

Table 109 Mortgage interest taken into account for income support, jobseeker's allowance and pension credit

	1980	1982	1984	1986	1988	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Average mortgage interest:																											
£ per week	10.18	13.87	15.18	18.96	18.33	33.41	39.16	36.97	33.50	37.17	32.91	33.65	35.81	25.50	25.47	26.94	29.92	31.85	37.05	38.31	43.62	39.09	30.51	32.13	31.00	30.99	31.35
£ per annum (A)	529	721	789	986	953	1,737	2,036	1,922	1,742	1,933	1,711	1,750	1,862	1,326	1,324	1,401	1,556	1,656	1,927	1,992	2,268	2,033	1,586	1,671	1,612	1,611	1,630
Number of claimants (000s) (B)																											
	134	235	277	356	300	310	499	451	379	334	307	279	260	242	232	237	233	225	214	207	235	241	223	203	178	159	144
Total mortgage interest																											
per annum (£ million) (AxB)	71	170	219	351	286	539	1,016	867	660	646	525	488	484	321	307	332	363	373	412	412	533	490	354	339	287	256	235

Sources: Annual Statistical Enquiries, Parliamentary Question 9/7/91, Income Support Quarterly Statistics, Jobseeker's Allowance Quarterly Statistics, Pension Credit Statistics, Support for Mortgage Interest: Budget forecasts.

Notes: All figures are for the May, except 2011 which is an estimate for 2011/12. Figures to 1990 show mortgage interest liabilities taken into account in calculating eligibility for income support and (before that) 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 from 2004 are for the financial year beginning in April of that year and include provision as part of the pension credit and employment and support allowance schemes.

Figures since 2004 therefore differ from earlier versions of this table.

Detailed figures on the support for mortgage interest provided under the employment and support allowance are not available, although estimates of total costs for the scheme are available and are included in Table 113.