

Table 116a **Housing benefit for housing association and private tenants**

Tenure	Numbers of cases											
	1992 (000s)	1993 (000s)	1994 (000s)	1995 (000s)	1996 (000s)	1997 (000s)	1998 (000s)	1999 (000s)	2000 (000s)	2001 (000s)	2002 (000s)	2003 (000s)
Housing associations	341	426	534	610	723	781	840	897	931	998	1,056	1,243
Private tenants	948	1,050	1,100	1,159	1,155	1,066	971	897	815	743	719	715
of which:												
Regulated tenancies	333	278	280	257	217	194	166	144	124	106	95	88
Deregulated tenancies	503	676	765	610	929	869	800	749	687	635	621	629
Others	111	97	55	9	7	4	2	5	3	2	2	2

Source: Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit Summary Statistics, Department of Work and Pensions.

Notes: Separate statistics for housing association tenants receiving housing benefit have only been collected since May 1992. All figures are for the May of the year. It should be noted that these figures, particularly for 1992 to 1994, probably underestimate the number of housing association claimants.

Table 116b Average weekly rents and housing benefit for housing association and private tenants

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Average weekly rents												
Housing associations	35.50	39.90	43.60	47.60	50.00	53.40	56.50	58.50	59.80	61.90	66.50	62.10
Private tenants	43.90	49.90	54.20	57.90	60.70	62.10	64.30	66.80	67.70	69.90	75.50	76.50
Average weekly housing benefit												
Housing associations	32.20	35.80	39.50	43.10	45.30	48.30	50.80	52.80	54.20	56.70	61.30	58.00
Private tenants	40.70	46.80	51.10	54.40	56.90	58.00	59.30	61.40	62.30	63.90	69.50	71.60

Sources and Notes: See Table 116a.

Table 116c Housing association tenants in receipt of housing benefits

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Thousands	210	220	250	265	285	300	315	320	330	350	375	420	485	540	625	725	783	840	888	929	1,006	1,078	1,224
Percentages	48	50	52	53	54	55	56	54	53	53	53	56	59	61	64	68	69	69	67	63	63	62	62

Source and Notes: Estimates by Alan Holmans for years to 1994. They are estimates of averages for the whole year, and do not therefore exactly match the figures in Table 116a, which are for the May of the year. Also the administrative figures for the initial years in Table 116a are thought to underestimate the numbers for housing associations.