

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	2016/17	2017/18
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	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	0	0
+ Private tenants	0	0	105	0	0	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	0	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	278	266
+ 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	5,878	5,949	5,997	5,972	5,801	5,485
+ 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	8,291	7,709
= 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	15,507	15,543	15,386	15,035	14,370	13,460
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	278	266
+ 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	5,872	5,941	5,984	5,972	5,801	5,485
+ 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	8,291	7,709
= 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	14,497	13,460

Sources: See Tables 108, 109 and 113.

Notes: 1. All figures are for Great Britain.

2. Figures for means-tested assistance to private tenants exclude estimated costs of rent allowances to housing association tenants (figures for years to 1994/95 were provided by DWP).

3. General subsidies for homeowners are based solely on mortgage tax relief. They do not include the value of right to buy discounts or the value of capital gains tax and rental value tax relief.

4. Private sector improvement grants cannot be included in this table as at different times they have been more or less extensively subjected to means-testing.

5. 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% and based on PWLB rates for standard annuities).

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£ million at 2017/18 prices

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General subsidies																						
Homeowners	7,931	12,944	16,031	4,905	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
+ Council tenants	8,776	2,396	2,521	- 896	- 1,926	654	516	472	182	402	180	29	- 310	- 180	- 593	- 825	- 7	- 9	- 14	0	0	0
+ Private tenants	0	0	221	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
= Total	16,707	15,340	18,773	4,009	- 1,926	654	516	472	182	402	180	29	- 310	- 180	- 593	- 825	- 7	- 9	- 14	0	0	0
Means-tested assistance																						
Homeowners	293	828	1,137	1,874	847	724	523	472	499	542	534	573	563	709	619	434	402	351	317	300	288	266
+ Council tenants	3,465	6,337	7,104	10,014	8,544	8,442	8,395	7,582	7,627	7,481	7,319	7,150	7,074	6,889	6,471	6,472	6,618	6,544	6,533	6,392	5,995	5,485
+ Private tenants	597	1,946	2,928	7,015	4,633	4,513	4,709	4,567	4,919	5,282	5,828	6,159	7,411	9,536	10,383	10,693	10,440	10,203	9,911	9,401	8,568	7,709
= Total	4,355	9,111	11,169	18,902	14,023	13,679	13,628	12,621	13,045	13,305	13,682	13,882	15,047	17,134	17,473	17,599	17,460	17,097	16,761	16,092	14,850	13,460
All forms of assistance																						
Homeowners	8,224	13,772	17,168	6,779	847	724	523	472	499	542	534	573	563	709	619	434	402	351	317	300	288	266
+ Council tenants	12,241	8,733	9,625	9,117	6,618	9,095	8,911	8,054	7,809	7,884	7,499	7,179	6,764	6,709	5,879	5,647	6,612	6,535	6,519	6,392	5,995	5,485
+ Private tenants	597	1,946	3,149	7,015	4,633	4,513	4,709	4,567	4,919	5,282	5,828	6,159	7,411	9,536	10,383	10,693	10,440	10,203	9,911	9,401	8,568	7,709
= Total	21,061	24,451	29,942	22,912	12,098	14,333	14,144	13,094	13,226	13,708	13,862	13,911	14,738	16,954	16,880	16,774	17,444	17,089	16,747	16,092	14,981	13,460

Sources: As Table 120a.

Notes: Cash figures adjusted by the ONS 'all items' retail price index (CHAW).