

Council Tax Benefit recipients by Passported Status, Passported Benefit, Age and Local Authority Area: April 2012

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Background

People who are on a low income or receiving certain benefits can apply for financial help to pay their rent (Housing Benefit - HB) and Council Tax (Council Tax Benefit - CTB). Both HB and CTB are administered by Local Authorities.

Further information on HB and CTB is available at:

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/MoneyTaxAndBenefits/BenefitsTaxCreditsAndOtherSupport/On_a_low_income/index.htm

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit statistics published by DWP are based on the Single Housing Benefit Extract (SHBE) data source. SHBE is a monthly electronic scan of claimant level data direct from Local Authority computer systems. It has been designed to provide sufficient information for all current and future statistical purposes and is now the single source of HB & CTB data.

The Department publishes a range of statistical information on HB and CTB recipients at <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=hbctb> . This ad hoc publication provides some more detailed breakdowns of these tables, in particular, breakdowns by local authority area.

Results

The associated spreadsheet provides a more detailed breakdown of Council Tax Benefit, as at April 2012, as follows:

Table 1 - Council Tax Benefit recipients by passported status, passported benefit and Local Authority Area.

Table 2 - Council Tax Benefit recipients by passported status, age and Local Authority Area.

In summary, at April 2012 there were 5.91 million CTB recipients of which, 3.88 million (66%) are Passported.

Of the 3.88 million Passported CTB recipients:

- 2.14 million (55%) are aged under 60.
- 1.74 million (45%) are aged 60 and over.

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