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Notes on the Abstract

The tables within the Abstract are now available in Excel format as a direct link from http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=abstract. Please note the Excel tables do not include supporting commentary, users should refer to the full publication for footnotes and background information.

These statistics have been recently assessed by the UK Statistics Authority. The resulting report can be found at:
http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/assessment/assessment-reports/index.html, number 216.

CHANGES IN THIS EDITION AND PLANS FOR FUTURE EDITIONS

Abstract 2011

The only change in the 2011 edition of the Abstract is the inclusion of the underlying Excel tables as part of the release. These are available directly from http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=abstract.

Some additional commentary on the tables in Section 2 is included at the beginning of section 2.

Abstract 2012

There are no changes planned for the 2012 edition.

CONSULTATION

Following responses to a 2009 consultation to end this publication, as of 2010, the Abstract of Statistics now contains the following:

- Section 2: DWP benefit uprating history
- Section 5: The rates of benefit time series
- Direct links and/or instructions to all previously published elements.

The following series previously published as part of the Abstract are available easily from either direct (or semi-direct) internet links or other DWP publications (see Annex B for sources), the Abstract of Statistics no longer includes:

- Section 1: RPI, ROSSI, New ROSSI and CPI time series.
- Section 3.1: The Average Earnings Index time series.
- Section 3.2: The Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) time series.
- Section 4: Net Income after Housing Costs for hypothetical family types.
- Section 6: Rates of National Insurance and their rules.
- Section 7: Expenditure on benefits.

All previous publications (2002-2010) have been archived to the DWP website at http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/abstract/abstract_arc.asp. This will enable future access to those archived elements, no longer published in the Abstract of Statistics.

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The published summary of the consultation responses can be found at: http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/abstract.asp.

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Introduction

The Abstract of Statistics is an annual publication produced by Information Directorate of the Department for Work and Pensions. The purpose of the publication is to provide a reference source for people interested in benefit uprating and the value of benefits compared to prices and earnings.

The Abstract contains two sections. It is the aim of this publication to provide data to answer the following types of questions.

(a) How do the values of state benefits compare to prices?

(b) Are state benefits today, worth more or less in terms of Average Earnings than in previous years?

(c) How does the income of an unemployed person compare with Average Earnings?

(d) How do the rates of benefits compare with one another?

Further information on benefits can be found via the DWP website (www.dwp.gov.uk).

Further information on price indices and average earnings can be found via the links at Appendix B.

Conventions

..	Not available
.	Not applicable
-	Nil or negligible
£pw	Pounds per week
ASHE	Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings
BSP	Basic State Pension
ChB	Child Benefit
CPI	Consumer Prices Index
DWP	Department for Work and Pensions
ESA	Employment and Support Allowance
IB	Incapacity Benefit
IS	Income Support
IVB	Invalidity Benefit
JSA	Jobseeker's Allowance
NES	New Earnings Survey
PC	Pension Credit
RPI	Retail Prices Index
SB	Sickness Benefit
SERPS	State Earnings Related Pension Scheme
SoS	Secretary of State
UB	Unemployment Benefit
WB	Widows Pension
WMA	Widowed Mother's Allowance

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Section 1: Uprating of Benefits

This section shows the factors used to uprate benefits from 1974 until 2011, and describes how the policy has changed from 2011. Benefits have been increased by a variety of methods during this period including forecasts, indices of prices and earnings, one-off payments, targeting of particular components of a benefit and revisions to the eligibility rules governing the benefit. This chapter deals with upratings via use of prices and earnings indices.

Indices of Prices and Earnings

Over time, there have been various changes to the components of the indices that have been used to uprate benefits. The major changes have been:

(i) 1974 - to link long-term benefits such as pensions and long-term sick and disabled benefits to the higher of the two annual increases as measured by the Retail Prices Index and the Average Earnings Index.

(ii) 1976 - used a forecast to estimate the movements in prices and earnings.

(iii) 1979 - to link long-term benefits to the prices index only.

(iv) 1983 - to using an historical basis to calculate the price increases.

(v) 1983 - the introduction of ROSSI (RPI (All Items) less housing costs) to uprate income-related benefits.

(vi) 1992 - the definition of ROSSI changed to New ROSSI. New ROSSI is calculated as RPI (All Items) less rent, local taxes and mortgage interest payments.

(vii) Since 1983, benefits have been increased in relation to the RPI, ROSSI or New ROSSI. The actual increase in particular benefits depends on the index applied and on policy decisions as to the appropriate rate for the benefit.

(viii) In the budget, on 22 June 2010, the Chancellor announced that from April 2011 most DWP administered benefits would be uprated in line with the Consumer Prices Index (CPI). Also, the Government has introduced legislation providing for earnings up-rating of the basic State Pension, and in addition, provided a triple guarantee that the basic State Pension will increase by the highest of the growth in average earnings, price increases or 2.5%

See Appendix A for a list of the Benefits, which are statutorily uprated under the Social Security Administration Act of 1992.

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Table 1: Uprating History

Uprating date	Period used for uprating	Method	Actual factors used for Uprating			
			CPI	RPI	ROSSI	Earnings
22 Jul 74	Oct 73 - July 74	Forecast		17.1%		
07 Apr 75	Feb 74 - Nov 74	Historical		13.3%		16.0%
17 Nov 75	Aug 74 - May 75	Historical		13.2%		14.6%
15 Nov 76	Nov 75 - Nov 76	Forecast		15.0%		
14 Nov 77	Nov 76 - Nov 77	Forecast		13.0%		14.4%
13 Nov 78	Nov 77 - Nov 78	Forecast		7.1%		11.5%
12 Nov 79	Nov 78 - Nov 79	Forecast		17.5%		19.5%
24 Nov 80	Nov 79 - Nov 80	Forecast		16.5%		
23 Nov 81	Nov 80 - Nov 81	Forecast		9.0%		
22 Nov 82	Nov 75 - Nov 82	Forecast		11.0%		
21 Nov 83	May 82 - May 83	Historical		3.7%	4.3%	
26 Nov 84	May 83 - May 84	Historical		5.1%	4.7%	
25 Nov 85	May 84 - May 85	Historical		7.0%	5.1%	
28 Jul 86	May 85 - Jan 86	Historical		1.1%	1.2%	
06 Apr 87	Jan 86 - Sep 86	Historical		2.1%	2.0%	
11 Apr 88	Sep 86 - Sep 87	Historical		4.2%	3.2%	
10 Apr 89	Sep 87 - Sep 88	Historical		5.9%	4.7%	
09 Apr 90	Sep 88 - Sep 89	Historical	5.2%	7.6%	5.2%	
08 Apr 91	Sep 89 - Sep 90	Historical	8.1%	10.9%	8.1%	
06 Apr 92	Sep 90 - Sep 91	Historical	7.1%	4.1%	7.0%	
12 Apr 93	Sep 91 - Sep 92	Historical	3.0%	3.6%	3.6%	
11 Apr 94	Sep 92 - Sep 93	Historical	3.0%	1.8%	3.5%	
10 Apr 95	Sep 93 - Sep 94	Historical	1.5%	2.2%	1.8%	
08 Apr 96	Sep 94 - Sep 95	Historical	3.0%	3.9%	3.0%	
07 Apr 97	Sep 95 - Sep 96	Historical	2.3%	2.1%	2.6%	
06 Apr 98	Sep 96 - Sep 97	Historical	1.8%	3.6%	2.4%	4.2%
12 Apr 99	Sep 97 - Sep 98	Historical	1.4%	3.2%	2.1%	4.8%
10 Apr 00	Sep 98 - Sep 99	Historical	1.2%	1.1%	1.6%	4.4%
09 Apr 01	Sep 99 - Sep 00	Historical	1.0%	3.3%	1.6%	4.0%
08 Apr 02	Sep 00 - Sep 01	Historical	1.3%	1.7%	1.7%	4.3%
07 Apr 03	Sep 01 - Sep 02	Historical	1.0%	1.7%	1.3%	3.6%
12 Apr 04	Sep 02 - Sep 03	Historical	1.4%	2.8%	1.8%	3.9%
11 Apr 05	Sep 03 - Sep 04	Historical	1.1%	3.1%	1.0%	4.1%
10 Apr 06	Sep 04 - Sep 05	Historical	2.5%	2.7%	2.2%	3.4%
11 Apr 07	Sep 05 - Sep 06	Historical	2.4%	3.6%	3.0%	4.4%
11 Apr 08	Sep 06 - Sep 07	Historical	1.8%	3.9%	2.3%	3.5%
10 Apr 09	Sep-07 - Sep-08	Historical	5.2%	5.0%	6.3%	3.2%
12 Apr 10	Sep-08 - Sep-09	Historical	1.1%	-1.4%	1.8%	1.8%
11 Apr 11	Sep-09 - Sep-10	Historical	3.1%	4.6%	4.8%	1.3%[8]
09 Apr 12	Sep-10 - Sep-11	Historical	5.2%	5.6%	6.8%	2.8%

Notes

1. In 1974, the higher of Prices or Earnings is used to uprate benefits.
2. The Earnings link was broken in 1982. It was partially reinstated in 1998 for minimum income guarantee.

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3. The ROSSI was introduced for income related benefits in 1983 however further revisions were made in 1992 when it became the New ROSSI.
4. In April 1994 income related benefits were uprated by 3.9% not 3.5%, as shown in the ROSSI column, to take account of the introduction of VAT on fuel.
5. In April 2003, it was announced that basic State Pension would rise by at least 2.5% for the rest of the parliament.
6. Data for the historical method are based on collected information. Data for the forecast method includes estimates for the most recent months.
7. For Minimum Income Guarantee/Pension Credit an earnings uprating is used, based on the Average Earnings Index whole economy, including bonuses, seasonally adjusted and a 3 month average (May – July) of each year. This is different from the uprating percentage shown in this table, which is based on the annual percentage changes from September to September. Please also note that Pension Credit was uprated by an additional amount in April 2008, April 2009 and April 2011.
8. In 2010 the 'Average Weekly Earnings' replaced the 'Average Earnings Index', and is the relevant measure for earnings uprating from 2011. The AWE figures used for uprating in April, are the May-July seasonally adjusted total pay figures. It is this three month average which is shown in this table.
9. Despite a reduction in RPI in the year to September 2009, many benefit rates were increased in April 2010.
10. In 2011 the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) replaced the Retail Prices Index (RPI) and New ROSSI for uprating of all benefits, with the exception of the basic State Pension which is uprated by the ‘triple guarantee’ mentioned in Section 1, and the standard minimum guarantee in Pension Credit which is uprated by earnings. RPI and New ROSSI figures have been kept for comparison.

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This section gives the value of the principal benefits at each uprating since 1946.

The tables show:

(i) the rate of the benefit at each uprating date,
(ii) the percentage increase since the previous uprating,
(iii) the percentage increase in prices between upratings,
(iv) the value of the benefit at April 2011 prices at the date of uprating,
(v) its average value at April 2011 prices over the period between upratings, and
(vi) its value as a percentage of average earnings at the date of uprating.

For reasons of comparison and maintaining time series before CPI was created, both the CPI and the previous uprating method, either RPI or New ROSSI, are used to convert the values of each benefit to April 2011 prices in the enclosed tables..

For more information on the differences between CPI and RPI please read the following information notes at:
http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/cpi/consumer-price-indices/july-2011/index.html.

Average value of the benefit at April 2011 prices between upratings is calculated from the average value of the price index between uprating dates, e.g. the average value of the CPI or RPI between July 1948 and August 1951 is used for the first line of table 2.1 as follows:

Average real value of State Pension between July 1948 and September 1951

$$= £1.30 \times \frac{\text{RPI at April 2011}}{\text{Average RPI between July 1948 and September 1951}}.$$

$$= £36.50$$

This better reflects the purchasing power of this benefit over the period in which it is paid, than does its real value in the month it is uprated.

The number of weeks between uprating dates is not always the same as the period between reference dates for uprating of the RPI. For example, there were 54 weeks between the November 1979 and November 1980 upratings compared with 53 weeks between the RPI reference dates. No correction has been applied to allow for this difference.

Average earnings figures for the period prior to 1997 are taken from the New Earnings Survey (NES) estimates of earnings for all adults. No comparisons are available before the NES began in 1970.

Average earnings figures from 1997 onwards are taken from the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) which replaced the New Earnings Survey (NES) in 2004. No ASHE figures are to be released prior to 1992.

Average earnings for months other than April use the figure for April of the same year.

As the ASHE is revised following the initial release, the “Rate as a % of average earnings” column has been revised for April 2008.

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Understanding the Tables

How do the values of state benefits compare to prices?

The tables in Section 2 take the key state benefits at each benefit uprating date and show the rate of benefit in payment for key claimant types. As prices generally rise each year, it is difficult to look at these benefit rates and sensibly compare them over time. Hence, these tables use various different measures of price inflation to convert all benefit rates to April 2011 prices. These benefit rates then become comparable across time in terms of the purchasing power of the benefit payment. Three price indices are used:

- The Retail Prices Index (RPI) and the Consumer Prices Index (CPI). To understand the different between RPI and CPI, see http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/cpi/consumer-price-indices/july-2011/implications-of-the-differenced-between-the-cpi-and-rpi.pdf
- The ROSSI Index. This is defined as the RPI (All items) less housing costs. It was used by DWP for the uprating of income-related benefits between November 1983 and 1991. Housing costs were defined as mortgage interest, dwelling insurance and ground rent, local taxes, water charges, repairs and maintenance and DIY materials for repairs and decorations. The items excluded accounted for 7% of the items in the RPI. Since the uprating of April 1992 until April 2010, a revised version of the ROSSI index (New ROSSI) was used to uprate income-related benefits. The index is composed of the RPI (All items) less rents, local taxes and mortgage interest payments.

Many benefits (see Section 1) have been historically uprated in line with these indices since 1974. Hence, the real value of benefit payments (at April 2011 prices, releative to RPI/Rossi) has remained fairly stable since then. Benefits such as State Pension and Pension Credit have seen some moderate growth in real value since 1974 due to uprating policies linked to earnings in some years and policies to protect the income of those over State Pension age.

Since April 2011, the CPI has been Government's preferred measure of prices and has been used to uprate benefits (with exceptions for State Pension and Pension Credit). Historically, the price inflation measured by CPI has usually been lower than RPI. As, for much of the period, the benefits were uprated by RPI or Rossi, the value of benefits has increased relative to CPI.

Are state benefits today worth more or less in terms of Average Earnings than in previous years?

Another way to analyse the value of state benefits across time is to compare the value of benefits to the average full time wage. Average earnings are estimated each year using the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/ashe/annual-survey-of-hours-and-earnings/index.html). This survey began in 2004, but average earnings statistics have been collected in a broadly comparable form since 1970.

- The New Earnings Survey (Great Britain) (NES), which was conducted by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) each April between 1970 and 2004, gave a detailed picture of the pattern of earnings across the whole economy. Between 1970 and March 1983, the survey included full-time workers aged 21 and over whose earnings were unaffected by absence. From April 1983, the survey included full-time workers on adult rates whose earnings were unaffected by absence. Employers were asked to provide information about the earnings of a 1% random sample of employees.

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- This survey was replaced in October 2004 by the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE). ASHE improved on the NES by extending the coverage of the survey sample, introducing weighting and publishing estimates of quality for all survey outputs.

The tables show the rate of benefit as a percentage of average earnings in the same year.

As earnings have historically risen faster than prices, most benefits show a fall in value when compared to average earnings. However, in the most recent years, the economic downturn has meant lower wage inflation. This means that the value of benefits has risen slightly against average earnings.

State Pension and Pension Credit have often been uprated differently, sometimes using earnings as part of the uprating formula (see Section 1). Hence, these benefits show a relatively flat profile when compared to average earnings. In particular, since April 2011, the "triple guarantee" ensures that the basic State Pension increases by the highest of the growth in average earnings, price increases or 2.5%.

The value of Pension Credit against average earnings shows a gradual rise since 1999.

How do the rates of benefits compare with one another?

The tables show the rates of the key state benefits at each uprating and the real values (in April 2011 prices, using RPI/Rossi or CPI). These real values are given at the point of uprating. This represents the real value of that benefit (in April 2011 prices) at the date that rate was first paid.

To give a better representation of the real value of the benefit across the whole period that rate was in force, the tables also show the real value of the benefit *between* upratings. This calculation uses the average value of the benefit (in April 2011 prices) in each of the months the rate was used. This gives a better view of the real value of the benefit across the uprating period.

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Table 2.1: Basic State Pension at April 2011 Prices and as a percentage of Average Earnings

Date of uprating	Rate of Basic State Pension *£pw*	Increase over previous rate *%age*	CPI			RPI			EARNINGS
			Change in CPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of BSP at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of BSP between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Change in RPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of BSP at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of BSP between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Rate as a percentage of average earnings *%age*
Man or woman under 80 with own National Insurance Contribution									
July 1948	1.30	..	..	..	..	..	38.48	36.50	..
September 1951	1.50	*15.4*	..	..	..	*18.4*	37.49	36.02	..
September 1952	1.625	*8.3*	..	..	..	*6.7*	38.06	36.75	..
April 1955	2.00	*23.1*	..	..	..	*7.5*	43.56	40.75	..
January 1958	2.50	*25.0*	..	..	..	*13.0*	48.19	47.38	..
April 1961	2.875	*15.0*	..	..	..	*4.8*	52.89	50.68	..
May 1963	3.375	*17.4*	..	..	..	*7.8*	57.61	56.46	..
March 1965	4.00	*18.5*	..	..	..	*5.8*	64.55	61.16	..
October 1967	4.50	*12.5*	..	..	..	*8.9*	66.67	62.84	..
November 1969	5.00	*11.1*	..	..	..	*11.5*	66.43	61.66	..
September 1971	6.00	*20.0*	..	..	..	*16.5*	68.44	66.17	*20.9*
October 1972	6.75	*12.5*	..	..	..	*8.5*	70.96	68.39	*21.1*
October 1973	7.75	*14.8*	..	..	..	*9.9*	74.14	70.19	*21.3*
July 1974	10.00	*29.0*	..	..	..	*13.5*	84.29	79.88	*24.0*
April 1975	11.60	*16.0*	..	..	..	*17.7*	83.09	78.09	*21.5*
November 1975	13.30	*14.7*	..	..	..	*11.7*	85.29	80.12	*24.6*
November 1976	15.30	*15.0*	..	..	..	*15.0*	85.33	79.25	*23.8*
November 1977	17.50	*14.4*	..	..	..	*13.0*	86.35	83.20	*24.9*
November 1978	19.50	*11.4*	..	..	..	*8.1*	89.05	82.84	*24.7*
November 1979	23.30	*19.5*	..	..	..	*17.4*	90.64	83.63	*26.0*
November 1980	27.15	*16.5*	..	..	..	*15.3*	91.59	86.72	*24.6*
November 1981	29.60	*9.0*	..	..	..	*12.0*	89.19	86.24	*23.7*
November 1982	32.85	*11.0*	..	..	..	*6.3*	93.15	91.39	*24.1*
November 1983	34.05	*3.7*	..	..	..	*4.8*	92.09	90.21	*23.0*

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November 1984	35.80	*5.1*	..	..	..	*4.9*	92.26	89.52	*22.5*
November 1985	38.30	*7.0*	..	..	..	*5.5*	93.59	92.69	*22.4*
July 1986	38.70	*1.0*	..	..	..	*1.7*	93.02	91.53	*21.0*
April 1987	39.50	*2.1*	..	..	..	*4.4*	90.95	90.14	*19.9*
April 1988	41.15	*4.2*	..	77.80	76.39	*3.9*	91.17	88.59	*18.8*
April 1989	43.60	*6.0*	*5.2*	78.34	76.77	*8.0*	89.41	87.06	*18.2*
April 1990	46.90	*7.6*	*6.3*	79.25	76.99	*9.4*	87.88	85.39	*17.8*
April 1991	52.00	*10.9*	*8.5*	80.99	79.39	*6.4*	91.58	90.39	*18.3*
April 1992	54.15	*4.1*	*4.7*	80.55	80.16	*4.3*	91.45	91.24	*17.8*
April 1993	56.10	*3.6*	*2.5*	81.42	81.00	*1.3*	93.53	92.94	*17.7*
April 1994	57.60	*2.7*	*2.1*	81.90	81.54	*2.6*	93.63	92.89	*17.7*
April 1995	58.85	*2.2*	*2.3*	81.83	81.12	*3.3*	92.58	91.92	*17.5*
April 1996	61.15	*3.9*	*2.6*	82.90	82.41	*2.4*	93.93	93.24	*17.4*
April 1997	62.45	*2.1*	*1.6*	83.34	82.74	*2.4*	93.66	92.18	*16.8*
April 1998	64.70	*3.6*	*1.8*	84.82	84.40	*4.0*	93.27	92.61	*16.5*
April 1999	66.75	*3.2*	*1.5*	86.18	86.08	*1.6*	94.71	94.06	*16.4*
April 2000	67.50	*1.1*	*0.5*	86.68	86.36	*3.0*	93.02	92.36	*15.9*
April 2001	72.50	*7.4*	*1.2*	92.01	91.46	*1.8*	98.17	97.74	*16.1*
April 2002	75.50	*4.1*	*1.4*	94.51	94.09	*1.5*	100.72	99.69	*16.0*
April 2003	77.45	*2.6*	*1.5*	95.55	95.27	*3.1*	100.19	99.49	*15.9*
April 2004	79.60	*2.8*	*1.1*	97.10	96.50	*2.5*	100.48	99.17	*16.0*
April 2005	82.05	*3.1*	*1.9*	98.18	97.42	*3.2*	100.38	99.59	*15.9*
April 2006	84.25	*2.7*	*2.0*	98.83	97.54	*2.6*	100.50	98.58	*15.8*
April 2007	87.30	*3.6*	*2.8*	99.66	98.89	*4.5*	99.63	98.10	*15.9*
April 2008	90.70	*3.9*	*3.0*	100.56	99.01	*4.2*	99.35	98.98	*15.8*
April 2009	95.25	*5.0*	*2.3*	103.21	101.71	*-1.2*	105.56	103.48	*16.2*
April 2010	97.65	*2.5*	*3.7*	102.01	100.74	*5.3*	102.73	101.07	*16.3*
April 2011	102.15	*4.6*	*4.5*	102.15	101.02	*5.2*	102.15	100.88	*17.0*

Notes

1. From 1997, ASHE figures replaced NES figures for average earnings
2. Despite a reduction in RPI in the year to September 2009, many benefit rates were increased in April 2010.
3. Basic State Pension was increased in line with RPI up until September 2010.
4. From April 2011 basic State Pension uprating is governed by a ‘triple guarantee’ where the increase is the highest of earnings, prices or 2.5%. Prices were measured by RPI in 2011 although CPI was Government’s preferred measure of prices from 2011

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Table 2.1: Basic State Pension at April 2011 Prices and as a percentage of Average Earnings

Date of uprating	Rate of Basic State Pension *£pw*	Increase over previous rate *%age*	CPI			RPI			EARNINGS
			Change in CPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of BSP at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of BSP between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Change in RPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of BSP at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of BSP between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Rate as a percentage of average earnings *%age*
Man plus his wife on his National Insurance Contribution - both under 80									
July 1948	2.10	..	..	..	..	..	62.16	58.96	..
September 1951	2.50	*19.0*	..	..	..	*18.4*	62.48	60.04	..
September 1952	2.70	*8.0*	..	..	..	*6.7*	63.24	61.06	..
April 1955	3.25	*20.4*	..	..	..	*7.5*	70.78	66.22	..
January 1958	4.00	*23.1*	..	..	..	*13.0*	77.11	75.80	..
April 1961	4.63	*15.6*	..	..	..	*4.8*	85.08	81.53	..
May 1963	5.45	*17.8*	..	..	..	*7.8*	93.03	91.17	..
March 1965	6.50	*19.3*	..	..	..	*5.8*	104.90	99.39	..
October 1967	7.30	*12.3*	..	..	..	*8.9*	108.16	101.94	..
November 1969	8.10	*11.0*	..	..	..	*11.5*	107.62	99.88	..
September 1971	9.70	*19.8*	..	..	..	*16.5*	110.64	106.98	*33.8*
October 1972	10.90	*12.4*	..	..	..	*8.5*	114.59	110.44	*34.1*
October 1973	12.50	*14.7*	..	..	..	*9.9*	119.58	113.21	*34.3*
July 1974	16.00	*28.0*	..	..	..	*13.5*	134.87	127.80	*38.4*
April 1975	18.50	*15.6*	..	..	..	*17.7*	132.51	124.54	*34.3*
November 1975	21.20	*14.6*	..	..	..	*11.7*	135.95	127.71	*39.3*
November 1976	24.50	*15.6*	..	..	..	*15.0*	136.64	126.90	*38.2*
November 1977	28.00	*14.3*	..	..	..	*13.0*	138.16	133.12	*39.9*
November 1978	31.20	*11.4*	..	..	..	*8.1*	142.47	132.55	*39.4*
November 1979	37.30	*19.6*	..	..	..	*17.4*	145.11	133.88	*41.6*
November 1980	43.45	*16.5*	..	..	..	*15.3*	146.58	138.79	*39.4*
November 1981	47.35	*9.0*	..	..	..	*12.0*	142.67	137.96	*37.9*
November 1982	52.55	*11.0*	..	..	..	*6.3*	149.01	146.20	*38.5*

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November 1983	54.50	*3.7*	..	..	..	*4.8*	147.40	144.39	*36.7*
November 1984	57.30	*5.1*	..	..	..	*4.9*	147.67	143.28	*36.0*
November 1985	61.30	*7.0*	..	..	..	*5.5*	149.80	148.35	*35.8*
July 1986	61.95	*1.1*	..	..	..	*1.7*	148.91	146.51	*33.5*
April 1987	63.25	*2.1*	..	..	..	*4.4*	145.64	144.34	*31.8*
April 1988	65.90	*4.2*	..	124.59	122.33	*3.9*	146.00	141.88	*30.2*
April 1989	69.80	*5.9*	*5.2*	125.41	122.91	*8.0*	143.14	139.37	*29.1*
April 1990	75.10	*7.6*	*6.3*	126.90	123.28	*9.4*	140.71	136.73	*28.5*
April 1991	83.25	*10.9*	*8.5*	129.66	127.10	*6.4*	146.61	144.71	*29.2*
April 1992	86.70	*4.1*	*4.7*	128.97	128.34	*4.3*	146.42	146.09	*28.5*
April 1993	89.80	*3.6*	*2.5*	130.33	129.66	*1.3*	149.71	148.77	*28.3*
April 1994	92.10	*2.6*	*2.1*	130.96	130.38	*2.6*	149.71	148.53	*28.3*
April 1995	94.10	*2.2*	*2.3*	130.84	129.71	*3.3*	148.03	146.97	*28.0*
April 1996	97.75	*3.9*	*2.6*	132.52	131.73	*2.4*	150.15	149.05	*27.8*
April 1997	99.80	*2.1*	*1.6*	133.18	132.23	*2.4*	149.67	147.30	*26.8*
April 1998	103.40	*3.6*	*1.8*	135.56	134.88	*4.0*	149.06	148.00	*26.3*
April 1999	106.70	*3.2*	*1.5*	137.76	137.60	*1.6*	151.40	150.35	*26.2*
April 2000	107.90	*1.1*	*0.5*	138.56	138.05	*3.0*	148.69	147.63	*25.4*
April 2001	115.90	*7.4*	*1.2*	147.09	146.21	*1.8*	156.94	156.24	*25.8*
April 2002	120.70	*4.1*	*1.4*	151.10	150.41	*1.5*	161.02	159.38	*25.6*
April 2003	123.80	*2.6*	*1.5*	152.73	152.29	*3.1*	160.15	159.03	*25.4*
April 2004	127.25	*2.8*	*1.1*	155.22	154.26	*2.5*	160.62	158.53	*25.5*
April 2005	131.20	*3.1*	*1.9*	156.99	155.78	*3.2*	160.51	159.25	*25.4*
April 2006	134.75	*2.7*	*2.0*	158.07	156.01	*2.6*	160.74	157.68	*25.2*
April 2007	139.60	*3.6*	*2.8*	159.37	158.14	*4.5*	159.31	156.87	*25.4*
April 2008	145.05	*3.9*	*3.0*	160.82	158.34	*4.2*	158.88	158.30	*25.2*
April 2009	152.30	*5.0*	*2.3*	165.03	162.63	*-1.2*	168.79	165.45	*25.9*
April 2010	156.15	*2.5*	*3.7*	163.12	161.09	*5.3*	164.28	161.61	*26.1*
April 2011	163.35	*4.6*	*4.5*	163.35	161.54	*5.2*	163.35	161.33	*27.1*

Notes

1. From 1997, ASHE figures replaced NES figures for average earnings
2. Despite a reduction in RPI in the year to September 2009, many benefit rates were increased in April 2010.
3. Basic State Pension was increased in line with RPI up until September 2010.
4. From April 2011 basic State Pension uprating is governed by a ‘triple guarantee’ where the increase is the highest of earnings, prices or 2.5%. Prices were measured by RPI in 2011 and by CPI for future years.

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Table 2.2.1: Widow's Pension/Bereavement Benefit at April 2011 Prices and as a percentage of Average Earnings

Date of uprating	Rate of Widow's Pension *£pw*	Increase over previous rate *%age*	CPI			RPI			EARNINGS
			Change in CPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of WP at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of WP between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Change in RPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of WP at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of WP between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Rate as a percentage of average earnings *%age*
July 1948	1.30	..	..	..	..	..	38.48	35.31	..
July 1952	1.63	*25.0*	..	..	..	*27.3*	37.78	36.82	..
April 1955	2.00	*23.1*	..	..	..	*6.8*	43.56	40.75	..
January 1958	2.50	*25.0*	..	..	..	*13.0*	48.19	47.38	..
April 1961	2.88	*15.0*	..	..	..	*4.8*	52.89	50.68	..
May 1963	3.38	*17.4*	..	..	..	*7.8*	57.61	56.46	..
March 1965	4.00	*18.5*	..	..	..	*5.8*	64.55	61.16	..
October 1967	4.50	*12.5*	..	..	..	*8.9*	66.67	62.84	..
November 1969	5.00	*11.1*	..	..	..	*11.5*	66.43	61.66	..
September 1971	6.00	*20.0*	..	..	..	*16.5*	68.44	66.17	*20.9*
October 1972	6.75	*12.5*	..	..	..	*8.5*	70.96	68.39	*21.1*
October 1973	7.75	*14.8*	..	..	..	*9.9*	74.14	70.19	*21.3*
July 1974	10.00	*29.0*	..	..	..	*13.5*	84.29	79.88	*24.0*
April 1975	11.60	*16.0*	..	..	..	*17.7*	83.09	78.09	*21.5*
November 1975	13.30	*14.7*	..	..	..	*11.7*	85.29	80.12	*24.6*
November 1976	15.30	*15.0*	..	..	..	*15.0*	85.33	79.25	*23.8*
November 1977	17.50	*14.4*	..	..	..	*13.0*	86.35	83.20	*24.9*
November 1978	19.50	*11.4*	..	..	..	*8.1*	89.05	82.84	*24.7*
November 1979	23.30	*19.5*	..	..	..	*17.4*	90.64	83.63	*26.0*
November 1980	27.15	*16.5*	..	..	..	*15.3*	91.59	86.72	*24.6*
November 1981	29.60	*9.0*	..	..	..	*12.0*	89.19	86.24	*23.7*
November 1982	32.85	*11.0*	..	..	..	*6.3*	93.15	91.39	*24.1*
November 1983	34.05	*3.7*	..	..	..	*4.8*	92.09	90.21	*23.0*
November 1984	35.80	*5.1*	..	..	..	*4.9*	92.26	89.52	*22.5*
November 1985	38.30	*7.0*	..	..	..	*5.5*	93.59	92.69	*22.4*
July 1986	38.70	*1.0*	..	..	..	*1.7*	93.02	91.53	*21.0*

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April 1987	39.50	*2.1*	..	..	..	*4.4*	90.95	90.14	*19.9*
April 1988	41.15	*4.2*	..	77.80	76.39	*3.9*	91.17	88.59	*18.8*
April 1989	43.60	*6.0*	*5.2*	78.34	76.77	*8.0*	89.41	87.06	*18.2*
April 1990	46.90	*7.6*	*6.3*	79.25	76.99	*9.4*	87.88	85.39	*17.8*
April 1991	52.00	*10.9*	*8.5*	80.99	79.39	*6.4*	91.58	90.39	*18.3*
April 1992	54.15	*4.1*	*4.7*	80.55	80.16	*4.3*	91.45	91.24	*17.8*
April 1993	56.10	*3.6*	*2.5*	81.42	81.00	*1.3*	93.53	92.94	*17.7*
April 1994	57.60	*2.7*	*2.1*	81.90	81.54	*2.6*	93.63	92.89	*17.7*
April 1995	58.85	*2.2*	*2.3*	81.83	81.12	*3.3*	92.58	91.92	*17.5*
April 1996	61.15	*3.9*	*2.6*	82.90	82.41	*2.4*	93.93	93.24	*17.4*
April 1997	62.45	*2.1*	*1.6*	83.34	82.74	*2.4*	93.66	92.18	*16.8*
April 1998	64.70	*3.6*	*1.8*	84.82	84.40	*4.0*	93.27	92.61	*16.5*
April 1999	66.75	*3.2*	*1.5*	86.18	86.08	*1.6*	94.71	94.06	*16.4*
April 2000	67.50	*1.1*	*0.5*	86.68	86.36	*3.0*	93.02	92.36	*15.9*
April 2001	72.50	*7.4*	*1.2*	92.01	91.46	*1.8*	98.17	97.74	*16.1*
April 2002	75.50	*4.1*	*1.4*	94.51	94.09	*1.5*	100.72	99.69	*16.0*
April 2003	77.45	*2.6*	*1.5*	95.55	95.27	*3.1*	100.19	99.49	*15.9*
April 2004	79.60	*2.8*	*1.1*	97.10	96.50	*2.5*	100.48	99.17	*16.0*
April 2005	82.05	*3.1*	*1.9*	98.18	97.42	*3.2*	100.38	99.59	*15.9*
April 2006	84.25	*2.7*	*2.0*	98.83	97.54	*2.6*	100.50	98.58	*15.8*
April 2007	87.30	*3.6*	*2.8*	99.66	98.89	*4.5*	99.63	98.10	*15.9*
April 2008	90.70	*3.9*	*3.0*	100.56	99.01	*4.2*	99.35	98.98	*15.8*
April 2009	95.25	*5.0*	*2.3*	103.21	101.71	*-1.2*	105.56	103.48	*16.2*
April 2010	97.65	*2.5*	*3.7*	102.01	100.74	*5.3*	102.73	101.07	*16.3*
April 2011	100.70	*3.1*	*4.5*	100.70	99.59	*5.2*	100.70	99.45	*16.7*

Notes

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2. Despite a reduction in RPI in the year to September 2009, many benefit rates were increased in April 2010.
3. From April 2011 the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) replaced the Retail Prices Index (RPI) for uprating. RPI figures have been kept for comparison.

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Table 2.2.2: Widowed Mother's/Parent's Allowance at April 2011 Prices and as a percentage of Average Earnings

Date of uprating	Rate of Widowed Mother's Allowance *£pw*	Increase over previous rate *%age*	CPI			RPI			EARNINGS
			Change in CPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of WMA at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of WMA between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Change in RPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of WMA at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of WMA between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Rate as a percentage of average earnings *%age*
July 1948	1.68	..	..	..	..	..	49.58	47.03	..
September 1951	2.00	*19.4*	..	..	..	*18.4*	49.98	48.32	..
July 1952	2.15	*7.5*	..	..	..	*7.5*	49.99	48.71	..
April 1955	2.58	*19.8*	..	..	..	*6.8*	56.08	53.77	..
October 1956	2.83	*9.7*	..	..	..	*7.3*	57.32	55.93	..
January 1958	3.50	*23.9*	..	..	..	*5.3*	67.47	66.33	..
April 1961	4.13	*17.9*	..	..	..	*4.8*	75.88	72.72	..
May 1963	4.88	*18.2*	..	..	..	*7.8*	83.22	83.23	..
March 1964	5.25	*7.7*	..	..	..	*1.3*	88.51	86.38	..
March 1965	6.00	*14.3*	..	..	..	*4.5*	96.83	91.74	..
October 1967	6.63	*10.4*	..	..	..	*8.9*	98.16	96.88	..
April 1968	6.78	*2.3*	..	..	..	*4.3*	96.28	93.28	..
November 1969	7.45	*10.0*	..	..	..	*7.0*	98.98	91.87	..
September 1971	8.95	*20.1*	..	..	..	*16.5*	102.09	98.71	*31.2*
October 1972	10.05	*12.3*	..	..	..	*8.5*	105.65	101.82	*31.4*
October 1973	11.55	*14.9*	..	..	..	*9.9*	110.49	104.61	*31.7*
July 1974	14.90	*29.0*	..	..	..	*13.5*	125.60	119.02	*35.7*
April 1975	17.25	*15.8*	..	..	..	*17.7*	123.56	116.13	*31.9*
November 1975	19.80	*14.8*	..	..	..	*11.7*	126.97	119.27	*36.7*
November 1976	22.75	*14.9*	..	..	..	*15.0*	126.88	117.83	*35.4*
November 1977	24.90	*9.5*	..	..	..	*13.0*	122.87	118.38	*35.5*
November 1978	25.85	*3.8*	..	..	..	*8.1*	118.04	109.82	*32.7*
November 1979	30.40	*17.6*	..	..	..	*17.4*	118.26	109.11	*33.9*
November 1980	34.65	*14.0*	..	..	..	*15.3*	116.90	110.68	*31.4*
November 1981	37.30	*7.6*	..	..	..	*12.0*	112.39	108.68	*29.9*
November 1982	40.80	*9.4*	..	..	..	*6.3*	115.69	113.51	*29.9*
November 1983	41.65	*2.1*	..	..	..	*4.8*	112.65	110.34	*28.1*

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November 1984	43.45	*4.3*	..	..	..	*4.9*	111.98	108.64	*27.3*
November 1985	46.35	*6.7*	..	..	..	*5.5*	113.27	112.17	*27.1*
July 1986	46.75	*0.9*	..	..	..	*1.7*	112.37	110.56	*25.3*
April 1987	47.55	*1.7*	..	..	..	*4.4*	109.49	108.51	*23.9*
April 1988	49.55	*4.2*	..	93.68	91.98	*3.9*	109.78	106.68	*22.7*
April 1989	52.55	*6.1*	*5.2*	94.42	92.53	*8.0*	107.77	104.93	*21.9*
April 1990	56.55	*7.6*	*6.3*	95.56	92.83	*9.4*	105.96	102.96	*21.5*
April 1991	61.70	*9.1*	*8.5*	96.09	94.20	*6.4*	108.66	107.25	*21.7*
April 1992	63.90	*3.6*	*4.7*	95.05	94.59	*4.3*	107.91	107.67	*21.0*
April 1993	65.90	*3.1*	*2.5*	95.64	95.15	*1.3*	109.86	109.18	*20.8*
April 1994	67.40	*2.3*	*2.1*	95.84	95.41	*2.6*	109.56	108.69	*20.7*
April 1995	68.70	*1.9*	*2.3*	95.52	94.70	*3.3*	108.08	107.30	*20.4*
April 1996	71.05	*3.4*	*2.6*	96.32	95.75	*2.4*	109.14	108.34	*20.2*
April 1997	72.35	*1.8*	*1.6*	96.55	95.86	*2.4*	108.50	106.79	*19.4*
April 1998	74.60	*3.1*	*1.8*	97.80	97.31	*4.0*	107.54	106.78	*19.0*
April 1999	76.65	*2.7*	*1.5*	98.96	98.85	*1.6*	108.76	108.01	*18.8*
April 2000	77.35	*0.9*	*0.5*	99.33	98.97	*3.0*	106.59	105.83	*18.2*
April 2001	82.20	*6.3*	*1.2*	104.32	103.70	*1.8*	111.31	110.81	*18.3*
April 2002	85.15	*3.6*	*1.4*	106.59	106.11	*1.5*	113.60	112.44	*18.0*
April 2003	87.00	*2.2*	*1.5*	107.33	107.02	*3.1*	112.54	111.76	*17.9*
April 2004	89.15	*2.5*	*1.1*	108.75	108.08	*2.5*	112.53	111.06	*17.9*
April 2005	91.60	*2.7*	*1.9*	109.61	108.76	*3.2*	112.06	111.19	*17.7*
April 2006	95.60	*4.4*	*2.0*	112.14	110.68	*2.6*	114.04	111.87	*17.9*
April 2007	98.65	*3.2*	*2.8*	112.62	111.75	*4.5*	112.58	110.86	*17.9*
April 2008	102.05	*3.4*	*3.0*	113.15	111.40	*4.2*	111.78	111.37	*17.7*
April 2009	106.60	*4.5*	*2.3*	115.51	113.83	*-1.2*	118.14	115.81	*18.2*
April 2010	109.00	*2.3*	*3.7*	113.87	112.45	*5.3*	114.68	112.81	*18.2*
April 2011	112.05	*2.8*	*4.5*	112.05	110.81	*5.2*	112.05	110.66	*18.6*

Notes

1. From 1997, ASHE figures replaced NES figures for average earnings.
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3. From April 2011 the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) replaced the Retail Prices Index (RPI) for uprating. RPI figures have been kept for comparison.

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Table 2.3: Employment and Support Allowance at April 2011 Prices and as a percentage of Average Earnings

Date of uprating	Rate of Employment and Support Allowance *£pw*	Increase over previous rate *%age*	CPI			RPI			EARNINGS
			Change in CPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of ESA at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of ESA between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Change in RPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of ESA at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of ESA between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Rate as a percentage of average earnings *%age*
Single Person									
October 2008	60.50	..	..	65.62	65.86	..	65.14	66.51	*10.5*
April 2009	64.30	*6.3*	*0.1*	69.67	68.66	*-2.8*	71.26	69.85	*11.0*
April 2010	65.45	*1.8*	*3.7*	68.37	67.52	*5.3*	68.86	67.74	*10.9*
April 2011	67.50	*3.1*	*4.5*	67.50	66.75	*5.2*	67.50	66.66	*11.2*

Notes

1. From 1997, ASHE figures replaced NES figures for average earnings.
2. Despite a reduction in RPI in the year to September 2009, many benefit rates were increased in April 2010.
3. From April 2011 the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) replaced the Retail Prices Index (RPI) for uprating. RPI figures have been kept for comparison.

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Table 2.4: Unemployment Benefit/Jobseeker's Allowance (contributory) at April 2011 Prices and as a percentage of Average Earnings

Date of uprating	Rate of Unemployment Benefit / Job Seekers Allowance *£pw*	Increase over previous rate *%age*	CPI			RPI			EARNINGS
			Change in CPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of UB/JSA at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of UB/JSA between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Change in RPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of UB/JSA at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of UB/JSA between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Rate as a percentage of average earnings *%age*
Man or woman on own National Insurance Contribution									
July 1948	1.30	..	..	..	..	..	38.48	35.31	..
July 1952	1.63	*25.0*	..	..	..	*27.3*	37.78	36.77	..
May 1955	2.00	*23.1*	..	..	..	*6.5*	43.65	40.60	..
February 1958	2.50	*25.0*	..	..	..	*12.7*	48.42	47.35	..
April 1961	2.88	*15.0*	..	..	..	*5.3*	52.89	50.82	..
March 1963	3.38	*17.4*	..	..	..	*7.6*	57.72	56.74	..
January 1965	4.00	*18.5*	..	..	..	*5.6*	64.79	61.37	..
October 1967	4.50	*12.5*	..	..	..	*9.3*	66.67	62.84	..
November 1969	5.00	*11.1*	..	..	..	*11.5*	66.43	61.66	..
September 1971	6.00	*20.0*	..	..	..	*16.5*	68.44	66.17	*20.9*
October 1972	6.75	*12.5*	..	..	..	*8.5*	70.96	68.39	*21.1*
October 1973	7.35	*8.9*	..	..	..	*9.9*	70.31	66.57	*20.2*
July 1974	8.60	*17.0*	..	..	..	*13.5*	72.49	68.69	*20.6*
April 1975	9.80	*14.0*	..	..	..	*17.7*	70.19	65.98	*18.1*
November 1975	11.10	*13.3*	..	..	..	*11.7*	71.18	66.86	*20.6*
November 1976	12.90	*16.2*	..	..	..	*15.0*	71.95	66.82	*20.1*
November 1977	14.70	*14.0*	..	..	..	*13.0*	72.54	69.89	*20.9*
November 1978	15.75	*7.1*	..	..	..	*8.1*	71.92	66.91	*19.9*
November 1979	18.50	*17.5*	..	..	..	*17.4*	71.97	66.40	*20.6*
November 1980	20.65	*11.6*	..	..	..	*15.3*	69.67	65.96	*18.7*
November 1981	22.50	*9.0*	..	..	..	*12.0*	67.79	65.56	*18.0*

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November 1982	25.00	*11.1*	..	..	..	*6.3*	70.89	69.55	*18.3*
November 1983	27.05	*8.2*	..	..	..	*4.8*	73.16	71.66	*18.2*
November 1984	28.45	*5.2*	..	..	..	*4.9*	73.32	71.14	*17.9*
November 1985	30.45	*7.0*	..	..	..	*5.5*	74.41	73.69	*17.8*
July 1986	30.80	*1.1*	..	..	..	*1.7*	74.03	72.84	*16.7*
April 1987	31.45	*2.1*	..	..	..	*4.4*	72.42	71.77	*15.8*
April 1988	32.75	*4.1*	..	61.92	60.79	*3.9*	72.56	70.51	*15.0*
April 1989	34.70	*6.0*	*5.2*	62.35	61.10	*8.0*	71.16	69.29	*14.5*
April 1990	37.35	*7.6*	*6.3*	63.11	61.31	*9.4*	69.98	68.00	*14.2*
April 1991	41.40	*10.8*	*8.5*	64.48	63.21	*6.4*	72.91	71.96	*14.5*
April 1992	43.10	*4.1*	*4.7*	64.11	63.80	*4.3*	72.79	72.62	*14.1*
April 1993	44.65	*3.6*	*2.5*	64.80	64.47	*1.3*	74.44	73.97	*14.1*
April 1994	45.45	*1.8*	*2.1*	64.63	64.34	*2.6*	73.88	73.30	*14.0*
April 1995	46.45	*2.2*	*2.3*	64.59	64.03	*3.3*	73.07	72.55	*13.8*
April 1996	48.25	*3.9*	*2.6*	65.41	65.02	*2.4*	74.11	73.57	*13.7*
April 1997	49.15	*1.9*	*1.6*	65.59	65.12	*2.4*	73.71	72.55	*13.2*
April 1998	50.35	*2.4*	*1.8*	66.01	65.68	*4.0*	72.58	72.07	*12.8*
April 1999	51.40	*2.1*	*1.5*	66.36	66.29	*1.6*	72.93	72.43	*12.6*
April 2000	52.20	*1.6*	*0.5*	67.03	66.79	*3.0*	71.93	71.42	*12.3*
April 2001	53.05	*1.6*	*1.2*	67.33	66.92	*1.8*	71.84	71.52	*11.8*
April 2002	53.95	*1.7*	*1.4*	67.54	67.23	*1.5*	71.97	71.24	*11.4*
April 2003	54.65	*1.3*	*1.5*	67.42	67.23	*3.1*	70.70	70.20	*11.2*
April 2004	55.65	*1.8*	*1.1*	67.88	67.46	*2.5*	70.24	69.33	*11.2*
April 2005	56.20	*1.0*	*1.9*	67.25	66.73	*3.2*	68.75	68.22	*10.9*
April 2006	57.45	*2.2*	*2.0*	67.39	66.51	*2.6*	68.53	67.22	*10.7*
April 2007	59.15	*3.0*	*2.8*	67.53	67.00	*4.5*	67.50	66.47	*10.7*
April 2008	60.50	*2.3*	*3.0*	67.08	66.05	*4.2*	66.27	66.03	*10.5*
April 2009	64.30	*6.3*	*2.3*	69.67	68.66	*-1.2*	71.26	69.85	*11.0*
April 2010	65.45	*1.8*	*3.7*	68.37	67.52	*5.3*	68.86	67.74	*10.9*
April 2011	67.50	*3.1*	*4.5*	67.50	66.75	*5.2*	67.50	66.66	*11.2*

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Date of uprating	Rate of Unemployment Benefit / Job Seekers Allowance *£pw*	Increase over previous rate *%age*	CPI			RPI			EARNINGS
			Change in CPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of UB/JSA at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of UB/JSA between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Change in RPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of UB/JSA at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of UB/JSA between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Rate as a percentage of average earnings *%age*
Man plus dependant wife									
July 1948	2.10	..	..	..	..	..	62.16	57.03	..
July 1952	2.70	*28.6*	..	..	..	*27.3*	62.78	61.10	..
May 1955	3.25	*20.4*	..	..	..	*6.5*	70.93	65.98	..
February 1958	4.00	*23.1*	..	..	..	*12.7*	77.48	75.77	..
April 1961	4.63	*15.6*	..	..	..	*5.3*	85.08	81.76	..
March 1963	5.45	*17.8*	..	..	..	*7.6*	93.21	91.62	..
January 1965	6.50	*19.3*	..	..	..	*5.6*	105.28	99.73	..
October 1967	7.30	*12.3*	..	..	..	*9.3*	108.16	101.94	..
November 1969	8.10	*11.0*	..	..	..	*11.5*	107.62	99.88	..
September 1971	9.70	*19.8*	..	..	..	*16.5*	110.64	106.98	*33.8*
October 1972	10.90	*12.4*	..	..	..	*8.5*	114.59	110.44	*34.1*
October 1973	11.90	*9.2*	..	..	..	*9.9*	113.84	107.78	*32.7*
July 1974	13.90	*16.8*	..	..	..	*13.5*	117.17	111.03	*33.3*
April 1975	15.90	*14.4*	..	..	..	*17.7*	113.89	107.04	*29.4*
November 1975	18.00	*13.2*	..	..	..	*11.7*	115.43	108.43	*33.3*
November 1976	20.90	*16.1*	..	..	..	*15.0*	116.56	108.25	*32.6*
November 1977	23.80	*13.9*	..	..	..	*13.0*	117.44	113.15	*33.9*
November 1978	25.50	*7.1*	..	..	..	*8.1*	116.44	108.34	*32.2*
November 1979	29.95	*17.5*	..	..	..	*17.4*	116.51	107.50	*33.4*
November 1980	33.40	*11.5*	..	..	..	*15.3*	112.68	106.68	*30.3*

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November 1981	36.40	*9.0*	..	..	..	*12.0*	109.68	106.06	*29.1*
November 1982	40.45	*11.1*	..	..	..	*6.3*	114.70	112.54	*29.6*
November 1983	43.75	*8.2*	..	..	..	*4.8*	118.33	115.91	*29.5*
November 1984	46.00	*5.1*	..	..	..	*4.9*	118.55	115.02	*28.9*
November 1985	49.25	*7.1*	..	..	..	*5.5*	120.35	119.19	*28.8*
July 1986	49.80	*1.1*	..	..	..	*1.7*	119.70	117.78	*27.0*
April 1987	50.85	*2.1*	..	..	..	*4.4*	117.08	116.04	*25.6*
April 1988	52.95	*4.1*	..	100.11	98.29	*3.9*	117.31	114.00	*24.2*
April 1989	56.10	*5.9*	*5.2*	100.79	98.79	*8.0*	115.05	112.02	*23.4*
April 1990	60.40	*7.7*	*6.3*	102.06	99.15	*9.4*	113.17	109.97	*23.0*
April 1991	66.95	*10.8*	*8.5*	104.27	102.21	*6.4*	117.90	116.37	*23.5*
April 1992	69.70	*4.1*	*4.7*	103.68	103.18	*4.3*	117.71	117.45	*22.9*
April 1993	72.20	*3.6*	*2.5*	104.79	104.25	*1.3*	120.37	119.62	*22.8*
April 1994	73.50	*1.8*	*2.1*	104.51	104.05	*2.6*	119.48	118.53	*22.6*
April 1995	75.10	*2.2*	*2.3*	104.42	103.52	*3.3*	118.14	117.30	*22.3*
April 1996	78.00	*3.9*	*2.6*	105.74	105.12	*2.4*	119.81	118.93	*22.2*
April 1997	77.15	*-1.1*	*1.6*	102.95	102.22	*2.4*	115.70	113.87	*20.7*
April 1998	79.00	*2.4*	*1.8*	103.57	103.05	*4.0*	113.88	113.08	*20.1*
April 1999	80.65	*2.1*	*1.5*	104.13	104.01	*1.6*	114.43	113.64	*19.8*
April 2000	81.95	*1.6*	*0.5*	105.24	104.85	*3.0*	112.93	112.13	*19.3*
April 2001	83.25	*1.6*	*1.2*	105.66	105.02	*1.8*	112.73	112.23	*18.5*
April 2002	84.65	*1.7*	*1.4*	105.97	105.49	*1.5*	112.93	111.78	*17.9*
April 2003	85.75	*1.3*	*1.5*	105.79	105.48	*3.1*	110.93	110.15	*17.6*
April 2004	87.30	*1.8*	*1.1*	106.49	105.83	*2.5*	110.19	108.76	*17.5*
April 2005	88.15	*1.0*	*1.9*	105.48	104.67	*3.2*	107.84	107.00	*17.1*
April 2006	90.10	*2.2*	*2.0*	105.69	104.32	*2.6*	107.48	105.43	*16.8*
April 2007	92.80	*3.0*	*2.8*	105.94	105.12	*4.5*	105.90	104.28	*16.9*
April 2008	94.95	*2.3*	*3.0*	105.27	103.65	*4.2*	104.00	103.62	*16.5*
April 2009	100.95	*6.3*	*2.3*	109.39	107.79	*-1.2*	111.88	109.67	*17.2*
April 2010	102.75	*1.8*	*3.7*	107.34	106.00	*5.3*	108.10	106.35	*17.2*
April 2011	105.95	*3.1*	*4.5*	105.95	104.78	*5.2*	105.95	104.64	*17.6*

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Table 2.5.1: Sickness Benefit at April 2011 Prices and as a percentage of Average Earnings

Date of uprating	Rate of Sickness Benefit *£pw*	Increase over previous rate *%age*	CPI			RPI			EARNINGS
			Change in CPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of SB at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of SB between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Change in RPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of SB at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of SB between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Rate as a percentage of average earnings *%age*
Single person									
July 1948	1.30	..	..	..	..	..	38.48	35.31	..
July 1952	1.63	*25.0*	..	..	..	*27.3*	37.78	36.77	..
May 1955	2.00	*23.1*	..	..	..	*6.5*	43.65	40.60	..
February 1958	2.50	*25.0*	..	..	..	*12.7*	48.42	47.35	..
April 1961	2.88	*15.0*	..	..	..	*5.3*	52.89	50.82	..
March 1963	3.38	*17.4*	..	..	..	*7.6*	57.72	56.74	..
January 1965	4.00	*18.5*	..	..	..	*5.6*	64.79	61.37	..
October 1967	4.50	*12.5*	..	..	..	*9.3*	66.67	62.84	..
November 1969	5.00	*11.1*	..	..	..	*11.5*	66.43	61.66	..
September 1971	6.00	*20.0*	..	..	..	*16.5*	68.44	66.17	*20.9*
October 1972	6.75	*12.5*	..	..	..	*8.5*	70.96	68.39	*21.1*
October 1973	7.35	*8.9*	..	..	..	*9.9*	70.31	66.57	*20.2*
July 1974	8.60	*17.0*	..	..	..	*13.5*	72.49	68.69	*20.6*
April 1975	9.80	*14.0*	..	..	..	*17.7*	70.19	65.98	*18.1*
November 1975	11.10	*13.3*	..	..	..	*11.7*	71.18	66.86	*20.6*
November 1976	12.90	*16.2*	..	..	..	*15.0*	71.95	66.82	*20.1*
November 1977	14.70	*14.0*	..	..	..	*13.0*	72.54	69.89	*20.9*
November 1978	15.75	*7.1*	..	..	..	*8.1*	71.92	66.91	*19.9*
November 1979	18.50	*17.5*	..	..	..	*17.4*	71.97	66.40	*20.6*
November 1980	20.65	*11.6*	..	..	..	*15.3*	69.67	65.96	*18.7*
November 1981	22.50	*9.0*	..	..	..	*12.0*	67.79	65.56	*18.0*

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November 1982	25.00	*11.1*	..	..	..	*6.3*	70.89	69.55	*18.3*
November 1983	25.95	*3.8*	..	..	..	*4.8*	70.18	68.75	*17.5*
November 1984	27.25	*5.0*	..	..	..	*4.9*	70.23	68.14	*17.1*
November 1985	29.15	*7.0*	..	..	..	*5.5*	71.23	70.54	*17.0*
July 1986	29.45	*1.0*	..	..	..	*1.7*	70.79	69.65	*15.9*
April 1987	30.05	*2.0*	..	..	..	*4.4*	69.19	68.57	*15.1*
April 1988	31.30	*4.2*	..	59.18	58.10	*3.9*	69.35	67.39	*14.3*
April 1989	33.20	*6.1*	*5.2*	59.65	58.46	*8.0*	68.08	66.29	*13.9*
April 1990	35.70	*7.5*	*6.3*	60.33	58.60	*9.4*	66.89	65.00	*13.6*
April 1991	39.60	*10.9*	*8.5*	61.67	60.46	*6.4*	69.74	68.83	*13.9*
April 1992	41.20	*4.0*	*4.7*	61.29	60.99	*4.3*	69.58	69.42	*13.5*
April 1993	42.70	*3.6*	*2.5*	61.97	61.65	*1.3*	71.19	70.74	*13.5*
April 1994	43.45	*1.8*	*2.1*	61.78	61.51	*2.6*	70.63	70.07	*13.3*

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			Change in CPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of SB at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of SB between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Change in RPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of SB at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of SB between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Rate as a percentage of average earnings *%age*
Person plus adult dependant									
July 1948	2.10	..	..	..	..	..	62.16	57.03	..
July 1952	2.70	*28.6*	..	..	..	*27.3*	62.78	61.10	..
May 1955	3.25	*20.4*	..	..	..	*6.5*	70.93	65.98	..
February 1958	4.00	*23.1*	..	..	..	*12.7*	77.48	75.77	..
April 1961	4.63	*15.6*	..	..	..	*5.3*	85.08	81.76	..
March 1963	5.45	*17.8*	..	..	..	*7.6*	93.21	91.62	..
January 1965	6.50	*19.3*	..	..	..	*5.6*	105.28	99.73	..
October 1967	7.30	*12.3*	..	..	..	*9.3*	108.16	101.94	..
November 1969	8.10	*11.0*	..	..	..	*11.5*	107.62	99.88	..
September 1971	9.70	*19.8*	..	..	..	*16.5*	110.64	106.98	*33.8*
October 1972	10.90	*12.4*	..	..	..	*8.5*	114.59	110.44	*34.1*
October 1973	11.90	*9.2*	..	..	..	*9.9*	113.84	107.78	*32.7*
July 1974	13.90	*16.8*	..	..	..	*13.5*	117.17	111.03	*33.3*
April 1975	15.90	*14.4*	..	..	..	*17.7*	113.89	107.04	*29.4*
November 1975	18.00	*13.2*	..	..	..	*11.7*	115.43	108.43	*33.3*
November 1976	20.90	*16.1*	..	..	..	*15.0*	116.56	108.25	*32.6*
November 1977	23.80	*13.9*	..	..	..	*13.0*	117.44	113.15	*33.9*
November 1978	25.50	*7.1*	..	..	..	*8.1*	116.44	108.34	*32.2*
November 1979	29.95	*17.5*	..	..	..	*17.4*	116.51	107.50	*33.4*
November 1980	33.40	*11.5*	..	..	..	*15.3*	112.68	106.68	*30.3*
November 1981	36.40	*9.0*	..	..	..	*12.0*	109.68	106.06	*29.1*
November 1982	40.45	*11.1*	..	..	..	*6.3*	114.70	112.54	*29.6*
November 1983	41.95	*3.7*	..	..	..	*4.8*	113.46	111.14	*28.3*

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November 1984	44.05	*5.0*	..	..	..	*4.9*	113.53	110.14	*27.7*
November 1985	47.15	*7.0*	..	..	..	*5.5*	115.22	114.11	*27.6*
July 1986	47.65	*1.1*	..	..	..	*1.7*	114.54	112.69	*25.8*
April 1987	48.65	*2.1*	..	..	..	*4.4*	112.02	111.02	*24.5*
April 1988	50.70	*4.2*	..	95.86	94.12	*3.9*	112.33	109.15	*23.2*
April 1989	53.75	*6.0*	*5.2*	96.57	94.65	*8.0*	110.23	107.32	*22.4*
April 1990	57.80	*7.5*	*6.3*	97.67	94.88	*9.4*	108.30	105.24	*22.0*
April 1991	64.10	*10.9*	*8.5*	99.83	97.86	*6.4*	112.89	111.42	*22.5*
April 1992	66.70	*4.1*	*4.7*	99.22	98.74	*4.3*	112.64	112.39	*21.9*
April 1993	69.10	*3.6*	*2.5*	100.29	99.77	*1.3*	115.20	114.48	*21.8*
April 1994	70.35	*1.8*	*2.1*	100.03	99.59	*2.6*	114.36	113.45	*21.6*

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Single Person									
July 1948	1.30	..	..	..	..	..	38.48	35.31	..
July 1952	1.63	*25.0*	..	..	..	*27.3*	37.78	36.77	..
May 1955	2.00	*23.1*	..	..	..	*6.5*	43.65	40.60	..
February 1958	2.50	*25.0*	..	..	..	*12.7*	48.42	47.35	..
April 1961	2.88	*15.0*	..	..	..	*5.3*	52.89	50.82	..
March 1963	3.38	*17.4*	..	..	..	*7.6*	57.72	56.74	..
January 1965	4.00	*18.5*	..	..	..	*5.6*	64.79	61.37	..
October 1967	4.50	*12.5*	..	..	..	*9.3*	66.67	62.84	..
November 1969	5.00	*11.1*	..	..	..	*11.5*	66.43	61.66	..
September 1971	6.00	*20.0*	..	..	..	*16.5*	68.44	66.17	*20.9*
October 1972	6.75	*12.5*	..	..	..	*8.5*	70.96	68.39	*21.1*
October 1973	7.75	*14.8*	..	..	..	*9.9*	74.14	70.19	*21.3*
July 1974	10.00	*29.0*	..	..	..	*13.5*	84.29	79.88	*24.0*
April 1975	11.60	*16.0*	..	..	..	*17.7*	83.09	78.09	*21.5*
November 1975	13.30	*14.7*	..	..	..	*11.7*	85.29	80.12	*24.6*
November 1976	15.30	*15.0*	..	..	..	*15.0*	85.33	79.25	*23.8*
November 1977	17.50	*14.4*	..	..	..	*13.0*	86.35	83.20	*24.9*
November 1978	19.50	*11.4*	..	..	..	*8.1*	89.05	82.84	*24.7*
November 1979	23.30	*19.5*	..	..	..	*17.4*	90.64	83.63	*26.0*
November 1980	26.00	*11.6*	..	..	..	*15.3*	87.71	83.05	*23.6*
November 1981	28.35	*9.0*	..	..	..	*12.0*	85.42	82.60	*22.7*

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November 1982	31.45	*10.9*	..	..	..	*6.3*	89.18	87.50	*23.0*
November 1983	32.60	*3.7*	..	..	..	*4.8*	88.17	86.37	*22.0*
November 1984	34.25	*5.1*	..	..	..	*4.9*	88.27	85.64	*21.5*
November 1985	38.30	*11.8*	..	..	..	*5.5*	93.59	92.69	*22.4*
July 1986	38.70	*1.0*	..	..	..	*1.7*	93.02	91.53	*21.0*
April 1987	39.50	*2.1*	..	..	..	*4.4*	90.95	90.14	*19.9*
April 1988	41.15	*4.2*	..	77.80	76.39	*3.9*	91.17	88.59	*18.8*
April 1989	43.60	*6.0*	*5.2*	78.34	76.77	*8.0*	89.41	87.06	*18.2*
April 1990	46.90	*7.6*	*6.3*	79.25	76.99	*9.4*	87.88	85.39	*17.8*
April 1991	52.00	*10.9*	*8.5*	80.99	79.39	*6.4*	91.58	90.39	*18.3*
April 1992	54.15	*4.1*	*4.7*	80.55	80.16	*4.3*	91.45	91.24	*17.8*
April 1993	56.10	*3.6*	*2.5*	81.42	81.00	*1.3*	93.53	92.94	*17.7*
April 1994	57.60	*2.7*	*2.1*	81.90	81.54	*2.6*	93.63	92.89	*17.7*

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Person plus adult dependant									
July 1948	2.10	..	..	..	..	..	62.16	57.03	..
July 1952	2.70	*28.6*	..	..	..	*27.3*	62.78	61.10	..
May 1955	3.25	*20.4*	..	..	..	*6.5*	70.93	65.98	..
February 1958	4.00	*23.1*	..	..	..	*12.7*	77.48	75.77	..
April 1961	4.63	*15.6*	..	..	..	*5.3*	85.08	81.76	..
March 1963	5.45	*17.8*	..	..	..	*7.6*	93.21	91.62	..
January 1965	6.50	*19.3*	..	..	..	*5.6*	105.28	99.73	..
October 1967	7.30	*12.3*	..	..	..	*9.3*	108.16	101.94	..
November 1969	8.10	*11.0*	..	..	..	*11.5*	107.62	99.88	..
September 1971	9.70	*19.8*	..	..	..	*16.5*	110.64	106.98	*33.8*
October 1972	10.90	*12.4*	..	..	..	*8.5*	114.59	110.44	*34.1*
October 1973	12.50	*14.7*	..	..	..	*9.9*	119.58	113.21	*34.3*
July 1974	16.00	*28.0*	..	..	..	*13.5*	134.87	127.80	*38.4*
April 1975	18.50	*15.6*	..	..	..	*17.7*	132.51	124.54	*34.3*
November 1975	21.20	*14.6*	..	..	..	*11.7*	135.95	127.71	*39.3*
November 1976	24.50	*15.6*	..	..	..	*15.0*	136.64	126.90	*38.2*
November 1977	28.00	*14.3*	..	..	..	*13.0*	138.16	133.12	*39.9*
November 1978	31.20	*11.4*	..	..	..	*8.1*	142.47	132.55	*39.4*
November 1979	37.30	*19.6*	..	..	..	*17.4*	145.11	133.88	*41.6*
November 1980	41.60	*11.5*	..	..	..	*15.3*	140.34	132.88	*37.7*
November 1981	45.35	*9.0*	..	..	..	*12.0*	136.64	132.13	*36.3*
November 1982	50.30	*10.9*	..	..	..	*6.3*	142.63	139.94	*36.8*

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November 1983	52.15	*3.7*	..	..	..	*4.8*	141.05	138.16	*35.2*
November 1984	54.80	*5.1*	..	..	..	*4.9*	141.23	137.02	*34.4*
November 1985	61.30	*11.9*	..	..	..	*5.5*	149.80	148.35	*35.8*
July 1986	61.95	*1.1*	..	..	..	*1.7*	148.91	146.51	*33.5*
April 1987	63.25	*2.1*	..	..	..	*4.4*	145.64	144.34	*31.8*
April 1988	65.90	*4.2*	..	124.59	122.33	*3.9*	146.00	141.88	*30.2*
April 1989	69.80	*5.9*	*5.2*	125.41	122.91	*8.0*	143.14	139.37	*29.1*
April 1990	75.10	*7.6*	*6.3*	126.90	123.28	*9.4*	140.71	136.73	*28.5*
April 1991	83.25	*10.9*	*8.5*	129.66	127.10	*6.4*	146.61	144.71	*29.2*
April 1992	86.70	*4.1*	*4.7*	128.97	128.34	*4.3*	146.42	146.09	*28.5*
April 1993	89.80	*3.6*	*2.5*	130.33	129.66	*1.3*	149.71	148.77	*28.3*
April 1994	92.10	*2.6*	*2.1*	130.96	130.38	*2.6*	149.71	148.53	*28.3*

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Short Term Lower Rate - Single person									
April 1995	44.40	..	..	61.74	61.20	..	69.85	69.35	*13.2*
April 1996	46.15	*3.9*	*2.6*	62.56	62.19	*2.4*	70.89	70.37	*13.1*
April 1997	47.10	*2.1*	*1.6*	62.85	62.40	*2.4*	70.63	69.52	*12.6*
April 1998	48.80	*3.6*	*1.8*	63.98	63.66	*4.0*	70.35	69.85	*12.4*
April 1999	50.35	*3.2*	*1.5*	65.01	64.93	*1.6*	71.44	70.95	*12.3*
April 2000	50.90	*1.1*	*0.5*	65.36	65.13	*3.0*	70.14	69.64	*12.0*
April 2001	52.60	*3.3*	*1.2*	66.76	66.36	*1.8*	71.23	70.91	*11.7*
April 2002	53.50	*1.7*	*1.4*	66.97	66.67	*1.5*	71.37	70.64	*11.3*
April 2003	54.40	*1.7*	*1.5*	67.11	66.92	*3.1*	70.37	69.88	*11.2*
April 2004	55.90	*2.8*	*1.1*	68.19	67.77	*2.5*	70.56	69.64	*11.2*
April 2005	57.65	*3.1*	*1.9*	68.98	68.45	*3.2*	70.53	69.98	*11.2*
April 2006	59.20	*2.7*	*2.0*	69.45	68.54	*2.6*	70.62	69.27	*11.1*
April 2007	61.35	*3.6*	*2.8*	70.04	69.50	*4.5*	70.01	68.94	*11.1*
April 2008	63.75	*3.9*	*3.0*	70.68	69.59	*4.2*	69.83	69.57	*11.1*
April 2009	67.75	*6.3*	*2.3*	73.41	72.34	*-1.2*	75.09	73.60	*11.5*
April 2010	68.95	*1.8*	*3.7*	72.03	71.13	*5.3*	72.54	71.36	*11.5*
April 2011	71.10	*3.1*	*4.5*	71.10	70.31	*5.2*	71.10	70.22	*11.8*
Short Term Lower Rate - Person plus adult dependant									
April 1995	71.90	..	..	99.97	99.11	..	113.11	112.30	*21.4*
April 1996	74.70	*3.9*	*2.6*	101.27	100.67	*2.4*	114.74	113.90	*21.2*
April 1997	76.25	*2.1*	*1.6*	101.75	101.03	*2.4*	114.35	112.54	*20.5*

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April 1998	79.00	*3.6*	*1.8*	103.57	103.05	*4.0*	113.88	113.08	*20.1*
April 1999	81.50	*3.2*	*1.5*	105.23	105.10	*1.6*	115.64	114.84	*20.0*
April 2000	82.40	*1.1*	*0.5*	105.82	105.43	*3.0*	113.55	112.74	*19.4*
April 2001	85.15	*3.3*	*1.2*	108.07	107.42	*1.8*	115.30	114.79	*18.9*
April 2002	86.60	*1.7*	*1.4*	108.41	107.92	*1.5*	115.53	114.35	*18.3*
April 2003	88.05	*1.7*	*1.5*	108.63	108.31	*3.1*	113.90	113.11	*18.1*
April 2004	90.50	*2.8*	*1.1*	110.40	109.71	*2.5*	114.23	112.75	*18.2*
April 2005	93.30	*3.1*	*1.9*	111.64	110.78	*3.2*	114.14	113.25	*18.1*
April 2006	95.80	*2.7*	*2.0*	112.38	110.92	*2.6*	114.28	112.10	*17.9*
April 2007	99.25	*3.6*	*2.8*	113.31	112.43	*4.5*	113.26	111.53	*18.0*
April 2008	103.15	*3.9*	*3.0*	114.37	112.60	*4.2*	112.98	112.57	*17.9*
April 2009	109.10	*5.8*	*2.3*	118.22	116.50	*-1.2*	120.91	118.52	*18.6*
April 2010	110.30	*1.1*	*3.7*	115.23	113.79	*5.3*	116.04	114.16	*18.4*
April 2011	113.75	*3.1*	*4.5*	113.75	112.49	*5.2*	113.75	112.34	*18.9*

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Short Term Higher Rate - Single person									
April 1995	52.50	..	..	73.00	72.37	..	82.59	82.00	*15.6*
April 1996	54.55	*3.9*	*2.6*	73.95	73.51	*2.4*	83.79	83.18	*15.5*
April 1997	55.70	*2.1*	*1.6*	74.33	73.80	*2.4*	83.53	82.21	*14.9*
April 1998	57.70	*3.6*	*1.8*	75.64	75.26	*4.0*	83.18	82.59	*14.7*
April 1999	59.55	*3.2*	*1.5*	76.89	76.80	*1.6*	84.49	83.91	*14.6*
April 2000	60.20	*1.1*	*0.5*	77.31	77.02	*3.0*	82.96	82.37	*14.2*
April 2001	62.20	*3.3*	*1.2*	78.94	78.47	*1.8*	84.23	83.85	*13.8*
April 2002	63.25	*1.7*	*1.4*	79.18	78.82	*1.5*	84.38	83.52	*13.4*
April 2003	64.35	*1.7*	*1.5*	79.39	79.16	*3.1*	83.24	82.66	*13.2*
April 2004	66.15	*2.8*	*1.1*	80.69	80.19	*2.5*	83.50	82.41	*13.3*
April 2005	68.20	*3.1*	*1.9*	81.61	80.98	*3.2*	83.43	82.78	*13.2*
April 2006	70.05	*2.7*	*2.0*	82.17	81.10	*2.6*	83.56	81.97	*13.1*
April 2007	72.55	*3.6*	*2.8*	82.83	82.18	*4.5*	82.79	81.53	*13.2*
April 2008	75.40	*3.9*	*3.0*	83.60	82.31	*4.2*	82.59	82.29	*13.1*
April 2009	80.15	*6.3*	*2.3*	86.85	85.58	*-1.2*	88.83	87.07	*13.6*
April 2010	81.60	*1.8*	*3.7*	85.24	84.18	*5.3*	85.85	84.46	*13.6*
April 2011	84.15	*3.1*	*4.5*	84.15	83.22	*5.2*	84.15	83.11	*14.0*
Short Term Higher Rate - Person plus adult dependant									
April 1995	80.00	..	..	111.24	110.27	..	125.85	124.95	*23.8*
April 1996	83.10	*3.9*	*2.6*	112.66	111.99	*2.4*	127.65	126.71	*23.6*
April 1997	84.85	*2.1*	*1.6*	113.23	112.42	*2.4*	127.25	125.24	*22.8*
April 1998	87.90	*3.6*	*1.8*	115.24	114.66	*4.0*	126.71	125.82	*22.4*

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April 1999	90.70	*3.2*	*1.5*	117.11	116.97	*1.6*	128.69	127.80	*22.2*
April 2000	91.70	*1.1*	*0.5*	117.76	117.33	*3.0*	126.36	125.47	*21.6*
April 2001	94.75	*3.3*	*1.2*	120.25	119.53	*1.8*	128.30	127.73	*21.1*
April 2002	96.35	*1.7*	*1.4*	120.61	120.07	*1.5*	128.54	127.22	*20.4*
April 2003	98.00	*1.7*	*1.5*	120.90	120.55	*3.1*	126.77	125.89	*20.1*
April 2004	100.75	*2.8*	*1.1*	122.90	122.14	*2.5*	127.17	125.52	*20.2*
April 2005	103.85	*3.1*	*1.9*	124.27	123.31	*3.2*	127.05	126.06	*20.1*
April 2006	106.65	*2.7*	*2.0*	125.11	123.48	*2.6*	127.22	124.80	*19.9*
April 2007	110.45	*3.6*	*2.8*	126.09	125.11	*4.5*	126.04	124.12	*20.1*
April 2008	114.80	*3.9*	*3.0*	127.28	125.32	*4.2*	125.74	125.28	*19.9*
April 2009	121.50	*5.8*	*2.3*	131.65	129.74	*-1.2*	134.66	131.99	*20.7*
April 2010	122.95	*1.2*	*3.7*	128.44	126.84	*5.3*	129.35	127.25	*20.5*
April 2011	126.80	*3.1*	*4.5*	126.80	125.40	*5.2*	126.80	125.23	*21.0*

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Long Term Rate - Single person									
April 1995	58.85	..	..	81.83	81.12	..	92.58	91.92	*17.5*
April 1996	61.15	*3.9*	*2.6*	82.90	82.41	*2.4*	93.93	93.24	*17.4*
April 1997	62.45	*2.1*	*1.6*	83.34	82.74	*2.4*	93.66	92.18	*16.8*
April 1998	64.70	*3.6*	*1.8*	84.82	84.40	*4.0*	93.27	92.61	*16.5*
April 1999	66.75	*3.2*	*1.5*	86.18	86.08	*1.6*	94.71	94.06	*16.4*
April 2000	67.50	*1.1*	*0.5*	86.68	86.36	*3.0*	93.02	92.36	*15.9*
April 2001	69.75	*3.3*	*1.2*	88.52	87.99	*1.8*	94.45	94.03	*15.5*
April 2002	70.95	*1.7*	*1.4*	88.82	88.42	*1.5*	94.65	93.69	*15.0*
April 2003	72.15	*1.7*	*1.5*	89.01	88.75	*3.1*	93.33	92.68	*14.8*
April 2004	74.15	*2.8*	*1.1*	90.45	89.89	*2.5*	93.60	92.38	*14.9*
April 2005	76.45	*3.1*	*1.9*	91.48	90.77	*3.2*	93.53	92.80	*14.8*
April 2006	78.50	*2.7*	*2.0*	92.09	90.89	*2.6*	93.64	91.86	*14.7*
April 2007	81.35	*3.6*	*2.8*	92.87	92.15	*4.5*	92.84	91.42	*14.8*
April 2008	84.50	*3.9*	*3.0*	93.69	92.25	*4.2*	92.56	92.22	*14.7*
April 2009	89.80	*6.3*	*2.3*	97.30	95.89	*-1.2*	99.52	97.56	*15.3*
April 2010	91.40	*1.8*	*3.7*	95.48	94.29	*5.3*	96.16	94.60	*15.3*
April 2011	94.25	*3.1*	*4.5*	94.25	93.21	*5.2*	94.25	93.08	*15.6*
Long Term Rate - Person plus adult dependant									
April 1995	91.35	..	..	127.02	125.92	..	143.71	142.68	*27.2*
April 1996	97.75	*7.0*	*2.6*	132.52	131.73	*2.4*	150.15	149.05	*27.8*
April 1997	99.80	*2.1*	*1.6*	133.18	132.23	*2.4*	149.67	147.30	*26.8*
April 1998	103.40	*3.6*	*1.8*	135.56	134.88	*4.0*	149.06	148.00	*26.3*

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April 1999	106.70	*3.2*	*1.5*	137.76	137.60	*1.6*	151.40	150.35	*26.2*
April 2000	107.90	*1.1*	*0.5*	138.56	138.05	*3.0*	148.69	147.63	*25.4*
April 2001	111.50	*3.3*	*1.2*	141.51	140.66	*1.8*	150.99	150.31	*24.8*
April 2002	113.40	*1.7*	*1.4*	141.96	141.32	*1.5*	151.29	149.74	*24.0*
April 2003	115.30	*1.7*	*1.5*	142.25	141.83	*3.1*	149.15	148.11	*23.7*
April 2004	118.50	*2.8*	*1.1*	144.55	143.66	*2.5*	149.58	147.63	*23.8*
April 2005	122.15	*3.1*	*1.9*	146.16	145.04	*3.2*	149.44	148.27	*23.7*
April 2006	125.45	*2.7*	*2.0*	147.16	145.24	*2.6*	149.65	146.79	*23.5*
April 2007	130.00	*3.6*	*2.8*	148.41	147.26	*4.5*	148.35	146.08	*23.6*
April 2008	135.05	*3.9*	*3.0*	149.73	147.43	*4.2*	147.92	147.38	*23.5*
April 2009	142.90	*5.8*	*2.3*	154.84	152.59	*-1.2*	158.37	155.24	*24.3*
April 2010	144.50	*1.1*	*3.7*	150.95	149.07	*5.3*	152.02	149.56	*24.1*
April 2011	149.00	*3.1*	*4.5*	149.00	147.35	*5.2*	149.00	147.15	*24.7*

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1 Child Family									
April 1977	1.50	..	..	..	..	..	7.69	7.45	*2.1*
April 1978	2.30	*53.3*	..	..	..	*7.9*	10.93	10.74	*2.9*
November 1978	3.00	*30.4*	..	..	..	*4.1*	13.70	13.42	*3.8*
April 1979	4.00	*33.3*	..	..	..	*5.8*	17.27	15.05	*4.5*
November 1980	4.75	*18.8*	..	..	..	*28.0*	16.02	15.17	*4.3*
November 1981	5.25	*10.5*	..	..	..	*12.0*	15.82	15.30	*4.2*
November 1982	5.85	*11.4*	..	..	..	*6.3*	16.59	16.28	*4.3*
November 1983	6.50	*11.1*	..	..	..	*4.8*	17.58	17.22	*4.4*
November 1984	6.85	*5.4*	..	..	..	*4.9*	17.65	17.13	*4.3*
November 1985	7.00	*2.2*	..	..	..	*5.5*	17.11	16.94	*4.1*
July 1986	7.10	*1.4*	..	..	..	*1.7*	17.07	16.79	*3.8*
April 1987	7.25	*2.1*	..	..	..	*4.4*	16.69	14.85	*3.6*
April 1991	8.25	*13.8*	..	12.85	12.60	*30.7*	14.53	14.45	*2.9*
October 1991	9.25	*12.1*	*2.5*	14.06	14.00	*1.5*	16.05	15.96	*3.2*
April 1992	9.65	*4.3*	*2.2*	14.35	14.28	*2.7*	16.30	16.26	*3.2*
April 1993	10.00	*3.6*	*2.5*	14.51	14.44	*1.3*	16.67	16.57	*3.2*
April 1994	10.20	*2.0*	*2.1*	14.50	14.44	*2.6*	16.58	16.45	*3.1*
April 1995	10.40	*2.0*	*2.3*	14.46	14.34	*3.3*	16.36	16.24	*3.1*
April 1996	10.80	*3.8*	*2.6*	14.64	14.55	*2.4*	16.59	16.47	*3.1*
April 1997	11.05	*2.3*	*1.6*	14.75	14.64	*2.4*	16.57	16.31	*3.0*
April 1998	11.45	*3.6*	*1.8*	15.01	14.94	*4.0*	16.51	16.39	*2.9*
April 1999	14.40	*25.8*	*1.5*	18.59	18.57	*1.6*	20.43	20.29	*3.5*
April 2000	15.00	*4.2*	*0.5*	19.26	19.19	*3.0*	20.67	20.52	*3.5*

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April 2001	15.50	*3.3*	*1.2*	19.67	19.55	*1.8*	20.99	20.90	*3.4*
April 2002	15.75	*1.6*	*1.4*	19.72	19.63	*1.5*	21.01	20.80	*3.3*
April 2003	16.05	*1.9*	*1.5*	19.80	19.74	*3.1*	20.76	20.62	*3.3*
April 2004	16.50	*2.8*	*1.1*	20.13	20.00	*2.5*	20.83	20.56	*3.3*
April 2005	17.00	*3.0*	*1.9*	20.34	20.19	*3.2*	20.80	20.64	*3.3*
April 2006	17.45	*2.6*	*2.0*	20.47	20.20	*2.6*	20.82	20.42	*3.3*
April 2007	18.10	*3.7*	*2.8*	20.66	20.50	*4.5*	20.66	20.34	*3.3*
April 2008	18.80	*3.9*	*3.0*	20.84	20.52	*4.2*	20.59	20.52	*3.3*
January 2009	20.00	*6.4*	*1.0*	21.95	21.84	*-1.8*	22.31	21.70	*3.4*
April 2010	20.30	*1.5*	*5.1*	21.21	20.94	*6.0*	21.36	21.01	*3.4*
April 2011	20.30	*0.0*	*4.5*	20.30	20.08	*5.2*	20.30	20.05	*3.4*

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			Change in CPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of ChB at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of ChB between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Change in RPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of ChB at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of ChB between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Rate as a percentage of average earnings *%age*
Each Additional Child									
April 1977	1.50	..	..	..	..	..	7.69	7.45	*2.1*
April 1978	2.30	*53.3*	..	..	..	*7.9*	10.93	10.74	*2.9*
November 1978	3.00	*30.4*	..	..	..	*4.1*	13.70	13.42	*3.8*
April 1979	4.00	*33.3*	..	..	..	*5.8*	17.27	15.05	*4.5*
November 1980	4.75	*18.8*	..	..	..	*28.0*	16.02	15.17	*4.3*
November 1981	5.25	*10.5*	..	..	..	*12.0*	15.82	15.30	*4.2*
November 1982	5.85	*11.4*	..	..	..	*6.3*	16.59	16.28	*4.3*
November 1983	6.50	*11.1*	..	..	..	*4.8*	17.58	17.22	*4.4*
November 1984	6.85	*5.4*	..	..	..	*4.9*	17.65	17.13	*4.3*
November 1985	7.00	*2.2*	..	..	..	*5.5*	17.11	16.94	*4.1*
July 1986	7.10	*1.4*	..	..	..	*1.7*	17.07	16.79	*3.8*
April 1987	7.25	*2.1*	..	..	..	*4.4*	16.69	14.85	*3.6*
April 1991	7.25	*0.0*	..	11.29	11.07	*30.7*	12.77	12.69	*2.5*
October 1991	7.50	*3.4*	*2.5*	11.40	11.35	*1.5*	13.01	12.94	*2.6*
April 1992	7.80	*4.0*	*2.2*	11.60	11.55	*2.7*	13.17	13.14	*2.6*
April 1993	8.10	*3.8*	*2.5*	11.76	11.70	*1.3*	13.50	13.42	*2.6*
April 1994	8.25	*1.9*	*2.1*	11.73	11.68	*2.6*	13.41	13.30	*2.5*
April 1995	8.45	*2.4*	*2.3*	11.75	11.65	*3.3*	13.29	13.20	*2.5*
April 1996	8.80	*4.1*	*2.6*	11.93	11.86	*2.4*	13.52	13.42	*2.5*
April 1997	9.00	*2.3*	*1.6*	12.01	11.92	*2.4*	13.50	13.28	*2.4*
April 1998	9.30	*3.3*	*1.8*	12.19	12.13	*4.0*	13.41	13.31	*2.4*
April 1999	9.60	*3.2*	*1.5*	12.39	12.38	*1.6*	13.62	13.53	*2.4*
April 2000	10.00	*4.2*	*0.5*	12.84	12.79	*3.0*	13.78	13.68	*2.4*

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April 2001	10.35	*3.5*	*1.2*	13.14	13.06	*1.8*	14.02	13.95	*2.3*
April 2002	10.55	*1.9*	*1.4*	13.21	13.15	*1.5*	14.07	13.93	*2.2*
April 2003	10.75	*1.9*	*1.5*	13.26	13.22	*3.1*	13.91	13.81	*2.2*
April 2004	11.05	*2.8*	*1.1*	13.48	13.40	*2.5*	13.95	13.77	*2.2*
April 2005	11.40	*3.2*	*1.9*	13.64	13.54	*3.2*	13.95	13.84	*2.2*
April 2006	11.70	*2.6*	*2.0*	13.72	13.55	*2.6*	13.96	13.69	*2.2*
April 2007	12.10	*3.4*	*2.8*	13.81	13.71	*4.5*	13.81	13.60	*2.2*
April 2008	12.55	*3.7*	*3.0*	13.91	13.70	*4.2*	13.75	13.70	*2.2*
January 2009	13.20	*5.2*	*1.0*	14.49	14.41	*-1.8*	14.73	14.32	*2.2*
April 2010	13.40	*1.5*	*5.1*	14.00	13.82	*6.0*	14.10	13.87	*2.2*
April 2011	13.40	*0.0*	*4.5*	13.40	13.25	*5.2*	13.40	13.23	*2.2*

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			Change in CPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of IS at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of IS between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Change in New ROSSI between upratings *%age*	Real value of IS at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of IS between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Rate as a percentage of average earnings *%age*
Single person aged 18-24									
April 1988	26.05	..	..	49.25	48.36	..	55.23	54.12	*11.9*
April 1989	27.40	*5.2*	*5.2*	49.23	48.25	*5.3*	55.15	53.96	*11.4*
April 1990	28.80	*5.1*	*6.3*	48.67	47.28	*6.3*	54.51	52.89	*10.9*
April 1991	31.15	*8.2*	*8.5*	48.51	47.56	*8.5*	54.34	53.70	*10.9*
October 1991	31.40	*0.8*	*2.5*	47.72	47.51	*2.7*	53.32	52.99	*11.0*
April 1992	33.60	*7.0*	*2.2*	49.98	49.74	*3.3*	55.24	54.87	*11.0*
April 1993	34.80	*3.6*	*2.5*	50.51	50.25	*3.0*	55.53	55.16	*11.0*
April 1994	36.15	*3.9*	*2.1*	51.40	51.17	*2.3*	56.39	56.03	*11.1*
April 1995	36.80	*1.8*	*2.3*	51.17	50.72	*2.5*	56.03	55.53	*10.9*
April 1996	37.90	*3.0*	*2.6*	51.38	51.08	*2.7*	56.21	55.71	*10.8*
April 1997	38.90	*2.6*	*1.6*	51.91	51.54	*2.3*	56.41	55.85	*10.4*
April 1998	39.85	*2.4*	*1.8*	52.24	51.98	*2.6*	56.32	55.98	*10.2*
April 1999	40.70	*2.1*	*1.5*	52.55	52.49	*2.0*	56.41	56.23	*10.0*
April 2000	41.35	*1.6*	*0.5*	53.10	52.91	*1.4*	56.54	56.33	*9.7*
April 2001	42.00	*1.6*	*1.2*	53.30	52.98	*1.4*	56.66	56.24	*9.3*
April 2002	42.70	*1.7*	*1.4*	53.45	53.21	*1.8*	56.58	56.33	*9.0*
April 2003	43.25	*1.3*	*1.5*	53.36	53.20	*1.8*	56.27	56.10	*8.9*
April 2004	44.05	*1.8*	*1.1*	53.73	53.40	*1.2*	56.61	56.38	*8.8*
April 2005	44.50	*1.0*	*1.9*	53.25	52.84	*1.6*	56.28	55.89	*8.6*
April 2006	45.50	*2.2*	*2.0*	53.37	52.68	*2.3*	56.27	55.43	*8.5*
April 2007	46.85	*3.0*	*2.8*	53.49	53.07	*3.3*	56.10	55.51	*8.5*
April 2008	47.95	*2.3*	*3.0*	53.16	52.34	*3.9*	55.25	54.36	*8.3*
April 2009	50.95	*6.3*	*2.3*	55.21	54.40	*2.6*	57.22	55.99	*8.7*

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April 2010	51.85	*1.8*	*3.7*	54.17	53.49	*5.8*	55.04	54.06	*8.7*
April 2011	53.45	*3.1*	*4.5*	53.45	52.86	*6.2*	53.45	52.71	*8.9*
Single person over 25									
April 1988	33.40	..	..	63.15	62.00	..	70.81	69.39	*15.3*
April 1989	34.90	*4.5*	*5.2*	62.70	61.45	*5.3*	70.24	68.73	*14.6*
April 1990	36.70	*5.2*	*6.3*	62.02	60.25	*6.3*	69.47	67.40	*13.9*
April 1991	39.65	*8.0*	*8.5*	61.75	60.53	*8.5*	69.17	67.62	*13.9*
April 1992	42.45	*7.1*	*4.7*	63.15	62.84	*6.1*	69.79	69.32	*13.9*
April 1993	44.00	*3.7*	*2.5*	63.86	63.53	*3.0*	70.21	69.74	*13.9*
April 1994	45.70	*3.9*	*2.1*	64.98	64.69	*2.3*	71.29	70.83	*14.0*
April 1995	46.50	*1.8*	*2.3*	64.66	64.10	*2.5*	70.80	70.16	*13.8*
April 1996	47.90	*3.0*	*2.6*	64.94	64.55	*2.7*	71.04	70.41	*13.6*
April 1997	49.15	*2.6*	*1.6*	65.59	65.12	*2.3*	71.28	70.56	*13.2*
April 1998	50.35	*2.4*	*1.8*	66.01	65.68	*2.6*	71.16	70.73	*12.8*
April 1999	51.40	*2.1*	*1.5*	66.36	66.29	*2.0*	71.24	71.01	*12.6*
April 2000	52.20	*1.6*	*0.5*	67.03	66.79	*1.4*	71.37	71.10	*12.3*
April 2001	53.05	*1.6*	*1.2*	67.33	66.92	*1.4*	71.57	71.03	*11.8*
April 2002	53.95	*1.7*	*1.4*	67.54	67.23	*1.8*	71.48	71.17	*11.4*
April 2003	54.65	*1.3*	*1.5*	67.42	67.23	*1.8*	71.10	70.89	*11.2*
April 2004	55.65	*1.8*	*1.1*	67.88	67.46	*1.2*	71.52	71.23	*11.2*
April 2005	56.20	*1.0*	*1.9*	67.25	66.73	*1.6*	71.08	70.58	*10.9*
April 2006	57.45	*2.2*	*2.0*	67.39	66.51	*2.3*	71.05	69.98	*10.7*
April 2007	59.15	*3.0*	*2.8*	67.53	67.00	*3.3*	70.83	70.08	*10.7*
April 2008	60.50	*2.3*	*3.0*	67.08	66.05	*3.9*	69.71	68.59	*10.5*
April 2009	64.30	*6.3*	*2.3*	69.67	68.66	*2.6*	72.22	70.66	*11.0*
April 2010	65.45	*1.8*	*3.7*	68.37	67.52	*5.8*	69.48	68.24	*10.9*
April 2011	67.50	*3.1*	*4.5*	67.50	66.75	*6.2*	67.50	66.56	*11.2*

Notes

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2. Excludes all premiums other than the family premium/ lone parent premium
3. As from April 1997 the Lone Parent Premium was amalgamated with the Family Premium to form a single higher rate of Family Premium for Lone Parents.

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4. From April 1998 the Family Premium (Lone Parents) was abolished for all new claims, although those still in receipt at that time continued to receive it until a relevant change of circumstances. The relevant numbers here show the rates for the Family Premium (Couple rate).
5. New claims for Income Support from April 2004 onwards do not include amounts for dependent children or the Family Premium. These claims, and existing Income Support claimants with a Child Tax Credit claim, receive money for dependent children through the tax credit system. However, the figures here continue to show both the Family Premium and Child Addition.
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Single parent with 1 child under 11									
April 1988	54.00	..	..	102.10	100.24	..	114.48	112.18	*24.7*
April 1989	57.05	*5.6*	*5.2*	102.50	100.46	*5.3*	114.82	112.36	*23.8*
April 1990	60.50	*6.0*	*6.3*	102.23	99.31	*6.3*	114.52	111.11	*23.0*
April 1991	65.40	*8.1*	*8.5*	101.86	99.85	*8.5*	114.09	112.74	*23.0*
October 1991	66.40	*1.5*	*2.5*	100.91	100.46	*2.7*	112.74	112.05	*23.3*
April 1992	71.05	*7.0*	*2.2*	105.69	105.18	*3.3*	116.81	116.03	*23.3*
April 1993	73.60	*3.6*	*2.5*	106.82	106.27	*3.0*	117.44	116.66	*23.2*
April 1994	76.50	*3.9*	*2.1*	108.78	108.29	*2.3*	119.33	118.57	*23.5*
April 1995	77.90	*1.8*	*2.3*	108.32	107.38	*2.5*	118.61	117.54	*23.2*
April 1996	80.10	*2.8*	*2.6*	108.59	107.95	*2.7*	118.79	117.74	*22.8*
April 1997	81.80	*2.1*	*1.6*	109.16	108.38	*2.3*	118.62	117.44	*22.0*
April 1998	78.70	*-3.8*	*1.8*	103.17	102.66	*2.6*	111.23	110.56	*20.1*
April 1999	85.50	*8.6*	*1.5*	110.39	110.26	*2.0*	118.51	118.12	*21.0*
April 2000	93.05	*8.8*	*0.5*	119.49	119.05	*1.4*	127.23	126.75	*21.9*
April 2001	99.00	*6.4*	*1.2*	125.65	124.89	*1.4*	133.56	132.56	*22.0*
April 2002	102.20	*3.2*	*1.4*	127.94	127.36	*1.8*	135.42	134.83	*21.6*
April 2003	108.90	*6.6*	*1.5*	134.35	133.96	*1.8*	141.68	141.27	*22.4*
April 2004	113.87	*4.6*	*1.1*	138.90	138.04	*1.2*	146.35	145.74	*22.9*
April 2005	116.18	*2.0*	*1.9*	139.02	137.95	*1.6*	146.94	145.91	*22.5*
April 2006	119.18	*2.6*	*2.0*	139.81	137.98	*2.3*	147.39	145.18	*22.3*
April 2007	123.03	*3.2*	*2.8*	140.45	139.37	*3.3*	147.32	145.77	*22.4*
April 2008	129.84	*5.5*	*3.0*	143.96	141.74	*3.9*	149.60	147.20	*22.6*
April 2009	137.71	*6.1*	*2.3*	149.22	147.05	*2.6*	154.66	151.33	*23.5*

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April 2010	140.42	*2.0*	*3.7*	146.69	144.86	*5.8*	149.06	146.42	*23.5*
April 2011	147.23	*4.8*	*4.5*	147.23	145.60	*6.2*	147.23	145.19	*24.4*
Couple (one or both aged 18 or over with no children)									
April 1988	51.45	..	..	97.27	95.51	..	109.07	106.89	*23.6*
April 1989	54.80	*6.5*	*5.2*	98.46	96.50	*5.3*	110.29	107.93	*22.9*
April 1990	57.60	*5.1*	*6.3*	97.33	94.55	*6.3*	109.03	105.78	*21.9*
April 1991	62.25	*8.1*	*8.5*	96.95	95.04	*8.5*	108.60	106.16	*21.9*
April 1992	66.60	*7.0*	*4.7*	99.07	98.59	*6.1*	109.49	108.76	*21.9*
April 1993	69.00	*3.6*	*2.5*	100.14	99.63	*3.0*	110.10	109.36	*21.8*
April 1994	71.70	*3.9*	*2.1*	101.95	101.50	*2.3*	111.85	111.13	*22.0*
April 1995	73.00	*1.8*	*2.3*	101.50	100.62	*2.5*	111.15	110.15	*21.7*
April 1996	75.20	*3.0*	*2.6*	101.95	101.34	*2.7*	111.52	110.54	*21.4*
April 1997	77.15	*2.6*	*1.6*	102.95	102.22	*2.3*	111.88	110.76	*20.7*
April 1998	79.00	*2.4*	*1.8*	103.57	103.05	*2.6*	111.65	110.98	*20.1*
April 1999	80.65	*2.1*	*1.5*	104.13	104.01	*2.0*	111.79	111.42	*19.8*
April 2000	81.95	*1.6*	*0.5*	105.24	104.85	*1.4*	112.05	111.63	*19.3*
April 2001	83.25	*1.6*	*1.2*	105.66	105.02	*1.4*	112.31	111.47	*18.5*
April 2002	84.65	*1.7*	*1.4*	105.97	105.49	*1.8*	112.16	111.67	*17.9*
April 2003	85.75	*1.3*	*1.5*	105.79	105.48	*1.8*	111.56	111.24	*17.6*
April 2004	87.30	*1.8*	*1.1*	106.49	105.83	*1.2*	112.20	111.74	*17.5*
April 2005	88.15	*1.0*	*1.9*	105.48	104.67	*1.6*	111.49	110.70	*17.1*
April 2006	90.10	*2.2*	*2.0*	105.69	104.32	*2.3*	111.42	109.76	*16.8*
April 2007	92.80	*3.0*	*2.8*	105.94	105.12	*3.3*	111.12	109.95	*16.9*
April 2008	94.95	*2.3*	*3.0*	105.27	103.65	*3.9*	109.40	107.65	*16.5*
April 2009	100.95	*6.3*	*2.3*	109.39	107.79	*2.6*	113.38	110.93	*17.2*
April 2010	102.75	*1.8*	*3.7*	107.34	106.00	*5.8*	109.07	107.14	*17.2*
April 2011	105.95	*3.1*	*4.5*	105.95	104.78	*6.2*	105.95	104.48	*17.6*

Notes

1. From 1997, ASHE figures replaced NES figures for average earnings.
2. Excludes all premiums other than the family premium/ lone parent premium
3. As from April 1997 the Lone Parent Premium was amalgamated with the Family Premium to form a single higher rate of Family Premium for Lone Parents.

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4. From April 1998 the Family Premium (Lone Parents) was abolished for all new claims, although those still in receipt at that time continued to receive it until a relevant change of circumstances. The relevant numbers here show the rates for the Family Premium (Couple rate).
5. New claims for Income Support from April 2004 onwards do not include amounts for dependent children or the Family Premium. These claims, and existing Income Support claimants with a Child Tax Credit claim, receive money for dependent children through the tax credit system. However, the figures here continue to show both the Family Premium and Child Addition.
6. From April 2011 the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) replaced the New ROSSI for uprating.

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Table 2.8: Income Support Rates at April 2011 Prices and as a percentage of Average Earnings

Date of uprating	Rate of Income Support *£pw*	Increase over previous rate *%age*	CPI			New ROSSI			EARNINGS
			Change in CPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of IS at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of IS between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Change in New ROSSI between upratings *%age*	Real value of IS at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of IS between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Rate as a percentage of average earnings *%age*
Couple with 1 child under 11									
April 1988	68.35	..	..	129.23	126.88	..	144.90	141.99	*31.3*
April 1989	73.05	*6.9*	*5.2*	131.25	128.63	*5.3*	147.02	143.87	*30.5*
April 1990	77.30	*5.8*	*6.3*	130.62	126.89	*6.3*	146.32	141.96	*29.4*
April 1991	83.55	*8.1*	*8.5*	130.12	127.56	*8.5*	145.75	144.02	*29.3*
October 1991	84.55	*1.2*	*2.5*	128.49	127.92	*2.7*	143.56	142.67	*29.7*
April 1992	90.45	*7.0*	*2.2*	134.55	133.89	*3.3*	148.70	147.71	*29.7*
April 1993	93.70	*3.6*	*2.5*	135.99	135.29	*3.0*	149.52	148.51	*29.6*
April 1994	97.40	*3.9*	*2.1*	138.50	137.88	*2.3*	151.94	150.97	*29.9*
April 1995	99.20	*1.8*	*2.3*	137.93	136.74	*2.5*	151.04	149.68	*29.5*
April 1996	102.20	*3.0*	*2.6*	138.55	137.73	*2.7*	151.56	150.23	*29.1*
April 1997	104.85	*2.6*	*1.6*	139.92	138.92	*2.3*	152.05	150.53	*28.1*
April 1998	107.35	*2.4*	*1.8*	140.73	140.03	*2.6*	151.72	150.80	*27.4*
April 1999	114.75	*6.9*	*1.5*	148.16	147.98	*2.0*	159.05	158.52	*28.1*
April 2000	122.80	*7.0*	*0.5*	157.70	157.12	*1.4*	167.91	167.27	*28.9*
April 2001	129.20	*5.2*	*1.2*	163.97	162.99	*1.4*	174.30	173.00	*28.7*
April 2002	132.90	*2.9*	*1.4*	166.37	165.62	*1.8*	176.09	175.33	*28.2*
April 2003	140.00	*5.3*	*1.5*	172.72	172.22	*1.8*	182.14	181.61	*28.7*
April 2004	145.52	*3.9*	*1.1*	177.51	176.41	*1.2*	187.03	186.25	*29.2*
April 2005	148.13	*1.8*	*1.9*	177.25	175.88	*1.6*	187.35	186.03	*28.7*
April 2006	151.93	*2.6*	*2.0*	178.22	175.90	*2.3*	187.89	185.08	*28.4*
April 2007	156.68	*3.1*	*2.8*	178.87	177.48	*3.3*	187.61	185.64	*28.5*
April 2008	164.29	*4.9*	*3.0*	182.15	179.35	*3.9*	189.29	186.26	*28.5*
April 2009	174.36	*6.1*	*2.3*	188.93	186.18	*2.6*	195.83	191.60	*29.7*

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April 2010	177.72	*1.9*	*3.7*	185.66	183.34	*5.8*	188.65	185.31	*29.7*
April 2011	185.68	*4.5*	*4.5*	185.68	183.63	*6.2*	185.68	183.10	*30.8*
Couple with 2 children under 11									
April 1988	79.10	..	..	149.55	146.84	..	167.69	164.33	*36.2*
April 1989	84.80	*7.2*	*5.2*	152.36	149.32	*5.3*	170.67	167.01	*35.4*
April 1990	89.65	*5.7*	*6.3*	151.49	147.17	*6.3*	169.69	164.64	*34.1*
April 1991	96.90	*8.1*	*8.5*	150.92	147.94	*8.5*	169.04	167.04	*34.0*
October 1991	98.15	*1.3*	*2.5*	149.16	148.50	*2.7*	166.65	165.62	*34.5*
April 1992	105.00	*7.0*	*2.2*	156.19	155.43	*3.3*	172.62	171.47	*34.5*
April 1993	108.75	*3.6*	*2.5*	157.83	157.02	*3.0*	173.53	172.37	*34.3*
April 1994	113.05	*4.0*	*2.1*	160.75	160.03	*2.3*	176.35	175.22	*34.7*
April 1995	115.15	*1.9*	*2.3*	160.11	158.72	*2.5*	175.32	173.75	*34.2*
April 1996	118.65	*3.0*	*2.6*	160.85	159.90	*2.7*	175.96	174.41	*33.7*
April 1997	121.75	*2.6*	*1.6*	162.47	161.31	*2.3*	176.56	174.79	*32.7*
April 1998	124.65	*2.4*	*1.8*	163.41	162.60	*2.6*	176.17	175.11	*31.8*
April 1999	134.95	*8.3*	*1.5*	174.24	174.03	*2.0*	187.05	186.43	*33.1*
April 2000	149.40	*10.7*	*0.5*	191.86	191.15	*1.4*	204.28	203.51	*35.1*
April 2001	160.65	*7.5*	*1.2*	203.89	202.67	*1.4*	216.73	215.11	*35.7*
April 2002	166.40	*3.6*	*1.4*	208.31	207.36	*1.8*	220.48	219.52	*35.2*
April 2003	178.50	*7.3*	*1.5*	220.22	219.57	*1.8*	232.23	231.55	*36.6*
April 2004	187.79	*5.2*	*1.1*	229.07	227.66	*1.2*	241.35	240.36	*37.7*
April 2005	192.01	*2.2*	*1.9*	229.76	227.99	*1.6*	242.85	241.14	*37.2*
April 2006	197.51	*2.9*	*2.0*	231.69	228.67	*2.3*	244.25	240.60	*36.9*
April 2007	204.13	*3.4*	*2.8*	233.04	231.23	*3.3*	244.43	241.86	*37.1*
April 2008	216.88	*6.2*	*3.0*	240.46	236.76	*3.9*	249.88	245.89	*37.7*
April 2009	230.47	*6.3*	*2.3*	249.73	246.10	*2.6*	258.84	253.26	*39.2*
April 2010	235.29	*2.1*	*3.7*	245.80	242.73	*5.8*	249.76	245.34	*39.3*
April 2011	248.01	*5.4*	*4.5*	248.01	245.27	*6.2*	248.01	244.57	*41.2*
Couple with 2 children aged 13 and 16									
April 1988	93.10	..	..	176.02	172.82	..	197.37	193.41	*42.6*
April 1989	99.45	*6.8*	*5.2*	178.68	175.12	*5.3*	200.16	195.86	*41.5*
April 1990	105.10	*5.7*	*6.3*	177.60	172.53	*6.3*	198.94	193.02	*39.9*

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April 1991	113.60	*8.1*	*8.5*	176.93	173.43	*8.5*	198.18	195.82	*39.9*
October 1991	114.85	*1.1*	*2.5*	174.54	173.77	*2.7*	195.01	193.80	*40.3*
April 1992	122.85	*7.0*	*2.2*	182.74	181.86	*3.3*	201.97	200.62	*40.3*
April 1993	127.25	*3.6*	*2.5*	184.68	183.73	*3.0*	203.05	201.69	*40.2*
April 1994	132.25	*3.9*	*2.1*	188.05	187.21	*2.3*	206.30	204.98	*40.6*
April 1995	134.65	*1.8*	*2.3*	187.22	185.60	*2.5*	205.01	203.17	*40.0*
April 1996	138.70	*3.0*	*2.6*	188.03	186.92	*2.7*	205.69	203.88	*39.4*
April 1997	142.30	*2.6*	*1.6*	189.89	188.54	*2.3*	206.36	204.30	*38.2*
April 1998	145.70	*2.4*	*1.8*	191.01	190.05	*2.6*	205.92	204.68	*37.1*
April 1999	151.40	*3.9*	*1.5*	195.48	195.25	*2.0*	209.85	209.15	*37.1*
April 2000	154.55	*2.1*	*0.5*	198.47	197.74	*1.4*	211.32	210.52	*36.4*
April 2001	161.45	*4.5*	*1.2*	204.90	203.68	*1.4*	217.81	216.18	*35.9*
April 2002	167.20	*3.6*	*1.4*	209.31	208.36	*1.8*	221.54	220.58	*35.4*
April 2003	178.50	*6.8*	*1.5*	220.22	219.57	*1.8*	232.23	231.55	*36.6*
April 2004	187.79	*5.2*	*1.1*	229.07	227.66	*1.2*	241.35	240.36	*37.7*
April 2005	192.01	*2.2*	*1.9*	229.76	227.99	*1.6*	242.85	241.14	*37.2*
April 2006	197.51	*2.9*	*2.0*	231.69	228.67	*2.3*	244.25	240.60	*36.9*
April 2007	204.13	*3.4*	*2.8*	233.04	231.23	*3.3*	244.43	241.86	*37.1*
April 2008	216.88	*6.2*	*3.0*	240.46	236.76	*3.9*	249.88	245.89	*37.7*
April 2009	230.47	*6.3*	*2.3*	249.73	246.10	*2.6*	258.84	253.26	*39.2*
April 2010	235.29	*2.1*	*3.7*	245.80	242.73	*5.8*	249.76	245.34	*39.3*
April 2011	248.01	*5.4*	*4.5*	248.01	245.27	*6.2*	248.01	244.57	*41.2*

Notes

1. From 1997, ASHE figures replaced NES figures for average earnings.
2. Excludes all premiums other than the family premium/ lone parent premium
3. As from April 1997 the Lone Parent Premium was amalgamated with the Family Premium to form a single higher rate of Family Premium for Lone Parents.
4. From April 1998 the Family Premium (Lone Parents) was abolished for all new claims, although those still in receipt at that time continued to receive it until a relevant change of circumstances. The relevant numbers here show the rates for the Family Premium (Couple rate).
5. New claims for Income Support from April 2004 onwards do not include amounts for dependent children or the Family Premium. These claims, and existing Income Support claimants with a Child Tax Credit claim, receive money for dependent children through the tax credit system. However, the figures here continue to show both the Family Premium and Child Addition.
6. From April 2011 the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) replaced the New ROSSI for uprating.

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Table 2.9: Pension Credit (and predecessors) Rates at April 2011 Prices and as a percentage of Average Earnings

Date of uprating	Rate of Pension Credit *£pw*	Increase over previous rate *%age*	CPI			New ROSSI			EARNINGS
			Change in CPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of PC at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of PC between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Change in New ROSSI between upratings *%age*	Real value of PC at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of PC between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Rate as a percentage of average earnings *%age*
Single person aged 60-74									
April 1988	44.05	..	..	83.28	81.77	..	93.39	91.51	*20.2*
April 1989	46.10	*4.7*	*5.2*	82.83	81.18	*5.3*	92.78	90.79	*19.2*
April 1990	48.50	*5.2*	*6.3*	81.96	79.62	*6.3*	91.80	89.07	*18.4*
April 1991	53.40	*10.1*	*8.5*	83.17	81.53	*8.5*	93.16	92.05	*18.8*
April 1992	57.15	*7.0*	*4.7*	85.01	84.60	*6.1*	93.96	93.33	*18.8*
April 1993	61.30	*7.3*	*2.5*	88.97	88.51	*3.0*	97.82	97.16	*19.3*
April 1994	63.95	*4.3*	*2.1*	90.93	90.53	*2.3*	99.76	99.12	*19.6*
April 1995	65.10	*1.8*	*2.3*	90.52	89.73	*2.5*	99.12	98.23	*19.4*
April 1996	67.05	*3.0*	*2.6*	90.90	90.36	*2.7*	99.44	98.56	*19.1*
April 1997	68.80	*2.6*	*1.6*	91.81	91.16	*2.3*	99.77	98.77	*18.5*
April 1998	70.45	*2.4*	*1.8*	92.36	91.90	*2.6*	99.57	98.97	*17.9*
April 1999	75.00	*6.5*	*1.5*	96.83	96.72	*2.0*	103.95	103.61	*18.4*
April 2000	78.45	*4.6*	*0.5*	100.74	100.37	*1.4*	107.27	106.86	*18.5*
April 2001	92.15	*17.5*	*1.2*	116.95	116.25	*1.4*	124.32	123.39	*20.5*
April 2002	98.15	*6.5*	*1.4*	122.87	122.31	*1.8*	130.05	129.48	*20.8*
April 2003	102.10	*4.0*	*1.5*	125.96	125.59	*1.8*	132.83	132.44	*21.0*
April 2004	105.45	*3.3*	*1.1*	128.63	127.84	*1.2*	135.53	134.97	*21.2*
April 2005	109.45	*3.8*	*1.9*	130.97	129.96	*1.6*	138.43	137.45	*21.2*
April 2006	114.05	*4.2*	*2.0*	133.79	132.05	*2.3*	141.04	138.93	*21.3*
April 2007	119.05	*4.4*	*2.8*	135.91	134.86	*3.3*	142.55	141.05	*21.6*
April 2008	124.05	*4.2*	*3.0*	137.54	135.42	*3.9*	142.93	140.64	*21.6*
April 2009	130.00	*4.8*	*2.3*	140.86	138.81	*2.6*	146.00	142.86	*22.1*

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April 2010	132.60	*2.0*	*3.7*	138.52	136.79	*5.8*	140.76	138.26	*22.2*
April 2011	137.35	*3.6*	*4.5*	137.35	135.83	*6.2*	137.35	135.44	*22.8*
Couple (one or both aged 60-74)									
April 1988	67.70	..	..	128.00	125.67	..	143.52	140.64	*31.0*
April 1989	71.85	*6.1*	*5.2*	129.09	126.52	*5.3*	144.61	141.51	*30.0*
April 1990	75.55	*5.1*	*6.3*	127.66	124.02	*6.3*	143.01	138.75	*28.7*
April 1991	83.15	*10.1*	*8.5*	129.50	126.95	*8.5*	145.06	143.33	*29.2*
April 1992	88.95	*7.0*	*4.7*	132.32	131.67	*6.1*	146.24	145.26	*29.2*
April 1993	95.25	*7.1*	*2.5*	138.24	137.53	*3.0*	151.99	150.97	*30.1*
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April 1996	104.10	*3.0*	*2.6*	141.13	140.29	*2.7*	154.38	153.02	*29.6*
April 1997	106.80	*2.6*	*1.6*	142.52	141.50	*2.3*	154.88	153.33	*28.7*
April 1998	109.35	*2.4*	*1.8*	143.36	142.64	*2.6*	154.55	153.61	*27.9*
April 1999	116.60	*6.6*	*1.5*	150.55	150.37	*2.0*	161.61	161.08	*28.6*
April 2000	121.95	*4.6*	*0.5*	156.61	156.03	*1.4*	166.74	166.12	*28.7*
April 2001	140.55	*15.3*	*1.2*	178.38	177.31	*1.4*	189.61	188.20	*31.3*
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Single person aged 75-79									
April 1988	44.05	..	..	83.28	81.77	..	93.39	91.51	*20.2*
April 1989	46.10	*4.7*	*5.2*	82.83	81.18	*5.3*	92.78	91.98	*19.2*
October 1989	48.60	*5.4*	*2.4*	85.26	84.54	*2.4*	95.48	94.50	*20.3*
April 1990	51.10	*5.1*	*3.8*	86.35	83.88	*3.8*	96.73	93.85	*19.4*
April 1991	55.20	*8.0*	*8.5*	85.97	84.27	*8.5*	96.30	95.15	*19.4*
April 1992	59.10	*7.1*	*4.7*	87.91	87.49	*6.1*	97.16	96.51	*19.4*
April 1993	63.30	*7.1*	*2.5*	91.87	91.40	*3.0*	101.01	100.33	*20.0*
April 1994	66.05	*4.3*	*2.1*	93.92	93.50	*2.3*	103.03	102.37	*20.3*
April 1995	67.20	*1.7*	*2.3*	93.44	92.63	*2.5*	102.32	101.40	*20.0*
April 1996	69.20	*3.0*	*2.6*	93.81	93.26	*2.7*	102.62	101.72	*19.7*
April 1997	71.00	*2.6*	*1.6*	94.75	94.07	*2.3*	102.96	101.93	*19.1*
April 1998	72.70	*2.4*	*1.8*	95.31	94.83	*2.6*	102.75	102.13	*18.5*
April 1999	77.30	*6.3*	*1.5*	99.80	99.69	*2.0*	107.14	106.79	*19.0*
April 2000	80.85	*4.6*	*0.5*	103.83	103.45	*1.4*	110.55	110.13	*19.0*
April 2001	92.15	*14.0*	*1.2*	116.95	116.25	*1.4*	124.32	123.39	*20.5*
April 2002	98.15	*6.5*	*1.4*	122.87	122.31	*1.8*	130.05	129.48	*20.8*
April 2003	102.10	*4.0*	*1.5*	125.96	125.59	*1.8*	132.83	132.44	*21.0*
April 2004	105.45	*3.3*	*1.1*	128.63	127.84	*1.2*	135.53	134.97	*21.2*
April 2005	109.45	*3.8*	*1.9*	130.97	129.96	*1.6*	138.43	137.45	*21.2*
April 2006	114.05	*4.2*	*2.0*	133.79	132.05	*2.3*	141.04	138.93	*21.3*
April 2007	119.05	*4.4*	*2.8*	135.91	134.86	*3.3*	142.55	141.05	*21.6*
April 2008	124.05	*4.2*	*3.0*	137.54	135.42	*3.9*	142.93	140.64	*21.6*

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April 2009	130.00	*4.8*	*2.3*	140.86	138.81	*2.6*	146.00	142.86	*22.1*
April 2010	132.60	*2.0*	*3.7*	138.52	136.79	*5.8*	140.76	138.26	*22.2*
April 2011	137.35	*3.6*	*4.5*	137.35	135.83	*6.2*	137.35	135.44	*22.8*
Couple (one or both aged 75-79)									
April 1988	67.70	..	..	128.00	125.67	..	143.52	140.64	*31.0*
April 1989	71.85	*6.1*	*5.2*	129.09	126.52	*5.3*	144.61	143.36	*30.0*
October 1989	75.35	*4.9*	*2.4*	132.19	131.07	*2.4*	148.04	146.51	*31.4*
April 1990	79.20	*5.1*	*3.8*	133.83	130.01	*3.8*	149.91	145.45	*30.1*
April 1991	85.60	*8.1*	*8.5*	133.32	130.69	*8.5*	149.33	147.56	*30.1*
April 1992	91.60	*7.0*	*4.7*	136.26	135.60	*6.1*	150.59	149.59	*30.1*
April 1993	98.00	*7.0*	*2.5*	142.23	141.50	*3.0*	156.38	155.33	*30.9*
April 1994	102.10	*4.2*	*2.1*	145.18	144.53	*2.3*	159.27	158.25	*31.3*
April 1995	103.95	*1.8*	*2.3*	144.54	143.28	*2.5*	158.27	156.85	*30.9*
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April 1997	109.90	*2.6*	*1.6*	146.66	145.61	*2.3*	159.37	157.78	*29.5*
April 1998	112.55	*2.4*	*1.8*	147.55	146.81	*2.6*	159.07	158.11	*28.7*
April 1999	119.85	*6.5*	*1.5*	154.74	154.56	*2.0*	166.12	165.57	*29.4*
April 2000	125.35	*4.6*	*0.5*	160.97	160.38	*1.4*	171.39	170.75	*29.5*
April 2001	140.55	*12.1*	*1.2*	178.38	177.31	*1.4*	189.61	188.20	*31.3*
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			Change in CPI between upratings *%age*	Real value of PC at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of PC between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Change in New ROSSI between upratings *%age*	Real value of PC at date of uprating *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Average real value of PC between upratings *£pw at April 2011 prices*	Rate as a percentage of average earnings *%age*
Single person aged 80 and over									
April 1988	46.45	..	..	87.82	86.23	..	98.47	96.50	*21.3*
April 1989	48.60	*4.6*	*5.2*	87.32	85.58	*5.3*	97.82	96.97	*20.3*
October 1989	51.10	*5.1*	*2.4*	89.65	88.89	*2.4*	100.40	99.36	*21.3*
April 1990	53.75	*5.2*	*3.8*	90.83	88.23	*3.8*	101.74	98.71	*20.4*
April 1991	58.10	*8.1*	*8.5*	90.49	88.70	*8.5*	101.36	100.15	*20.4*
April 1992	63.20	*8.8*	*4.7*	94.01	93.56	*6.1*	103.90	103.21	*20.7*
April 1993	67.55	*6.9*	*2.5*	98.04	97.53	*3.0*	107.79	107.07	*21.3*
April 1994	70.40	*4.2*	*2.1*	100.10	99.66	*2.3*	109.82	109.12	*21.6*
April 1995	71.65	*1.8*	*2.3*	99.63	98.76	*2.5*	109.09	108.11	*21.3*
April 1996	73.80	*3.0*	*2.6*	100.05	99.46	*2.7*	109.45	108.48	*21.0*
April 1997	75.70	*2.6*	*1.6*	101.02	100.30	*2.3*	109.78	108.68	*20.3*
April 1998	77.55	*2.4*	*1.8*	101.67	101.16	*2.6*	109.60	108.94	*19.8*
April 1999	82.25	*6.1*	*1.5*	106.20	106.07	*2.0*	114.00	113.63	*20.2*
April 2000	86.05	*4.6*	*0.5*	110.50	110.10	*1.4*	117.66	117.21	*20.2*
April 2001	92.15	*7.1*	*1.2*	116.95	116.25	*1.4*	124.32	123.39	*20.5*
April 2002	98.15	*6.5*	*1.4*	122.87	122.31	*1.8*	130.05	129.48	*20.8*
April 2003	102.10	*4.0*	*1.5*	125.96	125.59	*1.8*	132.83	132.44	*21.0*
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April 1988	70.05	..	..	132.44	130.04	..	148.51	145.53	*32.1*
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October 1989	77.80	*4.7*	*2.4*	136.49	135.33	*2.4*	152.85	151.27	*32.5*
April 1990	81.85	*5.2*	*3.8*	138.31	134.36	*3.8*	154.93	150.32	*31.1*
April 1991	88.45	*8.1*	*8.5*	137.76	135.04	*8.5*	154.30	152.47	*31.1*
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April 1999	125.30	*6.3*	*1.5*	161.78	161.59	*2.0*	173.67	173.10	*30.7*
April 2000	131.05	*4.6*	*0.5*	168.29	167.67	*1.4*	179.19	178.51	*30.8*
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Appendix A: Uprating Policy 2011

Section 150 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 requires the Secretary of State to review the level of benefits annually to determine whether they have retained their value relative to the general level of prices.

The Act provides that certain benefits must be uprated in line with prices. Prior to 2011, the Retail Prices Index (RPI) was used to measure prices; the Government announced in the June 2010 Budget that from 2011 the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) would instead be used as the benchmark for price inflation.

Although the Secretary of State must review the level of income related benefits he is not required to increase them in line with prices. Historically he has exercised his discretion to provide increases in line with the Rossi index (RPI less most housing costs). From 2011 the CPI will be used as the benchmark for increases to these benefits.

Benefits with statutory requirement for uprating

Attendance Allowance
Child Special Allowance
Disability Living Allowance
Industrial Death Benefits (Existing cases only)
Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit
Carer's Allowance
Incapacity Benefit
State Pension (including SERPS and Graduated Pension)
Severe Disablement Allowance
Widowed Mother's/Parent's Allowance
Widow's Pension (including child and dependency additions) which was replaced by Bereavement Benefit
Standard Minimum Guarantee Pension Credit (in line with general level of earnings, Pensions Act 2007)

Benefits without a statutory requirement for uprating

Child Benefit
Council Tax Benefit (1)
Housing Benefit (1)
Income Support (1)
Jobseeker's Allowance (1)
Maternity Allowance
Pension Credit (other than Standard Minimum Guarantee)
Statutory Maternity Pay
Statutory Sick Pay

(1) Historically, these benefits have not been uprated by the RPI (All Items). They have been uprated by the New ROSSI, which is defined as RPI (All Items) less rent, local taxes and mortgage interest payments. From 2011 they will be uprated by the CPI.

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Appendix B: Data Sources

The following Sections are no longer published in the Abstract, however they are available via direct (and semi direct) internet links or other DWP publications.

- The time series of RPI, ROSSI, New ROSSI and CPI are available from the following links (previously Section 1):

  CPI and RPI:
  http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/taxonomy/index.html?nscl=Consumer+Price+Indices

  The New Rossi is available from the following link by choosing '2.1: RPI' followed by 'GUMF':
  http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/datasets-and-tables/data-selector.html?dataset=mm23

- The Average Earnings Index is available on the link below by choosing 'Monthly' and series identifier 'LMNN – Whole Economy Not Seasonally Adjusted' (previously Section 3.1):
http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/datasets-and-tables/data-selector.html?table-id=EG3&dataset=aei

- The Average Weekly Earnings series is available at:
http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/lms/labour-market-statistics/june-2012/earnings-tsd-dataset.html

- The Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) figures are available from the link below by choosing 'Data in this release'; Download the Zip file for 'Table 1', 'Table 1.1.a' and by using the 'Full Time - All' , 'Full Time - Male' and 'Full Time - Female' (previously Section 3.2):
http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/ashe/annual-survey-of-hours-and-earnings/index.html

- The quoted Net Income after Housing Costs for hypothetical family types can be found by using the latest DWP Tax Benefit Model (previously Section 4):
(http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tbmt)

- Rates of National Insurance and their rules are available from the HMRC website (previously Section 6): http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/rates/nic.htm

- Expenditure on benefits (previously Section 7) will now be available from the departments benefit expenditure tables at
http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd4/index.php?page=expenditure

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