

Table 111a Households in Great Britain in receipt of universal credit housing costs element, by country and region

Number of recipient households

Country/region	2016				2018				2021 revised				2022 revised				2023 provisional			
	Social tenants	Private tenants	Other or unknown	All tenures	Social tenants	Private tenants	Other or unknown	All tenures	Social tenants	Private tenants	Other or unknown	All tenures	Social tenants	Private tenants	Other or unknown	All tenures	Social tenants	Private tenants	Other or unknown	All tenures
North East	1,883	2,063	-	3,948	14,986	12,565	176	27,730	76,678	68,730	1,510	146,920	84,883	66,633	2,539	154,056	93,474	68,349	3,191	165,016
North West	19,025	18,740	-	37,761	48,342	43,857	540	92,738	169,759	190,103	5,248	365,107	187,740	185,480	7,944	381,161	207,364	192,789	9,221	409,374
Yorkshire & The Humber	2,353	3,526	-	5,874	18,996	21,121	264	40,380	115,053	128,430	3,561	247,048	128,936	124,119	5,872	258,927	144,738	129,958	7,403	282,097
East Midlands	1,662	1,979	-	3,642	10,170	8,948	173	19,295	88,028	96,915	3,690	188,634	100,098	94,493	4,794	199,384	113,267	102,152	5,527	220,945
West Midlands	3,777	3,226	-	7,000	22,129	14,667	384	37,180	137,142	122,261	4,202	263,605	154,431	120,309	5,798	280,545	171,864	127,976	7,188	307,025
East	1,797	2,334	-	4,137	17,145	16,204	451	33,800	111,435	120,063	4,838	236,337	125,722	114,616	6,017	246,356	142,520	122,435	7,008	271,964
London	5,853	4,925	88	10,867	42,252	28,178	1,004	71,431	193,239	315,398	9,128	517,761	208,416	295,998	11,821	516,234	230,565	310,175	13,053	553,797
South East	1,886	3,310	5	5,197	16,866	20,960	541	38,365	138,955	181,731	8,255	328,937	157,885	171,186	9,844	338,919	179,766	180,700	10,812	371,283
South West	1,880	3,510	-	5,395	20,965	21,962	627	43,551	95,635	121,257	5,068	221,962	106,537	110,760	6,264	223,561	120,005	114,864	6,870	241,734
England	40,115	43,612	95	83,828	211,857	188,463	4,157	404,481	1,125,920	1,344,884	45,497	2,516,301	1,254,649	1,283,592	60,892	2,599,130	1,403,573	1,349,390	70,272	2,823,235
Wales	1,501	2,093	-	3,593	9,974	8,492	131	18,595	67,618	62,559	1,363	131,537	77,557	60,814	2,040	140,415	87,578	61,777	2,375	151,735
Scotland	7,420	3,464	-	10,890	35,114	13,790	321	49,222	171,516	78,458	1,899	251,871	189,154	69,555	2,832	261,538	211,262	69,400	3,377	284,036
Great Britain	49,038	49,168	97	98,300	256,938	210,749	4,610	472,296	1,365,057	1,485,901	48,756	2,899,712	1,521,365	1,413,961	65,762	3,001,086	1,702,414	1,480,561	76,028	3,259,003

Source: DWP Stat-Xplore.

Notes: 1. Universal credit statistics are classed as experimental and are subject to revision. All figures are for May of each year.

2. Figures are based on households in receipt of universal credit where entitlement to a housing element has been recorded. The average values of the UC housing element award have not yet been published.

3. The sharp rise in universal credit claimants in 2020 reflects the Covid pandemic and associated operational and policy changes. Caution should therefore be exercised in making comparisons with trends before the pandemic and during it.

Table 111b Private rental households in receipt of universal credit where rent exceeds applicable LHA by country and region

Percentage of households in private rented sector claiming universal credit

Country/region	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
North East	69.1	64.8	67.4	68.6	71.7
North West	67.9	59.0	61.7	63.7	68.7
Yorkshire & The Humber	69.6	61.1	63.5	65.3	70.0
East Midlands	73.8	57.4	60.6	63.3	68.5
West Midlands	68.5	55.6	59.4	61.8	67.1
East	68.0	53.3	56.3	58.0	62.3
London	50.7	36.0	40.5	41.1	45.2
South East	63.6	48.6	52.0	53.6	58.2
South West	67.4	54.9	57.9	60.0	64.5
England	65.1	51.9	54.8	56.5	61.1
Wales	75.3	65.2	67.8	69.6	73.6
Scotland	63.3	63.5	66.1	51.1	53.3
Great Britain	65.5	53.1	55.9	56.8	61.2

Source: DWP Stat-Xplore.

- Notes:
1. Universal credit statistics are classed as experimental and are subject to revision. All figures are for May of each year.
 2. Percentages are based on households that rent from a private landlord and are in receipt of the housing element of universal credit. The percentages indicate the proportion of such claimants where the LHA does not fully cover the household's rent.
 3. The drop in percentage points in 2020 reflects the rebasing of the LHA to the 30th percentile of local rents as at September 2019 from April 2020. Since then, LHAs have remained frozen.
 4. Reliable figures prior to 2019 are not available. Award, entitlement and payment information is missing for a small number of claimants.
 5. DWP statistical disclosure control procedures mean underlying counts may not sum precisely.