

Benefit Cap figures for previous years

Since summer 2013, Housing Benefit (HB) for some tenants of working age has been reduced if their total income from DWP means-tested benefits, HMRC tax credits and Housing Benefit is more than £500 a week (£350 for single people without children).

Numbers of cases are dwindling as claimants move from HB to Universal Credit (UC) with DWP applying the benefit cap instead. UC figures are rounded down to the nearest 10 and published several months after the end of the quarter. UC figures are shown from 2017/18 onwards.

2019/20	April to June	July to September	October to December	January to March
HB cases capped	607	549	470	403
Average weekly reduction	£67.97	£65.88	£63.63	£61.09
Number of cases with DHP	176	132	135	105
UC cases with Benefit Cap	420	510	510	
All capped cases HB+UC	1,027	1059	980	

2018/19	April to June	July to September	October to December	January to March
HB cases capped	842	780	677	718
Average weekly reduction	£63.24	£62.82	£63.98	£65.82
Number of cases with DHP	206	187	179	201
UC cases with Benefit Cap	70	120	200	280
All capped cases HB+UC	912	900	877	998

2017/18	April to June	July to September	October to December	January to March
HB cases capped	975	938	875	872
Average weekly reduction	£61.00	£60.90	£61.65	£63.10
Number of cases with DHP	334	206	219	244
UC cases with Benefit Cap	-	-	-	20
All capped cases HB+UC	-	-	-	892

2016/17	April to June	July to September	October to December	January to March
HB cases capped	252	242	186	938
Average weekly reduction	£59.33	£59.83	£121.88	£63.63
Number of cases with DHP	34	40	98	297

2015/16	April to June	July to September	October to December	January to March
Cases capped	265	274	249	253
Average weekly reduction	£58.14	£54.91	£56.36	£57.87
Number of cases with DHP	40	55	42	38