

Table 119 Escaping the housing benefit poverty trap: Gross weekly earnings levels at which housing benefit entitlement ceases

£ per week

Household type	Housing benefit allowances	Earnings disregards	Rent levels:							
			£30	£40	£50	£60	£70	£80	£90	£100
Gross earnings levels at which housing benefit entitlement ceases										
Single person >25	55.65	5.00	76.60	92.21	124.62	173.71	217.75	240.71	263.67	286.63
Couple >25	87.30	10.00	83.65	104.78	145.93	197.21	248.50	295.41	318.37	341.34
Lone parent + 1 child <19	113.87	25.00	67.02	82.41	101.82	141.40	192.68	243.96	295.24	346.53
Lone parent + 2 children <19	156.14	25.00	66.99	82.38	101.74	141.30	192.58	243.86	295.14	346.43
Couple + 1 child <19	145.52	10.00	83.67	104.83	145.62	196.90	248.18	299.46	350.74	387.84
Couple + 2 children <19	187.79	10.00	83.64	104.76	145.52	196.80	248.08	299.36	350.64	401.93
Couple + 3 children <19	230.06	10.00	83.61	104.69	145.42	196.70	247.98	299.26	350.54	401.83
Couple + 4 children <19	272.33	10.00	83.58	104.61	145.32	196.60	247.88	299.16	350.44	401.73

Notes: All figures based on standard income support and housing benefit rates as they apply from April 2004. The figures for lone parent households are for post April 1998 claimants. Figures are for cases without child care costs eligible for assistance under the working families tax credit scheme. The housing benefit allowances and earnings disregards are set against net earnings (and child benefit and tax credits). For consistency all figures assume an adult working thirty or more hours per week, even though in some cases this implies earnings below the level of the minimum wage.