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Main findings

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

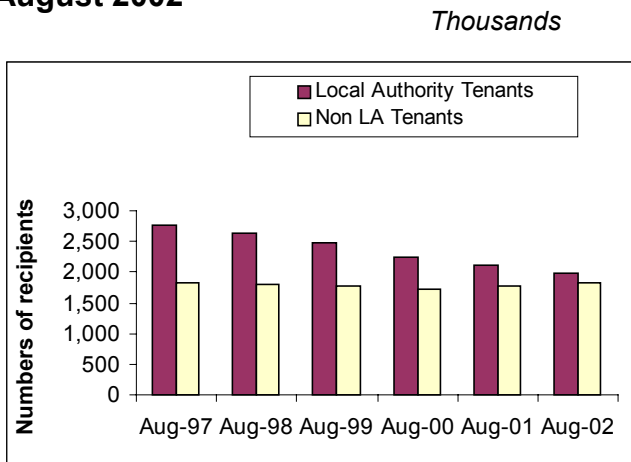
Caseload undercount

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 (e.g. 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 14 thousand in the three months to August 2002, a total fall of 69 thousand (1.8%) in the year to stand at 3.80million (Table 1.1).

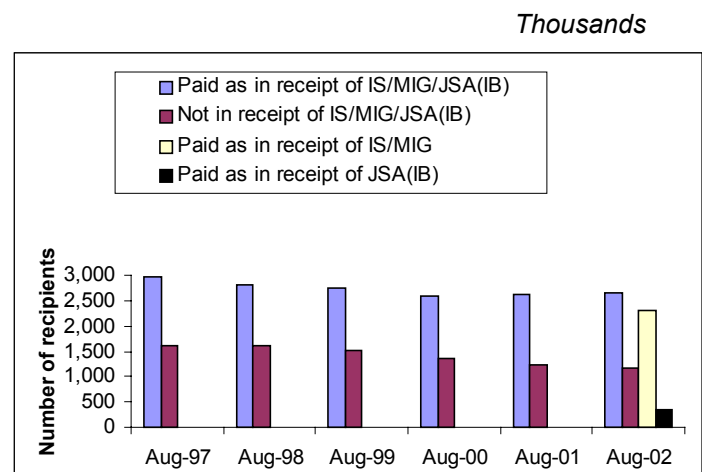
Figure 1: Housing Benefit recipients in Great Britain: August 1997 to August 2002



HB caseload, paid as in receipt/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 7 thousand (0.3%) in the quarter, an increase of 15 thousand (0.6%) 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 1.16 million, a decrease of 1.8% in the quarter (Table 1.2).

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



Average HB in payment

The average weekly amount of HB in payment in August 2002 was £55.70. For HB recipients paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) this was £60.50 and for those recipients not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) £44.60 (Tables 1.4 and 1.6).

The average weekly amount of HB in payment in August 2002 was £46.60 for LA tenancies, a weekly increase of 30p between May 2002 and August 2002, compared with a weekly increase of 20p between May 2001 and August 2001 (Tables 1.4 and 1.5).

The average weekly amount of HB in payment in August 2002 for Private Deregulated tenancies was £72.70 an increase of £1.80 during the quarter compared with an increase of £1.10 between May 2001 and August 2001. LAs have attributed this rise to increases in Supported Accommodation charges and have suggested landlords may have previously funded Supported Accommodation charges from other sources. The introduction of the Supporting People Initiative resulted such charges now being identified.

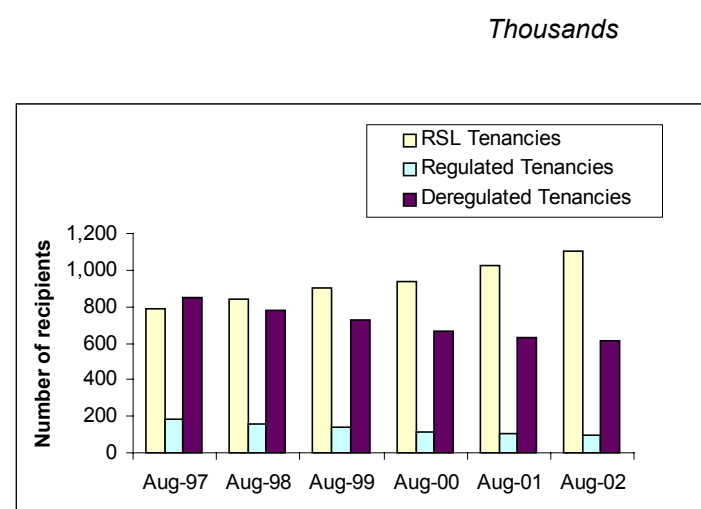
The highest average weekly amount of HB was paid in London (£79.40) and the lowest average amount of HB was paid in the North East (£44.90) (Table 1.9).

HB tenures

In August 2002 the Private Deregulated tenancies fell by around 7 thousand (1.1%) in the quarter to stand at 614 thousand. Private Regulated tenancies fell by 2 thousand (2.4%) in the quarter to stand at 93 thousand (Table 1.3). In the same period, the number of Registered Social Landlord (RSL) Tenancies (formerly called Housing Associations) increased by around 49 thousand (4.6%) to stand at 1.10 million.

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: August 1997 to August 2002



Government Office Region (HB)

In August 2002 just under 16% of Great Britain households¹ received Housing Benefit. The North East had the highest proportion of HB recipients at 21.6% and the lowest was in the South East at 10.7% (Table 1.8).

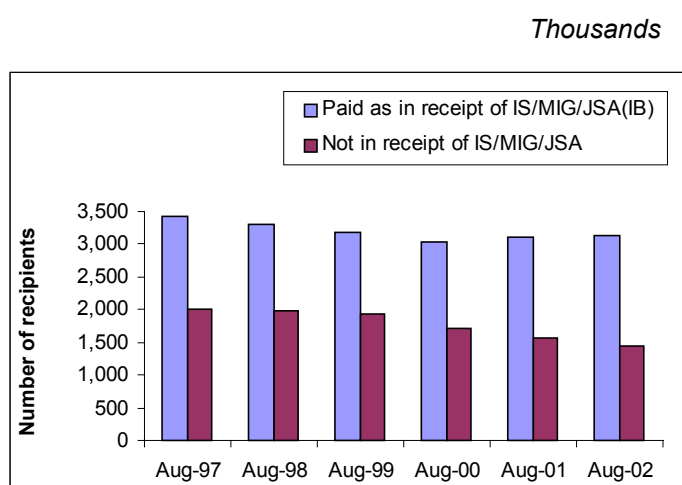
¹A Household is either one person living alone, or a group of people who share common housekeeping or a living room.

Council Tax Benefit caseload

The CTB caseload fell by 12 thousand in the three months to August 2002 but fell by 79 thousand in the year (1.7%) to stand at 4.59 million (Table 2.1).

The number of CTB recipients paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) increased by just under 27 thousand between August 2001 and August 2002, and increased by 12 thousand during the quarter to stand at 3.14 million. Those CTB recipients not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) fell by 24 thousand over the quarter but fell by 105 thousand over the year, to stand at 1.45 million (Table 2.1).

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



Average CTB payments

The average weekly amount of CTB in payment in the quarter remained the same to stand at £10.80 (Table 2.5).

For recipients paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) the average weekly CTB in payment remained constant at £11.60 and for those not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB) it fell by 10p to £9.10 (Table 2.5).

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

Government Office Region (CTB)

Just under 19% of Great Britain households¹ were recipients of Council Tax Benefit in August 2002. This varied from 12.5% in the South East to 26.4% in the North East (Table 2.3).

¹A Household is either one person living alone, or a group of people who share common housing 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 August 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

Data on HB and CTB claims is 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 weekly amounts and a split of HB 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 August 2002 is approximately 98%. 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. Therefore component parts may not sum.

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 over time depending on claim processing times.

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 weekly 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 IS 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 and is income related.

Non LA Tenancies

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

Regulated Tenancy

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

Deregulated

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

Private Tenants

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

Rent Allowance

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

Rent Rebate

The name given to HB paid to Local Authority tenants.

Second Adult Rebate

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

Single Room Rent

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

Conventions

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

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Table 1.1: Housing Benefit recipients by tenure: August 1997 to August 2002

	<i>Thousands and Percentages</i>			<i>Thousands and Percentages</i>	
	All HB recipients	Rent Rebate		Rent Allowance	
		LA Tenants	LA Tenants as a % of caseload	Non LA Tenants	Non LA Tenants as a % of caseload
Aug-97	4,592	2,763	60.2%	1,829	39.8%
Nov-97	4,546	2,733	60.1%	1,813	39.9%
Feb-98	4,530	2,709	59.8%	1,822	40.2%
May-98	4,474	2,664	59.5%	1,811	40.5%
Aug-98	4,425	2,635	59.5%	1,791	40.5%
Nov-98	4,383	2,606	59.5%	1,777	40.5%
Feb-99	4,372	2,590	59.2%	1,782	40.8%
May-99	4,313	2,519	58.4%	1,795	41.6%
Aug-99	4,243	2,469	58.2%	1,775	41.8%
Nov-99	4,148	2,406	58.0%	1,742	42.0%
Feb-00	4,089	2,353	57.5%	1,736	42.5%
May-00	4,033	2,288	56.7%	1,746	43.3%
Aug-00	3,968	2,250	56.7%	1,718	43.3%
Nov-00	3,901	2,195	56.3%	1,705	43.7%
Feb-01	3,904	2,181	55.8%	1,724	44.2%
May-01	3,874	2,133	55.1%	1,741	44.9%
Aug-01	3,867	2,103	54.4%	1,764	45.6%
Nov-01	3,818	2,069	54.2%	1,749	45.8%
Feb-02	3,817	2,057	53.9%	1,761	46.1%
May-02	3,813	2,038	53.4%	1,775	46.6%
Aug-02	3,799	1,985	52.2%	1,814	47.8%

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

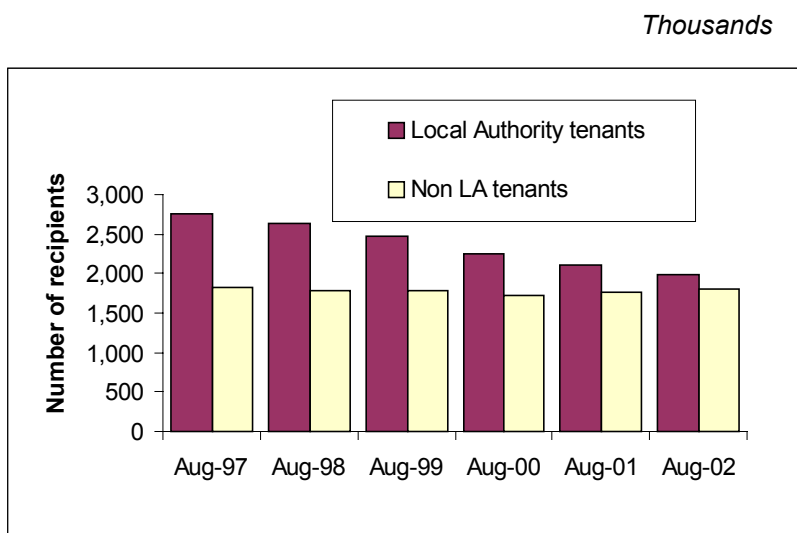


Table 1.2: Housing Benefit recipients, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): August 1997 to August 2002

Thousands

	All HB recipients	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)
Aug-97	4,591	2,971	..	..	1,621
Nov-97	4,546	2,924	..	..	1,622
Feb-98	4,530	2,916	..	..	1,614
May-98	4,474	2,859	..	..	1,615
Aug-98	4,425	2,825	..	..	1,601
Nov-98	4,383	2,799	..	..	1,584
Feb-99	4,372	2,811	..	..	1,561
May-99	4,313	2,770	..	..	1,543
Aug-99	4,243	2,736	..	..	1,507
Nov-99	4,148	2,681	..	..	1,466
Feb-00	4,089	2,659	..	..	1,430
May-00	4,033	2,626	..	..	1,408
Aug-00	3,968	2,603	..	..	1,365
Nov-00	3,901	2,580	..	..	1,321
Feb-01	3,904	2,609	..	..	1,295
May-01	3,874	2,603	..	..	1,271
Aug-01	3,867	2,629	..	..	1,238
Nov-01	3,818	2,610	..	..	1,208
Feb-02	3,817	2,629	..	..	1,188
May-02	3,813	2,637	2,294	342	1,176
Aug-02	3,799	2,644	2,311	332	1,155

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

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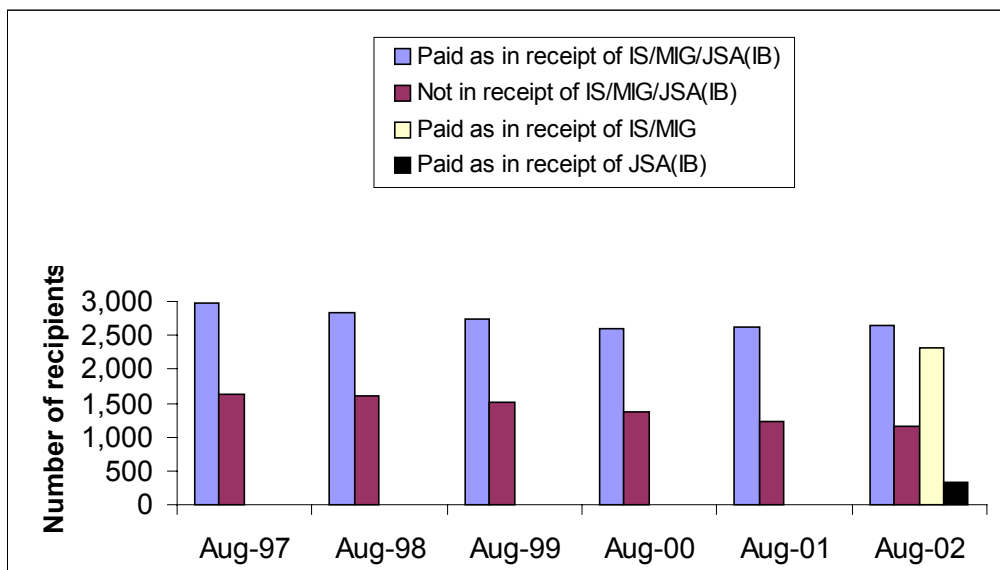


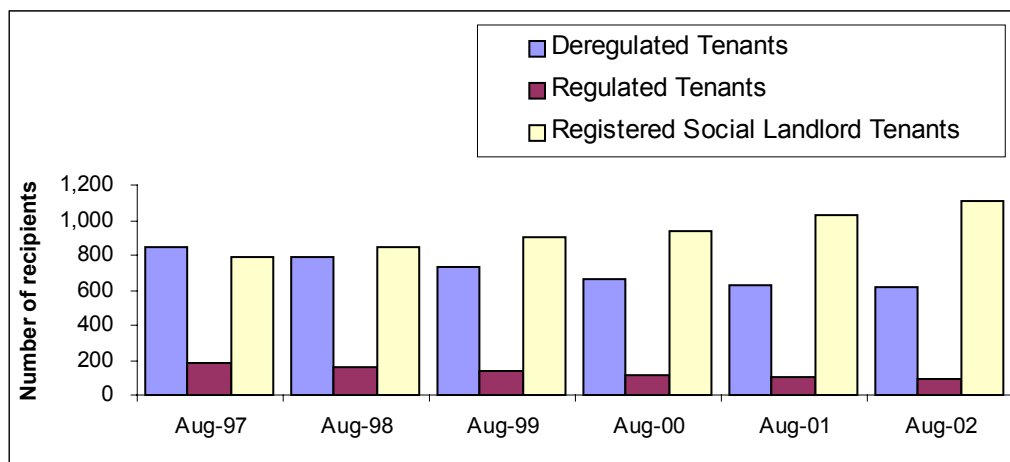
Table 1.3: Rent Allowance recipients by tenure: August 1997 to August 2002

Thousands

	Rent Allowance				
	All Non LA Tenants	Registered Social Landlord Tenants	Private Regulated Tenants	Private Deregulated Tenants	Other Private Tenants
Aug-97	1,829	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
Aug-02	1,814	1,105	93	614	2

Chart 1.3a: Rent Allowance recipients by tenure: August 1997 to August 2002

Thousands



**Table 1.4: Housing Benefit recipients average weekly amounts by tenure:
August 1997 to August 2002**

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	Benefit Received			Eligible Rent		
		Rent Rebate	Rent Allowance		Rent Rebate	Rent Allowance
	All HB recipients	LA Tenants	Non LA Tenants	All HB recipients	LA Tenants	Non LA Tenants
Aug-97	43.40	36.20	54.20	48.40	41.30	59.10
Nov-97	43.50	36.20	54.40	48.50	41.30	59.40
Feb-98	43.60	36.30	54.50	48.70	41.30	59.50
May-98	44.30	37.00	55.10	49.70	42.40	60.30
Aug-98	44.50	37.10	55.30	49.90	42.50	60.70
Nov-98	44.70	37.30	55.60	50.10	42.60	61.00
Feb-99	44.90	37.40	55.80	50.20	42.70	61.20
May-99	46.30	39.00	56.40	51.50	44.10	61.70
Aug-99	46.40	39.00	56.60	51.70	44.20	62.10
Nov-99	46.70	39.20	56.90	51.90	44.30	62.30
Feb-00	45.90	38.30	56.40	52.10	44.30	62.60
May-00	48.30	41.20	57.60	53.40	46.00	63.10
Aug-00	48.40	41.10	57.90	53.60	46.00	63.70
Nov-00	48.80	41.40	58.30	54.10	46.30	64.10
Feb-01	49.00	41.40	58.70	54.30	46.20	64.50
May-01	51.10	43.90	60.00	56.00	48.40	65.40
Aug-01	51.60	44.10	60.70	56.50	48.60	66.10
Nov-01	51.90	44.20	61.10	56.90	48.70	66.70
Feb-02	52.40	44.30	61.90	57.40	48.70	67.50
May-02	54.70	46.30	64.30	59.50	50.60	69.70
Aug-02	55.70	46.60	65.60	60.70	51.10	71.20

**Table 1.5: Rent Allowance recipients average weekly amounts by tenure:
August 1997 to August 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
Aug-97	54.20	49.00	40.80	62.10	59.10	54.30	46.30	66.30
Nov-97	54.40	49.30	41.10	62.20	59.40	54.80	46.80	66.60
Feb-98	54.50	49.70	41.50	62.10	59.50	55.20	47.30	66.40
May-98	55.10	50.70	42.00	62.30	60.30	56.50	48.10	66.90
Aug-98	55.30	51.20	42.50	62.40	60.70	57.10	48.70	67.10
Nov-98	55.60	51.60	43.00	62.50	61.00	57.40	49.40	67.30
Feb-99	55.80	51.90	43.50	62.50	61.20	57.70	49.90	67.20
May-99	56.40	52.80	44.60	63.10	61.70	58.40	50.70	67.90
Aug-99	56.60	53.00	45.10	63.30	62.10	58.80	51.00	67.90
Nov-99	56.90	53.40	45.40	63.70	62.30	59.10	51.70	68.50
Feb-00	56.40	53.70	46.30	63.60	62.60	59.20	52.70	68.70
May-00	57.60	54.20	47.40	64.10	63.10	59.80	53.40	69.30
Aug-00	57.90	54.50	47.70	64.50	63.70	60.30	53.80	70.20
Nov-00	58.30	54.70	48.50	65.20	64.10	60.40	54.50	71.30
Feb-01	58.70	55.00	48.70	65.80	64.50	60.70	55.10	71.80
May-01	60.00	56.70	50.30	66.70	65.40	61.90	55.70	72.40
Aug-01	60.70	57.30	51.00	67.80	66.10	62.50	57.00	73.50
Nov-01	61.10	57.60	51.60	68.50	66.70	62.90	57.50	74.40
Feb-02	61.90	58.20	52.20	69.50	67.50	63.50	57.80	75.60
May-02	64.30	61.30	53.80	70.90	69.70	66.40	59.20	77.00
Aug-02	65.60	62.70	54.50	72.70	71.20	67.90	59.90	79.00

Table 1.6: Housing Benefit average weekly amounts by whether or not in receipt/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): August 1997 to August 2002

£pw

	Benefit Received			Eligible Rent		
	All HB recipients	Paid as in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	All HB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Aug-97	43.40	48.40	34.30	48.40	49.20	46.90
Nov-97	43.50	48.60	34.20	48.50	49.30	47.10
Feb-98	43.60	48.70	34.30	48.70	49.40	47.20
May-98	44.30	49.60	35.10	49.70	50.30	48.50
Aug-98	44.50	49.80	35.20	49.90	50.50	48.70
Nov-98	44.70	50.00	35.30	50.10	50.80	48.80
Feb-99	44.90	50.20	35.40	50.20	50.10	48.90
May-99	46.30	51.30	37.30	51.50	52.00	50.40
Aug-99	46.40	51.50	37.10	51.70	52.30	50.60
Nov-99	46.70	51.80	37.30	51.90	52.60	50.60
Feb-00	46.80	52.00	37.10	52.10	52.80	50.80
May-00	48.30	53.20	39.10	53.40	54.00	52.30
Aug-00	48.40	53.40	38.80	53.60	54.20	52.50
Nov-00	48.80	53.80	39.00	54.10	54.70	52.90
Feb-01	49.00	54.00	39.00	54.30	54.90	53.20
May-01	51.10	55.70	41.70	56.00	56.50	55.00
Aug-01	51.60	56.20	42.00	56.50	56.90	55.50
Nov-01	51.90	56.70	41.70	56.90	57.40	55.70
Feb-02	52.40	57.10	41.90	57.40	57.90	56.20
May-02	54.70	59.30	44.20	59.50	60.10	58.20
Aug-02	55.70	60.50	44.60	60.70	61.30	59.20

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

Thousands and percentages

	August 2001			August 2002			% change		
	All HB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	All HB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	All HB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Great Britain	3,867	2,629	1,238	3,799	2,644	1,155	-1.8%	0.6%	-6.7%
England	3,203	2,175	1,028	3,150	2,189	961	-1.7%	0.7%	-6.5%
North East	241	163	78	236	165	71	-1.9%	1.3%	-8.6%
North West	518	366	152	512	375	137	-1.1%	2.4%	-9.7%
Yorks and the Humber	349	242	107	342	242	100	-2.1%	0.0%	-6.8%
East Midlands	237	161	77	224	155	69	-5.7%	-3.3%	-10.7%
West Midlands	355	245	110	349	247	102	-1.7%	1.1%	-8.0%
East	271	173	98	268	175	93	-1.1%	1.0%	-4.8%
London	594	428	167	599	436	163	0.8%	2.1%	-2.3%
South East	370	226	144	362	224	138	-2.0%	-0.5%	-4.3%
South West	267	172	95	257	168	89	-3.8%	-2.0%	-6.9%
Wales	207	148	59	201	146	55	-3.1%	-1.2%	-7.6%
Scotland	458	307	151	448	309	139	-2.1%	0.7%	-7.7%

Chart 1.7a: Housing Benefit Regional Caseload percentage change: August 2001 to August 2002

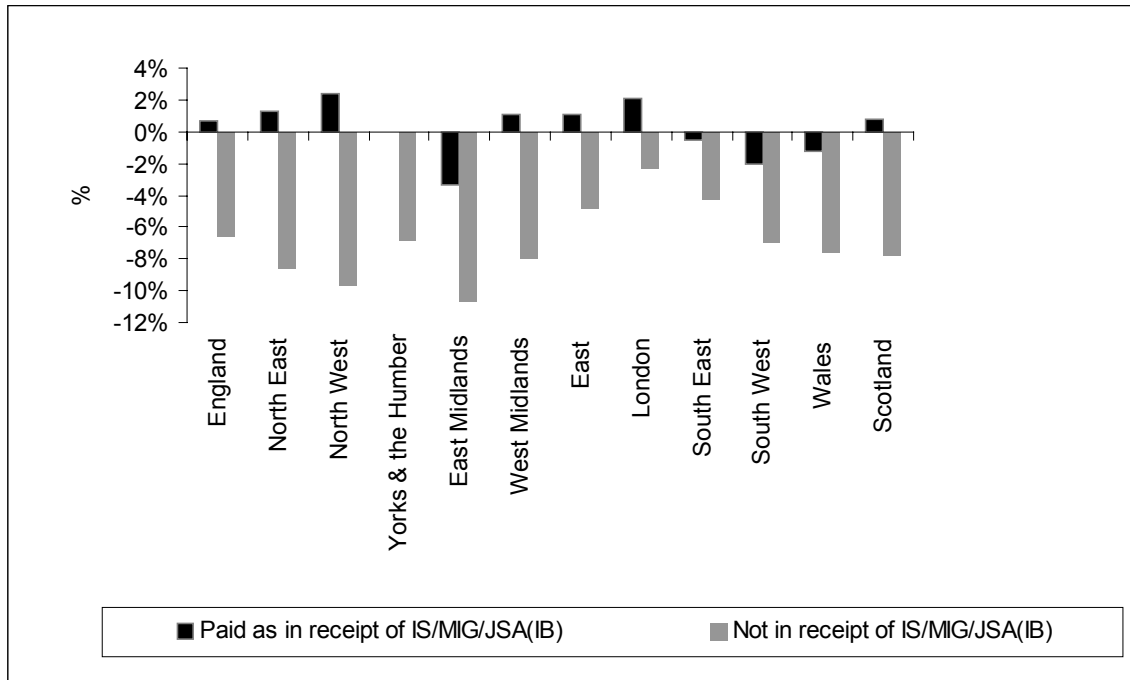


Table 1.8: Housing Benefit caseload by Government Office Region (GOR) and tenure: August 2002

Thousands and percentages

	Rent Rebate		Rent Allowance			All HB recipients as % of Households ¹
	All HB recipients	LA Tenants	Non LA tenants	Registered Social Landlord tenants	Private Tenants	
Great Britain	3,799	1,985	1,814	1,105	709	15.6%
England	3,150	1,559	1,591	974	617	15.0%
North East	236	133	104	66	37	21.6%
North West	512	225	288	179	109	17.8%
Yorks and the Humber	342	218	124	60	64	16.1%
East Midlands	224	132	92	51	41	12.8%
West Midlands	349	181	168	117	52	16.0%
East	268	135	133	82	51	11.7%
London	599	318	281	180	101	18.8%
South East	362	128	234	147	87	10.7%
South West	257	90	167	93	75	12.2%
Wales	201	118	83	38	44	16.7%
Scotland	448	308	140	92	48	20.3%

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

Table 1.9: Housing Benefit recipients weekly average amounts by Government Office Region (GOR) and tenure: August 2002

£pw

	Rent Rebate		Rent Allowance		
	All HB recipients	LA Tenants	Non LA Tenants	Registered (excluding RSL tenants) Social Landlord Tenants	Private Tenants
Great Britain	55.70	46.60	65.60	62.70	70.30
England	57.60	48.00	67.00	63.90	71.80
North East	44.90	39.00	52.40	50.40	56.00
North West	51.80	44.20	57.80	56.20	60.50
Yorks and the Humber	46.70	39.10	60.10	64.00	56.40
East Midlands	47.70	41.30	56.90	57.20	56.40
West Midlands	49.60	42.90	56.80	53.40	64.40
East	55.80	47.30	64.50	61.60	69.20
London	79.40	66.10	94.40	86.70	108.10
South East	64.20	51.20	71.30	66.20	79.80
South West	56.40	44.90	62.50	59.20	66.60
Wales	49.00	42.80	57.80	59.10	56.80
Scotland	45.20	40.70	55.20	50.90	63.20

Table 1.10: Housing Benefit recipients eligible weekly rent by Government Office Region (GOR) and tenure: August 2002

£pw

	Rent Rebate		Rent Allowance		
	All HB recipients	LA Tenants	Non LA Tenants	Registered (excluding RSL tenants) Social Landlord Tenants	Private Tenants
Great Britain	60.70	51.10	71.20	67.90	76.50
England	62.90	52.80	72.80	69.30	78.30
North East	48.90	42.90	56.60	55.00	59.50
North West	55.90	48.20	61.90	60.30	64.70
Yorks and the Humber	50.40	42.40	64.30	68.00	60.80
East Midlands	51.80	45.00	61.60	61.60	61.50
West Midlands	54.30	47.60	61.40	57.70	69.80
East	62.10	53.20	71.20	67.70	76.70
London	85.80	72.20	101.20	92.80	116.10
South East	71.90	57.50	79.80	74.00	89.60
South West	62.60	49.90	69.40	65.20	74.60
Wales	52.50	46.30	61.40	62.50	60.50
Scotland	49.00	44.30	59.20	54.80	67.60

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 August 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 August 2001 around 13,000 young individuals in receipt of HB had been assessed under the single room rent scheme. This represents a year on year fall of around 15% 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 £38.

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 August 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 £12.

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

Thousands

Recipients assessed under the Local Reference Rent (Jan '96 or Oct '97) Scheme	Private Deregulated Tenants			Registered Social Landlord Tenants		
	Total	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Total	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)
May-00	541	388	153	12	8	3
Aug-00	529	381	149	12	8	4
Nov-00	513	368	145	16	11	5
Feb-01	522	376	146	16	11	5
May-01	517	372	145	12	8	3
Aug-01	516	372	145	12	8	3
Nov-01	510	367	142	11	7	3
Feb-02	519	372	147	12	8	4
¹ May-02	523	377	146	12	8	4
Aug-02	524	377	147	12	8	4

¹Revised figures

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

Thousands

Recipients assessed under the Single Room Rent (Oct'96) scheme	Private deregulated tenants		
	Total	Paid as in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)
Aug-98	30	23	8
Nov-98	28	21	7
Feb-99	27	21	7
May-99	25	19	6
Aug-99	23	18	5
Nov-99	20	16	4
Feb-00	20	15	4
May-00	18	14	4
Aug-00	17	13	4
Nov-00	16	12	4
Feb-01	16	12	3
May-01	14	11	3
Aug-01	13	10	3
Nov-01	11	8	3
Feb-02	11	9	3
May-02	11	8	3
Aug-02	11	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 1997 to February 2000

Thousands

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

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

Table 1.15: Average weekly amounts of rent for all recipients with a deregulated tenancy scheme assessed under: May 2000 to August 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
¹ Aug-00	77.10	72.30	69.60	63.60	43.10	40.40
¹ Nov-00	77.10	72.50	70.60	64.20	44.50	41.10
¹ Feb-01	77.40	72.20	71.00	64.90	44.10	41.10
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
Aug-02	87.90	83.50	78.30	71.60	48.80	46.00

¹ Revised figures

Table 1.16: Average weekly amounts of rent for all recipients with a deregulated tenancy, by scheme assessed under: 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

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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): August 1997 to August 2002

Thousands and Percentages

	Main CTB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	IS/MIG/JSA(IB) Recipients as a % of caseload	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Non IS/MIG/JSA(IB) Recipients as a % of caseload
Aug-97	5,491	3,437	62.6%	2,054	37.4%
Nov-97	5,434	3,394	62.5%	2,040	37.5%
Feb-98	5,407	3,385	62.6%	2,021	37.4%
May-98	5,325	3,320	62.4%	2,005	37.7%
Aug-98	5,281	3,292	62.3%	1,989	37.7%
Nov-98	5,222	3,267	62.5%	1,956	37.5%
Feb-99	5,201	3,275	63.0%	1,926	37.0%
May-99	5,166	3,227	62.5%	1,939	37.5%
Aug-99	5,083	3,191	62.8%	1,893	38.1%
Nov-99	4,959	3,120	62.9%	1,839	37.1%
Feb-00	4,878	3,100	63.6%	1,778	36.4%
May-00	4,830	3,061	63.4%	1,768	36.6%
Aug-00	4,756	3,043	64.0%	1,713	36.0%
Nov-00	4,675	3,023	64.7%	1,651	35.3%
Feb-01	4,663	3,060	65.6%	1,602	34.4%
May-01	4,673	3,069	65.7%	1,604	34.3%
Aug-01	4,668	3,111	66.6%	1,558	33.4%
Nov-01	4,608	3,094	67.1%	1,514	32.9%
Feb-02	4,590	3,118	67.9%	1,471	32.1%
May-02	4,602	3,126	67.9%	1,476	32.1%
Aug-02	4,590	3,137	68.4%	1,452	31.6%

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): August 1997 to August 2002

Thousands

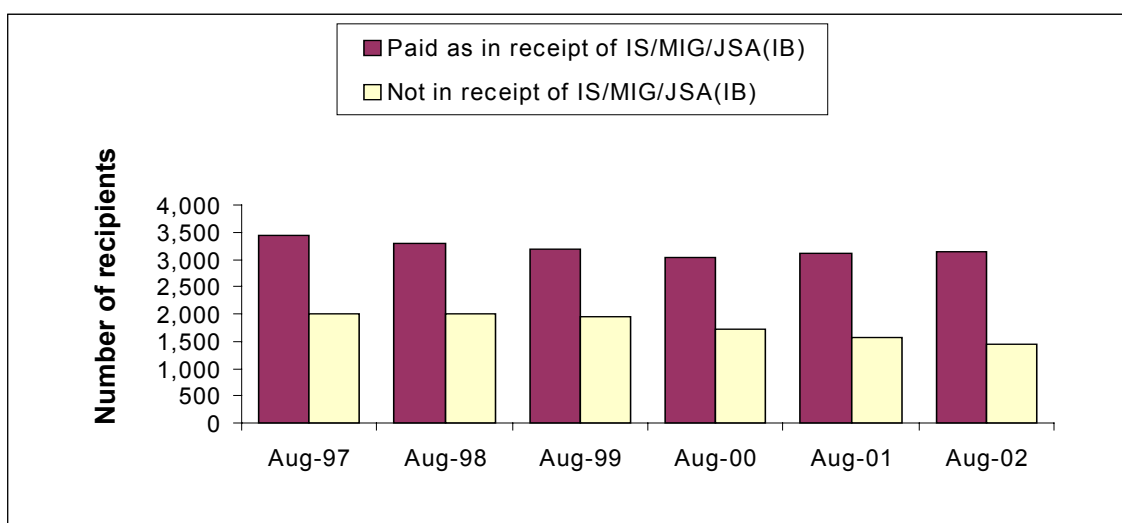


Table 2.2: Annual percentage change in Council Tax Benefit caseload by Government Office Region (GOR) paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): August 2001 to August 2002

Thousands and percentages

	Aug 2001			Aug 2002			% Change		
	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)	Main CTB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
		JSA (IB)	JSA (IB)		JSA (IB)	JSA (IB)		JSA (IB)	
Great Britain	4,668	3,111	1,558	4,590	3,137	1,452	-1.7%	0.9%	-6.8%
England	3,867	2,587	1,280	3,806	2,610	1,196	-1.6%	0.9%	-6.6%
North East	293	191	102	288	194	95	-1.4%	1.3%	-6.5%
North West	651	438	213	646	453	193	-0.8%	3.4%	-9.5%
Yorks and the Humber	430	290	141	422	292	130	-1.9%	0.6%	-7.2%
East Midlands	309	203	106	290	194	95	-6.2%	-4.1%	-10.3%
West Midlands	468	309	159	462	315	147	-1.3%	1.8%	-7.3%
East	340	219	121	336	220	115	-1.1%	0.9%	-4.7%
London	615	450	164	622	461	160	1.2%	2.5%	-2.4%
South East	433	274	159	424	272	152	-1.9%	-0.6%	-4.1%
South West	329	213	116	317	209	107	-3.9%	-1.9%	-7.4%
Wales	266	190	76	255	185	70	-4.2%	-2.6%	-8.3%
Scotland	536	334	202	529	342	187	-1.3%	2.4%	-7.4%

Note: Figures do not include Second Adult Rebates.

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

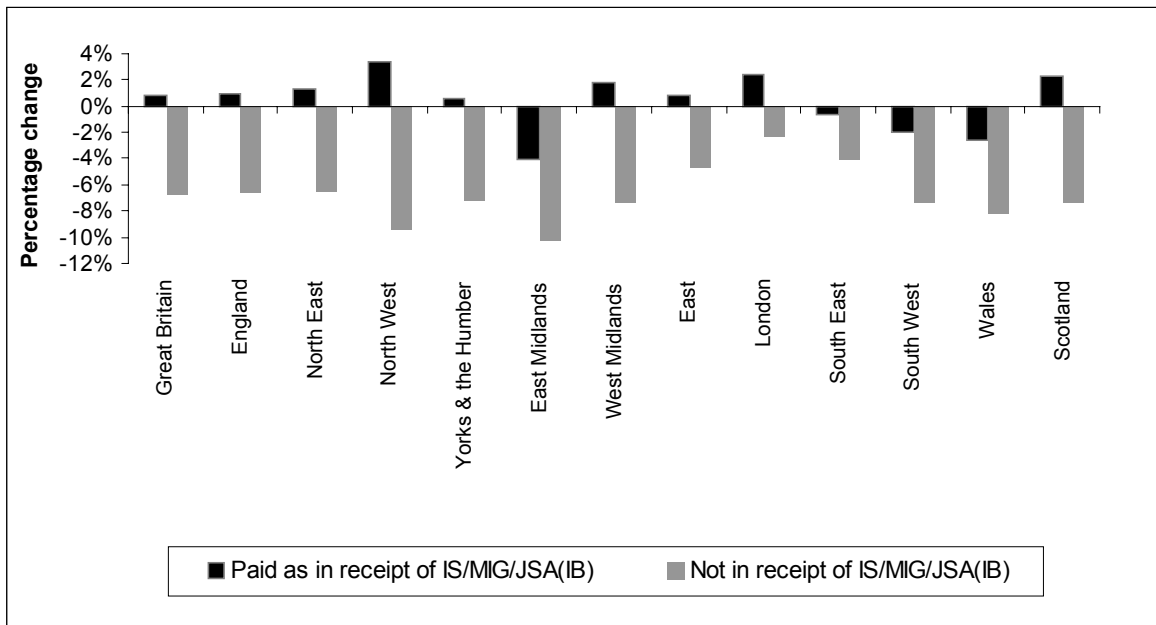


Table 2.3: Council Tax Benefit caseload by Government Office Region (GOR) paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): August 2002

Thousands and percentages

	All CTB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	All CTB recipients As % of Households ¹	Second Adult Rebates not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA(IB)
Great Britain	4,590	3,137	1,452	18.8%	37
England	3,806	2,610	1,196	18.1%	32
North East	288	194	95	26.4%	8
North West	646	453	193	22.5%	4
Yorks and the Humber	422	292	130	19.9%	3
East Midlands	290	194	95	16.6%	2
West Midlands	462	315	147	21.2%	5
East	336	220	115	14.7%	2
London	622	461	160	19.5%	3
South East	424	272	152	12.5%	3
South West	317	209	107	15.1%	2
Wales	255	185	70	21.2%	1
Scotland	529	342	187	24.0%	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 128 for the whole of GB and therefore have not been analysed separately.

¹ 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): August 2002

£pw

	Average weekly CTB			Eligible weekly CTB		
	Main CTB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Main CTB recipients	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Great Britain	10.80	11.60	9.10	12.10	11.90	12.60
England	10.90	11.80	9.20	12.30	12.10	12.80
North East	10.50	11.40	8.70	11.80	11.60	12.20
North West	10.90	11.70	9.00	12.10	11.90	12.50
Yorks and the Humber	9.90	10.60	8.40	11.00	10.90	11.40
East Midlands	10.70	11.40	9.10	11.90	11.70	12.40
West Midlands	10.80	11.60	9.20	12.10	11.90	12.50
East	11.10	12.00	9.30	12.40	12.20	12.90
London	12.00	12.70	10.00	13.40	13.20	13.80
South East	11.20	12.10	9.40	12.90	12.40	13.90
South West	10.80	11.70	9.20	12.20	11.90	12.70
Wales	9.00	9.60	7.50	9.80	9.70	10.10
Scotland	10.80	11.70	9.10	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): August 1997 to August 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)
Aug-97	7.80	8.70	6.20	9.10	9.00	9.40
Nov-97	7.70	8.70	6.10	9.10	9.00	9.40
Feb-98	7.70	8.70	6.10	9.10	9.00	9.40
May-98	8.20	9.20	6.50	9.70	9.60	10.00
Aug-98	8.20	9.20	6.40	9.70	9.60	10.00
Nov-98	8.20	9.20	6.50	9.70	9.60	10.00
Feb-99	8.20	9.20	6.50	9.70	9.50	10.00
May-99	8.80	9.70	7.10	10.20	10.00	10.50
Aug-99	8.70	9.70	7.10	10.20	10.00	10.50
Nov-99	8.80	9.70	7.10	10.20	10.00	10.50
Feb-00	8.80	9.70	7.10	10.20	10.00	10.50
May-00	9.40	10.30	7.90	10.80	10.60	11.10
Aug-00	9.40	10.30	7.80	10.80	10.60	11.20
Nov-00	9.40	10.30	7.70	10.70	10.60	11.10
Feb-01	9.40	10.30	7.60	10.70	10.60	11.10
May-01	10.10	10.90	8.60	11.40	11.20	11.70
Aug-01	10.00	10.80	8.40	11.30	11.10	11.70
Nov-01	10.00	10.80	8.40	11.30	11.10	11.70
Feb-02	10.00	10.80	8.30	11.30	11.10	11.70
May-02	10.80	11.60	9.20	12.10	11.90	12.60
Aug-02	10.80	11.60	9.10	12.10	11.90	12.60

Note: Figures do not include Second Adult Rebates.

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Government Office Region: NORTH EAST

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		
North East							
	Darlington	7,404	17.6%	4,048	3,356	5,228	2,176
	Hartlepool	9,785	25.8%	5,725	4,060	7,097	2,688
	Middlesbrough	15,348	26.0%	9,400	5,948	11,365	3,983
	Redcar and Cleveland	11,675	20.5%	0	11,675	8,340	3,335
	Stockton-on-Tees	13,556	17.8%	9,030	4,526	9,670	3,886
Durham							
	Chester-le-Street	3,971	15.9%	3,227	744	2,664	1,307
	Derwentside	7,880	21.3%	5,934	1,946	5,442	2,438
	Durham	5,459	14.8%	4,160	1,299	3,521	1,938
	Easington	9,743	25.0%	7,405	2,338	6,542	3,201
	Sedgefield	8,088	21.3%	6,166	1,922	5,587	2,501
	Teesdale	1,240	11.3%	548	692	872	368
	Wear Valley	5,695	21.1%	3,622	2,073	4,148	1,547
Northumberland							
	Alnwick	1,875	14.4%	1,113	762	1,258	617
	Berwick-upon-Tweed	1,795	15.0%	1,225	570	1,124	671
	Blyth Valley	6,646	19.5%	4,414	2,232	4,485	2,161
	Castle Morpeth	2,064	10.3%	1,527	537	1,267	797
	Tynedale	2,608	10.9%	0	2,608	1,563	1,045
	Wansbeck	5,139	19.8%	3,523	1,616	3,423	1,716
Tyne and Wear (Met County)							
	Gateshead	21,015	24.2%	15,384	5,631	14,002	7,013
	Newcastle upon Tyne	29,361	24.9%	20,657	8,704	21,034	8,327
	North Tyneside	17,791	20.4%	11,382	6,409	11,769	6,022
	South Tyneside	18,550	27.7%	13,971	4,579	13,738	4,812
	Sunderland	29,600	24.7%	183	29,417	21,259	8,341

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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		
North West							
	Blackburn with Darwen	10,543	19.5%	53	10,490	7,651	2,892
	Blackpool	13,136	20.2%	4,130	9,006	9,632	3,504
	Halton	10,888	22.2%	4,190	6,698	8,262	2,626
	Warrington	10,265	12.7%	6,235	4,030	7,002	3,263
Cheshire							
	Chester	6,291	12.6%	0	6,291	4,384	1,907
	Congleton	2,994	8.3%	0	2,994	1,927	1,067
	Crewe and Nantwich	5,357	11.2%	3,484	1,873	3,547	1,810
	Ellesmere Port and Neston	4,133	6.4%	3,191	942	2,976	1,157
	Macclesfield	5,631	11.5%	2,904	2,727	3,686	1,945
	Vale Royal	5,786	14.5%	0	5,786	3,899	1,887
Cumbria							
	Allerdale	6,527	16.3%	1	6,526	4,540	1,987
	Barrow-in-Furness	4,919	16.4%	2,465	2,454	3,709	1,210
	Carlisle	6,333	14.4%	4,435	1,898	4,426	1,907
	Copeland	5,180	17.9%	2,439	2,741	3,552	1,628
	Eden	1,766	8.4%	0	1,766	1,019	747
	South Lakeland	3,524	7.7%	1,833	1,691	2,183	1,341
Greater Manchester (Met County)							
	Bolton	19,638	17.7%	11,966	7,672	14,493	5,145
	Bury	10,124	13.3%	5,898	4,226	7,198	2,926
	Manchester	65,381	35.5%	39,840	25,541	49,412	15,969
	Oldham	16,491	18.3%	10,644	5,847	11,602	4,889
	Rochdale	16,770	19.3%	10,095	6,675	12,275	4,495
	Salford	24,061	25.3%	17,152	6,909	17,583	6,478
	Stockport	13,153	10.6%	7,394	5,759	9,492	3,661
	Tameside	15,907	17.5%	119	15,788	11,151	4,756
	Trafford	10,881	11.8%	5,605	5,276	7,727	3,154
	Wigan	20,406	15.7%	15,137	5,269	14,584	5,822
Lancashire							
	Burnley	6,942	18.8%	1	6,941	4,992	1,950
	Chorley	4,472	10.9%	1,955	2,517	3,103	1,369
	Fylde	2,808	8.3%	5	2,803	1,792	1,016
	Hyndburn	5,574	17.4%	2,343	3,231	3,906	1,668
	Lancaster	7,806	13.7%	2,829	4,977	5,889	1,917
	Pendle	5,692	16.3%	2,607	3,085	4,189	1,503
	Preston	9,059	16.2%	4,223	4,836	6,733	2,326

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Table 3.1: Housing Benefit recipients by County, Local Authority and tenure, paid as in receipt of/not in receipt of IS/MIG/JSA(IB): August 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 Authority Tenants	Allowance Non LA Tenants		
Lancs (Cont)							
	Ribble Valley	1,364	6.2%	618	746	798	566
	Rossendale	3,844	14.2%	2,457	1,387	2,671	1,173
	South Ribble	3,545	8.2%	0	3,545	2,407	1,138
	West Lancashire	6,715	14.9%	5,141	1,574	4,912	1,803
	Wyre	4,407	9.6%	0	4,407	3,068	1,339
Merseyside (Met County)							
	Knowsley	15,989	26.6%	0	15,989	12,640	3,349
	Liverpool	58,036	31.0%	22,878	35,158	45,500	12,536
	Sefton	18,796	25.7%	8,803	9,993	14,322	4,474
	St Helens	14,746	12.4%	20	14,726	10,865	3,881
	Wirral	26,500	19.1%	11,539	14,961	19,460	7,040

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Government Office Region: YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

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		
Yorks and the Humber							
	East Riding of Yorkshire	13,838	10.4%	7,462	6,376	9,301	4,537
	Kingston upon Hull	30,752	28.5%	19,551	11,201	22,655	8,097
	North East Lincolnshire	10,936	16.8%	5,302	5,634	8,342	2,594
	North Lincolnshire	9,077	14.4%	6,404	2,673	6,299	2,778
	York	8,086	10.6%	4,926	3,160	5,117	2,969
North Yorkshire							
	Craven	1,901	8.6%	934	967	1,104	797
	Hambleton	2,838	8.1%	1	2,837	1,648	1,190
	Harrogate	5,361	8.4%	2,612	2,749	3,133	2,228
	Richmondshire	1,416	7.1%	894	522	730	686
	Ryedale	2,127	10.6%	3	2,124	1,301	826
	Scarborough	7,372	15.4%	3,115	4,257	5,085	2,287
	Selby	2,708	9.0%	1,804	904	1,766	942
South Yorkshire (Met County)							
	Barnsley	18,165	19.3%	13,646	4,519	12,718	5,447
	Doncaster	21,319	17.6%	15,166	6,153	15,421	5,898
	Rotherham	19,433	18.3%	14,649	4,784	14,109	5,324
	Sheffield	44,136	19.4%	34,530	9,606	32,088	12,048
West Yorkshire (Met County)							
	Bradford	29,326	15.1%	14,868	14,458	22,273	7,053
	Calderdale	11,604	14.0%	0	11,604	8,395	3,209
	Kirklees	23,522	14.3%	16,176	7,346	16,407	7,115
	Leeds	54,617	17.5%	37,088	17,529	37,484	17,133
	Wakefield	23,120	17.3%	18,490	4,630	16,207	6,913

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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		
East Midlands							
	Derby	15,636	16.0%	8,872	6,764	11,811	3,825
	Leicester	22,316	19.6%	14,103	8,213	16,224	6,092
	Nottingham	24,965	21.2%	16,630	8,335	19,317	5,648
	Rutland	1,049	7.0%	698	351	584	465
Derbyshire							
	Amber Valley	5,837	11.4%	3,572	2,265	4,049	1,788
	Bolsover	5,575	18.6%	3,462	2,113	3,801	1,774
	Chesterfield	8,467	19.2%	6,116	2,351	6,369	2,098
	Derbyshire Dales	2,398	8.0%	9	2,389	1,440	958
	Erewash	4,789	10.4%	0	4,789	3,299	1,490
	High Peak	4,330	11.4%	2,623	1,707	2,942	1,388
	North East Derbyshire	5,487	13.1%	4,621	866	3,758	1,729
	South Derbyshire	3,374	10.2%	2,092	1,282	2,138	1,236
Leicestershire							
	Blaby	1,881	5.4%	1,155	726	1,161	720
	Charnwood	5,208	8.1%	3,362	1,846	3,422	1,786
	Harborough	1,942	6.1%	1,272	670	1,178	764
	Hinckley and Bosworth	3,044	7.4%	1,922	1,122	1,909	1,135
	Melton	1,528	7.6%	1,014	514	968	560
	North West Leicestershire	3,759	10.4%	2,472	1,287	2,398	1,361
	Oadby and Wigston	1,409	6.7%	754	655	921	488
Lincolnshire							
	Boston	3,415	14.8%	3	3,412	2,332	1,083
	East Lindsey	7,116	12.9%	7	7,109	4,758	2,358
	Lincoln	7,130	19.3%	5,196	1,934	5,145	1,985
	North Kesteven	3,427	9.0%	2,360	1,067	2,079	1,348
	South Holland	3,219	10.1%	2,423	796	1,962	1,257
	South Kesteven	5,199	10.0%	3,690	1,509	3,162	2,037
	West Lindsey	3,919	12.2%	0	3,919	2,598	1,321
Northamptonshire							
	Corby	3,659	18.3%	2,935	724	2,483	1,176
	Daventry	2,551	9.1%	1,596	955	1,538	1,013
	East Northamptonshire	3,153	10.2%	0	3,153	2,010	1,143
	Kettering	3,527	10.1%	2,332	1,195	2,332	1,195
	Northampton	10,515	13.0%	7,827	2,688	7,655	2,860

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Government Office Region: EAST 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		
Northamptonshire (cont)							
	South Northamptonshire	2,048	6.4%	1,534	514	1,155	893
	Wellingborough	3,781	13.0%	2,742	1,039	2,715	1,066
Nottinghamshire							
	Ashfield	6,658	14.8%	4,713	1,945	4,521	2,137
	Bassetlaw	6,718	14.9%	4,882	1,836	4,649	2,069
	Broxtowe	4,424	9.4%	2,806	1,618	2,871	1,553
	Gedling	4,180	8.9%	2,097	2,083	2,595	1,585
	Mansfield	7,633	18.2%	4,803	2,830	5,289	2,344
	Newark and Sherwood	5,674	12.9%	3,404	2,270	3,815	1,859
	Rushcliffe	2,927	6.5%	1,902	1,025	1,843	1,084

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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		
West Midlands							
	County of Herefordshire	8,626	12.5%	3,298	5,328	5,358	3,268
	Stoke-on-Trent	18,412	18.1%	11,798	6,614	13,456	4,956
	Telford and Wrekin	10,888	18.1%	41	10,847	7,602	3,286
Shropshire							
	Bridgnorth	2,268	10.8%	1,477	791	1,389	879
	North Shropshire	2,528	11.0%	1,485	1,043	1,771	757
	Oswestry	1,841	12.3%	1,179	662	1,314	527
	Shrewsbury and Atcham	4,542	11.1%	0	4,542	3,092	1,450
	South Shropshire	1,874	10.4%	0	1,874	1,117	757
Staffordshire							
	Cannock Chase	5,240	14.2%	3,934	1,306	3,451	1,789
	East Staffordshire	4,314	10.3%	0	4,314	3,066	1,248
	Lichfield	3,464	9.1%	2	3,462	2,248	1,216
	Newcastle-under-Lyme	6,251	12.3%	0	6,251	4,161	2,090
	South Staffordshire	4,062	9.7%	0	4,062	2,557	1,505
	Stafford	4,485	8.8%	3,097	1,388	2,970	1,515
	Staffordshire Moorlands	2,823	7.2%	0	2,823	1,837	986
	Tamworth	4,179	13.9%	3,051	1,128	2,919	1,260
Warwickshire							
	North Warwickshire	2,805	11.2%	1,793	1,012	1,626	1,179
	Nuneaton and Bedworth	6,256	13.0%	4,287	1,969	4,189	2,067
	Rugby	3,920	10.6%	2,411	1,509	2,482	1,438
	Stratford-on-Avon	4,300	8.8%	0	4,300	2,484	1,816
	Warwick	5,507	10.4%	3,300	2,207	3,433	2,074
West Midlands (Met County)							
	Birmingham	90,896	22.5%	53,242	37,654	69,242	21,654
	Coventry	21,055	16.8%	0	21,055	15,818	5,237
	Dudley	20,703	16.2%	16,181	4,522	14,787	5,916
	Sandwell	28,572	24.2%	22,415	6,157	19,835	8,737
	Solihull	9,245	11.0%	7,176	2,069	6,483	2,762
	Walsall	20,715	19.9%	14,842	5,873	15,122	5,593
	Wolverhampton	24,046	25.0%	17,185	6,861	17,165	6,881

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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		
Worcestershire							
	Bromsgrove	2,551	7.3%	1,819	732	1,510	1,041
	Malvern Hills	3,122	10.1%	5	3,117	1,933	1,189
	Redditch	4,764	15.4%	3,740	1,024	3,355	1,409
	Worcester	4,946	12.1%	2,852	2,094	3,314	1,632
	Wychavon	4,695	10.0%	7	4,688	2,838	1,857
	Wyre Forest	5,213	13.0%	3	5,210	3,552	1,661

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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		
East							
	Luton	10,638	14.4%	5,984	4,654	7,736	2,902
	Peterborough	11,056	16.8%	6,667	4,389	7,847	3,209
	Southend-on-Sea	11,695	15.0%	4,487	7,208	8,226	3,469
	Thurrock	8,266	15.0%	6,276	1,990	5,621	2,645
Bedfordshire							
	Bedford	7,949	13.0%	0	7,949	5,561	2,388
	Mid Bedfordshire	4,099	7.9%	0	4,099	2,360	1,739
	South Bedfordshire	4,745	10.1%	3,242	1,503	2,997	1,748
Cambridgeshire							
	Cambridge	6,216	11.7%	4,142	2,074	3,995	2,221
	East Cambridgeshire	2,933	9.5%	29	2,904	1,725	1,208
	Fenland	4,369	12.5%	2,724	1,645	3,002	1,367
	Huntingdonshire	5,080	7.8%	0	5,080	3,265	1,815
	South Cambridgeshire	3,829	7.1%	2,697	1,132	2,230	1,599
Essex							
	Basildon	11,680	16.7%	7,985	3,695	8,304	3,376
	Braintree	6,478	11.4%	4,845	1,633	4,273	2,205
	Brentwood	2,138	7.1%	1,411	727	1,291	847
	Castle Point	2,536	7.2%	1,213	1,323	1,758	778
	Chelmsford	5,749	8.8%	0	5,749	3,493	2,256
	Colchester	7,502	11.4%	4,194	3,308	4,846	2,656
	Epping Forest	5,394	10.6%	3,722	1,672	3,419	1,975
	Harlow	5,607	17.5%	4,680	927	3,439	2,168
	Maldon	2,388	10.0%	10	2,378	1,461	927
	Rochford	2,376	7.4%	1,161	1,215	1,473	903
	Tendring	7,064	11.6%	2,239	4,825	4,816	2,248
	Uttlesford	2,305	7.9%	1,549	756	1,293	1,012
Hertfordshire							
	Broxbourne	3,556	10.5%	2,363	1,193	2,549	1,007
	Dacorum	6,507	11.2%	4,857	1,650	4,065	2,442
	East Hertfordshire	4,054	7.8%	23	4,031	2,417	1,637
	Hertsmere	4,075	10.2%	2	4,073	2,701	1,374
	North Hertfordshire	5,998	12.0%	4,317	1,681	3,349	2,649
	St. Albans	4,367	7.9%	2,932	1,435	2,601	1,766
	Stevenage	5,534	16.8%	4,492	1,042	3,516	2,018
	Three Rivers	3,292	8.9%	2,201	1,091	2,001	1,291

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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		
Hertfordshire (cont)							
	Watford	4,110	11.7%	2,630	1,480	2,645	1,465
	Welwyn Hatfield	5,571	14.3%	4,328	1,243	3,546	2,025
Norfolk							
	Breckland	4,948	9.5%	3	4,945	3,066	1,882
	Broadland	3,388	6.8%	10	3,378	2,089	1,299
	Great Yarmouth	7,041	18.1%	3,968	3,073	4,854	2,187
	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	7,354	12.9%	4,688	2,666	4,864	2,490
	North Norfolk	4,871	11.1%	2,750	2,121	2,982	1,889
	Norwich	13,126	23.0%	9,873	3,253	8,843	4,283
	South Norfolk	4,028	8.6%	2,597	1,431	2,627	1,401
Suffolk							
	Babergh	3,384	10.0%	2,240	1,144	1,962	1,422
	Forest Heath	2,062	7.6%	1,376	686	1,379	683
	Ipswich	9,208	18.8%	5,368	3,840	6,519	2,689
	Mid Suffolk	2,933	8.4%	1,940	993	1,689	1,244
	St. Edmundsbury	4,381	10.7%	21	4,360	2,574	1,807
	Suffolk Coastal	4,658	9.0%	14	4,644	2,827	1,831
	Waveney	7,335	15.3%	3,103	4,232	4,889	2,446

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

Government Office Region: LONDON

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All HB recipients as % of LA households	Rent Rebate Allowance		Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
				Local Authority Tenants	All Non LA Tenants		
London							
	Camden	26,554	28.2%	16,838	9,716	19,588	6,966
	City of London	1,109	37.0%	844	265	718	391
	Hammersmith and Fulham	18,267	22.6%	9,001	9,266	13,287	4,980
	Kensington and Chelsea	14,081	14.7%	5,165	8,916	10,671	3,410
	Wandsworth	20,158	16.1%	11,166	8,992	13,973	6,185
	Westminster	18,788	15.7%	8,788	10,000	14,096	4,692
	Hackney	30,523	34.3%	16,247	14,276	23,304	7,219
	Haringey	25,349	25.1%	13,262	12,087	19,065	6,284
	Islington	24,527	29.9%	17,176	7,351	18,817	5,710
	Lambeth	32,871	25.3%	19,722	13,149	24,234	8,637
	Lewisham	27,243	25.0%	16,706	10,537	19,914	7,329
	Newham	30,909	34.0%	15,018	15,891	22,969	7,940
	Southwark	32,620	30.2%	23,562	9,058	24,287	8,333
	Tower Hamlets	29,951	38.4%	17,901	12,050	22,697	7,254
	Barking and Dagenham	15,517	25.0%	12,327	3,190	11,309	4,208
	Bexley	9,916	10.9%	78	9,838	6,698	3,218
	Enfield	17,511	15.8%	9,677	7,834	12,435	5,076
	Greenwich	23,345	25.4%	15,784	7,561	16,990	6,355
	Havering	9,980	10.5%	6,948	3,032	6,641	3,339
	Redbridge	11,531	12.4%	4,149	7,382	8,324	3,207
	Waltham Forest	18,097	19.3%	8,929	9,168	13,340	4,757
	Bromley	12,843	9.9%	105	12,738	9,061	3,782
	Croydon	21,684	15.2%	10,877	10,807	15,091	6,593
	Kingston upon Thames	5,850	9.1%	3,496	2,354	3,716	2,134
	Merton	8,820	10.8%	4,273	4,547	5,938	2,882
	Sutton	8,328	10.8%	4,846	3,482	5,301	3,027
	Barnet	17,556	12.5%	7,984	9,572	12,954	4,602
	Brent	22,415	21.3%	6,838	15,577	16,140	6,275
	Ealing	17,702	13.6%	9,419	8,283	13,691	4,011
	Harrow	9,418	11.0%	3,937	5,481	6,774	2,644
	Hillingdon	13,801	13.1%	8,117	5,684	9,423	4,378
	Hounslow	14,448	16.4%	8,692	5,756	10,371	4,077
	Richmond Upon Thames	7,491	8.5%	290	7,201	4,622	2,869

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

Government Office Region: SOUTH 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		
South East							
	Bracknell Forest	3,999	8.9%	2,805	1,194	2,377	1,622
	Brighton and Hove	21,621	18.0%	8,843	12,778	14,786	6,835
	Isle of Wight	7,856	14.0%	87	7,769	5,203	2,653
	Medway	13,190	13.5%	2,139	11,051	8,882	4,308
	Milton Keynes	11,731	13.3%	7,275	4,456	7,741	3,990
	Portsmouth	14,575	18.7%	8,934	5,641	9,776	4,799
	Reading	8,546	13.4%	4,852	3,694	5,412	3,134
	Slough	7,194	16.0%	4,437	2,757	4,880	2,314
	Southampton	17,552	19.5%	10,450	7,102	11,667	5,885
	West Berkshire	4,583	7.8%	29	4,554	2,588	1,995
	Windsor and Maidenhead	4,426	7.5%	6	4,420	2,260	2,166
	Wokingham	2,373	4.2%	1,339	1,034	1,374	999
Buckinghamshire							
	Aylesbury Vale	5,128	7.9%	3,867	1,261	3,139	1,989
	Chiltern	2,804	7.4%	0	2,804	1,550	1,254
	South Bucks	2,037	7.8%	30	2,007	1,107	930
	Wycombe	5,728	8.5%	3,805	1,923	3,479	2,249
East Sussex							
	Eastbourne	6,622	15.8%	2,423	4,199	4,040	2,582
	Hastings	8,154	22.0%	17	8,137	5,653	2,501
	Lewes	4,147	10.9%	2,028	2,119	2,478	1,669
	Rother	4,356	10.9%	0	4,356	2,543	1,813
	Wealden	4,176	6.8%	1,926	2,250	2,420	1,756
Hampshire							
	Basingstoke & Deane	6,220	10.2%	11	6,209	3,433	2,787
	East Hampshire	3,428	7.5%	0	3,428	2,033	1,395
	Eastleigh	3,977	8.3%	28	3,949	2,223	1,754
	Fareham	2,465	5.6%	1,501	964	1,530	935
	Gosport	3,727	11.6%	2,035	1,692	2,209	1,518
	Hart	1,648	4.7%	21	1,627	944	704
	Havant	3,767	7.5%	13	3,754	2,479	1,288
	New Forest	6,482	8.6%	3,355	3,127	3,758	2,724
	Rushmoor	3,215	9.2%	0	3,215	1,970	1,245
	Test Valley	3,736	8.1%	46	3,690	2,171	1,565
	Winchester	3,949	8.8%	2,542	1,407	2,094	1,855
Kent							
	Ashford	4,923	11.4%	3,557	1,366	3,043	1,880
	Canterbury	6,909	11.5%	3,736	3,173	4,327	2,582
	Dartford	3,778	10.8%	2,613	1,165	2,401	1,377

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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 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		
Kent (cont)							
	Dover	6,728	14.3%	3,284	3,444	4,143	2,585
	Gravesham	4,884	12.9%	3,692	1,192	3,239	1,645
	Maidstone	6,067	10.5%	3,997	2,070	3,702	2,365
	Sevenoaks	4,291	9.3%	15	4,276	2,487	1,804
	Shepway	5,935	13.2%	2,294	3,641	4,053	1,882
	Swale	7,076	14.4%	0	7,076	4,694	2,382
	Thanet	10,370	18.5%	2,199	8,171	7,186	3,184
	Tonbridge and Malling	4,444	10.3%	0	4,444	2,426	2,018
	Tunbridge Wells	5,107	11.9%	60	5,047	2,982	2,125
Oxfordshire							
	Cherwell	4,500	8.0%	2,038	2,462	2,806	1,694
	Oxford	7,646	13.0%	4,077	3,569	5,065	2,581
	South Oxfordshire	3,956	7.8%	4	3,952	2,215	1,741
	Vale of White Horse	3,481	7.6%	40	3,441	2,013	1,468
	West Oxfordshire	2,962	7.4%	4	2,958	1,720	1,242
Surrey							
	Elmbridge	4,435	7.9%	61	4,374	2,427	2,008
	Epsom and Ewell	1,743	6.0%	23	1,720	980	763
	Guildford	4,750	9.1%	3,116	1,634	2,604	2,146
	Mole Valley	2,514	7.4%	1,684	830	1,364	1,150
	Reigate and Banstead	3,896	7.8%	18	3,878	2,251	1,645
	Runnymede	2,635	8.2%	1,730	905	1,383	1,252
	Spelthorne	3,307	8.7%	1	3,306	2,031	1,276
	Surrey Heath	1,842	5.4%	31	1,811	1,048	794
	Tandridge	2,154	6.5%	1,437	717	1,262	892
	Waverley	3,969	8.4%	2,827	1,142	2,078	1,891
	Woking	3,205	8.0%	2,089	1,116	1,825	1,380
West Sussex							
	Adur	2,838	11.4%	1,821	1,017	1,831	1,007
	Arun	6,224	9.4%	2,457	3,767	3,797	2,427
	Chichester	4,651	9.9%	39	4,612	2,586	2,065
	Crawley	5,080	12.7%	4,117	963	2,905	2,175
	Horsham	4,001	7.7%	56	3,945	2,104	1,897
	Mid Sussex	3,889	7.3%	14	3,875	2,173	1,716
	Worthing	4,702	10.0%	25	4,677	3,000	1,702

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Government Office Region: SOUTH WEST

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				Local Authority Tenants	All Non LA Tenants		
South West							
	Bath and North East Somerset	8,286	11.5%	38	8,248	4,960	3,326
	Bournemouth	11,321	15.7%	3,778	7,543	7,816	3,505
	Bristol, City of	28,102	16.1%	17,822	10,280	20,620	7,482
	North Somerset	8,995	11.2%	4,250	4,745	5,568	3,427
	Plymouth	18,484	17.4%	9,919	8,565	12,807	5,677
	Poole	6,475	10.8%	3,074	3,401	4,067	2,408
	South Gloucestershire	7,398	7.3%	4,619	2,779	4,805	2,593
	Swindon	8,338	11.0%	5,736	2,602	5,762	2,576
	Torbay	9,079	16.8%	47	9,032	6,613	2,466
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly							
	Caradon	4,154	11.9%	2,324	1,830	2,603	1,551
	Carrick	5,179	14.0%	2,719	2,460	3,452	1,727
	Kerrier	5,454	14.4%	0	5,454	3,833	1,621
	North Cornwall	5,915	16.9%	2,535	3,380	3,532	2,383
	Penwith	4,825	18.6%	0	4,825	3,438	1,387
	Restormel	5,443	14.0%	0	5,443	3,663	1,780
	Isles of Scilly	47	4.7%	23	24	22	25
Devon							
	East Devon	4,780	8.4%	2,397	2,383	2,944	1,836
	Exeter	6,200	13.2%	3,009	3,191	4,427	1,773
	Mid Devon	3,307	11.4%	1,882	1,425	2,117	1,190
	North Devon	5,221	13.7%	6	5,215	3,348	1,873
	South Hams	3,947	11.3%	54	3,893	2,326	1,621
	Teignbridge	5,507	10.6%	2,374	3,133	3,509	1,998
	Torridge	2,923	12.7%	1,087	1,836	1,989	934
	West Devon	1,917	9.6%	0	1,917	1,211	706
Dorset							
	Christchurch	2,071	10.4%	20	2,051	1,243	828
	East Dorset	2,438	6.6%	8	2,430	1,492	946
	North Dorset	2,277	8.8%	1	2,276	1,389	888
	Purbeck	1,996	10.0%	1,006	990	1,112	884
	West Dorset	4,353	10.6%	6	4,347	2,589	1,764
	Weymouth and Portland	3,779	14.0%	0	3,779	2,609	1,170
Gloucestershire							
	Cheltenham	5,711	12.2%	3,302	2,409	3,733	1,978
	Cotswold	3,376	9.4%	0	3,376	1,811	1,565
	Forest of Dean	2,928	9.2%	1,938	990	1,968	960

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Government Office Region: SOUTH 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		
Glos (cont)							
	Gloucester	6,450	14.0%	3,095	3,355	4,682	1,768
	Stroud	4,436	9.9%	3,025	1,411	2,627	1,809
	Tewkesbury	2,807	8.8%	0	2,807	1,737	1,070
Somerset							
	Mendip	5,126	12.5%	0	5,126	3,250	1,876
	Sedgemoor	5,503	12.2%	2,834	2,669	3,679	1,824
	South Somerset	6,549	9.9%	20	6,529	4,002	2,547
	Taunton Deane	5,954	13.8%	3,573	2,381	3,482	2,472
	West Somerset	2,414	17.2%	25	2,389	1,388	1,026
Wiltshire							
	Kennet	3,195	10.3%	0	3,195	1,767	1,428
	North Wiltshire	4,480	8.8%	33	4,447	2,721	1,759
	Salisbury	4,944	10.5%	3,189	1,755	2,640	2,304
	West Wiltshire	5,150	11.0%	70	5,080	3,094	2,056

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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		
Wales							
	Blaenau Gwent	7,037	24.3%	4,908	2,129	5,105	1,932
	Bridgend	7,841	14.5%	4,394	3,447	5,655	2,186
	Caerphilly	13,399	19.7%	9,125	4,274	9,699	3,700
	Cardiff	22,660	17.2%	11,558	11,102	16,943	5,717
	Carmarthenshire	11,757	17.0%	6,916	4,841	8,436	3,321
	Ceredigion	3,478	11.6%	1,490	1,988	2,464	1,014
	Conwy	6,653	13.9%	2,655	3,998	4,825	1,828
	Denbighshire	6,013	15.8%	2,427	3,586	4,520	1,493
	Flintshire	7,661	13.0%	5,076	2,585	5,250	2,411
	Gwynedd	7,333	27.2%	4,157	3,176	5,379	1,954
	Isles of Anglesey	4,104	8.6%	2,565	1,539	3,048	1,056
	Merthyr Tydfil	5,018	21.8%	3,178	1,840	3,523	1,495
	Monmouthshire	3,941	10.9%	2,451	1,490	2,439	1,502
	Neath Port Talbot	11,460	20.5%	7,172	4,288	8,503	2,957
	Newport	11,109	19.5%	7,170	3,939	8,213	2,896
	Pembrokeshire	7,341	15.6%	4,215	3,126	5,154	2,187
	Powys	6,105	11.7%	3,093	3,012	4,209	1,896
	Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	16,699	17.4%	8,504	8,195	12,469	4,230
	Swansea	18,087	19.2%	10,410	7,677	13,464	4,623
	The Vale of Glamorgan	5,984	12.2%	2,860	3,124	4,460	1,524
	Torfaen	7,740	21.5%	6,312	1,428	5,426	2,314
	Wrexham	9,246	17.8%	7,389	1,857	6,537	2,709

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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)
				Rebate Local Authority Tenants	Allowance All Non LA Tenants		
Scotland							
	Aberdeen	15,446	15.3%	12,387	3,059	10,575	4,871
	Aberdeenshire	9,468	10.4%	6,718	2,750	6,314	3,154
	Angus	7,065	15.1%	4,463	2,602	4,977	2,088
	Argyll and Bute	6,076	15.9%	3,541	2,535	4,111	1,965
	Clackmannanshire	4,644	22.5%	3,323	1,321	3,092	1,552
	Dumfries and Galloway	10,414	16.3%	6,789	3,625	7,219	3,195
	Dundee	19,264	28.8%	11,460	7,804	13,589	5,675
	East Ayrshire	11,929	23.4%	9,012	2,917	8,329	3,600
	East Dunbartonshire	3,954	9.4%	2,998	956	2,713	1,241
	East Lothian	5,738	15.1%	4,263	1,475	3,607	2,131
	East Renfrewshire	3,511	10.2%	2,317	1,194	2,316	1,195
	Edinburgh	32,288	15.6%	18,348	13,940	21,575	10,713
	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (previously Western Isles)	1,389	11.9%	1,150	239	989	400
	Falkirk	13,011	21.0%	10,743	2,268	8,799	4,212
	Fife	26,944	17.9%	20,275	6,669	17,736	9,208
	Glasgow	97,238	35.5%	60,485	36,753	70,022	27,216
	Highland	13,453	15.2%	9,383	4,070	9,618	3,835
	Inverclyde	9,560	25.4%	6,502	3,058	6,493	3,067
	Midlothian	5,075	15.8%	2,914	2,161	3,125	1,950
	Moray	4,442	12.3%	3,088	1,354	3,006	1,436
	North Ayrshire	13,447	22.7%	10,107	3,340	9,475	3,972
	North Lanarkshire	33,796	25.2%	27,218	6,578	23,501	10,295
	Orkney Islands	829	10.1%	438	391	539	290
	Perth and Kinross	7,327	12.7%	4,477	2,850	4,898	2,429
	Renfrewshire	17,719	22.9%	11,967	5,752	11,522	6,197
	Scottish Borders, The	6,995	15.0%	3,250	3,745	4,469	2,526
	Shetland Islands	932	10.0%	800	132	643	289
	South Ayrshire	8,577	17.6%	6,325	2,252	5,920	2,657
	South Lanarkshire	27,493	21.8%	22,042	5,451	19,040	8,453
	Stirling	5,504	15.9%	4,259	1,245	3,702	1,802
	West Dunbartonshire	11,992	28.7%	8,348	3,644	8,611	3,381
	West Lothian	12,663	19.6%	8,465	4,198	8,504	4,159

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Government Office Region: NORTH EAST

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North East					
	Darlington	9,101	21.7%	6,253	2,848
	Hartlepool	12,699	33.4%	8,615	4,084
	Middlesbrough	17,956	30.4%	12,972	4,984
	Redcar and Cleveland	15,395	27.0%	10,263	5,132
	Stockton-on-Tees	16,998	22.4%	11,725	5,273
Durham					
	Chester-le-Street	4,954	19.8%	3,176	1,778
	Derwentside	10,450	28.2%	6,657	3,793
	Durham	6,551	17.7%	4,101	2,450
	Easington	12,324	31.6%	7,785	4,539
	Sedgefield	10,153	26.7%	6,629	3,524
	Teesdale	1,690	15.4%	1,132	558
	Wear Valley	7,501	27.8%	5,191	2,310
Northumberland					
	Alnwick	2,416	18.6%	1,534	882
	Berwick-upon-Tweed	2,327	19.4%	1,431	896
	Blyth Valley	8,093	23.8%	5,208	2,885
	Castle Morpeth	2,722	13.6%	1,561	1,161
	Tynedale	3,343	13.9%	1,922	1,421
	Wansbeck	6,544	25.2%	4,098	2,446
Tyne and Wear (Met County)					
	Gateshead	25,883	29.8%	16,354	9,529
	Newcastle upon Tyne	32,571	27.6%	22,748	9,823
	North Tyneside	22,251	25.6%	14,075	8,176
	South Tyneside	22,290	33.3%	15,785	6,505
	Sunderland	34,259	28.5%	24,289	9,970

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

Government Office Region: NORTH WEST

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA households	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
North West					
	Blackburn with Darwen	14,781	27.4%	9,999	4,782
	Blackpool	15,521	23.9%	11,273	4,248
	Halton	12,736	26.0%	9,551	3,185
	Warrington	12,831	15.8%	8,601	4,230
Cheshire					
	Chester	7,565	15.1%	5,196	2,369
	Congleton	4,296	11.9%	2,546	1,750
	Crewe and Nantwich	7,102	14.8%	4,492	2,610
	Ellesmere Port and Neston	5,535	16.8%	3,764	1,771
	Macclesfield	7,135	11.0%	4,615	2,520
	Vale Royal	7,442	15.2%	4,770	2,672
Cumbria					
	Allerdale	8,093	20.2%	5,440	2,653
	Barrow-in-Furness	7,134	23.8%	5,202	1,932
	Carlisle	7,467	17.0%	5,106	2,361
	Copeland	6,157	21.2%	4,134	2,023
	Eden	2,277	10.8%	1,310	967
	South Lakeland	4,791	10.4%	2,819	1,972
Greater Manchester (Met County)					
	Bolton	25,540	23.0%	18,309	7,231
	Bury	13,338	17.6%	9,360	3,978
	Manchester	65,196	35.4%	49,138	16,058
	Oldham	21,943	24.4%	14,612	7,331
	Rochdale	22,241	25.6%	15,820	6,421
	Salford	28,144	29.6%	19,751	8,393
	Stockport	19,911	16.1%	13,295	6,616
	Tameside	23,102	25.4%	15,525	7,577
	Trafford	13,623	14.8%	9,760	3,863
	Wigan	27,130	20.9%	18,452	8,678
Lancashire					
	Burnley	9,235	25.0%	6,278	2,957
	Chorley	6,287	15.3%	4,199	2,088
	Fylde	3,789	11.1%	2,359	1,430
	Hyndburn	7,554	23.6%	5,006	2,548
	Lancaster	10,082	17.7%	7,355	2,727
	Pendle	8,581	24.5%	5,855	2,726
	Preston	11,875	21.2%	8,273	3,602

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Government Office Region: NORTH WEST (cont)

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA households	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Lancs (Cont)					
	Ribble Valley	2,051	9.3%	1,160	891
	Rossendale	5,061	18.7%	3,372	1,689
	South Ribble	5,337	12.4%	3,477	1,860
	West Lancashire	9,113	20.3%	6,284	2,829
	Wyre	7,035	15.3%	4,624	2,411
Merseyside (Met County)					
	Knowsley	20,583	34.3%	15,283	5,300
	Liverpool	69,133	37.0%	50,700	18,433
	St. Helens	25,685	35.2%	18,581	7,104
	Sefton	18,628	15.7%	13,116	5,512
	Wirral	34,586	24.9%	24,228	10,358

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

Government Office Region: YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA households	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Yorks and the Humber					
	East Riding of Yorkshire	20,246	15.2%	13,068	7,178
	Kingston upon Hull	33,336	30.9%	24,697	8,639
	North East Lincolnshire	14,649	22.5%	10,837	3,812
	North Lincolnshire	12,441	19.7%	8,034	4,407
	York	9,888	13.0%	6,195	3,693
North Yorkshire					
	Craven	2,653	12.1%	1,570	1,083
	Hambleton	3,473	9.9%	2,018	1,455
	Harrogate	6,586	10.3%	3,935	2,651
	Richmondshire	1,940	9.7%	983	957
	Ryedale	2,756	13.8%	1,753	1,003
	Scarborough	9,010	18.8%	6,168	2,842
	Selby	3,360	11.2%	2,170	1,190
South Yorkshire (Met County)					
	Barnsley	22,726	24.2%	15,531	7,195
	Doncaster	26,534	21.9%	18,973	7,561
	Rotherham	24,353	23.0%	17,107	7,246
	Sheffield	52,907	23.2%	37,102	15,805
West Yorkshire (Met County)					
	Bradford	41,364	21.3%	31,028	10,336
	Calderdale	15,547	18.7%	10,923	4,624
	Kirklees	28,593	17.3%	19,104	9,489
	Leeds	63,579	20.4%	42,186	21,393
	Wakefield	26,107	19.5%	18,267	7,840

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

Government Office Region: EAST MIDLANDS

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA households	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
East Midlands					
	Derby	19,207	19.6%	14,181	5,026
	Leicester	25,628	22.5%	18,448	7,180
	Nottingham	27,113	23.0%	20,700	6,413
	Rutland	1,341	8.9%	724	617
Derbyshire					
	Amber Valley	8,247	16.2%	5,515	2,732
	Bolsover	7,330	24.4%	4,834	2,496
	Chesterfield	10,293	23.4%	7,487	2,806
	Derbyshire Dales	3,473	11.6%	1,983	1,490
	Erewash	6,826	14.8%	4,588	2,238
	High Peak	5,679	14.9%	3,755	1,924
	North East Derbyshire	7,529	17.9%	4,819	2,710
	South Derbyshire	4,754	14.4%	2,856	1,898
Leicestershire					
	Blaby	3,302	9.4%	1,990	1,312
	Charnwood	7,037	11.0%	4,523	2,514
	Harborough	2,877	9.0%	1,753	1,124
	Hinckley and Bosworth	4,739	11.6%	2,954	1,785
	Melton	1,994	10.0%	1,256	738
	North West Leicestershire	5,273	14.6%	3,255	2,018
	Oadby and Wigston	2,567	12.2%	1,547	1,020
Lincolnshire					
	Boston	4,523	19.7%	3,059	1,464
	East Lindsey	10,491	19.1%	6,916	3,575
	Lincoln	8,285	22.4%	5,864	2,421
	North Kesteven	4,925	13.0%	2,936	1,989
	South Holland	4,887	15.3%	2,914	1,973
	South Kesteven	6,396	12.3%	3,943	2,453
	West Lindsey	5,500	17.2%	3,536	1,964
Northamptonshire					
	Corby	4,120	20.6%	2,783	1,337
	Daventry	3,213	11.5%	1,898	1,315
	East Northamptonshire	4,201	13.6%	2,687	1,514
	Kettering	4,822	13.8%	3,147	1,675
	Northampton	12,684	15.7%	8,993	3,691

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Government Office Region: EAST MIDLANDS (cont)

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA households	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Northamptonshire (cont)					
	South Northamptonshire	2,831	8.8%	1,639	1,192
	Wellingborough	4,702	16.2%	3,364	1,338
Nottinghamshire					
	Ashfield	9,335	20.7%	5,926	3,409
	Bassetlaw	8,700	19.3%	5,865	2,835
	Broxtowe	6,599	14.0%	4,012	2,587
	Gedling	6,546	13.9%	3,927	2,619
	Mansfield	10,029	23.9%	6,577	3,452
	Newark and Sherwood	7,471	17.0%	4,789	2,682
	Rushcliffe	4,123	9.2%	2,501	1,622

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Government Office Region: WEST MIDLANDS

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA households	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
West Midlands					
	County of Herefordshire	10,873	15.8%	6,757	4,116
	Stoke-on-Trent	24,627	24.1%	17,008	7,619
	Telford and Wrekin	13,151	21.9%	9,208	3,943
Shropshire					
	Bridgnorth	3,128	14.9%	1,858	1,270
	North Shropshire	3,645	15.8%	2,499	1,146
	Oswestry	2,510	16.7%	1,784	726
	Shrewsbury and Atcham	5,756	14.0%	3,931	1,825
	South Shropshire	2,458	13.7%	1,452	1,006
Staffordshire					
	Cannock Chase	6,806	18.4%	4,469	2,337
	East Staffordshire	5,821	13.9%	4,090	1,731
	Lichfield	4,635	12.2%	3,024	1,611
	Newcastle-under-Lyme	8,627	16.9%	5,492	3,135
	South Staffordshire	5,587	13.3%	3,566	2,021
	Stafford	5,669	11.1%	3,702	1,967
	Staffordshire Moorlands	4,874	12.5%	3,045	1,829
	Tamworth	5,254	17.5%	3,691	1,563
Warwickshire					
	North Warwickshire	4,142	16.6%	2,278	1,864
	Nuneaton and Bedworth	9,132	19.0%	5,735	3,397
	Rugby	5,224	14.1%	3,220	2,004
	Stratford-on-Avon	5,490	11.2%	3,166	2,324
	Warwick	6,900	13.0%	4,209	2,691
West Midlands (Met County)					
	Birmingham	118,083	29.2%	86,532	31,551
	Coventry	30,414	24.3%	19,811	10,603
	Dudley	28,002	21.9%	19,221	8,781
	Sandwell	36,984	31.3%	24,853	12,131
	Solihull	12,596	15.0%	8,525	4,071
	Walsall	27,571	26.5%	19,468	8,103
	Wolverhampton	31,659	33.0%	21,175	10,484

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Government Office Region: WEST MIDLANDS (cont)

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Worcestershire					
	Bromsgrove	3,489	10.0%	2,122	1,367
	Malvern Hills	3,810	12.3%	2,423	1,387
	Redditch	5,728	18.5%	4,062	1,666
	Worcester	6,008	14.7%	3,998	2,010
	Wychavon	6,025	12.8%	3,665	2,360
	Wyre Forest	6,962	17.4%	4,651	2,311

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

Government Office Region: EAST

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA households	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
East					
	Luton	13,526	18.3%	10,048	3,478
	Peterborough	12,693	19.2%	9,243	3,450
	Southend-on-Sea	14,233	18.2%	10,483	3,750
	Thurrock	10,033	18.2%	6,912	3,121
Bedfordshire					
	Mid Bedfordshire	5,411	8.9%	3,034	2,377
	Bedford	9,670	18.6%	6,743	2,927
	South Bedfordshire	6,184	13.2%	3,773	2,411
Cambridgeshire					
	Cambridge	6,117	11.5%	3,940	2,177
	East Cambridgeshire	3,626	11.7%	2,183	1,443
	Fenland	6,361	18.2%	4,293	2,068
	Huntingdonshire	6,224	9.6%	4,107	2,117
	South Cambridgeshire	4,462	8.3%	2,712	1,750
Essex					
	Basildon	14,867	21.2%	10,375	4,492
	Braintree	7,952	14.0%	5,353	2,599
	Brentwood	3,194	10.6%	1,905	1,289
	Castle Point	5,046	14.4%	3,247	1,799
	Chelmsford	7,134	11.0%	4,399	2,735
	Colchester	8,680	13.2%	5,766	2,914
	Epping Forest	7,040	13.8%	4,567	2,473
	Harlow	6,325	19.8%	3,850	2,475
	Maldon	3,238	13.5%	2,030	1,208
	Rochford	3,901	12.2%	2,463	1,438
	Tendring	11,541	18.9%	7,603	3,938
	Uttlesford	2,814	9.7%	1,606	1,208
Hertfordshire					
	Broxbourne	5,129	15.1%	3,762	1,367
	Dacorum	7,348	12.7%	4,539	2,809
	East Hertfordshire	4,775	9.2%	3,027	1,748
	Hertsmere	5,023	12.6%	3,355	1,668
	North Hertfordshire	6,730	13.5%	3,820	2,910
	St. Albans	5,138	9.3%	3,071	2,067
	Stevenage	5,959	18.1%	3,821	2,138
	Three Rivers	4,121	11.1%	2,616	1,505

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Government Office Region: EAST (cont)

County	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA households	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Hertfordshire (cont)					
	Watford	4,546	13.0%	2,905	1,641
	Welwyn Hatfield	5,901	15.1%	3,810	2,091
Norfolk					
	Breckland	6,537	12.6%	4,161	2,376
	Broadland	5,310	10.6%	3,289	2,021
	Great Yarmouth	9,117	23.4%	6,122	2,995
	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	10,118	17.8%	6,569	3,549
	North Norfolk	6,792	15.4%	4,191	2,601
	Norwich	14,007	24.6%	9,390	4,617
	South Norfolk	5,873	12.5%	3,771	2,102
Suffolk					
	Babergh	4,549	13.4%	2,640	1,909
	Forest Heath	2,741	10.2%	1,857	884
	Ipswich	10,889	22.2%	7,637	3,52
	Mid Suffolk	3,992	11.4%	2,335	1,657
	St. Edmundsbury	5,193	12.7%	3,069	2,124
	Suffolk Coastal	5,927	11.4%	3,630	2,297
	Waveney	9,814	20.4%	6,461	3,353

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Government Office Region: LONDON

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA households	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
London					
	Camden	23,687	25.2%	17,576	6,111
	City of London	402	13.4%	290	112
	Hammersmith and Fulham	16,985	21.0%	12,460	4,525
	Kensington and Chelsea	12,173	12.7%	9,548	2,625
	Wandsworth	17,724	14.2%	13,970	3,754
	Westminster	14,604	12.2%	12,011	2,593
	Hackney	29,114	32.7%	22,431	6,683
	Haringey	25,453	25.2%	18,992	6,461
	Islington	23,404	28.5%	18,014	5,390
	Lambeth	29,433	22.6%	22,702	6,731
	Lewisham	26,825	24.6%	19,768	7,057
	Newham	30,967	34.0%	23,694	7,273
	Southwark	33,472	31.0%	25,459	8,013
	Tower Hamlets	28,941	37.1%	22,792	6,149
	Barking and Dagenham	18,151	29.3%	13,282	4,869
	Bexley	13,028	14.3%	9,079	3,949
	Enfield	23,067	20.8%	16,363	6,704
	Greenwich	24,435	26.6%	17,949	6,486
	Havering	14,752	15.5%	9,487	5,265
	Redbridge	15,628	16.8%	11,306	4,322
	Waltham Forest	20,308	21.6%	15,261	5,047
	Bromley	14,991	11.5%	11,030	3,961
	Croydon	23,212	16.2%	17,024	6,188
	Kingston upon Thames	6,513	10.2%	4,223	2,290
	Merton	10,733	13.1%	7,208	3,525
	Sutton	9,692	12.6%	6,395	3,297
	Barnet	19,938	14.1%	15,088	4,850
	Brent	21,847	20.8%	15,979	5,868
	Ealing	19,027	14.6%	14,682	4,345
	Harrow	11,478	13.3%	8,500	2,978
	Hillingdon	16,840	16.0%	11,814	5,026
	Hounslow	16,541	18.8%	11,903	4,638
	Richmond upon Thames	8,452	9.6%	5,081	3,371

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Government Office Region: SOUTH EAST

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA households	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
South East					
	Bracknell Forest	4,191	9.3%	2,663	1,528
	Brighton and Hove	21,390	17.8%	15,203	6,187
	Isle of Wight	10,834	19.3%	7,288	3,546
	Medway	15,879	16.2%	11,400	4,479
	Milton Keynes	12,655	14.4%	8,487	4,168
	Portsmouth	12,773	16.4%	8,907	3,866
	Reading	9,015	14.1%	5,929	3,086
	Slough	7,902	17.6%	5,677	2,225
	Southampton	17,963	20.0%	12,385	5,578
	West Berkshire	5,311	9.0%	3,057	2,254
	Windsor and Maidenhead	5,123	8.7%	2,803	2,320
	Wokingham	3,322	5.8%	1,980	1,342
Buckinghamshire					
	Aylesbury Vale	6,197	9.5%	3,881	2,316
	Chiltern	3,341	8.8%	1,853	1,488
	South Bucks	2,309	8.9%	1,275	1,034
	Wycombe	7,223	10.8%	4,504	2,719
East Sussex					
	Eastbourne	7,377	17.6%	4,658	2,719
	Hastings	9,438	25.5%	6,653	2,785
	Lewes	5,599	14.7%	3,448	2,151
	Rother	5,782	14.5%	3,485	2,297
	Wealden	6,423	10.5%	3,636	2,787
Hampshire					
	Basingstoke and Deane	6,464	10.6%	3,828	2,636
	East Hampshire	4,119	9.0%	2,639	1,480
	Eastleigh	4,801	10.0%	2,888	1,913
	Fareham	3,656	8.3%	2,336	1,320
	Gosport	4,431	13.8%	2,770	1,661
	Hart	1,947	5.6%	1,195	752
	Havant	8,014	16.0%	5,643	2,371
	New Forest	8,460	11.3%	5,067	3,393
	Rushmoor	3,366	9.6%	2,147	1,219
	Test Valley	4,281	9.3%	2,599	1,682
	Winchester	4,312	9.6%	2,370	1,942
Kent					
	Ashford	6,053	14.1%	3,876	2,177
	Canterbury	8,886	14.8%	5,602	3,284
	Dartford	4,618	13.2%	3,009	1,609

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

Government Office Region: SOUTH EAST (cont)

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA households	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Kent (cont)					
	Dover	8,096	17.2%	5,176	2,920
	Gravesham	6,099	16.1%	4,092	2,007
	Maidstone	7,410	12.8%	4,662	2,748
	Sevenoaks	5,127	11.1%	3,014	2,113
	Shepway	7,530	16.7%	5,130	2,400
	Swale	8,752	17.9%	5,909	2,843
	Thanet	13,017	23.2%	8,984	4,033
	Tonbridge and Malling	5,248	12.2%	3,007	2,241
	Tunbridge Wells	5,387	12.5%	3,434	1,953
Oxfordshire					
	Cherwell	5,331	9.5%	3,385	1,946
	Oxford	7,557	12.8%	5,076	2,481
	South Oxfordshire	4,683	9.2%	2,676	2,007
	Vale of White Horse	4,321	9.4%	2,552	1,769
	West Oxfordshire	3,557	8.9%	2,179	1,378
Surrey					
	Elmbridge	5,035	9.0%	2,914	2,121
	Epsom and Ewell	2,113	7.3%	1,265	848
	Guildford	5,239	10.1%	2,989	2,250
	Mole Valley	2,837	8.3%	1,664	1,173
	Reigate and Banstead	4,528	9.1%	2,760	1,768
	Runnymede	3,155	9.9%	1,739	1,416
	Spelthorne	3,951	10.4%	2,589	1,362
	Surrey Heath	2,233	6.6%	1,330	903
	Tandridge	2,594	7.9%	1,600	994
	Waverley	4,626	9.8%	2,507	2,119
	Woking	3,607	9.0%	2,224	1383
West Sussex					
	Adur	4,076	16.3%	2,628	1,448
	Arun	8,644	13.1%	5,419	3,225
	Chichester	5,555	11.8%	3,356	2,199
	Crawley	5,543	13.9%	3,240	2,303
	Horsham	4,645	8.9%	2,636	2,009
	Mid Sussex	4,482	8.5%	2,763	1,719
	Worthing	5,909	12.6%	3,922	1,987

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

Government Office Region: SOUTH WEST

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA households	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
South West					
	Bath and North East Somerset	10,115	14.0%	6,030	4,085
	Bournemouth	12,456	17.3%	8,932	3,524
	Bristol, City of	32,644	18.7%	22,946	9,698
	North Somerset	10,947	13.7%	6,940	4,007
	Plymouth	20,378	19.2%	14,578	5,800
	Poole	8,351	13.9%	5,513	2,838
	South Gloucestershire	10,231	10.1%	6,678	3,553
	Swindon	9,695	12.8%	6,628	3,067
	Torbay	12,069	22.4%	9,121	2,948
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly					
	Caradon	5,463	15.6%	3,465	1,998
	Carrick	6,656	18.0%	4,492	2,164
	Kerrier	7,655	20.1%	5,431	2,224
	North Cornwall	7,604	21.7%	4,202	3,402
	Penwith	6,212	23.9%	4,516	1,696
	Restormel	6,963	17.9%	4,726	2,237
	Isles of Scilly	51	5.1%	27	24
Devon					
	East Devon	6,700	11.8%	4,198	2,502
	Exeter	6,650	14.1%	4,875	1,775
	Mid Devon	4,306	14.8%	2,743	1,563
	North Devon	6,648	17.5%	4,300	2,348
	South Hams	4,967	14.2%	3,111	1,856
	Teignbridge	7,759	14.9%	5,116	2,643
	Torridge	4,162	18.1%	2,854	1,308
	West Devon	2,698	13.5%	1,744	954
Dorset					
	Christchurch	2,965	14.8%	1,827	1,138
	East Dorset	3,752	10.1%	2,249	1,503
	North Dorset	2,844	10.9%	1,771	1,073
	Purbeck	2,588	12.9%	1,501	1,087
	West Dorset	5,217	12.7%	3,178	2,039
	Weymouth and Portland	4,353	16.1%	3,026	1,327

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

Government Office Region: SOUTH WEST (cont)

County/UA	Local Authority	All HB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA households	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Gloucestershire					
	Cheltenham	6,629	14.1%	4,387	2,242
	Cotswold	3,923	10.9%	2,236	1,687
	Forest of Dean	4,380	13.7%	2,894	1,486
	Gloucester	7,554	16.4%	5,527	2,027
	Stroud	5,886	13.1%	3,469	2,417
	Tewkesbury	3,511	11.0%	2,228	1,283
Somerset					
	Mendip	6,428	15.7%	4,029	2,399
	Sedgemoor	7,116	15.8%	4,753	2,363
	South Somerset	8,185	12.4%	4,921	3,264
	Taunton Deane	6,636	15.4%	4,019	2,617
	West Somerset	2,929	20.9%	1,704	1,225
Wiltshire					
	Kennet	3,435	11.1%	2,002	1,433
	North Wiltshire	5,466	10.7%	3,380	2,086
	Salisbury	5,369	11.4%	3,116	2,253
	West Wiltshire	6,156	13.1%	3,864	2,292

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

Government Office Region: WALES

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA households	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Wales					
	Blaenau Gwent	8,492	29.3%	6,122	2,370
	Bridgend	10,613	19.7%	7,545	3,068
	Caerphilly	18,019	26.5%	13,037	4,982
	Cardiff	26,575	20.1%	19,946	6,629
	Carmarthenshire	16,170	23.4%	11,344	4,826
	Ceredigion	4,684	15.6%	3,359	1,325
	Conwy	8,488	17.7%	6,518	1,970
	Denbighshire	8,083	21.3%	6,012	2,071
	Flintshire	10,237	17.4%	6,877	3,360
	Anglesey, Isle of	9,843	36.5%	7,338	2,505
	Gwynedd	5,332	11.1%	3,984	1,348
	Merthyr Tydfil	2,140	9.3%	1,322	818
	Monmouthshire	4,987	13.9%	3,192	1,795
	Neath Port Talbot	15,675	28.0%	11,371	4,304
	Newport	12,829	22.5%	9,760	3,069
	Pembrokeshire	9,394	20.0%	6,718	2,676
	Powys	7,777	15.0%	5,408	2,369
	Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	25,117	26.2%	18,005	7,112
	Swansea	22,647	24.1%	16,954	5,693
	The Vale of Glamorgan	9,147	18.7%	6,542	2,605
	Torfaen	7,520	20.9%	5,850	1,670
	Wrexham	11,022	21.2%	7,826	3,196

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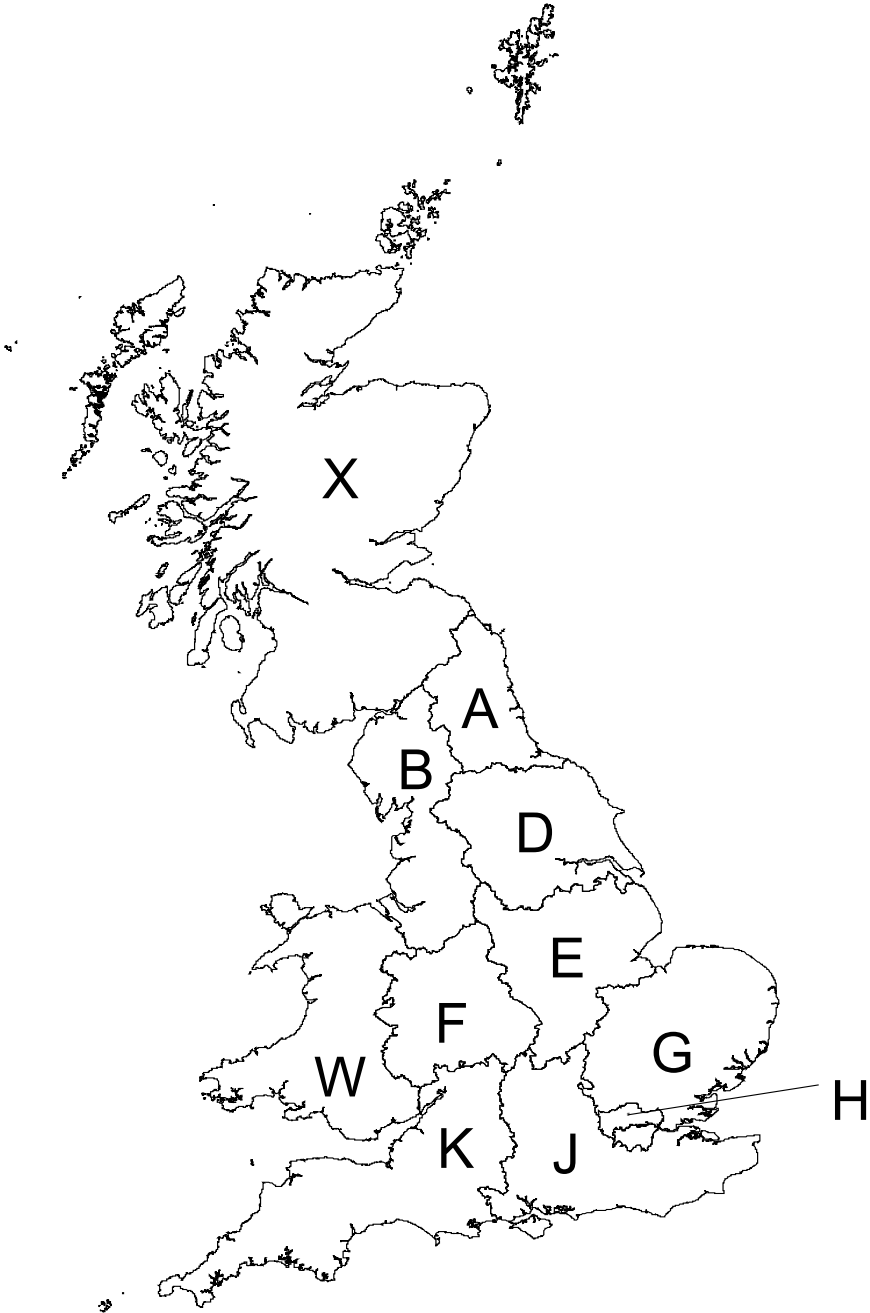
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Government Office Region: SCOTLAND

County/UA	Local Authority	All CTB recipients	All CTB recipients as % of LA households	Paid as in receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)	Not in Receipt of IS, MIG or JSA (IB)
Scotland					
	Aberdeen	16,836	16.7%	11,085	5,751
	Aberdeenshire	11,581	12.7%	7,374	4,207
	Angus	8,435	18.0%	5,688	2,747
	Argyll and Bute	7,923	20.7%	4,953	2,970
	Clackmannanshire	5,328	25.8%	3,365	1,963
	Dumfries and Galloway	12,434	19.5%	8,103	4,331
	Dundee	21,442	32.0%	14,317	7,125
	East Ayrshire	13,584	26.6%	8,862	4,722
	East Dunbartonshire	5,747	13.6%	3,571	2,176
	East Lothian	6,952	18.3%	4,118	2,834
	East Renfrewshire	4,916	14.2%	2,965	1,951
	Edinburgh	38,673	18.6%	23,468	15,205
	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (previously Western Isles)	2,984	25.6%	2,164	820
	Falkirk	14,551	23.5%	9,620	4,931
	Fife	32,195	21.4%	19,833	12,362
	Glasgow	106,953	39.0%	71,732	35,221
	Highland	17,028	19.2%	11,691	5,337
	Inverclyde	11,366	30.1%	7,471	3,895
	Midlothian	6,344	19.8%	3,520	2,824
	Moray	5,494	15.2%	3,483	2,011
	North Ayrshire	15,924	26.8%	10,712	5,212
	North Lanarkshire	40,288	30.0%	26,469	13,819
	Orkney Islands	1,250	15.2%	,832	418
	Perth and Kinross	8,485	14.8%	5,424	3,061
	Renfrewshire	20,566	26.6%	12,561	8,005
	Scottish Borders, The	8,266	17.8%	5,156	3,110
	Shetland Islands	1,144	12.3%	801	343
	South Ayrshire	10,524	21.6%	6,730	3,794
	South Lanarkshire	36,138	28.6%	22,785	13,353
	Stirling	6,554	19.0%	4,174	2,380
	West Dunbartonshire	14,424	34.5%	9,586	4,838
	West Lothian	14,506	22.5%	9,283	5,223

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Appendix A: Illustration of Government Office Regions



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| A | North East | H | London |
| B | North West | J | South East |
| D | Yorkshire and Humberside | K | South West |
| E | East Midlands | W | Wales |
| F | West Midlands | X | Scotland |
| G | East of England | | |

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

