

# Freedom of Information request 2013-2005

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## Information request

I have accessed the statistical table hbctb\_release\_feb13.xls

At Table 1, benefit claimant numbers are analysed over two benefit types and figures given for where there only one of the two benefits were awarded [for both types of benefit].

However, this data is only shown as at November 2012

Whilst subsequent tables enable the first two columns of data to be obtained [i.e. HB and CTB totals], the other three [HB and CTB together; HB only; CTB only] are not.

I would like to replicate this table as at the following dates:

March 2009

March 2010

March 2011

March 2012

Could you provide them or advise me where they may already be available please?

## DWP response

In response to your question, Section 21 of the Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

Historical tables which show National Statistics for Housing Benefit (HB) and Council Tax Benefit (CTB) recipients combined, by Local Authority for March 2010 – March 2012 can be found on the Departments website at:

<http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=hbctb>

Go to the website above and scroll down then click on the **Historical releases and further information on the statistics is available here** link. The tables you have requested can be found in the **Historical Summaries** section.

In response to the rest of your question, statistics on HB / CTB recipients combined, by Local Authority for March 2009 is available in the attached Excel document (FOI 2013-2005 Response.xls).