

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 | 2016 |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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 | 33.88 | 31.37 |
| £ 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 | 1,762 | 1,631 |
| 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 | 136 | 128 |
| 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 | 240 | 209 |

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.