

BENEFIT RATES

Facts and figures



Today in the UK:

- Over 1,346 people will die
- 2.2 million people of working age will be off work for at least six months at any one time through sickness and disability
- Over 1.7 million people are claiming Income Support
- Over 1.46 million people are claiming Jobseeker's Allowance
- Over 2.52 million people are claiming Incapacity Benefit/Employment and Support Allowance
- Over 2.6 million people are claiming Disability Living Allowance

Child Benefit (weekly)

Eldest child	£20.30
Other children	£13.40

Maternity Allowance (weekly)

Standard rate	£128.73
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Employment and Support Allowance (weekly)

This replaced Incapacity Benefit and Income Support for new claims from 27 October 2008. Those currently receiving Incapacity Benefit and Income Support will continue to receive them. The new benefit has three phases: assessment, work-related activity group and support group. In the work group, you will be given help in getting back to employment through an advisory service. The support group is not expected to ever return to work.

Assessment phase

Under 25	£53.45
Over 25	£67.50

Component – work-related activity

Single person up to £26.75

Component – support group

Single person up to £32.35

Disability and Incapacity Benefits

Attendance Allowance (weekly)

Higher rate	£73.60
Lower rate	£48.30

(Higher rate for day and night care, lower rate for day or night care. Individual circumstances may affect the amount people are entitled to.)

Disability Living Allowance (weekly)

The care component is for ill and disabled people who need help with washing, dressing and so on. The mobility component is for those who cannot walk or have difficulty walking.

Care component

Highest	£73.60
Middle	£49.30
Lowest	£19.55

Mobility component

Higher	£51.40
Lower	£19.55

Carer's Allowance

Weekly rate	£55.55
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Incapacity Benefit (weekly)

Under state pension age

Short-term lower rate	£71.10
Short-term higher rate	£84.15
Long-term basic rate	£94.25

Over state pension age

Short-term lower rate	£90.45
Short-term higher rate	£94.25

Contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance (weekly)

Person aged between 16-24	£53.45
Person aged 25 and over	£67.50

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (weekly)

Single person	
Aged 16-24	£53.45
Aged 25 and over	£67.50
Couple	
Both over 18	£105.95

Income Support:

Examples of weekly rates

Single person	
Aged 16-24 (living independently)	£53.45
Aged 25 or over	£67.50
Couple	
Both over 18	£105.95

Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Benefit

No set limit.
Depends on annual income.

Pension Credit

Claimants must be aged 60 or over with capital not exceeding £10,000.

Single person	
60 and over	£137.35
Couple	
60 and over	£209.70

Residential/Nursing Home Local Authority Support

Upper limit (in England and NI)	£23,000
Lower limit (in England and NI)	£14,000
Upper limit (in Scotland)	£22,500
Lower limit (in Scotland)	£13,750
Upper limit (in Wales)	£22,000
Lower limit (in Wales)	£20,750

Retirement Pension (weekly)

Basic Pension	
Based on own or late spouse's NI contributions	
	£102.15
Based on spouse's NI contributions	
	£61.20
Non-contributory over-80 pension	
	£61.20
Age addition	£0.25

NHS dental treatment

There are three standard charges, covering basic check-ups and, if necessary, x-rays, scaling and polishing, and planning for further treatment (A); fillings, root canal treatment and extractions (B); and more procedures such as crowns, dentures or bridges (C):

A – Examination, diagnosis and preventive care	£17
B – As above, but for additional treatment	£47
C – As both above, but for more complex treatment	£204

Sight tests

NHS sight test	£20.70*
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*NHS prescriptions, dental treatment and sight tests are free for those on Disability Working Allowance, Income Support and Jobseeker's Allowance. For more information on social security benefits, visit the DWP website at www.dwp.gov.uk

Sources:

The Department of Work and Pensions,
www.direct.gov.uk, www.nhs.uk