

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 | 2005/06 | 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 |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| General subsidies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Homeowners | 2,188 | 4,750 | 7,700 | 2,700 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| + Council tenants | 2,130 | 869 | 1,195 | - 486 | - 1,184 | 283 | - 495 | - 711 | - 6 | - 8 | - 13 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| + Private tenants | 0 | 0 | 105 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| = Total | 4,318 | 5,619 | 9,000 | 2,214 | - 1,184 | 283 | - 495 | - 711 | - 6 | - 8 | - 13 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Means-tested assistance | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Homeowners ¹ | 71 | 300 | 539 | 1,016 | 521 | 381 | 517 | 374 | 357 | 319 | 291 | 280 | 278 | 266 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 10 |
| + Council tenants | 841 | 2,296 | 3,368 | 5,430 | 5,258 | 5,263 | 5,405 | 5,578 | 5,878 | 5,949 | 5,997 | 5,972 | 5,801 | 5,485 | 5,178 | 5,986 | 7,157 | 7,100 | 6,614 | 7,289 | 8,346 |
| + Private tenants | 145 | 705 | 1,388 | 3,804 | 2,851 | 3,716 | 8,672 | 9,216 | 9,272 | 9,275 | 9,098 | 8,783 | 8,291 | 7,709 | 6,871 | 8,320 | 9,380 | 9,823 | 11,208 | 11,541 | 12,722 |
| = Total | 1,057 | 3,301 | 5,295 | 10,250 | 8,630 | 9,360 | 14,594 | 15,168 | 15,507 | 15,544 | 15,385 | 15,034 | 14,370 | 13,461 | 12,055 | 14,313 | 16,544 | 16,927 | 17,825 | 18,837 | 21,079 |
| All forms of assistance | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Homeowners | 2,259 | 5,050 | 8,239 | 3,716 | 521 | 381 | 517 | 374 | 357 | 319 | 291 | 280 | 278 | 266 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 10 |
| + Council tenants | 2,971 | 3,165 | 4,563 | 4,944 | 4,074 | 5,546 | 4,910 | 4,867 | 5,872 | 5,941 | 5,984 | 5,972 | 5,801 | 5,485 | 5,178 | 5,986 | 7,157 | 7,100 | 6,614 | 7,289 | 8,346 |
| + Private tenants | 145 | 705 | 1,493 | 3,804 | 2,851 | 3,716 | 8,672 | 9,216 | 9,272 | 9,275 | 9,098 | 8,783 | 8,291 | 7,709 | 6,871 | 8,320 | 9,380 | 9,823 | 11,208 | 11,541 | 12,722 |
| = Total | 5,375 | 8,920 | 14,295 | 12,464 | 7,446 | 9,643 | 14,099 | 14,457 | 15,501 | 15,536 | 15,373 | 15,034 | 14,370 | 13,461 | 12,055 | 14,313 | 16,544 | 16,927 | 17,825 | 18,837 | 21,079 |

Sources: DWP Expenditure and Caseload Tables - Autumn Statement 2024 and previous editions.

Notes: 1. This line includes support for mortgage interest (SMI). From 2018/19 SMI was converted to loan funding. There is zero expenditure recorded for 2020/21.

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. Expenditure on means-tested assistance for private and local authority tenants includes UC housing support plus housing benefit from 2019/20. As UC housing support expenditure is only reported for all social tenants, expenditure on council tenants is estimated on a pro rata basis.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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 in additional debt. If this cost were spread over 30 years it 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).