

**Table 119 Escaping the housing benefit poverty trap: gross weekly earnings levels at which housing benefit entitlement ceases**

*£ per week*

Household type	Housing benefit allowances	Earnings disregards	Rent levels:							
			£50	£60	£70	£80	£90	£100	£110	£120
Single person >25	<b>64.30</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<i>£113</i>	<i>£142</i>	<i>£193</i>	<i>£244</i>	<i>£272</i>	<i>£295</i>	<i>£317</i>	<i>£339</i>
Couple >25	<b>100.95</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<i>£119</i>	<i>£162</i>	<i>£213</i>	<i>£264</i>	<i>£316</i>	<i>£355</i>	<i>£377</i>	<i>£400</i>
Lone parent + 1 child <19	<b>137.71</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<i>£98</i>	<i>£113</i>	<i>£144</i>	<i>£195</i>	<i>£246</i>	<i>£298</i>	<i>£349</i>	<i>£400</i>
Lone parent + 2 children <19	<b>193.82</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<i>£97</i>	<i>£113</i>	<i>£141</i>	<i>£193</i>	<i>£244</i>	<i>£295</i>	<i>£346</i>	<i>£398</i>
Couple + 1 child <19	<b>174.36</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<i>£120</i>	<i>£162</i>	<i>£213</i>	<i>£265</i>	<i>£316</i>	<i>£367</i>	<i>£418</i>	<i>£462</i>
Couple + 2 children <19	<b>230.47</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<i>£120</i>	<i>£162</i>	<i>£213</i>	<i>£265</i>	<i>£316</i>	<i>£367</i>	<i>£419</i>	<i>£470</i>
Couple + 3 children <19	<b>286.58</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<i>£120</i>	<i>£162</i>	<i>£214</i>	<i>£265</i>	<i>£316</i>	<i>£367</i>	<i>£419</i>	<i>£470</i>
Couple + 4 children <19	<b>342.69</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<i>£120</i>	<i>£162</i>	<i>£214</i>	<i>£265</i>	<i>£316</i>	<i>£368</i>	<i>£419</i>	<i>£470</i>

Notes: All figures based on standard income support and housing benefit rates as they apply from April 2009. The figures for lone parent households are for post-April 1998 claimants. Figures are for cases without child care costs eligible for assistance under the working families tax credit scheme. The housing benefit allowances and earnings disregards are set against net earnings (and child benefit and tax credits). For consistency, all figures assume an adult working 30 or more hours per week, although in some cases this implies hourly earnings below the level of the minimum wage at April 2009 (£5.73 per hour). The cases based on an adult working for 30 hours or more per week at sub-minimum wage rates are shown in *italics*.