

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	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
General subsidies																										
Homeowners	2,188	4,750	7,700	2,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Council tenants	2,130	869	1,195	-486	-1,184	408	334	313	124	283	132	22	-235	-143	-495	-711	-6	-8	-13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Private tenants	0	0	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total	4,318	5,619	9,000	2,214	-1,184	408	334	313	124	283	132	22	-235	-143	-495	-711	-6	-8	-13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Means-tested assistance																										
Homeowners ¹	71	300	539	1,016	521	453	337	313	340	381	392	437	427	563	517	374	357	319	291	280	278	266	6	7	0	4
+ Council tenants	841	2,296	3,368	5,430	5,258	5,282	5,405	5,027	5,200	5,263	5,370	5,454	5,368	5,470	5,405	5,578	5,878	5,949	5,997	5,972	5,801	5,485	5,178	4,803	4,627	4,370
+ Private tenants	145	705	1,388	3,804	2,851	2,824	3,032	3,028	3,354	3,716	4,276	4,698	5,624	7,572	8,672	9,216	9,272	9,275	9,098	8,783	8,291	7,709	6,871	5,605	4,981	4,451
= Total	1,057	3,301	5,295	10,250	8,630	8,559	8,774	8,368	8,894	9,360	10,038	10,589	11,419	13,605	14,594	15,168	15,507	15,544	15,385	15,034	14,370	13,461	12,055	10,415	9,608	8,825
All forms of assistance																										
Homeowners	2,259	5,050	8,239	3,716	521	453	337	313	340	381	392	437	427	563	517	374	357	319	291	280	278	266	6	7	0	4
+ Council tenants	2,971	3,165	4,563	4,944	4,074	5,690	5,739	5,340	5,324	5,546	5,502	5,476	5,133	5,327	4,910	4,867	5,872	5,941	5,984	5,972	5,801	5,485	5,178	4,803	4,627	4,370
+ Private tenants	145	705	1,493	3,804	2,851	2,824	3,032	3,028	3,354	3,716	4,276	4,698	5,624	7,572	8,672	9,216	9,272	9,275	9,098	8,783	8,291	7,709	6,871	5,605	4,981	4,451
= Total	5,375	8,920	14,295	12,464	7,446	8,967	9,108	8,681	9,018	9,643	10,170	10,611	11,184	13,461	14,099	14,457	15,501	15,536	15,373	15,034	14,370	13,461	12,055	10,415	9,608	8,825

Sources: DWP Expenditure and Caseload Tables - Autumn Statement 2022 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. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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).

Table 116b Assistance with housing costs for homeowners, council and private tenants in Great Britain

£ million at 2021/22 prices

	1980/81	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
General subsidies																										
Homeowners	2,188	4,750	15,596	4,524	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Council tenants	2,130	869	2,420	- 814	- 1,801	611	492	455	178	398	181	29	- 304	- 182	- 613	- 848	- 7	- 9	- 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Private tenants	-	-	213	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total	4,318	5,619	18,229	3,710	-1,801	611	492	455	178	398	181	29	- 304	- 182	- 613	- 848	- 7	- 9	- 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Means-tested assistance																										
Homeowners ¹	71	300	1,092	1,702	792	678	497	455	488	535	538	585	552	714	641	446	416	363	326	312	307	287	7	8	0	4
+ Council tenants	841	2,296	6,822	9,099	7,995	7,902	7,968	7,314	7,459	7,397	7,362	7,307	6,950	6,945	6,695	6,650	6,833	6,761	6,719	6,664	6,410	5,909	5,451	4,972	4,742	4,370
+ Private tenants	145	705	2,811	6,374	4,335	4,225	4,470	4,406	4,811	5,223	5,862	6,294	7,281	9,614	10,741	10,989	10,779	10,541	10,194	9,802	9,161	8,304	7,234	5,802	5,105	4,451
= Total	1,057	3,301	10,725	17,176	13,122	12,804	12,935	12,176	12,758	13,156	13,762	14,186	14,783	17,273	18,077	18,085	18,027	17,665	17,239	16,778	15,878	14,500	12,692	10,782	9,847	8,825
All forms of assistance																										
Homeowners	2,259	5,050	16,687	6,227	792	678	497	455	488	535	538	585	552	714	641	446	416	363	326	312	307	287	7	8	0	4
+ Council tenants	2,971	3,165	9,242	8,285	6,194	8,512	8,460	7,770	7,637	7,796	7,543	7,336	6,646	6,763	6,082	5,803	6,826	6,752	6,705	6,664	6,410	5,909	5,451	4,972	4,742	4,370
+ Private tenants	145	705	3,024	6,374	4,335	4,225	4,470	4,406	4,811	5,223	5,862	6,294	7,281	9,614	10,741	10,989	10,779	10,541	10,194	9,802	9,161	8,304	7,234	5,802	5,105	4,451
= Total	5,375	8,920	28,953	20,886	11,321	13,415	13,427	12,631	12,936	13,554	13,943	14,216	14,479	17,091	17,464	17,237	18,020	17,656	17,225	16,778	15,878	14,500	12,692	10,782	9,847	8,825

Source: See Table 116a.

Notes: 1 See note (1) in Table 116a.

2. Cash figures adjusted using the consumer prices index including owner-occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) which is now the ONS lead inflation index.

3. The figures differ from previous versions (e.g. Table 120b) which adjusted cash figures using the ONS 'all items' retail price index (CHAW).