

Freedom of Information request 2789/2012

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Information request

How many individuals identified as self-employed are in receipt of the following benefits:

- Working Tax Credit
- Council Tax Credit
- Housing Benefit (non LHA)
- Housing Benefit (LHA)

Also providing the data for those who are non self employed but are in receipt of these benefits including the most recent and complete figures for this data.

If possible, the data to be broken down by local authority, age group and by family type as well.

DWP response

The Department publishes a range of official statistics on Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit on its website at:

<http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=hbctb> . The published analysis includes information on those non-passported (standard claims) in employment (Table 6 and Table 12).

The Department does not publish Official Statistics detailing the number of Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit recipients that are self employed.

However, data available for analysis does include a variable to identify those recipients who are self employed and is therefore provided in response to your request. ***Please note that the data supplied are derived from unpublished information which has not been quality assured to Official Statistics publication standard. They should therefore be treated with caution.***

The attached Excel file details the number Housing Benefit recipients in self-employment whose claim is not passported: that is for those who do not receive either Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance (Income-Based), Employment and Support Allowance (Income-Based), or Pension Credit

(Guaranteed Credit), at April 2012. The information has been broken down into Local Authority, Age Group and Family Type and has been displayed for both self-employed and non self-employed individuals as requested.

Working Tax Credit is the responsibility HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC). HMRC National Statistics are published at:

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/thelibrary/national-statistics.htm>

Personal Tax Credit National Statistics are published at:

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/stats/personal-tax-credits/menu.htm> .

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