

Table 112a Average mortgage interest taken into account for income support by region: number of cases

Thousands

Government office region	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
North East	–	–	–	23	23	23	21	18	16	15	14	13	12	12	12	13
North West	–	–	–	73	70	69	64	55	49	46	42	40	36	34	34	33
Yorkshire & The Humber	–	–	–	45	44	42	38	32	29	27	25	23	22	20	21	21
East Midlands	–	–	–	35	34	32	28	25	22	21	19	17	16	15	15	15
West Midlands	–	–	–	55	50	48	44	38	33	30	27	27	25	25	25	24
East	–	–	–	55	50	46	41	33	29	26	24	21	19	18	18	19
London	–	–	–	81	79	74	67	56	49	44	39	35	32	31	29	28
South East	–	–	–	79	72	66	58	46	39	35	30	27	24	23	23	24
South West	–	–	–	53	48	43	40	32	26	24	21	20	18	16	18	18
England	270	366	447	499	471	443	400	334	292	267	241	222	204	195	195	194
Wales	26	27	34	34	33	31	29	25	22	21	19	18	17	17	18	17
Scotland	14	18	19	22	24	24	23	20	20	19	19	20	20	20	25	26
Great Britain	310	411	499	556	528	499	451	379	334	307	279	260	242	232	237	236

Sources: Department for Work and Pensions.

Notes: Figures represent a combined total of income support and income-based jobseeker's allowance claimants with mortgage interest payments included in their benefit. Income-based jobseeker's allowance replaced income support for the unemployed in October 1996. Average weekly amounts are housing requirements paid to claimants with mortgage interest payments, and include the amount of allowed mortgage interest together with any other allowable housing costs (such as ground rent). Figures up to and including 1992 are based on a 1% sample. From 1993 figures are based on 5% sample data and include pension credit for 2004 and 2005.

Table 112b Average mortgage interest taken into account for income support by region: average mortgage interest

£ per week

Government office region	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
North East	–	–	–	23.52	23.20	25.42	24.51	22.51	24.89	22.24	24.36	25.87	18.66	18.17	18.25	21.89
North West	–	–	–	27.00	25.52	27.66	26.77	24.42	27.83	24.89	25.99	28.39	20.38	20.46	20.47	25.15
Yorkshire & The Humber	–	–	–	27.18	25.93	27.41	26.76	24.33	27.32	25.19	26.09	28.40	20.00	19.53	19.39	23.32
East Midlands	–	–	–	33.59	30.68	33.25	31.40	29.07	32.92	29.29	29.81	32.45	22.60	22.05	21.62	27.38
West Midlands	–	–	–	31.91	28.63	30.73	29.16	26.88	30.79	27.87	28.67	30.25	22.02	22.11	22.87	27.88
East	–	–	–	52.17	46.46	48.15	45.37	40.98	44.84	40.22	40.68	42.87	31.22	31.29	29.48	36.65
London	–	–	–	63.16	56.45	57.20	54.10	49.21	54.38	47.86	48.87	52.38	37.59	37.44	37.42	45.99
South East	–	–	–	58.07	52.47	53.41	49.77	45.33	49.70	43.65	44.14	46.29	32.46	32.78	32.50	39.70
South West	–	–	–	45.42	40.33	41.61	39.48	36.20	39.62	34.89	35.40	38.16	27.46	27.52	27.66	33.96
England	34.54	44.43	45.25	43.40	39.21	40.52	38.30	34.73	38.46	34.05	34.76	37.01	26.38	26.32	26.15	28.83
Wales	23.20	33.50	33.46	29.41	26.93	28.36	26.55	24.53	28.55	25.39	26.26	28.97	21.06	21.07	20.60	30.05
Scotland	30.47	34.36	32.96	27.74	25.51	28.15	26.70	24.09	28.20	25.08	26.97	28.44	20.27	20.82	19.73	23.03
Great Britain	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

Sources and Notes: As Table 112a.