

Table 109a **Housing-related social security expenditure and plans for Great Britain**

£ million in nominal terms

	1986/87	1990/91	2000/01 outturn	2010/11	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 outturn	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 forecast	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Rent rebates																				
England	1,950	2,711	4,287	4,509	5,059	4,894	4,601	4,324	4,009	3,856	3,623	3,603	3,753	3,904	3,379	3,216	3,301	3,401	3,560	3,660
+ Wales	263	404	701	233	236	239	240	237	222	213	207	202	210	215	176	163	165	169	176	180
+ Scotland	134	168	270	664	677	669	644	617	571	557	540	527	525	569	471	438	448	460	481	494
+ New towns	72	86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total rent rebates (A)	2,419	3,369	5,258	5,405	5,972	5,801	5,485	5,178	4,803	4,627	4,370	4,332	4,488	4,688	4,025	3,817	3,914	4,031	4,218	4,335
Rent allowances																				
Housing association Private tenants	-	-	3,053	7,350	9,489	9,349	9,107	8,681	7,967	7,726	7,305	7,266	7,650	7,641	6,493	6,252	6,441	6,662	7,007	7,232
England	-	2,167	5,286	14,365	16,389	15,805	15,037	13,874	12,085	11,323	10,471	10,007	10,031	9,611	7,924	7,570	7,791	8,054	8,463	8,725
+ Wales	-	110	245	660	789	770	751	708	627	584	543	525	542	489	397	365	365	367	376	377
+ Scotland	-	136	373	997	1,095	1,064	1,028	971	864	800	742	715	712	666	540	497	497	500	512	514
= Total rent allowances (B)	996	2,413	5,904	16,022	18,272	17,639	16,816	15,552	13,576	12,707	11,756	11,247	11,284	10,766	8,860	8,431	8,652	8,922	9,351	9,616
Total housing benefit (A+B)	3,415	5,782	11,162	21,427	24,244	23,441	22,301	20,730	18,379	17,334	16,126	15,579	15,773	15,455	12,886	12,248	12,566	12,952	13,569	13,950
Universal credit housing element																				
England	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,357	10,545	12,036	12,711	14,777	18,543	21,882	23,594	24,027	24,521	25,315	26,203
Wales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	256	444	512	550	643	795	970	1,067	1,097	1,124	1,164	1,208
Scotland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	431	754	851	899	1,047	1,272	1,603	1,810	1,883	1,945	2,031	2,118
Total UC housing allowances (C)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,044	11,743	13,399	14,160	16,467	20,609	24,455	26,471	27,007	27,590	28,510	29,529
+ Council tax benefit (and predecessors)	1,635	2,123	2,575	4,925	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Income support: mortgage costs	351	539	521	517	280	278	266	6	7	6	4	4	7	10	15	1	1	2	2	2
+ Discretionary housing payments	-	-	-	21	161	183	164	151	132	171	142	111	112	106	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total housing financial support (D)	5,401	8,444	14,258	26,890	24,685	23,902	22,731	20,888	24,562	29,255	29,670	29,854	32,359	36,179	37,356	38,720	39,574	40,544	42,080	43,481
+ DWP social security expenditure	44,918	56,479	101,374	153,362	171,800	173,926	178,149	183,849	192,569	213,243	217,562	233,139	267,855	289,193	309,529	328,131	337,951	348,410	364,452	380,899
+ Personal tax credits	161	494	4,230	27,878	27,519	26,433	24,978	22,005	17,290	14,609	10,136	8,490	7,034	1,764	- 62	- 92	- 56	- 36	- 23	- 14
= Total all social security benefits and personal tax credits (E)	45,079	56,973	105,604	181,240	199,319	200,359	203,127	205,854	209,859	227,852	227,698	241,629	274,889	290,957	309,467	328,039	337,895	348,374	364,429	380,885
All housing and related benefits as a percentage of total benefits and tax credits (D/E)	12.0	14.8	13.5	14.8	12.4	11.9	11.2	10.1	11.7	12.8	13.0	12.4	11.8	12.4	12.1	11.8	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.4

Sources: DWP Departmental Report 2002, Cm 5424, and earlier equivalent volumes, DWP Benefit Caseload and Expenditure Outturn and Forecasts, 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 credit up to 2002/03, which are outside the DWP budget, unlike the benefits they replaced. From 2003/04 they also comprise the elements of the working and child tax credits that are defined as public expenditure.

3. In 2011, some tax credits previously classified as 'negative tax' were reclassified as tax credits within Annually Managed Expenditure and revised figures were published for 2006/07 onwards.

4. From April 2013, funding and policy responsibility for council tax benefit has been transferred to MHCLG, Scottish Government and Welsh Government.

5. Forecasts are consistent with the OBR Autumn 2025 Economic and Fiscal Outlook.

6. 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 DHP funding for Scotland is devolved and paid through the block grant.

7. Council tax benefit includes community charge benefit and rate rebate.