

Table 2.6.3 Numbers of housing benefit claimants in the social and private rented sectors

Thousands

Country/Region	2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Social	PRS	Social	PRS	Social	PRS	Social	PRS	Social	PRS	Social	PRS	Social	PRS	Social	PRS	Social	PRS	Social	PRS
Great Britain	3,094	715	3,082	715	3,136	744	3,167	790	3,152	838	3,107	923	3,193	1,273	3,294	1,455	3,324	1,552	3,823	1,646
North East	200	38	197	38	194	38	192	37	189	39	181	46	187	59	190	67	191	71	192	77
North West	405	108	398	108	405	109	405	112	398	115	391	128	398	170	408	192	412	205	418	217
Yorkshire and The Humber	281	65	277	65	279	62	282	64	277	66	276	75	278	107	289	125	291	135	29	147
East Midlands	183	41	187	41	191	42	195	44	196	48	190	53	204	81	210	94	212	100	217	109
West Midlands	297	53	297	53	293	54	293	59	298	65	293	75	306	107	317	122	319	130	324	138
East	217	51	220	51	224	54	227	59	229	64	230	70	244	102	253	115	257	122	263	129
London	493	104	506	104	525	116	544	132	544	142	550	143	538	214	547	251	552	270	563	281
South East	276	88	274	88	284	96	292	105	294	113	297	118	309	167	322	190	328	199	336	209
South West	184	75	184	75	190	78	194	81	194	87	196	90	204	124	213	140	214	150	219	158
England	2,535	623	2,538	623	2,584	649	2,623	692	2,620	738	2,605	797	2,667	1,133	2,750	1,296	2,776	1,381	3,270	1,464
Wales	157	44	153	44	156	44	154	46	14	47	153	48	155	69	162	74	164	80	166	85
Scotland	401	48	390	48	396	51	390	53	378	53	352	78	371	71	382	85	384	91	387	97

Source: Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit Summary Statistics, DWP.

Notes: All figures are for May of the year, except for 2009, which is for August. No figures are available for 2008.