

Annex A

Housing Benefit recipients by Average Weekly Award in Merseyside - December 2008, December 2009, December 2010 and December 2011

| Average Weekly Award | Dec-08 | Dec-09 | Dec-10 | Dec-11 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| All | 135,760 | 144,560 | 152,720 | 155,010 |
| Less than £20 | 2,270 | 1,540 | 2,100 | 2,310 |
| £20 up to £39 | 6,720 | 5,400 | 6,050 | 5,600 |
| £40 up to £59 | 30,270 | 19,200 | 18,530 | 13,990 |
| £60 up to £79 | 65,650 | 73,320 | 73,980 | 68,600 |
| £80 up to £99 | 18,470 | 26,640 | 30,170 | 41,510 |
| £100 up to £119 | 8,010 | 12,880 | 13,580 | 14,790 |
| £120 up to £139 | 2,260 | 2,890 | 5,060 | 4,840 |
| £140 up to £159 | 670 | 930 | 1,400 | 1,190 |
| £160 up to £179 | 440 | 700 | 610 | 840 |
| £180 up to £199 | 170 | 220 | 260 | 390 |
| £200 up to £219 | 160 | 140 | 290 | 330 |
| £220 up to £239 | 130 | 110 | 50 | 100 |
| £240 up to £259 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 80 |
| £260 up to £279 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 40 |
| £280 up to £299 | 10 | 40 | 30 | 50 |
| £300 up to £599 | 30 | 40 | 10 | 20 |
| £600 and above | - | - | - | - |
| Amount not available ⁵ | 410 | 390 | 490 | 350 |

Source: Single Housing Benefit Extract (SHBE)

Notes:

1. Recipients are as at second Thursday of the month.
2. Data is rounded to the nearest 10. Totals may not sum due to rounding.
3. '-' denotes nil or negligible.
4. SHBE is a monthly electronic scan of claimant level data direct from local authority computer systems. It replaces quarterly aggregate clerical returns. The data is available monthly from November 2008 and January 2012 is the most recent available.
5. Short term Housing Benefit recipients (less than 1% of the caseload) do not have a weekly amount available for this analysis. The amounts were recorded by the individual local authority at the time of the claim, but not recorded within the Single Housing Benefit Extract. Please refer to the published Definition and Methodology documentation for further information:
http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/hb_ctb/caseload_meth.pdf.
6. Merseyside includes the following Local Authority areas: Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St. Helens and Wirral.
7. Average Weekly Award band has been compressed for amounts between £300 and £599 due to the small numbers.