

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

Percentage of households in private rented sector claiming universal credit

Country/region	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 revised	2024 revised	2025 revised
North East	70.4	65.7	68.5	69.9	73.2	55.4	61.3
North West	69.3	60.1	63.0	65.2	70.5	48.0	55.5
Yorkshire & The Humber	70.9	62.1	64.5	66.5	71.6	49.1	56.2
East Midlands	76.3	59.2	62.4	65.3	70.8	52.3	58.8
West Midlands	70.5	56.7	60.7	63.4	69.1	46.5	54.0
East	70.8	54.9	58.0	60.1	64.9	48.9	55.3
London	51.7	36.1	41.5	42.4	47.3	37.1	43.5
South East	65.9	50.0	53.4	55.4	60.6	43.9	50.4
South West	69.3	56.4	59.3	61.7	66.6	44.9	51.2
England	66.9	52.9	56.0	58.1	63.2	45.5	52.1
Wales	77.0	66.5	69.2	71.3	75.6	57.8	63.0
Scotland	64.7	50.6	52.1	52.4	55.0	34.1	39.9
Great Britain	67.2	53.4	56.4	58.4	63.3	45.5	52.0

Notes: 1. See Table 11a.

2. Percentages are based on private rented sector households that claim the housing element of universal credit and 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 LHA rates to the 30th percentile of local rents as at September 2019, from April 2020.

4. LHA rates were again rebased from April 2024 to the 30th percentile as at September 2023, following a four-year freeze. They have remained frozen since then.

5. Reliable figures prior to 2019 are not available. Award, entitlement and payment information is missing for a small number of claimants.