

Table 112 Housing benefit – numbers of claimants and average claim in Great Britain

	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Housing benefit claimants (000's)																	
Local authority housing	2,843	3,710	2,922	2,939	2,230	1,753	1,674	1,581	1,533	1,505	1,511	1,462	1,457	1,445	1,413	1,359	1,322
Housing association	–	–	–	649	945	1,416	1,480	1,520	1,583	1,681	1,783	1,862	1,926	1,941	1,925	1,924	1,889
Private rented sector	–	–	–	1,168	771	817	868	934	1,049	1,221	1,455	1,552	1,646	1,680	1,646	1,560	1,468
Rent rebate	2,843	3,710	2,922	2,939	2,230	1,753	1,674	1,581	1,533	1,505	1,511	1,462	1,457	1,445	1,413	1,359	1,322
Rent allowance	713	1,150	1,028	1,818	1,717	2,233	2,347	2,455	2,633	2,902	3,238	3,414	3,571	3,621	3,571	3,484	3,357
Total	3,556	4,860	3,950	4,757	3,946	3,986	4,021	4,036	4,166	4,408	4,749	4,876	5,028	5,066	4,983	4,844	4,679
Mean of weekly award amount (£)																	
Local authority housing	5.67	11.87	21.85	35.43	45.22	57.58	61.52	66.16	67.16	68.19	67.66	71.19	75.53	76.34	79.81	82.38	82.84
Housing association	–	–	–	48.46	61.96	67.05	67.32	70.41	74.05	75.46	77.30	80.01	84.86	85.89	89.94	92.68	93.96
Private rented sector	–	–	–	62.46	70.92	87.23	94.48	96.47	102.83	104.06	109.79	111.62	107.06	105.73	106.8	108.82	110.29
Rent rebate	5.67	11.87	21.85	35.43	45.22	57.58	61.52	66.16	67.16	68.19	67.66	71.19	75.53	76.34	79.81	82.38	82.84
Rent allowance	4.92	14.69	32.97	57.44	65.95	74.43	77.39	80.29	85.48	87.50	91.90	94.38	95.09	95.10	97.71	99.91	101.10
Total	5.52	12.54	24.74	43.85	54.25	67.02	70.79	74.76	78.74	80.86	84.14	87.4	89.4	89.72	92.61	94.97	95.93

Sources: Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit Summary Statistics, Department for Work and Pensions.

Note : Figures before 2009 are taken from DWP Summer Budget Expenditure and Caseload Statistics and are for financial years. Figures for 2009 onwards are derived from DWP StatXplore and are for the May of each year.