

Table 120a Assistance with housing costs for homeowners, council and private tenants in Great Britain

£ million

	1980/81	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
General subsidies																				
Homeowners	1,925	4,690	7,600	2,660	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
+ Council tenants	2,130	868	1,195	- 486	- 1,185	409	332	313	124	283	132	22	- 235	- 143	- 495	- 711	- 6	- 8	- 13	0
+ Private tenants	0	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
= Total	4,055	5,558	8,900	2,174	- 1,185	409	332	313	124	283	132	22	- 235	- 143	- 495	- 711	- 6	- 8	- 13	0
Means-tested assistance																				
Homeowners	71	300	539	1,016	521	453	337	313	340	381	392	437	427	563	517	374	357	319	291	280
+ Council tenants	841	2,296	3,368	5,430	5,258	5,282	5,405	5,027	5,200	5,263	5,370	5,454	5,368	5,470	5,405	5,578	5,870	5,949	5,997	5,972
+ Private tenants	145	705	1,388	3,804	2,851	2,824	3,032	3,028	3,354	3,716	4,276	4,698	5,624	7,572	8,672	9,216	9,272	9,275	9,098	8,783
= Total	1,057	3,301	5,295	10,250	8,630	8,559	8,774	8,368	8,894	9,360	10,038	10,589	11,419	13,605	14,594	15,168	15,499	15,543	15,386	15,035
All forms of assistance																				
Homeowners	1,996	4,990	8,139	3,676	521	453	337	313	340	381	392	437	427	563	517	374	357	319	291	280
+ Council tenants	2,971	3,164	4,563	4,944	4,073	5,691	5,737	5,340	5,324	5,546	5,502	5,476	5,133	5,327	4,910	4,867	5,864	5,941	5,984	5,972
+ Private tenants	145	705	1,493	3,804	2,851	2,824	3,032	3,028	3,354	3,716	4,276	4,698	5,624	7,572	8,672	9,216	9,272	9,275	9,098	8,783
= Total	5,112	8,859	14,195	12,424	7,445	8,968	9,106	8,681	9,018	9,643	10,170	10,611	11,184	13,462	14,099	14,457	15,493	15,535	15,373	15,035

Sources: See Tables 106, 108, 109 and 113.

Note: All figures are for Great Britain. Figures for means-tested assistance to private tenants exclude estimated costs of rent allowances to housing association tenants (for the years from 1994/95 they are provided by DWP). General subsidies for homeowners are based solely on mortgage tax relief. They do not include the value of right to buy discounts (see Table 120) or the value of capital gains tax and rental value tax relief (see Commentary Chapter 6). Nor can private sector improvement grants be included in this table as at different times they have been more or less extensively subjected to means-testing. General subsidies for council tenants are now set to zero following reforms to the Housing Revenue Accounts in England (from 2012/13) and Wales (from 2015/16). However the ending of the previous subsidy regimes came at a cost of £7.6 billion in England and £919 million in Wales. If this cost was spread over 30 years this would be equivalent to an annual negative subsidy of some £430 million a year (based on a 30-year repayment annuity at 2.94% - based on PWLB rates for standard annuities).

Table 120b Assistance with housing costs for homeowners, council and private tenants in Great Britain

£ million at 2015/16 prices

	1980/81	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
General subsidies																				
Homeowners	7,444	12,816	15,580	4,612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
+ Council tenants	8,237	2,372	2,450	- 843	- 1,799	610	487	446	172	381	172	28	- 283	- 173	- 572	- 781	- 6	- 8	- 13	0
+ Private tenants	0	0	215	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
= Total	15,682	15,187	18,245	3,769	- 1,799	610	487	446	172	381	172	28	- 283	- 173	- 572	- 781	- 6	- 8	- 13	0
Means-tested assistance																				
Homeowners	275	820	1,105	1,761	791	676	494	446	471	513	512	547	514	681	598	411	380	330	294	280
+ Council tenants	3,252	6,274	6,904	9,414	7,981	7,879	7,930	7,168	7,200	7,086	7,007	6,824	6,460	6,617	6,249	6,131	6,252	6,149	6,056	5,972
+ Private tenants	561	1,926	2,845	6,595	4,328	4,212	4,448	4,317	4,644	5,003	5,580	5,878	6,768	9,159	10,026	10,129	9,876	9,587	9,187	8,783
= Total	4,088	9,020	10,855	17,771	13,100	12,767	12,872	11,931	12,314	12,602	13,099	13,249	13,742	16,457	16,872	16,671	16,508	16,065	15,536	15,035
All forms of assistance																				
Homeowners	7,719	13,635	16,685	6,373	791	676	494	446	471	513	512	547	514	681	598	411	380	330	294	280
+ Council tenants	11,489	8,646	9,354	8,572	6,182	8,489	8,417	7,614	7,371	7,467	7,180	6,852	6,177	6,444	5,676	5,349	6,246	6,141	6,042	5,972
+ Private tenants	561	1,926	3,061	6,595	4,328	4,212	4,448	4,317	4,644	5,003	5,580	5,878	6,768	9,159	10,026	10,129	9,876	9,587	9,187	8,783
= Total	19,769	24,208	29,099	21,540	11,301	13,377	13,359	12,377	12,486	12,983	13,271	13,277	13,459	16,284	16,300	15,889	16,502	16,057	15,523	15,035

Sources and Notes: As Table 120a. Cash figures adjusted by the 'all items' retail price index (CHAW).