

# Social Fund Cold Weather Payment estimated qualifiers by weather station in GB in 2010-11

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# Background

- Cold Weather Payments provide help to people in meeting their additional heating costs during periods of extreme cold.
- Payments are made to those most vulnerable to the cold, i.e. older people in receipt of Pension Credit, disabled adults and children, and families with children under 5 who are in receipt of an income related benefit.
- Payment is made automatically when the average temperature at the weather station linked to an eligible customer's postcode has been recorded as, or is forecast to be, 0 degrees Celsius or below over seven consecutive days. When this temperature criterion is satisfied, the weather station is said to trigger. There are 91 weather stations used in the Cold Weather Payment scheme for 2010-11.
- The rate of payment is £25 per benefit unit for each seven day period of very cold weather.

Further information is available from:

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/MoneyTaxAndBenefits/BenefitsTaxCreditsAndOtherSupport/On\\_a\\_low\\_income/DG\\_10018668?PRO=hp&CRE=sea](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/MoneyTaxAndBenefits/BenefitsTaxCreditsAndOtherSupport/On_a_low_income/DG_10018668?PRO=hp&CRE=sea)

# Methodology

Scans of benefit systems are run at the end of October each year which give the number of benefit units which would then be eligible for Cold Weather Payments by weather station if the temperature criterion were met. The scans are of the Income Support Computer System (for eligible recipients of Income Support or Pension Credit) and the Jobseeker's Allowance Payment System (for eligible recipients of Jobseeker's Allowance (income-based) or Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)). For each benefit system, these numbers are then adjusted to take account of the difference between the total estimated number of payments based on the scan for the previous year and the total actual number of payments for the previous year. Finally, an adjustment is made for clerical payments, based on the outturn for the previous year.

# Results

<b>Cold Weather Payment estimated qualifiers by weather station in GB in 2010-11</b>		
<b>Weather station</b>	<b>Admin area</b>	<b>Estimated qualifiers</b>
Aberporth	Ceredigion	4,800
Albemarle	Northumberland	148,600
Andrewsfield	Essex	45,000
Aultbea	Highland	300
Aviemore	Highland	800
Bedford	Bedfordshire	68,000
Bingley	West Yorkshire	117,600
Bishopton	Renfrewshire	198,600
Boscombe Down	Wiltshire	13,400
Boulmer	Northumberland	13,400
Braemar	Aberdeenshire	1,600
Brize Norton	Oxfordshire	19,400
Capel Curig	Conwy	800
Cardinham (Bodmin)	Cornwall	14,500
Carlisle	Cumbria	10,000
Cassley	Highland	400
Charlwood	West Sussex	46,500
Charterhall	Scottish Borders	6,300
Chivenor	Devon	9,700
Coleshill	Warwickshire	312,100
Crosby	Merseyside	252,800
Culdrose	Cornwall	23,300
Dundrennan	Dumfries & Galloway	5,400
Dunkeswell Aerodrome	Devon	19,000
Dunstaffnage	Argyll & Bute	1,400
Dyce	Aberdeen	24,900
Edinburgh Gogarbank	Edinburgh	77,700
Eskdalemuir	Dumfries & Galloway	5,200
Filton	South Gloucestershire	61,000
Fylingdales	North Yorkshire	3,500
Gravesend	Kent	119,400
Hawarden Airport	Flintshire	27,600
Heathrow	Greater London	534,500
Hereford-Credenhill	Herefordshire	57,400
Herstmonceux West End	East Sussex	27,900
High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire	16,800
Hurn (Bournemouth Airport)	Dorset	40,000
Isle of Portland	Dorset	5,300
Keele	Staffordshire	48,200
Kinloss	Moray	15,100
Kirkwall	Orkney	1,200
Lake Vyrnwy	Powys	5,500

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Leconfield	East Riding of Yorkshire	54,800
Leek	Staffordshire	9,300
Lerwick	Shetland	1,200
Leuchars	Fife	40,700
Linton on Ouse	North Yorkshire	85,600
Liscombe	Somerset	4,400
Little Rissington	Gloucestershire	7,200
Loch Glascarnoch	Highland	800
Loftus	Redcar & Cleveland	56,100
Lusa	Highland	1,200
Lyneham	Wiltshire	38,800
Machrihanish	Argyll & Bute	1,600
Manston	Kent	53,600
Marham	Norfolk	27,000
Mona	Isle of Anglesey	13,700
North Wyke	Devon	30,200
Norwich Airport	Norfolk	52,400
Nottingham Watnall	Nottinghamshire	178,700
Pembrey Sands	Carmarthenshire	44,300
Plymouth	Plymouth	23,700
Redesdale	Northumberland	6,400
Rhyl	Denbighshire	17,400
Rothamsted	Hertfordshire	57,800
St Athan	Vale of Glamorgan	73,000
St Bees Head	Cumbria	9,300
St Catherine's Point	Isle of Wight	4,100
Salsburgh	North Lanarkshire	20,500
Scilly St Mary's	Isles of Scilly	100
Sennybridge	Powys	4,900
Shap	Cumbria	4,900
Shawbury	Shropshire	26,100
Sheffield	South Yorkshire	184,100
South Farnborough	Hampshire	64,600
Stonyhurst	Lancashire	23,700
Stornoway Airport	Western Isles	2,700
Strathallan	Perth & Kinross	10,100
Thorney Island	West Sussex	118,600
Tiree	Argyll & Bute	200
Trawsgoed	Ceredigion	3,500
Tredegar	Blaenau Gwent	62,300
Tulloch Bridge	Highland	1,900
Waddington	Lincolnshire	71,000
Walney Island	Cumbria	18,100
Wattisham	Suffolk	57,700
West Freugh	Dumfries & Galloway	5,100

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Wick Airport	Highland	2,600
Wittering	Peterborough	30,000
Woodford	Greater Manchester	205,900
Yeovilton	Somerset	29,000

Notes

1. The admin area gives the location of each weather station, not the area which is linked to the weather station. For example, Heathrow weather station covers most of Greater London, but not all of it, and some areas outside Greater London are linked to Heathrow weather station.
2. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 100.
3. The estimated qualifiers were calculated at the start of the winter and will be revised after the winter is over, once the outturn for GB is known. However, the qualifiers for each weather station will still be estimated, not actual.

To calculate the estimated number of Cold Weather Payments authorised for any combination of weather stations in GB up to any date so far in the winter of 2010-11, combine the estimated qualifiers above with the cumulative number of triggers notified for each weather station given in the daily updates for Cold Weather Payments published initially in the ad hoc analysis section of the DWP website:

[http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=adhoc\\_analysis](http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=adhoc_analysis)

and then moved to the recent statistics releases section:

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

To calculate the corresponding estimated expenditure authorised, multiply the estimated number of payments authorised by £25.

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