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Introduction

Child and Working Tax Credits, and coverage of the tables

Child Tax Credit (CTC) provides support to families for the children (up to the 31 August after their 16th birthdays) and the "qualifying" young people (those in full-time non-advanced education until their 20th birthdays) for which they are responsible. It is paid in addition to Child Benefit.

Some out of work families with children do not receive CTC but instead receive the equivalent amount via child and related allowances in Income Support or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (IS/JSA). These families are included in the figures, generally together with out of work families receiving CTC. In due course, they will be "migrated" to tax credits.

Working Tax Credit (WTC) tops up the earnings of families on low or moderate incomes. People working for at least 16 hours a week can claim it if they (a) are responsible for at least one child or qualifying young person, (b) have a disability which puts them at a disadvantage in getting a job or (c) in the first year of work, having returned to work aged at least 50 after a period of at least six months receiving out-of-work benefits. Other adults qualify if they are aged at least 25 and work for at least 30 hours a week.

CTC and WTC are claimed by individuals, or jointly by couples, whether or not they have children (described as "families" in this publication). These tables cover families who had claimed, and were eligible for, CTC (or the equivalent via benefits) or WTC at 1 December 2009 (the "reference date") and who were recipients at that date.

The tables in Sections 3 and 8 cover out of work families with children; and the figures for such families in Sections 1 and 2 are shown with the same degree of rounding as the figures for in-work families, and are classed as National Statistics. This follows the availability of a new data source for out of work families receiving their child support via benefits (see "Data sources", below).

Families "receiving" CTC and / or WTC, and the level of CTC

The tables classify families according to the levels of their entitlement at the reference date, modelled from data on their circumstances and their latest annual incomes reported and processed by that date. The actual amount being received at that date can be lower, due to the recovery of earlier overpayments. The tables describe as "recipients" all families with positive modelled entitlement, though in some cases the payments are reduced to zero. For more details, see the Technical Note.

The modelled entitlement values are provisional. The final entitlements at the reference date will generally not be known until after the end of the year, when the circumstances at that date, and the 2009-10 incomes, are finally established.

From April 2007, the tables exclude families whose modelled entitlements are tapered to zero through incomes. These families were originally included because they may, retrospectively, have positive entitlements at finalisation. However, this is no longer at all likely for the majority of such families. Their numbers have been swelled by families whose youngest children have left full time education, who continue to satisfy the qualifying conditions for WTC (see above), but whose incomes are sufficient to taper the WTC entitlements to zero.

Data sources

The estimates in the tables for in-work families are based on data for a random sample of families with awards at the reference date, extracted from the tax credits computer system on that date.

The estimates for out of work families with children are based on data at 1 December 2009. The estimates for families receiving CTC at that date are based on a scan of the tax credits system taken at that date. The estimates for families receiving their child support via benefits are based on scans of the benefits systems. These identified all families with children receiving benefits at August 2008. The estimates are restricted to families that had qualifying children in Child Benefit awards at June 2009 and were not claiming tax credits at 1 December 2009. However, the split shown at Table 2.1 of out of work families between those receiving their child support via each system takes account of the estimated movement in the split by 1 December 2009.

Note that this method works because families receiving their child support via benefits can have moved to CTC between August 2008 and December 2009 (for example, when they move into work), but movement in the opposite direction is not possible. Also, since April 2004, all new families receive their child support via CTC, not benefits. An aggregate allowance has however been made for the relatively small number of babies born between June 2009 and December 2009 to families receiving their child support via benefits at the latter date.

Sampling uncertainty

The figures are subject to sampling uncertainty. Figures based on fewer than 25 cases are shown as "-". For more details of the sample, and the sampling errors associated with the figures in the tables, see Appendix A.

Geographical analyses

This publication covers families in the United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland). Section 8 shows analyses of recipient families living in each country of the United Kingdom, and in each Government Office Region in England. The numbers in Table 8.2 are further subdivided by local authority (down to district level) and by parliamentary constituency in "Child and Working Tax Credit Statistics. Geographical analyses. December 2009". That publication also contains details of the method used to allocate individual families to local areas, and how the regions are defined in terms of local authorities.

Main aggregates

Note: Figures are separately rounded, which can lead to the components as shown not summing to the total.

Table 2.1 shows that, on 1 December 2009:

6.2 million families, containing 10.0 million children, were tax credit recipients or were receiving the equivalent child support through benefits;

These families comprised:

5.7 million families with children receiving CTC, or the equivalent via benefits:

1.5 million in which no adult was in work

1.9 million in work receiving the maximum CTC, and also receiving WTC

0.7 million in work receiving less than the maximum CTC, but more than the family element

1.5 million in work receiving the family element of CTC

0.2 million in work receiving less than the family element of CTC.

0.5 million families in work without children, receiving only WTC.

3.5 million recipient families were couples (3.4 million had children).

2.6 million were single adults (2.3 million had children).

Later tables show that:

478 thousand families were benefiting from the childcare element of WTC; they were receiving an average of £70 per week help with their childcare costs (table 4.4);

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Table 2.1 Recipient families, couples and single adults and their children.

	Families			Thousands
	Total	Couples	Singles	Number of children in recipient families
All families				
Total	6,174.3	3,539.8	2,634.6	10,028.4
With children	5,663.1	3,393.6	2,269.4	10,028.4
Other	511.3	146.2	365.2	-
Out of work families with children				
Total	1,462.7	378.8	1,083.9	2,790.2
Receiving CTC	1,278.0	332.6	945.4	2,397.1
Maximum award ¹	1,237.0	299.7	937.2	2,328.5
Tapered	41.0	32.9	8.2	68.6
Receiving family premia in benefits ²	184.7	46.1	138.5	393.1
In work families				
Total	4,711.7	3,161.0	1,550.7	7,238.2
With children	4,200.4	3,014.8	1,185.5	7,238.2
Receiving WTC ³ and CTC	1,869.9	883.0	986.9	3,318.5
Maximum award ¹	631.0	227.4	403.6	1,167.9
Tapered	1,238.9	655.6	583.3	2,150.6
Receiving CTC only	2,330.4	2,131.8	198.6	3,919.7
More than family element	703.3	599.5	103.8	1,447.3
Family element	1,475.8	1,383.3	92.5	2,213.9
Less than family element	151.3	149.0	2.3	258.5
No children (receiving WTC only)	511.3	146.2	365.2	-
Maximum award ¹	155.0	24.7	130.3	-
Tapered	356.3	121.5	234.9	-

¹ Where the award is not reduced through tapering, either because the family is passported to maximum CTC through receipt of out of work benefits, or because the annual income is below the relevant first threshold. See the Technical Note.

² See the Introduction. Not tapered.

³ Includes 95.5 thousand families (60 thousand couples and 35.5 thousand singles) where the WTC entitlement is less than or equal to the childcare element and is therefore paid together with CTC.

Table 3.1 Recipient families: ages and genders of adults.*Thousands*

	All families	Out of work families	In-work families					Without children receiving WTC
			Total	With children				
				Receiving WTC and CTC	Receiving CTC only			
					More than family element	Family element		
Couples								
Age of eldest adult ¹								
Under 20	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-
20-24	62.7	17.2	45.4	31.6	7.3	6.3	0.1	0.2
25-29	242.1	35.0	207.1	96.8	42.0	59.2	3.3	5.9
30-34	464.5	48.1	416.4	147.6	88.6	156.8	18.1	5.3
35-39	704.5	65.2	639.3	183.2	140.3	275.6	35.2	4.9
40-49	1,465.2	129.1	1,336.1	315.0	256.5	664.4	72.4	27.9
50-59	496.5	56.2	440.2	95.0	58.0	201.0	18.7	67.5
60 and over	101.9	26.5	75.4	12.9	6.8	20.0	1.2	34.6
Total	3,539.8	378.8	3,161.0	883.0	599.5	1,383.3	149.0	146.2
Female sole worker ²	-	-	281.0	138.6	41.6	60.3	3.0	37.5
Male sole worker ²	-	-	1,313.9	505.6	290.3	416.8	33.0	68.3
Both adults in work ²	-	-	1,566.1	238.7	267.7	906.2	113.0	40.4
Singles								
Age								
Under 20	39.1	34.5	4.6	4.3	-	-	-	0.4
20-24	235.5	161.6	74.0	69.3	0.5	-	-	4.0
25-29	381.3	184.1	197.3	134.6	3.3	1.6	-	57.8
30-34	385.2	170.7	214.4	157.5	9.8	5.9	-	41.1
35-39	465.5	184.7	280.8	204.8	21.6	15.7	0.3	38.3
40-49	849.8	272.8	577.0	354.9	57.7	54.1	1.5	108.8
50-59	247.8	63.2	184.6	59.8	10.4	14.5	0.4	99.6
60 and over	30.3	12.4	17.9	1.9	0.3	0.5	-	15.2
Total	2,634.6	1,083.9	1,550.7	986.9	103.8	92.5	2.3	365.2
Female	2,311.9	1,016.2	1,295.7	928.6	90.9	76.8	1.8	197.6
Male	322.5	67.6	254.9	58.3	12.8	15.7	0.6	167.5

¹ For out of work families receiving their child support via benefits, the age of the Child Benefit claimant.² "Worker" here means an adult working for at least 16 hours per week.

Table 3.2 Recipient families with children, by family size; ages of children.*Thousands*

	All families	Out of work families	In-work families				
			Total	Receiving WTC and CTC	Receiving CTC only		
					More than family element	Family element	Less than family element
Family size.							
All families							
One child	2,638.6	664.4	1,974.1	886.5	193.4	829.4	64.8
Two children	2,070.7	456.6	1,614.1	652.7	331.1	561.4	68.9
Three children	680.7	217.3	463.4	234.6	135.6	78.3	14.9
Four children	195.3	82.3	113.0	70.1	34.2	6.4	2.3
Five or more children	77.7	42.0	35.7	26.1	9.0	0.2	0.4
Total	5,663.1	1,462.7	4,200.4	1,869.9	703.3	1,475.8	151.3
Couples							
One child	1,408.8	137.9	1,270.9	318.4	136.3	752.9	63.3
Two children	1,364.8	122.2	1,242.7	334.8	293.1	546.5	68.3
Three children	443.6	69.4	374.2	153.9	128.3	77.2	14.8
Four children	125.8	30.4	95.3	53.6	33.1	6.4	2.2
Five or more children	50.5	18.8	31.8	22.4	8.8	0.2	0.4
Total	3,393.6	378.8	3,014.8	883.0	599.5	1,383.3	149.0
Singles							
One child	1,229.8	526.5	703.4	568.2	57.1	76.6	1.5
Two children	705.9	334.5	371.4	317.9	38.0	14.8	0.7
Three children	237.1	147.9	89.0	80.7	7.3	1.0	-
Four children	69.5	51.9	17.5	16.5	1.0	-	-
Five or more children	27.1	23.1	3.9	3.7	0.2	-	-
Total	2,269.4	1,083.9	1,185.5	986.9	103.8	92.5	2.3
With a child aged under one year at the reference date¹							
	479.5	149.2	330.3	148.4	66.8	94.1	21.0
Number of children by age.							
All families							
Under 5	2,839.7	845.7	1,994.0	934.0	401.3	574.3	84.4
5 to 9	2,695.1	743.5	1,951.6	889.6	411.2	582.5	68.3
10, but under 16 at 31st August 2008	3,528.6	901.2	2,627.4	1,159.0	506.2	875.7	86.5
16 and over at 31st August 2008	932.3	282.4	649.9	323.8	125.4	181.5	19.2
Age not known ²	32.7	17.4	15.2	12.1	3.1	-	-
Total	10,028.4	2,790.2	7,238.2	3,318.5	1,447.3	2,213.9	258.5
Couples							
Under 5	1,878.8	229.4	1,649.4	608.5	389.0	567.8	84.1
5 to 9	1,718.6	211.1	1,507.5	497.3	380.0	562.7	67.5
10, but under 16 at 31st August 2008	2,137.7	271.0	1,866.6	543.6	422.9	815.4	84.7
16 and over at 31st August 2008	491.9	96.3	395.5	126.5	91.7	158.6	18.7
Age not known ²	23.6	9.3	14.1	11.0	3.1	-	-
Total	6,250.4	817.2	5,433.2	1,786.9	1,286.8	2,104.5	255.0
Singles							
Under 5	961.0	616.4	344.6	325.5	12.3	6.5	0.3
5 to 9	976.5	532.4	444.2	392.3	31.3	19.8	0.8
10, but under 16 at 31st August 2008	1,391.0	630.1	760.8	615.4	83.3	60.3	1.8
16 and over at 31st August 2008	440.4	186.1	254.3	197.3	33.6	22.9	0.5
Age not known ²	9.1	8.0	1.1	1.1	-	-	-
Total	3,778.0	1,973.0	1,805.1	1,531.6	160.5	109.5	3.5

¹ Excludes families with babies whose awards did not reflect the baby, or who had no award, at the reference date but whose final annual award will include a baby addition starting by that date. They have three months to report the baby and benefit in full.

² For large families, not all dates of birth were copied to the data base used to produce these figures.

Table 4.1 In-work recipient families: hours worked.

	<i>Thousands</i>					
	With children					Without children
	Total	Receiving WTC and CTC	Receiving CTC only			Receiving WTC
			More than family element	Family element	Less than family element	
Couples (hours for main worker)						
Total						
16 - 24 hours	245.1	200.0	19.8	19.0	0.7	5.6
25 - 29 hours	62.5	39.8	10.3	10.9	0.6	0.9
30 - 34 hours	210.5	110.2	29.4	30.1	2.0	38.8
35 or more hours	2,642.7	532.9	540.0	1,323.3	145.6	100.9
Total	3,161.0	883.0	599.5	1,383.3	149.0	146.2
Singles						
Total						
16 - 24 hours	532.4	492.3	9.7	4.1	-	26.3
25 - 29 hours	99.6	85.9	6.3	3.3	-	4.1
30 - 34 hours	315.0	156.3	14.0	7.7	-	137.0
35 or more hours	603.4	252.4	73.8	77.4	2.0	197.8
Total	1,550.7	986.9	103.8	92.5	2.3	365.2

Table 4.2 In-work recipient couples: combination of hours worked.*Thousands*

	Total	Hours worked by main worker				
		16 - 24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 or more
Hours worked by partner of main worker						
All couples						
Not in work	1,304.9	199.6	40.0	131.7	397.5	536.1
1-5	34.4	2.1	0.6	2.3	11.1	18.2
6-10	107.5	5.9	2.1	5.8	34.7	59.1
11-15	148.1	6.7	2.1	6.7	52.7	80.0
16-24	704.7	30.9	14.6	39.9	260.8	358.4
25-29	185.4	-	3.2	9.8	74.0	98.5
30 or more	676.0	-	-	14.5	254.5	407.1
Total	3,161.0	245.1	62.5	210.5	1,085.3	1,557.4
With children, and receiving more than CTC family element						
Not in work	851.4	181.4	33.1	91.4	225.1	320.3
1-5	16.5	1.7	0.5	1.5	4.6	8.2
6-10	51.2	5.0	1.8	3.8	14.3	26.2
11-15	57.0	5.5	1.7	4.1	17.1	28.7
16-24	288.2	26.1	11.1	25.8	90.2	134.9
25-29	55.5	-	2.0	5.5	19.6	28.4
30 or more	162.7	-	-	7.5	52.6	102.6
Total	1,482.5	219.8	50.2	139.7	423.7	649.2
Other with children						
Not in work	356.8	14.2	6.4	10.9	140.8	184.5
1-5	16.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	6.2	9.5
6-10	52.6	0.6	0.3	1.0	19.5	31.2
11-15	87.2	1.0	0.4	1.7	34.6	49.6
16-24	399.9	3.7	3.2	9.8	166.6	216.7
25-29	126.7	-	1.1	3.4	53.5	68.6
30 or more	492.7	-	-	4.9	197.0	290.8
Total	1,532.3	19.8	11.6	32.1	618.2	850.7
Without children						
Not in work	96.6	4.0	0.5	29.3	31.5	31.3
1-5	1.4	0.1	-	0.4	0.3	0.6
6-10	3.8	0.2	-	0.9	0.9	1.7
11-15	3.9	0.2	-	0.9	1.0	1.7
16-24	16.6	1.1	0.3	4.3	4.0	6.8
25-29	3.2	-	-	0.9	0.8	1.5
30 or more	20.6	-	-	2.1	4.8	13.7
Total	146.2	5.6	0.9	38.8	43.5	57.4

Table 4.3 : Families benefiting from the 30-hour credit: family type.

	<i>Thousands</i>				
	Total	Couples with children	Couples without children	Singles with children	Singles without children
Total families benefiting ¹	2,235.0	1,262.2	141.4	496.5	334.8
Main earner works for at least 30 hours	2,183.6	1,212.6	139.7	496.5	334.8
Neither adult works for 30+ hours, but combined hours exceed 30	51.4	49.7	1.7	-	-
Gender of sole or main worker					
Female	815.4	148.9	42.6	444.4	179.5
Male	1,358.5	1,061.9	89.2	52.1	155.3
Couples - equal hours ²	61.1	51.5	9.6	-	-
Total	2,235.0	1,262.2	141.4	496.5	334.8

¹ Those claiming the 30-hour element who (a) have children and have an award value above the family element, or (b) have no children and have a positive award.

² Couples where the two partners (including those in civil partnerships) work the same number of hours.

Table 4.4 Families benefiting from the childcare element.

	<i>Thousands</i>				
	Total	Couples			Singles
		All Couples	Both working	Other ¹	
Total families benefiting ²	478.1	180.3	175.2	5.1	297.8
Age group, or age groups of children ³					
Under 5 years only	173.1	79.1	77.4	1.7	94.1
Under 5 years plus older	129.0	67.1	65.1	2.0	61.9
5 to 9 years only	79.4	14.4	13.8	0.6	65.1
5 to 9 years plus older	52.5	14.7	14.1	0.6	37.8
10 years and over only	44.0	5.1	4.8	0.3	38.9
Total	478.1	180.3	175.2	5.1	297.8
Hours worked per week (fewest for couples where both work at least 16 hours)					
16-24	224.6	95.0	93.6	1.4	129.6
25-29	42.2	18.4	18.2	0.2	23.8
30-34	68.0	22.8	22.2	0.6	45.2
35-39	104.7	32.7	31.2	1.5	72.0
40+	38.7	11.5	10.1	1.4	27.2
Total	478.1	180.3	175.2	5.1	297.8
Eligible childcare costs allowed (per week)					
Under £20	43.2	13.5	12.8	0.7	29.7
£20 - £39.99	71.5	24.0	23.0	1.0	47.5
£40 - £59.99	65.3	23.0	22.3	0.7	42.4
£60 - £79.99	58.5	23.5	22.9	0.6	34.9
£80 - £99.99	49.8	20.9	20.4	0.5	28.9
£100 - £119.99	40.7	17.0	16.8	0.3	23.7
£120 - £149.99 ⁴	56.0	22.2	21.6	0.5	33.8
£150 and over	93.1	36.2	35.5	0.8	56.9
Total	478.1	180.3	175.2	5.1	297.8
Average costs allowed ⁴ (£ per week)	£95.97	£99.46	£99.91	£84.09	£93.85
Average help with childcare costs ⁵ (£ per week)	£70.38	£64.94	£64.95	£64.57	£73.67

¹ The non-working partner is incapacitated, in hospital or in prison.

² Those claiming the childcare element and with CTC above the family element.

³ Ages of all children in the family, not just those for whom childcare costs are incurred.

⁴ After taking account of maximum costs allowed (see Appendix B).

⁵ The difference between the award and the notional award excluding the childcare element.

Table 4.5 In-work single parents: hours worked and childcare.

	<i>Thousands</i>					
	Total	Age group, or age groups, of children				
		Under 5 years only	Under 5 years plus older	5 to 9 years only	5 to 9 years plus older	10 years and older only
Total single parents						
Weekly hours worked:						
16-20	408.6	73.6	55.7	63.5	50.4	165.3
21-24	97.5	18.0	11.6	15.6	11.5	40.9
25-29	95.5	11.9	8.7	14.8	10.9	49.3
30-34	178.2	22.7	15.6	25.9	18.2	95.9
35-39	280.6	38.9	18.3	40.3	21.8	161.3
40 or more	125.0	19.2	8.1	17.9	9.3	70.6
Total	1,185.5	184.3	118.0	178.0	122.0	583.2
Receiving more than family element: claiming childcare element.						
Weekly hours worked:						
16-20	100.2	35.6	25.8	18.2	11.7	8.9
21-24	29.4	11.0	6.7	5.5	3.4	2.7
25-29	23.8	6.9	4.9	5.5	3.1	3.3
30-34	45.2	12.3	9.0	10.4	6.7	6.8
35-39	72.0	19.6	11.0	18.7	9.8	12.9
40 or more	27.2	8.7	4.5	6.7	3.1	4.1
Total	297.8	94.1	61.9	65.1	37.8	38.9
Receiving more than family element: not claiming childcare elements						
Weekly hours worked:						
16-20	306.3	37.9	29.9	45.0	38.5	154.9
21-24	66.0	6.8	4.9	9.5	7.9	36.8
25-29	68.4	4.8	3.7	8.5	7.6	43.8
30-34	125.1	10.0	6.4	14.1	11.1	83.4
35-39	154.9	16.3	6.7	14.0	9.7	108.2
40 or more	72.1	8.9	3.3	7.5	5.0	47.4
Total	792.9	84.8	54.8	98.6	80.0	474.7
Receiving family element or less						
Weekly hours worked:						
16-20	2.0	-	-	0.3	-	1.4
21-24	2.1	0.2	-	0.6	-	1.3
25-29	3.3	0.3	-	0.7	-	2.2
30-34	7.9	0.4	-	1.4	0.4	5.6
35-39	53.7	3.0	0.6	7.6	2.3	40.2
40 or more	25.7	1.6	0.3	3.7	1.1	19.0
Total	94.8	5.5	1.2	14.3	4.2	69.6

Table 5.1 : In-work families benefiting from the disabled worker element.

	<i>Thousands</i>				
	Total	Couples with children	Couples without children	Singles with children	Singles without children
Total families benefiting ¹	124.2	29.9	17.8	18.1	58.4
Sole worker ² is disabled	102.5	15.3	10.7	18.1	58.4
Couples both working - one disabled	20.0	13.7	6.3	-	-
Couples both working - both disabled	1.6	0.8	0.8	-	-
Total	124.2	29.9	17.8	18.1	58.4
Total disabled workers in benefiting families	125.7	30.7	18.5	18.1	58.4
Gender of disabled workers					
Female	63.1	10.1	6.6	16.7	29.7
Male	62.6	20.6	11.9	1.5	28.7
Total	125.7	30.7	18.5	18.1	58.4
Ages of disabled workers					
Under 20	0.4	-	-	-	0.4
20-29	15.4	2.5	0.7	1.4	10.7
30-39	30.5	10.2	1.3	6.0	13.0
40-49	42.4	13.4	4.3	8.6	16.1
50-59	29.5	4.1	8.5	2.0	15.0
60 or over	7.6	0.5	3.8	-	3.2
Total	125.7	30.7	18.5	18.1	58.4
Hours worked by disabled workers					
16-24	52.1	10.4	7.7	9.3	24.5
25-29	8.0	1.8	1.0	1.3	3.8
30-34	20.1	3.5	2.7	2.9	10.9
35-39	29.1	8.1	4.1	3.5	13.5
40 or more	16.5	6.8	3.0	1.1	5.6
Total	125.7	30.7	18.5	18.1	58.4

¹ Those claiming the disabled worker element who (a) have children and have CTC above the family element, or (b) have no children and have a positive WTC award. Disabled workers includes those who are severely disabled and who are also included in Table 5.3.

² Throughout this table, "worker" means an adult working for at least 16 hours per week.

Table 5.2 : In-work families benefiting from the disabled child element.*Thousands*

	Total	Couples		Singles	
		One disabled child	2+ disabled children	One disabled child	2+ disabled children
Total families benefiting ¹	139.3	93.3	8.8	35.8	1.4
Family size					
One child	35.0	20.0	-	15.0	-
Two children	58.0	39.6	3.3	14.3	0.7
Three children	31.0	22.2	3.2	5.1	0.5
Four children	10.9	8.1	1.5	1.1	-
Five or more children	4.5	3.3	0.8	0.3	-
Total	139.3	93.3	8.8	35.8	1.4
Number of disabled children in benefiting families	150.5	93.3	18.4	35.8	3.0
Also with the childcare element	16.3	6.3	0.4	9.0	0.5
Also with the disabled worker element	4.5	2.8	0.4	1.3	-

¹ Those with the disabled child element and with CTC above the family element. Disabled children includes those who are severely disabled and included in Table 5.4.

Table 5.3 : In-work families benefiting from the severely disabled adult element.*Thousands*

	Total			Couples		Singles	
	Total	With children	Without children	With children	Without children	With children	Without children
Total families benefiting ¹	31.8	18.8	13.0	16.1	8.6	2.7	4.4
Family size							
No children	13.0	-	13.0	-	8.6	-	4.4
One child	8.8	8.8	-	7.2	-	1.6	-
Two children	6.7	6.7	-	5.9	-	0.8	-
Three children	2.3	2.3	-	2.1	-	0.2	-
Four children	0.7	0.7	-	0.6	-	-	-
Five or more children	0.3	0.3	-	0.2	-	-	-
Total	31.8	18.8	13.0	16.1	8.6	2.7	4.4
Hours worked by sole or main worker							
16-24	8.0	5.2	2.9	3.9	0.9	1.3	2.0
25-29	1.3	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.3
30-34	5.2	2.3	2.9	1.8	2.4	0.5	0.5
35-39	9.3	5.3	4.0	4.8	2.8	0.5	1.2
40 or more	8.0	5.2	2.9	5.0	2.5	0.2	0.4
Total	31.8	18.8	13.0	16.1	8.6	2.7	4.4
Total severely disabled adults in benefiting families	32.2	19.0	13.2	16.3	8.8	2.7	4.4
Also with childcare element	2.0	2.0	-	1.4	-	0.6	-
Also with disabled worker element	14.3	7.2	7.1	4.5	2.8	2.7	4.4

¹ Those with the severely disabled adult element who (a) have children and have CTC above the family element, or (b) have no children and have a positive WTC award.

Table 5.4 : In-work families benefiting from the severely disabled child element.*Thousands*

	Total	Couples	Singles
Total families benefiting ¹	56.9	43.4	13.5
Family size			
One child	13.8	8.5	5.4
Two children	23.3	18.0	5.3
Three children	12.8	10.6	2.2
Four children	5.0	4.4	0.6
Five or more children	1.9	1.8	-
Total	56.9	43.4	13.5
Hours worked by main worker			
16-24	12.7	5.5	7.2
25-29	2.2	1.3	1.0
30-34	5.7	3.6	2.1
35-39	16.4	14.0	2.4
40 or more	19.9	19.0	0.8
Total	56.9	43.4	13.5
Total severely disabled children in benefiting families	59.8	45.8	14.0
Also with childcare element	6.6	2.8	3.8
Also with disabled worker element	1.8	1.2	0.6

¹ Those with the severely disabled child element and with CTC above the family element.

Table 6.1 : In-work recipient families: ranges of incomes used to taper awards.*Thousands*

	Range of income used to taper awards							
	Total	Up to £6,420	£6,421 to £9,999	£10,000 to £19,999	£20,000 to £29,999	£30,000 to £39,999	£40,000 to £50,000	Over £50,000
Total	4,711.7	771.2	535.8	1,116.7	824.5	869.6	440.1	153.5
With children								
Receiving WTC and CTC	1,869.9	616.2	401.6	767.7	69.7	12.7	1.5	0.6
Receiving CTC only	2,330.4	-	-	132.1	750.3	856.4	438.6	152.9
Above family element	703.3	-	-	132.1	467.2	90.4	12.0	1.6
Family element	1,475.8	-	-	-	283.1	766.0	426.7	-
Below family element	151.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	151.3
Total	4,200.4	616.2	401.6	899.8	820.0	869.1	440.1	153.5
Without children								
Receiving WTC	511.3	155.0	134.2	216.9	4.5	0.5	-	-
Income reported¹:								
PY income only	3,280.1	477.5	358.1	707.0	550.5	717.3	359.0	110.5
Also CY income	1,431.6	293.7	177.6	409.6	274.0	152.3	81.4	43.1
Total	4,711.8	771.2	535.8	1,116.7	824.5	869.6	440.1	153.5
Year of income used¹:								
PY income used								
No CY income reported	3,280.1	477.5	358.1	707.0	550.5	717.3	359.0	110.5
CY income up to £25,000 above PY income	753.9	209.1	96.5	190.4	122.3	74.8	38.7	22.1
CY income used								
Lower than PY income								
Increasing award value	546.3	53.5	80.7	217.9	121.9	27.0	24.8	20.5
Not affecting award value ³	125.4	30.7	-	-	28.6	49.2	16.9	-
Over £25,000 above PY income								
Reducing award value	4.2	-	0.4	1.3	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.5
Not affecting award value ³	1.8	0.4	-	-	0.1	0.6	0.7	-
Total	4,711.8	771.2	535.8	1,116.7	824.5	869.6	440.1	153.5

¹ "PY income" is income in 2008-09; "CY income" is estimated income in 2009-10. Where CY income is more than £25,000 above PY income, CY income less £25,000 is used. See the Technical Note.

² Even where CY incomes are below PY incomes, or are more than £25,000 above PY incomes, awards may remain at the maximum, at the family level or tapered to zero.

Table 6.2 Recipient families: awards not reduced through tapering.

	<i>Thousands</i>			
	Total ¹	Out of work	In work	
			Receiving WTC and CTC	Receiving WTC only
Family size				
All families				
No children	155.0	-	-	155.0
One child	931.8	643.7	288.1	-
Two children	654.2	441.9	212.3	-
Three children	300.3	213.1	87.2	-
Four children	111.6	81.3	30.3	-
Five or more children	54.8	41.7	13.2	-
Total	2,207.7	1,421.7	631.0	155.0
Couples				
No children	24.7	-	-	24.7
One child	193.9	122.6	71.3	-
Two children	188.0	109.6	78.4	-
Three children	112.3	65.7	46.6	-
Four children	50.0	29.5	20.4	-
Five or more children	29.1	18.5	10.6	-
Total	598.0	345.9	227.4	24.7
Singles				
No children	130.3	-	-	130.3
One child	737.9	521.1	216.8	-
Two children	466.2	332.3	133.9	-
Three children	188.0	147.4	40.6	-
Four children	61.6	51.8	9.8	-
Five or more children	25.7	23.1	2.6	-
Total	1,609.6	1,075.7	403.6	130.3

¹ For in-work families, those with annual incomes for tapering up to the first income threshold (£6,420). For out of work families, those receiving Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Pension Credit, plus other families with annual incomes for tapering up to the threshold for those entitled to CTC only (£16,040). Ignores any income reduction to benefit entitlement for those receiving their child support via benefits.

Table 7.1 In-work families - chosen frequency of payment, and payees, of CTC.

	<i>Thousands</i>				
	Total	Couples		Singles	
		Female Payee ¹	Male Payee ¹	Female	Male
Chosen frequency of payment²					
All families receiving CTC					
Weekly	1,686.9	849.9	169.8	622.4	44.8
Four weekly	2,454.3	1,711.5	245.6	456.7	40.5
Frequency not known ³	59.1	38.0	-	19.0	2.2
Total	4,200.4	2,599.4	415.4	1,098.1	87.4
Above family element					
Weekly	1,390.7	608.6	131.7	608.7	41.6
Four weekly	1,142.6	611.0	111.2	392.8	27.7
Frequency not known ³	39.9	19.9	-	18.1	1.9
Total	2,573.2	1,239.6	243.0	1,019.5	71.2
At or below family element					
Weekly	296.2	241.3	38.0	13.8	3.1
Four weekly	1,311.7	1,100.6	134.3	63.9	12.8
Frequency not known ³	19.2	18.1	-	0.9	-
Total	1,627.1	1,359.9	172.4	78.6	16.2
Couples - female works longest					
Weekly	148.6	123.1	25.5	-	-
Four weekly	233.2	196.1	37.1	-	-
Frequency not known ³	6.6	6.6	-	-	-
Total	388.4	325.8	62.6	-	-
Couples - male works longest					
Weekly	828.9	691.8	137.1	-	-
Four weekly	1,601.7	1,408.8	192.9	-	-
Frequency not known ³	27.8	27.8	-	-	-
Total	2,458.4	2,128.4	330.0	-	-
Couples - equal hours⁴					
Weekly	42.1	35.0	7.2	-	-
Four weekly	122.2	106.6	15.6	-	-
Frequency not known ³	3.6	3.6	-	-	-
Total	168.0	145.2	22.8	-	-

¹ The main carer of the children, as nominated in the claim. See the Technical Note.

² As chosen in the claim. This table, as all others, includes as "recipients" families where adjustments to modelled awards, made to eliminate or minimise prospective overpayments for the year, have reduced to zero the actual rate of payment at the reference date. See the Technical Note.

³ The data giving the frequency for these families were not copied to the data base used to produce these tables.

⁴ Couples where the two partners work the same number of hours.

Table 8.1 Recipient families; combination and level of payment by region.

	<i>Thousands</i>							
	All recipient families, including with no children	Out of work families	In-work families					
			Total	With children			Without children receiving WTC	
				Receiving WTC and CTC	Receiving CTC only	More than family element		Family element
All families								
United Kingdom²	6,174.3	1,462.7	4,711.7	1,869.9	703.3	1,475.8	151.3	511.3
England	5,117.5	1,218.9	3,898.6	1,552.0	584.1	1,229.0	126.8	406.7
North East	292.3	70.3	221.9	88.9	30.3	65.8	6.2	30.7
North West	765.9	182.8	583.1	245.9	79.9	168.3	16.5	72.5
Yorks & The Humber	568.8	123.4	445.3	186.7	63.7	129.6	12.1	53.2
East Midlands	466.0	95.5	370.5	142.2	58.8	118.2	11.8	39.5
West Midlands	590.5	145.9	444.6	182.8	69.7	134.3	12.2	45.6
East	524.3	111.9	412.5	145.5	67.1	149.6	16.4	33.9
London	718.5	250.4	468.1	224.1	60.7	120.7	12.9	49.7
South East	698.7	147.9	550.7	194.1	86.3	205.1	25.1	40.1
South West	492.4	90.6	401.8	141.7	67.5	137.3	13.7	41.6
Wales	326.0	76.9	249.1	99.0	37.4	74.5	6.7	31.5
Scotland	519.2	111.9	407.3	153.2	55.4	128.9	13.9	55.9
Northern Ireland	198.7	52.0	146.7	63.0	24.6	39.5	3.6	16.0
Foreign and not known	13.0	3.0	9.9	2.7	1.8	3.9	0.2	1.3
Couples								
United Kingdom²	3,539.8	378.8	3,161.0	883.0	599.5	1,383.3	149.0	146.2
England	2,961.6	320.4	2,641.2	751.9	497.3	1,149.2	124.8	118.0
North East	162.6	19.1	143.4	39.8	26.0	62.2	6.1	9.3
North West	424.8	46.6	378.2	115.0	67.5	158.0	16.3	21.4
Yorks & The Humber	338.7	36.6	302.2	94.8	55.3	123.3	11.9	16.9
East Midlands	286.1	27.4	258.8	70.3	51.8	112.5	11.7	12.5
West Midlands	352.8	43.4	309.4	96.0	60.0	126.4	12.0	15.0
East	325.0	30.4	294.6	70.2	58.3	140.8	16.1	9.2
London	327.5	53.4	274.2	105.7	44.2	102.9	12.5	8.9
South East	429.8	38.3	391.5	89.1	74.0	192.1	24.7	11.6
South West	314.3	25.1	289.1	71.0	60.3	131.0	13.5	13.3
Wales	188.3	22.1	166.1	46.6	32.4	70.4	6.6	10.1
Scotland	273.8	23.6	250.2	55.5	46.3	122.1	13.7	12.6
Northern Ireland	108.5	12.0	96.5	28.0	21.9	37.8	3.6	5.2
Foreign and not known	7.6	0.7	6.8	1.1	1.6	3.7	0.2	0.2
Singles								
United Kingdom²	2,634.6	1,083.9	1,550.7	986.9	103.8	92.5	2.3	365.2
England	2,155.9	898.5	1,257.4	800.1	86.9	79.7	2.0	288.7
North East	129.7	51.2	78.4	49.1	4.4	3.6	-	21.3
North West	341.0	136.2	204.8	130.9	12.4	10.3	0.2	51.0
Yorks & The Humber	230.1	86.9	143.2	92.0	8.5	6.3	-	36.4
East Midlands	179.9	68.1	111.6	71.9	7.0	5.7	-	27.0
West Midlands	237.8	102.6	135.0	86.8	9.7	7.9	-	30.6
East	199.4	81.5	117.8	75.2	8.8	8.8	0.3	24.7
London	391.0	197.0	194.0	118.5	16.5	17.9	0.4	40.7
South East	268.9	109.6	159.2	105.0	12.3	13.0	0.4	28.5
South West	178.1	65.5	112.4	70.7	7.1	6.3	-	28.3
Wales	137.7	54.7	82.8	52.4	5.0	4.0	-	21.4
Scotland	245.4	88.3	156.9	97.7	9.1	6.8	-	43.3
Northern Ireland	90.2	40.0	50.0	35.0	2.6	1.7	-	10.7
Foreign and not known	5.4	2.4	3.0	1.6	-	0.2	-	1.1

² Including foreign and not known.

Table 8.2 Recipient families and their children by region.*Thousands*

	All recipient families, including with no children	Recipient families with children					
		Out of work			In work		
		Families	Children	More than family element		Family element or below	
				Families	Children	Families	Children
All families							
United Kingdom¹	6,174.3	1,462.7	2,790.2	2,573.2	4,765.8	1,627.1	2,472.4
England	5,117.5	1,218.9	2,347.9	2,136.1	3,984.6	1,355.8	2,060.3
North East	292.3	70.3	129.6	119.3	209.3	72.0	104.0
North West	765.9	182.8	346.5	325.8	595.8	184.8	274.0
Yorks & The Humber	568.8	123.4	238.9	250.4	467.9	141.7	210.4
East Midlands	466.0	95.5	184.8	201.0	371.3	130.0	195.9
West Midlands	590.5	145.9	287.8	252.5	480.3	146.5	219.5
East	524.3	111.9	214.1	212.6	400.3	165.9	258.6
London	718.5	250.4	495.2	284.9	544.1	133.6	201.9
South East	698.7	147.9	279.2	280.5	525.9	230.2	361.2
South West	492.4	90.6	171.8	209.2	389.7	151.0	234.9
Wales	326.0	76.9	144.2	136.4	246.2	81.2	121.4
Scotland	519.2	111.9	195.2	208.6	359.9	142.8	214.8
Northern Ireland	198.7	52.0	97.4	87.6	166.4	43.1	69.2
Foreign and not known	13.0	3.0	5.4	4.5	8.8	4.2	6.7
Couples							
United Kingdom¹	3,539.8	378.8	817.2	1,482.5	3,073.7	1,532.3	2,359.5
England	2,961.6	320.4	696.7	1,249.2	2,597.6	1,274.0	1,963.0
North East	162.6	19.1	40.0	65.8	130.0	68.3	99.9
North West	424.8	46.6	102.0	182.5	375.9	174.3	261.6
Yorks & The Humber	338.7	36.6	79.2	150.0	310.9	135.2	202.8
East Midlands	286.1	27.4	58.5	122.1	248.3	124.2	189.0
West Midlands	352.8	43.4	97.6	155.9	329.4	138.4	210.1
East	325.0	30.4	65.3	128.5	267.6	156.8	247.5
London	327.5	53.4	119.6	149.8	323.4	115.3	180.0
South East	429.8	38.3	81.5	163.1	342.2	216.8	345.1
South West	314.3	25.1	53.0	131.4	270.0	144.6	227.0
Wales	188.3	22.1	46.4	79.0	158.8	77.1	116.5
Scotland	273.8	23.6	47.8	101.7	203.1	135.8	206.5
Northern Ireland	108.5	12.0	25.0	49.9	108.2	41.4	67.1
Foreign and not known	7.6	0.7	1.3	2.7	6.0	4.0	6.5
Singles							
United Kingdom¹	2,634.6	1,083.9	1,973.0	1,090.7	1,692.1	94.8	113.0
England	2,155.9	898.5	1,651.3	887.0	1,387.0	81.8	97.4
North West	129.7	51.2	89.5	53.5	79.4	3.7	4.1
North West	341.0	136.2	244.5	143.3	219.9	10.5	12.4
Yorks & The Humber	230.1	86.9	159.7	100.4	157.0	6.4	7.6
East Midlands	179.9	68.1	126.3	78.9	123.0	5.9	6.8
West Midlands	237.8	102.6	190.2	96.5	150.8	8.1	9.5
East	199.4	81.5	148.8	84.1	132.8	9.1	11.1
London	391.0	197.0	375.7	135.0	220.7	18.3	21.8
South East	268.9	109.6	197.8	117.3	183.7	13.4	16.1
South West	178.1	65.5	118.8	77.8	119.7	6.5	7.9
Wales	137.7	54.7	97.9	57.4	87.4	4.1	4.9
Scotland	245.4	88.3	147.4	106.9	156.7	7.0	8.3
Northern Ireland	90.2	40.0	72.3	37.7	58.2	1.7	2.1
Foreign and not known	5.4	2.4	4.1	1.8	2.8	0.2	0.3

¹ Including foreign and not known.

Table 8.3 In-work recipient families; beneficiaries of the childcare, disabled child and disabled worker elements by region.

	<i>Thousands</i>						
	Benefiting from childcare element ¹				Benefiting from disabled child element ¹	Benefiting from disabled worker element	
	Total	Couples	Singles	Average help with childcare costs ³ (£ per week)		With children ¹	Without children ²
United Kingdom⁴	478.1	180.3	297.8	£70.38	139.3	48.0	76.2
England	397.0	150.9	246.1	£70.29	113.8	37.3	57.7
North East	20.6	7.5	13.1	£68.47	7.1	2.9	4.8
North West	72.8	28.1	44.7	£67.78	17.0	7.4	11.5
Yorks & The Humber	46.1	18.6	27.5	£67.38	12.5	4.0	6.7
East Midlands	37.8	16.1	21.7	£67.12	11.1	3.9	5.2
West Midlands	47.3	18.8	28.5	£66.51	13.9	4.1	5.7
East	33.5	13.1	20.5	£69.25	12.4	3.2	4.9
London	52.3	11.3	41.0	£95.61	11.8	4.0	5.5
South East	48.9	19.5	29.4	£66.64	16.7	4.1	6.3
South West	37.7	17.9	19.8	£58.17	11.5	3.8	7.0
Wales	21.7	9.4	12.3	£64.68	7.8	3.3	5.2
Scotland	43.6	14.1	29.5	£69.30	11.5	4.8	10.3
Northern Ireland	15.1	5.7	9.4	£83.32	5.8	2.5	2.9
Foreign and not known	0.7	0.3	0.5	£86.19	0.2	-	0.1

¹ Families with the relevant element and with CTC awards above the family element.

² Families with the disabled worker element and with positive WTC awards.

³ The difference between the award and the notional award excluding the childcare element.

⁴ Including foreign and not known.

Technical note: Entitlement and level of receipt

Current entitlement

There is a single claim form covering both Child and Working Tax Credits, and entitlement is calculated jointly. Awards run to the end of the tax year, and are based on the element values, thresholds, etc shown at Appendix B.

An annual award is calculated by summing the various elements to which the family is entitled. Unless the family is receiving Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Pension Credit, this sum is reduced if the family's annual income (see below) exceeds the relevant first income threshold. The reduction is 39 per cent of the excess over the threshold. Awards of CTC are not, however, reduced below the level of the family element unless the annual income exceeds the second threshold of £50,000. Once the income exceeds the second threshold the award is further reduced by £1 for every £15 of income over the threshold.

Annual income and tapering of awards

For 2009-10 awards, the initial calculation of a family's entitlement is based on its relevant income in 2008-09, which is reported for the final calculation of the 2008-09¹ award or on the claim form. Relevant income comprises gross annual taxable income from social security benefits (except pensions) and from employment or self employment, less pension contributions; plus annual income from savings, property, state and private pensions and other sources (but excluding maintenance) in excess of £300. For claims by couples, entitlement is based on their joint annual income.

Final entitlement for 2009-10 is based on 2009-10 income if that is lower than the income in 2008-09, or exceeds it by more than £25,000. However, the first £25,000 of a rise in income in 2009-10 (compared with 2008-09) is disregarded in calculating the tax credit due for that year. The family can report an estimate of its income in 2009-10 at any time, and the award will be recalculated using this income. After the end of the year the award is finalised when the 2009-10 income is known.

Changes of circumstances

A family's circumstances (number of children, hours worked, childcare costs, disabilities etc) can change within the year. To calculate the annual award, the year is then split into the periods between which the family's circumstances changed. Entitlement is calculated for each period, based on the annual values shown in Appendix B but scaled down to the number of days in the period. The rate of entitlement attributed to each case for this publication is that for the period spanning the reference date.

¹ Some families were not required to report their 2008-09 income, but only to notify HMRC if it differs sufficiently from the latest reported income to affect the level of entitlement. For these cases the latest reported incomes have been taken as proxies for 2008-09 incomes.

Backdating

Initial claims can be backdated by up to three months. Changes of circumstance that can potentially increase the value of awards are backdated to when they occurred, or to a date three months before they were reported, whichever is later. Changes that can potentially reduce the value of awards are backdated to when they occurred. However, none of these backdated changes affect the figures in these tables, which are for the reference date and based on information taken into account by the reference date.

Receipt of CTC and WTC awards, and level of CTC

The rate of receipt attributed to each sample family for these tables is the entitlement modelled using the information on circumstances and income taken into account by the reference date.

This may not equal the actual amount being received. This can be reduced to eliminate or minimise prospective overpayments for the year, or to recover previous years' overpayments (overpayments can arise when backdated changes of circumstances occur that reduce entitlement retrospectively)

Families without children can only receive WTC. Out of work families with children can only receive CTC. The maximum award (before tapering) of in-work families with children includes both WTC and CTC. The tapering is deemed to reduce WTC first, so families for which the reduction through tapering exceeds the modelled level of WTC are shown as receiving CTC only.

Payees in couples; and frequency of payment.

For couples, CTC (plus any WTC up to the level of the childcare element) is paid to the main carer of the children, as nominated in the claim. WTC (in excess of any childcare element) is paid to the adult working for at least 16 hours per week. If both work for at least 16 hours per week then the couple can nominate the payee.

Families are asked to choose between weekly and four-weekly payment of CTC and WTC (separately).

Main worker

This is defined as the adult working the most hours.

Civil partnerships

Couples in civil partnerships can claim tax credits as couples. Such couples are included as normal in the tables showing families according to the gender of the main earner, or of the recipient of CTC.

Appendix A: Sampling method and sampling error

The tables are based on a random sample of families receiving CTC or WTC at the reference date. The sample comprises 10 per cent of such single adults (with or without children) and 20 per cent of such couples. Each figure in the tables is derived by weighting the relevant sample cases by the inverses of these sampling fractions¹.

The figures in the tables are therefore estimates, but we know how accurate they are. For example, suppose that there are 100,000 couples with a characteristic. This number is not known, and we are to estimate it via the sample. Each couple is sampled with a probability of 0.2. Statistical theory says that there is a 95 per cent probability that the number sampled will lie between 19,752 and 20,248, and that the resulting estimate will lie between 98,760 and 101,240. At least approximately, then, where an estimate of 100,000 is derived from the sample, the true figure lies between these figures, with a 95 per cent probability. That is, the "95 per cent confidence interval" for the estimate is the estimate itself plus or minus 1,240.

The width of the confidence interval varies with the size of the estimate and the sampling fraction, as shown in the table below. For estimates that comprise a mixture of couples and single adults, the figures will lie between the two sets shown, according to the mix.

Confidence intervals for estimates of recipient families				
Estimated value	95% confidence interval		As % of the estimate	
	Couples	Single adults	Couples	Single adults
'000	'000	'000		
1	± 0.1	± 0.2	± 12%	± 19%
2	± 0.2	± 0.3	± 8%	± 12%
5	± 0.3	± 0.4	± 6%	± 8%
10	± 0.4	± 0.6	± 4%	± 6%
25	± 0.6	± 0.9	± 2.5%	± 4%
50	± 0.9	± 1.3	± 1.8%	± 2.6%
100	± 1.2	± 1.9	± 1.2%	± 1.9%
250	± 2.0	± 2.9	± 0.8%	± 1.2%
500	± 2.8	± 4.2	± 0.6%	± 0.8%
1,000	± 3.9	± 5.9	± 0.4%	± 0.6%

¹ Each case is further weighted so that the overall total equals an independent count of families with awards.

Appendix B: CTC and WTC elements and thresholds

	Annual rate (£), except where specified						
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Child Tax Credit							
Family element	545	545	545	545	545	545	545
Family element, baby addition ¹	545	545	545	545	545	545	545
Child element ²	1,445	1,625	1,690	1,765	1,845	2,085	2,235
Disabled child additional element ³	2,155	2,215	2,285	2,350	2,440	2,540	2,670
Severely disabled child additional element ⁴	865	890	920	945	980	1,020	1,075
Working Tax Credit							
Basic element	1,525	1,570	1,620	1,665	1,730	1,800	1,890
Couples and lone parent element	1,500	1,545	1,595	1,640	1,700	1,770	1,860
30 hour element ⁵	620	640	660	680	705	735	775
Disabled worker element	2,040	2,100	2,165	2,225	2,310	2,405	2,530
Severely disabled adult element	865	890	920	945	980	1,020	1,076
50+ return to work payment ⁶							
16 but less than 30 hours per week	1,045	1,075	1,110	1,140	1,185	1,235	1,300
at least 30 hours per week	1,565	1,610	1,660	1,705	1,770	1,840	1,935
Childcare element							
Maximum eligible costs allowed (£ per week)							
Eligible costs incurred for 1 child	135	135	175	175	175	175	175
Eligible costs incurred for 2+ children	200	200	300	300	300	300	300
<i>Percentage of eligible costs covered</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>80%</i>
Common features							
First income threshold ⁷	5,060	5,060	5,220	5,220	5,220	6,420	6,420
<i>First withdrawal rate</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>39%</i>
Second income threshold ⁸	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
<i>Second withdrawal rate</i>	<i>1 in 15</i>	<i>1 in 15</i>	<i>1 in 15</i>	<i>1 in 15</i>	<i>1 in 15</i>	<i>1 in 15</i>	<i>1 in 15</i>
First income threshold for those entitled to Child Tax Credit only ⁹	13,230	13,480	13,910	14,155	14,495	15,575	16,040
Income increase disregard	2,500	2,500	2,500	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Minimum award payable	26	26	26	26	26	26	26

¹ Payable to families for any period during which they have one or more children aged under 1.

² Payable for each child up to 31 August after their 16th birthday, and for each young person for any period in which they are aged under 20 (under 19 to 2005-06) and in full-time non-advanced education, or under 18 and in their first 20 weeks of registration with the Careers service or Connexions.

³ Payable in addition to the child element for each disabled child.

⁴ Payable in addition to the disabled child element for each severely disabled child.

⁵ Payable for any period during which normal hours worked (for a couple, summed over the two partners) is at least 30 per week.

⁶ Payable for each qualifying adult for the first 12 months following a return to work.

⁷ Income is net of pension contributions, and excludes Child Benefit, Housing benefit, Council tax benefit, maintenance and the first £300 of family income other than from work or benefits. The award is reduced by the excess of income over the first threshold, multiplied by the first withdrawal rate.

⁸ For those entitled to the Child Tax Credit, the award is reduced only down to the family element, plus the baby addition where relevant, less the excess of income over the second threshold multiplied by the second withdrawal rate.

⁹ Those also receiving Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Pension Credit are passported to maximum award with no tapering.