lincolnshire	<b>12,292</b>	19.5%	7,821	4,471
	York	<b>10,264</b>	13.5%	6,430	3,834
<b>North Yorkshire</b>	Craven	<b>2,676</b>	12.2%	1,532	1,144
	Hambleton	<b>3,403</b>	9.7%	1,978	1,425
	Harrogate	<b>6,588</b>	10.3%	3,948	2,640
	Richmondshire	<b>2,188</b>	10.9%	1,131	1,057
	Ryedale	<b>2,821</b>	14.1%	1,767	1,054
	Scarborough	<b>9,027</b>	18.8%	6,203	2,824
	Selby	<b>3,370</b>	11.2%	2,168	1,202
<b>South Yorkshire (Met County)</b>	Barnsley	<b>23,130</b>	24.6%	15,653	7,477
	Doncaster	<b>26,843</b>	22.2%	18,800	8,043
	Rotherham	<b>24,672</b>	23.3%	17,311	7,361
	Sheffield	<b>53,950</b>	23.7%	37,658	16,292
<b>West Yorkshire (Met County)</b>	Bradford	<b>43,212</b>	22.3%	32,073	11,139
	Calderdale	<b>15,901</b>	19.2%	11,162	4,739
	Kirklees	<b>26,120</b>	15.8%	17,854	8,266
	Leeds	<b>65,062</b>	20.9%	42,662	22,400
	Wakefield	<b>26,309</b>	19.6%	18,248	8,061

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**Government Office Region: EAST MIDLANDS**

<b>County/UA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>East Midlands</b>	Derby	19,231	19.6%	14,159	5,072
	Leicester	24,008	21.1%	18,182	5,826
	Nottingham	26,526	22.5%	20,279	6,247
	Rutland	1,356	9.0%	740	616
<b>Derbyshire</b>	Amber Valley	8,476	16.6%	5,657	2,819
	Bolsover	7,238	24.1%	4,761	2,477
	Chesterfield	10,265	23.3%	7,407	2,858
	Derbyshire Dales	3,501	11.7%	2,005	1,496
	Erewash	6,765	14.7%	4,610	2,155
	High Peak	5,783	15.2%	3,798	1,985
	North East Derbyshire	7,571	18.0%	4,821	2,750
	South Derbyshire	4,785	14.5%	2,855	1,930
<b>Leicestershire</b>	Blaby	3,200	9.1%	1,899	1,301
	Charnwood	7,168	11.2%	4,592	2,576
	Harborough	2,921	9.1%	1,770	1,151
	Hinckley and Bosworth	4,654	11.4%	2,928	1,726
	Melton	2,042	10.2%	1,282	760
	North West Leicestershire	5,268	14.6%	3,217	2,051
	Oadby and Wigston	2,563	12.2%	1,537	1,026
	<b>Lincolnshire</b>	Boston	4,584	19.9%	3,048
East Lindsey		10,527	19.1%	6,929	3,598
Lincoln		8,447	22.8%	5,906	2,541
North Kesteven		4,928	13.0%	2,920	2,008
South Holland		4,902	15.3%	2,910	1,992
South Kesteven		6,502	12.5%	3,934	2,568
West Lindsey		5,602	17.5%	3,534	2,068
<b>Northamptonshire</b>		Corby	4,095	20.5%	2,730
	Daventry	3,060	10.9%	1,826	1,234
	East Northamptonshire	4,167	13.4%	2,642	1,525
	Kettering	4,973	14.2%	3,228	1,745
	Northampton	12,634	15.6%	8,936	3,698

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**Government Office Region: EAST MIDLANDS (cont)**

<b>County/UA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>Northamptonshire (cont)</b>	South Northamptonshire	<b>2,820</b>	8.8%	1,601	1,219
	Wellingborough	<b>4,735</b>	16.3%	3,420	1,315
<b>Nottinghamshire</b>	Ashfield	<b>9,539</b>	21.2%	6,068	3,471
	Bassetlaw	<b>8,891</b>	19.8%	5,948	2,943
	Broxtowe	<b>6,817</b>	14.5%	4,097	2,720
	Gedling	<b>6,605</b>	14.1%	3,937	2,668
	Mansfield	<b>10,124</b>	24.1%	6,575	3,549
	Newark and Sherwood	<b>7,534</b>	17.1%	4,766	2,768
	Rushcliffe	<b>4,186</b>	9.3%	2,518	1,668

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**Government Office Region: WEST MIDLANDS**

<b>County/UA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>West Midlands</b>	County of Herefordshire	<b>10,989</b>	15.9%	6,780	4,209
	Stoke-on-Trent	<b>24,621</b>	24.1%	16,989	7,632
	Telford and Wrekin	<b>13,271</b>	22.1%	9,209	4,062
<b>Shropshire</b>					
	Bridgnorth	<b>3,048</b>	14.5%	1,784	1,264
	North Shropshire	<b>3,628</b>	15.8%	2,461	1,167
	Oswestry	<b>2,540</b>	16.9%	1,791	749
	Shrewsbury and Atcham	<b>5,798</b>	14.1%	3,948	1,850
	South Shropshire	<b>2,516</b>	14.0%	1,467	1,049
<b>Staffordshire</b>					
	Cannock Chase	<b>6,821</b>	18.4%	4,479	2,342
	East Staffordshire	<b>6,139</b>	14.6%	4,288	1,851
	Lichfield	<b>4,592</b>	12.1%	2,966	1,626
	Newcastle-under-Lyme	<b>8,909</b>	17.5%	5,686	3,223
	South Staffordshire	<b>5,495</b>	13.1%	3,471	2,024
	Stafford	<b>5,659</b>	11.1%	3,645	2,014
	Staffordshire Moorlands	<b>4,792</b>	12.3%	2,984	1,808
	Tamworth	<b>5,246</b>	17.5%	3,673	1,573
<b>Warwickshire</b>					
	North Warwickshire	<b>4,134</b>	16.5%	2,272	1,862
	Nuneaton and Bedworth	<b>9,164</b>	19.1%	5,714	3,450
	Rugby	<b>5,193</b>	14.0%	3,159	2,034
	Stratford-on-Avon	<b>5,462</b>	11.1%	3,135	2,327
	Warwick	<b>6,871</b>	13.0%	4,185	2,686
<b>West Midlands (Met County)</b>					
	Birmingham	<b>118,746</b>	29.4%	86,465	32,281
	Coventry	<b>27,870</b>	22.3%	18,018	9,852
	Dudley	<b>27,493</b>	21.5%	18,465	9,028
	Sandwell	<b>36,856</b>	31.2%	24,730	12,126
	Solihull	<b>12,775</b>	15.2%	8,538	4,237
	Walsall	<b>27,274</b>	26.2%	19,043	8,231
	Wolverhampton	<b>30,956</b>	32.2%	20,537	10,419

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**Government Office Region: WEST MIDLANDS (cont)**

<b>County/UA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>Worcestershire</b>	Bromsgrove	<b>3,380</b>	9.7%	2,055	1,325
	Malvern Hills	<b>3,720</b>	12.0%	2,335	1,385
	Redditch	<b>5,735</b>	18.5%	4,035	1,700
	Worcester	<b>5,932</b>	14.5%	3,896	2,036
	Wychavon	<b>6,059</b>	12.9%	3,630	2,429
	Wyre Forest	<b>6,844</b>	17.1%	4,540	2,304

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: EAST**

<b>County/UA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>East</b>	Luton	<b>13,465</b>	18.2%	9,962	3,503
	Peterborough	<b>12,649</b>	19.2%	9,202	3,447
	Southend-on-Sea	<b>14,150</b>	18.1%	10,442	3,708
	Thurrock	<b>10,034</b>	18.2%	6,898	3,136
<b>Bedfordshire</b>					
	Mid Bedfordshire	<b>5,429</b>	8.9%	3,034	2,395
	Bedford	<b>9,598</b>	18.5%	6,649	2,949
	South Bedfordshire	<b>6,204</b>	13.2%	3,747	2,457
<b>Cambridgeshire</b>					
	Cambridge	<b>6,167</b>	6.8%	3,975	2,192
	East Cambridgeshire	<b>3,616</b>	20.3%	2,159	1,457
	Fenland	<b>6,283</b>	17.2%	4,221	2,062
	Huntingdonshire	<b>6,007</b>	6.8%	3,964	2,043
	South Cambridgeshire	<b>4,431</b>	8.2%	2,683	1,748
<b>Essex</b>					
	Basildon	<b>14,688</b>	21.0%	10,390	4,298
	Braintree	<b>7,968</b>	14.0%	5,351	2,617
	Brentwood	<b>3,138</b>	10.5%	1,876	1,262
	Castle Point	<b>5,129</b>	14.7%	3,304	1,825
	Chelmsford	<b>7,190</b>	11.1%	4,431	2,759
	Colchester	<b>8,854</b>	13.4%	5,847	3,007
	Epping Forest	<b>6,934</b>	13.6%	4,495	2,439
	Harlow	<b>7,294</b>	22.8%	4,475	2,819
	Maldon	<b>3,215</b>	13.4%	1,987	1,228
	Rochford	<b>3,814</b>	11.9%	2,463	1,351
	Tendring	<b>11,451</b>	18.8%	7,546	3,905
	Uttlesford	<b>2,816</b>	9.7%	1,573	1,243
<b>Hertfordshire</b>					
	Broxbourne	<b>5,056</b>	14.9%	3,641	1,415
	Dacorum	<b>7,416</b>	12.8%	4,506	2,910
	East Hertfordshire	<b>4,699</b>	9.0%	2,972	1,727
	Hertsmere	<b>4,802</b>	12.0%	3,129	1,673
	North Hertfordshire	<b>6,668</b>	13.3%	3,756	2,912
	St. Albans	<b>5,074</b>	9.2%	3,013	2,061
	Stevenage	<b>6,189</b>	18.8%	3,938	2,251
	Three Rivers	<b>4,101</b>	11.1%	2,561	1,540

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**Government Office Region: EAST (cont)**

<b>County</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>Hertfordshire (cont)</b>	Watford	<b>4,450</b>	12.7%	2,856	1,594
	Welwyn Hatfield	<b>5,818</b>	14.9%	3,733	2,085
<b>Norfolk</b>	Breckland	<b>6,413</b>	12.3%	4,124	2,289
	Broadland	<b>5,276</b>	10.6%	3,286	1,990
	Great Yarmouth	<b>9,319</b>	23.9%	6,347	2,972
	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	<b>10,105</b>	17.7%	6,505	3,600
	North Norfolk	<b>6,865</b>	15.6%	4,191	2,674
	Norwich	<b>13,921</b>	24.4%	9,340	4,581
	South Norfolk	<b>5,881</b>	12.5%	3,710	2,171
<b>Suffolk</b>	Babergh	<b>4,570</b>	13.4%	2,642	1,928
	Forest Heath	<b>2,768</b>	10.3%	1,856	912
	Ipswich	<b>10,912</b>	22.3%	7,593	3,319
	Mid Suffolk	<b>4,054</b>	11.6%	2,385	1,669
	St. Edmundsbury	<b>5,261</b>	12.8%	3,106	2,155
	Suffolk Coastal	<b>6,053</b>	11.6%	3,712	2,341
	Waveney	<b>9,717</b>	20.2%	6,298	3,419

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**Government Office Region: LONDON**

<b>County/UA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>London</b>	Camden	<b>24,025</b>	25.6%	17,780	6,245
	City of London	<b>398</b>	13.3%	289	109
	Hammersmith and Fulham	<b>16,768</b>	20.7%	12,200	4,568
	Kensington and Chelsea	<b>12,355</b>	12.9%	9,618	2,737
	Wandsworth	<b>17,665</b>	14.1%	13,779	3,886
	Westminster	<b>14,706</b>	12.3%	12,101	2,605
	Hackney	<b>28,627</b>	32.2%	22,075	6,552
	Haringey	<b>24,309</b>	24.1%	18,237	6,072
	Islington	<b>25,168</b>	30.7%	19,049	6,119
	Lambeth	<b>25,846</b>	19.9%	20,407	5,439
	Lewisham	<b>26,956</b>	24.7%	19,819	7,137
	Newham	<b>29,862</b>	32.8%	22,980	6,882
	Southwark	<b>33,513</b>	31.0%	25,478	8,035
	Tower Hamlets	<b>28,627</b>	36.7%	22,461	6,166
	Barking and Dagenham	<b>17,545</b>	28.3%	12,840	4,705
	Bexley	<b>13,012</b>	14.3%	8,962	4,050
	Enfield	<b>23,081</b>	20.8%	16,450	6,631
	Greenwich	<b>24,194</b>	26.3%	17,716	6,478
	Havering	<b>14,744</b>	15.5%	9,501	5,243
	Redbridge	<b>15,165</b>	16.3%	10,902	4,263
	Waltham Forest	<b>20,283</b>	21.6%	15,211	5,072
	Bromley	<b>14,966</b>	11.5%	10,757	4,209
	Croydon	<b>23,421</b>	16.4%	17,113	6,308
	Kingston upon Thames	<b>6,549</b>	10.2%	4,223	2,326
	Merton	<b>10,748</b>	13.1%	7,168	3,580
	Sutton	<b>9,629</b>	12.5%	6,397	3,232
	Barnet	<b>19,919</b>	14.1%	15,010	4,909
	Brent	<b>21,577</b>	20.5%	15,701	5,876
	Ealing	<b>18,903</b>	14.5%	14,565	4,338
	Harrow	<b>11,636</b>	13.5%	8,538	3,098
	Hillingdon	<b>16,087</b>	15.3%	10,944	5,143
	Hounslow	<b>16,512</b>	18.8%	11,860	4,652
Richmond upon Thames	<b>8,519</b>	9.7%	5,078	3,441	

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**Government Office Region: SOUTH EAST**

<b>County/UA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>South East</b>	Bracknell Forest	4,325	9.6%	2,738	1,587
	Brighton and Hove	21,493	17.9%	15,228	6,265
	Isle of Wight	10,896	19.5%	7,308	3,588
	Medway	16,028	16.4%	11,519	4,509
	Milton Keynes	12,392	14.1%	8,272	4,120
	Portsmouth	12,541	16.1%	8,635	3,906
	Reading	8,834	13.8%	5,856	2,978
	Slough	7,895	17.5%	5,672	2,223
	Southampton	18,340	20.4%	12,616	5,724
	West Berkshire	5,370	9.1%	3,059	2,311
	Windsor and Maidenhead	5,515	9.3%	2,950	2,565
Wokingham	3,328	5.8%	1,978	1,350	
<b>Buckinghamshire</b>	Aylesbury Vale	6,216	9.6%	3,863	2,353
	Chiltern	3,321	8.7%	1,818	1,503
	South Bucks	2,247	8.6%	1,238	1,009
	Wycombe	7,309	10.9%	4,553	2,756
<b>East Sussex</b>	Eastbourne	7,338	17.5%	4,533	2,805
	Hastings	9,573	25.9%	6,730	2,843
	Lewes	5,525	14.5%	3,384	2,141
	Rother	5,840	14.6%	3,515	2,325
	Wealden	6,378	10.5%	3,621	2,757
<b>Hampshire</b>	Basingstoke and Deane	6,251	10.2%	3,700	2,551
	East Hampshire	4,136	9.0%	2,627	1,509
	Eastleigh	4,735	9.9%	2,846	1,889
	Fareham	3,685	8.4%	2,342	1,343
	Gosport	4,437	13.9%	2,767	1,670
	Hart	1,875	5.4%	1,123	752
	Havant	8,193	16.4%	5,701	2,492
	New Forest	8,512	11.3%	5,077	3,435
	Rushmoor	3,420	9.8%	2,137	1,283
	Test Valley	4,277	9.3%	2,579	1,698
	Winchester	4,379	9.7%	2,394	1,985
<b>Kent</b>	Ashford	6,044	14.1%	3,855	2,189
	Canterbury	8,841	14.7%	5,569	3,272
	Dartford	4,601	13.1%	3,006	1,595

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<b>Kent (cont)</b>	Dover	<b>8,086</b>	17.2%	5,205	2,881
	Gravesham	<b>6,366</b>	16.8%	4,272	2,094
	Maidstone	<b>7,402</b>	12.8%	4,676	2,726
	Sevenoaks	<b>5,216</b>	11.3%	3,052	2,164
	Shepway	<b>7,536</b>	16.7%	5,124	2,412
	Swale	<b>8,428</b>	17.2%	5,741	2,687
	Thanet	<b>13,085</b>	23.4%	8,989	4,096
	Tonbridge and Malling	<b>5,305</b>	12.3%	3,006	2,299
	Tunbridge Wells	<b>5,329</b>	12.4%	3,389	1,940
<b>Oxfordshire</b>	Cherwell	<b>5,289</b>	9.4%	3,341	1,948
	Oxford	<b>7,740</b>	13.1%	5,154	2,586
	South Oxfordshire	<b>4,680</b>	9.2%	2,666	2,014
	Vale of White Horse	<b>4,302</b>	9.4%	2,496	1,806
	West Oxfordshire	<b>3,488</b>	8.7%	2,125	1,363
<b>Surrey</b>	Elmbridge	<b>5,035</b>	9.0%	2,912	2,123
	Epsom and Ewell	<b>2,151</b>	7.4%	1,286	865
	Guildford	<b>5,184</b>	10.0%	2,927	2,257
	Mole Valley	<b>2,788</b>	8.2%	1,596	1,192
	Reigate and Banstead	<b>4,326</b>	8.7%	2,640	1,686
	Runnymede	<b>3,207</b>	10.0%	1,770	1,437
	Spelthorne	<b>3,960</b>	10.4%	2,580	1,380
	Surrey Heath	<b>2,228</b>	6.6%	1,323	905
	Tandridge	<b>2,594</b>	7.9%	1,602	992
	Waverley	<b>4,739</b>	10.1%	2,574	2,165
	Woking	<b>3,547</b>	8.9%	2,168	1,379
<b>West Sussex</b>	Adur	<b>4,086</b>	16.3%	2,644	1,442
	Arun	<b>8,539</b>	12.9%	5,342	3,197
	Chichester	<b>5,439</b>	11.6%	3,289	2,150
	Crawley	<b>5,484</b>	13.7%	3,236	2,248
	Horsham	<b>4,653</b>	8.9%	2,640	2,013
	Mid Sussex	<b>4,517</b>	8.5%	2,743	1,774
	Worthing	<b>5,880</b>	12.5%	3,858	2,022

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: SOUTH WEST**

<b>County/UA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>South West</b>	Bath and North East Somerset	<b>10,444</b>	14.5%	6,138	4,306
	Bournemouth	<b>12,590</b>	17.5%	8,913	3,677
	Bristol, City of	<b>34,738</b>	19.9%	24,445	10,293
	North Somerset	<b>11,060</b>	13.8%	7,010	4,050
	Plymouth	<b>20,464</b>	19.3%	14,649	5,815
	Poole	<b>8,230</b>	13.7%	5,461	2,769
	South Gloucestershire	<b>10,715</b>	10.6%	7,108	3,607
	Swindon	<b>9,748</b>	12.8%	6,574	3,174
	Torbay	<b>12,157</b>	22.5%	9,122	3,035
<b>Cornwall and Isles of Scilly</b>	Caradon	<b>5,478</b>	15.7%	3,494	1,984
	Carrick	<b>6,778</b>	18.3%	4,544	2,234
	Kerrier	<b>7,187</b>	18.9%	5,116	2,071
	North Cornwall	<b>7,629</b>	21.8%	4,180	3,449
	Penwith	<b>6,326</b>	24.3%	4,606	1,720
	Restormel	<b>7,106</b>	18.2%	4,845	2,261
	Isles of Scilly	<b>51</b>	5.1%	27	24
	<b>Devon</b>	East Devon	<b>6,709</b>	11.8%	4,179
Exeter		<b>6,651</b>	14.2%	4,859	1,792
Mid Devon		<b>4,332</b>	14.9%	2,771	1,561
North Devon		<b>6,777</b>	17.8%	4,392	2,385
South Hams		<b>5,021</b>	14.3%	3,116	1,905
Teignbridge		<b>7,802</b>	15.0%	5,117	2,685
Torridge		<b>4,056</b>	17.6%	2,779	1,277
West Devon		<b>2,761</b>	13.8%	1,780	981
<b>Dorset</b>	Christchurch	<b>2,943</b>	14.7%	1,797	1,146
	East Dorset	<b>3,731</b>	10.1%	2,184	1,547
	North Dorset	<b>2,916</b>	11.2%	1,802	1,114
	Purbeck	<b>2,423</b>	12.1%	1,400	1,023
	West Dorset	<b>5,310</b>	13.0%	3,187	2,123
	Weymouth and Portland	<b>4,243</b>	15.7%	2,951	1,292

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: SOUTH WEST (cont)**

<b>County/UA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All HB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	Cheltenham	<b>6,575</b>	14.0%	4,334	2,241
	Cotswold	<b>3,912</b>	10.9%	2,237	1,675
	Forest of Dean	<b>4,769</b>	14.9%	3,085	1,684
	Gloucester	<b>7,534</b>	16.4%	5,497	2,037
	Stroud	<b>5,928</b>	13.2%	3,461	2,467
	Tewkesbury	<b>3,553</b>	11.1%	2,233	1,320
<b>Somerset</b>	Mendip	<b>6,508</b>	15.9%	4,080	2,428
	Sedgemoor	<b>7,152</b>	15.9%	4,707	2,445
	South Somerset	<b>8,189</b>	12.4%	4,747	3,442
	Taunton Deane	<b>6,636</b>	15.4%	3,980	2,656
	West Somerset	<b>2,920</b>	20.9%	1,700	1,220
<b>Wiltshire</b>	Kennet	<b>3,288</b>	10.6%	1,945	1,343
	North Wiltshire	<b>5,439</b>	10.7%	3,323	2,116
	Salisbury	<b>5,271</b>	11.2%	3,043	2,228
	West Wiltshire	<b>6,032</b>	12.8%	3,755	2,277

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: WALES**

<b>County/UA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>Wales</b>	Blaenau Gwent	<b>8,673</b>	29.9%	6,278	2,395
	Bridgend	<b>10,974</b>	20.3%	7,676	3,298
	Caerphilly	<b>18,151</b>	26.7%	12,992	5,159
	Cardiff	<b>26,437</b>	20.0%	19,611	6,826
	Carmarthenshire	<b>16,038</b>	23.2%	11,246	4,792
	Ceredigion	<b>4,680</b>	15.6%	3,355	1,325
	Conwy	<b>8,544</b>	17.8%	6,578	1,966
	Denbighshire	<b>7,837</b>	20.6%	5,836	2,001
	Flintshire	<b>10,315</b>	17.5%	6,896	3,419
	Anglesey, Isle of	<b>5,861</b>	12.2%	4,278	1,583
	Gwynedd	<b>9,874</b>	36.6%	7,332	2,542
	Merthyr Tydfil	<b>6,636</b>	28.9%	4,517	2,119
	Monmouthshire	<b>5,056</b>	14.0%	3,216	1,840
	Neath Port Talbot	<b>15,605</b>	27.9%	11,268	4,337
	Newport	<b>13,154</b>	23.1%	9,894	3,260
	Pembrokeshire	<b>8,918</b>	19.0%	6,374	2,544
	Powys	<b>7,631</b>	14.7%	5,223	2,408
	Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	<b>25,232</b>	26.3%	17,825	7,407
	Swansea	<b>22,966</b>	24.4%	17,030	5,936
	The Vale of Glamorgan	<b>7,412</b>	15.1%	5,783	1,629
Torfaen	<b>9,236</b>	25.7%	6,554	2,682	
Wrexham	<b>11,057</b>	21.3%	7,771	3,286	

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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): May 2002**

**Government Office Region: SCOTLAND**

<b>County/UA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>All CTB recipients</b>	<b>All CTB recipients as % of LA households</b>	<b>Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>	<b>Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)</b>
<b>Scotland</b>	Aberdeen	<b>16,437</b>	16.3%	10,814	5,623
	Aberdeenshire	<b>11,521</b>	12.6%	7,327	4,194
	Angus	<b>8,701</b>	18.5%	5,770	2,931
	Argyll and Bute	<b>7,861</b>	20.5%	4,855	3,006
	Clackmannanshire	<b>5,411</b>	26.2%	3,420	1,991
	Dumfries and Galloway	<b>12,416</b>	19.5%	8,037	4,379
	Dundee	<b>21,596</b>	32.2%	14,129	7,467
	East Ayrshire	<b>13,857</b>	27.1%	8,939	4,918
	East Dunbartonshire	<b>5,863</b>	13.9%	3,633	2,230
	East Lothian	<b>7,135</b>	18.8%	4,183	2,952
	East Renfrewshire	<b>5,051</b>	14.6%	3,025	2,026
	Edinburgh	<b>38,790</b>	18.7%	23,441	15,349
	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (previously Western Isles)	<b>2,817</b>	24.1%	2,054	763
	Falkirk	<b>14,308</b>	23.1%	9,454	4,854
	Fife	<b>33,036</b>	21.9%	20,056	12,980
	Glasgow	<b>107,593</b>	39.3%	70,542	37,051
	Highland	<b>17,290</b>	19.5%	11,361	5,929
	Inverclyde	<b>11,234</b>	29.8%	7,237	3,997
	Midlothian	<b>6,513</b>	20.3%	3,528	2,985
	Moray	<b>5,535</b>	15.3%	3,468	2,067
	North Ayrshire	<b>16,084</b>	27.1%	10,725	5,359
	North Lanarkshire	<b>40,384</b>	30.1%	26,130	14,254
	Orkney Islands	<b>1,269</b>	15.4%	849	420
	Perth and Kinross	<b>8,422</b>	14.7%	5,387	3,035
	Renfrewshire	<b>20,260</b>	26.2%	12,209	8,051
	Scottish Borders, The	<b>8,357</b>	18.0%	5,187	3,170
	Shetland Islands	<b>1,169</b>	12.6%	812	357
	South Ayrshire	<b>10,679</b>	21.9%	6,806	3,873
	South Lanarkshire	<b>36,124</b>	28.6%	22,607	13,517
	Stirling	<b>6,604</b>	19.1%	4,161	2,443
	West Dunbartonshire	<b>14,121</b>	33.8%	9,329	4,792
	West Lothian	<b>14,200</b>	22.0%	9,010	5,190

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## 4. Miscellaneous

### 4.1 Extended Payment applications: April 1997 to March 2002: Great Britain

Thousands

	Number of applications Housing Benefit			Council Tax Benefit	Number of successful applications Housing Benefit			Council Tax Benefit
	Total HB	LA	Non LA		Total HB	LA	Non LA	
Apr-Jun 97	<b>42</b>	20	22	42	<b>36</b>	17	19	36
Jul- Sept 97	<b>45</b>	22	24	45	<b>38</b>	18	20	37
Oct-Dec 97	<b>46</b>	22	23	45	<b>38</b>	19	20	38
Jan-Mar 98	<b>38</b>	18	20	38	<b>31</b>	15	16	31
Apr-Jun 98	<b>41</b>	20	21	41	<b>34</b>	17	18	34
Jul- Sept 98	<b>40</b>	20	20	41	<b>34</b>	17	17	34
Oct-Dec 98	<b>37</b>	18	19	38	<b>31</b>	15	16	31
Jan-Mar 99	<b>33</b>	15	18	33	<b>26</b>	12	14	26
Apr-Jun 99	<b>37</b>	18	19	38	<b>31</b>	15	16	32
Jul- Sept 99	<b>39</b>	19	20	40	<b>34</b>	17	16	32
Oct-Dec 99	<b>43</b>	22	21	45	<b>36</b>	19	17	36
Jan-Mar 00	<b>37</b>	18	19	39	<b>30</b>	15	15	31
Apr-Jun 00	<b>42</b>	20	22	45	<b>36</b>	18	19	38
Jul- Sept 00	<b>40</b>	20	21	43	<b>34</b>	17	18	35
Oct-Dec 00	<b>40</b>	20	21	43	<b>36</b>	18	19	36
Jan-Mar 01	<b>34</b>	16	18	36	<b>30</b>	14	16	29
Apr-Jun 01	<b>36</b>	17	19	37	<b>33</b>	16	18	32
Jul-Sep 01	<b>34</b>	16	18	35	<b>32</b>	15	17	31
Oct-Dec 01	<b>32</b>	16	16	33	<b>32</b>	15	16	30
Jan-Mar 02	<b>24</b>	11	12	24	<b>22</b>	11	12	23

Source: Quarterly Administrative Returns, April 1997 to March 2002

The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit extended payment scheme was introduced on 1 April 1996 as part of a package of incentives designed to encourage the long term unemployed to return to work. The aim of the scheme was to remove the anxiety felt by some people over how they will meet their housing costs during the period between the last payment of IS or JSA(IB) and the first receipt of wages.

Claimants who do not move home will be entitled to extended payments at the same rate of HB/CTB payable whilst in receipt of IS or JSA (IB), irrespective of earnings or changes of circumstances, for an extra four weeks from the day following the end of their HB/CTB benefit period. Claimants who change address may be paid a different rate of HB/CTB during the extended payment period.

## 4.2 Number of cases of suspected fraud and prosecutions in 1997/98 to 2001/02: Great Britain

Thousands

	Total number of cases				
	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02
Total number of cases referred for prosecution	1	2	2	2	3
Total number of successful prosecutions	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.7 <sup>1</sup>

Source: Administrative Returns, April 1997 to March 2002

<sup>1</sup> Information for 2001/02 is from a count of prosecutions and sanctions completed by all local authorities; this data is collected from local authority subsidy returns. Subsidy data may differ from management information data (shown for financial years 1997/98 to 2000/01) at local authority level; however, analysis shows a high level of consistency between the two data sources at national level.

The DWP has worked in partnership with the Local Authority Associations to develop a completely new anti-fraud incentive scheme for Local Authorities called SAFE (Security Against Fraud and Error). From April 2001, Local Authorities were given the option of remaining with the WBS scheme or adopting the new scheme. From April 2002, the WBS scheme was withdrawn and the SAFE scheme introduced to all Local Authorities. The SAFE scheme provides incentives to LAs to tackle both fraud and claimant error and encourages LAs to undertake more sanctions and prosecutions by providing fixed rate rewards of £1000 and £2000 respectively. The WBS scheme was also modified in 2001/02 to incorporate fixed rate rewards for sanctions and prosecutions.

## 4.3 Average number of (full time equivalent) staff administering HB/CTB from 1997/98 to 2001/02: Great Britain

Thousands

	Total number of staff				
	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02
Average number of staff (full time equivalent) administering HB/CTB	15	16	16	17	17
Total staff on fraud duties	2	2	2	2	2

Source: Administrative Returns, April 1997 to March 2002

Local Authorities are asked to provide the full time equivalent number of staff working in these areas. The figures in the table show the total full time equivalent numbers of staff employed on these duties in GB.

## 5. Housing Benefit Administration

### 5.1 New and Renewal claims for Housing Benefit determined during 2001/2002: by tenure and overlap with IS/JSA(IB): Great Britain

Thousands and percentages

	Total	Not in receipt of IS or JSA(IB)		Also in receipt of IS or JSA(IB)	
		Rent Rebate	Rent Allowance	Rent Rebate	Rent Allowance
<b>Total New &amp; Renewal claims</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Successful new and renewal claims	95%	95%	96%	91%	92%
Unsuccessful new and renewal claims	5%	5%	4%	9%	8%
New & renewal claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information	71%	72%	71%	69%	70%
<b>Total New Claims</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>420</b>
New claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information	67%	65%	69%	65%	69%
<b>Total Renewal Claims</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>610</b>
Renewal claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information	73%	74%	72%	71%	70%

Source: Quarterly Administrative Returns 2000/2001

Around 67% of new claims were processed within 14 days of receipt of all the necessary information.

This figure is fairly consistent in all the tenancy types. For renewal claims, around 73% are processed within 14 days of receipt of all necessary information.

### 5.2 New and Renewal claims for Rent Allowance paid during 2001/2002: by overlap with IS/JSA(IB): Great Britain

Thousands and percentages

	Total	Not in receipt of IS or JSA(IB)	Also in receipt of IS or JSA(IB)
<b>New rent allowance claims where a payment was made</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>700</b>
New rent allowance claims paid by the date stated in the regulations	62%	63%	62%
<b>Renewal rent allowance claims where a payment was made</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,100</b>
Renewal rent allowance claims paid by the date stated in the regulations	75%	74%	75%

Source: Quarterly Administrative Returns 200/2002

New claims are defined here as:

any claim for Housing Benefit (HB) when Income Support (IS) or Jobseeker's Allowance (Income Based) (JSA(IB)) stops; or  
any claim made following a change of address; or  
any claim needed to fix the start date of a benefit period.

Renewal claims are defined here as:

any claim made where there is no break in entitlement following the end of the benefit period.

The number of renewal claims in a Local Authority in a year is largely dependent on the renewal claims policy adopted. In the case of a Local Authority, which has implemented the Verification Framework, the number of renewals can also be affected by the length of the benefit period recommended by the framework. For example, a Local Authority which requires that claims be renewed after 26 weeks will have a higher number of renewal claims for a given caseload than an authority which allows the full 60 weeks. Also some Local Authorities are not able to provide a split of new and renewal claims exactly as defined above. Therefore the split between new and renewal claims should be taken as a broad indication only.

A claim is counted as successful if it is determined (i.e. not a payment on account) and the claimant receives benefit as a result of the claim. The proportion of HB claims which are successful is higher for claimants receiving IS or JSA (IB). In fact 99% of HB claimants receiving IS or JSA (IB) had a successful claim the success rate was around 90% for those not claiming IS or JSA(IB).

The calculation of the number of claims determined within 14 days of receipt of all necessary information (in accordance with regulation Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 76(3)) does not take into account any days before receipt of that information. The calculation of the number of Rent Allowance claims paid by the date stated in regulations includes claims where the first payment is made on time **either** within 14 days of receipt of a properly completed claim form under HB(G)R 88(3) **or** by the first date that payment is due to be made following receipt of the claim (under HB(G)R 90(2) (2A) (2B)).

It should be borne in mind that the 14 day and payment requirements give only a broad indication of the speed with which Local Authorities deal with claims. They do not, for example, give any indication of the time taken to process the claims processed outside the time limit. More renewal rent allowance claims are paid by the date stated in regulations than new rent allowance claims. This may be partly due to payment arrangements already being in place.

### 5.3 New and Renewal claims for Housing Benefit 1996/97 to 200/02 by tenure and overlap with IS/JSA(IB): Great Britain

*Thousands and percentages*

	Total	Not in receipt of IS or JSA(IB)			Also in receipt of IS or JSA(IB)		
		Rent Rebate	Rent Allowance	Rent Rebate	Rent Allowance	Rent Rebate	Rent Allowance
1996/1997							
<b>Total New and Renewal Claims</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,400</b>
<b>Total New Claims</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>1,100</b>
<i>New claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information %</i>	<b>78%</b>	82%	76%	81%	73%	83%	77%
1997/1998							
<b>Total New and Renewal Claims</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>2,400</b>
<b>Total New Claims</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<i>New claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information %</i>	<b>79%</b>	79%	78%	79%	79%	80%	78%
1998/1999							
<b>Total New and Renewal Claims</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>2,100</b>
<b>Total New Claims</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>840</b>
<i>New claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information %</i>	<b>77%</b>	77%	77%	76%	77%	77%	77%
1999/2000							
<b>Total New and Renewal Claims</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Total New Claims</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>750</b>
<i>New claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information %</i>	<b>67%</b>	65%	69%	65%	69%	66%	68%
2000/2001							
<b>Total New and Renewal Claims</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Total New Claims</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>730</b>
<i>New claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information %</i>	63%	60%	64%	60%	64%	61%	64%
2001/2002							
<b>Total New and Renewal claims</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Total New Claims</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>700</b>
<i>New claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information %</i>	63%	62%	63%	61%	65%	63%	62%

Source: Quarterly Administrative Returns, 1996/97 to 2001/2002

In the year 2001/02 the total number of New and Renewal claims to Housing Benefit continued to fall, with a decrease of 6.3% from the previous year. This compared with a decrease of 9.6% over the period 1998/1999 to 1999/2000.



## 6. Council Tax Benefit Administration

### 6.1 New and renewal claims for Council Tax Benefit during 2001/2002 by overlap with IS/JSA(IB): Great Britain

*Thousands and percentages*

	<b>Total</b>	Not in receipt of IS or JSA(IB)	Also in receipt of IS or JSA(IB)
<b>Total New &amp; Renewal</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>4,400</b>
Successful new and renewal claims	<b>92%</b>	82%	98%
Unsuccessful new and renewal claims	<b>8%</b>	18%	2%
New & renewal claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information	<b>67%</b>	65%	68%
<b>Total New Claims</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,200</b>
New claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information	<b>63%</b>	63%	63%
<b>Total Renewal Claims</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>3,200</b>
Renewal claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information	<b>69%</b>	66%	70%

*Source: Quarterly Administrative Returns, 2001/2002*

New claims are defined here as:

any claim for Council Tax Benefit (CTB) when Income Support (IS) or JobSeekers Allowance (Income Based) (JSA(IB)) stops; or  
any claim made following a change of address; or  
any claim needed to fix the start date of a benefit period.

Renewal claims are defined here as any claim made where there is no break in entitlement following the end of the benefit period.

The number of renewal claims in a Local Authority in a year is largely dependent on the renewal claims policy adopted. In the case of a Local Authority, which has implemented the Verification Framework, the number of renewals can also be affected by the length of the benefit period recommended by the framework. For example, a Local Authority which demands that claims be renewed after 26 weeks will have a higher number of renewal claims for a given caseload than an authority which allows the full 60 weeks. Also some Local Authorities are not able to provide a split of new and renewal claims exactly as defined above. Therefore the split between new and renewal claims should be taken as a broad indication only.

A claim is counted as successful if the claimant receives benefit as a result of the claim. The proportion of CTB claims which are successful is higher for claimants receiving IS or JSA(IB). In the year 2001/02 98% of CTB claimants receiving IS or JSA(IB) had a successful claim but the success rate fell to 82% for those not claiming IS or JSA(IB).

The calculation of the number of claims determined within 14 days of receipt of all necessary information (in accordance with Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulation 1992 66(3)) does not take into account any days before receipt of that information.

It should be borne in mind that the 14 day requirement gives only a broad indication of the speed with which Local Authorities deal with claims. It does not, for example, give any indication of the time taken to process the claims not processed within 14 days. In the year 2001/02 around 63% of new claims and 69% of renewal claims were processed within 14 days of the receipt of all information.

## 6.2 New and renewal claims for Council Tax Benefit 1995/96 to 2000/01 by overlap with IS/JSA(IB): Great Britain

*Thousands and percentages*

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Not in receipt of IS or JSA(IB)</b>	<b>Also in receipt of IS or JSA(IB)</b>
1996/1997			
<b>Total New and Renewal Claims</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>5,200</b>
<b>Total New Claims</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<i>New claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information</i>	<b>78%</b>	76%	80%
1997/1998			
<b>Total New and Renewal Claims</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Total New Claims</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<i>New claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information</i>	<b>76%</b>	76%	76%
1998/1999			
<b>Total New and Renewal Claims</b>	<b>8,300</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>4,800</b>
<b>Total New Claims</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,300</b>
<i>New claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information</i>	<b>75%</b>	75%	74%
1999/2000			
<b>Total New and Renewal Claims</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>4,400</b>
<b>Total New Claims</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<i>New claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information</i>	<b>67%</b>	67%	67%
2000/2001			
<b>Total New and Renewal Claims</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>4,600</b>
<b>Total New Claims</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<i>New claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information</i>	<b>61%</b>	61%	62%
2001/2002			
<b>Total New and Renewal Claims</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>4,400</b>
<b>Total New Claims</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<i>New claims determined within 14 days of receipt of necessary information</i>	<b>63%</b>	63%	63%

*Source: Quarterly Administrative Returns, 1996/97 to 2001/02*

The total number of New and Renewal claims to Council Tax Benefit has remained broadly constant over the year.



**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 Claim Related Rent 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/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/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 households 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/JSA(IB) receiving help towards Mortgage Interest repayments.**

Where an Income Support/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 households would be expected to make

