

Table 111a Number of cases where mortgage interest taken into account for income support, jobseeker's allowance and pension credit by region

Thousands

Government office region	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
North East	-	-	-	23	23	23	21	18	16	15	14	13	12	12	12	11	11	11	11	11	12	11	10	8	6	4	4
North West	-	-	-	73	70	69	64	55	49	46	42	40	36	34	33	32	31	30	29	29	31	28	24	20	15	12	10
Yorkshire & The Humber	-	-	-	45	44	42	38	32	29	27	25	23	22	20	20	20	20	20	18	20	21	18	16	12	9	8	6
East Midlands	-	-	-	35	34	32	28	25	22	21	19	17	16	15	14	14	14	14	13	14	16	14	13	10	7	6	6
West Midlands	-	-	-	55	50	48	44	38	33	30	27	27	25	25	24	23	22	22	19	22	23	22	18	14	11	9	6
East	-	-	-	55	50	46	41	33	29	26	24	21	19	18	18	18	18	17	16	19	21	18	15	12	10	8	7
London	-	-	-	81	79	74	67	56	49	44	39	35	32	31	29	27	26	25	24	25	26	23	20	17	13	9	7
South East	-	-	-	79	72	66	58	46	39	35	30	27	24	23	23	23	23	21	21	22	24	22	19	15	12	9	8
South West	-	-	-	53	48	43	40	32	26	24	21	20	18	16	17	17	17	16	15	16	17	15	14	11	9	8	5
England	270	366	447	499	471	443	400	334	292	267	241	222	204	195	191	188	183	174	165	178	192	174	147	119	91	73	60
Wales	26	27	34	34	33	31	29	25	22	21	19	18	17	17	18	17	16	15	14	15	15	13	11	9	7	6	5
Scotland	14	18	19	22	24	24	23	20	20	19	19	20	20	20	24	25	25	24	23	23	23	22	19	15	11	10	8
Great Britain	310	411	499	556	528	499	451	379	334	307	279	260	242	232	232	229	223	215	202	215	230	209	176	143	109	89	72

Sources: Department for Work and Pensions.

Notes: Figures represent a combined total of income support, income-based jobseeker's allowance and pension credit claimants with mortgage interest payments included in their benefit. Income-based jobseeker's allowance replaced income support for the unemployed in October 1996. Average weekly amounts are housing requirements paid to claimants with mortgage interest payments, and include the amount of allowed mortgage interest together with any other allowable housing costs (such as ground rent). Figures up to and including 1992 are based on a 1% sample. From 1993 figures are based on 5% sample data. Pension credit is included from 2004. Employment and support allowance may also include a component for mortgage interest, but figures are not available for this.

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.

Table 111b **Average mortgage interest taken into account for income support, jobseeker's allowance and pension credit by region**

£ per week

Government office region	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
North East	-	-	-	23.52	23.20	25.42	24.51	22.51	24.89	22.24	24.36	25.87	18.66	18.17	18.13	21.28	22.10	24.86	28.77	31.40	34.82	20.83	22.07	22.51	22.48	21.25	18.37
North West	-	-	-	27.00	25.52	27.66	26.77	24.42	27.83	24.89	25.99	28.39	20.38	20.46	20.68	25.14	25.54	29.94	30.75	34.15	37.76	23.73	23.20	23.93	22.67	23.08	21.07
Yorkshire & The Humber	-	-	-	27.18	25.93	27.41	26.76	24.33	27.32	25.19	26.09	28.40	20.00	19.53	19.34	23.42	24.58	28.61	31.14	33.25	38.49	23.38	24.86	23.72	23.16	26.82	22.40
East Midlands	-	-	-	33.59	30.68	33.25	31.40	29.07	32.92	29.29	29.81	32.45	22.60	22.05	21.97	27.40	28.19	33.99	34.78	38.27	46.03	27.09	28.20	28.05	26.20	25.68	22.67
West Midlands	-	-	-	31.91	28.63	30.73	29.16	26.88	30.79	27.87	28.67	30.25	22.02	22.11	22.94	27.84	28.67	33.83	35.48	38.21	43.81	26.72	26.70	26.92	25.46	24.83	21.01
East	-	-	-	52.17	46.46	48.15	45.37	40.98	44.84	40.22	40.68	42.87	31.22	31.29	29.73	36.37	38.66	44.24	45.88	52.99	59.79	35.44	35.70	37.17	38.50	36.23	31.80
London	-	-	-	63.16	56.45	57.20	54.10	49.21	54.38	47.86	48.87	52.38	37.59	37.44	37.36	45.84	46.17	53.31	54.89	60.50	68.61	44.99	43.39	46.02	43.91	43.83	37.90
South East	-	-	-	58.07	52.47	53.41	49.77	45.33	49.70	43.65	44.14	46.29	32.46	32.78	32.54	39.91	39.21	46.04	48.61	51.70	61.56	39.13	40.64	37.93	37.10	37.79	34.84
South West	-	-	-	45.42	40.33	41.61	39.48	36.20	39.62	34.89	35.40	38.16	27.46	27.52	27.82	33.42	35.26	41.69	44.62	49.47	52.75	33.10	33.45	31.66	32.36	33.13	29.10
England	34.54	44.43	45.25	43.40	39.21	40.52	38.30	34.73	38.46	34.05	34.76	37.01	26.38	26.32	26.28	28.81	28.87	33.79	33.57	37.82	49.93	31.20	25.60	27.46	30.84	30.83	27.24
Wales	23.20	33.50	33.46	29.41	26.93	28.36	26.55	24.53	28.55	25.39	26.26	28.97	21.06	21.07	20.62	29.94	30.31	35.20	32.16	34.21	38.44	22.58	23.87	23.62	23.69	24.24	21.12
Scotland	30.47	34.36	32.96	27.74	25.51	28.15	26.70	24.09	28.20	25.08	26.97	28.44	20.27	20.82	19.80	22.94	23.27	26.21	30.25	31.03	30.43	19.20	23.38	20.87	17.88	19.98	16.08
Great Britain	33.41	43.27	43.98	41.92	37.81	39.16	36.97	33.50	37.17	32.91	33.65	35.81	25.50	25.47	25.17	30.55	31.12	36.24	37.91	41.57	47.20	29.38	29.45	29.61	29.02	29.38	25.64

Sources and Notes: As Table 111a.