

means tested

Income Support & income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Personal Allowances

Single	
under 18	32.90 / 43.25
18 - 24	43.25
25+	54.65
Lone parent	
under 18	32.90 / 43.25
18+	54.65
Couple	
both under 18	32.90 / 43.25 / 65.30
one under 18	43.25 / 54.65 / 85.75
both aged 18+	85.75
Dependent children	38.50

Premiums

Bereavement	22.80
Carer	25.10
Disability	
single	23.30
couple	33.25
Disabled Child	41.30
Enhanced Disability	
single person/lone parent	11.40
couple	16.45
child	16.60
Family	15.75
lone parent rate	15.90
Pensioner	
single	47.45
couple	70.05
Severe Disability	
per qualifying person	42.95

Pension Credit ^(a)

Minimum guarantee

single	102.10
couple	155.80

Savings credit threshold

single	77.45
couple	123.80

Housing Benefit & Council Tax Benefit

As for Income Support/income-based JSA or Pension Credit, except for -

Personal Allowances

Single person - under 18 (n/a for CTB)	43.25
- aged 65+	116.90 ^(a)
Lone parent - under 18 (n/a for CTB)	43.25
Couple - both under 18 (n/a for CTB)	65.30
- one under 18	85.75
- one or both aged 65+	175.00 ^(a)

Premiums

Family - lone parent rate	22.20
- lone parent/baby rate	32.65
- couple/baby rate	26.20

Non Dependant Deductions

(from housing costs - IS, income-based JSA, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit & Council Tax Benefit)

Aged 18+ and in remunerative work

gross income	IS/JSA/PC/HB	CTB
0.00 - 91.99	7.40	2.30
92.00 - 136.99	17.00	2.30
137.00 - 176.99	23.35	4.60
177.00 - 234.99	38.20	4.60
235.00 - 292.99	43.50	5.80
293.00+	47.75	6.95

All others for whom a deduction is made

	7.40	2.30
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Working Tax Credit ^(b)

Basic element	1525.00
Couple/lone parent	1500.00
30 hours element	620.00
Disability element	2040.00
Severe disability element	865.00
50+ return to work	
16 - 29 hours	1045.00
30+ hours	1565.00
Childcare costs (up to 70% of)	
1 child (weekly rate)	135.00
2+ children (weekly rate)	200.00

Child Tax Credit ^(b)

Family element	545.00
Baby addition	545.00
Child element	1445.00
Disabled child	2155.00
Severely disabled child	865.00

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Attendance Allowance

lower rate	38.30
higher rate	57.20

Bereavement Benefits ^(c)

Bereavement Allowance (55+)	77.45
Widowed Parent's Allowance	77.45
child dependant	11.35 ^(d)

Carer's Allowance

	43.15
adult dependant	25.80
child dependant	11.35 ^(d)

Child Benefit

only/eldest child	16.05
lone parent rate	17.55
other children	10.75

Disability Living Allowance

Care Component	lower rate	15.15
	middle rate	38.30
	higher rate	57.20
Mobility Component	lower rate	15.15
	higher rate	39.95

Guardian's Allowance

	11.55
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Incapacity Benefit

short term (under pension age)	
lower rate	54.40
higher rate	64.35
adult dependant	33.65
child dependant (paid with higher rate)	11.35 ^(d)
long term	72.15
age addition	
lower	7.60
higher	15.15
adult dependant	43.15
child dependant	11.35 ^(d)
inv. allowance	
lower	4.85
middle	9.70
higher	15.15

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit

(variable depending on % disablement)	
under 18	14.31-71.55
18+ (or under 18 with dependants)	23.36-116.80

Jobseeker's Allowance (NI based)

under 18	32.90
18 - 24	43.25
25+	54.65

Maternity Allowance

standard rate	100.00
adult dependant	33.65

Retirement Pension

Cat A (and Cat B for widows/widowers)	77.45
adult dependant (with Cat A)	46.35
Cat B (husband's NI)	46.35
Cat D (non contributory)	46.35
age addition	0.25
child dependant addition	11.35 ^(d)

Severe Disablement Allowance

	43.60
age addition	
lower	4.85
middle	9.70
higher	15.15
adult dependant	25.90
child dependant	11.35 ^(d)

Statutory Adoption Pay

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Statutory Maternity Pay

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Statutory Paternity Pay

	100.00
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Statutory Sick Pay

	64.35
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(a) From October 2003.

(b) Annual figures. First threshold £5060.00 (£13230.00 if not entitled to WTC). Second threshold £50000.00.

(c) Widow's Pension & Widowed Mother's Allowance paid at same rates.

(d) Reduced where CB is payable. Replaced by Child Tax Credit for new claimants.



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