

Benefit units by Housing Benefit receipt and by receipt of DLA/AA

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Introduction

1. This publication shows uses the Family Resources Survey for 2010/11 to show the proportion of benefit units that claim Housing Benefit, broken down by whether there is a claim for a Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance in the benefit unit.

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Background

The Family Resources Survey

2. The Family Resources Survey (FRS) collects information on the incomes and circumstances of private households. Data for the survey is collected between April and March each year and covers the United Kingdom.
3. Further background information and statistics derived from the survey can be found at <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/frs/>.

Methodology

4. The figures from the FRS are based on a sample of households which have been adjusted for non-response using multi-purpose grossing factors which align the FRS to regional population by age and sex. Estimates are subject to both sampling error and remaining non-response error.
5. The FRS excludes non-private households, e.g. communal establishments such as hostels and boarding houses.
6. Compared to administrative data, the FRS is known to undercount receipt of certain benefits. No adjustment has been made to these figures to adjust for this issue. More information can be found in the Methodology chapter of the FRS publication:
http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/frs/2010_11/chapter9.pdf

Results

Table 1: Benefit units by Housing Benefit receipt and whether in receipt of a Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance

| | Not in receipt of DLA/AA | In receipt of DLA/AA | All |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Not in receipt of HB | 90% | 64% | 87% |
| In receipt of HB | 10% | 36% | 13% |
| All | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Data source: Family Resources Survey 2010/11

Notes:

1. The Family Resources Survey is a nationally representative sample of approximately 25,000 UK private households. Data for 2010/11, the latest year available, were collected between April 2010 and March 2011.
2. The figures from the Family Resources Survey are based on a sample of households which have been adjusted for non-response using multi-purpose grossing factors which align the Family Resources Survey to Government Office Region population by age and sex.
3. A benefit unit is defined as a single adult or a married or cohabiting couple and any dependent children; from January 2006 same-sex partners (civil partners and cohabittees) are included in the same benefit unit.
4. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest per cent.

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