

Table 109 **Housing benefits expenditure and plans for Great Britain**

£ million in nominal terms

	1986/87	1990/91	2000/01	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
	outturn				outturn									provisional	forecast				
Rent rebates																			
England	1,950	2,711	4,287	4,509	4,683	4,959	5,047	5,091	5,059	4,894	4,601	4,324	3,979	3,987	4,063	4,067	3,997	3,909	3,654
+ Wales	263	404	701	233	221	229	230	230	236	239	240	237	229	215	213	209	201	187	166
+ Scotland	134	168	270	664	674	690	672	675	677	669	644	617	580	559	555	544	521	492	467
+ New towns	72	86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total rent rebates (A)	2,419	3,368	5,258	5,405	5,578	5,878	5,949	5,997	5,972	5,801	5,485	5,178	4,788	4,761	4,831	4,820	4,719	4,588	4,287
Rent allowances																			
Housing association	-	-	3,053	7,350	8,026	8,750	8,945	9,222	9,489	9,349	9,107	8,681	7,967	7,460	7,230	7,014	6,733	6,103	4,897
Private tenants	-	-	2,851	8,672	9,216	9,272	9,275	9,098	8,783	8,291	7,709	6,871	5,609	5,069	4,862	4,332	3,703	3,066	2,371
England		2,167	5,286	14,365	15,454	16,161	16,349	16,438	16,389	15,805	15,037	13,874	12,051	11,114	10,722	10,049	9,231	8,100	6,392
+ Wales		110	245	660	735	762	773	781	789	770	751	708	646	596	579	550	513	454	358
+ Scotland		136	373	997	1,054	1,099	1,098	1,101	1,095	1,064	1,028	971	880	819	791	747	693	615	518
= Total rent allowances (B)	996	2,413	5,904	16,022	17,243	18,022	18,220	18,320	18,272	17,639	16,816	15,552	13,576	12,529	12,092	11,346	10,437	9,169	7,269
Total housing benefit (A+B)	3,415	5,781	11,162	21,427	22,820	23,900	24,170	24,317	24,244	23,441	22,301	20,730	18,364	17,290	16,923	16,166	15,156	13,757	11,555
of which paid to working age claimants													12,602	11,537	10,861	10,039	8,986	7,334	5,072
+ Council tax benefit (and predecessors)	1,635	2,123	2,575	4,925	4,918	4,912	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Income support: mortgage costs	351	539	521	517	374	357	319	291	280	278	266	6	7	0	0	0	1	1	1
+ Discretionary housing payments	-	-	-	21	22	57	176	200	161	184	164	154	145	180	140	140	140	140	140
= Total housing benefit & related benefits (C)	5,401	8,443	14,258	26,890	28,135	29,226	24,666	24,807	24,684	23,903	22,731	20,890	18,517	17,470	17,064	16,306	15,296	13,898	11,696
DWP social security expenditure	44,918	56,479	101,374	153,362	158,960	166,553	164,132	168,287	171,800	173,842	178,060	183,746	192,415	212,061	219,230	227,040	236,722	246,889	254,318
+ Personal tax credits	161	494	4,230	27,878	28,782	28,832	28,654	28,669	27,519	26,433	24,978	22,005	17,256	14,520	10,518	8,042	6,112	4,105	1,882
= Total all social security benefits and personal tax credits (D)	45,079	56,973	105,604	181,873	188,194	195,677	192,958	196,956	199,319	200,275	203,038	205,751	209,671	226,580	229,748	235,081	242,834	250,994	256,201
All housing and related benefits as a percentage of total benefits and tax credits (C/D)	12.0	14.8	13.5	14.8	14.9	14.9	12.8	12.6	12.4	11.9	11.2	10.2	8.8	7.7	7.4	6.9	6.3	5.5	4.6

Sources: DWP Expenditure and Caseload forecasts and prior to this, DWP Departmental Report 2002, Cm 5424, and earlier equivalent volumes, and HMRC Annual Reports for Personal Tax Credits.

Notes: 1. Eligible support for mortgage interest costs are based on May figures for years to 2007/08 and financial year estimates from 2008/09 onwards. In April 2018 support for mortgage interest became a loan and as a result expenditure figures relate only to the estimated write-offs of loans.

2. Personal tax credits comprise of working families and disabled tax credits up to 2002/03 and working and child tax credits from 2003/4. The DWP budget excludes tax credits, unlike the benefits they replaced. From 2006/7 figures allow for the reclassification of some tax credits from 'negative tax' to payments within AME in 2011.

3. Council tax benefit includes community charge benefit and rate rebate. From April 2013, funding and policy responsibility for council tax benefit has been transferred to the MHCLG, Scottish Government and Welsh Government.

4. Outturn figures do not separately identify universal credit (UC) housing cost element. Forecasts from 2020 are based on projecting actual expenditure rather than the former 'counterfactual' method.

5. Discretionary housing payments (DHPs) outturn figures to 2018/19 include all payments made by local authorities, whatever the funding source. Estimates from 2019/20 are for England and Wales only, as funding for Scotland is now devolved and paid through the block grant.

6.. From April 2003, a significant element of housing benefit expenditure was transferred to local authorities under the Supporting People programme.

7. The cost of the temporary Covid-19 measure of the £20 per week uplift to universal credit and tax credits is greatest in 2020/21-21/22 but falls to zero from 2022/23 onwards.