

**Table 110 Mortgage interest taken into account for income support, jobseeker's allowance and pensioner credit**

|                                | 1980  | 1981  | 1982  | 1983  | 1984  | 1986  | 1987  | 1988  | 1989  | 1990  | 1991  | 1992  | 1993  | 1994  | 1995  | 1996  | 1997  | 1998  | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  |  |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| Average mortgage interest:     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| £ per week                     | 10.18 | 12.18 | 13.87 | 11.93 | 15.18 | 18.96 | 19.31 | 18.33 | 24.18 | 33.41 | 43.27 | 43.98 | 41.92 | 37.81 | 39.16 | 36.97 | 33.50 | 37.17 | 32.91 | 33.65 | 35.81 | 25.50 | 25.47 | 25.05 | 30.58 |  |
| £ per annum (A)                | 529   | 633   | 721   | 620   | 789   | 986   | 1,004 | 953   | 1,257 | 1,737 | 2,250 | 2,287 | 2,180 | 1,966 | 2,036 | 1,922 | 1,742 | 1,933 | 1,711 | 1,750 | 1,862 | 1,326 | 1,324 | 1,303 | 1,590 |  |
| Number of claimants (000s) (B) |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
|                                | 134   | 196   | 235   | 242   | 277   | 356   | 334   | 300   | 281   | 310   | 411   | 499   | 555   | 529   | 499   | 451   | 379   | 334   | 307   | 279   | 260   | 242   | 232   | 237   | 236   |  |
| Total mortgage interest        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| per annum (£ million) (A x B)  | 71    | 124   | 170   | 150   | 219   | 351   | 335   | 286   | 353   | 539   | 925   | 1,141 | 1,210 | 1,040 | 1,016 | 867   | 660   | 646   | 525   | 488   | 484   | 321   | 307   | 309   | 376   |  |

Sources: Annual Statistical Enquiries, Parliamentary Question 9/7/91, Income Support Quarterly Statistics, Jobseeker's Allowance Quarterly Statistics, Pensioner Credit Statistics.

Notes: All figures are for the May of the year. Figures to 1990 show mortgage interest liabilities taken into account in calculating eligibility for income support, and in earlier years supplementary benefit.

From 1990 onwards the figures are based on actual help provided, and are net of non-dependant deductions etc. From 1988 to 1995 the average figure for weekly mortgage interest was somewhat depressed by the regulation restricting new claims to 50 per cent of eligible mortgage costs during the first 16 weeks of a claim. The figures from 1996 reflect the further restrictions on initial help with mortgage costs introduced in October 1995. From 1997 onwards the figures also reflect the introduction of the jobseeker's allowance. Figures for 2004 and 2005 include provision as part of the pension credit scheme. No 1985 figures are available.