

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				2021				2022 revised				2023 revised				2024 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	76,678	68,730	1,510	146,920	84,842	66,452	2,553	153,844	93,484	68,000	3,382	164,864	100,562	69,100	3,677	173,338
North West	19,025	18,740	-	37,761	169,759	190,103	5,248	365,107	187,684	184,899	7,999	380,575	207,531	191,910	9,841	409,287	225,493	197,238	10,954	433,688
Yorkshire & The Humber	2,353	3,526	-	5,874	115,053	128,430	3,561	247,048	128,855	123,626	5,907	258,390	144,766	129,160	7,736	281,657	159,135	134,854	8,889	302,882
East Midlands	1,662	1,979	-	3,642	88,028	96,915	3,690	188,634	100,045	94,163	4,774	198,978	113,392	101,463	5,855	220,707	124,730	106,282	6,407	237,418
West Midlands	3,777	3,226	-	7,000	137,142	122,261	4,202	263,605	154,369	119,683	5,883	279,937	171,974	127,044	7,544	306,565	184,074	129,124	8,346	321,544
East	1,797	2,334	-	4,137	111,435	120,063	4,838	236,337	125,675	114,247	6,037	245,954	142,591	121,764	7,345	271,698	156,540	126,206	8,144	290,890
London	5,853	4,925	88	10,867	193,239	315,398	9,128	517,761	208,294	293,973	12,035	514,305	230,994	307,251	13,809	552,053	253,273	318,227	14,993	586,494
South East	1,886	3,310	5	5,197	138,955	181,731	8,255	328,937	157,826	170,723	9,915	338,464	179,876	179,816	11,456	371,142	197,193	186,449	12,772	396,410
South West	1,880	3,510	-	5,395	95,635	121,257	5,068	221,962	106,506	110,519	6,291	223,317	120,143	114,367	7,248	241,763	130,950	117,908	8,168	257,027
England	40,115	43,612	-	83,828	1,125,920	1,344,884	45,497	2,516,301	1,254,095	1,278,281	61,391	2,593,761	1,404,753	1,340,777	74,209	2,819,736	1,531,947	1,385,393	82,344	2,999,686
Wales	1,501	2,093	-	3,593	67,618	62,559	1,363	131,537	77,526	60,711	2,063	140,303	87,618	61,568	2,499	151,693	95,320	64,004	2,680	162,000
Scotland	7,420	3,464	-	10,890	171,516	78,458	1,899	251,871	189,084	69,403	2,864	261,346	211,325	69,100	3,594	284,015	229,271	69,628	4,101	303,002
Great Britain	49,038	49,168	97	98,300	1,365,057	1,485,901	48,756	2,899,712	1,520,701	1,408,391	66,318	2,995,408	1,703,696	1,471,444	80,304	3,255,447	1,856,538	1,519,024	89,119	3,464,689

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 UC claimants in 2020 reflects the Covid-19 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	2024 <sup>1</sup>
North East	69.1	64.8	67.4	68.9	72.2	74.6
North West	67.9	59.0	61.7	63.9	69.2	72.7
Yorkshire & The Humber	69.6	61.1	63.5	65.6	70.5	73.9
East Midlands	73.8	57.4	60.6	63.4	68.9	72.2
West Midlands	68.5	55.6	59.4	62.0	67.5	70.9
East	68.0	53.3	56.3	58.2	62.8	66.4
London	50.7	36.0	40.5	41.2	45.7	50.4
South East	63.6	48.6	52.0	53.7	58.8	62.8
South West	67.4	54.9	57.9	60.1	65.0	68.1
England	65.1	51.9	54.8	56.7	61.6	65.3
Wales	75.3	65.2	67.8	69.8	74.1	76.7
Scotland	63.2	49.3	50.9	51.2	53.8	55.7
Great Britain	65.5	52.3	55.1	57.0	61.7	65.3

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, except 2024 which are provisional and taken from February.

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.