

# Housing Benefit recipients: Aged under 25 by Local Authority, March 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](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.

## Results

The Department publishes a range of statistical information on HB and CTB recipients at <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=hbctb>. Analysis provided in the associated spreadsheet provides a more detailed breakdown of published information to show:

- Housing Benefit recipients by passported status and age, Great Britain - March 2012
- Housing Benefit recipients **aged under 25** by passported status and **Local Authority**, March 2012.
- Housing Benefit recipients **aged under 25** by Tenure Type and **Local Authority**, March 2012
- Housing Benefit recipients **aged under 25** by Family Type and **Local Authority**, March 2012

In summary, at March 2012 there were 5.0 million HB recipients of which, 385,010 (8%) were aged under 25.

Of the 385,010 HB recipients aged under 25:

- 92,760 (24%) are Non-passported (standard claims) and 291,620 (76%) are Passported.

- 201,950 (52%) are in the Social Rented Sector and 182,840 (47%) are in the Private Rented Sector.

- 171,900 (45%) are single with child dependant(s), 165,990 (43%) are single with no child dependant(s) and 47,120 (12%) are couples.

***Please note that analysis of recipients aged under 25 include those benefit units where the elder of the recipient or partner (if claiming as a couple) are aged under 25.***

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