

Freedom of Information request 3529/2014

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Information request

- 1) The total public money spent on Jobseekers Allowance by financial year
- 2) The total public money spent on Child Tax Credits and Family Tax Credits
- 3) The number of households in receipt of Tax Credits who have also been in receipt of Housing Benefit for the following financial years:

2008/9

2009/10

2010/11

2011/12

2012/13

DWP response

1) Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you. Information on benefit expenditure and caseloads is published at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/benefit-expenditure-and-caseload-tables-2014>

The file *Outturn and forecast: Budget 2014* gives details of expenditure in nominal and real terms, and of caseload, by individual benefit (tables 1a, 1b and 1c). Other tables give more detailed breakdowns of individual benefits.

2) Tax credits and Child Benefit are administered by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, and you should address your request about those to

foi.request@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk

3) The table below contains the number of households in receipt of housing benefit overall and the number of households receiving housing benefit who were also in receipt of Tax Credits for the financial years 2008/09 to 2012/13.

FRS Year	In receipt of Housing Benefit (thousands)	Households (GB only) In receipt of Housing Benefit and Tax Credits (thousands)
2008/09	3,600	900
2009/10	3,900	1,200
2010/11	4,100	1,300
2011/12	4,100	1,400
2012/13	4,300	1,500

Source:

Family Resources Survey (FRS) 2008/09 to 2012/13, Great Britain

Definitions:

Household - One person living alone or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address who share cooking facilities and share a living room or sitting room or dining area. A household will consist of one or more benefit units.

Notes:

1. The FRS is a nationally representative sample of approximately 20,000 UK private households (25,000 for years prior to 2011/12).
2. 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 estimates to Government Office Region populations by age and sex. Estimates are subject to sampling error and remaining non-response error.
3. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 100,000.
4. The FRS is known to under-record benefit receipt and so the estimates presented should be treated with caution. More information can be found in chapter 7 of the FRS publication:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/325491/family-resources-survey-statistics-2012-2013.pdf