

Benefit and pension rates 2023/2024

weekly rates unless otherwise stated	RATES 2022/23	RATES 2023/24
ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE		
higher rate	92.40	101.75
lower rate	61.85	68.10
BENEFIT CAP		
Annual level of Benefit Cap (Greater London)		
Couples (with or without children) or single claimants with a child of	23000.00	25323.00
Single adult households without children	15410.00	16967.00
Annual level of Benefit Cap (Rest of Great Britain)		
Couples (with or without children) or single claimants with a child of	20000.00	22020.00
Single adult households without children	13400.00	14753.00
Monthly equivalent (Greater London)		
Couples (with or without children) or single claimants with a child of	1916.67	2110.25
Single adult households without children	1284.17	1413.92
Monthly equivalent (Rest of Great Britain)		
Couples (with or without children) or single claimants with a child of	1666.67	1835.00
Single adult households without children	1116.67	1229.42
Weekly equivalent (Greater London)		
Couples (with or without children) or single claimants with a child of	442.31	486.98
Single adult households without children	296.35	326.29
Weekly equivalent (Rest of Great Britain)		
Couples (with or without children) or single claimants with a child of	384.62	423.46
Single adult households without children	257.69	283.71
BEREAVEMENT BENEFIT (for deaths between 9 April 2001 & 5 April 2017)		
Widowed Parent's Allowance	126.35	139.10
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PAYMENT (for deaths occurring on or after 6 April 2017)		
Standard rate (lump sum)	2500.00	2500.00
Standard rate monthly payments	100.00	100.00
Higher rate (lump sum)	3500.00	3500.00
Higher rate monthly payments	350.00	350.00

CAPITAL LIMITS - rules common to Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment & Support Allowance and Housing Benefit unless otherwise stated

upper limit	16000.00	16000.00
Amount disregarded	6000.00	6000.00
Child disregard - (not Employment & Support Allowance or Housing Benefit)	3000.00	3000.00
Amount disregarded (living in RC/NH)	10000.00	10000.00

CAPITAL LIMITS - rules common to Pension Credit and Housing Benefit

upper limit - Pension Credit and those getting Housing Benefit and Pension Credit Guarantee Credit	No limit	No limit
Amount disregarded - Pension Credit and Housing Benefit for those above the qualifying age for Pension Credit	10000.00	10000.00
Amount disregarded (living in RC/NH)	10000.00	10000.00

Tariff Income

£1 for every £250, or part thereof, between the amount of capital disregarded and the capital upper limit

Tariff income - Pension Credit and Housing Benefit where claimant / partner is over State Pension age

£1 for every £500, or part thereof, above or between the amount of capital disregarded and any capital upper limit applicable

CARER'S ALLOWANCE	69.70	76.75
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DEDUCTIONS - rules common to Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, Pension Credit and Housing Benefit unless stated otherwise

Non-dependant deductions from housing benefit and from IS, JSA(IB), ESA(IR) and Pension Credit

aged 25 and over in receipt of IS and JSA(IB), or any age in receipt of main phase ESA(IR), aged 18 or over, not in remunerative work	16.45	18.10
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aged 18 or over and in remunerative work		
gross income: less than £162	16.45	18.10
gross income: £162 to £235.99	37.80	41.60
gross income: £236 to £307.99	51.85	57.10
gross income: £308 to £409.99	84.85	93.40
gross income: £410 to £510.99	96.60	106.35
gross income: £511 and above	106.05	116.75

Deductions from housing benefit

Service charges for fuel		
heating	35.25	35.25
hot water	4.10	4.10
lighting	2.85	2.85
cooking	4.10	4.10

Amount ineligible for meals		
three or more meals a day		
single claimant	30.10	33.15
each person in family aged 16 or over	30.10	33.15
each child under 16	15.25	16.80
less than three meals a day		
single claimant	20.05	22.10
each person in family aged 16 or over	20.05	22.10
each child under 16	10.05	11.05
breakfast only - claimant and each member of the family	3.70	4.05
Amount for personal expenses (not HB)	27.00	29.75
Third party deductions from IS, JSA(IB), ESA(IR) and Pension Credit for;		
arrears of housing, fuel and water costs	3.85	4.25
Council Tax etc. and deductions for ELDS and ILS.		
Child Maintenance Deduction	8.40	8.40
arrears of Community Charge		
court order against claimant	3.85	4.25
court order against couple	6.10	6.70
fine or compensation order		
standard rate	5.00	5.00
lower rate	3.85	4.25
Maximum deduction rates for recovery of overpayments (not JSA(C)/ESA(C))		
ordinary overpayments	11.55	12.75
Fraud Overpayments		
Housing Benefit / CTB only	19.25	21.25
Benefits (not HB or Council Tax)	30.80	34.00
Deductions from JSA(C) and ESA (C)		
Arrears of Comm. Charge & overpayment recovery		
Age 16 - 24	20.35	22.40
Age 25 +	25.66	28.26
Arrears of Council Tax & Fines		
Age 16 - 24	24.42	26.88
Age 25 +	30.80	33.92
Maximum deduction for arrears of Child Maintenance		
Age 16 - 24	20.35	22.40
Age 25 +	25.66	28.26
Sanction reduction rate for New Style ESA&JSA		
under 25	8.60	9.50
25 and over	10.90	12.00

Sanction reduction rate for income related ESA&JSA

Personal Allowance
will be reduced in full
when customer is
subject to a sanction

Dependency Increases

Adult dependency increases for spouse or person looking after children - payable with;

long term Incapacity Benefit	68.70	75.65
Unemployability Supplement.	69.70	76.75
Severe Disablement Allowance	41.20	45.35
short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)	66.10	72.80
short-term Incapacity Benefit (under State Pension age)	53.50	58.90

Child Dependency Increases - payable with; State Pension; Widowed Mothers/Parents Allowance; short-term Incapacity benefit - higher rate or over state pension age; long-term Incapacity Benefit; Carer's Allowance; Severe Disablement Unemployability Supplement.	11.35	11.35
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NB - The rate of child dependency increase is adjusted where it is payable for the eldest child for whom child benefit is also paid. The weekly rate in such cases is reduced by the difference (less £3.65) between the ChB rates for the eldest and subsequent children.	8.00	8.00
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DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE

Care Component		
Highest	92.40	101.75
Middle	61.85	68.10
Lowest	24.45	26.90
Mobility Component		
Higher	64.50	71.00
Lower	24.45	26.90

DISREGARDS

Housing Benefit

Earnings disregards		
standard (single claimant)	5.00	5.00
couple	10.00	10.00
higher (special occupations/circumstances)	20.00	20.00
lone parent	25.00	25.00
childcare charges	175.00	175.00
childcare charges (2 or more children)	300.00	300.00
permitted work higher	152.00	167.00
permitted work lower	20.00	20.00
Other Income disregards		
adult maintenance disregard	15.00	15.00
war disablement pension and war widows pension	10.00	10.00
widowed mothers/parents allowance	15.00	15.00
Armed Forces Compensation Scheme	10.00	10.00
student loan	10.00	10.00
student's covenanted income	5.00	5.00
income from boarders (plus 50% of the balance)	20.00	20.00

additional earnings disregard	17.10	17.10
income from subtenants (£20 fixed from April 08)	20.00	20.00

**Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance,
Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IR)) and Pension
Credit**

Earnings disregards		
standard (single claimant) (not ESA(IR))	5.00	5.00
couple (not ESA(IR))	10.00	10.00
higher (special occupations/circumstances)	20.00	20.00
partner of claimant (ESA(IR))	20.00 (maximum)	20.00 (maximum)
Other Income disregards		
war disablement pension and war widows pension	10.00	10.00
widowed mothers/parents allowance	10.00	10.00
Armed Forces Compensation Scheme	10.00	10.00
student loan (not Pension Credit)	10.00	10.00
student's covenanted income (not Pension Credit)	5.00	5.00
income from boarders (plus 50% of the balance)	20.00	20.00
income from subtenants (£20 fixed from April 08)	20.00	20.00

EARNINGS RULES

Carer's Allowance	132.00	139.00
Limit of earnings from councillor's allowance	152.00	167.00
permitted work earnings limit - higher	152.00	167.00
- lower	20.00	20.00
Industrial Injuries unemployability supplement permitted earnings level (annual amount)	7904.00	8684.00

Earnings level at which adult dependency increases (ADI) are affected with:

short-term incapacity benefit where claimant is		
(a) under state pension age	53.50	58.90
(b) over state pension age	66.10	72.80
long term incapacity benefit severe disablement allowance, unemployability supplement - payable when dependant		
(a) is living with claimant	77.00	84.80
(b) still qualifies for the tapered earnings rule	45.09	45.09

Earnings level at which ADI is affected when dependant is not living with

long-term incapacity benefit	68.70	75.65
unemployability supplement	69.70	76.75
severe disablement allowance	41.20	45.35

Earnings level at which child dependency increases
are affected

for first child	255.00	280.00
additional amount for each subsequent child	34.00	37.00

Pension income threshold for incapacity benefit	85.00	85.00
pension income threshold for contributory employment & support allowance	85.00	85.00

EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE

Personal Allowances

Single		
under 25	61.05	67.20
25 or over	77.00	84.80
lone parent		
under 18	61.05	67.20
18 or over	77.00	84.80
couple		
both under 18	61.05	67.20
both under 18 with child	92.20	101.50
both under 18 (main phase)	77.00	84.80
both under 18 with child (main phase)	121.05	133.30
one 18 or over, one under 18 (certain conditions apply)	121.05	133.30
both over 18	121.05	133.30
claimant under 25, partner under 18	61.05	67.20
claimant 25 or over, partner under 18	77.00	84.80
claimant (main phase), partner under 18	77.00	84.80

Premiums

enhanced disability		
single	17.75	19.55
couple	25.35	27.90
severe disability		
single	69.40	76.40
couple (lower rate)	69.40	76.40
couple (higher rate)	138.80	152.80
carer		
	38.85	42.75
pensioner		
single with work-related activity component	75.00	82.55
single with support component	65.00	71.55
single with no component	105.60	116.25
couple with work-related activity component	127.05	139.85
couple with support component	117.05	128.85
couple with no component	157.65	173.55

Components

Work-related Activity	30.60	33.70
Support	40.60	44.70

HOUSING BENEFIT

Personal Allowances

single		
under 25	61.05	67.20
25 or over	77.00	84.80
entitled to main phase ESA	77.00	84.80
lone parent		
under 18	61.05	67.20

18 or over entitled to main phase ESA	77.00 77.00	84.80 84.80
couple both under 18	92.20	101.50
one or both 18 or over claimant entitled to main phase ESA	121.05 121.05	133.30 133.30
dependent children	70.80	77.78
single / lone parent - state pension age or over	197.10	217.00
couple - state pension age or over	294.90	324.70
single / lone parent - reached state pension age on or after 1 April 2021	182.60	201.05
couple - both reached state pension age on or after 1 April 2021	278.70	306.85
for the claimant and the other party to the marriage where one or more members of the marriage are state pension age or over	294.90	324.70
for each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant and one or more of the members are state pension age or over	97.80	107.70
If the claimant is a member of a polygamous marriage and all of the members of the marriage have attained pensionable age on or after 1 April		
For the claimant and the other party to the marriage	278.70	306.85
For each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant	96.10	105.80
Premiums		
family	17.85	18.53
family (lone parent rate)	22.20	22.20
disability		
single	36.20	39.85
couple	51.60	56.80
enhanced disability		
single	17.75	19.55
disabled child	27.44	30.17
couple	25.35	27.90
severe disability		
single	69.40	76.40
couple (lower rate)	69.40	76.40
couple (higher rate)	138.80	152.80
disabled child	68.04	74.69
carer	38.85	42.75
ESA components		
work-related activity support	30.60 40.60	33.70 44.70
INCAPACITY BENEFIT		
Long-term Incapacity Benefit	118.25	130.20
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (under state pension age)		
lower rate	89.25	98.25
higher rate	105.55	116.20
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)		
lower rate	113.45	124.90
higher rate	118.25	130.20

Increase of Long-term Incapacity Benefit for age		
higher rate	12.55	13.80
lower rate	6.95	7.65

Invalidity Allowance (Transitional)		
higher rate	12.55	13.80
middle rate	6.95	7.65
lower rate	6.95	7.65

INCOME SUPPORT

Personal Allowances		
single		
under 25	61.05	67.20
25 or over	77.00	84.80

lone parent		
under 18	61.05	67.20
18 or over	77.00	84.80

couple		
both under 18	61.05	67.20
both under 18 - higher rate	92.20	101.50
one under 18, one under 25	61.05	67.20
one under 18, one 25 and over	77.00	84.80
both 18 or over	121.05	133.30

dependent children	70.80	77.78
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Premiums

family / lone parent	17.85	18.53
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pensioner (applies to couples only)	157.65	173.55
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disability		
single	36.20	39.85
couple	51.60	56.80

enhanced disability		
single	17.75	19.55
disabled child	27.44	30.17
couple	25.35	27.90

severe disability		
single	69.40	76.40
couple (lower rate)	69.40	76.40
couple (higher rate)	138.80	152.80

disabled child	68.04	74.69
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carer	38.85	42.75
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Relevant sum for strikers	42.50	47.00
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INDUSTRIAL DEATH BENEFIT

Widow's pension		
higher rate	141.85	156.20
lower rate	42.56	46.86
Widower's pension	141.85	156.20

INDUSTRIAL INJURIES DISABLEMENT BENEFIT

Standard rate		
1.00	188.60	207.60
0.90	169.74	186.84
0.80	150.88	166.08
0.70	132.02	145.32
0.60	113.16	124.56
0.50	94.30	103.80
0.40	75.44	83.04
0.30	56.58	62.28
0.20	37.72	41.52
Maximum life gratuity (lump sum)	12520.00	13780.00
Unemployability Supplement	116.60	128.40
increase for early incapacity		
higher rate	24.15	26.60
middle rate	15.50	17.10
lower rate	7.75	8.55
Maximum reduced earnings allowance	75.44	83.04
Maximum retirement allowance	18.86	20.76
Constant attendance allowance		
exceptional rate	151.00	166.20
intermediate rate	113.25	124.65
normal maximum rate	75.50	83.10
part-time rate	37.75	41.55
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	75.50	83.10

JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

Contribution based JSA - Personal Rates		
under 25	61.05	67.20
25 or over	77.00	84.80
Income-based JSA - Personal Allowances		
under 25	61.05	67.20
25 or over	77.00	84.80
lone parent		
under 18	61.05	67.20
18 or over	77.00	84.80
couple		
both under 18	61.05	67.20
both under 18 - higher rate	92.20	101.50
one under 18, one under 25	61.05	67.20
one under 18, one 25 and over	77.00	84.80
both 18 or over	121.05	133.30
dependent children	70.80	77.78
Premiums		
family / lone parent	17.85	18.53
pensioner		
single	105.60	116.25
couple	157.65	173.55

disability		
single	36.20	39.85
couple	51.60	56.80
enhanced disability		
single	17.75	19.55
disabled child	27.44	30.17
couple	25.35	27.90
severe disability		
single	69.40	76.40
couple (lower rate)	69.40	76.40
couple (higher rate)	138.80	152.80
disabled child	68.04	74.69
carer	38.85	42.75
Prescribed sum for strikers	42.50	47.00
MATERNITY ALLOWANCE		
Standard rate	156.66	172.48
MA threshold	30.00	30.00
PENSION CREDIT		
Standard minimum guarantee		
single	182.60	201.05
couple	278.70	306.85
Additional amount for severe disability		
single	69.40	76.40
couple (one qualifies)	69.40	76.40
couple (both qualify)	138.80	152.80
Additional amount for carers	38.85	42.75
Savings credit		
threshold - single	158.47	174.49
threshold - couple	251.70	277.12
maximum - single	14.48	15.94
maximum - couple	16.20	17.84
Children		
First child born before 6 April 2017	66.85	72.31
Subsequent children	56.35	61.88
Disabled child		
Lower rate	30.58	33.67
Higher rate	95.48	104.86
Amount for claimant and first spouse in polygamous marriage	278.70	306.85
Additional amount for additional spouse	96.10	105.80
Non-State Pensions (for Pension Credit purposes)		
Statutory minimum increase to non-state pensions	3.10%	10.10%
PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENT		
Daily living component		
Enhanced	92.40	101.75
Standard	61.85	68.10
Mobility component		
Enhanced	64.50	71.00
Standard	24.45	26.90

SEVERE DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCE

Basic rate	83.75	92.20
Age-related addition (from Dec 90)		
Higher rate	12.55	13.80
Middle rate	6.95	7.65
Lower rate	6.95	7.65

STATE PENSION**New State Pension**

Full rate	185.15	203.85
Transitional rate below full rate	3.0902%	10.0999%
Protected Payment	3.10%	10.10%
Increments - own (based on deferred new State Pension)	3.10%	10.10%
Increments - inherited (based on deferred old State Pension)	3.10%	10.10%

Old State Pension

Category A or B basic pension	141.85	156.20
Category B (lower) basic pension - spouse or civil partner's insurance	85.00	93.60
Category C or D - non-contributory	85.00	93.60
Additional pension	3.10%	10.10%
Maximum additional pension (own + inherited)	185.90	204.68
Increments to:-		
Basic pension	3.10%	10.10%
Additional pension	3.10%	10.10%
Graduated Retirement Benefit (GRB)	3.10%	10.10%
Inheritable lump sum	3.10%	10.10%
Contracted-out Deduction from AP in respect of pre-April 1988 contracted-out earnings	Nil	Nil
Contracted-out Deduction from AP in respect of contracted-out earnings from April 1988 to 1997	3.00%	3.00%
Graduated Retirement Benefit (unit)	0.1492	0.1643
Increase of long term incapacity for age	3.10%	10.10%
Addition at age 80	0.25	0.25
Increase of Long-term incapacity for age		
higher rate	24.15	26.60
lower rate	12.10	13.30
Invalidity Allowance (Transitional) for State Pension recipients		
higher rate	24.15	26.60
middle rate	15.50	17.10
lower rate	7.75	8.55

STATUTORY ADOPTION PAY

Earnings threshold	123.00	123.00
Standard Rate	156.66	172.48

STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY

Earnings threshold	123.00	123.00
Standard rate	156.66	172.48

STATUTORY PATERNITY PAY

Earnings threshold	123.00	123.00
Standard Rate	156.66	172.48

STATUTORY SHARED PARENTAL PAY

Earnings threshold	123.00	123.00
Standard rate	156.66	172.48

STATUTORY PARENTAL BEREAVEMENT PAY

Earnings threshold	123.00	123.00
Standard rate	156.66	172.48

STATUTORY SICK PAY

Earnings threshold	123.00	123.00
Standard rate	99.35	109.40

UNIVERSAL CREDIT (monthly rates)

Universal Credit Minimum Amount	0.01	0.01
Universal Credit Amounts		
Standard allowance		
Single		
Single under 25	265.31	292.11
Single 25 or over	334.91	368.74
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	416.45	458.51
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	525.72	578.82
Child amounts		
First child (born prior to 6 April 2017)	290.00	315.00
First child (born on or after 6 April 2017)/ second child and subsequent child (where an exception or transitional provision applies)	244.58	269.58
Disabled child additions		
Lower rate addition	132.89	146.31
Higher rate addition	414.88	456.89
Limited Capability for Work amount	132.89	146.31
Limited Capability for Work and Work-Related Activity amount	354.28	390.06
Carer amount	168.81	185.86
Childcare costs amount		
Maximum for one child	646.35	950.92
Maximum for two or more children	1108.04	1630.15
Non-dependants' housing cost contributions	77.87	85.73
Work allowances		
Higher work allowance (no housing amount)		
One or more dependent children or limited capability for work	573.00	631.00
Lower work allowance		
One or more dependent children or limited capability for work	344.00	379.00
UC Daily Reduction		
100% reduction rate		
Single		
Single under 25	8.70	9.60
Single 25 or over	11.00	12.10
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25 (per sanctioned claimant)	6.80	7.50
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over and one is sanctioned (per sanctioned claimant)	8.60	9.50
40% reduction rate		

Single		
Single under 25	3.40	3.80
Single 25 or over	4.40	4.80
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25 (per sanctioned claimant)	2.70	3.00
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over (per sanctioned claimant)	3.40	3.80
Third party deductions for payment of arrears, 5% of UC Standard Allowance (excludes deductions for rent and service charges included in rent).		
Single		
Single under 25	13.27	14.61
Single 25 or over	16.75	18.44
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	20.82	22.93
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	26.29	28.94
Minimum deductions for arrears of rent and service charges included in rent at 10% of UC Standard Allowance (10% minimum introduced from Nov 2014).		
Single		
Single under 25	26.53	29.21
Single 25 or over	33.49	36.87
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	41.65	45.85
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	52.57	57.88
Maximum deductions for arrears of rent and service charges included in rent at 20% of UC Standard Allowance (20% maximum introduced from November 2014).		
Single		
Single under 25	53.06	58.42
Single 25 or over	66.98	73.75
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	83.29	91.70
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	105.14	115.76
Overall Maximum deduction Rate at 25% of UC Standard Allowance:		
Single		
Single under 25	66.33	73.03
Single 25 or over	83.73	92.19
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	104.11	114.63
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	131.43	144.71
Fraud Overpayments, Recoverable Hardship Payments and Administrative Penalties at 25% of UC Standard Allowance		
Single		
Single under 25	66.33	73.03
Single 25 or over	83.73	92.19
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	104.11	114.63
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	131.43	144.71

Ordinary Overpayments and Civil Penalties at 15% of UC Standard Allowance

Single		
Single under 25	39.80	43.82
Single 25 or over	50.24	55.31

Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	62.47	68.78
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	78.86	86.82

Ordinary Overpayments and Civil Penalties at 25% of UC Standard Allowance
if claimant's and/or partner's earnings are over the Work Allowance

Single		
Single under 25	66.33	73.03
Single 25 or over	83.73	92.19

Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	104.11	114.63
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	131.43	144.71

Child Maintenance Deduction	36.40	36.40
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CAPITAL LIMIT - Universal Credit

Upper limit	16000.00	16000.00
Amount disregarded	6000.00	6000.00

Assumed income from capital for every £250 or part thereof, between capital disregard and upper capital limit	4.35	4.35
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WIDOW'S BENEFIT

Widowed mother's allowance	126.35	139.10
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Widow's pension		
standard rate	126.35	139.10
age-related		
age 54	117.51	129.36
53	108.66	119.63
52	99.82	109.89
51	90.97	100.15
50	82.13	90.42
49	73.28	80.68
48	64.44	70.94
47	55.59	61.20
46	46.75	51.47
45	37.91	41.73