

Table 112a **Take-up rates for housing benefit by tenure in Great Britain**

|   | 2009/10 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Social rented sector</b>                             |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Caseload (thousands)                                    | 3,000   | 3,350   | 3,320   | 3,280   | 3,260   | 3,170   | 3,050   | 2,840   |
| Take-up individual claimant (%)                         | 85      | 87      | 88      | 88      | 85      | 87      | 89      | 88      |
| Central estimate of entitled non-recipients (thousands) | 530     | 510     | 450     | 450     | 580     | 470     | 400     | 380     |
| Average weekly amount claimed (£)                       | 72      | 81      | 82      | 86      | 89      | 90      | 90      | 92      |
| Average weekly amount unclaimed (£)                     | 41      | 44      | 49      | 47      | 46      | 51      | 48      | 56      |
| Total expenditure: amount claimed (£ millions)          | 11,280  | 14,100  | 14,120  | 14,660  | 15,100  | 14,800  | 14,270  | 13,540  |
| Central estimated amount unclaimed (£ millions)         | 1,130   | 1,150   | 1,170   | 1,120   | 1,400   | 1,250   | 980     | 1,110   |
| Estimated take-up (%)                                   | 91      | 92      | 92      | 93      | 92      | 92      | 94      | 92      |
| <b>Private rented sector</b>                            |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Caseload (thousands)                                    | 1,240   | 1,650   | 1,650   | 1,610   | 1,520   | 1,420   | 1,310   | 1,140   |
| Take-up individual claimant (%)                         | 68      | 78      | 73      | 70      | 68      | 70      | 72      | 69      |
| Central estimate of entitled non-recipients (thousands) | 590     | 480     | 620     | 680     | 710     | 610     | 500     | 510     |
| Average weekly amount claimed (£)                       | 107     | 107     | 107     | 108     | 109     | 110     | 111     | 115     |
| Average weekly amount unclaimed (£)                     | 56      | 59      | 65      | 65      | 60      | 62      | 62      | 63      |
| Total expenditure: amount claimed (£ millions)          | 6,870   | 9,200   | 9,210   | 9,050   | 8,650   | 8,170   | 7,630   | 6,820   |
| Central estimated amount unclaimed (£ millions)         | 1,720   | 1,470   | 2,090   | 2,300   | 2,240   | 1,960   | 1,640   | 1,680   |
| Estimated take-up (%)                                   | 80      | 86      | 81      | 80      | 79      | 81      | 82      | 80      |
| <b>All</b>  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Caseload (thousands)                                    | 4,230   | 5,000   | 4,970   | 4,890   | 4,780   | 4,590   | 4,360   | 3,980   |
| Take-up individual claimant (%)                         | 79      | 83      | 82      | 81      | 78      | 81      | 83      | 81      |
| Central estimate of entitled non-recipients (thousands) | 1,140   | 1,010   | 1,110   | 1,160   | 1,320   | 1,100   | 920     | 900     |
| Average weekly amount claimed (£)                       | 82      | 89      | 90      | 93      | 95      | 96      | 96      | 98      |
| Average weekly amount unclaimed (£)                     | 49      | 52      | 58      | 58      | 53      | 57      | 56      | 60      |
| Total expenditure: amount claimed (£ millions)          | 18,160  | 23,300  | 23,330  | 23,720  | 23,750  | 22,970  | 21,900  | 20,350  |
| Central estimated amount unclaimed (£ millions)         | 2,920   | 2,730   | 3,350   | 3,530   | 3,670   | 3,270   | 2,680   | 2,810   |
| Estimated take-up (%)                                   | 86      | 90      | 87      | 87      | 87      | 88      | 89      | 88      |

Source: DWP Income-related benefits: estimates of take-up, financial year 2017 to 2018 and earlier editions.

Notes: 1. Figures may not sum due to rounding. Figures refer to the median estimates of unclaimed amounts at the mid-point of ranges published by DWP.

2. Council tax benefit figures are no longer available since this benefit was made a local authority responsibility.

3. From 2020/21 DWP no longer publish take-up rates for housing benefit for working-age households.

Table 112b **Take-up rates for housing benefit by household type in Great Britain in 2018/19**

| Household type         | Caseload     |                | Average weekly amounts |           | Expenditure          |                |                         |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
|                        | Numbers      | Take-up ranges | Claimed                | Unclaimed | Total amount claimed | Take-up ranges | Total unclaimed amounts |
|                        | 000s         | %              | £                      | £         | £m                   | %              | £m                      |
| All non-pensioners     | <b>2,730</b> | <b>79</b>      | <b>103</b>             | <b>59</b> | <b>14,620</b>        | <b>87</b>      | <b>2,170</b>            |
| of which:              |              |                |                        |           |                      |                |                         |
| Couples with children  | <b>420</b>   | <b>64</b>      | <b>117</b>             | <b>62</b> | <b>2,570</b>         | <b>77</b>      | <b>780</b>              |
| Lone parents           | <b>910</b>   | <b>88</b>      | <b>104</b>             | <b>56</b> | <b>4,910</b>         | <b>93</b>      | <b>350</b>              |
| Other non-pensioners   | <b>1,410</b> | <b>80</b>      | <b>97</b>              | <b>57</b> | <b>57</b>            | <b>87</b>      | <b>1,030</b>            |
| Pensioners             | <b>1,240</b> | <b>86</b>      | <b>88</b>              | <b>62</b> | <b>5,730</b>         | <b>90</b>      | <b>650</b>              |
| All                    | <b>3,980</b> | <b>81</b>      | <b>98</b>              | <b>60</b> | <b>20,350</b>        | <b>88</b>      | <b>2,810</b>            |
| Non-pensioners in work | <b>810</b>   | <b>57</b>      | <b>102</b>             | <b>55</b> | <b>4,280</b>         | <b>71</b>      | <b>1,780</b>            |

Source and Notes: As Table 112a.