

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	2017	
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	1,268	
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	1,836	
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	1,364	
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	1,268	
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	3,200	
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	4,468	
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	82.11	
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	94.27	
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	110.30	110.78	
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	82.11	
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	100.93	101.15	
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	96.03	95.95	

Sources: Department for Works and Pensions (DWP), Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit Summary Statistics and Stat-Xplore.

Notes: 1. Figures before 2009 taken from DWP Summer Budget Expenditure and Caseload Statistics and are for the financial year. Figures for 2009 onwards are derived from DWP StatXplore and are for May of each year.

2. Total figures include a small number of cases where tenure is missing or not known (less than 1% of total).