

Table 116a 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	2018/19
General subsidies																							
Homeowners	2,188	4,750	7,700	2,700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
+ Council tenants	2,130	869	1,195	- 486	- 1,184	408	334	313	124	283	132	22	- 235	- 143	- 495	- 711	- 6	- 8	- 13	0	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	0
= Total	4,318	5,619	9,000	2,214	- 1,184	408	334	313	124	283	132	22	- 235	- 143	- 495	- 711	- 6	- 8	- 13	0	0	0	0
Means-tested assistance																							
Homeowners ¹	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	5,282
+ 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	6,926
= 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	15,034	14,370	13,461	12,209
All forms of assistance																							
Homeowners	2,259	5,050	8,239	3,716	521	453	337	313	340	381	392	437	427	563	517	374	357	319	291	280	278	266	*
+ Council tenants	2,971	3,165	4,563	4,944	4,074	5,690	5,739	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	5,282
+ 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	6,926
= Total	5,375	8,920	14,295	12,464	7,446	8,967	9,108	8,681	9,018	9,643	10,170	10,611	11,184	13,461	14,099	14,457	15,501	15,535	15,373	15,035	14,370	13,461	12,209

Sources: DWP 2019 Expenditure and Caseload Forecasts, plus see Table 109 and Table 108 published in the 2019 Review.

Notes: 1. From 2018/19 Support for Mortgage Interest (SMI) benefit was converted to loan funding. Provisional estimates indicate loan expenditure for 2018/19 was £0.15 million.

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 some £8 billion in England and £919 million in Wales. If this cost were 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).

6. An * indicates a value of less than one million.

Table 116b Assistance with housing costs for homeowners, council and private tenants in Great Britain

£ million at 2018/19 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	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
General subsidies																							
Homeowners	7,187	12,067	15,065	4,249	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
+ Council tenants	6,996	2,208	2,338	- 765	- 1,711	581	469	434	168	375	171	27	- 288	- 171	- 570	- 798	- 7	- 9	- 14	0	0	0	0
+ Private tenants	0	0	205	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
= Total	14,183	14,275	17,608	3,484	- 1,711	581	469	434	168	375	171	27	- 288	- 171	- 570	- 798	- 7	- 9	- 14	0	0	0	0
Means-tested assistance																							
Homeowners ¹	233	762	1,055	1,599	753	645	474	434	462	504	507	546	523	673	596	420	392	346	313	298	290	271	*
+ Council tenants	2,762	5,833	6,589	8,545	7,598	7,522	7,597	6,965	7,060	6,970	6,949	6,821	6,583	6,545	6,225	6,264	6,453	6,439	6,465	6,374	6,036	5,579	5,282
+ Private tenants	476	1,791	2,716	5,986	4,120	4,021	4,261	4,196	4,554	4,921	5,534	5,875	6,897	9,060	9,988	10,349	10,178	10,039	9,808	9,374	8,627	7,840	6,926
= Total	3,472	8,386	10,359	16,131	12,471	12,188	12,332	11,595	12,075	12,396	12,991	13,242	14,004	16,277	16,808	17,032	17,023	16,823	16,586	16,046	14,953	13,689	12,209
All forms of assistance																							
Homeowners	7,420	12,830	16,119	5,848	753	645	474	434	462	504	507	546	523	673	596	420	392	346	313	298	290	271	*
+ Council tenants	9,759	8,041	8,927	7,780	5,887	8,103	8,065	7,399	7,228	7,345	7,120	6,848	6,295	6,373	5,655	5,465	6,446	6,430	6,451	6,374	6,036	5,579	5,282
+ Private tenants	476	1,791	2,921	5,986	4,120	4,021	4,261	4,196	4,554	4,921	5,534	5,875	6,897	9,060	9,988	10,349	10,178	10,039	9,808	9,374	8,627	7,840	6,926
= Total	17,655	22,661	27,967	19,615	10,760	12,770	12,800	12,028	12,244	12,771	13,161	13,270	13,716	16,106	16,238	16,234	17,017	16,814	16,572	16,047	14,953	13,689	12,209

Source: See Table 116a.

Notes: 1. Cash figures adjusted using the consumer prices index including owner-occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) which is now the ONS lead inflation index.

2. The figures differ from previous versions (e.g. Table 120b) which adjusted cash figures using the ONS 'all items' retail price index (CHAW).

3. An * indicates a value of less than one million.